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MILLER, ALEXANDER STUART

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The following Biographical details are requested for use at R.A.A.F. Overseas Headquarters, LONDON,--

Surname..... MILLER..... Number..... AUS 410130.....

Christian Names..... ALEXANDER STUART.....

Air Force Rank and Numbering..... SGT PILOT.....

Degrees, Decorations, etc.....

Present Appointment and Location..... R.A.A.F. P.R.C. DOUBLEDAY.....

Date of Birth..... MAR 26 1920..... Place..... LANGLANG VICT. AUSTRALIA.....

Educated..... POOWONG.....

Date of Entering Service..... 9/11/41.....

Previous Service Experience..... SGT 29th BN 3rd DIV.....
SOUTHERN COMMAND AUSTRALIA.....

Places of Training in R.A.A.F..... NO 1 ITS SOMERS ABST.....
NO 6 EFTS NARRANDERA AUST NO 6 SFTS PUNNIVILLE (CAN).....

Civilian Career and Activities..... FARMER.....

Clubs, Recreations, etc..... TENNIS GOLF SWIMMING.....

Fullers name..... LESLIE ISAAC MILLER.....

City of Birth..... /.....

Old Home..... POOWONG VICTORIA AUSTRALIA.....

Home Address..... POOWONG VICTORIA AUSTRALIA.....

Signature..... *L.S. Miller*.....

Date..... 9/1/43.....

Date Embarked Australia..... 23/6/42.....

Destination..... UNITED KINGDOM.....

Personal file - P/O. A.S. Miller

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AUSTRALIAN TEMPEST PILOT SHOOTS DOWN "190"

"Dodging in and out of trees" in a 10 mile chase at ground level, an Australian Tempest pilot, operating from an advanced base in Holland, shot down a F.W. 190.

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The pilot was Pilot Officer A.S. Miller of Poowong, Victoria.

"Some Spitfires had bounced 25 plus F.W. 190s when we were climbing to intercept them," said Miller. "The 'Spit' boys mixed it with them properly, and the F.W. 190 turned tail and ran. One of them streaked past me going as fast as he could for the deck and I set out in chase. We went right down to deck level, and then the 190 tried to outdistance me. I kept right up to him all the way.

"He dashed in and out of clumps of trees, but I kept behind him. After 10 miles of this I managed to get in a burst which was ahead of him. That seemed to frighten him and then he went round in a tight turn, trying to out-turn me. He found he couldn't do that to a Tempest and I kept inside him all the way. As soon as he pulled out, I got in a good burst and he flicked over and spun straight into a German village, setting some houses on fire."

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Personal file (see p 2)

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Public Relations (.) Soon after D-Day Australians began flying Tompests in R.A.F.
Holland
squadrons (.) From advanced bases/after big advance Australian pilots joined
many low-level attacks German transport Occupied Holland and Ruhr Break Some
examples Break W/O. A.D.S. Anderson of Dumboola Victoria went in with squadrons to
attack train near Zwolle in Holland (.) Engine driver leapt out cab leaving train
still moving (.) Tompests soon stopped it for him in spite flak car protecting it
and made sure it would stay stationary for long time Break W/O. P.G. Calder of
Balwyn Victoria helped commanding officer S/Ldr. R.L. Spurdle of Wangerui N.Z.
knock out a tank with cannon fire (.) Tompests had attacked lorry and set fire (.)
Tank was travelling fast towards it with idea helping men on truck escape from

withering fire (.) Spurdle and Calder poured cannon fire into tank and it suddenly stopped burst into flames Break P/O. H.J. Sandin of Colac Victoria helped blow up tank Appeldoorn Holland (.) P/O. A.S. Miller of Poowong Victoria and K.G. Watts of Narrabeen New South Wales shared their squadron's attack on train 38 wagons near Sydney Bee (.) Tempests stopped it first then made four different attacks strafing from end to end (.) When finished it was complete Nazi write-off (.) Break One most exciting combats recently resulted P/O. A.S. Miller of Poowong Victoria bagging a F.W.190 (.) Some Spitfires had bounced about 25 F.W.190s when the Tempests were climbing intercept them (.) The Spitfires ~~spitfires~~ quote mixed it unquote with the enemy and F.Ws. turned tail and ran (.) One streaked past Miller going fast as could for lower levels and Miller set out after it (.) Almost at ground level the F.W. tried to outdistance Miller but without success (.) The Hun dashed in out clumps of trees (.) After 10 miles Miller managed get in burst which seemed frighten Hun and he went round in tight turn trying out-turn Tempest (.) He found couldn't do that to Tempest and Miller kept inside him all way (.) As soon the Hun pulled out the Australian got in good burst and he flicked over and spun straight into German village setting houses on fire (.) Break Insert where suitable Break when first German jet-propelled aircraft began to become factor in Holland late 1944. Australians serving in R.A.F. were among fighter pilots flying five-bladed Spitfires Fourteens in combat against them

Break Among Australians flying Spitfire Fourteens in October were Flying Officers D.J. Wilson of Charleville Queensland and K.M. Lowe of East Malvern Victoria Pilot Officers K.P. Riordan of Shepparton Victoria T.L. Trevorrow of Burrumbidgee Victoria and F.C. Riley of Drumoyne N.S.W. and Warrant Officers F.R.P. Edwards of Bankwick N.S.W. and D.R. White of Killarney Queensland (.) Their comrades included Englishmen Canadians New Zealanders and a lad from Trinidad (.) After helping meet fly bomb menace the Australians formed part of strong force which escorted first Dakotas to drop paratroops in Arnhem area and took part in many sweeps over Ruhr hunting for enemy transport (.) Then from advanced base Holland they went over to the hunt for jet-propelled sneak bombers which came in singly at terrific speeds at that time dropped their bombs and hurried back

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TEMPESTS HIT HARD

Flying with RAF Tempest squadrons from advanced bases in Holland, Australian pilots have joined in many low-level attacks on German transport in Occupied Holland and the Ruhr.

"When we went in to attack a train near Zwolle, in Holland, the engine-driver leapt out of his cab leaving the train still moving," said P/O A.D.S. Anderson, of Dimboola, Victoria. "But we soon stopped it for him. The first squirt did the trick and in spite of the flak car that was protecting it, we made sure it would stay stationary for a long time."

P/O P.G. Calder, of Palwyn, Victoria, helped his commanding officer, S/Ldr. R.L. Spurdle, of Wanganui, New Zealand, knock out a tank with cannon fire. Tempests had attacked a lorry and set it on fire. The tank was travelling at a fast speed towards it, apparently with the idea of helping the men on the truck to get away from the withering fire. Spurdle and Calder poured cannon fire into the tank, and it suddenly stopped and burst into flames.

Calder was again flying with his commanding officer when they beat up a train of 45 trucks.

P/O M.J. Rankin, of Colac, Victoria, helped blow up another tank near Appeldoorn, Holland.

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P/O A.S. Miller, of Poowong, Victoria, and A.C. Watts, of Narrabeen, New South Wales, shared in their squadron's attack on a train of 38 wagons near the Euyder Zoo.

"We stopped it first and then made four different attacks, strafing it from end to end," said Miller. "By the time we had finished it was a complete write-off for the Germans."

P/O Adams, of Lansfield, Victoria, has also shared in these hard-hitting attacks by the Tempests on German tanks, trains, lorries, barges and flak posts in Holland and the Ruhr.

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