

After Action Report – Charmed

2 April 1942

Charmed, of 103 Squadron, 15 Group

Once we were over the North Sea, we were under constant attack by 110s, and a smattering of 217s and 88s, until we got back across the English coast. On the outward leg we never saw them until they were already making their firing passes.

Not until we crossed the Dutch coast did any enemy attacks have any success. Port outboard fuel tank took a hit, and we started to lose fuel. All attempts to shut off the fuel leak failed. Flight Engineer Condor calculated, based on rate of fuel loss, that we would just be able to make it back to base. I opted to abort the mission and try to save the A/C. Additional minor damage was taken to the control cables in the tail, Nav O2 out, and tail gun ammo feed damaged.

On the turn around we were able to fend off further attacks.

Over the North Sea we took more damage, knocking out the dinghy, and taking hits to the starboard rudder. We were then successful in driving the enemy aircraft away.

Landing was dicey, with a full crate of eggs, but as this report indicates, we made it safely.

Charmed will be ready when next called upon.

Respectfully  
J. White  
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