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PILOT'S PERSONAL ENCOUNTER REPORT EIGHTH FIGHTER COMD.

1st Lt. Louis W. Adams, Jr.

HEADQUARTERS
REGISTRY No. 28503-C
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- 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 - FW4190.
- H. One (1) Me410 destroyed
One (1) FW4190 damaged

I.

"I was flying along with my element leader at 20,000 feet at approximately 0945 near Halle when I noticed a FW4190 about 2,000 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 ~~up~~ ^{in two}." D

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 reefed 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." P

Claim: One (1) Me410 destroyed.
One (1) FW4190 damaged.

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

(1) Dam air

(3) Dest air

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1st Lt., Air Corps.

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

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."

A TRUE COPY!

J. N.G.

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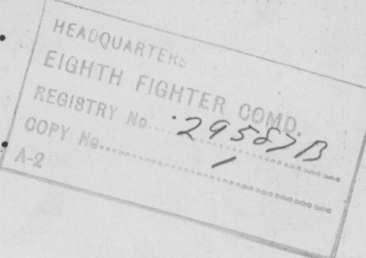
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- A. Combat.
- B. 29 July 1944.
- C. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group.
- D. 1050.
- E. Vicinity of Gutersloh, Germany.
- F. 8/10 - 10/10 Clouds.
- G. Me-109.
- H. Two (2) Me-109 Destroyed.
- I.



"I was flying Red 4 when my element leader had to leave formation due to one tank not feeding. I pulled out with him and we proceeded out from 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 Gutersloh. 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 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 flight of 4 Me-109s pulled in on him from approximately five o'clock. The e/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 e/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 e/a and it fell off on left wing and went straight into ground, 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 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.

Looking back I noticed approximately 50 more e/a at four o'clock above. I broke right and approximately 25 e/a began dive toward me. I pushed everything forward, pulling 65 inches and 3000 RPM and after chase of 25-30 minutes e/a pulled away. All this time I was trying to fly a westerly course. Enemy aircraft fired on me constantly but they never closed to sufficient range as self-exploding twenties were never close.

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

- J. Flying Plane LC-1 Serial No. 44-13655
- Ammo Expended 1015 rds of 50 Caliber.

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

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

HEADQUARTERS
EIGHTH FIGHTER COMD.
REGISTRY No. 402350
COPY No. 1
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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 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 109s approximately 1500 feet above me at 27,000 feet heading north. 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 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 him and he broke left again. At 400-500 yards I fired a long burst at approximately 60°. I allowed two radii 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 approximately 19,000 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) Me-109 destroyed.

J.

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44-13063

LC-L

656 rds 50 Caliber.

D Best air

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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 Oscherleben 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 ldr 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 70° 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 ldr at 16,000 ft nr Oscherleben 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 me evidently reefed it in so hard that his left wing snapped off before I had a chance to fire my guns. It then summersaulted to the grd. No chutes were seen.

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

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

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

/s/ Louis W. Adams, Jr.
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Major, Air Corps,
Ass't A-2, 67 LW

/s/ Irwin W. Fernandes,
IRWIN W. FERNANDES,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

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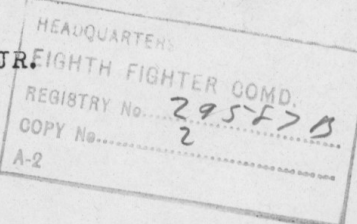
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I claim: Two (2) Me-109s Dest.

j. Ser No of A/C: 44-13655 Markings of A/C: AC-L Ammo Expended: 1015 rds 50cal

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

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

James H. Spillinger
JAMES H. SPILLINGER, Lt. Col. THE COPY.
Major, Air Corps,
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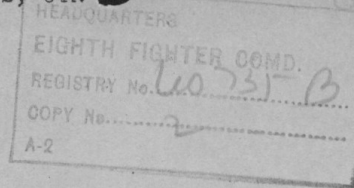
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I claim: One (1) Me 109 Dest

j. Ser No of A/C: 44-13063
A/C Markings: LC-L
Anno 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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Gerald F. Costello /w.s.
GERALD F. COSTELLO,
Captain, Air Corps,
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