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INTELLIGENCE FORM "F"



From: Sector Intelligence Officer,
R.A.F. Station Fairwood Common.

To: Headquarters No.10 Group.

STATISTICAL

Date
Unit
Type and mark of our aircraft
Time attack was delivered
Place of attack and/or target
Weather
Our casualties - Aircraft
Our casualties - Personnel
Enemy casualties in air combat
Enemy casualties - ground or sea targets

- (A) 4/5 August, 1942.
- (B) No.125 (Newfoundland) Sqdr.
- (C) Beaufighters II
- (D) 0209hrs
- (E) North of landy.
- (F) Clear. Vis.good.
- (G) Nil
- (H) Nil
- (J) One He.111 destroyed.
- (K) Nil.

IN 42/44/1

[See also
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mark

PILOT'S PERSONAL CLAIM

I was under Wrafton Control on 5th August 1942, for the purpose of intercepting raiders headed N.W. in mid-Channel. At 0205hrs I was vectored after a Hoge, angle 10. Contact was gained by my R.O. (Sgt George) at maximum range when at angle 11. We went into a shallow dive down to angle 10, but as we appeared to be overtaking rapidly I lowered the undercart of my aircraft. E/A then climbed to angle 12, jinking violently, and I climbed after it, raising the undercart. At 2,500yds range and 1000ft ^{ABOVE} below I saw exhaust flames which I identified as those of a He.111. He was changing course frequently, and I lost sight of the exhausts. My R.O. then brought me in from 5000ft range to 1,500ft range and 1000ft below, when I regained visual. I climbed up to E/A and definitely identified it as a He.111, silhouetted against the moon. I then closed to 100yds dead astern, and at 0209hrs fired a 3 sec. burst with cannon only. E/A immediately blew up and my R.O. observed a big ball of flame descending vertically towards the sea. Scattered pieces flew past my A/C immediately after the explosion. Later, it was reported that the Clovelly lifeboat had put out, but no survivors were picked up. I landed at base at 0245hrs.

In view of the foregoing, I claim one He.111 DESTROYED.

Signed....*R. Bastow*...
P/O R. Bastow.
"A" Flight, No.125 Sqdr.
8th August, 1942.

ARMAMENT REPORT RENDERED ON SEPARATE
FORM "F" HEREWITH ATTACHED.

SECRET.INTELLIGENCE FORM 'F'

FROM: Sector Intelligence Officer,
R.A.F. Station, Fairwood Common.

IN 42/24/1a

TO: Headquarters No. 10 Group.

STATISTICAL

Date.	(A)	4/5 August, 1942.
Unit.	(B)	No. 125 (Newfoundland) Sqdr.
Type and mark of our Aircraft.	(C)	Beaufighters II
Time attack was delivered.	(D)	0209 and 0357 hrs.
Place of attack and/or target.	(E)	N. of Lundy and 100yds. from
Weather.	(F)	Clear. Vis good. NIL.
Our casualties. - Aircraft.	(G)	One Beaufighter flying repair. Not lost.
Our casualties. - Personnel.	(H)	NIL.
Enemy casualties in air combat.	(J)	One He.111 destroyed
Enemy casualties - ground or sea targets.	(K)	NIL.

GENERAL REPORT:

At 0115hrs on 5th August 1942, about 25 E/A were reported by No. 10 Group H.Q. to be coming up in mid-Channel from the direction of Cherbourg, flying N.W. Six Beaufighters II of No. 125 Sqdr were ordered to Scramble on Interception Patrols, and two of these a/c were engaged in combats.

P/O Bastow, Sgt George R.O. (Bufflo 21), a/b FWC 0025hrs, landed 0245hrs.

P/O Jameson, Sgt Crookes R.O. (Bufflo 27), a/b FWC 0120hrs, landed 0357hrs.

BUFFLO 21 was given a vector by Wrafton at 0205hrs after a Bogey at angels 10, and later at angels 12. Contact was obtained at maximum range at angels 11 from dead astern, and E/A shallow dived to angels 10. Bufflo 21 followed and lowered his undercart to avoid overshooting as he closed in. E/A then climbed back to angels 12 when a visual of two exhausts was obtained. Bufflo 21 identified E/A as a He. 111, visual being then momentarily lost owing to the continual jinking of E/A. The R.O. then brought the pilot in from a range of 5000ft to a range of 1500ft, 1000 ft below E/A. Bufflo 21 climbed back to E/A's level and obtained a clear silhouette of a He. 111 against the moon. He closed to 100yds, dead astern, and

TACTICAL.

AIRWORTH REPORT

For each burst of air to air firing.								
Pilot's Name. Ammunition used. (Total). Damage to our own a/c.	E/A fired at:		Direction of attack.	Length of burst secs.	Ranges.		Cannon m.g. or both.	Result.
	No & Type.	Height.			Open'g.	Clos'g.		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
P/O R. Bastow 46 X 20 m/m No stoppages. XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX	One He.111	11000ft	Astern	2 sec.	100yds	Closing in.	Cannon.	E/A blew up.

Name of Pilot: P/O R. Bastow

- (i) Colour and number. Bufflo 21.
 (ii) Number of rounds fired. 45
 (iii) Enemy casualties claimed. He.111 destroyed.
 (iv) His own casualty category. N/A
 (v) Whether cine-camera used. No.

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 No. 125 Squadron,
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gave a 2 sec. burst. E/A immediately blew up and went down in flames North of Lundy at 0209hrs. No return fire was experienced. Clovelly lifeboat put out but did not find any survivors. Controller at ~~Ripperston~~ Wrafton: P/O ~~McCall~~ Key.

~~Bufflo 27, working with Ripperston, obtained a visual at angels 10 of 4 large exhausts. He was told this A/C might be a friendly Sunderland. On closing in he mistook it for a Whitley, and it was not until he closed in to 50 yds that he suddenly realised it was a He.111, flying below and ahead. E/A saw Bufflo 27 at the same moment and turned sharply to port. 27 managed to get in a 1 sec. burst, nearly colliding with E/A in the process. He observed no strikes but experienced return fire which was believed, at first, to have gone wide to port. 4 strikes were subsequently found on the Beau-fighter, but none of them did any vital damage.~~

~~E/A jinked violently and 27 followed down port from angels 10 to a little above angle 3, when he got under E/A and gave it a 2 sec burst with all guns from very close range. Strikes were observed all over E/A, together with three explosions. E/A was seen to jettison its bombs, after which it dived vertically into cloud, aglow and out of control. Cloud prevented pilot from observing crash, but a R.A.F. Fire Party discovered a bomb door and some incendiary containers with bullet holes in them, nr. Ianion Barracks, Pembroke. A report was also received of a Pembroke Gun Post observing an E/A flying low over Carew Cheriton with one engine out of action and obviously in serious difficulties.~~

~~Controller at Ripperston: P/O McCall.~~

SEE SEPARATE REPORT.

Signed:

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Intell. Officer No.125 Sqdr.