

SORTIE REPORT (Part A)

R.A.E. Form 441 A.

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No. 1	Oprep. Ref. No. 73	Date 24/11/43	Squadron 92 (E I)
Type of Aircraft Spitfire VIII	Craft No. 501	Captain F/Sgt G Buchanan (N.Z)	Crew
Craft Letter Q.J. M.			
Up 1535			
Down 1615			
Time 40 Min.		Aerodrome or L.G. Canne. Italy.	
Height of Cloud Amount of Cloud Type of Cloud- Visibility General Weather		Map or Chart Reference	
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For Duty Bomb Line Patrol.			

Height	Place	Narrative
		<p>I was flying Yellow 3 in a formation of four A/C led by F/LT J Nicholls DFC. When 5 miles out to sea at 10000' off the bomb line Pyrex reported two F.W.190s bombing off Penna Point. I looked inland and saw our own 'flack' up from West of Vasto. While this 'flack' was going up I saw two A/C diving into it and reported them to Beefy Yellow one. They then flew North and I went down to engage them followed by Beefy Yellow four. I engaged the first 190 at H.3595 and opened fire at 250 yds. dead astern closing to 100 yds. giving him two good bursts. I observed strikes along the fuselage and wing roots which were also seen by Yellow four. At this point I over shot the E/A and while doing so it rolled on its back and went down in a spiral dive seeming to be out of control. As I thought that he had had it I started to go after the other one. The first E/A was followed down by Yellow four who observed brown yellow smoke coming from its engine and gave it a 2 second burst to help it on its way. Yellow four had to off this attack as his engine cut and he had to return to base. In the meantime I was chasing the other one balls out and climbing rapidly. While this was going on another E/A joined in line abreast I opened fire on one from about 350/220 yds; away line astern in a series of short bursts and could see my bullets putting a good pattern all around the wing roots and fuselage. I was unable to observe any strikes in this engagement. Both E/A took violent</p>

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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