

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

- A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, MAJ LOW LEADING.
- B. 14 A/C UP 0614 - DOWN 0930
- C. 1
- D. BOMBER ESCORT - F.O. 421
- E. NIL
- F. CAT. A.
- G. NIL
- H. 1 ME 109 DAMAGED
- I. L/F IN 0707, FLUSHING, 24,000 FEET. R/V B-24'S 0713,
24,000 FEET FLUSHING- POOR FORMATION. SOUTH OF BRUSSELS
NEAR NIVELLES GROUP BOUNCED BY 8 ME 109S AT 25,000 FEET.
ABOVE CLAIM RESULTED HERE. W/D, 0758, 24,000 FEET AT
BRIEFED POINT. PATROLLED AREA. W/D 0903, 18,000 FEET.
L/F OUT OSTEND, 0921, 16,000 FEET.

THOSE FLYING IN THIS MISSION WERE:

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| LOW | MILES | BAKER | HOWER |
| NELSON | STOCKTON | TENNANT | WILLIAMS |
| MALCHOW | BURFORD | CRITES (79TH) | KLINK |
| SMELTZ | BYNUM | | |

28 JUNE, 1944
BOMBER ESCORT - F.O. 421
TARGET -

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A. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group, Lt. Col. Wilson leading.

B. 17 up at 0611. Down at 1000.

C. Nil.

D. Bomber Escort and Area Cover, Field Order No. 420A.

E. Nil.

F. Nil.

G. Nil.

H. Nil.

I. In between Schouwen and Overflakke at 0706 at 22,000 feet. R/V with 2nd Div B-24s over Zuid Beveland at 0711 at 26,000 feet. W/D from rear portion of B-24s at 0755 near Charleville. Covered Laon area while B-17s were in area, bomb observed on several airfields near Laon - results fair. Out 0920 near Ostende at 15,000 feet.

At approximately 0730 three Me-109s went down by Blue Flight with one P-38 trailing near Binche. Three P-38s observed spinning- also One Me-109 that looked like he had lost a wing was going down in same area.

P-51s seen along route in and P-47s in Laon area with B-17s.

J. Nil.

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- A. 79th Fighter Squadron Capt. W. W. Smith, leading
- B. 17 P-38s Up: 0617; Down: 1010
- C. thru E. Nil
- F. 1 P-38 Cat "A" - E/A
- G. Nil
- H. S/E 1-0-1 Air
- I. In: 0704 - Walcheren Island - 24,000
R/V: 0708 - Walcheren Island - 24,000 - B-24s
W/D: 0820 - Rethel - 26,000
R/V: 0830 - Le Gateau - 25,000 - B-17s
W/D: 0900 - Sas Van Ghent - 20,000
Out: 0930 - Ostend - 12,000

While escorting B 24s the rear squadron of the group was bounced by 8 Me 109s and 190s. The 79th was ahead and on the right of the bombers and made a 180° to the right. E/A split essed but Blue Leader caught one FW 190 on the tail of a P-38 and followed E/A in a tight climbing turn and destroyed it.

After leaving the B-24s approximately 40 minutes after scheduled W/D, group proceeded on course and picked up B-17s of 1st Task Force and escorted them until vectored by Controller to search for more E/A. P-47s stayed with bombers. 79th went in on a sweep, found nothing and left enemy coast at Ostend.

At 0845 near Lille 2 of our planes were bounced by 2 P-47s with YJ or JY marking and U. S. insignia and marking. One P-47 fired at one of our planes but missed.

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