

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

20 JUNE 1944  
FO #402  
BOMBER ESCORT  
TARGET - FALLERSLEBEN, GY

- A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, LT. COL CY WILSON LEADING
- B. TIME UP 0633 HOURS TIME DOWN 1118 HOURS.
- C. 17 P-38'S DISPATCHED
- D. 3 EARLY RETURNS
- E. THRU H. NIL
- I. SQUADRON MADE L/F IN 0826 HOURS 21,000 FEET BORUM (SOUTH OF CUXHAVEN). R/V 28,000 FEET 0842 HOURS WEST OF LUNEBURG, WITH TWO BOXES THIRD DIVISION B-17'S FLYING IN GOOD FORMATION. FIRST BOMBS AWAY AT 0905 HOURS FROM 28,000 FEET. HITS EXCELLENT IN TARGET AREA (WHICH APPEARED TO BE A FACTORY AREA). L/F OUT 0950 HOURS 18,000 FEET. W/D 0958 HOURS NORTH OF WANGEROOG ISLAND.

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OBSERVATIONS:

- 1. NO E/A IN THE AREA.
- 2. GOOD SMOKE SCREENS WILBELMSHAVEN, HAMBURG, BREMEN. INEFFECTIVE SMOKE SCREEN AT TARGET.
- 3. SAW EXCELLENT BOMB RESULTS AT HANOVER AND HAMBURG.
- 4. FLAK INTENSE, HEAVY, INACCURATE.
- 5. MANY E-BOATS AND OTHER SHIPPING IN WILHELMSHAVEN BAY.

PILOTS SCHEDULED FOR THIS MISSION WERE:

WILSON  
BAIN (ER)  
ANDERSON, H  
KELLY

MC LARY  
MULLINS  
WATSON  
LARRABEE

LOW  
BARNES  
RIEMENSIDER  
SMELTZ (ER)

LOEHNERT  
WILLIAMS  
CAVELL (ER)  
WASIL

SPARES: WILES (ER)  
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- A. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group, Captain Reihmer leading.
- B. 16Up at ~~0631~~ 0631 Down at 1139
- C. 5
- D. Penetration, Target and Withdrawal support, Field Order No. 402.
- E. Nil.
- F. Nil.
- G. Nil.
- H. Nil.

I. In Cuxhaven at 0822 at 23000 ft. RV near Garlstorf at 0843 23000 ft with 2 CW of 3rd Div B-17s. Over tgt at 0908 at 24000 ft. LF out at Cuxhaven at 0948 23000 ft. WD 54°00' N 07°45' E at 0954 20000 ft.

Observations: Smoke screens over Hamburg and Stendal, Bremen, Hannover, Wilhelmshaven. Immense fires in Hemburg, Hannover, Brunswick area. 2 explosions seen at Hannover from Brunswick area. Flame jumped to 5000-6000 feet. Smoke up to 15000 ft. Black, then white. Cleared strip through woods E of Gardelagen which was 1/2 mile wide and extending length of woods. B-17 went in near Nordholz at 0945. 8 chutes seen. 27 ships seen going in Elbe near Cuxhaven. 1 Cruiser and 4 destroyers believed to be escort. No e/a. Few bursts of flak near Cuxhaven on way home. Inaccurate and meager.

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- A. 79th Fighter Squadron Lt. Col. Johnson, leading  
B. 16 P-38s Up: 0637; Down: 1125  
C. 2 P-38s  
D. Bomber Escort - Ramrod F.O. # 402 Target: Falersleben  
E. Nil  
F. thru H. Nil  
I. In: Cuxhaven - 0821 - 22,000  
R/V: Luneberg - 0837 - 25,000  
Tgt: 0910 - 26,000  
W/D: Scharhorn Island - 0955 - 18,000  
Out: Cuxhaven - 0950 - 18,000

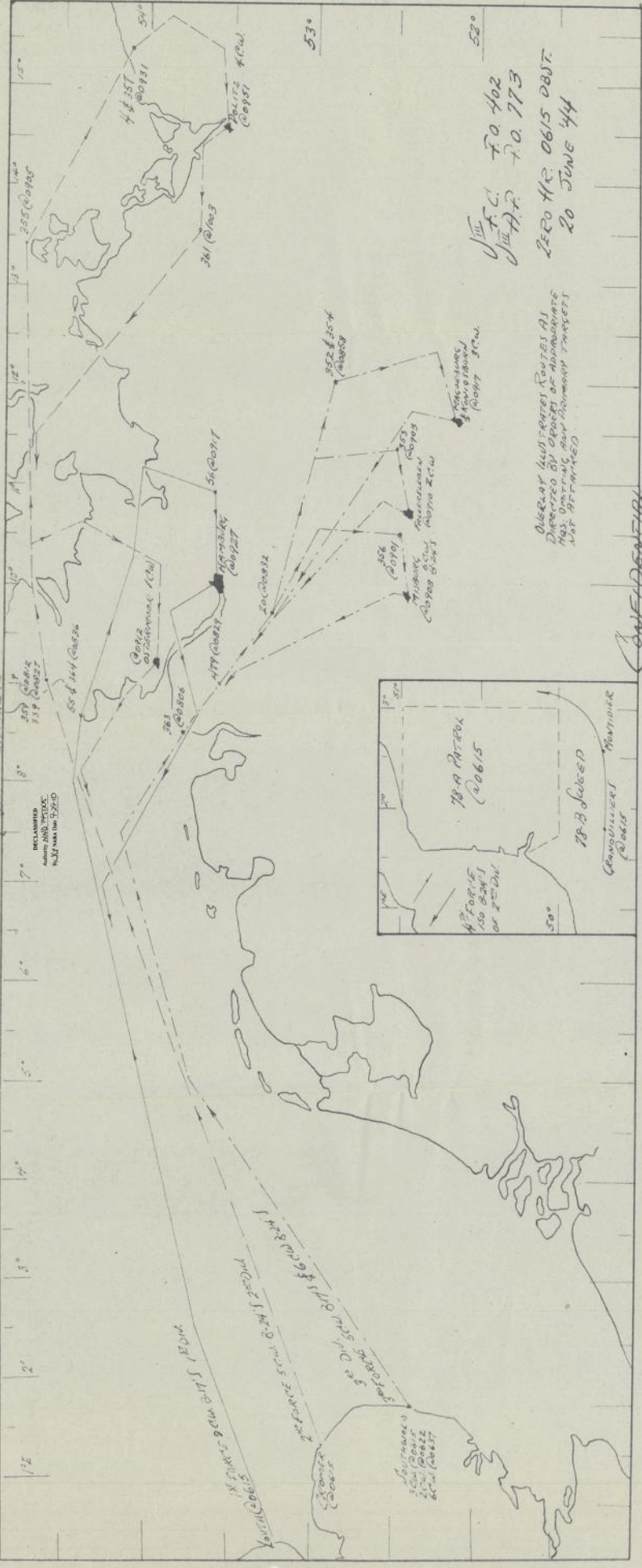
Hundreds of B-17s and B-24s seen on mission and large fires from bombing especially in Hamburg area. No bombers seen in trouble. P-47s with bombers at W/D.

No E/A seen.

Seven M/V seen in Elbe Harbor heading south. Four M/V seen in entrance to Bremerhaven heading south. Time 1010.

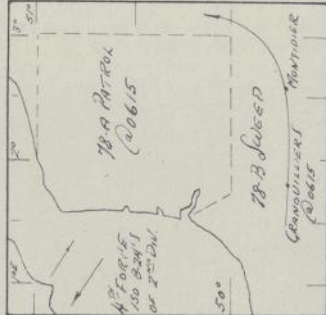
EDWARD J. STEINER  
Captain, Air Corps  
Intelligence Officer

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 ✓ H.A. F.O. 773  
 220 HC 0615 OBT.  
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 DIRECTED BY OFFICER OF APPROPRIATE  
 HQS. DURING AND IMMEDIATELY  
 AFTER ATTACK



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