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FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1945

(*13751-9511) Wt. 21210-1124 70m 8/43 T.S. 700

(*14951-9512) Wt. 2225-2228 2500 4147 T.S. 200				FOR THE MONTH OF		1944		REFERENCES	
DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT			
				UP	DOWN				
1st.	SPTFIRE 1X (Merlin 68)								
	MK 339	P/O. MUNDY, B.	Scramble	0940	0955	2 A/C scrambled for unidentified A/C.			
	MJ 985	Sgt. BENNIE, J.		0940	0955	There was no incident.			
	PT 957	P/O. MUSGRAVE, N.	Armed	1045	1235	2 A/C on armed recon PIACENZA - MILAN area.			
	MJ 579	Sgt. MAXWELL, W.	Recon	1045	1235	At LODI a 15cw. was damaged. A 5-ton M.T. travelling west from CASTELSONE was destroyed, and at CREMA 4 rail trucks were damaged.			
						WEATHER: West of PIACENZA, in a bank to west of MILAN, 10/10 stratus 1000-3000ft.			
	NH 267	P/Lt. CARLYLE, J.	Bombing	1125	1215	4 A/C on bombing mission, attacking an ammo and stores depot at (P)747365. All bombs fell in the target area, one scoring a direct hit on a building causing black smoke to pour from it.			
	MK 625	Sgt. BELL, G.		1125	1215				
	PL 445	W/O. TAYLOR, A.		1125	1215				
	MH 981	Sgt. ALLAN, J.		1125	1215				
	MK 339	P/O. MUNDY, B.	Scramble	1150	1315	2 A/C scrambled for unidentified A/C. Vapour trails seen at 50,000ft. west of FLORENCE. No contact made.			
	MJ 985	Sgt. BENNIE, J.		1150	1315				
	MK 479	P/O. SEAGRIFE, E.	Scramble	1245	1315	2 A/C scrambled for 'hogey' plotted north of FISA. No contact was made.			
	MJ 579	P/O. RAINIER, P.		1245	1315				
	MH 981	P/O. MUSGRAVE, N.	Bombing	1345	1450	4 A/C bombing an ammo and stores depot at (P)747365. All bombs fell in the target area.			
	MH 267	Sgt. MAXWELL, W.		1345	1450	A red flash came from one building, followed by thick, yellowish smoke.			
	MK 625	P/O. SEAGRIFE, E.		1345	1450				
	PL 445	P/O. RAINIER, P.		1345	1450				
	MK 372	W/O. TAYLOR, A.	Bombing	1450	1705	4 A/C bombing an ammo dump at BUSTO-ARSIZZO.			
	MJ 579	Sgt. ALLAN, J.		1450	1705	The target was not found, so a large power station at LEGNANILE was attacked. W/O. TAYLOR registered a direct hit on the building: an explosion...			
	MK 339	W/O. TAYLOR, A.		1450	1705				
	MJ 985	P/O. WARD, M.		1450	1705				

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
				Up	Down		
						explosion resulted and red flames shot up to 200ft. Fires broke out, which could later be seen 20 miles away.	
						FLAK: heavy, moderate and accurate experienced from (J)9852. Heavy, moderate and accurate was also experienced from a valley N-E. of SPEZIA.	
	NH 287	R/Lt. CARLWIL, J.	Armed	1640	1845	3 A/C on armed recce in FIACENZA - MILAN area.	
	PT 957	F/O. SEARIS, E.	Recce	1640	1845	West of PAVIA 5 rolling stock were damaged. On the road between near PAVIA three	
	MH 981	F/O. RAINIER, P.		1640	1845	5-ton M.T. with trailers, one 15cwt. and a 3-tonner were all destroyed. On the main TORIN-CHIASSO road a 5-ton M.T. and a staff car were sent up in flames.	
2nd	MK 479	F/Sgt. MORANT, R.	Weather	0700	0840	2 a/c weather recce Northern PO VALLEY area.	
	MJ 958	Sgt. BENNIS, J.	Recce	0700	0840	Low cloud covered the whole area, but over MILAN it was clear.	
	MK 372	S/L. SHAND, I.		1050	1240	4 a/c bombing an ammo dump at BUSTO ARSIZIO.	
	MJ 578	Sgt. ALLAN, J.	Bombing	1050	1240	2 direct hits were achieved on buildings in the North end of the target by S/L. SHAND and Sgt. ALLAN. Fires were then seen to break out. 3 buildings were seen to be completely burnt out from the previous attack, and a further building was observed to be damaged.	
	MK 878	F/C. HUNDI, B.		1050	1240	South of MILAN a 5-ton M.T. and 2 railtrucks were damaged by strafing.	
	MJ 645	F/Sgt. ADSERO, P.		1050	1240	On the PO, in Position (K)1625, a 50ft. tug was and left heeling over on its side. At BRONI, 4 railtrucks were damaged.	

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(*12951-551) WL 9220-1124, 20W 514, T.S. 200

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
				Up	Down		
(2nd)	SPTTIRE 1X (Merlin 66)						
	NH 287	R/Lt. CARLWIL, J.	Walrus	1015	1150	2 A/C escorting Walrus on mission	

On the PC, in position (K)1825, a B.O.T. was
and left heeling over on its side. At BRONI,
4 railtrucks were damaged.

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(14291-9511) WL 8220-1184, 204 8/13 T.S. 200

FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1945.

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
				UP	DOWN		
(2nd)	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 66)						
Contin:	MH 267	P/Lt. CARLYLE, J.	Walrus	1015	1150	2 A/C escorting Walrus on mine-spotting.	
	MK 625	Sgt. BELL, G.	Escort	1015	1150	West of SPEZIA 2 M.T.'s in the area were sub- jected to shelling from the coast.	
	PT 957	P/O. MURGRAVE, N.	Scramble	0915	1000	2 A/C scrambled for unidentified A/C.	
	MK 412	Sgt. MAXWELL, W.		0915	0950	There was no incident.	
	MK 479	P/O. BURROW, K.		1520	1435	4 A/C bombing railbridge at CASALPUSTERLENGO.	
	MJ 968	P/O. MANSELL, H.	Bombing	1520	1435	1 near miss was obtained by P/O. BURROW.	
	MJ 966	W/O. SLADE, V.		1520	1435		
	MJ 645	W/O. CORNISH, R.		1520	1435		
	MJ 579	P/O. SSAGRIER, B.		1520	1720	4 A/C bombing ammo dump at BUSTO-ARSIZZIO.	
	MK 372	P/O. RAINIER, P.	Bombing	1520	1720	Target not found, so railway sheds were attacked	
	MK 568	P/Sgt. MORANT, R.		1620	1720	at (K)0480 and (K)1273. Direct hits were	
	MJ 648	Sgt. BENNIS, J.		1520	1720	achieved by P/O. RAINIER, P/Sgt. MORANT and Sgt. BENNIS. Clouds of black smoke were seen to emit from the area.	
						FLAK: light, scant and inaccurate experienced from the west side of MILAN.	
	MJ 982	P/O. BURROW, K.	Armed	1740	1950	4 A/C on armed recon in the MILAN area.	
	MJ 968	P/O. WARD, M.	Recon	1740	1950	At VIGEVANO two 5-ton M.T. were attacked: one	
	MK 479	P/O. HUNDE, B.		1740	1940	was destroyed and the other damaged. 2 rail- trucks were also damaged at the same place.	
	MK 559	P/O. MANSELL, H.		1740	1940	A 5-ton M.T. and a 15cwt. were destroyed at CORBETTA, with a second 15cwt. left in a damaged condition. At MAGENTA a 5-ton M.T. was des- troyed; and then at GALLIATE 2 railtrucks were attacked and damaged.	
						FLAK: At GALLIATE light, intense and accurate, with heavy, scant and also accurate. From ABBATE GRASSO, heavy, scant and inaccurate.	

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				Up	Down		
(3rd) contin:	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 88)						
	NH 267 W/O. TAYLOR, A.	Armed	0650	0650	2 A/C on armed weather recon in Northern PO		
	MK 412 Sgt. ALLAN, J.	Weather Recon	0650	0650	VALLEY.		
					WEATHER: 10/10 cumulus cloud from PISA to the		
					PO 7,000-8,000ft. Visibility: in PO area 1 mile,		
					being very hazy and with ground mist.		
					At BELHICSO a camouflaged Fiat was destroyed.		
					At LODI a staff car was flamed, with another		
					staff car destroyed at CREMA.		
					FLAK: heavy and light, moderate and accurate		
					from LODI.		
	MK 372 P/Lt. CARLIS, J.	Bombing &	1055	1255	2 A/C on free-lance bombing and strafing mis-		
	MK 579 Sgt. BELL, G.	Armed Recon	1055	1255	sion in PO VALLEY. A factory by the side of the		
					railway at (K)LEIS was bombed. A power-house		
					was hit and issued flames and sparks. The North		
					end of the factory was also hit. At MORTARA a		
					5-ton M.T. was destroyed plus a camouflaged		
					Fiat. North of MORTARA two 5-tonners with a		
					trailer, were both flamed. A staff car approach-		
					ing NOVARA was damaged.		
	NH 267 P/O. MURRAY, N.	Armed	1805	1755	4 A/C on last light armed recon in PO VALLEY		
	MK 579 Sgt. MAXWELL, W.	Recon	1805	1755	area. At SONCINO a 5-ton M.T. was destroyed;		
	MK 625 P/O. SANCHEZ, P.		1805	1745	a second 5-tonner travelling North from		
	MK 372 P/O. RAINIER, P.		1805	1745	MELEGIANO was also flamed. North of PAVIA a		
					15cwt. was destroyed, and at TREVIGLIO 6 loaded		
					railtrucks were damaged.		
4th	MK 558 P/O. MURPHY, B.	Armed	0640	0640	2 A/C on armed recon in the MILAN area. East of		
	MK 885 P/O. MANSELL, N.	Recon	0640	0640	MILAN a 5-ton M.T. with trailer attached was		
					damaged...		

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				Up	Down		
(4th) contin:	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 88);						
						damaged and a staff car flamed. At TREVIGLIO	

4th	MJ 958 MJ 985	P/O. MURDY, E. P/O. MANSBELL, N.	Armed Recco	0840 0840	0840 0840	2 A/C on armed recon in the MILAN area. East of MILAN a 5-ton M.T. with trailer attached was damaged...
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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
(4th) contin:	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 66);					damaged and a staff car flamed. At TREVIGLIO a 3-ton M.T. was left in a damaged condition. A 5-tonner with trailer sighted at CREMA was destroyed, and at LODI 2 railway coaches were damaged. Another 3-tonner with a 15cwt. towing a trailer were both destroyed at CASTEGGIO. FLAK: light, intense and accurate from GORGONZOLA.	
	MK 572 MJ 579 MJ 985 MK 539	P/Lt. CARLYLE, F.J. Sgt. BELL, G. P/Sgt. ADSENC, P. W/O. CORNISH, R.	Bombing	0945 0945 0945 0945	1150 1150 1155 1155	4 a/c bombing a military depot at (K)215863. 4 direct hits were obtained on buildings, and the area was left burning and covered in black smoke. On the return journey a 5-ton M.T. south of MONZA was left burning. N. of LODI a 5-tonner was attacked and the driver, losing control, crashed into another M.T. Both vehicles rolled over into a ditch. At GORGONZOLA and S. ANGELO 2 x 15cwt. were damaged. FLAK: CASSINO: heavy, scant and inaccurate.	
	MJ 269 MK 539 MJ 646 MJ 988	P/O. BIRROU, K. P/O. WARD, M. P/Sgt. MCRAE, R. W/O. SLADE, V.	Bombing	1225 1225 1225 1225	1555 1555 1555 1555	4 a/c bombing rail/road bridges at SERRAVALLE. P/Sgt. MCRAE obtained a near miss.	
	MJ 645 MJ 986 MK 572 MJ 579	S/L. SHAND, I. W/O. CORNISH, R. P/O. MCGRAW, N. Sgt. MAXWELL, W.	Bombing	1445 1445 1445 1445	1850 1850 1850 1850	4 a/c bombing military depot at (K)215863. All a/c registered direct hits. The area after the attack was covered in black smoke. 3 of the buildings were observed to be destroyed from the morning raid, and one was damaged. West of MILAN a 3-ton M.T. was destroyed, and...	158

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				Up	Down		
(4th)	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 66)					and at (K)2448 a loaded 3-tonner went up in a sheet of flame. At (K)2453 a 40ft. barge was damaged.	
contin:						FLAK: light, scant and inaccurate experienced from Position (K)0468, with heavy and light, intense and accurate from (K)0052.	
	MK 479	F/O. BURROW, K.		1810	2010	4 a/c on armed recce N. of the PO.	
	NH 289	F/O. WARD, M.	Armed	1810	2010	A total of 6 M.T. were destroyed, and 3 damaged.	
	MJ 668	W/O. SLADE, V.	Recce	1810	2020	in the MILAN area.	
	MK 339	F/Sgt. ADSERO, P.		1810	2020		
5th	NH 283	F/Lt. CARLILE, J.	Armed	0850	0755	2 a/c on armed recce in the PO VALLEY area.	
	NH 287	Sgt. BELL, G.	Recce	0850	0755	Owing to bad weather a/c were recalled early. They were then diverted to land at BRGO, owing to base being W/S for weather.	
	MJ 643	F/Sgt. ADSERO, P.					
	NH 289	Sgt. BENNIE, J.					
	MK 419	F/O. BURROW, K.				14 a/c carried out 7 missions of 2 a/c each on escort of Naval force shelling N. of VIAREGIO. There was no incident throughout the patrols.	
	TA 881	F/O. MANSELL, N.					
	MJ 643	F/Sgt. ADSERO, P.	Naval	1045	1255		
	NH 289	Sgt. BENNIE, J.		1045	1255		
	MK 419	W/O. SLADE, V.		1220	1440		
	NH 287	W/O. LAMBERT, R.	Escort	1220	1440		
	MK 339	F/Sgt. MORANT, R.		1405	1610		
	MJ 643	W/O. GARNETT, R.		1405	1610		
	TA 881	F/O. MUNDY, B.		1540	1740		
	MJ 983	F/O. WARD, M.		1540	1740		
	PV 283	F/O. BURROW, K.		1710	1825		
	PH 289	F/O. MANSELL, N.		1710	1825		
	PT 957	F/O. MUSEGRAVE, N.		1015	1130	4 a/c bombing a railbridge near SERRAVALLE.	
	MK 372	F/O. RAINIER, P.	Bombing	1015	1130	3 near misses were registered.	
	MJ 579	W/O. TAYLOR, A.		1015	1130		
	NH 981	Sgt. AILAN, J.		1015	1130		

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(5th)	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 66)						
contin:	MK 372	S/L. SPAND, I.		1230	1330	4 a/c bombing an ammo store N. of SPEZIA.	
	MJ 579	Sgt. MAXWELL, J.	Bombing	1230	1330		

PT 957	P/O. RUSSELL, M.		1015	1150	5 near misses were registered.
NK 578	P/O. RAINIER, P.	Bombing	1015	1150	
MI 579	W/O. TAYLOR, A.		1015	1150	
NR 981	Sgt. ALLAN, J.				

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				UP	DOWN		
(6th)	SPITFIRE 1x (Merlin 66)	PT 957 P/O. MUSGRAVE, N.		0705	0910	14 a/c on escort of destroyers shelling N. of	
contin:	NH 287	Sgt. MAXWELL, W.		0705	0910	the front line.	
	NH 363	W/O. TAYLOR, A.		0840	1100	At 1625 hrs. 1 a/c (Pilot: Sgt. MAXWELL, W.)	
	MK 412	Sgt. ALLAN, J.		0840	1100	spun in after take-off. The a/c caught fire and	
	NH 287	P/Lt. CARLISLE, J.		1035	1240	the pilot was killed.	
	PL 443	Sgt. BELL, G.	Naval	1035	1240		
	PP 957	P/O. MUSGRAVE, N.		1210	1430		
	NH 583	P/O. RAINIER, P.		1210	1430		
	PL 443	W/O. TAYLOR, A.	Escort	1430	1645		
	MK 412	Sgt. ALLAN, J.		1430	1645		
	NH 583	W/O. SLADE, V.		1625	1835		
	NH 287	Sgt. MAXWELL, W.		1625	1835		
	PP 957	P/O. MUSGRAVE, N.		1625	1835		
	MK 339	P/O. MUNDY, B.		1015	1155	4 a/c bombing marshalling yards at VOGHERA.	
	PV 233	P/O. MAXWELL, N.	Bombing	1015	1155	All bombs fell in the target area. Lines were	
	MK 339	W/O. SLADE, V.		1015	1155	cut in the E. of the marshalling yards, and the	
	NH 289	W/O. LABERT, R.		1015	1155	station buildings were hit. After bombing, roll-	
						ing stock was strafed. Damage was inflicted	
						on at least 30 trucks.	
	NH 289	P/O. BIRROW, K.		1255	1415	4 a/c bombing a railbridge S. of SERRAVALLE.	
	PV 233	P/Sgt. MORANT, R.	Bombing	1255	1415	P/Sgt. ADSERO and Sgt. BENNIE both registered	
	MK 339	P/Sgt. ADSERO, P.		1255	1415	direct hits on the bridge, and the rail lines	
	MK 339	Sgt. BENNIE, J.		1255	1415	were thus cut. 1 near miss by P/Sgt. MORANT hit	
						the rail branch line and destroyed 2 stationary	
						box-cars.	
						WEATHER: Nil cloud, and unlimited visibility.	
	MK 339	P/O. MUNDY, B.		1615	1745	3 a/c bombing marshalling yards at VOGHERA.	
	PV 233	P/O. MAXWELL, N.	Bombing	1615	1745	Buildings were hit in the yard and also in the rail-	
	MK 339	W/O. LABERT, R.		1615	1745	way station. The lines were seen to be complete-	
						ly cut.	
						After bombing, the rolling stock was strafed. Four....	

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(7472) W/L 24229/1650. 180m. 8/40. P.L. 51-7751.

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(6th)	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 66)						
contin:						4 loaded trucks, and 10...	

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after bombing, the ~~rolling~~ stock was strafed. Four....

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(7472) Ws. 242201650. 1806. 840. P.I. 51-7751.

By ~~407 130 01010. 3 10000000~~
For the Month of ~~April~~, 19 ~~45~~.

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
(6th) contin:	SPITFIRE LX (Merlin 66)					4 loaded trucks caught fire and between 20 and 30 others were damaged.	
7th	FL 443 MK 412	W/O. TAYLOR, A. Sgt. ALLAN, J.	Armed Recco	0705 0705	0920 0920	2 a/c on armed recce to the Northern PO VALLEY area. At ABRIA, a 10-ton M.T. was left smoking. Outside TRINO a 5-ton M.T. with trailer attached was destroyed. 2 staff cars were also destroyed at MORGARA and ABBIATE GRASSO. The destruction was also brought about of a 15cwt. at GAGLIANO. WEATHER: N. of GENOA: 10/10 cloud 4,000ft., base; tops 20,000ft. E. of TURIN: 10/10 stratus at 1,000ft. Visibility: 5 - 10 miles.	
	PV 233 MK 339 NH 289 MJ 843 PL 443 MK 339 NH 289 MJ 843 NH 289 PV 233	F/O. BURROW, E.) F/O. MANSELL, N.) F/Sgt. MCRANT, R.) W/O. CORNISH, R.) F/Sgt. ADSECO, F.) Sgt. BENNIE, J.) F/Sgt. MCRANT, R.) F/O. WARD, M.) W/O. SLADE, V.) W/O. LAMBERT, R.)	Naval Escort	0805 0805 1005 1005 1205 1205 1400 1400 1715 1715	1025 1025 1225 1225 1425 1425 1435 1435 1830 1830	10 a/c on escort of destroyers operating N. of VIAREGGIO. Nil incidents throughout the patrols.	
11th	MK 479 PV 233	F/O. BURROW, E. F/O. MANSELL, N.	Scramble	1235 1235	1305 1305	2 a/c scrambled W. of base to 19,000ft. for unidentified a/c, which later became friendly.	
12th	MK 339 NH 289	S/L. SHAND, I. F/O. MANSELL, N.	Armed Recco	0700 0700	0910 0910	2 a/c on armed recce in Northern PO VALLEY area. 3 M.T. were damaged in the ABBIATEGRA area.	
13th	MJ 983 PT 468	F/O. BURROW, E. F/O. WARD, M.	Armed Recco	0710 0710	0805 0805	2 a/c on armed recce in the MILAN area. On the railway line between PIAZZA and LODI, 50 trucks were observed: 5 were damaged and 2 box-cars left smoking - flashes were seen to appear from the third. WEATHER: 10/10 stratus 800ft. to 6,000ft. Visibility: 1 mile.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
				Up	Down		
(15th) contin:	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 66)						
	NH 363	S/L. SHAND, I.		1015	1220	6 a/c bombing storage tanks at (K)202689.	
	TA 851	Sgt. ALLAN, J.		1015	1220	Target was obscured by cloud, so a pontoon bridge	
	MJ 863	F/Sgt. MORANT, R.	Bombing	1015	1200	at (K)2428 was attacked. 3 direct hits were	
	MK 479	F/O. MANSBELL, N.		1015	1200	registered by: F/O. MANSBELL, F/Sgt. ADSSRO and	
	LT 643	W/O. LAMBERT, R.		1015	1205	Sgt. ALLAN, causing 10 of the pontoons to be des-	
	PV235	W/O. CORRISE, R.		1015	1205	troyed. At BINASCO a 5-ton M.T. moving S. was	
						destroyed, and at PAVIA a 15cwt. damaged.	
						At STRADELLA a 5-ton M.T. was flamed, and at	
						PIACENZA another 15cwt. was damaged.	
						FLAK: light, scant, accurate from flak wagons	
						at VOGHERA. -1-a-	
						1 a/c was hit by 40mm. in the starboard mainplane	
						and the overload tank was blown off.	
10th	MJ 643	F/Sgt. ADSSRO, P.	Beaufighter	1040	1225	2 Spitfires on escort to 4 R/P Beaufighters of	
	PL 443	Sgt. BERNIE, J.	Escort	1040	1225	372 Sqdn. in an attack on FREYA station, N. of	
						UMAGO. Beaufighters attacked first. Good hits	
						were observed. 1 Beaufighter was hit in the port	
						engine and crashed into the sea W. of SALVATORE.	
						The Spits next attacked with cannon and machine-	
						gun, but no results were not observed.	
	MJ 579	F/Lt. CARLYLE, J.		1050	1230	4 a/c carried out a bombing attack on FREYA	
	TA 851	Sgt. BELL, S.	Bombing	1050	1230	Station at ICRSC. Target was well camouflaged	
	NH 363	W/O. TAYLOR, A.		1050	1230	and hard to pick out. All bombs fell in the	
	MK 572	Sgt. ALLAN, J.		1050	1230	target area, however. 2 very near misses and 6	
						near misses were achieved. 1 a/c strafed with	
						cannon, but without observing any results.	
						FLAK: intense curtain of light flak experienced from	
						target area. WEATHER: good.	

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(10th)	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 66)						
	PT 357	F/O. MISGRAVE, N.	Beaufighter	1105	1230	9 Spitfires escorting 4 R/P Beaufighters of	

near misses were achieved. 1 a/c started with cannon, but without observing any results. FLAK: intense curtain of light flak experienced from target area. WEATHER: good.

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(10th) contin:	SPITFIRE 1X PT 957 MK 412	(Merlin 66) F/O. MUSERAVE, N. F/O. RAINIER, P.	Beaufighter Escort	1105 1105	1230 1230	2 Spitfires escorting 4 A/P Beaufighters of 272 Sqn. attacking PRYIA Station on Cap FROCHMORE. The Spitfires attacked first with cannon and machine-gun fire, followed by rocket attacks by the Beaufighters. Cwing to smoke and dust no definite results could be seen. 2 gun positions were later attacked, with no results observed. FLAK: light, intense, accurate experienced from target area.	
11th	WJ 578 TA 831 MH 565 MK 372	F/Lt. CARLYLE, J. Sgt. BELL, G. P/Sgt. ADAMS, P. Sgt. BERNIS, J.	Bombing	1150 1150 1150 1150	1315 1315 1330 1330	4 a/c on bombing attack of the PRYIA Station N. of WAGO. All bombs fell in target area; then followed a cannon and machine-gun attack on the target. A column of smoke was seen coming from one of the buildings. FLAK: moderate, light and medium experienced from the coast, and also S. and E. of the target.	
	PT 957 MK 412 PL 445 WJ 645	F/O. MUSERAVE, N. F/O. RAINIER, P. W/O. TAYLOR, A. Sgt. ALLAN, J.	Bombing	1155 1155 1155 1155	1320 1320 1320 1320	4 a/c bombing PRYIA Station at LOREO. 2 very near misses were achieved. A large column of smoke was seen coming from the target area. FLAK: light and medium, scant and inaccurate experienced from target area.	
15th	PL 445 MK 372	W/O. TAYLOR, A. Sgt. BELL, G.	Shipping Recon	1210 1210	1320 1320	2 a/c on shipping recon of SASSER LEVANTE. All sightings.	
	WJ 565 WJ 645 PT 957 WJ 985	F/Lt. CARLYLE, J. W/O. SLADE, V. P/Sgt. SLADE, V. Sgt. BERNIS, J.	Bombing	1400 1400 1400 1400	1500 1500 1500 -	4 a/c bombing storage tanks at (M) 202889. Target covered in cloud. FLAK: heavy, scant at S. ANGELO. 5 minutes ...	161

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(15th) contin:	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 88)					minutes later, at 1450/3 hrs... one a/c said his engine had cut, although he had been on his main tank for some time, and that he was going to force-land. He was last seen gliding down to 15,000ft. towards the flat ground between IODI and CREMA. He had previously jettisoned his bombs and overload tank. (Pilot of this a/c was Sgt. BEMATE, J.).	
						The rail line S. of CREMA was cut and 3 trucks were destroyed. A dump of stores received a near miss.	
						2 a/c were slightly damaged by heavy flak.	
	NH 269 W/O. LAMBERT, R.			1810	2000	4 a/c on armed recon N. of the P.O. At S. ANGELO	
	NH 289 W/O. LAMBERT, R.			1810	2000	a 5-ton M.T. with trailer attached was destroyed.	
	PT 488 P/O. WARD, M.	Armed Recon		1810	1945	FLAK: light, intense and accurate experienced from (K)5020.	
	PV 265 P/Sgt. MURRAY, R.			1810	1945	1 a/c was hit in the port mainplane and behind the cockpit.	
	MV 579 W/O. CORNISH, R.					2 a/c on armed recon in an area N. of the P.O.	
14th	PT 357 P/O. MURRAY, N.	Armed Recon		0850	0825	At SIZIANO a 5-ton M.T. was attacked and blew up. Another 5-tonner was also flamed at CREMA.	
	MK 372 P/O. RAINIER, P.			0850	0825	1 railtruck was flamed and 2 others were damaged at LOCATE.	
	TA 831 W/O. TAYLOR, A.	Bombing		0940	1125	2 a/c bombing 4 fuel tanks at (K)202889. A	
	MK 372 Sgt. ALLEN, J.			0940	1125	large building at the side of the target was left covered in black and grey smoke.	

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				Up	Down		
(14th)	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 88)						
	NH 269 P/O. BURROW, K.	Scramble		1110	1140	2 a/c scrambled for unidentified a/c which	

left covered in black and grey smoke.

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				UP	DOWN		
(14th contin:	SPITFIRE IX	(Merlin 66)	Scramble	1110	1140	2 a/c scrambled for unidentified a/c, which was later known to be friendly.	
	NH 269	F/O. BURROW, K.		1110	1140		
	NJ 645	W/O. CORNISH, R.					
	MK 916	F/Lt. CARLISLE, J.	Bombing	1305	1450	4 a/c bombing reported F/O. at (J)879045. The bombs fell on the buildings at the E. end of the target. Some tents were seen in a wood in the target area. 1 a/c had a hang-up and jettisoned his bomb.	
	TA 851	Sgt. BELL, G.		1305	1450		
	FL 445	F/Lt. McDONALD, R.		1305	1450		
	MK 372	F/O. RAINIER, P.		1305	1450		
	FV 235	S/L. SHAND, I.	Bombing	1525	1655	4 a/c on a second attack of the above target. 1 a/c had to return early, being unable to close his hood. 2 salvos fell in the above reported wooded area: the other salvo fell in amongst some buildings in the target area. The bombing was continued by a straff and one 5-ton M.T. was flamed S. of SERRAVALLE. FLK: light, scant and inaccurate from SESTRI LEVANTE.	
	NH 981	Sgt. ALLAN, J.		1525	1645		
	MK 372	F/Sgt. MCRAE, R.		1525	1655		
	FL 445	F/O. GARDNER, H.		1525	1655		
	NH 289	W/O. TAYLOR, A.	Armed	1750	1850	2 a/c on armed recon F. of IO. 1st MORTAR a 150wt. M.T. was destroyed. W. of MILAN two 150wt. M.T. were damaged. In the same area an electric train with 4 coaches were also severely damaged. On the E. side of MILAN one 150wt. was damaged. A second electric train with 10 coaches and trucks attached was straffed, and damage was caused to some of the rolling stock.	
	NH 981	F/O. RAINIER, P.	Recon	1750	1850		

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15th	SHITFIRE 1X (Merlin 66) PT 468 W/O. SLADE, V. MT 343 W/O. LAMBERT, R.		Armed Reccs	0840 0840	0840 0840	2 a/c on armed reccs in the MILAN area. On the main road running S. from MILAN a 15cwt. was flamed, and on a canal running parallel to the road a 60ft. barge was damaged. FLAK: light, intense and inaccurate experienced from LODI. WEATHER: thin layer of cloud at 1,000ft. in PIACENZA area.	
	MT 645 F/O. BURROW, K. PV 235 F/O. WARD, M. TA 831 F/Sgt. ADAMS, P. NH 563 F/Lt. MacDONALD, W.		Bombing	0850 0850 0850 0850	1140 1140 1150 1150	4 a/c bombing a munitions factory at BARANZATE. All bombs fell on the target. A huge flame shot out across the target after the last bomb exploded. The target was left covered in black smoke. On the return journey a 5-ton M.T. (load- ed) was flamed at LOCATE. And then at TREVIGLIO two 15cwt. M.T. were destroyed and a third one damaged.	
	NH 269 F/Lt. CRYWLE, J. FL 443 Sgt. BELL, G.		Scramble	0850 0850	1000 1000	2 a/c scrambled for bogey, which was later identified as friendly. No interception was attempted.	
	NH 563 S/L. SHAND, I. MT 343 W/O. LAMBERT, R. PV 235 F/O. WARD, M.		Bombing	1310 1310 1310	1510 1510 1510	3 a/c attacking a factory at BARANZATE for the second time. 2 salvoes fell on buildings at the north end, and the area was covered in brick dust. At (K) 8813 the road/railbridge was observed to be serviceable.	
	MT 645 F/O. BURROW, K. PV 235 F/O. WARD, M. TA 831 F/Lt. MacDONALD, W.		Bombing	1800 1800 1800	1725 1735 1735	3 a/c bombing a fuel dump at ARSEO PO. F/O. BURROW and F/O. WARD registered direct hits on the target, causing the area to be covered	

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(15th)						covered over in clouds of dust and smoke. F/Lt.	

			Bombing	1800	1725	F/C. BIRROW and F/O. WARD registered direct hits
	PV 255 TA 851	F/O. WARD, M. F/Lt. MacDONALD, W.		1800	1725	on the target, causing the area to be covered

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(*2576-551) WL 2222-114 904 843 T.S. 700

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				Up	Down		
(15th) contin:						covered over in clouds of dust and smoke. F/Lt. MacDONALD cut the road north of the target with his bombs.	
	PV 255 TA 845	F/Sgt. ADSECO, F. F/C. HANSELL, W.	Armed Recco	1755 1755	1910 1910	2 a/c on armed recco in an area North of the P.O. At CARRSO a 15cwt. M.T. was flamed.	
						FLAK: light, intense and accurate experienced from gun positions at (K)635180 and (K)630170. The leading a/c was hit by 40mm in the starboard side of the cockpit. The pilot (F/Sgt. ADSECO) sustained injuries to his right arm. Despite his injuries and loss of blood, he landed his a/c safely at base.	
						A gun position was strafed by the No. 2 at (K)630170, without any results being observed.	
16th	MH 861 PL 445	F/Lt. CARLIS, J. Sgt. SELL, W.	Armed Recco	0625 0625	0635 0625	2 a/c on armed recco in Northern P.O. VALLEY. At PORTSVICO a 3-ton M.T. was damaged. On the BRESOLA-HILLY road a 10-ton diesel M.T. with trailer was left burning and a staff car was damaged. West of CHIARI another staff car was flamed; further along the road, and to the west, a second 10-ton M.T. (diesel), also with trailer, was seen: one was flamed and the other damaged. A third vehicle of the same 10-ton type was damaged.	
	MH 565 TA 851 PT-657	F/Lt. MacDONALD, W. F/O. RAINIER, F. F/O. GARDNER, F.	Bombing	0945 0945 0945	1120 1120 1120	3 a/c bombing a railbridge at PORTENURE. Low cloud prevented bombing of target, so bombs were dropped on a pontoon bridge at (K)5815. No strikes were observed. WEATHER: 9/10-10/10 cloud at 5,000ft., in 2 layers.	

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(16th)	SPTTFIRE IX (Merlin 66)	TA 851 W/O. TAYLOR, A. NH 865 Sgt. ALLAN, J.	Armed Recco	1205 1205	1415 1420	2 a/c on armed recco in Northern PO VALLEY. A car was damaged at GORGONZOLA. FLX: light, intense and accurate from east side of MILAN. WEATHER: 10/10 cloud over MILAN at 5,000ft. It was also very hazy.	
contin:							
	TA 851 F/Lt. CARLYLE, J. MK 918 P/O. RAINIER, P. PT 857 P/St. MORRIS, R.	Armed Recco		1710 1710 1710	1905 1905 1905	2 a/c on armed recco in the MILAN area. 2 a/c (F/Lt. CARLYLE and P/O. RAINIER) carried two 250-lbs. bombs each and they attacked a railway siding at ROVATA in which there were 20 plus trucks. All bombs fell on the railway lines and damaged trucks. Black smoke was seen to come from the target area. East of ROVATA a 10-ton M.T. were attacked, of which 2 were destroyed and the other two damaged. On the west side of ROVATA a staff car was dam- aged. And then south of TREVIGLIO a 2-ton M.T. was destroyed, plus a 15cwt. and a staff car damaged.	
17th	NH 289 F/Lt. MacDONALD, W. MT 958 P/O. MANSSELL, N.	Armed Recco		0620 0620	0825 0825	2 a/c on armed recco in the MILAN-BRESCIA area. North of CREMONA a 15cwt. and a 3-ton M.T. were destroyed. At BAGNOLA a 3-ton M.T. and a staff car were badly damaged. A 5-ton camouflaged M.T. exploded with a sheet of flame at SCHINO. A factory on the east side of PONTREVICO was observed and reported as being serviceable.	

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(17th)	SPTTFIRE IX (Merlin 66) NH 289 P/O. BURROW, K.			0940	1100	4 a/c on armed recco in the MILAN area.	

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18th	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 66)					2 a/c on armed recon - area North of PO.	
	PT 957 F/Sgt. MORGAN, R.	Armed	Recon	0715	0815	at CHIARI a staff car was destroyed.	
	WH 981 F/O. GARLAND, H.	Recon		0715	0815	WEATHER: 10/10 strato cumulus cloud 1,500ft. - 3,000ft.	
						between base and SPESIA. - Nil cloud in PO VALLEY.	
	MJ 958 W/O. SLADE, V.	Scramble		0725	0810	2 a/c scrambled up to SPESIA for 2 unidentified	
	PT 590 W/O. LAMBERT, R.			0725	0810	a/c. No contact made.	
	MK 372 F/Lt. CARLYLE, J.			0945	-	4 a/c bombing marshalling yards at PARMA.	
	TA 851 Sgt. BELL, G.			0945	1055	All bombs fell in centre of target (M/Y). amongst	
	PL 445 W/O. TAYLOR, A.			0945	1055	100 plus trucks. Black smoke rose to 200ft.	
	MJ 916 Sgt. ALLAN, J.			0945	1055	On the return journey the leader (F/Lt. CARLYLE)	
						said he thought he was over the sea and was breaking	
						cloud. He was last seen diving through cloud	
						in the direction of the hill N-E. of PISA. No	
						further contact was made. His a/c was later found	
						crashed on the hillside.	
	MJ 849						
	MJ 849 F/Sgt. MORGAN, R.			1215	1415	3 a/c bombing a barracks at LEGHANO. All bombs	
	MK 916 F/O. GARLAND, H.	Bombing		1215	1415	hit the target and a building caught fire. The	
	TA 851 P/O. RAINIER, P.			1215	1415	whole area was covered in black smoke.	
						WEATHER: hazy in PO VALLEY; cloud: south of	
						SPESIA 10/10 - 1200-3,000ft.	
	MJ 849 S/Lt. SHAND, I.			1520	1730	3 a/c bombing an ammo dump at LEGHANO.	
	TA 851 Sgt. BELL, G.	Bombing		1520	1730	3 hits were achieved in the target area, on the	
	MK 916 Sgt. ALLAN, J.			1520	1730	return journey at BAREGGIA a 3 ton M.T. was	
						destroyed and at BINASCO another 3 tonner was	
						damaged. South of TREVIGLIO a staff car was	
						flamed.	

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(18th)	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 66)						
	PL 443 W/O. TAYLOR, A.			1800	2000	4 a/c on armed recon - CHIARI area	
	WH 981 F/O. GARLAND, H.						

damaged. South of TREVIGLIO a staff car was
flamed.

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(18th)	SPITFIRE 1X (Merlin 68)						
contin:	FL 443	W/O. TAYLOR, A.		1800	2000	4th/5 on armed recce: MILAN-BRESSIA area, recce	
	ME 981	F/O. RAINIER, F.	Armed	1800	2000	At CASALPUSTERLENGO one 15cwt. was destroyed	
	PT 957	F/Sgt. MORANT, R.	Recce	1800	1950	and a Fiat car flamed. Entering LODI from the	
	MK 916	F/O. GARLANDY, H.		1800	1950	S. a 5-ton M.T. and trailer were both flamed,	
						plus a 15cwt. and a 3-tonner destroyed. 8 miles	
						west of BERGAMO a further 3-ton M.T. was damaged	
						in the same area, also two 15cwt. were left in	
						a damaged condition, one being at CREMONA and the	
						other at GORGONZOLA. A 15cwt. M.T. was also	
						destroyed west of TREVIGLIO, with a second one	
						of the same type at ROMANO. Between GORGONZOLA	
						and MILAN a 3-ton M.T. was destroyed, and then	
						N.B. of MILAN a 5-tonner with trailer was flamed.	
						FLAK: light, intense and inaccurate from	
						BERGAMO 'drome, with light, scant, inaccurate	
						from (K) 8013.	
19th	PT 590	S/L. SHAND, I.	Armed	0615	0815	2 a/c on armed recce in Northern PO VALLEY.	
	MJ 698	F/O. MANSELL, N.	Recce	0615	0815	West of LODI a 5-ton M.T. and trailer, moving	
						south, were attacked and destroyed. Also, small	
						arms fire was experienced from 3 people in the	
						trailer: they were strafed in a ditch. South	
						of PANDINO a 3-ton M.T. was damaged, and at	
						TREVIGLIO a 15cwt. was flamed: in the same place	
						a car filled with uniformed men was flamed. At	
						CHIARI a 15cwt. was flamed: 2 more vehicles of	
						the same type were also attacked at CARAVAGGIA:	
						1 was flamed and the other damaged.	
						WEATHER: PO VALLEY hazy, cloud at 20,000ft.	
						South of BRESCIA 10/10 stratus 1200-3,000ft.	

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(10th)	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 66)	PT 824 F/Sgt. MORANT, R.		1110	1310	4 a/c on armed recce in PO VALLEY.	
contin:	MY 958 W/O. SLADE, V.	Armed		1110	1310	1 a/c landed early, at 1150 hrs., with R/T trouble.	
	PT 590 W/O. LAMBERT, R.	Recce		1110	1310	South of BRESCIA two 3-ton M.T. were flamed.	
	MK 156 W/O. CORNISH, R.			1110	1150	Two 15cwt. M.T. were also attacked - one at CRZINOV, which was flamed, and the other was damaged at RONCADELLE. West of BRESCIA two lines of loaded railtrucks were attacked; 8 were damaged.	
	MK 156 F/O. BURROW, K.			1500	1700	4 a/c bombing barracks at PERC. Target was not found, so the rail lines at PREGNANO were attacked.	
	PT 824 F/O. GARMAN, H.	Bombing		1500	1700	No hits were achieved. At MELEGNANO a bowser with trailer was attacked and destroyed. At S. ANGELO a staff car was flamed.	
	MK 910 W/O. LAMBERT, R.			1500	1700	FLAK: light, intense and inaccurate experienced from PANDINO.	
	MJ 849 F/O. RAINIER, P.			1500	1700	4 a/c carried out an armed recce in the Northern PO area. N-E of CRZINOV a 15cwt. and loaded 3-ton M.T. were strafed and both flamed. Also a staff car was destroyed at the same place.	
	PT 824 F/Sgt. MORANT, R.			1745	1945	South of CRZINOV a 15cwt. was destroyed, plus a staff car which was flamed west of CREMA.	
	PT 590 Sgt. ALLAN, J.	Armed		1745	1945	North of TREVIGLIO a 3-ton M.T. and 3 camouflaged M.T. were destroyed; 2 others were damaged.	
	MY 958 W/O. SLADE, V.	Recce		1745	1945	50 plus loaded rolling stock were strafed in the east marshalling yard at MILAN.	
	MJ 849 F/O. RAINIER, P.			1745	1945	FLAK: light, scant and inaccurate experienced from these marshalling yards.	

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				Up	Down		
20th	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 66)	PT 590 F/Sgt. MORANT, R.	Scramble	1115	1145	2 a/c scrambled for an unidentified a/c which	

from these marshalling yards.

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20th	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 86)						
	PT 590	F/Sgt. MCGRANT, R.	Scramble	1115	1145	2 a/c scrambled for an unidentified a/c, which was successfully intercepted and recognised as a Liberator.	
	NH 289	F/O. MANSELL, N.		1115	1145		
	PT 480	F/O. BIRROW, K.		1425	1830	4 a/c armed recon'd the Northern PO VALLEY.	
	MH 881	F/O. GARMAN, H.	Armed	1430	1830	South of CHIARI a camouflaged car was destroyed.	
	FL 445	F/O. TAYLOR, R.	Recon	1425	1830	At CREMA a 5-ton M.T. was damaged. S-E. of CREMA on the railway two box-cars were damaged.	
	PT 957	Sgt. BEIL, G.		1425	1830	Another camouflaged car was destroyed at BASSANO. A 5-ton M.T. was flamed, and then a FIAT car at TRIVIGNO was strafed and broken up. On the MILAN-MONZE road a truck with crane fitted, a 5- and a 5-ton M.T., the latter with a trailer attached, were all flamed; at the same place damage was caused to two sedan cars. FLAK: light, scant and inaccurate from CHIARI.	
	PT 480	S/L. SHAND, I.		1740	1840	Armed recon in the MILAN area carried out by 4 Spitfires. South of BINASCO a staff car was flamed and a 15cwt. damaged. At S. GIULIANO a 5-ton M.T. was destroyed, and 1 was flamed at CAORSO. At MELISANO 2 trailers were attacked: 1 was flamed and the other damaged. A staff car seen in the same area was damaged, whilst a second seen east of MANERBIO was completely destroyed. 2 more vehicles were also attacked and damaged: 1, a 3-tonner at a point east of PONTINURE, and two, a Fiat at LONGHERA.	
	PT 957	F/O. RAINIER, P.	Armed	1740	1840		
	FL 445	F/O. MANSELL, N.	Recon	1740	1835		
	MR 916	Sgt. ALLAN, J.		1740	1835		

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				Up	Down		
21st	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 86) PT 824 MH 889	F/Sgt. MORAN, R. F/O. MANSELL, N.	Armed Recco	1200 1200	1405 1405	2 a/c carried out an armed recon in the MILAN area. On BERGAMO-SERIATE airfield a JU88, facing north, was attacked by F/O. MANSELL and left burning. Smoke could be seen from some distance away. South of BERGAMO a 15cwt. was flamed and a utility wagon destroyed. At VIGNATE a staff car, and a 15cwt. at LEGNANO were both flamed. South of BORGHETTO a 15cwt. was also destroyed. FLAK: light, intense and inaccurate experienced from BERGAMO-SERIATE airfield.	
22nd	PT 857 MH 981	F/O. RAINIER, P. Sgt. ALLAN, J.	Armed Recco	0915 0915	1110 1110	2 a/c on armed recon in the MILAN area. At CREMONA two 5-ton trucks, moving east, were damaged, plus a Fiat car. Nothing else was seen.	
	MH 883 MK 918 MH 849 MK 251 MK 158	F/O. BURROW, K. F/O. GARMAN, H. F/O. TAYLOR, A. Sgt. BELL, G. F/O. MANSELL, N.	Bombing	1105 1105 1105 1105 1105	1305 1305 1305 1305 1305	5 1/2 bombing Barracks at (J)998957. Direct hits on the S-W corner of a building in the target area were registered by W/O. TAYLOR and F/O. MANSELL. Red dust covered the area after the attack.	
	PT 857 PT 480 MH 981	W/O. TAYLOR, A. Sgt. BELL, G. F/O. RAINIER, P. Sgt. ALLAN, J.	Armed Recco	1455 1455 1455 1455	1635 1635 1635 1635	4 a/c recon'd the Northern PO VALLEY. At TREVIGLIO 2 Fiat cars and a 5-ton M.T. were damaged. The rail line E of RIVENZA was observed to have been cut.	
	MH 883	W/O. TAYLOR, A.		1105	1305	WEATHER: Wind from the NW at 50 m.p.h. Visibility was good.	
	PT 480 PT 857	S/L. SHAND, I. F/O. MURRAY, J.	Armed Recco	1805 1805	2000 2000	2 a/c on armed recon in the Northern PO VALLEY area. At BORGIO a 3-ton truck travelling south was ...	

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(22nd)	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 86)					was flamed, and then south of CREMONA	

PT 480 S/L. SHAND, I.
PT 557 F/O. MURRAY, J.

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2 A/C on armed rescue in the northern area.
At BAGNIO a 3-ton truck travelling south was ...

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(22nd) Contin:	SPITFIRE IX (Berlin 66)					was flamed. And then, south of TREVIGLIO a car was damaged. A 'Volkswagen' travelling east at RIZZOSCHETONE was flamed. The road/river bridge half-mile south of RIZZOSCHETONE was in process of being built up.	
23rd	PT 524 MH 262 MH 958 PT 590	F/O. MORANT, R. F/O. MANSELL, N. W/O. SLADE, V. W/O. LAMBERT, C.	ARMED RESCUE	0850 0850 0850 0850	0855 0855 0850 0850	4 A/C on armed rescue north of FO area. At CRINUCCI a car moving west was damaged, and to the east of the town another car was flamed. At RUATO 2 camouflaged cars were flamed: east of CHIARI an electric engine with 10 open trucks attached was flamed. North of SONCINO 2 cars moving south were destroyed, and also 1 at RIZZOSCHETONE.	
	MH 849 MH 851 MH 918 MH 533	S/L. SHAND, I. F/O. MURRAY, J. F/O. MANSELL, N. W/O. SLADE, V.	Bombing	1150 1150 1150 1150	1400 1400 1345 1345	4 A/C bombing Barracks at PERA. 4 direct hits with 2 x 250-lbs. G.P. bombs were achieved. Bits of buildings were blown away, and at least 8 were destroyed and others damaged. At MAGENTA a 5-ton truck towing a trailer was flamed, and at CORSCIO a 5-tonner, also with trailer, was destroyed. Three 3-ton H.T. were damaged at LAMPUGNANO. South of LILIAN an open 3-ton truck was destroyed, plus a German amphibious craft destroyed. An explosion was seen, followed by clouds of white smoke, just south of TRUSSANA. At LOCATE a railtruck with a tank was damaged. In Position (K) 5312 two large fires were seen.	

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				Up	Down		
(23rd)	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 66)	PT 590 F/Sgt. MORANT, R.		1755	1815	4 A/C on armed recon in area North of PO.	
Contin:	IK 518 F/O. LANSBIL, H.		Armed	1755	1850	1 A/C landed at 1815 with magneto trouble.	
	MT 854 W/O. LANSBIL, H.		24000	1755	1950	At BRESSCIA a 5-ton M.T. was flamed, and at	
	MT 696 F/O. MURRAY, J.			1755	1950	ROVATO another 5-tonner with trailer attached	
						was damaged. West of BERGAMO a car was flamed.	
						A 15-cwt. flamer was achieved again at ROVATO.	
						In SORENTINA and ROVATO two 5-ton M.T. were	
						damaged.	
24th	PT 460	F/O. BURROW, K.	Armed	0635	0650	3 A/C on armed recon in area north of PO VALLEY.	
	IK 916	F/O. GARDIN, H.	Recon			West of TREVIGLIO a 3-ton M.T. and trailer were	
						destroyed, and at BAGNOLA a 15cwt. M.T. flamed.	
						West of TREVIGLIO a Fiat car was damaged, a	
						3-tonner was also damaged at LEISIGIANO.	
						FLAK: heavy, scant and inaccurate from TREVIGLIO.	
	MT 881	Sgt. ALLAN, J.	Shipping	0635	0755	2 A/C carried out a shipping recon, between	
	NH 368	Sgt. BELL, G.	Recon	0635	0755	SPERDIA-GENOVA. At LEVANTE an Italian B-Boat about	
						80ft. long was seen speeding for the coast. This	
						was attacked and left burning, with a heavy list	
						to port. A few minutes later it sank, leaving	
						3 survivors in a canoe-shaped dinghy, 150 yds.	
						from the coast. Light machine-gun fire was re-	
						ceived from the vessel.	
	MT 849	W/O. TAYLOR, A.		1000	1210	4 A/C bombing a military depot at (K)215883. All	
	IK 251	F/Lt. ASHBY, W.	Bombing	1000	1210	bombs fell in the target, and the area was cov-	
	NH 568	F/O. RAINIER, P.		1000	1000	ered in black smoke. North of MILAN a small	
	TA 851	F/O. BURL, J.		1000	1210	electric train was damaged, and west of MONZA a	
						3-ton M.T. was destroyed. FLAK: light, scant, inaccurate from	
						MILAN, with heavy, scant, accurate	
						from GALLATE.	

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(24th)	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 66)	MT 849 F/O. BURROW, K.		1355	1550	4 A/C bombing the coast.	

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					UP	DOWN		
(24th)	Contin:	SPITFIRE IX W 649 MK 918 MK 888 MK 251	Herlin 86) P/O. BIRROW, K. P/O. GARDNER, H. Sgt. BELL, G. Sgt. ALLAN, J.	Bombing	1855 1855 1855 1855	1550 1550 1555 -	4 a/c bombing the above target. All scored hits: A number of buildings were observed to be burnt out. N-W of MILAN 2 cars were damaged, and W. of MONZA a 3-ton M.T. was flamed. At SETTALA another 3-tonner was also flamed. It was observed that there was a very high tower in front of the previous M.T., and the No. 2 (Sgt. ALLAN) was last seen by his leader caring in to the attack. The leader told him to "Leave it alone!", but No. 2 still went in. After a few minutes the No. 1 could not see his No. 2 or contact him on the R/T; so he turned round and searched the area. He saw a puff of black smoke near the previous M.T., but no sign of fire, or the A/C. FLAK: light, intense and accurate experienced from RABBITO. 4. A/c on armed recon in area North of PO. At ROVATA a 15cwt. was damaged, and along the BUSICO-ARSEZIO-MILAN road, 2 cars, a 3-ton M.T. and a tractor were damaged. At STRADELLA 7 railtrucks were left smoking. At BINASCO a car was damaged. A Fiat was destroyed and a 15cwt. flamed, the former north of CREMONA and the latter at BRESCIA. Another car was destroyed, with 5 others damaged, at CHIARI. North of INCONTRA and at ROVATA a 3-ton M.T. was flamed, and a 5-tonner destroyed, respectively.	
		PT 957 PT 480 PT 881 MK 918	W/O. TAYLOR, A. P/Lt. ASHBY, W. P/O. RABBITO, F. P/O. BURL, J.	Armed Recon	1745 1745 1745 1745	1855 1855 1855 1855		

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25th	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 86).						
	MJ 858 W/O. LAMBERT, R.			0800	0805	4 A/C carried out un armed recon in area North	
	MJ 698 F/Lt. COCKE, R.	Armed		0800	0805	of PO VALLEY. At BAGGIOLO a 5-ton M.T. was flamed.	
	MK 479 F/O. MANSBIL, R.	Recon		0800	0750	On the BRESCIA-ROVATO road two 3-ton M.T. and	
	PT 580 F/O. BURL, J.			0800	0750	trailers, one 5-tonner with trailer and 5 cam-	
						ouflaged cars were attacked: 7 of these were	
						flamed and the others damaged. At ROVATO two	
						5-tonners with a third towing a trailer were all	
						flamed. N-E of MILAN 3 cars were destroyed, and	
						at BINASCO a 5-ton M.T. with trailer attached	
						were both destroyed.	
						FLK: light, intense and accurate experienced	
						from PAVIA; and at (K)3059 light, intense and	
						accurate was received.	
	MK 479 F/O. BURROW, K.			1015	1230	4 A/C bombing a road/river bridge at CREMA.	
	MK 158 F/O. MURRAY, J.	Bombing		1015	1215	F/O. BURROW obtained 2 direct hits and the others	
	PT 624 Sgt. BELL, G.			1015	1215	reported near misses. All carried two 250-lbs.	
	MJ 672 F/O. RAHLER, P.			1015	1230	G.P. bombs each. A 1 rce crater was seen in the	
						middle of the bridge.	
						A pontoon on the LAMBRO river, west of S. ANGIOLO	
						received many cannon strikes.	
						Two 5-ton M.T. were attacked and destroyed at	
						ICCRATO.	
	MJ 698 W/O. LAMBERT, R.			1400	1550	4 A/C bombing a rail/river bridge at CREMA. 2	
	MK 158 F/Lt. COCKE, R.	Bombing		1400	1550	near misses and a railcut on the west side of the	
	PT 624 F/O. MANSBIL, R.			1400	1555	bridge were obtained. At CREMA a 3-ton M.T.	
	MK 479 F/O. BURL, J.			1400	1555	with trailer attached, and two 15cwt. were	
						attacked: the 5-tonner with trailer was destroyed...	

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(25th)	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 66)					destroyed, and so was the trailer; the two 15cwt's	

MK 479 F/O. BURL, J.

 with trailer attached, and two 15cwt. were
 attached: the 3-tonner with trailer was destroyed...

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				UP	DOWN		
(25th) Cont in:	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 66)					destroyed, and so was the trailer; the two 15cwt's were damaged. East of MILAN two 3-ton M.T. were attacked, resulting in the destruction of one and the damaging of the other. In Position (K) 1567 a car was flamed, and at BIMASCO a bowser was also flamed. FLAK: light, scant and inaccurate received from (K) 2882. 23 ambulances were seen approaching CREMA from VILLANOVA. 4 A/C on armed recon North of I.C. a car was A car was flamed at ORZINUOVI. At VIGEVANO a car was attacked and destroyed; but as the No. 1 (F/O. MANSILL) pulled out after his attack, the belly of his A/C hit the roof of a house and his A/C somersaulted into the back garden. Nothing could be seen owing to the dust created. The A/C, however, did not catch fire. At ROZZANO 3 camouflaged staff cars were damaged, and between TREZZANO and CORSICO heading for MILAN, a convoy of fifteen 3-ton trucks and one ambulance, with 2 staff cars leading was observed. In all, 6 M.T. were damaged. FLAK: light, scant and accurate experienced from CORSICO.	
	MI 958 W/O. SLADE, V.			1800	1955		
	MI 898 F/O. MURRAY, J.	Armed		1800	1955		
	PT 624 F/O. MANSILL, H.	Recon		1800	1955		
	PT 590 F/O. GARMAN, H.			1800	1955		

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				Up	Down		
28th	SPITFIRE IX	(Merlin 68).					
	MH 981	F/O. RAINLIER, P.		0805	0805	4 A/C on armed recce in Northern PO VALLEY.	
	PT 480	F/Lt. ASHBY, W.	Armed	0805	0805	West of BRISCEIA two 5-ton M.T. - one filled with	
	PT 957	Sgt. BELL, G.	Recce	0805	0810	troops, - were attacked and both left burning.	
	PL 443	F/O. GARLANY, H.		0805	0810	Further along the road, to the west, two 5-ton	
						M.T. - one with 2 trailers - a 5-ton M.T. and	
						a Fiat car were all left burning after the	
						attack. At CHIARI two more 5-tonners were at-	
						tacked; one blew up and the other flamed.	
						At CRINUOVI a diesel engine with 8 trucks at-	
						tached was attacked: the engine was left burning,	
						with smoke up to 1,000ft. S-E of BUSTO-ARIZIZIO	
						a 5-ton M.T. was destroyed and 2 cars were dam-	
						aged. Two buses were destroyed and 2 others	
						damaged when attacked at MERLANO.	
						FLAK: light, intense and accurate from (K)5025.	
	MJ 849	W/O. TAYLOR, A.		1010	1210	4 A/C carried out an armed recce in the above	
	MK 918	F/O. RAINSFORD, P.	Armed	1010	1210	area. West of ALESSANDRIA a 5-ton M.T. with	
	MH 868	F/O. LAMBERT, R.	Recce	1010	1210	trailer was flamed.	
	PT 957	F/O. MURRAY, J.		1010	1210	West of PAVIA a train with 8 to 10 trucks was	
						seen to be burning.	
						WEATHER: very heavy in PO VALLEY: over hills	
						north of SPEZIA 8/10 cumulus at 8,000ft. Rain	
						was also experienced.	
	PL 443	F/O. RAINSFORD, P.	Armed	1505	1550	2 A/C on armed recce in the PO VALLEY.	
	MH 981	W/O. LAMBERT, R.	Recce	1505	1550	Returned early owing to bad weather.	
						WEATHER: 10/10 cumulo nimbus over hills at	
						8,000ft. Rainstorms.	END.

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