#### MISSION SUMMARY TELEPHONE REPORT

F.O. 390, Colonel Rau Leading.

- A. 20TH FIGHTER GROUP
- B. UP 0545 DOWN 1020
- C. 48
- D. 2 Early Returns
- E. 1 MIA Lt Perra, hit by flak near Dreux/Illiers while flying nr. deck; bellied in.
- F. NIL (Ground tgts as listed below)
- G. R/V 0647, St Martin/Conde, 5 CW's 1st Div. B-17's. Left bombers 0718, Loudun. Patrolled Loire R. from Tours to west of Angers until 0830, when group hit deck to strafe from there out to coast. Claims:
  - 1 Locomotive destroyed, at 2VJ5724.

  - 1 " and 4 Boxcars damaged at 4VM1004
    5 Trucks destroyed at 4VV9392, 1 at 4VR2657.
  - 6 Flak towers damaged at 4VR2828 Radio Station and Barracks damaged at 4VR2637.

Flak: Intense, accurate, light at 1VT5564 " Dreux/Illiers area.

Observations: 10 direct hits on La Possiniere R.R. Bridge.
25 Truck Convoy moving NW towards Angers at 2V09273.

## MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

- A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, MAJOR LOW LEADING.
- B. TIME UP 0548 TIME DOWN 1015.
- C. 17
- D. 1
- E. NIL
- F. CLAIMS: GROUND TARGETS AS LISTED BELOW
- G. L/F IN ON-TIME. R/V 0645, 25,000 FEET STRUNG OUT FORMATION, COVERED FIRST 3 BOXES B-178 1ST DIVISION. W/D 0720, 24,000 FEET PATROLLED LOIRE RIVER, SAW 8-248 BOMB BRIOGE NEAR SAUMUS, ESTIMATE 10 DIRECT HITS. SQUADRON HIT DECK AND ATTACKED GROUND TARGETS LISTED BELOW. L/F OUT 9,000 FEET VICINITY DIEPPE, 0915.
  - 1 LOCOMOTIVE DESTROYED AT 2VJ572L MAJOR LOW
  - 1 LOCO. DAMAGED AND & BOX CARS LT. PANNELL & LT. MARTIN (SHARED)

### THE PILOTS FLYING IN THIS MISSION WERE:

LOW PANNELL MC LARY BAKER SPARE:
LARRABEE WARTIN CAVELL BURFORD H. ANDERSON
MILES RIEMENSNIDER KLINK LOEHNERT
BYNUM MALCHOW TENNANT L. ANDERSON

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## MISSION SUMMARY REPORT 15 JUNE 1944

- A. Unit: 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group, Capt. Reihmer leading.
- B. Time Up: 0546 Down: 1000.
- C. No. AC up: 15
- B. No. SC Aborted: 1
- E. No AC NYR; 1 Lt. Perra.
- F. Claims:
  - 5 Trucks Destroyed
  - 6 Trucks Damaged 1 Radar Station Damaged.
  - 1 Barracks Damaged.
- G. Description:

In 0643 at 24,000 feet at Pte de la Percee. R/V at Trevieres at 24,000 feet at 0645 with 2 CW of B-17s of 1st Dav. W/D at 0723 near Mentsoreau at 23,000 feet. Patrolled area from 8-21,000 feet till 0830 when last flight left. Bridge across Loire 10 miles W of Angers clobbered, Several hits observed on bridge E of Tours but spans still standing.

Strafed from 0815 till 0905 from W of Chaftres to Evreux area.

Out from Le Havre to Le Traport from 4-10,000 feet from 0855 to 0920. No E/A.

1 truck destroyed - 4VV9392

1 truck destroyed - 4VQ9624

1 truck destroyed - 4VR3466

2 trucks destroyed - 4VR1753

4 trucks damaged - 4VR2828

Rader Station & Barrocks damaged - 4VR2657

# Observations:

Trucks shot up had branches on top for camouflage. One gun on rear of truck fired at flight strafing. 20-30 trucks moving toward Angers at 2V09273. 4 light flak emplacements on West side of airdrome N of

Dreux believed to be Illiers. Flak intense and accurate.

- A. 79th Fighter Squadron Col. H. J. Rau leading
- B. Up 0545; Down 1020.
- C. 16 P38s
- D. Nil
- E. Nil
- F. Nil
- G. In: 0642 Grandcamps 24,000

  R/V: 0650 St. Martin 25,000

  W/D: 0718 Loudun 22,000

  Ptrl:0810 Patrolled Angers Tours area

  Out: 0915 Grandcamps 9000 Col. Rau's flight

  St. Michel -10,000 remainder of squadron

At approximately 0908 while at an altitude of 300 ft. White Flight was fired at by intense ground fire that probably came from our own forces as well as from the enemy. Col. Rau had at least 3 - 20mm shells explode in his stabilizer, the plane nosed down but the Col. managed to get it headed up and flew the plane home successfully by pulling the control column back with both arms.

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