

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

- A. 55TH FIFTH SQUADRON, LT. COL. WILSON, LEADING.
- B. 16 P-38'S UP 1830 HOURS DOWN 2245.
- C. 1 JETTISONED BOMB IN CHANNEL
- D. FIGHTER BOMBER AND STRAFING - F.O. 424
- E, F, AND G. NIL

H. 2-0-0 ME109 CAPT. BAKER, ME109 LT. LARRABEE (BOTH AIR)
 I. MADE L/F IN 1932 HOURS. SAW 15/20 E/A AT LES ANDELYS.
 79TH SQUADRON SENT AFTER THEM. PROCEEDED TO GIEN AND BOMBED ROAD
 AND R.R. BRIDGES WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS, 2030 HOURS. GRID REFERENCE
 OF BRIDGES (ROAD BRIDGE AT 4-WM-2298) (RAIL ROAD BRIDGE AT
 4-WM-205980). (14 BOMBS DROPPED ON THESE TWO BRIDGES). SAW 8
 ME-109'S NEAR DREUX (4-VR-3135) AT 2115 HOURS. COMBAT TOOK PLACE
 BETWEEN 20/25,000 FEET WITH ABOVE CLAIMS.

- 1. 16 P-38S UP 1830 DOWN 2245
- 2. TIME 2030
- 3. 15 - 500 LB GP
- 4. RESULTS - EXCELLENT
- 5. ALT. DROPPED - 1000/1500 FEET.

J. GROUND TARGETS:

DESTROYED	DAMAGED
6-LOCOMOTIVES	4-BOX CARS
1-TRUCK	4-LOCOMOTIVES
1-FLAK TOWER (BOMBED)	1-TRUCK

OBSERVATIONS:

- 1. SAW CHUTE (AMERICAN) 2110 HOURS, ABOUT 5000 FT. W. CHARTRES
- 2. FLAK ACCURATE, HEAVY, MODERATE.
- 3. SAW FLARES - 2 BLACK AND 2 RED JUST BEFORE ME109S SHOWED UP

PILOTS	BOMBED	DESTROYED	DAMAGED
WILSON	RR BRIDGE		4 BOX CARS
WILLIAMS	" "		
LARRABEE	ROAD BRIDGE	ME-109	
STOCKTON	" "		
HOWER	JETTISONED IN CHANNEL		
OXLEY	ROAD BRIDGE		
KLINK	" "		
WASIL	RR BRIDGE		
BAKER	" "	ME-109	
KELLY	" "		
MALCHOW	" "		
NELSON	" "		
FORD	" "	FLIGHT (6-LOCOMOTIVES	4-LOCOMOTIVES
H. ANDERSON	RR BRIDGE	SHARED (1-TRUCK	1-TRUCK
CRUICKSHANK	FLAK TOWER		
	SULLY (4WGO307)		
BARNES	RR BRIDGE		

30 JUNE, 1944
 F.O. 424
 FIGHTER BOMBER AND STRAFING
 TARGET -

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- A. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group, Capt. Reihmer leading.
- B. 17 up at 1836. Down at 2236
- C. Nil.
- D. Transportation Targets, Field Order 424 Amend 7.
- E. Nil.
- F. 3 - AG (flak)
- G. Nil.
- H. Ground tgts. Trucks 5-0-0; Locomotive 1-0-0; staff cars 1-0-0.
- I. In S of Dieppe at 1927 at 22000 ft. Over Paris flak was meager but accurate at 17000 ft with one hit knocking out an engine.
Strafed and bombed Gien (2VM2298) marshalling yard. ^{at approx 2000} Destroyed 50 to 75 flat cars with trucks and half tracks on 4 lines of cars.
Hits on both highway and rr bridge at Gien by 55th Sqdn. Both bridges spanned. Highway bridge badly hit.
Strafed roads between Orleans (4VW6440) and Etampes (4VW8897) and Fontainebleau (4VX2792) between 2020 and 2040 claiming 1 staff car and 4 trucks dest.
Out N of St. Valery at 2140 at 8000 ft.

Observations: Flame and explosion SE of Orleans. 4 Me-109s on deck at Limay heading NE. Flak at marshalling yards light and inaccurate. Flak towers along roads strafed at seemed to be at regular intervals.

Bomb data:

- 1. ~~15~~ 15
- 2. 2000
- 3. 15 - 260 lb Frag bombs. 2 jettisoned over France.
- 4. Excellent. Marshalling yard hit heavily.
- 5. 3000 - 150 ft (Glide).

- J. 1 staff car dest. - Capt. Reihmer
- 1 truck dest. - Capt. Reihmer
- 1 locomotive dest. Capt. Reihmer.
- 2 trucks dest. Lts. Garrett & Riddle.
- 1 " " Lt. Riddle
- 1 " " Lt. Baker & Brucks

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MISSION REPORT

30 June 1944

- A. 79th Fighter Squadron Capt. W. W. Smith, leading
B. B7 P-38s Up: 1834; Down: 2233
C. Nil
D. Fighter Bomber F. O. No. 424
E. Nil
F. 3 P38s Cat. A - Flak
G. Nil
H. Nil

I. In: Fecamp - 18000 - 1928

15 plus Me 109s sighted about 7000 ft. near 4 VR 5365. The squadron went down but the E/A went below the cloud layer at 5000 ft. Squadron went down through a hole but could not find E/A. While on deck light flak was fired probably from Nantes 4VR 6161. Sq. went back up to about 10000 ft. and intense, heavy accurate flak was fired from forest near Rambouillet 4 VR 6523, damaging 3 planes.

- Bombing; 1. 14 A/C attacking
 2. 2030
 3. 14 - 500 lb. GP - Inst. fuse.
 4. Bombed Railroad bridge and highway bridge over Loire River at Sully 2 WG 0308. Excellent results on highway bridge - 4 Or 5 direct hits. Good results on Railroad bridge with 1 near miss near abutment and one hit that appeared to tear up tracks on North side. 1 bomb dropped on U shaped building on North side of River between the two bridges.
 14 bombs dropped in area; 2 jettisoned in channel; one brought home.
 5. Dive bombed starting dive at 8000 ft. and pulling out at 1590 ft. Angle of dive 45 degrees.

After dropping bombs squadron climbed to 10,000 ft. and gave top cover to 55th and 77th while they bombed. On way out near Rouen 4 VM 2015 8 or 10 Me 109s were seen in distance about 18000 ft. but squadron was unable to engage them.

Out: Fecamp - 2130 - 18000.

Observations: Pilot reported that woods North of Loire all show signs of activity and give indications that troops are stationed in these woods.

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