

Other Incidents

17.30 hrs off Sheringham

RAF Victory Claims

66 Sqn	P/O H C Kennard	He111 probable	30m east of Sheringham
66 Sqn	P/O C A W Bodie	- shared -	
66 Sqn	Sgt M Cameron	- shared -	

Combat Report

P/O H C Kennard – Red 1, A Flight, 66 Squadron

I was leading Red Section when I sighted an aircraft flying NE at 14,000 at approx 200 mph. I inspected aircraft for recognition purposes and found it had dark green camouflage with a black cross with a white outline on the fuselage. I ordered a No.1 attack and dived out of sun apparently unobserved by E/A as no return fire was experienced until I had closed my range considerably.

E/A dived for cloud with its starboard engine pouring off black and white smoke with pieces flying off. The undercarriage also came half down. We then carried out another attack, with No.3 carrying out another No.1 attack and myself doing a deflection attack. After this the E/A disappeared in cloud and I followed it until it came out again. The last I saw of E/A it was at about 50 ft off the sea with the starboard engine stopped, the port engine sending off intermittent puffs of black smoke, and the undercarriage still partly down. I then disappeared into cloud myself and when I came out at about 2,000 ft I could see no trace and presume E/A had sunk.

After the section had carried out the first attack no rear gun fire was received. Took off 16.07 – landed 17.38.



Other Luftwaffe Casualties

9/KG27 He111P-2 1G+MT Failed to return from operations over Liverpool. Ff: Oblt Siegel + 2 rescued
Bs: Gefr Karl Höß (Rös?) – KIA

1/KG51 Ju88A-1 Landed 50% damaged at Caen after combat. Crew safe.

Other RAF Casualty

1 Sqn Hurricane P3684 P/O C N Birch – safe. Flew into the London balloon barrage on night patrol at 23.30 hrs and crashed in Chatterton Road, Finsbury Park. Pilot baled out and landed on the roof of 28 Gillespie Road.

Night 19/20th August 1940

RAF Victory Claim

04.00 hrs

29 Sqn F/Lt J S Adams E/A probable Portland to Isle of Wight

29 SQUADRON INTELLIGENCE REPORT

A single Blenheim A/C took off from L 1 at 02.17 hours to patrol Blue Line, but was subsequently transferred to Green Line, and then vectored to investigate Raid 74. At 03.10 hours bandit was sighted about 8 miles south west of patrol line, one mile away, flying south-west at over 210 m.p.h. Pilot observed a light in the rear turret which enabled him to keep the E/A in sight.

E/A altered his course until he was flying nearly due south. Fighter followed for approximately 50 minutes at 'Buster' but did not appear to gain on the E/A. Fighter was now out of range of R/T and off our plotting table, and had been told by sector controller to open fire if within possible range of the E/A. When the E/A reached the coast he circled towards starboard and this enabled our fighter for the first time to gain on him. Pilot delivered an astern attack and opened fire with a long burst at about 500 yards. Tracer appeared to pilot and crew to have found its mark, and the E/A turned and dived sharply, our aircraft dived after it and gave another long burst at the same range, this time with deflection allowance, and again appeared to hit the target. No return fire was received, and after fighter's second burst the light in the E/A rear turret was no longer seen. E/A was last seen diving rapidly, and disappeared out of sight. A.I. confirmed the position of E/A when it was first sighted, and throughout the pursuit right up to the time of going into action. Sight used was ring and bead.

Number of rounds fired: 2,130, no stoppages, rear guns not used, cine gun not carried.

Our aircraft was picked up again on the R/T at 04.11 hours, and landed at Digby 05.02 hours, with petrol tanks completely empty. Weather in the area of the combat was fine, visibility good with moonlight and no cloud.

TUESDAY

20 AUGUST

Rain and Dorniers - 477 RAF fighters fly 166 patrols.

Cloudy, rain spreading from the north. Fine over the Channel at first.



COMBAT A

10.44 hrs... off Lowestoft



RAF Victory Claims Combat A 10.44 hrs

66 Sqn	F/Lt K M Gillies	Me110 destroyed	5 miles south of Lowestoft
66 Sqn	P/O C A W Bodie	- shared -	
66 Sqn	P/O H C Kennard	- shared -	
66 Sqn	P/O J J A Cruickshanks	- shared -	
66 Sqn	Sgt M Cameron	- shared -	
66 Sqn	Sgt H Cooke	- shared -	

COMBAT REPORT:

F/Lt K M Gillies – Red 1, A Flight, 66 Squadron

We first saw enemy approaching from dead ahead about 4,000 ft above us. After passing underneath enemy we did a climbing turn to port in order to engage from the rear and below. Enemy first saw us when we arrived in astern position. They were flying in wide Vic formation on course 340°m. On sighting us enemy went into a steep diving turn to starboard. In wide line astern I led my section into a diving No.1 attack on the rear E/A. On breaking away after two bursts of 3 seconds I noticed E/A's starboard engine slow up. At this point the enemy broke formation and I obtained a good deflection shot on one of the other E/A. No results observed. On turning I then saw No.3 E/A being attacked by another machine of my section (Red 2 Sgt Cameron) and noticed E/A's starboard engine aflame. The other two E/A were slowly climbing into cloud cover. No.3 E/A gradually lost height and I re-engaged him. I got a final burst into him as he went into cloud layer at 1,000 ft and saw him crash into the sea. I noticed one opened parachute in water 200 yards to rear of crashed E/A. E/A flamed up on hitting water and there were no survivors.

My A/C received bullets in oil tank, port wing and rocker box, but no failure of engine occurred and I returned safely.

Take off 10.34 – landed 11.10 hrs.



RAF Casualty Combat A 10.44 hrs

66 Sqn Spitfire F/Lt K M Gillies – safe. Received bullets in oil tank, port wing and rocker box, but landed safely.

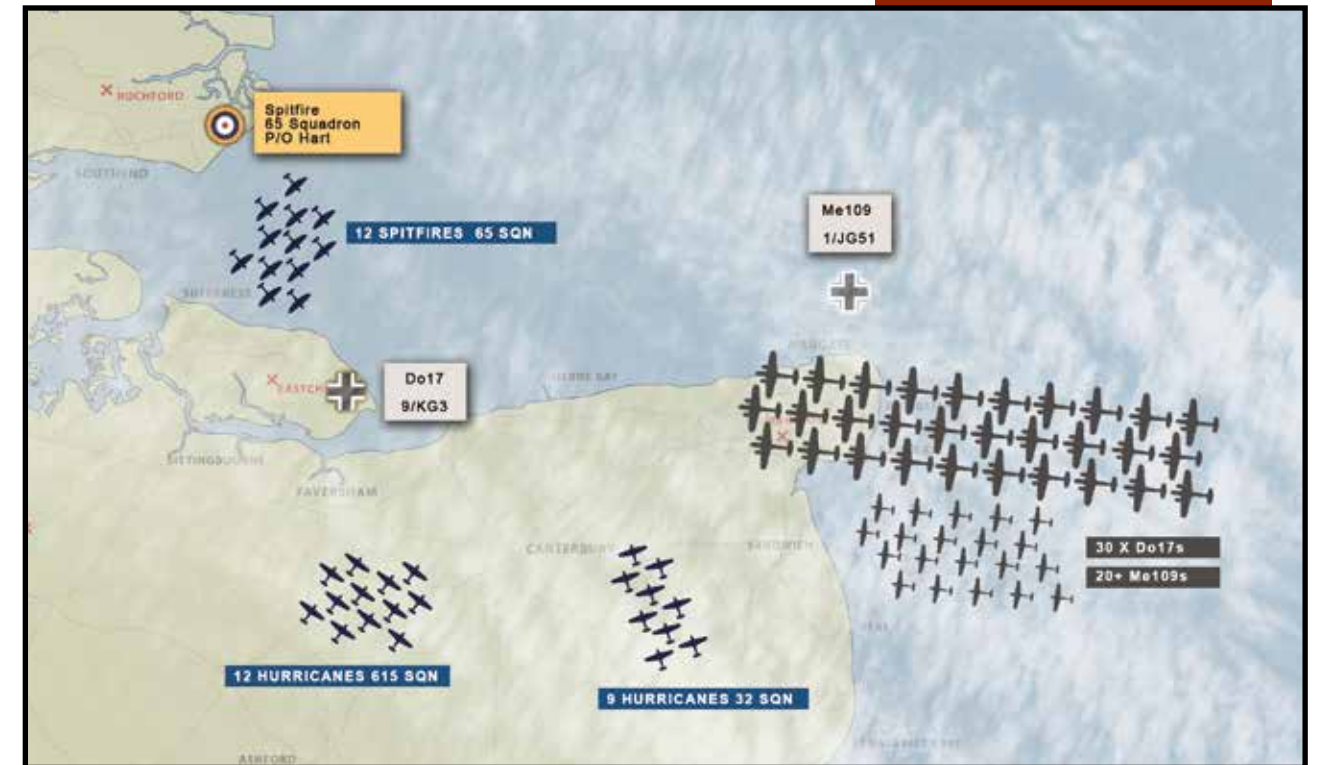
Luftwaffe Casualty Combat A 10.44 hrs

2/EproGr 210 Me110D Fell into the sea 5 miles south of Aldeburgh, Suffolk. Ff: Fw Martin Wohlfart and Bf: Gefr Albert Dietrich (right) both missing.



15.00 - 15.15 hrs... off Herne Bay

COMBAT B



At about 14.45 hours a force estimated at 80+ was picked up behind Calais and by the time the raid had crossed the coast between Dover and Manston it had grown to an estimated '190 aircraft'. The raid made its way along the north Kent coast to the Thames Estuary and Canterbury areas, but no bombs were reported.

RAF Victory Claims Combat B 15.00 – 15.15 hrs

65 Sqn	Sgt R R McPherson	Me109 probable	Manston
65 Sqn	Sgt J R Kilner	Me109 destroyed	Manston
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65 Sqn	Sgt J R Kilner	Do17 probable	Manston
615 Sqn	S/Ldr J R Kayll	Do215 destroyed	Herne Bay
615 Sqn	P/O B P Young	- shared -	
615 Sqn	F/O A Eyre	Do215 destroyed	Herne Bay
615 Sqn	P/O D H Hone	Do215 destroyed	Herne Bay

32 Sqn P/O R F Smythe Do215 damaged Thames Estuary

Luftwaffe Victory Claims Combat B 15.00 – 15.15 hrs

1/JG51	Fw Oskar-Heinz Bär	Spitfire	Thames Estuary
2/JG51	Uffz Heinz Dhein	Spitfire	unconfirmed
1/JG51	Lt Erich Meyer	Spitfire	unconfirmed
4/JG54	Ofw Karl Hier	Spitfire	Eastchurch

RAF Casualty Combat B 15.00 – 15.15 hrs

65 Sqn Spitfire R6818 P/O K G Hart - safe. Engine damaged in attack by Me109s over the Thames Estuary. Forced-landed on Havengore Island, Foulness.

Luftwaffe Casualty Combat B 15.00 – 15.15 hrs

9/KG3 Do17Z-3 5K+FT Capel Hill Farm, Leysdown, Kent. Shot down by fighters while en-route to attack Eastchurch aerodrome. Fw K Böke PoW wounded. Fw K Brehmer and Gefr R Heinrich both PoW. Fw Emil Rüdinger killed.

Me109E-4 1/JG51 White 6+ Fell into the Channel. Ff: Fw Helmut Maul - rescued by an He59 of Seenotflugdo 3.