ENCOUNTER REPORT
1st Lieut. David (NMI) Stewart, 0-721554

a. Combat
b. 10 April 1945
c. 79th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group
d. 1445-1510
e. Werder A/F, Germany
f. 2/10 - 4/10 cloud at 7,000. Visibility excellent on deck
g. 2-Me 110; 2-Fw 190; 1-Me109; 1-Me 111
h. 2 Me 110 Destroyed; 2 Fw 190 Destroyed; 1 Me 109 Destroyed; 1 He 111 Destroyed.

1. I was flying White 3 and while strafing the A/D became separated from White Leader and made individual passes at the field.

The first pass was made from NE to SW on a He 111 on the north side of the A/D. I observed several strikes on plane and it burst into flame.

The second pass was made from SW to NE on a Me 109 on the west side of the field. The A/C exploded and burst into flame.

The third pass was made from NW to SE on two Me 110 on NW edge of field. Both A/C burst into flame after receiving several concentrated bursts. One of these A/C was claimed for me by F/O Jurgens as destroyed and was awarded as claimed by Victory Credits Board Report No. 6, dated 26 April 1945.

The fourth pass was made from NE to SW on a lone Me 110 just off the N edge of the A/D and two Fw 190 parked between two hangars on the NW side of the field. I observed several strikes on all three A/C and they burst into flame.

On the fourth pass my plane was hit by small arms fire and after losing my coolant the plane crashed and I was taken P/W. I returned to my organization on 8 May 1945.

I claim 2 Me 110, 2 Fw 190, 1 Me 109 and 1 He 111 as Destroyed.

J. Ser. No. of A/C: 44-13751
A/C Marking: MC-P
Ammo, Expended: Unknown

approver

DAVID (NMI) STEWART, 0-721554,
1st Lieut., Air Corps,
20th Fighter Group.
STATEMENT

While strafing an A/D my plane was hit by ground fire and I was forced to bail out. I landed on the edge of Werder A/D and observed P-51s of the 79th Squadron strafing the A/D. I noticed a lone P-51 making individual passes and observed five A/G that he had strafed burst into flames. The plane was hit by ground fire and when last sighted was smoking badly and was losing altitude.

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5 June 1945

SUBJECT: Claims of 1st Lieut. David (NMJ) Stewart, O-721554.

TO: Commanding Officer, 20th Fighter Group, APO 557,
AAF Station F-367, U. S. Army.

1. A supplemental encounter report was submitted by
Lieut. Stewart for A/C strafed and destroyed on Werder A/F on 10
April 1945. One (1) U/F/T was confirmed by Victory Credits Board
Report No. 6, dated 26 April 1945, as destroyed. In addition six
(6) A/C were claimed as destroyed in the supplemental encounter
report.

2. A total of six (6) A/C were confirmed by Victory
Credits Board Report No. 8, dated 29 May 1945, whereas, a total
of seven (7) were claimed. A member of the Victory Credits Board
has informed the Group that the supplemental encounter report was
misinterpreted and the Victory credits Board believed that the
pilot was only claiming a total of six (6) planes destroyed. The
total claims are as follows: 3 Me 110s, 2 Juw 190s, 1 Me 109 and
1 He 111.

3. The U/F/T claimed and confirmed as destroyed was
later identified as a Me 110 making a total of three (3) Me 110s
claimed.

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Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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HQ, 20th Fighter Group, AAF Station F-367, APO 557, U. S. Army, 5 June 1945.


1. It is requested that the Victory Credits Board reconsider the claims of
this pilot.