

After Action Report – Charmed

20 April 1942

Charmed, of 103 Squadron, 15 Group

Mission was uneventful until approach to target. Finally caught by searchlights, and ack-ack. Fortunately they were unable to home in, and we suffered very superficial damage.

A lone 110 made a single pass, with walking hits, taking out the tail O2, and the nose gun.

Target was obscured, we missed, at 0%.

Turnaround was where it started to get dicey. A 110 and a 217 found us. The 110 missed us, then disappeared. The 217 got in a few hits, but so did we, however, we both went our ways, relatively unscathed.

Leaving the target area, we were once again caught by searchlights, however no ack-ack. Another 110 and 217 found us. The 217 missed us, then lost us. Unfortunately, the 110 got in a few critical licks, despite our jinking. We lost the tail guns, tail ammo feed, and mid-upper guns. Worse, mid-upper gunner Horak took some shrapnel. Turned out to be quite minor. After two passes, we lost the 110.

Either through the providence of Lady Luck, or the crew's Rabbit's Foot, we encountered no more enemy A/C until approaching the coast.

Rear gunner Carr had moved to the last remaining machine gun, in the ventral position. As fate would have it, a lone 217 came in from 6 low. Carr got in a few hits on the 217, despite our jinking, and drove off the 217.

Landing was clean. Charmed's damage was minor, and she will be ready for the next mission.

Respectfully
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