MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

- 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, COL. JOHNSON LEADING
- B. 17 A/C UP 0850 15 DOWN 1405
- C. 2 E.R.
- F. O. 349; WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT.
- 四4 NIL
- NIL
- H. NIL
- L/F IN 1026, 25,000 FEET NEAR BLAVORT, R/V 1105, 27,000 FEET MEAR ORANIEMBURG - B-178, TRIANGLE INSIGNIA, GOOD FORMATION . 100+ FW 1901S BOUNCED OUR GROUP AND BOMBERS. SQUADRON CLIMBED TO BREAK UP THE ATTACK. 2 BOMBERS SEEN TO BLOW UP, 5 OTHERS TO SPIN IN. NO CHUTES SEEN. P-51'S AT ARANIENBURG AND PRITZWALK. PLAIN NOSED P-3818 AT LUDWIGSLUST. W/D 1210, 27,000 FT. N OF HAMBURG. L/F OUT 1230, 22,000 FEET SOUTH OF CUXHAVEN. HEAVY, INACCURATE FLAK ALL ALONG FRISIAN ISLANDS. MUSIC ON "A" CHANNEL WEAK.

THOSE FLYING IN TODAYS MISSION WERE:

SPARE: LARRABEE JOHNSON LOW WILSON FORD: BURFORD MARTIN CAVELL CRUICKSHANK RELAYS: HOWER KLINK WATSON MALCHOW SERROS SPENCER WELLS BYNUM PIERSON BAIN

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT MAY 24, 1944 MAJOR GUSTKE

- A. 77THFIGHER SQUADRON, 20TH FIGHTER GROUP, MXXXXXXX JOHNSON LEADING.
- B. 16 up at 0852. Down at 1405.
- C. 6 1 escort.
- D. Withrawal Support, Bomber escort. F.O. #349.
- E. Nil.
- F. Nil.
- G. Nil.
- H. Nil.
- I. In at Busum at 1025 at 30000 ft. R/V with last CW of B-17s of 1st Div

Fornicke
at 1110 at 30000 ft at Booms and 6 miles W of Berlin. WD N of Hamburg at 1206
at 30000 ft. LF out at Busum at 1225 at 20000 ft. No e/a seen. Flak heavy
and accurate over Berlin, Hamburg, Helligoland, and East Frisian Islands. Saw
bombs www over Berlin. Saw large ship which appeared to be destroyer off German Coast. to Saw 2 B-17s flaming, one having blown up E of Berlin. No chutes seen
but were/far away to notice this. P-51s with bombers. Saw P-38s come in before
our WD. Saw P-47s come in as we made LF out. Barrage balloons over Hamburg.
Straggler B-17 seen S of Wilhelmshaven at about 5000 ft. by one of our abortives.
2 boxes of B-17s seen before target. 2 boxes of B-17s seen before target.

- A. 79th Fighter Squadron Major D. E. Anderson, leading
- B. 18 P-38s Up: 0850 Down: 1415
- C. 3 P-38s (1 Escort)
- D. Remrod- Withdrawal Support, F. 0.#349
- E. 3xxx32xxxNXR) 1 P-38 (NYR)
- F. 1 P-38 Cat. "AC", collided with E/A/
- G. 1 (NYR) Lieut. Huarte, Hit by E/A and was on one engine. Over German Coast on way out when last leard from.
- H. 1-1-2
- I. In, Overcast couldn't tell, Time, Unknown, Due to Overcast, Alt. 25,000
 R/V, W. of Eberswalde, 1110, 28,000
 W/D, Unknown due to overcast, 1205, 31,000
 Out, S. W. Marne, 1230, 24,000

Friendly Fighters and Bombers: R/V made with 1st Div. B-17s (3 C.W.) P-51s sighted in R/V area. P-38s and P-47s sighted at W/D.

3 fellows sighted in dinghy N. W. of Terschelling Island.

E/A: 30 silver Me-109s bounced squadron at 28,000 feet, just at R/V. 1 Long Nosed Fw-190 in sighted with white stars on wings mixed up with Me-109s. 30 Plus enemy fighters in area of R/V.

Flak: Just after R/V, heavy, not concentrated. Landfall out, heavy, not concentrated. Frisian Islands, heavy, not concentrated.

J. 2 Me-109 Destroyed, Capt. Ilfrey 7 4Th 89
1 Me-109 Damaged, Major Anderson
1 Me-109 Damaged, Lieut. Stevens

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

TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

	(Not to be teletyped)	(Not to be teletyped)
a.	Designation of Unit	20TH FIGHTER GROUP
b.	Time of Landing	1412
<u>c</u> .	Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	2 NYR- 1 believed lost.
d.	Estimated Claims	Destroyed 1 Probable 1 Damaged 2
	Brief description of Mission Weather - Battle damage	L/F in 1227, Busum, 25,000 ft. R/V 1110, 4 CW's 1st Div. B-17's, 77th Sqdn at Bornicke on penetration, 55th and 79th Sqdns. at Bernau on W/D from Berlin. Left Bombers 1208, N. of Hamburg, 27,000 ft. L/F out 1230, near Marne, 27,000 ft. 50 plus S/E E/A, predominately FW 190's, attack bombers as group arrived at R/V, leaving 20 plus ME 109's as top cover. Two bombers seen to go down, one as result of a collision with an ME 109. Bombers unmolested thereafter. P-51's with the bombers at R/V. P-38's R/V at Pritzwak P-47's N. of Hamburg. Flak terrific at Berlin, Heligoland and East Frisian Islands.

TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 349	DATE 24 May 1944
(Not to be teletyped)	to be teletyped)
a. Designation of Unit	55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
b. Time of Landing	1405
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	3 NYR (in England)
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed O Probable O Damaged O
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F in 1026, near Blavort, 25,000 ft. R/V 1105, near Oranienburg, 1st Div. B-17's, 27,000 ft. Bombers going northwest. 100 plus FW 190's at 29,000 ft bounced bombers at R/V. 2 B-17's seen blowing up, 5 others spinning in-no chutes. P-51's at target and Pritzwalk, P-38's at Ludswiglust. W/D 1210, N. of Hanburg, 27,000 ft.
f. Weather - Battle damage	L/F out 1230, S. of Cuxhaven, 22,000 ft. Heavy, inaccurate flak along Frisians.

TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 349	DATE 22 May 1944		
(Not to be teletyped)	(Not to be teletyped)		
a. Designation of Unit	77TH FIGHTER SQUADRON		
b. Time of Landing	1405		
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL		
4. Estimated Claims	Destroyed O Probable O Damaged O		
f. Weather - Battle damage	L/F in 1025, Busum, 30,000 ft. R/V, 1st Div. B-1 Bornicke, 30,000 ft. W/D 1206, N. of Hamburg, 30,000 ft. Out 1225, Busum, 20,000 ft. Flak terrific at Berlin, also at Heligoland and East Frisians. Two flaming B-17's seen E. of Berlin. Primrose Red leader at 1115 said he was hit and was going to bail out. P-51's at R/V, P-47's at L/F out. P-38's at W/D (10 min before)Bomber Formation good. No E/A seen.		

TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT .

F.C		- 349	DATE 22 May 1944	
		(Not to be teletyped)	(Not to be teletyped)	
-	a.	Designation of Unit	79TH FIGHTER SQUADRON	
	b.	Time of Landing	1415	
	c.	Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	8 NYR (Unaccounted for)	
	d.	Estimated Claims	Destroyed 2 Probable 0 Damaged 1	
		Brief description of Mission Weather - Battle damage	In on time and course. R/V 1110, 28,000 ft. Bounced by 30 plus ME 109's and FW 190's; W/D 1205, uncertain where, 31,000 ft. Out SW Marne, 1230, 24,000 ft. P-51'd at R/V, P-38's, P-47's appeared at W/D. 1 long-nosed FW 190 with American insignia, camouflaged like P-51, seen. Heavy, moderate, inaccurate at R/V, Moone and East Fisians.	