

The Channel Dash

Frame 3 Summary

Most of the action in this frame was over water with both sides trying hard to attack ships in the confused Channel fight between the German fleet and Royal Navy craft. FAA Swordfish had a tough go of it initially as they arrived to do their torp runs in a melee of fighting ships with Prinz Eugen chasing MTBs and dodging air attacks. Unfortunately for them their air cover was still several minutes away when 190s fell on them. At the same time Ju88s were sortied against RN destroyers and made several runs unhindered against the fast moving ships. During the day at least four RN ships would go down to Ju88 torpedoes. RAF bombers were busy as well plastering both Dunkirk oil refinery and Boulogne-sur-Mer port facilities. Later in the day a mass group of RAF bombers bombed the trailing battlecruisers hitting the Scharnhorst at least four times with 1000lbbers causing her to roll over on her side and sink taking 1,036 crew with her. Gneisenau was farther east and Prinz Eugen had escaped the Swordfish attacks to the north allow both these capital ships to escape further attacks.

Another good frame finishing off the ship part of the Channel Dash. Allies receive 8 pts for sinking the Scharnhorst and the Germans are awarded 13 pts for the survival of the other two fleet ships. 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 4 is a hit and run affair by both sides against coastal targets. The LW must use 190 jabos to have any chance of staying ahead of the Allies on points. They are outnumbered but have better aircraft. Both sides must maximize their points and minimize their losses.

Aircraft	Kills	Step Losses	Pts	LW	Allies Notes
B25C	9	1(5)	6	6	
Bf109E4	0	0	0		0
Bf109F4	8	2	4		4
FW190A4	22	3(5)	6		6
Hurricane IIC	0	0	0	0	
Ju87D	6	1(2)	4	4	
Ju88A4	0	0(5)	0		
P38F	5	1	4	4	
Spit Vb	22	4(1)	8	8	
Totals	72		32	22	10

Ships	Sunk	Hits	Pts	LW	Allies Notes
Allied Supply					
Allied MTBs	2	3-Torps	5	5	
Allied DDs	2	4-Torps	6	6	
German Supply					
German Eboats					
German DDs		2-Torps	2		2
Scharnhorst	1	4-1000lb	2		10 2 Torp/2-500lb/4-1000lb total - sunk 8 pts to Allies
Gneisenau				8	2 Torp hits total - survived 8 pts to Germans
Prinz Eugen				5	0 total hits - survived 5 pts to Germans
Total			15	24	12

Allied Targets	Damage	Pts	LW	Allies Notes
F3 Refinery	Heavy	5		5 14 oil tanks/bldgs
F55 Port	Heavy	5		5 6 docks/bldgs
Total			0	10

German Targets	Damage	Pts	LW	Allies Notes
none				
Total			0	

Frame Totals	LW	Allies
Frame 1	27.5	25.5
Frame 2	33	36
Frame 3	46	32
Total Score	79	68

BDA	Dropped	Hit	Direct Hits	Drop/Hit %	Hit/DH %
B25C	110	351	64	319%	18%
Ju87D	15	2	2	13%	100%
Ju88A4	40	11	11	28%	100%
G4M2	1	0	0	0	0