

## Lancaster: Druid's Vengeance

Squadron: 104th

Mission: 3 (this bomber 2) Date: 17/18 March 1942

Target: Kiel, Germany - U-Boat facilities

Position: last 1/3

### Crew Status:

Pilot: David Jones (1) ~ MIA, presumed LAS

Bomb Aimer: Lloyd Matlock (1) ~ MIA, presumed LAS

Navigator: George Winston (1) - Rescued by RN

Flt. Engineer: Andrew McConnell (1) ~ MIA, presumed LAS

WO/Gunner: Harlon Black (1) ~ MIA, presumed LAS

Mid-Upper Gunner: John Swithe (1) ~ MIA, presumed LAS

Tail Gunner: Brian Pittman (1) ~ MIA, presumed LAS

Bomb drop: DID NOT BOMB [ 0% ]

Fighters Encountered: 2 - 1xJu88, 1xBf110 Claims: None

Bomber Status: On fire, presumed to have crashed into the North Sea

MISSION DEBRIEFING: We took off and joined bomber stream without incident. Off coast of Holland, we were jumped by two nightfighters, one believed to be a JU88 and the second believed to be a Me110. The Ju88 made repeated passes at us and shot us up pretty good, the main damages being holing engine 1 and the oil leaking, rendering tail guns and ventral gun inoperable, and knocking out our oxygen. His "freund" in what we think was a 110 bounced us next, and his tracers set starboard outer fuel tank aflame. Jones ordered us to bail out, and set aircraft into a starboard turn. I hit the water, it was damn cold, and lucky for me, I was almost immediately fished out by one of our MTB's. I was told to strip off my wet clothing, given a towel, some dry clothes and a hot cuppa. One of the MTB crew said they saw our bomber afire and falling. After a bit of a search, they couldn't find anyone else from DRUIDS REVENGE.

Respectfull Submitted,

George Winston, Sgt. RAF Bomber Command

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