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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

FIELD ORDER #318
28 APRIL 1944
DROOPSNOOT MISSION - TARGET TOURS

A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON LT. COL WILSON, LEADING

B. 16 A/C UP 0817 DOWN 1135 HOURS.

C. NIL

D. DROOPSNOOT F.O. #318

E THRU H. NIL

I. L/F IN 0918 HOURS LE HARVE 20,000 FT. TIME OVER TARGET
1010 AT 20,000 FT. BOMB RESULTS EXCELLENT. FLAK INTENSE
AND ACCURATE AT TOURS. L/F FALL OUT 1037 ETRETAT, 19,000 FT.

1. DROOPSNOOT
2. 12 X 1,000# M-64 G.P. FUSED 1/10 AND 1/40.
- 3.
4. 20,000 FT.
5. NONE
6. EXCELLENT ON TARGET
7. INTO WIND
8. 3500
9. 1 ON RIGHT SHACKLE
10. NIL

THOSE FLYING IN TODAY'S MISSION WERE:

WILSON	HALLBERG	SERROS	BAKER
MARTIN	BAIN	SHULTZ	WATSON
PANNELL	FORD	ROWLEY	MILES
CONNOR	ANDERSON	BOELE	BURFORD

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- A. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group, Capt. Gustke leading.
- B. 16 up at 0819. Down at 1140.
- C. Two.
- D. Droopsnoot, Field Order #318.
- E. Nil.
- F. Nil.
- G. Nil.
- H. Nil.
- I. Landfall in N of Bayeux at 0917 at 20000 ft. Over Tours at 1002 at 20000 ft. where ten bombs were dropped. Out Grandcamp les B at 1040 at 20000 ft. Saw P-38 blow up over Tgt. direct flak hit, no chutes seen. Only five or six heavy accurate bursts of flak seen over Tours. No e/a seen. Saw B-17s and P-47s coming in as we were coming out. Bombing formation and pattern good.
- J. Nil.

Bomb data

- 1. High level precision.
- 2. Ten 1,000 lb GP. M44
- 3. 20,000 feet.
- 4. Bombing altitude 20,000 feet.
- 5. Two in channel.
 - 1 abortive
 - 1 did not release on target (mechanical failure)
- 6. Good pattern except for few stray bombs.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9. Externally.
- 10. See No. 5.

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- A. 79th Fighter Squadron Major H. E. Johnson, Jr. leading
- B. 16 P-38s Up: 0822; Down: 1142
- C. Nil
- D. Droop-snoot F.O. #318
- E. 1 P-38 NYR Hit by flak over target
- F. Nil
- G. Lt. F. E. LeFevre, NYR Hit by flak over target
- H. 0-0-0
- I. IN: Not known due to overcast - 0918 - 20,000
 Tgt.: 1003 - 20,000
 Out: Honfleur (Le Harve) - 1035 - 22,000
- Bombing: (1) High level precision
 (2) 12, 1,000 lb. ANM 44
 (3) Nil
 (4) 20,000
 (5) Nil
 (6) Well concentrated hits. Large columns of smoke coming from target.
- Flak: Heavy meagre flak over target. Only a few bursts were seen but they were accurate.
- E/A: Nil
- Friendly Fighters: P-47s sighted as group was coming out.
 P-47s sighted at mid-channel as group was returning

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TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 318

DATE 28 April 44

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a. Designation of Unit	20th Fighter Group
b. Time of Landing	1142
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	MIA Lt. Le Fevre Flak
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F in Bayeau 0917 at 20,000 Feet. Target 1004 20,000. Dropped 34 X 1000 lb G.P. M4. Results seemed excellent. L/F out La Harve 1037, 20,000 feet. No E/A seen. Moderate accurate Heavy Flak 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	1135
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	Nil
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F in 0918 La Harve at 20,000 feet. To target 20,000 feet. Time 1010 on target. Results not seen. L/F out 1037 at Etretat 19,000 Feet. Heavy flak, accurate, intense moderate at target 12 X 1000 lbs.
f. Weather - Battle damage	

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a. Designation of Unit	77th Fighter Squadron
b. Time of Landing	1140
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	Nil
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F in Norht of Bayeau 0917 at 23,000 feet. Target 1002 at 20,000 Feet. L/F out Grandcamp 1040 at 20,000 feet. Williams bombs in channel. Noderate accurate heavy flak. Bombing looked good.
f. Weather - Battle damage	

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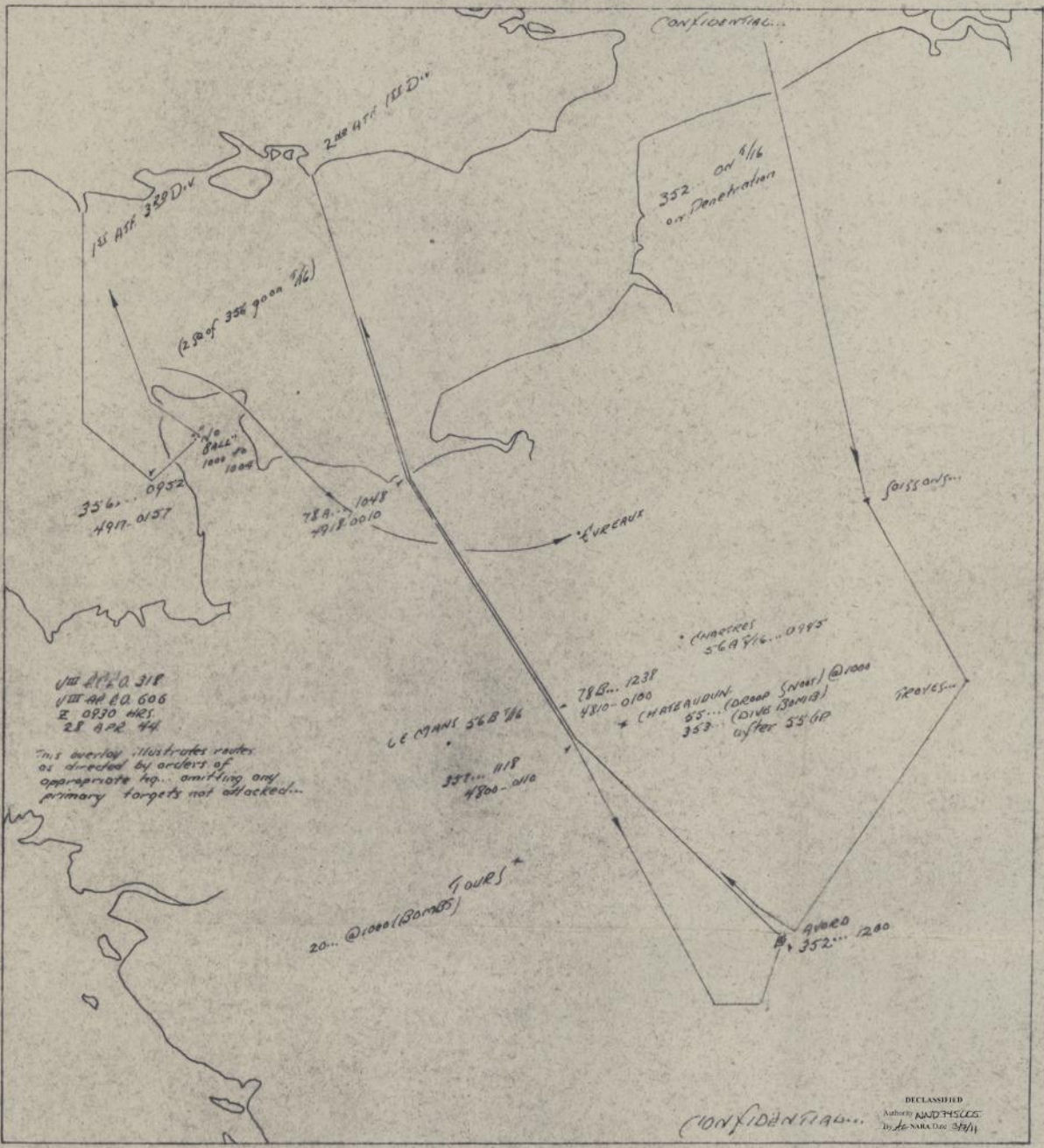
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a. Designation of Unit	79th Fighter Squadron
b. Time of Landing	1142
c. Aircraft NVR (State if believed Lost)	1 MIA Lt. Le Fevre Spun down after hit in one engine
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F in 0918 at 20,000 feet Target 1003 at 20,000 feet. Out La Harve 1035 at 22,000 feet. No E/A High level precision 12 X 1000 lb 3. Nil 4. 20,000 5. Nil 6. Excellent concentrated. Meagre accurate heavy flak 47's sighted.
f. Weather - Battle damage	



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