

**SORTIE REPORT**  
(Part A)

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Sheet No. <b>One</b>	Oprep. Ref. No. <b>614</b> Operation No. <b>624</b>	Date <b>15 Feb. 44</b>	Squadron <b>Z 145.</b>
Type of Aircraft <b>SPITFIRE F.VIII</b>	Aircraft No. <b>JG.329</b>	Captain <b>F/Sgt. R.W. McKERNAN.</b>	
Aircraft Letter <b>ZX - E.</b>		Crew . . . . .	
Time Up <b>1435</b>	Time Down <b>1615</b>	Aerodrome or L.G. <b>MARCIANISE.</b>	
Total Time <b>1 Hr. 40 Mins.</b>			

Type of Cloud <b>-</b>	Map or Chart <b>-</b>
Amount of Cloud <b>-</b>	Reference <b>-</b>
Base of Cloud <b>-</b>	<b>ROME: 1/500,000.</b>
Visibility <b>Good</b>	
General Weather <b>Clear. Flight Haze.</b>	

Task or Duty **Battle area Patrol (SHINGLE)**

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
Over Area 1500 - 1555	A.7.	ANZIO Area	For general narrative see Part A of Sortie Report submitted in respect of F/Lt. WOODS' claim of the same date.

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

PART B.

Combat claim of F/Sgt; R.W. McKERNAN (GREEN 2)

I was flying No.2 to F/Lt. H.S.WOODS, who was leading the section on a Battle area patrol over the ANZIO area at A.7 flying NW when leader reported 2 bogeys on the deck flying towards ROME. I followed my No.1 down as he dived to investigate. Diving out of sun on the bandits ( now identified as FW 190's with short nose) my No.1 attacked the one on the port side. As I was on the port side of my No.1 I had to cross over to attack the other being about 4-500 yards behind. I caught him up and fired 2 bursts with MG and Cannon from 2-300 yards dead astern seeing strikes and pieces fly off. I closed in slowly to 100-150 yards giving him short bursts all the time when he burst into flames, first in the engine then the cockpit. He then dived down from about 30 feet and crashed into a house and exploded at F.8648. He took no evasive action throughout the combat but hedge-hopped all the way.

I then looked for my No.1 and saw him about to attack the other FW 190 which was already badly hit and his propeller stopped when it burst into flames, turned over on its back and hit the deck at F.8349 approx.

I claim 1 FW 190 Destroyed.

(Signed) R.W. McKERNAN F/Sgt.

*W.W.II aircraft performance*

*W.D.R.*  
Flying Officer,  
I.O. 145 SQUADRON.