

OPREP A (continued)

U.S.M.A.F. FORM 341.

Oprep A No. 218 for the 24 hours ending sunset 17 July 1944.

Mission No. 5 for the day - Sweep.

A. 355th Sq only, 8 P-51s T/U 1900 From base to Argentan to Evreux. Encountered 50 plus FW 1 and Me 109s over Evreux. Combat ensued 12,000 ft to deck. Enemy pilots were aggressive and to advantage in numbers and initial advantage in altitude (2,000 ft). E/A stoozing around, seemed to be waiting or patrolling. Pilots were excellent. Destroyed 3 FW 190s and damaged 1. Lts Harris and Mason missing and 1 a/c damaged as result of battle. 2 airfields seen immediately E of Evreux. Haze to 10,000 ft T/D 2020.

B.1. 3 P-51s. 2. 7 P-51s. 3. 1 - rough engine 4. 2 - unknown. 5. Nil. 6. Nil.
7. 1 - see par ... 8. 7 sorties. (Item 7 Cat "AC").

C. Nil.

D.1. 7 hours 45 minutes. 2. Nil.

E.1. 12,540 x 50. 2. 2,201 x 50. 3. 3,340 x 50.

F. Nil.

G. 2 - MIA (Lts Mason and Harris).

H. In the air: 3 - 0 - 1.

1. 3 FW 190s (Maj Stephens, Capt Buer, Lt Ferguson). 2. Nil. 3. 1 FW 190 (Capt Buer)

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