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**356TH FIGHTER SQUADRON (SE)
354TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)
APO 639, U.S. ARMY**

- A. COMBAT
- B. 8 APRIL 1944
- C. 356TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, 354TH FIGHTER GROUP
- D. 1350
- E. NORTH OF BRUNSWICK.
- F. HAZY
- G. MODIFIED FW-190
- H. ONE FW-190 DESTROYED.

I. "ON THE BRUNSWICK MISSION OF APRIL 8, 1944, I WAS LEADING THE SECOND ELEMENT IN FLOSSMOOR FLIGHT. ABOUT 1350, NORTH OF BRUNSWICK, COLONEL HOWARD, WHO WAS LEADING FLOSSMOOR FLIGHT, STARTED DOWN IN AN ATTACK ON A MODIFIED FW-190. AS WE CLOSED IN TO ABOUT 200 YARDS, THE E/A WAS IN A STEEP TURN TO THE RIGHT. LT. GILLIS, WHO WAS NUMBER TWO MAN IN OUR FLIGHT, FIRED A BURST AND OBSERVED ONE STRIKE MIDWAY OUT ON THE LEFT WING. THE E/A THEN EXECUTED A RAPID SPLIT "S" AND CAME BACK UNDER COLONEL HOWARD AND LT. GILLIS. AS I WAS SOMEWHAT BEHIND COVERING THEM, I HAD NO DIFFICULTY IN FOLLOWING THE E/A THROUGH THIS MANEUVER. AS I WAS CLOSING IN, THE FW-190 STARTED TO PULL OUT AND UP IN A SHARP RIGHT TURN, THEN EVIDENTLY SAW ME AND DOVE FOR THE GROUND. I HAD CUT INSIDE OF HIM AND AT ABOUT 10,000 FEET I WAS ABOUT 50 TO 75 YARDS BEHIND HIM AND AT ONLY ABOUT 5 DEGREES DEFLECTION. I FIRED TWO VERY SHORT INTERMITTENT BURSTS, VERY CLOSE TOGETHER AND OBSERVED STRIKES AND SEVERAL PIECES OF VARIOUS SIZES FLYING FROM THE AIRCRAFT. THE E/A WAS SMOKING AND WENT INTO A SPIRALLING SPIN. I SPIRALLED DOWN TO ABOUT 5,000 TO 6,000 FEET AT WHICH TIME HE WENT INTO THE GROUND AND EXPLODED. MY SPEED AT THE TIME OF ATTACK WAS ABOUT 550 MPH. LT. GILLIS AND LT. REYNOLDS OBSERVED THIS COMBAT AND SUPPORTING STATEMENTS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THEM IF NECESSARY. I CLAIM ONE MODIFIED FW-190 DESTROYED."

J. AMMO: 80 RDS (TOTAL EXP.)

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