

HEADQUARTERS
STATION 123 APO 558
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

9 APRIL 44

SUBJECT: S-2 REPORT, MISSION 8 APRIL 44 (BRUNSWICK/WAGGUM)
TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF 123, APO 558.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPPOSITION

1. STRONG FIGHTER OPPOSITION WAS ENCOUNTERED WITH AN ESTIMATED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE (125) ME 109'S AND ABOUT THIRTY (30) FW 190'S PARTICIPATING IN THE ATTACKS. ONLY ONE TWIN ENGINE FIGHTER WAS REPORTED.

2. OUR FORMATION WAS UNDER ATTACK ALMOST CONTINUOUSLY FROM AND HOUR AND A HALF. THE LEAD AND LOW LEFT SECTIONS SUFFERED THE MAJORITY OF THE ATTACKS ALONG WITH THE RIGHT ELEMENTS OF THE HIGH RIGHT SECTION.

3. THE ATTACK COMMENCED AT 1344 HOURS IN THE VICINITY OF STEINHÜDER LAKE, AND WERE PRESSED HOME VIGOROUSLY AROUND SALZWEDEL, GARDELEGEN, AND OVER THE TARGET. THEY PERSISTED UNTIL THE FORMATION PASSED DUMMER LAKE ON THE RETURN ROUTE, AND SOME ISOLATED ATTACKS WERE MADE ALL THE WAY TO THE QUIDER ZEE.

4. VARIOUS TYPES OF ATTACKS WERE MADE WITH SWOOPERS, ROLLERCOASTERS AND A SISTERS' ACT BEING REPORTED. FOR THE MOST PART, HOWEVER, SINGLE PASSES WERE MADE FROM SIX O'CLOCK. JUST SOUTH OF HANNOVER AT 1420, A FORMATION OF TWENTY FIVE (25) FW 190'S FLEW ALONG AS THOUGH THEY WERE FRIENDLY FIGHTER COVER AND THEN PEELED OFF AND ATTACKED FROM TEN O'CLOCK HIGH.

5. CLAIMS ARE 9-5-5.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

6. MEAGER FLAK OF VARYING ACCURACY WAS ENCOUNTERED OVER FURSTENAU AND BRAMSCHÉ ON THE ROUTE IN. OVER THE TARGET BARRAGE TYPE FLAK WAS MODERATE BUT ACCURATE. PEINE SENT UP A MODERATE AMOUNT OF ACCURATE CONTINUOUS FOLLOWING FLAK AND A HEAVY BARRAGE WAS OBSERVED OVER HANNOVER.

7. SIX ROCKETS WERE REPORTED OVER BRUNSWICK. THEY LEFT TRAILS OF WHITE SMOKE, THE BURSTS DEVELOPED FLAMES AND BLUE SMOKE.

OBSERVATIONS

8. A BARRAGE OF TWENTY FIVE (25) BALLOONS WAS SIGHTED ONE MILE NORTH OF MINDEN. TWELVE (12) BOMBERS WERE REPORTED ON CELLE A/D AT 1342 HOURS. A DUMMY SMOKE SCREEN WAS OBSERVED ABOUT FOUR MILES NORTH OF WAGGUM A/D, LOCATED IN OPEN FIELDS. BRUNSWICK WAS WELL PROTECTED BY A SMOKE SCREEN.

9. THERE WERE SOME REPORTS OF ENEMY FIGHTERS STRAFING MEN IN PARACHUTES.

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