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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

26 APRIL, 1944  
BOMBER ESCORT - W/D SUPPORT  
FIELD ORDER #315  
2 SORTIE CREDITS

- A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON - LT. COL. WILSON LEADING
- B. 17 UP 0849 - 16 DOWN 1240
- C. ONE (1)
- D. BOMBER ESCORT - F. O. #315
- E. NIL
- F. TWO (2) CAT 'A' - FLAK
- G. THRU H. NIL

1. L/F IN 0955, 24,000 FEET, EGMOND. R/V 1039, 26,000 FEET, LOCATION UNKNOWN DUE TO O/C. BOMBERS 14 MINUTES LATE. TRIANGLE INSIGNIA, GOOD FORMATION. L/F OUT 1130, 22,000 FEET, IJMUIDEN, VERY HEAVY ACCURATE FLAK. W/D 5-10 MILES EAST OF GREAT YARMOUTH, 11,000 FEET. YELLOW-BLACK CHECKERBOARD NOSED P-47'S SEEN GOING IN AS WE WITHDREW. P-51'S SEEN SHORTLY AFTER R/V. FLAK N.E. OF DUMMER LAKE THROWN AT THE FIGHTERS.

PILOTS SCHEDULED FOR THIS MISSION:

COL. WILSON	TAYLOR	MCLARY	SERROS
ROWLEY	CARLSON	MALCHOW	HEARNE
SCRUTCHFIELD	MILES	PANNELL	FORD
LOEHNERT	BYNUM	PIERSON	ANDERSON

SPARES:

HOWER - TURNED BACK AFTER MAKING L/F IN ENEMY COAST  
PEARSON - REPLACED EARLY RETURN

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- A. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group, Captain Gustke leading.
- B. 16 up at 0851. Down at 1243.
- C. Nil.
- D. Bomber escort withdrawal support. Field Order No. 315.
- E. Nil.
- F. Nil.
- G. Nil.
- H. Nil.
- I. In at Ijmuiden at 0955 at 21,000 feet. R/V Hamlen with 3 boxes B-17s of 1st Div. at 1045 at 22,000 feet. Out at Ijmuiden 1132 at 20,000 feet. W/D Great Yarmouth 1210 at 10,000 feet. Heavy flak at Osnabruck and Hannover, and at Ijmuiden on way out. Light flak at Minden. Straggler B-17 at Zuider Zee and another B-17 with triangle and G heading for Woodbridge with right inboard engine feathered and another engine smoking escorted by one flight to center of channel south of Ipswich. No E/A seen.
- J. Nil.

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- A. 79th Fighter Squadron. Major Johnson leading.
- B. 16 P-38s Up: 0840; Down 1245.
- C. Nil
- D. Ramrod - Withdrawal Support - F. O. 315 Target: Brunswick
- E. None
- F. None
- G. None
- H. O-O-O
- I. In: S. of Egmond - 0954 -22,000  
R/V: Hameln - 1036 -22,000  
Out: S. of Egmond - 1136 -19,000  
W/D: 4 min. from  
Ct. Yarmouth - 1210 -10,000

No E/A seen.

Bombers were late and R/V was made S.E. of scheduled R/V. Bombers were 3 CWs of 1st Div. with triangles on tail. Formation was fair with last CW far behind first two. P51s were with bombers at R/V. Group stayed with bombers until English Coast because bombers thought they might be low on gas.

R/T good.

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

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a. Designation of Unit	20TH FIGHTER GROUP.
b. Time of Landing	1245
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL.
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F 0954, 22,000 feet, Egmond. R/V, N.E. Hameln, 1036, 22,000 feet, 3 C.W.'s (Triangle) B-17's. L/F, N. Ijmuiden, 1132, 22,000 feet. W/D Great Yarmouth, 1210, 10,000 feet. No. E/A Seen....
f. Weather - Battle damage	

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a. Designation of Unit 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON.

b. Time of Landing 1240

c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost) NIL.

d. Estimated Claims Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0

e. Brief description of Mission

f. Weather - Battle damage

L/F, 0955, 24,000 feet, Egmond.  
R/V, 1039, 26,000 feet, N/E R/V with (Triangle)  
B-17'S in good formation.  
Out 1130, 22,000 feet Ijmuiden.  
W/D 1205, E. Yarmouth, 10-12,000 feet.  
Flak aimed at Bombers shortly after R/V 'Dummer')....

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a. Designation of Unit	77th Fighter Squadron.
b. Time of Landing	1243.
c. Aircraft NWR (State if believed Lost)	NIL.
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	In, Ijmuiden, 0955, 21,500 feet. R/V S. of Celle, 1045, 22,000 feet 3 C.W.'s B-17'S (Triangle). W/D, 1210, 10,000 feet Great Yarmouth. Out Ijmuiden, 1132, 20,000 feet. ...
f. Weather - Battle damage	

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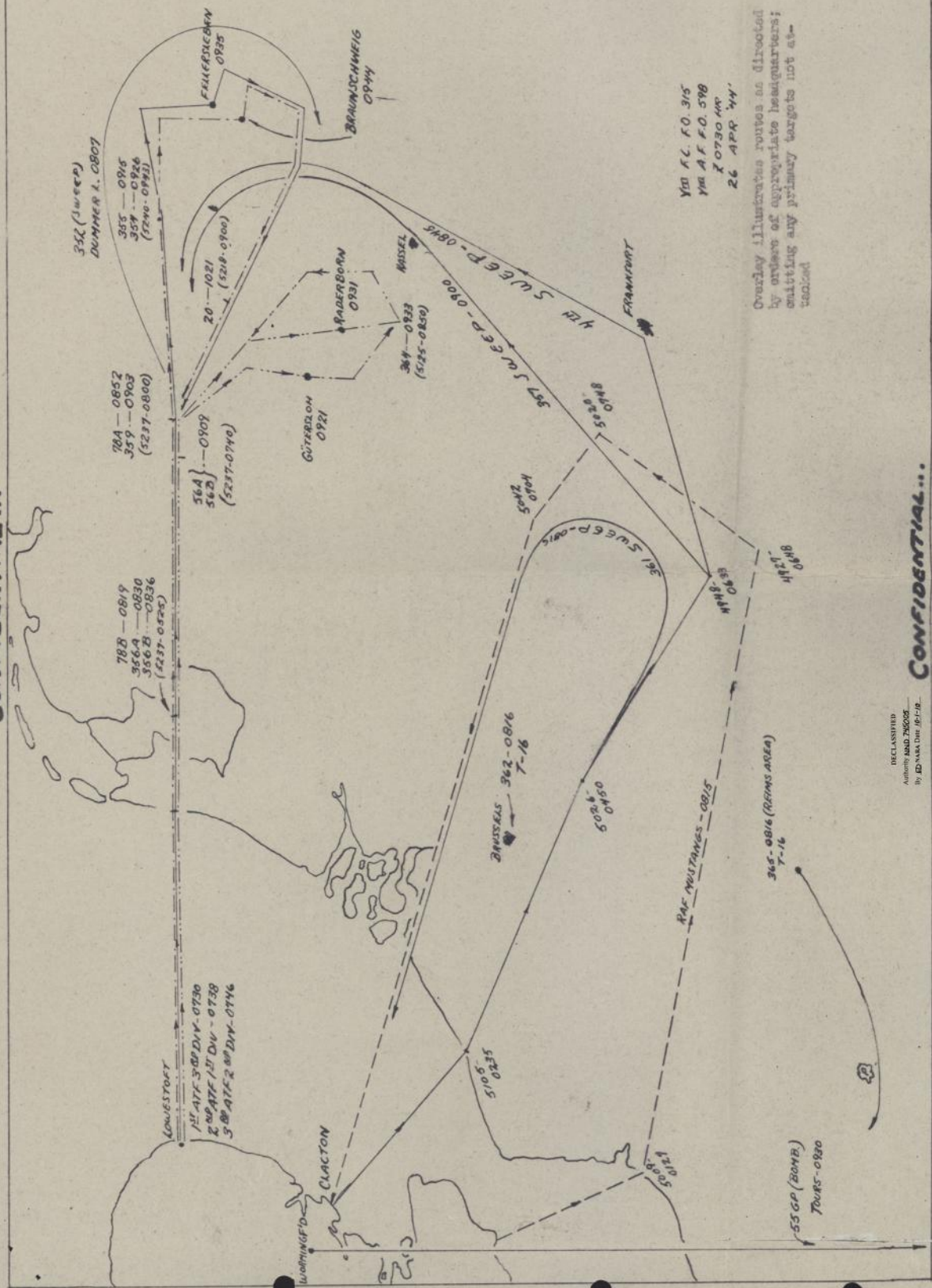
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a. Designation of Unit	79th Fighter Squadron.
b. Time of Landing	1245
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL.
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	In S. Egmond 0954, 22,000 feet. R/V Hameln, 1036, 19,000 feet. W/D 4 minutes from Great Yarmouth 1210, 10,000 feet. No E A/C seen. No bombers in trouble.
f. Weather - Battle damage	3 C.W.'S B-17'S (Triangle). Third far behind 1st C.W.....



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