

SORTIE REPORT

(Part A)

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Sheet No. 2	Oprep. Ref. No. 222	Date 14/3/44.	Squadron 117 BCAF
Type of Aircraft Spitfire Mk.VIII	Captain CAF. J. 17096 F/L R.J. Ingalls		
Aircraft No. J.A.173	Crew		
Aircraft Letter A5-B			
Time Up 13.50 hours.			
Time Down 15.20 hours.			
Total Time 1 hour 30 mins.	Aerodrome or L.G. Hardwicke Airfield.		

Type of Cloud Cumulus	Map or Chart
Amount of Cloud 5/10	Reference
Base of Cloud 7,000 ft.	Italy - 1,250,000
Visibility Unlimited.	Sheet 28.
General Weather Fair.	

Task or duty **Defensive patrol over the Anzio area.**

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
13.50	7000	Base.	12 aircraft airborne to patrol the Anzio area.
14.15	10,000	Anzio.	Red and Blue sections (8 a/c) on patrol.
14.15	6,000	Anzio.	Yellow Section (4 a/c) on patrol.
14.20	6,000	Anzio.	4 bogies were reported off Anzio at 10,000 ft. shortly thereafter by Yellow 3 (P/O O'Brien saw two FW.190's at 6,000 ft. flying north of Anzio flying South. Yellow Section started to climb and the a/c pulled on their backs, dove for the ground and started flying North at deck level. Yellow section gave chase and Yellow 3 closed to within 200 yds. of one of the FW.190's and attached with five bursts from the line astern position. Strakes were seen on the a/c's wing-root and pieces to fly off. The a/c then passed under Yellow 3's nose and was seen to crash and burn at F.8780 by Yellow 2 (P/O Kimber). Yellow 1 (P/O Ingalls) then closed in on the second FW.190 and attached from 250 to 300 yds range in the line astern position with two two second bursts. Strakes were seen on the wing-roots and fuselage, pieces flew off and the port wheel dropped down. The a/c then crashed in flames at F.7784. This is confirmed by Yellow 2 (P/O Kimber) and Yellow 3 who took cine-gaz. shots of the aircraft as it crashed. COMBAT CLAIMS SEE PART "B".
15.30	7000	Base.	CLAIMS:- F/L Ingalls One FW.190 Destroyed. P/O O'Brien One FW.190 Destroyed. (See Page 1.)

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

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At 14.30 hours I was flying yellow I in a four aircraft formation at 6,000 ft. when Yellow 3 (P/O O'Brien) reported two FW.190's at two o'clock, slightly above, and flying East, just north of Indio. I saw them immediately and took the o/a on the port side and followed it down to the deck. After a ten minute chase I was able to close to within 250 to 300 yds. range. I attacked with two two second bursts from the return position. During my attack I saw stripes on the wing roots and fuselage, which marks started pouring from it and the port wheel dropped down. The FW.190 crashed in flames at P.773. This is confirmed by P/O Kinber and P/O O'Brien.

I claim One FW.190 Destroyed.

(Sgt.) D.S. Ingalls P/L

Additional Equipment

- 30 Mils. Cannon - 60 rds. H&V
- 60 rds. H&P/T
- 303 M.P. - 300 rds. A.P.
- 100 rds. B.W.I.R.

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