

COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

Ref: 408/8.9/5/1/Air

(Fill in for all "Attacks" and "Combats")

1. Date 6-10-44 Target RESEARCH Group 6 Sqdn. 408
2. Aircraft Type & Mark Halifax VII V/C Letter & Serial No. N. 729
3. Special Equipment carried: BURALMONICA/VISUAL MONITOR/ FISHPOND/BOOZER-F  
BOOZER III/ALIAS IV/ALIAS/ALIAS/ALIAS  
 Say whether serviceable, u/s, or not used at time of combat  
Not in use at time of combat  
 Was operator TRAINED/UNTRAINED Trained
4. Time 2043 hrs height 14,000 Heading 228T Position (Lat. & Long) 5147 N. 0930 E
5. Attacker/target area/Homeward. On track/off track/early return
6. Weather (cloud, moon & position relative to bomber, visibility, etc.)  
No cloud - Moon just rising dead astern
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak, etc. prior to or during combat  
Search lights prior to attack - Fighter flares before and after
8. What was first warning? VISUAL/ALIAS/ALIAS/ALIAS/ALIAS/ALIAS/ALIAS/ALIAS
9. Which equipment warned? N/A Immediate action taken? Course over starboard
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later Not used
11. First Visual; range 300 yds; position AGW/ STARED; SPERN/ Q5.2284 /  
BOV/ALIAS BOV/ ALIAS/ALIAS against LINE / ALIAS SKY  
 How long after first early warning? Visual
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? BOV/ALIAS
13. Type of E.M. W4.109 No. 076 Mast lights on E/None
14. Direction of attack or approach 228T - Dead astern
15. Direction of track/way of E.M. Port quarter Range 250 Yrds.
16. What side of aircraft was target? Course over starboard
17. Did Fighter fire? No On hit range? - Closing range? -
18. Who opened fire first? SECRETARY/COMBAT/ C.U. WHEELER/ UNDER GUNNER/ FRONT GUNNER
19.
 

	<u>REAR GUNNER</u>	<u>C.U. GUNNER</u>	<u>UNDER GUNNER</u>	<u>FRONT GUNNER</u>
Name	<u>J.A. Gulerette</u>	<u>D.L. Hays/ays</u>		
Height fired	<u>None</u>	<u>100 yds.</u>		
Closest range	<u>-</u>	<u>100 yds.</u>		
Direction	<u>-</u>	<u>250 yds.</u>		
Remarks	<u>-</u>	<u>None</u>		
Training No.	<u>No. 9 B. 20.</u>	<u>No. 7 A. 10. 2.</u>		
C.O. No. & S.O. No.	<u>22 (OTU 166) C.U.</u>	<u>22 (OTU 169) C.U.</u>		
20. Were the E.M. to be stopped? N/A
21. Which crew member was searching way over the attack, or in the dark part of the sky? Engineer Other ✓ seen None
22. Loss of height during the attack 500 ft.
23. Mechanical defects or what previously sustained affecting flight None
24. Damage to bomber None
25. Casualties to crew None
26. Damage to fighter Destroyed - two explosions in cockpit.
27. Fighter claimed Destroyed/Probably

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NARRATIVE

Bill in for

(a) All "ATTACKS"

(b) All "OCCURRENCES" when claims of 2/10 destroyed probably destroyed and damaged are made.

The Rear Gunner first sighted this 2/10 making an orbit at a fighter beacon - then dived at them from dead astern up. The Rear Gunner gave the order "Course on Starboard 00" - also giving the mid-upper gunner the position of the 2/10, who immediately opened fire at 400 yards. Strikes were seen to register by the skipper, rear and mid upper gunner as this 2/10 was seen to explode and disappear at 250 yards on the port side. Owing to the fact that the intercom plug in the rear turret was 1/1, the rear gunner had his turret centralised - doors open and intercom connected with the plug in the fuselage. As it was impossible for him to rotate his turret and bring his guns to bear on the 2/10, he kept up a running commentary of the attack over the intercom. This is a case of very good team work between the two gunners and excellent shooting on the part of the mid-upper gunner. The other crews from this squadron reported seeing an aircraft hit the ground in flames at the same position and time as this attack. This 2/10 which was recognised as a ME-109 is claimed destroyed.

(Sgt) C. B. ROBERTSON, Flight Lieutenant,  
Squadron Leader,  
No. 101 (B.C.) P. Squadron.

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 No. 340 No. 408/8.9/51/Air  
 10/10/44 October, 1944

COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

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(Fill in for all "Attacks" and "Combats")

1. Date 9-10-44 Target Halifax VII Group 6th Sqn. 79037
  2. Aircraft Type & Mark Halifax VII C Letter & Serial No. 79037
  3. Special Equipment carried: VISUAL MONITOR / BOMBaimer  
 Say whether serviceable, u/s, or not used at time of combat Not in use at the time  
 Was operator TRAINED / UNTRAINED Trained
  4. Time 2042 hrs. Height 17,000 Heading 276° Position (Lat. & Long.) 5150 0645
  5. Outward/Target area/Direction. On track/ 5150 0645
  6. Weather (cloud, moon & position relative to bomber, visibility, etc.) No moon above cloud - Visibility fair
  7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak, etc. prior to or during combat No searchlights - Fighter flares - light flak
  8. What was first warning? VISUAL / BOMBaimer
  9. Which equipment warned? Bomb aimer Direction taken to evade A turn towards
  10. If the first warning was not of special equipment, did it warn later Yes
  11. First visual range 600 yds; position BOMBaimer / VISUAL MONITOR / QUARTER / REAR / A. 2  
 How low after first visual 500 yds
  12. Which part of aircraft first visual Bomb aimer
  13. Type of Unidentified one one
  14. Direction of attack or approach Head on - slightly down to starboard
  15. Direction of fire from port quarter down Range 250 yds.
  16. Altitude of aircraft at time of attack Diving turn towards
  17. Did plane withdraw? Yes 500 yds. 250 yds.
  18. Was special equipment used? None
- |             | REAR GUNNER      | W. GUNNER        | MIDDER GUNNER | FRONT GUNNER |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Name        | C. Brown         | A. J.cott        |               |              |
| Specialized | None             | None             |               |              |
| Grade       | -                | -                |               |              |
| Serial No.  | -                | -                |               |              |
| Training    | No. 10 B. 1.     | No. 10 B. 1.     |               |              |
| O.C. No.    | 22 070 1664 C.N. | 22 070 1664 C.N. |               |              |
19. Name of None
  20. Direction of fire from Rear Gunner Range None
  21. Distance of aircraft at time of attack 500 ft.
  22. Mechanical effects of loss (previously sustained structural damage) None
  23. Damage to Two bullet holes - one in fuselage - one between port inner and outer motors
  24. Damage to None
  25. Damage to None
  26. Damage to None
  27. Fighter classed Destroyed / Probably destroyed / Demanded

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- Bill in for (a) All "LETTERS"  
(b) All "COPIES" when claims of E/I destroyed  
probably destroyed and damaged are made.

This unidentified fighter made one attack head on and broke away underneath  
and to port. The Bomb-aimer saw the S/A/C and ordered the skipper to "dive". Neither  
of the pilots saw this S/A/C, and only the one attack was made.

(198) G. W. BIRCH, Flight Lieutenant,  
Gannet Leader,  
No. 403 (S.C. 1) Squadron.

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MEMORANDUM

- Fill in for . . .
- (1) All "STACKS"
  - (2) All "COCKPITS" when claims of E/A destroyed probably destroyed and damaged are made.

This  $\sqrt{C}$  which was identified as a JU.88 was seen dead astern at 400 yards, with a light in the nose, by the Rear-Gunner who gave the order "Cockpit lost to" just as the  $\sqrt{C}$  opened fire. Both Gunners returned fire - the  $\sqrt{C}$  appeared to drop back and was lost from sight.

(Sgt) C. L. RAINON, First Lieutenant,  
Gunnery Leader,  
"No. 401 (B. . . .) Squadron"



EXHIBIT

(a) All "attacks"

(i) All "attacks" when claims of "destroyed" or "probably destroyed" were made or made.

The Rear-Gunner first saw a red light which appeared to be following slightly down dead astern at approx. 1000 yds. for a few minutes this light appeared to go out as a green light appeared. This light moved to the starboard quarter UP and a 49<sup>th</sup> being illuminated against the light part of the sky. The Rear-Gunner identified the light as being on the nose of a JU-88 at 600 yds. The W/U appeared to be positioning itself for an attack. The Rear-Gunner gave the order "Open up Starboard Gun" and immediately opened fire. A second later the mid-upper Gunner joined fire. This W/U did not appear to press home his attack - the nose light went out and the W/U was last seen disappearing down on the Port Quarter. Because of the range of the attack no damage could be ascribed.

(Sgt) G.H. Bailton, Flight Lieutenant,  
Crew Chief,  
No. 403 (HAW) Squadron.



Appendix **15 5**  
 To Form 540--No 408 (RCAP) Squadron  
 For Month of- October, 1944

Ref: 408/S-9/5/1/Air.

SOLE AIRBORNE FIC-AIR  
 (Fill in for all "Attacks" and "Combats")

1. Date **23-10-44** Target **XXXXX** Group **6th** Sqdn. **"408"**
2. Aircraft Type & Mark **Halifax VII** C Letter & Serial No. **F.F.N.D. 701**
3. Special Equipment carried: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **FISHPOD/BOOZER**  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
 Say whether serviceable, used, or not used at time of combat **Not in use**
4. Was operator **TRAINED** Trained
5. Time **1949** Alt. **21,000** Heading **042T** Position (L.A. Grid) **703 14**  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ On track/ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **0655** H.
6. Weather (cloud, moon, position relative to base, visibility, etc.)  
**Cirrus above + 2/10 cloud below**
7. Direction of wind, rain, etc. (give direction and amount) **Nil**
8. Direction of moon ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
9. Which part of base **Near Quon** **Quon** Port
10. If the target was a ship, give name, type, and location **XXXXX**
11. First visual range **400** ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
12. Direction of target **Near Quon**
13. Light **JU-88** **None and nose lights**
14. Direction of target **Eastern**
15. Distance of target **Port quarter beam** **200 yds.**
16. Direction of target **Quon** Port **Go**
17. Direction of target **Yes** **250 yds.** **200 yds.**
18. Direction of target ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
19. Direction of target ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
20. Direction of target **W.L. Seiwert, Sgt.** **T.R. Quinn, Sgt.**  
**200 yds.** **None**  
**300 yds.** **---**  
**200 yds.** **---**  
**Four** **---**  
**10 B.G.** **10 B.G.**  
**21 OTU 1666 G.U.** **21 OTU 1666 G.U.**
21. Direction of target **Yes**
22. Direction of target **Mid-Upper** **Two JU 88's**
23. Direction of target **1500 ft.**
24. Direction of target **None**
25. Direction of target **Nil**
26. Direction of target **Nil**
27. Direction of target **Yes**
28. Direction of target ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

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(1) 1111

(2) 1111 "X 5120" when claims of E/A destroyed and by "X 5120" and damaged the side.

1st ATTACK

The Rear Gunner first sighted a E/A/C which was identified as a JU.88 with an orange coloured light in the nose at dead astern level position at 400 yards. He immediately gave the order "Cockcrow Port Co" and opened fire and hits were seen to register on this E/A/C. At approximately 250 yards the E/A/C opened fire and disappeared down on the Port Quarter.

2nd ATTACK

Time - 1933. Height - 19500. Heading 352T. Position E/C. H. 0700 E.

Target Area. On track.

Four minutes after the first attack the Mid-Upper gunner sighted a JU.88 on their PORT quarter at 350 yards and gave the order "Cockcrow Port Co" and opened fire with 200 rounds. This E/A/C did not fire and broke away down on their astern at 250 yards. This gunner had two stoppages with his guns and was able to clear both these stoppages. No claim of damage was seen on this E/A/C.

(sgt) C. S. HAZTON, Flight Lieutenant,  
Gunnery Leader,  
"408 (B.C.A.F.) Squadron."

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(Fill in for all "Attacks" and "Combats")

1. Date **30.10.44** Target **COLOGNE** Group **6** Sqdn. **408**
2. Aircraft Type & Mark **Halifax VII** ✓/C Letter & Seri 1 No. **A.477-A.714**
3. Special Equipment carried: **VISUAL MONICA / VISUAL MONICA / FISHPOND/BOOZER I**  
**BOOZER III / I. IV / I. V / I. C.L.T.**  
Say whether serviceable, u/s, or not used at time of combat  
**Not used**
4. Was operator TRAINED/~~NOT TRAINED~~
4. Time **21.25** Height **20,000** Heading **197°T** Position (Lat. & Long.) **53°11'N 07°25'W**
5. ~~Outward/target/return/return~~ On track/off-track/early return.
6. Weather (cloud, moon & position relative to banner, visibility, etc.) **MOON above - cloud - visibility very good**
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak, etc. prior to or during combat **Nil**
8. What was first warning? **VISUAL/~~SEARCHLIGHT~~/~~SEARCHLIGHT~~/~~SEARCHLIGHT~~/~~SEARCHLIGHT~~/~~SEARCHLIGHT~~/~~SEARCHLIGHT~~**
9. Which equipment warned? **Immediate action taken? ~~Consigner std.~~**
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later **---**
11. First Visual; range **600** yds; position ~~Port/Starboard/~~ **Starboard** / ~~above/below/~~ **quarter** / ~~front/rear/~~  
~~BOOZER I~~ **above** / ~~below/below~~ against **MARK** / ~~type~~  
How long after first early warning? **---**
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? **Mid-upper Gunner**
13. Type of E.M. **ME 110** No. **one** Lights on E/M. **Nil**
14. Direction of attack or approach **Starboard fine quarter UP**
15. Direction of breakaway of E/M. **Port quarter down** Range **200 yds.**
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken? **Consigner starboard Co.**
17. Did fighter fire? **No** Opening Range **---** Closing Range **250 yds.**
18. Who opened fire. First ~~SEARCHLIGHT~~ **SEARCHLIGHT** / ~~SEARCHLIGHT~~ **SEARCHLIGHT** / ~~SEARCHLIGHT~~ **SEARCHLIGHT** / ~~SEARCHLIGHT~~ **SEARCHLIGHT**
19.

	<u>REAR GUNNER</u>	<u>M.U. GUNNER</u>	<u>UNDER GUNNER</u>	<u>FRONT GUNNER</u>
Name	<b>D. WITKA</b>	<b>T. HUNACZEK</b>		
Rounds fired	<b>200 rds.</b>	<b>100 rds.</b>		
Effective range	<b>400 yds.</b>	<b>600 yds.</b>		
Closest range	<b>250 yds.</b>	<b>450 yds.</b>		
Stops signs	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>		
Training A.G.S.	<b>No 10 H&amp;S</b>	<b>No 10 H&amp;S</b>		
C. M. & H.C.U.	<b>No 19 - 1664OU</b>	<b>No 19 - 1664 CU</b>		
20. Were you able to bring the engine/stopsign? **None**
21. Where crew position was searching, away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky? **Engineer** Other A/C seen **---**
22. Loss of height during the attack **1000ft**
23. Mechanical defects previously sustained in conducting combat **None**
24. Damage to banner **None**
25. Casualties to crew **None**
26. Damage to fighter **No damage claimed**
27. Fighter claimed Destroyed/Probably destroyed/Damaged

Mission

- Fill in for
- (a) All "ATTACKS"
  - (b) All "COMBATS" when claims of E/A destroyed probably destroyed and damaged are made.

The Mid-upper first saw a twin engine E/A/C on the starboard quarter UP at 600 yards, he immediately gave the order "Corkscrew starboard Go" and opened fire. The Rear-Gunner took over and opened fire as soon as they went into their corkscrew. This E/A/C was identified as a ME 110 and broke away on the Port quarter down at approx. 200 yards. Some hits were seen to register on this E/A/C, and only the one attack was made. Good co-operation between the gunners was obtained on this attack.

(Signed)

(G. S. Hailton) Flight Lieutenant,  
Gunnery Leader,  
408 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

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(Fill in for all "Attacks" and "Combats")

1. Date **30.10.44**.....Target **COLOGNE**.....Group ...**6. th**...Sqdn. ...**408**.....
2. Aircraft Type & Mark **Halifax VII**...../C Letter & Serial No. **W-7-WP. 749**.....
3. Special Equipment carried: ~~HEAT MONITOR/FLAME MONITOR/ FISHBONE/BOOMER I~~  
~~BOOMER III/ I. W. I. W. C.I.T.~~  
Say whether serviceable, u/s, or not used at time of combat ... **Serviceable,**  
..... **Poor Reception**.....  
Was operator **FR. LINEE**/~~FR. LINEE~~.....
4. Time **21.1A**.....Height **20,700**.....Heading **105° E**.....Position (Lat. & Long.) ..**5100° N**.....  
..... **0639° E**.....
5. ~~Altitude~~/target area/~~on track~~..... On track/~~off track~~/~~early~~.....
6. Weather (cloud, moon & position relative to bomber, visibility, etc.) **Full**.....  
..... **moon above - Cloud below**..... **Good visibility**.....
7. Searchlight activity, flashes, flash, etc. prior to or during combat .....  
..... **Nil - Searchlights against cloud**.....
8. What was first warning? **VISUAL/FR. LINEE**/~~FR. LINEE~~/~~FR. LINEE~~.....
9. Which equipment warned? ..... Directed action taken .. **Corkscrew Std.**.....
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later .....  
.....
11. First Visual; range **700** yds; position ~~over~~ / **STARBOARD**; ~~starboard~~ / **QUARTER** / ~~starboard~~ /  
~~starboard~~ / ~~starboard~~ / ~~starboard~~..... Against **LINEE** / ~~SKY~~.....  
How long after first warning .....  
12. Which member of crew first visual? **Rear Gunner**.....
13. Type of engine **Single Engine** No. ... **1**..... Lights on? .. **Nil**.....
14. Direction of attack or approach .. **Starboard Quarter Up**.....
15. Direction of fire .. **Dead Aft to Down**..... Range ... **400 yards**.....
16. Direction of attack .. **Corkscrew Starboard**.....
17. Did flight proceed? .. **No**.....
18. ~~Was~~ ~~any~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~crew~~ ~~injured~~ ~~or~~ ~~killed~~ ~~or~~ ~~did~~ ~~any~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~equipment~~ ~~become~~ ~~inoperable~~.....  
.....

	<u>REAR GUNNER</u>	<u>FR. GUNNER</u>	<u>UPPER GUNNER</u>	<u>FRONT GUNNER</u>
Hit	<b>Agt. Baird N.G.</b>			
.....	<b>100 Yds.</b>			
.....	<b>600 Yds.</b>			
.....	<b>450 Yds.</b>			
.....	<b>Nil</b>			
.....	<b>No. 3 B.G.</b>			
.....	<b>24 O.T.U., 1659 Con Unit</b>			
.....	<b>None</b>			

19. ~~Was~~ ~~any~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~crew~~ ~~injured~~ ~~or~~ ~~killed~~ ~~or~~ ~~did~~ ~~any~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~equipment~~ ~~become~~ ~~inoperable~~.....  
.....
20. Direction of fire .. **Mid-upper**..... Other fire seen .. **Nil**.....
21. Loss of altitude .. **2,200 Ft.**.....
22. Direction of fire .. **Nil**.....
23. Direction of fire .. **Nil**.....
24. Direction of fire .. **Nil**.....
25. Direction of fire .. **None Claimed**.....
26. Direction of fire .. **None Claimed**.....
27. Fighter claim history & probably destroyed/damaged ..... **Unclaimed**.....

MESSAGE

- Fill in for
- (a) All "WRECKS"
  - (b) All "COBLES" when claims of E/A destroyed probably destroyed and damaged are made.

The Rear-Gunner first saw three unidentified single engine E/A/C at 700 yards on the starboard quarter UP. These three E/A/C came down on starboard quarter to 600 yards, and seen to be positioning themselves for an attack. The Rear-Gunner immediately gave the order corkscrew starboard GO. Two of the E/A/C were lost from sight and the rear-gunner opened fire on the other E/A/C BUT THIS FIGHTER WAS lost, last seen at approx. 400 yards dead astern, during the second corkscrew.

*C. S. Radlton / Lt.*

(C. S. Radlton, Flight Lieutenant,  
Gunnery Leader,  
No. 408 (REAR) Squadron.

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(Fill in for all "Attacks" and "Combats")

1. Date 1.11.44 Target OVERHALSEN Group 6 Sqdn. 408
2. Aircraft Type & Mark Halifax VII A/C Letter & Serial No. Y-474
3. Special Equipment carried: XR-100000A / VISUAL / HONIG / FISHPOND /  
 Say whether serviceable, u/s, or not used at time of combat  
Not in use  
 Was operator TRAINED XR-100000A
4. Time 2041 Height 17,000 Heading 210 E Position (Lat. & Long.) 5455 N 0611 E
5. XXXXXX homeward. On track XXXXXX
6. Weather (cloud, moon & position relative to bomber, visibility, etc.)  
Moon above - Cloud below - Visibility very good
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak, etc. prior to or during combat  
Flares
8. What was first warning? VISUAL /
9. Which equipment warned? )) Immediate action taken? Corkscrew Port
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later No
11. First Visual; range 400 yds; position PORT / BOV / against LIGHT / SKY.  
 How long after first early warning? XXXXXX
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? Rear-Gunner
13. Type of E. MR 210 No. one What lights on E. Nil
14. Direction of attack or approach Port quarter above
15. Direction of breakaway of E. Port quarter Down Range 500 Yards.
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken? Corkscrew Port
17. Did fighter fire? No Opening Range --- Closing Range ---
18. Who opened fire first REAR GUNNER
19.

	REAR GUNNER	M. G. GUNNER	UNDER GUNNER	FRONT GUNNER
Name	<u>D. SHUTKA</u>	<u>T. ROMANCIUK</u>		
Rounds fired	<u>300 Rds.</u>	<u>100 Rds.</u>		
Opening range	<u>400 Yards.</u>	<u>400 Yards.</u>		
Closing range	<u>500 Yards.</u>	<u>500 Yards.</u>		
Stoppages	<u>none</u>	<u>none</u>		
Training A.S.S.	<u>No 10. B.G.</u>	<u>No 10. B.G.</u>		
O.T.A. & H.C. Us	<u>No 19. OTU A 1664 CU</u>	<u>same</u>		
20. Were you able to clear stoppage? Nil
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky? Engineer Other a/c seen Lancaster
22. Loss of height during the attack 1,000 Ft.
23. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat  
Nil
24. Damage to bomber Nil
25. Casualties to crew Nil
26. Damage to fighter Claimed Destroyed
27. Fighter claimed Destroyed/Probably destroyed/Damaged Claimed Destroyed

NARRATIVE

- Fill in for
- (a) ALL "ATTACKS"
  - (b) ALL "COMBATS" when claims of E/A destroyed probably destroyed and damaged are made.

1st. Attack;

The Rear-Gunner sighted a E/A/C which was identified as a ME 210 attacking a "Lancaster", the Lancaster went into a "Corkscrew" leaving the E/A/C exposed. Both the Rear and Mid-Upper gunners opened fire and hits were seen to register as this E/A/C broke into flames and looked to be out of control and in a spin, was last seen going down on the Port quarter. This E/A/C is claimed destroyed. Both gunners and the Engineer saw this E/A/C going down out of control and in flames.

2nd. Attack;

Time: 2042 Hrs. Position: 5132 N. 0611 E. Height: 16,000 Ft. Heading: 240 T.

About a minute after the first attack, the Rear Gunner saw a ME 110 coming in to attack from the Port quarter UP at 600 yards. He immediately gave the order "Corkscrew Port Go" and opened fire. This E/A/C did not fire and broke away starboard quarter down and was not seen again. No Claim. Rear Gunner fired 150 Rds.

3rd. Attack;

Time: 2046 Hrs. Position: 5123 N. 0552 E. Height: 15,000 Ft. Heading: 240 T.

The Mid-Upper sighted a ME 210 on Port Beam down at approx. 150 yards. On seeing it to be positioning himself for an attack, the Rear-Gunner gave order "Corkscrew Port Go" and immediately opened fire as this E/A/C came in dead astern and hits were seen to register against the centre of the E/A/C fuselage. The E/A/C was last seen in flames in a dive and appeared out of control disappearing in the clouds below. This E/A/C did not fire and is Claimed Destroyed. The Engineer & Pilot also saw this E/A/C going down in a spin and in flames. Rear-Gunner fired 200 Rds. Mid-Upper fired 300 Rds.

4th. Attack;

Time 2048 Hrs. Position: 5122 N. 0548 E. Height: 15,000 Ft. Heading: 240 T.

The Rear-Gunner sighted a twin engine E/A/C dead astern at 700 yards low level. This E/A/C was closing in fast and the Rear-Gunner gave the order "Corkscrew" Port Go" and immediately opened fire. This E/A/C was last seen dead astern down and then lost from view. There is No Claim. This E/A/C DID NOT FIRE. Rear-Gunner fired 200 Rds.

*C. S. Railton F/Lt.*  
 (C. S. Railton) Flight Lieutenant,  
 Gunnery Leader,  
 408 (R. C. A. F.) Squadron.

THE E/A/C BROKE AWAY UP ON THE STARBOARD BEAM AT 200 YARDS. THE MID-UPPER GUNNER FIRED INTO THE E/A/C PORT QUARTER. THIS E/A/C BROKE INTO A SPIN.



(Fill in for all "Attacks" and "Combats")

1. Date 2.11.44 Target Basel/Belfort Group 6 Sqn. 408
2. Aircraft Type & Mark Halifax VII A/C Letter & Serial No. R-44-736
3. Special Equipment carried: MORSE MONICA / VULCAN MONICA / FISHPOND / BOOZER /  
BOOZER / IN P. / W. / C. / C. / C. / C.  
Say whether serviceable, u/s, or not used at time of combat serviceable  
Was operator TR. LINED / UNCHECKED
4. Time 19:44 Height 6,500 Heading 270 E. Position (Lat. & Long.) 50° 33' N.  
0936 W.
5. Outward/target area/homeward. On track/off track/early return.
6. Weather (cloud, moon & position relative to bomber, visibility, etc.) Moon on edge of A/C - cloud below
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak, etc. prior to or during combat Nil
8. What was first warning? WAGGLE / FIRE FROM UNDER AIRCRAFT / SPECIAL EQUIPMENT
9. Which equipment warned? Fishpond Immediate action taken? Course over Port
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later Yes
11. First Visual; range 350 yds; position PORT / UNDER / UNDER / UNDER / UNDER / UNDER /  
UNDER / UNDER / UNDER / UNDER / UNDER / UNDER / against BLACK / DARK SKY.  
How long after first early warning? 20 seconds
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? Rear Gunner
13. Type of E. None No. one What lights on E. Nil
14. Direction of attack or approach From Western Level
15. Direction of brackaway of E. Port - starboard Range 200 Yards
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken? Course over Port
17. Did fighter fire? Yes Opening Range 350 Yds. Closing Range 200 Yds.
18. Who opened fire first UNDER / R. GUNNER / UNDER / UNDER / UNDER / UNDER /  
UNDER / UNDER / UNDER / UNDER / UNDER / UNDER /
19.

	R. GUNNER	M. GUNNER	UNDER GUNNER	FRONT GUNNER
Name	<u>Maguire, R. N.</u>	<u>Corbett, W. P.</u>		
Range fired	<u>600 Yds.</u>	<u>400 Yds.</u>		
Opening range	<u>350 Yards</u>	<u>400 Yards</u>		
Closing range	<u>200 Yards</u>	<u>600 Yards</u>		
Flares	<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>		
Tr. Lined	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>		
O.P.M. & H.C. Us	<u>86 OTU &amp; 1666 CU</u>	<u>86 OTU &amp; 1666 CU</u>		
20. Were you able to alter stopping? None
21. Where crew position when searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky? Engineer Other a/c seen None
22. Loss of height during the attack 2,000 ft.
23. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat Nil
24. Damage to bomber Nil
25. Casualties to crew Nil
26. Damage to fighter Claimed destroyed - Go down in flames and explode in the clouds
27. Fighter claimed Destroyed/Probably destroyed/Damaged Destroyed

MESSAGE

- Fill in for (a) All "TRACKS"  
(b) All "COMBATS" when claims of E/A destroyed probably destroyed and damaged are made.

The Rear-Gunner first saw this E/A/C which was identified as a PW 190 dead astern low at 350 yards. He immediately gave the order "Corkscrew Port Go" and opened fire. The E/A/C was seen to open fire as its' tracer passed over the top of the Bomber. This E/A/C closed into 200 yards and broke away down and ahead on the "Port quarter". The Mid-upper Gunner was then able to get his guns to bear on the E/A/C and opened fire. Hits were seen to register on this E/A/C as it dived down into the clouds, breaking into flames. The Rear-Gunner who was following it down saw this E/A/C explode as it entered the clouds below, and lightened up the top of the clouds. This is claimed as destroyed.

C/S. Patton V/Lt.  
GUNNERY LEADER.  
407 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON

APPENDIX: C.3  
For FORM 540: NO. 408 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON.  
for Month of: NOVEMBER, 1944.

COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

Ref: 408/S.9/5/1/Air

(Fill in for all "Attacks" and "Combats")

1. Date 4.11.44.....Target Boulton.....Group 6.....Sqdn. 408.....
2. Aircraft Type & Mark Halifax VII.....A/C Letter & Serial No. EQ-MP-714....
3. Special Equipment carried: 10000/20000/20000/20000/20000/20000/20000/20000/20000/20000 FISHBOND/XXXXXXXX  
Say whether serviceable, u/s, or not used at time of combat .....  
..... Serviceable but not in use.....  
Was operator TRAINED/XXXXXXXX.....
4. Time 19.49.....Height 16,000.....Heading 233°T.....Position (Lat. & Long) 5105 N.....
5. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Downward. On track/XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX 0652 M
6. Weather (cloud, moon & position relative to bomber, visibility, etc.).....  
..... Visibility Fair.....
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak, etc. prior to or during combat .....  
..... Searchlights - Fighter Flares - Flak.....
8. What was first warning? VISUAL/XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.....
9. Which equipment warned? ..... Immediate action taken? Corkscrew Star.....
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later ... No.....
11. First Visual; range 800...yds; position XXXX/SE/REB; XXXX/QUARTER / XXXX/XXXXXXXX ABOVE/XXXXXXXXXXXX AGAINST LIGHT / XXXX SKY.  
How long after first warning? .....
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? Mid-Upper Gunner.....
13. Type of E... Single Engine... one..... Light lights on E/... No.....
14. Direction of attack or approach Starboard Fine Quarter Above.....
15. Direction of brackaway of E/... Dead Astern Down...Range 300...Yards.....
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken? Corkscrew Star... Go.....
17. Did fighter fire? No..... Opening Range..... Closing Range.....
18. Who opened fire first XXXXXX/R. GUNNER/A.U. GUNNER/XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
19.

	<u>REL. GUNNER</u>	<u>A.U. GUNNER</u>	<u>LOWER GUNNER</u>	<u>FRONT GUNNER</u>
Name	<u>D. SHUTKA</u>	<u>T. ROMANCHUK</u>		
Rounds fired	<u>400 Rds.</u>	<u>400 Rds.</u>		
Opening range	<u>500 Yards</u>	<u>500 Yards</u>		
Closing range	<u>300 Yards</u>	<u>350 Yards</u>		
Shot down	<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>		
Trammis No. & S.	<u>No 10. BAC</u>	<u>No 3. BAC</u>		
O.T.U. & H.C.Us	<u>19 OTU. &amp; 1664 CU</u>	<u>19 OTU. &amp; 1664 CU</u>		
20. Was your ship to clear step? None.....
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky? Engineer..... Other a/c seen None.....
22. Loss of height during the attack Regained.....
23. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat .....  
..... Nil.....
24. Damage to bomber Nil.....
25. Casualties to crew Nil.....
26. Damage to fighter In flames - seen to hit the ground and explode.....
27. Fighter claimed Destroyed/Probably destroyed/Damaged ... Destroyed.....

NARRATIVE

Fill in for

- (a) All "ATTACKS"
- (b) All "OBSERVATIONS" when claims of E/A destroyed probably destroyed and damaged are made.

The Mid-upper Gunner first saw a unidentified single engine fighter with it's engine on fire on the starboard fine quarter UP at approximately 800 yards. As the range decreased on this E/A/C at 600 yards he gave the order "Corkscrew Starboard Go" and both he & the Rear Gunner opened fire. Trace was seen to enter this E/A/C as this fighter tried to follow the Bomber in it's corkscrew. This E/A/C broke away dead astern down at 300 yards and then went into a dive in flames and out of control. This E/A/C was seen to hit the ground in flames and explode by both the rear-gunner and the engineer. This E/A/C is claimed as destroyed.

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(C.S. Railton) Flight Lieutenant,  
Gunnery Leader,  
408 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA  
 (Fill in for all "Attacks" and "Combats")

1. Date 30.11.44 Target DUISBURG Group 6 Sqn. 408
2. Aircraft Type & Mark BFL VII V/C Letter & Serial No. IP 71 B 34
3. Special Equipment carried: NURAL MONICA/ VISUAL MONICA/ FISHPOND/BOOZER I  
 BOOZER III/.. I. IV/.. I. V/.. C.L.T. FISHPOND  
 Say whether serviceable, u/s, or not used at time of combat SERVICEABLE  
 Was operator TRAINED/UNTRAINED? Trained
4. Time 2057 Height 20,000 Heading 240 Z Position (Lat. & Long.) 5105 N 0535 E
5. Outward/target area/Homeward. On track/off track/early return.
6. Weather (cloud, moon & position relative to bomber, visibility, etc.)  
Cloud below - Moon astern - Visibility very good
7. Searchlight activity, Flares, Flak, etc. prior to or during combat  
Flares prior to attack
8. What was first warning? VISUAL/
9. Which equipment warned? Immediate action taken? Opened fire
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later
11. First Visual; range 75 yds; position against LINE /  
 BOW/LEAD: BELOW How long after first early warning? against LINE /
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? Rear Gunner
13. Type of E.M. JU 88 No. 1 Lights on E/ nil
14. Direction of attack or approach Dead astern below
15. Direction of breaking of E.M. Stbd. Quarter Up Range 100 yds.
16. What earlier manoeuvre was taken? Corkscrew Stbd. Sp.
17. Did fighter fire? No. Opening Range Closing Range
18. Who opened fire. First FIGHTER/A. GUNNER/M. U. GUNNER/ UNDER GUNNER/ FRONT GUNNER
19.

	<u>REAR GUNNER</u>	<u>M. U. GUNNER</u>	<u>UNDER GUNNER</u>	<u>FRONT GUNNER</u>
Name	<u>F/S SIVELA, D. 2160137</u>	<u>F/A ROMANCIK, T. 222937</u>		
Rounds fired	<u>1000 rds</u>	<u>300 rds</u>		
Opening range	<u>75 yds</u>	<u>75 yds</u>		
Closing range	<u>125 yds</u>	<u>125 yds</u>		
Stoppages	<u>nil</u>	<u>nil</u>		
Training A.G.S.	<u>10 hrs</u>	<u>10 hrs</u>		
O.P.S. & H.C.Us	<u>19 OTU 166 CU</u>	<u>19 OTU 166 CU</u>		
20. Was possible to clear stoppage? Nil
21. Was crew position w/s searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky? R/NE Other a/c seen Two Halifax - ahead
22. Loss of height during the attack descending at time
23. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat  
nil
24. Damage to bomber nil
25. Casualties to crew nil
26. Damage to fighter none assessed.
27. Fighter claimed Destroyed/Probably destroyed/Damaged probably destroyed.

NERVEIVE

- Fill in for
- (a) All "ATTACKS"
  - (b) All "OCCURRENCES" when claims of E/A destroyed probably destroyed and damaged are made.

The rear gunner first sighted a JU. 88 dead astern down at 75 yds. His intercom connections in the turret were u/s and he had his inter com plugged into the connections at the rear of the fuselage. This E/A/C was positioning itself for an attack. The rear gunner immediately opened fire with a long burst and his trace was seen hitting against the E/A/C cockpit. As this E/A/C broke away ~~up~~ up on the starboard quarter at 100 yds; by this time the mid upper ~~gun~~ could bear his guns on this E/A/C gave the order "Corkscrew starboard up" opened fire with a short burst and hits were seen to register on the E/A/C as it flipped over and was seen last going down, starboard quarter and appeared to be out of control and in a spin. The rear gunner had great difficulty following this E/A/C as his ~~main~~ turret doors were open during this combat. This JU. 88 is claimed as probably destroyed.

*C.S. Raiton F/Lt.*

(C.S. RAITON) Flight Lieutenant,  
Gunnery Leader,  
No. 408 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

Ref: 408/8.9/5/1/Air

(Fill in for all "Attacks" and "Combats")

1. Date 16/17-1-45...Target MAGDEBURG.....Group 6th.....Sqn. "408".....
2. Aircraft Type & Mark Halifax VII.....A/C Letter & Serial No. WF, 776 "R".....
3. Special Equipment carried: ~~.....~~ / FISHPOND / ~~.....~~  
 Say whether serviceable, u/s, or not used at time of combat .....  
 ..... Serviceable .....
- Was operator TRAINED / ~~.....~~ .....
4. Time 21:34.....Height 18500...Heading 108T.....Position (Lat.&Long)....52:25 N.....
5. Outward/target area/homewrd. On track/off track/early return.....  
 ..... 10:50 E.....
6. Weather (cloud, moon & position relative to bomber, visibility, etc.).....  
 ..... Poor visibility.....
7. Searchlight activities, flares, flak, etc. prior to or during combat .....  
 ..... Fighter flares during combat.....
8. What was first warning? VISUAL / ~~.....~~ .....
9. Which equipment warned? Visual..... Immediate action taken? Corkscrew port.....
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later ...No.....
11. First Visual; range 400...yds; position PORT / ~~.....~~ / QUARTER / ~~.....~~ / ~~.....~~ / BELOW: against MOON / DARK SKY.  
 How long after first early warning? .....
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? Rear Gunner.....
13. Type of E... ME 210... No. ...One..... What lights on E/... Amber in nose.....
14. Direction of attack or approach ..... Port Quarter Down.....
15. Direction of breakaway of E/... Dead astern down... Range ..... 300 yds.....
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken? .... Corkscrew Port.....
17. Did Fighter fire? .... No..... Opening Range..... Closing Range .....
18. Who opened fire first Rear Gunner / ~~.....~~ .....
19.
 

	REAR GUNNER	M. U. GUNNER	UNDER GUNNER	FRONT GUNNER
Name	<u>E/S Schweert, R.L.</u>	<u>T/Sgt Jim T.P.</u>		
Rounds fired	<u>200 rds.</u>	<u>Nil</u>		
Opening range	<u>400 yds.</u>			
Closing range	<u>300 yds.</u>			
Stoppages	<u>Nil</u>			
Training A.G.S.	<u>No. B.S.G.</u>			
O.T.U. & H.C.Us	<u>21 A.T. 1666</u>			
20. Were you able to clear stoppage? ..... Nil / N/A.....
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky? Nil / Front Gunner..... Other a/c seen ..... Nil.....
22. Loss of height during the attack ..... 500 ft......
23. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat .....  
 ..... Nil.....
24. Damage to bomber ..... Nil.....
25. Casualties to crew ..... Nil.....
26. Damage to fighter .. Both engines on fire - seen to hit the ground and explode.....
27. Fighter claimed destroyed / ~~.....~~ .. Destroyed.....

NARRATIVE

Fill in for

- (a) All "ATTACKS"  
(b) All "COMBATS" when claims of E/A destroyed probably destroyed and damaged are made.

The Rear Gunner first sighted a twin engine fighter which he identified as a ME 210 on their Port Quarter down at 400 yards. He immediately gave the order - "Corkscrew Port Go!" and opened fire. Strikes were seen to register on this E/A/C's engines and fuselage. This E/A/C broke away down and both engines were seen to burst into flames and a parachute was seen to open near by as this E/A/C went down in a spin and out of control. It is believed that the Pilot bailed out. The Rear-Gunner, Mid-upper Gunner and Engineer saw this E/A/C hit the ground and explode. This ME 210 is definitely claimed as destroyed.

*C.S. Railton Flt.*

(C.S. Railton) Flight Lieutenant,  
"A08" Gunner Leader.



COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

(Fill in for all "Attacks" and "Combats")

1. Date **7-2-45**.....Target **GOCH**.....Group **6**.....Sqdn. **408**.....
2. Aircraft Type & Mark **Halifax MK VII**.....A/C Letter & Serial No **XXX "W" NP. 777**.
3. Special Equipment carried: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ / FISHPOND / ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
 Say whether serviceable, u/s, or not used at time of combat .....  
 ..... **Serviceable** .. **Not used at time** .....
4. Time **.2233**.....Height **8,000**...Heading...**230<sup>0</sup>**T...Position (Lat.&Long) **5121N-0547E**...
5. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Homeward. On track/ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
6. Weather (cloud, moon & position relative to bomber, visibility, etc.).....  
 ..... **Clouds below - Vis. good** .....
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak, etc. prior to or during combat .....  
 ..... **Flare had just dropped a short distance ahead** .....
8. What was first warning? ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ FIRE FROM UNSEEN AIRCRAFT / ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
9. Which equipment warned? **None**..... Immediate action taken? **Corkscrew to Port**...
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later **No**.....
11. First Visual; range **.300**..yds; position PORT/ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ / QUARTER / ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ / BELOW: against LIGHT / ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ SKY.  
 How long after first early warning? ..... **At once** .....
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? **Both Gunners at once**.....
13. Type of E... **Unidentified** No. .... What lights on E/... **Nil**.....
14. Direction of attack or approach ..... **Port Quarter Down**.....
15. Direction of breakaway of E/... **Was above after first corkscrew**..... **200** Yds. ....
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken? ..... **Corkscrew to Port**.....
17. Did Fighter fire? **Yes** ..... Opening Range... **300** Yds. Closing Range ... **300** Yds
18. Who opened fire first FIGHTER/ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

19.	REAR GUNNER	M.U. GUNNER	UNDER GUNNER	FRONT GUNNER
Name	<b>F/S Stewart J.F.S.</b>	<b>F/O Tomelli, J.</b>		
Rounds fired	<b>Nil</b>			
Opening range				
Closing range				
Stoppages				
Training A.G.S.	<b>No. 9. BAC.</b>	<b>No. 10. BAC.</b>		
O.T.U. & H.C.Us	<b>24. OTU.</b>	<b>1669. C.U.</b>		

20. Were you able to clear stoppage? .....
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky? **Both Gunners. Searching for a/c seen** ..... **Nil**.....
22. Loss of height during the attack ..... **300 Ft.**.....
23. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat .....  
 ..... **Nil** .....
24. Damage to bomber ..... **Nil**.....
25. Casualties to crew ..... **Nil**.....
26. Damage to fighter ..... **Nil**.....
27. Fighter claimed Destroyed/Probably destroyed/Damaged .....

The first indication of an attack was tracer coming up from Port Quarter down which appeared to be from a heavy calibre gun, both gunners saw this at same time & the mid-upper gunner gave orders for a corkscrew to Port, when the first corkscrew had been completed the fighter which appeared to be a twin engine was 200 yards directly above bomber, the bomber continued to corkscrew & lost the fighter.

The Mid-Upper turret was unserviceable at the time & therefore the Mid-Upper Gunner could not open fire.

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COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

Ref: 408/S 9/5/1/A

(Fill in for all "Attacks" and "Combats")

1. Date **7th Feb. 1945** Target **Coch**.....Group **6**.....Sqdn. **408**.....
2. Aircraft Type & Mark. **Halifax VII**.....A/C Letter & Serial No. **H NR 124**.....
3. Special Equipment carried: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ / FISHPOND / ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
 Say whether serviceable, u/s, or not used at time of combat .....
- Was operator TRAINED/UNTRAINED? .....
4. Time **2342**.....Height **7900**...Heading **3030**...T...Position (Lat.&Long) **5135N .0200E**..
5. Outward/target area/Homeward. On track/~~off track~~/~~not known~~
6. Weather (cloud, moon & position relative to bomber, visibility, etc.).....  
**Vis Fair**...**Clouds below**.....
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak, etc. prior to or during combat **None**.....
8. What was first warning? VISUAL/~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~.....
9. Which equipment warned? .....
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it do so later .....
11. First Visual; range **200**...yds; position ~~XXXX~~ / STARBD: ~~XXXXXX~~ QUARTER / ~~XXXX~~ / ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ against ~~XXXX~~ / DARK SKY.  
 How long after first early warning? .....
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? **Mid Upper**.....
13. Type of E... **M.E. 109**.. No. .... What lights on E/.. **None**.....
14. Direction of attack or approach **Coming up from slightly below**.....
15. Direction of breakaway of E/.. **Port up**.....Range .....
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken? **Corkscrew Stnd.**.....
17. Did Fighter fire? **Yes**.....Opening Range **200 Yds**...Closing Range **200 Yds**..
18. Who opened fire first FIGHTER/A. GUNNER/U. GUNNER/ UNDER GUNNER/ FRONT GUNNER
19.
 

	REAR GUNNER	M. U. GUNNER	UNDER GUNNER	FRONT GUNNER
Name	<b>McLeish, E.</b>	<b>Kygan, C.</b>		
Rounds fired	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>		
Opening range				
Closing range				
Stoppages				
Training ...G.S.	<b>No. 9 B &amp; G.</b>	<b>No. 9 B &amp; G.</b>		
O.T.U. & H.C.Us	<b>22 O.T.U.</b>	<b>1659 Con Unit</b>		
20. Were you able to clear stoppages? .....
21. Which crew position was searching away from the ... in the dark part of the sky? .....
22. Loss of height during the attack **500 ft.**.....
23. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat **None**.....
24. Damage to bomber **None**.....
25. Casualties to crew **None**.....
26. Damage to fighter .....
27. Fighter claimed Destroyed/Probably destroyed/Damaged .....

1. The mid-upper saw a single engine fighter which he thought was an M.E. 109 on the starboard quarter down, he gave instructions to corkscREW starboard, as soon as the bomber started to dive the fighter opened fire with a short burst the bomber continued to corkscREW and lost the fighter.

2. Neither gunners opened fire.

*S. C. W. Harper*  
(S.C.W. Harper) Flying Officer,  
for Officer Commanding,  
No. 408 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

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COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

Ref: 408/S.9/5/1/Air

(Fill in for all "Attacks" and "Combats")

1. Date 14.2.45.....Target CHESNUTZ.....Group 6.....Sqn. 408.....
2. Aircraft Type & Mark Halifax MK III.....A/C Letter & Serial No. "V". MZ 495.....
3. Special Equipment carried: NRUL MONICA/ VISULI MONIC/ FISHPOND/BOOZER I  
BOOZER III/.. I. IV/..I. V/.. C.L.T.  
 Say whether serviceable, u/s, or not used at time of combat .....
- ..... Serviceable
- Was operator TRAINED/.....
4. Time 2211.....Height 7,000.....Heading 270°.....Position (Lat.&Long) 50°11' 09" N.....
5. Homeward.....Homeward. On track/.....
6. Weather (cloud, moon & position relative to bomber, visibility, etc.).....  
 ..... Clear - no moon - Vis. good
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak, etc. prior to or during combat .....
- ..... Nil activity
8. What was first warning? VISULI/FIRE FROM UNSEEN AIRCRAFT/ SPECIAL EQUIPMENT
9. Which equipment warned? Fishpond..... Immediate action taken? .. None
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later.....
11. First Visual; range 125.....yds; position POK/.....  
LEVEL /..... against LIGHT /..... SKY.  
 How long after first early warning? .. 25 Seconds.....
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? .. Pilot
13. Type of E... FW 190..... No. 1.....
- ..... Direction of attack or approach .. Parallel
14. Direction of breakaway of E/... .. Up..... Range .. 125 Yds.....
15. What combat manoeuvre was taken? .. Mild weave.....
16. Did fighter fire? .. No..... Opening Range 125 Yds .. Closing Range 125 Yds.....
17. Who opened fire first REAR GUNNER/.....
19.
 

	<u>REAR GUNNER</u>	<u>MID GUNNER</u>	<u>UNDER GUNNER</u>	<u>FRONT GUNNER</u>
Name	<u>P/S CRAWFORD, R.K.</u>			
Range first fired	<u>200 Yds</u>			
Closest range	<u>125 Yds</u>			
Stoppages	<u>One. Top right. Rounds jammed in feedway.</u>			
Training A.S.S.	<u>No. 3. B&amp;G</u>			
O.T.U. & H.C.U.s	<u>No. 24. OTU</u>			
20. Were you able to clear stoppages? Yes
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky? .. Mid-Upper Gunner.. Other a/c seen Halifax flying parallel.....
22. Loss of height during the attack .. Nil.....
23. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat .....
- ..... Nil
24. Damage to bomber .. Nil.....
25. Casualties to crew .. Nil.....
26. Damage to fighter .. None apparent.....
27. Fighter claimed Destroyed/Probably destroyed/Damaged Possible Damage.....

The Wireless Operator observed fighter on fishpond, he warned crew, 25 seconds later rear gunner saw F.W. 190 at range of 125 yards. following another Halifax on their Port Beam, Pilot commenced to weave and gunner opened fire, expending 200 rounds and near end of burst bullets appeared to be scoring hits on rear of Fokker Wolf. Enemy A/C then broke off attack without firing his guns.

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COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

(Fill in for all "Attacks" and "Combats")

1. Date 14.2.45 Target CHENITZ Group 6 Sqdn. 408
2. Aircraft Type & Mark Halifax MK III A/C Letter & Serial No. "V" NZ 495
3. Special Equipment carried: AURAL MONICA/ VISUAL MONIC./ FISHPOND/BOOZER I  
BOOZER III/.. I. IV/.. I. V/.. C.L.T.  
 Say whether serviceable, u/s, or not used at time of combat  
Serviceable  
 Was operator TRAINED/XXXXXXXXXX
4. Time 2100 Height 18,000 Heading 350° T. Position (Lat. & Long) 5050N-1255E
5. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ target area/ ~~XX~~
6. Weather (cloud, moon & position relative to bomber, visibility, etc.)  
Ten Tenths Cloud below Good No moon
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak, etc. prior to or during combat  
None
8. What was first warning? VISUAL/FIRE FROM UNSEEN AIRCRAFT/ SPECIAL EQUIPMENT
9. Which equipment warned? Immediate action taken?
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, and it was later No
11. First Visual; range 500 yds; position ~~XX~~ ASTERN/ XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
~~XX~~ BELOW: against LIGHT / XXXX SKY.  
 How long after first early warning?
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? Rear Gunner
13. Type of E. ME 110 No. 1 What lights on E/ Nil
14. Direction of attack or approach Came up from below + astern
15. Direction of breakaway of E/ Starboard Range
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken? None
17. Did Fighter fire? No Opening Range 400 Closing Range 400 Yds.
18. Who opened fire first ~~XXXXXXXXXX/R. GUNNER~~
19.

	<u>REAR GUNNER</u>	<u>M. U. GUNNER</u>	<u>UNDER GUNNER</u>	<u>FRONT GUNNER</u>
None	<u>F/S CRAWFORD R.K.</u>			
Rounds fired	<u>60 Rds.</u>			
Opening range	<u>400 Yds.</u>			
Closing range	<u>400 Yds.</u>			
Stoppages	<u>Nil</u>			
Training A.G.S.	<u>No. 3. B&amp;G</u>			
O.T.U. & H.C.Us	<u>24 OTU</u>			
20. Were you able to clear stoppages?
21. Which crew position was searching away from the light, or in the dark part of the sky? Mid Upper Other a/c seen Nil
22. Loss of height during the attack Nil
23. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat  
Nil
24. Damage to bomber Nil
25. Casualties to crew Nil
26. Damage to fighter Nil
27. Fighter claimed Destroyed/Probably destroyed/Damaged

A. The Rear-Gunner observed ME 110 climbing up from astern while bomber was making run into target. ~~THE~~ He fired a quick burst and enemy A/C broke away to starboard.

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Ref: 408/S.9/5/1/Air

COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA  
 (Fill in for all "Attacks" and "Combats")

1. Date ... 14.2.45 ... Target CHEMnitz ... Group 6 ... Sqdn. 408 .....
2. Aircraft Type & Mark Halifax Mk VII ... A/C Letter & Serial No. "X" FN 223 .....
3. Special Equipment carried: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ / FISHPOND / 200223277Z  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
 Say whether serviceable, u/s, or not used at time of combat .....  
 ..... Serviceable. Not being used at time .....
4. Time .. 2152 ... Height 13,000 ... Heading 298 ... Position (Lat. & Long) 5136N-1030E ...
5. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Homeward. On track / ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ .....
6. Weather (cloud, moon & position relative to bomber, visibility, etc.) .....  
 ..... Above cloud vis. good. No moon .....
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak, etc. prior to or during combat .....  
 ..... Nil .....
8. What was first warning? VISUAL / ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ .....
9. Which equipment warned? ..... Immediate action taken? Corkscrew to Port. .....
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later .....  
 ..... None .....
11. First Visual; range 300 ... yds; position PORT / QUARTER / ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ /  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ BELOW: against PORT / ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ SKY.  
 How long after first early warning? ... Fired a few seconds after visual .....
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? Rear Gunner .....
13. Type of E... Appeared to be a rocket ..... What lights on E... ..  
 ..... None .....
14. Direction of attack or approach ... Port Quarter Below .....
15. Direction of breakaway of E... Came up to level & then dropped straight down .....
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken? ..... Corkscrew to Port .....
17. Did Fighter fire? ..... Opening Range ..... Closing Range .....
18. Who opened fire first ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ REAR GUNNER / ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ / ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ / ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ .....
19.
 

	<u>REAR GUNNER</u>	<u>M.I. GUNNER</u>	<u>MID GUNNER</u>	<u>FRONT GUNNER</u>
Name	<u>Sgt Marriott S.D.</u>	<u>Sgt. Currie, N.</u>		
Rounds fired	<u>100</u>			
Opening range	<u>300 Yds</u>			
Closing range	<u>300 Yds</u>			
Stoppages	<u>Tail Gunner - Stoppage in upper Right 2nd Position</u>			
Training A.G.S.	<u>No. 3 B&amp;G</u>	<u>No. 9 B&amp;G</u>		
O.T.U. & H.C.U.s	<u>24 OTU</u>	<u>1664 C.U.</u>		
20. Were you able to clear stoppages? ..... Yes .....
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part  
 of the sky? ... Mid-Upper Gunner ... Other a/c search ... Nil .....
22. Loss of height during the attack ..... Nil .....
23. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat .....  
 ..... Nil .....
24. Damage to bomber .....  
 ..... Nil .....
25. Casualties to crew .....  
 ..... Nil .....
26. Damage to fighter ..... See/Over .....
27. Fighter claimed Destroyed/Probably destroyed/Damaged .....

The Rear Gunner observed what appeared to be a fighter breaking cloud below them on their Port Quarter. The Mid-Upper & Tail Gunners then got a visual on this object which when it came up to level of bomber looked like a rocket with blue coloured sparks ejecting from it. Both Gunners opened fire & the object then headed toward the ground & burst into a large flame. This object was not a fighter but had the shape of a rocket.

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COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

Ref: 408/59/5/1

(Fill in for all "Attacks" and "Combats")

- Date 21.2.45 Target WORMS Group 6 Sqdn. 408
- Aircraft Type & Mark Halifax MK. VII A/C Letter & Serial No. "U".MP.742
- Special Equipment carried: ~~XX~~ FISHPOIND ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
 Say whether serviceable, u/s, or not used at time of combat .....  
Not used
- Was operator TRAINED ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
- Time 2034 Hrs. Height 19000 Heading 043 T. Position (Lat. & Long.) 4933N-0812E
- Target area/ ~~XX~~
- Weather (cloud, moon & position relative to bomber, visibility, etc.) .....  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ No. clouds. half moon. Vis. good
- Searchlight activity, flares, flick, etc. prior to or during combat .....  
Searchlights - flick
- What was first warning? VISUAL ~~XX~~
- Which equipment warned? ..... Immediate action taken? Dive to Stbd.
- If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later .....
- First Visual; range 2000 yds; position ~~XXXX~~ STARBD; ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
BOW ~~XXXX~~ BOVD ~~XXXXXX~~ BELLOW; against LIGHT / ~~XXXX~~ SKY.  
 How long after first early warning? ..... at once
- Which member of crew obtained first visual? ..... Pilot
- Type of E. Single Engine No. 1 What lights on E/A. Nil
- Direction of attack or approach ..... Starboard bow - up
- Direction of breaking of E/A. Did not notice thought above
- What evasive manoeuvre was taken? ..... Dive into action
- Did fighter fire? Yes Opening Range 500 Yds Closing Range 500 Yds
- Who opened fire? First FIGHTER ~~XX~~

	<u>REAR GUNNER</u>	<u>M. U. GUNNER</u>	<u>UNDER GUNNER</u>	<u>PAINT</u>
Name	<u>Sgt. Crawford R.K.</u>	<u>Sgt. Herring P.</u>		
Rounds fired	<u>Nil</u>	<u>100</u>		
Opening range				
Closing range				
Stoppages		<u>None</u>		
Training	<u>No. 3 B&amp;G</u>	<u>No. 8 B&amp;G</u>		
O.C.M. & H.C.Us	<u>24 O.M.</u>	<u>1659 CON UNIT.</u>		

- Were you able to clear stoppages? .....
- Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark of the sky? ..... Other a/c seen. None
- Loss of height during the attack ..... 1000 feet
- Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat .....  
Nil
- Damage to bomber ..... Nil
- Casualties to crew ..... Nil
- Damage to fighter ..... None claimed
- Fighter claimed Destroyed/Probably destroyed/Damaged

As the bomber was making his run over the target a single engine fighter attacked from the starboard fine bow and above, as it dove down it opened fire with a short burst and the tracer passed just over the bomber. The pilot of the bomber immediately dove into the attack and the Mid-Upper Gunner who did not see the fighter, fired a short burst in the direction from which the tracer had come. The fighter was then lost to view.

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 Ref: 408/S.8/5/1/1

COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

(Fill in for all "Attacks" and "Combats")

1. Date March 5 Target Cheanitz Group 6 Sqdn. 408
2. Aircraft Type & Mark Halifax VII A/C Letter & Serial No. Le. RG 474
3. Special Equipment carried: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ FISHPOND ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
 Say whether serviceable, u/s, or not used at time of combat .....  
 Serviceable: not used.  
 Was operator TRAINED/UNTRAINED? .....
4. Time 2143 Height 16700 Heading 223° Position (Lat. & Long.) 5102N 1255E
5. Outward ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ off track ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
6. Weather (cloud, moon & position relative to bomber, visibility, etc.) .....  
 Cloud below 10/10 Hazy above - Good vis.
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak, etc. prior to or during combat .....  
NONE
8. What was first warning? VISUAL ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
9. Which equipment warned? N/A Immediate action taken? NONE
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later NO
11. First Visual; range 600 yds; position PORT / ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ QUARTER / ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ BELOW: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
 How long after first early warning? .....
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? Tail Gunner
13. Type of E.M.F.W. No. 190 What lights on E.M. NONE
14. Direction of Attack or Approach Port Quarter Down
15. Direction of breakaway of E.M. Starboard Up Range 150 yds.
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken? Circle crew Port
17. Did Fighter fire? No Opening Range 400 yds. Closing Range 200 yds.
18. Who opened fire first ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ R. GUNNER ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
19.

	<u>REAR GUNNER</u>	<u>M. U. GUNNER</u>	<u>UNDER GUNNER</u>	<u>FRONT GUNNER</u>
Name	<u>P/O Colquhoun A-B</u>			
Rounds fired	<u>80</u>			
Opening range	<u>400</u>			
Closing range	<u>200</u>			
Stoppages	<u>NONE</u>			
Training A.C.S.	<u>No. 3 B.A. G.</u>			
O.T.U. & H.C.Us	<u>12 O.T.U. 1659 Com. Unit.</u>			
20. Were you able to clear stoppage? .....
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky? Mid-Upper Other a/c seen 2 Halifax
22. Loss of height during the attack NONE
23. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat NONE
24. Damage to bomber NONE
25. Casualties to crew NONE
26. Damage to fighter Did not notice any.
27. Fighter claimed Destroyed/Probably destroyed/Damaged .....

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1. Just short of the target it was necessary to do a dog-leg to port in order to lose time. While on this leg the rear gunner sighted a F.W. 190 on the port quarter below at a range of 600 yards. As the fighter did not appear to be pressing home the attack no immediate action was taken. As the fighter drew nearer the tail gunner gave a corkscrew to port and fired a burst of 80 rounds which appeared to have good line and score hits. The fighter broke away to the starboard up and headed towards the target. There were two other Halifax a/c in the vicinity at the time. No claims of damage to the fighter are made.

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COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

Ref: 408/5.9/5/1/A

(Fill in for all "Attacks" and "Combats")

1. Date 18/19.3.45....Target ..Witten.....Group ..6.....Sqdn. 408
2. Aircraft Type & Mark ..Halifax ..VII.....A/C Letter & Serial No. S...-..NP.777.
3. Special Equipment carried: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ / ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ / ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ / FISHPOND/~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
 Say whether serviceable, ~~XXXX~~, or not used at time of combat .....
- Was operator TRINED/~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ .....
4. Time 0550 hrs..Height 3000..Heading 295...T..Position (Lat.&Long) 5030N 0140E
5. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Homeward. On track ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
6. Weather (cloud, moon & position relative to bomber, visibility, etc.).....  
 Good visibility, no moon, clouds below
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak, etc. prior to or during combat ..None .....
8. What was first warning? VISUAL/~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
9. Which equipment warned? .....
- Immediate action taken? Corkscrew Starboard
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later .No .....
11. First Visual; range 600...yds; position ~~XXXX~~ STARBD; ~~XXXX~~ QUARTER ~~XXXX~~  
~~XXXX~~ BOVE / ~~XXXX~~ against LIGHT / ~~XXXX~~ SKY.
- How long after first early warning? .....
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? ..Mid-upper
13. Type of E... ..JU. 88... No. .... What lights on E/.. None .....
14. Direction of attack or approach .Starboard quarter above .....
15. Direction of breakaway of E/..Starboard 4P.....Range ..300 Yds
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken? ....Corkscrew Starboard
17. Did Fighter fire? ..No.....Opening Range.....Closing Range .....
18. Who opened fire first ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ M.U. GUNNER/~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
19.

Name	REAR GUNNER	M.U. GUNNER	UNDER GUNNER	FRONT
	F/S. Stilling, H.S.			
Rounds fired	50			
Opening range	300			
Closing range	300			
Stoppages	..Both Starboard guns .....			
Training ..G.S.	..3.E.&G.			
O.T.U. & H.C.U.s	..22.O.T.U. 1659.Con.Unit			
- Were you able to clear stoppage? ..No .....
- Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky? ..Rear gunner..... Other s/c seen ..None .....
- Loss of height during the attack ....500 Ft.
- Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat ..Nil .....
24. Damage to bomber ..Nil
25. Casualties to crew ..Nil
26. Damage to fighter ..Unknown
27. Fighter claimed ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Probably ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ / Damaged

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Just before reaching the English channel the mid-upper gunner saw a twin engine fighter on the starboard quarter up at a range of 600 Yds. The fighter had not committed himself to an attack and was just stooing along. At 400 Yds th& fighter dived down to attack and the mid-upper gunner gave a corkscrew to starboard and opened fire with a short burst of 50 rds. The fighter broke away to starboard up and was lost.

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While maintaining a careful search the mid-upper gunner observed a single engine fighter astern and slightly to port up at a range of 800 Yds. When the fighter had closed to 400 Yds it was identified as a M.E. 109 and the mid-upper gave a corkscrew to port. The fighter then opened fire and the trace passed under the tail of the bomber. Both gunners returned the fire during the corkscrew and the fighter was lost in the clouds.

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APPENDIX "C" NO. 9 TO R.A.F. FORMS 540 & 541 (SEE APPENDIX A.4397) FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1945.

COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

Ref: 408/S.9/5/1/Air

(Fill in for all "Attacks" and "Combats")

1. Date 18/19.3.45 Target Witten ..... Group 6 ..... Sqdn. 408
2. Aircraft Type & Mark ... Halifax ... VII ..... A/C Letter & Serial No. L... RC 474
3. Special Equipment carried: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~/ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ PISHPOND/ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
Say whether serviceable, u/s, or not used at time of combat ..... No.  
..... Was operator TRAINED/ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
4. Time 1615 ..... Height 14200 ..... Heading 220 ..... T. .... Position (Lat. & Long.) 5026N. 0720E
5. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ target area/ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ off track/ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
6. Weather (cloud, moon & position relative to bomber, visibility, etc.)  
..... Visibility good, Hazy above.
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak, etc. prior to or during combat: 2 Flares  
... to port beam, some flak, aimed in searchlights just previous to attack.
8. What was first warning? VISUAL/ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
9. Which equipment warned? ..... Immediate action taken? Gork crew port.
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later ... No.
11. First Visual; range 600-700 yds; position PORT/ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ABOVE/ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ against LIGHT/ ~~XXXX~~ SKY.  
How long after first early warning? .....
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? ... Mid-upper
13. Type of E... Unidentified No. .... What lights on E/... None
14. Direction of attack or approach ..... Port beam slightly up.
15. Direction of breakaway of E/... Above ..... Range .... 600 Yds.
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken? ... Gork crew port
17. Did fighter fire? .. Yes ..... Opening Range... 700 Yds. Closing Range... 700 yds
18. Who opened fire first FIGHTER/ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
19.

Name	REAR GUNNER	M. U. GUNNER	UNDER GUNNER	FRONT GUNNER
	F/S Grassick, W.R.			
Round fired	400			
Opening range	600 Yds			
Closing range	600 Yds			
Stoppage	Upper and lower L.H. guns 2nd Position.			
Training: ... G.S.	9. B & G			
O.T.U. & H.C.Us	22 O.T.U. 1664 Com Unit.			
- Were you able to clear stoppage? Yes. Immediately.
- Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky? ... Tail gunner ..... Other a/c seen ... One Halifax below.
- Loss of height during the attack ..... 500 Ft.
- Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat ... None.
24. Damage to bomber ..... Flak hit Radar Aerial
25. Casualties to crew ..... None
26. Damage to fighter ..... None
27. Fighter claimed Destroyed/Probably destroyed/Damaged

This crew were early on target and did an orbit to starboard and were coned by searchlights three times, shortly after the third time the mid-upper gunner observed trace coming from port beam up and passing just astern of Bomber. The range appeared to be about 600-700 Yds. The gunner could only see a blur in the sky and opened fire with two or three fairly long bursts during the corkscrew to port, the fighter appeared to pass overhead and was lost. The tail gunner did not open fire.

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COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

Ref: 408/S-9/5/1/AM

(Fill in for all "Attacks" and "Combats")

1. Date 18/19.3.45....Target ...Witten.....Group ...6.....Sqn. ...408.....
2. Aircraft Type & Mark ..Halifax .VII.....A/C Letter & Serial No. E - NP 807
3. Special Equipment carried: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ FISHPOND ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
 Say whether serviceable, XXX, or not used at time of combat ..... ~~XXXXXXXX~~  
 Was operator TR. INED / ~~XXXXXXXX~~
4. Time 0415.5 hrs. Height .1600ft. Heading..134..T..Position (Lat. & Long.) 5131N 0710E
5. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ target area / ~~XXXXXXXX~~ On track / ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
6. Weather (cloud, moon & position relative to bomber, visibility, etc.).....  
 ..... No moon. Good visibility:.....
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak, etc. prior to or during combat ..None.....  
 ..... searchlights, .. slight heavy flak. .... No flares.....
8. What was first warning? VISUAL / ~~XX~~
9. Which equipment warned? ..... Immediate action taken? .... Corkscrew Starboard
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later .... No.
11. First Visual; range 550...yds; position ~~XXXX~~ / STARBD; ~~XXXXXXXX~~ QUARTER / ~~XXXX~~  
~~XXXX~~ BOVE / ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ against LIGHT / ~~XXXX~~ SKY.  
 How long after first early warning? .....
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? ..... Rear gunner .....
13. Type of E... M.E. 109... No. .... What lights on E/... None .....
14. Direction of Attack or Approach Case in from starboard quarter above .....
15. Direction of breakaway of E/... Below to port..... Range .... 300 Yds .....
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken? .. Corkscrew starboard, go.....
17. Did Fighter fire? .... No..... Opening Range..... Closing Range .....
18. Who opened fire first ~~XXXXXXXX~~ R. GUNNER / ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
19.
 

	REAR GUNNER	M. U. GUNNER	UNDER GUNNER	FRONT GUNNER
None	F/S McLeish, E.			
Rounds fired	125			
Opening range	350 Yds			
Closing range	300 Yds			
Stoppages	All four guns	2nd position		
Training A.G.S.	9 B.A.G.			
O.T.U. & H.C.Us	22 O.T.U.	1659	Com Unit	
20. Were you able to clear stoppage? .. Just two .....
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the danger of the sky? .. Mid-upper..... Other a/c seen .. None .....
22. Loss of height during the attack .... 500 Ft.....
23. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat ... None .....
24. Damage to bomber ..... Nil.....
25. Casualties to crew ..... Nil.....
26. Damage to fighter ..... Unknown.....
27. Fighter claimed ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Probably ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Damaged .....

Just after bombing and while on the fringe of the searchlights the rear gunner saw an M.E. 109 on the starboard quarter above at a range of 550 Yds. As the fighter did not appear at the time to be pressing home an attack the gunner gave a corkscrew to starboard. The fighter then rolled over and came in to attack and the rear gunner fired three bursts of 125 rds. The fighter broke away to the port five quarter down and was lost.

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COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

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(Fill in for all "Attacks" and "Combats")

1. Date **8/9 April, 1945** Target ... **Hamburg** ..... Group ... **6** ..... Sqdn. ... **408** .....
2. Aircraft Type & Mark **Halifax VII** ..... /C-Letter & Serial No. **K.. NF 718** .....
3. Special Equipment carried: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **FISH-POND/XXXXXXXXXXXX**  
 Say whether serviceable, u/s, or not used at time of combat **Unserviceable** .....
- Was operator TRAINED/~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ .....
4. Time **2247** ..... Height **14000** ..... Heading **197.T** ..... Position (Lat. & Long) **5319N 0925E** .....
5. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ /Homeward. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ off track/~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **2 Miles Starboard.**
6. Weather (cloud, moon & position relative to bomber, visibility, etc.) ... **Dark** .....
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak, etc. prior to or during combat **Just prior to attack** .....
8. What was first warning? VISUAL/~~XX~~ .....
9. Which equipment warned? ..... Immediate action taken? **Corkscrew Stbd.** .....
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later ... **No** .....
11. First Visual; range **500**... yds; position ~~XXXXX~~ STARBD; ~~XXXXX~~ STERN; ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ / ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ against LIGHT / DARK SKY.  
 How long after first early warning? .....
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? ... **Mid-upper** .....
13. Type of E... **JU. 88** .. No. .... What lights on E/... **None** .....
14. Direction of attack or approach **Starboard fine quarter up.** .....
15. Direction of breakaway of E/... **Port down** ..... Range ... **250 Yds.** .....
16. What evasive manoeuvre was taken? ... **Corkscrew Starboard.** .....
17. Did fighter fire? ... **NO** ..... Opening Range ... **450** ..... Closing Range ... **250 Yds.** .....
18. Who opened fire first ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ GUNNER/~~XX~~ .....
19.
 

	REAR GUNNER	M.U. GUNNER	UNDER GUNNER	FRONT GUNNER
Name	<b>F/O Leach, W.L.</b>	<b>F/O Poulter, N.E.</b>		
Rounds fired	<b>200</b> n.	<b>100</b>		
Opening range	<b>450</b>	<b>900</b>		
Closing range	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>		
Strength	<b>2 Second position</b>		<b>2 Second position</b>	
Crewman No. G.S.	<b>No. 3 B &amp; G</b>	<b>No. 9 B &amp; G</b>		
O.S.M. & R.O.U.s	<b>22 O.T.U.</b>	<b>22 O.T.U.</b>	<b>1659</b>	<b>Com. Unit</b>
- Were you able to clear stoppage? ... **Yes** .....
- Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky? ... **Rear gunner** ..... Other a/c seen ... **None** .....
- Loss of height during the attack ..... **3000 Ft.** .....
- Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat ... **None** .....
24. Damage to bomber ... **None** .....
25. Casualties to crew ... **None** .....
26. Damage to fighter ... **NONE Apparent** .....
27. Fighter claimed Destroyed/Probably destroyed/Damaged ... **No Claim** .....

At 2243 the tail gunner saw a JU 88 10 degrees from astern on the starboard side up slightly, this visual was at 500 Yds. and as the fighter was diving down to attack a corkscrew to starboard was given and the fighter broke away to port down and was lost.

Four minutes later the mid-upper gunner saw a JU 88 at a range of 500 Yds. attacking from the starboard fine quarter and up, he warned the tail gunner and gave corkscrew to starboard. At 450 Yds the tail gunner saw the fighter and opened fire and his trace seemed to have good line and may have scored hits.

When the bomber was in a position for the mid-upper to fire he opened up at a range of 300 Yds. and the fighter broke away to port down at 250 Yds. and was lost.

The reason for loss of height was that they were descending and a continuation of corkscrews.

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TARGET:- HAMBURG.

COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

Ref. 408/8-9/5/1/Air

(Fill in for all "Attacks" and "Combats")

1. Date 8/9 April, 1945 Target ... Hamburg ..... Group ..... 6 ..... Sqn. .... 108 .....
2. Aircraft Type & Mark .. Malifax VIII ..... A/C Letter & Serial No. .... W742 .....
3. Special Equipment carried: BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE  
 Say whether serviceable, u/s, or not used at time of combat .. Serviceable .....
- ..... Was operator TRAINED/OVER-TRAINED? .....
4. Time 2247 ..... Height 15000 ..... Heading 219 E ..... Position (Lat. & Long.) 5312N. 0923E .....
5. BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE  
 Homeward. On track/.....
6. Weather (cloud, moon & position relative to bomber, visibility, etc.) .....  
 Dark night. Stars above, cloud below .....
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak, etc. prior to or during combat .....
- ..... Flares to starboard prior to attack .....
8. What was first warning? VISUAL/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE
9. Which equipment warned? ..... Immediate action taken? .. Weave .....
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later .... No .....
11. First Visual; range 800 yds; position .. BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE  
BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE against LIGHT / BOZEE SKY.  
 How long after first early warning? .....
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? .. Tail gunner .....
13. Type of E. Single Engine No. .... What lights on E/A .... None .....
14. Direction of attack or approach Form port quarter up .....
15. Direction of breakaway of E/A Down starboard ..... Range ..... 500 Yds.
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken? .. Weave .....
17. Did fighter fire? ... No ..... Opening Range ... 600 Yds. Closing Range ... 500 Yds.
18. Who opened fire first BOZEE/R. GUNNER BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE/BOZEE
19. 

	REAR GUNNER	M. GUNNER	UNDER GUNNER	FRONT GUNNER
Name	<u>P/S Harbrick, G.</u>	.....	.....	.....
Rounds fired	..... <u>200</u> .....	.....	.....	.....
Opening range?	..... <u>600</u> .....	.....	.....	.....
Closing range	..... <u>500</u> .....	.....	.....	.....
Stoppages	..... <u>2. Starboard position</u> .....	.....	.....	.....
Training <u>G.S. No. 9 B &amp; C</u>	.....	.....	.....	.....
<u>O.T.U. &amp; H.C.Us</u>	<u>24. Q.T.U.</u>	<u>1669</u>	<u>Com. Unit.</u>	.....
20. Were you able to clear stoppage? ... Yes on top left. No for bottom left. .....
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky? Mid-upper ..... Other s/e seen ..... None .....
22. Loss of light during the attack ..... None .....
23. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat ... None .....
- .....
24. Damage to bomber ... None .....
- .....
25. Casualties to crew ..... None .....
26. Damage to fighter ... Noe aware of any. Thought he hit A/C on port side. .....
- .....
27. Fighter claimed Destroyed/Probably Destroyed/Damaged ..... No claim .....

Shortly after leaving target the tail gunner observed a single engine A/C on the port quarter up at a range of 800 Yds. This A/C appeared to have a glow somewhere near the stern position. As the range decreased to 600 Yds he gave instructions to weave and opened fire. His bullets appeared to strike the port side of the B/A which broke away to the starboard quarter down.

Enemy A/C was not identified.

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COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

Ref: 408/S.9/5/1/Air

(Fill in for all "Attacks" and "Combats")

1. Date 13/4.45 ... Target Kiel ... Group 6 ... Sqn. 408
2. Aircraft Type & Mark ... Halifax VII ... A/C Letter & Serial No. FC-U-00-473
3. Special Equipment carried: ~~SEARCHLIGHT/ROCKET/STROBE~~ FISHBONE ~~SEARCHLIGHT~~  
 Say whether serviceable u/s, or not used at time of combat ... Yes  
 Was operator TRAINED ~~SEARCHLIGHT~~? ... Yes
4. Time 232 ... Height 3000 ... Heading 306 ... Position (Lat. & Long) 5420N. 0852E
5. ~~Direction of attack~~ Homeward. On track/ ~~SEARCHLIGHT~~
6. Weather (cloud, moon & position relative to bomber, visibility, etc.) ...  
Cloud below, visibility above good.
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak, etc. prior to or during combat ...  
Nil
8. What was first warning? VISUAL/FIRE FROM UNSEEN AIRCRAFT ~~SEARCHLIGHT~~
9. Which equipment warned? Tail gunner. Immediate action taken? Crewman Stbd.
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later No
11. First Visual; range 600 ... yds; position ~~SEARCHLIGHT~~ STARBD; ~~SEARCHLIGHT~~ HELM /  
~~SEARCHLIGHT~~ BOVM; ~~SEARCHLIGHT~~ against LIGHT / ~~SEARCHLIGHT~~ SKY.  
 How long after first early warning? .....
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? .. Tail Gunner
13. Type of E. ~~SEARCHLIGHT~~ One ... What lights on E/A ... Nil
14. Direction of attack or approach ... Starboard Beam 20 degrees up.
15. Direction of breakaway of E/A. Up, Starboard beam ... Range ... 500 Yds.
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken? .. Crewman Starboard
17. Did fighter fire? Yes ... Opening Range 600 Yds. ... Closing Range ... 500 Yds
18. Who opened fire first FIGHTER/ ~~SEARCHLIGHT~~ ~~SEARCHLIGHT~~ ~~SEARCHLIGHT~~ ~~SEARCHLIGHT~~
19.
 

	REAR GUNNER	M.U. GUNNER	UNDER GUNNER	FRONT GUNNER
Name	<u>F/S. Baky</u>	<u>F/S. Hughes</u>		
Rounds fired	<u>50</u>	<u>Nil</u>		
Opening range	<u>600</u>			
Closing range	<u>500</u>			
Stoppage	<u>Nil</u>			
Training No. G.S.	<u>No. 3 B &amp; G School</u>			
O.T.U. & H.C.U.	<u>No. 82 O.T.U.</u>	<u>No. 1666 H.C.U.</u>		
20. Were you able to clear stoppage? .. No.
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky? .. Engineer ... Other s/c seen ... None
22. Loss of height during the attack ... 600 Ft.
23. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat ...  
Nil
24. Damage to bomber ... Nil
25. Casualties to crew ... Nil
26. Damage to fighter ... Nil
27. Fighter claimed Destroyed/Probably destroyed/Damaged ... Nil

On night of April 13th 1945 while leaving target area of Kiel, rear gunner  
F/S Bate of Halifax HQ-H observed fire from an unidentified aircraft starboard from  
20 degrees up at 600 Yds.

Gunner immediately gave corkscrew Starboard and returned fire in a short burst  
of 50 rounds.

Fighter broke away to port quarter up at 500 Yds and was lost in the darkness.

During the combat the attacking AC was identified as a twin engine fighter.

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COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

Ref: 108/S-9/5/1/Air

(Fill in for all "Attacks" and "Combats")

1. Date 13.4.45.....Target Kiel.....Group 6.....Sqdn. ....
2. Aircraft Type & Mark Halifax VII.....A/C Letter & Serial No. 30-N-225..
3. Special Equipment carried: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ FISHPOND/~~XXXXXX~~  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
 Say whether serviceable, u/s, or not used at time of combat .....
- Was operator TRAINED ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ..... Yes.....
4. Time 2302.....Height 16700...Heading 118..T...Position (Lat.&Long) 552N .0825E..
5. Outward ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~. On track/~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXX~~
6. Weather (cloud, moon & position relative to bomber, visibility, etc.).....  
10/10th Cloud below bomber. No. moon, clear above......
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak, etc. prior to or during combat .....
- ... Searchlight on way to target, Flak just prior to combat......
8. What was first warning? VISUAL/~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
9. Which equipment warned? Tail gunner.. Immediate action taken? Corkscrew Port.....
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later .. No.....
11. First Visual; range 300...yds; position PORT/~~XXXXXX~~; ~~XXXXXX~~ QUARTER /~~XXXXXX~~/  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ BELOW against ~~XXXXXX~~/ D.R.K SKY.  
 How long after first early warning? .....
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? .. Tail gunner.....
13. Type of E... JU 88..... No. One..... What lights on E/.. Nil.....
14. Direction of attack or approach .. Port below 5 degrees (quarter).....
15. Direction of breakaway of E/.. Astern down.....Range .... 400 Yds......
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken? .. Corkscrew port.....
17. Did Fighter fire? Yes.....Closing Range 350 Yds...Closing Range 300 Yds...
18. Who opened fire first ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~? REAR GUNNER ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
19.
 

	REAR GUNNER	M.I. GUNNER	UNDER GUNNER	FRONT GUNNER
Name	<u>F/S Morgan</u>	<u>E/S Martin</u>		
Rounds fired	<u>250</u>	<u>Nil</u>		
Opening range	<u>250</u>			
Closing range	<u>400</u>			
Stoppages		<u>Nil</u>		
Training A.C.S.	<u>No. 3 B &amp; C</u>			
O.T.U. & H.C.Us	<u>No. 23 O.T.U.</u>	<u>1659 H.C.U.</u>		
20. Were you able to clear stoppages? .. No stoppage.....
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky? Engineer..... Other's/e seen .... One unidentified.....
22. Loss of height during the attack .... 1000 Ft......
23. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat .....
- ..... Nil.....
24. Damage to bomber .. Nil.....
- .....
25. Casualties to crew .. Nil.....
26. Damage to fighter.... Rear gunner saw strikes on starboard wing and light  
flashes as fighter disappeared in cloud......
27. Fighter claimed ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Damaged .....

On night of April 13th 1945 before target area of Kiel, aircraft  
BQ-J flying at 16700 Ft. with 10/10ths cloud and no moon.

Rear gunner F/S Morgan sighted a JU 88 5 degrees port quarter  
down at 300 Yds. Fighter opened fire instantly.

Gunner gave corkscrew port and opened fire at 250 rounds. Hits were  
observed on the Starboard wing and motor.

Fighter did not press attack further but dropped behind and disappeared  
into cloud below with one motor on fire.

Guns functioned properly giving no stoppages.

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