

## May 25th 1944

According to the Intelligence, in Chateauroux area (Vichy), Luftwaffe had an airfield, where it was training its young fighter pilots. Objective of this mission was to disrupt its activity by strafing it.

Section of four a/c led by F/Lt Marciniak, with F/D Kirste, P/D Polak and F/Sgt Jankowski, took off around 5 p.m. It was a beautiful evening and the weather was predicted to be clear throughout the flight. In a close formation a/c flew over the channel on a deck. Continuing flying very low, a/c headed for Nevers. All the way toward the target area nothing happened; their navigation was excellent.

Just before reaching enemy airfield near Chateauroux, F/Lt Marciniak wobbled the wings of his Mustang giving the signal take a line-abreast formation. Keeping a distance of 50+ feet between them, Polish a/c forayed on a sleepy airfield.

Mustangs went for a second pass strafing hangars, ordnance vehicles and some planes lined-up on the side. All four a/c created havoc on the ground with their action, which lasted about 10 min. Except of the sporadic machine-gun fire, there was no defence. Then

F/Lt Marciniak called out e/a coming high from SE at 3000 feet. They were two Arado-96\*, which at this moment separated themselves a little, and it looked like they were about to traverse

the strip getting ready to land. All four Polish Mustangs sneaked on them from below and in their six-o'clock. It appeared that the German pilots did not see the coming danger. Each Mustang pilot gave them a short burst and Arados went down immediately, trailing a little smoke.

On their way back, Poles strafed targets of opportunity: cargo train, army truck, transformer etc.----- . *Based on the author's interview with Mr. Maciej Kirste.*

\* Two German a/c were shot down around 7:15 p.m. South of Bourges. They were piloted by Uffz Otto Reinhard (or Reinhart) flying on Ar 96B-1 (N°1124) and Ofhr Reckhard Rother flying on Ar 96B-7 (N° 450012). Both pilots belonged to the 3/JG105. They were buried at the cemetery of Bourges. Near Chateauroux were two airfields: La Martiniere and Deols. Little ferther were Bourges and Avord.

# The Selsey Arms



Coolham, May 1944. From left: Swornowski, Calinski, Kirste and Nowosielski.



Coolham Airfield 1944

# MENU

## Food Served

Wednesday - Saturday 12 noon - 3pm and 6pm - 9pm

Sunday's 12 noon—7pm

## Starters

Olives, served with Crusty Bread and Balsamic Vinegar	V, GF	£3.95
Homemade Soup of the Week, served with Rustic Bread		£5.50
Baked Portobello Mushroom, served with Goats Cheese & Roasted Pine Nuts	V, GF	£6.95
Smoked Salmon & Prawn Cocktail, served with Bread & Butter	V	£6.50
Chicken Liver Pate, served with Brioche Toast	GF	£6.50
South Coast Crab, with Smoked Salmon & Avocado, served with a Garnish	V, GF	£8.50
Sharing plate—Oven Baked Camembert with Garlic, served with Grapes, Onion Jam and Toasted Bread	V, GF	£9.95

## Main Courses

The Selsey Burger, served with Hand Cut, Triple Cooked Chips, or Skinny Fries, and a side salad <b>Add Cheese and/or Bacon for an additional £1.00 per item</b>		£11.95
The Selsey Halloumi Burger, Hand Cut, Triple Cooked Chips, or Skinny Fries, and a side salad	V	£10.95
Pie of the Week, served with either your choice of Hand Cut, Triple Cooked Chips, Skinny Fries, or Mash Potato, and fresh Vegetables		£12.95
Sausage and Mash, served with Onion Gravy and Vegetables		£11.00
Ham Egg and Hand Cut, Triple Cooked Chips, or Skinny Fries	GF	£9.95
Your choice of Steak, served with Hand Cut, Triple Cooked Chips, or Skinny Fries, Tomato and Mushroom, with your choice of either a Bearnaise or Peppercorn sauce	GF	
	8oz Fillet	£23.50
	8oz Sirloin	£19.50
Field Mushroom, served with Puy Lentils, Sun Dried Tomatoes, topped with Grilled Goats Chees, served with a side salad	V, GF	£10.95

## Fish Dishes

Haddock and Hand Cut, Triple Cooked Chips, or Skinny Fries, served with Mushy Peas	GF	£12.95
Posh Scampi and Hand Cut, Triple Cooked Chips, or Skinny Fries, served with a Side Salad		£11.95

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Blackboards for today's  
Specials*

## Pasta and Salad dishes

Pasta of the Week, served with Garlic Bread Vegetarian and Non-Vegetarian option available, please ask for details		£9.95
Chicken Caesar Salad, served with Garlic Bread		£12.95
Halloumi Caesar Salad, served with Garlic Bread		£11.95

**Please inform us when ordering of any allergies or special dietary requirements**

## Sandwiches

**All of our sandwiches are served between 12 noon–3pm  
Wednesday to Saturday. Gluten Free can be made to order**

The Selsey Arms Club Sandwich A Triple Decker Sandwich, on White or Brown Bread, Toasted and Filled with Bacon, Chicken, Emmenthal Cheese, Tomato, Lettuce, Mayonnaise, served with Hand Cut, Triple Cooked Chips, or Skinny Fries, and a salad garnish		£9.50
Salt Beef, served with Pickles, Sauerkraut and Mustard		£7.50
Prawns & Marie Rose Sauce		£7.95
Roasted Onion, Courgette, Roasted Red Pepper & Cream Cheese		£6.50
Mature Cheddar and Pickle	V	£5.95
Add Hand Cut, Triple Cooked Chips		£3.00
or Skinny Fries		£2.00

## Side dishes

Hand Cut, Triple Cooked Chips	£3.00
add cheese	£3.50
Skinny Fries	£2.00
add cheese	£2.50
Onion Rings	£2.50
Extra Vegetables	£2.50
Garlic Bread	£2.50
add cheese	£3.00
Side Salad	£2.50