

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

- A. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, LT. COL. JOHNSON LEADING.
- B. UP 0702 HOURS DOWN 1150 17 P-38S F.O. 430
- C. 1
- D. FIGHTER SWEEP - F.O. #430
- E. NIL
- F. NIL
- G. NIL
- H. 1-0-0 1 HE 177 - COL. JOHNSON
- I. L/F IN 0805, PORT SU BASIN, ARRIVED ANGOULEME 0857
 DESTROYED HE 177 AT ST BRICE (2VY9678) GROUND TARGETS
 ATTACKED BETWEEN HERE AND W/D AT LANGEAIS (2VPL857)
 AT 0950 HOURS. L/F OUT 1020, 15,000 FEET, ARRAMANCHES.
 BOATS BURNING AT WATERS EDGE NEAR CASOVING.

NAME	DESTROYED		DAMAGED	
	TARGET	PLACE	TARGET	PLACE
JOHNSON	1 HE177	2VY9578		
REYNOLDS	1 LOCOMOTIVE	2VU0663	6 TRUCKS	
TENNANT			1 LOCOMOTIVE	2VP0880
BAIN			1 LOCOMOTIVE	2VP0880
			3 TRUCKS	
WASIL	1 LOCOMOTIVE	2VP1996	10 FRT. CARS	2VP1996
MILES			TRUCKS ON TRAIN	
			GOODS CARS	2VU0663
BYNUM			TRUCKS ON TRAIN	2VU0663
			GOODS CARS	"
WATSON			TRUCKS	2VU0663
OXLEY			2 TRUCKS ON TRAIN	2VU0663

OBSERVATIONS: N.E. PARTHENAY A FIELD OF 15 OR 20 RECTANGAL OR PATCHES WITH ROADS LEADING TO EACH. LOOKS LIKE IT MIGHT BE AMMUNITION DUMP. 2VU0194

THOSE FLYING IN THIS MISSION WERE:
 JOHNSON BAKER LOW MILES SPARE:
 REYNOLDS BARNES CAVELL BYNUM LARRABEE
 TENNANT BUIE LOEHNEHT WATSON
 BAIN SMELTZ WASIL OXLEY
 (E.R)

5 JULY, 1944
 F.O. 430 - FIGHTER SWEEP
 TARGET - ANGOULEME

RECEIVED
 AIRMAIL BOARD
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- A. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group, Captain Morris leading.
- B. 13 up at 0704. Down at 1133.
- C. Nil.
- D. ~~Nil~~ Strafing, Field Order No. 430.
- E. Nil.
- F. Nil.
- G. Nil.
- H. Ground targets
- Electric locomotives 1-0-1
- Locomotives 1-0-1
- Armored cars 1-0-0
- Flak cars 0-0-4
- Goods wagons 20-0-20
10-15 flat cars loaded with armored cars 0-0-10
- I. In at Port En Bessin at 0804 at 15000 ft. Strafing and tank bombed MY at 2VU3630. Four large fires observed on several lines of cars. Out at Lion sur Mer at 1035 at 13000 feet.
Observations: 40-50 goods wagons in MY at 2VZ 3075.
Truck convoy of approx 25 trucks at IVT 8322.
Train with approx 20 tank and 20 goods wagons at 2VU4774
Only appreciable flak from Caen area.
- J. 1 Electric locomotive dest. - Lt. Fernandes 2VU2660
1 Locomotive dest. - Lt. Garrett 2VU 4773
1 Armored car dest. - 2VU 5796 Lt. Payne
1 Electric locomotive damaged - Lt. Clark and Lt. Rowlett 2UK5602
4 flat cars damaged - " " "
1 locomotive damaged Lt. Garrett at 2VU4773
20 goods wagons dest. 77th Fighter Squadron at 2VU3630
20 " " damaged " " at "
10-15 flat cars with armored cars on damaged by 77th at 2VU3630.

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- A. 79th Fighter Squadron Capt. Jack M. Ilfrey, leading
 B. 16 P-38s Up: 0703 Down: 1135
 C. Nil
 D. Strafing- F.O. # 430
 E. Nil
 F. 1 P-38 Cat. "A" (Flak), 1 cat ac, 7 flak
 G. Nil
 H. DESTROYED: 3 Steam locomotives, 2 goods wagons.
 I. In: 0800 - Port en Bessin - 17,000
 Out: 1025 - St. Aubon - 13,000

Squadron served as top cover throughout mission. Two flights made one with above results at 2 VF 1240. Two of the locos were on one train of 10 goods wagons, the other was not connected. All heading east.

Observations:

1. Large M/Y with roundhouse, 10 or 12 locos, goods wagons, etc. at Portiers - 2 VF 4678. Heavily defended by flak.
2. One U/I S/E E/A followed 2 planes returning alone but kept at a distance and went into clouds when turned towards. Angers 1000.

EDWARDJ. STEINER
 Capt. A. C.
 Intelligence Officer

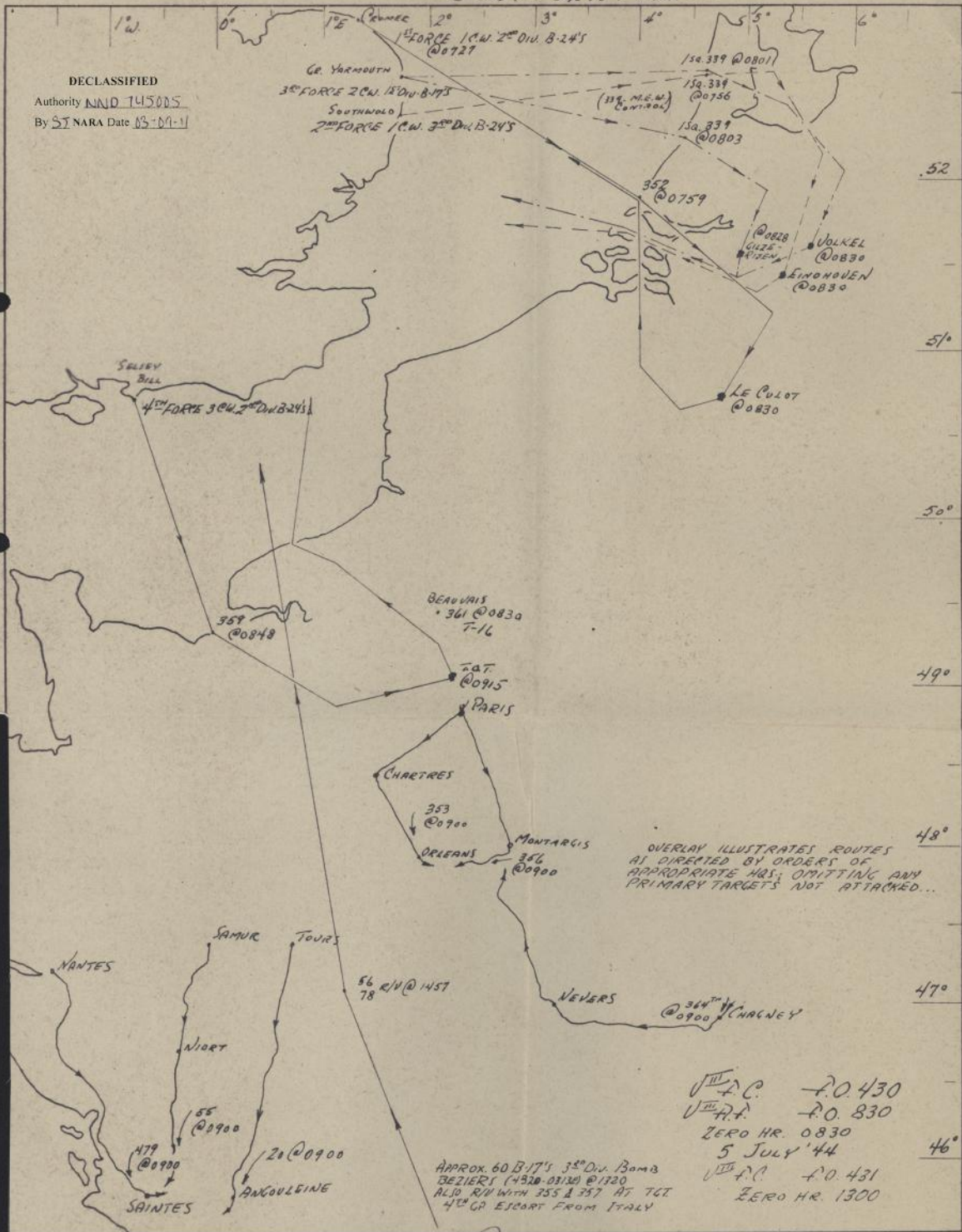
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FLAK DAMAGE TO A/C - July 5, 1944

Armstrong - 43-28718 - MC-A - Cat. AC - One 50 cal. machine gun strike in crank case, left engine. (Ground fire) Shooting at a locomotive 50 feet - received hit - may have been from another 38 making pass. No ground fire seen. 2V08289

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