

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

ENCOUNTER REPORT

CAPTAIN DONALD A. REIHMER

- A. COMBAT.
- B. 11 MAY 1944.
- C. 77TH FTR SQ, 20TH FTR GP.
- D. 1710.
- E. BRETIGNY AIRFIELD.
- F. CLEAR.
- G. JU 88
- H. ONE (1) JU 88 DESTROYED BY CAPT REIHMER. ONE (1) JU 88 DESTROYED BY LT. MACARTHUR. ONE (1) HANGAR DAMAGED BY CAPT REIHMER. ONE (1) HANGAR DAMAGED BY LT. MACARTHUR. ONE (1) FLAK TOWER DAMAGED BY LT. FIEBELKORN.

I. "I WAS FLYING BLUE LEADER. WE HAD JUST WITHDRAWN FROM ESCORTING B-24s WHEN AT 15000 FT. SOUTHWEST OF PARIS I SAW AN AIR-DROME WITH A SILVER HE-111 AND SEVERAL OTHER PLANES ON IT. I CALLED FOR TOP COVER WHICH WAS GIVEN BY RED FLIGHT. WE DIVED TO THE WEST AND APPROACHED AERODROME FROM THAT DIRECTION SO THE SUN WOULD BE IN THE GUNNER'S EYES. WE CROSSED THE EDGE OF THE AIRDROME AT ABOUT 100 FEET. I NOTICED A ROW OF FIVE (5) HANGARS WITH A JU 88 IN EACH. I OPENED FIRE AT ABOUT 800-1000 YDS. WITH ABOUT 5 SECOND BURSTS. THE PLANE BURST INTO FLAME. MY WINGMAN, 2 LT MACARTHUR, WHO WAS ON THE LEFT SIDE, FIRED INTO THE NEXT HANGAR AND THAT JU 88 CAUGHT ON FIRE TOO. BLUE 3 & 4 (1ST LT R. C. GARRETT & 2ND LT. E.C. FIEBELKORN) WERE ON THE RIGHT SIDE. LT. FIEBELKORN SERIOUSLY DAMAGED A FLAK TOWER. I FIRED AT A DUMMY HE 111 WHICH THREW OUT TWO GREEN FLARES WHEN I HIT IT-THEY LOOKED LIKE RICOCHETS. MACHINE GUN FIRE WAS MODERATELY HEAVY AND THERE WAS SOME MEDIUM FLAK, PROBABLY 20,37, AND 40MM WHICH BURST BEHIND US. WE STAYED ON THE DECK TILL WELL CLEAR OF THE FIELD THEN PULLED UP TO 8,000 FEET. SMOKE FROM BURNING PLANES ROSE TO APPROXIMATELY 3500 FEET. ENCOUNTERED VERY ACCURATE MEDIUM FLAK NEAR GERMAIN AND AT LIMAY ON THE WAY OUT."

- CLAIMS: ONE (1) JU 88 DESTROYED BY CAPT REIHMER (ON GRD)  
ONE (1) JU 88 DESTROYED BY LT MACARTHUR (ON GRD)  
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ONE (1) HANGAR DAMAGED BY LT MACARTHUR  
ONE (1) FLAK TOWER DAMAGED BY LT FIEBELKORN

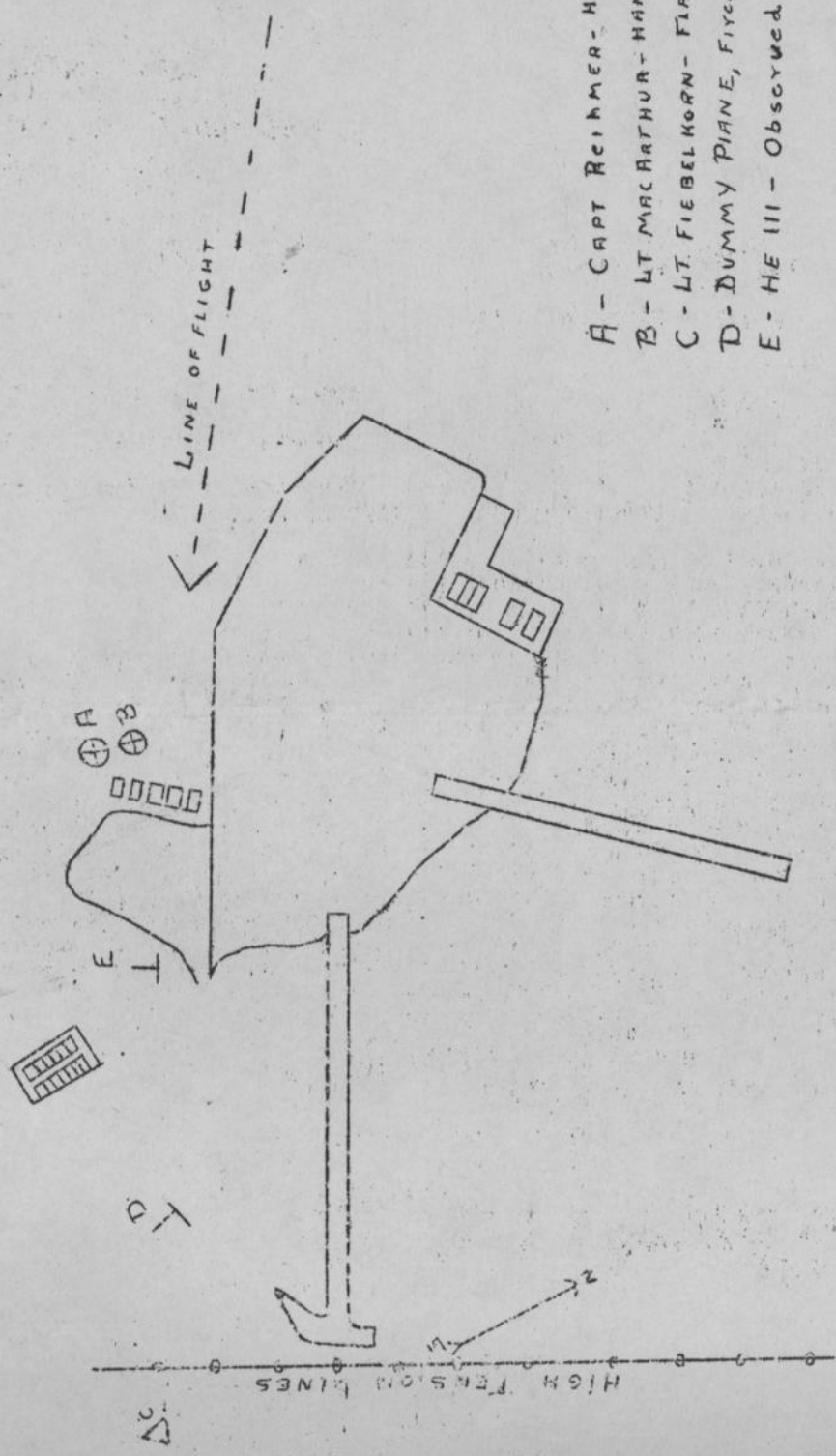
- J. CAPT REIHMER FLEW PLANE LC-R, 42-68016, AMMO EXP 740 RDS  
50 CAL, 104 RDS 20MM
- 2 LT FIEBELKORN FLEW PLANE LC-R, 42-68026, AMMO EXP 472  
RDS 50 CAL, 9 RDS 20MM
- 2 LT MACARTHUR FLEW PLANE LC-K, 42-68066, AMMO EXP 220 RDS  
50 CAL, 47 RDS 20MM

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- A - CAPT REIMMER - HANGAR + JU88
- B - LT MACARTHUR - HANGAR + JU88
- C - LT. FIEBELKORN - FIAX TOWER
- D - DUMMY PLANE, FIAX AT by A
- E - HE III - Obscured