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AI/2/26/NOV

COMPOSITE RAMROD 108 REPORT

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(A) 263 AND 610 (B) (1) 8 WHIRLIBOMBERS 16X800X500 LBS
(2) 11 SPITS VB LR ~~TANKDXXXXTANDXXXXTANKS~~
(C) (1) 1157 - 1245 (2) 1152 - 1249 (D) RAMROD 108 (E) 1221
(F) NIL (G) NIL

GENERAL

===== SET COURSE 1202 CROSSED FRENCH COAST QUERQUEVILLE AT
12,000 FT ~~CLLXXX~~CLOUD 9/10 AT 2-6000 FT WITH COMULUS BUILDING
UP. BOMBED THROUGHT GAP IN CLOUDS FROM SE TO NW DIVING FROM
12-7000 FT BREAKING TO PORT. ESCORT ORBITTED AT 14000 FT TO
NW OF TARGET. AT LEAST 8 BOMB BURSTS SEEN WITHIN 300 YDS OF
TARGET SOME ON BUILDINGS ON SE AND SW SIDE OF NO 5 DOCK. FLAK
WAS HEAVY MEDIUM INTENSE AND ACCURATE COMMENCING WHEN CROSSING
IN AT QUERQUEVILLE AND FOLLOWED OUR A/C WHILE IN BOMBING DIVE
CONTINUING DOWN TO 4,000 FT ONE A/C WAS HIT IN PERSPEX. ESCORT
JOINED UP WITH WHIRLIBOMBERS AS THEY DIVED OUT THROUGH 7/10
CLOUD AND GAVE EXCELLENT PROTECTION THROUGHOUT. BT 1400A
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Baker✓
Barr✓
Snalam✓
Williams✓
Ross✓
Unwin✓
Tebbitt✓
Todd✓

~~CC CULUMUS~~

~~CC WA GAP THROUG H XXX THROUGH~~

~~CC UP 5 DOCK NO~~ *P. 1429 JW*

SURFAT REPORT 263 SQUADRON

RAMROD 108 26/11/1943

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*See previous
Report*

1. (a) 263/25
(b) 26/11/1943
(c) 8 Whirlibombers
(d) 263
2. (a) 310° at 20 m.p.h.
(b) 9/10ths at 2 - 6,000 ft.
(c) Very good
(d) N/A
(e) Daylight
3. (a) 1221
(b) No: 5 Dry Dock Bassin Napoleon, Cherbourg.
(c) M/V Munsterland, 6,500 tons in dry dock.
(d) Attacks varying between S. to N. and S.E. to N.W.
(e) N/A
4. (a) 13
(b) 500 lbs. M.C.
(c) Instantaneous
(d) [Illegible]
(e) N/A
5. (a) Eight.
(b) All within 300 yds. of target, some being seen on buildings immediately S.E and S.W. of dry dock No: 5.
6. None. Escort of 11 Spitfires CB provided by 610 Sqdn.
7. None.
8. (a) Accurate results could not be seen.
(b) Nil.
9. N/A
10. 8 Whirlibombers took off 1157 and sec course with 11 Spitfires VB of 610 Sqdn. as escort at 1200 hrs. The bombers climbed to 12,500 ft. crossing the French coast at that height over Querqueville; the cloud was 9/10ths at 2 - 6,000 ft over the French coast. Accurate heavy flak was immediately encountered [Illegible] behind our A/C. [Illegible] was carried out through a gap in the clouds, our A/C diving from 12,500 - 7,000 ft to release their bombs. 3 bombs hung up but [Illegible] and at least 3 were seen to fall within 300 yds. of the M/V Munsterland, some being seen to hit buildings to the S.E and S.W. side of Dry Dock No:5. Our A/C then broke to port and dived out over the coast. Flak was experienced, following the A/C down in their bombing dive. 1 A/C was hit on the perspex windscreen; inaccurate flak followed the bombers as they dived out to sea. Escort orbitted at 14,000 ft. just N.W. of the target and joined up with the bombers as they dived out though 7/10 cloud. They gave excellent protection throughout the operation. 8 Whirlibombers landed at base at 1245 hrs.
11. No.

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