

SORTIE REPORT

(Part A)

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Sheet No. 4	Oprep. Ref. No. 321	Date 1/3/44	Squadron 417 BQAF
Type of Aircraft Spitfire 16c, VIII	Aircraft No. J.F. 365	Aircraft Letter AB-L	Captain GAIL J. 10259 P/O B.I. Doyle Crew
Time Up 05.25	Time Down 07.00	Total Time 1 hr 35 mins.	Aerodrome or L.O. Vercara Airfield.

Type of Cloud	Amount of Cloud No Cloud	Base of Cloud	Visibility Fair	General Weather Fine	Map or Chart Reference 1:250,000 Frosinone - Italy.
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Task or duty DEFENSIVE PATROL OVER CASSINO AREA.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
05.25			See Sheet No. 1

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

[P.T.O.]

I was flying Red 5 in a section of 6 a/e, on a Cassino patrol at 0625 hours. Controller reported 18+ bandits 10 miles north of Frosinone flying S.E. at 17,000 gained angels as plot was repeated coming south we shifted H.E. to 16,000. The bandits were engaged H.E. of Cassino at 15,000. Red 1 & 3 went after a large gaggle and I went after 6 a/e FW.190's flying in a fluid six I dove down sea coming in on their port quarter opening up on the No.2 of the formation with a short burst at 300 yds. I then closed to 200-250 yds. almost line astern and gave him another short burst and saw stripes down the length of the fuselage and saw a large piece fly off the aircraft then tumbled tail over nose about a mile north of the Monastery. I then took his place in the formation and opened up on the leader firing short bursts from 200-300 yds. he headed towards Frosinone. I then ran out of cannon ammo and as flak was becoming heavy turned back. When I last saw the FW.190 it was streaming smoke and diving towards the deck at 3000 ft.

I claim 1 FW.190 Dest. and 1 FW.190 Dam.

(Sgt.) G.I. Doyle F/O

Ammunition Expenditure.

20 101. Cannon -	100 rds. H/I
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303 H.G.	450 rds. A.P.
	150 rds. B.W.I.Z

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