

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT						
BY 257 (TERRITORIAL) SQUADRON, R.A.F.						
FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1944.						
DATE	AIRCRAFT Type & Number	CREW	DUTY	Up	Down	DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT
SPITFIRE IX (MERLIN 66).						
1.7.44	MJ 298	S/L. Walmisley, J.	Sweep - SAVONA and TURIN area.	0800	0745	10 a/c. airborne on a fighter sweep in the SAVONA-TURIN area. 2 a/c. landed at 0835 with mag. drop. An 80ft. barge was seen in the bay at ALBENGA. WEATHER: visibility very good; cloud 10/10 - 8,000ft.
	MJ 775	P/O. Rainsford, W.		0800	0745	
	MK 185	F/O. McDermott, J.				
	MJ 199	P/O. Douglas, B.		0800	0815	
	MH 981	F/O. Moubrey, D.		0800	0750	
	MK 713	F/Sgt. Hackett, J.		0800	0750	
	MJ 989	F/O. Wilson, B.		0800	0750	
	MJ 965	P/O. Barbour, F.		0800	0750	
	JF 781	F/O. Petersen, H.		0800	0750	
	MH 956	F/O. Gibbon, O.		0800	0750	
	MK 142	F/O. Miller, G.		0800	0835	
	MH 532	P/O. Aylward, H.		0800	0835	
	MK 715	F/Lt. Ipsen, P.	Escort of B26's - Railbridge N. of PISTOIA.	0930	1120	12 a/c. airborne on escort of 24 B26's attack- ing a railbridge at 0512938. FLAK: CASCIONE-PISTOIA, heavy, intense, accu- rate; SPEZIA, heavy, intense, accurate. The original target was not bombed, but the docks at SPEZIA. Hit-were seen on the quayside and buildings on the east side. WEATHER: visibility good; cloud scattered 2/10 6,000ft.
	MK 142	Sgt. Pearson, P.		0930	1120	
	MH 532	F/O. Hallas, D.		0930	1120	
	MJ 965	P/O. Musgrave, N.		0930	1120	
	MK 185	F/Lt. Paine, L.		0930	1120	
	MJ 775	P/O. Ford, W.		0930	1120	
	MH 956	F/O. McDermott, J.		0930	1120	
	MH 532	P/O. Douglas, B.		0930	1120	
	MJ 199	F/O. Gray, R.		0930	1120	
	JF 781	P/O. Sutton, P.		0930	1120	
	MK 155	F/O. M.-Eaton, H.		0930	1120	
	MH 751	F/O. Burne, A.		0930	1120	
	MK 412	S/L. Walmisley, J.	Sweep - BOLOGNA and GENOA area.	1820	2040	12 a/c. airborne on a fighter sweep in the BOLOGNA-GENOA area. 1 engine pulling 25 coaches was observed trav- elling north at 15794. WEATHER: visibility hazy; cloud on hills 10,000- 15,000ft. 6/10.
	JF 781	P/O. Sutton, P.		1820	2050	
	MH 532	F/O. Petersen, H.		1820	2050	
	MJ 775	P/O. Rainsford, W.		1820	2050	
	MK 185	F/Lt. Paine, L.		1830	2050	
	MJ 199	F/O. Douglas, B.		1830	2050	
	MK 142	F/O. Miller, G.		1825	2045	
	MK 155	P/O. Aylward, H.		1825	2045	
	MH 981	F/O. Moubrey, D.		1825	2045	
	MJ 989	F/Sgt. Hackett, J.		1825	2045	
	MH 751	F/O. Wilson, B.		1825	2045	
	MJ 965	P/O. Barbour, F.		1825	2045	

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2.7.44	SPITFIRE IX (MERLIN 66).						
	MJ 298	S/L. Walmisley, J.		1105	1310	12 a/c. on area cover for B25's attacking a fuel	
	MH 449	P/O. Douglas, B.		1105	1310	dump at OSTIGLIA. 2 a/c. landed at 1110.	
	MK 412	F/O. McDermott, J.		1105	1110	A huge column of black smoke and flames were ob-	
	MK 552	P/O. Sutton, P.	Area cover	1105	1120	served issuing from the target area.	
	MJ 775	F/O. Gray, R.	PO VALLEY	1105	1315	WEATHER: visibility 30 miles; cloud 4/10 - 12,000	
	MK 185	F/O. Gibbon, O.	and North	1105	1315	ft.	
	MK 713	F/O. Hallas, D.	of MODENA.	1105	1310	An unidentified a/c. was chased and identified as	
	MJ 981	P/O. Musgrave, N.		1105	1310	a P38.	
	MK 142	F/O. Miller, G.		1105	1310		
	MK 402	Sgt. Pearson, P.		1105	1310		
	MK 155	F/O. M.-Eaton, H.		1105	1310		
	MJ 989	F/O. Burne, A.		1105	1310		
3.7.44	MJ 298	F/Lt. Hirst, L.		1030	1300	12 a/c. airborne on a fighter sweep in the	
	JF 781	F/O. Gibbon, O.		1030	1300	BOLOGNA area.	
	MJ 775	F/O. Gray, R.		1030	1300	FLAK; heavy, moderate, accurate from LA SPEZIA;	
	MK 185	P/O. Douglas, B.		1030	1255	heavy, scant and accurate from L5020.	
	MJ 989	F/O. Burne, A.	Area cover	1030	1300	1 a/c. was slightly damaged by flak - Cat. 'A'.	
	MK 552	P/O. Sutton, P.	North of	1030	1300	20 ME109's F or G were sighted at 25,000ft. at	
	MH 981	F/O. Moubray, D.	BOLOGNA.	1030	1255	L9892, 30,000ft., 1,000yds. astern, flying N. in	
	MK 142	Sgt. Pearson, P.		1030	1115	fluid 4's and 6's. 4 a/c. of RED section jetti-	
	MK 713	F/O. Wilson, B.		1030	1255	sonned their 90-gal. tanks and went up to attack.	
	MJ 985	P/O. Barbour, F.		1030	1255	At this point the 109's formed a defensive circle.	
	MK 155	F/O. M.-Eaton, H.		1030	1255	The formation of E/A, on sighting the 4 Spits	
	MH 449	P/O. Malkch, J.		1030	1115	climbing towards them decided not to play but	
						remained in a circle, climbing. Three 109's	
					made to attack RED section, who did a turn about,		
					whereupon the 109's dived steeply towards the		
					ground.		
					RED 1 (F/O. MOUBRAY) saw two 109's 300yds. away		
					on his port side, flying line abreast. He went		
					in to attack them and they both dived down		
					steeply. RED 1 followed one of them, drawing		
					from 400 to 50 yds., giving repeated bursts with		
					cannon and machine-guns. Strikes were registered		
					all over the 109. At a height of 1,000ft. the		
					E/A. straightened out and the pilot baled out.		
					The E/A. hit the ground and disintegrated in flames		
					at (approx.) P8523. The pilot was seen to land		
					in a nearby field.		
					CLAIM: 1 ME109 F or G destroyed by F/O. D.M.		
					MOUBRAY.		

made to attack RED section, who did a turn about, whereupon the 109's dived steeply towards the ground. RED 1 (F/O. MOUBRAY) saw two 109's 500yds. away on his port side, flying line abreast. He went in to attack them and they both dived down steeply. RED 1 followed one of them, drawing from 400 to 50 yds., giving repeated bursts with cannon and machine-guns. Strikes were registered all over the 109. At a height of 1,000ft. the E/A straightened out and the pilot baled out. The E/A hit the ground and disintegrated in flames at (approx.) F8523. The pilot was seen to land in a nearby field.

CLAIM: 1 ME109 F or G destroyed by F/O. D.M. MOUBRAY.

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(7472) Wk. 24229/1650. 1800. 3/40. P.I. 51-7791.

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4.7.44	SPITFIRE IX (MERLIN 66).						
	MJ 298	S/L. Walmisley, J.		0955	1110		

in a nearby field.
CLAIM: 1 ME109 F or G destroyed by F/O. D.M.
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4.7.44	SPITFIRE IX (MERLIN 66).					
	MJ 298	S/L. Walmisley, J.		0955 1100	12 a/c. engaged on a fighter sweep. 4 a/c. re-	
	MJ 199	P/O. Rainsford, W.		1000 1050	turned early as 2 had engine and long-range	
	MH 449	F/O. Petersen, H.		0955 1100	tank trouble.	
	MK 552	P/O. Sutton, P.	Fighter	0955 1105	On reaching the Italian coast the mission had to	
	MH 553	F/O. Crook, J.	Sweep	0955 1100	be cancelled owing to bad weather.	
	MK 185	F/O. McDermott, J.	BOLOGNA	1000 1040	WEATHER: visibility good above cloud; cloud 9/10	
	MK 142	F/O. Miller, G.	Area.	0955 1105	10/10 hilltops to 50,000ft. cumulus.	
	MK 402	F/O. Malloch, J.		0955 1105		
	MH 981	F/O. Moubrey, D.		0955 1045		
	MK 155	Sgt. Pearson, P.		0955 1105		
	MH 751	F/O. Hallas, D.		0955 1055		
	MJ 965	P/O. Musgrave, N.		0955 1100		
6.7.44						
	MK 412	S/L. Walmisley, J.		0750 0945	12 a/c. airborne on escort of 18 B26's attacking	
	MH 956	F/O. Gibbon, O.		0750 0945	a railbridge at 18955.	
	MH 553	F/O. Petersen, H.		0750 0945	2 a/c. landed after 10 mins. with mag trouble.	
	MJ 199	F/O. Rainsford, B.	Bomber	0750 0945	fighters were unable to contact bombers over	
	MK 185	F/Lt. Paine, L.	Escort	0750 0950	R/T. Area cover was carried out in target area.	
	MH 449	P/O. Douglas, A.	of B26's	0750 0950	WEATHER: visibility good; HIL cloud.	
	MJ 989	F/O. Burne, A.	Railbridge	0750 0940		
	MH 552	P/O. Aylward, H.	South of	0750 0940		
	MH 751	F/O. Wilson, B.	BOLOGNA.	0750 0940		
	MK 142	P/O. Barbour, F.		0750 0805		
	MK 155	F/O. M.-Eaton, H.		0750 0940		
	MK 402	P/O. Malloch, J.		0750 0940		
	MK 412	S/L. Walmisley, J.		1200 1300	Fighter sweep GENOA-SAVONA-ALESSANDRIA. 12 a/c.	
	MH 553	P/O. Douglas, A.		1200 1300	on this operation. 2 landed at 1300 hrs. with	
	MJ 199	F/O. Gray, R.		1200 1340	engine trouble.	
	MK 552	P/O. Sutton, P.	Fighter	1200 1345	seven 150ft. schooners and seven 50ft. lighters	
	MH 956	F/O. Crook, J.	Sweep -	1200 1340	were observed in SAVONA harbour.	
	MK 185	F/O. McDermott, J.	GENOA-	1200 1345	WEATHER: visibility very good.	
	MK 142	F/O. Miller, G.	SAVONA.	1200 1340	FLAK: heavy, scant, accurate from SAVONA.	
	MK 155	P/O. Aylward, H.		1200 1340		
	MH 981	F/O. Moubrey, D.		1200 1325		
	MK 713	P/O. Barbour, F.		1200 1325		
	MH 532	F/O. Hallas, D.		1200 1340		
	MJ 989	P/O. Musgrave, N.		1200 1340		

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7.7.44	SPITFIRE IX (MERLIN 66).						
	TM, MK 449	W/Cdr. Morris, E.		1010	1200	12 a/c. airborne on escort of 18 B25's attacking a railbridge at P775608.	
	MJ 449	F/O. Petersen, H.		1010	1200	The north end of the bridge received direct hits and the railway line was cut.	
	MK 155	F/O. M.-Eaton, H.		1010	1155		
	MK 402	P/O. Malloch, J.		1010	1155	A large oil fire was seen in LEXHORN, also a fire at VIA REGGIA.	
	MK 552	S/Lt. Walmisley, J.	Bomber	1010	1150	A huge pall of smoke was seen north of PARMA.	
	MH 956	F/O. Gibbon, O.	Escort	1010	1150	At P0805 a 100ft. ship was seen at the mouth of the river VARA.	
	MJ 989	F/O. Burne, A.	B25's.	1010	1150	WEATHER: visibility 20-25 miles; cloud 3/10 - 18,000ft.	
	MK 715	Sgt. Pearson, P.		1010	1150		
	MK 412	F/Lt. Hirst, L.		1010	1155		
	MK 185	F/O. Rainsford, W.		1010	1020		
	MH 751	F/O. Wilson, B.		1010	1035		
	MJ 965	P/O. Barbour, F.		1010	1155		
8.7.44	MK 953	F/O. Crook, J.	Weather	0520	0650	4 a/c. airborne on weather recce in the BOLOGNA-PARMA-PIACENZA area.	
	MJ 449	P/O. Sutton, P.	Recce -	0520	0650	WEATHER: visibility very good; cloud dispersing.	
	MK 552	F/O. Gray, R.	BOLOGNA-	0520	0650		
	MH 956	F/O. Rainsford, W.	PARMA.	0520	0650		
	TM, MK 449	W/Cdr. Morris, E.		0955	1145	12 a/c. were airborne on escort of B26's attacking marshalling yards at NOVI-LIGURI.	
	MJ 449	F/O. Petersen, H.		0955	1145	Hits and fires were observed on target area.	
	MH 552	F/O. Hallas, D.		0955	1125		
	MH 751	P/O. Musgrave, H.		0955	1125		
	MK 412	F/Lt. Hirst, L.	Bomber	0955	1145		
	MH 553	P/O. Ford, W.	Escort	0955	1145		
	MK 185	F/Lt. Paine, L.	North of	0945	1145		
		P/O. Douglas, A.	GENOA.	0945	1145		
	MH 981	F/O. Moubrey, D.		0955	1145		
9.7.44	MJ 965	F/O. Barbour, F.		0955	1155		
	MK 142	F/O. Miller, G.		0955	1155		
	MK 155	P/O. Aylward, H.		0955	1155		
	MH 751	F/O. Wilson, B.		0505	0640	4 a/c. airborne on a weather recce in PO VALLEY.	
	MK 402	P/O. Malloch, J.	Weather	0505	0640	WEATHER: good.	
10.7.44	MJ 989	F/O. Burne, A.	Recce -	0505	0640		
	MK 155	Sgt. Pearson, P.	PO VALLEY.	0505	0640		
	TM, MK 449	W/Cdr. Morris, E.		1010	1200	12 a/c. airborne on escort of 36 B25's attacking a railbridge at (C)8355. This target was not bombed but an alternative one at P1342. Some lines of fishing boats were seen in RAPALLO 12 x 50ft.	
	MH 981	P/O. Malloch, J.	Bomber	1010	1200	and 30 x 30ft. boats in MARGHERITA. 6 boats of approx. 200ft. were seen in GENOA.	
	MH 956	F/O. Crook, J.	Escort.	1010	1200	WEATHER: visibility very good; cloud 10/10 at/	
	MK 552	P/O. Sutton, P.		1010	1200		
	MK 412	F/Lt. Hirst, L.		1010	1200		
	MJ 199	P/O. Rainsford, W.		1010	1200		
	MJ 989	F/O. Burne, A.		1010	1200		

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12.7.44	SPITFIRE IX (MERLIN 66).						
(contin)	MH 770	F/Lt. Hirst, L.		1745	2010	12 a/c. airborne on escort of 24 B26's attacking a railbridge at CREMONA.	
	MH 956	P/O. Rainsford, W.		1745	2010	2 a/c. landed at 1755, one with a stuck under-carriage, and 2 at 1900, one with engine trouble.	
	MJ 199	P/O. Gray, R.	Bomber	1735	2010	WEATHER: visibility very good; cloud 10,000-14,000ft. 3/10 cum. nimbus.	
	MJ 449	P/O. Ford, W.	Escort.	1735	2005	Direct hits were seen on the bridge and a fire on the North side of it.	
	Merlin 66					A railway bridge at CASALMAGGIORE was seen to have four spans destroyed.	
	MA 854	F/O. Crook, J.		1735	2005		
	MK 552	P/O. Sutton, P.		1735	2005		
	MH 532	F/O. Miller, G.		1735	1900		
	MK 155	P/O. Aylward, H.		1735	1900		
	MH 981	F/O. Moubrey, D.		1735	2010		
	MK 402	F/Sgt. Hackett, J.		1735	2016		
	MH 751	F/O. Wilson, B.		1735	1755		
	MJ 965	P/O. Barbour, F.		1735	1755		
13.7.44	MK 552	F/Lt. Paine, L.		0920	1140	6 a/c. airborne providing top cover to 24 B26's attacking a railbridge at K7718.	
	MH 770	F/Sgt. Taylor, L.		0920	1140	Direct hits were observed on the bridge.	
	MJ 449	F/O. Petersen, H.	Bomber	0920	1140	WEATHER: visibility very good; scattered cloud 2/10 15,000ft.	
	Merlin 66		Escort.				
	MA 854	F/O. Douglas, B.		0920	1140		
	MK 185	F/O. McDermott, J.		0920	1140		
	MK 953	F/O. Gray, R.		0920	1140		
	MK 713	F/Lt. Ipsen, P.		1000	1215	6 a/c. airborne providing top cover for 24 B26's attacking a railbridge at L5589.	
	MK 402	P/O. Malloch, J.		1000	1215	WEATHER: visibility very good; cloud 3/10, 4,000-5,000ft. cum.	
	MH 761	F/O. Hallas, D.	Bomber	1000	1215	No results of bombing were observed.	
	MH 981	P/O. Musgrave, N.	Escort.	1000	1215		
	MK 155	F/O. M.-Eaton, H.		1000	1215		
	MJ 989	F/O. Burne, A.		1000	1215		
	MH 555	F/Lt. Hirst, L.		1750	2010	12 a/c. on escort of 24 B26's attacking a rail-bridge at PIACENZA.	
	MH 956	F/O. Rainsford, W.		1750	2010	FLAK: heavy, scant and accurate from P5719.	
	MK 185	F/O. McDermott, J.		1750	2010	2 bridges were hit, one a road bridge and the other a rail bridge.	
	MJ 449	P/O. Ford, W.		1750	2010	WEATHER: visibility very good; cloud 5/10 broken 5,000ft. over sea, clear over land.	
	MK 953	F/O. Crook, J.	Bomber	1750	2010		
	MK 552	P/O. Sutton, P.	Escort.	1750	2010		
	MK 713	F/O. Miller, G.		1750	2010		
	MK 402	Sgt. Pearson, P.		1750	2010		
	MH 981	F/O. Moubrey, D.		1750	2010		
	MH 552	F/Sgt. Hackett, J.		1750	2010		
	MH 751	F/O. Wilson, B.		1750	2010		
	MJ 965	F/O. Barbour, F.		1750	2010		

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14.7.44	SPITFIRE IX (MERLIN 66).						

MH 981	F/O. Moubay, D.	1750	2010
MH 532	F/Sgt. Hackett, J.	1750	2010
MH 751	F/O. Wilson, B.	1750	2010
MH 965	F/O. Barbour, F.	1750	2010

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14.7.44	SPITFIRE IX (SERIAL 66).					
	MH 553	F/Lt. Hirst, L.		1000	1155	12 a/c. on escort of 24 B26's attacking a rail-
	MH 958	F/Sgt. Taylor, L.		1000	1155	bridge at PIACENZA.
	MK 185	F/O. McDermott, J.		1000	1155	The attacking a/c. were unable to bomb their
	MJ 449	F/O. Douglas, B.		1000	1155	target owing to bad weather.
	MK 953	F/O. Crook, J.	Bomber	1000	1155	WEATHER: visibility good; cloud 10/10 from
	MK 552	F/O. Sutton, P.	Escort.	1000	1200	mountain tops to 15,000ft. strata cumulus; some
	MK 142	F/O. Miller, G.		1000	1200	4/10 cirrus at 20,000ft.
	MK 155	F/O. Aylward, H.		1000	1205	A convoy of 50 to 60 vehicles was seen lined
	MH 981	F/O. Moubay, D.		1000	1155	up on the north and south side of VIA REGIA.
	MH 532	F/Sgt. Hackett, J.		1000	1155	
	MK 713	F/O. Wilson, B.		1000	1155	
	MJ 965	F/O. Barbour, F.		1000	1155	
15.7.44						
	MH 981	F/Lt. Ipsen, B.		0835	1020	12 a/c. airborne on escort of 24 A20's attack-
	MK 402	F/O. Malloch, J.		0835	1020	ing a munitions dump at Q656700.
	MK 142	F/O. Burne, A.		0835	1020	FLAK: heavy, intense and accurate from S. CASCIANO-
	MK 155	F/O. M.-Eaton, H.		0835	1020	LASTRA and LASTRA-PALATA, in a corridor.
	MK 185	F/Lt. Paine, L.		0835	1020	A large column of smoke was seen to rise from
	MH 553	F/Sgt. Taylor, L.	Bomber	0835	1020	the target.
	MJ 199	F/O. Gray, R.	Escort.	0835	1020	1 a/c. developed engine trouble and successfully
	MK 953	F/O. Rainsford, W.		0835	1020	landed at a landing strip near CECINA.
	MJ 449	F/O. Petersen, H.		0835	1020	WEATHER: visibility 50 miles; NIL cloud.
	MK 552	F/O. Douglas, A.		0835	1020	
	MH 532	F/O. Hallas, D.		0835	1020	
	MJ 965	F/O. Musgrave, H.		0835	1020	
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	MH 981	F/O. Moubay, D.		1020	1220	6 a/c. as top cover for 24 B26's attacking a
	MJ 989	F/Sgt. Hackett, J.		1020	1220	railbridge at K182245.
	MK 713	F/O. Wilson, B.	Bomber	1020	1220	WEATHER: strata cum. 8/10 - 10,000ft. over north-
	MH 532	Sgt. Pearson, P.	Escort.	1020	1220	ern PO VALLEY; southern area 8/10 - 8,000-
	MK 142	F/O. Miller, G.		1020	1225	10,000ft.
	MK 155	F/O. Aylward, H.		1020	1225	No bombing was observed.
	MK 552	S/L. Wainisley, J.		1050	1300	6 a/c. airborne acting as top cover for 24 B26's
	MH 770	F/Sgt. Taylor, L.		1050	1255	attacking a railbridge at K623169.
	MK 953	F/O. Crook, J.	Bomber	1055	1255	WEATHER: visibility hazy; cloud strata cum.
	MH 956	F/O. Rainsford, W.	Escort.	1055	1255	9,000-10,000ft. 9/10 north of PO VALLEY.
	MK 185	F/O. McDermott, J.		1055	1255	No bombing observed.
	MJ 199	F/O. Ford, W.		1055	1255	

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16.7.44 (contin)	SPITFIRE IX (MERLIN 66).						
	MJ 288	S/L. Walmisley, J.		1750	2010	12 a/c. airborne on escort of 24 B26's attack-	
	MK 953	P/O. Sutton, P.		1750	2010	ing a railbridge at PIACENZA.	
	MJ 449	F/O. Petersen, H.		1750	2010	WEATHER: visibility hazy; cloud 8,000ft. 4/10	
	MH 770	F/O. Gray, R.		1750	2010	Direct hits were observed on bridge; 2 spans	
	MK 185	F/Lt. Paine, L.	Bomber	1750	2010	destroyed at north end.	
	MH 553	F/O. Douglas, A.	Escort.	1750	2010		
	MJ 199	F/O. M.-Eaton, H.		1750	2010		
	MJ 989	F/O. Burne, A.		1750	2010		
	MJ 715	F/Lt. Ipsen, P.		1750	2010		
	MK 142	P/O. Malloch, J.		1750	2010		
	MH 552	F/O. Hallas, D.		1750	2010		
	MH 981	P/O. Barbour, F.		1750	2010		
17.7.44	MJ 288	S/L. Walmisley, J.		0940	1200	12 a/c. airborne on escort of 24 B26's attack-	
	MH 770	P/O. Douglas, A.		0940	1200	ing a railbridge at ASTI.	
	MK 953	F/O. Petersen, H.		0940	1200	FLAK: four bursts of heavy flak experienced	
	MK 552	P/O. Sutton, P.		0940	1200	from VARAZZE.	
	MK 412	F/Lt. Hirst, L.	Bomber	0940	1200	Direct hits were observed on the bridge.	
	MK 185	P/O. Rainsford, W.	Escort.	0940	1200	5 miles south of Asti 30 plus MET were reported.	
	MH 552	F/O. Hallas, D.		0940	1200	In SAVONA there were five ships, one of 350ft.	
	MJ 965	P/O. Musgrave, H.		0940	1200	and 1 of 50ft.	
	MK 715	F/Lt. Ipsen, P.		0940	1200	WEATHER: visibility good; cloud 3/10 - 8,000ft.	
	MK 142	P/O. Malloch, J.		0940	1200	scattered.	
	MK 155	F/O. M.-Eaton, H.		0940	1200		
	MJ 989	F/O. Burne, A.		0940	1200		
	MK 185	F/Lt. Paine, L.		1745	2000	12 a/c. airborne as escort of 24 B26's attack-	
	MK 552	F/Sgt. Taylor, L.		1745	2000	ing a bridge at ASTI.	
	MK 142	F/O. Miller, G.		1745	1810	The bombers were not contacted.	
	MH 552	F/O. Aylward, H.		1745	1810	WEATHER: visibility 15 miles. Cloud 7/10 -	
	MK 953	F/O. Crook, J.	Bomber	1745	2000	7,000ft.-12,000ft.	
	MH 770	F/O. Gray, R.	Escort.	1745	2000		
	MJ 288	F/O. McDermott, J.		1745	2000		
	MH 553	P/O. Ford, W.		1745	2000		
	MH 981	F/O. Moubay, D.		1745	2005		
	MJ 989	Sgt. Pearson, P.		1745	2005		
	MK 155	F/O. Wilson, B.		1745	2005		
	MJ 965	P/O. Barbour, F.		1745	2005		
20.7.44	TM Mk 187	W/Cdr. Morris, B.		1810	1940	12 a/c. escorting 24 Bostons attacking a fac-	
	MJ 965	P/O. Musgrave, H.	Bomber	1810	1940	tory at CARRARA.	
	MK 412	F/Lt. Hirst, L.	Escort.	1810	1940	The bombers attacked in two waves of twelve. No/	

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20.7.44	SPITFIRE IX (MERLIN 66).						

20.7.44	TM. 187	W/Odr. Morris, E.	1810	1940	12 a/c. escorting 24 Bostons attacking a fac-
	MJ 965	P/O. Musgrave, H.	1810	1940	tory at CARRARA.
	MK 412	P/Lt. Hirst, L.	1810	1940	The bombers attacked in two waves of twelve. No/

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20.7.44	SPITFIRE IX (SERIAL 56).						
(contin)	MH 553	P/O. Rainsford, J.		1810	1940	No results were observed.	
	MJ 298	S/L. Walmisley, J.		1810	1940	WEATHER: visibility 15-20 miles; cloud 3/10 at	
	MH 770	P/O. Ford, W.	Bomber	1810	1940	hilltop height.	
	MJ 199	P/O. Petersen, H.	Escort.	1810	1940		
	MK 553	P/O. Douglas, A.		1810	1940		
	MH 981	P/Lt. Ipsen, P.		1810	1940		
	MK 402	P/O. Malloch, J.		1810	1940		
	MK 185	P/O. M.-Eaton, H.		1810	1940		
	MJ 989	Sgt. Pearson, P.		1810	1940		
22.7.44							
	MK 412	S/L. Walmisley, J.		1715	1915	12 a/c. airborne providing area cover for	
	MK 552	P/O. Sutton, P.		1715	1915	18 B25's attacking a railbridge in position	
	MH 770	P/O. Gray, R.		1715	1915	O(995715).	
	MJ 449	P/O. Douglas, A.		1715	1915	THICK: heavy, intense at bombers at C(9256).	
	MK 185	P/Lt. Paine, L.	Area	1715	1915	WEATHER: visibility very good; cumulus cloud	
	MH 553	P/O. McDermott, J.	Cover.	1715	1915	2/10, 3/10 at 9,000ft.	
	MK 142	P/O. Miller, G.		1715	1915	2 craters were observed on the bridge, and there	
	MK 713	P/O. Aylward, H.		1715	1915	appeared to be a cut on the railway track,	
	MH 981	P/O. Moubrey, D.		1715	1915	100yds. s. of the bridge.	
	MJ 989	P/Sgt. Hackett, J.		1715	1915		
	MH 751	P/O. Wilson, B.		1715	1915		
	MJ 965	P/O. Barbour, F.		1715	1915		
23.7.44							
	MH 770	S/L. Walmisley, J.		0850	1015	12 a/c. escorting 24 B26's attacking a bridge	
	MK 185	P/O. McDermott, J.		0850	1015	at IMPERIA.	
	MH 981	P/O. M.-Eaton, H.		0850	1015	No bombing results were observed.	
	MK 142	Sgt. Pearson, P.		0850	1015	WEATHER: visibility good; NIL cloud.	
	MK 412	P/Lt. Hirst, L.		0850	1020	3 ships were observed in IMPERIA about 80ft.	
	MH 553	P/O. Rainsford, J.	Bomber	0850	1020	in length	
	MJ 449	P/O. Petersen, H.	Escort	0850	1020		
	MK 953	P/O. Douglas, A.		0850	1020		
	Merlin 83						
	MA 854	P/Lt. Ipsen, P.		0850	1020		
	MH 751	P/O. Malloch, J.		0850	1020		
	MH 552	P/O. Hallas, D.		0850	1020		
	MJ 965	P/O. Musgrave, H.		0850	1020		
	MK 412	P/O. Gray, R.	Standing	1205	1350	2 a/c. on standing patrol off N. coast of	
	MJ 449	P/O. Rainsford, J.	Patrol.	1205	1350	CORSICA. NIL incidents.	

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	SPITFIRE IX (MERLIN 66).							
24.7.44	MK 713	F/O. Miller, G.	Weather Recon.	0530	0720	4 a/c. on weather recon in the ALESSANDRIA-PARMA area.		
	MH 532	F/O. Aylward, H.		0630	0720	No incidents.		
	MH 989	F/O. Burne, A.		0530	0720	WEATHER: visibility 25 miles; 8/10 strato cum.		
	MJ 965	F/O. Ford, W.		0530	0720	base 13,000ft., top 15,000ft.		
	MK 412	S/L. Walmisley, J.	Bomber Escort.	0920	1110	12 a/c. airborne on escort of 24 B26's attacking a railway bridge at BOVES.		
	MK 953	F/O. Douglas, A.		0920	1110	No hits were observed on the bridge.		
	MJ 449	F/O. Petersen, H.		0920	1110	At 17845 four rows of fence fortifications and a ditch were observed.		
	MH 770	F/O. Gray, R.		0920	1110	In the harbour at VILLE-FRANCHE-SUR-MER, 20		
	MK 185	F/Lt. Paine, L.		0920	1110	plus 50ft. small boats were seen.		
	MH 553	F/O. Sutton, P.		0920	1110	1 twin-engined a/c. was seen on the landing strip		
	MH 532	F/O. Hallas, D.		0920	1110	at BAGNASCO.		
	MK 402	Sgt. Pearson, P.		0920	1110	WEATHER: visibility very good; cirrus scattered		
	Merlin 63:					22,000ft.		
	MA 854	F/O. Moubray, D.		0920	1110			
	MK 142	F/Sgt. Hackett, J.		0920	1110			
	MH 751	F/O. Wilson, B.		0920	1110			
	MK 713	F/O. Barbour, F.		0920	1110			
	26.7.44	MH 770	F/Lt. Paine, L.	Standing Patrol.	0535	0710	12 a/c. on standing patrol north of CORSICA.	
MK 953		F/O. Burrows, K.	0535		0600	At 0750 SGT. MCKENZIE, M. reported that his		
MK 713		F/Lt. Ipsen, P.	0630		0740	engine was running rough; was last heard to be		
MK 402		Sgt. Pearson, P.	0630		0740	losing height.		
MK 185		F/O. Gray, R.	0730		0900	WEATHER: visibility hazy; stratus at 10,000ft.		
MH 553		Sgt. McKenzie, M.	0730		-	6/10 to the west.		
MH 532		F/O. Hallas, D.	0820		1030			
MH 981		F/O. Aylward, H.	0820		1030			
MK 412		F/Lt. Hirst, L.	0920		1045			
MJ 449		F/O. Rainsford, J.	0920		1045			
Merlin 63:								
MA 854		F/O. Moubray, D.	1020		1205			
MK 142		F/O. H. Eaton, H.	1020		1205			
MK 412		F/Lt. Hirst, L.	0920		1045			
MJ 449		F/O. Rainsford, J.	0920		1045			
Merlin 63:								
MA 854		F/O. Moubray, D.	1020		1205			
MK 142		F/O. H. Eaton, H.	1020		1205			

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26.7.44	SPITFIRE IX (MERLIN 66).						

MK 142 F/O. W. Eaton, F.		1030	1040				
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26.7.44 (Contin)	SPITFIRE IX (MERLIN 60).						
	NH 296	S/L. Walmisley, J.		1710	1850	12 a/c. on escort of 24 B26's attacking a	
	NH 770	F/O. Rainsford, J.		1710	1850	railbridge at RONCA SCRIVIA.	
	MJ 449	F/O. Petersen, H.		1710	1755	2 a/c. landed at 1740, and 2 at 1755.	
	MK 953	F/O. Burrows, K.		1710	1755	The target was well covered.	
	MK 185	F/Lt. Paine, L.		1710	1850	WEATHER: visibility very good; cloud NIL in	
	MK 402	F/O. McDermott, J.		1710	1740	target area.	
	MK 142	F/O. Miller, G.	Bomber	1710	1850		
	Merlin 63:		Escort.				
	MA 854	P/O. Aylward, H.		1710	1740		
	MK 713	F/Lt. Ipsen, P.		1710	1850		
	MH 532	F/O. Hallas, D.		1710	1850		
MH 981	F/O. Moubray, D.		1710	1850			
MJ 989	F/O. Burne, A.		1710	1850			
27.7.44	NH 296	S/L. Walmisley, J.		1420	1610	12 a/c. on fighter sweep in the TORINO-PAVIA	
	MK 953	P/O. Douglas, A.		1425	1615	area.	
	MK 142	P/O. McDermott, J.		1425	1615	FLAK: NIL.	
	MK 552	P/O. Sutton, P.		1425	1615	WEATHER: visibility very good. Along the PO	
	MH 770	F/Lt. Hirst, L.		1425	1615	VALLEY 6/10-7/10 cumulus cloud 16,000-18,000ft.	
	MJ 449	F/O. Petersen, H.		1425	1615	In the Gulf of Genoa there was 6/10 low cloud,	
	MJ 989	F/O. Burne, A.	Fighter	1425	1615	top 6,000ft. west of Torino stretching south to	
	Merlin 63:		Sweep.			the Alps.	
	MA 854	Sgt. Pearson, P.		1425	1615	There was 8-7/10 cumulus cloud, base 18,000-	
	MK 713	F/Lt. Ipsen, P.		1425	1615	20,000ft. extending to a top of 20,000ft.	
	MH 981	P/O. Malloch, J.		1425	1615	A submarine was seen to crash-dive at P1409,	
	MH 532	F/O. Hallas, D.		1425	1615	being at first mistaken for an a/c. and later	
MK 155	F/Sgt. Mackett, J.		1425	1615	identified as a submarine.		
28.7.44	NH 296	F/Lt. Paine, L.		1640	1820	4 a/c. on a weather recce in the PAVIA-PIACENZA	
	MK 552	F/O. Burrows, K.	Weather	1640	1820	area.	
	MK 713	F/O. Burne, A.	Recce.	1640	1820	FLAK: Nil.	
	MK 142	P/O. Ford, W.		1640	1820	WEATHER: Flying north entering Gulf of GENOA,	
						there was 8/10 strato cumulus, base 13,000ft.	
						extending to top of 18,000ft. Visibility	
						10 miles.	
						Over the coast north of GENOA, 10/10 cumulus cloud.	
						There was no cloud in the PAVIA area, but thick	
						haze minimized visibility to 10 miles.	
						South of PIACENZA, thin layer of cloud at	
						10,000ft. 10/10.	
						West of ALESSANDRIA 10/10 cloud, base 12,000ft.,	
						towering to a top of 25,000ft.	58
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30.7.44	SPITFIRE IX (MERLIN 68).						
	NH 296	S/L. Walmisley, J.		1045	1230	12 a/c. on escort of 18 B26's bombing a rail-	
	MK 185	P/O. McDermott, J.		1045	1230	bridge at BISTAGNO, with 431 as an alternative.	
	MK 552	F/O. Gray, R.		1045	1230	FLAK: Over GENOA the bombers were followed by	
	MK 953	F/O. Burrows, K.		1045	1230	light and heavy, intense and accurate flak,	
	MK 412	F/Lt. Hirst, L.		1045	1230	which eventually caused them to split up their	
	MJ 189	F/O. Rainsford, J.	Bomber	1045	1230	formation.	
	Merlin 68.		Escort.			The pilots reported that RED puffs were seen to	
	MA 854	F/O. M.-Eaton, H.		1045	1230	burst with the usual black puffs of ack-ack.	
	MK 402	Sgt. Pearson, P.		1045	1230	There was no flak experienced over the target	
	MK 715	F/O. Moubrey, D.		1045	1230	area.	
	MJ 989	F/Sgt. Hackett, J.		1045	1230	WEATHER: visibility very good. Thin layer of	
	MK 142	F/O. Miller, G.		1045	1230	cloud at 20,000ft. covering 6/10. Patches of	
	MK 155	P/O. Aylward, H.		1045	1230	strato cumulus formed a lower layer at 9,000ft.	
						covering 5/10.	
						A direct hit was observed on the E. end of a	
						railbridge in POSITION (O) 6477 S-E. of ACQUI,	
						causing a 200yd. disruption of the track,	
						stretching west from the point of impact.	
						Neither BISTAGNO nor the alternative target was	
						bombed.	
31.7.44							
	MH 532	F/O. M.-Eaton, H.	Green	0545	0730	24 a/c. patrolling W. coast of CORSICA.	
	MK 142	F/O. Burne, A.		0545	0730	WEATHER: There was no change in the weather	
	MK 552	F/O. Petersen, H.	Yellow	0855	0825	conditions throughout the day, over the patrol	
	MH 770	P/O. Douglas, A.		0855	0825	area.	
	MK 713	F/O. Hallas, D.	White	0800	0920	Visibility very good, being between 35 to 40	
	MJ 989	F/O. Musgrave, N.		0800	0920	miles. There was slight haze. At 25,000ft. a	
	MK 412	P/O. McDermott, J.	Black	0905	1020	layer of cirrus cloud covered 2/10 of the sky,	
	NH 296	F/O. Burrows, K.		0905	1020	later increasing to 6/10 in the latter part of	
	(Merlin 68) MA 854	F/Lt. Ipsen, P.	Green	1000	1120	the day; 5/10 strato cumulus at 3,000ft.	
	MK 402	P/O. Malloch, J.		1000	1120	Pilots returning from patrol reported the for-	
	MK 552	F/Lt. Hirst, L.	Yellow	1100	1225	mation of heavy cloud banks, stretching from	
	MK 953	F/O. Rainsford, J.		1100	1225	1655-1845 (Black) patrol reported that the	
	MK 155	F/O. Moubrey, D.	White	1200	1325	weather had completely closed in along the	
	MH 532	F/Sgt. Hackett, J.		1200	1325	whole coast, with heavy banks of 10/10 cumulus	
	MK 185	F/Lt. Paine, L.	Black	1300	1440	and strato cumulus clouds. Base 8,000ft., with	
	NH 296	F/O. Gray, R.		1300	1440	tops varying from 17,000ft. to 25,000ft.	
	MK 142	F/O. Miller, G.	Green	1400	1425	The first light patrol (Green) were vectored	
	MH 981	P/O. Aylward, H.		1400	1425	on to a bandit at 0700 for ten minutes. No	
	MK 412	S/L. Walmisley, J.	Yellow	1500	1635	contact was made.	
	MK 187	W/Odr. Morris, E.		1500	1635	A second patrol (White) were given two vectors/	

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31.7.44	SPITFIRE IX (MERLIN 68).						
	MK 713	F/O. Wilson, E.	White	1600	1725		

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31.7.44 (Contin.)	SPITFIRE IX (BERLIN 66). MK 715 MH 532 NH 298 MK 552	P/O. Wilson, R. P/O. Ford, W. P/O. Petersen, H. P/O. Burrow, K.	White Black Standing Patrol North of CORNIC.	1600 1600 1655 1655	1725 1725 1645 1645	vectors at 0845 and 0848. Vapour clouds were seen 3,000ft. above the section, at 20,000ft. No contact was made. At 1215 (Yellow) a section returning from patrol observed condensation trails between 25,000ft and 30,000ft., 30 miles west of CALVI. The relieving section (White) were vectored at 1230, condensation trails being observed between 25,000ft. and 30,000ft., 40 miles west of CALVI. There was no incident.	

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