

MISSION SUMMARY

- A. 20TH FIGHTER GROUP, LT. COL. HUBBARD LEADING
- B. 31 P-38'S (55-10) (77-11) (79-10) UP 1115 DOWN 1600
- C. 7(1 ESCORT)
- D. VIII F.C. FO. 263 PENETRATION SUPPORT BOMBER ESCORT
- E. THRU H NIL
- I. L/F 1223, EGDMOND, 20,000 FEET R/V 1323, NE HANNOVER, 27,000 FEET, W/D 1409, N/E WITTENBERG, 27,000 FEET. OUT 1508, SO OF EGDMOND, 18,000 FEET. BOMBER FORMATION GOOD, BUT BOXES TRAILING OVER 100 MILES. P-47'S SEEN AT R/V, P-51'S AT W/D. SMOKE SCREEN OVER MAGDEBURG. HEAVY SMOKE OVER BERLIN. 15-20 MULTI-ENGINE A/C SEEN, A/D'S NEAR BRUNSWICK AND MAGDEBURG. 2 S/E E/A SEEN ZUIDER ZEE, 2 AT W/D, ALL 35,000-40,000 FEET. R/T GOOD.

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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

8 MARCH 1944
F.O. #263
PENETRATION BOMBER ESCORT
TARGET -- BERLIN
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- A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON CAPTAIN MC LARY LEADING
- B. 10 P-38'S OFF 1117 HOURS DOWN 1602 HOURS
- C. 2 ABORTIONS
- D. PENETRATION SUPPORT BOMBER ESCORT BERLIN
- E. THRU H. NIL

1. SQUADRON MADE LANDFALL IN IJMUIDEN 1224 HOURS 19,000 FT. ALTITUDE TO R/V 18,000 FT. MADE R/V WITH B-17'S WITH TRIANGLE AND B-24'S 1310 HOURS AT 26/27,000 FT. BOMBERS FLYING GOOD FORMATION AT 23/24,000 FT. 1 ESCORT BOMBERS WITHOUT INCIDENT TO W/D POINT 1358 HOURS 26,000 FT. LANDFALL OUT BETWEEN IJMUIDEN AND EGMOND 1512 HOURS 16,000 FT.

ABOUT 50 MILES SW OF BERLIN SOME OF THE PILOTS SAW 2 AIRDROMES WITH WITH MEDIUM AND 4 ENGINE BOMBERS LINED UP ON THE RUNWAY.

FOUR E/A WERE SEEN ON THIS TRIP; TWO OVER THE ZUIDER ZEE FLYING AT 35,000 FT AND TWO NEAR W/D POINT AT 35,000 FT. THERE WERE NO ENCOUNTERS.

B-17 WITH P-51 AS ESCORT SEEN GOING WEST OVER ZUIDER ZEE AS THIS SQUADRON WAS COMING OUT.

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- A. 77TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, 20TH FIGHTER GROUP, LT. COL. HUBBARD LEADING.
- B. 11 UP AT 1117. DOWN AT 1557.
- C. ONE
- D. PENETRATION SUPPORT, FIELD ORDER NO. 263.
- E. NIL.
- F. NIL.
- G. NIL.
- H. NIL.
- I. LANDFALL IN AT 1223 AT 20000 FT S OF EGMOND. SAW BOMBERS AT 1240 AND PARALLELED COURSE. FINALLY RENDEVOUS'ING WITH SECOND AND THIRD ATF AT 1323 NE OF HANNOVER AT 27000. W/D AT 1409 AT 27000 NE OF WITTENBERG. LF OUT S OF EGMOND AT 18000 AT 1508. THE THREE TASK FORCES OF BOMBERS WERE SPREAD OUT OVER 100 MILES, BUT BOMBERS IN GOOD FORMATION WITHIN BOXES. ONLY E/A SIGHTED WERE 7-8 SE AND ONE TE (THIS ONE AT HIGH ALTITUDE) SE E/A WERE DRIVEN AWAY BY SQUADRON. SMOKE SCREEN AT MAGDEBURG AND HEAVY BLACK SMOKE WAS SEEN OVER BERLIN. ONLY PART OF CITY VISIBLE WAS NORTHEAST SECTION. FLAK N OF HANNOVER AND NE OF MAGDEBURG. OVERCAST TO E OF ZUIDER ZEE BUT CLEAR FROM THERE ON. VISIBILITY GOOD.

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8 March 1944

- A. 79th Fighter Squadron Major R. C. Franklin, leading.
B. 10 P-38s; Up: 1120; Down: 1559.
C. 4 P-38s; 1 escort.
D. Ramrod; Penetration Support 2nd & 3rd Task Forces; F. O. 263.
E. Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. O-O-O
I. In: 1220 - S. of Haarlem - 22,000
R/V:1305 - N. of Hannover - 28,000
W/D:1405 - E. of Magdeburg - 28,000
Out:1500 - S. of Egmond - 18,000

Bombers were late and were seen ahead of us when we passed the Zuider Zee. Bombers had P47 escort so this group stayed North of bombers and took up escort earlier than scheduled time and place. P51s joined about 5 minutes later and were still with bombers when this group withdrew. Bombers were 3 CWs of B24s and strung out CWs of 1st Division with triangle insignia.

No E/A seen except a few contrails at least 35,000 ft. high. Many fighters seen at two A/Ds - one at Brunswick and the other near Magdeburg.

No bombers attacked or in trouble. No fighters in trouble.

R/T good.

Flak accurate and intense at Brunswick and Magdeburg.

EDWARD J. STEINER
Capt. Air Corps
Intelligence Officer

TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 263DATE 8 MARCH 1944.

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a. Designation of Unit	20th Fighter Group
b. Time of Landing	1600
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed <input type="checkbox"/> Probable <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/>
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F Egmond 1223, 20,000 feet. R/V 1323, 27,000 feet, NE Hannover, W/D 1409, 27,000 feet, NE Wittenberg. L/F out 1508, S. Egmond, 18,000 feet. P-51'S at W/D. 47'S at R/V....
f. Weather - Battle damage	

TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 263

DATE 8 MARCH 1944.

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a. Designation of Unit	55th Fighter Squadron.
b. Time of Landing	1602.
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F IJmuiden, 1224, 19,000 feet. 18,000 to R/V. R/V 27,000 feet, 1310 Triangle B-17's and 24's at 23, to 24,000 feet. W/D 1358, 26,000 feet. L/F out IJmuiden & Egmond 1512, 16,000 feet. 4 E/A (190's) at 35,000 feet....
f. Weather - Battle damage	

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a. Designation of Unit	77th Fighter Group.
b. Time of Landing	1558
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	3 NYR'S Horne, Coon, returned o.k. Baker
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F in 1223 S. Egmond 20,000 feet. R/V Bonn NE Hanover 27,000 feet at 1323. W/D 1409 NE Wittenberg 27,600 feet. L/F out S. Egmond 18,000 feet 1508. 7-8 E/A drew one Bomber over 100 miles. P-47's and 51'S seen....
f. Weather - Battle Damage	

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a. Designation of Unit	79th Fighter Squadron.
b. Time of Landing	1559
c. Aircraft NVR (State if believed Lost)	NIL.
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F 1220, S. Haarlem, 22,000 feet. R/V 1305, N. of Hannover, 28,000 feet. W/D 1405, East of Magdeburg, 28,000 feet. L/F out 1500, South Edmond, 18,000 feet. Triangle B-17's Brunswick, : A/C. B-24's Magdeburg, ... : : : : :
f. Weather - Battle Damage	

