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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT  
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- A. 20TH FIGHTER GROUP, COLONEL RAU LEADING.
- B. 49 P-38'S . (16-55TH). (17-77TH ) , (16-79TH) UP 0957  
DOWN 1502.
- C. 7 (1ESCORT)
- D. VII F.C. F.O. 355, WITHDRAWAL BOMBER ESCORT AND FIGHTER STRAFING.
- E. THRU G. NIL.
- H. GROUND TARGETS DESTROYED (29<sup>29</sup> LOCOTIVES-- 6 ELECTRIC INCLUDED) - 1 Rail  
DAMAGED ( 3 STEAM AND 3 ELECTRIC LOCOTIVES, 6 GOODS VANS, <sup>Suwa</sup>  
1 RAILWAY FLAT CAR, 1 OIL DERRICK AND PUMP HOUSE.) <sub>Tow</sub>
- I. R/V, 1140, 3C.W.'S X 3RD DIV. B-17'S FLYING GOOD ~~KKKXXIIEM~~ FORMATION  
NE KOBLENZ, 27,000 FEET. TWO SQUADRONS W/D, 1250, KNOCKE, 24,000  
FEET. ONE SQ. RETURNED TO ESCORT ANOTHER WING 3RD DIV. B-17'S AND  
W/D 1305, 27,000 FEET, OSTEND. GROUP TURNED TO ARNHEIM, ALMELO,  
ZWOLLE, MEPPEL AREA WHERE ~~SK~~ STRAFED THE ABOVE GROUND TARGETS.  
NO E/A SEEN. P-51'S AT ~~MX~~ R/V AND 30 MINUTES THEREAFTER.  
R/T GOOD.

BT AS FOR CHECK.

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By SJ NARA Date 03-09-11

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

- A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, LT. COL. WILSON LEADING
- B. 16 UP 1000 HOURS - 14 DOWN 1500
- C. 2
- D. BOMBER ESCORT F.O. 355

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- I. R/V 1140, 27,000 FEET LAACHEN LAKE, 3 BOXES 17'S GOOD FORMATION. W/D 1200, 20,000 FEET SOUTH OF GHENT. RETURNED, R/V WITH ONE BOX B-17'S 1220, 26,000 FEET, SOUTH OF LAACHEN LAKE. W/D 1305 HOURS 27,000 FEET, SOUTH OF OSTEND. SET COURSE TO TIEL WHERE SQUADRON HIT THE DECK, FOLLOWING ELECTRIC R.R. TO ARNHEIM. FOLLOWING CLAIMS RESULTED. STAYED ON DECK TO UTRECHT.

- | DESTROYED  |  | DAMAGED                                 |  |
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| 3 - LOCOMOTIVES - COL. WILSON                              |  | 3 - ELECT. LOCO. COL. WILSON            |  |
| 1 - ELECT. LOCO. - LT. BAKER, ANDERSON<br>CRUICKSHANK.     |  | 6 - GOODSVANS - LTS. BUIE,<br>& MALCHOW |  |
| 1 - LOCOMOTIVE - LT. SMELTZ                                |  |   |  |
| 2 - LOCOMOTIVES - COL. WILSON, MAJ. LOW<br>LT. WATSON      |  |   |  |
| 2 - ELECT. LOCO. - " " " "                                 |  |   |  |
| 1 - LOCOMOTIVE - LTS. BUIE, MALCHOW                        |  |   |  |
| 2 - ELECT. LOCO. - MCLARY, ANDERSON L,<br>LOEHNERT, WASIL. |  |   |  |
| 1 - LOCOMOTIVE - CAPT. MCLARY                              |  |   |  |

THOSE FLYING IN TODAY'S MISSION WERE:

WILSON	LOW	MCLARY	BAKER
BYNUM (L/F)	MALCHOW ( )	ANDERSON L.	ANDERSON ( )
WATSON	BUIE ( )	LOEHNERT	CRUICKSHANK
SPENCER (NO L/F)	SMELTZ	WASIL	KELLY

31 MAY, 1944  
W/D SUPPORT-HAMM  
FIELD ORDER NO. 355

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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT 31 MAY 1944

A. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group, Captain Reihmer leading.

B. 17 up at 0959. Down at 1500.

C. 2

D. Withdrawal Support, Field Order No. 355.

E. Nil.

F. Nil.

G. Nil.

H. <sup>12</sup> ~~12~~ locomotives destroyed (1 electric).

~~3~~ 1 " damaged.

1 Railroad Switch Tower Destroyed.

I. Weather does not permit pinpointing the following places definitely but believe LF was at Nieuport at 1053 at 26000 feet; RV on Rhine N of Koblenz at 1141 at 26000 ft with 3 boxes B-17s of 3rd Div; WD at Flushing at 1250 at 23000 ft. One of the 3 above boxes was lagging but formation within boxes generally good. Relieved P-51s at RV and other P-38s were also seen with 2nd ATF. After WD Sqdn proceeded NE and went to deck in Hengelo, ~~Almelo~~ Almelo, and Zwolle area where above claims were accomplished. 1 flight flew along Twente canal where numerous 40mm flak installations were seen, the flak itself being very heavy, intense and accurate. Flak also heavy at Arnhem. LF out was from IJmuiden to the Hague from 8,000 to 11000 ft. Approx. 1411. No e/a seen in air or on ground. B-24s with P-47 escort seen near Brussels on way in. P-51s seen all along course.

J. 2 locomotives destroyed - Lt. Garrett.

2 " " Lt. Moncrieff (1 electric).

1 " " Capt. Morris, Lt. Kuemmerle, Lt. Reid, Fiebelkorn and Garrett.

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1 " " Capt. Morris, Lt. Kuemmerle and 79th pilot.

2 " " Lt. Alexander.

2 " " Capt. Reihmer and Lt. Gjolme.

1 " " Lt. Davis and Lt. Jacobson.

~~1~~ " ~~damaged~~ Capt. Reihmer & Lt. Gjolme.

<sup>DIFM</sup> 1 " " Lt. Garrett.

1 Railroad Switch Tower Destroyed Lt. Reid.

## MISSION REPORT

31 May 1944

- A. 79th Fighter Squadron Col. H. J. Rau, leading
- B. 16 P-38s Up: 1002; Down: 1502
- C. 3 P-38s, (1 Escort)
- D. Ramrod - Withdrawal support and ground strafing - F.O. #355
- E. Nil
- F. 1 P-38 Flak Damage Cat. "A"
- G.
- H. ~~XXXX~~ <sup>4</sup> Locomotives, Destroyed; ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ <sup>Railway</sup> Car, Damaged; 1 oil derrick and pump house, Damaged. 1/Flak,
- ~~XX~~
- I. In, Dunkirk, 1055, 25,000  
 R/V, N. E. Coblenz, 1140, 28,500  
 W/D, Knoeke, 1245, 24,000  
 W. Lingen, 1330, 19,000  
 N.E. Zwolle, 1340, 12,000  
 Out, N. Haarlem, 1420, 12,000
- Friendly Fighters and Bombers: R/V with 2 C.W.s 3rd Div. B-17s. P-51s and P-47s sighted going in and coming out. P-38s sighted W. of R/V. One Stragglng bomber sighted but didn't appear to be in trouble.
- E/A: 30 E/A sighted on A/D E. of Meppel.
- Flak: Light, accurate, unconcentrated flak encountered N. E. of Zwolle. Flak barges sighted in Zuider Zee.
- J. (1 Locomotive Destroyed - Col. Rau and Lieut. E. O. Smith  
 1 Locomotive Destroyed - Lieut. Bradshaw  
 1 Locomotive Destroyed - Lieut. Bradshaw and Lieut. E. O. Smith  
 1 Locomotive Destroyed - Lieut. E. O. Smith and Lieut. Lewis
- 1 Railway Falk Car, Damaged - Capt. W. W. Smith  
 1 X Oil Derrick and Pump House Damaged, Lieut. Klatt.

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

TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 355

DATE 31 May 1944

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a. Designation of Unit	20TH FIGHTER GROUP
b. Time of Landing	1502
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Grd Tgts Attacked Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	R/V 1140, NE of Koblanz, 27,000 ft. 3 CW's 3rd Div. B-17's. 2 Sqdns W/D 1250, Knocke, 24,000 ft. 1 Sqdn returned to Laacher, brought back 1 more box, W/D 1305, Ostend, 27,000 ft. Gp returned to Almelo, Zwolle, Meppel area, strafed ground targets.
f. Weather - Battle damage	

TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 355

DATE 31 May 1944

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a. Designation of Unit	55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
b. Time of Landing	1500
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	R/V 1140, Laachen Lake, 3 boxes of B-17's. W/D 1200, S. of Ghent, 20,000 ft. Returned to R/V with 1 box of bombers, B-17's, 1220, 26,666 ft, S. of Laachen Lake. W/D 1305, S. of Ostend, 27,000 ft. Set course to Tiel where Scdn hit deck, 1315. Followed enemy R.R. to Arnheim, turned and stayed on deck to Utrecht.
f. Weather - Battle Damage	

TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 355

DATE 31 May 1944

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a. Designation of Unit	77TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
b. Time of Landing	1500
c. Aircraft NVR (State if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Grd Tgts Dest & Dam. Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	In 1053, Nieuport, 26,000ft. R/V 1141, N. of Koblenz, 26,000 ft, 3 CW's 3rd Div. B-17's. W/D 1250, Flushing, 23,000 ft. Returned to Hengelo, Almelo, Zwolle area. Out 1411, Hague to IJmuiden, 8,000-11,000 ft.
f. Weather - Battle damage	

TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 355

DATE 31 May 1944

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a. Designation of Unit	79TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
b. Time of Landing	1502
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	2 NYR
d. Estimated Claims	Grd Tgts Dest. & Dam. Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	In 1055, Dunkirk, 25,000 ft. E/V 1140, NE of Koblenz, 28,500 ft, 2 CW's 3rd Div. B-17's. W/D 1245, Knocke, 24,000 ft. Returned to West Lingen, 1330, 19,000 ft. To NE of Zwolle, 1340, 12,000 ft. Then to Meppel. Out 1420, N. of Haarlem, 12,000 ft. Hit deck between Assen, Zwolle and Lingen.
f. Weather - Battle damage	