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# MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

8 APRIL 1944  
JACKPOT AREA NO. 1 FIELD ORDER #291

- A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON MAJOR MC AULEY, LEADING
- B. 17 A/C UP 1407 HOURS DOWN 1750 HOURS
- C. 2
- D. JACKPOT SWEEP FIELD ORDER #291
- E. 1 FLAK
- F. NIL
- G. LT. SINGLETON
- H. NIL ON A/C

2 LOCOMOTIVES AND FREIGHT CARS/	DESTROYED
2 " DEST'D LT. MILES	CAPT. W. B. TAYLOR
1 " DESTROYED LT. BUIE	
1 " " LT. LOEHNERT	
1 " " LT. MARTIN	
1 LOCOMOTIVE DESTROYED	LT. BURFORD
HIGH TENSION TOWERS DAMAGED	MAJOR MC AULEY
1 OIL DERRICK DESTROYED	MAJOR MC AULEY
OIL STORAGE TANKS DESTROYED	MAJOR MC AULEY AND FLIGHT
" " " "	CAPT. SCRUTCHFIELD AND FLIGHT
TANKAR AND FRT CARS SET AFIRE	LT BURFORD
1 OIL DERRICK DAMAGED	LT. BOELE
2 GERMAN SOLDIERS DESTROYED	LT. LOEHNERT
1 RR SWITCH TOWER DAMAGED	LT. MILES
1 FACTORY BLDG SET AFIRE	LT. SHULTZ
1 LARGE BLDG SET AFIRE	LT. BUIE
1 BRIDGE SET AFIRE	LT. LOEHNERT
1 GAS DUMP DESTROYED	LT. LOEHNERT
3 FLAK TOWERS DAMAGED	LT. LOEHNERT
2 FLAK TOWERS DAMAGED	CAPT. SCRUTCHFIELD

1. SQUADRON MADE L/F IN 1505 HOURS 18,000 FT EGMOND. ALT. TO JACKPOT AREA 18,000 FT. CAME DOWN TO DECK VICINITY OF ULZEN, MAKING SWEEP FROM THERE WEST AS FAR AS GERMAN-DUTCH BORDER. MOST OF DAMAGE DONE BETWEEN ULZEN AND VECHTA. MADE L/F OUT 9,000 FT 1720 HOURS IJMUIDEN.

(LT. SINGLETON WAS HIT BY FLAK AND HAD TO GO ON SINGLE ENGINE. HE HAD RADIO CONTACT WITH LT. MILES SHORTLY AFTER HE WAS SEPARATED FROM THE FLIGHT. HE WAS LAST SEEN IN THE VICINITY OF FURSTENAU, GERMANY)

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A. 77TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, 20TH FIGHTER GROUP, MAJOR JOHNSON LEADING.

B. 18 UP AT 1412. DOWN AT 1802.

C. TWO

D. JACKPOT. FIELD ORDER NO. 291.

E. 1 - CAPT. EVAN J. MACHEN (GROUND FLAK)

F. ~~3~~ 3 cat. unknown

G. 1 - CAPT. EVAN J. MACHEN.

H. 10-0-18.

1 DO 217	DESTROYED (ON GROUND)	LT FERNANDES.
1 JU 88	" "	CAPT. MORRIS AND LT. RADER.
1 ME 410	" "	CAPT. MORRIS.
1 UI T/E	" "	CAPT. MORRIS. (SHARED WITH 2 UNKNOWN P-38S)
1 UI T/E	" "	LT. FIEBELKORN.
1 UI T/E	" "	MAJOR JOHNSON
2 UI T/E	" "	CAPT. MACHEN.

1 FW 190	" (in air)	LT. HORNE
1 UI T/E	" "	MAJOR JOHNSON

3 UI T/E	DAMAGED (ON GROUND)	LT. WHITESIDE AND LT. CHUBIN.
1 UI T/E	" "	LT. WHITESIDE
2 UI T/E	" "	CAPT. MACHEN
2 JU 88	" "	LT. HENDRICKS
1 UI T/E	" "	MAJOR JOHNSON
1 ME 110	" "	MAJOR JOHNSON
3 UI T/E	" "	LT. HORNE
1 JU 88	" "	LT. FAGG
1 JU 88	" "	LT. HORNE
2 JU 88	" "	Lt. FIEBELKORN
1 JU 52	" "	LT. RADER AND FERNANDES

1 LOCOMOTIVE DESTROYED BY CAPT. MORRIS & LT. FERNANDES.  
 1 " " CAPT. MORRIS  
 1 " AND 15-20 OIL CARS DESTROYED BY CAPT. MORRIS.  
 1 HANGAR DAMAGED BY LT. KUENNERLE  
 1 BARGE DAMAGED BY MAJOR JOHNSON  
 SEVERAL ANTI-AIRCRAFT INSTALLATIONS DAMAGED BY MAJOR JOHNSON  
 1 OIL OR GAS TANK DESTROYED BY LT. FERNANDES.  
 1 HEADQUARTERS BUILDING DAMAGED BY LT. FAGG.

(OVER)

1 BARRACKS DAMAGED BY LT. CHUBIN AND LT. WHITESIDE.  
 1 HQ BLDG " " LT. CHUBIN  
 1 FACTORY AND SMOKE STACK DAMAGED BY LT. CHUBIN AND LT. WHITESIDE.  
 1 LOCOMOTIVE DAMAGED BY LT. WHITESIDE.  
 1 OIL OR GAS TANK DAMAGED BY LT. WHITESIDE.  
 1 OIL DERRICK DAMAGED BY LT. WHITESIDE.  
 1 OBSERVATION POST DAMAGED BY LT. WHITESIDE.  
 3-4 FLAK TOWERS DAMAGED BY CAPT. BOWMAN.  
 ONE RAILWAY STATION DAMAGED BY CAPT. BOWMAN.  
 2 BARRACKS DAMAGED BY CAPT. BOWMAN.  
 1 BRIDGE DAMAGED BY CAPT. BOWMAN.  
 1 HIGH ~~TENSION~~ TENSION LINE DAMAGED BY CAPT. BOWMAN AND CAPT. GUSTKE.  
 2 LOCOMOTIVES DAMAGED BY LTS. CLARK AND MONCRIEFF.  
 1 FACTORY " " LT. MONCRIEFF.  
 1 OIL DERRICK " " LT. MONCRIEFF.  
 1 A/A IMPLACEMENT WITH PERSONNEL LT. MONCRIEFF.  
 1 " " " Lt. CLARK.  
 1 HANGAR DAMAGED BY LT. CLARK.  
 1 FACTORY DAMAGED BY CAPT. GUSTKE.  
 OIL CARS DAMAGED BY CAPT. GUSTKE.  
 1 POWER HOUSE DAMAGED BY CAPT. GUSTKE.  
 2 FLAK EMPLACEMENTS WITH PERSONNEL & CAPT. GUSTKE.

M. In S of Kujukduin at 1505 at 14,500 ft. Proceeded to Salzweedel and arrived there at 1555 at 7,000 feet. Immediately hit the deck and strafed Salzweedel airfield which resulted in above claims. Squadron then S'd at deck level in area which we were to patrol. Came out at various points on coast from Terchelling Island to Kujukduin from 1702 to 1715 from deck level to 14,000 feet. Ground fire intense at Salzweedel at time of last few passes. Only 4 e/a were seen in air, two of which we destroyed. B-17 seen near Holland-German border on way out with no engines. Dummy airfield seen south of Ulzen. 5 Merchantmen and three destroyers seen off coast near Texel Island heading south. Unidentified twin engine e/a claimed above appeared to be Italian aircraft.

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- A. 79th Fighter Squadron Lt. Col. H. J. Rau, leading
- B. 18 P-38s Up: 1405; Down: 1755
- C. 3 P-38s
- D. Rodeo - Jackpot F. O. #291
- E. 2 P-38s  
Lt. Snow mid-air collision with Me- 109  
Lt. Esau bailed out north of Zelle - Enemy action
- F. Nil
- G. 1st Lt. Mitchell P. Snow MIA  
2nd Lt. John F. Esau MIA
- H. 15-1-3  
Destroyed:
- I. 3 Ju 88s Lt. Col. Rau  
1 Ju 52 Lt. Col. Rau  
1 Me 109 Lt. Col. Rau (Air)  
1 He 177 Shared Major Franklin, Capt. Anderson, Capt. Gatterdam,  
Capt. Hedlund and Lt. Dettre (Air)  
2 He 177s Capt. Anderson  
1 Me 109 Major Franklin (Air)  
1 Ju 88 Capt. Hedlund  
1 He 111 Capt. Hedlund and Lt. Heiden (Shared)  
1 U/I T/E Lt. Dettre  
1 U/I T/E Lt. Black  
1 Me 109 Lt. LeFevre (Air)  
1 Me 109 Lt. Snow - Collision
- Probable:  
1 Ju 88 Lt. LeFevre
- Damaged:  
1 Ju 88 Lt. LeFevre  
1 He 111 Lt. Black  
1 He 111 Lt. Heiden
- I. In: Egmond - 1510 - 15000  
Deck: N. of Steinhuder Lake - 1548  
Out: Egmond - 1700 approx. - 15000

Squadron attacked and destroyed 1 He 177 in air and then strafed A/D at Salzwedel resulting in above claims. One flight was bounced by 5 or 6 Me 109s one of which shot down Lt. Esau and another crashed into Lt. Snow. Esau seen to bail out N. of Celle.

Two flights surprised German soldiers in formation on parade ground and strafed about 300 soldiers very effectively. On the way home barracks, administration buildings, factory, 3 locomotives, smokestacks strafed. Tank cars on siding were strafed, one blew up, others damaged.

LARGE WARSHIP SEEN IN ZUIDER ZEE NEAR AMSTERDAM.



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GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY PILOTS  
OF 79TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

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1 Locomotive damaged - Germany - Lt. Col. Rau, Lt. Black, Capt.  
2 Locomotives damaged - Lt. LeFevre  
Tank Cars on siding - Lt. Dettre - Damaged  
1 Tank Car destroyed - Capt. Hedlund  
Airdrome Buildings damaged - Lt. Black and Capt. Anderson  
1 Small Factory damaged - Lt. Heiden  
1 Small Mill or Factory damaged - Lt. Merriman  
Barracks Buildings damaged - Lt. LeFevre, Lt. Col. Rau, Lt. Kemp,  
Lt. Black and Major Franklin  
Smoke Stacks damaged - Capt. Anderson  
Formation of approximately 300 soldiers on parade ground west of  
Salzwedel - Lt. Col. Rau, Lt. Black and Major Franklin  
1 Oil Derrick damaged - Lt. Heiden

Note: It is estimated that at least 100 of the men in the  
formation were killed or wounded by the strafing.

EDWARD J. STEINER  
Capt., Air Corps  
Intelligence Officer

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## TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 291DATE 8 April 1944.

(Not to be teletyped)	(Not to be teletyped)
a. Designation of Unit	20TH FIGHTER GROUP.
b. Time of Landing	1800
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	4 NYR, believed lost, 1 bailed out.
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 22 Probable 1 Damaged 22
e. Brief description of Mission	10 locomotives, 20 oil tank cars destroyed, Hangars, ammo, dumps, barracks, high tension carriers, et c. L/F in 1515 ALKMAAR 18,000 Feet. Arrived 1555 Salzwedel 7,000 feet. Went to deck beat up Salzwedel. A/O, then patrolled area. L/F out 1720 ALKMAAR deck to 14,000 feet....
f. Weather - Battle Damage	

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F.O. 291DATE 8 APRIL 1944.

(Not to be teletyped)	(Not to be teletyped)
a. Designation of Unit	55th FIGHTER SQUADRON.
b. Time of Landing	1745
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	1 NYR LT. SINGLETON.
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	7 locomotives destroyed, 1 tank car, 6 oil derricks, 2 German Soldiers, 6 high tension towers, 1 factory damaged, and 1 switch tower (RR). L/F in 1505, Egmond, 18,000 feet. L/F out Ijmuiden, around 18,000 feet, ULZEN. Deck from there to German border. Turned out about 16,000 feet....
f. Weather - Battle Damage	

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a. Designation of Unit	77th Fighter Squadron,
b. Time of Landing	1802.
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	1 NYR CAPT. MACHEN.
d. Estimated Claims	2 in the air. Destroyed 10 Probable 0 Damaged 18.
e. Brief description of Mission	20 oil cars, 3 locomotives, hangars, factories, etc. L/F in Egmond, 14,500 feet at 1505. To Salzwedel 1555, 7,000 feet. Patrolled area on deck out. DEN HELDER TO Egmond 1702 to 1715. Deck to 14,000 feet. A/C shot up....
f. Weather - Battle damage	



