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Form "F"

COMBAT REPORT

Sector Serial No. (A) _____

Serial No. of Order detailing Flight or Squadron to Patrol (B) _____

Date (C) 15/8/46

Flight, Squadron (D) 41 A R. [unclear] Sqdn. [unclear]

Number of Enemy Aircraft (E) 90

Type of Enemy Aircraft (F) He III Me 109 Ju 88

Time Attack was delivered (G) 1307

Place Attack was delivered (H) Bishop Auckland

Height of Enemy (J) 13000ft

Enemy Casualties (K) 2 He 110 cat 1
2 Ju 88 cat 2
1 He 110 cat 3.

Our Casualties Aircraft (L) Me 1 damaged

Personnel (M) Nil

GENERAL REPORT (N) (N) Searchlights

N(1) Did they illuminate enemy. If not were they in front or behind the target? N.A.

N(11) A.A.Guns. Did shell burst assist in intercepting enemy? yellow 1 saw shell bursts and looking ahead of them saw e/a

A shell burst were well behind e/a

R, General Report. Yellow 1 was leading Squadron.

When he sighted e/a they were in a mass arrow head formation of 50 bombers, massed in the arrow head escorted by 40 fighters 500 yds astern and 400 ft above. Yellow 1 detailed Green Section & later Blue Section to attack escort fighters to let Yellow & Red sections get at bombers.

Although this was done escort fighters maintained formation & Red & Yellow were forced to carry out a dummy attack from the beam. (only 3 a/c fired very short bursts). Yellow 1

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away underneath ^{cutting} slumbered behind main formation of fighters. Went in to attack Margie of 3 e/a. and ~~from~~ on formation split up and a dog fight ensued with the escort fighters & a few stragglers from the bombers.

weather conditions 8/10 cloud at 3500 5000 ft. Haze up to 12000 ft. Visibility above haze 30 miles in haze 4 miles.

Bombers maintained formation apart from rear guard. Fighters. Fighters made an attempt to attack one up on dummy attack, and even when ~~attacking~~ attacked from ahead only a few actually attacked attempted to engage one up.

Usual camouflage, black crosses very distinct. Yellow 1 had 1 reported case causing stoppage in No 3 ~~air~~ board gun.

Yellow 1 states that when he fired at first Me 110 e/a dropped a large object which he thinks was a bomb. This points to Me 110 being a Me Jagier. No other confirmation of this. All pilots report of fact and used 12 lbs boost to catch them.

Yellow 1 P/O Bennion

2 F/Lt Rydals

3. P/Oborough - Ryan

4. P/O Covert

Red 1 P/O Mackenzie

2 Sgt Ford

3 P/O Lock.

Blue 1 P/O Lovell

2 Sgt Howell

3 P/O Longley

Green 1 P/O Shipman

2 P/O Walker

3 Sgt Umas