

TELEPHONE FLASH REPORT

F.O. 396

DATE 18 June 1944.

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a. Designation of Unit	20TH FIGHTER GROUP
b. Time of Landing	1218
c. Aircraft NYR (State if believed Lost)	NIL
d. Estimated Claims	Destroyed 0 Probable 0 Damaged 0
e. Brief description of Mission	R/V 0936, NW of Pell Worin Island, 23,000 ft, 2 CW's B-24's. Target 1005, 25,000 ft. Left Bombers 1110, 54 degrees N., 6 degrees E., 25,000 ft. No E/A seen.
f. Weather - Battle damage	

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- A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, LT. COL. JOHNSON, LEADING.
- B. TIME UP 0714 - TIME DOWN 1205.
- C. 17 A/C DISPATCHED
- D. 1 A/C ABORTED
- E. NIL
- F. NIL
- G. R/V WITH B-24s AT 0936 PELLWORM ISLAND 25,000 FEET.
CONTINUED AROUND COURSE AT 25,000 FEET ALTITUDE.
L/F OUT 21,000 FEET AT 1025 HOURS ECKWARDERHORNE
W/D 1112 HOURS 13,000 FEET.

OBSERVATIONS:

- 1-BOMB RESULTS - GOOD ON M/Y.
- 2-CLOUDS 3/10 TO 10/10
- 3-BOMBERS IN LOUSY FORMATION
- 4-FLAK OVER TARGET

THOSE FLYING IN THIS MISSION WERE:

JOHNSON	FORD	LOW	HOWER (ER)	MALCHOW
PIERSON	KELLY	OXLEY	CAVELL	WILLIAMS
RIEMENSIDER	ANDERSON	WATSON	LOEHNERT	
MARTIN	TENNANT	LARRABEE	WASIL	

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BOMBER ESCORT-STADE GERMANY

3000 .0.1 (original) MISSION SUMMARY REPORT June 18, 1944

- A. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group, Capt, Reihmer leading.
- B. 17 up at 0746. Down at 1215.
- C. One.
- D. Penetration, tgt, & WD support. Bomber escort, Field Order No. 396.
- E. Nil.
- F. Nil.
- G. Nil.
- H. Nil.
- I. In at 0943 at 26000 ft N of Husum. RV with B-24s 0937 25000 ft England Island. At tgt 1005 25000 ft. Out 1025 26000 ft. Cuxhaven. WD 1103 24000 ft. at 5410° - 610°. ~~Formation within boxes fair.~~ Flak: Heavy accurate intense at Hamburg. Heavy accurate moderate Cuxhaven. Convoy of 50 ships Mouth of Elbe and 1 battleship at the mouth of Elbe at 1025. 3 destroyers S of Heligoland heading E at 1030. No e/a seen. Formation within boxes fair.

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- A. 79th Fighter Squadron Capt. W. W. Smith, leading
B. Up: 0750; 16 P38s; Down: 1214.
C. 1 P38
D. Ramrod - Pen., Tgt., W/D Support - Tgt:Stade 8 FC F. O. 396.
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. 0-0-0
I. R/V - W. of Peilworm Isl. 0927 - 23,000
In: - Husum 0940 - 26,000
Tgt - Stade 1000 - 27,000
Out - Spieka 1045 - 26,000
W/D - 54 - 6 E 1110 - 25,000

Observations:

1. B24s in very poor formation, small boxes from 20 to 25,000 ft.
2. Visibility fair - high overcast at 26,000 ft.
3. 20 M/V in harbor at Cuxhaven; also 4 ships in drydock two of which appeared to be large.
4. 5 Destroyers seen at Helgoland at 1050 heading ENE speed ~~2~~ estimated at 20 knots.
5. A/D south of Cuxhaven in good shape - two black runways; no a/c.
6. At 1050, north of Helgoland 1 B24 with Red tail and white stripe seen heading due North.
7. B24s fired at P38s several times.

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