

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, MAJOR LOW LEADING. F.O. 429 15-P38'S.  
 B. 1515 - 2020 - 2 E.R.  
 C. NIL  
 D. NIL  
 E. L/F IN 1634 HOURS, 15,000 FEET, 5 MILES WEST MT. ST. MICHEL.  
 HIT DECK AT LIBOURNE 3A0955940. STARTED UP R.R. TRACKS WHICH  
 WERE LOADED WITH TRAFFIC HEADED SOUTH 15 TRAINS, 9 OF THEM  
 LOADED WITH VEHICLES. TROOP TRAIN AT LA CELLE ST. AVANT  
 STOPPED ON BRIDGE. TROOPS FIRED BACK WITH CONCENTRATED FIRE.  
 NO ROAD TRAFFIC. CLAIMS AND LOCATIONS BELOW. W/D 1845  
 TOURS, 200 FEET. L/F OUT 1924, 15,000 FEET FE CAMP.

NAME	DESTROYED	DAMAGED	REMARKS
WILSON	5 LOCOMOTIVES	25 FLAT CARS	
LOW			
WILLIAMS	1 LOCOMOTIVE		
	1 TRUCK (2VU3113)		
LOEHNERT	2 LOCOMOTIVE (3AK1827)		
	2 ELECTRIC ENGINES (2VP6304)		
ANDERSON L.		25 FRT. CARS (2VP6304)	
FORD )			
REYNOLDS )	6 LOCOMOTIVES & 7 TRUCKS ON TRAIN (2VU3316)		
CAVELL )	2 LOCOMOTIVES		
PANNELL		15 BOX CARS (2VU3845)	
BUIE	1 LOCOMOTIVE	10 TRUCKS	
	4 TRUCKS (2VU3845)		
	1 TRANSFORMER (2VU3840)		
MARTIN	2 LOCOMOTIVES (2VU4465)	5 TRUCKS ON TRAIN(2VU4465)	
MILES	1 TRUCK ON TRAIN (2VU4465)		

THOSE FLYING IN THIS MISSION WERE:

LOW	FORD	PANNELL	MILES
WILLIAMS	REYNOLDS	BARNES	STOCKTON
LOEHNERT	CAVELL	BUIE	LARRABEE
ANDERSON, L.		MARTIN	BYNUM

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 F.O. 429 - FIGHTER SWEEP  
 TARGET-GROUND TARGETS

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- A. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group, Captain Reihmer leading.
- B. 16 up at 1525 Down at 2020.
- C. Nil.
- M. Strafing, Field Order No. 429.
- E. 1-NYR
- F. 1-believed crashed in England.  
1-Cat A (flak)
- G. 1-Lt. Riddle NYR (believed crashed in England)  
1-Slightly wounded-Capt. Reihmer (flak)
- H. 1-O-O (Ground) s/e.  
Ground targets.
- I. LF in at LeButte at 1632 at 17000 ft. Arrived at Libourne at 1733 and hit the deck there. Squadron immediately started strafing getting the claims listed below. Capt. Reihmer damaged 2 flak cars which were shooting 20mm flak at 2VP6510. Flak light meagre and inaccurate at Tours. 15-20 s/e e/a were seen in well camouflaged revetments on airfield at 4VW5392, one of these was destroyed. Field had been bombed but east west runway still in use. Light accurate flak protected field. LF out 1905-1910 Le Havre to Dieppe from 7000 to 10000 feet. Strafing from 1730 to 1830
- J.
- |                              |  |         |
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| 1 Me-109 destroyed (ground)  | Lt. Moncrieff.   | 4VW5392 |
| 1 truck dest. -              | Capt. Reihmer  | 2VZ4885 |
| 1 Locomotive dest. -         | Capt. Reihmer  | 2VZ4376 |
| 1 Ammunition car dest. -     | Lt. Fagg   | 2VP6510 |
| 1 Flat car and truck dest. - | Lts. Davis and Adams   | "       |
| 2 Flak cars damaged -        | Capt. Reihmer  | "       |
| 1 Freight car destroyed -    | Capt. Reihmer, Lt. Riddle and Lt. Fagg   | 2VZ4376 |
| 20 plus RR cars damaged -    | Capt. Reihmer, Lts. Riddle, Fagg, Davis and Adams                                    | 2VZ4376 |
| 1 Locomotive destroyed -     | Lt. Fleming, Baker, Clough and Capt. Herbert.  | 2WL5054 |
| 1 Powerhouse damaged -       | Capt. Herbert, Lts. Fleming, Baker, Clough, Whiteside, Roberts, Clark and Moncrieff. | 2WL4004 |

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- A. 79th Fighter Squadron Lt. Col. Wilson, leading
- B. 18 P-38s Up: 1518 Down: 2018
- C. Nil
- D. Strafing - F. O. #429
- E. Nil
- F. 3 P-38 Cat. "AC" (Flak) 3 P-38 Cat. "A" (Flak)
- G. Nil
- H. DESTROYED: 10 Steam Locomotives; 2 Diesel Locomotives; 1 Electric Locomotive; 2 Large Vans; 1 Gas Truck  
DAMAGED: 75 Flat Cars (loaded with trucks, tanks and half tracks) and goods wagons; 2 Troop trains -(1 9 car troop train) ~~ANNEX~~ (1 mixed troop train and freight train, cars included in above figure; troops strafed as they ran into woods).
- I. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Nothing further to add.

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- Horst - 42-68150 - MC-K - Cat AC - One 20 mm. (or equal) explosive cannon strike on underx side of right boom. Ground fire. 1000 feet making right turn over small M/Y. Saw tracers following flight leader who pulled up and to the left and then down. I pulled up and to the right and flak followed me and hit me. I put my nose down and they did not follow me. 2VU~~6663~~ 5188
- Williams - 42-67998 - MC-Q - Cat A - One strike (30 cal or equal, ground fire) in left reserve tank. Hit while 50 feet above M/Y strafing. Then pulled off in steep chandell to left. 2VU5188
- Baldwin - 43-28349 - MC-T - Cat AC - Ground machine gun fire. Strikes in left main tank, rear left engine mount, left hopper tank and engine conduit. 160 feet starting to strafe locomotive in 15° dive. Didn't see them shooting at me. Hit by 3 - 20 mm. shells. Skidded to the right and climbed to 2000 weaving. 2VU06663.
- Campbell - 42-67251 - MC-X - Cat A - 30 cal or equal (ground fire) strike in right main tank. 500 feet. Saw flak being shot at Klatt so I didn't go in and reefed to the right and down. Picked up 1-7.6 in right main tank. 2VU06663.
- Klatt - 43-28725 - MC-U - Cat A - 30 cal. or equal (ground fire) strike in left outboard wing. 300 feet coming in to strafe train in M/Y. Tracers and 20 mm explosive started bursting around me. I skidded to the right to get out of it. Picked up 1-7.6 in left wing tank. 2VU06663.
- Peterson - 43-28382 - MC-E - Cat A - One strike (30 cal. or equal, ground fire) in left coolant radiator. 100 feet strafing train - no evasive action. Didn't know anyone was shooting. 2VP1240
- Heiden - 42-104086 - MC-F - Cat A - 30 cal or equal (ground fire) strike in right boom. 100 feet strafing train - no evasive action. Didn't know anyone was shooting. 2VP 1240
- Phipps - 42-68119 - MC-P - Cat A - 30 cal or equal (ground fire) strike in left boom. 100 feet strafing train - no evasive action. Didn't know anyone was shooting.



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