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ENCOUNTER REPORT

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By AM NARA Date 9/50/10

- A. COMBAT
- B. 6 MARCH 1944
- C. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, 20TH FIGHTER GROUP
- D. 1415 HOURS
- E. VICINITY OF OLDENBURG
- F. VISIBILITY GOOD
- G. FW-190
- H. ONE (1) FW-190 DESTROYED
- I.

I WAS FLYING THE NO. 4 POSITION IN THE FLIGHT LEAD BY CAPT. MC AULEY. TIME WAS JUST SHORTLY AFTER OUR WITHDRAWAL FROM THE BOMBERS -- ABOUT 1415 HOURS. OUR ALTITUDE WAS APPROXIMATELY 24,000 FT. SUDDENLY I SAW ALL THE SHIPS IN OUR SQUADRON BREAK IN EVERY DIRECTION. SINCE MY RADIO WAS OUT THIS WAS THE FIRST WARNING I HAD HAD OF A BOUNCE. I LOOKED BACK AND SAW AN ME-109 COMING AT ME FROM 6 O'CLOCK SO I MADE A TIGHT TURN TO THE PORT AND LOST HIM. IN MAKING THIS TURN I DROPPED MY FLAPS. I CAME OUT OF THIS BANK IN A CLIMBING TURN AND AS I DID SO I SAW A P-38 BEING CHASED BY A FW-190 IN FRONT AND ABOVE ME. THE 190 WAS IN A TIGHT TURN TRYING TO GET INSIDE OF THE 38. I GAVE HIM A 4-RADII LEAD AND HE PASSED THRU THE SIGHTS. I WAS FIRING CANNON AND MACHINE GUN AS HE WENT THRU. I SAW PIECES COME OFF THE ENGINE COWLING -- THEN THE CANOPY CAME OFF. AS HE ROLLED OVER ON HIS BACK FLAMES AND BLACK SMOKE BELCHED FROM THE WHOLE FRONT END OF THE PLANE AND THE COCKPIT. HE WENT DOWN IN A VERTICAL DIVE AND I DID NOT SEE HIM AFTER THAT.

I CLAIM ONE (1) FW-190 DESTROYED

- J. FLYING PLANE KI-T  
SERIAL NO. 42-67753  
AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 134 RDS 50-CAL A.P.  
162 RDS 50-CAL INCENDIARY  
18 RDS 20-MM

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PILOT'S PERSONAL ENCOUNTER REPORT

A. TYPE OF ACTION:

- (1) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
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- (2) Engagement, if guns are fired.
- (3) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

B. DATE: **6 MARCH 1944**

C. UNIT: **77TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, 20TH FIGHTER GROUP.**

D. TIME ATTACK MADE: **1415.**

E. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF ATTACK: **VICINITY OF DUMMER LAKE.**

F. WEATHER: **8/10 CLOUDS AT 6,000 FEET.**

G. TYPE OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT: **FW-190.**

H. ENEMY CASUALTIES (Pilot's claim): **NO CLAIM.**

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

WHITE 4 AND MYSELF WERE RETURNING FROM TARGET AREA ALONE. IN VICINITY OF DUMMER LAKE AT APPROXIMATELY 1415 I SAW THREE (3) FW-190S COMING UP ON OUR TAILS ABOUT 700 YARDS BEHIND US. WE BOTH BROKE AND I CAME UP IN BACK OF ALL THREE AND FIRED A SHORT BURST AT 40° DEFLECTION FROM 300 YARDS BUT SAW NO STRIKES. AFTER THIS I FLEW THROUGH CLOUDS FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES AND WHEN I CAME OUT IN OPEN I WAS ALONG SIDE OF A FW-190 ABOUT 100 YARDS AWAY TO MY LEFT. I IMMEDIATELY TURNED TOWARDS HIM AND FIRED A SHORT BURST AT 20° DEFLECTION FROM 100 YARDS. HE SPLIT SID AND I SAW NO STRIKES.

NO CLAIM.

J. FLYING PLANE LC-2 SERIAL NO. 42-67714  
AMMUNITION EXPENDED 220 ROUNDS OF 50 CALIBER  
47 ROUNDS OF 20MM CANNON.

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