

COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

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

1. Date: 2.12.44. Target: Hagen Group: 6 Squadron: 434
2. Aircraft type & mark: Halifax III A/C letter & Serial No. "D" MZ435
3. Special Equipment carried: Visual Monica, Fishpond
Operator: Trained
4. Time: 20.58 Height: 17.00 Heading: 0.90 Position (Lat. & Long) 51.5N 07.00E
5. Outward, Homeward. Off track.
6. Weather: Vis Good, 10/10 cloud below. Moon on starboard
7. Searchlights: Nil No flares. Moderate-Heavy flak.
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 ASTERN. Below against Dark sky
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? Rear Gunner.
13. Type of E.A. : Single What lights on E/A: None
14. Direction of Attack or Approach: Dead astern
15. Direction of breakaway of E.A.: Below Range: 300 yds.
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken? Cork screw port.
17. Did fighter fire? : No.
18. Who opened fire first? : Rear Gunner.
19. Name ^{Rear Gunner} Pyves, H.L. Sgt. R.219049
Rounds fired: 200
Opening range: 400 yds
Closing range: 300 yds.
Stoppages: None
Training A.C.S. No. 9 B. & C., Mont Joli
O.T.U. & H.C.U. : 22 O.T.U. 1659 C.U.
20. Were you able to clear stoppages? N/A
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky? Mid Upper Other A/C seen: No.
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 seen
27. Fighter claimed Destroyed/Probably destroyed/Damaged: Nil

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COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

- Date: 2.12.44 Target: Hagen Group: 6 Sqdn.: 434
- Aircraft type & mark: Halifax III A/C letter & Serial No.: "J" MZ.913
Special Equipment carried: Fishpond
W/S at the time of combat. Operator: Trained.
Time: 2053 Height 17,000 Heading 051 Position (Lat.& Long) 51.02N
06.23E
7. Forward, Homeward- On track
 8. Weather: Vis. Good 10/10 Moon on Port
 9. Searchlight activity: Nil No flares. Moderate flak.
 10. What was first warning? VISUAL
 11. Immediate action taken? Cork screw Starboard.
 12. If the first warning was not on special equipment, dit it warn later: Nil
 13. First Visual: range - 500 yds; position Starbd; Quarter up
 14. Which member of crew obtained first visual? Rear Gunner
 15. Type of E.A.: Twin Engine. What lights on E/A; No lights
 16. Direction of Attack or Approach: Starboard Quarter Up
 17. Direction of breakaway of E/A: Above Range : 400 yds.
 18. What combat manoeuvre was taken? Cork Screw Starboard
 19. Did fighter fire? No.
 20. Who opened fire first: Rear Gunner
 21. Name: Golinsky, K.J.
Rounds fired: 15 rds.
Opening range: 400 yds.
Closing range: 400 rds.
Stoppages: 1st pos. All guns
Training A.C.S.: No. 9 B. & G. Mont Joli
O.T.U. & H.C.U.: 82 O.T.U. 1659 Con. Unit.
 22. Were you able to clear stoppage? Yes.
 23. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky?: Mid Upper Other A/C Seen?: None
 24. Loss of height during the attack: 500 ft.
 25. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat? No
 26. Damage to bomber: None
 27. Casualties to crew?: None
 28. Damage to fighter?: None
 29. Fighter claimed Destroyed/ Probably destroyed/Damaged: Nil.

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COMBAT REPORT PRO-MONICA

1. Date: 4.12.44 Target: Karlsruher Group: 6 Sqdn.: 434
2. Aircraft type & Mark: Halifax III A/C Letter & Serial No.: 311R.121
3. Special Equipment carried: Visual Monica.
Operator: Trained
4. Time: 1934.5 Height: 17,000 Heading: 231T Position(Lat. ...) 4843N
0531E
5. Outward/Homeward. On track.
6. Weather: Vis. good. Cloud underneath. No moon.
7. No searching BS. No flak. Photo flare.
8. What was first warning? VISUAL
9. Immediate action taken? Corkscrew port.
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn you? Nil.
11. First Visual: Range 300 yds; position: PORT - QUARTER - BLOW - WIND.
How long after first early warning? Immediately.
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? R/Gunner.
13. Type of E.A. HE.109 No.1 What lights on D/A: None.
14. Direction of Attack or Approach: Port - quarter
15. Direction of breakaway of E.A.: Starboard down Range: 300 yds.
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken? Corkscrew port
17. Did fighter fire? Nil Opening range: Nil Closing range: Nil.
18. Who opened fire first? Rear/Gunner
19. Name: Smith, V. R.223008 Rear Gunner
Rds. Fired: 100
Opening range: 200
Closing range: 200
Stoppages: Bottom left 1st pos.
Training: A.G.S. 3 B. & G.
O.T.U. H.C.U.'s: 22 O.T.U. 1666 H.C.U.
20. Were you able to clear stoppage: YES
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky? STATIONARY IN/AG Other A/C seen: Nil.
22. Loss of height during 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/: Nil.

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COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

- 1. Date: 18.12.44 TARGET: DUISBURG GROUP: 6 Sqn.: 434
- 2. Aircraft type and mark: Halifax III A/C Letter & Serial No. "N"ND.961
- 3. Special Equipment carried: FISHPOND. Not used at the time of combat. Operator: Trained.
- 4. Time: 0629 Height: 16,000 ft. Heading: 229T POSITION: 51:35 N
06:14 E
- 5. Homeward. On track
- 6. Weather (cloud, moon & position, relative to bomber, visibility etc)--
10/10th cloud.
- 7. Flares prior to or during combat.
- 8. What was first warning? -- Fire from unseen aircraft.
- 9. Which equipment warned? N/A Immediate action taken? Corkscrew Port.
- 10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, dit it warn later N/A
- 11. First visual; range: 200 yds; position PORT/QUARTER LEVEL. Against
dark sky. How long after first early warning? N/A
- 12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? R/AG
- 13. Type of E.A. F.W.190 No. 1 What lights on E/A : None
- 14. Direction of Attack or Approach: Port Quarter Level.
- 15. Direction of breakaway of E.A. : Port Quarter Down Range: 200 yds.
- 16. What combat manoeuvre was taken? Corkscrew Port
- 17. Did fighter fire? Yes Opening range: 400 yds Closing range: 200 yds.
- 18. Who opened fire first? --- FIGHTER

	<u>REAR GUNNER</u>	<u>M.U. GUNNER</u>
19. Name	J.87806 F/O Dallner	R.15693 W/O Boucher
Rounds fired	Nil	Nil
Opening range	-----	-----
Closing range	-----	-----
Stoppages	-----	-----
Training A.G.S.	No. 9 B. & G.	No. 9 B. & G.
O.T.U. & H.C.U.	22 O.T.U.	22 O.T.U.

- 20. Were you able to clear stoppage? N/A
- 21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the
dark part of the sky? M/U Other A/C seen: One F.W.190
- 22. Loss of height during the attack : 1000 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: None
- 27. No damage claimed to fighter.

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COMBAT REPORT PRO-NORMA

1. Date 18.12.44 TARGET: DUISBURG GROUP: 6 SQUADRON: 434
2. Aircraft type & mark: Halifax III A/C letter & Serial No: "X" NR.124
3. Special Equipment carried: Fishpot. Not used at the time. Operator 124
4. Time: 0630 HEIGHT: 16,000 HEADWIND: 1000 direction: 51:34 N 06:14 E
5. Forward: On track.
6. Weather: 8/10th cloud
7. Flares during or prior to combat.
8. What was first warning? FIRE FROM UNSEEN AIRCRAFT
9. Which equipment warned? N/A Immediate action taken? Corkscrew port.
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later? N/A
11. First Visual: range- 450 yds; position PORT/QUARTER/ABOVE, against dark sky. How long after first warning? N/A
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? REAR GUNNER M.U. GUNNER
13. Type of E.A. - ME.109 No. 1 What lights on E/A: None
14. Direction of Attack or Approach: Port Quarter Up
15. Direction of breakaway of E.A.: Astern below Range: 150 yds.
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken? Corkscrew Port
17. Did fighter fire? Yes Opening range: 450 yds. Closing range: 150 yds.
18. Who opened fire first: FIGHTER
19.

	REAR GUNNER	M.U. GUNNER
Name	R. 253890 F/Sgt. Archibald	R. 257382 F/S Burke
Rounds fired	500 rds.	200 rds.
Opening range	450 yds.	450 yds.
Closing range	150 yds.	150 yds.
Stoppages	Nil	1 1st. Position
Training A.C.S.	No. 9 B. & G.	No. 9 B. & G.
O.T.U. & H.C.U.	24 O.T.U. 1659	24 O.T.U. 1659
20. Were you able to clear stoppage? Yes.
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky? Other A/C seen: None.
22. Loss of height during the attack: 1000 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: Claimed destroyed.
27. Fighter claimed destroyed.

On the morning of the 18.12.44 from the target of Duisberg, Halifax WL X NR.124 of 434 Squadron was attacked by an enemy fighter identified as an ME.109 at a position 54:34 N 06:14 E a true heading of 228 T, height 16,000 ft, time 06:30.

At 450 yards tracer was first sighted coming from the unseen enemy aircraft in the port quarter up. At the same time both gunners gave immediate action of corkscrew port at the same time opening fire, with the R/G firing 500 rds, M/U 200 rds, both fighter and gunners firing continually to 150 yds when the fighter broke off directly below with guns still firing, disappearing into cloud below where a red glow was observed; a few seconds later an explosion was seen on the ground. A minute prior to the attack a fighter flare was dropped on the bomber's track, during the encounter only one stoppage occurred with the gunner clearing it.

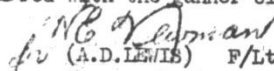

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COMBAT REPORT

1. Date : 14.1.45 Target: Merseberg Group : No. 6 Squadron : 434 Squad .
2. Aircraft Type & Mark : Lancaster X A/C Letter & Serial No. "F" KB832
3. Special Equipment carried : FISHPOND - Not Used. Other equipment retained
4. Time : 23.06 hrs. Height 20,500 ft. Heading 049'T. Position: 50.30 N 06.21 E
5. Outward , On Track
6. Weather : Hazy.
7. Flares prior to attack.
8. First warning was visual.
9. Which equipment warned ? N.A. Immediate action taken ? Corkscrew port.
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later ? N.A.
11. First visual ; range 500 yds; position PORT/QUARTER/ABOVE against LIGHT SKY.
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual ? Both gunners
13. Type of E.A. ? Unidentified Number: One . What lights on E/A ? Amber light in nose
14. Direction of attack or approach ? Port Quarter Above
15. Direction of breakaway of E.A. ? Port Quarter Range : 250 yds.
16. What combat manoeuvre taken ? Corkscrew port
17. Did fighter fire? No.
18. Who opened fire first ? Both gunners at the same time
19.

	REAR GUNNER	IU/AG
Name	J92677 P/O McKay, R.	R225332 F/S Barrett, J.
Rounds fired	150 rounds	150 rounds
Opening range	400 yds	400 yds
Closing range	150 yds	150 yds
Stoppages	Nil	One
Training A.G.S.	3 B & G	9 B & G
O.T.U. & H.C.U.'s	22 OTU & 1659 CU	22 OTU & 1659 CU.
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 : None Other A/C seen ? None
22. Loss of height during the attack ? 1200 feet
23. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat ? None
24. Damage to Bombe. ? None
25. Casualties to crew ? None
26. Damage to fighter ? Claimed destroyed
27. Fighter claimed destroyed .

NARRATIVE

On the night of 14.1.45 to the target of Merseberg, Lancaster aircraft "F" KB832 of 434 Squadron was attacked by an unidentified twin engine enemy fighter at a position 50.30 N 06.21 E a true heading of 049'T, time 23.06 hrs. at a height of 20,500 feet.

The enemy aircraft was first sighted by both Mid-Upper and Rear Gunners firing on another Lancaster, the fighter then broke away and attacked the Lancaster of 434 Squadron from the Port Quarter above, immediate action of corkscrew port was given by the rear gunner, the fighter then broke off his attack on the port quarter and commenced his second attack for the Port Quarter above at a range of 500 yards, again corkscrew port was given with both gunners opening fire at 400 yds firing to approx. 250 yds when the enemy fighter broke off below, a few seconds later the fighter was observed directly below in fire with parts of the aircraft falling off, an explosion was then seen on the ground.

Prior the attack, fighter flares had been dropped on the bombers track, the enemy aircraft carried an amber light in the nose. A total of 150 rounds were fired from each turret with one stoppage in the Mid Upper which the gunner was able to clear.

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COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA
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1. Date.....1:2:45..... Target: Mannheim..... Group.....6.....Sqn.....434
2. Aircraft type & mark.....Lancaster X.....A/C Letter & Serial No....."L" KB842
3. Special equipment carried....."Fishpond".....Not used.....Operator was trained.....
4. Time.....1923 hrs.....Height.....17000ft.....Heading.....080 T.....Position (Lat.&Long): 49:29 W
08:2650 E
5.Target Area...../ On track.....
6. Weather.....5/10 cloud below..... Visibility good.....
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak etc., prior to or during combat.....Light from target.....
8. What was first warning?.....Fire from unseen aircraft.....
9. Which equipment warned?.....N/A..... Immediate action taken?.....Corkscrew star Bd.
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later.....N/A
11. First visual; range ..N/A.....yds; position Starbd..... Quarter
.....Below..... Against light sky.....
How long after first early warning?.....N/A
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual?.....R/AG, fire from Unseen aircraft.....
13. Type of E.A.....Unidentified.....No..... One..... What lights on E/A.....N/A.....
14. Direction of Attack or Approach.....Starbd. Quarter Below.....
15. Direction of breakaway of E/A.....N/A..... Range.....N/A.....
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken?.....Corkscrew Starbd.....
17. Did fighter fire?.....Yes.....Opening range.....N/A.....Closing range.....N/A
18. Who opened fire first?.....Fighter.....
19. Name.....R215914.....REAR GUNNER.....M/U GUNNER.....R215971.....McGregor, A
Rounds fired.....N/A.....N/A.....
Opening range.....N/A.....N/A.....
Closing range.....N/A.....N/A.....
Stoppages.....None.....None.....
Training A.G.S.....No.....3 BAC McDonald.....No.....3 BAC McDonald.....
O.T.U. & H.C.U's.....22 O.T.U. 1944.....22 O.T.U. 1944.....
20. Were you able to clear stoppages?.....None.....
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of
the sky?.....M/U & R/AG..... Other A/C seen.....None.....
22. Loss of height during the attack.....1000 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.....None.....
27. Fighter claimed destroyed/Probably destroyed/Damaged.....No claims.....

1. Date... 14-2-45 Target... Chemnitz Group... 6 Sqn... 434
2. Aircraft type & mark... Lancaster X A/C Letter & Serial No. "E" KB824
3. Special equipment carried: "Fishpond" - not used
 Operator was trained
4. Time... 21:16 Height... 18000ft Heading... 238 T Position (Lat. & Long): 50:40 N 13:00 E
5. Howward: On track.
6. Weather (cloud, moon & position relative to bomber, visibility etc.)...
 Cloud Below
7. Searchlight activity, glares, flak etc., prior to or during combat...
 Fire from Target
8. What was first warning? Fire from unseen aircraft
9. Which equipment warned? N/A Immediate action taken? Corkscrew Port
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later? N/A
11. First Visual; range... N/A yds; position Port QUARTER
 Below Against Light
 How long after first early warning? N/A
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? Rear Air Gunner
13. Type of E.A. Unidentified No. One What lights on E/A... None
14. Direction of Attack or Approach... Port Quarter Below
15. Direction of breakaway of E/A... Not known Range... N/A
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken? Corkscrew port
17. Did fighter fire? Yes Opening range... N/A Closing range... N/A
18. Who opened fire first? Fighter Rear Gunner M.O. Gunner
19. Name... J. 19723 E/O: J. Marston J. 18998 E/O: G. Scott
 Rounds fired... None None
 Opening range... N/A N/A
 Closing range... N/A N/A
 Stoppages... None None
 Training A.G.S... 7.B.G.7.4.G.S.
 O.T.U. & H.C.U's... 23 O.T.U.
20. Were you able to clear stoppage? None
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky? None Other A/C seen... None
22. Loss of height during the attack... 1000 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... None
27. Fighter claimed Destroyed/Probably destroyed/Damaged... None

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COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

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

1. Date 20/21.2.45 Target Dortmund Group 6 Sqdn 434
2. Aircraft type & mark Lancaster I A/C Letter & Serial No. "N" KB840
3. Special Equipment carried: Fishpond Serviceable Used
4. Time 01.095 Height 18500 ft. Heading 024 T Position (Lat. & Long): 51:23N
5. Outward On Track 07:19E
6. Weather (Cloud, moon & position relative to bomber, visibility etc.) Cloud Below
1/2 Moon Starboard Quarter Up
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak etc., prior to or during combat Glow from Target
8. What was first warning? Visual Special Equipment
9. Which equipment warned? Fishpond Immediate action taken? Corkscrew Port
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later? Yes
11. First visual; range 500 Yds; position Port Quarter Below
against Dark Sky
- How long after first early warning? Before Fishpond warning
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? Rear Gunner
13. Type of E.A. JU 88 No. One What lights on E/A. None
14. Direction of Attack or approach Port Quarter Below
15. Direction of breakaway of E/A Starboard Quarter Below Range 200 Yards
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken? Corkscrew Port
17. Did fighter fire? NO Opening range None Closing range None
18. Who opened fire first? R/Gunner
- | | Rear Gunner | MU Gunner |
|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 19. Name | R156984 W/O L. Boucher | J87806 P/O. Dallner, D. |
| Rounds fired | 250 Yds | N/A |
| Opening range | 500 Yds | N/A |
| Closing range | 200 Yds | N/A |
| Stoppages | N/A | None |
| Training A.G.S. | No. 9 B & G | No. 9 B & G |
| O.T.U. & H.C.U.s | 1659 C.U. 22 O.T.U. | 1659 C.U. 22 O.T.U. |
20. Were you able to clear stoppage? None
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky? Upper Other A/C seen Two JU 88
22. Loss of height during the attack 800 Feet
23. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat. None
24. Damage to bomber None
25. Casualties to crew None
26. Damage to fighter Hits claimed
27. Fighter claimed Damaged
- 2ND ATTACK:** A second JU 88 was sighted just prior to bombing at a position 51:28N 07:25E; time 0111.0; height 18500ft. a time heading of 024. The E/A. was first sighted by the rear gunner port quarter below at a range of approximately 500 Yds; immediate action of corkscrew port was given at the same time both rear gunner and the fighter opened fire, at 200 Yds the fighter broke off his attack to starboard and disappeared. Hits were observed in the enemy A/C.
- 3RD ATTACK:** A third JU 88 was sighted just after bombing at a position 51:35N 07:33E time 0113 height 18500ft a time heading of 024. The enemy aircraft was first on the port quarter below at a range of 450 Yds. Immediate action of corkscrew port was given, with the fighter and both gunners opening fire, at approximately 200 Yds the fighter broke off his attack starboard quarter up.
- During the three attacks the rear gunner fired approximately 1100 Rds. Mid Upper 200 Rds. encountering no stoppages.

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COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

20/2.45 (Fill in for all "Attacks" and "Combats")

1. Date: ~~20/2.45~~ Target: Dortmund Group: 6 Sqdn: 434
2. Aircraft type & mark: Lancaster 1 A/C. letter & Serial Nos "P" NG 497
3. Special Equipment carried: Fishpond - Serviceable - Enemy A/C. sighted on fishpond Operator was trained.
4. Time: 01.35 Height: 9000 Heading: 230T Position (Lat. & Long): 51:39N 06:20E
5. Homeward - On track.
6. Weather: Cloud 5000 Visibility very good.
7. Flares 400 yds. port, fine quart and flares about 150 yds. off Port Beam. No search-lights or flak during combat.
8. What was first warning: Visual - Special equipment
9. Which equipment warned: Fishpond. Immediate action taken: Corkscrew starboard.
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later: N/A.
11. First visual: range 600 yds. Position: Astern, below, against: light sky.
12. How long after first early warning: Simultaneous.
13. Which member of crew obtained first visual: Rear Gunner.
14. Type of E/A: Junkers 88 No: 1 What lights on E/A: Nil
15. Direction of attack or approach: astern.
16. Direction of breakaway of E/A: Port up Range: 150yds.
17. What combat manoeuvre was taken: Corkscrew to starboard.
18. Did fighter fire: Yes Opening range: 200 yds Closing range: 150 yds.
19. Who opened fire first: Fighter.

<u>M.U. GUNNER</u>	<u>REAR GUNNER</u>
Name: F/S. Taggart, J.H. R206351	F/S. Weaver, S.J. R275185
Rounds fired: NIL	
Opening range: NIL	
Closing range: NIL	
Stoppages: Rear turret fourguns unserviceable (No. pressure to firing gear)	
Training A.G.S.: No. 3 B & C	No. 10 B & C
O.T.U. & H.C.U.s: No. 24 O.T.U. No. 1659 H.C.U. No. 86 O.T.U. No. 1666 H.C.U.	
20. Were you able to clear stoppages: No.
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky: M.U. & R.G. searching astern. Pilot & Engineer ahead. A/C. seen: N/A.
22. Loss of height during the attack: 2000 ft.
23. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat: Nil.
24. Damage to bomber: A/C. Category "E"
25. Casualties to crew: Wireless operator killed. M.U.G. Wounded.
26. Damage to fighter: Nil
27. Fighter claimed: N/A.

To the target of Dortmund on 20.2.45 Lancaster A/C. "P" NG.497 of 434 Sqdn. was attacked by an enemy A/C. at position 51:39N 06:20E height 9000, heading 230T.

The enemy A/C. was first sighted by rear gunner simultaneous with warning by WO/AG. on fishpond in the astern position, slightly below silouetted against the clouds. The rear gunner gave corkscrew starboard immediately but was unable to fire as the rear turret went E/S. on the way to the target. The M/U. gunner was unable to fire as the enemy fighter stayed below the bomber breaking away up to the port at 150 yds, at 200 yds the enemy aircraft began firing a steady burst until breakaway, killing the WO/P and wounding the M/U. Gunner.

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COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA
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1. Date... 23.2.45Target... PforzheimGroup... 6Sqn... 434.....
2. Aircraft ty & mark: Lancaster X A/C Letter & Serial No: "E" KB824
3. Special Equipment carried: Fishpond - Serviceable. - Operator trained.
4. Time: 20.20 Height: 8500 Heading: 283 TRUE Position (Lat.&Long): 48:35N, 0840E
5. Homeward - On track.
6. Weather: Hazy No Cloud.
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak etc., prior to or during combat: Nil
8. What was first warning: Visual
9. Which equipment warned: N/A. Immediate action taken: Corkscrew Starboard.
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later: N/A.
11. First visual: range 500 yds. Position: Starbd. Quarter, Above, Against Light Sky
How long after first early warning: N/A.
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual: Rear Gunner,
13. Type of E/A: 210 No: 1 What light on E/A: None
14. Direction of attack or approach: Starboard Quarter Level.
15. Direction of breakway of E/A: Starboard Quarter Range: 200 yards.
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken: Corkscrew Starboard
17. Did fighter fire: Yes. Opening range: 500 yards. Closing range: 200 yards.
18. Who opened fire first: Rear Gunner.

	<u>REAR GUNNER</u>	<u>M.U. GUNNER</u>
Name:	SGT. McABRINE, J. R273659	SGT. FLEMING, G. R261400
Rounds Fired:	25	400 yds
Opening range:	500 yds	400 yds
Closing range:	4 guns U/S.	200 yds
Stoppages:	Turret U/S.	Nil
Training A.G.S.:	No. 9 B & G	No. 9 B & G
O.T.U. & H.C.U.'s:	24 O.T.U. 1664 H.C.U.	24 O.T.U. 1664 H.C.U.

20. Were you able to clear stoppages: No. Rear turret U/S.
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky: Pilot & Engineer. Other A/C. seen: None.
22. Loss of height during the attack: 1000 feet.
23. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat: Starboard Elevator shot away.
24. Damage to Bomber: Starboard elevator shot away, many holes from cannon fire.
25. Casualties to crew: Nil
26. Damage to fighter: Starboard engine on fire.
27. Fighter claimed: Damaged.

To the target of Pforzheim on the 23.2.45 Lancaster "E" KB824 of No. 434 Sqn. was attacked by an enemy A/C. at a position 48:35N 08:40E height 8500ft. heading 283T. The enemy A/C. was first sighted by the rear gunner in the starboard quarter just prior to shooting down another bomber at the same time both gunners opened fire. The enemy A/C. then made his attack from starboard quarter level at a range of 500 yds. immediate action of corkscrew port was given, with the fighter opening fire. The rear gunner then opened fire with the turret going U/S. after the first burst. The fighter then broke off his attack starboard quarter. While the bomber was still corkscrewing the enemy fighter stayed off at 500 yds. and kept firing. The mid upper then opened fire, firing a long burst, the fighters starboard engine was seen to catch fire, where the fighter broke off his attack and disappeared.

COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

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

1. Date: 5.3.45 Target: Chemnitz Group: 6 Sqn: 434
2. Aircraft Type: Lanc X A/C Letter & Serial No: "L" KB 842
3. Special Equipment carried: Fishpond. Not used. Operator trained.
4. Time: 21.57 Height: 16,500 ft. Heading: 168T Position: (Lat. & Long) 50.43N 13.8E
5. Homeward. On track
6. Weather: 10/10 Cloud below
7. Searchlight activity: Flock prior to Attack
8. What was first warning: Visual
9. Which Equipment warned: N/A Immediate action taken: Corkscrew starboard
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later: N/A
11. First Visual: 500 yds; position: Starbd quarter above. Against light sky
How long after first early warning: N/A
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual: Rear Gunner
13. Type of E.A: JU 88 No:1 What lights on E/A: None
14. Direction of Attack or Approach: Starbd quarter above
15. Direction of breakway of E/A: Port quarter up Range: 250 yds
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken: Corkscrew starbd
17. Did fighter fire: Yes Opening range: 450 yds Closing range: 350 yds
18. Who opened fire first: M.U. Gunner
19. Name: R257859 F/S Higgs R. R254237 F/S Heisler

Rounds fired:	400	400
Opening range:	450 yds	450 yds
Closing range:	300 yds	300 yds
Stoppages:	Nil	No.1 position
Training A.G.S:	3 B & G	3 B & G
O.T.U. & H.C.U.s:	22 O.T. 1666 C.U.	22 O.T.U. 1666 C.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: M.U. Other A/C seen: None
22. Loss of height during the attack:
23. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat: None
24. Damage to bomber: Starbd elevator damaged, Starbd gas tank holed
25. Casualties to crew: None
26. Damage to fighter: Hits claimed
27. Fighter: undamaged: Damaged

NARRATIVE

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

On the night of the 5.3.45 from the target of Chemnitz, Lancaster aircraft "L" KB 842 of 434 Sqn was attacked by an enemy fighter identified as a J.U.88 at a position 50.43N 13E a heading of 168T, height 16,500 ft, time 21.57. The enemy A/C was first sighted by the Rear Gunner in the Starbd up at a range of 500 yds. Immediate action of corkscrew starbd was given with both gunners and fighter opening fire at once at a range of 450 yds, firing to approx 300 yds. where the fighter broke off his attack just quarter up and was not seen again; Hits were claimed in the enemy fighter, while the bomber received damage to its starbd elevators, gas tanks and undercarriage. Rear gunner fired 400 yds encountering no stoppages, the mid upper fired 400 yds with one stoppage.

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COMBAT REPORT PRO-NORMA

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

1. Date: 7.3.45 Target: Dessau. Group: 6 Sqdn: 434
 2. Aircraft type & Mark: Lancaster I. A/C Letter & Serial No: "Y" KB834
 3. Special Equipment carried: Fishpond, Serviceable, Operator was trained.
 4. Time: 22:13 Height 15000ft. Heading 227 T Position(Lat&Long) 51:44N 12:07E
 5. Homeward. On Track.
 6. Weather: 8/10 Cloud Below, Moon.
 7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak etc., prior to or during combat: None.
 8. What was first warning: Special Equip. Fishpond.
 9. Which equipment warned: Fishpond. Immediate action taken: Corkscrew Port.
 10. If the first warning was not on special equipment did it warn later: NIL
 11. First visual: range 600 Yds. Position: Astern, Above, Against dark sky. Both picked up fighter at sametime.
 12. Which member of crew obtained first visual: Rear Air Gunner.
 13. Type of E.A: JU.88 No: One What lights on E/A: None.
 14. Direction of attack or Approach: Astern, above.
 15. Direction of breakaway of E.A: Starbd below Range: 200 Yds.
 16. What combat manoeuvre was taken: Corkscrew Port.
 17. Did fighter fire: No Opening range: Nil Closing range: Nil
 18. Who opened fire first: Rear Gunner, M.U. Gunner.
- | | <u>REAR GUNNER</u> | <u>M.U. GUNNER</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 19. Name: | J18994 F/O. Marceau | J19723 F/O. Scott |
| Rounds fired: | 400 Rds. | 300 Rds. |
| Opening range: | 500 Yds. | 500 Yds. |
| Closing range: | 250 Yds. | 250 Yds. |
| Stoppages: | Two Port Guns. | Nil |
| Training A.G.S.: | No. 9 B. & G | No. 3 B. & G |
| O.T.U. & H.C.U.s: | 23 O.T.U. 1664 C.U. | 30 O.T.U. 1664 C.U. |
20. Were you able to clear stoppages: Not sufficient time.
 21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky: M.U. Gunner 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: None.
 25. Casualties to crew: None
 26. Damage to fighter: Hits claimed.
 27. Fighter claimed destroyed/Probably destroyed/ Damaged: No Claim.

On the night of the 7.3.45 from the target of Dessau Lancaster Aircraft "Y" KB 834 of 434 Sqdn. was attacked by a JU.88 at a position 51.44N 12:07E at time heading of 227 ; time 22:13, height 15000 ft.

The enemy fighter was first sighted by the Rear Gunner astern above at a range of 600 Yds., the enemy aircraft was also picked up by fishpond at the sametime. The Rear Gunner gave immediate action of corkscrew port at the same time both gunners opening fire, rear gunner firing 400 Rds. M.U. Gunner 300 Rds. At approximately 200 yards, the fighter broke off his attack to starboard below and disappeared. Hits were claimed in the enemy fighter.

COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

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

1. Date: 15.3.45 Target: Hagen Group: 6 Sqdn 434
2. Aircraft type & Mark: Lancaster 1 A/C letter & Serial No: X PA226
3. Special Equipment carried: Fishpond, Serviceable, but not used. Operator was trained.
4. Time: 21.10 Height: 8000ft. Heading: 0230 Position(Lat & Long) 50.32N 04.45E
5. Homeward, on track.
6. Weather: Dark Haze Below, No moon, visibility poor.
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak etc., prior to or during combat: None.
8. What was first warning: Fire from unseen aircraft.
9. Which equipment warned: None Immediate action taken: Corkscrew Starbd.
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later: N/A.
11. First visual: range 300 Yds. Position: Starbd, Quarter, Above, Against dark sky.
How long after first early warning: N/A.
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual: Both M/U. AND Rear Gunner.
13. Type of E/A: Unidentified No: One What lights on E/A: None.
14. Direction of Attack or approach: Starbd. Quarter up to Astern level.
15. Direction of breakaway of E/A: Port Quarter down Range: 300 Yds.
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken: Corkscrew Starbd.
17. Did fighter fire: Yes Opening range: 450 Yds Closing range: 300 Yds.
18. Who opened fire first: Fighter

	<u>REAR GUNNER</u>	<u>M.U. GUNNER</u>
19. Name:	W/O. J. Archibald R253890	W/O. D. BURTON R257382
Rounds Fired:	200	150
Opening range:	350	400
Closing range:	300	300
Stoppages:	None	None
Training A.C.S.s:	9 B & G	9 B & G
O.T.U. & H.C.U.:	24 O.T.U. 1659 O.U.	24 O.T.U. 1659 O.U.

20. Were you able to clear stoppages: N/A.
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky: WO/AG, MU/AG, R/AG. Other A/C. seen: None
22. Loss of height during the attack: 1800 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: Trace seen to strike fighter, WOP saw small explosion on ground after
27. Fighter claimed destroyed/damaged/probably destroyed: No Claim.

On the night of 15.3.45, whilst on operations to Hagen, Lancaster aircraft "X" PA226 of 434 Squadron was attacked by an unidentified Enemy Aircraft, at a position 50.32N 04.45E on a heading 0230 and height of 8000 ft. The time was 21.10. Unseen the enemy aircraft opened fire from Starbd. Quarter up at a range of approximately 450 Yds. Both gunners gave the immediate action of corkscrew Starbd., the M.U. Gunner opening fire at approximately 400 Yds and the Rear Gunner at 350 Yds. The fighter then stopped firing and broke away to port quarter down and was not seen again. Hits were seen on the fighter, and shortly after the attack was broken the WO/AG saw a small explosion on the ground but hardly large enough to be an aircraft striking the ground.

The mid upper fired 150 rounds with no stoppages and the Rear Gunner fired 200 rounds, no stoppages being encountered.

COMBAT REPORT

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

1. Date: 21.3.45 Target: Haide Group: 6 Sqdn: 434
 2. Aircraft type & mark: Lancaster 1 A/C. letter & Serial No: "Q" NG 345
 3. Special Equipment carried: Fishpond, Servissable, Operator was trained.
 4. Time: 05.49 Height: 2000 Heading: 270 Position: Lat & Long: 54.35N 04.53E
 5. Homeward, On track
 6. Weather: Very hazy to starbd, but port visibility not bad.
 7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak etc., prior to or during combat: A red flare dropped astern after attack was broken.
 8. What was first warning: Special Equipment
 9. Which equipment warned: Fishpond Immediate action taken: Corkscrew port.
 10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later: N/A.
 11. First visual: range 500 yds. Position: Port, Beam
How long after first early warning: 30 Sec's.
 12. Which member of crew obtained first visual: Rear Gunner.
 13. Type of E.A. Unidentified Twin Engine. No: One What Light on E/A: None
 14. Direction of Attack or Approach: Port Beam.
 15. Direction of breakaway of E.A.: Port Quarter Down Range: 350 Yds.
 16. What combat manoeuvre was taken: Corkscrew Port.
 17. Did fighter fire: No. Opening range: N/A. Closing range: N/A.
 18. Who opened fire first: Rear Gunner
- | | Rear Gunner | M.U. Gunner |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 19. Name: | R163415 F/S. SPRATT | R274242 SGT. Taylor |
| Rounds fired: | 100 | NIL |
| Opening range: | 500 Yds | N/A |
| Closing range: | 350 Yds | N/A |
| Stoppages: | NIL | N/A. |
| Training A.C.S.: | 10 B&G | 10 B&G |
| O.T.U. & H.C.U.s: | 24 O.T.U. 1666 C.U. | 24 O.T.U. 1666 C.U. |
20. Were you able to clear stoppages: N/A.
 21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky: M.U. Gunner Other A/C. seen: None.
 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: Nil
 26. Damage to fighter: Nil
 27. Fighter claimed: No claim.

On the night of 21.3.45 whilst on operations to Haide Lancaster A/C. "Q" NG 345 of 434 Squadron was attacked by an unidentified twin engined E/A. at a position 54.35N 04.53E on a heading of 270° and a height of 2000ft. The time was 05.49. The first warning was given by the W/OP who picked up the fighter from a fishpond warning on the port beam below. At 500Yds the rear gunner obtained the first visual and gave the immediate action of "Corkscrew port", at the same time opening fire. The fighter did not return fire, and broke away to port quarter down at a range of 350 Yds. Soon after this a red flare was dropped well astern, and Fishpond recorded the presence of the fighter for another twenty minutes, but at an extreme range, and no further visuals were obtained.

The rear gunner fired 100 rounds, no stoppages being encountered. The Mid-Upper Gunner did not fire.

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

1. Date: 31.3.45 Target: Hamburg Group: 6 Squadron: 434
2. Aircraft type & mark: Lancaster X A/C letter & Serial No. "T" KB849
3. Special equipment carried: Fishpond, Serviceable, Operator was trained.
4. Time: 0904 Height: 18100 Heading: 029 Position (Lat. & Long) Over Target.
5. Target area, On track.
6. Weather: Clear - Good visibility.
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak etc., prior to or during combat: Slight Flak.
8. What was first warning: Visual.
9. Which equipment warned: N/A. Immediate action taken: Corkscrew Starbd.
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later: N/A.
11. First visual: range 800 yds. Position: Starbd. Quarter, Above, against.
How long after first early warning: N/A.
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual: Rear Gunner.
13. Type of E/A: ME 262 No. one What lights on E/A.: NIL.
14. Direction of attack or approach: Starbd. Quarter.
15. Direction of breakaway of E/A: Astern Down Range: 50 yds.
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken: Corkscrew Starbd.
17. Did fighter fire: Yes Opening range: 200 yds. Closing range: 100 yds.
18. Who opened fire first: Rear Gunner

REAR GUNNER

M.U. GUNNER

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|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 19. Name | F/SGT. Spratt (R165413) | F/SGT. Taylor (R274242) |
| Rounds fired | 450 Rds. | 250 Rds. |
| Opening range: | 300 Yds | 150 Yds. |
| Closing range: | 50 Yds | 50 Yds. |
| Stoppages: | NIL | NIL |
| Training A.C.S. | 10 B & G | 10 B & G |
| O.T.U. & H.C.U.s | 24 O.T.U. 1666 C.U. | 24 O.T.U. 1666 C.U. |
20. Were you able to clear stoppages: N/A.
 21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky: WO/AG. Other A/C seen: A number of ME 262's
 22. Loss of height during the attack: 300 feet.
 23. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat: NIL
 24. Damage to bomber: NIL
 25. Casualties to crew: NIL
 26. Damage to fighter: Obtained strikes over whole aircraft.
 27. Fighter claimed: Probably damaged.

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Whilst on daylight operations to the target of Hamburg Lancaster aircraft "T" KB849 of 434 Squadron was attacked by an ME 262 directly over the target at a height of 18100 ft. the time being 0904 hrs. The heading was 029. The rear gunner first sighted the enemy aircraft at a range of 800 yds. on the starbd. quarter slightly up, and gave the immediate action of Corkscrew starbd. The fighter closed at high speed but did not open fire till at a range of 200 yds. The Rear Gunner however opened fire at 300 yds., and later was joined by the mid upperfire when enemy aircraft was at a range of 150 yds. The fighter ceased fire at 100 yds. but continued to close to a position astern up, both gunner continuing to fire. The enemy aircraft then seemed to almost stall at a range of 50 yds, then dove straight down apparently out of control and was last seen by the bomb aimer disappearing through the cloud layer below. While the gunners were firing strikes were seen over the wings and fuselage but no chips or smoke were seen to come from the fighter. This fighter is claimed probably damaged.

Immediately after this a second ME 262 was sighted at 300 yds, on the starbd. Beam and closed rapidly firing to 100 yds, then broke away to port down. Both gunners opened fire at 300 yds, but no claim is made, and no strikes were seen.

A third ME 262 followed this second attack from approximately 400 yds astern up, and closed firing, the rear gunner returning fire. This enemy aircraft then broke away at 200 yds. to port down. No strikes were seen and no claim is made to this third attack.

The rear gunner fired a total of 600 yds the mid-upper a total of 400 rds, no stoppages being encountered in either case.

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

1. Date: 31.3.45 Target: Hamburg Group: 6 Squadron: 434
 2. Aircraft type & mark: Lancaster X A/C letter & Serial No.: "M" KB862
 3. Special equipment carried: Fishpond, Serviceable, Not used. Operator was trained.
 4. Time: 0904 hrs. Height: 18400 Heading: 021 Position (Lat. & Long) 53.33N 16.03E
 5. Target area, On track.
 6. Weather: Clear - Very good
 7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak etc., prior to or during combat: Slight Flak.
 8. What was first warning: Visual
 9. Which equipment warned: N/A. Immediate action taken: Corkscrew Starbd.
 10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later: N/A.
 11. First visual: range 800 yds. Position: Starbd Quarter, Level, Against.
How long after first early warning: N/A.
 12. Which member of crew obtained first visual: Rear Gunner.
 13. Type of E/A.: ME 262 No. one What lights on E/A.: N/A.
 14. Direction of attack or approach: Starbd Quarter Level.
 15. Direction of breakaway of E/A.: Port Quarter Down Range: 500 yds.
 16. What combat manoeuvre was taken: Corkscrew Starbd.
 17. Did fighter fire: Yes Opening range: 800 yds Closing range: 500 yds.
 18. Who opened fire first: Fighter, Rear Gunner, M.U. Gunner - All together.
- | | <u>REAR GUNNER</u> | <u>M.U. GUNNER</u> |
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| 19. Name: | F/SGT. REYNOLDS, (R285855) | F/SGT. LAMBERT (R285636) |
| Rounds fired: | 400 rds. | 200 rds |
| Opening range: | 800 yds | 800 yds |
| Closing range: | 500 yds | 500 yds |
| Stoppages: | NIL | NIL |
| Training A.G.S.: | No. 9 B & G | No. 9 B & G |
| O.T.U. & H.C.U.s.: | 22 O.T.U. 1666 G.U. | 22 O.T.U. 1666 G.U. |
20. Were you able to clear stoppages: N/A.
 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: Other 262's in vicinity.
 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: No damage claimed.
 27. Fighter claimed: No claim.

Whilst on operations to Hamburg in daylight on 31.3.45 Lancaster aircraft "M" KB862 of 434 Squadron was attacked by an ME 262 at a position 53.33N 16.03E on a heading of 021 and at a height of 18400 ft. The time was 09.04. The Rear Gunner first sighted the enemy aircraft at a range of 800 yds., on the starboard quarter level, and gave the immediate action of corkscrew starbd. Both gunners opened fire at 800 yds, and the fighter closed to 500 yds firing all the way. The enemy aircraft then broke away to port quarter down. No claim is made on this attack.

Four minutes later, at a position 53.45, 16.11 at a height of 18400 ft., another ME 262 attacked from the Starbd Beam at short range. The mid upper gunner opened fire at 200 yds, and strikes were seen on the underside of fuselage, with pieces of fuselage falling off. This ME 262 then broke away to Port Quarter at approximately 100 yds., and was not seen again. This fighter is claimed damaged.

The Rear gunner fired a total of 400 rds., the Mid upper gunner 350 rds., no stoppages being encountered in either case.

COMBAT REPORT RFO-FORMA

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

1. Date: 31.3.45 Target: Hamburg Group: 6 Squadron: 434
2. Aircraft type and Mark: Lancaster X A/C letter & Serial No: "R" KB852
3. Special Equipment carried: Fishpond, Unserviceable, Operator was trained.
4. Time: 0904 hrs Height: 18400 ft. Heading: 029 Position (Lat. & Long): Target Area
5. Target area, On track
6. Weather: Visibility good - Very clear.
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak etc. prior to or during combat: Slight Flak.
8. What was first warning: Visual
9. Which equipment warned: N/A. Immediate action taken: Corkscrew Port.
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment did it warn later: N/A.
11. First visual: range 400 yds. Position: Astern, level, against.
How long after first early warning: N/A.
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual: Rear Gunner
13. Type of E.A.: ME 262 No: one What lights on E/A: N/A.
14. Direction of attack or approach: From dead astern.
15. Direction of breakaway of E/A: Starbd Down Range: 50 yds.
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken: Corkscrew Port.
17. Did fighter fire: Yes Opening range 300 yds Closing range: 50 yds.
18. Who opened fire first: Fighter

REAR GUNNER

M.U. GUNNER

19. Name	P/O. Baxter (J93226)	P/O. Cowlin (J93163)
Rounds fired	400 rds	200 rds
opening range	200 yds.	200 yds
Closing range	50 yds	50 yds
Stoppages	NIL	NIL
Taining A.G.S.	No. 9 B & G	No. 9 B & G
O.T.U. & H.C.U.s	83 O.T.U. 1659 C.U.	83 O.T.U. 1459 C.U.

20. Were you able to clear stoppages: N/A.
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky: WO/AG. Other aircraft seen: Two other ME 262's
22. Loss of height during the attack: 300 feet.
23. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat: NIL
24. Damage to bomber: NIL
25. Casualties to crew: NIL
26. Damage to fighter: Smoke seen coming out of port wing.
27. Fighter claimed: Damaged.

Whilst on daylight operations to the target of Hamburg Lancaster aircraft "R" KB852 of 434 Squadron was attacked by an ME 262 in the immediate target area, on a heading of 029 and at a height of 18400 feet. The time was 0904. The Rear Gunner first sighted the enemy aircraft at a range of 400 yds, dead astern level. The rear gunner gave the combat manoeuvre corkscrew port, but did not open fire until the fighter was within a range of 200 yds, when both gunners opened fire.

The fighter opened fire at 300 yds and continued to close, to a range of 50 yds. Both gunners continued to fire, and strikes were seen, and as the fighter broke to starbd. down, smoke was seen coming from its port wing, and side of fusilage. This fighter is claimed as damaged.

The rear gunner fired 400 rds. the mid-upper firing 200 rds. no stoppages being encountered in either case.

COMBAT NARRATIVE

DATE: 31.3.45 TARGET: Hamburg GROUP: 6 SQUADRON: 434

Whilst on daylight operations to Hamburg Lancaster aircraft "L" KB880 of 434 Squadron was attacked by one ME.262, in the target area, and at a height of 18400 feet. The time of attack was 0906 hrs. Both gunners spotted the enemy aircraft at 300 yds. astern and slightly up. Both gunners fired a short burst. The ME 262 then veered to Port to attack another Lancaster aircraft. No claim is made.

The gunners were F/SGT. Higgs (R257559) Rear Gunner and F/SGT. Heisler (R254237) mid-upper. A total of approximately 100 rds. were fired, no stoppages being encountered in either turret.

COMBAT NARRATIVE

DATE: 31.3.45 TARGET: Hamburg GROUP: 6 SQUADRON: 434

Whilst on daylight operations to the target of Hamburg Lancaster aircraft "P" KB836 of 434 Squadron was attacked by two ME 262's in the target area, at a height of 18100 feet. The time of attack was 0904 hrs. First sighted by the rear gunner on the Starbd quarter down at a range of 400 yds. The two fighters were closing, and the rear gunner opened fire at 300 yds, and stopped firing at 150 yds. The mid-upper opened up at 200 yds and stopped firing at 100 yds. The fighters closed to 100 yds. then broke away to port down, and were not seen again. No claims is made.

The gunners were F/SGT. Saul (R166286) mid-upper and F/SGT. Golinski (R207488) rear gunner. A total of about 100 rds were fired. No stoppages were encountered.

COMBAT NARRATIVE

DATE: 31.3.45 TARGET: Hamburg GROUP: 6 SQUADRON: 434

Whilst on daylight operations to Hamburg the mid-upper gunner of Lancaster aircraft "W" KB844 of 434 Squadron fired at an ME 262 which was seen to be attacking another Lancaster, on the Starbd. slightly below. The time was 0906 and height was 18100. The mid-upper fired a short burst between the ranges of 800 yds to 400 yds. No results were seen, and no claim is made.

The gunners were F/SGT. Fullerton (R126288) mid-upper gunner and F/SGT. St. Germain (R130350) rear gunner. Approximately 30 rds were fired no stoppages were being encountered.

COMBAT NARRATIVE

DATE: 31.3.45 TARGET: Hamburg GROUP: 6 SQUADRON: 434

Whilst on daylight operations to Hamburg the Rear gunner of Lancaster aircraft "E" KB 824 of 434 Squadron fired at an ME 262 at a range of 800 yds. on the Starbd. quarter down. This ME 262 was attacking another Lancaster at the time. A short burst only was fired the results of which were not seen. No claims is made.

The gunners were F/SGT. Fleming (R261406) mid-upper gunner and F/SGT. McAlpine (R273659) rear gunner. Approximately 40 rds were fired, no stoppages being encountered.

COMBAT REPORT - PRO-FORMA

1. Date : 8.4.45 Target: Hamburg Group No. 6 Squadron No. 434 Sqdn.
2. Aircraft type & mark : Lancaster X A/D Letter & Serial No. : "T"EB845
3. Special equipment carried : Fishpond - Unserviceable
4. Time : 22.20 hrs. Height: 18,100 ft. Heading: 090 Position : 5420N 0920E
5. Target area/on track
6. 10/10ths cloud below - no moon - good visibility
7. Very few searchlights and slight flak in vicinity
8. First warning : Fire from unseen aircraft
9. Which equipment warned : ~~None~~ N.A. Immediate action taken : Corkscrew stbd.
10. Special equipment U/S
11. First visual : range 300 yds. position E Ahead/Below against Light sky.
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual ? Pilot
13. Type of E.A. : JU88 No. one No lights on.
14. Direction of attack : Ahead, slightly below
15. Direction of breakaway of E.A. Port up Range 100 yds.
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken ? Corkscrew stbd.
17. Did fighter fire ? Yes Opening range : 450 yds. Closing range : 100 yds.
18. Who opened fire first ? Fighter
19.

	R/AG	MU/AG
Name	R278800 SGT McDonald	J29231 F/O Ferguson
Rounds fired	Nil	Nil
Opening range	N/A	N/A
Closing range	N/A	N/A
Stoppages	N/A	N/A
Training A.G.S.	No. 9 B&G	No. 9 B&S
O.T.U. & HCU	82 OTU & 1666 CU	82 OTU & 1666 CU
20. Were you able to clear stoppages : N/A
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky : R/AG & MU/AG Other A/C seen : N/A
22. Loss of height during the attack : Nil
23. Mechanical defects : Nil
24. Damage to bomber : Nil
25. Casualties to crew : Nil
26. Damage to fighter : Nil
27. No claim on fighter

NARRATIVE

On the night of 8.4.45 whilst on Operations to the target of Hamburg, Lancaster "T" KB845 of 434 Squadron was attacked by an enemy A/C identified as a JU.88. The position of our A/C when the attack took place was 5420N 0925'E at a height of 18,100 ft. and a heading of 090. The time was 22.20 hrs.

The first warning was fire from the then unseen enemy A/C, which opened fire from the ahead position slightly down. The immediate action taken was corkscrew stbd. The pilot then obtained the first visual at a range of approx. 300 yds. the fighter being silhouetted against the target fires. The fighter continued to close the range firing through out, breaking away at the port up, at a range of approx. 100 yds. and was not seen again. Neither of the gunners were in the position to open fire and no rounds were fired by the gunners. No claims made.

J. G. ... F/L.,
Gunnery Leader
No. 434 Squadron (R.C.A.F.).

COMBAT REPORT - PRO-FORMA

1. Date : 8.4.45 Target: Hamburg Group: No. 6 Squadron: No. 434
2. Aircraft type and Mark : Lancaster X A/C Letter & serial No. "K" KB826
3. Special equipment carried : Fishpond - Serviceable
4. Time : 22.46 hrs. Height : 14,000 ft. Heading: 190 Position : 5317N 0935E
5. Homeward. On track
6. Moon on Stbd side. Vis. good.
7. Searchlight, flares, flak, etc, prior to or during combat : None
8. What was first warning ? Fire from unseen aircraft
9. Immediate action taken ? Corkscrew port
10. Special equipment did not warn us
11. First visual: range 250 yds. position : Port/Quarter/Above/against Light sky.
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual ? Mid-Upper
- 13 Type of E.A. JU.88 No. 1 No lights on
14. Direction of attack or Approach : Port quarter up
15. Direction of breakaway of E.A. Stbd. Quarter up Range ; 200 yds.
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken ? Corkscrew port
17. Did fighter fire ? Yes Opening range : 300 yds. Closing range : 200 yds.
18. Who opened fire first ; Fighter
19.

	R/AG	MU/AG
Name	R271553 F/S Lawlor	R216254 F/S Saunders
Rounds fired	1,000 rds.	800 rds.
Opening range	250 yds	250 yds.
Closing range	200 yds	200 yds.
Stoppages	One first position in L.H. inner also R.H. inner (MU/AG none)	
Training A.G.S.	10. B&G	10 B&G
O.T.U. & HCU's	82 OTU & 1659 CU	82 OTU & 1659 CU.
20. Were you able to clear stoppages : Yes
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack : R/AG
22. Loss of height during the attack : None
23. Mechanical defects : Nil
24. Damage to bomber : Nil
25. Casualties to crew : Nil
26. Damage to fighter : Last seen to explode in mid air and the remains fall in flames.
27. Fighter claimed as Destroyed .

NARRATIVE

On the night of 8.4.45 whilst on operations to the target of Hamburg, Lancaster "K" KB826 of 434 Squadron was attacked by an enemy aircraft identified as a JU88. When attacked our A/C was at position 5317N 0935E, at a height of 14,000 ft. and on a heading of 190. The time was 22.46 hrs. The enemy fighter attacked from the port quarter up the first warning was being the fighter fire. The rear gunner obtained the first visual a moment later at a range of 250 yds. The Combat manoeuvre corkscrew port was given immediately at the time both gunners opened fire. Hits were seen to enter the E/A/C which soon broke the attack at a range of 200 yds. to stbd. quarter up. By this time the fighter was to be on fire and losing height, but both gunners continued to fire until the range was approx. 500 yds. At this point the fighter was seen to explode in mid air by both gunners and the second pilot of our A/C. The remains were then seen falling in flames. This fighter is claimed destroyed. The rear gunner F/S Lawlor R271553, fired a total of 1000 rds, encountering 1st position stoppages in both left hand guns and the right hand inner, after cocking no further stoppages were encountered. The Mid Upper F/S Saunders R216254 fired a total of 800 rds, no stoppages being encountered.

J. B. Lawlor RA
Gunnery Leader
No. 434 Squadron (R.C.A.F.)

COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

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

1. Date: 13.4.45 Target: Kiel Group: 6 Sqdn: 434
 2. Aircraft type & mark: Lancaster X A/C. Letter & Serial No: "G" KB885
 3. Special Equipment carried: Fishpond, Unserviceable. Operator was trained.
 4. Time: 23.25 Height: 15,500 Heading: 194 Position (Lat. & Long): 54.38N, 10.10E
 5. Target Area, On track.
 6. Weather: Poor visibility.
 7. Searchlight activity flares, flak etc., prior to or during combat: Slight Flak.
 8. What was first warning: Visual
 9. Which equipment warned: N/A. 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.
How long after first early warning: N/A.
 12. Which member of crew obtained first visual: Rear Gunner
 13. Type of E.A.: Unidentified No: One What lights on E/A: Nil
 14. Direction of Attack or Approach: Port Quarter Level Moving to astern.
 15. Direction of breakaway of E/A: Starbd Quarter Up Range: 200 yds.
 16. What combat manoeuvre was taken: Corkscrew Port.
 17. Did fighter fire: No. Opening range: N/A Closing range: N/A
 18. Who opened fire first: Rear Gunner
- | | <u>REAR GUNNER</u> | <u>MU. GUNNER</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 19. Name: | W/S. Boudreau, (R281044) | W/S. BERTRAND (R220499) |
| Rounds fired: | 60 | 20 |
| Opening range: | 300 yds | 250 yds |
| Closing range: | 200 yds | 200 yds |
| Stoppages: | NIL | 2ND position R.M. Gun |
| Training A.G.S. | No. 9 B & G | No 3 B & G |
| O.T.U. & H.C.U.s. | 22 O.T.U. 1666 G.U. | 22 O.T.U. 1666 G.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: Rear Gunner Other A/C. seen: One ME 109 Star Beam Level 50 yds.
 22. Loss of height during combat: 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: Nil
 27. Fighter claimed: No Claim.

On the night of 13.4.45, whilst on operations to Kiel Lancaster aircraft "G" KB885 of 434 Squadron was attacked by an unidentified twin engine enemy aircraft at a position 54.38N 10.10E on a heading of 194 and at height of 15,500 ft. The Rear Gunner first sighted the E/A. at a range of 400 yds. and gave the combat manoeuvre Corkscrew Port, opening fire at a range of 300 yds. The Mid Upper opened fire at 250 yds. There were no early warnings as "Fishpond" was U/S. at the time. The E/A. broke the attack at a range of 200 yds to starboard Quarter up but did not fire. While this attack was taking place the pilot spotted an ME 109 at a range of 50 yds on the Starbd. Beam level. However neither gunners or fighter fired in this case.

The rear gunner fired a total of 60 rounds encountering no stoppages the Mid Upper only a short burst of 20 rounds, encountering a 2nd position stoppage in the right hand gun, which he was quickly able to clear.

Appendix "A"

COMBAT REPORT PRO FORM

1. Date 6-4-44 Target Condor Sqn. 434 No Letter. C
2. A/C Type & Mark. H.A. I. FAX. V Serial No: Wk/18
3. What Special Equipment (i.e. BOOZER I, BOOZER III, AURAL MONICA, VISUAL MONICA, BISHOP A.I. IV, A.I. V, A.G.L.T.) was carried? Say whether serviceable, u/s, or not used at time of Combat. VISUAL MONICA
Was operator TRAINED/UNTRAINED?
4. Time 23:10 Height 16,000 Heading 068
5. Position (Lat. and Long.) 55:15N 08:10 E Outward/Target Area
6. Weather (Cloud; Moon and position in relation to Bomber; Visibility, etc.) NO MOON. DARK AND HAZY.
7. Searchlights, Flares, Flak, etc. prior to or during attack. NIL
8. What was first warning? VISUAL/FIRE FROM UNSEEN AIRCRAFT/SPECIAL EQUIPMENT. (See which equipment if more than one) VISUAL MONICA
9. What was the immediate action taken? CORKSCREW STRD AT 400 YDS
10. If the first warning was not on Special Equipment, did it warn later? N/A
11. First Visual. Range 200 PART STRD STRD QTR UP DOWN UP
How long after first warning? SOME SECONDS
12. Which member of the crew obtained first visual? M/U
13. E/A. Type 109 No. 3 Formation ONE ATTACKED SMO
THEN ONE RESEARCH QUARTER AT THE SAME TIME
14. Did E/A carry lights? NO
15. Direction of Attack or Approach PART STRD QTR AT SAME TIME ONE UP
ONE LEVEL
16. Direction of Breakaway TWO UP ONE DOWN Range 50 YDS 200 YDS 200 YDS
17. What combat manoeuvre taken? CORKSCREW Range 400 YDS
18. Did fighter fire? YES Opening Range 400 Closing Range 200
19. Rear Gunner. Rounds 200 Opening Range 400 Stoppages ONE OR TWO (LINKS)
20. M/U Gunner. Rounds 300 Opening Range 400 Stoppages (LINKS)
21. Under Gunner. Rounds Opening Range Stoppages
22. Front Gunner. Rounds Opening Range Stoppages
23. Who opened fire first? FIGHTER/REAR GUNNER/MID UPPER GUNNER/UNDER GUNNER/FRONT GUNNER. M/U AND R/AG

24. Were you able to see/see YES
25. Damage to Bomber None
26. Casualties to Crew NONE
27. Damage to fighters NONE
28. Rear Gunner WESTIN, W. C. Mid-Upper SODERSTROM, C. Under
29. Where trained? 1664 AGS 3 B TG AGS AGS
AGS OTU AGS OTU OTU AGS
AGS HCU AGS HCU HCU AGS
30. Bomber off track/on track/returning early when combat occurred?
ON TRACK
31. Loss of height during encounter NEGLIGIBLE
32. Was under-gun position manned? N/A
33. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky? Type of second enemy aircraft seen
ATTACK WAS ON BOTH SIDES
34. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat?
NIL

NARRATIVE

In the case of attacks (i.e. cases in which the enemy aircraft opened fire) and of other combats involving claims of enemy aircraft destroyed - a narrative giving the proper time sequence of all events must be added. It should include all features of general interest not covered by the above questions.

ONE A/C WAS FIRST PICKED UP BY THE WOP/ ON VISION AT 800 YDS ON AT 400 STAD QTR. AS IT WAS STILL INVISIBLE AT 400 YDS THE M/U GAVE CORKSCREW STAD. JUST AFTER THIS THE E/A OPENED FIRE WITHOUT EFFECT, THEN BREAKING AWAY OVER THE TOP OF HALIFAX C. IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS TWO ME109S ATTACKED FROM EACH QUARTER SIMULTANEOUSLY, HALIFAX C CONTINUED TO CORKSCREW AND THE TWO E/A DROKE AWAY, ONE UP AND ONE DOWN. NONE OF THE E/A WERE SEEN AGAIN.

Appendix "A"

COMBAT REPORT FPD FORM

- 15/2/44
- Date 15-4-44 Target Canadian Airfield Sqn. 434 A/C Letter C
 - A/C Type & Mark. HALIFAX V Serial No: 41715
 - What Special Equipment (i.e. BOOZER I, BOOZER III, AURAL MONICA, VISUAL MONICA, WISHPOND A.I. IV, A.I. V, A.G.L.T.) was carried? Say whether serviceable, w/s, or not used at time of Combat.
VISUAL MONICA
Was operator TRAINED/UNTRAINED?
 - Time 23:10 Height 16000 Heading 068
 - Position (Lat. and Long.) 55:15N 010 E Outward/Target Area
 - Weather (Cloud; Moon and position in relation to Bomber; Visibility, etc.)
NO MOON. DARK AND HAZY.
 - Searchlights, Flares, Flak, etc. prior to or during attack.
NIL
 - What was first warning? VISUAL/FLARE FROM UNSEEN AIRCRAFT/SPECIAL EQUIPMENT. (Say which equipment if more than one)
VISUAL MONICA
 - What was the immediate action taken? CORRY CREW STBD AT 400 YDS
 - If the first warning was not on Special Equipment, did it warn later?
N/A
 - First Visual Range 2000 Part of STBD QTR up How long after first warning? SOME SECONDS
 - Which member of the crew obtained first visual? N/A
 - E/A Type 109 No. 3 Formation ONE ATTACKED SFCO THEN ONE RESEARCH QUARTER AT THE SAME TIME
 - Did E/A carry lights? NO
 - Direction of Attack or Approach PART STBD. UTR AT SAME TIME ONE UP ONE DOWN
 - Direction of Breakaway TWO UP ONE DOWN Range 5000, 2000, 2000
 - What combat manoeuvre taken? CORRY CREW Range 400 YDS
 - Did fighter fire? YES Opening Range 400 Closing Range 700
 - Rear Gunner. Rounds 200 Opening Range 400 Stoppages ONE OR TWO (LINKS)
 - M/U Gunner. Rounds 300 Opening Range 400 Stoppages (LINKS)
 - Under Gunner. Rounds Opening Range Stoppages
 - Front Gunner. Rounds Opening Range Stoppages
 - Who opened fire first? FIGHTER/REAR GUNNER/MID UPPER GUNNER/UNDER GUNNER/FRONT GUNNER
N/A AND N/A

- 2 -
24. Were you able to clear stoppages?..... YES
 25. Damage to Bomber..... NONE
 26. Casualties to Crew..... NONE
 27. Damage to fighters..... NONE
 28. Rear Gunner ~~VENTURA~~ Mid-Upper ~~VENTURA~~ SODERSTROM, G. Under
 29. Where trained? 2 B+G AGS..... 3 B+G AGS.....
1664 OTU..... 1664 OTU.....
HCU..... HCU.....
 30. Bomber off track/on track/returning early when combat occurred?.....
ON TRACK
 31. Loss of height during encounter..... NEGLIGIBLE
 32. Was under-gun position manned?..... N/A
 33. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of the sky? Type of second enemy aircraft seen.....
ATTACK WAS ON BOTH SIDES
 34. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat?

NARRATIVE

In the case of attacks (i.e. cases in which the enemy aircraft opened fire) and of other combats involving claims of enemy aircraft destroyed - a narrative giving the proper time sequence of all events must be added. It should include all features of general interest not covered by the above questionnaire.

ONE A/C WAS FIRST PICKED UP BY THE WOP/ ON VIS. FROM AT 800 YDS. ON AT 400 STAD QTR. AS IT WAS STILL INVISIBLE AT 400 YDS THE M/U GAVE CORKSCREW STAD. JUST AFTER THIS THE E/A OPENED FIRE WITHOUT EFFECT, THEN BREAKING AWAY OVER THE TOP OF HALIFAX C. IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS TWO ME109S ATTACKED FROM EACH QUARTER SIMULTANEOUSLY, HALIFAX C CONTINUED TO CORKSCREW AND THE TWO E/A BROKE AWAY, ONE UP AND ONE DOWN. NONE OF THE E/A WERE SEEN AGAIN.

COMBAT REPORT - HALIFAX III "F" ME430

TARGET : KIEL - 12TH SEPT. 1944

Over Target Area at 0122.5 hours, 20,000 feet, attacked by ME190. Dead Astern, corkscused and it was lost. Enemy Aircraft came in again port down. Rear Gunner gave burst of 50 rounds and we repeated evasive action but Enemy Aircraft came in for third attack on Starboard beam. Evasive action taken and we lost Enemy Aircraft. No claims of having damaged the E/A.

CHECKED THIS REPORT

A. J. [Signature] W/L
Squadron Gunnery Leader
No. 43 Squadron (R.C.A.F.).

COMBAT REPORT PRO FORMA

1. Date : 30.10.44. Target: Cologne Group : No. 6 Squadron: No. 134
 2. Aircraft type & mark : Halifax III A/C Letter & Serial No. : A M2421
 3. Special equipment carried : FISHPOD
Say whether serviceable, u/s, or not used at time of combat : Not Used.
 4. Time : 21.07 hrs. Height : 21,000 ft. Heading: 167 'T Position (Lat.&Long) 53.50N
07.20E
 5. Homeward, on track.
 6. Weather (cloud, moon & position relative to bomber, visibility, etc) 10/10th cloud
below. Full Moon.
 7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak, etc., prior to or during combat : None.
 8. What was first warning ? VISUAL
 9. Which equipment warned ? N.A. Immediate action taken ? Corkscrew Stbd.
 10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later ? N.A.
 11. First visual; range 800 yds; position STEB/QUARTER/ BELOW: against LIGHT SKY.
How long after first early warning? N.A.
 12. Which member of crew obtained first visual ? Rear Gunner
 13. Type of E.A. ? JU.88 No.: 1 What lights on E/A ? None.
 14. Direction of Attack or Approach ? Starboard Quarter Down.
 15. Direction of breakaway of E.A. ? Astern below Range : 700 yds.
 16. What combat manoeuvre was taken ? Corkscrew Starbd.
 17. Did fighter fire ? No.
 18. Who opened fire first ? R.Gunner
- | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| | MELR GUNNER | M.U. GUNNER | |
| Name | F/O Meyer | F/O Amazon | |
| Rounds fired | 80 rounds. | - | |
| Opening range | 700 yds. | - | |
| Closing range | 650 yds. | - | |
| Stoppages | None | - | |
| Training A.C.S. | No. 4 B & G | No. 8 A.O.S. | |
| O.T.U. & H.C.U.'s | 22 O.T.U. 1664 C.U. | 22 O.T.U. 1664 C.U. | |
20. Were you able to clear stoppages ? N.A.
 21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack, or in the dark part of
the sky ? AU/AG Other A/C Seen ? None
 22. Loss of height during the attack ? Losing height continually
 23. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat ? None
 24. Damage to bomber : None
 25. Casualties to crew ? None
 26. Damage to fighter ? None.
 27. Fighter claimed Destroyed/Probably destroyed/Damaged ? No claim.

COMBAT REPORT PRO FORM

1. Date: 23.10.44 Target Essen Group No. 6 Squadron No. 434
2. Aircraft Type & Mark : Halifax III A/C Letter & Serial No. Y MZ878 (M2878)
3. Special equipment used : FISHPOND
Say whether serviceable, $\frac{u}{s}$, or not used at time of combat : Not used.
4. Time: 19:21:9 hrs. Height 21,000 ft. Heading 352 T. Position (Lat.& Long) 51:25N 0700E
5. Target area. On Track.
6. Weather (cloud, moon & position to bomber, visibility, etc.) :- Clear with cloud below.
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak etc., prior to or during combat:- Fighter Flares.
8. What was first warning ? Visual
9. Which equipment warned ? N.A. Immediate action taken ? Corkscrew Starboard.
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later ? No.
11. First visual range : 250 yds. position PORT/QUARTER: ABOVE against LIGHT SKY.
How long after first early warning ? N.A.
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual ? Rear Gunner
13. Type of E.A. N.E. 262 No. 1 What lights on E/A? None.
14. Direction of attack or Approach ? Starboard Quarter.
15. Direction of breakaway of E.A.? Post Quarter up Range : 175 yds.
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken ? Corkscrew Starboard.
17. Did fighter fire ? Yes. Opening fire: 250 yds. Closing range : 175 yds.
18. Who opened fire first ? Fighter
19.

	REAR GUNNER	L.U. GUNNER
Name	E252997 Sgt Otto	JL1697 P/O Barlow
ounds fired:	150	50
Opening fire:	250 yds	175 yds.
Closing range	175 yds	175 yds.
Stoppages	& Guns, 3rd Position	None
Training A.C.S.	3 B&G MacDonald	10 B & C Mount Pleasant
O.T.U. & H.C.U.'s	24 O.T.U. 1659 41664 C.U.	82 O.T.U. 1664 C.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 ? MI/AG Other A/C seen ? None .
22. Loss of height during the attack ? None
23. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat ? None.
24. Damage to bomber ? None
25. Casualty to crew ? None
26. Damage to fighter ? None claimed.
27. Fighter claimed destroyed/Probably destroyed/Damaged : - N.A.

COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

1. Date: 2.11.44 Target: Dusseldorf Group # 6 Squadron : 434
2. Aircraft type & Mark : Halifax III.A/C Letter & Serial No. "L" NR145
3. Special equipment carried & Fishpond
4. Whether serviceable, u/s, or not used at time of combat : U/S
5. Operator was Trained.
6. Time: 19.37 hrs. Height : 19,000 ft. Heading: 217°T . Position: 5103N 0644E
7. Day or Night.
8. Weather (cloud, moon & Position relative to bomber, visibility, etc.): Clear vis.
9. Searchlight, Flares, Flak, etc, prior to or during attack ? None.
10. What was first warning ? Visual. Immediate action taken? Corkscrew Stbd.
11. Which equipment warned ? N/A
12. If the first warning was not on special equipment did it warn later ? N/A
13. First visual ; range 300 yds; position Astern Level.
14. Which member of crew obtained first visual ? Rear Gunner
15. Type of E/A ? ME 109 No. 1 What lights on E/A ? None
16. Direction of attack of approach ? Astern Level.
17. Direction of breakaway of E.A. ? Port Quarter down. Range 275 yds.
18. What combat manoeuvre was taken ? Corkscrew stbd. Range : 300 yds.
19. Did fighter fire? No .
20. Who opened fire first ? Rear Gunner
21. Name:

Rear Gunner	Mid Upper
W. J. ...	R270322 SGT Sheffield
22. Rounds fired 40 rds.
23. Opening range 300 yds
24. Closing range 275 yds
25. Stoppages 3 Stoppages
26. Stopping A.G.S. No. 9 B & G. Mont Joli No. 9 B & G Mont Joli
27. O.T.U. & H.C.U.'s 24 O.T.U. & 1659 H.C.U. 24 O.T.U. & 1659 H.C.U.
28. Where you able to clear stoppages ? Two guns cleared.
29. Which crew position was searching away from the attack ? MU/AG
30. Other A/C seen ? None
31. Loss of height during the attack ? None
32. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat ? None.
33. Damage to Bomber ? None
34. Casualty to crew ? None
35. Damage to fighter ? No claim.

NARRATIVE

On the night of 2.11.44 from the target of Dusseldorf Halifax "L" NR145 of 434 Squadron was attacked by an enemy fighter identified as an ME 109 at a position of 5103N 0644 E at a heading 217°T; height 19,000 ft. time 19.37 hrs.

The fighter was first sighted by the Rear Gunner. Dead astern and level at a range of 300 yds. Immediate action of corkscrew Stbd was given at the same time. The Rear Gunner opening fire with approx 40 rds. encountering stoppages in three guns. At approx 275 yds the fighter broke off his attack. Port Quarter Down and was not seen again. No flares, searchlight or flak were encountered during the attack.

W/L A.D. Lewis
 No. 434 Squadron (R.C.A.F.)
 Gunner Leader.

COMBAT REPORT PROFORMA

1. Date : 4.11.44 Targets: Bochum Group 6 Squadron 434
2. Aircraft type and Mark : Halifax III A/C Letter & Serial No. "E" ME279
3. Special equipment carried: Fishpond.
Sny whether serviceable, w/s, or not used at time of combat: Not used
Operator untrained.
4. Time : 19.46 hrs. Height: 16,000 ft. Heading: 113°T Position : 5122N 071E
5. Target Area and on track.
6. Weather: Clear visibility
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak etc. prior to or during combat? Searchlight.
8. What was first warning? Visual
9. Which equipment warned? N.A. Immediate action taken? Corsicrew Port
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later? N.A.
11. First visual; range 200 yds; position PORT/QUARTER/LEVEL, against DARK SKY
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? Rear Gunner
13. Type of E/A? ME 110 No. 1 What lights on E/A? None
14. Direction of Attack or Approach? Port Quarter.
15. Direction of breakaway of E/A? Port Quarter down Range 150 yds.
16. What manoeuvre was taken? Corsicrew port.
17. Did fighter fire? Yes Opening range 200 yds Closing range 150 yds.
18. Who opened fire first? Fighter & Rear Gunner & Mid Upper Gunner.
19.

	Rear Gunner	M. U. Gunner
Name	2251218 SGT Kaulinson	J40553 P/O Grismar, W.
Rounds Fired	300 rds.	300 rds
Opening range	200 yds	200 yds
Closing Range	150 yds	150 yds
Stoppages	2 Gun Stoppages	None
Training A.G.S.	No. 3 B & G S	No. 9 B A C
O.T.U. & H.C.U.	86 O.T.U. & 1666 H.C.U.	34 & 86 O.T.U.
20. Were you able to clear stoppage? Yes
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack? MU/AG
Other A/C seen? N.E. 109
22. Loss of height during the attacks? 3,000 ft.
23. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat? None
24. Damage to bomber? None
25. Casualties to crew? None
26. Damage to fighters? Hits claimed
27. Fighters damaged.

NARRATIVE

On the night of 4.11.44 near target of Bochum, Halifax "E" ME279 of No. 434 Squadron was attacked by an enemy fighter identified by the rear gunner as ME110 at a position 5122N 071E; a true heading of 113, height 16,000 ft. time 19.46 hrs.

The ME110 was first sighted by the Rear Gunner on the port quarter level at a range of 200 yds. Immediate action of corsicrew port was given with the fighter and both opening fire. The enemy aircraft then broke off his attack port quarter at a range of 150 yds. Immediately a second aircraft was sighted by the Mid Upper in the port beam, identified as an ME109 at a range of 100 yds. Immediate action of corsicrew port was given with the Mid Upper opening fire with approx. 200 rds. ME109 did not open fire and broke off his attack directly below. During both the bomber lost approx. 3,000 ft. Both enemy aircraft were claimed as damage.

W/L A.B. Lewis
Squadron Gunnery Leader
No. 434 Squadron (R.)

COMBAT REPORT HQ-FORM

1. Date: 4.11.44 Target: Bochum Group 6 Squadron 434
2. Aircraft Type & Mark: Halifax III A/C Letter & Serial No. "L" NR145
3. Special equipment carried: Fishpond.
Say whether serviceable, w/s, or not used at time of combat? Not used. Operator Untrained
4. Time: 22.13 hrs. Height: 8,500 ft. Heading: 236°T Position: 5033 N 0552½ E.
5. Homeward and on track.
6. Weather? Clear.
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak, etc., prior to or during combat? (Fighter Fla)
8. What was first warning? Visual
9. Which equipment warned? (N.A.) Immediate action taken? Corkscrew Starboard.
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later? (N.A.)
11. First visual; range 400 yds; position STEW/QUARTER/ABOVE, against LIGHT SKY.
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? R/AC
13. Type of E/A? FW 190 No. 1 What lights on E/A? None
14. Direction of attack or Approach? Dead astern below.
15. Direction of breakaway of E.A.? Port quarter down Range 200 yds.
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken? Corkscrew Starbd.
17. Did fighter fire? No.
18. Who opened fire first? Rear Gunner
19.

Name	Rear Gunner	M. U. Gunner
	J43064 P/O Behan	R270322 SGT Sheffield
Rounds fired	200 rds.	-
Opening range	350 yds	-
Closing range	200 yds	-
Stoppages	1 Gun	-
Training A.C.S.	No. 9 B & G	No. 9 B & G
O.T.U. & H.C.U.s	24 O.T.U. & 1659 C.U.	24 O.T.U. & 1659 H.C.U.
20. Were you able to clear stoppage? No time
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack? M. U. Gunner
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? None
25. Casualties to crew? None
26. Damage to fighter? No claim

NARRATIVE

On the night of 4.11.44 from the target of Bochum, Halifax "L" NR145 of No. 434 Squadron was attacked by an enemy A/C identified as an FW 190 at a position 5032N 0552½E; a true heading of 236; height 8,500 ft.; time 20.13 hrs.

The enemy A/C was first sighted by the Rear Gunner on the Starbd Quarter above a range of 450 yds. The enemy A/C then change his position dead astern and below, the Rear Gunner given immediately action of corkscrew Starbd at the same time opening fire; firing approx. 200 yds. encountering stoppage in one gun. The fighter then broke off his attack Port quarter down at a range of 200 yards and was not seen again. No hits were claimed on the enemy aircraft.

F/L A.D. Lewis,
Squadron Gunnery Leader
No. 434 Squadron (R.C.A.F.).

COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

1. Date: 4.11.44 Target: Bochum Group 6 Squadron 434
2. Aircraft type & Marks Halifax III A/C letter and Serial No. "X" NR124
3. Special equipment carried? Fishpond.
Say whether serviceable, w/s, or not used at time of Combat? Not used. Operator untrained.
4. Time: 19.38 hrs. Height 17,000 ft. Heading: 109°T Position: 5140N 0620E.
5. Outward and on track.
6. Weather: Clear.
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak etc., prior to and during combat? None
8. What was first warning? Visual.
9. Which equipment warned? N.A. Immediate action taken? Corkscrew port.
10. If the first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later? N.A.
11. First visual; range 800 yds; position Astern/Above, against Dark Sky.
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual? Rear Gunner
13. Type of E/A? Unidentified. No. 1 What lights on E/A? None
14. Direction of Attack or Approach? Dead Astern.
15. Direction of breakaway of E/A? Port.
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken? Corkscrew port
17. Did fighter fire? Yes Opening range 600 yds. Closing range 400 yds.
18. Who opened fire first? Fighter.
19.

	Rear Gunner	M.U. Gunner
Name	R253890 P/S Archibald	R257382 P/S Burke
Rounds fired	-	-
Opening range	-	-
Closing range	-	-
Stoppages	-	-
Training A.G.S.	No. 1 BAG	No. 1 BAG
O.T.U. & H.C.U.s	24 O.T.U. & 1659 C.U.	24 O.T.U. & 1659 C.U.
20. Were you able to clear the stoppage? N.A.
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack? M.U. Gunner
Other A/C seen? None
22. Loss of height during the attack? 1,500 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? None
27. Fighter claimed destroyed/probably destroyed/Damaged? None

NARRATIVE

On the night of 4.11.44 to the target of Bochum, Halifax III "X" NR124 of 434 Squadron was attacked by an unidentified aircraft at a position 5140N 0620E a true heading of 109; height 17,000 ft; time 19.38 hrs.

The enemy aircraft was first sighted by the rear gunner at 800 yds just after the enemy A/C has shot another bomber down. Immediate action of corkscrew Port was given with the fighter opening fire at 600 yds. closing to 400 yds. The enemy fighter then broke off his attack Port Quarter below and was not seen again. Neither gunners opened fire. No damage was received on the Bomber.

F/L A.D. Lewis
Gunnery Leader
No. 434 Squadron (R.C.A.F.).

COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

1. Date : 4.11.44 Target: Bochum Group 6 Squadron 434
 Aircraft type & Mark Halifax III A/C letter & Serial No. "Z" NR134
 Special equipment carried: Fishpond.
 Why whether serviceable, u/s, or not used at time of combat? U/S
 Time: 19.50 Height 16,000 ft. Heading: 238°T. Position: 5118N 0713 E
 Direction and on track.
 Weather: Clear Visibility
 Searchlight activity, flares, flak etc, prior to or during combat? Searchlights working ahead on bombers track.
 What was first warning? Visual
 Which equipment warned? N/A Immediate action taken? Corkscrew Stbd.
 If first warning was not on special equipment, did it warn later? N/A
 First Visual; range 400 yds; position ASTERN/BELOW against DARK SKY
 Which member of crew obtained first visual? Rear Gunner.
 Type of E/A? JU 188 No. 1 What lights on E/A? None
 Direction of attack or Approach? Astern below.
 Direction of breakaway of E/A? Port Quarter Up Range 50 yds.
 What combat manoeuvre was taken? Corkscrew Starboard.
 Did fighter fire? No
 Who opened fire first? Rear Gunner

20.	Rear Gunner	M. U. Gunner
Name	J89616 E/O Phelps	J89397 E/O Cook
Rounds fired	300 rds	100 yds
Opening fire	350 yds	75 yds
Closing fire	50 yds	50 yds
Stoppages	3 Stoppages	2 Stoppages
Training A.G.S.	No. 3 B&G	No. 3 B&G
O.T.U. & H.C.U.s.	24 O.T.U. & 1659 C.U.	10 & 22 O.T.U. & 1659 C.U.

21. Were you able to clear stoppages? Yes
 22. Which crew position was searching away from the attack? M. U. Gunner
 Other A/C seen? None
 Loss of height during the attack? 500 ft.
 Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat? Guns not and sluggish.
 Damage to bomber? None
 Casualties to crew? None
 Damage to fighter? Hits on both fuselage and wings.
 23. Fighter claimed: Damaged.

NARRATIVE

On the night of 4.11.44 from the target of Bochum Halifax III Z NR134 of No. 434 Squadron was attacked by an enemy fighter identified as a JU 188 at a position 5118N 0713E on a true heading of 238, height 16,000 ft. time 19.50 hrs.
 The enemy aircraft was first sighted by the rear gunner astern and below at a range of 400 yds. Immediately action of corkscrew starboard was given at 350 yds at the same time the R/AG opened fire, firing approx. 150 rds. before encountering stoppages in three guns but continued fire with one gun to make an approx. total of 300 rds. At 25 yds. the Mid Upper was then able to bring his guns to bear firing 100 rds with two stoppages. At 50 yds the fighter broke off the attack port quarters up, with both gunners firing., the fighter then changed course and broke away to port down and was not seen again. Both gunners and F/E claimed hits on the fighter.

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 Gunnery Leader
 No. 434 Squadron (R.C.A.F.).

COMBAT REPORT PRO-FOUR

1. Date : 21.11.44 Target: Castro-Raux-1 Group: No. 6 Squadron : No. 434
2. Aircraft type & Mark: Halifax III A/C letter & Serial No. "Y" M2876
3. Special Equipment carried : Fishpond
Say whether serviceable, u/s or not in use : Serviceable, not used at time of Combat.
Operator was TRAINED.
4. Time: 19.10 hrs. Height : 16,500 ft. Heading: 226°T. Position: 5122'N 0710'E
5. Homeward. On track.
6. Weather: Cloud below. Moon in front of Halifax
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak etc., prior to or during combat:
Fighter flare 50 yds to Starboard.
8. What was first warning? Visual
9. Which equipment warned first? N.A. 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 : ASTER/A-0VE against DARK/SKY
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual ? M.U. Gunner
13. Type of E/A ? Unidentified twin eng. A/C No. 1 No lights on E/A
14. Direction of Attack or approach ? Astern Above.
15. Direction of breakaway of E.A. Starboard down Range 300 yds.
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken ? Corkscrew port.
17. Did fighter fire ? No
18. Who opened fire first ? M.U. Gunner
19.

	Rear Gunner	M.U. Gunner
Name	R252997 P/S Ott,G.	J41697 P/O Berlow,G.
Rounds fire	25 rds.	200 rds.
Opening range	350 yds.	400 yds.
Closing range	350 yds.	300 yds.
Stoppages	4 Stoppages 3rd Position	1 Stoppage
Training A.G.S.	No. 3 B2G MacDonald	No. 10 Mount Pleasant.
O.T.U. & H.C.U.'s	24 O.T.U. 1659 & 1664 C.U.	82 O.T.U. & 1664 C.U.
20. Were you able to clear stoppages? Rear Gunner - No. M/AG - Yes
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack? Rear Gunner
Other A/C seen ? No
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 ? No claim
27. Fighter claimed destroyed/ Probably destroyed/ damaged . N.A.

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COMBAT REPORT PRO-FORMA

1. Date : 27.11.44 Target: NEUSE Group : No.6 Squadron: No. 434
2. Aircraft type & mark : Halifax III A/C Letter & Serial No. "D" MEA35
3. Special Equipment carried : FISHPOND
Say whether serviceable, u/s, or not used at time of combat ? W/S
4. Time: 19.33 Height: 15,000 ft. Heading: 231°T Position : 5104N 0644E
5. Homeward and on Track.
6. Weather: Full Moon - Cloud below.
7. Searchlight activity, flares, flak, etc., prior to or during combat ? None
8. What was first warning ? Visual
9. Which equipment used (marked) N.A. Immediate action taken? Co. screws Port.
10. If the first warning was not on Special equipment, did it warn later ? N.A.
11. First visual : range 300 yds. position: ASTERN/LEVEL against DARK SKY.
12. Which member of crew obtained first visual ? Rear Gunner
13. Type of E.A. ? 109 No. 1 What lights on E/A ? None
14. Direction of attack or approach ? Dead Astern
15. Direction of breakaway of E.A. ? Port Quarter down Range ? 200 yds.
16. What combat manoeuvre was taken ? Co. screws Port.
17. Did fighter fire ? No
18. Who opened fire first ? R/AG
19.

	<u>REAR GUNNER</u>	<u>M.U. GUNNER</u>
Name	R209215 SGT Thomson, A.	SGT Pyves, R.
Rounds fired	250 rounds	-
Opening range	250 yards	-
Closing range	200 yards	-
Stoppages	No. 2 Positions - 4 Guns	-
Training A.G.S.	No. 9 B&G School	No. 9 B&G School
O.T.U. & H.C.U.'s	22 O.T.U. & 1659 CU	22 O.T.U. & 1659 CU
20. Were you able to clear stoppages ? Yes
21. Which crew position was searching away from the attack ? M/U Gunner
Other A/C seen ? None
22. Loss of height during the attack ? Bomber descending
23. Mechanical defects or damage previously sustained affecting combat ? None
24. Damage to Bomber ? None
25. Casualties to Crew ? None
26. Damage to fighter ? None
27. No claims.

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