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ENCOUNTER REPORT

CAPT HARRY B. BAKER.

- a. Combat
- b. 30 June 1944
- c. 55 th Ftr Sq, 20th Ftr Gp
- d. 2115
- e. Vic of Dreux
- f. High clouds and hazy at 25,000 ft
- g. Me 109
- h. One (1) Me 109 Dest
- i.

I was leading Red Flt when we sighted 9 Me 109s coming at us from 2 o'clock and 5,000 ft above. I called them out and we turned in behind them and started up. My wing-man and I singled out two of them. At 22,000 ft I finally caught one of them with a 90° shot and saw hits all over the cockpit. He half-rolled, somewhat out of control, and I watched him go straight into the grd. Our alt when we first sighted them was 10,000 ft.

I claim: One (1) Me 109 Dest

j.	Ser No of A/C:	Markings Of A/C:	Ammo Expended:
	43-28634	KI-M	205rds 50 Cal API 36rds 20mm

/s/Dean E. Erlandson
DEAN E. ERLANDSON,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

/s/Harry B. Baker
HARRY B. BAKER,
Captain, Air Corps

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I was flying Red 2. The 9 Me 109s came in above and began circling left. We climbed and when we began to close several E/A split S'd. Red Ldr got hits on the canopy of one, then I, somewhat behind, got a long range shot. I fired five short bursts. Believe I got one hit on the left wing before he rolled. I did not see him hit because I stalled and spun.

A TRUE COPY.

Jess N. Gittinger
JESS N. GITTINGER,
Major, Air Corps,
Ass't A-2, 67FW.

/s/Anthony C. Kelly
ANTHONY C. KELLY,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

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LT DALE L. LARRABEE

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- g. Me 109
- h. One (1) Me 109 Dest
- i.

I was flying White 3. We sighted nine Me 109s approx 5,000 ft above us at 2 o'clock. We started to climb and at about 20,000 ft I closed and fired a long burst observing strikes on the wings. The Me 109 split S'd to about 15,000 ft. He immediately zoomed back again to 20,000 ft. I fired several bursts, again observing strikes on the wings and cannon strikes on the rear of the canopy. Smoke began to pour from the E/A, he flipped over and went straight down still smoking.

I claim: One (1) Me 109 Dest.

j. Ser No of A/C: Markings of A/C: Ammo Expended:
42-68153 KI-J 929rds 50cal AF
149rds 20mm

/s/Dean E. Erlandson
DEAN E. ERLANDSON,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

/s/Dale L. Larrabee
DALE L. LARRABEE,
2nd Lt., Air Corps.

C O N F I R M A T I O N

I was flying White 4. Nine Me 109s were spotted about 5,000 ft above us circling to the left. We circled to the left, trying to outclimb them. The Op Ldr broke out and climbed into the sun with Lt Larrabee, the element ldr, and myself on Lt Larrabee's wing. We broke back to the fight at about 18,000 ft. Lt Larrabee was in a slight turn to the right when I saw a 109 at 9 o'clock to him. I called it to him and he broke to the left. The 109 turned away from him, giving Lt Larrabee an astern position. The E/A started to turn so I came at him head-on, trying to break him from the turn, leaving Lt Larrabee dead astern. This happened twice. I observed Lt Larrabee firing on several occasions, but as I was going in the opposite direction I could not observe results. They went down and my last sight of the 109 was at about 6,000 ft below me at around 7,000 ft, going straight down, pouring thick dark-grey smoke. I lost him before he hit, but my opinion is that he was Dest.

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JESS M. GITTINGER,
Major, Air Corps,
Ass't A-2, 67FW.

/s/Vincent R. Stockton
VINCENT R. STOCKTON,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

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CAPTAIN DONALD A. REIHMER

- A. Combat.
- B. 30 June 1944.
- C. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group.
- D. 2020-2040.
- E. Orleans, Etampes and Fontainebleau area in France.
- F. Clear.
- G. Ground Targets.
- H. Trucks - 5-0-0
Locomotives - 1-0-0
Staff Cars - 1-0-0

I. "After bombing and strafing Gien M/Y, destroying 50 to 75 fat cars with trucks and half trucks on 4 line of cars we strafed in the same vicinity and succeeded in destroying trucks, locomotives and staff cars per the following claims:

- One (1) Staff Car destroyed Captain Reihmer.
- One (1) Truck destroyed Captain Reihmer.
- One (1) Locomotive destroyed Captain Reihmer.
- Two (2) Trucks destroyed Lts. Garrett & Riddle.
- One (1) Truck destroyed Lt. Riddle.
- One (1) Trucks destroyed Lts. Baker & Brucks.

J. Name	Ser. No.		Ammo Expended	
Captain Reihmer	42-68016	LC-R	900 rds 50 Cal.	150 rds 20mm.
Lt. Baker	43-28639	LC-Z	440 rds 50 Cal.	82 rds 20mm.
Lt. Brucks	43-28686	LC-X	600 rds 50 Cal.	106 rds 20mm.
Lt. Riddle	42-68068	LC-H	910 rds 50 Cal.	150 rds 20mm.
Lt. Garrett	42-67770	LC-L	785 rds 50 Cal.	150 rds 20mm.

Donald A. Reihmer

DONALD A. REIHMER,
Captain, Air Corps.

Joseph R. Genest

JOSEPH R. GENEST,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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CAPT REIHMER & LTS BAKER, BRUCKS, RIDDLE & GARRETT

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- One (1) Loco Dest - Captain Reihmer
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/s/ Joseph R. Genest
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1st Lt., Air Corps,
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/s/ Donald A. Reihmer
DONALD A. REIHMER,
Captain, Air Corps

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