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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

A. 20TH FIGHTER GROUP, LT. COL. JOHNSON LEADING.

B. 48P-38'S (17-55TH) (17-77TH) (14-79TH) UP 1004DOWN 1526.

C. 10.

D. VIII F. C. F. O. 353 PENETRATION BOMBER ESCORT.

E. THRU H. NIL.

I. R/V, 1145, 5C. W'S XXX 1ST DIV. B-17'S(FRONT WINGS) CELLE,
23,000FEET. GOOD FORMATION WITHIN BOXES WHICH WERE TRAILING BADLY.
W/D, 1245, EAST GUBIN, 24,000FEET. NO E/A SEEN. P-51'S JOINED
BOMBERS AT 1240. COMPLETE OIL TRAIN BURNING FIERCELY 20 MILES NE
STEINHUDE LAKE. EXTREMELY HEAVY BARGE TRAFFIC SEEN ZWOLLE CANAL AREA.

R/T - MUSICAL PROGRAM ENTITLED "MUSIC IN THE AIR- BERLIN HEARD
INTERMITTENTLY A CHANNEL.

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By WJ NARA Date 3/5/11

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

- A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, CAPT. TAYLOR LEADING
- B. 17 A/C UP 1006 - 15 DOWN 1526
- C. 2
- D. BOMBER ESCORT - F.O. 353
- E. THRU H. NIL
- F. L/F IN 1105, 22000 FEET EGMOND, R/V 1142, 25,000 FEET B-17'S 5 CW'S, TRIANGLE INSIGNIA, VERY GOOD FORMATION. W/D 1244, 21,000 FEET, SOMERFELD WHERE P-51'S RELIEVED. BURNING OIL TRAIN SEEN 20 MILES N.E. STEINHUDE LAKE. PROBABLY DIVE BOMBED. BIG SMOKE COLUMN SO. OF POTSDAM. BARGES FILLING CANALS NEAR ZWOLLE. INTENSE MUSIC ON "A" CHANNEL TITLED "MUSIC IN THE AIR" - BERLIN, BETWEEN LINGEN AND STENDAL. L/F OUT 1445, 13,000 FT., NORTH OF ALKMAR.

THOSE FLYING IN TODAY'S MISSION WERE:

LOW (E.R. NO L/F)	SERROS	TAYLOR	PANNELL	SPARE:
TENNANT	CAVELL	BURFORD	MALCHOW	BAIN
CRUICKSHANK	LOEHNERT	MILES	GUJE	
ANDERSON	WASIL	BYNUM	MARTIN	

29 MAY, 1944

F.O. 353

BOMBER ESCORT-PENETRATION

TARGET - POZNAN, (POZEN)

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A. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group, Lt. Col. Johnson leading.

B. 17 up at 1005. Down at 1515.

C. Six.

D. Penetration Support, Field Order No. 353.

E. Nil.

F. Nil.

G. Nil.

H. Nil.

I. In N of IJmuiden at 1107 at 23,000 feet. R/V at Fuhrberg, SW of Celle at 1145 at 23,000 feet with last CW of 1st Div. By time first box was reached turn had been made at Stendel. W/D at Guben at 1245 at 24,000 feet. LF out N of IJmuiden at 1420 at 12,000 feet. P-47s were with bombers when we R/V. P-51s were escorting with us. P-51s of 357th Gp relieved us. Bombers boxes very loose. ^{Unknown} Airdrome believed to be ~~Potsdam~~ had 30 plus gliders on hangar line. They were not dispersed and runway had markings on it that seemed to be 6D98. Airfield observed from 18,000 feet.

Smoke screens over Magdeburg, Brunswick, Hannover. Large cloud of smoke rising NE of Berlin.

Oil Train burning on track possibly near Bille, NE of Nienburg, hit by P-47s. Bombers seen hitting in Leipzig area. Smoke rising from bomb bursts.

Flak medium and inaccurate over large cities.

J. Nil.

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT
79th Ftr. Sq.

29 May 1944

- A. 79th Ftr. Sq. Capt. Ilfrey, Leading
- B. 14 P-38s Up: 1010 Down: 1525
- C. 2 P-38s
- D. Ramrod - Penetration support F. O. #353
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. Nil
- H. 0-0-0
- I. In, ~~between~~ S. of Alkmaar, Time 1107, Alt. 20,000
R/V, N. E. of Magdeburg, Time 1200, Alt. 23,000
W/D, Schwiebus, Time 1250, 25,000
Out, Between Alkmaar and Haarlem, Time 1415, 12,000

Friendly Fighters and Bombers: P-51s ~~xxx~~ sighted just before R/V and were with Group ~~xxx~~ until Gp. withdrew. The P-51s then took over escort of bombers. P-47s sighted as Gp. was coming out. R/V made with 1st Div. B-17s. Approx. 5 C.W.s were in the task force.

E/A: Approximately 15 small planes sighted on airdrome that was thought to be Brandenburg.

Flak: Heavy, unconcentrated flak encountered S. of Berlin.
Heavy, unconcentrated flak was encountered at Magdeburg.

Misc: An object thought to be a man with his May West inflated sighted 40 miles of Dutch Coast on way out at 1430. An object that appeared to be an inflated dinghy was near by.

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

TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 353

Date 29 May 1944

(Not to be teletyped)

(If not to be typed)

a. Designation of Unit	20TH FIGHTER GROUP
b. Time of Landing	1526
c. Aircraft NVR (Stat. if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	R/V 1145, Celle, 23,000 ft, 5 CW's 1st Div. B-17's. W/D 1245, West Guben, 24,000 ft. N6 E/A.
f. Weather - Battle damage	

TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 353

DATE 29 May 1944

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a. Designation of Unit	55th FIGHTER SQUADRON
b. Time of Landing	1526
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	L/F 1105, Egmond, 22,000 ft. R/V, 1155, Celle, 25X 25,000 ft, 5 CW's 1st Div. B-17's in good for- mation. W/D 1245, Somerfeldt (SE of Frankfurt), 21,000 ft. Out 1445, N. of Alkmaar, 13,000 ft. P-51's seen at our R/V. Heavy flak met at Potsdam, on and around canals at Zwolle.
f. Weather - Battle damage	

TELETYPE WASH REPORT

P.O. 353

DATE 29 May 1944

(Not to be teletyped)

a. Designation of Unit	77TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
b. Time of Landing	1515
c. Aircraft N/R (Stat. if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	In 1107, N. of Ijmuiden, 23,000 ft. R/V 1145, Fuhrberg (SW of Celle), 23,000 ft, last of 5 CW's. W/D, 1245, nr. Guben, 24,000 ft. Out 1420, N. of Ijmuiden, 12,000 ft. At Potsdam A/D 35 gliders on Runway 6098 seen from 18,000 ft.
f. Weather - Battle damage	

TELETYPE FLASH REPORT

P.O. 353

DATE 29 May 1944.

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a. Designation of Unit	79TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
b. Time of Landing	1525
c. Aircraft NYR (Status of believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Exploded 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	In 1107, S. of Alkmaar, 20,000 ft. R/V 1200, NE of Magdeburg, 23,000 ft, 5 CW's 1st Div. B-17's, Left bombers 1250, Schwidris nr. Polish border, 25,000 ft. Out 1415, Alkmaar, 12,000 ft. No E/A seen.
f. Weather - Battle damage	

