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Mission Summary Report.

F.O. 309

22 April 1944.

A. 20TH FIGHTER GROUP, MAJOR JOHNSON LEADING.

B. 47 P-38's (16-55) (16-77) (15-99) Up 1718, Down 2103.

C. 3.

D VIII FC. F.O. 309. BOMBER ESCORT, WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT.

E. NIL.

F. 1 Cat. AC (Flak)

H. GROUND TARGETS,
DESTROYED.
2 locomotives, 1 flak tower.

DAMAGED,
3 factories, 3 high tension towers, 2 river steamers, 1 radar tower, 1 RR
switch tower, placer mining machinery.

L. L/F, 1815, S. Den Helder, 20,000 feet. R/V 1900, 4 C.W.'S 3RD division
B-17's Hagen, 24,000 feet. 55th Squadron hit deck Ludenscheid, 1905, 77th
Squadron NE Koblenz, 1925, Squadrons operating independently against ground
targets. 79th Squadron W/D 1932, Malmedy, 25,000 feet. L/F out, 2015, Nieuport, 12,
000 feet. No E/AC seen. P-47's and P-51's seen R/V. P-47's at 79th Sqn, w/D/
1 B-17 exploded near Ludenscheid, shutes seen. R/T "C" channel crowded....

B

20th Fighter Group Ground Targets.

55th Fighter Squadron.

1 locomotive and flak tower destroyed, Capt. Scrutchfield, and Lt's Ahern, Shultz and Loehnert.

Damaged:

1 factory and placer mining machinery, Lt's Bynum, Burford, & Klink.
1 river steamer, Lt. Connor.
1 river steamer, Capt. Serros, Lt's Anderson, & Cruickshank.
3 high tension towers, Lt. Ahern.
1 R/R Swithh tower, Lt. Ahern.

77th Fighter Squadron.

1 locomotive destroyed, Major Johnson,
2 factories damaged Lt's Davis and Moncrieff.
1 radar tower damaged, Major Johnson.....

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22 APRIL, 1944
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2 SORTIE CREDITS
TARGET - HAMM

A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, CAPTAIN SERROS LEADING.

B. 16 A/C UP 1719 - 16 DOWN 2105

C. NIL

D. F. O. #309

E. THRU H. NIL

I. L/F IN 1815, SO. OF DE KOOY, 18,500 FT. R/V 1853,
NEAR HAMM, 19,000 FT. BOMBER FORMATION GOOD. BOMBING
EXCELLENT, SAW DIRECT HITS ON MARSHALLING YARDS. W/D
1905, LUDENSCHIED, 16,000 FT. ONE B-17 SEEN TO EXPLODE
NEAR LUDENSCHIED. 8 CHUTES SEEN. WENT TO DECK AT
WALDBROL. L/F OUT OSTEND, 2015, 10,000 FT.

1- RIVER STEAMER - DAMAGED - SHARED BY CAPT. SERROS, LT.
CRUICKSHANK, LT. ANDERSON.

1- RIVER STEAMER - DAMAGED - LT. CONNOR.

1- LOCOMOTIVE - DESTROYED - SHARED BY CAPT. SCRUTCHFIELD,
LT. AHERN, LT. LOEHNERT, LT.
SHULTZ.

1- FACTORY BLDG. - DAMAGED - SHARED BY LT. BURFORD, LT. KLINK,
LT. BYNUM.

1- PLACER MINING STATION AND EQUIPMENT - DAMAGED - SHARED BY
LT. BYNUM, LT. BURFORD, LT. KLINK.

1- FLAK TOWER - DESTROYED - SHARED BY CAPT. SCRUTCHFIELD,
LT. AHERN, LT. SHULTZ.

1- SWITCH TOWER - DAMAGED - LT. AHERN.

3- HIGH TENSION TOWERS - DAMAGED - LT. AHERN.

PILOTS SCHEDULED FOR THIS FLIGHT:

SERROS	AHERN	SCRUTCHFIELD	PANNELL
ANDERSON	BYNUM	LOEHNERT	MARTIN
CONNOR	KLINK	BAKER	BUIE
CRUICKSHANK	BURFORD	SHULTZ	PIERSON

SPARES:

RIEMENSNIJDER - AFTER MAKING L/F SPARES CALLED BACK. WERE
PEARSON VECTORED BY CONTROLLER TO BECOME RELAYS.

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- A. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group, Major Johnson leading.
- B. 16 up at 1719. Down at 2102.
- C. Nil.
- D. Withdrawal Support. F.O. #309.
- E. Nil.
- F. Nil.
- G. Nil.
- H. See J.
- I. In S of Den Helder at 1815 at 20,000 feet. R/V Berg Neustadt at 1900 at 21,000 feet. W/D on course NW of Koblenz on Rheine at 1925 at 21,000 feet. Out S of Ostend at 2015 at 11,000 feet. Arrived at Lette at 1845 and proceeded south to R/V but couldn't find bombers. Orbited in Hamm, Munster, and Gutersloh area in search of bombers and finally R/V with 4 boxes 3rd Div. B-17s at Berg Neustadt. At W/D point, went down to deck and strafed locomotive at Dorsel which Major Johnson Destroyed causing it to blow up. At Pelm just southwest of Dorsel Lts. Davis and Moncrieff shot up two factories damaging both. Stayed on deck until vicinity of Namur at 1940 then climbed and attained altitude of 11,000 by the time landfall was made. Bomber formation very much spread out. Inaccurate flak in Munster, Gutersloh and Lette area and south of Ostend. Saw B-17s coming out from East at W/D point. Saw P-47s and P-51s in R/V area and P-47s in W/D area. Saw many barges on Rheine river at W/D point.
- J. One (1) Locomotive Destroyed Major Johnson.
Two (2) Factories Damaged Lts. Davis and Moncrieff shared.

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MISSION REPORT

22 April 1944

- A. 79th Fighter Squadron Major Franklin, leading
- B. 15 P-38s (2 Relays) Up: 1723; Down:
- C. 1 P-38
- D. Bomber Escort - Withdrawal support - F.O. #309
- E. Nil
- F. ~~Nil~~ One P-38 Cat AC due to Flak
- G. Nil.
- H. C-0-0
- I. In: 1815 - 22,000 - S. of Den Helder
 R/V: 1905 - 25,000 - Hagen
 W/D: 1932 - 25,000 - S. of Liege
 Out: 2018 - 17,000 - Nieuport

P47s and P51s were with bombers at R/V. 79th stayed with bombers longer than scheduled because P47s were late. 79th withdrew as P47s came in to take up escort. About 6 large CWS of B17s were escorted. Bombing seemed excellent, concentrated.

E/A: none seen.

Crashes: One unidentified plane crashed believed to be North of Koblenz about 1920. Chute reported on radio about same time.

No bombers seen under attack or in trouble.

Flak: Intense and heavy at Osnabruck, Rheine, Munster, Ruhr, and between Munster and the Ruhr. Seemed to be solid. Heavy and intense flak at forest west of Munster.

R/T: Too much talk on "C" Channel.

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TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 309

DATE 22-4-44.

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a. Designation of Unit	20th Fighter Group.
b. Time of Landing	2208
c. Aircraft MYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL.
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed Probable Damaged
e. Brief description of Mission	<p>2 locomotives destroyed, 1 flak tower 2 factories damaged. 1 railroad switch tower 3 high tension towers 1 river steamer. 3 river barges.</p>
f. Weather - Battle Damage	
e.....	<p>L/F 1815 South Den Helder, 20,000 feet. 24,000 feet R/V, 4 C.W.'s 3rd. division B-18's 1900 feet Hagen. 55th Squadron went to deck South Ludenscheid, 77th Squadron N.E. Koblenz 1925, both squadrons then operating independently 79th Squadron W/D, 1932, 25,000 feet, Malmedy. L/F out Nieuport, 2015, 12,000 feet. No E/A seen.</p> <p>79th152 77th.....160 55th.....160 <u>47 2....</u></p>

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a. Designation of Unit	55th Fighter Squadron.
b. Time of Landing	2105.
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed Probable Damaged
e. Brief description of Mission	<p>1. Locomotive and 1 flak tower destroyed, Capt. Scrutchfield, and Lts Ahern, Shultz, & Loehnert.</p> <p>1 factory damaged, Lt's Bynum, Burford, Klink.</p> <p>1 river steamer, Lt. Connor damaged.</p> <p>1 river steamer, Capt. Serros, Lt's Anderson and Cruicksank.</p> <p>3 high tension towers Lt. Ahern, damaged.</p> <p>1 R.R. Switch tower, Lt. Ahern, damaged.</p> <p>Placer mining machinery, Lt's Bynum, Burford, & Klink.</p>
f. Weather - Battle Damage	<p>L/F in 1815, S. De Kooy, 18,500. R/V 1883 near Hamm, 19,000 feet. B. Formation good. Saw direct hits on R/R yards. W/D 1905 Ludenscheid, 16,000 feet.</p> <p>1 bomber seen to explode near W.D. 8 Chutes.</p> <p>No E/AC. L/F out 2015 Ostend, 10,000 feet....</p>

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a. Designation of Unit	77th Fighter Squadron.
b. Time of Landing	2102
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL.
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed Probable Damaged
d.	1 Locomotive destroyed, Major Johnson.
e. Brief description of Mission	2 factories damaged, Lt's Davis & Moncrieff.
e.	L/F in South Den Helder, 1815, 20,000 feet. 4 boxes third division B-17's R/V Berg-Naustadt, 1900, 21,000 feet. W/D N.E. Koblenz, on Rheine, 1925, 21,000 feet. Hit deck out South Ostend, 2015, 11,000 feet....
f. Weather - Battle Damage	

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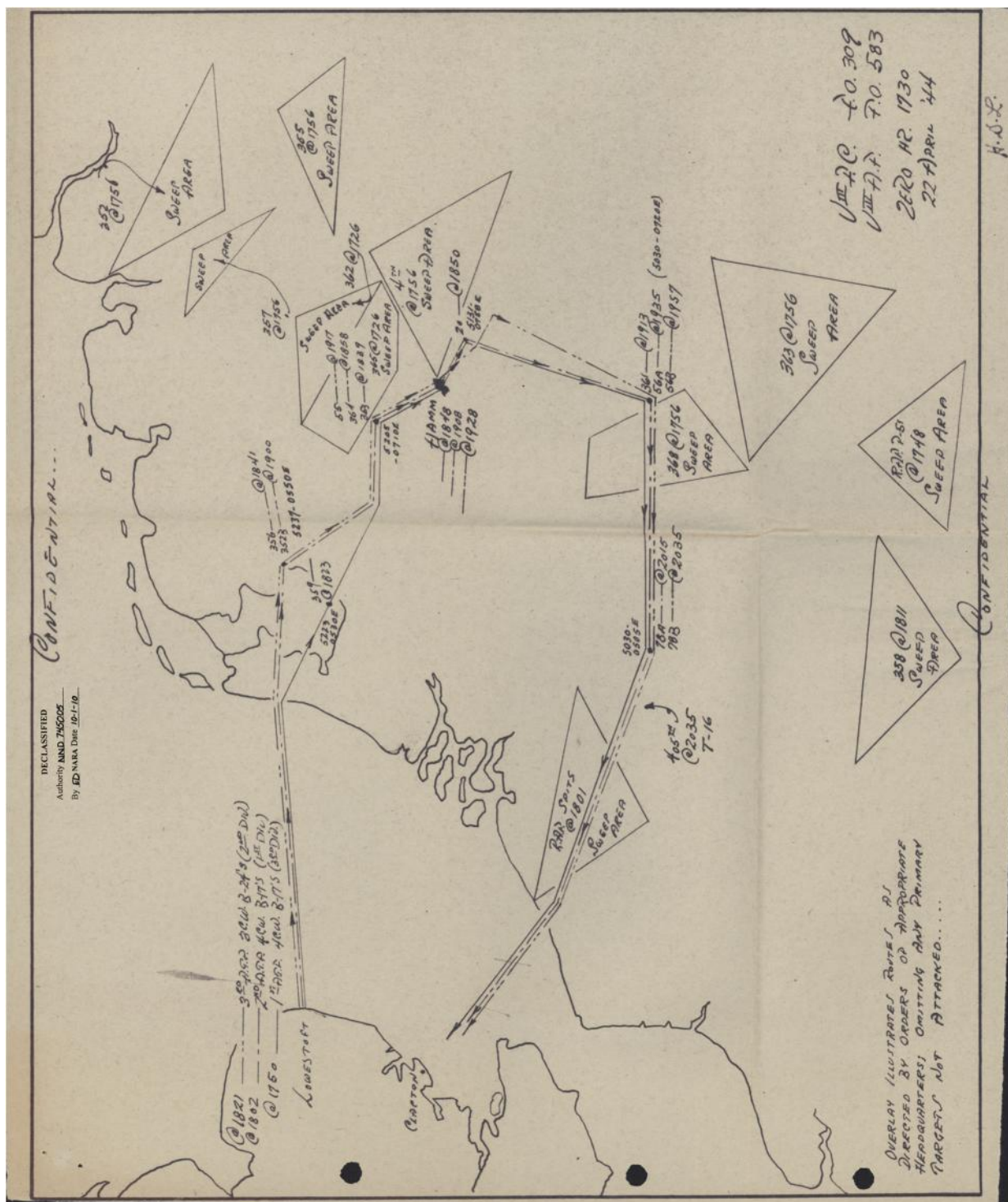
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a. Designation of Unit	79th Fighter Squadron.
b. Time of Landing	2100
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed <input type="checkbox"/> Probable <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/>
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F, 1815, 22,000 feet, South Den Helder, R/V 1905, 25,000 feet, Hagen (South) W/D 1932, 25,000 feet 5 Miles South Liege. L/F out, 2018, 17,000 feet, Nieuport. E/A Nil. 6 large boxes....
f. Weather - Battle Damage	

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