

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT - TELEPHONE

F. O. 387, 13 JUNE 1944.

- A. 20TH FIGHTER GROUP
- B. UP 1848 DOWN 2255
- C. 49
- D. NIL
- E. 2 NYR - CAPT ILFREY, 79TH SQDN AT 2VO 7097 DUE TO FLAK
Lt QUINN, 77TH SQDN, AT 1VX5748 DUE TO FLAK
- F. NIL
- G. 79TH SQDN BOMBED R.R. BRIDGE AT LA POSSINIÈRE AT 2040. 55TH SQDN BOMBED HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER LOIRE R. AT MONTJEAN AT 2030.

BOMB DATA:

ON RR. BRIDGE AT LA POSSINIÈRE:

- 1) 15 A/C
- 2) 2040
- 3) FAIR; DIRECT HITS SEVERED TRACKS AND DAMAGED BRIDGE STRUCTURE AT BOTH ENDS AND IN THE MIDDLE.
- 4) 15X1000 G.P.
- 5) DIVE BEGUN AT 12,000 FT, PULLED OUT AT 4-6,000.

ON HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER LOIRE AT MONTJEAN:

- 1) 17 A/C
- 2) 2035
- 3) 17X1000 G.P.
- 4) ONE SPAN NEAR CENTER OF BRIDGE KNOCKED DOWN
- 5)

DAMAGE DONE TO BOTH BRIDGES MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED IN PART BY 55TH GP. BOMBING.

STRAFING:

- 1 LOCOMOTIVE PULLING 15-CAR TRAIN N. AT 2VO7097, DESTROYED.
- 1 LOCOMOTIVE DESTROYED, 5 DAMAGED AND 1 TRUCK DESTROYED AT 2VJ2208.
- 5 TRUCKS DESTROYED, 3 TRUCKS & 1 STAFF CAR DAMAGED AT 1VY3450.
- 1 LOCOMOTIVE DESTROYED AT 2V00293
- 1 TRUCK DESTROYED AT EACH OF LOCATIONS 1VH9924, 1VX5978, 1VY1446, 1VX9093.

FLAK: INTENSE ACCURATE AND LIGHT FROM TRAIN AND ADJOINING FIELD STRAFED AT 2VO7097, AND FROM A/D AT 1VX5748.

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A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, COL. RAU LEADING.

B. TIME UP 1848 - TIME DOWN 2250

C. 17 P-38S DISPATCHED

D. NIL

E. NIL

F. CLAIMS LISTED BELOW

G. L/F IN LE MONT ST. MICHEL 2000 HOURS 32000 FEET. TIME OVER TARGET 2035/2050. SAW ANOTHER P-38 GROUP BOMBING OUR PRIMARY TARGET SO WE WENT TO FIRST BRIDGE WEST OF P/T. LOOKED LIKE A HIGHWAY BRIDGE AT MONTJEAN 2VP590715. BOMBED THEN HIT DECK AND CAME HOME ON DECK. L/F OUT 2142 GRANVILLE. PRIMARY TARGET HAD BEEN HIT. WAS COVERED WITH CLOUDS. WENT WEST AND HIT FIRST BRIDGE THEY FOUND. THEN GROUP WENT TO P/T AND BOMBED IT AGAIN. IT HAD BEEN HIT. WE DID P/POOR.

DESTROYED
1 TRUCK DESTROYED-MAJ. LOW
1 TRUCK DESTROYED-MAJ. LOBINGIER
2 GAS TRUCKS DEST.-LT. H. ANDERSON
1 TRUCK DESTROYED-LT. WASIL

DAMAGED
1 TRUCK - MAJ. LOBINGIER
1 TRUCK - LT. WELLS &
LT. HOWER (SHARED)
1 STAFF CAR -LT. FORD
1 TRUCK - LT. FORD

1. DIVE BOMBING
2. 17 X 1,000 LBS., G.P. BOMBS
3. 12,000 FEET. 45 DEGREE ANGLE
4. 5/7,000 FEET.
5. TARGETS - MONTJEAN
6. TWO GOOD HOLES - SOUTH SECTION
7. CROSS WIND
8. NORTH TO SOUTH
9. RIGHT SHACKLE
10. NIL

THOSE FLYING IN THIS MISSION WERE:

RAU	LOBINGIER	LOW	PANNELL	SPARE:
WELLS	LARRABEE	KELLY	SMELTZ	H. ANDERSON
HOWER	MILES	FORD	RIEMENSNIJDER	
WASIL	L. ANDERSON	BAIN	MALCHOW	

13 JUNE, 1944
DROOPSNOOT-LA POSSONNIERE
BOMBED MONTJEAN
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A. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group, Captain Reihmer leading.

B. Up at 1852. Down 2255.

C. 16.

D. Nil.

E. NYR: Russell G. Quinn, 1st Lt.

F. 5 trucks destroyed
1 car destroyed.
2 locomotives destroyed
6 locomotives damaged.
1 radio station damaged.

G. LF in N of Pontorson at 2011 at 15,000 feet. Arrived at Tgt area at 2030 at 16,000 feet and remained there giving top cover at 16,000 feet to other two squadrons of group as they bombed. 3 hits observed on bridge at La Possonniere at N and S end of it and 1/3 up from S end. LF out from Plurien to Cherrueix, 5,000 to 12,000 feet, 2145 to 2150. After leaving tgt area went to deck to strafe and shot up the following:

1 truck destroyed, 5 locomotives damaged at 2VJ2208
1 locomotive destroyed at 2V00293
1 locomotive damaged at 2VH8713
1 truck destroyed at 1VY1446
1 truck destroyed at 1VH9924
1 truck destroyed at 1VX5978
1 truck destroyed at 1VX9093

MISSION REPORT

13 June 1944

- A. 79th Fighter Squadron Capt. J. M. Ilfrey, leading
B. Up 1850; Down 2235
C. 16
D. Nil
E. 1 MIA - Capt. J. Ilfrey - bailed out at 2 VO 7097
F. Nil
G. In: 2007 - 15,000 - Le Mont St. Michel
Tgt: 2040 - 11,000 - 2 VO 6968 - La Possiniere - 10 mi. SW of Angers
Out: 2126 - 15,000 - Le Mont St. Michel

BOMBING

1. No. a/c attacking - 15
2. Time 2040
3. 15 - 1000# GP Demo bombs; inst. fuse in nose; 0.01 in tail.
4. Fair results; bridge temporarily out at least; two direct hits on bridge, one on each side.
5. Dive bombing from 11,000 ft to 2 to 5000 in 15 deg. dive.

The 79th bombed the briefed target, a concrete railroad bridge located at LaPossiniere, 10 mi. SW of Angers on Loire River. Cloud cover interfered with bombing.

After bombing two planes strafed train at 2 VO 7097 (Le Lion d'Angers) and destroyed 1 locomotive. Intense accurate flak was shot from flak cars and/or field adjacent to tracks. Train had approx. 15 goods wagons and was heading North. Flak hit Capt. Ilfrey's plane, coolant-poured out and right side of plane caught on fire. Time was 2100. Someone called to Ilfrey about his plane being on fire and he replied that he knew it, turned over on his back at 2000 ft. and bailed out. His chute opened and he landed but was not seen to move after he landed.

1 bomb - Lt. Heiden was jettisoned in field north of bridge due to mechanical difficulty. Bomb exploded but did no damage.

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