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ENCOUNTER REPORT

Lt. ERNEST C. FIEBELKORN

a. Combat
b. 8 April 1944
c. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group
d. 1500

e. Salzwedel

f. Thick haze - ceiling unlimited
g. UI T/S, E/A - Ju-88

h. One (1) UI TE E/A Destroyed
Two (2) Ju-88s Damaged

1. I was flying number 2 in White Flight. We reached the location of attack at an altitude of 7,000 feet. White Leader led flight in attack on UI TE A/C flying at about 500-600 feet. On second pass I fired two second burst from 400 yards. Thought I saw strikes on wing of this A/C. The flight then went down on airfield near Salzwedel and on the first pass I opened fire on unidentified A/C at 800 yards firing a 4 second burst. A/C blew up as I passed over it. We pulled up and went into a gunnery pattern. On the next tow passes I fired several long bursts at two Ju-88s and saw strikes on both of them. We made two more passes on the field, but I was unable to set fire to the two A/C. We then hit the deck and came home.

I claim: One (1) UI TE E/A Destroyed.
Two (2) Ju-88s Damaged.

J. Flying Plane LC-0 Serial No. 42-07443

Ammunition Expended: 302 rds. of .50 cal.
30 rds. of 20mm cannon.

/s/ ERNEST C. FIEBELKORN

ERNEST C. FIEBELKORN,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,

/s/ JOSEPH S. GENEST

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

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GERALD F. COSTELLO,
Captain, Air Corps,

Asst A-2, 8FF7

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ENCOUNTER REPORT

CAPTAIN JAMES W. MORRIS

a. Combat
b. 30 April 1944
c. 77th Ftr Sq, 20th Ftr Gp
d. 1005
e. BFC W of Orleans
f. Clear
g. Me 410, Me 210 and He 177
h. One (1) Me 410 Destroyed by Lt Kuenmerle. One
   (1) Me 210 Destroyed by Lt Fiebelkorn, and One
   (1) He 177 Destroyed by Capt Morris. (on Grd)
   One (1) Flak Tower Damaged by Lt Kuenmerle, One
   (1) Control Tower damaged by Lt Reid, and One (1)
   Hangar damaged by Lt Fiebelkorn

i. "I was flying as Sq Ldr of Sq assigned to skip-
bombing at Tournay at 12,000 ft, after disposing of bombs, was
A/F below in vicinity of Orleans. I called in other Sq Ldr and
said that I was directly above airport, he was at 16,000 ft. I
made a 270° diving turn leveling off at 500 ft approx a mi from
the A/F. In the meantime other Sq gave top cover. I saw E/A in
hangar area lined up. I took extreme left plane, and told my
wingman to take the second from left. I told the second element
to take out all flak installations if any were observed. I opened
fire at approx 800 yds continuing fire until 50 yds. While firing
I observed strikes, explosions, and fire on E/A.

Wingman white No 2 opened fire at 800 yds observing hits
on his E/A and flame burst from wing roots. Continuing out across
the field white No 2 fired at a hangar, observing hits in many
sections of the hangar.

white No 3, observing no flak emplacements, shot up the con-
trol tower.

white No 4 took third plane from left opening fire from 1,000
yds closing to 100 yds and observing hits on wing roots and cock-
pit of E/A. After crossing field he fired at a flak tower at end
of A/F observing hits on structure. As he channeled off the field
to the right he looked back and saw all three (3) planes violently
burning. Columns of smoke rising from these A/F rose to an alti-
tude of from 6-7,000 ft."

Claims: One (1) He 177 Destroyed by Capt Morris. (on Grd)
   One (1) Me 410 Destroyed by Lt Kuenmerle (on Grd)
   One (1) Me 210 destroyed by Lt Fiebelkorn (on Grd)
   One (1) Control tower damaged by Lt Reid
   One (1) Flak tower damaged by Lt Kuenmerle
   One (1) Hangar damaged by Lt Fiebelkorn

j. Capt Morris flew plane LC-F, 42-6617, ammo Exp 237 rds 50 cal
   53 rds 20 mm
   Lt Reid flew plane LC-L, 42-67770, ammo Exp 276 rds 50 cal
   59 rds 20 mm
   Lt Fiebelkorn flew plane LC-R, 42-68086, ammo Exp 552 rds 50 cal
   4 rds 20 mm
   Lt Kuenmerle flew plane LC-H, 42-67787, ammo exp: 600 rds 50 cal
   12 rds 20 mm

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

/s/ James M. Morris,
JAMES M. MORRIS,
Captain, Air Corps

/s/ John W. Reid
JOHN W. REID,
1st Lieut., Air Corps

/s/ Ernest C. Fiebelkorn,
ERNST C. FIEBELKORN,
2nd Lieut., Air Corps

/s/ Walter F. Kummerle
WALTER F. KUMMERLE
1st Lieut., Air Corps

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JOSEPH R. GENEST

JESS N. GITTINGS
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't A-2, 67 F.

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A LT FIEBELKORN
B LT KUMMERLE
C LT FIEBELKORN
D CAPT MORRIS
E LT RIED
F LT KUMMERLE

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ENCOUNTER REPORT

LT ERNEST C. FIEBELKORN

b. 5 Aug 1944
c. 77th Ftr Sq, 20th Ftr Gp
d. 1205
e. Vic S of Hamburg
f. Clear
g. Me 109
h. One (1) Me 109 Dest

I was flying White 3 top sq when bandits were called in. I shot my tanks off and made a turn to the right. After about 90 degrees, the gas in my fuselage tank swapped ends and I spun out. I made two turns before I recovered, this was at 26,000 ft. As I pulled out about 5,000 ft below I saw a yellow-nosed F-51A after a Me 109. I immediately split S'd and caught the Me 109 at the deck. He started turning and I was behind him. Previously I had fired several deflection shots but observed no hits. After he straightened out I gave him a one-second burst and his tail came off and he went into the ground and exploded.

I claim one (1) Me 109 Dest.

Ser No of A/C: Markings of A/C: Ammo Expended:
44-13840  LC-9 1305 rds 50 cal.

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

/s/ Ernest C. Fiebelkorn
ERNEST C. FIEBELKORN,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

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JESS W. GITTINGER
Major, Air Corps,
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LST LT ERNEST C. FIEBELKORN

a. Combat
b. 23 September 1944
c. 77th F/S, 29th F/G
d. 1140 - 1300
e. 15 mi S of Magdeburg.
f. 6/10 cloud at 3000 to 5000'
g. Me 109s and Fw 190s
h. Three (3) Me 109 Dest, One (1) Fw 190 Dest and One (1) Me 109 Dam.

i. "I was leading Blue Flt escorting bombers at 25000' when my wingman called in some contrails at 3 o'clock high. I immediately started climbing in that direction and after reaching 28000', we drove in that direction. The contrails turned out to be 81's but from the direction they came from I saw 2 gaggles of about 30 apiece. I immediately went over there. We drove up behind the last formation and they were 109s. The 109s started a lurch and after 3 circles they lost their nerve and started breaking down and away. I then called my Flt and told them to grab one and take him home. I fired a 3-2 second bursts at one and on all bursts observed many hits in the cockpit and engine. This was at 50 yards, 20° - 30° deflection. The A/C flipped over to the left and went into a spin with pieces flying off of it. I watched it go down through a hole in the clouds still spinning lazily. I claim this A/C Dest.

I then got behind another 109 and from 100 yards 100° deflection, I fired a 3 second burst. I observed many hits in the wing, engine, and fuselage. The plane straightened out and the pilot bailed out. This was at 23000'. I claim this A/C Dest.

About 10000' below I saw a few 109s going down to the clouds. I rolled over and started down after them. I caught up with the last one just before a hole in the clouds and from 75 yards I observed hits in the wing and fuselage. He ducked into the clouds and I lost him. I claim this A/C Dam.

After coming out underneath the clouds I crossed an A/F with approx 75 S/E E/A perked in revetments and along the perimeter track. I started climbing out through a hole in the clouds and after I reached 10000' my wingman called and said he was down on the deck with a 109 and a 100. I asked him if he needed any help and he said no, but come down anyway. There were a lot of them on the deck. I came down through a hole in the clouds directly over an A/F at which approx 5 E/A were landing. I caught a 100 with his wheels down and gave him a couple bursts from 50 yards. He tipped over and crashed into the outskirts of a small town, after I had observed hits in the wing, engine, and fuselage. I claim this A/C Dest. As I pulled up from this last one I saw a 109 pull his wheels up and take off across the countryside. I dropped behind him at 25' altitude and 50 yards range, and since I only had 2 guns firing then, I gave him a 6 second burst. I observed hits in wing and fuselage and he skidded into the ground and blew up. I claim this A/C Dest. This A/D also had about 75 S/E A/C on it. I then climbed back to 26000' and came home."
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Encounter Report of 1st Lt Ernest C. Fiebelkorn, dtd 28 September 1944, Cont'd.

I claim: Three (3) Me 109s Dest
One (1) FW 190 Dest
One (1) Me 109 Dam

J. Ser No of A/C: 44-13637
A/C Markings: LC-G
Ammo Exp: 1224 rds 50 cal

/s/ Ernest C. Fiebelkorn

ERNEST C. FIEBELKORN,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

VERIFICATION OF CLAIM

"I was flying Blue #3 and saw my Flt Ldr, Lt Fiebelkorn shoot at his first Me 109. I saw smoke trailing from this plane and pieces fly off the tail as the Me 109 started into a flat spin at 25000'. At approx 20000' it was still smoking and spinning when I got my last look at it."

/s/ Francis W. Barkley

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

/s/ Paul J. McCully Jr.

PAUL J. MCCULLY, JR.,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

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/s/ Gerald F. Costello

GERALD F. COSTELLO, 1stLt
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't A-2, 67 FW.

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ENCOUNTER REPORT
1ST LT. ERNEST C. FIEBELKORN

A. Combat
B. 2 November 1944
C. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group
D. 1230-1300
E. North of Leipzig.
F. 10/10 from 3,500 to 5,000 feet.
G. Me-109s.
H. Three (3) Me-109s destroyed.
I. 

"I was leading Blue Flight on a bomber flanking mission to Merseburg. I was about 20 miles north of the target at 21,000 feet when I heard the group leader call in that e/a were attacking the bombers. I immediately turned in that direction and started climbing full throttle to that place. When I reached 26,000 feet I noticed a large formation of enemy fighters and turned into them. They immediately broke up and I split-essed after one of them. I fired at him when ever possible in a vertical dive until we reached the overcast. I entered the overcast and came out below the clouds a little to the side of him. He tried to pull out of his dive but wasn't able to make it. I claim this Me-109 destroyed.

As I straightened I noticed a Me-109 over on my left side. I flew over to him and he was in a landing pattern. I closed to 50 yards range and fired a short burst. The pilot bailed out and the ship nosed into the ground. I claim this Me-109 destroyed.

I then saw another Me-109 on my right and I slid over behind him and fired a burst at him. I observed strikes in the wings and fuselage and the Me-109 dove into the ground and exploded. I claim this Me-109 destroyed.

I then climbed up through the overcast and rejoined the squadron until my gas got low and I came home."

I Claim: Three (3) Me-109s destroyed.

J. 1st Lt. Ernest C. Fiebelkorn 44-11161 LC-W 974 rds 50 Caliber.

/s/ Joseph R. Genest,
/t/ JOSEPH R. GENEST,
Intelligence Officer.

/s/ Ernest C. Fiebelkorn,
/t/ 1st Lt., Air Corps.

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GERALD F. COSTILLO,
Major, Air Corps,
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ENCOUNTER REPORT
CAPT ERNEST C. FIEBELKORN

a. Combat
b. 6 Nov 1944
c. 77th Ftr Sq, 20th Ftr Gp
d. 1235-1245
e. Dunner Lake Area
f. 9/10 overcast at 4,000'
g. Me 262
h. One (1) Me 262 dest - shared with unknown pilot from 357th Ftr Gp.

"I was leading Yellow Flt in the vic of Dunner Lake when an Me 262 came down by flight. I immediately started after the jet and followed it in dive to near deck where jet leveled out. At this time there were quite a few other P-51s starting after the 262. The jet led us across an a/d in a gradual turn and I was cutting inside just within range when 2 P-51s from group believed to be 357th cut me out before I could fire. Jet pulled up into overcast but immediately came down again on its back and crashed into the gnd about 4-5 miles from the a/d."

I claim One (1) Me 262 dest - shared with unknown pilot from 357th Ftr Gp.

j. Ser # Of A/C: 44-11161
   A/C Markings: LC-1
   Arm Exp: None
   /s/ Ernest C. Fiebelkorn
   ERNEST C. FIEBELKORN
   Captain, Air Corps

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

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