

353rd FG

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CONFIDENTIAL OIRDN D-64-D.

MISSION SUMMARY REPORT 24 DECEMBER 1944

- A. 353rd FIGHTER GROUP, LT COL BAILEY LEADING "A" GP
MAJOR JUNTILA LEADING "B" GP
- B. 68 F51'S (35-"A" 11-350, 12-351, 12-352 SQDN) UP 1118 DOWN 1646
(33-"B" 10-350, 11-351, 12-352 SQDN) UP 1125 DOWN 1706
- C. 2 (1-"A", 1-"B")
- D. ESCORT 10th THRU 13th CG'S 1st FORCE (3rd DIV B17S)
REF 8th AF FO 1446A TARGET: BIBLIS A/F
- E. 1 F51 NYR
- F. NIL
- G. LT HIGHTSHOE, 350 SQDN NYR. REASON UNKNOWN. LAST SEEN EAST OF
KOBLENZ IN COMBAT
- H. 7-0-0 S/E AIR
- I. "A" AND "B" GPS MADE L/F IN 1758 HRS NORTH OF OSTEND AT 18,000 FT.
R/V EAST OF BRUSSELS 1220 HRS 22,000 FT WITH OUR BOMBERS BUT
VECTORED BY NUTHOUSE TO LEAD COMBAT GROUP WHICH WAS BEING ATTACKED.
ARRIVED TOO LATE TO SAVE SOME OF BOMBERS. "B" GROUP RETURNED TO
ASSIGNED CGPS AND SELDOM SQDN WERE THEN BOUNCED BY 12 ME 109S AT
1350 HRS. ENGAGEMENT TOOK PLACE BETWEEN KOBLENZ AND LIMBURG FROM
15,000 TO 2,000 FT RESULTING IN 5 OF THE ABOVE CLAIMS. AFTER EN-
GAGEMENT W/D AT 1400 HRS MAKING L/F OUT 1430 HRS OSTEND AT 17,000'
JOCKEY "B" SQDN CONTINUED ESCORT TO A/D AT BIBLIS AND KAISERSLAUTERN
M/Y. BULLRING FLIGHT JOCKEY "B" BOUNCED BY 2 ME 109'S AND PROMPTLY
DESTROYED E/A. W/D BOMBERS VIC GHENT 1600 AT 12,000. L/F OUT
NIEUPORT 1605, 10,000'.
"A" GROUP ON BABENHAUSEN AND GROSS OSTHEIM A/D AT 1415. W/D VIC ST
VITH AND MADE SWEEP NORTHEAST WITHOUT INCIDENT. L/F OUT 1605 SOUTH
OSTEND 6,000'.
- J. NIL.
- K. 1. SEVEN B 17'S DOWN SW KOBLENZ DUE TO E/A.
15 CHUTES SEEN.
2. 1 B-17 DOWN SE KOBLENZ - FLAK - 4 CHUTES.
3. V/G 1-7 CALLED GP COMDR FOR ESCORT OUT - COULD NOT BE LOCATED.
4. V/G 1-12 CALLED 1445, BOMBER HIT BY FLAK - LOCATED BY
FIGHTERS BUT OK.
5. "C" CHANNEL JAMMED 1345 - 1445 HRS.
6. BOMBING RESULTS: BABENHAUSEN - GOOD. HITS ON FIELD AND NORTH-
WEST DISPERSAL. GROSS OSTHEIM - FAIR. HITS IN LANDING AREA AND
WOODED DISPERSALS. BIBLIS - GOOD. HITS IN LANDING AREAS. ALSO
HITS IN TOWN AND M/Y.
7. YELLOW NOSE P-51 KNOCKED DOWN BY E/A EAST KOBLENZ.
8. THANKS A MILLION TO THE 361st PILOT WHO SHOT A JERRY OFF CAPT
WINDER'S TAIL.
- L. 1. U/I NUMBER E/A ATTACKED BOMBERS SOUTH OF KOBLENZ.
2. 2 ME 109'S ENGAGED VIC BONN - KOBLENZ - AGGRESSIVE.
3. 12 ME 109'S ENGAGED VIC KOBLENZ - LIMBURG AT 1350 FROM 15,000
DOWN TO 2,000. AGGRESSIVE.
4. APPROX 20 S/E E/A BOUNCED "B" GROUP VIC BAD MAUHEIM BUT HIT
FOR DECK WHEN TURNED INTO.
- M. 1. INTENSE HVY - ACCURATE PREDICTION TYPE ALONG BOMBER COURSE SOUTH
KOBLENZ TO BAD MAUHEIM.
2. HVY - MEAGRE - INACC - WORMS.
3. HVY - MOD - ACC - KAISERSLAUTERN.
4. HVY - MOD - INACC - 5010. 0820.
- N. GOOD WEATHER WITH GROUND HAZE THOUGH ENOUGH FOR VISUAL BOMBING AND
GOOD OBSERVATIONS. OK AT BASE
- O. EARLIER R/V WOULD HAVE PREVENTED SEVERAL BOMBER LOSSES AND RESULTED
IN MORE E/A DESTROYED.

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CONFIDENTIAL OIRDN D59D MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

- A. 353rd "C" GROUP, LT HAYNES LEADING.
- B. 7 P 51S (4-350, 3-351 SQDN) UP 1236 DOWN 1611
- C. NIL
- D. ESCORT 2 P.R.U. A/C - LEIPZIG
- E. NIL
- F. NIL
- G. NIL
- H. 1-0-0 (AIR)
- I. L/F IN SOUTH NOORDWAAL - 1300 HRS - 25000 FT AND PROCEEDED ON COURSE.
COMBAT WITH 6 ME 109'S IN VICINITY OF WEIMAR - 1430 HRS - 30000 FT.
L/F OUT KNOCKE - 1550 HRS - 25000 FT.
- J. NIL
- K. 1. P.R.U. SHIP REPORTED HEAVY GROUND HAZE IN TARGET AREA
PREVENTING SNAPPING PIX.
2. ROCKET - OSNABRUCK AREA - 1405 HRS - 45000 FT.
3. 4/5 I/I BLOW JOBS SEEN STOOING NORTH OF KASSEL - NO ATTACKS.
- L. 6 ME 109'S SEEN FORMING UP APPROX 5 MINUTES BEFORE COMBAT.
NEXT OBSERVED FLYING FROM EAST (WEIMAR AREA) 32000 FT - WHERE THEY

MADE A 180 DEGREE TURN
ND 6 O'CLOCK ATTACK, SINGLY AND IN TWO'S.
THESE E/A ENGAGED FOR ABOVE CLAIM AND P.R.U. A/C UNMOLESTED.
M. NIL
N. HIGH CIRRUS TO 30000 FT WITH GROUND HAZE BECOMING HEAVIER AS TARGET
APPROACHED.
O. NIL

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A. 353- "D" FIGHTER GROUP, CAPT EANES LEADING.
B. 4 P-51S (4-352 SQDN) UP 1246 DOWN 1635.
C. 2
D. ESCORT PRU P-38 - HANNOVER, MAGDEBURG
E. THRU H. NIL
I. L/F IN ZANDVOORT - 1345 HRS - 23000 FT AND PROCEEDED ON COURSE,
25000 FT, WITH PRU SHIP COVERING HANNOVER AND MAGDEBURG TARGETS.
L/F OUT ZANDVOORT 1805 HRS - 22000 FT.
J. NIL
K. 2 ROCKETS FROM RUHR - 1406 AND 1529 HRS - USUAL CHARACTERISTICS.
L. NIL
M. NIL
N. GOOD THOUGH SOME GROUND HAZE.
O. NIL.

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