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LAMMER

NO. 255 SQUADRON - COMBAT REPORT

15/16th <sup>Dec.</sup> January 1942

Pilot - W/C Kelly D.P.

Gropa 14.

Radio Navigator - F/L Lammer A.

Beaufighter VI. (MK-IV, A.I.)

Took off 20.20 hrs from Souk-el-Arba and landed at 00.10 hrs.

At 22.00 hrs various vectors over land were given by S/L Brown (Controller G.C.I. Bone) at height of 8,000' and a contact was obtained whilst flying in cloud at maximum range. Speed of enemy aircraft was approx. 190 A.S.I. and it was jinking violently and altering speed and height. At about 1,500' range, in a clear patch a fleeting glimpse of enemy aircraft was obtained but lost again. Radio Navigator followed on A.I. the enemy aircraft which then reached a range of 5,000' and visual was regained at 1,200' range in a clear patch where aircraft was identified as ~~He-111~~. Ju. 88.

Pilot closed in to 400' and gave a short burst. Strikes were observed on enemy aircraft which disintegrated, one large piece striking the Beaufighter's port wing. Two faint blips were observed going down and out of range.

During the latter part of the combat the starboard engine developed trouble owing to failure of petrol pressure which necessitated a return flight on one engine, and the pilot on landing on the left side of the flare path struck a crashed Hurricane aircraft on the flare path which wrote off the Beaufighter. Crew were uninjured. Total time of flight 3 hrs 50 mins.

Weather in combat area cloud and drizzle with electrical storms.

Ju. 88.

CLAIM One ~~He-111~~ destroyed.

N.B. 324 Wing have been advised by signal that destroyed aircraft was an in-line Ju.88.

N.B. Crashed Junkers 88 found near LAMY.  
1 of the crew killed - 3 baled out  
and were taken prisoners.