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ST EVAL NR NIL SECRET IMMEDIATE NOT WT
PASS TO SELF GR NIL

TO 10 GROUP
FROM ST EVAL FIGHTER SECTOR

INTELLIGENCE COMBAT REPORT.

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A... UI
B... 19,28.
C... 13/1/41
D... "A" Flight 263 SQUADRON.
E... ONE
F... HEINKEL III
G... 1105
H... 20 MILES S. OF SCILLIES,
J... 21,000 FEET.
K... NOT ASCERTAINED.
L... NIL
M... NIL
N... (I) N/A (II) N/A.
R... 2A/C PINK 263 WERE ON PATROL AT 19000 FEET APPROXIIMELY 20 MILES SOUTH OF
LANDS END WHEN THEY SIGHTED AN HE III 8 OR 10 MILES AHEAD OF THEM AT 21000
FEET - FLYING NW AND GAVE CHASE. SOUTH OF THE SCILLIES PINK 2 FOUND HIMSELF
SHORT OF PETROL ACCORDING TO HIS PETROL GAUGE AND OPENED FIRE FROM ASTERN AT
700 YARDS CLOSING TO 300 YARDS FIRING A SIX SECOND BURST. THE E/A TOOK
VIOLENT EVASIVE ACTION BUT DID NOT OPEN FIRE. PINK 1's PETROL WAS ALSO
RUNNING LOW AND HE FIRED A SHORT BURST FROM ABEAM FOLLOWED BY 3 SHORT BURSTS
ASTERN AT 600 TO 500 YARDS RANGE. E/A WHICH HAD BEEN DIVING NOW ENTERED A
PATCH OF CLOUD AT 5000 FEET, GOING SOUTH. TOWARDS THE LATTER END OF THE
ENGAGEMENT ONE OF E/A'S REAR GUNS FIRED TRACER INEFFECTIVELY. NEITHER PILOT
OBSERVED ANY EFFECT FROM THEIR FIRE THOUGH PINK 2 CLAIMS THAT E/A SLOWED
DOWN AS A RESULT OF HIS ATTACK.
THE CAMAUFLAGE WAS NORMAL. R/T WAS GOOD; THOUGH PINK 1 WAS AT ONE POINT
SOUTH OF THE SCILLIES OUT OF R/T TOUCH,
NO CINE GUNS WERE CARRIED.

THE FOLLOWING FIGURES WERE SUPPLIED AS TO THE PETROL CONSUMPTION OF PINK 1
AND PINK 2 ...

PINK 1PORT ENGINE.....	41 GALLONS
STARBOARD ENGINE...	41 GALLONS
PINK 2PORT ENGINE	43 GALLONS
STARBOARD ENGINE...	45 GALLONS,

FROM THESE FIGURES IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE PETROL SUPPLY WAS NOT AS
LOW AS THE PILOTS THOUGHT FROM THEIR READINGS OF THEIR PETROL GAUGES.

IT IS WORTH OF NOTE THAT THE A/C INTERCEPTED WAS A HEINKEL III, AN A/C
NOT USUALLY ENGAGED IN MISSIONS SOUTH OF THE SCILLIES AS FAR AS THE
EXPERIENCE IN THIS SECTOR GOES,

PINK 1.....P/O THORNTON-BROWN.....
4-2 SECS. 800-500 YARDS.... 179 ROUNDS

PINK 2.....P/O KITCHENER

1- 6 SECS. 200-300 YARDS	182 ROUNDS
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T. T. O. ST EVAL 1024
T.O. L. ST EVAL 1145
T.O.O. 1645)

G. KRIKORIAN F/O.
INTELLIGENCE OFFICER; 234 SQUADRON,
FOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, 263 SQUADRON.

R.E.P. B
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