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- A. 20TH FIGHTER GROUP, LT. COL. RAU LEADING.
- B. ~~X~~ 50 P-38'S (16 - 55) (18 - 77) (16 - 79) UP 1714 DOWN 2045.
- C. NIL
- D. VIII FC F.O. 317. TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL BOMBER ESCORT.
- E. THRU H. NIL.
- I. L/F, 1806, NO CAYEUX 21,000 FEET. R/V, 1847, NE TARGET, 19,000 FEET, APPROXIMATELY 60 B-24'S. L/F AND W/D, 1952, DUNKERQUE, 18,000 FEET. NO E/A SEEN. RED NOSED P-47'S TARGET AND 10 MINUTES LATER. MODERATE INACCURATE HEAVY FLAK SO OF BRUSSELS TO COAST. 2 B-24'S, STAYING IN FORMATION, SEEN IN TROUBLE SO. LILLE, 2 CHUTES SEEN. B-24'S IN TROUBLE MID-CHANNEL; CALLED FOR HELP. R/T INTERFERENCE "C" CHANNEL

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

- A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
- B. 16 UP 1715 - 16 DOWN 2033
- C. NIL
- D. BOMBER ESCORT - FIELD ORDER #317
- E. THRU H. NIL
- I. L/F IN 1807, 20,000 FEET, BERCK'S MER. R/V 1847, 20,000 FEET AT TARGET. BLACK COLUMN OF SMOKE 10,000 FEET HIGH. 20 MILES N.E. OF CHALON'S BIG BARRACKS AREA, RED ROOFS, NEW R.R. AT 5018-0402E A/D WITH 6-7 HE 177'S AND 150-200 COVERED REVETMENTS, ONE ME 109 WAS BEING MOVED OFF THE A/D AS THEY WENT OVER. W/D AND L/F OUT 1952, DUNKIRK 18,000 FEET. ONE CHUTE SEEN AT ENGHEIM FROM B-24 THAT STAYED WITH FORMATION. ONE B-24 SEEN AT MID-CHANNEL WITH ONE ENGINE ON FIRE.

PILOTS ON TODAY'S MISSION:

COL WILSON	TAYLOR	SERROS	SCRUTCHFIELD
RIEMENSNIJDER	WATSON	ANDERSON	LOEHNERT
MARTIN	WILES	CONNOR	HOWER
	KLINK	FORD	PIERSON
BUIE			

SPARES:

PANNELL
BURFORD

27 APRIL, 1944
BOMBER ESCORT - W/D
TARGET - CHALONS SUR MARNE
2 SORTIE CREDIT

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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT April 27, 1944

- A. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group, Col. Rau leading.
- B. 18 up at 1716. Down at 2040.
- C. Nil.
- D. Bomber escort and withdrawal support, Field Order No. 317.
- E. Nil.
- F. Nil.
- G. Nil.
- H. Nil.
- I. In S of Cayeux at 1806 at 20000 ft. RV La Cheppe approx. ⁶⁰B-24s at 1847 at 19000 ft. WD & LF out S of Dunkirk 1950 at 18000 ft. Red nose P-47s with bombers at RV. Saw B-17s escorted by P-47s SE of Tgt. Smoke up to 15000 ft. coming up at Chalons. B-24s in trouble losing altitude S of Ghent, 2 chutes seen. Flak moderate but intense along course out from Brussels to Dunkirk. One single burst of red Flak seen in this area. Flak also seen over airfield at Nivelles. No e/a seen.
- J. Nil.

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MISSION REPORT

27 April 1944

- A. 79th Fighter Squadron Capt. D. E. Anderson, leading
- B. 16 P-38s Up: 1715 Down: 2045 Target: Chalons, France
- C. Nil
- D. Ramrod - Bomber escort F.O. #317
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. 0-0-0
- I. In: N. of Cayeux - 1755 - 22,000
R/V: Chalons B-17 - 1836 - 22,000
R/V: N.E. of Rheims - B-24s - 1846 - 22,500
Out: Dunkirk - 1950 - 22,000
W/D: Near English Coast - 2010 - 15,000

No E/A seen except one high contrail believed to be FW 190

R/T: Not too good on channel "CE

P-47s with bombers at R/V and stayed 15 minutes.

4 Boxes of B-24s and smaller formations were seen. South of Lille 2 bombers were seen wach with one engine smöking badly. Both bombers kept in formation. No bombers seen to go down.

EDWARD J. STEINER
Capt., Air Corps
Intelligence Officer

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TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 317

DATE 27 April 1944.

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a. Designation of Unit	20TH FIGHTER GROUP
b. Time of Landing	2045.
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, NORTH CAYEAUX, 1806, 21,000 FEET. R/V TARGET, 1847, 19,000 FEET. L/F & W/D DUNKERQUE, 1952, 18,000 FEET. P-47'S AT R/V. 1 B-24 MID-CHANNEL CALLING FOR HELP....
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 2033

c. Aircraft NVR (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 IN, 1807, 20,000 FEET, ~~OVER TARGET~~ BER SUR MER.
R/V, 1847, 20,000 FEET OVER TARGET. HEAVY SMOKE
SEEN OVER TARGET. RED NOSE ~~PO47'S~~ AT R/V.
L/F OUT, & W/D 1952, 18,000 FEET, DUNKERQUE.
B-24, 1 ENGINE FIRE MID-CHANNEL CALLING FOR HELP.

6-8 HENSCHEL 177.
200 COVERED REVETMENTS 20 MILES NE. CHALON, BIG
RED ROOFED BARRACKS AREA.

..... B-25 ... CHUTE
ENGHEIN
..... 5018N.
..... 0402E
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a. Designation of Unit	77th Fighter Group.
b. Time of Landing	2040
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 IN SOUTH, CAMEAUX, 1806, 20,000 FEET. R/V TARGET 1847, 19,000 FEET. L/F OUT & W/D DUNKERQUE, 1950, 18,000 FEET. B24 SOUTH GHENT (TWO CHUTES) P-47'S AT R/V.....
f. Weather - Battle damage	

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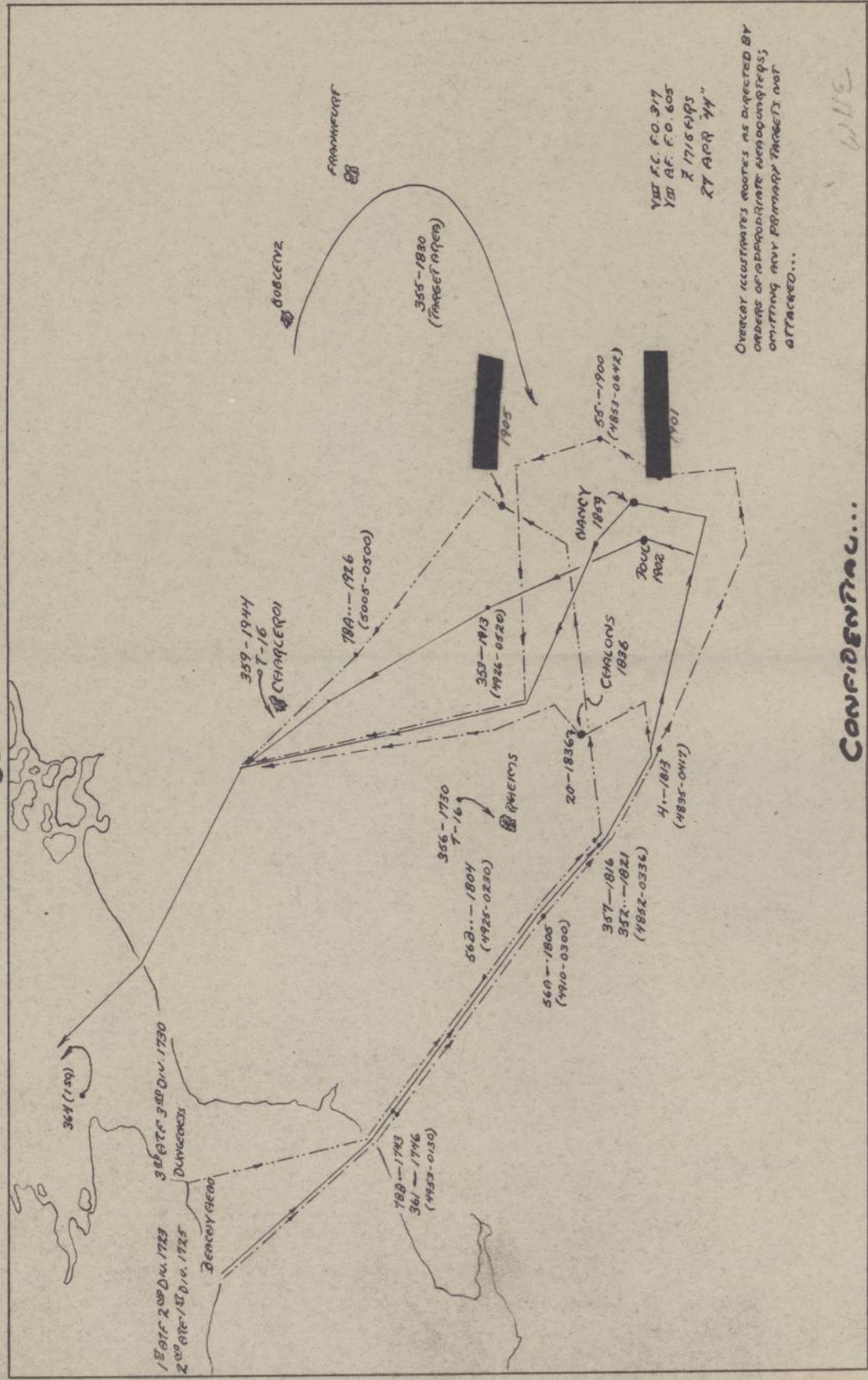
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a. Designation of Unit	79TH FIGHTER SQUADRON.
b. Time of Landing	2045
c. Aircraft NVR (State if believed Lost)	NIL.
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F NORTH CAYEAUX, 1755, 22,000 FEET. R/V, 1846, TARGET. L/F DUNKERQUE, 1950 22,000 FEET. W/D NEAR ENGLISH COAST, 2010, 15,000 FEET. P-47'S AT R/V....
f. Weather - Battle damage	

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OMITTING ANY PRIMARY TARGETS NOT
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