

78th Razorbacks - War Diary

MISSION: 150 Sep-08: The 78th flew two frontline patrols, the first saw the group suppress an enemy airfield where several bandits were downed and the second started off as a CAS mission but ended up air to air although no bandits were downed.
DATE: 2008-09-08

Red Flight (P-38 Lightning)

Pilot	Result	Notes
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Trukk (RTB)

TheMaj (RTB)

Blue Flight (P-38 Lightning)

Pilot	Result	Notes
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Tango (RTB)

Hawkeye (RTB)

Lothmog (RTB)

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MISSION: 149 Sep-08: See next mission.
DATE: 2008-09-08

Red Flight (P-38 Lightning)

<u>Pilot</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Trukk (RTB)	German Fighter, Kill, 1 German Fighter, Kill, 1 German Fighter, Kill, 1	
TheMaj (KIA)	AAA, Kill, 1	Compressed and augered

Blue Flight (P-38 Lightning)

<u>Pilot</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Tango (RTB)	German Fighter, Kill, 1	
Hawkeye (RTB)	Italian Bomber, Kill, 1	
Lothmog (RTB)	AAA, Kill, 1	

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MISSION: 148
DATE: 2008-09-08

Sep-07: The 78th was tasked with escorting the 484th, but just as the group took off a flight of enemy bombers was spotted approaching the field. The group jettisoned tanks and engaged the bandits quickly taking them down. After a quick re-up the group headed out to meet the 484th. As the bombers were hitting a frontline target, no bandits intercepted the bombers and on the way home the 78th diverted to a Allied field that was under attack. A couple of bandits were shot down but the field was lost and with heavy flak taking its toll the group headed home. Foolishly a couple of bandits tried to chase the group down and paid the price for it.

Red Flight (P-38 Lightning)

<u>Pilot</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Trukk (RTB)	Italian Bomber, Kill, 1 Italian Bomber, Kill, 1	Lost an engine to AAA
Tango (RTB)	Italian Fighter, Kill, 1 Italian Fighter, Kill, 1	
Boom (RTB)		

Green Flight (P-38 Lightning)

<u>Pilot</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Notes</u>
TheMaj (RTB)	Italian Fighter, Kill, 1 Italian Bomber, Kill, 1	Wounded but made it home
Lothmog (RTB)		

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MISSION: 147

DATE: 2008-09-04

Sep-04: The 78th flew the first two missions with the P-38J tour of duty. The first mission was rather comical with every pilot ending up on the ground either from combat or pilot error. Luckily everyone was in an area in which friendly ground units were operating. The second mission was more successful with all of the aircraft returning home.

Red Flight (P-38 Lightning)

<u>Pilot</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Trukk (RTB)	Italian Fighter, Kill, 0.5	
Tango (RTB)	Italian Fighter, Kill, 0.5 Italian Bomber, Kill, 1	

Green Flight (P-38 Lightning)

<u>Pilot</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Notes</u>
TheMaj (RTB)	Italian Fighter, Kill, 1 Italian Fighter, Kill, 1	
Lothmog (RTB)		

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Red Flight (P-38 Lightning)

<u>Pilot</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Trukk (RTB)	German Bomber, Kill, 1	Forgot to lower gear
Tango (RTB)	German Fighter, Kill, 1 German Fighter, Kill, 1 German Fighter, Kill, 1 German Bomber, Kill, 1	Bent prop

Green Flight (P-38 Lightning)

<u>Pilot</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Notes</u>
TheMaj (RTB)		Shot down, bailed
Lothmog (RTB)		Shot down, bailed