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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

- A. 20TH FIGHTER GROUP, MAJOR FRANKLIN LEADING.
B. 46 P-38'S (55TH- 14) (77TH -16) (79TH-16) UP 1128 DOWN 1613.
C. 8 P-38'S (1 ESCORT)
D. F.O. 273-A, PENETRATION SUPPORT.
E. 4 P-38(S -3- SEE ITEM G.
1- LT. SINGLETON BAILED OUT OFF FELIXSTONE, RESCUED UNINJURED.
F. 1 P-38 CAT. AC, FLAK DAMAGE.
G. 1 W.I.A. - CAPTAIN GRAHAM, 79TH SQ. CRASHED NEAR NEW ULM, GERMANY
2 NYR - LT. COL. HUBBARD, - LAST SEEN NEAR REUTLINGEN, GERMANY.
- LT. BUTLER, 77TH SQ. BAILED OUT NORTH SEA OFF TEXEL ISLAND.

H. 8-1-2.

- 1 ME 109 DESTROYED MAJOR MCCAULEY - 55 SQ.
1 ME 110 DESTROYED CAPTAIN SERROS AND LT. HALLBERG, 55 SQ.
1 ME 109 DESTROYED LT. COL. HUBBARD AND LT. CLARK 77TH SQ.
1 ME 109 DESTROYED LT. CLARK, 77TH SQ.
1 ME 110 DESTROYED CAPTAIN GRAHAM AND LT. HEIDEN, 79TH SQ.
1 ME 110 DESTROYED MAJOR FRANKLIN, 79SQ.
1 ME 110 DESTROYED CAPTAIN NICHOLS. 79TH SQ.
1 ME 109 PROBABLY DESTROYED LT.COL. HUBBARD.

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I. L/F IN 1210 GRAVELINES, 24,000 FEET. R/V 1ST DIV. B-17'S 1301, WEST OF ST. DIXIE 20,000 FEET. W/D 1355, ULM, 18,000 FEET. L/F OOUT 1532, KNOCKE, 11,000 FEET E/A SEEN: 3 ME 110'S NEAR ULM, DESTROYED 1350: 15-20 ME 110'S AND 210'S ON GROUND AT MENNIGEN, 1 DESTROYED TAKING OFF; 8 ME 109'S AT ERDING NEAR MUNICH, 1 DESTROYED BY MAJOR MCCAULEY WHO WAS SEPARATED FROM GROUP AT TIME: 5 109'S NEAR REUTLINGEN 2 DESTROYED 11 PROBABLY DESTROYED. 4P-47'S BOUNCED 77TH SQ. AT 1250 NEAR ST. DIXIE, 1 P-38 SUSTAINING 50 CAL. STRIKE ON TAIL. 4 P-47'S SEEN WITHDRAWING AT OUR XXXXX R/V 58'S MET AT W/D POINTE. BOMBER FORMATION EXCELLENT. R/T GOOD
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CC IN PARA E NAME SHOULD READ LT. SINGLETON NOT SINGELTON.
CC 9TH LINE DOWN IN PARA I. SHOULD READ R/V 51'S MET AT W/D

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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

18 MARCH 1944
PENETRATION SUPPORT FIELD ORDER #273A
TARGET MUNICH, AUGSBURG AND LANDSBERG
2 SORTIE CREDITS

- A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MAJOR MC AULEY LEADING
- B. 14 A/C UP 1125 HOURS DOWN 1630 HOURS
- C. 3
- D. PENETRATION SUPPORT BOMBER ESCORT FIELD ORDER 273A
- E. 1 -- MECHANICAL FAILURE
- F. NIL
- G. LT. SINGLETON BALED OUT ~~OVER CHANNEL~~ OVER CHANNELL. SEE BELOW.
- H. 2 - 0 - 0
 - 1 - ME109 DESTROYED MAJOR MC AULEY
 - 1 - ME110 DESTROYED CAPTAIN SERROS AND LT. HALLBERG
- I. L/F IN 1210 HOURS DUNKIRK 24,000 FT. ALT TO R/V 21,000 FT. R/V WITH B-17'S FLYING 23,000 FT EXCELLENT FORMATION IN VICINITY OF ST. DIE 1301 HOURS. P-47'S WERE WITH THE BOMBERS WHEN WE R/V'D. P-51'S IN VICINITY OF W/D POINT. WE W/D 1355 HOURS VICINITY OF MEMMINGEN. WHILE CIRCLING TO REFORM SAW 15/20 ME-110'S AND 210'S ON A/D AT MEMMINGEN. CAPT. SERROS AND LT. HALLBERG DESTROYED ME-110 AS IT WAS TAKING OFF. MAJOR MC AULEY LOST GROUP AND CONTINUED ON TO EAST OF MUNICH WHERE HE HAD ENCOUNTER WITH ME-109 WHICH HE DESTROYED. ALT 16,000 FT. PLACE NEAR ERDING. LT. AHERN AND LT. KLINK JOINED FLIGHT OF P-51'S AND RETURNED WITH THEM. MAJOR MC AULEY AND LT. SINGLETON CAME OUT ALONE. MAJOR MC AULEY HAD ONE ENGINE GO OUT ON HIM SO LT. SINGLETON WAS HIS ESCORT. ~~LATER LT. SINGLETON ON ONE ENGINE AND FEW MINUTES LATER NEAR NIVELLE, BELGIUM THE OTHER ENGINE CUT OUT. HE BALED OUT THERE. LANDFALL OUT FOR SQUADRON 1532 HOURS KNOCKE 10,000 FT.~~

ADD -- LT. SINGLETON BALED OUT OVER CHANNEL AND WAS PICKED UP BY A/S/R AND BROUGHT TO MARTLESHAM HEATH.

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

MARCH 18, 1944

- A. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group, Lt. Col. Hubbard Leading.
- B. 16 up at 1130. Down at 1605.
- C. Nil.
- D. Penetration Support Field Order No. 273 A.
- E. ~~Three~~ 2
- F. Nil.
- G. Lt. Col. Hubbard.
~~Lt. J. E. Davis.~~
Lt. I. E. Butler.
- H. 2-1-0 one (1) Me-109 Lt. Col. Hubbard & Lt. Clark Shared, destroyed.
 one (1) Me-109 Lt. Clark Destroyed.
- I. In at 1212 at 18,000 feet unknown due to weather. With B-24s at 1225 and with B-17s at 1300 at 18,000 feet. P-47s were with B-24s and B-17s and P-51s came in before squadron left at 1345 at 18,000 feet east of Sigmeringen. LF out at 1510 at Zeebrugge at 16,000 feet. One bomber seen to explode near Rhine River. This was 3 flights of 77th which became separated climb ing through overcast. White Flight was above bombers and turned into E/A near W/D and followed them down to deck. Lt. Clark shared 1 Me-109 with Lt. Col. Hubbard and got one Me 109 at 1410.

Yellow and Blue Flight was fired on by 4 P-47s at approximately 1250 W. of St. Die. One 50 caliber hit in left rudder of Yellow Leader.

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AMENDMENT TO MISSION OF MARCH 18, 1944

F.O. 273A

PARAGRAPH H AMENDED TO READ:

H. 3-1-0.

ONE (1) ME 109 DESTROYED BY LT. COL. HUBBARD
ONE (1) ME 109 DESTROYED, SHARED BY LT. COL. HUBBARD AND LT.
CLARK.
ONE (1) ME 109 DESTROYED BY LT. CLARK.
ONE (1) ME 109 PROBABLY DESTROYED BY LT. COL. HUBBARD.

Francis W. Barkley
1st Lt. Col.

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MISSION REPORT

18 March 1944

- A. 79th Fighter Squadron Major R. C. Franklin leading.
- B. 16 P-38s Up: 1126 Down: 1618
- C. 5 P-38s, 1-escort
- D. Ramrod - Penetration Support F.O. #273A
- E. 1 P-38
- F. 1 P-38 Cat. A
- G. 1 -K.I.A. Capt. Graham
- H. ~~XXXX~~ 3-Me-110s, Destroyed: Maj. Franklin; Capt. Nichols; Capt. Graham & Lieut. Heiden (Shared).
- I. Landfall in, Unknown due to Overcast, time, 1205, alt. 24,000
R/V, place unknown but before prescribed place, time 1301, alt. 18,000
Left Bombers, Ulm, time 1344, alt. 18,000
Landfall out, Ostend, 1532, 11,000

Friendly Fms and Bombers: P-47s seen at R/V. R/V with 1st Div. Bombers. Bomber format on good. 4 P-51s seen just after leaving W/D.

Enemy Activity: 3 Me-110s were seen taking off from an airdrome south of Ulm. Squadron was at 20,000 feet, and bounced Me-110s which were flying on the deck. ~~M~~ Capt. Meyer leading yellow flight stayed at altitude ~~at~~ for top cover. Major Franklin leading White Flight and Captain Graham leading Red Flight went down to attack. ~~XXX~~ Major Franklin went after one ~~Me~~ Me-110 and destroyed it. Capt. Graham and Lieut. Heiden attacked one Me-110 and after repeated attacks the plane crash landed. Capt. Nichols and Lieut. Merriman attacked the other and Capt. Nichols destroyed it.

Lieut. Pardoe escorted a single bomber back ~~area~~ as he was returning early and ~~xxxxxxx~~ spotted two Me-109s coming down to attack. He turned into them and fired and they broke off.

Lieut. Snow and Lieut. McCarty returning early saw 3 Enemy S.E. planes attacking 4 P-38s and bounced the E/A. They made a split S and got away.

Captain Graham followed the plane that he had attacked after it had crash landed. He started to straffe the plane and hit the ground ~~XX~~. His plane ~~x~~ pulled up ~~and~~, rolled over on its back, hit the ground and then exploded.

R/T: Good.

ORVILLE E. MINTUN,
1st Lieut., A.C.,
Asst. S-2.

