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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

F.O. 247
22 FEBRUARY, 1944
BOMBER ESCORT
2 SORTIE CREDITS

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

B. 17 A/C UP WITTERING 1132, DOWN 1540

C. 6

D. F.O. 247,

E. NIL

F. 5 CAT. A., A.A.

G. NIL

H. 1-0-0

CANT Z 506 DESTROYED LT. GEIGER

I. L/F IN 1310 SOUTH OF IJMUIDEN 26,000 FT. CLIMBED TO 28/30,000 FEET AND TOOK 130° HEADING JUST BEYOND ZUIDER ZEE. SAW B-24'S AT 20,000 FT. HEADING WEST JUST WEST OF RUHR. FLAK OVER DARTMUND AND AREA WAS ACCURATE AND INTENSE. SQUADRON BROKEN UP BY FLAK IN THIS AREA. HEADED NORTH FROM HERE AND IN THE VICINITY OF MEPPEL, TURNED TO MAKE L/F OUT BETWEEN IJMUDEN AND DEN HELDER FROM 1430 TO 1440 AT 23,000 FEET.

SAW A TOWN THAT HAD BEEN BOMBED. SMOKE COLUMNS AT 5,000 FEET. POSSIBLY MIJMEGEN.

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A. 77TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, 20TH FIGHTER GROUP, CAPT. REIHMER LEADING.

B. 14 UP AT 1139. DOWN AT 1523.

C. ONE

D. PENETRATION AND TARGET SUPPORT, FIELD ORDER NO. 247.

E. NIL.

F. ONE- CRASH LANDED AT WITTERING, PILOT UNINJURED, BELIEVED TO BE CAT. E.

G. NIL.

H. NIL.

I. IN N OF IJMUIDEN AT 1310 AT 26,000 FT. NEAR ZWOLLE TURNED S ON 130° COURSE BELIEVED N OF RUHR ABOUT 1400 AT 29,000 TO 30,000 FT. FLAK HEAVY AND ACCURATE. TURNED NORTH, PASSED OVER MUNSTER AND FIRES SEEN IN RHINE OR OSNABRUCK AREA. OUT OVER TOP OF ZUIDER ZEE AND LF OUT N OF IJMUIDEN AT 1435, AT 24,000 FT.

ONLY BOMBERS SEEN WERE AT EASTERN END OF ZUIDER ZEE COMING OUT. ONE BOX OF B-24S AND ONE BOX OF B-17S SEEN. NO E/A SEEN. FLAK AT MUNSTER AND ZWOLLE MODERATE AND ACCURATE.

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- A. 79th Fighter Squadron Capt. Lindol F. Graham, leading.
- B. 16 P-38s Up: 1132 Down: 1535
- C. 3 P-38s 1 Oxygen 2 Engine Trouble
- D. Bomber Escort and General Area Support - F.O. #247
- E. Nil
- F. 1 Cat. AC
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. Landfall in, S of Alkmaar, 1307, Alt. 27,000
Sighted bombers which were coming back out at approx. 1420, our
Altitude, 27,000.
Landfall out, ~~NAMI~~ Haarlem, time 1430, alt. ~~XX~~ 20,000 ft. (average)
Due to head winds Squadron was late getting in. 1st Division of
Bombers were sighted between Kassel and Holzminden and were
coming out. No bombers were seen in trouble.
Friendly Fighters: P-38s seen on way out.
E/A: Nil
R/T: Good

ORVILLE E. MINTUN,
1st Lieut., Air Corps,
Asst. S-2.

TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

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a. Designation of Unit	20TH FIGHTER GROUP.
b. Time of Landing	1535.
c. Aircraft NVR (State if believed Lost)	NIL.
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 1 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	LANDFALL IN 1310 IJIMUDEN 26,000 FEET. LANDFALL OUT 1430 NORTH IJIMUDEN 26,000 FEET. B-24's AND B-17'S, 1ST DEVISIONSEEN COMING OUT, NEAR KASSEL. CALLED ON R/T TO RETURN. NO E/A SEEN EXCEPT ON DECK BY LT. GEIGER NEAR WESEL. FLAK INTENSE OVER N. RUHR, MODERATE ACCURATE MUNSTER AND ZWOLLE....
f. Weather - Battle damage	

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c. Aircraft NVR (State if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 1 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	<p>LANDFALL IN IJIMUDEN 1310 AT 26,000 FEET.</p> <p>CLIMBED TO 30,000 FEET BEYOND ZUIDER ZEE.</p> <p>130° heading for HAPPY VALLEY. SAW B-24 GOING WEST</p> <p>1330. P-47 E. of R. AT 25,000 FEET. HEAVY FLAK HEADED</p> <p>N. MEPPEL BACK OUT ACROSS.</p> <p>LANDFALL OUT 1430 IJIMUDEN TO DER HELDER....</p>
f. Weather - Battle Damage	

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b. Time of Landing	1523
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	LANDFALL IN NORTH IJIMUDEN 1310, 26,000 FEET. INTO ZWOLLE TURNED SOUTH 130° COURSE OVER RUHR 29-30,000 FEET, TURNED NORTH PASSING OVER MUNSTER. OUT OVER TOP ZUIDER ZEE. LANDFALL OUT NORTH IJIMUDEN 1430, 24,000 FEET. ONLY BOMBERS SEEN 1 BOX B-24'S, 1 BOX B-17's. NO E/A....
f. Weather - Battle damage	

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c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 or Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	LANDFALL IN S. ALKMAAR 1307, 27,000 FEET. NO BOMBERS TILL COMING OUT 1420, 27,000 FEET HAARLEM. LANDFALL OUT 1430, 20,000 FEET. P-38 SEEN ON WAY OUT. NO E/A....
f. Weather - Battle Damage	

