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C O N F I D E N T I A L

PILOT'S PERSONAL ENCOUNTER REPORT

A. TYPE OF ACTION:

- (1) ~~DEFENSIVE, IN SUPPORT OF BOMBERS~~
- (2) Engagement, if guns are fired.
- (3) ~~DEFENSIVE, IN SUPPORT OF BOMBERS~~

B. DATE: 18 April 1944.

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

D. TIME ATTACK MADE: 1434.

E. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF ATTACK: Rathenow.

F. WEATHER: Clear.

G. TYPE OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT: Me-109

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

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

"At 1434 I saw two Me-109s at 25,000 feet flying above bombers and 180° to me. They circled around behind me. I turned 180° inside of them. I was 1,000 feet below as one started down in a 60° dive. I turned inside of him and fired a one second burst from 400 yards at 60° deflection. I observed no strikes and aircraft continued in dive."

No Claim.

J. Flying Plane LC-W Serial No. 42-68111
Ammunition Expended 80 rounds of 50 Caliber
15 rounds of 20mm Cannon.

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