SORTIE REPORT (Part A)



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Sheet No. One	Oprep. Ref. No. 614 Operation No 62	Date 15 Feb.44. Squadron 145.	
Type of Aircraft Aircraft No. Aircraft Letter	SPITFIRE F.VIII JF.953 ZX - G	Captain · F/LT. H.S. WOODS. Crew	
Time Up. Time Down Total Time	1435 1615 1 Hr. 40 Mins.	Aerodrome or L.O. MARCIANISE	
Type of Cloud Amount of Cloud Base of Cloud Visibility General Weather	Good Clear. Slight Haze.	Map or Chart	

Task or Duty Patrol Battle Area (SHINGLE)

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
Over Area 1500 1555	A.7.	ANZIO Area.	8 MEXE SPITFIRES F.VIII were briefed to patrol over the ANZIO Battle area between 6000' and 10,000'. 2 SPITFIRES F.VIII were to patrol at 20,000'. Attime of combat the 8 A/O were fly ing two formations line astern, 4 A/O in each formation, at 7,000. Green section leading with Yellow behind and above. Just prior to combat Yellow leader returned home due to engine trouble. Yellow 3 took over. At 1530 Hrs. sections were flying NW at A.7 when F/Lt.WOODS, (See Part B for claim), saw two aircraft flying line abreast directly below him at ground level at F.9722. He and his No2., F/Sgt. R.W.McKerNAN, (See separate claim), dived down to investigate and identified them as FW 190's (Old Type). In the ensuing cambat the enemy aircraft took no evasive action beyond opening throttle. They were both destroyed in flames at F.8349 and F.8648. They were not seen to be carrying bombs or jettison tanks. F/L. WOODS used 800 x .303, 170 x 20mm approx F/Sgt. McKERNAN used 400 x .303, 120 x 20mm approx Mod. LAA at SPITFIRES from F.\$235 to F.8446 - dispersed.

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

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Combat claim of F/Bt. H.S. WOODS. (GREEN 1)

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I was leading GREEN section on patrol over ANZIO Battle area at A.7 when at 1530 Hrs. while over F.9722 flying NW I saw 2 a/c directly below me flying low on the deck towards ROME in line abreast I and my No.2 (F/Sgt. McKERNAN) dived down to investigate them. I identified them as short nosed FW 190's. I attacked the E/A on the port side from 100 yards dead astern, shooting at him with MG and cannon until white smoke came from the fuselage and bits and pieces were falling off, in all directions. His engine was failing and his propeller slowing down. I then had to pull away as i was overshooting. I was just about to go in to give it a final burst when I saw my No.2 shoot down the other FW I90 in flames at approx. F.8648 crashing into a house. My FW 190 then turned over on its back and crashed in flames at F.8349. The whole combat took place at ground level.

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