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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 Hurn 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

