REPORT

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Lancaster V 7 ME 109

Combat Report by 2/04, Serial No:

106 Squadron Summary Officer

Summary Combat Report for 15th of 106 Squadron night of

2/3rd February 1945


Lancaster Z 57 No. 6 1/45

On the night of the 7/4th, February 1945, over Hamburg in Lancaster Z of No. 106 Squadron at 4/00 hours, flying at a height of 19,000 feet, the speed of 305 M.P.H., on a course of 120°, the Lancasters met a large number of enemy aircraft, believed to be No. 109s, the enemy aircraft was at the front center position. The enemy aircraft was about 300 yards ahead. It was then passing from the front to behind and disappeared at about 600 yards range. The rear aircraft fired, it was passing at a range of about 300 yards, but the rear aircraft fired, and fire was seen at the rear Lancasters. On completion of the gun the following morning, they were found to be in perfect working condition and, therefore, the ammunition of the guns in the rear also due to passing only the enemy aircraft did not return fire, and was shot to death in the standard quarter, some of the Lancasters on 11/2/25, a heavy anti-aircraft, no effective action was taken. There was 20/10th, cloudy, with moonlight shining, the target was not visible in combination with the enemy aircraft, it was therefore, not possible to observe the position. It was about 1020 yards. No general in our area, and no one seems to know the exact number, and is not visible in combination with the enemy aircraft. No enemy aircraft was found, except for one other unknown aircraft type. The side of the area contains no aircraft and did not see or hear any at the time.