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ENCOUNTER REPORT

GROUND TARGETS ATTACKED BY MORE THAN ONE A/C

- A. COMBAT
- B. 1 MAY, 1944
- C. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, 20TH FIGHTER GROUP
- D. 1830 HOURS
- E. SENHEIM M/Y & HODY A/D
- F. HAZY
- G. FREIGHT CARS, LOCOMOTIVES, SIGNAL TOWERS, FLAK EMPLACEMENTS
- H.
 - 6 - BOX CARS - DAMAGED - CAPT. SERROS
 - 5 - BOX CARS - DAMAGED - LT. HALLBERG
 - 4 - BOX CARS - DAMAGED - LT. CONNOR
 - 5 - BOX CARS - DAMAGED - CAPT. TAYLOR
 - 5 - BOX CARS - DAMAGED - LT. LARRABEE
 - 4 - BOX CARS - DAMAGED - LT. FORD
 - 2 - SIGNAL TOWERS - DAMAGED - CAPT. SERROS
 - 1 - SIGNAL TOWER - DAMAGED - LT. HALLBERG
 - 1 - SIGNAL TOWER - DAMAGED - LT. CONNOR
 - 1 - LOCOMOTIVE - DESTROYED - 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
 - 3 - LOCOMOTIVES - DAMAGED - 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
 - 1 - FLAK EMPLACEMENT - DAMAGED - COL. WILSON
 - 4 - GERMAN SOLDIERS - KILLED - COL. WILSON (IN FLAK EMPLACEMENT)

I. SQUADRON STRAFED M/Y AT SENHEIM FROM ALL DIRECTIONS. ABOVE CLAIMS RESULTED FROM THIS ATTACK. A 310 DEGREE COURSE WAS THEN TAKEN UNTIL THE SQUADRON CAME ACROSS THE A/D AT HODY. THREE SHIPS OF WHITE FLIGHT WENT DOWN TO STRAFE. DUMMY A/C SETTING IN CENTER OF PARKING AREA. INTENSE FLAK ALL THE WAY ACROSS THE FIELD. FLIGHT CROSSED FROM WEST TO EAST ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE FIELD. FOUR SOLDIERS IN A GUN EMPLACEMENT KILLED DURING THIS ATTACK. STAYED ON THE DECK FOR 30 SECONDS AND THEN TURNED TO A 310 DEGREE HEADING. AT THIS TIME MY RIGHT WING MAN WAS FLYING AS HIGH AS 1,000 FEET AND MY LEFT WING MAN HAD DISAPPEARED. I THEN CLIMBED TO REFORM WITH THE REST OF THE SQUADRON WHICH HAD BEEN PROVIDING TOP COVER AND AT THIS TIME I NOTICED THAT MY RIGHT WING MAN HAS GONE. THE SQUADRON THEN SET COURSE FOR HOME.

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