

- A. 20TH FIGHTER GROUP. LT. COL. RAU, LEADING. ~~EE~~
- B. 49 P-38's 16- 55th, 16 - 77th, 17-79th. UP 1300, DOWN 1610.
- C. 3 P-38's.
- D. FO. #283. TARGET ~~XXX~~ AND ~~E~~ WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT.
- E. THRU H. NIL.
- I. L/F IN 1340 CALAIS 20,000. R/V 3 BOXES 1ST DIV. B-17's. 1415 RHEIMS  
LEFT BOMBERS MID CHANNEL.  
22,000. L/F OUT 1507 LE TRESPORT 17,000. / NO ENEMY A/C. 47's AND SPITS  
ON TRACK IN, 51's AT TARGET. BOMBING APPEARED EXCELLENT, BOMBER FORMATION ~~XX~~  
GOOD. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ONE B-17 IN FLAMES OVER TARGET. R/T EXCELLENT, INCLUDING  
FIGHTER-BOMBER INTERCOM. ON CHANNEL C.

## MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

28 MARCH 1944  
PENETRATION SUPPORT  
TARGET REIMS, FRANCE A/C FACTORY  
FIELD ORDER 283 (WE REPLACED 356TH GROUP)  
2 SORTIE CREDITS

- A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, MAJOR MC AULEY, LEADING
- B. 16 A/C OFF 1302 HOURS DOWN 1607
- C. NIL SPARE WENT WELL INTO ENEMY TERRITORY AND RETURNED
- D. PENETRATION SUPPORT BOMBER ESCORT FIELD ORDER 283
- E. THRU H. NIL

I. SQUADRON MADE LANDFALL IN CALAIS 1346 HOURS AT 21,000 FT. ALTITUDE TO R/V 20/22,00 FEET. R/V 1415 OVER REIMS (TARGET) AT ALTITUDE 20,000 FT. B-17'S WITH TRIANGLE FLYING GOOD FORMATION. BOMBING RESULTS CONSIDERED EXCELLENT BY OUR PILOTS. ON RETURN FROM TARGET TWO FLIGHTS ESCORTED A BADLY DAMAGED B-17 BACK TO ENGLAND. LANDFALL OUT 1500 HOURS 18,000 FEET LE TREPORT. W/D FROM BOMBERS MID-CHANNEL.

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## MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

MARCH 28, 1944

A. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group, Lt. Col. Rau leading.

B. 16 up at 1301, down at 1603.

C. Two.

D. Target Support, Field Order No. 283.

E. Nil.

F. Nil.

G. Nil.

H. Nil.

I. In N of Calais at 1347 at 20,000 ft. R/V made with B-17s of 1st Div. about 10 miles S of Reims at 1420 at 21,000 ft. Escorted first box and stragglers back to Channel. Out at 1505 at 15-23,000 ft at Le Treport. B-17 seen to go down in flames at R/V. One B-17 seen to jettison bombs and equipment in mid channel off Le Treport. P-51s and 47s in target area and P-47s seen on way out. Bomb bursts concentrated on air field - large cloud of smoke rising.

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MISSION REPORT

28 March 1944

- A. 79th Fighter Squadron Major R. C. Franklin, Jr. leading
- B. 17 P-38s Up: 1257; Down: 1618
- C. ~~1000-3800 (0000000000)~~ 1 P-38
- D. Ramrod - Target and withdrawal support F.O. #283
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. 0-0-0

- I. In, Dunkirk, 1330, 17,000  
R/V, E. of Reims, 1415, 23,000  
Left Bombers and Landfall out, Dieppe, 1505, 21,000

Friendly Fighters and Bombers: R/V with 3 boxes of 1st Div. B-17s after target. P-47s sighted going in as group was coming out. P-51s sighted just before R/V. 8 Spitfires sighted going in. Bomber formation was good.

E/A: Nil

R/T: Good

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

## TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 283

DATE 28 MARCH 1944.

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a. Designation of Unit	20TH FIGHTER GROUP.
b. Time of Landing	1610
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	Landfall in 1340 Calais, 20,000 feet. R/V 3 boxes B-17's, 1415 Rheims 22,000 feet. Land fall out 1507 Le Treport 17,006 feet. 47's and Spits seen on track in. 51's at R/V. Bombing appeared excellent. Bomber formation good. B-17 in flames over target....
f. Weather - Battle Damage	



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## TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

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a. Designation of Unit	55th Fighter Squadron.
b. Time of Landing	1607
c. Aircraft MYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	Land fall in Calais,,1346, 21,000 feet. R/V 1415 over Rheims 20,000 feet. B-17's 3rd Division. Good formation. Bombing excellent. Land fall out 15,000 to 18,000 feet, Le-Treport. Left bombers mid-channel. No E/A, Flak over target....
f. Weather - Battle Damage	

## TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 283

DATE 28 MARCH 1944.

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a. Designation of Unit	77th Fighter Squadron.
b. Time of Landing	1603
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	3. Col. Rau., Payne, & Radar (Later Returned)
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	Landfall in North Calais 1347, 20,000 feet. R/V ten miles South Reims 1420, 21,000 feet. Escorted Box B-17's of 1st Div. back to Channel. Landfall out 1515 Le Treport 15,-23,000 feet. 1 B-17 in flames at R/V. 1 B-17 jettisoning bombs mid-channel. P-51 & P-47's.
f. Weather - Battle damage	No. E/A. Bombing looked good....

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## TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

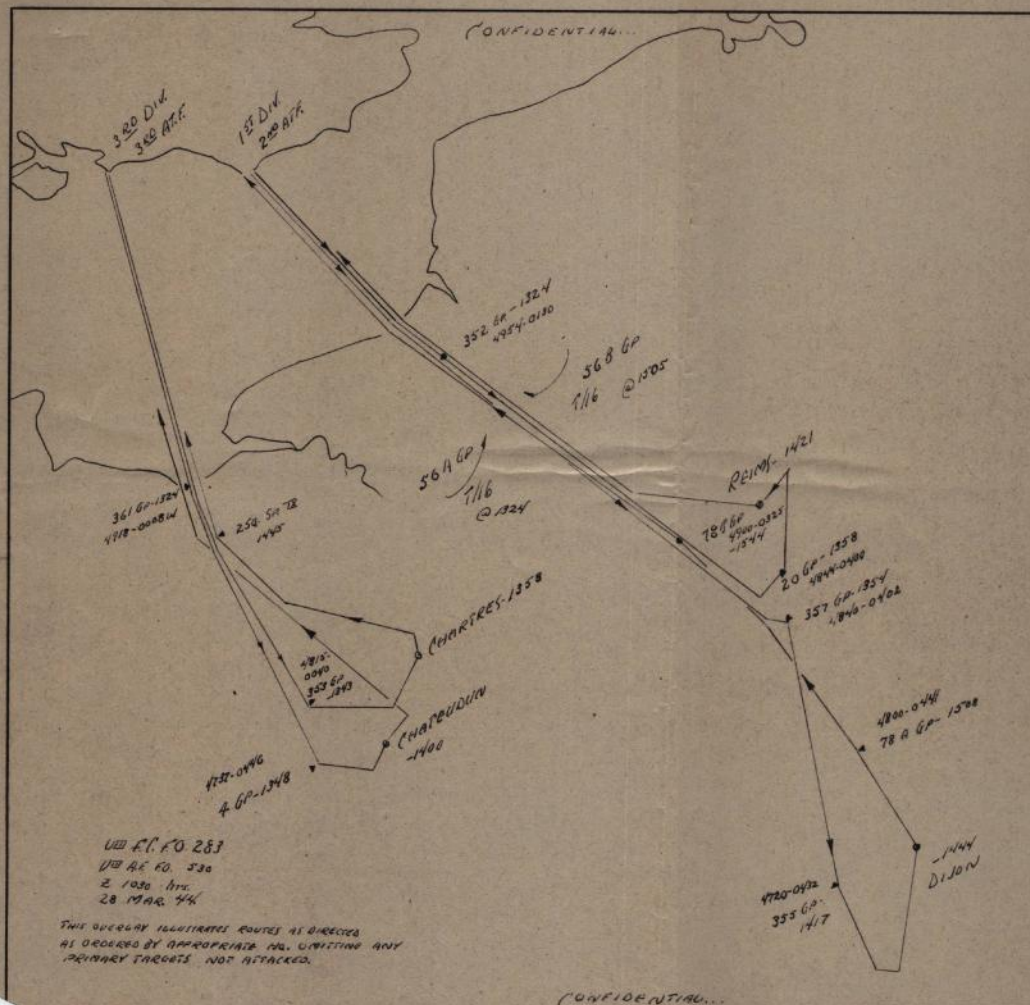
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a. Designation of Unit	79th Fighter Squadron.
b. Time of Landing	1618
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed <input type="checkbox"/> Probable <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/>
e. Brief description of Mission	Landfall in Dunkerque 1330, 17,000 feet. R/V East of Rheims 1415, 23,000 feet. Landfall out Dieppe 1505 21,000 feet, left bombers at that point. 3 Boxes (1st Div. B-17'S after they had hit target). P-51's at R/V. Spits in same twice. No E/A..
f. Weather - Battle damage	





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