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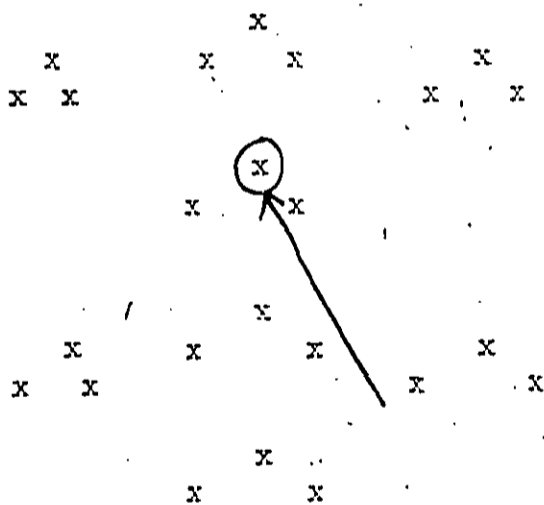
Group 458TH Squadron 752ND Date 15 AUG 44

A/C No. 179

1. Story of the Attack: AN ME 109 CAME IN HIGH AT FIVE O'CLOCK. A CONTINUAL BURST OF FIRE WAS STARTED WHEN HE WAS ABOUT 700 YDS. OUT WHICH LASTED UNTIL HE WAS ABOUT 200 YDS AWAY. TRACERS WERE SEEN TO HIT HIM, BY RW GUNNER. HE STARTED SOMKING ON HIS RIGHT SIDE BUT AS HE CONTINUED HIS FLIGHT RIGHT OVER OUR A/C HE COULD NOT BE FOLLOWED AND IT IS NOT KNOWN WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM.

(Include above how E/A attacked, how close he came; where he was hit; how he was damaged; and how he looked and acted going away. Also color, markings, or information of interest concerning e/a)

2. Diagram of attack - Show our A/C by encircling (x); show direction of attack by: ↗



COMBAT DATA:	
TIME	<u>1250</u>
PLACE	<u>MEPPEL AREA</u>
ALTITUDE	<u>20000</u>
E/A TYPE	<u>ME 109</u>
LEVEL OF ATTACK	
Above at	<u>5</u> o'clock
Level at	_____ o'clock
Low at	_____ o'clock

3. Witnessed by RWG

4. Also hit by: _____

5. Credit Desired For: _____ Position UTG

Rank T/SGT Name N. E. DEWIRE ASN 12178775

Home Address 28 MAIN ST. City BLOOMSBURY, N. J.

6. Comments by Interrogating Officer:

Credit Suggested: () No claim (X) Damaged () Probable () Destroyed

Interrogating Officer _____

JOHN H. DAVIS,
CAPT. AC,

*Downed
7-10*

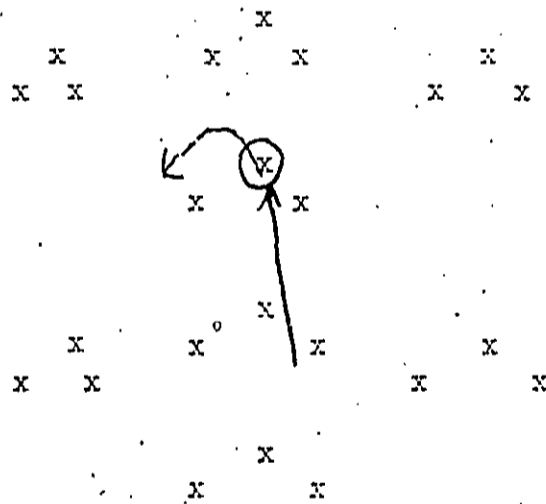
Group 458TH Squadron 752ND Date 15 AUG 44

A/C No. 179

1. Story of the Attack: AN ME 109 CAME IN HIGH AT SIX O'CLOCK.
AT 1500 YDS A SHORT BURST WAS FIRED BUT NO HITS CLAIMED. AT 1000
YEDS. ANOTHER BURST WAS FIRED BUT HE CONTINUED TO PRESS HIS ATTACK
HITS WERE OBSERVED AT 600 YEDS WHEN HE TURNED HIS BELLY UP AND
VEERED OFF TO THE LEFT. AT THIS TIME ABOUT TEN ROUNDS WERE
FIRED AND BURSTS WERE SEEN TO GO IN HIS WING AND BELLY ABOUT THE
MIDDLE SECTION. HE STARTED SMOKING AND WENT OFF TO HIS LEFT AND
STRAIGHT DOWN. I FOLLOWED HIM DOWN UNTIL HE WENT IN A CLOUD SEVERAL
THOUSAND FEET BELOW.

(Include above how E/A attacked, how close he came; where he was hit; how he was damaged; and how he looked and acted going away. Also color, markings, or information of interest concerning e/a)

2. Diagram of attack - Show our A/C by encircling (x); show direction of attack by: ↗



COMBAT DATA:	
TIME	<u>1252</u>
PLACE	<u>MEPPEL AREA</u>
ALTITUDE	<u>20000</u>
E/A TYPE	<u>ME 109</u>
LEVEL OF ATTACK	
Above at	<u>6</u> o'clock
Level at	_____ o'clock
Low at	_____ o'clock

3. Witnessed by R. W. G.

4. Also hit by: _____

5. Credit Desired For: _____ Position TAIL GUNNER

Rank T/S Full Name MATHEW W. MEYER ASST 32795052

Home Address 5744 59TH ST. City MASPETH, N. Y.

6. Comments by Interrogating Officer:

Credit Suggested: () No claim () Damaged () Probable () Destroyed

Damaged

Interrogating Officer JOHN H. DAVIS,
CAPT. S-2

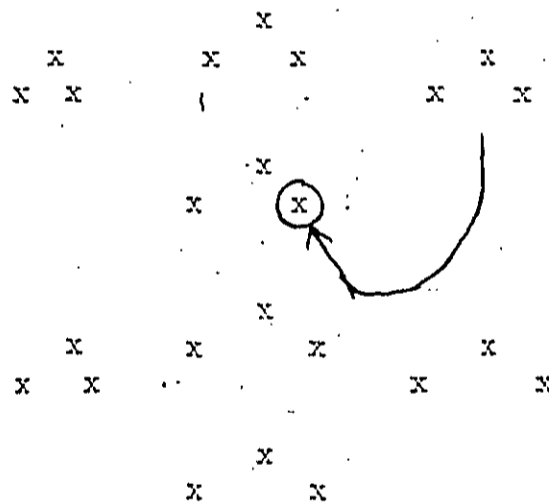
Group 458TH Squadron 754TH Date 15 AUG 44

A/C No. 408

1. Story of the Attack: ~~TOP TURRET GUNNER FIRED AT ME 109 THAT HAD PEELED OFF FROM ATTACK OF HIGH RIGHT ELEMENT AT REAR ABOUT 5 O'CLOCK. SAW SMOKE COMING FROM THIS A/C AFTER FIRING ABOUT 600 ROUNDS AT IT. A/C WENT DOWN OUT OF SIGHT STILL SMOKING.~~

(Include above how E/A attacked, how close he came; where he was hit; how he was damaged; and how he looked and acted going away. Also color, markings, or information of interest concerning e/a)

2. Diagram of attack - Show our A/C by encircling (x); show direction of attack by: ↗



COMBAT DATA:	
TIME	<u>1255</u>
PLACE	<u>5248-0615</u>
ALTITUDE	<u>20000</u>
E/A TYPE	<u>ME 109</u>
LEVEL OF ATTACK	
Above at	<u>5</u> o'clock
Level at	<u>5</u> o'clock
Low at	<u> </u> o'clock

3. Witnessed by S/SGT R. L. MORGAN

4. Also hit by: _____

5. Credit Desired For: _____ Position TOP TURRET

Rank S/SGT Name BRECKENRIDGE JONES ASI 14041910

Home Address WASHINGTON ST. City MARION, ALABAMA

6. Comments by Interrogating Officer:

Credit Suggested: () No claim () Damaged (x) Probable () Destroyed

Interrogating Officer _____

R. J. SULLIVAN,
CAPT. AC,

*Downed
A/C*

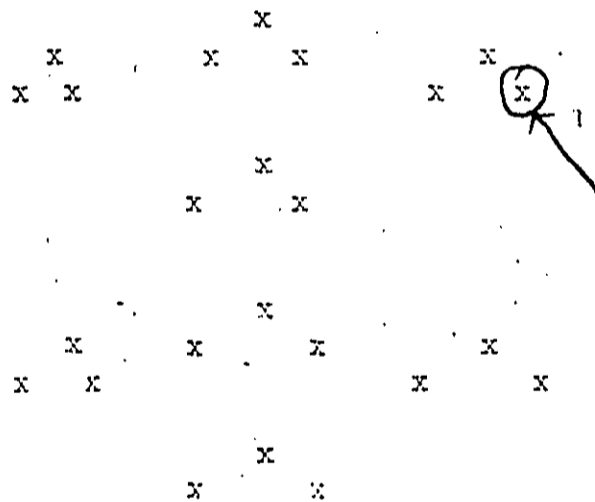
Group 458TH Squadron 753RD Date 15 AUG 44

A/C No. 201

1. Story of the attack: AN ME 109 CAME IN HIGHX ABOUT 5 O'CLOCK,
CLOSED TO ABOUT 300 YARDS. SGT. TERRY IN RIGHT WAIST FIRED ABOUT
100 ROUNDS.—E/A WENT INTO A VERTICAL DIVE AND HIT GROUND. IT
WAS OUT OF CONTROL AND LOOKED AS IF PILOT HAD BEEN KILLED. LT.
WYMAN AND SGT. TERRY BOTH SAW E/A HIT THE GROUND.

(Include above how E/A attacked, how close he came; where he was hit; how he was damaged; and how he looked and acted going away. Also color, markings, or information of interest concerning e/a)

2. Diagram of attack - Show our A/C by encircling (x); show direction of attack by: ↗



COMBAT DATE:	<u>1251</u>
TIME	<u>5245-0618</u>
PLACE	<u>20000</u>
ALTITUDE	_____
E/A TYPE	<u>ME 109</u>
LEVEL OF ATTACK	
Above at	_____ o'clock
Level at	_____ o'clock
Low at	_____ o'clock

3. Witnessed by LT. WYMAN

4. also hit by: _____

5. Credit Desired For: _____ Position RWG

Rank S/SQT Full Name ORVILLE R. TERRY ASST 18098622

Home Address BOX 33 City WHITEHOUSE, TEXAS

6. Comments by Interrogating Officer:
SURE THING!

Credit Suggested: () No claim () Damaged () Probable () Destroyed

Interrogating Officer J. SULLIVAN,
CAPT. AC,

*Dusty
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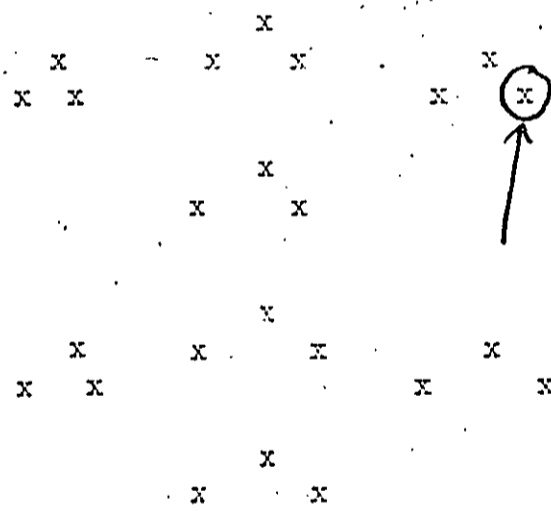
Group 458TH Squadron 753RD Date 15 AUG 44

A/C No. 201

1. Story of the attack: ME 109 WAS ATTACKING B-24 IN HIGH RIGHT SECTION FROM UNDERNEATH. IN BREAKING OFF, THIS E/A ROLLED OVER AND STALLED OUT IN SPLIT S MANOEUVER IN POSITION OF 6 O'CLOCK HIGH. TOP TURRET HAD CHANCE TO FIRE 50 ROUNDS WHILE E/A PRACTICALLY HUNG THERE RIGHT OVER HIS TAIL. E/A STARTED TO SMOKE, WENT DOWN AND WAS WITNESSED BY SGT. FRENZ IN THE WAIST TO BE ENVELOPED IN FLAMES. SGT. FRENZ COULD NOT WATCH IT GO ALL THE WAY DOWN BECAUSE HIS ATTENTION WAS DISTRACTED BY OTHER E/A IN VICINITY. SGT JOERGER WHO FIRED AT E/A COULD NOT WATCH IT ALL THE WAY DOWN AS HE WAS IN TURRET AND COULD NOT DESERT HIS PLACE OF DUTY FOR THAT PURPOSE.

(Include above how E/A attacked, how close he came; where he was hit; how he was damaged; and how he looked and acted going away. Also color, markings, or information of interest concerning e/a)

2. Diagram of attack - Show our A/C by encircling (x); show direction of attack by: ↗



COMBAT DATA:
TIME <u>1250</u>
PLACE <u>5245-0618</u>
ALTITUDE <u>20000</u>
E/A TYPE <u>ME 109</u>
LEVEL OF ATTACK
Above at <u>6</u> o'clock
Level at _____ o'clock
Low at _____ o'clock

3. Witnessed by SGT. FRENZ

4. Also hit by: _____

5. Credit Desired For: _____ Position UTG

Rank T/SGT Full Name CHARLES C. JOERGER ASST 32439996

Home Address 6953 ALDERTON ST. City FOREST HILLS, L.I. N.Y.

6. Comments by Interrogating Officer:
I BELIEVE THAT THIS A/C WAS DESTROYED.

Credit Suggested: () No claim () Damaged () Probable Destroyed

Interrogating Officer
R. J. SULLIVAN,
CAPT. AC,

*Destroyed
7-4*

COMBAT FORM

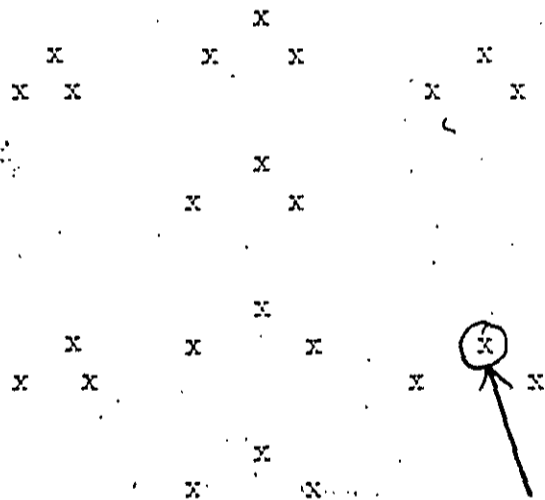
Group 458TH Squadron 755TH Date 15 AUG 44

A/C No. 120

1. Story of the Attack: 4 ME 109'S CIRCLED FORMATION AT 2000 YDS--
ONLY ONE ATTACKED--CAME IN FROM SIX O'CLOCK HIGH--TAIL TURRET
OPENED FIRE AT ABOUT 1000 YDS, FIRED 40-50 ROUNDS --E/A CONTINUED
TO ABOUT 600 YDS, BROKE OFF UPWARDS, LOST CONTROL, WENT INTO A
SPIN--LEFT VIA 1ST WATCHED E/A HIT GROUND AND EXPLODE. E/A WAS
FIRING AT TWO A/C BELOW THIS ONE. NO ONE ELSE WAS OBSERVED TO
FIRED ON THIS A/C. E/A WAS DARK BROWN MOTTLED.

(Include above how E/a attacked, how close he came; where he was hit; how he was damaged; and how he looked and acted going away. Also color, markings, or information of interest concerning e/a)

2. Diagram of attack - Show our A/C by encircling (x); show direction of attack by: ↗



COMBAT DATA:	
TIME	<u>1300</u>
PLACE	<u>5245-0600</u>
ALTITUDE	<u>19000</u>
E/A TYPE	<u>ME 109</u>
LEVEL OF ATTACK:	
Above at	<u>6</u> o'clock
Level at	_____ o'clock
Low at	_____ o'clock

3. Witnessed by LWG, REA, HARRY A. S/SGT

4. Also hit by: NO ONE

5. Credit Desired For: _____ Position TAIL TURRET

Rank S/SGT Name FRIESEN, DONALD I. ASY 37475117

Home Address _____ City HENDERSON, NEBR.

6. Comments by Interrogating Officer:

**INTERROGATING OFFICER HAS NO DOUBT THAT THIS IS A DESTROYED--
FULL CREDIT SHOULD BE GIVEN.**

Credit Suggested: () No claim () Doubtful () Probable (X) Destroyed

Interrogating Officer

W. F. BYESS,
1ST LT. AC,

*Destroyed
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