

THE BOMBING OF THE LIGHT FORCES AT THE EVACUATION OF CRETE.

28TH AND 29TH MAY 1941.

THE FOLLOWING IS A TRUE ACCOUNT OF THE BOMBING AND ATTACKS ON OUR LIGHT FORCES, AND IS NOT FOR PUBLICATION IN ANY NEWSPAPER.

28TH MAY

1630 6 HEINKELS; BOMBS 1200 FEET.
 1702 3 HEINKELS, BOMBS 1100 FEET.
 1721 3 JU.87'S ON 'DIDO'
 1741 3 HEINKELS HIGH LEVEL ON "ORION"
 1746 1 BOMB DROPPED ASTERN OF "AJAX"
 1752 BOMBS DROPPED FAR OFF.
 1833 3 DORNIERS DROPPED BOMBS FAR OFF.
 1856 BOMBS CLOSE.
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 1858 2 BOMBS DROPPED CLOSE.
 1908 HIGH LEVEL ATTACK ASTERN.
 1910 OPENED UP WITH BLIND BARRAGE
 1914 'DIDO' OPENED UP ON THREE AIRCRAFT
 1916 12 AIRCRAFT ATTACK NEAR MISSES ON 'IMPERIAL'
 1957 ME.109 DIVE BOMBING ATTACK ON 'ORION'.
 2005 9 JU.87'S DIVE BOMBING ATTACK ON ORION.
 2039 8 JU.87'S ATTACK 'AJAX'. 'ABAX' HIT.
 2105 3 TORPEDO BOMBERS ATTACK.
 2110 1 TORPEDO BOMBER ATTACK

29TH MAY

0580 1 AIRCRAFT.
 0600 5 JU.87'S ATTACKED.
 0612 ATTACK ON 'DIDO'.
 0628 8 JU.87'S ATTACK 'HEREWARD'. 'HEREWARD' HIT.
 0680 4 JU.87'S ATTACK 'ORION'.
 0637 OPEN FIRE (EVERYTHING).
 0653 6 ME.109'S ATTACKED 'ORION', NEAR MISS AFT.
 0655 6 DIVE BOMBERS ATTACK 'ORION', NEAR MISS AFT.
 0715 3 ME.109'S ATTACK. MANY
 0736 14 JU.87'S ATTACKED NEAR MISSES.
 0808 OPENED FIRE ON JU.88'S CAPTAIN WOUNDED.
 0812 JU.87'S ATTACKED 'DIDO'. 'DIDO' HIT ON 'B' TURRET.
 0820 15 JU.87'S ATTACK NEAR MISSES.
 0831 10 JU.88'S ATTACK NEAR MISSES.
 0835 FURTHER ATTACKS BY JU.86'S.
 0840 OPENED FIRE (EVERYTHING)
 0845 OPENED FIRE EVERYTHING HIGH LEVEL AND DIVE BOMBERS.
 0855 JU.88'S ATTACKED 'ORION'
 0902 OPENED FIRE ON LARGE NUMBER OF JU.87'S
 0906 'A' TURRET HIT, 1000LB BOMB, 'B' TURRET OUT OF ACTION.
 0957 ATTACKED BY 15 JU.88'S.
 1010 DIVE BOMBING ATTACK. JU.87'S. 10/
 1012 MORE JU.88'S. NEAR MISSES.
 1040 15 JU.87'S ATTACKED 'ORION'
 1145 'ORION' HIT AMIDSHIPS.
 1220 'ORION' LISTING HEAVILY.
 1255 OPENED FIRE ON 12 JU.88'S.
 1325 3 JU.88'S ATTACKED 'ORION'
 1456 15 JU.88'S ATTACK, MORE NEAR MISSES
 1500 MORE JU.88'S ARRIVE.
 1530 OUT OF RANGE OF JU.87'S. HIGH LEVEL ATTACK.

LOG ENDS HERE DUE TO DEATH OF MIDSHIPMAN COMPILING IT. LAST ATTACK OF DAY AT 1700. FIRST FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT SPOTTED AT 1705.