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ENCOUNTER REPORT

Lt ERNEST C. FIEBELKORN

HEADQUARTERS

EIGHTH FIGHTER COMD.

REGISTRY No. 23532-A

QCPN No. 2

Ar2:

- a. Combat
- b. 8 April 1944
- c. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group
- d. 1600
- e. Salzwedel
- f. Thick Haze - ceiling unlimited
- g. UI T/E E/A - Ju-88
- h. One (1) UI TE E/A Destroyed  
Two (2) Ju-88s Damaged

i.

" 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 two 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-O 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 R. Genest

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

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*Gerald F. Costello, Jr.*  
GERALD F. COSTELLO,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
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CAPTAIN JAMES M. MORRIS

HEADQUARTERS
EIGHTH FIGHTER COMB
REGISTRY No. 24892-a
COPY No. 2
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- a. Combat
- b. 30 April 1944
- c. 77th Ftr Sq, 20th Ftr Gp
- d. 1005
- e. Bricy A/F N of Orleans
- f. Clear
- g. Me 410, Me 210 and He 177
- h. One (1) Me 410 Destroyed by Lt Kuemmerle. 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 Kuemmerle, 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 Tours. 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 he 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 from 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 control 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 cockpit of E/A. After crossing field he fired at a flak tower at end of A/F observing hits on structure. As he chandelled off the field to the right he looked back and saw all three (3) planes violently burning. Columns of smoke rising from these A/C rose to an altitude of from 6-7,000 ft."

Claims: One (1) He 177 Destroyed by Capt Morris (on Grd)  
One (1) Me 410 Destroyed by Lt Kuemmerle (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 Kuemmerle  
One (1) Hangar damaged by Lt Fiebelkorn

- j. Capt Morris flew plane LC-F, 42-68117, 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, 42-68026, Ammo Exp 552 rds 50 cal  
4 rds 20 mm  
Lt Kummerle flew plane LC-H, 42-67767, 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

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*Jess N. Gittinger*  
JESS N. GITTINGER  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Ass't A-2, 67 FA.

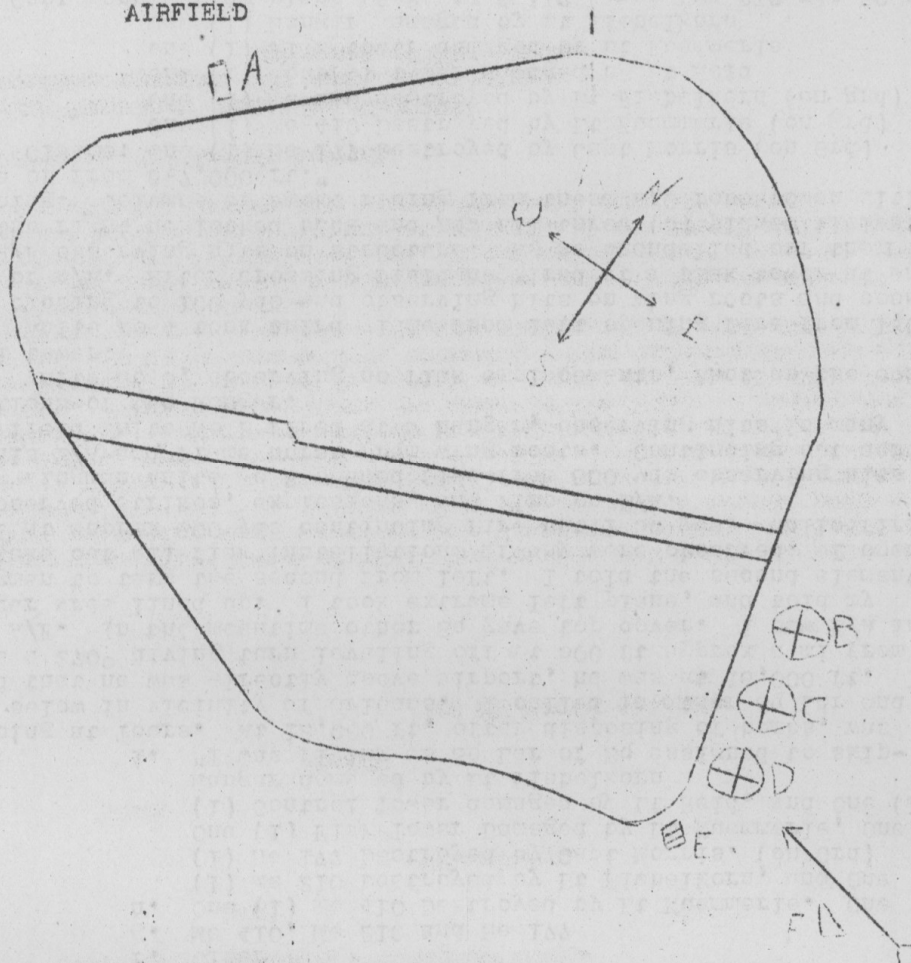
/s/ John W. Reid  
JOHN W. REID,  
1st Lieut., Air Corps

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

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

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AIRFIELD



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

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LT ERNEST C. FIEBELKORN

- a. Combat
- 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.

HEADQUARTERS
EIGHTH FIGHTER COMD.
REGISTRY No. <u>24990-A</u>
COPY No. <u>2</u>
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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°, 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 3 yellow nosed P-51s after a Me 109. I immediately split S'd and caught the Me 109 at the deck. He started turning and in one turn 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 grd and exploded.

I claim one (1) Me 109 Dest.

j. 

Ser No of A/C:	Markings of A/C:	Ammo Expended:
44-13840	LC-U	1305rds 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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Major, Air Corps,  
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1ST LT ERNEST C. FIEBELKORN

HEADQUARTERS
EIGHTH FIGHTER CMD.
REGISTRY No. <u>52202-A</u>
COPY No. <u>1</u>
A-2

- a. Combat
- b. 28 September 1944
- c. 77th F/S, 20th F/G
- d. 1140 - 1200
- 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 51's but from the direction they came from I saw 2 gaggles of about 35 apiece. I immediately went over there. We drove up behind the last formation and they were 109s. The 109s started a lufberry 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 yds, 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 yds 10° 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 28000'. 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 yds 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 parked 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 190. 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 190 with his wheels down and gave him a couple bursts from 50 yds. 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 in behind him at 25' altitude and 50 yds 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 28000'. 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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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 Liepzig.
- 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 over cast 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-N 974 rds 50 Caliber.

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

/s/ Ernest C. Fiebelkorn,  
/t/ ERNEST C. FIEBELKORN,  
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CAPT ERNEST C. FIEBELKORN

- a. Combat
- b. 8 Nov 1944
- c. 77th Ftr Sq, 20th Ftr Gp
- d. 1235-1245
- e. Dummer 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.

"I was leading Yellow Flt in the vic of Dummer 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 grd 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-N
- Ammo Exp: None

/s/ Ernest C. Fiebelkorn  
ERNEST C. FIEBELKORN  
Captain, Air Corps

/s/ Joseph R. Genest  
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