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April 29, 1944

77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group.

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Me-109

Two (2) Me-109s damaged.

"I was flying White leader at 25,000 feet heading east toward the bomber formation that was heading north toward target. I noticed a yellow-nosed Me-109 south of me climbing into the sun. I teaked on to him, he being a thousand yards away from me. I climbed with him closing rapidly. He saw me soon and took violent evasive action. When I got within range he pulled straight up giving me a 45° deflection shot. I started up with him in a right climbing turn dropping my tanks at the time. I dumped combat flaps, got inside of him firing a 3 second burst, and saw strikes on the front of the cockpit and engine nacelle. He did a three quarter roll and I went down to left, reversing my turn following him down a thousand feet where he pulled up into a straight climb again, at which time he half rolled through our formation.

At 27,000 feet I started to join group when another yellow-nosed Me-109 came from right in a 60° angle ahead on. At 250 yards I opened fire at too great a deflection to allow him to fly through my burst. I saw several strikes right behind the cockpit. He went into a steep dive and I broke off combat."

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J. Flying Plane LC-A Serial No. 42-104069
Ammunition Expended 719 rounds of 50 Caliber
150 rounds of 20mm Cannon.

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