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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
7th	SPITFIRE IX (Morlin 68)						
	PT 488	P/O. BURGESS	escort	1800	1815	2 1/3 on escort of 1 P/O. Beaufighters of 272	
	TK 143	P/Sgt. SLINGS		1800	1815	seen on 2nd sweep in W. ADRIATIC.	
	PT 715	P/Sgt. MURPHY		1800	1815	PLUG: light, intense and accurate experienced	
	PL 445	P/O. SUTHER		1800	1815	from S. GIORGIO.	
						2 x 4000. 4000 ft. observed by the Spitfires	
						in the Canal area N. of Lake VARESE. Strikes	
						were observed.	
						one Beaufighter force-landed at 4515 N 1500 E.	
	MK 339	P/O. TAYLOR	1/3.R.	0605	1145	2 1/3 searching for pilot in sea 80 miles S. of	
	MS 558	Sgt. MORRIS	patrol	0605	1145	ALGERIA. No sightings.	
8th	PT 488	P/L. SHAND	escort	1000	1815	2 1/3 on escort of 1 P/O. Beaufighters of 272	
	TK 143	P/Sgt. LINDSEY		1000	1815	seen on 2nd sweep in W. ADRIATIC.	
	PT 715	P/O. DOUGLAS		1000	1800	PLUG: light, intense and accurate experienced	
	PL 445	Sgt. MORRIS		1000	1800	from an area between LAMPEDUSA and GERVOLATA.	
	PT 558	P/O. RATHBORN		1000	1800	dropped in a canal just N. of LAMPEDUSA.	
	MT 558	P/O. TAYLOR		1000	1800	was attacked with rockets and left burning.	
						one was hit by fire and crashed in flames	
						near a railway siding at LAMPEDUSA.	
						3 Spitfires escorted 1 Beaufighter flying on one	
						engine which he landed safely at GERVOLATA.	
						1 SR was seen in the water a few miles S. of	
						LAMPEDUSA Point. The position was fixed.	
	MK 339	P/Sgt. MURPHY	1/3.R.	1100	1805	2 1/3 searching for a BW believed in sea.	
	MS 558	P/O. SUTHER	Search	1100	1805	an overturned dingy and floating debris were	
						seen and in 1/3.R. launch investigated.	
10th	PT 488	P/O. BURGESS	1/3.R.	0750	0840	2 1/3 co-operated with one Beaufighter on a	
	TK 143	Sgt. ADAMS		0750	0840	square 1/3.R. search N-2. of ALGERIA.	
	PT 488	P/O. SYMON		0750	0840	No sightings.	
	TK 143	P/Sgt. MURPHY		0750	0840		
	MK 339	P/O. WILKINSON		0750	0840		
	PT 558	P/Sgt. SLINGS		0750	0840		
11th	PT 715	P/O. DOUGLAS	Scramble	0750	0815	2 1/3 on search for abandoned balloons 50 miles	
	PT 558	Sgt. MORRIS	for 1/3.R.	0750	0815	N. of ALGERIA.	
			Search.			No sightings.	
	PT 715	P/O. WILKINSON	Search for	1145	1805	2 1/3 continuing search for balloons.	
	MK 339	P/O. TAYLOR	balloons	1145	1805	Nothing seen.	

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(28th)	SPITFIRE IX (Mentor 88)						
	FL 445	2/O. BIRCH	V.G.R.	1530	1530	2.4/3 on anti-aircraft above beach.	
	FL 438	3/O. FIDY		1530	1530	all sighting.	
	PT 838	P/O. BUTCH	Patrol	1545	1545	2.4/3 on last night patrol N. of MCOMA.	
	PT 419	2/O. SLADE		1545	1545	No incident.	
29th	ME 558	3/L. SHOD	armed	0715	0800	2.4/3 on armed weather recon in RADU-TRAVISO area. Search was conducted on 1000 ft. level in the GULF of Mexico. No sighting.	
	ME 558	P/O. RANSFORD	armed	0715	0800	2.4/3 on armed weather recon in RADU-TRAVISO area. Search was conducted on 1000 ft. level in the GULF of Mexico. No sighting.	
						Weather visibility very good; slight haze below 2,000 ft.	
	PT 425	P/O. BUTCH	V.G.R.	0840	0850	2.4/3 on search for AX which crashed off	
	PT 425	2/O. SLADE		0840	0850	FLIGHTS, 2nd and 3rd empty dings were	
31st	ME 418	P/O. DOUGLAS	armed	0720	0800	2.4/3 on armed weather recon in RADU-TRAVISO area. Search was conducted on 1000 ft. level in the GULF of Mexico. No sighting.	
	PT 458	3/O. DODD	armed	0720	0800	2.4/3 on armed weather recon in RADU-TRAVISO area. Search was conducted on 1000 ft. level in the GULF of Mexico. No sighting.	
						Weather visibility 15-20 miles. No cloud.	

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27th						and storming weather was encountered. The visibility was not less than 100 ft.	
27th	HK.142	W/Sgt. Pearson, P.	Scramble	1140	1205	Two Spitfires scrambled for bogey plotted at 15,000 ft. in the 15th area of 7000 ft.	
	HK.335	P/O. Seagrave, E.		1140	1205	Nothing was seen of these aircraft who had been reported after they had been visually identified as bogey. Weather: No cloud, visibility unlimited.	
27th	HK.142	P/O. Malloch, J.	Scramble	1240	1335	Scramble to 25,000 ft. by two Spitfires for bogey plotted at 25,000 ft. This aircraft was later identified as friendly and no interception was attempted. Section was then ordered to land. One of the Spitfires diverted his return journey to investigate for an aircraft which had been observed about 1800 hours, 10 miles S of 3rd AIA. A large patch of oil was observed, but no sign of the crew. Weather: No cloud and unlimited visibility.	
	HK.981	P/O. Musgrave, H.		1240	1335		
27th	HK.142	P/O. Pearson, P.	Scramble	1350	1415	Scramble to 25,000 ft. by two Spitfires for bogey plotted N of 3rd AIA Island. Identified as friendly and no contact made.	
	HK.981	P/O. Seagrave, E.	Scramble	1350	1415	Weather: Visibility unlimited and no cloud.	
27th	HK.142	P/O. Pearson, P.	Scramble	1450	1735	Bogey plotted N of 3rd AIA. Two aircraft scrambled to intercept. Plot faded, section was then ordered to patrol area between 3rd AIA and 3rd AIA Islands. There was no incident.	
	HK.981	P/O. Seagrave, E.		1450	1735	Weather: 2/10 cumulus clouds from 5000 ft. to 7000 ft. with top layer of 5 to 8/10 cirro-stratus at about 25,000 ft. Visibility unlimited.	
28th	PT.481	P/O. Malloch, J.	Scramble	1140	1205	Two Spitfires scrambled for bogey plotted N of 15th at 27,000 ft. Plot faded and no interception was attempted.	
	HK.981	P/O. Musgrave, H.		1140	1205	Weather: No cloud, visibility 25 miles.	

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