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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

- A. 20TH FIGHTER GROUP LT. COL. HUBBARD LEADING.
- B. 44 P-38'S (14-55TH), (15-77TH), (15-79TH), UP 0845, DOWN 1300.
- C. 8 P-38'S (1 ESCORT)
- D. F. O. 269, PENETRATION AND TARGET SUPPORT.
- E. THRU H. NIL.
- I. 0941
IN/SOUTH OF DENHELDER 20,000 FEET. PASSED B-24'S AND B-17'S OVER DUTCH COAST,
PROCEEDED DIRECTLY TO NIENBURG MAKING 180 DEGREE TURN ^{TO} ~~AND~~ R/V WITH 3 BOXES,
3RD ~~WING~~ DIVISION B-17'S AT 1015, NORTH OF DUMMER LAKE AT 26,000 FEET.
TARGET ¹⁰⁵⁵ ~~1116~~, 26,000 FEET. W/D 1116 HILDESHEIM ¹²¹⁰ 26,000 FEET. OUT/SOUTH OF
EGMOND 12,000 FEET. 30 PLUS E/A ATTACKING BOMBERS NEAR CELLE AT 1045
DRIVEN OFF. THESE E/A SEEN UNDER ATTACK BY 56TH GROUP SHORTLY AFTER IN
SAME AREA. 3 E/A SEEN DESTROYED IN THIS ENGAGEMENT. BOMBER FORMATION
GOOD. R/T GOOD.

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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

F.O. 269
15 MARCH, 1944
BOMBER ESCORT - BRUNSWICK
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- A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, COL. HUBBARD LEADING.
- B. 14 A/C UP 0840, DOWN 1300
- C. 4
- D. TARGET SUPPORT BOMBER ESCORT, F.O. 269
- E. NIL
- F. NIL
- H. NIL
- I. L/F IN DE KOY (NEAR TEXEL) AT 0942 HOURS. 20,000 FT. ALTITUDE. ALTITUDE 20,000 TO R/V. R/V WITH 3 BOXES B-17S AT 1015 HOURS. GOOD FORMATION. PLACE PROBABLY NEAR QUACKENBRUCK. OUR ALTITUDE 26,000 FT. OVER TARGET. BOMBER ALTITUDE 21,000 FEET. SAW 3 ME 109S VICINITY OF TARGET AT 27,000 FT. NO ENCOUNTER. W/D 1121 HOURS. L/F OUT NORDWIJERHAUT 1207 HOURS AT 12,000 FEET.

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT 15 March 1944

- A. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group, Captain Gustke leading.
- B. 15 Up 0847 Down 1300
- C. Nil
- D. Penetration and Target Support F.O. 269
- E. Nil.
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. 0-0-0
- I. In @ 0941 @ 20,000 ft. south of Den Helder. Group passed bombers near Zuider Zee and proceeded on in, making a 180° and returning on bomber path. R/V @ 1015 @ 25000 ft. West of Nienburg. Bombers were B-17s of 3rd Div. in 3 boxes but unusually large number of bombers in a box. About 1030, large gaggle of S/A E/A seen to left of bombers. Squadron turned into E/A and along with P-47s forced them to dive away. P-47s were red and yellow nosed and they followed E/A down. Bombers seen dropping bombs and smoke coming through clouds. W/D @ 1116 @ 26000 ft near Bodenburg. P-47s were with bombers when we withdrew. Very little flak on fighters. LF out @ 17000 @ 1210 over Noordwijerhout. 5 large ships and 2 small one @ Den Helder.
Approximate number of E/A seen: 20 to 30

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- A. 79th Fighter Squadron Capt. Lindol F. Graham, leading.
- B. 15 P-38s Up: 0842 Down: 1300
- C. 4 P-38s 1-Escort
- D. Ramrod-Bomber Escort F.O.#269
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. Landfall In, Alkmaar, time 0943, alt. 20,000
 R/V, Approx. Barnstorf, 1000, alt. 24,000
 Target, 1040, alt. 24,000
 Left bombers, Approx. Minden, 1112, alt. 20,000
 Landfall out, South of Egmond, 1207, alt. 12,000

Friendly Fighters and Bombers: P-47s seen going in and coming out.
 P-38s seen just after R/V. R/V with 3rd Div. bombers about 20 min.
 early. Bomber Formation was good.

E/A: 6 S.E. con-trails seen at 30,000, thought to be enemy. 1 A
 lone P-47 with no markings was sighted over Dutch Coast at 15,000
 ft.. It ~~was~~ circled two early returning planes and started after
 them but could'nt catch them. 1 Fw-190 was sighted just after
 target at approx. 27,000 ft. It bounced a flighted of P-38s but
 no strikes were seen.

R/T: Good.

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 1st Lieut., A. C.,
 Asst. S-2.

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TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 269

DATE 15 March 1944

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a. Designation of Unit	20TH FIGHTER GROUP,
b. Time of Landing	1300
c. Aircraft MYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F IN DEN HELDER 10941, 20,000 FEET. Past B-24'S and B-17 'S over coast proceeded area Nienburg and returned to R/V North of Dummer Lake at 1015 at 26,000 feet. Withdrew 1116 Hildesheim 26,000 feet., L/F out South of Egmond 1210, 12,000 feet. 20-30 E/A attacking bombers near Celle driven off. 56th Group bounded these E/A and are believed to have destroyed several....
f. Weather - Battle damage	

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TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

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DATE 15 MARCH 1944.

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a. Designation of Unit	55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON.
b. Time of Landing	1300
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	4. O.K. Past Osnabruck turned back.
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F IN DE KOOP (NEAR TEXEL) 0942, AT 20,000 FEET. (PAST B-17'S GOING IN.) R/V AT L015 (BOMBERS OFF COURSE) 26,000 FEET. TARGET UNKNOWN-- W/D 1121 UNKNOWN 26,000 FEET. OUT NORDWIJERHAUT 1207, 12,000 FEET. 3 ME 109'S IN TARGET AREA 27,000 FEET....
f. Weather - Battle Damage	

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a. Designation of Unit	77TH FIGHTER SQUADRON.
b. Time of Landing	1300
c. Aircraft MYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL.
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F IN 0941, 20,000 FEET DEN HELDER. R/V 1015, 25,000 FEET. NEINBURG. W/D 1116 @BODENBURG 26,000 FEET. OUT 1210 AT 17,000 FEET, NORDWIJERHAUT, 20 - 30 E/A SEEN. SQ. INTERCEPTED WITH 47'S AND E/A TOOK TO DECK 47'S ON THEIR ASS. NEAR CELLE 1030. (BOMBERS (17'S) 3 BIG BOXES 3RD DIVISION. 3 E/A SEEN GOING DOWN. 56th GROUP JUMPED OUT....
f. Weather - Battle Casualties	

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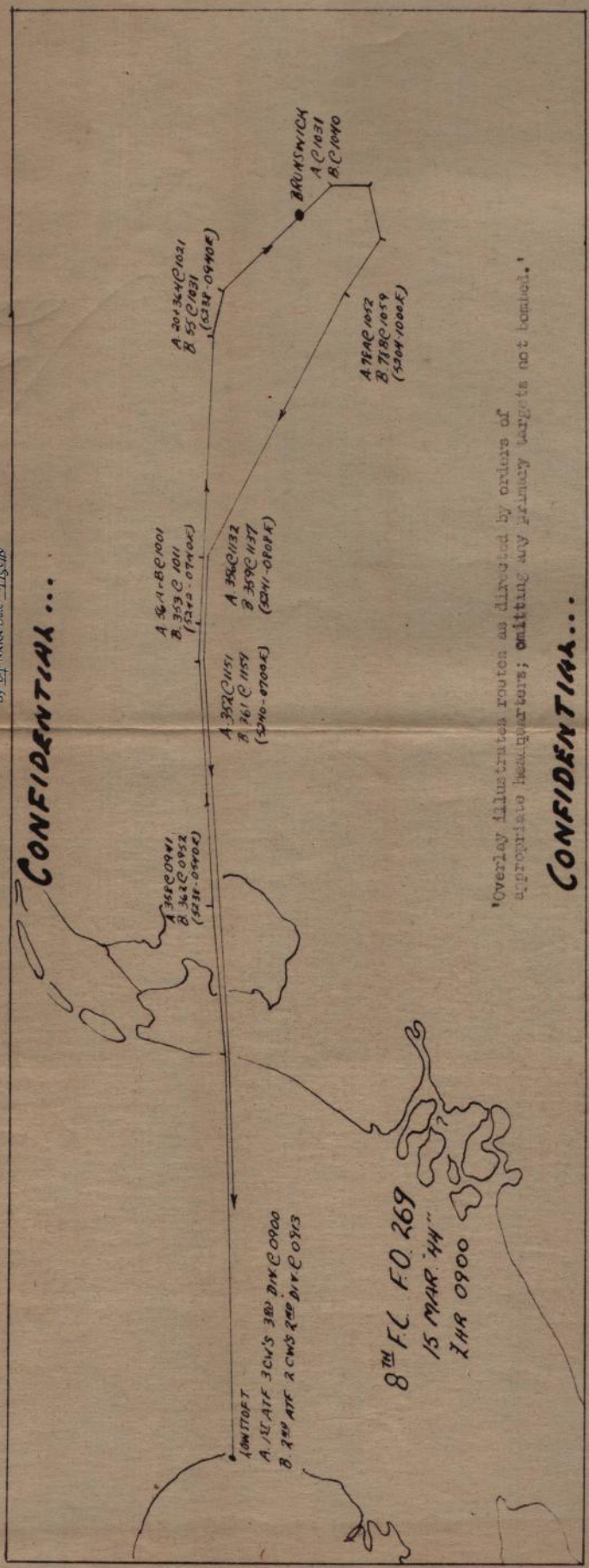
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a. Designation of Unit	79TH FIGHTER SQUADRON.
b. Time of Landing	1300
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F IN ALKMAAR, 0943, 20,000 FEET. R/V VICINITY OF BARNSTORF 1000, 24,000 FEET. TARGET 1040, 24,000 FEET. P-47'S SEEN GOING IN AND COMING OUT. 1 FW 190 WAS SIGHTED JUST AFTER TARGET. BOMBER FORMATION GOOD.
f. Weather - Battle Damage	LAND FALL OUT SOUTH OF EGMOND, 1207, 21 12,000 FEET....

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