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ENCOUNTER REPORT

LT. WILLIS B. TAYLOR

- A. Combat
- B. 10 February 1944
- C. 55th Fighter Squadron
- D. 1135
- E. Northwest of Target
- F. Clear with 3 to 4/10ths clouds low
- G. Me 109F
- H. One (1) Me 109F DESTROYED
- I.

I was flying Towntalk Red Leader at about 18,000 feet when we spotted 2 Me 109s ahead and below us at about 15,000 feet. We started down on them and they made a turn to the right and when I turned inside of them they made a steep climbing turn to the left. I closed in to about 200 yards and fired a one second burst. There were strikes on the left side of the wingman's fuselage. He then straightened out and I hit his right wingtip with my second burst. I corrected and got hits all over the fuselage. He then caught fire and fell out of control. The Leader half-rolled and went down through the clouds.

I claim one (1) Me 109F DESTROYED

- J. Str No of A/C: 42-67907
- A/C Markings: KI-U
- Ammunition Expended: 97 rounds of 50 caliber.
39 rounds of 20mm.

/s/ Willis B. Taylor
WILLIS B. TAYLOR
1st Lt., Air Corps

I was flying Towntalk Red 2 position at about 18,000 feet when we saw 2 Me 109's below and ahead of us. Lt Taylor, Flight Leader went down for a bounce. There were four of us in the flight and I was flying Lt Taylor's wing. When we bounced the Me 109's they made a steep climbing turn to the left. We followed them and while in this turn Lt Taylor got enough lead on the 2nd ship to give him a good burst. The Me 109 burst into flames and rolled over on its back and went down. This Me 109 was burning all over and there is no question of its destruction.

/s/ Harry L. Bisher
HARRY L. BISHER
1st Lt., Air Corps

/s/ Clifford W. Long
CLIFFORD W. LONG
1st Lt., Air Corps
Asst Intelligence Officer

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LT. WILLIS B. TAYLOR

I was flying number 4 position, Towntalk Red Flight, Lt. Taylor leading, about 45 minutes from Dutch coast leaving Germany. We were in line abreast when 2 ME 109's were sighted at 10 o'clock to us, 5,000 feet below. We got in trail to go down on them. The two 109's went in trail in a climbing turn to left, all of us pursuing. The lead 109 peeled off to the right and dived to the ground. Lt. Taylor was right behind the other 109 shooting. This ship broke slightly to the right and rolled on its back, flying level, with black smoke pouring from the fuselage. It was in that position when I flew past it (within 300 yards). Flying level on its back for some time led me to believe the pilot was preparing to bail out, although I did not see him do so.

/s/ Robert W. Ahern
LT. ROBERT W. AHERN
2ND LT., Air Corps,
55th Fighter Squadron

/s/ Clifford W. Long
CLIFFORD W. LONG
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't. Intelligence Officer
55th Fighter Squadron.

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Ray Hoover, Capt. a.c.
GERALD F. COSTELLO,
or Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't A-2, 67 FW.

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ENCOUNTER REPORT

CAPT. MAURICE R. McLARY

- A. Combat
- B. 10 February 1944
- C. 55th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group
- D. 1125 hours to 1140 hours
- E. Vicinity of Gifhorn, Northwest of Brunswick
- F. Visibility Good
- G. Me 410
FW 190
Me 110
Me 110
- H. One (1) Me 410 Destroyed
One (1) FW 190 Damaged
One (1) Me 110 Damaged
One (1) Me 110 Destroyed
- I.

I was leading the 55th Squadron, flying White Flight of 3 P-38s at about 23,000 ft in the vicinity of Gifhorn (about 15 miles North and West of Brunswick) when we spotted 2 Me 410s about 5,000 ft below us. I dispatched Red Flight to take the bounce while I furnished top cover with White Flight. Just as Red Flight started down onto the two 410s a third 410 appeared above me and started to bounce Red 4. I gave him a 1 or 2 second burst, saw strikes on right of the fuselage. I then broke left as the last I saw of the 410 he was headed down, smoking.

I claim one (1) Me 410 DESTROYED. (See Lt Bisher's confirmation.)

Right after the encounter with the Me 410 (time now about 1127 hours) 4 P-38s came from about 10 o'clock high with a FW 190 attacking the last man. I was at about 20,000 ft when they broke to the right in a diving turn. That flight of P-38s was still slightly above me so I climbed in a right turn and fired at the 190 from about 200/225 yards. The 190 then rolled over on its back smoking and split in two. I watched him for about 30 seconds and he seemed to have the ship under control when he went thru the clouds.

I claim one (1) FW 190 DAMAGED.

I still had three ships in my flight. Time about 1135 We were flying at about 14,000 ft in the same vicinity (near the target) when I saw two (2) Me 110s attacking a straggler B-17 from 5 o'clock to the bomber. I made a bounce and one of the E/A went down thru the clouds. The other 110 was making a pass on the bomber when I closed in to about 250 yards and fired a 3 second burst. I saw white smoke coming from the left wing just outboard of the engine. He rolled over on his back and went down thru the clouds.

I claim one (1) Me 110 DAMAGED.

Right after the encounter with the Me 110 I decided to get out of there and head for home. I set course for home with three P-38s in my flight. We were in the vicinity of the target, flying at about 12,000 ft when White 2 called in bandits at 7 o'clock and low. I decided to continue my course home rather than make the bounce because of fuel shortage. After setting course I had been flying for about 3 minutes when I saw a lone P-38 at 2 o'clock and low being attacked by two Me 110s from 5 and 6 o'clock. One of the E/A broke and left the area. I bounced the other Me 110 and closed to about 250 yards from 6 o'clock and high.

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CAPT. MAURICE R. McLARY

Just as he opened fire with his rear gun I opened fire on him and shot until my tracers appeared. I broke off to the right and saw the E/A roll over with fire coming from the belly of the fuselage near the wing roots. I then made a 360-degree turn to pick up my flight and as I was again setting course I saw two chutes open slightly below the Me 110.

I claim one (1) Me 110 DESTROYED. (See Lt Buie's confirmation.)

J. Ser No of A/C: 42-67878

A/C Marking: KI-Y

Ammunition expended: 864 rounds of 50 cal
8 rounds of 20 mm

/s/ Maurice R. McLary
MAURICE R. McLARY
Captain, Air Corps

I was flying at 22,000 ft in the vicinity of Brunswick. My flight was making a left turn, chasing an Me 410. Capt McLary's flight of 3 F-38s were off to our left, behind and above. At this time an Me 410 came by me from the left, above and behind with the entire front part of the fuselage ablaze. It was in a steep dive.

/s/ Harry E. Bisher
HARRY E. BISHER
1st Lt., Air Corps

I was flying in Capt McLary's flight. We were at about 12,000 ft when he dove to make a bounce on 2 Me 110s and I followed about 300 yards behind. By the time I had closed on the E/A to 500 yards I had built up excessive speed. I opened fire at 500 yards but I wasn't getting a good lead. I passed Capt McLary when his range to the E/A was about 250 yards. By this time my cockpit was full of smoke and I couldn't see so I broke right and dove down to about 7/8,000 ft. I climbed back to about 12,000 ft and saw 2 chutes near our encounter spot. I saw no E/A near the chutes.

/s/ J. N. Buie
J. N. BUIF
2nd Lt., Air Corps

/s/ Dean E. Erlandson
DEAN E. IRLANDSON
1st Lt., Air Corps
Intelligence Officer
55th Fighter Squadron

A TRUE COPY:

for *Ray Hoover, Capt. A.C.*
GERALD F. COSTELLO,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst A-2, 67FW.

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ENCOUNTER REPORT

2ND LT. CHARLES C. ARTHAUD

- a. Engagement.
- b. 10 February 1944.
- c. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group.
- d. 1130.
- e. Vicinity of Brunswick.
- f. 6/10 clouds at 12000.
- g. ME-410.
- h. No Claim.
- i.

Flying right wing of Yellow Leader at 25000 feet, made head on pass at six (6) Me-410s. No strikes observed although guns of E/A ceased firing before break away. I fired a one (1) second burst then broke away but unable to observe E/A again.

No Claim

- j. Serial No. of A/C: 42-67442.
Markings of A/C: LC-A.
Ammunition Expended: 264 rounds of 50 Caliber.
10 rounds of 20mm Cannon.

/s/ Charles C. Arthaud,
CHARLES C. ARTHAUD,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,

/s/ Francis W. Barkley
FRANCIS W. BARKLEY,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

A TRUE COPY:

Gerald F. Costello
GERALD F. COSTELLO,
Capt., Air Corps,
Asst A-2, 67FW.

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ENCOUNTER REPORT

LT. COL. ROBERT P. MONTGOMERY

- a. Combat.
- b. 10 February 1944.
- c. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group
- d. 1115.
- e. Vicinity of Nienburg.
- f. 6/10 clouds at 12000, visibility good.
- g. FW 190.
- h. One (1) FW 190 Damaged.
- i.

I was leading White Flight on mission to Brunswick when, as we drove up in back of bombers I saw a big mix-up ahead between P-47s and E/A. While at 25000 feet saw two (2) FW 190s go after lower section of last combat box. As I came up fast, one FW 190 dove away, and I fired 2-3 second burst from 400 yards dead astern trying to keep him away from bombers. Dropped below him due to cross fire from bombers being so close. Followed him as he peeled down and fired again at 500 yards, four (4) second burst at 15° deflection. Saw strikes on wing and fuselage, FW 190 did a wobbly push over and went down. Lost sight of him right after.

I claim one (1) FW 190 Damaged.

- j. Serial No of A/C: 42-68036.
Markings of A/C: LG-M.
Ammunition Expended: 440 rounds of 50 Caliber.
24 rounds of 20mm Cannon.

/s/ Robert P. Montgomery
ROBERT P. MONTGOMERY,
Lt. Col., Air Corps.

/s/ Francis W. Barkley
FRANCIS W. BARKLEY,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

A TRUE COPY:

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GERALD F. COSTELLO,
Capt., Air Corps,
Asst A-2, 67FW

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ENCOUNTER REPORT

CAPT. PAUL J. SABO

- a. Combat.
- b. 10 February 1944.
- c. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group.
- d. 1115-1230.
- e. Vicinity of Hannover.
- f. 6/10 clouds at 12000, visibility good.
- g. Me-210 & 110, FW 190.
- h. One (1) Me-210 } Damaged.
Two (2) Me-110s }
- i.

After rendezvousing with bombers I saw two (2) FW 190s come up behind B-17s. I was at 25000 feet and higher than these E/A. So I nosed my ship down and opened fire from behind at 350 yards closing in to 250 yards and leading about two radii giving him a four second burst. Upon pulling out of the above attack I saw a Me-110 being fired upon by Yellow Leader. I fired a two (2) second burst at him, closing in from 300 to 250 yards and leading him two radii. I then saw four (4) Me-210s flying head on into me. I fired a three second burst at the last two ships of this flight and saw strikes on left wing of last plane with piece flying off as these passed within 20 yards of me. After this I pulled towards bombers and saw a Me-110 shooting rockets at B-17s. I turned to right and closed in on him from 300 to 200 yards letting him have a four second burst with a lead of two radii. I saw hits on fuselage behind wing.

I Claim: One (1) Me-210 Damaged.
Two (2) Me-110s Damaged.

- j. Serial No. of A/C: 42-67523.
Markings of A/C: LC-S
Ammunition Expended: 390 rounds of 50 Caliber.
88 rounds of 20mm Cannon.

/s/ Paul J. Sabo
PAUL J. SABO,
Capt., Air Corps.

/s/ Francis W. Barkley
FRANCIS W. BARKLEY,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

A TRUE COPY:

Gerald F. Costello
GERALD F. COSTELLO,
Capt., Air Corps,
Asst A-2, 6/FW.

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ENCOUNTER REPORT

2ND LT. REX E. MONCRIEFF

- a. Engagement.
- b. 10 February 1944.
- c. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group.
- d. 1130.
- e. Vicinity of Brunswick.
- f. 6/10 clouds at 12000.
- g. Me-210.
- h. No Claim.
- i.

From eight to twelve me-210s attacked front box of bombers at about 25000 feet. Yellow Flight went to attack and made head-on pass. I fired two (2) short bursts at one E/A but no hits observed.

No Claim.

- j. Serial No. of A/C: 42-67202.
Markings of A/C: LC-Y.
Ammunition Expended: 200 rounds of 50 Caliber.
20 rounds of 20mm Cannon.

/s/ Rex E. Moncrieff
REX E. MONCRIEFF,
2nd Lt., Air Corps.

/s/ Francis W. Barkley
FRANCIS W. BARKLEY,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

A TRUE COPY:

Gerald F. Costello
GERALD F. COSTELLO,
Capt., Air Corps,
Asst A-2, 67FW.

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ENCOUNTER REPORT

MAJOR HERBERT E. JOHNSON, JR.,

- a. Engagement.
- b. 10 February 1944.
- c. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group.
- d. 1100-1145.
- e. Hannover and Lingen.
- f. 6/10 clouds at 12000; visibility good.
- g. FW 190 - ME 110 - ME 210.
- h. No Claim.
- i.

I was leading Yellow Flight at 25000 feet when at approximately 1100 o'clock four (4) FW 190s came in below my flight from 7-8 o'clock. As they crossed under I dove to attack. With tanks on I did not seem to close so opened fire at approximately 600-800 yards. Results not observed, E/A split 'B. At approximately 1120 I fired a one second burst at an ME 110 from 600 yards at 10° deflection. No results observed. A few minutes later approximately 8-12 Me 110s and Me 210s came through the front box of bombers. I led my flight in a head-on attack but was only able to fire a 1-2 second burst. As I turned back this group dispersed in all directions. On the way out I fired at a FW 190 coming up from below on the clouds. Fired short burst at 60° deflection from rear at 300 yards but unable to fire accurately as I was hitting severe buffetting.

No Claim.

- j. Serial No. of A/C: 42-67708.
Markings of A/C: LC-T.
Ammunition Expended: 360 rounds of 50 Caliber.
73 rounds of 20mm Cannon.

/s/ Herbert E. Johnson, Jr.
HERBERT E. JOHNSON, JR.,
Major, Air Corps.

/s/ Francis W. Barkley
FRANCIS W. BARKLEY,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

A TRUE COPY:

Gerald F. Costello
GERALD F. COSTELLO,
Capt., Air Corps,
Asst A-2, 67FW.

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2ND LT. ALBERT L. GESE

- a. Engagement.
- b. 10 February 1944.
- c. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group.
- d. 1125.
- e. Vicinity of Brunswick.
- f. 6/10 clouds at 12000.
- g. Me-110.
- h. No Claim.
- i.

Made head-on attack on eight to twelve Me-110s. Closed too fast to get a good burst. A few minutes later shot at a Me-110 that was shooting rockets at the bombers, the Me-110 split away. No results observed.
No Claim.

- j. Serial No. of A/C: 42-67901.
Markings of A/C: LC-X.
Ammunition Expended: 260 rounds of 50 Caliber.
59 rounds of 20mm Cannon.

/s/ Albert L. Gese
ALBERT L. GESE,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,

/s/ Francis W. Barkley
FRANCIS W. BARKLEY,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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Gerald F. Costello
GERALD F. COSTELLO,
Capt., Air Corps,
Asst A-2, 67FW.

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ENCOUNTER REPORT

2ND LT. JOSEPH J. MINTON

- a. Engagement.
- b. 10 February 1944.
- c. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group.
- d. 1125.
- e. Vicinity of Brunswick.
- f. 6/10 clouds at 12000.
- g. Me-210.
- h. No Claim.
- i.

Flying Rebuke Yellow 3, four (4) plus Me-210s came through front box of bombers head on. I picked out one E/A and fired 2-3 second burst. No hits observed.

- j. Serial No. of A/C: 42-67728.
Markings of A/C: LO-C.
Ammunition Expended: 103 rounds of 50 Caliber.
20 rounds HEI 20mm Cannon.

/s/ Joseph J. Minton
JOSEPH J. MINTON,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,

/s/ Francis W. Barkley
FRANCIS W. BARKLEY,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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Gerald F. Costello
GERALD F. COSTELLO,
Capt, Air Corps,
Asst A-2, 67FW.

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LT REX E. MONCRIEFF

- a. Engagement
- b. 10 February 1944
- c. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group
- d. 1130
- e. Vicinity of Brunswick
- f. 6/10 clouds at 12000
- g. FW 190
- h. One FW 190 Damaged.
- i.

Two FW 190s attacked bombers and after firing upon B-17 the first one peeled off to left. I cut across circle and fired a four second burst at him from 400 yards.

I claim one FW 190 Damaged. (This claim put in as a result of film assessment.)

- j. Serial No of A/C: 42-67202..
- Markings of A/C: LC-Y.
- Ammunition Expended: 300 rds of 50 cal
- 26 rds of 20 mm.

/s/ Rex E. Moncrieff

REX E. MONCRIEFF,
2nd Lt., Air Corps.

/s/ Francis W. Barkley

FRANCIS W. BARKLEY,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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for *Rex Homer, Capt, A/C*
GERALD F. COSTELLO,
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't A-2, 67 Fw.

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LT. ALBERT L. GESE,

- a. Combat.
- b. 10 February, 1944.
- c. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group.
- d. 1125.
- e. Vicinity of Brunswick.
- f. 6/10 clouds at 12,000.
- g. Me 110.
- h. One (1) Me 110 damaged.
(Claim put in due to camera film)
- i.

Made head-on attack on eight to twelve Me 110s. Closed too fast to get a good burst. A few minutes later shot at a Me 110 that was shooting rockets at the bombers, the Me 110 split away. No results observed.

Claim: One (1) Me 110 damaged.
(Claim put in due to camera film)

- j. Flying Plane LC-X
Serial No. 42-67901
Ammunition expended: 260 rounds of 50 caliber
59 rounds of 20mm cannon

/s/ Albert L. Gese,

ALBERT L. GESE,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
20th Fighter Group.

/s/ Francis W. Barkley,

FRANCIS W. BARKLEY,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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Ray Hoover, Capt., A.C.

for GERALD F. COSTELLO,
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't A-2, 67th FW.

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PILOT'S PERSONAL ENCOUNTER REPORT

A. TYPE OF ACTION:

- (1) [REDACTED]
- (2) Engagement, if guns are fired.
- (3) [REDACTED]

B. DATE: 10 February 1944.

C. UNIT: 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group.

D. TIME ATTACK MADE: 1130

E. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF ATTACK: **Vicinity of Brunswick.**

F. WEATHER: 6/10 clouds at 12000.

G. TYPE OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT: FW 190

H. ENEMY CASUALTIES (Pilot's claim): **One FW 190 damaged.**

I. ACCOUNT OF COMBAT (In narrative form, stressing ours and enemy's tactics.)

2 FW 190s attacked bombers and after firing upon B-17 the first one peeled off to left. I cut across circle and fired a four second burst at him from 400 yards.

I claim One FW 190 damaged. (This claim put in as a result of film assessment).

J. Serial No. of A/C: 42-67202.

Markings of A/C: 10-X.

Ammunition Expended: 200 rounds of 50 caliber.
26 rounds of 20mm Cannon.

Francis W. Barkley
FRANCIS W. BARKLEY,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

for E. Moncrieff
 HENRY E. MONCRIEFF,
 2nd Lt., Air Corps.

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LT. FERDINAND E. LEFEVRE

- a. Combat
- b. 10 February 1944
- c. 79th Fighter Squadron
- d. 1140
- e. Near Lingen, Germany
- f. Visibility good
- g. Me 210
- h. 1 Me 210 Destroyed
- i.

Ten minutes after Capt. Meyer's encounter with a FW 190, while flying his wing, my right turbo got out of control and I called my leader that I was in trouble. Since he seemed quite able to join up with other elements, I decided right away to go back on the deck, so advising Capt. Meyer. I got on the deck, on course, at about 450 MPH and ran at maximum cruise. After 5 minutes, at approximately 1135, I noticed a plane flying ahead of me, on my course, at about 100 feet altitude. Closing to about 600 yards, I saw it was a Me 210, gave a 3 to 4 second burst. Getting to 300 yards, I opened up again, with a little lead as the Me 210 started weaving right, saw flashes on the cockpit and then flames shooting out of it. Over running the E/A, I saw it crash, through my rear view mirror. A FW 190, apparently escorting the Me 210, at 1,000 feet altitude, immediately took up the chase as I gave full throttle. The right turbo seemed O.K. and I made about 360 to 370 MPH. The chase lasted about 15 minutes, as the FW 190, shooting from 700 yards, slowly fell back to 1,000 yards or so. I entered a snow storm, climbed on instruments through the overcast, came out over the Zuider Zee at 12,000 feet, kept up maximum cruise while taking cover in the broken clouds. At 1215 I crossed the coast between Vierschelling and Vlieland Islands. During the chase by the FW 190, 4 Ju 88s appeared at 1,000 feet, coming in from 11 o'clock, and a Me 109 crossed my path at 90°, flying about 2,000 feet high. No flak. I made an emergency landing at Spilsby, at 1315, with 5 to 10 gallons left for each engine.

Claim: 1 Me 210 Destroyed

j. Ser. No. of A/C 42-68035

A/C Marking: MC-U

Ammunition Expended: 390 rds. 50 cal.
8 rds. 20 mm.

Ferdinand E. Lefevre

FERDINAND E. LEFEVRE
2nd Lt., Air Corps
20th Ftr. Group

Edward J. Steiner
EDWARD J. STEINER
1st Lt., Air Corps
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CAPT. ROBERT J. MEYER

- A. Combat
- B. 10 February 1944
- C. 79th Fighter Squadron
- D. 1130
- E. North of Hannover Germany
- F. Visibility good
- G. FW 190
- H. 1 FW 190 Destroyed
- I.

I was leading a 2 ship element after a fight and just rejoining the squadron. I saw 3 FW 190s attacking a lone B-17 about 3 miles away about 10 o'clock to us. Bomber was shot down. One FW 190 made a level turn to the left and ended in front of me about 400 yards away. I opened fire about 400 yards dead astern. E/A took violent evasive action but remained in front of me. I fired another burst and my vision was obscured while firing by smoke or oil probably from my guns. I fired again and saw a puff of black smoke. Then E/A went into a tight spin and was about 1500 or 2,000 feet below me spinning when I last saw him. My wingman saw this plane spinning down and on fire.

Claim: 1 FW 190 Destroyed

J. Ser. No. of A/C 42-67929

A/C Marking: MC-M

Ammunition Expended: 248 rds. 50 cal.
48 rds. 20 mmr.

/s/ Robert J. Meyer
ROBERT J. MEYER
Capt., Air Corps
20th Ftr. Group

VERIFICATION OF CLAIM

I was Capt. Meyer's wingman and saw the above attack. I also fired but Capt. Meyer destroyed the E/A. Flames shot out of the right side of the FW 190s engine and the plane went down in an uncontrollable spin with the engine in flames.

/s/ Ferdinand E. LeFevre
FERDINAND E. LEFEVRE
2nd Lt., Air Corps
20th Ftr. Group

/s/ Edward J. Steiner
EDWARD J. STEINER
1st Lt., Air Corps
Intelligence Officer

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Gerald F. Costello
GERALD F. COSTELLO,
Captain, Air Corps,
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LT. FERDINAND E. LEFEVRE

- A. Combat
- B. 10 February 1944
- C. 79th Fighter Squadron
- D. 1140
- E. Near Lingen, Germany
- F. Visibility good
- G. Me 210
- H. 1 Me 210 Destroyed
- I.

Ten minutes after Capt. Meyer's encounter with a Fw 190, while flying his wing, my right turbo got out of control and I called my leader that I was in trouble. Since he seemed quite able to join up with other elements, I decided right away to go back on the deck, so advising Capt. Meyer. I got on the deck, on course, at about 450 MPH and ran at maximum cruise. After 5 minutes, at approximately 1135, I noticed a plane flying ahead of me, on my course, at about 100 feet altitude. Closing to about 600 yards, I saw it was a Me 210, gave a 3 or 4 second burst. Getting to 300 yards, I opened up again, with a little lead as the Me 210 started weaving right, saw flashes on the cockpit and then flames shooting out of it. Over running the E/A, I saw it crash, through my rear view mirror. A Fw 190, apparently escorting the Me 210, at 1,000 feet altitude, immediately took up the chase as I gave full throttle. The right turbo seemed O.K. and I made about 360 to 370 MPH. The chase lasted about 15 minutes, as the Fw 190, shooting from 700 yards, slowly fell back to 1,000 yards or so. I entered a snow storm, climbed on instruments through the overcast, came out over the Zuider Zee at 12,000 feet, kept up maximum cruise while taking cover in the broken clouds. At 1215 I crossed the coast between Terschelling and Vlieland Islands. During the chase by the Fw 190, 4 Jt 88s appeared at 1,000 feet, coming in from 11 o'clock, and a Me 109 crossed my path at 900, flying about 2,000 feet high. No flak. I made an emergency landing at Spilsby, at 1315, with 5 to 10 gallons left for each engine.

Claim: 1 Me 210 DESTROYED

J. Ser No of A/C 42-88055

A/C Marking: MC-U

Ammunition Expended: 390 rds. 50 cal.
8 rds. 20 mm.

/s/ Ferdinand E. LeFevre
FERDINAND E. LEFEVRE
2nd Lt., Air Corps
20th Ftr. Group

/s/ Edward J. Steiner
1st Lt., Air Corps
Intelligence Officer

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Ronald F. Costello
RONALD F. COSTELLO,
Captain, Air Corps,
SS't A-4, 67 Fw.

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PILOT'S PERSONAL ENCOUNTER REPORT

A. TYPE OF ACTION:

- (1) ~~Engagement, if guns are fired.~~
- (2) Engagement, if guns are fired.
- (3) ~~Engagement, if guns are fired.~~

B. DATE: 10 February 1944.

C. UNIT: 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group.

D. TIME ATTACK MADE: 1125.

E. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF ATTACK: Vicinity of Brunswick.

F. WEATHER: 6/10 clouds at 12,000.

G. TYPE OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT: Me-210

H. ENEMY CASUALTIES (Pilot's claim): No Claim.

I. ACCOUNT OF COMBAT (In narrative form, stressing ours and enemy's tactics.)

Flying Rebuke Yellow 3, four (4) plus Me-210s came through front box of bombers head on. I picked out one E/A and fired 2-3 second burst. No hits observed.

J. Flying Plane LG-0 Serial No. 42-67728
Ammunition Expended 108 rounds of 50 Caliber
No Claim. 20 rounds HEI 20mm Cannon.

Joseph J. Minton
JOSEPH J. MINTON,
2nd Lt., Air Corps.

Francis W. Barkley
FRANCIS W. BARKLEY,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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A. TYPE OF ACTION:

- (1) ~~Engagement, if guns are fired.~~
- (2) ~~Engagement, if guns are fired.~~
- (3) ~~Engagement, if guns are fired.~~

B. DATE: 10 February 1944

C. UNIT: 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group.

D. TIME ATTACK MADE: 1130

E. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF ATTACK: Vicinity of Brunswick.

F. WEATHER: 6/10 clouds at 12,000.

G. TYPE OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT: ME-410.

H. ENEMY CASUALTIES (Pilot's claim): No Claim.

I. ACCOUNT OF COMBAT (In narrative form, stressing ours and enemy's tactics.)

Flying right wing of Yellow Leader at 25,000 feet; made head on pass at six (6) Me-410s. No strikes observed although guns of E/A ceased firing before break away. I fired a one (1) second burst then broke away but unable to observe E/A again.

No Claim.

J. Flying Plane LG-4 Serial No. 42-67442
Ammunition Expended 264 rounds of 50 Caliber
10 rounds of 20mm Cannon.

Charles C. Arthaud

CHARLES C. ARTHAUD,
2nd Lt., Air Corps.

Francis W. Barkley

FRANCIS W. BARKLEY,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
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PILOT'S PERSONAL ENCOUNTER REPORT

A. TYPE OF ACTION:

- (1) Combat, if casualties or damage is inflicted.
- (2) ~~Damage to, or destruction of,~~
- (3) ~~Property, or other damage to,~~

B. DATE: 10 February 1944.

C. UNIT: 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group.

D. TIME ATTACK MADE: 1115-1230.

E. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF ATTACK: **Vicinity of Hannover.**

F. WEATHER: 6/10 clouds at 12,000, visibility good.

G. TYPE OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT: Me-210 & 110, F W 190.

H. ENEMY CASUALTIES (Pilot's claim): One (1) Me-210 }
two (2) Me-110s } Damaged.

I. ACCOUNT OF COMBAT (In narrative form, stressing ours and enemy's tactics.)

After rendezvousing with bombers I saw two (2) F W 190s come up behind B-17s. I was at 25,000 feet and higher than these E/A. So I nosed my ship down and opened fire from behind at 350 yards closing in to 250 yards and leading about two radii giving him a four second burst. Upon pulling out of the above attack I saw a Me-110 being fired upon by Yellow Leader. I fired a two (2) second burst at him, closing in from 300 to 250 yards and leading him two radii. I then saw four (4) Me-210s flying head on into me. I fired a three second burst at the last two ships of this flight and saw strikes on left wing of last plane with piece flying off as these passed within 20 yards of me. After this I pulled towards bombers and saw a Me-110 shooting rockets at B-17s. I turned to right and closed in on him from 300 to 200 yards letting him have a four second burst with a lead of two radii. I saw hits on fuselage behind wing.

I Claim: One (1) Me-210 Damaged.
Two (2) Me-110s Damaged.

J. Flying Plane LC-8 Serial No. 42-67523
Ammunition Expended 390 rounds of 50 Caliber
88 rounds of 20mm Cannon.

Paul J. Sabo

PAUL J. SABO,
Capt., Air Corps.

Francis W. Barkley
FRANCIS W. BARKLEY,
1st Lt., Ari Corps,
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PILOT'S PERSONAL ENCOUNTER REPORT

A. TYPE OF ACTION:

- (1) Combat, if casualties or damage is inflicted.
- (2) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
- (3) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

B. DATE: 10 February 1944

C. UNIT: 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group.

D. TIME ATTACK MADE: 1115

E. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF ATTACK: Vicinity of Nienburg.

F. WEATHER: 6/10 clouds at 12,000, visibility good.

G. TYPE OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT: F W 190

H. ENEMY CASUALTIES (Pilot's claim): One (1) F W 190 Damaged.

I. ACCOUNT OF COMBAT (In narrative form, stressing ours and enemy's tactics.)

I was leading White Flight on mission to Brunswick when, as we drove up in back of bombers I saw a big mix-up ahead between P-47s and E/A. While at 25,000 feet saw two (2) F W 190s go after lower section of last combat box. As I came up fast, one F W 190 dove away, and I fired 2-3 second burst from 400 yards dead astern trying to keep him away from bombers. Dropped below him due to cross fire from bombers being so close. Followed him as he peeled down and fired again at 500 yards, four (4) second burst at 15° deflection. Saw strikes on wing and fuselage. F W 190 did a wobbly push over and went down. Lost sight of him right after.

I claim one (1) F W 190 Damaged.

J. Flying Plane IC-M Serial No. 42-68036
Ammunition Expended 440 rounds of 50 Caliber
24 rounds of 20mm Cannon

Robert P. Montgomery
ROBERT P. MONTGOMERY,
Lt. Col., Air Corps.

Francis W. Barkley
FRANCIS W. BARKLEY,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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PILOT'S PERSONAL ENCOUNTER REPORT

A. TYPE OF ACTION:

- (1) ~~Combat, if casualties or damage is indicated~~
- (2) ~~Engagement, if guns are fired.~~
- (3) ~~Encounter, if no guns fired.~~

B. DATE: **18 February 1944.**

C. UNIT: **77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group.**

D. TIME ATTACK MADE: **1130.**

E. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF ATTACK: **Vicinity of Brunswick.**

F. WEATHER: **6/10 clouds at 12,000.**

G. TYPE OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT: **Me-210**

H. ENEMY CASUALTIES (Pilot's claim): **No claim.**

I. ACCOUNT OF COMBAT (In narrative form, stressing ours and enemy's tactics.)

From eight to twelve Me-210s attacked front box of bombers at ab out 25,000 feet. Yellow Flight went to attack and made head-on pass. I fired two (2) short bursts at one E/A but no hits observed.

No claim.

J. Flying Plane IG-Y Serial No. 42-67202
Ammunition Expended 200 rounds of 50 Caliber
26 rounds of 20mm Cannon

Rex E. Moncrieff
REX E. MONCRIEFF,
2nd Lt., Air Corps.

Francis W. Barkley
FRANCIS W. BARKLEY,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
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PILOT'S PERSON 1 ENCOUNTER REPORT

A. TYPE OF ACTION:

- (1) ~~Engagement, if weapons are fired.~~
~~Engagement, if weapons are fired.~~
 (2) Engagement, if guns are fired.
 (3) ~~Engagement, if weapons are fired.~~

B. DATE: 10 February 1944.

C. UNIT: 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group.

D. TIME ATTACK MADE: 1125.

E. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF ATTACK: **Vicinity of Brunswick.**

F. WEATHER: 6/10 clouds at 12,000.

G. TYPE OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT: **Me-110**

H. ENEMY CASUALTIES (Pilot's claim): **No claim.**

I. ACCOUNT OF COMBAT (In narrative form, stressing ours and enemy's tactics.)

Made head-on attack on eight to twelve Me-110s. Closed too fast to get a good burst. A few minutes later shot at a Me-110 that was shooting rockets at the bombers, the Me-110 split away. No results observed.

No claim.

J. Flying Plane LC-X Serial No. 42 -67901
Ammunition Expended 260 rounds of 50 Caliber
59 rounds of 20mm Cannon.

Albert L. Gese

ALBERT L. GESE,
2nd Lt., Air Corps.

Francis W. Barkley
FRANCIS W. BARKLEY,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
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PILOT'S PERSONAL ENCOUNTER REPORT

A. TYPE OF ACTION:

- (1) ~~Combat, if guns are fired.~~
- (2) Engagement, if guns are fired.
- (3) ~~Engagement, if guns are fired.~~

B. DATE: 10 February 1944.

C. UNIT: 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group.

D. TIME ATTACK MADE: 1100-1145.

E. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF ATTACK: Hannover and Lingen.

F. WEATHER: 6/10 clouds at 12,000; visibility good.

G. TYPE OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT: F W 190 - M E 110 - M E 210.

H. ENEMY CASUALTIES (Pilot's claim): No Claim.

I. ACCOUNT OF COMBAT (In narrative form, stressing ours and enemy's tactics.)

I was leading Yellow Flight at 25,000 feet when ^{at} approximately 1100 o'clock four (4) F W 190s came in below my flight from 7-8 o'clock. As they crossed under I dove to attack. With tanks on I did not seem to close so opened fire at approximately 600-800 yards. Results not observed, E/A split 'S. At approximately 1120 I fired a one second burst at an M E 110 from 600 yards at 10° deflection. No results observed. A few minutes later approximately 8-12 M E 110s and M E 210s came through the front box of bombers. I led my flight in a head-on attack but was only able to fire a 1-2 second burst. As I turned back this group dispersed in all directions. On the way out I fired at a F W 190 coming up from below on the clouds. Fired short burst at 60° deflection from rear at 300 yards but unable to fire accurately as I was hitting severe buffeting.

J. Flying Plane IG-T Serial No. 42-67708
Ammunition expended 360 rounds of 50 Caliber
73 rounds of 20mm Cannon.

No Claim.

Herbert E. Johnson, Jr.
HERBERT E. JOHNSON, JR.,
Major, Air Corps.

Francis W. Barkley
FRANCIS W. BARKLEY,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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ENCOUNTER REPORT

LT. DONALD C. COOPER

- A. Combat
- B. 10 February, 1944
- C. 79th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group
- D. 1130
- E. Hanover, Germany
- F. Visibility good
- G. FW 190
- H. 1 FW 190 Damaged
- I.

I was flying White 4 and the flight was approaching 2 FW 190s that were attacking a lone B-17 at 22,000 ft. The first FW 190 started to split "s" to the left and the other started a climbing turn to the right. I was able to pull to the left and fire a short burst at the first FW 190. I observed strikes on the wings as the plane went on down and I returned to my position.

Claim: 1 FW 190 Damaged.

- J. Serial No. of A/C 42-67718
- A/C Markings: MC-C
- Ammunition Expended: 283 rds. 50 cal.
27 rds. 20 mm.

The above statement was given to me by Lt. Cooper on his return from the mission of 10 February, 1944. Lt. Cooper is now Missing in Action. This claim is filed on his behalf.

/s/ Edward J. Steiner
Edward J. Steiner,
Capt., Air Corps
Intelligence Officer

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Ray Homer, Capt., A.C.
GERALD F. COSTELLO,
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't A-2, 67 FW.

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LT. DONALD C. COOPER

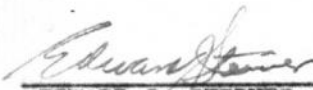
- a. Combat
- b. 10 February, 1944
- c. 79th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group
- d. 1130
- e. Hanover, Germany
- f. Visibility good
- g. FW 190
- h. 1 FW 190 Damaged
- i.

I was flying White 4 and the flight was approaching 2 FW190s that were attacking a lone B17 at 22,000 ft. The first FW 190 started to split "s" to the left and the other started a climbing turn to the right. I was able to pull to the left and fire a short burst at the first FW190. I observed strikes on the wings as the plane went on down and I returned to my position.

Claim: 1 FW 190 damaged.

- j. Serial No. of A/C - 42-67718
- A/C Marking: MC-C
- Ammunition Expended: 283 rds. 50 cal.
27 rds. 20mm.

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EDWARD J. STEINER
Capt. Air Corps
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ENCOUNTER REPORT

CAPT. CARL E. JACKSON

- a. Combat
- b. 10 February 1944
- c. 79th Fighter Squadron
- d. 1130
- e. North of Hannover Germany
- f. Visibility good
- g. FW 190s
- h. 1 FW 190 Destroyed
- i.

I was leading white flight and saw 2 FW 190s attacking a lone B-17 off to the right of the bomber boxes. I was at 26,000 feet and the FW 190s were about 22,000 feet. I started a dive and when still 1,000 yards away one FW 190 split s'd to deck and the other made a climbing turn to the right. I fired a short burst in this turn from 600 yards angle off 30°. The FW 190 made a similar turn to the left and I fired in this turn also from 500 yards 30° angle off. The FW 190 rolled out and went into a climb and I closed dead astern and fired from 300 yards to 100 yards. Strikes were on inner wing and cockpit, dense white smoke obscured vision and pieces fell off as I pulled off the right. E/A spun to the left and others in the flight reported that canopy fell off and pilot bailed out.

Claim: 1 FW 190 Destroyed

j. Ser. No. of A/C 42-67988

A/C Marking: MC-J

Ammunition Expended: 610 rds. 50 cal.
126 rds. 20 mm.

Carl E. Jackson
CARL E. JACKSON
Capt., Air Corps
20th Ftr. Group

VERIFICATION OF CLAIM

We were following Capt. Jackson and saw the strikes on the FW 190, parts fly off and the pilot bail out.

Robert J. Meyer
ROBERT J. MEYER
Capt., Air Corps
20th Ftr. Group

Edward J. Steiner
EDWARD J. STEINER
1st Lt., Air Corps
Intelligence Officer

James D. Bradshaw
JAMES D. BRADSHAW
2nd Lt., Air Corp
20th Ftr. Group

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ENCOUNTER REPORT

CAPT. ROBERT J. MEYER

- a. Combat
- b. 10 February 1944
- c. 79th Fighter Squadron
- d. 1130
- e. North of Hannover Germany
- f. Visibility good
- g. FW 190
- h. 1 FW 190 Destroyed
- i.

I was leading a 2 ship element after a fight and just rejoining the squadron. I saw 3 FW 190s attacking a lone B-17 about 3 miles away about 10 o'clock to us. Bomber was shot down. One FW 190 made a level turn to the left and ended in front of me about 400 yards away. I opened fire about 400 yards dead astern. E/A took violent evasive action but remained in front of me. I fired another burst and my vision was obscured while firing by smoke or oil probably from my guns. I fired again and saw a puff of black smoke. Then E/A went into a tight spin and was about 1500 or 2,000 feet below me spinning when I last saw him. My wingman saw this plane spinning down and on fire.

Claim: 1 FW 190 Destroyed

- j. Ser. No. of A/C 42-67929

A/C Marking: MC-M

Ammunition Expended: 248 rds. 50 cal.
48 rds. 20 mm.



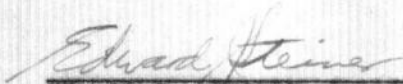
ROBERT J. MEYER
Capt., Air Corps
20th Ftr. Group

VERIFICATION OF CLAIM

I was Capt. Meyer's wingman and saw the above attack. I also fired but Capt. Meyer destroyed the E/A. Flames shot out of the right side of the FW 190s engine and the plane went down in an uncontrollable spin with the engine in flames.



FERDINAND E. LEFEVRE
2nd Lt., Air Corps
20th Ftr. Group



EDWARD J. STEINER
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LT. FERDINAND E. LEFEVRE

- a. Combat
- b. 10 February 1944
- c. 79th Fighter Squadron
- d. 1140
- e. Near Lingen, Germany
- f. Visibility good
- g. Me 210
- h. 1 Me 210 Destroyed
- i.

Ten minutes after Capt. Meyer's encounter with a FW 190, while flying his wing, my right turbo got out of control and I called my leader that I was in trouble. Since he seemed quite able to join up with other elements, I decided right away to go back on the deck, so advising Capt. Meyer. I got on the deck, on course, at about 450 MPH and ran at maximum cruise. After 5 minutes, at approximately 1135, I noticed a plane flying ahead of me, on my course, at about 100 feet altitude. Closing to about 600 yards, I saw it was a Me 210, gave a 3 to 4 second burst. Getting to 300 yards, I opened up again, with a little lead as the Me 210 started weaving right, saw flashes on the cockpit and then flames shooting out of it. Over running the E/A, I saw it crash, through my rear view mirror. A FW 190, apparently escorting the Me 210, at 1,000 feet altitude, immediately took up the chase as I gave full throttle. The right turbo seemed O.K. and I made about 360 to 370 MPH. The chase lasted about 15 minutes, as the FW 190, shooting from 700 yards, slowly fell back to 1,000 yards or so. I entered a snow storm, climbed on instruments through the overcast, came out over the Zuider Zee at 12,000 feet, kept up maximum cruise while taking cover in the broken clouds. At 1215 I crossed the coast between Vorschelling and Vlieland Islands. During the chase by the FW 190, 4 Ju 88s appeared at 1,000 feet, coming in from 11 o'clock, and a Me 109 crossed my path at 90°, flying about 2,000 feet high. No flak. I made an emergency landing at Spilsby, at 1315, with 5 to 10 gallons left for each engine.

Claim: 1 Me 210 Destroyed

j. Ser. No. of A/C 42-68035

A/C Marking: MC-U

Ammunition Expended: 390 rds. 50 cal.
8 rds. 20 mm.

Edward J. Steiner
EDWARD J. STEINER
1st Lt., Air Corps
Intelligence Officer

Ferdinand E. Lefevre
FERDINAND E. LEFEVRE
2nd Lt., Air Corps
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Claim: 1 FW 190 Destroyed

J. Ser. No. of A/C 42-67988

A/C Marking: MC-J

Ammunition expended: 610 rds. 50 cal.
126 rds. 20 mm.

/s/ Carl E. Jackson
CARL E. JACKSON,
Capt., Air Corps
20th Ftr. Group

VERIFICATION OF CLAIM

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/s/ Robert J. Moyer
ROBERT J. MEYER
Capt., Air Corps
20th Ftr. Group

s/ Edward J. Steiner
EDWARD J. STEINER
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GERALD F. COSTELLO,
Captain, Air Corps,
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