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ENCOUNTER REPORT

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- a. Combat
- b. 10 April, 1944
- c. Hqs, 67th Fitr Wing, flying with 20th F/G
- d. 1615
- e. Vic Rotterdam, Holland
- f. CAVU, broken clouds
- g. S/E U/I E/A, believed a Klemm Trainer
- h. One (1) S/E U/I E/A, believed a Klemm Trainer,
Dest
- i.

I was returning home alone at 11,000 ft on a S/E when I saw an A/D E of Rotterdam through a break in the clouds. I could observe no A/C on the grd. The runways were camouflaged. I observed an A/C in the traffic pattern at about 100 ft and immediately throttled back my engine, glided from alt to engage and opened fire at 500 yds, closing to 150 yds. I had identified the A/C as a single-engined, two-seated, fixed landing-gear, open cockpit trainer, possibly a Klemm.

I observed strikes on the A/C which immediately disintegrated and crashed on the A/D.

Immediately thereafter, I resumed my course and climbed to 7,000 ft and within a very short time was forced to belly-land near Rotterdam. The delay in filing this report is caused by the fact that I have but just returned.

I claim: One (1) S/E U/I E/A, believed a Klemm Trainer, Dest.

- j. Ser No of A/C: 42-68077
- A/C Markings : KI-X
- Ammo Expended: Unknown

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