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F/Lt. Phillips.
F/Lt. Smith.

REF. 85/SW/14.

INTRUDER PERSONAL COMBAT REPORT.

- A. Night 28th/29th September 1944.
B. A Flight, No. 85 Squadron.
C. Mosquito XII.
D. 0209 hours.
E. Approx. Area of Meppen.
F. Weather clear. LJ/10ths cloud in broken layers below 10,500 ft.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.
J. 1 Ju.188 destroyed.
K. Nil.

GENERAL REPORT.

One Mosquito XII of 85 Squadron, Pilot F/Lt. Phillips, Navigator F/Lt. Smith, was airborne Swannington 0058 hours on 28th/29th September 1944, on High Level intruder to Varrelbusch Quackenbruck and Ahlhorn.

• F/Lt. Phillips reports:-

"At 0200 hours I was on my way to patrol at 11,500 ft. and had got as far as the Zoidlaarder Lake, approximately, when a "Monroe" contact was seen at 7,000 ft. behind and it closed to 3,000 ft. when I did a hard port turn. I did about two hard port orbits and contact was obtained about 90° to port and two miles away.

Contact was followed on an almost straight target doing about 250-260 m.p.h. at 10,500 ft. A visual was obtained and identified as a Ju.188 at 300 ft. by long pointed wings and square rudder. I opened fire at 300 ft. and enemy aircraft burst into flames and fell down to port and burst on hitting the ground. Position approximately Meppen area."

Claim: 1 Ju.188 destroyed.

Mosquito landed base at 0348 hours.

Ammunition Expended:

S. A. E. I. 40

H. E. I. 40

Total 80 rounds.

(Signed) M. C. H. PHILLIPS F/Lt.

(Signed) D. V. SMITH F/Lt.

(Signed) *C. W. Phillips* F/O

Intelligence Officer,

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