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ENCOUNTER REPORT

LT ROBERT E. MILES

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- a. Combat
- b. 28 June 1944
- c. 55th F/S
- d. 0758
- e. Nivelles, Belgium
- f. Clear-good visibility
- g. Me 109
- h. Me 109 Dest
- i.

I was leading Yellow Flt. We were in the vic of Nivelles, Belgium at 25,000 ft, escorting bombers when 8 Me 109s bounced us from the NE and above. We were headed on a 188° heading and making a left turn. I made the turn and saw a 109 turning left to get on the tail of another P-38. I cut inside and drove up his tail, holding my fire until I could get a shot. I gave him a two sec burst and saw strikes at the wing root. Another 109 was up my tail at the same time. The first, half rolled and so did I. I would give him a burst everytime he started his roll. We did that two or three times. I turned off for he was far ahead of me. The last time I saw him he was heading down at about a 45° angle trailing smoke.

I claim One (1) Me 109 Dest

- j. Serial No of A/C: 42-67916  
A/C Markings: KI-S  
Ammo Exp: 382 rds 50 cal  
73 rds 20 mm.

/s/ Robert E. Miles  
ROBERT E. MILES,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
55th F/S

CONFIRMATION

As the 109s came down on the rear Flts, I broke left. As I turned I saw a P-38 firing at a 109; both were going down at about a 45° angle. After the P-38 broke off, the 109 burst into flames. I saw one outer wing panel break off.

/s/ Dean E. Erlandson  
DEAN E. ERLANDSON,  
Capt., Air Corps,  
Intelligence Officer.

/s/ Martin L. Low  
MARTIN L. LOW,  
Major, Air Corps Reserve

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*Jess N. Gittinger*  
JESS N. GITTINGER, *1/42*  
Major, Air Corps,  
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LT RUSSELL W. BEBOUT

- a. Combat
- b. 28 June 1944
- c. 79th F/S, 20th F/G
- d. 0800
- e. Beaumont, France
- f. Good - visibility unlimited
- g. FW 190
- h. One (1) FW 190 Dest
- i.

I was leading Blue Flt and our Sq was flying on the right side of the Gp. The 55th Sq flying to the rear was bounced by 8 E/A (109s and 190s) and our Sq made a 180° turn to the right. As we neared the encounter area most of the E/A split-essed but one long nose FW 190 was on the tail of a F-38 and firing. I turned towards this plane and he pulled into a tight climbing turn to the left. I followed and fired from 400 yds and 30° and strikes were visible all over E/A and particularly in cockpit and wing roots. The pilot must have been killed because the plane fell off and spun down completely out of control.

Claim: One (1) FW 190 Dest

- j. Ser No of A/C: 43-28689
- A/C Markings: MC-Y
- Ammo Exp: 195 rds 50 cal
- 40 rds 20 mm

/s/ Russell W. Bebout  
RUSSELL W. BEBOUT,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,

CONFIRMATION

I was leading the 79th Sq and we were flying behind and to the right of the bombers (B-24s). I saw what appeared to be a Flt of about 4 E/A bounce another Sq in our Gp flying behind us. One E/A, a FW 190, was on the tail of a F-38 and firing. Blue Ldr of the 79th Sq, Lt Bebout, followed the E/A in a tight climbing left turn and I saw good strikes all over the E/A mostly in the cockpit and wing roots. Parts fell off the E/A and it went over and down completely out of control. In my opinion the pilot was killed. The encounter took place at approx 24,000 ft and I watched the E/A go almost the entire distance to the grd. I confirm the claim as Dest.

/s/ William W. Smith  
WILLIAM W. SMITH,  
Capt., Air Corps,

CONFIRMATION

I was flying White 2 and saw Blue Ldr engage a FW 190 in a climbing left turn. Strikes were concentrated on the canopy and wing roots and the E/A turned over and went down completely out of control. I confirm the claim of Lt Bebout.

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JESS N. GITTINGER /ws/ EDWARD J. STEINER  
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/s/ Robert R. Phipps,  
ROBERT R. PHIPPS,  
2ND LT., Air Corp

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