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**ENCOUNTER REPORT**

LT. JAMES S. REYNOLDS

- A. COMBAT
- B. 5 JULY 1944
- C. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
- D. 0905 HOURS
- E. COGNAC, FRANCE
- F. CAVU
- G. HE-177
- H. HE-177 DESTROYED SHARED WITH LT. COL. JOHNSON
- I.

I WAS FLYING IN WHITE TWO POSITION AS COL. JOHNSON'S WINGMAN. WE WERE NORTH OF BORDEAUX, IN THE VICINITY OF COGNAC (GRID COORDINATE 2-VY-9381). OUR ALTITUDE WAS ABOUT 3,000 FEET. WE SAW A HE-177 APPROACHING US ON THE DECK, FLYING 180 DEGREES TO OUR COURSE. I FOLLOWED COL. JOHNSON IN A 180-DEGREE TURN. WE CAUGHT THE E/A AND I MADE AN ATTACK FROM THE REAR QUARTER PORT AND THEN THE STARBOARD, STILL FOLLOWING COL. JOHNSON. I SAW MANY STRIKES ON THIS E/A AND SHORTLY HE CAUGHT FIRE AND CRASHED.

I CLAIM ONE (1) HE-177 DESTROYED, SHARED WITH COL. JOHNSON

- J. FLYING KI-E SERIAL NO. 42-67742  
FIRED 287 RDS 50-CAL AND 58 RDS OF 20 MM.

*James S. Reynolds*  
JAMES S. REYNOLDS  
2ND LT. AIR CORPS  
55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

STATEMENT

I SAW THE ATTACK MADE ON THE HE-177. I SAW MANY STRIKES AND A FEW SECONDS LATER SAW IT CATCH FIRE, SLIP INTO THE GROUND AND EXPLODE.

*Charles F. Bain*  
CHARLES F. BAIN  
1ST LT., AIR CORPS

*Dean E. Erlandson*  
DEAN E. ERLANDSON  
CAPTAIN, AIR CORPS  
INTELLIGENCE OFFICER  
55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

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LT. COL. HERBERT E. JOHNSON

- A. COMBAT
- B. 5 JULY 1944
- C. 55TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, 20TH FIGHTER GROUP
- D. 0905 HOURS.
- E. COGNAC, FRANCE
- F. CAVU
- G. HE-177
- H. HE-177 DESTROYED (SHARED WITH LT. J. S. REYNOLDS)
- I.

I WAS LEADING THE GROUP ON A STRAFING MISSION. WE WERE FLYING IN THE VICINITY OF COGNAC, NORTH OF BORDEAUX. OUR ALTITUDE WAS ABOUT 3,000/3,500 FEET. I SAW A HE-177 COMING ON THE DECK FLYING A COURSE 180-DEGREES TO OURS. I MADE A 180-DEGREE TURN AND CAME DOWN ON HIM, MAKING A REAR QUARTER ATTACK FROM PORT. I S'D, MADE ANOTHER FROM STARBOARD. I SAW MANY STRIKES. I OPENED FIRE AT 500 YARDS AND CLOSED TO 150 YARDS. THE A/C CAUGHT FIRE, SLIPPED INTO THE GROUND AND EXPLODED.

I CLAIM ONE (1) HE-177 DESTROYED, SHARED LT. REYNOLDS

- J. FLYING KI-N SERIAL NO. 42-104207  
FIRED 679 RDS OF 50-CAL AND 149 RDS OF 20-MM.

*Herbert E. Johnson*  
HERBERT E. JOHNSON  
LT. COL., AIR CORPS

### STATEMENT

I SAW THE ATTACK MADE ON THE HE-177. I SAW MANY STRIKES AND A FEW SECONDS LATER SAW IT CATCH FIRE, SLIP INTO THE GROUND AND EXPLODE.

*Charles F. Bain*  
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## PILOT'S ENCOUNTER REPORT

CAPTAIN JAMES M. MORRIS

- A. Combat.
- B. 5 July 1944.
- C. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group.
- D. 0930.
- E. Angouleme - Poitiers Area.
- F. Clear.
- G. Ground Targets.
- H. Electric Locomotive 1-01  
 Locomotive 1-0-1  
 Armored Cars 1-0-0  
 Flat Cars 0-0-1  
 Goods Wagon 20-0-20  
 10-15 Armored Cars on flat cars 0-0-20

I. Squadron led by Captain Morris strafed and belly tank bombed small marshaling yard at St. Pierre d' Exideuil destroying 20 goods wagons and damaged 20 others. Also damaged 10 plus armored cars on flat cars at same place. Four fires were burning when squadron left.

North in Poitiers area Lts. Clark & Payne's flight strafed transportation on roads and railroads.

## Claims:

- 20 Goods Wagons destroyed - 77th Squadron  
 20 Goods Wagons damaged - 77th Squadron  
 10 Plus Armored Cars on flat cars damaged - 77th Squadron  
 1 Electric Locomotive destroyed - Lt. Fernandes.  
 1 Locomotive destroyed - Lt. Garrett.  
 1 Locomotive damaged - Lt. Garrett.  
 1 Electric Locomotive damaged - Lts. Clark & Rowlett.  
 1 Armored Car destroyed - Lt. Payne.  
 4 Flat Cars damaged - Lts. Clark & Rowlett.

J.

Captain Morris	LC-G	43-28380	360 rds 50 Cal.	75 rds 20mm.
Captain Herbert	LC-M	42-68156	60 rds 50 Cal.	9 rds 20mm.
Lt. Garrett	LC-L	42-67770	487 rds 50 Cal.	99 rds 20mm.
Lt. Rader	LC-Z	43-28539	445 rds 50 Cal.	92 rds 20mm.
Lt. Macarthur	LC-S	42-67471	300 rds 50 Cal.	54 rds 20mm.
Lt. McCully	LC-N	42-68068	540 rds 50 Cal.	92 rds 20mm.
Lt. Rowlett	LC-O	42-67443	282 rds 50 Cal.	48 rds 20mm.
Lt. Clark	LC-A	42-104069	300 rds 50 Cal.	65 rds 20mm.
Lt. Gjoeme	LC-P	42-68155	447 rds 50 Cal.	70 rds 20mm.
Lt. Fernandes	LC-B	42-67103	990 rds 50 Cal.	12 rds 20mm.
Lt. Davis	LC-Q	43-28397	280 rds 50 Cal.	47 rds 20mm.
Lt. Rollins	LC-S	42-68074	370 rds 50 Cal.	98 rds 20mm.
Lt. Payne	LC-X	43-28686	240 rds 50 Cal.	42 rds 20mm.

*Joseph R. Genest*  
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 1st Lt., Air Corps,  
 Intelligence Officer.

*James M. Morris*  
 JAMES M. MORRIS,  
 Captain, Air Corps,

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