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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

A. 20TH FIGHTER GROUP, MAJOR JOHNSON LEADING  
B. 4A P-38'S (14-55TH) (14-77TH) (16-79TH) UP 1127 DOWN 1555  
C. 12(5ESCORT)  
D. VIII F.C. F.O. 277 WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT  
E. THRU H. NIL  
F. L/F, 1229, ZANDVOORT, 22,000 FEET. R/V 1336, WITH 5 CW'S B-17'S  
1ST BOMB DIVISION, 22,000 FEET. SEARCH FOR BOMBERS, 2ND A.T.F.  
3RD BOMB DIVISION, UNSUCCESSFUL. LEFT 1ST A.T.F. 1429, NEPPEN, 20,000  
FEET. OUT, 1453, EGMOND, 15,000 FEET. NO E/A SEEN. P-51'S, P-38'S  
SEEN R/V. P-47'S SEEN BEFORE W/D.  
1 B-24 WITH XXXX CIRCLE SEEN FLYING EAST 30 MILES OFF ENGLISH COAST  
AFTER L/F OUT.  
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F.O. 277  
22 MARCH, 1944  
BOMBER ESCORT -  
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- A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, MAJOR MC AULEY, LEADING.
- B. 14 - UP 1131 - DOWN 1545
- C. NIL ( 2 SPARES TURNED BACK AFTER L/F - MEPEL)
- D. W/D SUPPORT - FIELD ORDER #277
- E. NIL
- F. ONE (1) CAT AC - FLAK
- G. NIL
- H. NIL.
- I. L/F IN 1229, ZANDVOORT, 20,000 FEET. P-38 GROUP SEEN TO LEFT GOING IN SAME DIRECTION NEAR ZUIDER ZEE. R/V WITH BOMBERS, TRIANGLE INSIGNIA, 1536, 22,000 FEET, NEAR WINTERFELD. SEARCHED FOR RIGHT BOMBERS, BUT COULD NOT FIND THEM. 4TH GROUP OVERHEAD AT R/V. W/D 1431 EAST SIDE OF ZUIDER ZEE, 22,000 FEET. ONE B-17 SEEN, IN FORMATION, BURNING FROM STARBOARD ENGINE. L/F OUT 1451, EGMOND, 14,500 FEET. FLAK INTENSE AND ACCURATE AS TO HEIGHT AND DIRECTION.

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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

MARCH 22, 1944

- A. 77TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, 20TH FIGHTER GROUP, MAJOR JOHNSON LEADING.
- B. 14 UP AT 1129. DOWN AT 1558.
- C. FIVE - THREE ESCORT.
- D. WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT, FIELD ORDER NO. 277.
- E. NIL.
- F. NIL.
- G. NIL.
- H. O-C-O.

I. IN NORTH OF BERGEN AAN ZEE AT 1229 AT 21,000 FT. RENDEVOUS AT RHINOW WITH FIVE BOXES OF B-17s OF 1ST DIVISION, AT 1335 AT 22,000 FEET. COULDN'T FIND OUR BOMBERS. WITHDRAWAL MEETEL 1429 AT 18,000 FT TO 20,000 FT. OUT BERGEN AAN ZEE 1455 AT 15,000 FT. NO E/A SEEN. NO BOMBERS IN TROUBLE. P-47s, P-51s AND 38s ALL OVER THE SKY. FLAK VERY HEAVY AND ACCURATE ALL ALONG COURSE FROM DUTCH GERMAN COAST IN ON WAY IN, WITH CONCENTRATION IN VICINITY OF HANNOVER. LIGHT ACCURATE FLAK OVER BERGEN AAN ZEE ON WAY OUT. B-24s WITH CIRCLE AND D & N ON TAIL, E & C ON FUSELAGE SEEN OVER CHANNEL HEADING FOR HOLLAND AS WE WERE RETURNING TO ENGLAND.

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MISSION REPORT

22 March 1944

- A. 79th Fighter Squadron                      Capt. R. J. Meyer, leading.  
B. 16 P-38s              Up: 1133              Down: 1550  
C. 7 P-38s, (2 escorts)  
D. Ramrod - Withdrawal Support      F.O. #277  
E. Nil  
F. 1 P-38 Cat. B Due to flak.  
G. Nil  
H. 0-0-0  
I. In: N. of The Hague - 1229 - 24,000 ft. (south of planned course).  
R/V: Probably Stendal- 1336 - 22,000 ft. (with 1st T. F.)  
W/D: Dummer Lake       - 1414 - 18,000 ft.  
Out: Texel Island       - 1445 - 10,000 ft. (squadron alone).

On the way out the squadron was notified that the 2nd T. F. was 14 minutes early. Met bombers at scheduled time but bombers were all of 1st Division (triangles) and 1st T. F. After escorting these bombers - about 4 CWs - it was reported that 2nd T. F. was late instead of early.

P51s were with the bombers at R/V and stayed for 10 minutes. P47s joined the bombers about 20 minutes before this group withdrew. The 364th Group was with the bombers at the same time as the 20th.

No E/A seen and no bombers seen in trouble. Heavy and accurate flak hit the squadron probably at Brunswick, hitting the right engine of one plane. Exact locations impossible due to overcast, generally 8 or 9/10s. One B24 with U. S. insignia and circle on fin and rudder seen heading east at 1510 out over the water about 30 miles from English coast.

EDWARD J. STEINER  
Capt., A. C.  
Intelligence Officer

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## TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 277DATE 22-3-44

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a. Designation of Unit	20TH FIGHTER GROUP
b. Time of Landing	1555
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	LANDFALL ZANDVOORT, 1229, 22,000 FEET. R/V 1336, NORTH STENDAL, 22,000 FEET. 5 C.W.'S FIRST DIVISION. W/D 1429, MEPPEN, 20,000 FEET. LANDFALL OUT EGMOND, 1453, 15,000 FEET.
f. Weather - Battle damage	NO E/A SEEN....



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## TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 277DATE 23 MARCH 1944.

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a. Designation of Unit	55TH FIGHTER GROUP.
b. Time of Landing	1545.
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	IN 1229, ZANDVOORT, 20,000 FEET. R/V B's (TRIANGLE) 3 WINGS, 1336 WINTERFELD, 22,000 FEET. LANDFALL OUT 1451, EGMOND, 14,000 FEET. 4TH GROUP, AT R/V. P-38'S AT ZUIDER ZEE....
f. Weather - Battle Damage	

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## TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 277DATE 23 MARCH 1944.

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a. Designation of Unit	77TH FIGHTER GROUP.
b. Time of Landing	1558
c. Aircraft MYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	LANDFALL IN NORTH BERGEN AANZEE, 1229, 21,000 FEET. R7V RHINON, 5 BOXES B-17'S, 1st DIVISION (TRIANGEL) 22,000 FEET, 1336. W7D MEPPLE, 1229, 18,000 FEET. OUT BERGEN AT 1455, 15,000 FEET. NO E/A SEEN.
f. Weather - Battle Damage	P-37'S AND P-51'S ALL OVER....

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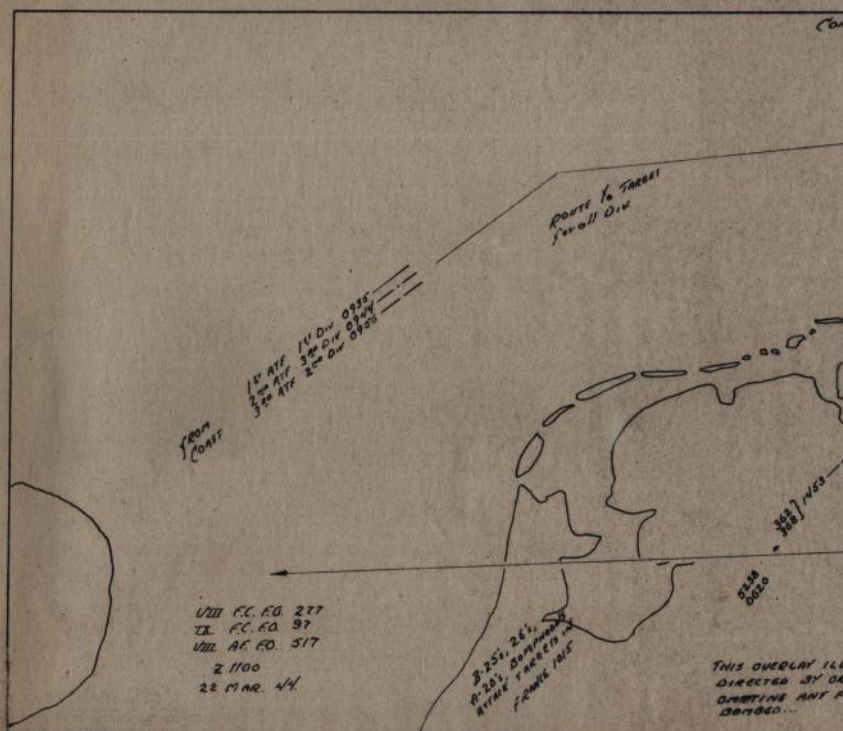
## TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. "277"

DATE 23 MARCH 1944.

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a. Designation of Unit	79TH FIGHTER SQUADRON.
b. Time of Landing	1550.
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	LANDFALL NORTH THE HAGUE, 1229, 24,000 FEET. R/V STENDAL, 1336, 4 TRIANGLE'S, 22,000 FEET. W/D BETWEEN DUMMER LAKE, 1414, 18,000 FEET. L/F TEXEL ISLAND 1445, 10,000 FEET. NO E/A SEEN....
f. Weather - Battle damage	





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