



COMBAT REPORT

BLUE ONE, B FLIGHT:

Two formations of approximately 15 enemy aircraft each sighted flying approximately south from PORTSMOUTH. I selected detached enemy aircraft - ME.110 - and closed to 500 yds. from directly astern and slightly above. Accurate tracer fire encountered, three bullets entering my starboard main plane, from rear top turret. Closed to less than 100 yds., continuing to fire. Enemy aircraft ceased fire at my first burst, and immediately before breaking off attack I saw a small explosion forward of enemy aircraft rear top turret. Enemy aircraft at once went into shallow dive emitting smoke and crashed into the sea, midway between NAB and GWERS light ships. Approximately five minutes later I recrossed the position and saw a green oily substance on the water at this point. Camouflage of enemy aircraft appeared dark in colour and made target conspicuous. There was no cloud and the sun was directly overhead. Neither Al or cine gun was fitted to my machine.

Enemy aircraft took no evasive action either before or during my attack. Its speed was approximately 250 m.p.h. and increasing rapidly.

Took off 1150, landed 1223.