

SORTIE REPORT

(Part A)

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Sheet No. 5	Oprep. Ref. No. ---	Date 21/5/44	Squadron 417 BCAP
Type of Aircraft Spitfire VIII MK	Aircraft No. J.G.272	Aircraft Letter AP-E	Captain CAF. G. 201 G. F/O C. Everett Crew
Time Up 05.25	Time Down 07.00	Total Time 1 hour 35 mins.	Aerodrome or L.G. Varese Airfield,
Type of Cloud No cloud	Amount of Cloud	Base of Cloud	Map or Chart Reference 1-250,000 Frosinone - Italy.
Visibility Fair	General Weather Fine		

Task or duty **DEFENSIVE PATROL OVER CASSINO AREA.**

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			See Sheet No. 2

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

[P.T.O.]

RAE 7

I was flying as Red 5 in a six a/c formation at 10,000' over Cassin, when benefits were reported 10 miles north of Frossinone flying south at 15,000'. Our section climbed to 16,000 and at approx. 06.30 hours I saw 1B, No.109^a and PW.190^a at 12 o'clock five miles N.E. of Cassin. Our section attacked immediately and I singled out a No.109 on the outside of the formation. I attacked with a 2 second burst from 150 yds. in the quarter astern position and saw strikes and pieces fly off the a/a, which then rolled and dived for the deck. This a/c was followed by its No.2 which I attacked from 2-300 yds but no results were seen. I then switched my attack to the first 109 and after a short burst saw it crash into a hill and blown up, this was in the vicinity of the Arco area. I then continued my attack on the second a/a with short bursts from the line astern position and at deck level. Approx. 5 miles N.W. of Frossinone I observed strikes on the a/a; port wing and struts begin to pour from the fuselage. I then broke off my attack as 11Bd ran out of ammunition and my No.2 took over the attack, no further damage was observed on the a/a and we broke off the attack about 15 miles N.E. of Frossinone and returned to base.

I claim One No.109 Destroyed (Confirmed by W/O Gerrard-Red 4)

One No.109 Damaged (strikes and struts seen by Red 4, as well as myself)

(Sgt.) C. Everett B/O

Amounts expended:-

20 ML. Cannon	- 135 rds. IE/I
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303 H.G.	- 750 rds. A.P.
	250 rds. W.T.M.