

Wed. MAY 12 1943

Came on back to camp  
and took it easy.

THURS. MAY 13 1943

Took Lt. Goodson, Lt. Foster  
and Lt. Ayres up on some  
formation this morning.

This afternoon there was  
a sweep to St. Omer. We  
took in 80 forts and bombed.

FRI. MAY 14 1943

We were awakened at  
4:30 A.M. went to briefing  
and took off for Bradwell  
Bay. where we landed  
and refueled. At 12:27  
we took off and were  
to escort Fortresses to  
Bomb Antwerp. Here is  
the report I turned in

upon landing at Base.

ON 14 MAY, 1943, at approximately 13:15 hours, while escorting Forte to Antwerp, I was flying Blue 3 and we had just reached the Bombers and were to dive in front of them when I saw 4 F.W. 190's at about 26,000 ft. and coming in at two o'clock to the bombers. I was flying at 28,000 ft. I broke off and made an attack of about 25 degrees head-on and closed to about 10 degrees head-on. I gave about a four second burst but as he passed under me I couldn't see the result. No CLAIM.

I then turned sharply to port and saw another F.W. 190 coming in about

500 yards ahead. He turned port and I was then line astern. at about 300 yards line astern I fired a short burst, then closed a little more and gave a four second burst. The e/a then rolled to the starboard and pieces started coming off the ship. This was followed by increased black smoke and the e/a then went in an uncontrolled spiral. I DRIM ONE FW DESTROYED (F.W. 190)

I pulled up to regain my altitude and sighted another E/A on my port and below going towards the forts. I dived and the E/A saw me and started a spiral turn to Port. I closed to about 100 yards, allowed

deflection and gave a three  
or four second burst. I  
saw strikes and then had  
to break as I was being  
attacked. I CLAIM ONE  
DAMAGED (F.W. 190)

As I broke away to  
port as I was being fired  
on, I started to dive and  
turn. The E/A stayed right  
on my tail so I pulled up  
sharply and started a  
climbing turn to port. The  
E/A stayed <sup>right</sup> on me but  
wasn't getting deflection. I  
saw that he was starting  
to mush out of the turn. I  
then closed throttle and  
threw stick and rudder to  
the right which brought  
me in line astern on him.  
I had lost speed and he

pulled away to about 300 yards. I then started to close and fired. As I fired he turned on his back and hung there for two to three seconds. My tracers that designated my last fifty rounds were now coming out and I saw these striking the E/A. I was then being attacked again and broke away and started for home. I dove to 6,000 ft and to the coast before losing the E/A on my tail. I was now out of ammunition so called and reported the fact and came on back to base. I CLAIM ONE DAMAGED (F.W. 190)

I USED 1548 ROUNDS  
OF AMMUNITION