

**SORTIE REPORT**  
(Part A)

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Sheet No. 3	Oprep. Ref. No. 836	Date 24/2/44	Squadron 817 RCAP
Type of Aircraft Spitfire 12, VIII-C	Aircraft No.	Captain J. 15321 P/O G.H. Horsfield	Crew D.P.S.
Aircraft Letter A-5			
Time Up 2010 hours.	Time Down 2200 hours.	Aerodrome or L.O. Marone L.O. (Italy)	
Total Time 1 hour 50 mins.			

Type of Cloud No Cloud  
 Amount of Cloud  
 Base of Cloud  
 Visibility Unlimited  
 General Weather Fair

Map or Chart Reference

Task or Duty Defensive patrol over Anzio area. (Italy).

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			See Sheet No. 1

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

I was flying Red 3 at 12,000 ft. when Red 1 led us into the attack on the second formation of F.W.190's. I tacked on to the last e/a of the formation and attacked with a short burst from the 3/4 astern position at 50 yds. range. No results observed as I was caught in his slip-stream. I straightened out and went into the line astern position for my second attack. After closing to 300 yds. I gave the e/a a 3 to 4 second burst and it started to pour black smoke and go into a steep dive. I followed and gave a further short burst from the same position and at the same range (300 yds). After this attack the e/a started giving off large puffs of black smoke at intervals. By this time more F.W.190's were behind me and I had to break off my attack. When last seen the e/a was at 2,000 ft. in a steep dive, smoking very heavily. Red Section was then ordered to reform and I resumed patrol. NOTE:-When last seen the e/a was just south of Larvio Map. ref. F.9243.

I claim one F.W.190 Destroyed.

(Sgd.) G.E. Hornbalds F/O

This claim has been confirmed by army sources in a signal to 64th Fighter Group.

Ammunition Expenditure.

20 rds. 20MM. Cannon-H/I  
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