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



- A. Combat.
- B. 12 May 1944.
- C. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group.
- D. 1500.
- E. SW of Kassel.
- F. Clear.
- G. Me-109.
- H. One (1) Me-109 Destroyed (air).
- I.

"I was No. 3 position in Yellow Flight at 23,000 ft. I saw four Me-109s coming up behind our bombers. We started down on them in a 90° turn to the right and as we pulled up two of the Me-109s made a climbing turn to the left with Yellow Leader right behind him. The Me-109s broke hard left and I made a head on pass firing a 3-4 second burst from 400 yards to 50 yards and as I passed underneath, I noticed white smoke trailing him. My wingman, Lt. Heiden, saw this Me-109 burst into flame. Yellow Leader meanwhile was in a turn firing on this other Me-109 when e/a broke away and I made a head on pass which resembled the maneuver made on the first Me-109."

I Claim: One (1) Me-109 Destroyed (air).

- J. Flying Plane LC-Z Serial No. 42-68045  
Ammunition Expended 280 rounds of 50 Caliber.  
57 rounds of 20mm Cannon.

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S T A T E M E N T

"I was flying Yellow 4 on 12 May 1944 and bounced four Me-109s that were attacking straggling bombers. Me-109s broke. 3 of us went into Lufberry, Yellow 3 broke off and made head on pass at E/A. As E/A passed over me I saw a minor explosion and it burst into flames."

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