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For the month of APRIL 1945

DATE	AIRCRAFT Type & Number	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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1.5.45	SPITFIRE IX (Berlin 86).						
	PT 980	P/O. DOUGLAS, A.	armed	0705	0815	2 A/C on armed recon in GENOA-ALESSANDRIA area.	
	1K 339	P/Sgt. ADAMS, F.	Recon	0705	0815	Weather: 10/10 strat. cum. 800ft.; visibility 6-8 miles.	
2nd	PT 957	P/Sgt. PEARSON, R.L.	Armed	0710	0750	2 A/C on armed recon GENOA-ALESSANDRIA area.	
	1K 981	Sgt. MAXWELL, W.	Recon	0710	0745	Weather: 10/10 strat. cum. 1500-5,000ft. Visibility 6-8 miles.	
	PT 980	P/Sgt. HINDY, B.	Scramble	1115	1130	2 A/C scrambled for unidentified A/C west of Pisa. It later became a friendly. The No. 2 was ordered not to take off, over R/F.	
4th	PT 957	P/O. MUGRAVS, H.	armed	0700	0850	2 A/C on armed recon in GENOA-ALESSANDRIA area.	
	1K 981	P/O. RATHER, P.	Recon	0705	0850	3 BOMBERS 5-ton H.T. was left in flames. Last of BOMBERS 5-ton H.T. pulling a trailer was left burning furiously, and at a point just west of ALESSANDRIA another 5-ton H.T. pulling a trailer filled with drums was left in flames.	
	PT 980	S/L. SHAW, I.		1025	1150	5 A/C bombing with 500-lbs. G.I. bombs a reported ammo stores at (C) 987878.	
	PT 957	P/Sgt. PEARSON, L.		1030	1130	5 direct hits were obtained on a large building in the southern end of the target area, by 3 A/C.	
	1K 479	Sgt. MAXWELL, W.	Bombing	1030	1130	Weather, Sgt. MAXWELL and Sgt. ALLAN. The other 3 bombs fell in the target area. Grey and black smoke spread over the target and sparks and flashes were emitted from a large tower.	
	1K 416	S/L. TAYLOR, A.		1030	1130		
	1K 981	Sgt. ALLAN, J.		1030	1130		
	1K 412	P/Lt. GARNETT, J.		1255	1415	4 A/C bombing a reported petroleum refinery and depot at (K) 0145. 4 direct hits were registered on the target area. Houses of craters covered the area and target appeared derelict.	
	PT 957	Sgt. REIL, J.	Bombing	1255	1415		
	1K 635	P/O. GARNETT, B.		1255	1415		
	1K 479	P/O. RATHER, P.		1255	1415		
	PT 980	S/L. SHAW, I.		1540	1700	2 A/C bombing a stores dump at (C) 987878. All bombs fell in the undamaged area of the target, which had been previously attacked. A flash was seen and a small fire started.	
	1K 412	P/O. TAYLOR, A.		1540	1700	FLAK: light and heavy, scant and accurate from 3000 ft. level.	
	1K 635	P/Sgt. PEARSON, L.	Bombing	1540	1700		
	1K 479	Sgt. MAXWELL, W.		1540	1700		
	PT 957	P/O. MUGRAVS, H.		1540	1700		
	1K 981	Sgt. RIGAN		1540	1700		
5th	PT 980	P/Sgt. MORANT, R.	armed	0715	0805	2 A/C on armed recon in GENOA-ALESSANDRIA area.	
	PT 980	P/O. CURRIER, W.	Recon	0715	0815	4 rail box-cars were attacked and damaged north of GENOA. Last of BOMBERS 2 more rail box-cars were damaged. In the same area, 1x BOMBERS was destroyed.	

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6th	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 65) MK 625 P/O. SCARRIFF MK 412 Sgt. BELL		Armed Recon	0850 0850	0850 0850	2 A/C on armed recon in PARMA-MESSA DRYA area. At CASTEL S.G. a 150wt. H.T. was sent up in flames. At PIRONECCHIA two 150wt. H.T. were attacked: one was destroyed and the other damaged. At PONTASSIATO two 5-ton H.T. were attacked and burnt furiously. At PIACENSA two rail box-cars were destroyed. FLAK: light, scant and inaccurate experienced from SARRAVALLA.	
	MK 412 P/Lt. CARLISLE, J. MK 479 P/O. RAINIER, P. MK 961 W/O. TAYLOR, A. MK 625 Sgt. ALLAN PT 590 P/O. BURROU, E. PT 900 P/O. MAXWELL, H.		Bombing	1035 1035 1035 1035 1035 1035	1140 1140 1140 1140 1140 1140	8 A/C bombing an ammo dump at BORGO FERRARI. A dump at the far end of the target received five direct hits and the target area was left covered in grey-black smoke. The railway line was cut by one bomb-burst by P/Lt. CARLISLE. FLAK: light, moderate and inaccurate from the target area.	
	PT 957 P/O. MURRAY, H. MK 625 P/O. SCARRIFF, S. MK 961 P/Sgt. PEARSON, I. MK 479 Sgt. MAXWELL, H. PT 590 P/Sgt. BLADE, V. PT 900 P/O. AYLWARD, H.		Bombing	1230 1230 1230 1230 1230 1230	1340 1340 1340 1340 1340 1340	8 A/C bombing the road river bridge at GILAVARI-LIVAGNA. P/O. MURRAY obtained a direct hit where the bridge joins the road. P/O. AYLWARD cut the main road 50yds. from the bridge. P/O. SCARRIFF and P/Sgt. BLADE and Sgt. MAXWELL obtained near misses. FLAK: light and heavy; scant and inaccurate experienced from the target area.	
	MK 412 P/Lt. CARLISLE, J. MK 958 P/Sgt. ADZARO, P. PT 957 W/O. TAYLOR, A. MK 479 Sgt. ALLAN, J. PT 590 P/O. RAINIER, P. MK 625 Sgt. BELL, G.		Bombing	1455 1455 1455 1455 1455 1455	1605 1605 1605 1605 1605 1605	8 A/C attacking an ammo dump at BORGO FERRARI. 3 direct hits were registered on a red-roofed building at the north end of the target. A large, red flash was seen and a fire broke out. Thick, black smoke rose to 3,000ft., and as the A/C were leaving fires and smoke were increasing. FLAK: light, scant and inaccurate from the target area.	
	MK 412 P/O. MURRAY, H. MK 625 Sgt. MAXWELL, H.		Armed Recon	1700 1700	1820 1820	2 A/C on armed recon in PARMA-MESSA DRYA area. At GUSCIGLI a moving convoy consisting of three 5-ton H.T. and 3 trailers were sighted. These were attacked and 2 of the trucks sent up in flames; also one of the trailers. The other trailer overturned in a ditch, while the remaining truck was hit. Smoke from the burning mass...	

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	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 65)						

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	SPITFIRE (Landing)					mass could be seen 40 miles away. At KIDONZA 2 rail box-cars and one flak truck were damaged.	
	PT 423 MT 380	F/Sgt. LORANT, R. W/C. CORRISS, T.	Shipping	1715 1715	1815 1815	2 A/C on shipping route from SPIDIA-CENOA. All sightings.	
7th	PT 423 MT 380	F/C. SHROPS, K. F/C. PARISH, H.	Armed Recon	0800 0800	0835 0835	2 A/C on armed route in GENOA-ALSSANDRIA area. At GENOA a 5-ton M.T. with a trailer attached was sent up in flames. Between CASSINA and BISTANNO a 150wt. M.T. was damaged, and two 5-ton M.T. destroyed; at BISTANNO a 5-ton M.T. was damaged. FLAK: light, intense and accurate from CASSINA. 1 A/C was holed in port wing and top of fuselage behind cockpit. Weather: all clear; visibility 25 miles.	
	PT 582 MT 380 PT 580 MT 380	F/L. SEARD, I. F/Sgt. HURDY, B. F/C. ALLWARD, E. F/Sgt. ADAMS, F.	Recon	0845 0845 0845 0845	1100 1100 1100 1100	4 A/C bombing a barracks at (P)883951. F/L. SEARD obtained direct hit on the end of a large building, and F/C. ALLWARD and F/Sgt. ADAMS obtained direct hits on a smaller build- ing in the target area. The area was left covered in black smoke.	
	MT 415 MT 572	F/C. BRADLEY, E. F/C. RAINIER, E.	Scramble	1130 1130	1145 1145	2 A/C scrambled for unidentified A/C. No contact made. 4 A/C bombing barracks at (P)883951.	
	PT 580 MT 380 MT 380 PT 580	F/C. SHROPS, K. F/C. PARISH, H. F/Sgt. HURDY, B. F/C. CORRISS, T.	Recon	1200 1200 1200 1200	1310 1310 1310 1310	F/C. SHROPS and F/C. PARISH obtained direct hits on a large building.	
	MT 380 MT 380	F/C. ALLWARD, E. F/Sgt. SLADE, V.	Armed Recon	1405 1405	1505 1505	2 A/C on armed route in GENOA-ALSSANDRIA area. North of GENOA 2 rail box-cars were damaged and 1 railway bowser left burning. At 3. 3.30 PM a 5-ton M.T. was destroyed. FLAK: light, scant and accurate received from 3. 341/ADGK.	
	MT 339 PT 580 MT 380 PT 580	F/Sgt. HURDY, B. F/C. PARISH, H. F/Sgt. LORANT, R. W/C. CORRISS, T.	Armed Recon	1615 1615 1615 1615	1615 1615 1615 1615	4 A/C on armed route in GENOA-ALSSANDRIA-PARMA area. 1 A/C landed at 1535 hrs. with rough engine. On the road from PIACENZA to PARMA a 5-ton M.T. moving West was left on fire, and a 150wt. was damaged. On the railway between PAVIA and CASSINA 3.3. 15 loaded railway trucks and two bowers were damaged. FLAK: light, scant, inaccu- rate experienced from CASSINA.	141

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8th	SPITFIRE IX (Harpin 88)						
	NR 825	P/O. TAYLOR, A.	Armed	0700	0815	3 A/C on armed reconnaissance in ENICA-ALISSA area.	
	NR 843	Sgt. BELL, J.	Range	0700	0815	An electric engine with 5 coaches attached was attacked on the line north of ENICA. The engine stopped and was left emitting sparks and covered in smoke. Wires or structure were seen to fall from it.	
						Weather: clear along coast; 10/15 cloud over IC Valley.	
	PT 430	P/Lt. CARLISLE, J.		0800	1430	3 A/C bombing a road/river bridge at GULAVARI.	
	PT 957	Sgt. BELL, J.		0800	1430	1 A/C returned with an oil leak.	
	NR 579	P/Sgt. PEARSON, L.	Bombing	0800	1000	1 near miss was obtained by P/Lt. CARLISLE blew away part of the side. Several misses, and a direct hit by Sgt. MAXWELL were registered on an inter-connected bridge just north of the target.	
	NR 479	Sgt. MAXWELL, W.		0800	1000		
	NR 539	P/Sgt. MORGAN, R.		0800	1000		
	NR 825	P/Sgt. ADGERS, P.		0800	1000		
	NR 539	S/Lt. SHAND, I.		1205	1310	A second attack on the above bridge by 6 more A/C resulted in 4 near misses, one of the bombs causing a road cut just north of the target.	
	PT 545	P/Sgt. ADGERS, P.	Bombing	1205	1310		
	PT 957	P/O. MORGAN, R.		1205	1310		
	NR 413	P/O. RAINIER, P.		1205	1310		
	PT 480	P/O. SEAGRIFF, S.		1205	1310		
	NR 579	Sgt. ALLAN, J.		1205	1310		
	PT 980	P/O. AYLWARD, H.	Scramble	1350	1455	3 A/C scrambled for unidentified plot approaching from S-E. at 35,000ft. Chase continued to 10 miles south of ELIAT, but no contact was made.	
	PT 590	P/Sgt. SLADE, V.		1350	1455	Weather: visibility unlimited. Cloud: 5/10 cirrus at 25,000ft.	
	NR 579	P/Sgt. PEARSON, L.		1415	1535	4 A/C bombing barracks at (P)983851. W/O. TAYLOR and Sgt. BELL scored direct hits, which demolished part of the building.	
	PT 480	Sgt. MAXWELL, W.	Bombing	1415	1535	Weather: 10/10 strata cumulus cloud at 6,000ft. Visibility very hazy. One A/C burst a tyre on landing and went up on its nose.	
	PT 957	W/O. TAYLOR, A.		1415	1535		
	NR 412	Sgt. BELL, J.		1415	1535		
	PT 957	P/Lt. CARLISLE, J.		1635	1830	4 A/C on sweep in the LAKE GARDO area. On the homeward journey an 80ft. dredger was attacked on the IC south of MANTOVA. On the main road just north of MANTOVA, 2x5-ton H.T. were attacked: one loaded with drums burned furiously, suggesting petrol supplies. The other H.T. was left in flames. On the railway S. of MANTOVA 3 rail trucks were damaged.	
	NR 579	P/O. RAINIER, P.	Armed	1635	1830		
	PT 590	P/O. BURTON, E.	Recon	1635	1830		
	NR 262	P/Sgt. SLADE, V.		1635	1830		

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9th	Spitfire IX (PT 980) NH 269	P/O. AYLWARD, H. P/Sgt. ADSECO, P.	Armed Recco	0845 0845	0845 0845	2 A/C on armed recon in the PO VALLEY. A 5-ton L.T. was placed at BASILUZZO. Flick: heavy and light, intense and inaccurate experienced from CORTINA. Weather in the PO VALLEY was good, but very hazy.	
	MJ 945 MK 339 MJ 988 MJ 968	S/L. SHAND, I. P/O. MANSIE, H. P/Sgt. MURANT, R. P/Sgt. SLADE, V.	Bombing	0855 0855 0855 0855	1040 1040 1040 1040	4 A/C attacking an ammo dump at (P)872807. All bombs fell in the target area; S/L. SHAND's bomb scoring a direct hit.	
	PT 980 MJ 945 MK 339 MJ 988	P/O. AYLWARD, H. P/Sgt. ADSECO, P. P/O. MINDY, S. W/O. CORTISH, R.	Bombing	1125 1125 1125 1125	1220 1220 1220 1220	4 A/C attacking the above target. 2 bombs fell in the target area; 1 overshot and cut the road west of the target.	
	PT 980 MK 339 MJ 988 MJ 968	P/O. BURROV, K. P/O. MANSIE, H. P/Sgt. MURANT, R. P/Sgt. SLADE, V.	Bombing	1300 1300 1300 1300	1345 1345 1345 1345	4 more Spitfires bombing the same target as above (ammo dump at (P)872807). No hits were registered on this mission. 1 A/C had a hang-up on his run and jettisoned his bomb over the sea.	
	PT 590 MJ 985 MJ 958 MK 339 PT 980 MK 343	S/L. SHAND, I. P/S. MURANT, R. P/O. BURROV, K. P/O. MANSIE, H. P/O. MINDY, S. W/O. CORTISH, R.	Armed Recco	1620 1620 1620 1620 1620 1620	1815 1815 1815 1815 1815 1815	6 A/C carried out a fighter sweep - VILLAFRANCA VIGANZA area. On a side road north of CORTINA one 5-ton L.T. was damaged. At SCSETTO a 5-ton L.T. was placed, and a 15cwt. damaged. A staff car at COLONNO was left burning. On the railway west of PADERA 2 rail tracks were damaged.	
10th	MJ 679 MK 412	P/O. MINDY, S. P/Sgt. ADSECO, P.	Search	1125 1125	1345 1345	2 A/C on search for missing Mosquito. No sightings were made.	
11th	MK 412 MK 387	P/O. SEASHIEP, S. P/O. AYLWARD, P.	Shipping Recco	1040 1040	1125 1125	2 A/C on recon for destroyer in SPERIA Harbour. Destroyer seen in N.W. side of harbour, with steam up. A barge of 300ft. (possibly a flak barge) was also seen, and in the inner harbour a 300ft. L.V. was reported. 10 barges were also observed in the N.E. end. Weather: S/W strato cum. at 500ft. Visibility 20 miles.	
	MK 335 MK 478	P/O. SEASHIEP, S. P/O. MANSIE, P.	Scramble	1635 1635	1720 1730	2 Spitfires scrambled for unidentified photo interception proved successful and F47's were intercepted over TISA aerodrome.	122

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13th	SPITFIRE IX (Portin 66) PT 857 P/Lt. CARLYLE, J. MJ 579 P/O. RAINIER, P.		Shipping Recon	1015 1015	1140 1140	A shipping recon - SPITFIRE - PORTIN carried out by 2 Spitfires. The hull of a submarine was seen in outer harbour; also two 200-250ft. coasters were seen inside the outer mole. The pilots reported much activity of tugs towing barges in 3rd.	
	NR 419 W/O. TAYLOR, A. NH 267 Sgt. BELL, G.		Scramble	1635 1635	1630 1630	2 A/C scrambled over LEIGH at 15,000ft. for unidentified A/C. There was no incident.	
14th	MJ 579 P/O. PEARSON, P. MK 895 Sgt. ALLAN, J.		Armed Recon	0640 0640	0630 0630	2 A/C on good weather recon of the PIAZZA-MILAN area. At CODOGNO a 5-ton L.T. was flamed and destroyed. A Volkswagen with 2 officers in it was attacked and burnt furiously. North of LODI a 5-ton L.T. moving south was set on fire and burnt out; in the same place a lorry towing a trailer was also set alight. South of LODI three 3-ton L.T. were damaged, plus a 10-ton truck towing a trailer. At MELICIANO a staff car was destroyed, and at SINACCO a 15cwt. was damaged. Flak: light, scant and inaccurate from LODI. Weather: Patches of stratus at 3,500ft., with visibility being unlimited.	
	NH 388 S/L. SHAND, I. MJ 845 P/Sgt. SHANE, V. NH 267 P/O. MCGRAW, N. NR 479 P/O. RAINIER, P.		Bombing	1020 1020 1020 1020	1140 1140 1140 1140	4 A/C bombing a railway bridge at (K)889501. A direct hit by P/O. MCGRAW and 2 near misses were obtained. At (K)7718 stakes were observed in the water, suggesting a likely pontoon bridge for use at night.	
	NR 835 P/Lt. CARLYLE, J. NR 479 Sgt. MAXWELL, R. MJ 845 W/O. TAYLOR, A. MJ 579 Sgt. BELL, G.		Bombing	1335 1335 1335 1335	1555 1555 1555 1555	4 Spit-bombers carried out a second mission to the above target. Bombs dropped by W/O. TAYLOR and Sgt. MAXWELL scored direct hits on west end of bridge. P/Lt. CARLYLE had a hang-up and jettisoned his bomb.	
	MJ 579 P/O. PEARSON, P. NH 267 P/O. SEARLES, S. MJ 845 P/O. RAINIER, P.		Bombing	1445 1445 1445	1800 1800 1800	3 more A/C continued to bomb the above bridge. All obtained near misses on the target. When A/C left the west end of the bridge appeared to be sagging.	

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14th	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 60) MJ 579	P/O. MURRAY, N. Sgt. MAXWELL, W.	Armed Recon	1845	1830	2 A/C carried out an armed recon in the MILAN area. At SORDANO, moving west, a 10-ton M.T. and trailer were flamed, and at LODI, moving south a 10-ton M.T. with an articulator attached was damaged. FLAK: light, scant and accurate experienced from LODI. 1 A/C received a small hole in the tail-plane.	
				1845	1830		
15th	PT 960 PT 468	P/O. BURROW, K. P/O. DUNSTON, W.	Armed Recon	1530	1525	2 A/C on armed recon PIAZZA - MILAN area. South of PAVIA a 10-ton M.T. towing 3 trailers was attacked and left burning, and black smoke was seen at 1500ft. rising from this vehicle. Further along the road, two light M.T. were left burning, and also a 3-ton M.T. moving into LODI was destroyed. Both A/C landed at FISA for refuelling before returning to base.	
				1530	1525		
	PT 580 PT 425	S/L. SHAND, I. P/Sgt. ADS220, P.	Bombing	1430	1555	4 A/C bombing a railbridge at GENOVALE. S/L. SHAND'S bomb burst on the railway line 10 yards north of the bridge: the line was cut here. 3 near misses were also seen, off the bridge.	
				1430	1555		
	MH 269 PT 425	P/O. AYLWARD, H. W/O. SLADE, V.	Bombing	1845	1800	Attack on the railbridge at GENOVALE being continued by 4 Spitfires. Bombs overshot and 3 direct hits by P/O. MUNDY and W/O. CORNISH were made on the roadbridge. WEATHER: very hazy; visibility 2 miles.	
				1845	1800		
16th	MH 535 MJ 579	P/O. SEABRIER, E. Sgt. REIL, G.	Armed Recon	1000	1140	2 A/C on armed recon in the MILAN area. At SORDANO 10 loaded goods trucks were attacked and 3 were left burning, with others catching alight. West of MAGGIORE a 3-ton M.T. was left flaming. FLAK: light, intense and accurate experienced from SORDANO. 1 A/C was hit in the port wing.	
				1000	1140		
	PT 857 PT 854	P/O. MURRAY, N. P/O. RAINIER, P.	Bombing	1335	1340	4 A/C bombing a railbridge at (K)482175. This bridge was found to be unserviceable, and so a roadbridge at (K)520170 was attacked instead, and 3 direct hits by P/O. RAINIER and Sgt. MAXWELL were achieved.	
				1335	1340		
	MH 269 PT 443	P/O. PEARSON, P. Sgt. MAXWELL, W.		1335	1340		
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16th	SPITFIRE (W/Lin 88)						
	PT 980	P/O. AYLMARD, H.	Escorting a	1330	1510	2 A/C escorting a Walrus on mine spotting off	
	MJ 958	W/O. SLADE, V.	Walrus on	1330	1510	VIAREGGIO. Nil incident.	
			mine spotting.				
	MK 339	P/O. BURROW, K.	A-S. Rescue.	1520	1805	2 A/C in search of a raft west of GENOVA.	
	MH 269	P/O. MANSSELL, N.		1530	1805	Nil sightings.	
	MH 297	P/Lt. CARLYLE, J.	Bombing	1530	1855	4 A/C bombing a railbridge at (K)492292.	
	PT 957	Sgt. BEIL, S.		1530	1855	Sgt. BEIL registered a direct hit on the target.	
	PL 443	W/O. TAYLOR, A.		1530	1855	The other 3 obtained near misses.	
	PT 590	Sgt. ALLAN, J.		1530	1855	Flak: light, intense and accurate experienced from GENOVA. A 5-ton M.T. facing north was damaged at GENOVA.	
	PT 468	P/O. MURDY, B.	Armed	1630	1805	2 A/C on armed recon in the MILAN area.	
	MJ 958	W/O. CORNISH, R.	Recon	1630	1805	At BIASCO a loaded 5-ton M.T. moving south was damaged. At COSTEVEA a 5-ton M.T. was also damaged. A railway engine with light goods trucks attached was attacked at GAGLIANO and left with smoke pouring from it. Further along the railway line 3 loaded trucks were damaged.	
						Flak: light, scant and inaccurate from CORICO.	
	17th						
	PT 423	P/O. BURROW, K.	Armed Recon	0840	0825	4 A/C carried out an armed recon in the MILAN area. Bad weather hampered this mission.	
	MJ 985	Sgt. BERNIE, J.		0840	0825	WEATHER: 10/10 strato-cumulus cloud at 4,000ft. Fog and haze brought visibility down to less than half-a-mile.	
	PT 468	P/O. AYLMARD, H.		0840	0825		
	MJ 958	W/O. CORNISH, R.		0840	0825		
	PT 957	P/O. HUGHES, W.	Scramble	0945	1015	3 A/C scrambled for unidentified A/C. Section	
	MJ 865	Sgt. BEIL, S.		0945	1015	ordered to land when plots became friendly.	
	PT 423	P/O. AYLMARD, H.	Armed Recon	1045	1040	2 A/C on armed recon in MILAN area.	
	PT 468	W/O. SLADE, V.		1045	1040	At CASALEMONE a 5-ton M.T. moving north was destroyed. And at BORGO VERE a 15cwt. M.T. was damaged. At QUINTO 4 rail box-cars were damaged.	
						WEATHER: 3/10 strato-cumulus 3000-4000ft.	
	MJ 985	S/Lt. SHAND, I.	Bombing	1145	1310	3 A/C bombing a railbridge at VOFIERA. S/Lt.	
	MJ 945	Sgt. BERNIE, M.		1145	1310	SHAND, carrying 2 x 250-lbs. G.P. bombs, obtained	
	MJ 958	P/O. BURROW, K.		1145	1310	very near misses with his bombs. P/O. BURROW	
	MH 269	P/O. MANSSELL, N.		1145	1310	also registered a very near miss: his bomb cut	
	MK 339	P/O. MURDY, B.		1145	1310	the railway line on south side of the target.	
	PT 590	P/Sgt. ADSARO, P.		1145	1310	Flak: light, scant, inaccurate from target area.	

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18th	SPITFIRE IX (Berlin 80)						
	PT 550	S/L. SHAW, I.		1400	1530	1 w/c attacking a railway bridge at FIMENZA.	
	PT 438	Sgt. SMITH, J.	Bombing	1400	1530	1 w/c. SHAW scored a direct hit on the bridge, blowing up 2 of the bridge's 4 spans. The railway line was hit by S/L. SHAW's bomb, which blew the embankment on which the railway was built.	
	PT 550	P/O. DOUGLAS, A.		1400	1530	Weather: visibility 20 miles; cloud: scattered streak clouds at 20,000ft.	
	PT 557	P/O. PEARSON, F.	Shipping	1520	1620	2 w/c on shipping route GENOA - GENOA.	
	PT 557	Sgt. ALLAN, J.	Recon	1520	1620	No sightings.	
	PT 555	P/O. BURTON, R.	Recon	1520	1620	2 w/c on armed recon in the NIZZA-TORIA-ITALIA area. At GENOA a 1500t. L.T. was destroyed, and again at NINASCIO another 1500t. was sent up in flames.	
	PT 555	P/O. HARRIS, E.	Recon	1520	1620	Flight: light, smooth and accurate experienced from ROMA. Weather: visibility heavy - 15 miles.	
20th	PT 557	P/O. DUNN, W.	Recon	0655	0725	2 w/c on armed recon in the TURIN area.	
	PT 557	P/O. SHAW, E.	Recon	0655	0725	At NINASCIO a 3-ton L.T. was flamed.	
	PT 443	P/O. TAYLOR, A.		0655	1105	Weather: cloud over hills: visibility 15 miles.	
	PT 555	Sgt. SMITH, J.	Bombing	0655	1105	2 w/c bombing a railway bridge at TORONA.	
	PT 555	Sgt. SMITH, J.		0655	1105	1 w/c. TAYLOR hit a large building east of the target, and a big flash was seen. The road east of the bridge was cut by Sgt. SMITH, with Sgt. SMITH disrupting the rail line just before the bridge.	
	PT 557	P/O. CARLISLE, J.		1130	1245		
	PT 557	P/O. DUNN, W.	Bombing	1130	1245	2 w/c bombing a railway bridge at BRUDI.	
	PT 557	P/O. RAINIER, P.		1130	1245	1 w/c. PEARSON and Sgt. HARRIS both obtained direct hits on the target, causing dust to rise to 2,000ft. 2 other bombs registered very near misses, one cutting the rail track east of the bridge, whilst the other cut the road to the left of the target.	
	PT 555	Sgt. MAXWELL, W.		1130	1245		
	PT 557	S/L. SHAW, I.		1400	1530	2 w/c bombing a rail river bridge at TORONA.	
	PT 555	P/O. SHAW, E.	Bombing	1400	1530	and other also was obtained.	
	PT 443	P/O. TAYLOR, A.		1400	1530		
	PT 555	Sgt. SMITH, J.		1400	1530		

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20th	Spitfire IX (Berlin 66)						
	PT 880	P/O. DOUGLAS, A.	Search	1430	1845	2 A/C on recon. for rafts and bodies; course 300° - 40 miles. A number of bodies and rafts were seen in the water. A salrus was also in the vicinity, patrolling.	
	PT 900	Sgt. BENNIS, J.		1430	1845		
	PT 907	P/O. CARLIS, J.		1910	1835	4 A/C on armed recon in the PIACENZA - MILAN area.	
	ME 572	Sgt. BULL, G.	Armed	1840	1835	On a side road near LODI a staff car was destroyed and fell over an embankment.	
	ME 585	P/O. PEARSON, P.	Recon	1840	1835	At LEGNANO 3 petrol bowlers were flamed and a 15cwt. damaged at GALLIANO, with a second 15cwt. being also damaged at GALLIANO.	
	NH 981	Sgt. HAZELL, W.		1840	1835	A dump of buses and boxes was left smoldering east of LEGNANO.	
						West of CRANICA a staff car was damaged, and at CASALPISTERLINGO a 3-ton M.T. was destroyed.	
21st.	PT 438	P/O. AYWARD, H.	Armed	0815	0830	South of LODI a 5-ton M.T. burst into flames, and at GALLIANO another 3-ton M.T. was destroyed.	
	ME 985	P/O. SLADE, V.	Recon	0815	0830	At LODI 2 25-ton M.T. were damaged.	
						Claims: 3 M.T. destroyed; 3 M.T. and 1 trailer damaged; 1 stores dump left smoldering.	
						The bridge attacked previously at BRICCI was observed to be destroyed.	
	PT 438	P/O. DOUGLAS, A.		0945	1110	2 A/C on armed recon in ALESSANDRIA - MILAN area.	
	PT 960	P/O. CORRISE, R.	Bombing	0945	1110	At CIVASCO a 10-ton M.T. with a loaded trailer attached, moving towards VERCELLI, was attacked and left burning. At VERCELLI a 15cwt. moving south was destroyed, and at MORTARA 2 15cwt. were damaged.	
	PT 660	P/O. MURPHY, E.		0945	1110	WEATHER: 10/10 cloud from 4,000-8,000ft. and over the hills north of GENOA.	
	ME 858	P/Sgt. ADSERO, P.		0945	1110	4 A/C bombing a railway bridge at CASALPISTERLINGO.	
	ME 845	P/O. BURROW, K.	Armed	1055	1150	4 near misses were achieved. One of the bomb explosions cut the rails north of the bridge.	
	NH 289	P/O. HANESILL, E.	Recon	1055	1150	explosions cut the rails north of the bridge.	
						WEATHER: nil cloud; but hazy over target area.	
						2 A/C on armed weather recon - SAVONA - ALESSANDRIA - PIACENZA area.	
	PT 580	P/O. SHARP, J.				WEATHER: clear in PO VALLEY; cloud over hills north of GENOA.	

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21st.	SPITFIRE IX (Berlin GG)							
	PT 690	S/L. SHAND, I.	Bombing	1815	1845	6 A/C bombing railbridge at CASTELFIDARTE (LUGO).		
	PT 980	Sgt. BERNIE, J.		1815	1845	Six near misses were achieved, one bomb cutting the road south of the bridge.		
	MJ 988	P/O. HERRICK, T.		1815	1845	It was observed that a bridge over the PO, north of Piacenza, was serviceable.		
	MJ 985	P/O. MANSSELL, N.		1815	1845	3 lines of freight trucks were seen at CODOGNO.		
	MH 267	P/O. BERNIERI, B.		1815	1845			
		MJ 579	P/O. RAINIER, F.					
		PT 980	P/O. AYLMER, H.	Bombing	1840	1810	6 A/C bombing the above railbridge (at CASTELFIDARTE). 4 near misses and a road cut were registered.	
		MJ 988	P/O. SLADE, V.		1840	1810	2 of the A/C had hang-ups.	
		MJ 985	P/O. MURPHY, B.		1840	1810		
		MJ 945	P/Sgt. ADAMS, P.		1840	1805		
		MJ 579	P/O. PARSONS, P.		1840	1805		
		MH 267	Sgt. ALLAN, J.	1840	1805			
	PT 580	S/L. SHAND, I.	Armed Recon	1840	1835	4 A/C on an armed recon Piacenza - MILAN area.		
	PT 480	Sgt. BERNIE, J.		1840	1835	At S. ANGELO a 150wt. M.T. travelling north was flamed, and at LADI a stationary trailer loaded with drums was destroyed, with a 150wt. M.T. damaged. A staff car travelling towards PAVIA from the east was left burning, and at CURTICO a 3-ton M.T. with trailer loaded with cylinders was left on fire. Flashes were seen coming from the trailer. At the same place a 150wt. was damaged.		
	PT 420	P/O. BIRCH, E.		1840	1830	On a canal parallel to the road south from Binasco two 40-80ft. barges were damaged. Flak: small arms fire from the road south of PIGNOLA.		
	MH 265	P/O. MANSSELL, N.		1840	1830			
22nd.								
	MH 267	P/O. TAYLOR, A.	Armed Recon	0815	0830	8 A/C on armed recon in VARAZZE - PAVIA area.		
	MJ 579	Sgt. ALLAN, J.		0815	0850	At CASALE a petrol bowser was sent up in flames, and at CASALMONTE a 6-ton M.T. moving south was left smoking. A 10-ton M.T. with trailer was destroyed near AGGI, with a 3-ton M.T. damaged at the same place.		

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32nd	SPITFIRE (Merlin 63)						
	MJ 983	P/O. MUNDY, B.	Shipping	1110	1240	3 A/C on shipping recon from SPERZA to SAVONA. Mines were sighted between 44°17'N - 09°12'E and 44°17'N - 08°05'E. Also a large patch was seen 5 miles south of C. PORTOFINO.	
	MH 289	P/Sgt. ADSEHO, P.	Recon	1110	1240		
	MK 572	P/Lt. CARLYLE, J.		1300	1515	4 A/C attacking rolling stock at GORGONA.	
	FL 443	Sgt. BELL, G.	Bombing	1300	1515	All bombs fell in target area, causing three cuts to the railway line: also destroying and damaging some of the trucks in the yard.	
	PT 957	P/O. MUSGRAVE, H.		1300	1515	S/O. SHARPLEY obtained a direct hit on a building to the left of the railway and it collapsed.	
	MJ 585	P/O. SHARPLEY, H.		1300	1515		
	MK 625	P/O. PEARSON, P.		1355	1510	4 A/C bombing a factory at VARAZES.	
	MJ 579	Sgt. MAXWELL, W.	Bombing	1355	1510	W/O. TAYLOR obtained a direct hit, causing the destruction of 3 buildings on the east side of the target. P/O. KIMMER's bomb registered a direct hit on a factory. A bridge to the north of the target was hit by Sgt. MAXWELL.	
	MH 287	W/O. TAYLOR, A.		1355	1510	W/O. TAYLOR's bomb registered a direct hit on a factory. A bridge to the north of the target was hit by Sgt. MAXWELL.	
	MH 981	P/O. KIMMER, P.		1355	1510	W/O. TAYLOR's bomb registered a direct hit on a factory. A bridge to the north of the target was hit by Sgt. MAXWELL.	
	MJ 983	P/O. AYLWARD, H.	Scramble	1535	1545	2 A/C scrambled to cover a ship in difficulties off GORGONA Island. Section was ordered to land immediately on take-off.	
	MH 289	W/O. CORNISH, R.		1535	1545		
	MK 572	P/Lt. CARLYLE, J.		1815	1820	4 A/C on armed recon in the MILAN area.	
	FL 443	Sgt. BELL, G.	Recon	1815	1820	between LEGNANO and MILAN four 5-ton M.T., one 15cwt. and a staff car were all destroyed.	
	PT 957	P/O. MUSGRAVE, H.	Recon	1815	1820	At LEGNANO a 5-ton M.T. was flamed, and further west an unarmoured car was also flamed. At PAVIA travelling east two 15cwt. were attacked: one rolled over a bank and was destroyed, the other being damaged. At CASALEPUSSATE a 5-ton M.T. was flamed and another damaged. A 15cwt. was destroyed at LODI VECCHIO, with 2 other flammings at LEGNANO, one 15cwt. and one 5-tonner. At GALLIANO two 15cwt. were flamed and a 5-ton M.T. with trailers and a 15cwt. M.T. were damaged. At TREVIGLIO 200 plus railwagons were observed in the marshalling yards. These were attacked: one was destroyed and strikes were observed on others. 3 flak wagons (Brenner...	
	MJ 585	P/O. SHARPLEY, H.		1815	1820		

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28nd	Spitfire IX (Merlin 83)					(Brenner typ.) opened fire; one was attacked and shot at. 1 stationary electric engine was also destroyed. W/L: light, intense and accurate at TRIVIGLIO from 15,000ft; heavy, moderate and accurate from 10,000ft.	
25nd	NJ 885 MH 889	P/O. MUNDY, B. P/Sgt. ADSENO, P.	armed recon	0800 0800	0830 0830	3 A/C on armed recon: PIACENZA - MILAN area. East of PIACENZA a 5-ton P.T. moving east was destroyed; to the west of PIACENZA 5 rail trucks were damaged. At CASTEL S.O. a 5-ton P.T. moving west was destroyed; a second 5-ton P.T. was also destroyed at Binasco.	
	NJ 885 PT 488 MK 888 MH 886	P/O. DOUGLAS, A. W/O. GOWIE, R. P/O. AYLMER, H. W/O. SLADE, V.	Bombing	0850 0850 0850 0850	1055 1030 1100 1100	4 A/C bombing a marshalling yard at COCCOGLIO. Bombs dropped by P/O. AYLMER and W/O. SLADE fell in the middle of a line of trucks and blew the railway lines.	
	NJ 885 PT 887	P/O. BARNWELL, E. P/O. RAINIER, P.	weather recon	0855 0855	1105 1100	3 A/C on weather recon to VAREZE. Weather: heavy, all cloud.	
	NJ 885 MH 882 NJ 885 PT 488 NJ 879 MH 881	P/O. BARNWELL, E. P/O. HANSELL, H. P/O. MUNDY, B. Sgt. BARNES, J. P/O. FARRIS, P. Sgt. BELL, P.	Bombing	1140 1140 1140 1140 1140 1140	1500 1500 1500 1500 1500 1500	5 A/C bombing a factory at VAREZE. P/O. BARNWELL carrying three bombs (1 x 500-lbs. and 2 x 250-lbs.) scored a direct hit on a power house in the north end of target and destroyed the building. Sgt. BARNES scored a hit on the southern wall of the factory. W/L: light, intense and inaccurate experienced. Weather: visibility heavy up to 7000ft.	
	NJ 885 PT 887	P/O. BARNWELL, E. P/O. RAINIER, P.	Shipping recon	1805 1805	1830 1830	3 A/C on shipping recon off SPESIA. Nil sightings.	
	NJ 885 NJ 885 PT 488 NJ 885 MH 881 MK 885	P/O. AYLMER, H. W/O. SLADE, V. P/O. DOUGLAS, A. P/Sgt. ADSENO, P. P/O. HUSKINS, H. Sgt. MAXWELL, J.	Bombing	1435 1435 1435 1435 1435 1435	1830 1800 1815 1805 1800 1805	3 A/C bombing a bridge at CASALEMAGGIO. Sgt. MAXWELL obtained a direct hit on a road/rail bridge. The railway line south of the bridge was hit by 5 bombs and 2 near misses obtained. One A/C returned with engine trouble and had to jettison his bomb. Weather: 10/10 cloud at 8,000ft. - heavy up to 11,000ft.	147

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23rd	SITTING UP (Berlin 30)						
	WJ 963	P/O. BURROW, E.		1850	1850	4 A/C on armed recon: FLORENZA - MILAN area.	
	WH 809	P/O. MANSBELL, N.	armed	1850	1850	Scouts of LODI a 15cwt. M.T. travelling north	
	PT 468	P/O. AYLDWARD, H.	Recon	1850	1846	was flamed, and at S. ANGIOLO another 15cwt. was	
	WJ 968	P/O. CORNISH, R.		1855	1846	destroyed. At the same place a 15cwt. was	
						attacked and rolled over a bank. A horse and	
						cart, also at S. ANGIOLO, were attacked and the	
						cart was seen to explode and go up in a sheet	
						of flame. At MANTUA two 3-ton M.T. were des-	
						troyed. Next of CORSAVILLA a 5-ton M.T. with	
						trailer was flamed, and on the road to ROVERA	
						from the east, a 5-ton M.T. with trailer and a	
						15cwt. were damaged. Another 3-ton M.T. with	
						trailer was destroyed at MORTARA.	
						FLAK: heavy and light, scant and accurate was	
						experienced from BERGATE. One A/C was hit in	
						both radiators and, with his No. 2, landed at	
						FISA.	
	WJ 965	P/O. SEAGRIFF, S.	Scramble	1515	1550	2 A/C scrambled for unidentified track, which	
	PT 967	P/O. RAINIER, P.		1515	1530	became friendly.	
24th	WJ 965	P/O. PEARSON, P.	Armed	0600		2 A/C on armed recon in FLORENZA - MILAN area.	
	PL 443	P/O. RAINIER, P.	Recon	0600	0730	At CASALBUTICANO an engine with 15 coaches and	
						3 petrol tankers attached was attacked and	
						strikes observed. 1 A/C fire was experienced	
						from the train. On the return journey the engine	
						of one A/C (P/O. PEARSON, P.) cut and did not	
						re-ignite. The pilot successfully force-landed at	
						0650/A hrs. in Position 44° 07' N 10° 05' E. He	
						called up over his R/T to say that he was get-	
						ting away.	
	MX 572	P/Lt. CARLIS, J.	Bombing	0940	1100	4 A/C bombing rolling stock at FIDENZA. All	
	MX 825	Sgt. BELL, G.		0940	1100	bombs fell in the target area. A large build-	
	WH 887	P/O. TAYLOR, A.		0940	1100	ing was hit and rails cut by bombs dropped by	
	WH 981	Sgt. ALLAN, J.		0940	1100	P/Lt. CARLIS and Sgt. BELL. The area was	
						afterwards strafed and 3 engines were damaged.	
						Fires were also seen to break out amongst the	
						trucks.	
	PT 967	P/O. HUGHES, N.		1150	1230		

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24th	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 86)						
	PT 957	P/O. MUSHAVE, H.	Bombing	1155	1235	4 A/C bombing railbridges between ISOLA and GERRAVALLI. The main railbridge had already been cut, so the road riverbridge at ARQUATE was attacked. P/O. MUSHAVE registered a direct hit in the centre of this bridge. A second bomb, dropped by P/O. MUSHAVE, cut the road just south of the bridge.	
	PL 443	P/O. RAINIER, P.		1155	1230		
	MK 886	P/O. MASHLEY, S.		1155	1230		
	MH 267	Sgt. ALLAN, J.		1155	1230		

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25th	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 60)	S/L. SHAND, I. W/O. SLADE, V. P/O. KUNDY, B. P/Sgt. ADSEHO, P.	Bombing	0830	0740	4 A/C bombing road/river bridge at ARQUATA.	
				0830	1050	3 direct hits were registered by S/L. SHAND on the west end approach to the bridge, and a	
				0930	1050	further direct hit by P/Sgt. ADSEHO on the east	
				0830	1030	end.	
	MK 389	S/L. SHAND, I. Sgt. BENNIE, J. W/O. BURROW, K. W/O. SLADE, V.	Bombing	1425	1550	4 A/C bombing stores buildings at PIZZIGOTTONE.	
				1425	1550	All bombs fell in the target area. One building	
				1425	1550	in the S-E corner was partially demolished. The	
				1425	1550	buildings had been hit before and were partially	
	PL 443	F/O. MUGRAVE, N. Sgt. MAXWELL, J.	Scramble	1450	1520	at (E)7801, between the road and railway, several	
				1450	1520	gas containers were observed. At (E)8008 a	
						factory on the S-E side of the town was observed.	
	PT 980	P/O. AYLWARD, R. W/O. CORNISH, W. P/O. MUNDY, B. Sgt. BENNIE, J.	Armed Recon	1640	1755	2 A/C scrambled for unidentified A/C. No con-	
				1640	1755	tact made.	
				1640	1755	4 A/C on armed recon in PO VALLEY.	
				1640	1905	3 A/C returned early, one with contact heel in	
26th	PL 443	W/O. TAYLOR, A. Sgt. ALLAN, J.	Armed Recon	0615	0805	magazine broken.	
				0615	0805	West of ALESSANDRIA a 5-ton M.T. was destroyed,	
						and at PIAVE GO a 5-ton M.T. was flamed and	
						a steel car damaged. 5 miles west of PAVIA a	
	MK 389	Sgt. BENNIE, J.	Armed Recon	1640	1905	5-ton M.T. was flamed, with another left burning	
						at TRAVIGLIO.	
						FLAR: light, intense and accurate from	
						ALESSANDRIA; light, scout and accurate also	
	PL 443	W/O. TAYLOR, A. Sgt. ALLAN, J.	Armed Recon	0615	0805	experienced from PIAVE GO.	
				0615	0805	2 Spitfires carried out an armed weather recon:	
						ALESSANDRIA - MILAN area. Bad weather hampered	
						this mission.	
	MK 389	Sgt. BENNIE, J.	Armed Recon	1700	1830	Weather: 9/10 cirrus cloud at 20,000ft., with	
				1700	1830	a bottom layer of 10/10 stratus base 8,000ft.,	
				1700	1830	tops 18,000ft. Visibility above clouds: unlim-	
				1700	1830	ited; in between the cloud layers 10 miles,	
28th	MK 389	Sgt. BENNIE, J.	Armed Recon	1700	1830	and in cloud nil.	
				1700	1830	4 A/C on armed recon in PIACENZA - MILAN area.	
				1700	1830	South of LODI a loaded 5-ton M.T. destroyed. At...	

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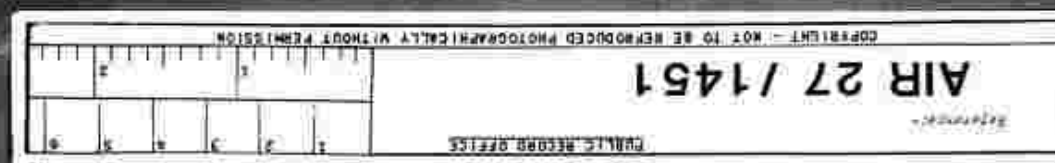
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(28th) (contin.)	SPITFIRE IX (Berlin 68) PL 445	P/O. RAINIER, P.				At 3.40.510 a 16wt. M.T. was sent up in flames, with another staff car being blown up at SINASCO. Moving east, south of SINASCO, a 16wt. was also destroyed. A second staff car with a 3-tonner towing a trailer were both destroyed, at SAGLIANO. West of MONTEALI a 3-ton M.T. moving N-E was flamed. FLAK: light, scant and inaccurate from LODI. Weather: S/10 strato cumulus tops 12,000ft. over hills. In the PO VALLEY scattered strato cumulus 2,000ft. covering S/10.	
29th	PT 590 MF 983	P/O. ARTHUR, H. P/O. SLADE, V.	Armed recce	0815 0815	0815 0815	2 A/C carried out an armed recce from PIACENZA to MILAN and covering that area. South of LODI a 10-ton M.T. travelling South was attacked and destroyed. At BIELLESE a staff car with an escort vehicle was attacked. The staff car was burning when it was left; the escort vehicle was damaged. North of SINASCO a 3-ton M.T. was destroyed, and yet another 3-tonner flamed. FLAK: light, moderate, accurate from 2 flak wagons at VOGHERA.	
	PT 980 MH 289 MK 339	P/O. BURROW, E. P/O. MANSFIELD, E. P/O. HUNDY, S.	Bombing	0955 0955 0955	1115 1115 1115	3 Spitfires bombed a road/river bridge at ARQUATA. 9 near misses were observed.	
	PT 980 PT 590 MK 349 LF 579 MF 258	P/O. AYLMER, H. P/O. SLADE, V. P/O. SEACREST, S. P/O. RAINIER, P. P/Sgt. ALBERT, F.	Bombing	1155 1155 1155 1155 1155	- 1315 1315 1315 1315	6 A/C bombing a stores depot at PIZZIGETTON. 3 buildings in the northern end of the target area received direct hits by P/O. SLADE, P/O. RAINIER and P/O. SEACREST. There was a red flash and red smoke was seen to rise above 1000ft. FLAK: light, scant and accurate from target area. P/O. Aylmer's A/C received a direct hit whilst he was in his bombing dive, at 8,000ft. His bomb exploded and the A/C disintegrated in a sheet of flame. No parachute was seen to open. Bits of the A/C fell into the target area.	

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(29th)	MK 358	F/O. BURROW, K.		1450	1620	6 A/C again attacked the FIZZIESTRONE stores. F/O. BURROW scored a direct hit on a building in the northern end of the target. Other bombs also fell in the target area. The stores were left covered in dust.	
	MK 359	F/O. WARD, K.		1450	1620		
	MK 360	F/O. MUNDY, R.	Bombing	1450	1620		
	MJ 858	W/O. SLADE, V.		1450	1620		
	PT 957	W/O. TAYLOR, A.		1450	1620		
	MK 355	Sgt. ALLAN, J.		1450	1620		
	MH 961	F/Lt. CARLYLE, J.	Scramble	1555	1620	2 A/C scrambled to intercept 'bogey' plotted north of base flying south. The interception proved successful and 4 F47's were identified.	
	MK 412	Sgt. BELL, G.		1555	1620		
	PT 590	S/L. SHAND, I.		1700	1845	4 A/C on armed reconnaissance: MILAN area. South of MILAN a camouflaged Fiat car was attacked and ran into a ditch. At the same place a 15cwt. and a 3-ton M.T. were damaged. South of MILAN a 15cwt. was destroyed, and at FAULLE a 3-ton M.T. and a 5-ton M.T. with trailer were all flamed. At (K)5554 a 3-ton M.T. was destroyed, plus 2 more at SINAGRO. At (K)5554 camouflaged stores were seen in a field. At the S-E corner of CASALPUSTERLENGO, between the road and railway, a large dump of stores was seen. FLAK: light, intense and inaccurate from LIMATE FORLIMINE aerodrome.	
	MK 359	F/O. MUNDY, R.	Armed Recon	1700	1845		
	MJ 858	F/O. WARD, K.		1700	1845		
				1700	1845		
30th	MH 961	F/Lt. CARLYLE, J.	Armed Recon	0815	0815	2 A/C on armed recon in the MILAN area. West of MILAN a 3-ton M.T. with trailer attached was destroyed, with two 3-tonners damaged. North of MILAN, on the MSDA road, a 3-ton M.T. was set ablaze. A diesel engine blew up with a large flash of flame, at ARACHNO. A 15cwt. M.T. was also destroyed at the same place. On the main road, south of CASTELANZA, a staff car was damaged, with a second one destroyed on a side road. A 3-ton M.T. was also destroyed nearby. FLAK: light, intense and inaccurate experienced from GROSSETO.	
	MK 412	Sgt. BELL, G.		0815	0815		
	PT 957	F/O. MUSGRAVE, H.		0950	1110	4 A/C bombing a railway bridge at FIORENZUOLA. The railbridge was already down, so the road/river bridge was attacked, with 2 near misses achieved.	
	MJ 579	Sgt. MAXWELL, W.	Bombing	0950	1110		
	MK 372	W/O. TAYLOR, A.		0950	1110		
	MK 325	Sgt. ALLAN, J.		0950	1110		

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(30th)	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 60)							
	MK 372	S/L. SHAND, I.	Bombing	1155	1230	3 A/C bombing a marshalling yard at CODOGNO.		
	MJ 579	Sgt. BELL, G.		1155	1230	S/L. SHAND scored a direct hit with 1000-lbs.		
	PL 443	P/O. SARGENT, S.		1155	1230	of bombs on a building in the east side of the yard. Hits were also seen amongst 2 lines of trucks. At FIDENZA a huge fire was seen in the N-E corner of the town: smoke was rising up to 8,000ft.		
	PT 557	F/Lt. GARNETT, J.	Bombing	1430	1550	4 A/C attacking a stores depot at PIZZOGHETTONI.		
	MK 412	Sgt. BELL, G.		1435	1505	One A/C returned early with engine trouble and jettisoned his bomb. The remaining A/C obtained		
	MK 685	P/O. TAYLOR, A.		1450	1550	direct hits on stores buildings.		
	MH 981	Sgt. ALLAN, J.		1430	1550			
	PT 557	P/O. MUSHRAVE, H.	Armed Recon	1840	1835	4 Spitfires on armed recon in the MILAN area.		
	MJ 579	Sgt. MAXWELL, W.		1840	1835	At CREMA two 5-tonners were damaged, with one		
PL 443	P/O. SARGENT, S.	1840		1830	5-tonner destroyed. At LEGNANO one 5-ton M.T.			
MK 372	P/O. RAINIER, P.	1840		1830	was destroyed, and another damaged at SIZIANO. 2 staff cars and a 15wt. were destroyed at CANOBA and MORTARA respectively. At LINASCO 2 camouflaged Fiat vehicles were attacked: one was destroyed and the other damaged.			
31st	MJ 558	P/Sgt. ADZERO, F.	Armed Recon	0800	0800	2 A/C on armed recon in PIAZZA - MILAN area.		
	MH 389	P/O. MANSSELL, W.		0800	0800	At CREMA a staff car travelling east was sent up in flames. South of TREVIGLIO a 15wt. and 5-ton M.T. travelling north were destroyed, and on the rail line an electric train was damaged. At LODI two 15wts. were destroyed.		
						FLAK: light, intense and accurate from TREVIGLIO.		
	PT 550	S/L. SHAND, I.	Bombing	0930	1055	4 A/C bombing an ammo dump at (J)81895.		
	MJ 583	Sgt. BENNIS, J.		0930	1055	Three hits were achieved in the target area.		
	MK 339	P/O. MUNDY, B.		0930	1055			
	MK 479	P/O. WARD, W.		0930	1055			
	MJ 983	P/O. BURROW, K.	Bombing	1140	1310	3 A/C attacking the above target. 5 direct		
	MJ 943	P/O. MANSSELL, W.		1140	1310	hits were achieved; but no results could be		
	MK 339	P/O. MUNDY, B.		1140	1310	seen, owing to dust thrown up.		
MJ 958	P/O. SLADE, V.	1140		1310				
MH 981	P/O. MUSHRAVE, H.	1140		1310				
MK 825	Sgt. MAXWELL, W.	1140		1310				

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	SPITFIRE IX (Berlin 68)						
(31st)	MJ 985	S/L. SHAND, I.	Bombing	1410	1815	4 1/3 bombing an ammo and stores depot at	
	MK 539	P/O. WARD, E.		1410	1815	BUSTO-ARZIZO.	
	MK 572	P/Lt. CARLYLE, J.		1410	1815	P/Lt. CARLYLE and Sgt. BELL scored direct hits	
	MJ 570	Sgt. BELL, G.		1410	1815	with 350-lbs. bombs on 3 storage sheds. Fires	
						broke out and ammunition exploded in one of	
						the huts. The area was left covered in black	
						smoke.	
						On the return journey, east of PAVIA, two 3-ton	
						M.T. were destroyed, with a small camouflaged	
						car damaged.	
						West of MILAN a 3-ton M.T. and a staff car were	
						destroyed, with another one also destroyed at	
						ABATE GRASSIO.	
						Between MILAN and LEGNANO a 5-ton M.T. was	
						damaged.	
	MK 479	P/O. BURTON, K.	Armed Races	1855	1855	4 1/3 carried out an armed race in the western	
	MJ 645	P/O. MANSFIELD, H.		1855	1855	area of the PO VALLEY.	
	FL 448	P/O. MUNDY, B.		1855	1855	South of MILAN a 3-ton M.T. was damaged.	
	MJ 859	P/O. SLADE, V.		1855	1855	At CORBETTA a car was flamed. A staff car was	
						also destroyed at LOVATE Da I. Two 15cwt. were	
						destroyed: one at BISCARATE and the other slightly	
						3-2 of MILANO. West of MILAN a 5-ton M.T.	
						and two 3-ton M.T. were destroyed. South of	
						VERALLI a 3-ton M.T. was flamed, with a staff	
						car damaged at VILLANOVA. At TRINO a 3-ton	
						M.T. was left badly smoking.	
						FLAS: light, intense and accurate from CORBETTA.	

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