

CONSOLIDATED

SORTIE REPORT
(Part A.)

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Sheet No. One.	Oprep. Ref. No. 617 Operation No. 611.	Date. 18 Feb. 44.	Squadron. 145.
Type of Aircraft. SPITFIRE P.VIII.		Captain S/LDR. O.C. KALLIO DFC F/O. HARRINGTON P/O. FRANCIS Crew. F/S. HUGHES F/O. MINTO, F/S. ROMAIN, F/Lt. MACDONALD, F/S. LORIMER, F/O. PARBURY, F/S. NEWMAN.	
Aircraft No. JF.953, JG.246, 119, JG.329, JF.8864 959, 958, JG.249, JF.952, JG.158. Aircraft Letter. ZX - G.A.B.E.H.O.R.I.V.M.P.			
Time Up.	1350		
Time Down.	1545		
Total Time.	18 Hrs. 45 Mins.	Aerodrome or L.G. MARCIANISE.	

Type of Cloud.		Map or Chart
Amount of Cloud. 10/10		Reference.
Base of Cloud. 5,000 ft.		
Visibility. 5-7 miles.		ROME: 1/500,000
General Weather. Poor.		

Task or Duty. **Patrol over 6 COMPS Battle Area.**

Time.	Height.	Place.	Narrative.
1430 - 1435	A.3-4	VELLETRI area	<p>DURATION OF COMBAT.</p> <p>At 1430 Hrs. SPITFIRES flying W; at A.3-4 - over F.8227, 6 a/c in fluid formation and 4 a/c line abreast above and behind, saw 4 FW 190's flying SE towards F.8721 in line abreast at 4,500' losing height. SPITFIRES turned about and gave chase; E/A jettisoned bombs at F.9028 and made off ENE in line astern gradually turning to port. S/Ldr. O.C. KALLIO DFC closed on the last FW 190 and destroyed it (see claim in PART B). - The leader of the enemy formation flew up into cloud and was lost to view. the remaining two did a sharp turn to port diving away NW chased by F/O. PARBURY and F/Sgt. NEWMAN who both of whom fired from about 200 yds. dead astern and one of E/A. E/A weaved violently finally going into steep dive and making off towards ROME at ground level. Although pilot, each got one strike - one behind cockpit the other on port wing - no claim is made as E/A was not seen in any difficulty. F/O. PARBURY used 120 x .303, 40 x 20mm. F/Sgt. NEWMAN used 180 x 20mm.</p> <p>Intense LAA at SPITFIRES from F.8247 and Moderate LAA at SPITFIRES from G.0742.</p>

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Type of Aircraft _____
 Captain _____
Combat claim of S/Ldr. O.C. KALLIO DFC.

I was leading a section of 5 a/c with another section of 4 a/c behind and above, between 3 and 4,000' at approx. P.8227 flying W. when I saw 4 FW 190's at 4,500' flying line abreast in south easterly direction losing height as they approached our forward troops in P.8721 area. I called a turn about and gave chase. I saw 3/a jettison their bombs at P.9028 and make off ENE turning gradually to port in line astern. I closed to 200 yds. astern and slightly above the last E/A in the formation which seemed to be lagging behind the other three and fired two short bursts with MG and cannon using 240 x .303 and 60 x 20mm. The E/A immediately burst into flames and crashed at P.9839. The pilot baled out as his machine burst into flames and landed quite near his aircraft. His parachute opened successfully. The whole action was seen by F/O. HARRINGTON - my No.2 - and P/O. FRANCIS - No.3.
 I claim 1 FW 190 Destroyed.

(Signed) O.C. KALLIO S/Ldr.

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 I.O. 145 SQUADRON.**