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# MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

30 APRIL, 1944  
FIELD ORDER 21  
TARGET - ORLEANS A/D  
DROOPSNOOT

- A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON - COL. WILSON LEADING
- B. 12 UP 1636 - 10 DOWN 1950
- C. 2 (1 ESCORT)
- D. DROOPSNOOP - FIELD ORDER 21
- E. THRU H. NIL
- I. L/F IN 1740, 17,000 FEET, TROUVILLE. TARGET 1820, ON THE DECK. P-47'S DIVE BOMBED AT SAME TIME OUR SQUADRON WAS STRAFING. HIT DISPERSAL AREAS. TWO PASSES MADE AT THE A/D. RETURNED A THIRD TIME TO TAKE PICTURES OF AMMUNITION DUMP THAT WAS BURNING AND EXPLODING. L/F OUT 1830, 15,000 FEET CABOURG.
- J. ONE (1) BUILDING - ONE (1) PILLBOX - DAMAGED. LT. SPENCER.  
SIX (6) FLAK TOWERS - DAMAGED - LT. RIEMENSNIER.  
THREE (3) FLAK TOWERS - DAMAGED - LT. SMELTZ.  
ONE (1) FLAK TOWER - DESTROYED - COL. WILSON.  
AMMUNITION DUMP - DESTROYED - COL. WILSON.  
ONE (1) FLAK TOWER - DAMAGED - CAPT. SERROS.  
THREE (3) FLAK TOWERS - DAMAGED - LT. PANNELL.

## PILOTS ON TODAYS MISSION:

COL WILSON	PANNELL	SERROS
SPENCER	SMELTZ	CRUICKSHANK - E.R.
WATSON	RIEMENSNIER	HALLBERG - E.R.
BURFORD	MALCHOW	STOCKTON

S.E. 1630  
T.O. 1637  
S.C. 1649

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ENCOUNTER REPORT  
A/D ATTACKED BY MORE THAN ONE A/C

- A. COMBAT
- B. 30 APRIL, 1944
- C. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, 20TH FIGHTER GROUP
- D. 1820 HOURS
- E. ORLEANS A/D
- F. CAVU
- G. FLAK TOWERS, BUILDINGS, AMMUNITION DUMP
- H. 1 - BUILDING DAMAGED - LT. SPENCER  
1 - PILLBOX - DAMAGED - LT. SPENCER  
6 - FLAK TOWERS - DAMAGED - LT. RIEMENSNIER  
3 - FLAK TOWERS - DAMAGED - LT. SMELTZ  
1 - FLAK TOWER - DESTROYED - COL. WILSON  
1 - AMMUNITION DUMP - DESTROYED - COL. WILSON  
1 - FLAK TOWER - DAMAGED - CAPT. SERROS  
1 - HANGAR BUILDING - DAMAGED - LT. BURFORD  
3 - FLAK TOWERS - DAMAGED - LT. PANNELL

I. SQUADRON CIRCLED AT VOVES FOR SEVERAL MINUTES. CAME DOWN R.R. TRACKS AND REACHED A/D 45 SECONDS TO ONE MINUTE AFTER GROUP BOMBED. SQUADRON SWEEP FROM N.E. TO S.W. ON THE EAST SIDE. MADE A 180 DEGREE TURN AND CAME BACK ON THE WEST SIDE. SHOT AT EQUIPMENT AND BUILDINGS LISTED. P-47'S WERE DIVE-BOMBING AT SAME TIME, GETTING EXCELLENT STRIKES ON EAST SIDE OF FIELD IN BUILDING AND HANGAR AREA. LT. PANNELL'S PLANE GOT SEVERAL HITS FROM DIRT AND DEBRIS AS A RESULT OF BLASTS FROM P-47 BOMBING. AMMUNITION DUMP ON WEST SIDE OF FIELD ON FIRE. 20-30 BARRACKS BUILDINGS S.E. OF FIELD. ONE ME 110 SEEN IN NORTH DISPERSAL AREA BUT NO STRIKES.

*Cy Wilson*  
CY WILSON  
LT. COL., AIR CORPS  
COMMANDING

*Clifford W. Long*  
CLIFFORD W. LONG  
1ST LT. AIR CORPS  
INTELLIGENCE OFFICER  
55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

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- A. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group, Major Franklin leading.
- B. 12 up at 1638. Down at 1946.
- C. Nil.
- D. Droopsnoot, Field Order No. 21.
- E. Nil.
- F. Nil.
- G. Nil.
- H. Nil.
- I. In at Cabourg at 15000 feet at 1740. Bombed Orleans Bricy airfield at 1816 at 15000 ft. P-47s were dive bombing field with good results. Our bombs were concentrated in hangar and administration area. P-38s of 364th gave top cover. Out at Cabourg at 1843 at 14000 feet. No flak. No e/s.
- J. Nil.

BOMB DATA

- 1. High Level precision
- 2. 10 - Cluster - Frag bomb M1 A1 - total weight 600 lbs. per bomb.
- 3.
- 4. 15,000 feet bombing.
- 5. 2 - 1 on field before take-off.  
1 brought back
- 6. Good - conce ntration in hanger and administration area.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9. Externally.
- 10. Nil.

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- A., 79th Fighter Squadron Lt. Col. H.J. Rau, leading
- B. 12 P-38s Up: 1640; Down: 1950
- C. Nil
- D. Droop-snoot - 67th Fighter Wing F.O. #21 - Target: Tours, France
- E. Nil
- F. 1 P-38 Cat. A due to falling bombs from plane ahead
- G. Nil
- H. 0-0-0
- I. In: 1740 - 15,000 - Caen  
 I.P.: 1809 - 15,000 - N.E. of Blois  
 Tgt.: 1815 - 15,000 - Tours  
 Out: 1845 - 15,000 - Caen

- Bombing:
- 1. High level precision
  - 2. 60 clusters; 7200 lbs.; Bomb, cluster, fragmentation  
 M1 A1
  - 3. Nil
  - 4. 15,000
  - 5. Nil
  - 6. Results: Clobbered. Covered entire hangar and dispersal area east corner of field. Excellent grouping. Hangars and revetments damaged. Many dummy planes seen and destroyed. E/A unknown.

After the bombing the 55th Squadron strafed and then P-47s dived bombed or strafed the target. 364th gave penetration support to target area and covered during bombing and for five minutes after. 353rd came in after bombing to attack the field. P-51s were also seen at this time attacking the field.

Damage to MC-A: Inside right engine nacelle 1½ foot back of prop damaged by bomb from preceding plane that came through prop. Horizontal stabilizer and bottom part of elevator had smaller dents from bomb or bar.

EDWARD J. STEINER  
 Capt., Air Corps  
 Intelligence Officer

TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 21

DATE 30 APRIL 1944.

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a. Designation of Unit	20TH FIGHTER GROUP.		
b. Time of Landing	1950		
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL.		
d. Estimated Claims	Ground tgts. Destroyed	Probable	Damaged
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F IN MOUTH ORNE RIVER, 15,000 FEET, 1740. BOMBS AWAY, 1815, 15,000 FEET. 1818, 55TH SQDN. DOWN TO STRAGE. L/F OUT COBURG, 1843, 15,000 FEET. NO FBAK, NO E/A.....		
f. Weather - Battle damage			

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a. Designation of Unit	55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON.
b. Time of Landing	1950.
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 1740, 17,000 FEET. TROUVILLE. T 1820, ON DECK. P-47's DIVED BOMBED & HIT DISPERSAL AREAS. AT SOME TIME OUR SQDN STRAFING, BOMBING EAST SIDE OF AIRDROME POOR. L/F OUT. TWO PASSES NORTH AND SOUTH, S TO N. RETURNED 3rd TO TAKE PICTURES. AMM. DUMP BURNING AND EXPLODING. L/F OUT 1830 COBURG, 15,000 FEET.....
f. Weather - Battle damage	



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a. Designation of Unit	77TH FIGHTER SQUADRON.
b. Time of Landing	1946.
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, COBURG, 1740, 15,000 FEET. BOMBED ORLEANS-BRICY, A/D 1816, 15,000 FEET. L/F COBURG, 1843, 14,000 FEET. NO FLAK, NO E/A.....
f. Weather - Battle damage	

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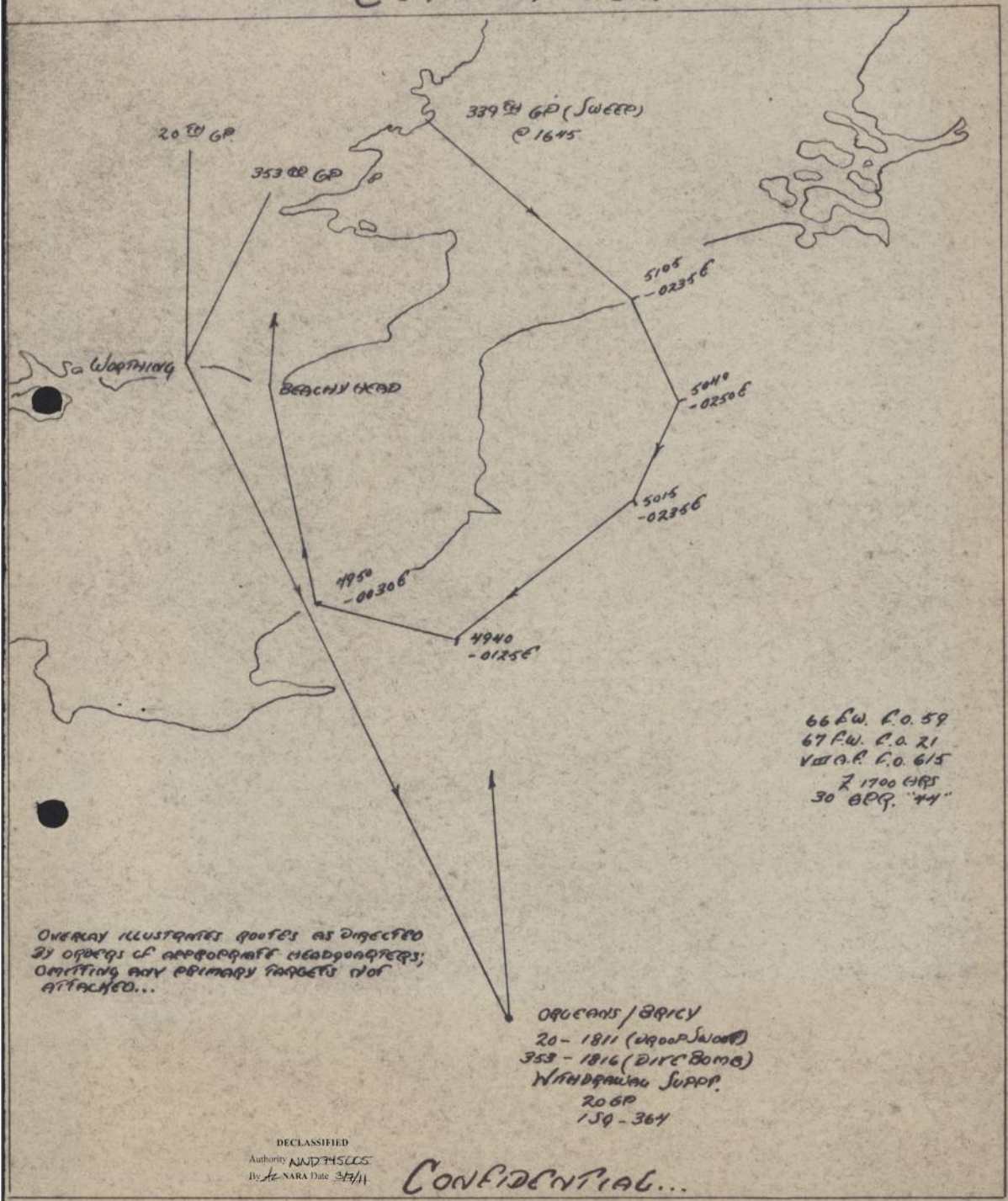
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a. Designation of Unit	79TH FIGHTER SQUADRON.
b. Time of Landing	1950
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL.
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F IN 1740, 15,000 FEET, CAEN. I.P. 1807, 15,000 FEET. TARGET, 1815, 15,000 FEET. L/F OUT 1845, 15,000 FEET. CAEN. (1) HIGH LEVEL PREC. (2) BOMB, CLUSTER FRAG. (5 Ea.) 60 CLUSTER. M1A1 7200#1S.
f. Weather - Battle damage	(3) Nil. (4) 15,000 (5) NIL. (6) <del>ELEKHA</del> CLUBBERED HANGAR AND DISPERSAL AREA.... (7) REAR SHACKLE, RT BELLY TANK 364th Left Tgt....



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