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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

- A. 20TH FIGHTER GROUP, LT. COL. RAU LEADING.
- B. 50 P-38'S (16-55TH) (16-77TH) 18-79TH) UP 0753DOWN 1206.
- C. 2
- D. VIII F. C. F. O. 331, PENETRATION, TARGET, AND WITHDRAWAL BOMBER ESCORT.
- E. 1P-38 NYR (REASON UNKNOWN)
- F. NIL
- G. 1
1ST LT. J. J. CONNOR, 55TH SQDN, NOT SEEN BUT HEARD TO SAY HE WAS BAILING OUT NORTH TARGET)
- H. NIL

I. IN, S. EGMOND, 0858, 25,000FT. R/V, (40 MINUTES EARLY). 0915, VICINITY NIENBURG, 25,000FT. REAR CZXXX C. W. B-24'S BOMBER FORMATION GOOD, BOXES TRAILING BADLY. TARGET, 0959, 23,000FT. W/D, 1045, MINDEN, 23,000FT. 15PLUS ME 109'S SEEN AT 30,000FT, JUST AFTER R/V. THESE REFUSED COMBAT, BUT MADE CONSTANT DIVING PASSES THROUGH BOMBERS AROUND ENTIRE COURSE TO OUR W/D. NUMEROUS P-51'S SEEN CHASING THESE E/A. P-47'S AT R/V, P-51'S ESCORTED OVER ENTIRE COURSE AND AFTER OUR W/D. P-47'S SEEN W/D. 2BAXXX 2B-24'S DOWN TARGET AREA(NO CHUTES) AND 2 DOWN HAMELN (1CHUTE).

R/T: "A" CHANNEL EXTREMELY NOISY.
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BT HAD A GOOD CURVE BALL

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8 MAY, 1944
FIELD ORDER 331
BOMBER ESCORT
TARGET - BRUNSWICK

- A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON - COL. WILSON LEADING
- B. 16 UP 0756 - 15 DOWN 1205
- C. NIL
- D. BOMBER ESCORT - FIELD ORDER #331
- E. ONE (1) - FIRE
- F. NIL
- G. ONE (1) - LT. CONNOR - BAILED OUT OVER GERMANY
- H. NIL

I. L/F IN 0901, 25,000 FEET, IJMUIDEN. R/V 0945, 25,000 FEET, NEAR BASSUM. ME 109'S SEEN FROM HOYA TO TARGET. SQUADRON MADE ONE BOUNCE, BUT NO CLAIMS. LT. CONNOR BAILED OUT NEAR ESCHADE. W/D 1045, 19,000 FEET, EAST OF SALZUFLEN. L/F OUT 1114, 15,000 FEET, NORTH OF BERGEN AN ZEE. ONE B-17 SEEN TO SPIN IN NEAR RHEINE, ONE CHUTE SEEN. P-47'S AND P-51'S SEEN ALL THE WAY.

PILOTS ON THIS MISSION:

WILSON	TAYLOR	MCLARY	SERROS
ANDERSON	LARRABEE	MARTIN	STOCKTON
CONNOR NYR	MILES	DUKE	LOEHNERT
DAIN	SPENCER	WELLS	BOELE

SPARES:

SYNUM
SMELTZ

RELAYS:

SCRUTCHFIELD
WATSON

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A. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group, Major Gustke leading.

B. 16 Up at 0758. Down at 1206.

C. Nil.

D. Target and Withdrawal support.

E. Nil.

F. Nil.

G. Nil.

H. Nil.

I. In Egmond at 25000 feet at 0858. R/V E of Meppel at 0915 with CW of B-24s. W/D near Dummer Lake at 1042 at 18000 feet. Out S of Egmond at 1110 at 17000 ft. B17s with P-51 escort passed on way in. P-47s seen in target area and P-51s seen all the way around. P-47s coming in when 77th withdrew. 2 B-24s seen going down NW of Northeim at approximately 1026.

Me-109 went through second section NE of Celle in steep dive. 3 Me-109s after 3 P-38s SE of Celle. Me-109 got strikes on P-38 in this engagement. Several 109s seen going through bombers. All in steep dives. E of Minden 1 Me-109 seen trailing 3 P38s but P-51 chased him into clouds.

Flak at Gifhorn light but inaccurate. Flak light and inaccurate at intervals.

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8 May 1944

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- A. 79th Fighter Squadron Lt. Col. H.J. Rau, leading
 - B. 18 P-38s Up: 0753; Down 1200.
 - C. 2 P-38s
 - D. Ramrod - Penetration and Target Support - 2nd Task Force
Target Brunswick; F. O. 331.
 - E. Nil
 - F. 1 P-38 Cat. B - broken hydraulic system line - pilot
landed at Wittering with one wheel down and nose
wheel and other wheel partly down. Pilot uninjured.
 - G. Nil.
 - H. 0-0-0
 - I. In - 0859 - S. of IJmuiden - 25,000
R/V - 0915 - Probably Nienburg - 25,000
Tgt - 0959 - Brunswick - 23,000
W/D - 1038 - Probably Minden - 25,000
Out - 1105 - Egmond - 21,000

E/A - 15 plus Me 109s seen from R/V through Target area. Made no concentrated attack on Bombers but made numerous diving attacks through bomber formations with P51s on their tails and chasing them right through formations of bombers. One Me 109 seen destroyed before target was reached (by 51s) and another single engine plane in same vicinity seen to go down but not smoking. Plane could not be identified.

Bombers: - B24s were met after Zuider Zee long before scheduled R/V which was to have been at target. Formation was spread out and loose but improved and was good at target. Overcast had few holes but none in target area. No bombers seen shot down by E/A but 2 B24s in target area seen to go down in trail and one then exploded. Might have been a collision. No chutes seen. Many B17s also seen north of our course in.

Friendly fighters: P47s and P51s were with bombers when we made R/V. P47s left then and P51s stayed on. At W/D P51s were still with bombers and P47s came in just before we left. P51s (3) made a simulated attack on 2 P38s returning alone.

Flak: Intense and heavy at Target area and three other places which may have been Bremen, Nienburg and Celle.

FRIENDLY FLAK IF FLAK CAN BE FRIENDLY: TWO BURSTS OF FLAK WERE SHOT AT GROUP AT GREAT YARMOUTH WHEN GROUP WAS RETURNING FROM MISSION.

R/T: Constant talking and whistling on "A". May have been German

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TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 331

DATE 8 May 1944

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a. Designation of Unit	20th Fighter Group.
b. Time of Landing	1206.
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	X 1. NYR (REASON UNKNOWN). Lt. Connor, 55th Sq.
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	
f. Weather - Battle damage	<p>In South Egmond, 25,000 feet 0858. R/V 0915, rear of B-24's 25,000 feet, Nienburg. Tgt. , 0959, 23,000 feet. W/D, 1045, Minden, 23,000 feet. Out Egmond, 1110, 20,000 feet. P-51's and 47's at R/V. P-47's and 51's At W/D. 2 bombers down tgt area (1 chute). 15 plus E/A....</p>

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TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

P.O. 331.DATE 8 May 1944.

(Not to be teletyped)	(Not to be teletyped)
a. Designation of Unit	55th Fighter Squadron.
b. Time of Landing	1205.
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	1. Lt. Connor, bail ed out Eschede, 1 engine on fire. (MIA).
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F 0901, 23,000 feet. Ijmuiden. R/V 0943, 23,000 feet Bassum. ME 109 seen from Hoya to target. 1 bounce no claims. W/D 1045 E. Salzuflen 19,000 feet. 1 - B-17 seen to spin in near Reine., 1 chute seen. L/F out 1114, 15,000 feet N. Bergen on Zee. P-47's and *51's all along the way....
f. Weather - Battle damage	

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a. Designation of Unit 77th Fighter Squadron.

b. Time of Landing 1206.

c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost) NIL.

d. Estimated Claims Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0

e. Brief description of Mission

f. Weather - Battle damage

In Egmond, 0858, 25,000 feet.
R/V east Meppel, 0915, last C.W.B-24's, 26,000 feet.
W/D Hummer Lake, 1042, 18,000 feet.
Out South Egmond, 1110, 17,000 feet. E S/E
Celle P-38 bailed out E/A. 1026, 2 B-24's
down N. Northeim 1 chute seen....

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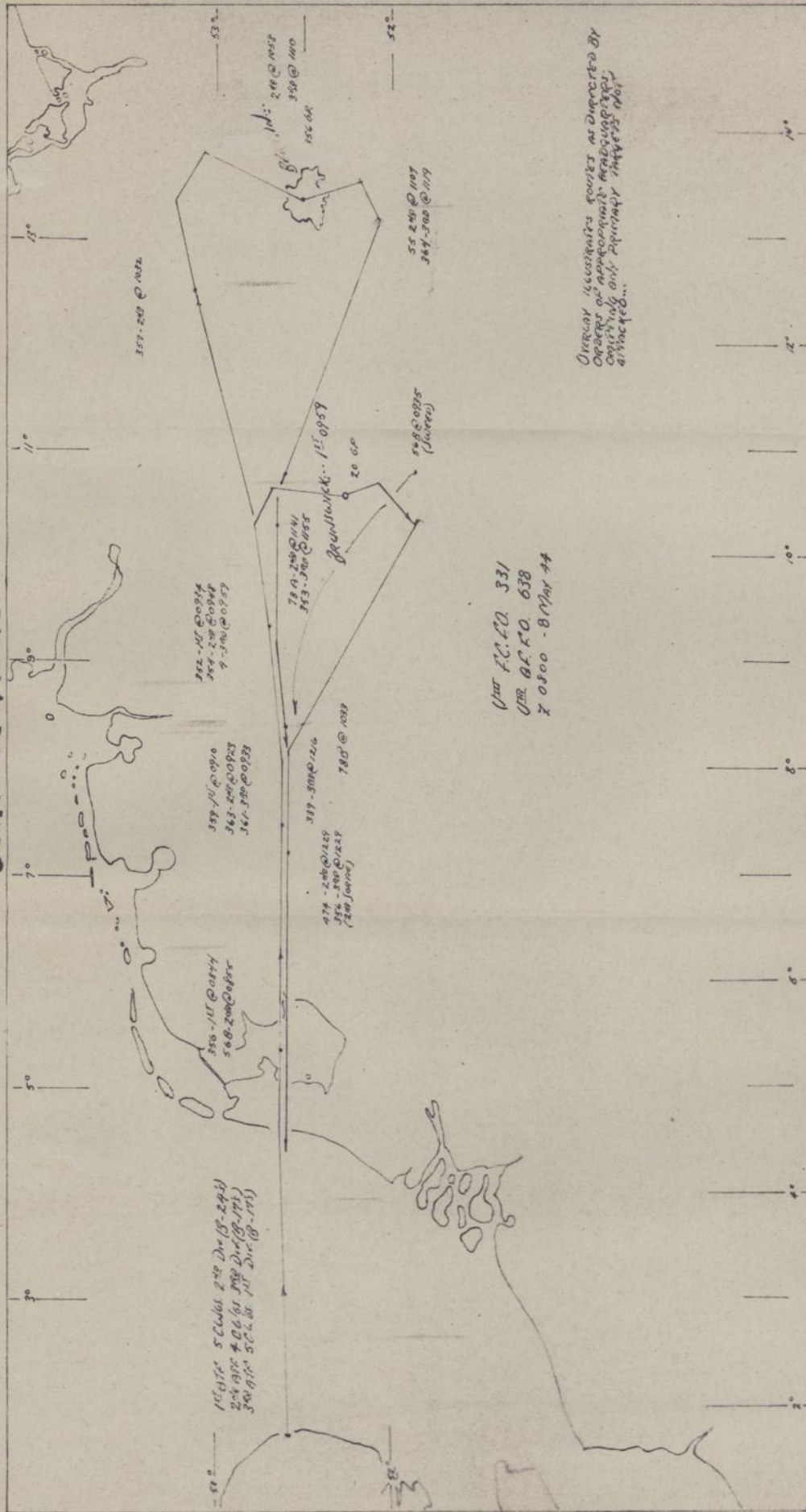
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a. Designation of Unit	79th Fighter Squadron.
b. Time of Landing	1200
c. Aircraft NVR (State if believed Lost)	NIL.
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed <input type="checkbox"/> Probable <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/>
e. Brief description of Mission	In 0859, S. Ijmuiden 25,000 feet. R/V 0915, Nienburg, 25,000 feet. Tgt. 0959, 23,000 feet. W/D 1038, Minden, 25,000 feet. Out 1105, Egmond, 21,000 feet. P-48' and P-51's at R/V. P-47's at W/D....
f. Weather - Battle damage	

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