



Headquarters U.S. VIII Fighter Command Narratives of Operations

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~~Statistics - U.S. Fighter Groups~~ **Heavy-Bomber Attacks on Targets in N.W. Germany**

Statistics of U.S. Fighter Groups:

Heavy-Bomber Support Tasks:	Penetration	Target	Withdrawal	Type 16	Total	Credits
VIII FC Missions by 12 Groups:	3	5	6	-	14	
IX FC Missions by 4 Groups:	4	-	-	-	4	
P-47 Sorties: -	189	69	112	-	370	
P-38 Sorties: -	-	-	136	-	136	
P-51 Sorties: -	87	119	-	-	206	
Total: -	276	188	248	-	712	
P-47 Thunderbolts Cat.E: -	2	1	1	-	4	
P-38 Lightnings Cat.E: -	-	-	5	-	5	
P-51 Mustangs Cat.E: -	6	7	-	-	13	
P-47 Cat.E or damaged Cat. B: -	1	-	-	-	1	
P-38 Cat.E or damaged Cat. B: -	-	-	-	-	0	
P-51 Cat.E or damaged Cat. B: -	2	-	-	-	2	
Personnel Casualties MiA: -	8	8	6	-	22	
Combat Claims (Air): -	29-1-24	42-0-12	17-2-02	0-0-0	88-3-38	57.6-3-10
Combat Claims (Ground): -	02-0-05	20-0-12	17-1-21	0-0-0	40-1-38	53.5-0-47
Enemy Aircraft Seen: -	150	170-200	38+	-	370-385*	
U.S. Bombers seen Shot-down: -	24	22/24	8	-	54-56*	

*Possible duplication as compiled from individual Group sightings.

Miscellaneous Ground-Targets: Destroyed: 37 locomotives, two fuel-dumps, one tug-boat, large hangar, Flak-towers and gun-positions. Damaged: 69 locomotives, building, hangars, freight-cars, Flak-towers, trains with soldiers, coal-barges, gun-emplacements, water-towers, trucks, switch-engine, flying control-tower, and numerous ground targets.

1. Summary of Fighter Escort

1st ATF (2nd BD, 4 CWs): Target - Brunswick

The 353rd 'C' Fighter Group made an early free-lance sweep of Dutch coast 12.07 hours, Dümmer Lake 12.40 hours. Strafing opportunity targets claiming two locomotives destroyed, two locomotives and trains damaged as well as several other ground targets. No enemy aircraft seen. Landfall-out Ijmuiden 13.50 hours. The 358th Fighter Group made rendezvous with the Libs when west of the Zuider Zee near Edam. Escorted them uneventfully to the north of Osnabrück, leaving at 13.09 hours. The 362nd Fighter Group joined the bombers over the Zuider Zee at 12.45 hours, breaking escort at about 13.35 hours, when north of Hannover. Had combat over Celle, destroying two enemy aircraft. Strafing airfield there destroying two and damaging 6 more enemy aircraft. Landfall-out 15.15 hours. The 354th Fighter Group (IXth Fighter Command) crossed the enemy coast over Ijmuiden at 12.36 hours. Rendezvoused near the Dümmer Lake, 13.15 hours. Escorted bombers through to the target and on the withdrawal. Landfall-out north of Walcheren 15.30 hours. Combats with 60-plus to 15-plus enemy fighters in the vicinity of Wittingen, and to the north of Brunswick. Score 20-1-16 for loss of 4 P-51s. The 363rd Fighter Group (IXth Fighter Command) joined the bombers north of Lingen 13.00 hours, took them to Wittingen where it was attacked by 40 single-engined fighters resulting in claims of 7-0-6 for three P-51s lost. Continued escort to Zwolle. The 357th Fighter Group rendezvoused at Gardelegen at 14.09 hours, escorting bombers through to the target, staying with them one hour before breaking escort at Zwolle. Reported that the bombers were well strung-out, and difficult to escort. Combats in the target area from 20,000 feet down to the 'deck,' with claims 5-0-3 for no loss. The 355th Fighter Group made landfall-in south of Egmond at 12.56 hours. Sighted the bombers north-east of Lingen. Rendezvoused at Gardelegen, at 14.00 hours. Between here and the target, the bombers were 'bounced' by 50-75 Me 109s. Also intermittent attacks on withdrawal to Zuider Zee. One squadron, on the withdrawal, attacked Gifhorn airfield, destroying 7-0-1 here, making a total 13-0-4 for loss of three P-51s. The 4th Fighter Group made landfall-in Den Helder 12.47 hours, then proceeded toward Bremen, heard call for help. Turned south, made rendezvous at 13.00 hours, near Nienburg, with four Combat-Wings of B-24s. Near Celle, at 13.20 hours, 75-100 enemy fighters attacked from the north-east in three separate 'gaggles.' Group fought over a 30-miles area from 23,000 feet down to the 'deck' destroying 31 and damaging nine. Crossed south of Den Helder at 15.07 hours. The 364th Fighter Group furnished withdrawal support meeting the bombers at Oberkirchen, 14.23 hours, and taking out Egmond at 15.55 hours. Drove away six Me 109s attacking stragglers. The 55th Fighter Group met the bombers at Hamelin, 14.27 hours, and took them over the planned withdrawal route breaking escort in mid-Channel at 16.04 hours. Reported that the formation was spread out over great distance. Thirty-plus Me 109s made two passes, once over the Dümmer Lake and later when west of Meppen. One of these was destroyed for the loss of one. In a late sweep, the 361st Fighter Group went up and down bomber's track from The Hague to Dümmer Lake, noting P-38s, 47s and P-51 escorting, formations good in boxes, but boxes strung out. Broke-up an attack on the bombers, when in the vicinity of the Dümmer Lake, claiming 9-2-2 for one lost. The 20th Fighter Group, in a late sweep, crossed Egmond at 15.05 hours. Attacked Salzwedel airfield at 15.55 hours, then swept west of the assigned area attacking other ground-targets, chiefly rail equipment, also 300 German soldiers caught on parade. 'Bounced' on the way out at Celle. Besides miscellaneous ground-targets destroyed or damaged, the Group claims 25-1-21 enemy aircraft, of which 7 were destroyed in the air. They lost three P-38s.

2nd ATF (1st BD, 1 CW): Target - Brunswick

The 353rd Fighter Group rendezvoused at Ijmuiden, 13.30 hours, taking bombers to targets where excellent bombing was observed. Broke escort here and swept by squadrons, Zwischenahn, Hopenhoffen and Hoya, damaging ground targets and planes on airfields. Landfall-out 15.11 to 15.37 hours. The 56th 'B' Fighter Group, escorted from Egmond to Oldenburg, making rendezvous in time to note the fine bombing. Saw no enemy aircraft, except 10 Me 109s on Zwischenahn airfield. Landfall-out at Egmond at 15.10 hours.

3rd ATF (3rd BD, 4 CWs): Targets - Salzbergen, Quakenbrück & Bramsche

The 356th Fighter Group entered the enemy coast south of Egmond, 13.04 hours. Found bombers at 13.15 hours, and watched excellent bombing of Salzbergen airfield. No enemy aircraft seen in the air, but several Ju 88s seen at Twente/Enschede airdrome which were thought to be dummies. One Do 217 and several Flak installations damaged. Landfall-out north of Ijmuiden, 14.35 hours. The 352nd Fighter Group furnished escort from Haaksbergen, at 13.27 hours, to Quakenbrück and Bramsche. Broke-escort over Egmond on the way out at 14.40 hours. They also report fine bombing, after which squadrons strafed Quakenbrück airdrome, also one in the vicinity of Bramsche, claiming 12-5-2, and numerous ground-targets destroyed or damaged. The 359th Fighter Group made a late sweep going in north of Bergen-aan-Zee, 13.25 hours, to Lorup, south of Alfhausen to the Dümmer Lake, noting Bramsche and Quakenbrück well hit. Several stragglers were escorted on the withdrawal. No enemy aircraft seen. Report bombers always under escort. Landfall-out 14.52-59 hours at Egmond. The 56th 'A' Fighter Group made an area sweep, crossing enemy coast 13.07 hours, and proceeding to Diepholz, Hesepe, Salzbergen, the Ems Canal, and then to the south of the Emden to Lingen area. Report excellent bombing. Strafing Salzbergen airdrome and unidentified airfields destroying three enemy aircraft, a gasoline-dump and damaging several ground targets. Landfall-out in the vicinity of Ijmuiden at 14.53 hours.

Independent Fighter-Sweeps

Statistics of U.S. Fighter Groups:

Fighter Tasks:	Fighter-Sweep
VIII FC Missions by 1 Group:	2
P-47 Sorties: -	68
P-47 Thunderbolts Cat.E: -	0
P-47 Cat.E or damaged Cat. B: -	1
Personnel Casualties: -	0
Combat Claims (Air): -	0-0-2
Combat Claims (Ground): -	7-0-9

Enemy Aircraft Seen: - 3

U.S. Bombers seen Shot-down: - 0

Miscellaneous Ground-Targets: 15 locomotives destroyed, 21 locomotives, fire-truck, trucks, water-towers, Flak-towers, flying-control tower, buildings, freight-cars, and numerous other ground-targets damaged.

Independent Fighter-Sweep of the Frankfurt Area

The 78th 'A' Fighter Group made landfall-in between Ostend and Blankenberge, 14.37 hours. Flak over Antwerp separated the two squadrons. One squadron flew to Koblenz, one flight went on to Mannheim and claimed two locomotives destroyed and miscellaneous ground targets damaged. The other squadron strafed an airdrome, believed to be Bad Nauheim, damaging gliders and other unidentified aircraft and buildings. No other aircraft seen on any airdrome in the vicinity, locomotives and miscellaneous targets were attacked on airfield south of Frankfurt. Over Antwerp, one flight 'bounced' three FW 190s and claim two damaged. Landfall-out Ostend at 17.10 hours. No losses. The 78th 'B' Fighter Group made landfall-in over Knokke, 14.43 hours, flew to Koblenz airdrome, marshalling-yards and factories in the vicinity of Trier attacked. Claims 7-0-0 were made, all on ground. Thirteen locomotives were claimed destroyed and numerous ground targets damaged. Landfall-out from 16.40-16.50 hours, from south of Boulogne to east of Calais. No losses.

Points of Interest:

- (1) The largest single-engined fighter concentration in one small area yet achieved by the enemy, an estimated 250 single-engined fighters were seen in the Brunswick area in the space of 30 minutes. Further attacks occurred over the Zuider Zee.
- (2) Enemy very aggressive in the target area, fairly aggressive on withdrawal.
- (3) Barrage-balloons at Rheine, Osnabrück and Brunswick, very intense Flak at Vechta, Twente/Enschede and Rheine. Flak with no smoke but hundreds of flashes seen over Hildesheim and Celle, very accurate for height, believed rockets.
- (4) Many rocket-bearing single-engined fighters seen.
- (5) No opposition to the short missions.
- (6) Some evidence of wide dispersion and hiding of aircraft on operational airdromes.
- (7) No twin-engined fighter opposition.

2. Bomber Report

Six hundred and forty-four (644) Heavy-Bombers, 314 B-17s and 330 B-24s, were dispatched to attack five Luftwaffe installations in Germany, and two aircraft factories in the Brunswick area. Weather was clear over all the targets, but due to navigational difficulties, some of the B-17s were unable to bomb their primaries, and so attacked secondaries. A total of 308 B-17s and 303 B-24s attacked, hitting all assigned primaries as well as several targets of opportunity. Enemy fighter opposition was nil against B-17s formations, but the B-24s, which made the deepest penetration in attacking Brunswick, met very aggressive attacks by enemy fighters. Approximately 200 single-engined enemy fighters were encountered by the B-24s. Tentative bomber claims are 60-22-18. Flak against all formations was generally moderate to intense and accurate. Thirty B-24s and four B-17s were lost. Six hundred and eleven (611) aircraft dropped a total of 1,384 tons of bombs with results ranging from fair to excellent.

a. Early Sweep 1st ATF:[12.54 hrs.] Dummer Lake Area



VIII FC 353rd 'C' FG 12 P-47 Thunderbolt 11.00-14.50E F.O. 291 0 - 0 - 0 - 1 Cat.E: Flak Fighter-Sweep

(A) 353rd 'C' Fighter Group, Captain Ettlesen leading (B) 12 P-47s, no up and down times (C) one abortive sortie (D) Field Order # 291 (E) one P-47 Cat.E (F) one P-47 damaged Cat.A (G) 1/Lt. Clifford E. Carter, 369th Squadron, 370th Fighter Group IXth Fighter Command, missing (H) Ground and/or water targets claimed by Group (aircraft excluded). One locomotive destroyed, shared by Capt. Ettlesen, Lt. Carter and Lt. Thacker; one locomotive destroyed, shared by Lts. Sullivan and Kelly. Two locomotives probably destroyed, shared by Capt. Ettlesen, and Lts. Carter and Thacker. One train with soldiers strafed, shared by, Lts. Sullivan, Durant and Edwarlafm. One tug-boat destroyed in Ems-Weser Canal, shared by Capt. Ettlesen, Lts. Carter and Oliphant. One 60-foot power-launch set on fire on the Weser Canal, shared by Capt. Ettlesen, and Lts. Carter, Oliphant and Thacker. Two coal-barges, one on fire, by Lt. Oliphant (no squadron units identified). (I) Landfall-in north of Ijmuiden, 12.07 hours, at 20,000 feet. Arrived in the Dummer Lake area at 12.40 hours. Strafed targets of opportunity, resulting in the above claims (ground equipment and vehicles). Landfall-out north of Ijmuiden, 13.50 hours, at 15,000 feet. One flight went down to the 'deck' in the vicinity of Bohmte, but was unable to find the briefed airdrome. While strafing other targets, light-Flak was encountered from high ground. Lieutenant Carter was last seen in this area. Intense, heavy-Flak was encountered at Rheine, Vechta and Twente/Enschede, prevented the strafing of these airdromes. Buildings were again in repair at Vechta with 15-plus twin-engined aircraft observed. One aircraft carried two 250-lb. G.P. bombs, fuzed 8 to 11.0 seconds delay, and these were released from 3,000 feet over this airdrome. One bomb was seen to explode outside the north-eastern perimeter track. Result of the other bomb was unobserved. Fifty-plus single-engined and twin-engined aircraft were seen on Rheine airdrome. No enemy aircraft seen in the air. One flight escorted a B-17, and another flight escorted a B-24 across the Channel on the return. Unable to locate another bomber calling for help on 'C' Channel, saying number was '360' and had but one engine.

— Cat.E 08.04.44 1/Lt. Clifford E. Carter ♀ 370th FG 369th Sqn. P-47D-2: 42-22464 Flak: Bohmte

b. Penetration-Support: 1st ATF (2nd BD): Brunswick



IX FC 358th FG 48 P-47 Thunderbolt 11.50-14.45 F.O. 125 0 - 0 - 0 - 1 Cat.E: H-BS: Brunswick

(A) 358th Fighter Group, IXth Fighter Command, Major Ross leading (B) 48 P-47s, up 11.50 down 14.45 hours (C) 10 abortive sorties (D) IX Fighter Command F.O. 125 (E) nil (F) one P-47 Cat.E (G) and (H) nil (I) Landfall-in south of Ijmuiden, 22,000 feet, at 12.35 hours. Rendezvoused with the Libs near Edam on the western bank of Zuider Zee, at 22,000 feet, at 12.40 hours. Maintained escort without incident to approximately 5 miles north of Osnabrück, where the Group left the bombers at 20,000 feet, at 13.00 hours. Landfall-out Zandvoort, 19,000 feet, at 13.37 hours. Bombers in good formation. No enemy aircraft seen. Flak heavy, intense, and inaccurate on the way

in, in the vicinity of Ijmuiden at approximately 20,000 feet. Many small E-boats were observed in dock at Ijmuiden, 10 boats in one slip. R/T transmission to 'Redhead' not well received, but otherwise good.

Cat.E 08.04.44 Pilot wanting 358th FG 355th Sqn. P-47D - Crashed England



IX FC 362nd FG 54 P-47 Thunderbolt 11.36-16.05 F.O. 125 4 - 0 - 6 Various No casualty H-BS: Brunswick

(A) 362nd Fighter Group, IXth Fighter Command, Lieutenant-Colonel Magoffin leading (B) 54 P-51s, up 11.36 down 16.05 hours (C) 4 abortive sorties (D) IXth Fighter Command F.O. 125 (E) nil (F) one P-51 Cat.AC (G) thru (H) 4-0-6 (I) Landfall-in north of Ijmuiden at 12.30 hours at 21,000 feet. Rendezvoused over the Zuider Zee at 12.45 hours, at 21,000 feet. The 377th Squadron broke-escort when north of Hannover at 13.35 hours, at 20,000 feet. After turning they saw one B-24 crash near Steinhuder Lake, and three chutes open. Shortly thereafter another B-24 was seen doing acrobatics, and two chutes opened. A moment later, about 13.40 hours, two FW 190s showed up at about 8,000 feet. One was destroyed by Lt. Kelly, and the other damaged by Capt. Herway. Squadron made landfall-out near The Hague at 14.50 hours, at 18,000 feet. The 378th Squadron broke escort at Longitude 10° East at 13.30 hours One Green Flight brought back a B-24. First two flights sighted a Ju 88 flying north of Celle at about 2,000 feet, and went down. Major Teschner and Lieutenant Askew shot it down. The rest strafed the airdrome at Celle, where 12 aircraft were seen, destroying two Me 210s and damaging 5 Me 210s. There were also aircraft on the airdrome just east of field. Landfall-out north of Ijmuiden 14.45 hours at 10,000 feet. Blue Flight went almost to target where they encountered 30 Me 109s. P-51s were also in the vicinity. The 378th Squadron left the bombers near Celle, except one flight which took them around the target and brought them most of the way back. Landfall-out Dutch Islands, 15.16 hours at 18,000 feet. Four Heavy-Bombers, observed from a considerable distance, seen to go down near Oldenburg, apparently hit by A.A. fire. Moderate, accurate, heavy A.A. at Ijmuiden. Meagre, accurate, heavy A.A. near Osnabrück. Meagre, inaccurate, heavy A.A. between Dümmer and Steinhuder Lakes. Approximately 12 balloons at Minden, at low altitude. Meagre, inaccurate, heavy A.A. at Hannover. Intense, accurate, heavy A.A. (clack) at Amsterdam, Utrecht and Reims.

■ Claim 08.04.44	Maj. Teschner	362 nd FG	378 th Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Ju 88	N. Celle 2,000 ft.
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Askew	362 nd FG	378 th Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Ju 88	N. Celle 2,000 ft.
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Kelly	362 nd FG	377 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	FW 190	13.40: Steinhuder Lake
■ Claim 08.04.44	Capt. Herway	362 nd FG	377 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	FW 190	13.40: Steinhuder Lake
↓ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Crutchfield	362 nd FG	378 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 1	Me 210	Celle Airdrome
↓ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Matte	362 nd FG	378 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 1	Me 210	Celle Airdrome
↓ Claim 08.04.44	Capt. Chlouvek	362 nd FG	377 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - ½	Me 210	Celle Airdrome
↓ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Mills	362 nd FG	377 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - ½	Me 210	Celle Airdrome
↓ Claim 08.04.44	Capt. Chlouvek	362 nd FG	377 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - ½	Me 210	Celle Airdrome
↓ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Mills	362 nd FG	377 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - ½	Me 210	Celle Airdrome
↓ Claim 08.04.44	Capt. Chlouvek	362 nd FG	377 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - ½	Me 210	Celle Airdrome
↓ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Mills	362 nd FG	377 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - ½	Me 210	Celle Airdrome



IX FC 354th FG 53 P-51 Mustang 11.40-16.15 F.O. 125 20 - 1 - 16 Various 4 Cat.E H-BS: Brunswick

(A) 354th Fighter Group, IXth Fighter Command, Colonel Howard leading (B) 53 P-51s up 11.40 down 16.15 hours (C) 5 abortive sorties (D) IXth Fighter Command F.O. 125 (E) 4 P-51s Cat.E (F) Capt. Cannon, 353rd Squadron, from combat with FW 190, three 20^{-mm} shell-holes in right wing, vertical-stabilizer partially shot-away (G) Lt. Campbell, Lt. Cartwright, 355th Squadron, Lt. Davis, 356th Squadron, T/Sgt. Johns, 356th Squadron, missing (H) Claim 20-1-16 (air): see above list (I) Landfall-in over Ijmuiden, 12.36 hours, at 23,000 feet. Rendezvoused with bombers near Dümmer Lake at 13.15 hours at 23,000 feet, bombers four minutes late. Gave bombers Penetration, Target area, and Withdrawal support until 14.30 hours at 23,000 feet. Left them in the vicinity of the Dümmer Lake. Made landfall-out between Walcheren Island and Zandvoort at 15.30 hours, at various altitudes. Bombers were 'bounced' by 60-plus FW 190s and 15-plus Me 109s at 13.20 hours, when in the vicinity of Wittingen. When enemy aircraft made their first pass on bombers, three bombers were seen to explode, and three others spinning-out of formation, many chutes were observed. Most enemy fighters carried rocket-guns, and were very aggressive. All our combats took place north of Brunswick. Barrage-type Flak, thought to be rockets, was encountered over Celle and Hildesheim, no smoke seen just hundreds of flashes, extremely accurate as to height over both places. One B-24 straggler escorted from target area to Oldenburg, where heavy accurate Flak was encountered, B-24 blew up, five men seen to jump: three chutes opened, two failed to open.

*Amendment to Narrative of Operations Report No. 153. Para H. 354th Fighter Group's report, change totals to read 21-1-16. Add one FW 190 damaged by Capt. Bradley, 353rd Squadron. Change claim of Lt. Reynolds from one FW 190 damaged, to one FW 190 destroyed. (See Narratives of Operations for 10.04.44).

— Cat.E 08.04.44	2/Lt. James B. Campbell	354 th FG	355 th Sqn.	P-51B-5: 43-6737	FW 190s: Brunswick
— Cat.E 08.04.44	2/Lt. John M. Cartright	354 th FG	355 th Sqn.	P-51B-5: 43-7136	FW 190s: Brunswick
— Cat.E 08.04.44	2/Lt. Monroe Y. Davis	354 th FG	356 th Sqn.	P-51B-5: 43-6892	FW 190s: Brunswick
— Cat.E 08.04.44	T/Sgt. Dennis L. Johns: PoW	354 th FG	356 th Sqn.	P-51B-1: 43-12175	FW 190s: Brunswick

■ Claim 08.04.44	Col. Howard	354 th FG	Hq. Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	FW 190	N. Brunswick
■ Claim 08.04.44	Capt. Depner	354 th FG	356 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	FW 190	N. Brunswick
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Shoup	354 th FG	356 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	FW 190	N. Brunswick
■ Claim 08.04.44	Capt. Lasko	354 th FG	355 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	FW 190	N. Brunswick
■ Claim 08.04.44	Capt. Beerbower	354 th FG	353 rd Sqn.	2 - 0 - 2	FW 190	N. Brunswick
■ Claim 08.04.44	Capt. Cannon	354 th FG	353 rd Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	FW 190	N. Brunswick
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Regis	354 th FG	353 rd Sqn.	1 - 0 - 1	FW 190	N. Brunswick
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Simmons	354 th FG	353 rd Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	FW 190	N. Brunswick
■ Claim 08.04.44	Capt. Bradley	354 th FG	353 rd Sqn.	3 - 1 - 2	FW 190	N. Brunswick
■ Claim 08.04.44	Capt. O'Connor	354 th FG	356 th Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Me 109G	N. Brunswick
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Carr	354 th FG	356 th Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Me 109G	N. Brunswick
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Refern	354 th FG	356 th Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Me 109G	N. Brunswick

■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Davis	354 th FG	356 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G	N. Brunswick
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Brueland	354 th FG	355 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G	N. Brunswick
■	Claim 08.04.44	Capt. Beerbower	354 th FG	353 rd Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G	N. Brunswick
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Henley	354 th FG	353 rd Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G	N. Brunswick
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Hunt	354 th FG	353 rd Sqn.	1 - 0 - 1	Me 109G	N. Brunswick
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. O'Harra	354 th FG	353 rd Sqn.	1 - 0 - 1	Me 109G	N. Brunswick
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Regis	354 th FG	353 rd Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G	N. Brunswick
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Gillis	354 th FG	356 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	FW 190	N. Brunswick
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. White	354 th FG	355 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	FW 190	N. Brunswick
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Domon	354 th FG	353 rd Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	FW 190	N. Brunswick
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Reynolds	354 th FG	353 rd Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	FW 190	N. Brunswick
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Allen	354 th FG	355 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 2	FW 190	N. Brunswick
■	Claim 08.04.44	Capt. Turner	354 th FG	356 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 2	Me 109G	N. Brunswick
■	Claim 08.04.44	Capt. Turner	354 th FG	356 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	He 111	N. Brunswick

Cat. AC 08.04.44 Capt. Cannon: WiA - 354th FG 353rd Sqn. P-51B 3 x 20 mm. strikes



IX FC 363rd FG 54 P-51 Mustang 11.41-15.35 F.O. 125 7 - 0 - 6 FW 190 2 Cat.E H-BS: Brunswick

(A) 363rd Fighter Group, IXth Fighter Command, Major McWherter leading (B) 54 P-51s, up 11.41 down 15.35 hours (C) 15 abortive sorties (D) IXth Fighter Command, F.O. 125 (E) two P-51s Cat.E (F) one P-51 crash-landed at Sudbury (G) two pilots missing: Lts. Fontes, 380th Squadron, and Lt. Wenner, 382nd Squadron (H) Claim 7-0-6 (air): see list above (I) Landfall-in Ijmuiden, 12.40 hours at 25,000 feet. Rendezvoused with bombers when north of Lingene, 13.00 hours, at 25,000 feet. Reached the target at 14.15 hours. When approximately at Wittengen, the bombers were attacked by about 40-plus single-engined enemy fighters, and during the following encounters the above claims were made. It was believed that some of the enemy action was by air-to-air bombing, and it was noted that the FW 190s had external belly-tanks that they did not jettison. Bombers were left at Zwolle. Landfall-out Ijmuiden. Heavy-Flak, inaccurate, moderate, over Lingene aimed at bombers. Heavy-Flak over Nienburg, moderate, and inaccurate, aimed at fighters. Light-Flak over Winnegsen. Rocket-fire seen over Hannover, bursting in bomber's formation. Believed it destroyed two bombers. Approximately four bombers in second box, and three in the third box, were seen to explode over Klotz, six chutes seen descending.

—	Cat.E 08.04.44	2/Lt. Alfred Fontes: MiA	363 rd FG	380 th Sqn.	P-51B-5: 43-6689	±FW 190s Wittengen
—	Cat.E 08.04.44	2/Lt. John A. Wenner Y		363 rd FG	382 nd Sqn.	P-51B-5: 43-7148 ±FW 190s Wittengen
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Steinke	363 rd FG	381 st Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	FW 190 Wittengen
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Schmidt	363 rd FG	381 st Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	FW 190 Wittengen
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Schmidt	363 rd FG	381 st Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Bü 131 Wittengen
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Reddig	363 rd FG	380 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G Wittengen
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Boland	363 rd FG	381 st Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G Wittengen
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Dalglish	363 rd FG	381 st Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G Wittengen
■	Claim 08.04.44	Maj. Culberson	363 rd FG	381 st Sqn. }	½ - 0 - 0	FW 190 Wittengen
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Lucas	363 rd FG	381 st Sqn. }	½ - 0 - 0	FW 190 Wittengen
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Sharrock	363 rd FG	380 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	FW 190 Wittengen
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Kimler	363 rd FG	381 st Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	FW 190 Wittengen
■	Claim 08.04.44	Maj. Culberson	363 rd FG	381 st Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	FW 190 Wittengen
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Boland	363 rd FG	381 st Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	FW 190 Wittengen
■	Claim 08.04.44	Maj. Irwin	363 rd FG	382 nd Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	FW 190 Wittengen
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Sharrock	363 rd FG	380 th Sqn. }	0 - 0 - ½	FW 190 Wittengen
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Hershberger	363 rd FG	380 th Sqn. }	0 - 0 - ½	FW 190 Wittengen

c. Target-Support: 1st ATF (2nd BD): Brunswick



VIII FC 357th FG 52 P-51 Mustang 12.10-16.10 F.O. 291 5 - 0 - 3 S.E.F. No casualty H-BS: Brunswick

(A) 357th Fighter Group, Major Hayes leading (B) 52 P-51s, up 12.10 down 16.10 hours (C) 9 abortive sorties (D) Field Order # 291 (E) thru (G) nil (H) Claim 5-0-3 (air) (I) Landfall-in north of The Hague, 14.00 hours, at 22,000 feet. Escorted bombers through the target, staying with them one hour, leaving them near Zwolle at 15.00 hours. Crossed-out at Ijmuiden at 15.15 hours at 20,000 feet. Bombers were strung-out, making it difficult to protect them. Clouds of smoke and flames were observed in the target area as the result of the bombing. Five B-24s seen to go down near the target, eight chutes observed. Another B-24 went down 10 miles north-west Steinhuder Lake, one chute observed. There were four to six black FW 190s, eight to ten Me 109s, painted silver-grey underneath and black on top, observed in the target area. All combat was in target area from 20,000 feet down to the 'deck.' Barrage-balloons were reported at Rheine, Osnabrück, and at the target at about 3,000 feet. Intense and inaccurate Flak reported over target, Osnabrück, Münster and Hannover. No planes seen at any airfields observed. Sparkler-type of Flak with white bursts at 20,000 feet observed over the target area. R/T good, although Group Leader was unable to contact 'Goldsmith' to give weather update.

[Accredited Claims: Miller List credits 357th FG with 5-0-0 air: Ed.]

■	Claim 08.04.44	Capt. A.M. Lingo	357 th FG	362 nd Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G	W. Brunswick
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. H.R. Ankeny	357 th FG	362 nd Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G	W. Brunswick
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. J.F. Pugh	357 th FG	362 nd Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G	S. Brunswick
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. L.K. Carson	357 th FG	362 nd Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Me 109G	S.W. Brunswick
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. J.S. Coon	357 th FG	362 nd Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Me 109G	S.W. Brunswick
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. D.H. Bockhay	357 th FG	363 rd Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G	N.W. Brunswick
■	Claim 08.04.44	Capt. Throop	357 th FG	363 rd Sqn.	0 - 0 - 2	FW 190	Not admitted
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Browning	357 th FG	363 rd Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Me 109G	Not admitte



VIII FC 355th FG 48 P-51 Mustang 11.45-16.40 F.O. 291 13 - 0 - 4 Air 3 Cat.E: Fighters H-BS: Brunswick

(A) 355th Fighter Group, Lieutenant-Colonel Stewart leading (B) 48 P-51s, up 11.45 down 16.40 hours (C) 8 abortive sorties (D) Field Order # 291 (E) three P-51s Cat.E (F) one P-51 damaged Cat.A (G) three missing: Captain Olsen, 357th Squadron, believed baled-out, Lt. Reedy, 357th Squadron, Lt. Dickson, 358th Squadron (H) Claim 13-0-4 (air and ground) (I) Landfall-in south of Egmond at 12.56 hours, at 23,000 feet. Sighted rear-box of bombers when north-east of Lingen, at 13.15 hours, at 21,000 feet. Bombers were stacked from 16,000 up to 20,000 feet in good order. Tight formation. Swept along the bombers to the Rendezvous Point, at Gardelegen, and rendezvoused with lead-wings of B-24s at approximately 14.00 hours. Between the Rendezvous Point and the target, the bombers were 'bounced' by 50 to 75 Me 109s from above with intermittent attacks from target to Zuider Zee, resulting in the above claims. Sixteen Me 109s made one pass at the bombers when east of Zuider Zee, then broke for the 'deck.' East of target 8-10 bombers were seen to go down, 30-40 chutes sighted. One B-24 went down north of the Dümmer Lake, 15.15 hours, with four chutes. The 357th Squadron attacked an airdrome south of Gifhorn, at 14.15 hours, resulting in ground claims. Approximately 30 enemy aircraft of all types observed, mostly twin-engined (Ju 88s, Me 210s and Me 410s), at least one FW 200. Majority of planes were dispersed in woods south of field and south-west dispersals. Intense and accurate Flak at this field. Captain Olsen last heard from at 14.20 hours following this attack. Apparently oil-pressure trouble, and about to bale-out. Major Szaniawski and Lt. Reedy 'bounced' 15 Me 109Gs attacking B-24s on the withdrawal, resulting in Maj. Szaniawski's claims and the loss of Lieutenant Reedy. The Me 109s out-climbed our planes on this attack. Lieutenant Dickson and flight 'bounced' one FW 190 and several Me 109s near Emden from 20,000 to 5,000 feet. One plane seen to explode but unknown whether it was Dickson's or the enemy aircraft. Escort broken, and landfall-out south of Egmond 15.45 hours at 15,000 feet. Radio normal.

— Cat.E 08.04.44	Capt. Norman E. Olson	355 th FG	357 th Sqn.	P-51B-5: 43-6589	Flak: Gifhorn
— Cat.E 08.04.44	2/Lt. Irving R. Reedy: PoW	355 th FG	357 th Sqn.	P-51B-10: 42-106463	Me 109s: Nienburg
— Cat.E 08.04.44	1/Lt. James B. Dickson	355 th FG	358 th Sqn.	P-51B-10: 43-7147	Me 109s: Emden

[Accredited Claims: Miller List credits 355th FG with 6-0-3 air & 7-0-0 ground: Ed.]

■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. R.G. Kurtz	355 th FG	354 th Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Me 109G	Sachau Airdrome
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. H.W. Brown	355 th FG	354 th Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Me 109G	Sachau Airdrome
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. B.G. Houston	355 th FG	354 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Me 109G	Brunswick
■ Claim 08.04.44	Maj. E.W. Szaniawski	355 th FG	357 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 1	Me 109G	Meppen
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. L.D. Minchew	355 th FG	357 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G	W. Brunswick
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. E.P. McNeff	355 th FG	357 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Me 109G	Gifhorn
■ Claim 08.04.44	Capt. E.L. Sluga	355 th FG	358 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G	E. Brunswick
■ Claim 08.04.44	Capt. E.L. Sluga	355 th FG	358 th Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Me 109G	E. Brunswick
■ Claim 08.04.44	Capt. W.J. Hovde	355 th FG	358 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G	E. Brunswick
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. J.C. Harrington	355 th FG	358 th Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Me 109G	E. Brunswick
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Col. Stewart	355 th FG	354 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Me 109G	Not admitted
↓ Claim 08.04.44	Capt. J.L. Elder	355 th FG	357 th Sqn.	2 - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Gifhorn Airdrome
↓ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. H.H. Kirby	355 th FG	357 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Do 217	Gifhorn Airdrome
↓ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. H.H. Kirby	355 th FG	357 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Gifhorn Airdrome
↓ Claim 08.04.44	Capt. N.E. Olson	355 th FG	357 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Gifhorn Airdrome
↓ Claim 08.04.44	Capt. J.H. Wilson	355 th FG	357 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 210	Gifhorn Airdrome
↓ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. D.D. McCasland	355 th FG	357 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Gifhorn Airdrome
↓ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Kirby	355 th FG	357 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Not admitted



VIII FC 4th FG 43 P-51 Mustang 11.35-16.20 F.O. 291 32 - 0 - 10 Various 4 Cat.E: H-BS: Brunswick

(A) 4th Fighter Group, Major George Carpenter leading (B) 43 P-51s, up 11.35 down 16.20 hours (C) 7 abortive sorties (D) Field Order # 291 (E) four P-51s Cat.E (F) nil (G) Capt. Frank R. Boyles, 335th, Lt. Robert E. Hughes, 336th, Lt. Howard N. Moulton Jr., 334th, and Lt. Robert P. Claus, 334th Squadron, missing (H) Claim 32-0-10 (air and ground): Ground and/or water targets claimed by Group (aircraft excluded). Damaged: one locomotive by Capt. Bennet, of 336th Squadron (I) Landfall-in Den Helder, 12.47 hours, at 22,000 feet. When south-west of Bremen, Group heard 'Goldsmith' 1-3 call for help, so Group turned south and made a rendezvous at 13.00 hours near Nienburg with four Combat-Wings of B-24s. The B-24s were stepped-up from 22,000 up to 25,000 feet, with Group at 23,000 feet. Other P-51s were with second box, and Group broke off escort east of Nienburg, pulling out ahead according to plan. When near Celle, at 13.20 hours, 75 to 100 FW 190s and Me 109s were seen coming from north-east at 21,000 feet, headed for bomber stream. Enemy fighters were in three separate 'gaggles' and flying in tight fours. Group attacked and in a battle over a 30-mile area from 23,000 feet down to the 'deck', destroyed 31 and damaged nine. The enemy fighters withdrew east after combat. During the battle, four to six B-24s were seen going down smoking, or aflame. From 15 to 20 chutes in air at one time. Two P-51s seen to collide in the air west of Wittingen, one chute seen. One red-nosed P-51, believed to have been piloted by Lieutenant Moulton Jr., seen shot down when south-west of Wittingen. Pilot seen in chute. Fifteen-plus Ju 52s seen on airfield S.W. of Celle, and one destroyed. Crossed out south of Den Helder, 15.07 hours, 20,000 feet.


— Cat.E 08.04.44	2/Lt. Robert P. Claus	4 th FG	334 th Sqn.	P-51B-5: 43-7029 QP-U	Combat □Celle
— Cat.E 08.04.44	1/Lt. Robert E. Hughes: PoW	4 th FG	334 th Sqn.	P-51B-5: 43-6866	Combat □Celle
— Cat.E 08.04.44	2/Lt. Howard N. Moulton: PoW	4 th FG	334 th Sqn.	P-51B-5: 43-6967 QP-D	FW 190 □Celle
— Cat.E 08.04.44	Capt. Frank R. Boyles	4 th FG	335 th Sqn.	P-51B-5: 43-7098	Combat □Celle

[Accredited Claims: Miller List credits 4th FG with 31-1-6 air & 2-0-6 ground: Ed.]


■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. S.W. Monroe	4 th FG	334 th Sqn.	1½ - 0 - 0	FW 190	Celle
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. S.W. Monroe	4 th FG	334 th Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	FW 190	Celle
■ Claim 08.04.44	Capt. R.S. Care	4 th FG	334 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G	Uelzen

■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. H.N. Moulton Jr.	4 th FG	334 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G	Celle
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. A.E. Markel	4 th FG	334 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	FW 190	Celle
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. A.E. Markel	4 th FG	334 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Me 109G	Celle
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. W.B. Smith	4 th FG	334 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	FW 190	Celle
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. W.B. Smith	4 th FG	334 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	FW 190	Celle
■	Claim 08.04.44	F/O R.K. Hofer	4 th FG	334 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G	Celle
■	Claim 08.04.44	Capt. W. M. Sobanski	4 th FG	334 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Me 109G	Celle
■	Claim 08.04.44	Maj. George Carpenter	4 th FG	335 th Sqn.	2 - 0 - 0	FW 190	Celle
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. C.A. Fiedler	4 th FG	335 th Sqn.	2 - 0 - 0	Me 109G	Wolfenbittel
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. A.L. Schlegel	4 th FG	335 th Sqn.	1½ - 0 - 0	FW 190	Celle
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. A.L. Schlegel	4 th FG	335 th Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Me 109G	Celle
■	Claim 08.04.44	Capt. J.R. Happel	4 th FG	335 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	He 111	S. Uelzen
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. B.L. McGrattan	4 th FG	335 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G	Wolfenbittel
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. P.S. Riley	4 th FG	335 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	FW 190	N. Brunswick
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. P.W. McKennon	4 th FG	335 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	FW 190	N.W. Brunswick
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. P.W. McKennon	4 th FG	335 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	FW 190	N.W. Brunswick
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. C.F. Anderson	4 th FG	335 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	FW 190	Gifhorn
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. G.I. Stanford	4 th FG	335 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G	Gifhorn
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. F.C. Jones	4 th FG	335 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Me 109G	Wolfenbittel
■	Claim 08.04.44	Capt. D.S. Gentile	4 th FG	336 th Sqn.	3 - 0 - 0	FW 190	Ruhrburg
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. W.W. Millikan	4 th FG	336 th Sqn.	3 - 0 - 0	Me 109G	Uelzen
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. L.H. Norley	4 th FG	336 th Sqn.	3 - 0 - 0	FW 190	Uelzen
■	Claim 08.04.44	Capt. J.H. Bennett	4 th FG	336 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G	Huden
■	Claim 08.04.44	F/O F.W. Glover	4 th FG	336 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	FW 190	Uelzen
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. R. Simon	4 th FG	336 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	FW 190	Brunswick
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. R.E. Hughes	4 th FG	336 th Sqn.	0 - 1 - 0	FW 190	Uelzen
■	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. R.E. Hughes	4 th FG	336 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Me 109G	Uelzen
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Capt. W. M. Sobanski	4 th FG	334 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	FW 190	Celle
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. H.T. Biel	4 th FG	334 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Ju 52/3m	Celle
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. H.T. Biel	4 th FG	334 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Ju 88	Celle
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. H.T. Biel	4 th FG	334 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Me 109	Celle
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. M.H. Kolter	4 th FG	334 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 2	FW 190	Celle
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. A.L. Schlegel	4 th FG	335 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	FW 190	Brunswick
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. A.L. Schlegel	4 th FG	335 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	FW 190	Brunswick

d. Withdrawal-Support: 1st ATF (2nd BD): Brunswick

 VIII FC 364th FG 51 P-38 Lightning 12.42-16.15 F.O. 291 0 - 0 - 0 - No casualty H-BS: Brunswick

(A) 364th Fighter Group, Major Lowell leading (B) 51 P-38s, up 12.42 down 16.15 hours (C) 3 abortive sorties (D) Field Order # 291 (E) thru (H) nil (I) Landfall-in Egmond, 22,000 feet, at 13.46 hours. Rendezvoused at Oberkirchen, 21,000 feet, at 14.23 hours. Left bombers in mid-Channel, 18,000 feet, at 16.00 hours. Landfall-over Egmond, 18,000 feet at 15.55 hours. Bombers were four minutes late at the rendezvous and picked up, further along course, in scattered formation. One rear box reported stragglers under attack, and 383rd Squadron was sent back to the vicinity of the Dümmer Lake where six Me 109s broke off attack, and dived away. This straggler and two others were escorted to the English coast. Searched over the Zuider Zee area for 45 minutes for 'bandits' reported by the Controller, seeing only P-47s and P-51s. Saw 55th Fighter Group make the rendezvous. Major Lowell led the Group, when Lt. Col. Osborn was forced to return early by radio-failure.

 VIII FC 55th FG 52 P-38 Lightning 12.50-16.40 F.O. 291 1 - 0 - 0 Me 109G 1 Cat.E H-BS: Brunswick

(A) 55th Fighter Group, Colonel Jenkins leading (B) 52 P-38s, up 12.50 down 16.40 hours (C) 8 abortive sorties (D) Field Order # 291 (E) one P-38 Cat.E (F) nil (G) Lt. Thomas F. Knudson, 338th Squadron, missing (H) Claim 1-0-0 (air) (I) Landfall-in Egmond, 13.46 hours, at 20,000 feet. Proceeded to the briefed rendezvous, then along the planned bomber-course making the rendezvous at Hameln, 12.47 hours, at 25,000 feet, and escorting along planned withdrawal route. Made landfall-over Ijmuiden, 15.49 hours, and breaking-escort at 16.04 hours at mid-Channel. Bomber formations spread-out for miles. The first Combat-Wings were as far ahead as to be out of sight; the third Combat-Wing, which was covered by the 38th Squadron, was split into two definite sections about eight miles apart, and the last Wing, covered by the 338th Squadron and the 343rd Squadron, was about 25 miles behind the last sections of the third Combat-Wing. Two enemy fighters 'bounced' the 338th Flight out of the sun at the Rendezvous Point, hitting engine of Knudson's aircraft, who feathered-up and proceeded to east of the Zuider Zee where he crashed. Thirty-plus Me 109Gs, flying in very tight formation, made a quick pass from 3 o'clock at a straggling B-24 of the third wing in the vicinity of the Dümmer Lake at 14.40 hours, and split-ess'ed before they could be engaged. Thirty-plus Me 109s, believed to be the same gaggle, attacked bombers when 15 miles west of Meppen, from out of the sun, swinging around to down-sun side and coming in again from 5 o'clock. This attack was broken up by the 38th Squadron, Captain Brown claiming one Me 109 destroyed. 'Little Friends' seen in large numbers throughout the mission. R/T 'C' Channel was unnecessarily jammed and abused. On one occasion, someone was singing a Mexican song as a 'Big Friend' was calling for help, and giving his location. Other times, bombers in distress were heard to call for help, but before a location could be given another transmission, a sample of which was 'Goldsmith, Call sign, are you happy ?' would interfere. One B-24 seen to go down east of the Zuider Zee: three chutes. One B-24 down at position 52.20 North - 09.00 East, with five chutes. One B-24 down over Gehminden with two chutes.

—	Cat.E 08.04.44	1/Lt. Thomas F. Knudson	Y	55 th FG	338 th Sqn.	P-38J-10: 42-67721	Me 109: ↓Minden
■	Claim 08.04.44	Capt. G. Brown		55 th FG	38 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G Lingen

e. Late Sweep & Withdrawal-Support: 1st ATF (2nd BD): Brunswick



VIII FC 361st FG 44 P-47 Thunderbolt 13.14-16.30 F.O. 291 9 - 2 - 2 S.E. Fighters 1 Cat.E H-B5: Brunswick

(A) 361st Fighter Group, Colonel Christian leading (B) 44 P-47s, up 13.14 down 16.30 hours (C) 2 abortive sorties (D) Field Order # 291 (E) one P-47 Cat.E (F) nil (G) one pilot missing: Lt. Albert P. Duncan, 375th Squadron (H) Claim 9-2-2 (air) (I) Landfall-in between Valkenburg and The Hague, 20,000 feet, at 14.08 hours. Rendezvoused with the bombers over the Dümmer Lake, 14.42 hours, at 22,000 feet, with lead boxes of bombers which were approximately 12 minutes late. Formations good in boxes, but strung out. Observed P-38s, P-51s and P-47s escorting. Group swept up and down the bomber-track from the enemy coast to the Steinhuder Lake. Fifteen enemy aircraft were seen in the vicinity of the Dümmer Lake attacking the bombers at 14.50 hours. These were attacked, and three were destroyed. One B-24 was seen going down: three chutes observed. Another B-24 was seen going down at 14.44 hours: two chutes seen. Eight Me 109Gs seen over the Dümmer Lake, at 15.00 hours. Engaged at 12,000 feet, and four destroyed, and two damaged. Strikes seen on one yellow-nosed P-47 over Dümmer Lake, at 14.54 hours. Bombers called for help, and the Group proceeded to escort them out to enemy coast. In the vicinity of eastern edge of Zuider Zee, 10-plus enemy fighters 'bounced' bombers at 15.25 to 15.35 hours. Group engaged these, and 2-1-0 are claimed. One bomber was seen to explode: five chutes. Out by sections 15.50 hours, in the vicinity of Egmond at 14,000 feet. Saw fires on Rheine airdrome, and one small fire on Hesepe airdrome. West end of Bramsche airdrome seen smoking heavily.

Cat.E 08.04.44	1/Lt. Albert P. Duncan	361 st FG	375 th Sqn.	P-47D-11: 42-75424	Me 109: ↓Lembauch
[Accredited Claims: Miller List credits 361 st FG with 9-2-3 air: Ed.]					
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. S.L. Naedele	361 st FG	HQ Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G W. Dummer Lake
■ Claim 08.04.44	Capt. R.E. Sedman	361 st FG	374 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G N. Dummer Lake
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. R.T. Eckfeldt	361 st FG	374 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 1	Me 109G N. Dummer Lake
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. R.P. Lacy	361 st FG	374 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G N. Dummer Lake
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. L.C. Vandiver	361 st FG	374 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G N. Dummer Lake
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. R.T. Eckfeldt	361 st FG	374 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Me 109G Not admitted
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Golden	361 st FG	374 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 1	Me 109G Not admitted
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. A.B. Snyder	361 st FG	375 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G S.W. Dummer Lake
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. A.B. Snyder	361 st FG	375 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	FW 190 N. Zwolle
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. E. Cole	361 st FG	375 th Sqn.	0 - 1 - 0	FW 190 N. Zwolle
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. E. Cole	361 st FG	375 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G Diepholz
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. C.N. Keppler	361 st FG	375 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	FW 190 N.W. Dummer Lake
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. R.J. Sobieski	361 st FG	375 th Sqn.	0 - 1 - 0	FW 190 N. Zwolle



VIII FC 20th FG 53 P-38 Lightning 14.05-18.00 F.O. 291 25 - 1 - 21 Various 4 Cat.E H-B5: Brunswick

(A) 20th Fighter Group, Lieutenant-Colonel Rau leading (B) 53 P-38s, up 14.05 down 18.00 hours (C) 7 abortive sorties (B) Field Order # 291 (E) four P-38s Cat.E (F) three P-38s damaged un-determined Categories (G) four pilots missing: Lt. Singleton, 55th Squadron, Capt. Machine, 77th Squadron, hit by Flak, crashed near Salzwedel, Lt. Snow, 79th Squadron, collided with Me 109 near Celle, no chute seen, and Lt. Esau, 79th Squadron, shot-down by Me 109s near Celle, seen to bale-out (H) Claim 25-1-21 (air and ground). Ground and/or water targets claimed by Group (aircraft excluded). One locomotive damaged by Capt. Morris and Lt. Fernandes, of 77th Squadron. One locomotive destroyed by Capt. Morris, of 77th Squadron. One locomotive and 5 to 20 oil-cars destroyed by Capt. Morris, of 77th Squadron. One hangar damaged by Lt. Kuemmerie, of 77th Squadron. One barge damaged by Major Johnson, 77th Sqn., several anti-aircraft installations damaged by Major Johnson. One oil or gas-tank destroyed by Lt. Fernandes, of 77th Squadron. One headquarters building damaged by Lt. Fagg, of 77th Squadron. Note: all the listed 'unidentified' twin-engined aircraft are believed to be impressed Savoia-Marchetti S.M. 82s. (I) Landfall-in at 15.05 hours, Egmond, at 15,000 feet. Arrived over Salzwedel at 15.55 hours, at 7,000 feet. The 77th and 79th Squadrons attacked the airdrome at Salzwedel, establishing the above claims (ground), and then swept the assigned area in a westerly direction along with 55th Squadron, attacking ground-targets, the exact locations of which are generally unknown. Rail-road targets were attacked mostly along Hamburg-Hannover and Bremen-Berlin railroads, Flak installations, barracks, oil-dumps and ammunition-dumps were in the vicinity of Salzwedel. The 79th Squadron 'bounced' six Me 109s near Celle on the way out. Ground-fire at Salzwedel became moderately intense after the second pass. Three hundred German soldiers in formation were surprised, and effectively strafed by two flights of 79th Squadron. Dummy airfield was seen south of Uelzen. Five motor-vessels, escorted by three destroyers, were seen off Texel Island heading south as the Group made landfall-out. Landfall-out between Alkmaar and Den Helder, from the 'deck' up to 14,000 feet, at 17.20 hours


Cat.E 08.04.44	2/Lt. Allen D. Singleton: PoW	20 th FG	55 th Sqn.	P-38J-10: 42-67719	Flak: ↓Uelzen
Cat.E 08.04.44	Capt. Evan J. Machen		20 th FG	77 th Sqn. P-38J-10: 42-68181 LC-J	Flak: ↓Salzwedel
Cat.E 08.04.44	2/Lt. John F. Esau: PoW	20 th FG	79 th Sqn.	P-38J-10: 42-68084	Me 109: Salzwedel
Cat.E 08.04.44	1/Lt. Mitchell P. Snow	20 th FG	79 th Sqn.	P-38J-10: 42-68012 MC-D	Mid-air: ↓Salzwedel

[Accredited Claims: Miller List to be Totalled: Ed.]

■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt.Col. H.J. Rau	20 th FG	HQ Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G Salzwedel
■ Claim 08.04.44	Maj. H.E. Johnson	20 th FG	77 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	He 177 Salzwedel
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. C.G. Horne	20 th FG	77 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	FW 190 Salzwedel
■ Claim 08.04.44	Maj. R.C. Franklin	20 th FG	79 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109G Salzwedel
■ Claim 08.04.44	Maj. R.C. Franklin	20 th FG	79 th Sqn.	$\frac{1}{5}$ - 0 - 0	He 177 Salzwedel
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. F.E. Lefevre	20 th FG	79 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109 Salzwedel
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. F.E. Lefevre	20 th FG	79 th Sqn.	$\frac{1}{5}$ - 0 - 0	He 177 Salzwedel
■ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. M.P. Snow	20 th FG	79 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109 Hermansburg

■	Claim 08.04.44	Capt. D.E. Anderson	20 th FG	79 th Sqn.	$\frac{1}{2}$ - 0 - 0	He 177	Salzwedel
■	Claim 08.04.44	Capt. D.E. Anderson	20 th FG	79 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 0	He 177	Salzwedel
■	Claim 08.04.44	Capt. R.P. Gatterdam	20 th FG	79 th Sqn.	$\frac{1}{2}$ - 0 - 0	He 177	Salzwedel
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt.Col. H.J. Rau	20 th FG	HQ Sqn.	3 - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Salzwedel
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Maj. H.E. Johnson	20 th FG	77 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Unident:	Salzwedel
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Maj. H.E. Johnson	20 th FG	77 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Me 110	Salzwedel
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Maj. H.E. Johnson	20 th FG	77 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Unident:	Salzwedel
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Capt. E.J. Machen	20 th FG	77 th Sqn.	2 - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Salzwedel
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Capt. E.J. Machen	20 th FG	77 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 2	Ju 88	Salzwedel
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. C.G. Horne	20 th FG	77 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 3	Unident:	Salzwedel
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. C.G. Horne	20 th FG	77 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Ju 88	Salzwedel
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Capt. J.M. Morris	20 th FG	77 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 410	Salzwedel
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Capt. J.M. Morris	20 th FG	77 th Sqn.	$\frac{1}{2}$ - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Salzwedel
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Capt. J.M. Morris	20 th FG	77 th Sqn.	$\frac{1}{3}$ - 0 - 0	Unident:	Salzwedel
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. I.W. Fernandes	20 th FG	77 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Do 217	Salzwedel
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. I.W. Fernandes	20 th FG	77 th Sqn.	$\frac{1}{3}$ - 0 - 0	Unident:	Salzwedel
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. I.W. Fernandes	20 th FG	77 th Sqn.	$\frac{1}{2}$ - 0 - 0	Ju 52/3m	Salzwedel
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. E.C. Fiebelkorn	20 th FG	77 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Unident:	Salzwedel
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. E.C. Fiebelkorn	20 th FG	77 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 2	Unident:	Salzwedel
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. W.F. Kuemerle	20 th FG	77 th Sqn.	$\frac{1}{3}$ - 0 - 0	Unident:	Salzwedel
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. B.N. Rader	20 th FG	77 th Sqn.	$\frac{1}{2}$ - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Salzwedel
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. B.N. Rader	20 th FG	77 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - $\frac{1}{2}$	Ju 52/3m	Salzwedel
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. W.L. Whiteside	20 th FG	77 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 4	Ju 88	Salzwedel
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. P. Chubin	20 th FG	77 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 3	Ju 88	Salzwedel
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. H.F. Hendricks	20 th FG	77 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 2	Ju 88	Salzwedel
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. J.W. Fagg	20 th FG	77 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Ju 88	Salzwedel
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. R.H. Black	20 th FG	79 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Salzwedel
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. R.H. Black	20 th FG	79 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Ju 88	Salzwedel

f. Penetration-Support: 2nd ATF (1st BD): Oldenburg

 VIII FC 353rd FG 49 P-47 Thunderbolt 12.50-16.05 F.O. 291 0 - 0 - 3 1 Cat.E H-BS: Oldenburg

(A) 353rd Fighter Group, Captain Hoey leading (B) 49 P-47s, up 12.50 down 16.05 hours (C) 2 abortive sorties (D) Field Order # 291 (E) one P-47 Cat.E (F) one P-47 damaged Cat.AC Flak (G) one pilot missing: Lt. Willits, 352nd Squadron (H) Claim 0-0-3 (ground): Ground and/or water targets claimed by Group (aircraft excluded). One large hangar left burning with two unidentified aircraft inside, and one Flak-tower strafed by Lt. Lorange, of 350th Squadron. One locomotive destroyed (shared) by Major Pidduck, Capt. Dinse, Lt. Lorange and Lt. Dawson, all of 350th Squadron. One Flak-tower strafed by Lt. Mueller, of 350th Squadron. Freight-cars damaged by Lt. Stump and Lt. Thistlewaite, both of 351st Squadron. One four-man gun-position destroyed by Lt. Owens, of 352nd Squadron. (I) Landfall-in north of Ijmuiden, 13.30 hours, at 19,000 feet, where the rendezvous was made with the bombers. Group left the bombers when in vicinity of Oldenburg where excellent bombing results were observed. Group split into squadrons sweeping Zwischenhan (352nd Squadron), Höperhofen (350th Squadron), and Hoya airdromes (351st Squadron), resulting in the above claims. Lieutenant Willits hit tree and crashed in the vicinity of Zwischenahn. Heavy and light Flak, intense, at Zwischenahn. Eight to ten Me 109Gs 'bounced' one element in the vicinity of Groningen. When turned into they dove for the 'deck.' Landfall-out, one squadron, north of Ijmuiden, 12,000 feet, at 15.11 hours. Landfall-out, one squadron, at 15.30 hours, Noordwijk-aan-Zee at 12,000 feet. Landfall-out, one squadron, 15.37 hours, south of Den Helder at 15,000 feet.


— Cat.E 08.04.44 1/Lt. Gordon L. Willits ♀ 353rd FG 352nd Sqn. P-47D-4: 42-22768 SX-X Trees: Zwischenahn*

[Accredited Claims: Miller List credits 353rd FG with 0-0-4 ground: Ed.]

↓	Claim 08.04.44	Maj. S.R. Pidduck	353 rd FG	350 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Me 109G	Höperhofen
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. T. Lorange	353 rd FG	350 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	FW 190	Höperhofen
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. R.S. Hart	353 rd FG	350 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Unident.	Höperhofen
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. C.W. Mueller	353 rd FG	350 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Unident.	Höperhofen

* Crashed near Isselmeer.

g. Target-Support: 2nd ATF (1st BD): Oldenburg

 VIII FC 56th 'B' FG 24 P-47 Thunderbolt 12.51-15.55 F.O. 291 0 - 0 - 0 - No casualty H-BS: Oldenburg

(A) 56th 'A' Fighter Group, Lieutenant-Colonel Gabreski leading (B) 24 P-47s, up 12.51 down 15.55 hours (C) nil abortive sorties (D) Field Order # 291 (E) thru (H) nil (I) Landfall-in north of Egmond, 13.34 hours, at 17,000 feet. Rendezvoused at Oldenburg, 14.15 hours, at 20,000 feet. Escort broken and landfall-out Egmond, 15.10 hours, at 17,000 feet. Rendezvoused with one Combat-Wing just prior to the bombing, which was achieved with excellent results. No enemy were aircraft seen, except 10 Me 109s on the ground at Zwischenahn airdrome. One B-17 straggler was picked up when north-east of the Zuider Zee, and escorted half-way back over the North Sea. P-47s, P-38s and P-51 seen during our escort. Large single explosion seen at Wilhelmshaven. Twin columns of brown smoke of rocket-appearance rose right after the first bombs were away, and exploded at bomber level forming one smoke-cloud. Smoke-pots observed east of the target left a thin layer of smoke at 8,000 to 10,000 feet over the target.

h. Penetration & Target-Support: 3rd ATF (3rd BD): Salzbergen et.al



VIII FC 356th FG 47 P-47 Thunderbolt 12.15-15.26 F.O. 291 0 - 0 - 1 Do 217 No casualty H-BS: Salzbergen
(A) 359th Fighter Group, Lieutenant-Colonel Tukey leading (B) 47 P-47s, up 12.15 down 15.26 hours (C) 4 abortive sorties (D) Field Order # 291 (E) nil (F) one P-47 damaged Cat.A due to Flak (G) nil (H) Claim 0-0-1 (ground): Ground and/or water targets claimed by Group (aircraft excluded). One Flak-emplacement damaged by Lt. James B. Smith, of 359th Squadron. One machine-gun emplacement, one building, one automobile damaged by Capt. Ogden, 359th of Squadron. (I) Landfall-in between Ijmuiden and Egmond, at 13.04 hours, at 20,000 feet. Landfall-out at 14.35 hours at same place at 20,000 feet. Rendezvoused with the bombers over the southern tip of north-east Polder at 22,000 feet. Saw bombers drop bombs on the north dispersal of Salzbergen airdrome at 13.52 hours, with excellent results. Only four groups bombed the target. One B-17 was seen to hit the ground in the Rheine area at 14.00 hours: seven to eight chutes seen. Another B-17 was seen to go down at about 14.00 hours, some 3-4 miles east of Lingene: four chutes seen. No enemy aircraft were seen in the air. Ju 88s were seen on the ground near Twente/Enschede airdrome, some camouflaged, number unknown. Probably dummies, since they were some distance from the nearest airfield. Flooded areas between Amsterdam, Utrecht, and The Hague. Submarine seen near Ijmuiden, going north, conning-tower and wake observed. R/T good, Channels 'B' and 'C' jammed by bombers. Flak intense at target, and from Almelo, and from the woods near Apeldoorn. Whitish projectiles seen by many pilots to pass through our formations. Accurate description impossible because of their speed but believed they were aimed-Flak of unknown type. They did not explode. Large column of smoke seen near Münster.

↓ Claim 08.04.44 Lt. James B. Smith 356th FG 359th Sqn. 0 - 0 - 1 Do 217 Salzbergen Airdrome

i. Target-Support: 3rd ATF (3rd BD): Salzbergen et al



VIII FC 352nd FG 48 P-47/P-51 12.25-15.35 F.O. 291 12 - 5 - 2 T.E. Fighters 1 Cat.E H-BS: Salzbergen

(A) 352nd Fighter Group, Colonel Mason leading (B) 48 aircraft: 16 P-47s and 31 P-51s, (328th - 17 P-47s, 486th - 15 P-51s, 487th - 16 P-51s) up 12.25 down 15.35 hours (C) 3 abortive sorties: one P-47 and 2 P-51s (D) Field Order #291 (E) one P-51 Cat.E (F) two Cat.A Flak (G) one missing: Capt. Virgil K. Meroney, 487th Squadron (H) Claim 12-5-2 (all on ground): Ground and/or water targets claimed by Group (aircraft excluded). One locomotive destroyed by Capt. Halton. Stacked oil-drums on airdrome destroyed by Lt. Bennette. Hangar and two towers damaged by Lt. Brookins, three military personnel killed by Lt. Brookins. Rail-road siding and station damaged by Capt. Coleman. Administration building and hangar damaged by Lt. Quinn. Hangar damaged by Lt. Yochim: all of 328th Squadron. One locomotive probably destroyed by Lts. Cutler, Brasher and MacKibben, all of 486th Squadron. Hangar damaged by Major Meyer, 487th Squadron. Hangar and warehouse damaged by Lt. Butler, 487th Squadron. Gun-emplacement damaged by Lt. Ellison, 487th Squadron. Flak-tower damaged by Lt. Kopecky, 487th Squadron. (Note: claims do not tally) (I) Landfall-in Noordwijderhout, 23,000 feet at 13.13 hours. Rendezvoused with good formation of two Combat-Wings, 3rd Bomb. Division B-17s, at Haaksbergen at 23,000 feet, at 13.27 hours. The 328th Squadron escorted the Combat-Wing bombing Quakenbrück, the 487th Squadron escorted the Combat-Wing bombing Bramsche, and the 486th Squadron furnished top-cover for both. Broke-escort over Egmond, made landfall-out, 14.40 hours, at 15,000 feet. Bombing results on both targets were observed, and considered to be excellent. Immediately after the bombing, the 328th Squadron strafed Quakenbrück airdrome at 13.48 hours, and the 487th Squadron strafed an airdrome in the vicinity of Bramsche at 13.45 hours, all with the above results. Some 20-plus single-engined and twin-engined aircraft were sighted on the ground at Quakenbrück, and two unidentified aircraft were seen at Bramsche. No enemy aircraft were seen in the air. Bombers encountered intense and accurate Flak in the vicinity of Bramsche, and the Group encountered meagre and inaccurate machine-gun fire, and Flak over the strafed airfields. One 1st Division B-17, marked 'C' with small 'B' seen going down west of Urk, from 5,000 feet, 14.10 hours. Nine chutes were observed. Another B-17 was sighted on the beach of the Zuider Zee, at Schokland, at 13.58 hours. One 3rd Division B-17 (marked 'J' small 'D') with two engines feathered, was escorted from the vicinity of Balkburg to 40 miles off the English coast. R/T and fighter-to-bomber intercom. were good.

— Cat.E 08.04.44 Capt. Virgil K. Meroney: PoW 352nd FG 487th Sqn. P-51B-10: 43-7166 HO-V Flak: ↓Bramsche

[Accredited Claims: Miller List credits 352nd FG with 14-0-4 ground: Ed.]

↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt.Col. E.L. Clark	352 nd FG	HQ Sqn.	2 - 0 - 0	Me 210	Quakenbrück
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Capt. J.B. Coleman	352 nd FG	328 th Sqn.	2 - 0 - 0	Me 110	Quakenbrück
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Capt. J.B. Coleman	352 nd FG	328 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Unident:	Quakenbrück
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Capt. W.E. Hendrian	352 nd FG	328 th Sqn.	2 - 0 - 0	Me 210	Quakenbrück
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Capt. W.E. Hendrian	352 nd FG	328 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Me 210	Quakenbrück
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. C.J. Bennette	352 nd FG	328 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Unident:	Quakenbrück
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. C.J. Bennette	352 nd FG	328 th Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Me 110	Quakenbrück
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. W.W. Furr	352 nd FG	328 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 210	Quakenbrück
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. F.W. Miller	352 nd FG	328 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 210	Quakenbrück
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. R.H. Powell	352 nd FG	328 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 210	Quakenbrück
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. R.H. Powell	352 nd FG	328 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Me 210	Quakenbrück
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. D.T. Zims	352 nd FG	328 th Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 210	Quakenbrück
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. R.C. Brookins	352 nd FG	328 th Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Me 210	Quakenbrück
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. R.C. Brookins	352 nd FG	328 th Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Unident:	Quakenbrück
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. F.A. Yochim	352 nd FG	328 th Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Me 210	Quakenbrück
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. F.A. Yochim	352 nd FG	328 th Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Unident:	Quakenbrück
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. M.V. Long	352 nd FG	328 th Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Me 110	Quakenbrück
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. M.V. Long	352 nd FG	328 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Me 110	Quakenbrück

j. Late Sweep & Withdrawal-Support: 3rd ATF (3rd BD): Salzbergen et al



VIII FC 359th FG 48 P-47 Thunderbolt 12.29-15.55 F.O. 291 0 - 0 - 0 - No casualty H-BS: Salzbergen

(A) 359th Fighter Group, Colonel Tacon leading (B) 48 P-47s, up 12.29 down 15.55 hours (C) 3 abortive sorties (D) Field Order # 291 (E) thru (H) nil (I) Landfall-in, 13.25 hours, at 18,000 feet, north of Bergen, to Lorup, 13.49, at 22,000 feet, S. of Alfhausen, and to the Dummer Lake, 22,000 feet, at 14.00 hours. Bombers seen leaving Bramsche and Quakenbrück, well hit. Picked up stragglers, and out Egmond, 13-

22,000 feet, at 14.52-14.59 hours. Of the three stragglers picked up at Lingen, (one A in square, B under) had both port-engines feathered. It held altitude at 8,000 feet and was taken out to the North Sea, 15.10 hours. Crew abandoned B-17, not afire or under-attack, 15.00, Blokzyl, 7-11 chutes spaced across the N.E. Polder, where new camp, believed PoW, was seen camouflaged. Dense black smoke to 4,000 feet, at Quakenbrück, Bramsche and Salzbergen. Barracks gutted at Bramsche. Explosion, like petrol igniting, at Quakenbrück. Airdrome under construction at Balkburg. No E/A seen in the air or on the ground. Bombers always under escort. East of Zuider Zee, re-finned P-47, flying in company with one marked YL-M, split-essed into bombers. Our R/T good, save for open transmitter on the way in. F/B satisfactory.



VIII FC 56th 'A' FG 25 P-47 Thunderbolt 12.21-15.45 F.O. 291 3 - 0 - 0 Various No casualty H-BS: Salzbergen

(A) 56th 'A' Fighter Group, Colonel Zemke leading (B) 25 P-47s, up 12.21 down 15.45 hours (C) nil abortive sorties (D) Field Order # 291 (E) nil (F) one P-47 damaged effected by explosion on ground Cat.A, one damaged Cat.A by Flak (G) nil (H) Claim 3-0-0 (all on ground): Ground and/or water targets claimed by Group (aircraft excluded). One ammunition or gasoline-dump destroyed by Major Stewart, of 61st Squadron. One hangar damaged by Lt. Sisson, of 61st Squadron. Two locomotives damaged (shared) by Lts. Truluck, Dale and Porowski, all of 63rd Squadron. (I) Landfall-in Ijmuiden, 13.07 hours, at 15,000 feet. Swept Diepholz, Hesepe, Salzbergen, and the Ems Canal to about 10 miles south of the Emden to Lingen area. Landfall-out Ijmuiden area, at 14.53 hours, 5,000 to 12,000 feet. After landfall-in, followed bomber-route to Hesepe where bombing was seen with excellent results. One flight dropped down to strafe an airfield where 7 to 8 aircraft were parked, and three were destroyed. A second flight strafed Salzbergen, where a gasoline or ammunition-dump in south-east corner of field was destroyed. Flames were over 200 feet high, and explosion so fierce that one aircraft was damaged Cat. A. Two locomotives were damaged in the vicinity of Weens. No enemy aircraft seen in air. One B-17 straggler reported to turn back and lose altitude west of Zwolle: nine chutes seen to leave the plane. Strip about 2 miles wide flooded, from Hoorn to Alkmaar turning south to point, estimated as Hoofdorp. Twelve to 15 narrow buildings located west of Dümmer Lake, near canal east of Dutch border. Letters painted 'NW' painted on three roofs.

↓ Claim 08.04.44	Maj. L.A. Schreiber	56 th FG	62 nd Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Me 109	Quakenbrück
↓ Claim 08.04.44	Maj. L.A. Schreiber	56 th FG	62 nd Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Me 410	Quakenbrück
↓ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. A.W. Canizares	56 th FG	62 nd Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Me 410	Quakenbrück
↓ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. A.W. Canizares	56 th FG	62 nd Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Me 109	Quakenbrück
↓ Claim 08.04.44	Capt. J.M. Jones	56 th FG	62 nd Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Quakenbrück

k. Sweep of Frankfurt Area



VIII FC 78th 'B' FG 24 P-47 Thunderbolt 14.01-17.53 F.O. 291 7 - 0 - 0 Various No casualty FSw: Koblenz-Trier

(A) 78th 'B' Fighter Group, Major Oberhansley leading (B) 24 P-47s, up 14.01- down 17.53 hours (C) nil abortive sorties (D) Field Order # 291 (E) thru (G) nil (H) Claim 7-0-0 (all on ground): Ground and/or water targets claimed by Group (aircraft excluded). One fire-truck damaged by Lt. Hewitt. Numerous goods wagons set afire by Major Oberhansley, Capt. Munson, Lts. Brasher, Weller, Wolfe, Dewitt and Hewitt. One gun-emplacement damaged by Lt. Wolfe. One dispersal-hut damaged by Lt. Wolfe. Two locomotives destroyed by Lt. Wolfe. Eight locomotives destroyed by Capt. Marshall, Lts. Baker, Bernhard, Young, Wilkinson, Lamb, Watkins and Hagarty. Three locomotives destroyed by Capt. Boonelts, Lts. Scheibler, Keller, Kosinski, Martinez, Lundigen, Goddard and Evans. One locomotive damaged by Lt. Brasher. One trailer damaged by Lt. Dewitt. Factories, water-towers, apartment houses and airdrome installations damaged by Lts. Kosinki, Hazelett, Godard, Watkins, Hewitt and Lamb, all of 82nd Squadron. (I) Landfall-in Knokke at 14.43 hours at 16,000 feet. Followed the planned course to a point near Koblenz, the where Group made a right turn. Two flights attacked an airfield in the vicinity of Trier. Four flights strafed the marshalling-yards, and factories near and to the north-east of Trier. All aircraft claimed as destroyed were seen to explode or burn. Crossed out from 16.40 to 16.50 hours at points from south of Boulogne to east of Calais. R/T good.

[Accredited Claims: Miller List credits 78th FG with 7-0-5 ground: Ed.]

↓ Claim 08.04.44	Maj. J.J. Oberhansly	78 th FG	82 nd Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 109	Trier
↓ Claim 08.04.44	Maj. J.J. Oberhansly	78 th FG	82 nd Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Me 110A	Trier
↓ Claim 08.04.44	Maj. J.J. Oberhansly	78 th FG	82 nd Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Me 110B	Trier
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↓ Claim 08.04.44	Capt. N.D. Munson	78 th FG	82 nd Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 110	Trier
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↓ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. J.E. Brasher	78 th FG	82 nd Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Ar 196A	Trier
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↓ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. R.A. Hewitt	78 th FG	82 nd Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Ju 52/3m.	Trier
↓ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. R.A. Hewitt	78 th FG	82 nd Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Ar 196A	Trier
↓ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. M.K. Woller	78 th FG	82 nd Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Me 110A	Trier
↓ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. M.K. Woller	78 th FG	82 nd Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Me 110B	Trier
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↓ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. M.K. Woller	78 th FG	82 nd Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Ju 52/3m.	Trier
↓ Claim 08.04.44	F/O C.W. DeWitt	78 th FG	82 nd Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Me 110A	Trier
↓ Claim 08.04.44	F/O C.W. DeWitt	78 th FG	82 nd Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Me 110B	Trier
↓ Claim 08.04.44	F/O C.W. DeWitt	78 th FG	82 nd Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Me 110C	Trier
↓ Claim 08.04.44	Lt. J.O. Patten	78 th FG	83 rd Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Unident:	N.E. Frankfurt



VIII FC 78th 'A' FG 49 P-47 Thunderbolt 13.55-17.55 F.O. 291 0 - 0 - 11 Various 1 Cat.E: FSw: Koblenz-Nauheim

(A) 78th 'A' Fighter Group, Captain Bertrand leading (B) 49 P-47s, up 13.55 down 17.55 hours (C) 5 abortive sorties (D) Field Order # 291 (E) nil (F) 3 P-47s damaged Cat.A Flak, one Cat.AC hit tree, one P-47 Cat.E crash-landed Wattisham, pilot safe (G) nil (H) Claim 0-0-2 (air) 0-0-9 (ground): Ground and/or water targets claimed by Group (aircraft excluded). Airdrome buildings damaged by Lt. Patton. Two locomotives damaged by F/O Mundy. One locomotive damaged by Lt. R. E. Smith. One freight building damaged by Lt. W. K. Daccal. Two locomotives damaged (shared) by Lts. Ledington and Russell. One transformer-station damaged by Lt. Russell. One control-tower damaged by Lt. Hunt. Two locomotives damaged by Lt. Clague. Two locomotives and 1 truck damaged by Lt. Barbe. Two trucks and 1 locomotive damaged by Lt. Boyle. Three locomotives damaged by Lt. B. J. Hardin. Two locomotives and one automobile damaged by Lt. Saffold. Two locomotives damaged by Lt. Casey. One factory and one switch-engine damaged by Lt. Price. Two locomotives damaged (shared) by Lts. Russell and Ledington. One locomotive damaged by Capt. Bertrand and Lt. Casey (shared). One truck, one railroad oil-car and one freight-car damaged by Lt. Larson, all of 84th Squadron. One locomotive destroyed by Lt. Hurst and F/O Reese (shared). One locomotive destroyed by Lt. Sorensen and F/O Kochanek (shared). One Flak-tower damaged by Lt. Sorensen and F/O Kochanek (shared). Two railway cars and one warehouse damaged by Lt. Sheppard. One factory damaged by Lts. Holden, Norris and McDermott, all of 83rd Squadron. (I) Landfall-in between Ostend and Blankenberge, 14.37 hours, six minutes late, at 15,000 feet. Two squadrons became separated over Antwerp because of intense heavy-Flak, and 83rd Squadron flew to Koblenz where an abandoned airdrome was seen to the south-east. One flight went on to Mannheim, and made the above claims. The 84th Squadron attacked an airfield believed to be Nauheim, damaging gliders and unidentified aircraft and buildings. No other aircraft were seen in the vicinity of these fields. Locomotives and miscellaneous targets were attacked at an airfield south of Frankfurt. Very light and ineffective light-Flak in area strafed. Crossed out Ostend, 17.10 at 7,000 feet. 'Bayland' White flight was 'bounced' by three FW 190s over Antwerp, and claims two damaged. Dam under construction near Vogelsand airdrome. Ten twin-engined aircraft on airdrome at Diest/Schaffan in Belgium. Oil storage tanks under construction on river south of Antwerp.

—	Cat.E 08.04.44	Pilot wanting	'A' Group	78 th FG	Sqn.	P-47D	Flak: Cat.E Wattisham
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[Accredited Claims: Miller List credits 78th FG with 0-0-1 air & 0-0-6 ground: Ed.]

■	Claim 08.04.44	F/O J.W. Mundy	78 th FG	83 rd Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	FW 190	Antwerp
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. W.E. Hunt	78 th FG	83 rd Sqn.	0 - 0 - 3	Glider	N.E. Frankfurt
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. M.H. Smith	78 th FG	83 rd Sqn.	0 - 0 - 2	Glider	N.E. Frankfurt
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. R.E. Smith	78 th FG	83 rd Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Glider	N.E. Frankfurt
■	Claim 08.04.44	Capt. Bertrand	78 th FG	83 rd Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	FW 190	Not admitted
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Daccal	78 th FG	84 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 2	Glider	Not admitted
↓	Claim 08.04.44	Lt. Patton	78 th FG	84 th Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Glider	Not admitted

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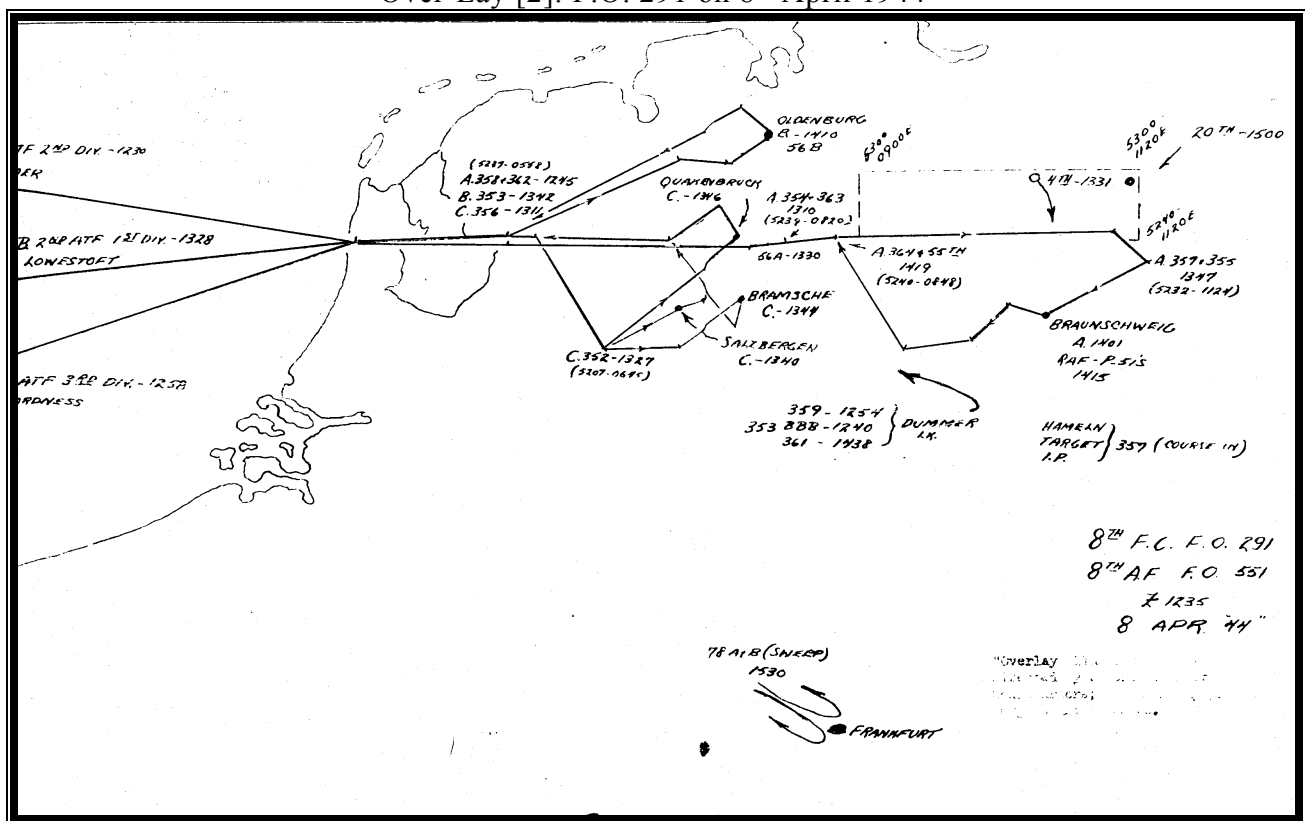
By Command of Major-General KEPNER

Signed: Laurence K. Callahan
Colonel. G.S.C.
Asst. C/S, A-2.


8th April 1944: U.S. VIIIth FC Summary of Damage and Loss

Cat.A 08.04.44	Pilot unknown	4 th FG	P-51B	43-6774	Flak hits fuselage
Cat.A 08.04.44	Pilot unknown	4 th FG	P-51B	43-6871	Fighter 7.9 ^{mm} . hits left wing-tip
Cat.A 08.04.44	Pilot unknown	56 th FG	P-47D	42-75393	Debris exploding petrol-dump
Cat.A 08.04.44	Pilot unknown	56 th FG	P-47D	42-75704	Flak hits right wing-tip
Cat.A 08.04.44	Pilot unknown	355 th FG	P-51B	43-6992	Debris enemy fighter
Cat.A 08.04.44	Pilot unknown	355 th FG	P-51B	43-7157	Fighter 30 ^{mm} . left-fuselage, intercooler
Cat.A 08.04.44	Pilot unknown	355 th FG	P-51B	43-7101	Flak hits fin and tailplane
Cat.A 08.04.44	Pilot unknown	355 th FG	P-51B	43-6893	30 ^{mm} . splinters tailplane
Cat.A 08.04.44	Pilot unknown	355 th FG	P-51B	43-6835	Flak hits right-wing
Cat.A 08.04.44	Pilot unknown	356 th FG	P-47D	42-75190	Flak hits
Cat.A 08.04.44	Pilot unknown	356 th FG	P-47D	42-22517	Flak hits
Cat.A 08.04.44	Pilot unknown	78 th FG'A'	P-47D	42-74707	2 x Flak hits
Cat.A 08.04.44	Pilot unknown	78 th FG'A'	P-47D	42-25529	Flak hits
Cat.A 08.04.44	Pilot unknown	78 th FG'A'	P-47D	42-75462	Small-arms fire 0.30 ^{cal} . hits
Cat.A 08.04.44	Pilot unknown	78 th FG'A'	P-47D	42-74657	Flak hits
Cat.A 08.04.44	Pilot unknown	78 th FG'A'	P-47D	42-6532	Flak hits
Cat.A 08.04.44	Pilot unknown	78 th FG'A'	P-47D	42-6228	Flak hits
Cat.A 08.04.44	Pilot unknown	78 th FG'A'	P-47D	42-8375	Flak hits
Cat.A 08.04.44	Pilot unknown	78 th FG'A'	P-47D	42-25539	Flak hits
Cat.A 08.04.44	Pilot unknown	78 th FG'B'	P-47D	42-75591	Flak: 40 ^{mm} . splinters, cowling
Cat.A 08.04.44	Pilot unknown	353 rd FG	P-47D	42-22779	Hit trees avoiding Flak
Cat.A 08.04.44	Pilot unknown	353 rd FG	P-47D	42-75054	Flak and small-arms fire
Cat.A 08.04.44	Pilot unknown	352 nd FG	P-51B	43-22547	Hits trees: LL combat Osnabrück
Cat.A 08.04.44	Pilot unknown	359 th FG	P-47D	42-8695	Returning: hit bird flock
Cat.A 08.04.44	Pilot unknown	20 th FG	P-38J	42-67443	Flak small-arms fire
Cat.A 08.04.44	Pilot unknown	20 th FG	P-38J	42-67443	Flak 20 ^{mm} . and small-arms fire
Cat.A 08.04.44	Pilot unknown	20 th FG	P-38J	42-68166	Fighter 3 x 13 ^{mm} . in tail-unit

Over-Lay [2]: F.O. 291 on 8th April 1944



Reading the Narratives and their Keys. **Title-Line** is commenced on the left margin by the U.S. VIII or IX Fighter Command Logo. The Narratives including the operations of the U.S. IX Fighter Command from October 1943 when its Groups were subordinated to the Eighth. Paragraph 'A' reads the Fighter Squadron or Group; Paragraph 'B' the Force number, including the abortive sorties, and type of aircraft of the force; Paragraph 'C' times of first-up and last-down in GMT; Paragraph 'D' mission Field Order Number; 'H' tri-numbered Claim and Enemy-Aircraft type or task [destroyed - probably destroyed - damaged]; Paragraph 'E & F' gives short summary of Aircraft Loss Categories; Paragraph 'I' reads Task with Target and/or Area of Operation. The Tasks are coded as follows:

Logo	A	B	C	D	H	E & F	I	
 VIII FC	78 th FG	48 P-47 Thunderbolt	16.44-18.25	F.O. 81	1 - 0 - 0	FW 190	No casualty	F-Sw: Pas-de-Calais

Mech:	Mechanical or Engine-Failure
Wx:	Adverse Weather
Cmbt:	Air Combat
H-BS	Heavy-Bomber Support
M-BS	Medium-Bomber Support
L-BS	Light-Bomber Support
F-BS	Fighter-Bomber Support
F-Sw	Fighter-Sweep (R.A.F. 11 Group 'Rodeo')
Cat.A	Damaged: repair on site by operating Unit.
Cat.AC	Damaged: repair on site not by operating Unit.
Cat.B	Damaged: repair at Maintenance Unit.
Cat.C	Damaged: repair for Ground Instruction purposes only.
Cat.E	Written-off: salvage impossible.
Cat.E1	Written-off: use of components possible.
Cat.E2	Written-off: salvage of scrap possible
Cat.Em	Written-off: missing on operational flight
ASR	Air-Sea Rescue
CE	Close-Escort
EC	Escort-Cover
HC	High-Cover
EPJ	Emergency Parachute-Jump

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