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Place.	Date. 1944.	Time. Hrs.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
SERRAGIA, Corsica.	June 1st.	1040 to 1245	12 a/c. (F/Lt. Ipsen) escorted 18 B25's attacking a bridge at FABRIANO.	
		1855 to 2040	10 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) on a fighter sweep in the PICCHINO-VITERBO area.	
	2nd.	0905- 1115	8 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) escorted 36 B25's attacking a railroad bridge at POLIGNO.	
		1745- 1850	8 a/c. (F/Lt. Ipsen) provided aerial cover to 3 sections of 18 B25's bombing targets north of ROME.	
	3rd.	0830- 1050	13 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) escorted 18 B25's attacking a r/r bridge at SPOLETO.	
		1140- 1530	12 a/c. (W/Odr. Morris) escorted 18 B25's attacking a bridge at VERINO.	
		1630- 1810	8 a/c. (F/O. Smith) on fighter sweep in SIENA area.	
	4th	1100- 1800	12 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) escorted 24 B26's to attack a bridge at Q522951.	
		1835- 2110	12 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) on fighter sweep in LENOHNE-PISTOIA-FLORENCE area. 3 large vehicles were destroyed and 2 damaged. F/O. Miller (80499) and P/O. Douglas (18024) went to Albo Rest Camp for 7 days, and F/O's Moubrey, Petersen, Wilson (80408, 80432, 80409 respectively) and F/Lt. Paine (80245) returned.	
	5th	0905- 1055	12 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) on fighter sweep in the PISTOIA-FLORENCE area. 18 vehicles were damaged and 9 destroyed, and a small engine dam.	
		1600- 1745	12 a/c. (W/Odr. Morris) on fighter sweep in the VITERBO area. 7 vehicles were destroyed and 8 damaged. Sgt. Pearson's (710278) a/c. was hit by flak and he was wounded in the thigh. He force-landed 20 miles north of the line, and F/O. Wilson (80409), - his No. 1 - saw him run for the woods; he strafed the (Sgt. Pearson's) a/c. and set it on fire.	

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(SERRAGIA, Corsica)	June (5th)	1845-2045	10 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) on a fighter sweep in the VITERBO area. 4 vehicles were destroyed and 8 damaged. P/O. Coulson (80464) while doing top cover was hit by a box of H.A.A. put up near LAKE BOLSENA. He said he was going to force-land. His No. 2 lost sight of him, while taking evasive action, and nothing further is known.		
	6th	0545-0750	18 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) on fighter sweep over LAKE BOLSENA-TRASIMENO area. 6 trucks and a motorcyclist were destroyed.		
	7th	0815-1010	8 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) on fighter sweep in the LAKE BOLSENA area. 1 armoured car and 7 trucks were destroyed and 7 trucks damaged.		
		1620-1755	8 a/c. (P/Lt. Paine) escorted 18 B25's attacking a railbridge N. of PRATO. One B25 was shot down.		
	8th	0600-0715	10 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) on an armed recon of the POGGIBONSI-SIENA area. 9 vehicles were destroyed and 5 damaged.		
		1430-1630	8 a/c. (P/Lt. Ipsen) on a fighter sweep of the POGGIBONSI-SIENA area. 15 vehicles were destroyed, 16 were damaged, and a train with steam up was strafed. P/O. Crook's (80354) a/c. was damaged by the explosion of one of the trucks. Sgt. Hackett (Aus.454086) joined the squadron.		
	9th	0915-1110	10 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) on a fighter sweep in the POGGIBONSI-SIENA area. 2 vehicles destroyed and 1 damaged.		
		1800-2050	8 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) did a fighter sweep of the POGGIBONSI-SIENA area. 1 armoured car and 8 large vehicles were destroyed; 8 others were damaged. P/O. Crook's (80354) a/c. hit a lorry he was strafing. He pulled up to 5,000ft. and said he would have to force-land. He did so, but landed very fast and the a/c. tilted on to its nose. P/O. Sutton (160253), his No. 2, flew around him for five minutes, but did not see him leave his a/c.		
	10th	0530-0715	8 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) airborne on an armed recon in the POGGIBONSI-FLORENCE area. 9 vehicles were destroyed and 3 others damaged.		
		1135-1325	10 a/c. (W/Cdr. Morris) on an armed recon in the PISA-FLORENCE area. 4 vehicles and a motor-cyclist were damaged.		
	11th	0830-1115	12 a/c. (P/Lt. Hirst) airborne on an armed recon of the PISA-FLORENCE-POGGIBONSI area. 6 vehicles were destroyed, 9 damaged, and 2 motor-cyclists were destroyed. P/O. Rainsford (160088) noticed that his oil pressure was dropping owing to a direct hit from light flak. He made for friendly territory and force-landed safely near Rome. P/O's Miller and P/O. Douglas RETURNED from the rest early, their places being taken by P/O's Musgrave and Aylward.		

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(SERRAGIA, Corsica.)	June. 18th	0935- 1200	12 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) on armed recon in the PISA-FLORENCE-POGGIBONSI area. 3 vehicles and 1 motor-cycle were destroyed and a train was damaged. A message was received stating that P/O. Rainsford (180088) was safe and returning to the Squadron.
		1900- 2100	12 a/c. (P/Lt. Hirst) on fighter sweep in the PISA-FLORENCE-POGGIBONSI area. A JU52 was destroyed on the ground, as well as 5 vehicles destroyed and 7 damaged. 12 soldiers were also killed.
	18th	0630- 0850	12 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) as top cover on a clean sweep in the SPEZIA-PARMA-PISTOIA-LEGNORNI area.
		1200- 1555	10 a/c. (P/Lt. Ipsen) on armed recon and area cover in the GROSSETO-LEGNORNI area. 7 vehicles were destroyed.
	14th	0935- 1120	12 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) escorted 56 B25's attacking a viaduct N. of PISTOIA. The Squadron sighted 12 IG's, of which only 8 attacked the formation. They were driven off from the bombers without damage. W/Odr. Morris destroyed one of them, by flying as top cover.
		1730- 1920	12 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) on an armed recon in the GROSSETO-POLIGNA area. 11 vehicles were destroyed and 3 damaged. P/O. Rainsford returned to the Squadron.
	15th	0800- 0940	12 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) escorted 12 B25's attacking a R/R bridge N. of SPEZIA.
		1920- 2100	12 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) did a fighter sweep N. of SPEZIA. P/O. Rainsford, P/O. Sutton and Sgt. Pearson, who were reported missing, returned to the Squadron. P/O. Rainsford had force-landed near Rome; his a/c. was Cat.5. He contacted 249 Wing, Advance H/Q., and had a signal sent to his Unit immediately. He was then returned, after three days, to his Unit by official transport. He was fortunate enough to spend two days in Rome on his way back. P/O. Sutton had force-landed 15 miles S. of our lines, near Viterbo. A/c. Cat.2. He contacted Allied Forces units and was returned safely to his Unit. Sgt. Pearson, while flying No. 2 to P/O. Wilson, had seen some a/c. on the ground at Viterbo. They went down and, after climbing away, at 1000ft. he felt that his a/c. was hit. He flew on and then noticed a hole in the side of the cockpit. He told/

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(SERRAGIA, Corsica.)	JUNE. (15th)		told his No. 1 that he was heading S. for our lines. He then noticed glycol streaming from the engine and decided, at 4,000ft., to head for the sea and bale out. The temperature went off the clock, so he dived gently towards the coast, about 10 miles away. At 2,000ft. the engine seized. He glided towards a large field and, at 1,000ft. his engine burst into flames. He turned on full oxygen and crash-landed at 70 m.p.h.. The a/c. broke its back. The time was then about 1830 hrs. He climbed out of his a/c. in a dazed condition and noticed about 50 German troops 150 yards away, running towards the a/c. They fired at him and he began to run for some woods 200 yards away. Two bullets hit him in the leg, knocking him down, but he got up and reached the cover of the woods. He ran for a mile and hid in behind a tree, amongst the foliage. He noticed a truck full of soldiers coming towards him up the road. It disgorged Jerries, who also began a search. Some of them came within 20yds., but did not see him. A minute later the truck was strafed and set on fire by a Spitfire. They cleared off and left one fat Hun to keep guard. By a mere coincidence, he sat down with his back against the same tree behind which Sgt. Pearson was hiding. He removed his helmet, lay down his rifle and lit a cigarette. Sgt. Pearson, pretty desperate by then, picked up a stone and bashed the Hun on the head, killing him instantly. Sgt. Pearson then ran and walked for three hours in a westerly direction. By this time the moon had risen. He was contacted by friendly Italians, who took him into their house, bandaged his wounds, removing a piece of shrapnel, and fed him. They then carried him to a thick wood two miles away, where they hid him under a heap of leaves. He was there for five days, during which time they looked after him. He was delirious the whole of one day. He had then recovered sufficiently to walk, and was told that the line had passed over him. Sgt. Pearson sent a note asking for aid, to the O.C. Troops, Tarquinia. An Italian ambulance turned up that evening. On the way to Tarquinia, guarded by armed Partisans, the ambulance was attacked by Fascists, and Sgt. Pearson was blown out into a ditch by a hand grenade. He was later given a lift by four drunken American soldiers in a jeep; they suspected him of being a spy and wanted to shoot him. He persuaded them, however, after a lot of argument, to take him to their Officer; but on the way the jeep was blown up by a land mine. They were, however, able to continue. Sgt. Pearson was handed over to the Naval authorities, at Civitavecchio, the following morning being turned over to the American Medical Service, who drove him in an ambulance to Rome. He hitched to Naples, where he was put in Hospital. He resented this, however, and made his own way back to his Unit, in a Mitchell bomber. Strangely enough, P/O. Sutton was on the same a/c., having force-landed behind our lines on the previous day.	PAGE: FOUR.
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(SERRAGIA, Corsica.)	June 1944.			
	16th	1155-1355	12 a/c. (W/Cdr. Morris) escorted 36 B29's attacking a viaduct N. of FLORENCE.	
	17th	0800-0945	12 a/c. (W/Cdr. Morris) on standing patrol over ELBA.	
		1550-1620	12 a/c. (P/Lt. J. Walmisley) on standing patrol over ELBA.	
	18th	0505-0630	8 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) on patrol over ELBA. 2 four-ton lorries were destroyed and 1 motor-cycle damaged.	
		1710-1910	12 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) on patrol over ELBA.	
	19th	0850-1010	4 a/c. (P/Lt. Hirst) on patrol over ELBA.	
		1125-1245	8 a/c. (W/Cdr. Morris) on patrol over ELBA.	
		1710-1845	8 a/c. (P/Lt. Hirst) on patrol over ELBA and recce of LEGHORN.	
		1850-2025	8 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) on patrol of ELBA and recce of LEGHORN. On return the C.O., P/O. Hellas and P/O. McDermott saw 2 ME109's being shot down near Piombino by a pilot of 522 Wing.	
	20th	0925-1115	12 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) on a fighter sweep in the GENOA-LEGHORN area.	
		1725-1815	4 a/c. (P/O. Petersen) airborne to provide cover for a Catalina 10 miles S. of Genoa.	
		1920-2040	2 a/c. (P/Lt. Hirst) on a low level recce of bridges from mouth of River ARNO to FLORENCE. The pilots (P/Lt. Hirst and P/O. Gray) were commended for a good recce. The C.O. and P/O. McDermott went to Poretta a/d. to give evidence in a Court of Enquiry relating to the shooting down of the 109's on the previous day. Apparently the same pilot had shot down a P39 as well.	

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(SERRAGIA, Corsica.)	June 21st	0605- 0755	10 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) on a fighter sweep N. of SPEZIA. 4 lorries and an armoured car were damaged.	
		1810- 1940	12 a/c. (F/Lt. Hirst) escorted 36 B25's to a railbridge N. of PISTOIA.	
	22nd	0920- 1100	10 a/c. (F/Lt. Hirst) on armed recon in the FLORENCE-POGGIBONSI area. 5 lorries were damaged.	
		1650- 1850	12 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) on armed recon in the ALESSANDRIA area. One electric train and 2 vehicles were destroyed, and 4 electric trains, 3 railway trucks and 7 vehicles were damaged. F/O. I. Smith (80485) said that his a/c. was hit by flak. His a/c. was seen to turn on to its back and burst into flames. The pilot was seen to bale out and land safely, in the mountains N. of Spezia.	
	23rd	0525- 0710	8 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) on an armed recon of the ALESSANDRIA area. Due to the weather a sweep was done.	
	24th		Bad weather over Italy, but fine over base.	
	25th	0525- 0705	12 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) area cover for p47's bombing a landing ground N. of PISTOIA. F/Lt. Hirst, F/O. Crook (who had now returned to his Unit, after having had to make a force-landing during a fighter sweep on the 9th June) and F/O. Malloch to Rest Camp. F/O. Crook had sustained damage to his a/c. while strafing on 9th June, and had force-landed 20 miles N. of Cecina. He walked S-E. for seven days, avoiding all highways, until he reached the village Rocca-tiderighte, where he was hidden by Italian Partisans for a further seven days. During the Allied advance, on the night of 22nd-25rd. June, he had the unpleasant experience of being shelled by the Americans. On the morning of 23rd. the Americans entered the village and F/O. Crook was in Allied hands. He made his way to the R.A.F. Station, Tarquinia, whence he was flown back to his Unit, by the C.O. of 800 Sqn. (Beaufighters).	
	26th	1130- 1545	12 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) on a fighter sweep in the BOLOGNA-PARMA area.	
		1705- 1845	12 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) on a sweep N. of GENOA.	
	27th	0820-1030.	12 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) on a fighter sweep in PARMA area.	
	28th		Weather u/s. for operational work. Light rain during day at base.	

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1700-1845 13 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) on a fighter sweep in PARMA area.
 27th 0820-1030. 12 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) on a fighter sweep in PARMA area.
 28th Weather u/s. for operational work. Light rain during day at base.

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Place	Date 1944.	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
(SERRAGLIA, Corsica.)	June			
	29th	0510-0650	4 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) on a weather recon of the BOLOGNA-PARMA area. 90-gal. tanks fitted.	
		0515-0635	4 a/c. (P/O. Moubrey) on weather recon GENOA-ALESSANDRIA area, and SAVONA.	
		0900-1115	13 a/c. (P/Lt. Ipsen) on sweep over BOLOGNA-PARMA area.	
		1615-1755	16 a/c. (W/Cdr. Morris) escorted 36 B25's to attack a R/R near MONACO.	
	30th	0925-1200	13 a/c. (C/O. - S/Ldr. J. Walmisley) on fighter sweep in the CREMONA-VERONA-BOLOGNA area. 1 SM79 was damaged on the ground by P/O. Moubrey (80468). P/O. Petersen and P/O. Douglas gave chase to a JU88, but were left far behind, as they were spotted. An MU. was sprayed with cannon and m-g's. SOCIAL. Football and shooting have come into their own during the past month. Football: Scratch games between the Officers and 'B' Flight resulted in 'B' Flight winning 3-2. P/O. Douglas has been appointed Sports Officer during the absence of P/O. Coulson. Shooting: Matches between against 451 Squadron and 251 Wing were held. We lost to 451 (R.A.A.F.) Sqdn. in the first match, but P/O. Hallas put up a record score of 93%. 251 Wing lost to us, and in a return match against 451 Sqdn. we won by a margin sufficient to bring us into the lead. P/Lt. Hirst is Officer i/c. shooting. The river has proved a boon, especially after a game of soccer, and has robbed one or two more decadent members of the Squadron of the excuse of washing difficulties.	
			TOTAL OPS. FLYING HOURS 978.30 TOTAL OTHER FLYING 38.55 TOTAL FOR JUNE 1017.15	
			<i>[Signature]</i> Flight Lieutenant, Commanding, No. 237 (Rhodesia) Squadron.	39

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