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FOR THE MONTH OF April 1951

DATE	AIRCRAFT Type & Number	Crew	Duty	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REMARKS
				Up	Down		
February 1st	PT 857 PT 481	P/Lt. CARLISLE, J. W/O. TAYLOR, A.	Scramble	0730 0730	0735 0735	Scrambled for "bogy" plotted N-W of LAKES. ✓ Identified as friendly, no interception attempted. WEATHER: 10/10 stratus, base 3,000ft. tops 2,000ft. Visibility 10 miles below cloud.	
	PL 443 MK 685	P/Sgt. PEARSON, P. P/O. SEARLES, G.	Armed Recon	0730 0730	0800 0800	2 A/C on armed recon MI-24/44-ALBANYA. Cwing to extreme bad weather mission had to be abandoned. WEATHER: 10/10 stratus, base 3,000ft. Vis: 3 miles.	
	PL 443 PT 481	P/Lt. CARLISLE, J. W/O. TAYLOR, A.	Scramble	1045 1045	1120 1120	3 Spits scrambled for bogey plotted 40 miles N. of base. These were intercepted at 1050 hrs. over SAGGIA Island and identified as 3 P-47's. At 1055 hrs. the Section was diverted to investigate an A/C plotted over CAP CORSE. Plot faded. WEATHER: 10/10 stratus from 3,500ft. to 3,000ft. Visibility: 5 miles below cloud.	
	MK 412 MK 685	P/Sgt. PEARSON, P. P/O. SEARLES, G.	Patrol for Hindswingers	1150 1150	1215 1215	Hindswingers clearing up the LAGHORN-VIAREGGIO area, covered by 3 Spits. No incident. WEATHER: 10/10 stratus at 1500ft. Visibility: 2 miles decreasing to 1 mile in rain.	
	PT 859 MK 559	P/Sgt. HURDY, B. P/S. ADSECO, P.	Escort	1545 1545	1555 1555	2 A/C in escort of 3 R/P Scoutfighters of 371 Sqn. on armed whiling recon MI-24/44-ALBANYA - TAGLIACAPPO. All A/C returned due to bad weather. Haze from sea level to 1,700ft., increasing.	
	PT 590 MK 595	P/Lt. BURNS, A. P/Sgt. MORLEY, R.	Scramble	1410 1410	1540 1540	2 A/C scrambled to escort a B-24 short of fuel. B-24 returned to its own base.	
	PT 481	P/O. HALLOCH, J.	Scramble	1445	1525	Red Section scrambled for bogey plotted 35 miles N. of PICHONIA heading S. at 18,000ft. A/C was intercepted 15 miles S-W of PICHONIA and identified as a B-24. WEATHER: 10/10 stratus, base 1,000ft. Visibility: down to 100 yds. in rain.	
	PT 481 PT 857	P/O. HALLOCH, J. P/O. BURTON, K.	Scramble	1215 1215	1230 1230	2 A/C scrambled after a bogey which turned friendly soon after taking off. WEATHER: 10/10 stratus, base 1,000ft. Visibility: 10-15 miles.	
	PT 481 PT 857	P/O. HALLOCH, J. P/O. HUGHES, H.	Armed Recon	0730 0730	0830 0830	2 A/C on armed recon in the FALIA area. No sightings and no incident. WEATHER: 10/10 stratus, base 7,000, 8,000 and 18,000ft. Vis: 30 miles.	
	PT 481 PT 857 PT 481 PT 857	P/O. HALLOCH, J. P/O. HUGHES, H. P/O. HALLOCH, J. P/O. HUGHES, H.	Scramble Scramble Scramble Scramble	0730 0730 0830 0830	0810 0810 1010 1010	2 A/C scrambled for an X-raid N. of LAKES BOLSON. Turned friendly. WEATHER: clear, all clouds. Vis 30 miles. Red Section scrambled for X-raid near CAP CORSE, heading S. Plot faded. Visibility: 30-40 miles.	

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February 4th	PT 580 W 985	P/Lt. BURKE, A. P/Sgt. SLADE, V.	Escort	0740 0740	0755 0755	2 A/C on escort of 2 R/V Seaflights on armed shipping lanes IFAVE VACCIA - BRADO. All A/C returned to sea level from sea level.	
	PT 580 W 985	S/L. SHARD, I. W/C. CURRIE, W.	Shipping Recon	0800 0800	1135 1135	2 A/C on weather recon of POLA ALBA channel and FIRES. Over POLA 2/10-2/10 strato-cum. at 2,000ft. experienced. No sightings. On return trip at 1105 hrs. 5 smoke flares were seen over POLA at 2,000ft. In the ALBA channel 3 fishing boats were seen aground at (C)079800. In FIRES at 1045 hrs. in POSITION VOC-33 (Shipping Plotting Charts) 2 x 100ft. barges and 23 boats. At (R)33 drums were unloading on to an unidentified object. At (H)4 two vessels of 200-250ft. were observed.	
	PT 421 PT 957	P/O. MALLOCK, J. P/O. MURGRAVE, H.	Scramble	1040 1040	1050 1050	2 Spitfires scrambled for an X-raid, but were ordered back to base immediately, as X-raid turned friendly. WEATHER: clear. Visibility: 30 miles.	
	PT 421 PL 445	P/O. BURROW, K. W/O. TAYLOR, A.	Armed Recon	1150 1150	1505 1505	2 A/C on armed recon - PARMA - ALESSANDRIA area. No movements along PARMA-SPESIA road, and all subsidiary roads were covered with snow and did not appear to be in use. No observations could be made in the PO VALLEY owing to 10/10 low cloud. No incident. WEATHER: 10/10 strato-cum., tops 4,500ft. Visibility: above cloud 30 miles.	
	PT 421 PL 445	P/Lt. CARLILE, J. P/O. SAGRISE, S.	Scramble	1400 1400	1445 1445	Red Section scrambled for several X-raids in the FIA area. All turned friendly, except for one, whose plot faded to the North. WEATHER: 11/10 cloud. Visibility: 50 miles.	

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Feb. 4th.						Plotting (Chassis) 8 x 100ft barges and 2 boats. At (H) 30 barges were unloading on to an unidentified object. At (H) 4, two vessels 800-950ft were observed.	
Feb. 5th.	PT.421 MK.625	P/Lt. Carlyle, X P/O. Seagriff, E	Weather Recon	07-20 07-20	08-15 09-15	Two x/c on weather and ground recon to PO Valley. Nothing seen on the PARMA-SPERDIA road up to PORTACELLI. A stationary 3ton truck was sighted on the road (484455) North of PORTACELLI, the section strafed the truck making two passes at the vehicle, which went up in flames. The patrol was then continued to roads between the PO Valley and the Coast. No movements were observed except on the GENOA-ALESSANDRIA road where four empty stationary railway goods trucks were strafed and damaged. At SERRAVALLE-SCHIVA South of BUSALLA a camouflaged stationary staff car was attacked and left burning. A second staff car moving south on the western main road between GENOA-ALESSANDRIA was strafed, the car overturned and was left smoking. No flak was experienced and there was no enemy air activity. Claims:- Destroyed: one 3ton truck, one Staff car Damaged: Four goods trucks, one Staff car. Weather: 8/10 of ALBA area 8/10 strato-cum 4-6000ft. North of ALBA to PO River 10/10 low cloud and mist up to 100 ft. Over the Alps, alto cumulus at 10,000ft and above. Visibility: Out of cloud 10-20 miles.	

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Feb. 5th.	PT. 957 PL. 443	S/O. Burrows, K. S/O. Taylor, B.	Scramble	09-30 09-30	09-45 09-45	Two a/c scrambled for bogey travelling towards La. Road from NW. and II returned to base immediately on take-off with engine trouble. Red I continued alone but the bogey turned friendly before interception. was affected. Weather: 3/10 strato cumulus at 14,000ft. Vis: 20 miles.	
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Feb. 6th.	PT. 421 PT. 957	S/O. Malloch, J. S/O. Musgrave, N.	Armed Recon	07-30 07-30	08-50 08-50	Two a/c on armed recon. PAULA area. A 3ton truck was sighted on the GIBSICA-PAULA road 2 miles W. of GIBSICA. The vehicle was attacked and burst into flames. 20 miles E of FORBES on the main road leading S. from PAULA another 3ton truck was attacked and strikes observed, a horse drawn cart standing by this truck was also damaged. A 3ton truck filled with troops was successfully strafed S of FORBES and left burning. Near GIBSICA a third 3 tonner was destroyed on a side road E of GIBSICA a covered in motor vehicle was destroyed.	

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road 4 of POMERIE covered in smoke and motor
vehicle was destroyed.

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Feb. 8th.						During the patrol there was no flak at all experienced.	
						Claims:- 3 three tonners and 1 five ton truck destroyed. 1 three ton truck and 1 covered in vehicle damaged.	
						Weather: Spaulva-Valka clear, PO Valley 10/10 low cloud and mist. Visibility in mist 1/2 mile, otherwise 50 miles.	
" "	NR.888	P/Lt. Carlyle, J.	Scramble	09-15	10-15	Squad scrambled for enemy travelling N towards	
	NR.825	P/O. Seagriff, E.		09-15	10-15	Lithuania. The section ordered to orbit base at 25000ft. Plot faded and there was no interception.	
						Weather: 7/10 strato cumulus cloud at 15000ft with top coverage of 2/10 alto cumulus at 18000ft.	
						Vis: below cloud 5 miles and above unlimited.	
" "	NR.418	P/Lt. Carlyle, J.	Dive Bombing	15-00	14-10	Two a/c, one carrying 1 x 500 H.P. Bomb attacking	
	NR.825	P/O. Seagriff, E.		15-00	14-10	target in the POMERIE area. The bomb was dropped on the Railway shed but did not explode. The pilot	
						thus being unable to observe the strike. The section then went on to strafe R.T. Yard at POMERIE.	
						Strikes were observed on a heavily camouflaged object which might have been a truck or a hut.	
						No movements observed and there was no flak.	
						Weather: No cloud and unlimited visibility.	
" "	PT.485	P/O. Sutton, P.	Escort	15-55	15-00	Two a/c on escort of two a/c. Bombers of 872	
	PT.590	P/S. Lambert, C.		15-55	15-15	Squad on armed shipping route from PIAVE VOGHIA-GRADO Twenty miles South of Cap Salvo a 50ft motor	
						schonker was attacked with R2 cannon and left burning.	
						One aircraft returned early having lost the formation in thick haze.	

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				Up	Down		
Feb. 7th	PT.425	F/O. Rainsford, B.	Armed Recce	12-55	14-45	Two Spitfires on armed recce in Northern PO Valley.	
	PT.550	F/S. Morant, R.		12-55	14-45	Nil incident.	
" "	PT.555	F/O. Douglas, A.	Escort	13-30	15-20	Two Spitfires escorting two K.2 Bombers on patrol	
	PT.556	F/S. Adsero, P.		13-30	15-20	from Maestro Pt. - RADO. Oil tanks were attacked	
						at RATO. Direct hits were made on two tanks.	
Feb. 8th	ML.981	F/O. Burrow, K.	armed recce	15-15	16-45	Two Spitfires on armed recce ALESSANDRIA-PLACENIA	
	PL.443	F/O. Taylor, A.		15-15	16-45	no incident to report. The section was also ordered	
						to investigate a ship in the GENOA area but this	
						vessel was not sighted.	
						Weather: 7/10 strato cumulus 13,000ft over the sea	
						5/10-8/10 strato cumulus at 13,000ft over land.	
						Vis: Very hazy in parts but generally 5 miles.	
" "	MK.412	F/Lt. Carlyle, J.	Search for	16-30	17-50	Search for reported enemy shipping in the SPALIA-	
	MK.685	F/O. Seagrave, E.	enemy shipping	16-30	17-50	GENOA area. No sign of any shipping and there was	
						no activity in these harbours.	
						Weather: Clear, no cloud and unlimited visibility.	
Feb. 7th	ML.981	F/O. Burrow, K.	Armed Recce	07-05	08-45	Two a/c on armed recce in PO Valley. Two 3ton trucks	
	PL.443	F/O. Taylor, B.		07-05	08-45	were seen travelling north on the road leading	
						south from FIORENZUOLA. These were attacked and one	
						was left in flames and the other smoking.	
						Weather: Visibility 20-30 miles, misty over whole	
						of PO Valley.	
" "	PT.421	F/O. Malloch, J.	Scramble	09-05	10-10	Two a/c scrambled for an unidentified aircraft	
	MK.685	F/O. Ingrave, N.		09-05	09-50	travelling south from EIBA. The plots faded so a/c	
						was diverted to another track over LEGHORN. The No.2	
						remained with A.T. trouble and the No.1 chased the bogey	
						to CRIVATO. No interception was made and the plots faded.	
						all cloud. Vis ability 50-40 miles.	

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Feb. 7th	Spitfire MK.IX						
	MK.412	F/Lt. Carlyle, J.	Armed Recce	13-30	15-45	Two a/c on armed recce in the ALESSANDRIA-PLACENIA	

returned with 2. T. trouble and the No. 1 chased the bogey to 0814/50. No interception was made and the plots faded. Nil cloud. Visibility 30-40 miles.

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Feb. 7th.	Spittfire MK.IX						
	MK.412	P/Lt. Carlyle, J.	Armed Recon	13-30	15-45	Two a/c on armed recon in the ALESSANDRIA-PIACENZA area. A 15cwt truck was seen stationary on the road near FOGGIA, this was attacked and burst into flames. An electric or diesel locomotive with two trucks was seen stationary at VAREZI, these were attacked and hits observed. At SASSI LEVANTE a 3 tonner was left badly smoking and strikes observed on three more 3ton trucks. Light scant accurate flak was experienced here and Green 1 was holed in the starboardaileron. Low cloud and mist extended over all PO Valley.	
	MK.338	P/O. Seagrief, E.		13-30	15-45		
" "	MK.412	P/O. Lusgrave, N.	Armed Recon	16-55	17-55	Two a/c, the leader carrying 1 x 500lb GP bomb on recon in the BORGIO VAL DI TARO area where the target was a locomotive shop, the leaders bomb missed by 100yds but cut the main road to the East. A 3ton truck packed with troops was seen in the area, the a/c prepared to strafe but the truck driver jumped clear and the truck toppled over an embankment. Vis: 8-10 miles. Slight mist.	
	PT.421	P/O. Malloch, J.		16-55	17-55		
Feb. 8th.	MK.981	P/O. Burrow, K.	Armed Recon	07-15	08-55	2 a/c on armed recon GENOA-PARMA. No movements other than a few hay carts. 2 small cars were seen 5 miles N of GENOA. A RT ship was sighted in the inner harbour at SPERZA.	
	MK.625	W/O. Taylor, A.		07-15	08-55	Flak: Light intense accurate flak was experienced from ST MARGHERITA. Heavy moderate accurate flak from a position 5 miles N of GENOA. Weather: Fog in PO Valley otherwise clear. Vis: in fog 500 yards, otherwise 20 miles.	

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Feb. 8th.	Spitfire Mk.IX MK.358 PL.443	F/Lt. Carlyle, J. F/O. Seagrief, E.	Scramble	09-10	09-35	2 Spitfires scrambled for aircraft which proved friendly on take-off. Weather: Unlimited visibility. Nil cloud.	
" "	MH.961 MK.825	F/Lt. Carlyle, J. F/O. Seagrief, E.	Armed Recce	18-30	18-00	2 a/c on armed recce SPENZA-REGGIO road. Nothing was seen. On a minor road N of PARMA a stationary light truck was sighted and attacked, the vehicle was left burning. On the railway PARMA-BUSIGNO, 1/2 mile W of PARMA, 3 tankers (stationary) were attacked, strikes were observed and two of the tankers were left smoking. 400yds to the W of these tankers 3 open railway tracks were sighted, they were attacked and strikes observed on all three. Flak: Light, scant and accurate from VILLA FRANCA. Claims: One light truck destroyed, 3 railway tankers and trucks damaged. Weather: Clear, except for mist in the PO Valley. Visibility in mist 1 mile. Otherwise unlimited.	
" "	PT.423 PT.590	F/S. Mundy, S. F/S. Lambert, C.	Armed Recce	07-40	08-25	Two a/c on armed recce from POLA-FINE. Three caiques and one tug were attacked in the ARSA Channel and damaged.	
" "	PT.960 WJ.983	F/O. Douglas, A. F/S. Adsero, P.	Recce	09-30	11-15	Two Spits on recce from CAP SALVOUS to PROMONTORE for large M.V. No sightings.	
" "	PT.590 PT.556	F/Lt. Burns, A. F/S. Slade, V.	Escort	11-00	12-15	Two Spits escorting four RP Bombers on search for M.V. Spits sighted 3000-4000 E/W in PARENZA. Spits attacked with cannon and Beams. with R.P. Ship was left heeling over.	

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	Spitfire Mk.IX.						
Feb. 8th.	PT. 558	F/Lt. Burns, A.	Recon	15-00	16-20	Two a/c on recon PAKAZA area. The 1/V previously reported appeared to be upright.	
	WJ. 985	F/S. Mundy, S.		15-00	16-30		
Feb. 9th.	PT. 423	F/Lt. Douglas, A.	Escort	07-00	08-25	Two a/c on escort of two R.P. Seafighters of	
	WJ. 985	F/S. Adsero, P.		07-00	08-25	273 300n on armed recon PULA-ARSA Channel - KILME. Light intense flash was experienced from BIE Island.	
" "	PT. 558	F/O. Rainsford, S.	Escort	10-25	12-13	Two a/c on escort of two R.P. Seafighters of	
	WJ. 643	W/O. Cornish, W.		10-25	12-15	273 300n on armed recon MESTRO Pt. - GRADO. No sightings.	
" "	MX. 339	F/O. Burrow, K.	Scramble	08-55	09-10	Red section scrambled and ordered to angels 25. Red II	
	PL. 445	F/O. Taylor, A.		08-55	09-10	found that his oxygen system was not working so section returned to base. Weather: 10/10 strato cumulus cloud at 2000ft. Showers. Visibility: 10 miles.	
" "	MX. 339	F/O. Burrow, K.	Scramble	10-00	11-00	Two a/c scrambled for bogey plotted SW of ELBA. Bogey	
	PT. 423	W/O. Taylor, A.		10-00	11-00	turned E to LAKE BOLSENA. Interception was successful and 8324's were seen. Weather: 10/10 Strato cumulus cloud, base 1500ft. top 8000ft, showers. Vis: 10 miles.	
" "	MX. 412	F/Lt. Carlyle, J.	Scramble	17-05	17-40	Two Spitfires scrambled for bogey plotted at 20,000ft	
	WH. 981	F/O. Seagriff, E.		17-05	17-40	travelling E coming in from the W. The plot faded N of LIGORN. The Section then carried out a practice interception with NEVER. Weather: Clear. Vis: 20-50 miles.	
10th Feb.	WH. 981	F/O. Burrow, K.	Armed Recon	07-10	08-55	Two a/c on armed recon PARMA area. A 5ton truck was	
	PL. 445	F/O. Taylor, A.		07-10	08-55	sighted on a minor road S of REGGIO, this was attacked and was seen to blow up. A stationary electric locomotive was sighted at FORNOVA. It was attacked and left smoking. A staff car was sighted parked in front of a house 5-6 miles NE of PARMA, the car was	

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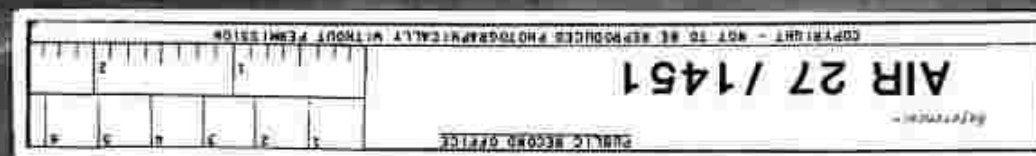
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Feb. 8th.	Spitfire Mk. II.						
	PT. 556	P/Lt. Burne, A.	Recon	15-00	16-20	Two a/c on recon PARMA area. The M/V previously	
	MJ. 983	P/S. Mundy, B.		15-00	16-30	reported appeared to be upright.	
Feb. 9th.	PT. 423	P/Lt. Douglas, A.	Escort	07-00	08-25	Two a/c on escort of two R.P. Seafighters of	
	MI. 983	P/S. Adsero, P.		07-00	08-25	272 Sqdn on armed recon POLA-ANSA Channel - FIUME.	
						Light intense flak was experienced from LIE Island.	
" "	PT. 556	P/O. Rainsford, S.	Escort	10-25	12-15	Two a/c on escort of two R.P. Seafighters of	
	MI. 248	P/O. Cornish, W.		10-25	12-15	272 Sqdn on armed recon MESTRO Pt. - GRADO.	
						No sightings.	
" "	MX. 359	P/O. Burrow, K.	Scramble	08-55	09-10	Red section scrambled and ordered to angels 25. Red II	
	PL. 445	P/O. Taylor, A.		08-55	09-10	found that his oxygen system was not working so	
						section returned to base.	
						Weather: 10/10 strato cumulus cloud at 2000ft.	
						Showers. Visibility: 10 miles.	
" "	MX. 359	P/O. Burrow, K.	Scramble	10-00	11-00	Two a/c scrambled for bogey plotted SW of ELBA. Bogey	
	PT. 421	P/O. Taylor, A.		10-00	11-00	turned E to LAKE BOLSONA. Interception was successful	
						and 5 B24's were seen.	
						Weather: 10/10 Strato cumulus cloud, base 1500ft,	
						top 8000ft, showers. Vis: 10 miles.	
" "	MX. 412	P/Lt. Carlyle, J.	Scramble	17-05	17-40	Two Spitfires scrambled for bogey plotted at 20,000ft	
	MH. 981	P/O. Seagriff, E.		17-05	17-40	travelling E coming in from the W. The plot faded	
						N of LIGNORI. The Section then carried out a practice	
						interception with NEVER. Weather: Clear, Vis: 20-30 miles.	
10th Feb.	MH. 981	P/O. Burrow, K.	Armed Recon	07-10	08-55	Two a/c on armed recon PARMA area. A 5ton truck was	
	PL. 445	P/O. Taylor, A.		07-10	08-55	sighted on a minor road S of REGGIO, this was attacked	
						and was seen to blow up. A stationary electric	
						locomotive was sighted at FORMOVA. It was attacked and left	
						smoking. A staff car was sighted parked in front	
						of a house 5-6 miles NE of PARMA, the car was	

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Feb. 10th.						partially hidden in bushes. Green 2 attacked but did not see any strikes owing to it being hidden. Claims: 1 five-tonner destroyed, 1 electric loco damaged. Flak: Light, heavy scent and inaccurate from MODENA, light, heavy scent and inaccurate experienced from PARMA. Weather: 2/10 cumulus cloud at 8000ft. Vis: 50 miles.	
" "	MK. 325	F/Lt. Carlyle, J.	Armed Recce	15-05	17-00	Two a/c on armed recce to the ALESSANDRIA area.	
	MH. 981	F/S. Pearson, P.		15-05	17-00	A 5ton truck (stationary) was sighted on the ALESSANDRIA-SAVONA road, 3 miles N of ACQUI, this truck blew up after the first attack, a truck and trailer also damaged near CASLINE. Claims: 1 five ton truck destroyed and 1 truck with trailer damaged. Weather: Misty in PO Valley, Visibility up to 5 miles.	
" "	PT. 957	F/S. Mundy, B.	A.S.R. Search	11-15	12-40	Two a/c on search for P51 reported in sea 3 miles south of ANCONA. Wrecked a/c and one body on board sighted, HSL directed to position.	
	PT. 423	F/O. Sutton, P.		11-15	12-40		
" "	PT. 957	F/O. Douglas, A.	Recce	15-00	16-15	Two a/c on shipping recce for ship lying off PARMA.	
	MJ. 845	F/S. Lambert, C.		15-00	16-15	Sighted ship off quay well down in water.	
Feb. 11th.	MK. 142	F/O. Musgrave, N.	Scramble	08-00	09-50	Two a/c scrambled for an X raid 10 miles N of IEGHORN at 27000ft. Red 2 returned to base as engine cut on two occasions. Raid became friendly. Weather: 2/10 alto cumulus 8000ft. Vis: 20-50 miles.	
	FL. 445	F/S. Morant, R.		09-00	09-20		
" "	PT. 421	F/O. Musgrave, N.	Armed Recce	15-00	16-45	Two a/c on armed recce in the GENOA-ALESSANDRIA area	
	MK. 339	F/S. Morant, R.		15-00	16-45	Six stationary railway vans were sighted at BASTAGNO on the ALESSANDRIA - SAVONA line and strikes (cont.)	

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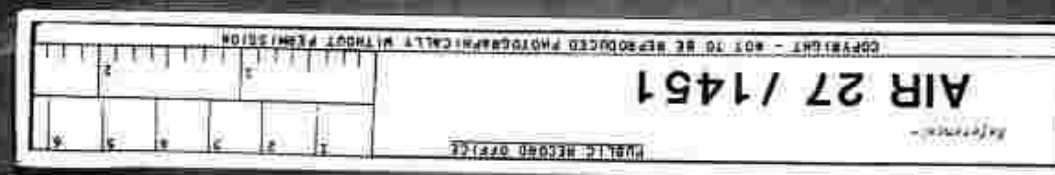
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Feb. 11th						observed on all of them. Weather: Ground mist, 2/10 cum. 5000ft. Visibility 5 miles in mist.
" "	PT.421	F/O. Malloch, J.	Scramble	13-00	13-15	Two a/c scrambled for an X raid north of base which became friendly before interception.
	MK.142	F/O. Seagriff, E.		13-00	13-15	
Feb. 13th	MK.142	S/Ldr. Shand, I.	Armed Recce	07-15	08-55	Two a/c on armed recce in the GENOA-ALESSANDRIA area. At V(o) 0800 a moving electrically driven train was attacked and stopped and left covered in a cloud of smoke. At (o) 0807 two petrol tankers were damaged and at (o) 0807 an electrically driven engine was well covered with cannon fire. Light, scant and accurate flak was experienced from SPESIA. Weather: 10/10 haze 500ft up to 5000ft.
	MK.359	F/O. Burrow, K.		07-15	08-55	
" "	MK.142	F/Lt. Carlyle, J.	Armed Recce	15-05	17-10	Two a/c on armed recce in GENOA-ALESSANDRIA area. On the main road E of ALESSANDRIA a staff car moving west was stopped and left smoking, on the railway running south from ALESSANDRIA one electric train was left with smoke pouring from it and another one was well covered with cannon and m/g, also three rail trucks filled with drums were damaged. On the road south of NOVI LIGURE two Sten M.T. were attacked and left covered with smoke. At BUSILLA a small engine with steam up was attacked and left in a cloud of smoke. Weather: 10/10 strato cum: 4000-8000ft.
	MK.625	F/S. Mundy, B.		15-05	17-10	
" "	MK.359	F/O. Burrow, K.	Scramble	15-50	16-50	Two a/c scrambled but were recalled before the No. 2 took off. The No. 2 was then again scrambled to 15,000ft over base. Raid became friendly.
	PT.421	W/O. Taylor, A.		16-00	16-30	
14th	PT 657	F/O. RAINSFORD, B.	Patrol	1630	1720	2 a/c on dusk patrol AUCONA area. All incidents.
	MJ 545	F/Sgt. LAMBERT, W.		1630	1720	

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Feb. 14th.	Spitfire Mk.IX PT.421 MK.539	F/O.Malloch, J. F/O.Sutton, P.	Armed Recon	06-55	08-20	Two a/c on armed recon in GENOA-ALESSANDRIA area.	
				06-55	08-20	No attacks were made due to bad weather.	
" "	MK.418 MK.479	F/O.Musgrave, M. F/S.Morant, R.	Scramble	10-45	11-45	Two a/c scrambled for unidentified a/c. A B25 was intercepted at 7000ft 10miles south of base.	
" "	PT.421 MK.539	F/O.Malloch, J. F/O.Sutton, P.	Scramble	15-50	16-10	Two a/c scrambled for unidentified a/c east of base.	
				16-30	16-10	Twelve P47's were intercepted at 10,000ft.	
" "	PT.590 MJ.953	F/Lt.Sume, A. W/O.Cornish, W.	Scramble	10-15	11-20	Weather: 4/10 cumulus 10,000ft. Vis: 30 miles.	
				10-15	11-20	Two a/c scrambled for unidentified a/c which became friendly.	
Feb. 15th.	MJ.579 PT.421	F/S.Pearson, P. F/O.Seagriff, E.	Armed Recon	07-00	08-50	Two a/c on armed recon in GENOA-ALESSANDRIA area.	
				07-00	08-50	Weather: Ground mist over whole area of PO Valley. Cloud: 4/10 strato cumulus at 2000ft over sea. Flak: Light, scant and accurate flak was experienced from SAXONA.	
" "	MK.418 MK.479	F/O.Malloch, J. F/O.Burrow, K.	Scramble	10-50	11-50	Two a/c scrambled for an unidentified aircraft. A Mosquito was intercepted at 27000ft 15 miles SW of LAKE TRASIMENO.	
" "	PT.421 MK.539	F/O.Malloch, J. F/O.Burrow, K.	Scramble	14-15	14-45	Two Spitfires scrambled for an unidentified aircraft and then told to patrol LEGHORN. There was no incident on patrol.	
" "	PT.856 MJ.579	F/O.Musgrave, M. F/S.Morant, R.	Armed Recon	15-45	16-00	Two a/c on armed recon N of GENOA. One aircraft out on its long range tank whilst on the circuit so both landed.	
" "	PT.425 MJ.579	F/O.Musgrave, M. F/S.Morant, R.		16-15	17-55	The above mission continued with replacement aircraft.	
				16-15	17-55	At VILLANOVA a Sten truck travelling south was attacked and left smoking, one 150wt on the road S. of ALESSANDRIA was left in the same condition. at	

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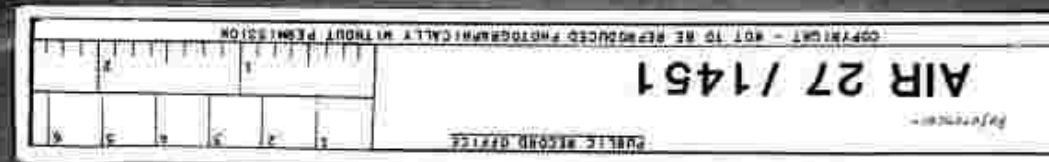
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Feb. 15th.						10 3 stationary box cars were attacked, two were damaged and the third collapsed on its side. Weather: Visibility 30 miles, Cloud: 10/10 strato cumulus at 2000ft.	
Feb. 16th.	Spitfire Mk.IX.						
	MJ. 579	F/S. Pearson, P.	Scramble	10-10	11-00	Red section scrambled to angels 30 over base for unidentified track. Condensation trails were seen but no contact was made.	
	PT. 656	F/O. Seagriff, E.		10-10	11-00		
Feb. 17th.	PT. 421	F/O. Douglas, A.	Escort	14-30	16-30	Four a/c acting as top cover to 75 Halifaxes and Wellingtons bombing TRIESTE. Docks were well covered. Intense heavy flak from TRIESTE.	
	MJ. 985	F/S. Adsero, P.		14-30	16-30		
	PT. 980	F/O. Aylward, H.		14-30	16-30		
	PT. 590	F/S. Slade, V.					
" "	PT. 421	F/O. Burrow, K.	Armed Recon	07-30	09-00	Two a/c on armed recon in GENOA-ALESSANDRIA area.	
	PT. 656	F/O. Taylor, A.		07-30	09-00	Nil report. Weather: 10/10 strato cumulus ground level up to 5000ft.	
" "	MJ. 579	F/O. Sutton, P.	Scramble	13-10	13-40	Two Spitfires scrambled for unidentified aircraft	
	MJ. 479	F/S. Mundy, B.		13-10	13-40	This was later identified as friendly and no interception was attempted.	
Feb. 16th.	PT. 590	F/O. Douglas, A.	Recon	11-05	11-55	Two a/c on shipping recon off TRIESTE. Returned early due to weather.	
	MJ. 845	F/S. Adsero, P.		11-05	11-55		
" "	PT. 421	F/O. Malloch, J.	Scramble	14-45	14-55	Red section scrambled for bogey which turned friendly soon after the a/c were airborne.	
	MJ. 579	F/S. Mundy, B.		14-45	14-55		
	PT. 656	F/S. Pearson, P.	Armed Recon	15-40	17-30	Two a/c on armed recon GENOA-ALESSANDRIA-PARMA area.	
	MJ. 520	F/O. Seagriff, E.		15-40	17-30	At BUSILLA a 3ton truck travelling S was attacked and damaged.	
	PT. 421					Weather: 10/10 fog from 1500ft down to sea level and over PO Valley.	
Feb. 19th.	PT. 980	F/O. Aylward, H.	A.S.R. Search	15-00	17-00	Two a/c searching for crew of B24 reported baling out near RAGGAT Island. Nil sighting.	
	MJ. 985	F/S. Slade, V.		15-00	17-00		

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Feb. 19th.	Spitfire Mk. IX. PT.558	F/O. Douglas, A.	A.S.R. Search	16-00	17-45	Two a/c continuing search for crew of B24 near	
	MT. 645	F/S. Adsero, P.		18-00	17-45	ROMA Island. Nil sightings.	
" "	MT. 579	F/O. Sutton, P.	Armed Recon	07-05	08-40	Two a/c on armed recon in SPESIA-GENOA-ALESSANDRIA	
	PT. 858	F/S. Mundy, B.		07-05	08-40	area. At CAMOGANO a staff car and a 5-5 ton M.T. moving south were strafed, both were left burning. The truck burnt fiercely and was possibly carrying fuel. At RAPALLO a stationary 15cwt was damaged. Flak: Light, scant and accurate flak was experienced from ST MARGHERITA: lighty scant and inaccurate from SASSINI LEVANTE. Weather: Visibility $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. Cloud 10/10 strato cumulus, cloud from ground level to 5000ft, except along west road.	
Feb. 20th.	PT. 425	F/O. Sutton, P.	Scramble	16-10	1710	Two a/c scrambled for an unidentified plot to	
	PT. 858	F/S. Mundy, B.		16-10	1745	52,000ft North of base. Plot became friendly and a/c continued patrol S of SPESIA in search for a surface craft.	
Feb 21st.	MT. 579	F/S. Pearson, P.	Armed Recon	07-25	08-45	Two a/c on armed recon GENOA-ALESSANDRIA-PARMA area	
	PT. 858	F/O. Seagrief, E.		07-25	08-45	East of PARMA a 3ton M.T. was sent up in flames and at S. MARIO a 15cwt was damaged, a further 15cwt was also damaged S of MODENA. Flak: Light, scant and accurate was encountered on main road East of MODENA. One aircraft piloted by F/S. Pearson received a bullet hole through the fuselage behind cockpit and through port aileron. Weather: Visibility 8-10 miles, cloud 8/10 cumulus at 10,000ft.	

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Feb. 21st.	Spitfire Mk. IX. MK. 412	F/O. Burrows, K.	Scramble	16-15	17-15		

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Feb. 21st.	Spitfire Mk. IX.							
	ML.413	P/O. Burrow, K.	Scramble	10-55	11-15	Two Spitfires scrambled for X raid which turned friendly. No interception was attempted.		
	PT.425	W/O. Taylor, W. A.		10-55	11-15			
" "	PT.421	P/Lt. Carlyle, J.	Armed Recon	18-00	18-00	Armed recon carried out by two of our Spitfires		
	PT.957	P/S. Morant, R.		18-00	18-00	GENOA-ALESSANDRIA-ROVERA area. At SERRAVALLE SCRIVA a staff car moving north was attacked and flamed. East of NOVI LIGURE two closed in rail trucks were well covered and west of PIACENZA three more rail trucks were damaged. At this same place a camouflaged house was damaged. At PIACENZA a 3-5 ton M.T. was left burning rapidly and a further 3 ton truck damaged at PARMA. Just south of SPESIA a staff car travelling along the coast road was attacked and ran off the road. Flak: light, scant and inaccurate from BOSESTRI LEVANTE.		
" "	PT.556	P/O. Douglas, A.	A.S.R. Search	08-00	08-45	Two a/c on A.S.R. search. Nil sightings.		
	PT.590	P/S. Adsero, P.		08-00	08-45			
" "	ML.839	P/Lt. Burns, A.	Recon	14-45	16-15	Two a/c on recon from POLA to SALIZADA. A 40-60 ft. craft was seen in POLA harbour and a 150 ft tanker in CITTADELLA harbour.		
	ML.983	W/O. Cornish, W.		14-45	16-15			
Feb 22nd	ML.843	P/Lt. Burns, A.	Recon	07-10	08-40	Two a/c on recon from POLA coastwise in NORTHERN ADRIATIC. A tanker believed to have been the one in CITTADELLA was seen at PIRANO.		
	ML.339	W/O. CORNISH		07-10	09-10			
	PT.967	P/O. Musgrave, M.	Armed Recon	18-15	17-55	Armed recon GENOA-ALESSANDRIA-PARMA carried out by 2 of our a/c. One staff car travelling North from a point just East of PIACENZA was strafed and ran		
	ML.143	P/O. Rainier, P.		18-15	17-55			

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Feb. 22nd.						off the road, four people were seen to jump out. Flak: Light, scant and inaccurate flak experienced West of PINE 2A. Weather: Haze and fog hampered visibility, from ground level to 10,000ft.	
" "	MK.479	F/S. Pearson, P.	Scramble	17-35	18-15	Two a/c scrambled for unidentified a/c. Section	
	MH.981	Sgt. Maxwell, W.		17-35	18-15	patrolled LASHKUN at 10,000ft but there was no incident as plot faded, and they were recalled.	
Feb. 23rd.	MK.142	S/Ldr. Shand, I.	Armed Recon	07-05	08-50	Two a/c on armed recon in PAREA-ALESSANDRIA-GENOA	
	MH.981	Sgt. Bell, G.		07-05	08-50	area. At RONCO SCRIVA a 5ton truck with a large trailer attached was well covered with cannon and machine gun fire. At the same place a 15cwt-5ton M.T. was damaged. At VOCHERA 2 horse drawn vehicles carrying large cans were attacked and strikes observed. Just East of PIALENA a large box trailer covered over with camouflaged netting was attacked and well covered. Flak: Light, scant and inaccurate from RIMBAGHORA, ROTTACOLA, BUSALIA and CASTEL S.C. Weather: Haze from ground level to 3000ft. 5/10 strato cumulus over sea at 3000ft.	
" "	PT.421	W/O. Taylor, A.	Scramble	12-20	13-35	Two a/c scrambled for unidentified a/c out to sea	
	MK.479	F/S. Morant, R.		12-20	13-35	W of LASHKUN. 3 Mitchells and 3 P47's were intercepted. Weather: Nil cloud. Visibility: 20 miles.	
" "	PT.253	S/Ldr. Shand, I.	Bombing	13-50	14-55	Three Spitfires on bombing mission, attacking the	
	MK.412	F/Lt. Carlyle, J.	Mission	13-50	14-55	DIVISA ITALIA H.Q. and adjoining Radar Stations in	
	MK.62	J. Seagriff, E.		13-50	14-55	positions P955702 and P949702. One near miss was scored by F/Lt. Carlyle on the Radar Station. Weather: Very hazy from ground level to 5000ft.	

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Feb. 23rd.	Spitfire Mk. II. PT. 421	P/O. Malloch J.V.	Armed Recon	15-45	-	Two a/c on armed recon GEMOIA-PANNA area. One M.T. was strafed at VILLA KUNIA and set on fire.	
	PT. 857	Sgt. Maxwell W.A.		15-45	17-35	Flak: Light intense accurate flak was experienced from there. Blue 1 said his oil gauge was reading low and both turned for home. Long trails of white smoke poured from his a/c, after jettisoning his L.R. Tank the undersurface of his fuselage became covered in black oil. At 3000ft P/O. Malloch turned on his back and baled out at 1000ft. The parachute was seen to open. (Position 44°28'9"40" "time 18-25hrs".	
Feb. 24th.	MH. 981	P/O. Burrow K.	Armed Recon	07-00	08-35	Two a/c on armed recon in PO Valley. Nil report.	
	PT. 857	P/O. Mansell H.		07-00	08-35	Weather: Thick haze from deck to 2000ft. Vis: 2 miles.	
" "	PT. 653	P/Lt. Carlyle J.	Dive Bombing	11-35	12-50	Four a/c bombing H.Q. of ITALIA Division at P948761 - P955732 - P49762 - P951758.	
	MK. 142	P/O. Taylor A.		11-35	12-50		
	PT. 857	P/O. Burrow K.		11-35	12-50	P/O. Taylor and Sgt. Allan obtained direct hits with 500lb. bombs on a German H.Q. at P951738 and a cloud of dust and smoke arose from the target. The other two pilots P/Lt. Carlyle and P/O. Burrow obtained near misses on a reported Radar Station at P948762.	
	MK. 625	Sgt. Allan J.		11-35	12-50	Nil flak was experienced.	
" "	PT. 857	P/O. Musgrave H.	Dive Bombing	14-40	15-55	A second lot of 4 Spitfires continued the bombing attack on the above target. P/O. Pearson, P/O. Seagriff and P/O. Rainier obtained direct hits with their 500lb. bombs on a German H.Q. at P855762. Red and black smoke covered the target.	
	PT. 656	P/O. Rainier P.W.		14-40	15-55	Weather: Slightly hazy but otherwise clear over target.	
	MK. 142	P/O. Pearson P.		14-40	15-55		
	MK. 625	P/O. Seagriff S.		14-40	15-55		
" "	PT. 656	S/Ldr. Shand I.H.R.	Dive	16-35	17-55	A further bombing attack on the above target.	
	MK. 625	P/S. Morant R.	Bombing	16-35	17-55	S/Ldr. Shand and P/S. Morant scored direct hits on	132

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Feb. 24th.	PT. 957	P/O. Burrow K.		16-55	17-55	the SW side of the Division CP at PS40781. The	
	HK. 142	P/O. Mansell W.		16-55	17-55	entire building was covered in smoke and dust. A	
						large crater was observed in the middle of the	
						German Staff H.Q.	
" "	HK. 539	P/S. Mundy B.	Scramble	16-50	17-10	Two a/c scrambled for unidentified plot of high	
	NJ. 545	Sgt. Bell G.J.		16-50	17-10	recon coming from HQs. There was no incident as	
						plot faded.	
" "	HK. 479	P/O. Sutton P.	Scramble	17-20	17-20	Two a/c scrambled for bogey approaching from	
	PT. 556	Sgt. Maxwell W.A.		17-20	17-35	SP421A. Later identified as friendly eventually	
						landing at PISA.	
Feb. 25th.	PT. 556	P/O. Ayward H.	Armed Recon	07-05	09-00	Two a/c on armed recon GENOA-ALISSANDRIA-PARMA area.	
	HK. 539	P/S. Blade J.		07-05	09-00	Nil incident and nothing seen. Weather: 10/10	
						strato cumulus cloud, base 3000ft, tops 8000ft.	
						Visibility: Poor being 1/2 mile due to haze.	
" "	HK. 539	P/S. Mundy B.	Armed Recon	15-50	16-20	Two Spitfires carrying out an armed recon GENOA-	
	PT. 580	P/S. Lambert C.R.		15-50	16-20	ALISSANDRIA-PARMA area. At SCHI a 15cwt moving S	
						was damaged and at CAMOGLI 8 goods trucks were well	
						covered with cannon fire.	
						Weather: 10/10 cumulus cloud at 5000ft.	
" "	PT. 556	P/O. Sutton P.	Armed Recon	16-20	-	Two a/c on armed recon SP421A-GENOA-PARMA area.	
	NJ. 545	P/O. Cornish W.R.		16-20	17-50	At 44°10'N-9°45'E light, scant and accurate flak	
						was experienced. P/O. Sutton (Blue 1) pulled up to	
						8000ft and turned over sea, white smoke began to	
						pour from his a/c which began to lose height, at	
						17-10/A hrs he baled out and was fixed by his No. 2	
						in position 43°51'N-10°01'E. His No. 2 did not see	
						a chute open at first but saw the plane and another	

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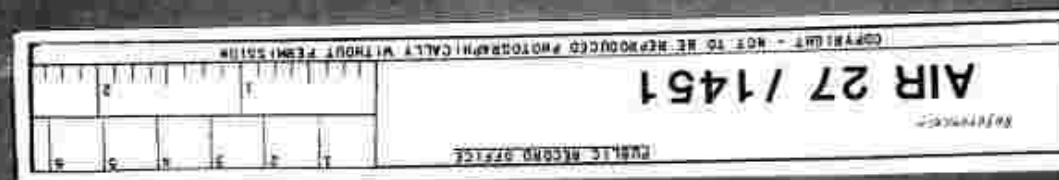
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Feb. 25th.						object hit the sea, afterwards something white was seen in the water. The pilot was picked up a little later by a Walrus, dead.	
" "	PT. 557	W/O. Taylor A.	Surveillance	14-30	14-30	Two a/c scrambled to patrol LIDNOR at 15,000ft.	
	PT. 558	Sgt. Allen J.		14-30	14-30	all included.	
" "	MK. 389	P/O. Pearson P.	A. 12 Patrol	17-30	17-30	Two a/c airborne in patrol position 45 mi. N. of LIDNOR where P/O. Sutton was reported to have baled out.	
	MK. 143	Sgt. Maxwell W.A.	for P/O. Sutton	17-30	17-30	Walrus seen to pick up a pilot. One a/c landed with the 1st port engine retrofitted on return to base.	
Feb. 26th.	PT. 557	P/O. Pearson P.	Armed Recon	07-35	08-40	Two a/c on armed recon LIDNOR-LIDNOR area.	
	MK. 389	P/O. Sagarist A.		07-35	08-40	a boxcar with trailer attached was attacked at LIDNOR they were left in a damaged condition, the boxcar with smoke pouring from it. Weather: 10/10 strato cumulus cloud 2500-5000ft. Visibility at 4000ft 2-3 miles.	
" "	PT. 557	W/O. Taylor A.	Armed Recon	11-30	12-30	Armed recon LIDNOR-LIDNOR area carried out by 2 of our Spitfires. Just S. of LIDNOR a box car was attacked and damaged. Weather: 10/10 strato cumulus at 4000ft. Visibility: 1-2 miles.	
	MK. 389	Sgt. Allen J.		11-30	12-30		
" "	PT. 558	P/O. Douglas A.	Shipping	12-30	17-30	Two a/c on shipping recon from SP-21A-SP-21A.	
	MK. 389	P/O. Alper P.	Recon.	12-30	17-30	Two destroyers and two P.T. boats were sighted off. LIDNOR.	
				17-30	17-30	Weather: Visibility 1-2 miles. Cloud 10/10 7/10 cumulus at 1500ft.	
Feb. 27th.	MK. 389	P/O. Horant R.	Armed Recon	07-30	09-10	Two a/c on armed recon in LIDNOR-LIDNOR area.	
	MK. 389	P/O. Mansell H.		07-30	09-10	at LIDNOR a box car was attacked and badly damaged and at LIDNOR 6 railway trucks were attacked, one burst into flames and the others were damaged. At LIDNOR a train with a trailer was damaged, and	

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Feb. 27th.						two Stan L.T. well covered with cannon fire. Just N of ASPT 5 rail box cars were damaged and at ALBA an electric or diesel engine was badly damaged. Flak: Light, scant inaccurate from ACQUIT.	
" "	HK.981 PT.957	F/O. Burrow K. Sgt. Bell G.	Scramble	18-05 18-05	18-55 18-55	Two Spitfires scrambled over LANE TRASIMENO. Nothing seen. Weather: Nil cloud, Vis: very good being unlimited.	
" "	HK.382 MK.339	F/O. Douglas A. F/S. Adsero F.	Armed Recon	18-45 18-45	19-00 19-00	Two A/C. on armed recon GENOA-ALESSANDRIA area. One a/c developed mag trouble. Both a/c landed.	
" "	HK.643 HK.538	S/Ldr. Shand I.R.R. F/O. Aylward H.	Escorting P47s.	15-50 18-50	17-50 17-50	Four a/c escorting four P47's attacking BERGAMO Airfield. One direct hit was observed on the runway.	
" "	PT.957 HK.958	F/Lt. Burne A. F/S. Mundy H.		15-50 15-50	17-50 17-50	On the return journey, just N of PIACENZA F/Lt. Burne and F/O. Aylward attacked 5 L.T., one 5 tonner, one 10 tonner with bowser attached and a second 10 tonner with a large trailer attached. They were all left burning. S/Ldr. Shand and F/S. Mundy flamed a staff car just S of BERGAMO. Flak: Heavy, scant and inaccurate from CADORNO, with heavy, scant accurate from ALLIA. at FIDENZA a large fire was seen on the N side of the town. Weather: Haze near ground. Nil cloud.	
Feb. 28th.	HK.579 HK.625	F/Lt. Carlyle J. Sgt. Bell G.	Armed Recon	07-00 07-00	08-55 08-55	Two Spitfires on armed recon GENOA-ALESSANDRIA area At SCORRELLA a 15cwt was damaged; at BUSALLA another 15cwt travelling north was left burning and also another destroyed south of BUSALLA; At S. OLIVETO a wooden railway coach was set on fire. Flak: Light, scant and accurate from CASALE. The same flak was also experienced from TORTONA.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
28.2.45	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 66)	P/O. MUSGRAVE, N. P/O. RAINIER, P. P/Sgt. MORANT, R. W/O. LAMBERT, R.	Dive Bombing	1025 1025 1025 1025	1140 1140 1055 1055	4 a/c airborne to bomb a reported ammo dump at (O)987878. 2 a/c returned early, one with R/T trouble and the other with oil pressure giving trouble. One of these a/c crashed on landing. Pilot (W/O. LAMBERT) unhurt. The 2 remaining a/c continued the mission. One direct hit was scored on a dump at the S. end of the target by P/O. RAINIER, P. Greyish smoke covered the target and debris was seen to fall into the river. P/O. MUSGRAVE'S bomb registered a near miss on a dump in the Northern end of the target.	
	PT 857 MK 479 MK 625 MJ 963	S/L. SHAND, I. Sgt. MAXWELL, W. P/Sgt. PEARSON, P. Sgt. ALLEN, J.	Dive Bombing	1250 1250 1250 1250	1400 1400 1400 1400	4 a/c bombing reported ammo dump (as above) at (O)987878. S/L. SHAND registered a direct hit on a building at the S. end of the target. 2 near misses were scored by P/Sgt. PEARSON and Sgt. MAXWELL on a dump at the N. end. The area was covered in red dust when the Section left.	
	MJ 968 MK 339	F/Lt. BURKE, A. P/Sgt. MORANT, R.	Scramble	1325 1325	1355 1355	2 Spits scrambled for bogey 3. of SPEZIA. Plot faded and there was no interception.	
	MK 418 MH 981 MJ 545 MK 625	F/Lt. CARLYLE, J. F/O. BULLOCK, K. W/O. TAYLOR, A. P/O. SEABRIGHT, E.	Escort to 8 F47's	1820 1820 1820 1820	1820 1820 1820 1820	4 a/c escorting 8 F47's bombing VICENZA airfield. Direct hits were observed on the runway. 2 x 15-cwt. H.T. were attacked on the coast road, just N. of SPESIA: one was left flaming and the other damaged. FLAK: light, intense and accurate flak was experienced from LEVANTE. 1 a/c landed at PISA with R/T failure and short of fuel.	

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