

The Channel Dash

Frame 2 Summary

In this daylight battle with low cloud cover both sides attempted to play to their strengths. The RAF was confident its bombers could hit targets in France unescorted while the Spitfires provided a CAP over the German fleet to allow its elderly Swordfish and new Whirlwinds to strike hard. The LW knew its veteran Ju88 crews could attack the Royal Navy as they sortied out of protect harbours to intercept the German capital ships. They also had supreme confidence in their new fighter, the FW190, and sought to bring it into a strong CAP position over the fleet. The RAF took heavy losses in fighters but managed to sink four German warships and damage the Gneisenau, striking her with two torps admidships and slowing her speed to 20 knots. The Luftwaffe managed to protect the other capital ships and took a toll of the NOE bombers hitting many of the French coastal targets as well as the Spit Vs fighting above their fleet.

Good frame by all, well planned and executed with many on the fly changes and coordination setups. This is the hardest part of any S3 frame and both COs did well adapting their plan. We must stress the need to stick to your homebase for operations. Individuals in trouble may land airfields due to damage or short fuel but squads need to operate from the field they first take off on. Frame 3 is a continuation of Frame 2 with 2 of 3 German capital ships hurt and slowed down. This is the last chance for the RAF to sink them!

Aircraft	Kills	Step Losses	Pts	LW	Allies Notes
B25C	9	2(2)	12	12	
Bf109E4	2	1	4		4
Bf109F4	10	1(4)	2		2
FW190A4	13	2(1)	4		4
Hurricane IIC	0	0	0	0	
Ju87D	7	1(2)	4	4	Losses to ship flak not registered
Ju88A4	0	0(4)	0		
P38F	1	0(1)	0	0	Losses to ship flak not registered
Spit Vb	27	4(3)	8	8	
Totals	69		34	24	10

Ships	Sunk	Hits	Pts	LW	Allies Notes
Allied Supply					Ju88A4
Allied MTBs					
Allied DDs	1	3-Torp	4	4	
German Supply					
German Eboats	2	3-Torp/2-1000lb	6		6
German DDs	2	3-Torp/2-1000lb	6		6
Scharnhorst					2 Torp/2-500lber total hits
Gneisenau		2-Torp	2		2 Ju87D - speed reduced to 20mph for Frame 3
Prinz Eugen					0 total hits
Total			18	4	14

Allied Targets	Damage	Pts	LW	Allies Notes
F12 Factory	Light	1		1 1 bldg
F23 Airfield	Light	1		1 damage to 3 bldgs
F55 Port	Moderate	2		2 3 bldgs
F56 Factory	Moderate	2		2 2 bldgs
F57 Factory	Moderate	2		2 1 bldg
F60 Factory	Light	1		1 1 bldg
F81 City	Light	1		1 2 bldgs
F84 Port	none	0	0	0 no damage to 4 bldgs
F85 Factory	Moderate	2		2 3 bldgs
Total			0	12

German Targets	Damage	Pts	LW	Allies Notes
C70 Oil	Heavy	5	5	12 oil tanks/structures
Total			5	

Frame Totals	LW	Allies
Frame 1	27.5	25.5
Frame 2	33	36
Total Score	60.5	61.5

BDA	Dropped	Hit	Direct Hits	Drop/Hit %	Hit/DH %
B25C	46	153	32	333%	21%
Bf109E4	8	0	0	0%	0%
Ju87D	19	8	8	42%	100%
Ju88A4	38	98	15	258%	15%