

AAR: CYNTHIA 2 (RAF 104 Squadron)
Mission 8: { Paris, France }
Mission Date: 19/20 April 1942
Bomber Position: Middle 1/3
Bombing Accuracy: Off Target: 0%

CREW:

Pilot: P.O. Brandon Fisher
Navigator: Sgt. David Sanderson
Engineer: Sgt. Gregory Johnson WIA: sf laceration right foot, frostbite, digits, left foot – relieved from combat duties due to wounds/injuries sustained during combat duties
Bomb Aimer: Sgt. Weldon Maldon
Wireless: Cpl. Kevin Brown
Mid-Upper Gunner: Cpl. Michael Hawkins
Tail Gunner: Sgt. Stanley Crowder WIA: torn left gastrocnemius muscle, sf laceration, right shoulder

Enemy Aircraft Encountered: We encountered 9 German Airforce Nightfighters
E/A Shot Down/Probable/Damaged: 0

Damages to CYNTHIA 2: Port wing inboard fuel tank: Leaking, hit to both Starboard and Port wing roots, port and starboard ailerons inoperable, multiple hits to starboard and port rudders, no heat in nose compartment or to mid-upper gun position, hit to oxygen supply, no oxygen in mid-upper gun position, fire damages in mid-upper gun position, hand pump for flaps inoperable, damages to mid-upper ammunition boxes, bits of cowling missing from Engine 4, 23 superficial hits. CYNTHIA 2 should be repairable.

Mission Report: In short, CYNTHIA 2 flew to designated target and returned to base. We were found a number of times and by attacked by numerous E/A both outbound and inbound. We did not detect any of the E/A that attacked us. Two crewmen were wounded by enemy gunfire. We were lit up several times by German searchlights, which led us to be attacked by both flak and Luftwaffe Night fighters. We were hit several times by flak, but the flak did very little damages to our aircraft. While Sgt. Sanderson assured us that we were over designated target, Sgt. Maldon does not believe any of our bombs hit the designated target. Damages to heat and oxygen systems caused us to bomb from low altitude, and to fly back to base at low altitude. We landed safely at base, and our two wounded were taken to hospital. Sgt. Johnson (Engineer) will be unable to continue combat duties due to frostbite injury.

Respectfully Submitted,
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