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CONSOLIDATED ENCOUNTER REPORT

LTS RADER, BRUCKS, ALEXANDER

HEADQUARTERS
EIGHTH FIGHTER COMD.
REGISTRY No. <u>29993-A</u>
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- a. Combat
- b. 4 Aug 1944
- c. 77th Ftr Sq, 20th Ftr Gp
- d. 1525 - 1535
- e. Barth & Putnitz A/Fs in Germany
- f. 3/10 - 4/10 clouds at 10,000 ft, clear on deck.
- g. Ju 88s, He 111s, & Go 242s (on grd)
- h. One (1) Ju-88 Dam by Lt Rader.
- One (1) Ju-88 Dam by Lt Brucks.
- One (1) He-111 Dest by Lt Alexander.

i.

White Flt peeled off and strafed Putnitz A/F where 50 plus E/A were seen. Lt Alexander concentrated on one He-111 and gave it a 3 or 4 second burst as he made a 90° pass on it. As he stopped firing the plane burst in flames and exploded violently, debris from it hitting his plane as he flew through it. Smoke from the fire climbed as high as 2,000 ft.

Yellow Flt went in to strafe Barth A/F firing from 500 to 200 yds on T/E A/G believed to be Ju-88s. Lt Rader, leader and Lt Brucks, Yellow 3, each scored hits on two A/G.

Claims: One (1) Ju-88 Dam by Lt Rader.  
One (1) Ju-88 Dam by Lt Brucks.  
One (1) He-111 Dest by Lt Alexander.

j.	Ser No of A/C:	Markings of A/C:	Ammo Expended:
Lt Rader	44-13889	LC-E	49Ords 50cal.
Lt Brucks	43-25046	LC-Q	32Ords 50cal.
Lt Alexander	44-13746	LC-M	24Ords 50cal.

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

/s/Benjamin N. Rader  
BENJAMIN N. RADER,  
1st Lt., Air Corps.

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*Jess N. Gittinger*  
JESS N. GITTINGER,  
Major, Air Corps,  
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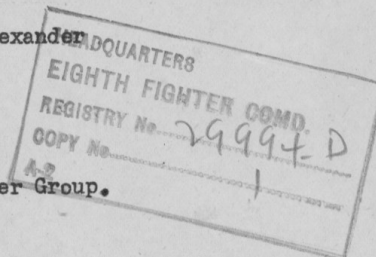
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PILOTS PERSONAL ENCOUNTER REPORT

1st Lt. Frederick H. Alexander

- 33
- A. Combat.
  - B. 6 August, 1944
  - C. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group.
  - D. 1220.
  - E. Vicinity of Belzig.
  - F. C.A.V.U.
  - G. Me 109s
  - H. 2 Me-109s destroyed.
  - I.



"I was flying Blue 2 in vicinity of Berlin when Blue leader called in 4 enemy aircraft crossing in front of us at 33000 feet. The flight started to turn but after 180° the No. 1 of enemy aircraft was firing on our No. 4. I tightened up my turn and closed in on their No. 4 man. Here the No. 3 & 4 man of the enemy flight broke away from their turn and started down.

(1) I followed but due to my engine cutting out I did not overtake them until we were on the deck at altitude of approximately 300 feet. I fired on the rear Me-109. I fired two short bursts and saw a flash underneath the fuselage of the enemy aircraft and it started trailing smoke. I was closing rapidly so I chopped my throttle and slid to the left to get in a shot on the lead aircraft. The aircraft I had fired on peeled off to the right and went into some trees. I fired a short burst at the lead enemy aircraft as I slid by to the left of him. I immediately set out after this enemy aircraft and chased him for approximately 5 minutes going full boost, firing short deflection bursts but never noticing any strikes. He was using violent evasive action at all times and I couldn't close to a short, no-deflection shot.

(2) At one time he turned sharply and we went into a lufberry at approximately 500 feet. He was out-turning me so I made a breakaway to the right. He made no attempt to follow me but headed the other way. As I came back at him he bellied his aircraft into an open field. I came back and made a 90° pass on the aircraft and as I passed over I saw pilot jump out of enemy aircraft and run to some near-by bushes. I made one more pass at enemy aircraft but as only two inside guns were firing I saw very few strikes on enemy aircraft, mostly on fuselage. A little smoke was coming from enemy aircraft when I pulled up and left."

I claim: 2 Me 109s destroyed.

- J. Flying Plane LC-K Serial No. 44-13748  
Ammo expended: 1032 rds of 50 Caliber.

*Frederick H. Alexander*  
FREDERICK H. ALEXANDER,  
1st Lieut., Air Corps.

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

(1) Dest air

(2) Dest air

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F. T'S PERSONAL ENCOUNTER REPORT

LTS. ALEXANDER, ADAMS, FLOWERS, GARNER, SNODGRASS, D. VAN SICKLE,  
CAPTAIN HERBERT

- A. Combat.
- B. 6 October 1944.
- C. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group.
- D. 1335.
- E. Bad Berg Dievenow Ost, Germany.
- F. Clear.
- G. AR 196 - Do 18 - He 111 & He 115.
- H. 1 AR 196 destroyed - Lt. Adams.  
1 DO 18 destroyed - Lt. Adams.  
1 AR 196 destroyed - Capt. Herbert.  
1 DO 18 destroyed - Lt. Garner.  
1 DO 18 destroyed - Lt. Alexander.  
1 He 115 destroyed - Lt. Alexander.  
3 He 111s destroyed - Lt. Alexander.  
2 DO 18s destroyed - Lt. Flowers.  
1 DO 18 destroyed - Lts. Garner, Flowers.  
1 DO 18 Destroyed - Lts. Snodgrass, D. Van Sickle.  
2 He 111s damaged - Lt. Alexander.  
1 DO 18 damaged - Lt. Dick Van Sickle.  
1 DO 18 damaged - Lt. Snodgrass.  
1 Do 18 damaged - Lt. Garner.

I. "We were escorting bombers at 25,000 feet at 1135 when 13 sea planes on the water and approximately 15 He 111s, well camouflaged on the field were spotted at Bad Berg Dievenow Ost, Germany.

Blue Flight went down for the attack and Yellow Flight followed. The planes on the lake were dispersed along its south, west, and northern sides.

Blue Flight's first pass was from south to north and 2 more passes were made in quick succession one from north to south and the other from south-east to north-west before Yellow Flight joined in. On these 3 passes many hits were scored on the planes and some were burning.

Yellow Flight made 2 passes, the first being from south-west to north-east firing on e/a at northern side of lake from approximately 300 yards and closing to zero range observing strikes on most of the planes. After this first pass Yellow Flight made a 360° to the right and came in on the planes on the south end of the lake from the same south-west to north-east direction. After this attack it turned right and strafed the planes at the northern end of the water again for a second time.

Blue and Yellow Flights were still strafing on the lake when Lt. Alexander continued on west from one of his passes, fired upon 2 He 111s parked near the control tower on the airfield. He scored many hits on these and claims same as damaged even though they may have burst into flames after he passed over them. He made 3 passes on a group of 3 He 111s noticing after the second pass that 2 of them were on fire. After pulling up from the fifth pass he saw that he had also set the third He 111 on fire. On all five of his passes Lt. Alexander opened up at 300 yards closing in to zero range as he fired 2-second bursts. During these attacks Lt. Alexander was fired upon from what seemed to be a single gun emplacement and his plane was hit in the wheel door.

After his attacks on the He 111s Lt. Alexander circled over the area at least 3 times to note the extent of damage and found out that all of the planes in the lake had been hit, some of them having a wing or tail section missing, some burning fiercely, others half sunken in the water."

Claims: *OK* (1) Ar-196 destroyed - Lt. Adams. ✓  
(1) Do-18 destroyed - Lt. Adams. ✓  
(1) Ar-196 destroyed - Capt. Herbert. ✓  
(1) Do-18 destroyed - Lt. Garner. ✓  
(1) Do-18 destroyed - Lt. Alexander. ✓

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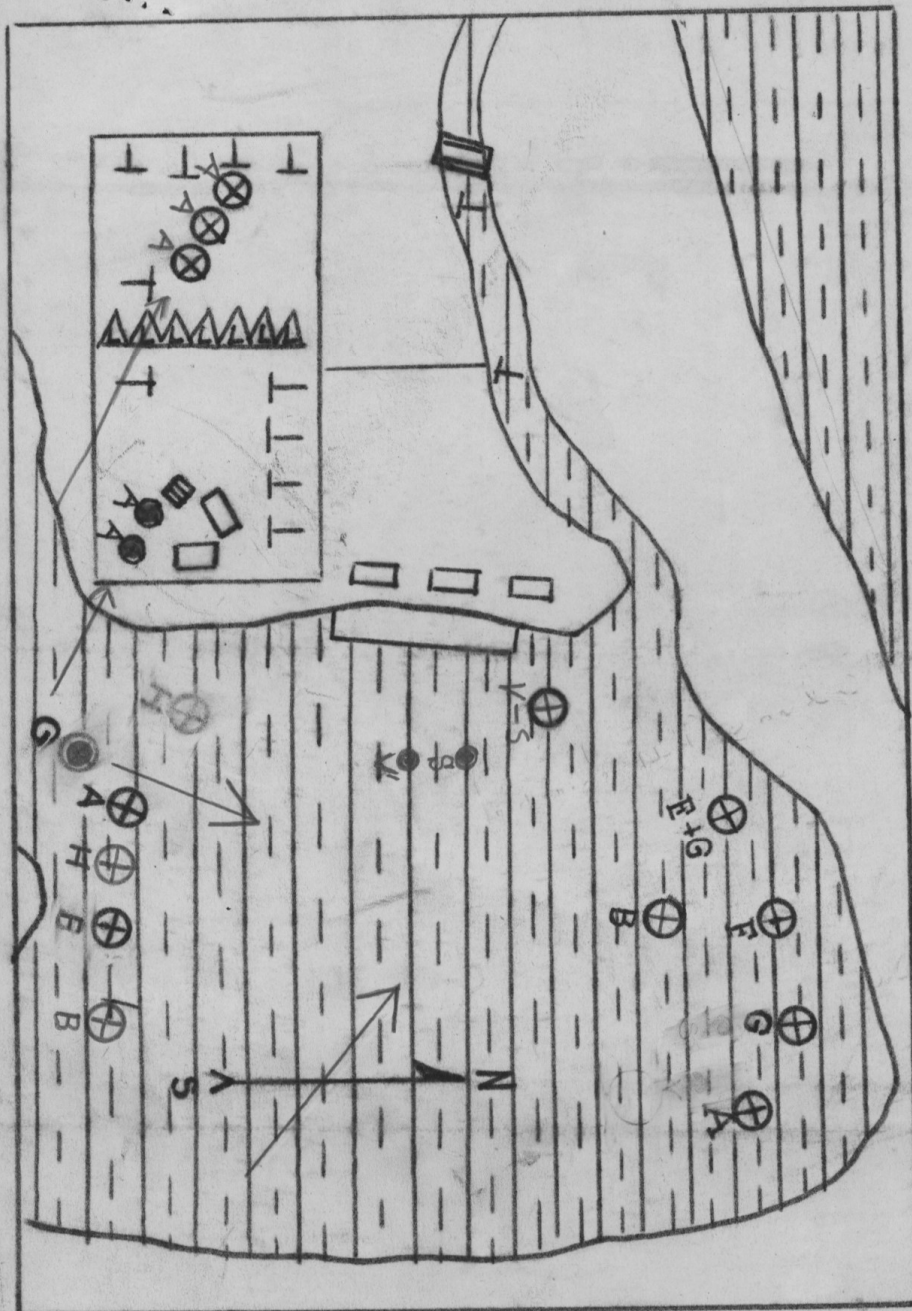
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Claims: One (1) HE-115 destroyed - Lt. Alexander. ✓  
 Three (3) HE-111s destroyed - Lt. Alexander. ✓  
 Two (2) DO-18s destroyed - Lt. Flowers. ✓  
 One (1) DO-18 destroyed - Lts. Garner, Flowers. ✓  
 One (1) DO-18 destroyed - Lts. Snodgrass, D. Van Sickle. ✓  
 Two (2) HE-111s damaged - Lt. Alexander. ✓  
 One (1) DO-18 damaged - Lt. Dick Van Sickle. ✓  
 One (1) DO-18 damaged - Lt. Snodgrass. ✓  
 One (1) DO-18 damaged - Lt. Garner. ✓

J.				
1st Lt. Frederick H. Alexander	44-13836	LC-H	1705	rds 50 Caliber.
1st Lt. Louis W. Adams, Jr.	44-14378	LC-A	900	rds 50 Caliber.
Captain James H. Herbert	44-13687	LC-B	570	rds 50 Caliber.
1st Lt. Dick Van Sickle	44-13748	LC-K	245	rds 50 Caliber.
2nd Lt. Frederick E. Snodgrass	44-13793	LC-C	450	rds 50 Caliber.
2nd Lt. Raymond R. Flowers	44-11154	LC-E	1200	rds 50 Caliber.
2nd Lt. James M. Garner	44-14136	LC-J	1422	rds 50 Caliber.

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A- LT. ALEXANDER  
 B- LT. ADAMS  
 F- LT. FLOWERS  
 G- LT. GARNER  
 H- CAPT. HERBERT  
 S- LT. SNODGRASS  
 V- LT. VAN SICKLE

● - DAMAGE  
 ⊕ - DESTROYED