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COMBAT REPORT.

171

PATROL N° 2

Sector Serial No. (A) _____

Serial No. of Order detailing Flight or Squadron to Patrol (B) 18

Date (C) 18/5/40

Flight, Squadron 151 Squadron C.O. (D) Flight: Red Sqdn. : 151

Number of Enemy Aircraft (E) 2

Type of Enemy Aircraft (F) ME 110

Time Attack was delivered (G) 19:00

Place Attack was delivered (H) Vitry

Height of Enemy (J) 8000

Enemy Casualties (K) 1 unconfirmed

Our Casualties Aircraft (L) NIL

Personnel (M) NIL

GENERAL REPORT (N) NIL 3 N/A

1900 hrs

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At about 16:30 we observed 7 Do 215 passing the aerodrome about 5 miles to the south. I requested permission to be allowed to take off at once as they appeared to be turning the whole time in Vitry direction. My request was refused. The Do's bombed the aerodrome with incendiary and burnt out about 14 Hurricanes and 1 Blenheim. Immediately asked permission to take off again. This was granted and I called out "Scramble whole Squadron". I pulled the plug and climbed at 10 lbs boost after 2 Me 110

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Whilst I was firing at this ME 110, a stream of bullets passed ~~me~~ on my port side over me. I thought it was the other ME 110 but on looking round I saw it was another Hurricane [one of my Squadron] His shots were not near ME 110 and I have told him not to do that sort of thing again as it was most discouraging and out a nuisance.

Which we the remains of 6 of the 172 escort of the Do which bombed the aerodrome. When I had climbed to 6000 feet the ME's attacked. They passed vertically down behind me and I was able to flick roll in behind one of them which dived to ground level into the smoke of the burning Hurricanes. I followed pulled plug but although I was doing well at over 400 mph I could not gain on him. At 8-600 yds he fired at me with what appeared to be cannon. His bullets were coming straight with out drop over the whole 800 yds so it could not have been ordinary M/C bullets. At 600 yds I open fired and fired off all my rounds without a break. About half way through ^{my ammunition} the ea port engine caught fire and he slipped to the right. I furnished the rest of my ammo. I noticed that the smoke from the ME port engine grew less and less. I then returned to base. ~~I did not~~

~~He~~ did not ~~crash~~ a crash.

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