

**SORTIE REPORT**

(Part A)

Sheet No. <b>ONE</b>	Oprep. Ref. No. <b>657</b> Operation No. <b>727</b>	Date <b>3 Apr. 44.</b>	Squadron <b>145.</b>
Type of Aircraft <b>SPITFIRE F.VIII</b>	Aircraft No. <b>JF. 675.</b>	Aircraft Letter <b>T. (X).</b>	Captain, Crew <b>P/Sgt. J.J. THOMSON.</b>
Time Up <b>1245.</b>	Time Down <b>1430.</b>	Total Time <b>1 Hr. 45 Mins.</b>	Aerodrome or L.G. <b>MARCIANISE.</b>
Type of Cloud <b>Cirrus.</b>	Amount of Cloud <b>1/10.</b>	Base of Cloud <b>22,000'</b>	Map or Chart Reference <b>ROME 1/500,000.</b>
Visibility <b>Very good.</b>	General Weather <b>Fine. Bright?</b>		

Task or duty **Patrol over ANZIO B/A.**

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1335 to 1340	A. 20-0.	ANZIO	<p><b>COMBAT.</b></p> <p>Top section of 4 SPITFIRES F.VIII were flying at A.17 in box formation over ANZIO when they heard BARKER a/c (whom they had relieved on patrol) report two vapour trails going NW up the coast towards ANZIO. Top section therefore climbed up to 20,000' and P/Sgt. J.J. THOMSON saw 2 short nose FW 190's at 22,000' going NW over LITTORIA. He led the section into attack with the result that he destroyed 1 FW 190 (See Part B for claim.</p> <p>The other B/A was lost to view in the dive as his camouflage fusing with the ground.</p>

PART B (on reverse) to be completed according to relevant pro-forms in H.Q.

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(P.T.O.)

RAE B.

Combat claim of P/Sgt. J.J. THOMSON.

I was flying No. 2 in a section of 4 Spitfires P.VIII patrolling ANZIO E/A at A.17 when we heard BARKER a/c report 2 vapour trails going NW up the coast towards ANZIO. Our section climbed up to 20,000' and I saw 2 FW 190's (Short nose) flying NW over LITTORIA at 22,000' in line abreast. When I reported them my leader told me to lead the way and he followed. The E/A (presumably when they saw us) dived down to the deck going N. I half rolled and went down after them. When we had both pulled out of the dive I closed to 350 yards dead astern and fired seeing strikes on the fuselage and wings. E/A slowed up slightly. I closed to 150 yards firing short bursts and saw further strikes on the fuselage and both wings. the hood then flew off the E/A and it pulled up to 2,000' and the pilot baled-out at approx. G.1078. I fired 800 x .303, and 220 x 20mm. I claim 1 FW 190 Destroyed.

(Signed) J.J. THOMSON. P/Sgt.

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