

A. 20 TH FIGHTER GROUP, MAJOR JOHNSON LEADING.

B. 39 P-38'S (18-55TH SQDN) (13-77TH SQDN) (8-79TH SQDN) UP 1100
DOWN 1610.

C. 10 P-38'S 4 ESCORT

D. F.O. 245 PENETRATION AND SUPPORT.

E. 1 P-38 NRY

F. 1 P-38 CAT. AC BATTLE DAMAGE

G. 1 NRY, CAPT, JACKSON 79TH SQDN.

H. 8-2-3

- 1 ME 110 DAMAGED LT. HALLBERG 55TH SQDN.
- 2 FW 190 DESTROYED MAJ. JOHNSON 77TH SQDN.
- 1 FW 190 DESTROYED LT. WILLIAMS 77TH SQDN.
- 1 ME 109 DESTROYED LT. WMMKKX WILLIAMS AND LT. ARTHAUD 77TH SQDN.
- 1 FW 190 DAMAGED LT. WILLIAMS 77TH SQDN.
- 1 FW 190 DAMAGED LT. GESE 77TH SQDN.
- 2 FW 190 DESTROYED CAPT. JACKSON 79TH SQDN.
- 2 ME 110 DESTROYED CAPT. GRAHAM AND LT. BENCH 79TH SQDN.

I. IN NORTH OF IJMUIDEN, 21000 FEET, 1210. R/V 3 BOXES OF B-24'S
NEAR LUBBECKE 1247, 21000 FEET. 77TH AND 79TH SQDNS; TARGET 1325,
22000 FEET. WITHDRAWAL NORTH OF KILBENZ 1420, 23000 FEET. OUT 1453,
OSTEND 15000 FEET. 15 E/A PLUS IN TARGET AREA, 5 E/A ON WITHDRAWAL
ROUTE. P-47'S AND P-51'S SEEN FROM R/V TO TARGET. P-47'S SEEN AT
WITHDRAWAL POINT. 2 B-24'S GOING DOWN IN TARGET AREA. 18 X CHUTES SEEN.
BOMBER FORMATION SCATTERED.
55TH SQDN; TARGET 1345, 23000 FEET. WITHDRAWAL NORTHEAST OF KOLBENZ
1412, 23000 FEET OUT WESTHOOFD 1454, 19000 FEET. 3 E/A SEEN BETWEEN
KOLBENZ AND MAREBURG. P-47'S SEEN AT R/V AND AT WITHDRAWAL POINT.
BOMBER FORMATION GOOD.

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F.O. 245
20 FEBRUARY, 1944
BOMBER ESCORT
2 SORTIE CREDITS

A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, CAPT. MCLARY, LEADING.

B. 18 P-38'S UP WITTERING 1106 DOWN 1555

C. 7, 3 ESCORT (3 EARLY - 4 ABORTS)

D. ESCORT F.O. #245

E. NIL

F. NIL

G. NIL

H. 0 - 0 - 1

1 ME 110 DAMAGED LT. C. A. HALLBERG

I. SQUADRON MADE L/F IN ZANDVOORT AT 1212, 22,000 FT. PROCEEDED ON COURSE AT 22,000 FT. TO R/V WITH 3 BOXES B-24'S AT 1247 IN VICINITY OF OSNABRUCK. ALTITUDE 19,20,000 FT. BOMBERS WERE FLYING CLOSE, GOOD FORMATION. GAVE CLOSE ESCORT TO BOMBERS TO TARGET AREA. SAW FLARES IN TARGET AREA. CONTINUED WITH BOMBERS ON BRIEFED COURSE TILL N.E. KOBLENZ. SAW 2 ME 110 NEAR MARBURG AT 28,000 FT. SAW 1 ME 110 N.E. KOBLENZ. L/F OUT WESTHOOFD 19,000 FT 1454.

THIS SQUADRON HAD 11 PLANES ESCORTING THESE BOMBERS (ONE BOX) TO GOTH. NO OTHER FRIENDLY FIGHTERS WERE SEEN BEYOND R/V POINT. P-47'S SEEN ALL THE WAY TO R/V POINT.

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT 21 FEBRUARY 1944.

A. 77TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, 20TH FIGHTER GROUP, MAJOR JOHNSON LEADING.

B. 13 UP AT 1103. DOWN AT 1553.

C. TWO, 1 ESCORT.

D. BOMBER ESCORT AND TARGET SUPPORT, FIELD ORDER NO. 245.

E. NIL.

F. ONE (1) AC

G. NIL.

H. 4-0-2 TWO FW 190 DESTROYED BY MAJOR JOHNSON
ONE FW 190 DESTROYED BY LT. WILLIAMS.
ONE ME 109 DESTROYED BY LTS. WILLIAMS AND ARTHAUD. (SHARED)
ONE FW 190 DAMAGED BY LT. WILLIAMS.
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I. IN SOUTH OF IJMUUDEN AT 1210 AT 21,000 FT. R/V WITH THREE BOXES OF B-24S AT 1245 AT 21,000 FT WEST OF MINDEN. P-47S WERE STILL WITH BOMBERS. FLAMES SEEN AT TARGET. W/D AT 1420 AT 23,000 FT, N OF KOBLENZ. P-47S WERE COMING IN WHEN 77TH F SQ WITHDREW. NINE CHUTES WERE SEEN COMING FROM B-24 IN FLAMES. 9-10 CHUTES SEEN FROM B-24 SPINNING.

IN TARGET AREA SEVERAL COMBATS WITH SE E/A RESULTED IN CLAIMS BY LT. WILLIAMS AND LT. ARTHAUD. ALONG WITHDRAWAL ROUTE BOUNCES BY WHITE FLIGHT AND RED FLIGHT ON SE E/A RESULTED IN CLAIM BY MAJOR JOHNSON.

APPROX. 20 SE AND 5 TE E/A SEEN IN TARGET AREA AND ALONG WITHDRAWAL ROUTE.

FLAK NEAR OSNABRUCK LIGHT BUT ACCURATE TO HEIGHT AND LEADING. FLAK LIGHT AT TARGET ACCURATE ON BOMBERS.

MISSION REPORT

20 February 1944

- A. 79th Fighter Squadron Capt. Carl E. Jackson, leading.
B. 8 P38s Up 1100; Down 1615
C. 1 P38
D. Ramrod - Bomber Escort and Target Support F. O. 245
E. 1 NYR - Capt. C. E. Jackson - cause unknown.
F. None
G. 1 NYR - Capt. C. E. Jackson
H. 4-0-0; Destroyed: 2 FW 190s Capt. CE. Jackson
2 Me 110s Capt. BF Graham and Lt. M. F. Bench
I. Enemy Coast 1210, 21,000 ft. overcast but on course.
R/V 1301, 21,000 ft. " " " "
Target 1323, 20,000 ft. clear - large city.
W/D 1414, 20,000 ft. Siegen.
Enemy Coast 1445, 15,000 ft. Between Ostend & Dunkirk

At R/V met 3 CWS of 2nd Bomb Division - B24s. Bomber boxes loose and strung out. 2 B24s seen to blow up one at 1340 and one at 1350 Six chutes seen. (One of these bombers went down in flames). Friendly fighters: P47s and P51s seen. None in trouble. No P38s from 55th Gp. seen

E/A: 20 plus seen in target area and until point of W/D. E/A were in small groups and were FW 190s and Me 109s except for the 2 Me 110s seen and destroyed.

EDWARD J. STEINER
Capt. A. C.
Intelligence Officer

TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 245

DATE 20-2-44

(Not to be teletyped)	(Not to be teletyped)
a. Designation of Unit	20TH FIGHTER GROUP.
b. Time of Landing	1615
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	1 NYR. Captain Jackson.
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 8 Probable 0 Damaged 3
e. Brief description of Mission	Landfall in North Ijmuden 21,000 feet, 1210. R/V East of OSNAERUCK 1247, 3 boxes B-24's, 77th - 79th Squadron target 1325, 22,000 feet. 77th - 79th Squadrons W/D 1420, 23,000 feet North Koblenz. Landfall out 1453, 15,000 feet, Ostend. 55th Squadron target 1345 23,000 feet W/D N.E. Koblenz 1412. Landfall out Westhoofd 1454. 19,000 feet. 20 E/A seen. 2B-24's seen going in target area....
f. Weather - Battle damage	

TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 245

DATE 20-2-44.

(Not to be teletyped)	(Not to be teletyped)
a. Designation of Unit	55th Fighter Squadron.
b. Time of Landing	1555
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL.
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Hallberg 110. Damaged 1.
e. Brief description of Mission	Landfall in Zandvoort 1212, 22,000 feet. R/V 1247 near Osnabruck. Over target 1345. W/D N.E. Koblenz 1412. Landfall out 1454 Westhoofd, 19,000 feet. P-47's all the way.
f. Weather - Battle damage	

TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 245

DATE 20-2-44.

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a. Designation of Unit	77th Fighter Group.
b. Time of Landing	1553.
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	GESE, England.
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 4 Probable 0 Damaged 1
e. Brief description of Mission	Landfall in Ijmuiden (S) 21,000 feet 1210. R/V 1245, 21,000 feet. West of Minden, B-24's. Flames seen at target 1325. 2 - 24's going down. Combats in target area. W/D 1420, 23,000 feet, North of Koblenz. P-47's coming in as W/D. Out 1500, 14,000 feet, Ostend. 1 A/C (WILLIAMS). Bombing excellent.
f. Weather - Battle damage	

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F.O. 245

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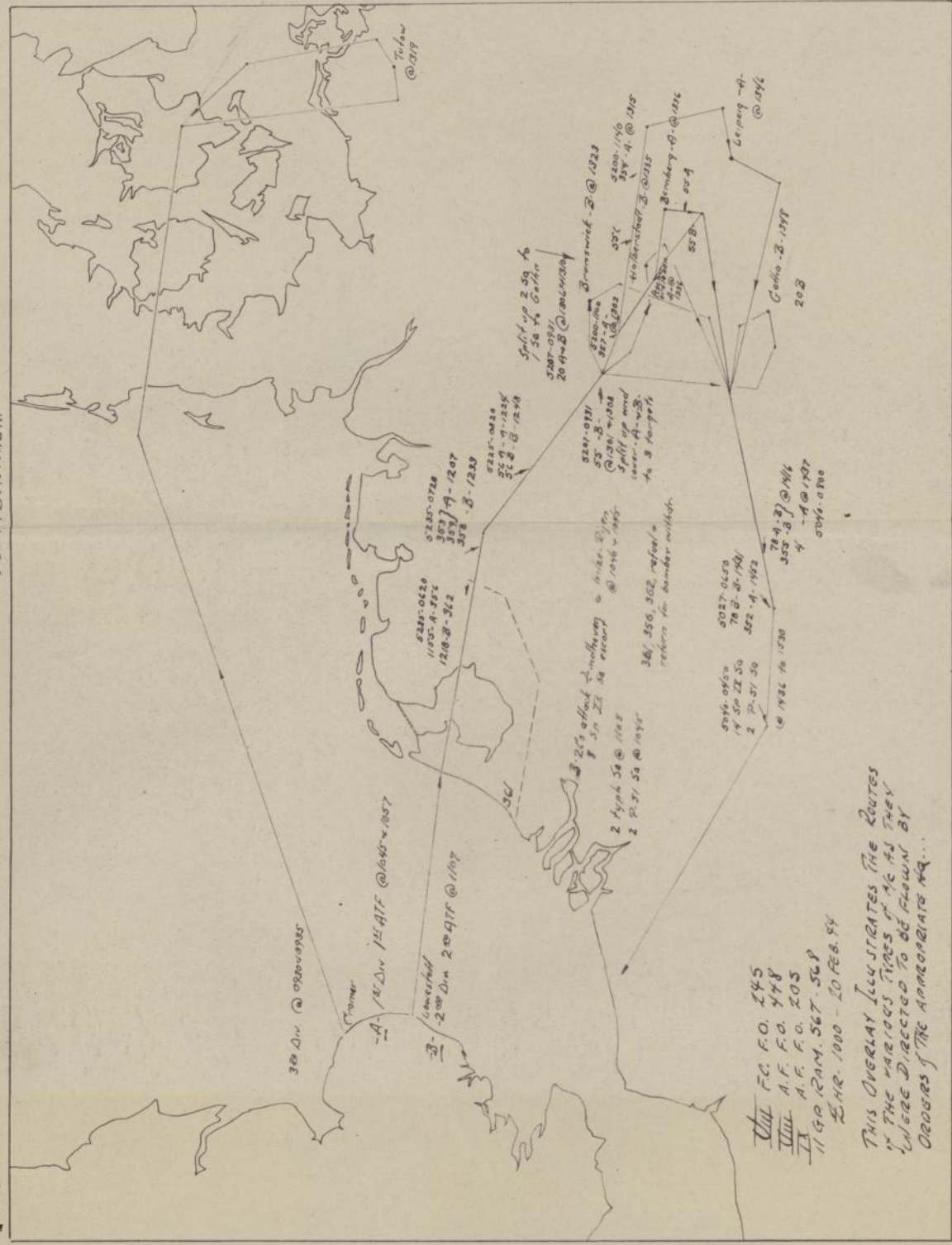
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a. Designation of Unit	79th Fighter Squadron.
b. Time of Landing	1615.
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	1 NYR Captain Jackson.
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 4 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	<p>2 ME 110's.... Capt. Graham. 2 Lt. Bench. 2 FW 190's Capt. Jackson.</p>
f. Weather - Battle damage	<p>Enemy coast 1210 overcast 21,000 feet. R/V 1301 overcast 21,000 feet. Target 1323 20,000 feet open city. W/D 1414, 20,000 feet. Enemy Coast 1445 Ostend and Dunkerque 15000 feet.</p> <p>3 C.W.'s B-24's loose formation. Saw P51's and 47's, near. No P-38's. (Two B-24's blew up, 1340. 20 plus E/AC in small groups. 2 110's and rest 109 and 190's....</p>

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