

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT.

- A. 20TH FIGHTER GROUP, LT COL. RAU LEADING, LT. EZELL BOMBARDIER.
- B. 47 P-38 FIGHTER BOMBERS (15 - 55) (16 - 77) (16 - 79). UP 0800 DOWN 1146.
- C. 2.
- D. FIELD ORDER 321, GROOPSNOOT AND SKIP-BOMBING.
- E. 1 P-38, LOST TO LIGHT FLAK IN TARGET AREA.
- F. NIL.
- G. 1 MIA. LT. FOGG, 79TH SQ. BAILED OUT IN TARGET AREA.
- H. 3-0-0. TWO TWIN ENGINE, DESTROYED, GROUND.
GROUND TARGETS DAMAGED: 1 CONTROL TOWER, 1 FLAK TOWER, 1 HANGAR.
- I. L/F IN, 0853, MOUTH OF THE ORNE RIVER, 23,000 FEET. ON TARGET 0930.
2 AFTER DROPPING BOMBS, GROUP SWEEP ORLEANS AND WEST PARIS AREA, 77TH SQ. STRAFING THE
BRICY-ORLEANS A/D AT 0950, ESTABLISHING ABOVE CLAIMS. 20 T/E ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
A/C PLUS 20 OTHER A/C BELIEVED TO BE DUMMIES SIGHTED ON THIS FIELD. L/F OUT, LE HAVRE,
1035, 13,000 FEET. MODERATE INACCURATE ~~XXX~~ HEAVY FLAK ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, INTENSE ACCURATE
LIGHT FLAK AT TOURS. 5 LIGHT FLAK POSITIONS NOTED AROUND TARGET, 6 ON RIVER BANK
OPPOSITE TARGET. 1 ROCKET PORTION NOTED ON OPPOSITE RIVER BANK 55 DEGREES FROM
TARGET. NO FLAK FIRED FROM BRICY-ORLEANS A/D. 55TH GROUP SIGHTED AND CONTACTED ON
"C" CHANNEL AT L/F IN, BUT DISAPPEARED AND WAS NOT SEEN AGAIN.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ HIGH LEVEL PRECISION AND SKIP-BOMBING

BOMB DATA: (1) HIGH LEVEL PRECISION AND SKIP-BOMBING, (2) 35 X 1000 LB G.P. M44
ON PRIMARY TARGET, 4 X 500 G. P. M43 ON PRIMARY TARGET, 4 X 500 LB G.P. M43 ON HEAVY
FLAK POSITION ON SOUTH APPROACH OF BRIDGE CROSSING LOIRE RIVER EAST OF THE TARGET.
4 X 500 LB. G.P M43 JETTISONED IN CORNFIELD SOUTH OF TARGET DUE TO HAZE AND INTENSE
GROUND FIRE. (3) NOT APPLICABLE. (4) 1000 LB BOMBS FROM 23,000 FEET; 500 LB BOMBS
FROM 50 FEET. (5) SEE ITEM 2. (6) ON PRIMARY GOOD TO EXCELLENT. ON FLAK POSITION
NOTED IN ITEM 2, UNKNOWN. (7) 15 DEGREES ~~XXXX~~ WIND TO BOMB RUN. (8) BOMB RUN 30
DEGREES. (9) RIGHT EXTERNAL RACK. (10) SEE ITEM 2.

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ANNEX TO MISSION SUMMARY REPORT.

20TH FIGHTER GROUP, F.O. 321 77th. ~~77th~~ SQDN.

- J. 1 HE 177, DESTROYED, (GROUND) CAPTAIN MORRIS, 77TH SQ.
- 2 ME 410, DESTROYED, (GROUND) LT'S FIEBELKORN AND ~~KUEMMERLE~~.
- 1 CONTROL TOWER, DAMAGED, LT. REID.
- 1 FLAK TOWER DAMAGED, LT. KUEMMERLE.
- 1 HANGAR DAMAGED, LT. FIEBELKORN.
- 1 FLAK TOWER, DAMAGED, LT PIERSON, 55th SQD

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FIELD ORDER #321
TARGET, TOURS
DROOPSNOOT

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A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, COLONEL RAU LEADING

B. 15 P-38'S UP 0054 HOURS DOWN 1130 HOURS

C. 2 EARLY RETURNS

D. DROOPSNOOT FIELD ORDER #321

E. THRU H. NIL

I. SQUADRON MADE L/F IN 0053 HOURS EAST ST. AUBIN 23,000 FEET. ON TARGET 23,500 FEET 0952 HOURS. BOMBS SEEN TO HIT SOUTH-WEST OF FACTORY (TARGET). LANDFALL OUT 1008 HOURS EAST ST. AUBIN 12/14,000 FEET. 55TH GROUP CAME IN ON SAME LEVEL NEAR CAEN FROM NORTHEAST, MADE A 100-DEGREE TURN AND WENT BACK TOWARDS ROUEN AND AMIENS.

ONE FLIGHT CARRYING 500-POUND BOMBS WAS DESIGNATED TO SKIP-BOMB OR DIVE-BOMB. FLIGHT RAN INTO MUCH CONCENTRATED LIGHT FLAK IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE TARGET AND BOMBS WERE DROPPED IN THE AREA EAST OF THE TARGET NEAR THE BRIDGE. ROCKET INSTALLATIONS WERE SEEN NORTH OF THE TARGET AND ROCKETS WERE FIRED AT OUR FIGHTERS AS THEY MADE THEIR PASS. FLIGHT THEN MADE A SWEEP TOWARDS VENDOME WHERE THE OTHER TWO FLIGHTS (FROM THE 77TH AND 79TH SQUADRONS) STRAFED THE A/D. LANDFALL OUT 1035 HOURS 10,000 FEET ST. AUBIN.

1. DROOPSNOOT
2. 11 - 1,000-LB M-44 FUSED 1/10 AND 1/40
3. 4 - 500# M-45 FUSED 8 TO 11 SEC. TAIL (NO NOSE FUSE)
5. NIL
4. ALTITUDE BOMBS DROPPED 23,500 FEET
5. NONE
6. RESULTS - POOR
7. NORTH WIND
8. 560 DEGREES
9. ONE-ON RIGHT SHACKLE
10. 2- ABORTIONS RETURNED WITH BOMBS

THOSE FLYING IN TODAY'S MISSION

RAU		HOWER	WILSON	BUIC
SPENCER	E.R.	VASIL	PEARSON	WELLS
MILES	E.R.	LOEHNERT	FORD	RIEMENSNIER
KLINK		BOELE	CRUICKSHANK	PIERSON
S.E.	0747			
T.O.	0751			
S.C.	0808			

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- A. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group, Captain Morris leading.
- B. 16 up at 0755. Down at 1146.
- C. Nil.
- D. Droopsnoot F.O. #321.
- E. Nil.
- F. Nil.
- G. Nil.
- H. 2-0-0. TE Ground.
Ground Targets.

I. In at Ouistreham at 0853 at 23,000. Over target area from 0927 to 0945. 12 ships bombed from 23,000 and then went to altitude of 9,000 to 13,000 and covered while Oatmeal Squadron skip-bombed at deck level. Squadron then proceeded to Bricy airfield north of Orleans and again covered from 16,000 feet while Oatmeal Squadron strafed airfield at 1005 with claims of 2-0-0 and ground targets results. LF out at Trouville at 1035. Moderate inaccurate flak at Tours although our flight in Oatmeal Squadron saw 6-8 gun positions along bank of river shooting up accurate flak on them at deck. B-17s going south towards Cherbourg as we were going in. Flight of P-47s seen to straffe same Bricy airfield as were leaving. Lone P-47 joined group north of Chateaudun and remained until pass mid-channel, on way home. Bomb pattern good.

Bomb Data:

- 1. High level precision - 12 ships
Skip bombing - 4 ships.
- 2. 12 - 1,000 lb. Gp M-44
4 - 500lb. Gp M-64
- 3. Bombed from 23,000 and on deck.
- 4. Bombed from 23,000 and on deck.
- 5. None.
- 6. High level - not observed.
Skip - 3 on transmitter in area
1 in general target area
- 7.
- 8.
- 9. Externally
- 10. Nil.
- J. One (1) He-177 on ground Destroyed Captain Morris.
One (1) Me-410 on ground Destroyed Lts. Fiebelkorn and Kuemmerle.
One (1) Control Tower Damaged Lt. Reid.
One (1) Flak Tower Damaged Lt. Kuemmerle.
One (1) Hange r Damaged Lt. Fiebelkorn.

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- A. 79th Fighter Squadron Capt. D.E. Anderson, leading
 - B. 16 P-38s Up: 0804 Down: 1145
 - C. Nil
 - D. Droopsnoot-Field Order #321
 - E. 1 P-38 (MIA) Hit by flak in target area
 - F. Nil
 - G. Lieut. Fogg, (MIA) Hit by flak in target area
Chute seen to open just before he hit ground
 - H. O-O-O
 - I. In, Between Lion and Cabourg, 0853, 23,000
Tet., 0930, 23,500
Orleans, 1000, 13,000
Out, Honfleur (Over Le Harve), 12,000

Bombing: (1) High Level Precision (2) 12 1,000 lb. (3) Nil
(4) 23,000 (5) Nil (6) No hits were observed on target.
The flight that was skip bombing did not hit target due to haze
and intense flak and 3 bombs were jettisoned, ~~4 500 lb.~~

Friendly Fighters and Bombers: 3 Boxes of B-17s sighted as Sq.
was going in. 2 P-38s sighted in the Orleans area. 4 P-47s
were sighted in the Orleans area on the deck. 1 P-47 joined the
Squadron formation and came out with it.

E/A: 20 Planes were sighted at the airdrome that was strafed by
other flights in the Group, also 20, either planes or dummies,
painted green to blend in with the grass, were sighted at the
same ~~air~~ airdrome. What was thought to be a ~~flak~~ E/A in flames
was sighted at airdrome.

Flak: Inaccurate, heavy, meager, Flak at target. Accurate,
light Caliber, concentrated flak was encountered just before
bomb run was made.

R/T: Good.

ORVILLE E. MINTUN,
1st Lieut., A. C.,
Asst. S-2.

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TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

P.O. 321DATE 30 April 44

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a. Designation of Unit	20th Fighter Group
b. Time of Landing	1146
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	1 NYR Lt. Fogg Bailed out over Target.
d. Estimated Claims	Lt. Fiebelkorn, Lt. Kuemmerle, Capt. Morris Destroyed 3 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F in 0853, Mouth of Orne River, 23,000 Feet. On Target 0930. Dropped 34 X 1000 lb G.P. bombs on primary target with good results. 4 X 500 lb G.P. dropped in target area by Skip Bombing. 4 X 500 lb Jettison in cornfield. 4 X 500 lb G.P. dropped on bridge and heavy flak position east of Tours. Group Swept Orleans and west Paris area, 77th Squadron strafing A/D north of Orleans establishing above claims and damaging flak tower, hanger, and control tower. 55th Group disappeared after L/F in. Moderate inaccurate heavy flak at Tours. Accurate intense light flak along river bank in target area.
f. Weather - Battle damage	

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a. Designation of Unit	77th Fighter Squadron
b. Time of Landing	1146
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	Nil
d. Estimated Claims	Lt. Fiebelkorn, Lt. Kuemmerle, Capt. Morris on grd. Destroyed 3 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F in Quistreham 0853 at 23,000. Over target 0927 to 0945 at 23,000 Feet. Out Trouville 1035 at 15000 feet. Moderate inaccurate flak over Tours, 6 to 8 guns. Light flak on river bank accurate. P-47 joined at Orleans and came back with group
f. Weather - Battle damage	

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P.O. 321

DATE 30 April 44

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a. Designation of Unit	79th Fighter Squadron
b. Time of Landing	1145
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	1 NYR Lt. Fogg Light flak
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F in 0853 Alt. 23000 over Target 0930, 23500 Feet. Orleans 1000 at 13000 Feet, out Honfleur 1040 at 12000. Skip-bombing, Jettisoned in cornfield, 1 \downarrow 3 jettison. 3 Box 17'S going in. 4 P-47'S on deck at Orleans. 55th Group L/F in and disappeared, 20 E/A seen. Flak inaccurate heavy, high, low, level, and well concentrated.
f. Weather - Battle damage	

