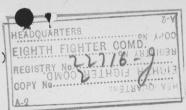
## ONFIDENTIAL SENCOUNTER REPORT

LT COL M. L. HUBBARD (MIA)



a. Combat

18 March 1944 b.

77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group C.

1350 - 1410 d.

Vicinity of Memmingen e.

5-8/10 clouds f.

g. Me 109

One (1) Me 109 Destroyed One (1) Me 109 Destroyed (Shared with It Clark) One (1) Me 109 Frobably Destroyed

it Col Pubbard was leading White Flight when at approximately 1345 a group of 15-20 E/A were sighted at 12 o'clock to bombers and a thousand feet above. White Flight was level with bombers at 23,000 feet. Lt Col Fubbard called in to drop tenks and to attack them. As white Flight approached several E/A half rolled and went down and White Flight followed. Lt Col Hubbard opened fire and strikes were observed all over a Me 109 from tail to nose and Me 109 went down in a gentle dive to left smoking. Flight pulled out at 10,000 feet and went on down to 5,000 feet in a falling leaf manoeuver. At this altitude Lt Col Hubbard and Lt Clark, his wing man, started after these two which split up and Col Hubbard and It Clark went after one that went to the right. Lt Col Hubbard pulled up astern of Me 109 and fired from 400-500 yards closing to 200 yards. Strikes seen on this E/A and it started smoking. Lt Clark finished this one off as it went down flaming from 4,000 feet. It Col Fubbard then said "Well, we got that one; now I see one over here, lets go get him." He turned on tail of Me 109 and at dead astern opened fire. Me 109 went off in gentle turn to left trailing black smoke at 1,000 feet with Lt Col Hubbard still on tail.

This was last that Lt Col Hubbard was seen by any member of White Flight.

I Claim for It Col Hubbard: The Will post One (1) Me 109 Destroyed (Confirmed by Lt David) One (1) Me 109 Destroyed (Shared with It Clark

and confirmed by Lt Clark) One (1) Me 109 Probably Destroyed

j. Ser No of A/C: 42-67708

A/C Markings: LC-V

Ammunition Expended: Unknown

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

(Confirmation on other side)

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## VERIFICATION OF CLAIM

I was flying White 3 in flight led by Lt Col Hubbard. In the vicinity of Memmingen he fired upon a Me 109 from 50 deflection. I saw hits all over the fuselage from teil to nose and all over the cockpit. The plane immediately started to smoke and went into a gentle turn to the left. I believe the pilot was killed and plane subsequently destroyed as it gave no evasive action. At this time I had to break into five Me 105s coming in on White Leader's tail and lost sight of above mentioned E/A.

/s/ Jack E. Davis
JACK E. DAVIS,
lst Lt., Air Corps.

## VERIFICATION OF CLAIM

I was flying White 2 on Lt Col Hubbard's wing. We came upon 9 Me 109s, 2 of which were attacking a F-38. We went after these 2, broke up the attack, and followed one which broke to the right, Lt Col Hubbard giving him several bursts. He then started smoking. After this I gave him 3 bursts at 600 yards closing to 250 yards.

After the last burst the Me 109 started burning. I believe that both Lt Col Hubbard and I shared in the destruction of this Me 109.

/s/ Alvin F. Clark
ALVIN F. CLARK,
2nd Lt., Air Corps.

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GERALD F. COSTELLO, Jus. Captain, Air Corps,
Asst A-2, 67 FW.

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b. 18 March 1944
c. 77th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group
d. 1410
e. Vicinity of Augsburg, Germany
f. Clear on deck
g. Me 109
h. Claim. 182,100 deck h. Claim: 1 Me 109 destroyed in addition to claims in attached Encounter Report all of which were confirmed in Report No. 18. i. After the encounters described in the attached Encounter Report, I hit the deck amd got dead astern of another Me 109. I fired about 200 rounds from 50 yards and watched the 109 as it hit the ground, bounced off with its right wing on fire and cartwheeled. A few minutes later my left engine blew up and caught on fire. I bailed out from 300 to 400 feet, was taken prisoner by the Germans soon after I reached the ground and was held as a prisoner until May 1945. Claim: 1 Me 109 Destroyed (Air) Additional j. Ser No of A/C: 42-67708 A/C Markings: LC-V Ammunition Expended: Unknown. Murta E. Hull MARK E. HUBBARD, Lt. Col., Air Corps, 20th Fighter Group. EDWARD J. STEINER, Major, Air Corps, Intelligence Officer. approved awa DECLASSIFIED Authority NND 745005 CONFIDENTIAL By JCT NARA Date 3-11-11