A. Combat
B. 7 July 1944
C. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group
D. 0945 – 1015
E. vicinity Oscherleben and Halle, Germany
F. Clear
G. Me410 – FW190
H. One (1) Me410 destroyed
   One (1) FW190 damaged
I. "I was flying along with my element leader at 20,000 feet at approximately 0945 near Halle when I noticed a FW190 about 3,000 feet below. I immediately bounced him and came in from 70° behind him and fired a two second burst from 400 yards. I saw strikes all over him. He rolled over and split into pieces. Some time later at 1015 I was escorting my element leader at 16,000 feet near Oscherleben when he called in a bogie. I turned into it and recognized it as a Me410 as it turned into me. When he broke into me he evidently reeled it in so hard that his left wing snapped off before I had a chance to fire my guns. It then summersaulted to the ground. No chutes were seen."

J. Flying Plane IC-O Serial No. 42-67443
   Ammo Expended: 640 rds of 50 Cal.
   150 rds of 20mm Cannon

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DOD Dir. 5200.3, Sept 27, 1958
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STATEMENT
"I was flying Yellow 3 in the vicinity of Oscherleben on my way out from target area. After calling in this Me410 to my wingman I covered him as he turned into it. I saw its left wing snap off. A few seconds later part of the plane blew up."

Louis W. Adams, Jr.
1st Lt., Air Corps

S. R. Fernandes
1st Lt., Air Corps

J. W. Fernandez
1st Lt., Air Corps

A TRUE COPY:

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PILOT'S PERSONAL ENCOUNTER REPORT

1st Lt. Louis W. Adams, Jr.

A. Combat.
B. 29 July 1944.
C. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group.
D. 1050.
E. Vicinity of Outersloh, Germany.
F. 8/10 - 10/10 Clouds.
H. Two (2) Me-109 Destroyed.
I. "I was flying Red 4 when my element leader had to leave formation due to one tank not working. I pulled out with him and we proceeded out of Erfurt area letting down to cloud deck at approximately 11,000 feet. Lt. Moncrieff, Red 3, called and said to let down through overcast and look for airfields. We came out of overcast at approximately in vicinity of Outersloh. Immediately on breaking clear of clouds we flew 90° through a formation of 50 plus Me-109s proceeding in a north-northeast direction. We passed completely through enemy formation without being noticed and made slight turn to left then climbing turn to right to base of overcast. I saw Lt. Moncrieff, who I had last momentarily in cloud, making pass on left side of rear of enemy formation. He was firing at one a/a which was trailing smoke when another flight of 4 Me-109s pulled in on him from approximately five o'clock. The a/a was at approximately 4,000 feet and I dove from 8,000 feet closing on leader of formation rapidly. As I closed I saw a/a, Lt. Moncrieff was firing at, go into ground in dive. I skidded across attempting to slow down and raked him with a two second burst from 100 yards observing strikes on left wing root. Pieces immediately began to fly off a/a and it fell off left wing and went straight into ground, no chute seen.

I called red 3 and warned him that four a/a were on his tail. He broke to the right and I cut wide coming up on Me-109 from six o'clock. I closed to approximately 75 yards where I fired a two second burst. Pieces started flying from his rudder and ship started shallow dive to left. At this time enemy pilot bailed out of left side and plane crashed. Enemy chute opened just above ground."

J. Flying Plane LG-L Serial No. 44-13655
Ammo Expended 1015 rds of 50 Caliber.

I Claim: Two (2) Me-109s destroyed.

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NCWN by __date__

LOUIS W. ADAMS, JR.,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

FRANCIS W. BARKLEY,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.
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PILOT’S PERSONAL ENCOUNTER REPORT

1st Lt. Louis W. Adams, Jr.,

A. Combat.
B. 16 August 1944.
C. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group.
D. 0945-1000.
E. Munsen.
F. Slightly hazy at 10,000 feet.
G. Mi-109.
H. One (1) Mi-109 destroyed.

I. "I was flying Yellow 4 at 25,000 feet when we sighted 20
plus e/a going 180° to us. Leader turned right to make an a
attack and I was forced under the fifth man in our flight. When I
recovered I couldn't see the flight but I saw 3 109as approximately
1500 feet above me at 27,000 feet heading north. I channeled up
trying to get into the sun and above them but
faileid. They continued on course and I trailed them for 10-15 minutes at
full power settings. I finally closed to approximately 1000 plus yards where
e/a all broke left staying in a Vee formation. I cut across and closed to
within firing range. The #3 man in enemy formation straightened out to right.
I leveled out after his and he broke left again. At 400-500 yards I fired a
long burst at approximately 60°. I allowed two rounds and pulled it
through. I saw a puff of white smoke from fuselage right after I stopped
firing. He continued in a diving turn to the left, jettisoned his canopy
and bailed out at approximately 10,000 feet. The other two had turned and
closed on my tail so I shoved everything forward and headed southeast toward
bomber track. They chased me for approximately five minutes then split-essed
away."

I Claim: One (1) Mi-109 destroyed.

J. 1st Lt. Louis W. Adams, Jr. 44-13063 LG-6 656 rds 50 Caliber.

[Signature]
LOUIS W. ADAMS, JR.,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

[Signature]
FRANCIS W. BARKLEY,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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Authority NND 745005
By: [Signed] NARA Date 3-11-11
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ENCOUNTER REPORT

1st Lt Louis W Adams, Jr
A. Combat
B. 7 July 1944
C. 77th Ftr Sq, 20th Ftr Gp
D. 0945-1015
E. Vic Gocherleben and Halle, Germany
F. Clear
G. ME 410 – FW 190
H. One (1) ME 410 dest
One (1) FW 190 dam

I. I was flying along with my element 10 r at
20,000 ft at approx 0945nr Halle when I noticed a Fw 190 about 2000
ft below. I immediately bounced him and came in from 700 behind
him and fired a two second burst from 400 yds. I saw strikes all
over him. He rolled over and split-s’d.

Some time later at 1015 I was escorting
my element 10 r at 16,000 ft nr Gocherleben when he called in a
bogie. I turned into it and recognized it as a ME 410 as it turned
into me. When he broke into a evidently reeled it in so hard that
his left wing snapped off before I had a chance to fire my guns.

It then summersaulted to the gnd. No chutes were seen.

Claim: One (1) ME 410 Dest
One (1) FW 190 Dam

J. Flying Plane LG-0 Serial No 42-67443
Ammo Expended: 640 rds of .50 Cal
150 rds of 20mm Cannon

/s/ Joseph H. Genest
JOSEPH H. GENEST
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

/s/ Louis W. Adams, Jr.
LOUIS W. ADAMS, JR.,
1st Lt., Air Corps

STATEMENT

I was flying Yellow 3 in the vic of Gocherleben on my way
out from tgt area. After calling in this ME 410 to my wingman I
covered him as he turned into it. I saw its left wing snap off. A
few seconds later part of the plane blew up.

A TRUE COPY:

/s/ Irwin W. Fernandez
IRWIN W. FERNANDEZ
1st Lt., Air Corps

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By, JGT NARA Date 5/11/44
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ENCOUNTER REPORT

LT LOUIS W. ADAMS, JR.

a. Combat
b. 29 July 1944
c. 77th Ftr Sq, 20th Ftr Grp
d. 1050
e. Vic of Gutersloh, Germany
f. 8/10 - 10/10 clouds
g. Me 109
h. Two (2) Me 109s Dest

I was flying Red 4 when my element ldr had to leave formation due to one tank not feeding. I pulled out with him and we proceeded out from Erfurt area letting down to cloud deck at approx 11,000 ft. Lt Moncrieff, Red 3, called and said to let down through overcast and look for A/F. We came out of overcast at approx in vic of Gutersloh. Immediately on breaking clear of clouds we saw 90° through a formation of 50 plus Me 109s proceeding in a NE direction. We passed completely through enemy formation without being noticed and made slight turn to left then climbing turn to right to base of overcast. I saw Lt Moncrieff, who I had lost momentarily in cloud, making pass on left side of rear of enemy formation. He was firing at one E/A which was trailing smoke when another hit or 4 Me 109s pulled in on him from approx five o'clock. The E/A was at approx 4,000 ft and I dove from 8,000 ft closing on ldr of formation rapidly. As I closed I saw E/A, Lt Moncrieff was firing at, go into grd in dive. I skidded across attempting to slow down and raked him with a two second burst from 100 yds observing strikes on left wing root. Pieces immediately began to fly off E/A and it fell off on left wing and went straight into grd, no chute seen.

I called Red 3 and warned him that four E/A were on his tail. He broke to the right and I cut wide coming up on Me 109 from six o'clock. I closed to approx 75 yds where I fired a two second burst. Pieces started flying from his rudder and ship started shallow dive to left. At this time enemy pilot bailed out of left side and plane crashed. Enemy chute opened just above grd.

Looking back I noticed approx 50 more E/A at four o'clock above. I broke right and approx 25 E/A began dive toward me. I pushed everything forward, pulling 65 inches and 300 KPH and after chase of 25-30 min E/A pulled away. All this time I was trying to fly a westerly course. Enemy A/C fired on me constantly but they never closed to sufficient range as self-exploding twenties were never close.

I claim: Two (2) Me-109s Dest.

J. Ser No of A/C: Markings of A/C: Ammo Expended:

/s/FRANCIS W. BARKLEY
FRANCIS W. BARKLEY
Captain, Air Corps
Intelligence Officer

/s/Louis W. Adams, Jr.
LOUIS W. ADAMS, JR.
Lt., Air Corps

DECLASSIFIED
Authority NND 745205
By LG NARA Date 3-11-11
a. Combat
b. 16 August 1944
c. 77th F/S, 20th F/G
d. 0945 - 1000
e. Northeim
f. Slightly hazy at 10000'
g. He 109
h. One (1) He 109 Dest

"I was flying Yellow 4 at 25000' when we sighted 20 plus E/A going 15000' to us. Ltr turned right to make an attack and I was forced under the fifth man in our FIt. When I recovered I couldn't see the FIt but I saw 3 loys approx 1500' above me at 27000' heading N. I chandelled up trying to get into the sun and above them but failed. They continued on course and I trailed them for 10-15 min at full power settings. I finally closed to approx 1000 plus yds where E/A all broke left staying in a Vee formation. I cut across and closed to within firing range. The #3 man in enemy formation straightened out to right. I leveled out after him and he broke left again. At 400-500 yds I fired a long burst at approx 600'. I allowed two rail lead and pulled it through. I saw a puff of white smoke from fuselage right after I stopped firing. He continued in a diving turn to the left, jettisoned his canopy and bailed out at approx 15000'. The other two had turned and closed on my tail so I shoved everything forward and headed SE toward bomber troup. They chased me for approx 5 min then split-cased away."

I claim: One (1) He 109 Dest

j. Ser No of A/O: 44-13063
A/O Markings: LC-L
Amos Exp: 656 rds 50 cal

/s/ Francis W. Barkley
FRANCIS W. BARKLEY,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

/s/ Louis W. Adams, Jr
LOUIS W. ADAMS, JR
1st Lt., Air Corps,

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/s/ Gerald F. Costello
GERALD F. COSTELLO,
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't A-2, 67FW.

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