

357th FG

OIPNT V OISAS NR OILES 3/24 - OP OP -
OIPNT T: OIAWW IAH

FROM OILES 24/1900A.
TO OISAS
OIPNT (ATTN: D.I.O.)
OIAWW
IAH (ATTN: ABAF BATTLE ROOM)

BT

CONFIDENTIAL OILES D32D.

A. 357- (A) FIGHTER GROUP. MAJOR PETERSON LEADING.
B. 51 P-51S. (28-382, 25-384). UP 1130. DOWN 1835.
C. 4. (2 ESCORT).
D. HEAVY BOMBER ESCORT. 8- A.F. F.O. 1446A.
E. 3 NYR. LT. GILBERT AND LT. MOONEY LAST SEEN VICINITY FULDA, 1425.
LT. HOWES LANDED A-83.
H. S/E 23-0-0 AIR.
I. L/F 1217 KNOCKE 22,000. R/VLAST 4 GROUPS FIRST FORCE 1230 BRUSSELS
25,000. L/B 1420 WEST OF FULDA TO ENGAGE E/A. L/F 1600 WALCHEREN
14,000.
J. NIL.
K. 1. B-17 ON FIRE FROM FLAK SOUTH OF KOBLENZ. NO CHUTES.
2. B-17 DOWN TARGET AREA 1305. NO CHUTES.
3. CHUTE AT 5,000 VICINITY KOBLENZ OBSERVED AT 1400. NO PLANE IN
VICINITY.
4. A PILOT FROM THIS GROUP BAILED OUT OF A BURNING PLANE IN
COMBAT AREA.
L. 60/70 FW 190S AND ME 109S AT 26,000 WITH 40/50 GIVING TOP COVER WERE
INTERCEPTED IN VICINITY OF FULDA BEFORE REACHING BOMBERS. ENEMY
WAS FLYING IN FLIGHTS OF FOUR WITH FLIGHTS IN CLOSE TRAIL FORMATION.
AS WE ENGAGED, THEY TURNED SHARPLY TRYING TO CLOSE IN A LUFFBERRY
OF FLIGHTS. WE ATTACKED BEFORE MANEUVER WAS COMPLETED. ENEMY WAS
AGGRESSIVE BUT NO OTHER IMPROVEMENT IN QUALITY OF
PILOTS WAS NOTED.
M. FRANKFORT - HEAVY, MEAGER, INACCURATE.
N. C A V U
O. BOMBER FORMATION AND INTERVAL GOOD.

VBT
TOD....1935A JEB BB

OIPNT R....241949A ZMB K

OIPNT V OISAS OILES NR 01/24 OPOP
OIPNT T: OIAWW IAH

FROM OILES 241725A.
TO OISAS
OIPNT (ATTN: D.I.O.)
OIAWW
IAH (ATTN: D.I.O. ABAF BATTLE ROOM)

BT

CONFIDENTIAL OILES D30D.

A. 357- (B) FIGHTER GROUP. LT. COL. DREGNE LEADING.
B. 25 P-51S. (25-383) UP 1105. DOWN 1435.
C. 1.
D. HEAVY BOMBER ESCORT, 8- A.F. F.O. 1446A
E. 2 NYR. 1 LANDED A-70. 1 DOWN IN FLAMES MID-AIR COLLISION.
F. NIL.
G. 1 M.I.A. LT. HELWIG COLLIDED WITH U/I P-51 AT 1240 TEN MILES NORTH
OF DAUN (4WL3877). BOTH PLANES WENT DOWN IN FLAMES. NO CHUTES.
1 NYR. CAPT. FOY, LANDED A-70.
H. S/E 8-0-0 (AIR)
I. L/F 1149 KNOCKE 21,000. R/V FIRST THREE GROUPS FIRST FORCE 1212
NORTH OF NAMUR 24,000. AFTER ENGAGEMENT WITH E/A W. OF KOBLENZ
FOUR FLIGHTS HAD INSUFFICIENT GAS TO CONTINUE. TWO FLIGHT
PROCEEDED WITH BOMBERS THROUGH TARGET BREAKING ESCORT 1300 E. OF
FRANKFURT 24,000. L/F OUT 1412 N. WALCHEREN 17,000.
J. NIL.
K. 1. L-5 HIT IN WING TIP AT 1250, LANDED SAFELY APPROXIMATELY 20
MILES W. ARLON.
2. 7 BOMBERS SEEN GOING DOWN IN FLAMES WEISBADEN AREA 1300.
L. 15 PLUS S/E E/A IN SINGLES AND PAIRS PREPARING FOR ATTACK ON
BOMBERS, WITH 20 PLUS U/I A/C ABOVE THEM, WERE ENCOUNTERED
25 MILES W. OF KOBLENZ 1240 HOURS AND ENGAGED AT 28,000 FT. WITH
RESULTS NOTED. 1 ME 282 SEEN 10 MILES N. OF NAMUR AT 25,000.
2 ME 282S SEEN OVER DUSSELDORF AT 1345 HOURS AT 12,000 AND 28,000
RESPECTIVELY, CHASED BY P-51S.
M. GIESSEN - HEAVY, MODERATE, INACCURATE.
N. CAVU. SLIGHT HAZE TO 15,000.
O. BOMBER FORMATION GOOD.

BT

TOD.....24/1758A HH BBBBBBBBBB