

INTELLIGENCE

FIGHTER COMMAND COMBAT REPORT.

To:-

10 Group Intelligence.

From:-

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(A) Sector Serial No RC1(B) Serial No. of Order detailing Flight or Squadron to patrol RC3 + RC5(C) Date 1st. March 1941.(D) Flight A Squadron 263(E) Number of Enemy Aircraft One(F) Type of Enemy Aircraft JU. 88(G) Time attack was delivered 1105(H) Place attack was delivered 20 miles South of the Scillies.(J) Height of Enemy 13000 feet(K) Enemy Casualties One JU 88 damaged by Yellow 2. Yellow 1 makes no claim.(L) Our Casualties—Aircraft Nil(M) “ “ - Personnel Nil(N) (i) Searchlights (Did they illuminate enemy ; if not, were they in front or behind enemy?) N/A(ii) Anti-aircraft guns (Did shell bursts assist pilot in intercepting the enemy ?) N/A(P) Range at which fire was opened in each attack on the enemy, together with estimated length of burst Yellow 1. 7 rounds at 500 yards. Guns jammed.(R) GENERAL REPORT:— Yellow 2. 300 closing to 200 yards. Four bursts of about 1 second each.

Yellow 1 and 2 took off from Mulion at 1054. When approximately 20 at 13500 feet miles South of Land's End they were informed by the Controller that E/A was 25 miles South traveling in a Westerly direction at 13000 feet. A Vector of 280 was given and after about 2 minutes on this course E/A was sighted 20 miles ahead and 60 to Port. Yellow 1 and 2 "gated": A.S.I. 300/320. When they were about 6 miles away E/A saw them and, judging by the amount of black smoke coming from the exhaust, used full throttle. Closing speed was 45/50 M.P.H. When they were within a mile E/A put its nose down slightly towards a big bank of cloud some 4000 feet below. The cloud top was 7000/8000 feet: cloud 6/10. Cloud base was 4000 feet. Yellow 1 approached from Port quarter slightly

R.A.F. Form 1151.

below, and Yellow 2 from Starboard quarter slightly above. Yellow 1 opened fire at 500 yards as E/A was getting very close to cloud cover. After firing 7 rounds all guns jammed. Yellow 1, however, remained in position and drew the fire of the E/A which was heavy and thought to be cannon coming from the top rear position. The fire was accurate as to direction but had too much elevation. Meanwhile, Yellow 2 closed to 300 yards and opened fire. He fired four short bursts; the last ~~1st~~ burst at 200 yards as E/A was entering cloud. Hits were seen just to the rear of the canopy, small puffs of smoke being seen on the fuselage. The rear gunner was not seen to fire after the third burst. E/A dropped right wing violently and entered cloud in a steep right hand turn. Yellow 1 remained above cloud while Yellow 2 searched below cloud, but nothing could be seen.

No cine camera gun was carried.

Yellow 2 P/O H.H. Kitchener D.F.M. 7 rounds.

Yellow 2 P/O P.G. Thornton-Brown 126 rounds.

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