



## Headquarters U.S. VIII Fighter Command Narratives of Operations

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The Narratives of Headquarters U.S. VIII Fighter Command were swiftly issued by the General-Commanding following an operation to a wide distribution of parties, ranging from government, diplomatic and military. The security level was not high, so the Narratives came under the *Confidential, Destroy or File* listing. They were therefore reports fresh from the operations, of interest, but read with the proviso that subsequent reports would be corrected or amended. They were therefore deemed not to be employed for records purposes. In this series of Narratives issued on the web, the Editor has corrected and amended the reported Pilot Casualties and Combat Claims of the Narratives with sources from published lists. The Pilot Casualties are drawn from data provided by the eminent historian and author, Roger Freeman. The Combat Claims, which the Narratives list are often inaccurate, so they are corrected with data drawn from many sources, including the works of Kent D. Miller. The Narratives themselves can be perused in various organizations, the Editor consulting the fascinating Missions Folders of the Eighth Air Force held by the Public Records Office, at Kew, London, under the Air 40 Files, for these purposes. To his regret he notes that the first of the series, from March to June 1943, are missing. Also, for some unaccountable reason, the Headquarters state that no Narratives were issued over the crucial period 6<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> June 1944. Hopefully, they make interesting reading. The Glossary of Terms are issued at the end of this document.

### Headquarters U.S. VIII Fighter Command Narratives of Operations Intelligence Summary No. 151

VIII<sup>th</sup> FC F.O. 287

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#### Part II: Fighter-Attacks on Ground-Targets in Germany

##### Statistics of U.S. Fighter Groups:

Fighter Tasks:	Fighter-Attacks	Accredited Claims
VIII FC Missions by 10 Groups: -	13	
P-47 Thunderbolt Sorties: -	236	
P-38 Lightning Sorties: -	96	
P-51 Mustang Sorties: -	124	
Total: -	456	
Fighters Lost: -	9	
Fighters Cat.E or damaged Cat. B: -	0	
Personnel Casualties MiA: -	8	
Combat Claims (Air): -	10-1-2	12-0-2
Combat Claims (Ground): -	88-3-120	85½-0-128
Enemy Aircraft Seen (air): -	18+	
Enemy Aircraft Seen (ground): -	434+	
Miscellaneous Ground-Targets attacked: 3 locomotives destroyed, 8 locomotives, 5 trucks, several Flak-towers, gun-emplacements, and a tug-boat damaged.		

#### 1. Summary of Fighter Escort


The 56<sup>th</sup> 'A' and 'B' Groups, the 352<sup>nd</sup>, 353<sup>rd</sup> 'A', 356<sup>th</sup>, 359<sup>th</sup> and 364<sup>th</sup> Fighter Groups, crossed the enemy coast between 14.00 and 14.35 hours, but bad weather prevented locating the assigned targets. No enemy aircraft were seen. All these aircraft returned safely. The 20<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group flew course to Nienburg, thence to Hannover, shooting up opportunity targets near Barnstorf. The 78<sup>th</sup> 'B' Fighter Group flew from Fumes to Luxembourg, hunting for breaks in 10/10<sup>th</sup> cloud cover. Between Trier and Bad Kreuznach, the Group destroyed three locomotives, damaged an electric switch-engine and two trucks. Saw no enemy aircraft. The 83<sup>rd</sup> Squadron, of the 78<sup>th</sup> 'A' Group, penetrated to an area to the south-west of Frankfurt, but saw no airfields and so made no attacks. The 82<sup>nd</sup> Squadron, 78<sup>th</sup> 'A' Group, attacked gliders on an unidentified airfield in the Luxembourg area, both of these were left burning. One Ju 188 on Cambrai/Epinois airfield was damaged. A B-17, in a field south-east of Cambrai, was damaged. No enemy aircraft were seen in the air. The 4<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group made landfall-in near

Zandvoort at 13.39 hours, in 10/10<sup>th</sup> clouds, which broke to 6/10<sup>th</sup> when east of Brunswick. Group went down through the clouds when in the vicinity of Berlin, at 15.00 hours. Attacked airfields near Friedersdorf, Potsdam, Stendal, Plaue and Brandenburg. The Group claims a mixed bag of 45-3-39, mostly twin-engined aircraft, all but two being on the ground, for the loss of three P-51s. A fourth ditched in the Channel, but the pilot was rescued by the Air-Sea Rescue service. The 355<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group made landfall-in near Ostend, 13.30 hours, at 21,000 feet. Flew over and through 10/10<sup>th</sup> cloud breaks to the Oberpfaffenhöfen area at 15.00 hours, seeing 50 to 75 enemy aircraft parked on airfields in this area. Fifty to seventy twin-engined types were observed on Landsberg airdrome, with over half being black Do 217s. Forty-plus, mostly Do 217s, were seen on Penzig airfield. At Lechfeld airfield 30-40 FW 200 'Condors' were seen. These airfields were strafed. Total claims by the Group are 51-1-81, with 8-1-2 being in the air, for the loss of three P-51s. Landfall-out, 17.20 hours, from between Ostend to the Hook of Holland.


#### Points of Interest:

- (1) Negligible enemy fighter reaction: weather and the absence of bombers were undoubtedly the major factors.
- (2) Enemy aircraft seen in the Berlin and Munich areas were almost entirely twin-engined types, largely Ju 88s.
- (3) Flak defenses were not as severe as would have been expected against the sustained attacks employed.
- (4) In the Munich area, night-camouflaged aircraft were seen with probable radar equipment.


#### a. Fighter-Attacks: Germany

 VIII FC 352<sup>nd</sup> FG 49 P-47/51 13.45-16.18 F.O. 288 0 - 0 - 0 - No casualty Fighter-Sweep


(A) 352<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group, Lieutenant-Colonel Clark leading (B) 49 aircraft: 25 P-51s and 24 P-47s, up 13.45 down 16.18 hours (C) 10 abortive sorties (D) Field Order # 288 (E) thru (H) nil (I) Group made landfall-in at 20,000 feet, at a point and time undetermined due to solid undercast. Proceeded to an area believed to be Vechta, 15.00 hours, at 26,000 feet. Total 10/10<sup>th</sup> overcast prevented any positive identification. No enemy aircraft were observed. The Group was unable to operate effectively against ground-targets, and therefore returned to base. Landfall-out and time-out over enemy coast undetermined due to weather conditions. R/T good.

 VIII FC 56<sup>th</sup> 'A' FG 25 P-47 Thunderbolt 13.31-15.59 F.O. 288 0 - 0 - 0 - No casualty Fighter-Sweep


(A) 56<sup>th</sup> 'A' Fighter Group, Major Schreiber leading (B) 25 P-47s, up 13.31 down 15.59 hours (C) 2 abortive sorties (D) Field Order # 288 (E) nil (F) two P-47s damaged Cat.A (G) and (H) nil (I) Solid undercast from 6,000 to 22,000 feet makes accurate determination of geographical points impossible. Landfall-in probably over The Hague, 14.40 hours, at 12,000 to 18,000 feet. Swept area believed to be Arnheim-Venlo-Ans area, making landfall-out Schouwen Island, 14.41 hours, at 8,000 to 20,000 feet. One element strafed an airdrome believed to be near Ans, firing at two gliders. No claims, pending film assessment. Six-plus twin- and four-engined aircraft, camouflaged with netting, were observed. Two silver and two pale-blue Me 110s being chased by a P-47 at 7,000 feet were observed near Ans airdrome.

 VIII FC 56<sup>th</sup> 'B' FG 23 P-47 Thunderbolt 13.38-15.43 F.O. 288 0 - 0 - 0 - No casualty Fighter-Sweep


(A) 56<sup>th</sup> 'B' Fighter Group, Lieutenant-Colonel Schilling leading (B) 23 P-47s, up 13.38 down 15.43 hours (C) 1 abortive sortie (D) Field Order # 288 (E) nil (F) one P-47 damaged Cat.A (G) and (H) nil (I) Overcast made identification of landmarks impossible. Proceeded on course to the vicinity of the Vlieland and the Terschelling Islands at a height of about 19,000 feet. Shortly afterwards, at 15.43 hours, the Group turned back to base. No enemy aircraft seen. Heavy, accurate, Flak over Terschelling Island.

 VIII FC 353<sup>rd</sup> A FG 49 P-47 Thunderbolt 13.35-16.04 F.O. 288 0 - 0 - 0 - No casualty Fighter-Sweep

(A) 353<sup>rd</sup> 'A' Fighter Group, Major Pidduck leading (B) 49 P-47s, up 13.35 down 16.04 hours (C) 2 abortive sorties (D) Field Order # 288 (E) thru (H) nil (I) Landfall-in was believed to be over The Hague, at 14.12 hours, at 15,000 feet. Flew on course for next 30 minutes over solid 10/10<sup>th</sup> undercast. Group Leader was unable to continue the mission due to bad weather conditions. Landfall-out was believed to be near Overflakkee Island, at 15.20 hours, at 16,000 feet.


 VIII FC 356<sup>th</sup> FG 48 P-47 Thunderbolt 13.40-16.33 F.O. 288 0 - 0 - 0 - No casualty Fighter-Sweep

(A) 356<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group, Colonel Malmstrom leading (B) 48 P-47s, up 13.40 down 16.33 hours (C) 4 abortive sorties (D) Field Order # 288 (E) thru (H) nil (I) Landfall-in unknown because of 10/10<sup>th</sup> undercast cloud, 15,000 feet. Turned back at 15.08 hours from the estimated area of Gütersloh. Landfall-out was probably in the vicinity of the Walcheren Island, at 15.43 hours, at 13,000 feet. One Group of P-38s was seen at 14.45 hours, when north of the Ruhr. Three P-47s were seen at 14.40 hours, when 15 miles north of Krefeld. Fragmentation bombs were jettisoned by one squadron over the north end of the Ruhr Valley through 10/10<sup>th</sup> cloud. Others were brought back to base. Usual heavy Flak in the Ruhr Valley, and at Münster. R/T fair. Addition: ninety-six clusters of 6 x 20-lb. ANM-41 instantaneously fuzed fragmentation bombs were carried. Of these, 28 clusters were jettisoned at the northern end of the Ruhr Valley, two in the North Sea, and the remainder brought home.


 VIII FC 359<sup>th</sup> FG 45 P-47 Thunderbolt 13.41-16.23 F.O. 288 0 - 0 - 0 - No casualty Fighter-Sweep

(A) 359<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group, Colonel Tacon leading (B) 45 P-47s, up 13.41 down 16.23 hours (C) 6 abortive sorties (D) Field Order # 288 (E) thru (H) nil (I) On the way to the Continent, the Group encountered four decks of cloud, one at 2,000 to 5,000 feet, the second at 8,000 to 10,000 feet, the third at 10,000 to 12,000, and the last from 16,000 to 18,000 feet. Estimated entry at the enemy coast as briefed, was south of

De Kooy at 20,000 feet. Four cloud-decks merged into an occluded-front, lying roughly on the Holland-Reich border. The strike squadrons, the 368<sup>th</sup> and 370<sup>th</sup>, were on instruments from 14.40 to 15.00 hours, climbing from 13,000 to 21,500 feet. At the estimated Initial Point, the Group began to turn by flights to the target, but found no breaks, but intense, accurate, heavy, Flak at 15.10 hours, at 23,000 feet, in the Emden area which was deduced from time-distance calculations. Squadrons went home. The Escort Squadron, the 369<sup>th</sup>, accompanied another Group, believed to be the 352<sup>nd</sup> Group on 100° heading from the enemy coast to the re-call, since it was unable to find its own squadrons above the clouds. R/T excellent, especially the reception from home transmitter.


 VIII FC 364<sup>th</sup> FG 50 P-38 Lightning 13.15-15.50 F.O. 288 0 - 0 - 0 - No casualty Fighter-Sweep

(A) 364<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group, Lieutenant-Colonel Osborn leading (B) 50 P-38s, up 13.15 down 15.50 hours (C) 2 abortive sorties (D) Field Order # 288 (E) thru (H) nil (I) Landfall-in believed to be north of IJmuiden, at 14.05 hours, at 14,000 feet. Turned 50° heading on course to the south when in the vicinity of Edam, and the zig-zagged trying to find a break in the undercast, but to no avail. Abandoned the mission at 14.25 hours, and turned around when believed to be in the vicinity of Rheine. Landfall-out in the vicinity of Valkenburg, by flights, at 15.00 hours at 17,000 up to 26,000 feet. On other aircraft seen.


 VIII FC 20<sup>th</sup> FG 50 P-38 Lightning 13.07-16.22 F.O. 288 0 - 0 - 0 - 1 Cat.E: Flak Fighter-Sweep

(A) 20<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group, Lieutenant-Colonel Rau leading (B) 50 P-38s, up 13.07 down 16.22 hours (C) 2 abortive sorties (D) Field Order # 288 (E) one P-38 lost (F) 13 P-38s damaged Cat.A (G) 2/Lt. Jack J. Yelton, 55<sup>th</sup> Squadron (H) Ground and/or water targets claimed by Group (aircraft excluded). One barge damaged by Capt. Gustke, of 77<sup>th</sup> Squadron; one observation-post damaged by Capt. Gustke and Lt. Everett, of 77<sup>th</sup> Squadron; one bridge damaged by Lt. Whiteside, of 77<sup>th</sup> Squadron (I) Landfall-in believed to be over Egmond, at 15,000 feet. Proceeded to the Nienburg area, where the Group turned south-east on account of the weather conditions. Withdrew at 14.35 hours when in the vicinity of Hannover, at 16,000 feet. Heavy, intense, and accurate Flak encountered in this area. White Flight, 77<sup>th</sup> Squadron, shot-up a barge, bridge and observation-post on the Hunte River, near Barnstorf. Landfall-out about Egmond, 15.15 hours, at 12,000 feet. Weather conditions prevented carrying out mission as planned.

— Cat.E 05.04.44 2/Lt. Jack J. Yelton: PoW 20<sup>th</sup> FG 55<sup>th</sup> Sqn. P-38J-10: 42-67753 KI-T Flak: □Lippstadt

 VIII FC 78<sup>th</sup> 'B' FG 24 P-47 Thunderbolt 13.14-17.06 F.O. 288 0 - 0 - 0 - No casualty Fighter-Sweep

(A) 78<sup>th</sup> 'B' Fighter Group, Captain Silsby leading (B) 24 P-47s, up 13.14 down 17.06 hours (C) 5 abortive sorties (D) Field Order # 288 (E) thru (F) nil (H) Ground and/or water targets claimed by Group (aircraft excluded). Three locomotives destroyed by Lts. Casey, Just, Abel and Robert E. Smith, all of 84<sup>th</sup> Squadron; one electric switch-engine damaged by Lt. Quince L. Brown, 84<sup>th</sup> Squadron; two trucks damaged by Lt. Quince L. Brown, of 84<sup>th</sup> Squadron. (I) Landfall-in Furnes, 14.00 hours, at 15,000 feet. Flew on course to Luxembourg, and continued east trying to find a break in 10/10<sup>th</sup> undercast and overcast cloud cover. Two flights went down on the 'deck' when between Trier and Bad Kreuznach, and attacked targets of opportunity with the above results. Made landfall-out over Furnes, at 16.19 hours, at 14,000 feet. The assigned airdrome was not located because of 10/10<sup>th</sup> cloud. No enemy were aircraft seen. Two large un-camouflaged camps, with numerous large barracks, seen 25 miles south-east and 30 miles due east of Trier, which pilots did not shoot-up for fear that they might be prisoner-of-war camps.

 VIII FC 78<sup>th</sup> 'A' FG 35 P-47 Thunderbolt 13.29-17.13 F.O. 288 2 - 0 - 2 Various 1 Cat.E: Flak Fighter-Sweep

(A) 78<sup>th</sup> 'A' Fighter Group, Lieutenant-Colonel Dayhuff leading (B) 35 P-47s, up 13.29 down 17.13 hours (C) 3 abortive sorties (D) Field Order # 288 (E) one P-47 lost (F) one P-47 Cat.A (G) 2/Lt. Harvey L. Eakes, 82<sup>nd</sup> Squadron, missing (H) Claims 2-0-2 (ground) (I) Landfall-in believed to be close to the scheduled position: Furnes at 14.12 hours, at 16,000 feet, but undercast prevented a check. Bad weather prevented both squadrons from reaching their primary targets. The 83<sup>rd</sup> Squadron penetrated to an area south-west of Frankfurt, going to the north of course because of the weather, saw no airdromes and made no attacks. The 82<sup>nd</sup> Squadron attacked two gliders on an un-identified airdrome in the Luxembourg area, and left both burning. One pilot, returning alone, damaged one of two Ju 188s seen on Cambrai/Epinoy airdrome. One aircraft was seen on Cambrai/Niergnies airdrome. No enemy aircraft seen in the air. Intense, accurate, heavy Flak at Aachen and Liège. B-17 was observed parked in a field to the south-east of Cambrai: this was attacked and damaged. Group crossed out at Knokke, at 16.22 hours, at 11,000 feet.

— Cat.E 05.04.44 2/Lt. Harvey L. Eakes 78<sup>th</sup> FG 82<sup>nd</sup> Sqn. P-47D-11: 42-75602 MX-E Flak: □St. Valéry

[Accredited Claims: Miller List credits 78<sup>th</sup> FG with 2-0-7 ground: Ed.]

↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. H.L. Eakes	78 <sup>th</sup> FG	82 <sup>nd</sup> Sqn.	1/3 - 0 - 0	Go 242	Rüwer
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. H.L. Eakes	78 <sup>th</sup> FG	82 <sup>nd</sup> Sqn.	1/3 - 0 - 0	DFS 230	Rüwer
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. J.J. Hockery	78 <sup>th</sup> FG	82 <sup>nd</sup> Sqn.	1/3 - 0 - 0	Go 242	Rüwer
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. J.J. Hockery	78 <sup>th</sup> FG	82 <sup>nd</sup> Sqn.	1/3 - 0 - 0	DFS 230	Rüwer
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. C.W. DeWitt	78 <sup>th</sup> FG	82 <sup>nd</sup> Sqn.	1/3 - 0 - 0	Go 242	Rüwer
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. C.W. DeWitt	78 <sup>th</sup> FG	82 <sup>nd</sup> Sqn.	1/3 - 0 - 0	DFS 230	Rüwer
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. M.K. Woller	78 <sup>th</sup> FG	82 <sup>nd</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	DFS 230	Rüwer
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. M.K. Woller	78 <sup>th</sup> FG	82 <sup>nd</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Go 242	Rüwer
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Capt. W.E. May	78 <sup>th</sup> FG	82 <sup>nd</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Go 242	Rüwer
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. J.E. Brasher	78 <sup>th</sup> FG	82 <sup>nd</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Go 242	Rüwer
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. P.H. Hazelett	78 <sup>th</sup> FG	82 <sup>nd</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Go 242	Rüwer
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. R.A. Hewitt	78 <sup>th</sup> FG	82 <sup>nd</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Go 242	Rüwer
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. J.W. Wilkinson	78 <sup>th</sup> FG	82 <sup>nd</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Ju 188	Rüwer



VIII 353<sup>rd</sup> 'C' FG 12 P-47 Thunderbolt 13.57-16.01 F.O. 288 0 - 0 - 0 - No casualty Fighter-Sweep

(A) 353<sup>rd</sup> 'C' Fighter Group, Captain Star leading (B) 12 P-47s, up 13.57 down 16.01 hours (C) 2 abortive sorties (D) Field Order #288 (E) thru (H) nil (I) Landfall-in believed to be north of Ijmuiden, 14.36 hours, at 20,000 feet. Flew on planned course to the vicinity of Lingen, which was reached at 14.55 hours, at 25,000 feet. Solid undercast made the completion of this mission impossible. Landfall-out believed to be north of Ijmuiden, 15.35 hours, at 17,000 feet. No enemy aircraft were seen.



VIII FC 4<sup>th</sup> FG 46 P-51 Mustang 12.45-17.45 F.O. 288 45 - 3 - 39 Various 4 Cat.E: Flak Fighter-Sweep

(A) 4<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group, Colonel Blakeslee leading (B) 46 P-51s, up 12.45 down 17.45 hours (C) 5 abortive sorties (D) Field Order # 288 (E) three P-51s lost due to Enemy Action by light-Flak, one lost in the sea, reason unknown (F) nil (G) three missing: Capt. Duane W. Beeson, 1/Lt. Allen F. Bunte and 1/Lt. Charles D. Carr, all of 334<sup>th</sup> Squadron; Capt. Robert D. Hobert, 336<sup>th</sup> Squadron not yet returned, rescued by A.S.R. (H) Claim 45-3-39 (air and ground): Ground and/or water targets claimed by Group (aircraft excluded). Three motor-barges, two factories, one locomotive, one ferry-barge, one tug-boat, several Flak-towers damaged by five pilots of 334<sup>th</sup> Squadron (I) Group made landfall-in near Zandvoort, 13.39 hours, at 23,000 feet. Position estimated due to 10/10<sup>th</sup> cloud which broke to 6/10<sup>th</sup> when to the east of Brunswick. Group went down through cloud when in the vicinity of Berlin at 15.00 hours, and attacked Friedersdorf airdrome, which had a dozen aircraft, all trainer-type twin-engined models. A large permanent airdrome near Potsdam, and the lakes that had new Ju 88s parked. Stendal airdrome having 50-plus twin-engined types, Ju 88s predominating. Plaue airdrome having Ju 188s, and an un-identified airdrome west of Brandenburg with 15-plus Ju 88s. The 336<sup>th</sup> Squadron claimed 25-2-14 in this area. At Stendal, where the Flak defenses were negligible, the balance being distributed on the other airdromes, where the defense was moderate to intense from both light- and medium-Flak. Destroyed aircraft were substantiated by fires and explosions seen from orbits over the airdromes. Captain Duane W. Beeson and Lieutenant Charles D. Carr were hit by Flak from an airdrome west of Brandenburg, after an attack by a section of four aircraft against 8-10 Ju 88s in good alignment. Pilots not seen to bale-out, but heard of their intentions over the R/T. A P-51, believed piloted by Lieutenant Allan F. Bunte, was seen to crash on the edge of a lake near Potsdam. Captain Robert D. Hobert baled-out 30 miles east of Clacton, and was picked up by a launch of the Air-Sea Rescue service: cause unknown. Group crossed out south of Ijmuiden, 16.30 hours, at 20,000 feet.

—	Cat.E 05.04.44	Maj. Duane W. Beeson: PoW	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	334 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	P-51B-5: 43-6819 QP-B	Flak: □Stendal
—	Cat.E 05.04.44	1/Lt. Allan F. Bunte: PoW	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	334 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	P-51B-5: 43-6946 QP-L	HT-cables: Gardelegen
—	Cat.E 05.04.44	1/Lt. Charles D. Carr: PoW	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	334 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	P-51B-5: 43-6837 QP-I	Flak: □Brandenburg
—	Cat.E 05.04.44	Capt. Robert D. Hobert Y	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	P-51B-5: 43-6836 VF-	Eng: EPJ North Sea

[Accredited Claims: Miller List credits 4<sup>th</sup> FG with 2-0-0 air & 43½-0-39 ground: Ed.]

■	Claim 05.04.44	Capt. D.W. Beeson	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	334 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Plaue Airfield
■	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. H.T. Biel	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	334 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Plaue Airfield
■	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. C.A. Fiedler	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	335 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Plaue Airfield
■	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. J.W. Goodwin	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	335 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	He 111	N. Brandenburg
■	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. P.S. Riley	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	335 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	He 111	N. Brandenburg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Col. D.J.M.Blakeslee	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	HQ Sqn.	0 - 0 - 2	Ju 88	Brandenburg-Briest
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Col. D.J.M.Blakeslee	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	HQ Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Unident	Brandenburg-Briest
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Capt. D.W. Beeson	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	334 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Weisswarter/Busch
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Capt. D.W. Beeson	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	334 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Weisswarter/Busch
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Capt. D.W. Beeson	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	334 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Me 323	Brandenburg-Briest
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Capt. D.W. Beeson	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	334 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Me 109	Brandenburg-Briest
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Capt. D.W. Beeson	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	334 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - ¼	Ju 52	Brandenburg-Briest
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. H.T. Biel	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	334 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	He 111	Brandenburg-Briest
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. H.T. Biel	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	334 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Ju 88	Brandenburg-Briest
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. H.T. Biel	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	334 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - ¼	Ju 52	Brandenburg-Briest
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. H.J. Blanchfield	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	334 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	2 - 0 - 0	Do 217	Brandenburg-Briest
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. H.J. Blanchfield	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	334 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	He 111	Brandenburg-Briest
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. H.J. Blanchfield	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	334 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 2	Ju 52/3m	Brandenburg-Briest
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. G.E. Montgomery	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	334 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	2 - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Brandenburg-Briest
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. V.J. France	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	334 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	He 111	Brandenburg-Briest
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. V.J. France	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	334 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	FW 190	Brandenburg-Briest
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. V.J. France	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	334 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Ju 52/3m	Brandenburg-Briest
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. L.R. Pierce	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	334 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Brandenburg-Briest
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. L.R. Pierce	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	334 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	He 111	Brandenburg-Briest
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. C.D. Carr	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	334 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Ju 52/3m	Brandenburg-Briest
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. C.D. Carr	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	334 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Ju 88	Brandenburg-Briest
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. C.D. Carr	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	334 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - ¼	Ju 52/3m	Brandenburg-Briest
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. C.A. Fiedler	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	335 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 2	Ju 52/3m	Plaue Airfield
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. C.A. Fiedler	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	335 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Unident:	Plaue Airfield
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. C.F. Anderson	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	335 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	2 - 0 - 0	Si 204	Brandenburg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. F.C. Jones	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	335 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	2 - 0 - 0	Unident:	S.E. Berlin
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. J.W. Goodwin	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	335 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 2	Ju 88	Brandenburg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. P.S. Riley	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	335 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 2	He 111	Brandenburg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. A.L. Schlegel	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	335 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	He 111	Brandenburg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. A.L. Schlegel	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	335 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Brandenburg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. A.L. Schlegel	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	335 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Ju 52/3m	Brandenburg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. A.L. Schlegel	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	335 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Unident:	Brandenburg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Maj. G. Carpenter	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	335 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Unident:	Berlin
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. R.W. Saunders	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	335 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Ju 52/3m	W. Brandenburg

↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. R.W. Saunders	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	335 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Me 110	W. Brandenburg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. R.W. Saunders	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	335 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Ju 88	W. Brandenburg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. G.I. Stanford	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	335 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 3	Ju 88	Brandenburg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Capt. R.D. Hobert	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	3 - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Stendal
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Capt. R.D. Hobert	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Ju 88	Stendal
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Maj. J.A. Goodson	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Stendal
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Maj. J.A. Goodson	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	FW 190	Stendal
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Maj. J.A. Goodson	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Ju 52/3m	Stendal
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Maj. J.A. Goodson	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Stendal
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Maj. J.A. Goodson	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Stendal
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Maj. J.A. Goodson	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Stendal
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Capt. D.S. Gentile	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	3 - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Stendal
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Capt. D.S. Gentile	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Stendal
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Capt. D.S. Gentile	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Stendal
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. J.T. Godfrey	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1½ - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Stendal
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. J.T. Godfrey	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 110	Stendal
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. J.T. Godfrey	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 2	Me 110	Stendal
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. J.T. Godfrey	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 2	Ju 88	Stendal
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. J.T. Godfrey	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Ju 52/3m	Stendal
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. D.R. Emerson	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Stendal
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. D.R. Emerson	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Stendal
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. D.R. Emerson	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Ju 88	Stendal
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. D.J. Patchen	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	2½ - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Stendal
↓	Claim 05.04.44	F/O F.W. Glover	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 2	Ju 88	Stendal
↓	Claim 05.04.44	F/O F.W. Glover	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	2 - 0 - 0	Ju 52/3m	Stendal
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. R. Simon	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	2 - 0 - 0	Unident:	W. Brandenburg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. K.E. Carlson	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Stendal
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. R.S. Tussey	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 110	Stendal
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. R.S. Tussey	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Ju 88	Stendal
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. R.S. Tussey	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - ¼	Ju 52/3m	Brandenburg-Briest
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. R.F. Nelson	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Brandenburg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. R.F. Nelson	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	He 177	Brandenburg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. R.F. Nelson	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	He 177	Brandenburg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. W.E. Johnson	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1½ - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Stendal
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. W.E. Johnson	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Ju 88	Stendal
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. R.E. Hughes	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	336 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Unident:	Stendal



VIII FC 355<sup>th</sup> FG 52 P-51 Mustang 12.47-18.20 F.O. 288 51 - 1 - 81 Various 3 Cat.E: Flak Fighter-Sweep

(A) 355<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group, Colonel Cummings leading (B) 52 P-51s, up 12.47 down 18.20 hours (C) 9 abortive sorties (D) Field Order # 288 (E) three P-51s lost (F) nil (G) Lt. Culp, 354<sup>th</sup> Squadron, Lt. Hill, 357<sup>th</sup> Squadron, and Lt. Ondris, 358<sup>th</sup> Squadron, missing (H) Claim 51-1-81 (air and ground): Ground and/or water targets claimed by Group (aircraft excluded). Note: of the damaged claims above, more than one pilot may have damaged one ship which a third pilot may have destroyed. The 358<sup>th</sup> Squadron also shot-up two locomotives, Flak-towers, gun-installations on buildings, personnel, barracks, rail-road switch-tower, hangars, fire-truck, which was heading for a burning aircraft. The 357<sup>th</sup> Squadron also shot-up four locomotives, gun-emplacements, personnel, and a dump-truck. The 354<sup>th</sup> Squadron shot-up hangars, an automobile (could not identify the model), a locomotive, and one enemy pilot killed as he ran from a training-plane. (I) Landfall-in Ostend, 13.30 hours, at 21,500 feet. Arrived over the Oberpfaffenhöfen area at 15.00 hours. Stayed in this area for 30 to 40 minutes. Group made landfall-out between Ostend and the Hook of Holland, at approximately 17.20 hours, at 25,000 feet. The following are conservative estimates of aircraft seen on the various airdromes attacked. At Oberpfaffenhöfen: 50 to 60 aircraft on the airdrome itself, no accurate counted reported of aircraft dispersed in the adjoining forested areas. Predominantly Dornier Do 217-types, and two or three strafing passes were achieved. At Landsberg: 50 to 60 on the airdrome itself. On the either side of the main runway, two rows of Do 217-types (four rows in all) parked almost wing-tip to wing-tip. The lines on each side extended from one-half to two-thirds the length of the runway. Most of these planes were painted black, and appeared to be equipped with Radar-equipment, representative of our own night-fighter types. Ten passes were made. At Lechfeld (two-plus fires): 40 to 50 aircraft composed of 20-plus four-engined aircraft (angular tail with a notch in the trailing-edge), and He 177s and Me 110s. At Landsberg airdrome: 40-plus aircraft, mostly Do 217s, mottled blue-and-black. At Ottingen airdrome: a minimum of 15 seen, ten of which were Me 110s, the others Ju 88s and Me 109s. At Denningen airdrome: a minimum of fifteen, Me 110s, Ju 52s and Ju 88s, at all fields attacked. Flak encountered: small-arms types were generally moderate and inaccurate. Two 0.79-inch projectiles were brought back (slightly larger than 0.22-inch caliber projectile). At Oberpfaffenhöfen: Flak became intense as the fourth flight passed over, but a number of pilots reported a sudden ceasing of the fire. Some of the fire was seen to come from the hangar area at the north-east corner of the field. Lieutenant Hill was hit by Flak over Denningen airdrome. Crashed into a parked Me 110, destroying his own and the enemy aircraft. Lieutenant Ondris believed lost as a result of attack by two Me 109s over Landsberg airdrome. Lieutenant Culp last seen in the Landsberg area. DFS 230 gliders, Me 110s, Ju 88s, He 111s, Me 109s, trainers seen in the air, in the target area. Radio good. Between Landsberg and Lechfeld, a gun-emplacement and a number of narrow-gauge rail-road tracks were observed.

—	Cat.E 05.04.44	1/Lt. Harold F. Culp ¶	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	P-51B-5: 43-7076	Me 109s: Landsberg
—	Cat.E 05.04.44	1/Lt. Byron L. Hill ¶	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	357 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	P-51B-5: 43-6980	Hit trees: Deiningen
—	Cat.E 05.04.44	1/Lt. Edward Ondris ¶	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	358 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	P-51B-5: 43-6937	Me 109s: Landsberg

[Accredited Claims: Miller List credits 355<sup>th</sup> FG with 7-0-2 air & 35-0-87 ground: Ed.]

■	Claim 05.04.44	Maj. C.H. Kinnard	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Ju W.34	Landsberg
■	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. H.W. Brown	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Me 108	Landsberg
■	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. H.W. Brown	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	⅓ - 0 - 0	Do 217	Landsberg
■	Claim 05.04.44	Capt. C.G. Johnston	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	⅓ - 0 - 0	Do 217	Landsberg
■	Claim 05.04.44	Capt. W.J. Koraleski	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	Me 109	Landsberg
■	Claim 05.04.44	Capt. W.J. Koraleski	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	½ - 0 - 0	FW 44	Landsberg

■	Claim 05.04.44	Capt. W.J. Koraleski	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	$\frac{1}{5}$ - 0 - 0	Do 217	Landsberg
■	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. B.C. Williamson	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Ju W.34	Landsberg
■	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. B.C. Williamson	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	$\frac{1}{2}$ - 0 - 0	FW 44	Landsberg
■	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. B.C. Williamson	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	$\frac{1}{5}$ - 0 - 0	Do 217	Landsberg
■	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. C.W. Lenfest	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	$\frac{1}{2}$ - 0 - 0	Me 108	Landsberg
■	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. J.E. Duffy	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	$\frac{1}{5}$ - 0 - 0	Do 217	Landsberg
■	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. R.E. Woody	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	$\frac{1}{2}$ - 0 - 0	Me 109	Landsberg
■	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. R.E. Woody	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	$\frac{1}{2}$ - 0 - 0	FW 44	Landsberg
■	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. R.E. Woody	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	$\frac{1}{2}$ - 0 - 0	FW 44	Landsberg
■	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. B.G. Houston	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Me 108	Landsberg
■	Claim 05.04.44	F/O L.M. Dudley	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	358 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Fw-44	Oberpfaffenhofen
■	Claim 05.04.44	F/O J.M. Beckman	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	358 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Me 109G	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Col. W.J. Cummings	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	HQ Sqn.	2 - 0 - 0	Do 217	Munich
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Col. W.J. Cummings	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	HQ Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Do 217	Munich
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Maj. C.H. Kinnard	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Do 217	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Maj. C.H. Kinnard	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 110	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Maj. C.H. Kinnard	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 3	Do 217	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Capt. W.J. Koraleski	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Do 217	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Capt. W.J. Koraleski	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Me 110	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. B.C. Williamson	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Do 217	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. B.C. Williamson	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Me 110	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. J.E. Duffy	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 5	Do 217	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. J.E. Duffy	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	FW 44	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. R.E. Woody	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 5	Do 217	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. R.E. Woody	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	FW 44	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. B.G. Houston	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 4	Do 217	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. B.G. Houston	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Me 110	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. L.G. Mendenhall	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	3 - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. L.G. Mendenhall	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 3	Ju 88	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. W.P. Boulet	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	FW 200	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. W.P. Boulet	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Do 217	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. W.P. Boulet	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 2	Do 217	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. R.G. Kurtz	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Do 217	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. R.G. Kurtz	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 2	Do 217	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. R.S. Morris	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 110	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. R.S. Morris	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	He 111	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. R.S. Morris	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	354 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	He 111	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. I. Reedy	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	357 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Ju88	Oettingen
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. I. Reedy	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	357 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Me 109	Oettingen
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. I. Reedy	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	357 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Ju88	Oettingen
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. R.B. Butler	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	357 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Ju88	Oettingen
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Ltn. R.B. Kaminski	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	357 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 110	Deiningen
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Ltn. H.L. Packard	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	357 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 110	Deiningen
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Ltn. H.L. Packard	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	357 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Me 110	Deiningen
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. C.M. Lee	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	357 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 3	Me 110	Oettingen
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. J.F. Kerch	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	357 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 2	Me 110	Oettingen
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. J.D. Sturm	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	357 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	FW 200	Oettingen
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. J.D. Sturm	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	357 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Me 110	Oettingen
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. J.D. Sturm	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	357 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Ju 88	Oettingen
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. J.D. Sturm	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	357 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Ju 52/3m	Oettingen
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. A.E. Benson	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	357 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 2	Do 217	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	F/O L.M. Dudley	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	358 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 110	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	F/O J.M. Beckman	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	358 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Do 217	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	F/O J.M. Beckman	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	358 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Ju 88	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	F/O J.M. Beckman	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	358 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 5	Do 217	Landsberg
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Maj. R.B. Myers	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	358 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	2 - 0 - 0	Do 217	Munich
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Maj. R.B. Myers	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	358 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	DFS-230	Munich
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Maj. R.B. Myers	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	358 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 6	Do 217	Munich
↓	Claim 05.04.44	F/O J.S. MacConkey	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	358 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	2 - 0 - 0	Do 217	Munich
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↓	Claim 05.04.44	F/O J.S. MacConkey	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	358 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 1	Me 110	Munich
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. H.J. Hoffmann	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	358 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Me 110	Munich
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↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. J.C. Harrington	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	358 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	2 - 0 - 0	Me 110	Munich
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. J.C. Harrington	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	358 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 6	Me 110	Munich
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↓	Claim 05.04.44	Maj. C.J. Rosenblatt	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	358 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Do 217	Landsberg
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↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. N.E. Peterson	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	358 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	1 - 0 - 0	Ju 88	Munich
↓	Claim 05.04.44	Lt. N.E. Peterson	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	358 <sup>th</sup> Sqn.	0 - 0 - 3	Ju 88	Munich



↓ Claim 05.04.44 Lt. A.T. Robinson 355<sup>th</sup> FG 358<sup>th</sup> Sqn. 0 - 0 - 2 Do 217 E. Schwerin

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**5<sup>th</sup> April 1944: U.S. VIII<sup>th</sup> FC Summary of Damage and Loss**

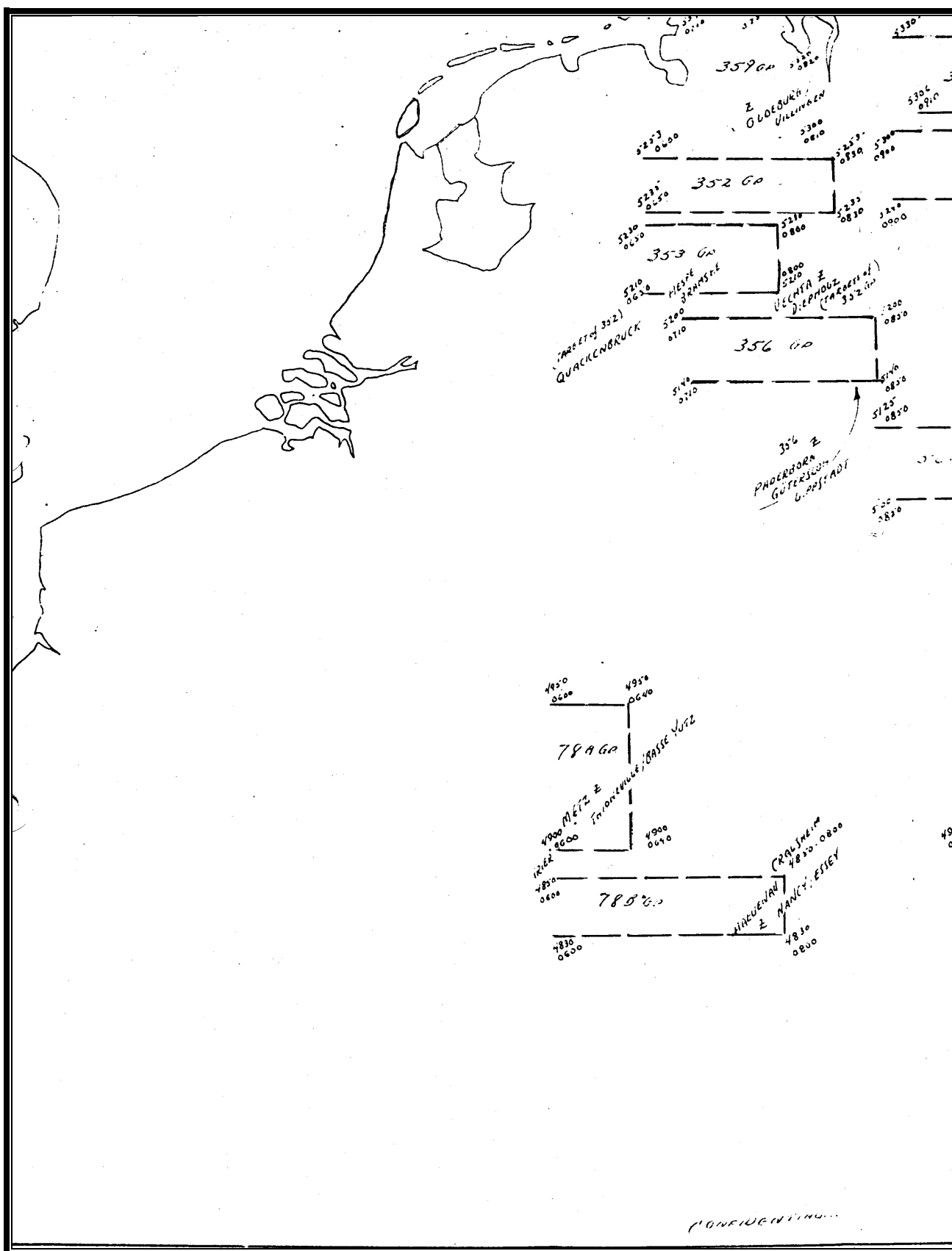
Cat.A 05.04.44	Pilot unknown	20 <sup>th</sup> FG	P-38J	42-68086	Flak hits on airframe
Cat.A 05.04.44	Pilot unknown	20 <sup>th</sup> FG	P-38J	42-67722	Flak hits on airframe
Cat.A 05.04.44	Pilot unknown	20 <sup>th</sup> FG	P-38J	42-67905	Flak hits on airframe
Cat.A 05.04.44	Pilot unknown	20 <sup>th</sup> FG	P-38J	42-68073	Flak hits on airframe
Cat.A 05.04.44	Pilot unknown	20 <sup>th</sup> FG	P-38J	42-67035	Flak hits on airframe
Cat.A 05.04.44	Pilot unknown	20 <sup>th</sup> FG	P-38J	42-68166	Flak hits on airframe
Cat.A 05.04.44	Pilot unknown	20 <sup>th</sup> FG	P-38J	42-68012	Flak hits on airframe
Cat.A 05.04.44	Pilot unknown	20 <sup>th</sup> FG	P-38J	42-104185	Flak hits on airframe
Cat.A 05.04.44	Pilot unknown	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	P-51B	43-6889	Flak hits horiz-stailizer, fin
Cat.A 05.04.44	Pilot unknown	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	P-51C	43-106464	Fighter 20 <sup>mm</sup> . shell-strike
Cat.A 05.04.44	Pilot unknown	56 <sup>th</sup> FG	P-47D	42-22537	Flak hits aileron, heat-exchanger
Cat.A 05.04.44	Pilot unknown	56 <sup>th</sup> FG	P-47D	42-76509	Flak hits right-aileron, wing
Cat.A 05.04.44	Pilot unknown	78 <sup>th</sup> FG	P-47D	42-76356	Flak hits right-wing, gear-bay
Cat.A 05.04.44	Pilot unknown	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	P-51B	43-6431	Fighter 2 x 30 <sup>mm</sup> . fuselage, rudder
Cat.A 05.04.44	Pilot unknown	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	P-51B	43-6885	Fighter 1 x 30 <sup>mm</sup> . fin, tailplane
Cat.A 05.04.44	Pilot unknown	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	P-51B	43-7147	Flak hits right-wing
Cat.A 05.04.44	Pilot unknown	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	P-51B	43-7101	Small-arms 0.30 <sup>cal</sup> . right-wing
Cat.A 05.04.44	Pilot unknown	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	P-51B	43-6440	Small-arms 0.30 <sup>cal</sup> . right-wing, engine
Cat.AC 05.04.44	Pilot unknown	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	P-51B	43-6507	Flak 3 x 20 <sup>mm</sup> . strikes left wing
Cat.AC 05.04.44	Pilot unknown	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	P-51B	43-6591	Flak 1 x 20 <sup>mm</sup> . strike fuselage
Cat.AC 05.04.44	Pilot unknown	4 <sup>th</sup> FG	P-51B	43-6753	Hit trees avoiding Flak
Cat.AC 05.04.44	Pilot unknown	56 <sup>th</sup> FG	P-47D	42-75180	Flak hits left-flap, tailplane
Cat.AC 05.04.44	Pilot unknown	355 <sup>th</sup> FG	P-51B	43-6898	Flak hits right-wing

U.S. 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force Diary of Fighter Operations: 5<sup>th</sup> April 1944. Field Order # 289. Total 538 airborne: 507 airborne less spares, spotters and relays: 234 aircraft did not complete the mission: 273 aircraft completed the mission out of 468 credited sorties on Fighter-Strafing: airdromes in Germany. Bombs dropped by Fighters: 28 x 120-lb. frag. clusters. Total aircraft lost: 9 (4 to Flak, one to Flak/Fighters, one to Enemy Fighters, 3 to causes unknown). Aircraft damaged: 24 less than Cat.E. Casualties: one pilot killed, 8 pilots MIA. Combat claims 96-6-122 (in the air and on the ground). Ref: PRO AIR 22/350.

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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 <sup>th</sup> 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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