

Extrait du journal de Robert Seidman

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"Jan. 27th. Mission today. Really rough. Encountered about forty fighters. Colonel Taylor and myself got off alone and were milling around with 13 or 14 Enemy/A. I got one Me 109 destroyed. Saw him burst into flames and go straight down. Riley and Greenup are missing. Schoener and Grant are at Deci as they were shot up pretty bad and Schetler had a 20 mm in his ship. B-17's lost one ship. Landed at Alghero to refuel and then flew to Deci on Sardinia to 'count noses'. Landed at quarter past five. I'm really done in!"

Fighter Escort to Salon de Provence, Italy

Mission twenty

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This was a very rough mission. Some of our planes couldn't get off so I moved up and flew on the Colonel's wing as #2 Red. The bombers were early for the rendezvous but we picked them up on course on the way to the IP. We had made but four or five turns over the bombers and were a little inland when the action started. We dropped tanks at about twenty-four thousand and got into a real scrap. I got an Me 109 destroyed on this affair. (Refer to combat Claim of S-2.) Riley and Greenup are both MIA and Lieutenants Grant and Schoener got shot up so bad they had to land on Sardinia and leave their planes there.