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PERSONAL COMBAT REPORT

From: R.A.F. Station, Hurn

To: A.D.G.B. (2). HQ.1 1, Group. (2). Middle Wallop.
Sopley.

- A. 22/23rd. June, 1944
- B. 125 (Newfoundland) Squadron.
- C. 1 Mosquito XV11. Mk. 10 A.I.
- D. Approx. 23.15 hrs. 23.30 hrs. 23.45 hrs
- E. Areas of all combats between Fecamp and Le Havre
- F. Haze up to 6,000 it. - vis above excellent.
- G&H Nil.
- J. 3 Ju.88's destroyed.

Pilot:- F/O W.J.Grey.

Navigator:- F/O A. Millar.

GENERAL:-

1 Mosquito XV11 Mk. 10 A.I. left Hum at 22.45 hrs. To patrol in beachhead area. Sopley G.C.I. handed over Mosquito to F.D.T. 13, and after patrolling for about 10 minutes pilot was informed of bogies to the east. Flares were seen and a little flak in front and below.

F/O. Grey continues:-

"We obtained contact on an a/c at 8 miles range 5 degs below and to port and crossing slowly port to starboard. Our height was the 9,500 ft. and reducing height and increasing speed I overshot a little. Making a tight port orbit I got a fleeting visual of target in plan view below and identified it as a Ju. 88. Contact was regained at range and height of 6,000 ft. Closing in we got another visual at 4,000ft and e/a was seen to be taking violent evasive action, but there was no window. There appeared to be an external bomb inboard of starboard engine. I closed in to 1,500 feet and as e/a peeled off to starboard I fired a short burst allowing 2 rings deflection, strikes being seen on starboard engine. E/a went into a diving turn to port and following I fired a long burst from 350 yds, but saw no results. The e/a came up again to starboard and just as it started to peel off to starboard I fired another burst with a ring and a half deflection. Starboard engine burst into flames and e/a went down vertically with starboard wing ablaze. The e/a then disintegrated in the air.

We were then immediately vectored south and obtained a contact at 8 miles and well above, our height being 3/4000it. Target was flying S.W. and climbing at full throttle, after target turning to port on to a westerly course, we obtained a visual at 3,000 feet. We identified target as a Ju. 88 with the aid of binoculars e/a being silhouetted against light part of sky. E/A was taking slight evasive action but levelled out and closing in to 300yds. dead astern and slightly below I fired a short burst. There was a terrific sheet of flame from e/a and we flew through bottom edge of it seeing starboard wing

enveloped in flames. As we broke to starboard e/a blew up in mid-air as it was going down and pieces flew in all directions.

After being given an easterly vector and obtaining a contact at 6 miles range, we were turned N.W. by Controller and put on to a bandit. Contact was obtained at 6 miles and below our height being 6,000 ft. At the time the Controller asked us to hurry up as they were in danger of being attacked. Light A.A. from F.D.T. 13 was seen, but this stopped when we got contact. Target appeared to climb steeply and turned slightly to starboard on to a N. Westerly course. Climbing at full throttle after it to 8,000 feet height we closed in and got a visual at 3,000 feet well above and to starboard. Target turned to port and we again got a silhouette against light sky. It was identified as a Ju.88 through binoculars from about 2,000 ft. E/a levelled off and flew west. I closed to 300 yards and fired a fair long burst observing strikes on fuselage and starboard engine with quantities of white smoke coming from the latter. E/A dived steeply at first and then went down almost vertically. We lost sight of it in haze and I informed control that I thought e/a was probably destroyed. After patrolling for a short time we set course for base being short of ammunition and while on vector for base was informed by Controller of F.D.T. 13 that they could confirm the e/a attacked in the last combat had been destroyed."

The binoculars which were used in each combat were found to be a great aid to recognition. Mosquito landed at Hum at 00.30 hours. ·

Ammunition:- S.O. 153 S.I. 153 P.I. 145 P.O. 163

Cine camera exposed in all combats.

(Signed) Pilot W...J...Grey F/O
 Navigator..A...Millar F/O
 Sqdn. Intelligence Officer..M..P..Murray..P/O