

or serial No.....(A)  
 al No. of order detailing flight  
 Squadron Patrol.....(B)  
 .....(C) 4.9.43.  
 ight, Squadron.....(D) Interception. No. 32 Squadron.  
 ber of enemy aircraft.....(E) Two.  
 of enemy aircraft.....(F) FW.190.  
 attack was delivered.....(G) 1745 hours.  
 attack was delivered.....(H) 15 miles N.W. Bizerta.  
 ight of enemy.....(I) 20,000'  
 y casualties.....(J) 2 destroyed.  
 casualties, Aircraft.....(K) NIL.  
 Personnel.....(L) NIL.

ighlights.....(N.1) N/A.  
 .....(N.2) N/A.  
 e at which fire was opened and  
 mated length of burst.....(P) See below.  
 ral report.....(R) " "

ts : F/L. J.M. Brodie (Can.) Spitfires IX. Nos. BS.344 and  
 F/O.A.R. Miller (Can.) KN.201.

We were scrambled at 1730 hours for hostiles approaching Bizerta from North, original vector of 360. The section climbed to 25,000' and lived vectors of 020 and 340: on reception of the latter No. 2 sighted aircraft at 9 o'clock, approx. 10 miles to port on a Southerly course. section turned at once to port on 270 and gave the tally-no, by which the enemy had turned and were going West. Our aircraft closed dly, with the enemy turning Northwards. Brodie closing very rapidly, came up parallel with the No.2 e/a, it was flying about 400 yds behind and 300 yds to Starboard of its ar and identified the enemy as FW.190s carrying long range tanks. Brodie turned starboard towards the enemy No.2, which turned in to him. Our No.1. broke off to port and attacked the enemy No.1. from eastern with one short burst with cannon at 200 yds or less, observing a hole on the fuselage of the FW. The e/a turned to port followed by Spitfire which fired a short deflection burst with M/G on the turn, which point both cannons had jammed. F/L. Brodie continued firing a short burst deflection burst from his M/Gs. The enemy half rolled was followed down by our No.1. At this moment F/O. Miller as No.2. on to hit the tail of his No.1, and F/L. Brodie broke away, being certain if it was his No.2 behind him or an e/a. The object of his attack then climbed and our No.2 followed it up, firing with M/Gs at a range of 100 yds until his ammo. ran out. He informed F/L. Brodie his was exhausted, and as the e/a started to make a slow turning dive again took over, following it down giving 2 deflection bursts with until the e/a finally half rolled and crashed into the sea, going right in and nothing further being seen by No.1 or No.2 who had also the e/a fall into the sea. At the outset of the combat No.2, F/O. Miller was flying slightly behind to starboard of his No.1, saw the enemy No.2 turning in towards F/L. and opened deflection fire with cannon and M/Gs at approx. 400 yds. This burst is believed to have either hit the e/a in engine or else killed the pilot, as the e/a continued on its turn to slowing up all the time, our A/c following him and firing bursts all way round with M/Gs, cannons having jammed, and finding difficulty in staying behind the FW. owing to its much reduced speed. Our A/c finally

... saw flames coming from the enemy's engine. The  
... was sitting as if dead and made no movement and in a few  
... seconds the whole aircraft was enveloped in smoke. It then went into  
... spiral dive and No. 2 followed it down to 10,000 ft. which altitude  
... saw the No. 1. e/a below him, and his own No. 1 at the same height as  
... himself. He attacked this e/a as described above. Our pilots gave  
... fire on the positions of the e/a in sea before returning to Base.

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- Reflector:** -
- Span:** - 50
- Setting:** - 250
- K.P.C. No. 1. Cannons:** - 1 per gun - jammed due to incorrect fitting of panels. M/Gs - 250 rounds per gun.
- No. 2. Cannon:** - 11 rounds in all - Link stoppages. M/Gs - 250 rounds per gun.

**R/T. O.K. Not fitted.**

**Intelligence:**

Camouflage of e/a was dark slate grey colour. Both carried one long  
... range tank under the belly, and on one at least the front cowling of  
... the engine was pure white. Usual crosses outlined in white on fuselage.

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