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INDIA JOINT AIR COMMUNIQUE No. 212

The following communique from G.H.Q. India was received in London this afternoon:-

Yesterday afternoon, September 5, R.A.F. Hurricanes on patrol over AKYAB sighted an enemy aircraft above them flying south and gave chase. The enemy took evasive action but a burst from one of the Hurricanes hit both the engine cowlings and the plane crashed to the ground in flames.

Our aircraft suffered no casualties or damage.

In the morning fighters on offensive patrol sank or damaged more than 159 enemy supply sampans and other river craft in BURMA.

Beaufighters patrolling the central and lower IRRAWADDY shot up more than 60 rivercraft and two oil barges and scored further hits on the factory at DANBI which was attacked on Saturday.

On the IRAWADDY river Hurricanes sank or damaged about 80 loaded supply sampans near KWAZON and on the CHINDWIN between MONYIA and YESAGYO, other Hurricanes shot up 16 rivercraft, set fire to two 80-foot steamers and destroyed four small motor-boats.

On the KALADAN Vengeances dive-bombed Japanese occupied buildings at KYAUKTAH.

In the evening a formation of Wellingtons attacked Japanese supply dumps at TUNGP. All the bombs fell in the target area starting large fires which were visible more than fifty miles away.

From these and other operations one of our aircraft is missing.

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