

DETAILS OF WORK CARRIED OUT							
By 137 (Rhodesia) Squadron, R.A.F.							
For the Month of 10/11/44 1944.							
DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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1.11.44	SPITFIRE IX (Mk 111n 68).						
	PT 488 LT 579	F/Lt. Carlyle Sgt. MORANT	Scramble	1040 1040	1110 1110	2 a/c. scrambled for unidentified plot, which faded.	
	MK 187 MK 289	F/O. SUTTON Sgt. MUNDY	A.S.R. Patrol	1615 1615	1725 1725	2 a/c. on search for crew of a B24 who baled out 40 miles S. of Ancona. The B24 was found burning on the sea. The a/c. were ordered back to base without having contacted the crew.	
4.11.44	MK 187 MK 412	F/O. RAINSFORD Sgt. MORANT	Scramble	1610 1610	1700 1700	2 a/c. were scrambled for hostile approaching area. Patrol was carried out at 20,000ft. but the hostile turned away before entering area.	
6.11.44	MK 412 MK 187	F/O. BIRNIE F/O. TAYLOR	Scramble	1610 1610	1650 1650	2 a/c. scrambled for unidentified a/c. which became friendly.	
8.11.44	PT 488 MK 412	F/O. BIRNIE F/O. TAYLOR	Scramble	0656 0656	0705 0715	2 a/c. scrambled as a precaution for hostile which did not appear.	
12.11.44	MK 412 MK 187	F/O. TAYLOR Sgt. MORANT	Scramble	0600 0600	0655 0655	2 a/c. were scrambled after an unidentified a/c. No contact made.	
	MK 187 MK 412	F/O. SUTTON Sgt. MUNDY	A.S.R. Search	1615 1615	1610 1610	2 a/c. were detailed to search for an a/c. reported having gone into the sea. A square search was made, but nothing seen.	
	PT 590 MK 412	F/O. DOUGLAS Sgt. MORANT	A.S.R. Search	1650 1650	1650 1650	2 a/c. were detailed to continue the above search, but one a/c. developed magneto trouble and both returned to base.	
13.11.44	MK 412 PT 590	F/Lt. CARLYLE Sgt. MUNDY	Patrol	1600 1600	1645 1645	2 a/c. on dusk patrol in the ANCONA area. No incident.	
14.11.44	PT 590 MK 412	F/O. BIRNIE F/O. TAYLOR	Patrol	1655 1655	1645 1645	2 a/c. on dusk patrol in the ANCONA area. No incident.	
15.11.44	PT 590 MK 412	F/O. MILLER Sgt. MUNDY	Patrol	1605 1605	1655 1655	2 a/c. on dusk patrol in the ANCONA area. No incident.	
16.11.44	PT 590 MK 412	F/O. MILLER Sgt. MUNDY	A.S.R. Search	1115 1115	1215 1240	2 a/c. were scrambled to investigate a Liberator (B24) which had sent out a distress signal. The B24 was contacted and escorted back to base where it landed.	

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16.11.44 (contin)	SPITFIRE 12 (Morlin 00). MK 187 MK 418	W/O. TAYLOR Sgt. MORANT	Search & Escort.	1545 1545	1610 1610	2 s/c. escorted a Catalina in the N. ATLANTIC. The Spitfires had to return owing to lack of fuel. They landed at Sullaria, returning to base the following day.	
17.11.44	MK 185 MH 269	W/O. SUTTON Sgt. MUNDY	Patrol.	1600 1600	1700 1700	2 s/c. on dusk patrol in SICCA area. No incident.	
18.11.44	MH 269 MK 185	W/O. RAINSFORD W/O. SUTTON	Search.	1050 1050	1150 1150	2 s/c. were detailed to look for a raft off KAVANNA. No sightings were made.	
19.11.44	PT 468 MK 185	W/O. SUTTON Sgt. MUNDY	Escort.	0750 0750	0850 0850	2 s/c. on patrol off Cape SALVADOR for a mis- sing hospital ship. No sign of ship. A motor ship alone in the area at 0800 hrs. It was not identified by W/O. SUTTON. A number of life rafts registered on the side and super- structure. WEATHER: vis. very hazy; cloud: strato cum. 8/10 4,000ft.	
20.11.44	PT 468 MK 187 MH 968 MK 185	S/L. SHAND. W/O. DOUGLAS W/O. RAINSFORD W/O. TAYLOR	Escort 4 s/c. Bombardiers	0715 0715 0715 0715	0800 0800 0800 0800	Escort of 4 s/c. Seafighters of 273 Sqn. on search mission over the N. ATLANTIC. PLAN: 1 s/c. went accurate from GRADO. In position 45° 42' N 12° 58' W, the Seaus attacked a 3000-ton barge, light ship, with 2000 tons of cargo. No strikes were observed with R/P., but hits were registered with cannon. At 0842N 12° 58' W, the Seaus attacked a 40-foot cargo with cannon. Strikes were observed. At 0845N 12° 58' W, the Spitfires and Seaus attacked a 3000-ton barge with steam up. The barge was left burning. At 0850N 12° 58' W, the Spitfires set well on fire a barge 3000-ton x 800-ton, loaded with boxes at end and end with a mast of metal standing on the other end. WEATHER: vis. very hazy; broken cloud 6,000ft.	
	MK 185 MH 968	W/O. DOUGLAS Sgt. MORANT	Dusk Patrol.	1550 1550	1645 1645	2 s/c. on dusk patrol in SICCA area. No incident.	

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	SPITFIRE 12 (Morlin 00)						

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24.11.44	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 66)						
	EJ 958	P/O. RAINSFORD	Variable	0710	0810	2 a/c. scrambled to 20,000ft. for an unidentified a/c. which became friendly. No contact made.	
	MK 185	W/O. TAYLOR		0710	0810		
	EJ 958	P/O. SUTTON	Patrol	1140	1350	2 a/c. patrolling LAVERA ISLAND, providing cover for 4 M.T.B.'s operating nearby with a beached M.T.B. No incident.	
	MK 185	P/Sgt. SLADE		1140	1350	WEATHER: vis. poor; 10/10 strato cum. 5000ft.	
	PT 488	P/Lt. CARLILE	Patrol	1525	1550	2 a/c. continued above patrol. No incident.	
	MK 142	Sgt. MORANT		1525	1550		
	EJ 958	P/O. DOUGLAS	Patrol	1455	1635	2 a/c. continued above patrol. No incident.	
	MK 185	Sgt. MUNDY		1455	1635		
25.11.44	MK 142	P/O. DOUGLAS	Patrol	0920	1130	2 a/c. continuing above cover.	
	MK 388	P/Sgt. SLADE		0920	1130	No incident.	
	PT 488	P/O. RAINSFORD	Patrol	1215	1540	2 a/c. completed cover without incident.	
	MK 388	W/O. TAYLOR		1215	1540	M.T.B.'s returned to base.	
26.11.44	MK 142	P/Lt. CARLILE	Escort	0800	1000	2 a/c. provided cover for 4 Beaufighters on reconnaissance in N. ATLANTIC.	
	MK 388	P/O. SUPPON		0800	1000	A vessel of approx. 100ft. was attacked with rockets, and with cannon by the Spitfires. Strikes were observed.	
						At 0845 hrs. (approx.) one Beau, in position 1000ft. 1010ft. ditched with a good engine. Both of the crew entered their dingies safely.	
						WEATHER: vis. 1-2 miles; 10/10 stratus cum. 5000ft.	
	MK 142	P/O. DOUGLAS	A/S.R.	1125	1250	2 a/c. on search for the above 3 dinghies.	
	MK 388	P/Sgt. MUNDY	Search.	1125	1250	Nothing sighted, owing to cloud base descending to sea level.	
27.11.44	PT 488	S/Lt. SHAND	Weather	1210	1410	2 a/c. on weather recon in N. ATLANTIC. Patches of cloud 10/10 5,000-5,000ft. Further South, cloud base 3000ft.	
	MK 142	P/O. RAINSFORD	Recon.	1210	1410		
28.11.44	MK 388	P/O. DOUGLAS	Escort.	0810	1010	2 a/c. acting as cover for 4 R/P Beaufighters	
	MK 142	W/O. TAYLOR		0810	1010	of 279 Sqn.	

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29.11.44	LN 980 LN 142	F/O. DOUGLAS F/O. TAYLOR	Escort.	0810 0810	1010 1010	2 a/c. acting as cover for 4 a/c. Searchlights of 272 Sqn.
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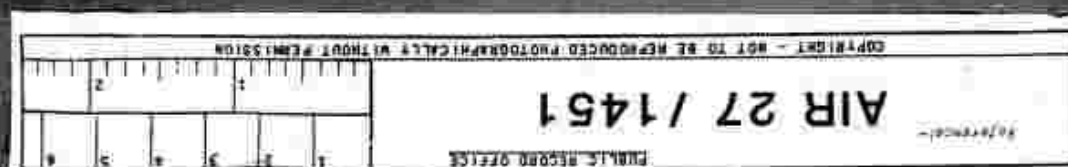
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1.11.44	SPITFIRE IX (MORFAN 68). LN 981 PT 421	F/Lt. I. P. S. M. F/O. TAYLOR	Scramble	1430 1430	1445 1445	2 a/c. scrambled for bogey 10 miles S. of SPITFIRE, and for a second unidentified a/c. plot- ted 10 miles S. of SPITFIRE. Both plots became spurious and there was no contact. WEATHER: 10/10 sun. cloud, base 3,000ft. ex- tending to top of 5,000ft. Vis. out of cloud 10 miles; in cloud nil.	
	LN 945 LN 142	F/Lt. I. P. S. M. F/O. TAYLOR	Scramble.	1630 1630	1645 1645	2 a/c. scrambled for bogey 30 miles S-W. of SPITFIRE travelling S-W. at 300 m.p.h., at 5,000ft. This a/c. was later identified by I.P.S. as friendly. WEATHER: AS ABOVE.	
6.11.44	LN 981 PT 421	F/O. WILSON F/O. TUSKAY	Scramble (Red Section)	1440 1440	1510 1510	3 a/c. (Red Section) scrambled for unidentified a/c.. At 1450 Red 3 reported engine trouble and was ordered back to base by Red 1, who com- pleted the patrol singly. At 15,000ft he sighted, at 1455 hrs., an a/c. which he identified as a P.88. Interception proving successful. WEATHER: Nil cloud; vis. unlimited.	
8.11.44	LN 945 PT 421	F/Lt. I. P. S. M. F/O. TAYLOR	Scramble.	0830 0830	0900 0900	2 a/c. scrambled for X108 plotted 10 miles N-W. of SPITFIRE going S. Plot faded; no inter- ception attempted. WEATHER: Nil cloud; vis. unlimited.	
	LN 142 LN 945	Sgt. PEARSON F/O. TAYLOR	Search.	1540 1540	1440 1440	2 a/c. ordered to search for dinghy 10 miles W. of SPITFIRE. Driftwood (of a yellowish colour) resembling a dinghy was seen in position 44°04'N 09°34'E. A mine was also observed in 44°06'N 09°35'E. Wind: Inadequate, moderate, heavy experienced from the RICHMOND area. A shore gun at PORTOVINCH fired a single shot into the sea slightly behind the a/c., who were patrolling at 500ft. throughout the search. WEATHER: No cloud and unlimited vis.	
8.11.44	LN 981 PT 421	F/Lt. I. P. S. M. F/O. TAYLOR	Scramble.	1415 1415	1510 1510	2 a/c. scrambled for bogey. no interception attempted as the plot was later believed to have been a P.88's returning to base from S. France. WEATHER: ...	93 177



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8.11.44 (contin)	SPTTFLK 1X (Merlin 66).					WEATHER: vis. good - about 20 miles. Cloud: 7/10 cum. at 25,000ft. 7/10 fracto stratus formed a lower layer at 5,000ft.	
10.11.44	LN 981 MK 562	Sgt. PEARSON P/O. SEAGRIFF	Search	0750 0750	0850 0850	2 a/c. ordered to search for a Liberty ship travelling between PINGBING and ISHIGAKI, with whose touch had been lost. A Liberty ship was seen S. of PINGBING. Pilots informed on landing that the ship in question had put in at PINGBING. Weather: vis. unlimited. Cloud: 2/10 cirrus at 25,000ft.	
	LN 981 PT 421	P/O. WILSON P/O. MALLOCH	Scramble	0920 0920	1030 1030	2 a/c. scrambled for bogey going N-W. towards GIMCA. At 0850 hrs. (approx.) told that they were 8 miles behind bogey, who was travelling towards GIMCA at same height (25,000ft.). There were no sightings because of cloud banks. Fighters recalled when W. of GIMCA. Weather: vis. good. Cloud: 2/10 cirrus stratus in banks at 25,000ft. From 18,000ft. upwards fighters formed vapour trails.	
12.11.44	MK 142 LN 981	Sgt. PEARSON P/O. SEAGRIFF	Scramble	1250 1250	1355 1355	2 a/c. scrambled for bogey plotted 70 miles W. of CAP CORSE moving E. Plot faded. No inter- ception attempted. Weather: 10/10 alto stratus cloud, base 5,000ft. extending to 21,000ft. Vis: above cloud unlimited; flying in cloud only 100 yds.; below cloud 5 miles. There was also a slight ground haze.	
13.11.44	PT 421 MK 142	P/O. MALLOCH Sgt. PEARSON	Scramble	1315 1315	1400 1400	2 Spits accidentally scrambled at 1315; but were vectored at 1330 after bogey plotted 35 miles S-W. of ISHIGAKI going S-E. at 7,000ft. The interception was successfully carried out at 5 miles N-W. of ISHIGAKI at 1340, and the a/c. identified as a B-29. Weather: 10/10 strato cum. cloud, base 5,000ft., height unknown. Vis: unlimited below cloud.	

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