

HEADQUARTERS
STATION 123 APO 558
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

23 APRIL 1944

SUBJECT: S-2 REPORT, MISSION 22 APRIL 44 (HAMM)
TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF 123, APO 558.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

1. NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE ENCOUNTERED OVER THE CONTINENT. JUST BEFORE GROUP REACHED STATION ON RETURN AND WHILE STILL IN FORMATION, TWO INTRUDERS BELIEVED TO BE A JU 88 AND AND ME 410 ATTACKED FROM ELEVEN O'CLOCK HIGH AT 2210 HOURS. ONE OF OUR AIRCRAFT WAS DESTROYED AND ANOTHER FORCED TO CRASH LAND.

2. CLAIM IS MADE FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ME 410.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

3. ALONG THE ROUTE FLAK WAS GENERALLY MEAGER TO MODERATE AND INACCURATE. ON THE APPROACH TO HAMM HOWEVER, OUR FORMATION ENCOUNTERED INTENSE AND ACCURATE FIRE. IN THE VICINITY OF COBLENZ MODERATE BUT INACCURATE FLAK WAS REPORTED.

OBSERVATIONS

4. NE OF COBLENZ SMOKELESS EXPLOSION FLASHES WERE OBSERVED IN AN OPEN FIELD. THIS WAS APPARENTLY AN ATTEMPT BY THE ENEMY TO SIMULATE A BOMBING ATTACK AND DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THE ACTUAL TARGET.

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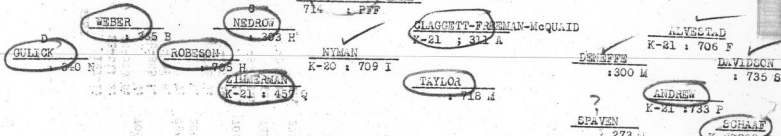
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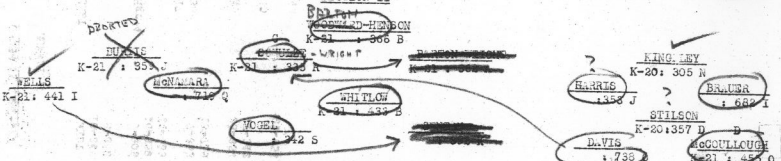
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SECTION II



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| 1. 127-6 | 2. 311-23 | 3. 303-36 | 4. 706-Hgr 4 | 5. 365-25 | 6. 709-27 | 7. 735-47 | 8. 300-38 | 9. 718-30 | 10. 457-31 | 11. 705-49 | 12. 340-28 | 13. 733-40 | 14. 302-32 | 15. 273-45 | 16. 366-10 | 17. 362-8 | 18. 335-4 | 19. 305-9 | 20. 359-16 | 21. 433-24 | 22. 682-1 | 23. 353-7 | 24. 719-13 | 25. 441 Hgr 3 | 26. 352-33 | 27. 342-727. | 28. 357-Hgr 2 | 29. 455-29 | 30. 738-530. |
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458th Pilots and Aircraft as listed on Formation Plans

DATE	TARGET	PILOT	458th Msn #	Pilot Msn#	Cmd Pilot	LD	Serial	RCL	Sqdn	A/C Msn #	A/C Name	MIA	Notes
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	ALVESTAD	25	12			41-28706	F	J4	10	DREAM BOAT/SPARE PARTS		
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	ANDREW	25	4			41-28733	P	J4	17	RHAPSODY IN JUNK		
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	BARTON	25	5	HENSON	L2	42-100366	B	Z5	12	MIZPAH		WOODWARD CROSSED OUT
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	BRAUER	25	13			41-28682	I	Z5	19	UNKNOWN 003		
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	BURTIS	25	ABT			41-29359	J	J3	--	TAIL WIND		
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	CLAGGETT	25	7	FREEMAN	D1	42-100311	A	7V	14	YOKUM BOY		McQUAID LEAD NAV
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	DAVIDSON	25	8			41-28735	S	J4	13	UNKNOWN 005		
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	DAVIS	25	13			41-28738	O	Z5	10	MEAT AROUND THE CORNER		
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	DeNEFFE	25	12			41-29300	M	J4	19	LORELEI		
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	GULICK	25	11			41-29340	N	7V	8	YANKEE BUZZ BOMB		
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	HARRIS, T	25	9			42-52353	J	Z5	19	McNAMARA'S BAND	CRL	SHOT DOWN OVER ENGLAND
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	KINGSLEY	25	8			41-29305	N	Z5	12	I'LL BE BACK/HYPOCHONDRIAC		
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	LAMB	25	--	JAMISON	L1	41-28714	H	YO	--	389BG/564SQ		389TH CREW (TRSF MAR 28)
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	McCULLOUGH	25	11			42-52455	O	7V	16	PLUTOCRAT		
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	McNAMARA	25	1			41-28719	Q	J3	14	PADDLEFOOT		
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	NEDROW	25	8			41-29303	H	Z5	18	LIBERTY LIB		
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	NYMAN	25	8			41-28709	I	7V	12	LUCKY STRIKE		
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	ROBESON	25	16			41-28705	H	J4	18	YE OLDE HELLGATE		
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	SCHAAF	25	15			41-29302	P	7V	12	NOKKISH		
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	SPAVEN	25	12			41-29273	Q	J4	21	FLAK MAGNET	FTR	SHOT DOWN OVER GERMANY
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	STILSON	25	12			42-100357	D	Z5	12	VALE OREGAN	CR	SHOT DOWN OVER ENGLAND
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	TAYLOR	25	15			41-28718	M	7V	21	BO		
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	VOGEL	25	15			41-29342	S	J3	8	ROUGH RIDERS		
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	WEBER	25	11			42-100365	B	7V	15	WOLFGANG (maybe)		
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	WELLS	25	12			42-52441	I	J3	18	LAST CARD LOUIE		
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	WHITLOW	25	11			42-100433	B	J3	11	BIG DICK HARD TO HIT		
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	WRIGHT	25	2			42-52335	R	Z5	19	ADMIRABLE LITTLE CHARACTER		SCHULZE CROSSED OUT
22-Apr-1944	HAMM M/Y	ZIMMERMAN	25	8			42-52457	Q	7V	15	FINAL APPROACH		