

MESSAGEFORM

Date. 28 MAY 1944

File No.

304

Office of origin..... GROUP S-2

Address..... APO 141, U.S. ARMY.

*Mission No 22  
Op prep No 21*

To: CG, 303RD FIGHTER WING  
CG, ADV HW, XIX TAC  
CG, IX FIGHTER COMMAND  
CG, VIIIITH FIGHTER COMMAND  
ATTENTION: A-2.

PRECEDENCE

WIRE or RADIO		ESSENTIAL MILITARY MAIL	
Urgent		Airmail	
Priority	<b>X</b>	Special delivery	
Routine		Ordinary	
Deferred		Registered	
Week end			
Any message not X'd for precedence will be sent "Deferred."			Initial

159

Message: 373 FITR GP C PERIOD ~~XXXX~~ CONFIDENTIAL SEND IN CLEAR

AUTHORITY MAJ PETER A BLATE  
MISSION SUMMARY REPORT

A 373 F B GP 9TH AIR FORCE LEADER COL W. H. SCHWARTZ, JR  
B 54 P-47 - 18 410 SQ 18 411 SQ 18 412 SQ T/U-1456 T/D 1750  
C 7 - 4 SPARES COLON 2 MECH COLON 2 INSTRUMENT  
D OPS. ~~XXXX~~ ORDER ~~304~~ 304 IX FC WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT TO B - 24S  
E NIL  
F NIL  
G NIL  
H NIL  
I

UNEVENTFUL WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT GROUP ARRIVED R/V POINT ON TIME BOMBERS NOT THERE. ~~XXXXMXN~~ AT 1607 GROUP PICKED UP B-17 FORMATION AT ABOUT 22,000 FT WITH VERY FEW P-51S ESCORTING THEM. ~~XXXXXX~~ ONE SQ ESCORTED THESE B-17S OUT AND TWO SQS SEARCHED THE AREA FOR B-24S WHICH WERE PICKED UP AT 1623 30 MILES SE OF LIEGE. THE B-24S WERE IN LOOSE FORMATION AND NOT AT R/V ALTITUDE. B-24S WERE ESCORTED ALL THE WAY OUT AND ONE SQ LEFT THEM AT MIDCHANNEL AND ANOTHER SQ LEFT THEM CLACTON AUTUMN GREEN FLT ESCORTED ONE STRAGGLING B-24 ALL THE WAY OUT FROM LEIGE TO ~~XXXXXXN~~ NORTHFORLAND. NO ~~EM~~ E/A SEEN. WK. TO MOD. INACC. HFF. OBSERVED LIEGE NMMUR AND COXYDE. L/F IN AT FURNES L/F OUT COXYDE WEATHER HAZY ACROSS CHANNEL ON CONTINENT CAVU WITH SCATTERED ~~X~~ CIRRUS CLOUDS. TWO A/C OF 412 SQ ACTED AS RADIO RELAYS

SCHWARTZ COFITR GP 373

DECLASSIFIED

Authority NN 0745005  
By AR NARA Date 9/11/03