

SORTIE REPORT
(Part A)

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| Sheet No. 1 | Oprep. Ref. No. 238 | Date 16/2/47 | Squadron 417 BQAF |
| Type of Aircraft Spitfire Mk. VIII-B | Aircraft No. | Aircraft Letter AN-H | Captain GAN, J. 6222 P/L. Everard, H. J. |
| Time Up 12.00 hours. | Time Down 13.45 hours. | Total Time 1 hour 45 mins. | Aerodrome or L.O. Marulanise I.G. (Italy). |

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| Type of Cloud Clear | Map or Chart Reference |
| Amount of Cloud | Bona-2nd Edition |
| Base of Cloud | 1,500,000 |
| Visibility Good | H/S 40/10 |
| General Weather Fair | |

Task or Duty Defensive patrol over the Anzio area.

| Time | Height | Place | Narrative |
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| 12.00 | "0" | Base. | Six aircraft (Green Section) airborne to patrol the Anzio area. |
| 12.30 | 8,000 | Anzio. | Aircraft on patrol. |
| 13.10 | 8,000 | Anzio. | Vapour trails were reported over the Base area at 10,000 ft. Green section saw them immediately and climbed to 11,000 ft. and waited four miles north of Anzio for the a/c to come in. The enemy formation (Approx. 30 plus F.W.190's and No.109's) flew S.E. down the coast towards Anzio. When six miles N.W. of the town they turned East and dived towards the main Anzio-Roma road and on reaching it turned North. At this moment P/L. Everard (Green 1.) led four of his section into attack on the first formation of F.W.190's, Green 5 & 6 remaining above to deal with the top cover of No.109's. P/L. Everard closed to 400 yds. on one F.W.190 and attacked with a short burst from astern and slightly to port. Cannon strikes were seen along the port wing root and the side of the cockpit of the a/c, which immediately went into a vertical dive from 1500 ft. At this moment the formation was flying through very intense flak. Green 2, called up that he had been hit and Green 1, broke off his attack to give assistance. Green 1 was not unable to find his No.2 so returned to patrol. It was later learned that Green 2 had made a safe landing at Nettuno after having been hit by Flak. |
| 13.45 | "0" | Base. | Green Section Landed. (5 aircraft) CLAIM:- One F.W.190 Probably Destroyed. (See Part "B") P/L. Everard. |

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

PART "B"

Whilst flying as Green leader at 8,000 ft. over Anzio, vapour trails were reported over Rome at 18,000 ft. Green Section began to climb immediately, and when at 11,000 ft., four miles north of Anzio approx. 18 P.W.190's peeled off from 16,000 ft. and dived towards the East. These were about a 1,000 yds. to the North of us, so leaving two aircraft behind to ward off the top cover of the 190's, I led the remaining three aircraft to attack. About 12 miles N.W. of Anzio I overtook a P.W.190, opening fire slightly above and astern and at a range of 400 yds. After a short burst I saw strikes along the port wing root and the side of the cockpit. The e/a then pitched down in a vertical dive from 1500 ft. The A.A. became suddenly intense and accurate and my No.2 called up to say that he had been hit. Turning back I failed to locate or hear from him again.

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