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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

- A. 20TH FIGHTER GROUP, LT. COL. RAU LEADING.
- B. 53 P-38'S (18-55TH) (17-77TH) (18-79TH), UP 0805,
DOWN 1048.
- C. NIL
- D. VIII F.C.F.O. 348, PENETRATION, TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL BOMBER
ESCORT.
- E. THRU H. NIL.
- I. COMPLETE UNDERCAST MAKES EXACT CHECK ~~WITH~~ POINTING IMPOSSIBLE.
L/F, 0802, CABOURG, 21,000 FEET. R/V, 3BOXES (18A/C EACH) 3RD
DIVISION B-17'S, FLYING EXCELLENT FORMATION, 0842, 22,000 FEET
APPROXIMATELY 20 MILES SW TARGET. OUT, 0950, CABOURG, 21,000
FEET, W/D, 0955, 15 MILES OFF ENEMY COAST, 20,000 FEET. NO E/A
SEEN. B-24'S, P-38'S , P-51'S, P-47'S SEEN TGT AREA AND ON W/D.
R/T GOOD.

BT AS FOR CHECK.
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By WDC NARA Date 3/8/11

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

- A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, LT. COL. WILSON LEADING.
- B. 18 P-38'S UP 0710 HOURS DOWN 1045 HOURS
- C. NIL
- D. BOMBER ESCORT FIELD ORDER #348
- E. THRU H. NIL
- I. LANDFALL IN COBOURG 0802 HOURS 20,000 FEET. R/V WITH 54 B-17'S WITH SQUARES 0842 HOURS 22,000 FEET. PLANE NOSE P-38'S WITH BOMBERS AT THE TIME OF OUR R/V. LANDFALL OUT 0948 HOURS COBOURG 22,000 FEET. W/D 30 MILES INTO CHANNEL 0955 HOURS 21,000 FEET.

NO FLAK -- NO E/A -- SOLID OVERCAST OVER CONTINENT.

PILOT'S SCHEDULED FOR THIS MISSION:

WILSON	HOWER	MC LARY	HALLBERG
SPENCER	WASIL	WELLS	BAIN
KLINK	BOELE	BAKER	SERROS
LARRABEE	STOCKTON	MARTIN	ANDERSON

SPARES: TENNANT AND SMELTZ (WENT THE ROUTE)

23 MAY 1944
FIELD ORDER #348
TARGET - BRETAGNY, FRANCE

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT 23 MAY 1944

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

B. 17 up at 0711. Down at 1053.

C. 0

D. Bomber Escort, Penetration, Target and withdrawal support, FO. #348.

E. Nil.

F. Nil.

G. Nil.

H. Nil.

I. Overcast made it impossible to pin-point LF in but believe it was Cabourg at 0807 at 21000 ft. RV at Toury at 0840 at 26000 ft with one CW of B-17s of 3rd Div. B-24s also seen in area. LF out and WD St. Aubin Sur Mer at 0949 at 21000 ft. Flak meager and innacurate over Paris. No e/a in air. 3 unidentified a/c seen on Orleans Bricy airdrome. B-24 with ^{miles} 3 engine smoking on way out near French coast. Balloon or parachute seen 15/W of Fontainebleu at 26000 ft. P-38s, P-51s and P-47s seen in area.

MISSION REPORT

23 May 1944

- A. 79th Fighter Squadron Lt. Col. Rau, leading
- B. 18 P-38s Up: 0705; Down: 1048
- C. Nil
- D. Ramrod - Bomber escort F. O. #348
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. Nil
- I. In: 0805 - 21,000 - Cabourg
R/V: 0845 - 21,000 - Rambouillet
Out: 0955 - 20,000 - St. Valery (est)
W/D: 1000 - 20,000 15 Miles off coast
E/A: None
Bombers: 3 boxes 3rd Division in good formation. No bombers in trouble.
R/T: Good

EDWARD J. STEINER
Captain, Air Corps
Intelligence Officer

TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 348

DATE 23 May 1944

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a. Designation of Unit	20TH FIGHTER GROUP
b. Time of Landing	1048
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F 0802, Cabourg, 21,000 ft. R/V, 3 boxes (18 A/C each) 3rd Div. B-17's, 0842, 22,000 ft, SW target. Complete overcast. Out 0950, Cabourg, 29,000 ft. W/D 15 miles off enemy coast, 0955, 20,000 ft. No E/A seen, no flak.
f. Weather - Battle damage	

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b. Time of Landing	1045
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F 0802, Cabourg, 20,000 ft. R/V 0842, 54 B-17's 3rd Div., 22,000 ft. P-38's with bombers at this time. Out 0948, Cabourg, 22,000 ft. W/D, 0955, mid-channel, 21,000 ft. No flak or E/A.
f. Weather - Battle damage	

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b. Time of Landing	1053
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 0807, R/V 0840, Tourg--, 26,000 ft. W/D and L/D out 0949, St Aubin-sur-Mer, 21,000 ft.
f. Weather - Battle damage	

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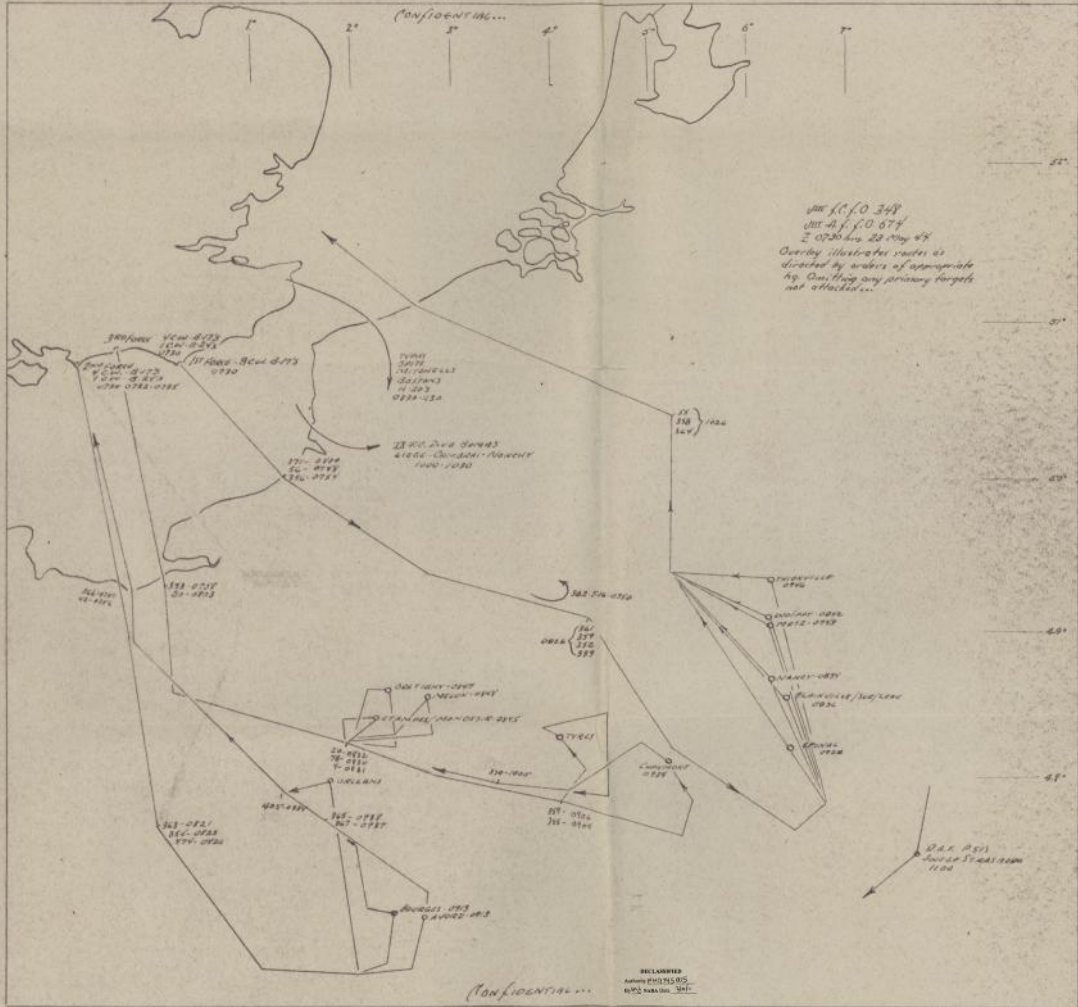
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b. Time of Landing	1048
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	In 0805, Cabourg, 21,000ft. R/V, 0845, Rambouillet, (W Tgt), 3 CW's 3rd Div. B-17's. Out 0955, St. Valerie, 20,000 ft. W/D 1000, 15 miles off coast, 20,000 ft.
f. Weather - Battle damage	

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 2 0230 hrs 23 May 44
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 HQ. Destroying any primary targets
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