### MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

Field Order #411 22 June 2944 Target Jussy RR Bridge

- A. 55th FIGHTER SQUADRON, Lt. Col. Wilson, Leading
- B. Time up 1344 hours down 1630 hours
- 17 P-38's up
- D. 1 Lt. Kelly Returned his bombs
- E. 1 MIA Lt. John A. Pierson Hit by Plak over the target.
- F. 1 Locomotive destroyed Train loaded with military trucks strafed and set afire
- Primary Target Jussy Railroad Bridge 17 P-38's dispatched
   Time over target 1453/1515 hours
- Bombs carried 16 x 1,000 lb fused 8/11 seconds 18 x 500 lb fused 8/11 seconds
  - Early return brought back 1 x 1000 1b and 1 x 500 1b bomb.
- 4. Results Poor to fair.
- D/B with 3 flights (12 planes) starting 4,000 ft down to 500 ft. Skip bombed by Lt. Ford's flight at 40/50 feet.

Lt. Pierson was hit by light flak over the target area. He pulled out of the formation with his right engine on fire. He was flying at about 2,000 feet when it exploded and went down.

No chutes were seen. (Major Low made staement.)

## Pilots scheduled for this mission were:

Wilson	Pannell	Low	Ford
Oxley	Nelson	Williams	Reynolds
Watson	Pierson	Klink	Cruickshank
Burford	Barnes	Wells	Kelly (E.R.)
	Spare Buie,	filled in for Kelly	

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- 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group, Lt. Col. Johnson Leading.
- Up at 1344. Down at 1625.
- C. 16.
- D. N11.
- E. Nil.
- 5 half tracks destroyed 5 trucks destroyed. 2 Half tracks damaged.
- G. In near Dinkirk 1433 at 12,500 feet. On target 1455. Bombed primary target highway overpass, and smll railroad bridge NW of primary target. Strafed train carrying half-tracks and trucks at 4VN7930. Out between Dunkiek and Ostend at 1544 at 13,000 feet.

### OBSERVATIONS:

Flak from flak cars two-three miles up track from target. Light moderate, not too accurate. Tracks at 4VN8026 were demolished.
Hits seen at abutment at N end of bridge. Tracks at S end broken up. Two ships bombed small RR bridge at 4VN6638. One flight bombed overpass at 4VN7335.

### BOMB DATA:

- 1. 16
- 2. 1455-1505 3. 16 1,000 16 500
- 4. No hits ffom our squadron on primary.
  One hit below overpass at 4VN8026 No hits on RR bridge at 4VN6638
- 3,000 feet to 400 feet glide bombing.

A. 79th Fighter Squadron

Major D. E. Anderson, leading .

B. Up 1348 Down 1645

C. 16 P38s

D. 1

E. Nil

F. Nil

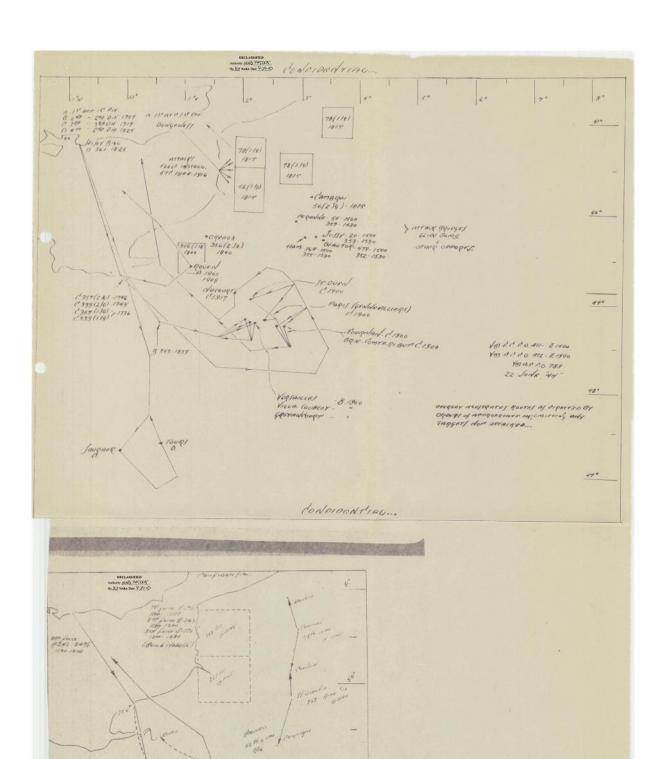
G. Squadron gave top cover to 55th and 77th Squadrons while these two squadrons skipped or glide bombed bridge South of St. Quentin.

In: Unknown - overcast - 14,500 - probably 1439
Tgt.: 12,000 - 1455
Out: Unknown - overcast -12,000 - 1540

No E/A seen. One possible E/A chased but not caught.

Bombing results: Top cover could see no direct hits on bridge.

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