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ENCOUNTER REPORT

LT. ROYAL D. FREY

- a. COMBAT
- b. 5 JANUARY, 1944
- c. 55th FIGHTER SQUADRON
- d. 1115
- e. OVER KIEL CANAL, NORTHERN GERMANY
- f. VISIBILITY UNLIMITED
- g. FW-190 YELLOW SPINNER
- h. NIL
- i.

FLIGHT TURNED TO TAKE HOME ONE PLANE, AND WAS BOUNCED BY 6 OR 10 FW-190's THAT HAD SPLIT-SED FROM FORMATION, COMING UP UNDER FLIGHT. ENEMY PLANE SHOT DOWN ONE PLANE. ANOTHER DOVE CUT OFF SUN AND I TURNED INTO IT, WHICH FORCED IT TO BREAK TO LEFT. ANOTHER GOT ON MY TAIL, AND I STARTED TO TURN TO RIGHT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. FW-190 FOLLOWED, BUT COULD NOT GET ANY LEAD. HYDRAULIC SYSTEM WAS OUT, SO I COULD NOT USE FLAPS. THE LEFT INTER COOLER WAS OUT, SO COULD ONLY DRAW 22 INCHES ON LEFT ENGINE. WHILE TRYING TO OUT CLIMB 190 TO THE RIGHT, I FLIPPED OVER TWICE INTO A SPIN. FW-190 THEN CAME IN AT TWO O'CLOCK HIGH, AND I TURNED INTO HIM. HE DOVE DOWN UNDER ME AND AS HE CAME UP, I FIRED A 3 to 4 SECOND BURST FROM DIRECTLY ABOVE. I FIRED A COUPLE OF MORE BURSTS IN HEAD ON PASSES AT ME-109's AND FW-190's. LT. TAYLOR SHOT ONE FW-190 OFF MY TAIL WHEN BOTH FW-190 AND I MADE HEAD ON PASS AT HIM.

I MAKE NO CLAIM.

j. SER NO OF A/C: 42-67657

A/C MARKINGS: KL - A

AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 290 ROUNDS 50 CALIBER.
43 ROUNDS 20MM.

/s/ Royal D. Frey
ROYAL D. FREY,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
20th Ftr Gp.

/s/ Dean E. Erlandson
DEAN E. ERLANDSON,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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LT. W. B. TAYLOR

- a. COMBAT
- b. 5 JANUARY, 1944
- c. 55th FIGHTER SQUADRON
- d. 1115
- e. NEAR NEUMUNSTER
- f. CLEAR
- g. FW-190
- h. ONE FW-190 DAMAGED
- i.

I WAS LEADING CROWN EIGHT YELLOW FLIGHT WHEN LT. FRENCH FLYING NO 4 REPORTED ROUGH ENGINE. WE STARTED HOME WEAVING OVER LT. FRENCH WHEN A FORMATION OF ABOUT 20 FW-190s AND ME 109s WITH BELLY TANKS AND SOME WITH ROCKETS, CAME FROM THE SOUTH FLYING STRING FORMATION WITH FLIGHTS FLYING LINE ABREST. ABOUT EIGHT OR TEN ATTACKED US FROM OUT OF THE SUN AND WE TURNED INTO THEM. IN THE FIGHT LT. FRENCH WAS SHOT DOWN AND I GOT A TWO SECOND HEAD-ON BURST AT A FW-190 WHICH WAS ON LT. FREY'S TAIL. I SAW BLACK SMOKE FROM THE ENGINE NACELLE AS HE BROKE DOWN AND UNDER MY RIGHT WING. I DID NOT SEE HIM AGAIN.

I CLAIM ON FW-190 DAMAGED.

- j. SER NO OF A/C: 42-67482
A/C MARKINGS: KI - U
AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 190 ROUNDS 50 CALIBER
32 ROUNDS 20 MM.

/s/ Willis B. Taylor
WILLIS B. TAYLOR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
20th Ftr Gp.

I HAD A FW-190 ON MY TAIL WHICH I COULD NOT SHAKE. I DOVE TOWARD LT. TAYLOR, AND AS WE PASSED HEAD ON, HE SHOT FW-190 OFF MY TAIL.

/s/ Royal D. Frey,
ROYAL D. FREY,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
20th Ftr Gp.

/s/ Dean E. Erlandson
DEAN E. ERLANDSON,
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LT. HARRY E. BISHER

- a. ENGAGEMENT
- b. 5 JANUARY, 1944
- c. 55th FIGHTER SQUADRON
- d. 1115
- e. IN VICINITY NEULUNSTER
- f. VISIBILITY UNLIMITED, CLEAR
- g. ME-109
- h. NO CLAIM
- i.

THE FLIGHT TURNED TOWARD HOME IN ORDER TO ESCORT ONE P-38 WHICH WAS HAVING ENGINE TROUBLE. A MINUTE OR SO AFTER TURNING BACK WE WERE JUMPED BY APPROXIMATELY 10 ME-109's AND FW-190's. WE IMMEDIATELY TURNED INTO THEM AND I FIRED A DEFLECTION SHOT AT A ME-109. AFTER MAKING THE PASS, I TURNED BACK TOWARD THE CRIPPLED P-38, AND SAW IT GOING DOWN IN A STEEP DIVE WITH SMOKE TRAILING OUT BEHIND. I THEN TRIED TO GET ON THE TAIL OF A ME 109, BUT DUE TO THE FACT THAT TWO ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE ON MY TAIL, I HAD TO TAKE EVASIVE ACTION. BY MAKING A SHARP TURN TO THE LEFT I SHOOK THE TWO ENEMY AIRCRAFT OFF MY TAIL. WHEN I ROLLED OUT OF THE TURN I SAW 3 ENEMY AIRCRAFT IN FRONT OF ME, AND I TOOK A DEFLECTION SHOT AT A ME-109.

- j. SER NO OF A/C: 42-67486
- A/C MARKINGS: KI - J
- AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 92 ROUNDS 50 CALIBER.
11 ROUNDS 20 MM.

/s/ Harry E. Bisher
HARRY E. BISHER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
20th Ftr Gp.

/s/ Dean L. Erlandson
DEAN E. ERLANDSON,
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PILOT'S PERSONAL ENCOUNTER REPORT

- A. TYPE OF ACTION: **Engagement.**
- (1) Combat, if casualties or damage is inflicted.
 - (2) Engagement, if guns are fired.
 - (3) Encounter, if no guns fired.
- B. DATE: **5 January 1944.**
- C. UNIT: **77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group.**
- D. TIME ATTACK MADE: **1120 - 1125.**
- E. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF ATTACK: **Neumunster Area.**
- F. WEATHER: **Clear.**
- G. TYPE OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT: **F W 190 - No 109.**
- H. ENEMY CASUALTIES (Pilot's claim): **None.**

I. ACCOUNT OF COMBAT (In narrative form, stressing ours and enemy's tactics.)

While flying position as Red 2 at 25,000 started down on bounce on 190 at 18-20,000 feet. Red one was 1000 yards ahead, 190 was firing on P-38. Reefed in sharply over Red one and fired on 190, 2 bursts of approximate 2 seconds each. Continued on down and after pulling out made one 360 degree and seeing no P-38s near started to climb into the sun. Dropped belly tanks here. While climbing at 20,000 at 110 mph. a ME 109 painted cream color passed in front of my nose. Fired one burst of approximate one second. ME 109 seemed to have square wing tips. Fired 200 rounds of 50s and 8 rounds of 20s.

No claim.
#10-H 42-67809.

JAMES C. HART,
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- E. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF ATTACK: **25 miles west of Neussunster.**
- F. WEATHER: **Clear.**
- G. TYPE OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT: **F W 190.**
- H. ENEMY CASUALTIES (Pilot's claim): **F W -190 Probably destroyed.**

I. ACCOUNT OF COMBAT (In narrative form, stressing ours and enemy's tactics.)

While Leading group at 25,000 feet heard bogies called at 6 o'clock, saw P-38 trailed by 2 E/A at 18,000 to 20,000 feet made 180 degree turn and bounced F W 190 with belly tank near P-38's tail. Made high rear approach giving E/A one to 1 1/2 ring lead. Fired 2-3 second burst from 400 down to 150 yards. Saw strikes on right wing near fuselage and pieces observed to fly off. Went by and by time I had recovered the 190 was not in view.

I claim one (1) F W 190 probably destroyed.

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Fired 265 rounds of 50mm.

50 rounds of 20mm.

Robert P. Montgomery
ROBERT P. MONTGOMERY,
Major., Air Corps.

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