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Type of Aircraft	SPITFIRE F.VIII.	S/Ldr WADE.	
Aircraft No.	"J" JF.472 "Y" JF.714	Captain F/Sgt ROLAIN.	
Aircraft Letter	"A" JF.565 "D" JF.503	Crew Lt WELLS.	
	"V" JF.478 "L" JF.481	F/Sgt NEILAN.	
Time Up	"P" JF.745 "N" JF.770	Major OSLER.	
Time Down	10.35 Hrs	F/Sgt AUBREY.	
Total Time	1220 Hrs;	/O FATE.	
	13 Hrs 25 mins.	P/O THORNTON.	
		Aerodrome or L.O. GIOLA.	

Type of Cloud	-	Map or Chart
Amount of Cloud	-	Reference
Base of Cloud	-	Naples 1:500,000.
Visibility	Good.	
General Weather	Fine	

Task or Duty Patrol bomb line area.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1135	6000'	H.68 area	<p>When flying at 6000' in the H.68 area in two sections of 4 the SPITFIRES sighted 5 F.W.190's in Vics of 3 flying SE at 12,000' along the coastline. The SPITFIRES turned to starboard and climbed to cut off the Vics. The leading section got to within 4/500 yards approx 3 miles SE of PENNA point and the 190's started to dive. The SPITFIRES dived after them and individual combats ensued.</p> <p>S/Ldr WADE, who was leading the formation, fired a deflection burst without result and then got in line astern. He closed to 200 yards and gave the port A/C of the rearmost Vic two three-second bursts. Strikes were seen and pieces flew off the fuselage and the 190 rolled over and dived onto the outskirts of TAK OLI village, where it caught fire.</p> <p>The remainder of the S/A had dived to ground level and attempted to evade combat in climbing turns.</p> <p>S/Ldr WADE saw at 4000' when the 190 crashed, and he then saw a SPITFIRE attacking a 190 while another 190 was attacking the SPITFIRE. He closed from quarter astern onto the second A/C and saw strikes along the starboard side in the engine and cockpit area. The cannons ceased firing and the attack was continued with machine guns. S/Ldr WADE broke away after closing to 50 yards and seeing an explosion in the E/A. He returned to the attack and saw flames coming from the 190's fuselage before the A/C went down from 500' and crashed 3/5 miles ESE of SAN GIOVANO. Claim - 2 F.W.190's destroyed.</p>

PART B (on reverse) to be completed according to relevant pro-forms in H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. Instruction 34.

Sgt ROALD was obliged to break off the action as another Fw. 190 was ~~attack~~
at him from the rear. He pulled up and afterwards rejoined the formation
as there were no S/A to be seen except the one being attacked by his
leader.

Claim 1 Fw. 190 damaged.

Lt WELLS was flying 10.3 to S/Ldr WADDE and attacked one of the S/A from
line astern after it had jettisoned its bomb. He was unable to close until
the 190 started climbing, and then got in a burst from 250 yards. Strikes
were seen on the underbelly of the fuselage and on the port wing root.
Lt WELLS continued firing to within 100 yards range and continued firing
with browns after the 20 mm was exhausted. A stream of white smoke was
seen coming from the port wing root and the S/A was last seen at deck
level as Lt WELLS had to break away through lack of ammunition.

Claim 1 Fw. 190 damaged.

Major OSLER was leading the second section of 4 s/o and dived to attack the
second Vic of 3 S/A. He first burst from above and 3/4 astern was without
result, and Major OSLER then closed in to 100 yards line astern. Strikes
were seen on the mainplane and as he broke away to avoid a collision his
No. 2, S/Sgt MURRAY, attacked from 200 yards, closing in fast. The 190
did a half roll and came in from 500'. It crashed and caught fire at
J.0859.

Claim 1 Fw. 190 destroyed shared by Major OSLER and S/Sgt MURRAY.

FA. 2/A S/A of 1 EN. 1 INT.

FB. 3 Fw. 190's.

FC) See narrative.

FD. 3 Fw. 190's destroyed. 1 Fw. 190' damaged.

FE. See narrative.

FF. Nil.

FG. 2760 x .303
640 x 20mm.

FH. Nil.

FJ. Nil.

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