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PERSONAL COMBAT REPORT

Date 2nd March, 1945.

Squadron 137

Type and mark of aircraft 1 Typhoon 1B

Time up 16.04 hrs.

Time down 17.40 hrs.

Time of attack. 17.25 hrs.

Place of attack. Dulmen A. 7050.

Height of enemy on first sighting 13,000 ft.

Own height on first sighting 12,000 ft.

Our casualties Nil.

Enemy casualties 1 Me109 damaged (Camera gun fired at each burst).

Personal narrative. W/O. Cunningham states "I was flying Yellow 2 in a formation of 6 a/c. on an Armed Recce. to Osnabruck-Gutersloh area. We were warned by 182 Squadron that Me109s were attacking them. At this time both 137 and 182 Squadrons were over the Dulmen area. I saw a Me109 at 2 o'clock, range 400 yards about 2,000 ft. above coming straight in. The E/A. passed close behind Yellow 1 who was flying dead ahead 100 yards. E/A. then broke yo starboard down exposing his belly. I turned slightly starboard down and followed - firing one 1-sec. burst. No results were observed. Range 100 yards 30° deflection. E/A. continued diving turn on to his back and I fired one 2-sec. burst range 200 yards, no deflection. I saw strikes between the wing radiators and I saw an explosion and grey smoke pouring from him. E/A. dived into cloud upside down and disappeared. I claim one Me109 damaged."

Signature of Pilot.

J. Cunningham W/O.

No. 1387662, F/Sgt. J. Pennant, 137 Squadron states - "I was flying Red 1 in the same formation as W/O. Cunningham and saw him fire and score strikes on the e/a. in the belly at the intersection of the wing roots. There was a flash and the e/a. disappeared into cloud straight down. In view of the fact that the cloud was 10/10ths to ground level at that point, I confirm W/O. Cunningham's statement that he claims one Me109 damaged."

Signature of Pilot.

J. Pennant F/Sgt.

Signature of Intelligence Officer.

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