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MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

27 JUNE 1944
 FIELD ORDER #420
 GROUND TARGETS IN FRANCE

- A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, LT. COL. JOHNSON LEADING
 - B. TIME UP 1825 HOURS DOWN 2140 HOURS
 - C. 17 P-38'S DISPATCHED
 - D. 2 EARLY RETURNS (BROUGHT BOMBS BACK)
 - E. NIL NYR
 - F. CLAIMS -- SEE BELOW
 - G. SQUADRON WENT DOWN AT 1925 HOURS VICINITY OF HIRSON. DROPPED BOMBS IN M/Y AT HIRSON 4-VO-3753. STRAFED AFTER BOMBING FROM 1940 HOURS TO 2015 HOURS IN AREA FROM HIRSON TO ST. QUENTIN TO CAMBRAI. USED BELLY TANK TECHNIQUE WITH GOOD RESULTS IN M/Y.
- Col Johnson crashed
landed at Wethering*

BOMB INFORMATION:

1. 17 A/C UP (3 RETURNED WITH BOMBS)
2. TIME OVER TARGETS 1930/1940 HOURS
3. 17 X 260 LB. FRAG BOMBS AN-M81
 BOMBS DROPPED ON TARGETS 14 X 260 LBS.
4. RESULTS -- GOOD TO EXCELLENT
5. ALTITUDE BOMBS DROPPED 1000/1500 FEET.

CLAIMS

<u>PILOTS</u>	<u>BOMBED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>STRAFING BY GUNFIRE</u>	
			<u>DAMAGED</u>	<u>FRT</u>
JOHNSON	M/Y	2 LOCOS	2 LOCOS; 1 BARGE; 10 CAR	
MULLINS	M/Y		2 BARGES	
MILES	M/Y	1 LOCO	LOCO; BARGE; BOX CARS	
BURFORD	M/Y	3 BOX CARS	3 BOX CARS; 1 BARGE &	1 LOCO
FORD	M/Y	1 LOCO	3 TRUCKS	
KELLY	RETURNED	NIL	NIL	
CRUICKSHANK	RETURNED			
BAIN	M/Y	1 LOCO 1 FRT CAR	4 FRT CARS	
LOW				
ANDERSON, L	RETURNED			
LOEHNERT	M/Y		BARGE 3 FRT CARS	
WASIL	M/Y		1 BARGE 1 LOCO	
PENNELL	M/Y		3 BOX CARS 2 BARGES	
NELSON	M/Y		2 BARGES	
MARTIN	M/Y	1 LOCO	1 TRUCK 1 BARGE	
BARNES	M/Y		1 TRUCK 1 BARGE	
WATSON	M/Y			

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A. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group, Captain Reihmer leading.

B. 16 up at 1832. Down at 2145.

C. Nil.

D. Bombing and Strafing, Field Order No. 420.

E. Nil.

F. Cat. E. (Hit trees washed out in landing.

*LC-T Lt. Moncrief
nose wheel strut broke on
landing - no injury*

G. Nil.

Ground Targets

H. ~~In at Nieuwe Sluis at 1910 at 13000 feet. Hit deck near Fourmies dropping~~

I. In at Nieuwe Sluis at 1910 at 13000 feet. Hit deck near Fourmies dropping four belly tanks in marshalling yards. One warehouse set afire. Bombed 15 car train near Hirson setting it afire. Train exploded and burned--obviously ammunition. Explosion looked like phosphorus. Few bombs dropped in marshaling yards at Hirson. Damage unobserved. Strafed trucks and trains in Hirston-Leon-St. Quentin area. Bombed barges in Oise canal south of Guise. Results unknown. Out approx. 2042 from Ostende to Knocke from 5000-10000 feet.

J. Trucks 5-0-0

Locomotives 5-0-2

Flak cars 0-0-3

Railway cars loaded with vehicles 0-0-2

Bomb Data

1. 16

2. 1950-2010

3. 16

4. Ammo train burned, hits in marshalling yards, bombed barges, results unknown.

5. Dived from 5000 to 1000 feet.

MISSION REPORT

27 June 1944

- A. 79th Fighter Squadron Capt. W. W. Smith, leading
 B. 16 P-38s Up: 1826; Down: 2143
 C. Nil
 Dive
 D. Bombing and Strafing - F. O. #420
 E. Nil
 F. ~~Nil~~ 1 P-38 Flak Damage Cat. "AC", 1 P-38 Flak Damage Cat. "A"
 G. Nil
 H. 1 Locomotive, Destroyed

Damaged: 1-15 Car troop train and approximately 250 troops.

1 Canal Barge

- E. In, Knocke, 1915, 16,000
 Tgt., Hirson, 1935, 5,000
 Out, Newport, 2050, 12,000

- Bombing: (1) 16
 (2) 1935
 (3) 13* 260 Pound, Frag., Inst. Fused
 (4) Fair
 (5) Started dive at 5,000, pulled out at 1,000

*2 Bombs brought back to field - 1 Bomb dropped on troops in woods.
 Strafing: A troop train consisting of 15 cars, 3 of which were flak cars was strafed 1 Mile N.E. of St. Quentin. Troops ran in to woods and were strafed. It is estimated that there were 250 - 300 soldiers. 1 Frag. bomb that was not released at target was dropped on troops in woods.

A train was strafed 4 miles west of Mons and the locomotive was destroyed.

A barge was strafed and damaged in a canal at Hamm

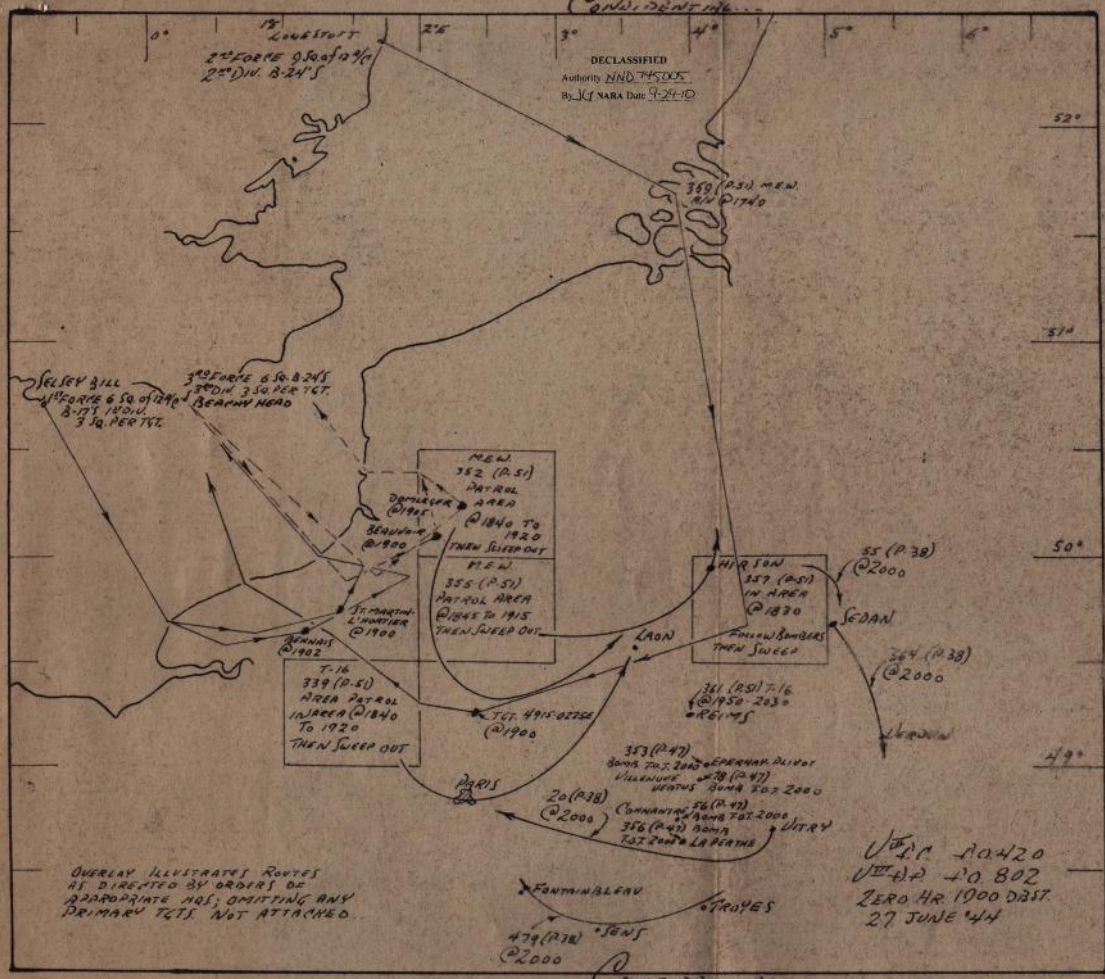
Friendly Fighters: 55th Group sighted as group was going in.

Flak: Light flak encountered from troop train.

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