

DETAILS OF WORK CARRIED OUT

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For the Month of 15.10.44 1944

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
22.10.44	SPITFIRE IX	CHORLEY SQ.					
	PT 468	S/L. BLAND		1155	1230	3 a/c. on recon. in the SWP of VENICE area.	
	PT 580	F/O. DOUGLAS		1155	1240	Nothing sighted, as weather conditions were poor.	
	LT 579	F/Lt. CARLISLE		1155	1240	On the return journey, in the position 45°48'N 14°08'E, a ship of approx. 50ft. length was observed (later identified as a P-boat). This was being attacked by 2 Beaufighters, who had been ordered by the Naval authorities to sink it. The 4 Spitfires attacked with cannon and H/G. The P-boat appeared to be sinking slowly.	
25.10.44	LT 579	S/L. BLAND		1115	1235	3 a/c. on armed ship-bur recon between CHIOGGIA and VENICE.	
	NR 268	Sgt. MUNDY	Recon.	1115	1235	at 45°50'N 12°50'E, three calques of 80ft. length were observed sailing in a S-Wly. direction. These were attacked by all four a/c. with cannon and H/G. 2 were sunk, bits of wreckage being observed on the water, whilst the third had its mast broken off and appeared to be listing.	
	NR 185	F/O. RAINSPORD		1115	1235	WEATHER: vis. 3 miles; cloud 10/10 1,000ft. from Ravenna northwards layers 6,000ft.-17,000ft.	
	NR 187	F/O. SUTHER		1115	1235	Bits of black wreckage were observed off Marina di Ravenna.	
	NR 412	F/Lt. CARLISLE	Search	1500	1625	3 a/c. on search for wreckage off Marina di Ravenna. Nothing seen.	
	PT 580	F/O. TAYLOR		1500	1625	WEATHER: vis. 10-20 miles; cloud 5/10 2,000ft. layers from 3,000ft. upwards.	
04.10.44	PT 580	F/O. SUTHER	Recon.	1115	1515	3 a/c. on recon along coast from MASTRO POINT. Flak: light, scant and inaccurate experienced from 45°41'N 12°55'E:	
	NR 268	F/O. RAINSPORD		1115	1515	light, scant, accurate from concrete gun emplacements at 45°51'N 13°55'E, and heavy, scant, inaccurate from 45°20'N 12°20'E.	
						A stationary 40ft. barge was seen at 44°55'N 13°30'E.	
						18-35ft. calques were seen sailing out from CHIOGGIA, and 30-35ft. calques approaching VENICE/...	83

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50.10.44	SPITFIRE IX (Merlin 65). MH 981 PT 421	F/Lt. IPSEN, P. F/O. MALLOCH, J.	Scramble.	0845 0845	0930 0930	2 a/c. scrambled for bogey plotted in SPEZIA area. Plots believed to be spurious. The a/c. were recalled at 0920 hrs. NIL incident. WEATHER: visibility very poor, varying from 1 mile to 5 miles. Cloud: 9/10 cumulus, base 2,000ft., tops 18,000ft.
51.10.44	MJ 643 MK 142	F/O. WILSON, B. P/O. MUSGRAVE, N.	Dusk Patrol.	1700 1700	1740 1740	2 a/c. on Dusk Patrol over base, without incident. WEATHER: visibility unlimited. Cloud: 5/10 alto-stratus at 18,000ft.
52.10.44	PT 421 PT 142	F/O. MALLOCH, J. P/O. MUSGRAVE	Search for Rowing Boat.			2 a/c. airborne on search for a rowing boat believed to contain escaped P.O.W. Nothing sighted.

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