

SORTIE REPORT
(Part A.)

Sheet No. 1	Oprep. Ref. No. 178	Date. 19.12.43.	Squadron. 111
Type of Aircraft. Spitfire IX.	Aircraft No. MA.530.	Aircraft Letter. "E".	Captain Crew. 31 F/Lt. McIntosh, L. (R.A.A.F.)
Time Up. 14.40.	Time Down. 16.05.	Total Time. 1.25.	Aerodrome or L.G. Capodichino.

Type of Cloud. Stratus.	Map or Chart Reference.
Amount of Cloud. 3/10.	Rome.
Base of Cloud. 20,000.	1:250,000.
Visibility. 5 miles.	
General Weather. Hazy.	

Task or Duty. Bomb Line Patrol.

Time.	Height.	Place.	Narrative.
			<p>CIAEM: 2 Me. 109 F. or G. destroyed.</p> <p>I was leading a Section of Spitfire IXs fitted with 30 gallon jettison tanks on bomb line patrol, when control sent us to patrol Terracina to Frosinone. We were at 15000 flying North and saw 10 Me. 109s. with a top cover of 8 Me. 109s., flying South about 2000 ft. below. The formation below was flying line abreast and the top cover were flying in 4 sections of two, line abreast.</p> <p>We jettisoned all our tanks and attacked the top cover. I closed to 100 yards on the No. 2 of one of the inside sections. I gave him a half second burst from dead line astern and the enemy aircraft burst into flames, with pieces flying off it. My No. 2, P/Sgt. Zimmerman, saw the pilot bale out.</p> <p>I then attacked the No. 1, who took violent evasive action, finally going vertically down in a tight spiral. I followed him right on the deck and north to about 15 miles South of Rome, firing short bursts from close range, finally securing hits on the starboard wing and the fuselage. He jettisoned his hood, pulled up to about 500 ft. and baled out. I saw his aircraft crash and blow up on the front doorstep of a farmhouse.</p> <p>The camouflage of these enemy aircraft was mottled grey and black with normal markings and yellow on the under-engine cowling.</p>

Approved by G/Capt.

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Type of Aircraft: *Sukhoi Su-26*
 Type of Mission: *Targeting*
 Just before the end of the second combat I saw the pilot of the enemy aircraft firing short bursts from his guns, although I was line astern of him.

Time of Day: *14:30*
 Time Down: *15:00*
 Total Time: *30*
 Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*
 Flight Lieutenant.

Map or Chart	Type of Cloud	Amount of Fuel	Rate of Turn	Yacht	General Weather
Reference					

Time	Height	Plane	Narrative
			<i>[Faint, mostly illegible text describing the sortie]</i>