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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

A. 20TH FIGHTER GROUP MAJOR JOHNSON LEADING.

B. ^{A5}~~11~~ P-38'S (16-55th) ¹⁵~~11~~ -77th (14 - 79th) Up 0936, Down 1438.

C. 9 (1 Escort)

D. Field Order 270, Penetration, and Target Area Support.

E. 1 P-38, Lost to Flak.

F. NIL.

G. 2nd Lt. Matyasz, believed bailed out in France. Hit by flak over Liege.

H. NIL.

I. IN ~~1200~~, 1029, OSTEND 12,000 FEET. R/V 3 BOXES B-24'S 1113, BAR 1e DUC 23,000 FEET. ESCORTED B-24'S TO HECHINGEN WHERE THEY TURNED SOUTH, ^{AT} ~~AT~~ SWEPT EAST FROM THIS POINT TO 20 MILES WEST OF AUGSBURG.. B-17'S (DIVISION UNKNOWN) SEEN AHEAD OF GROUP IN VICINITY OF AUGSBURG. W/D 20 MILES WEST OF AUGSBURG 1221, 23,000 FEET. OUT 1352, OSTEND 15,000 FEET. 10 E/A SEEN AT R/V ATTACKING STRAGGLER DRIVEN OFF. A7'S SEEN WITHDRAWING AT R/V. 51'S EAST OF HECHINGEN. LARGE SMOKE COLUMNS RISING IN DIRECTION OF ~~HE~~ FRIEDRICHSHAFEN.. BOMBER FORMATION GOOD. R/T GOOD. ~~XXX~~ ABOUT 500 SMALL CRAFT WITH ONE CRUISER SEEN IN MID-CHANNEL ~~XXXXXX~~ OPPOSITE OSTEND.

F.O. 270
16 MARCH, 1944
BOMBER ESCORT - AUGSBURG
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- A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, MAJOR MC AULEY LEADING.
- B. 16 A/C UP 0939, DOWN 1426
- C. 3 - 1 ESCORT
- D. BOMBER ESCORT F.O. 270
- E. 1 - FLAK
- F. NIL
- G. 1 - LT. MATYASZ - BELIEVED TO HAVE BAILED OUT IN FRANCE.
- H. NIL
- I. L/F IN 1030, OSTEND, 12,000 FT. R/V WITH BOMBERS 1115
AT 23,000 NEAR BAR LE DUC. VECTORED THERE BY FINE BOY.
B-24's, 8 BOXES, GOOD FORMATION. P-51'S SEEN WITH BOMBERS.
LEFT BOMBERS AT 1204, 23,000 FT, WHEN THEY TURNED SOUTH.
SQUADRON SWEEP AREA EAST TO AUGSBURG TURNED AND SET
COURSE FOR HOME AT 1221. HEAVY COLUMN OF SMOKE SEEN
NEAR LAKE CONSTANCE. LT. MATYASZ HIT BY FLAK PROBABLY
NEAR NAMUR LAST CONTACTED AT 1333. TURNED SOUTH AT
ENGHEIN. L/F OUT 1340 OSTEND 12,000 FT. BIG MILITARY
INSTALLATION SEEN 10 MILES EAST OF OSTEND. 500 SMALL
BOATS AND 1 CRUISER SEEN IN MID-CHANNEL, NO APPARENT
DIRECTION.

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A. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group, Captain Gustke leading.

B. 10 up at 0944. Down at 1431.

C. Two.

D. Penetration And Target Support. Field Order No. 270.

E. Nil.

F. Nil.

G. Nil.

H. Nil.

I. In at Nieuport at 1028 at 20,000 feet. R/V at 1113 at 23,000 feet S of Nancy with 3 boxes B-24s. 55th Group arrived at 1135. Left bombers at 1200 at 20,000 feet as bombers turned South. Headed due East on sweep but never caught B-17s. W/D at 1220 at 20,000 feet West of Augsburg. Flew course of 316° out. LF out at Nieuport at 1344 at 17,000 feet. One SE E/A seen at W/D point. E/A was above and came down in squadron as turn was made. Squadron turned into E/A and it split-essed away. Moderate flak from airdrome in Cambrai area. Lt. FERNANDES got hit in left nacelle by single piece of flak here.
8/10 clouds at 8,000 feet.

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- A. 79th Fighter Squadron, 20th F. Gp., Maj. H. E. Johnson leading
- B. 14 P-38s; Up 0937; Down 1450; (also 2 relays)
- C. 4 P-38s
- D. Ramrod - Penetration Support and Sweep at Target F. O. No. 270
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. C-0-0
- I. In: N. of Dunkerque 1014 19,500 ft.
R/V: Bar Le Due 1113 23,000 ft.
W/D: W. of Augsburg 1220 23,000 ft.
Out: N. of Dunkerque 1400 15,000 ft.

Bombers were B24s of 3rd T. F. and were 12 minutes late so Group made R/V on time but west of scheduled R/V. Stayed with B24s until relieved by 55th Gp. then continued east on sweep of area of 2nd Task Force. Saw B17s ahead in distance but could not identify division. Saw a few P51s in this area and more on the way home. 56th Gp. was with B24s at our R/V. This Group left the B24s at 1202.

Enemy activity: Approximately 10 s. e. E/A were making an attack on a returning straggling bomber just before 20th R/V. Part of the Group turned towards the E/A which immediately gave up the attack and left. The E/A were too far away to engage. After leaving the B24s one E/A was seen at approximately 35,000 ft. apparently spotting. Another was seen on route out doing the same thing. First one made a pass but when turned into left the area.

P51s and P47s were seen. Lt. Mattyese of 55th Sq. was hit by flak and lost his gas. Was told to head south and then bail out but not to call when he was bailing out.

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Capt. Air Corps.
Intelligence Officer

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TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

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DATE 16 MARCH 1944.

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a. Designation of Unit	20TH FIGHTER GROUP.
b. Time of Landing	1438
c. Aircraft NVR (State if believed Lost)	2 1 Known lost. LT. MATYASZ, 55TH FFR. SQ.
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F OSTEND 1029, 20,000 FEET. R/V 3 BOXES OF B-24'S 1113 BAR IE DUC, 23,000 FEET. ESCORTED B-24'S TO HECHINGEN WHERE THEY TURNED SOUTH. 55TH GROUP SEEN COMING IN AT THAT POINT SWEEP EAST TO WEST OF AUGSBURG. W/D 1221, 23,000FEET. L/F OUT 1352, OSTEND 15,000 FEET. 10 E/A SEEN AT R/V, ATTACKING STRAGGLER - DRIVEN OFF....
f. Weather - Battle Damage	

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a. Designation of Unit	55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON.
b. Time of Landing	1426
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	1331 LAST TURNED 60 MINUTES INLAND FROM OSTEND. 1 LT. MATYASZ. FLAK IN TANK.
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F IN 1030 OSTEND 12,000 FEET. R/V 1115 BAR LE DUC 23,000 FEET. ESCORTED B-24'S - 8 SMALL BOMBS TILL THEY TURNED SOUTH AT 1204. SQUADRON CONTINUED EAST SWEPT TO AUGSBURG 1221, 23,000 FEET. (NO BOMBERS) S/C BOUNCED. OUT 1340 OSTEND 12,000 FEET. 500 SMALL BOATS IN MID-CHANNEL, 1 CRUISER ALL DIRECTIONS. NO E/A - P-51'S AT R/V.
f. Weather - Battle Damage	GROUND TERRIFIC SMOKE RISING FROM FREDRICKSHAFEN.

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a. Designation of Unit	77TH FIGHTER SQUADRON.
b. Time of Landing	1431
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL.
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 00 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F NIEUPORT 1028, 20,000 FEET. R/V 1113, 23,000 FEET 3 BOXES B-24'S. LEFT BOMBERS AT 1146 THENCE EAST ON SWEET. WITHDRAWAL" 1220 at 20,000 FEET NEAR AUGSBURG. (55TH UP AT R/V) L/F NIEUPORT 1344 AT 17,000 FEET. 1 E/A 1220.
f. Weather - Battle damage	

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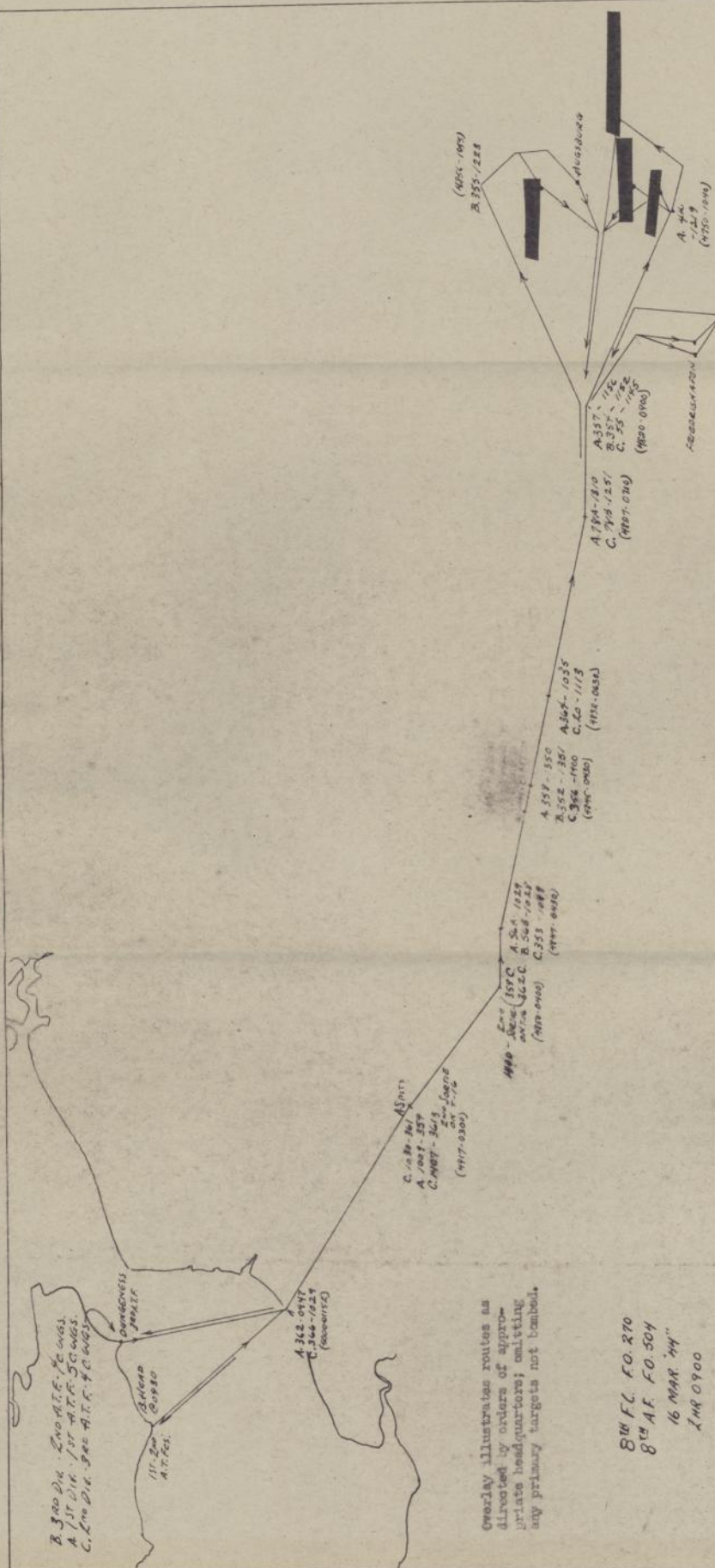
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a. Designation of Unit	79TH FIGHTER SQUADRON.
b. Time of Landing	1450
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	SNOW & LEWIS TURNED BACK IN ENGLAND. NIL.
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 00 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F DUNKIRK (NORTH) 1014, 19,500 FEET. R/V WEST BAR LE DUC 1113, 23,000 FEET. LEFT B-24'S 1212 1202, 23,000 FEET WHEN THEY TURNED SOUTH. SWEPT EAST TO 1220 WEST OF AUGSBURG 23,000 FEET. B-17'S AHEAD. OUT DUNKIRK 1400, 15,000 FEET. 56TH AT R/V E/A 12, 10 AT R/V DRIVEN OFF STRAGGLER. 51'S WITH BOMBERS....
f. Weather - Battle damage	

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