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Ref 34-36 all place names therein are in YUGO-SLAVIA + of special interest perhaps the reference to the Garibaldi Div in 34. Negotiations are in hand for the return of this Div to Italy.

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From: Air Forces Sub-Commission Rome

To: Chief Commissioner  
Executive Commissioner

Date: 29th April, 1945

Ref.: AFSC/INT/37

Italian Air Force Operations Summary

20th and 21st April, 1945

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20th April

12 P.39s and 4 Spitfires transferred from CANNE to LISSA.

3 P.39s returned to base because of various technical difficulties.

7 P.39s and 2 Spitfires returned to CANNE from LISSA, as operational missions over JUGOSLAVIA were not carried out.

9 Baltimores bombed coastal batteries on the Island of CHERSO. 14 500 pounders and 21 250 lb. bombs were dropped. The target was hit. 2 aircraft returned to base without completing the mission because of engine trouble.

9 Baltimores dropped 18 500 pounders and 27 250 lb. bombs on the coastal batteries on CHERSO. The target was hit. There was no A.A. fire.

103 1007 and 4 S.82s dropped supplies to Partisans at ILIDZA. 2 S.82s returned to base without dropping their load because the target area was completely obscured. The other 3 aircraft dropped 5,140 kgs. of arms, munitions, food, clothing and medical supplies.

2 Spitfires carried out a Met recon flight over the area of BANJA LUKA-BOS GRADISKA-SSALK. Mist was reported along the river SAVA.

5 P.39s carried out an offensive recon flight over the area of BANOVA-JARUKA-VIDRENJAC-SSAK. No traffic was observed on the roads. Isolated camions were seen in inhabited areas.

5 P.39s carried out an offensive recon over the area of BANOVA JAREGA-VIDRENJAK-SSAK. A motor vehicle was machine gunned near VIDRENJAK.

6 P.39s carried out an offensive recon sweep over the DERVENTA-BROD-OKUCANI area. When over BROD the formation was ordered to return to base.

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3 Spitfires carried out an offensive recon on the road and rail stretches between OKUCANI and NOVSKA. 2 railway convoys, consisting of some 20 trucks without engines, were observed East of RAJC. A 20-truck train was machine-gunned West of RAJC. The results were not observed.

21st April

9 P.39s transferred from CANNE to LISSA.

4 P.39s carried out an offensive recon sweep over the area of BANJA LUKA-OKUCANI-BANOVA-JERUGA. No traffic was sighted in the stretch between BANJA LUKA and OKUCANI. A 60-truck train was observed on the NOVA GRADISKA-OKUCANI stretch. 30 trucks were observed near RAJC. A 30-truck train was machine gunned East of NOVSKA, damaging 8 trucks. 10 trucks without an engine were observed West of NOVSKA.

2 Spitfires carried out an offensive recon over road and rail communications in the area of BANJA LUKA-NOVA GRADISKA-BANOVA-JARUGA. 2 engines were observed in NOVA GRADISKA Station, 1 train between OKUCANI and RAJC, 1 train between RAJC and NOVSKA, 1 train between NOVSKA and LPOVLJANI and 1 train between LPOVLJANI and BANOVA JARUGA. All these trains consisted approximately of 20 trucks each and were all travelling Westward.

5 P.39s carried out an offensive recon over BANJA LUKA-OKUCANI-NOVSKA. Convoy trains, consisting of some 26 trucks each, and 1 without an engine, were observed and attacked East of NOVSKA. 2 engines and 8 trucks were damaged. 1 truck caught fire. There was intense A.A. fire. A train was also observed at BOS NOVI, but was not attacked.

9 P.39s and 5 Spitfires returned to CANNE from LISSA.

2 Formations, consisting of 6 Baltimores each, bombed POPOVACA Station. 24 500 pounders and 36 250 lb. bombs were dropped. The target was hit by the first Formation, and just missed by the second.

2 Cants Z1007 and 4 S.82s dropped 9,140 kgs. of arms, munitions, food, clothing and medical supplies to Partisans at TESLIC.

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From: Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome

To: Chief Commissioner  
Executive Commissioner

Date: 28th April, 1945

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

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18th and 19th April, 1945.

18th April

10 P.39s and 8 Spitfires transferred from CANNE to LISSA.

5 P.39s carried out an offensive recon sweep over the area of DERVENTA-BROD-OKUCANI. A stationary 30-truck train was machine gunned East of BATRINA Station. The engine and 12 trucks were damaged.

4 P.39s carried out an offensive recon sweep over the BROD-OKUCANI area. 15 trucks were machine gunned East of STUPNIK, 5 of which were damaged. 1 aircraft attacked 4 horse-drawn vehicles, damaging 2. 1 aircraft machine gunned an A.A. gun position which was sending up heavy A.A. fire. 1 aircraft was hit by flak behind the pilot's cabin.

5 P.39s carried out an offensive recon over the BROD-OKUCANI road and rail stretches. 2 aircraft returned to base after 20 minutes' flight because of engine trouble. The other 3 aircraft attacked a 30-truck train between BATRINA and PETROVO SELO. 8 trucks were damaged.

3 Spitfires carried out an offensive recon over the road and rail stretches between MAGLAJ and DERVENTA. No road traffic was observed. DOBOJ bridges were interrupted. 15 trucks were machine gunned in KOMARICA Station. 5 trucks were damaged. Groups of men wearing dark uniforms were observed travelling Northwards near DANZYCA.

4 Spitfires carried out an offensive recon on the BROD-NOVA GRADISKA stretch. 3 trains were attacked on the railway stretch between SIBINJ and STUPNIK. 2 engines and 7 trucks were damaged.

8 Baltimorea bombed the railway stretch West of GRADISKA. 14 500 pounders and 21 250 lb. bombs were dropped. The target was not hit. 1 aircraft returned to base after 10 minutes because of engine trouble.

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12 Baltimores bombed the railway line East of NOVA GRADISKA. 24 500 lb. bombs and 36 250 lb. bombs were dropped. The target was not hit. There was no A.A. reaction during both attacks.

Owing to a punctured tyre on landing, 1 aircraft came off the runway and caught fire. The crew were unhurt.

2 Cant Z1007 and 3 S.82s dropped 8,280 kgs. of arms, munitions, food, clothing and medical supplies to Partisans at ILIDZA.

19th April

4 Spitfires carried out a Met. recce over the BANJA-LUKA-NOVA GRADISKA area. Due to prohibitive atmospheric conditions the flight was interrupted North of BANJA LUKA.

2 Spitfires attempted a Met recce over North JUGOSLAVIA, but interrupted the operation when 1 aircraft developed engine trouble.

2 Spitfires returned to CANNE from LISSA.

4 Formations of Baltimores, consisting of 9, 5, 9 and 6 aircraft respectively bombed coastal batteries on the Island of EUSSIMO. 58 500 pounders and 87 250 lb. bombs were dropped. The target was only hit by the second formation.

3 S.82s and 2 Cants Z1007 dropped 6,280 kgs. of arms, munitions, food, clothing and medical supplies to Partisans at ILIDZA. 1 S.82 returned to base because of engine trouble.

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To: Chief Commissioner  
Executive Commissioner

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

17th April, 1945

6 Spitfires and 4 P.39s transferred from CANNE to LISSA.  
4 P.39s carried out an offensive reconnaissance sweep on road and rail communications over the area of DOBOH-BROD-OKUCANI-BOVSKA-MOTIVA. An 8-truck train in KOMORICA Station was attacked. The engine was seriously damaged and the trucks were repeatedly hit; There was strong A.A. fire. 1 aircraft was hit by a 20mm. shell which exploded behind the pilot's seat; the pilot was safe.

4 P.39s carried out a strafing sweep over the BANJA LUKA-BOS GRADISKA area. 2 aircraft returned to base because of engine trouble; the other 2 aircraft attacked 1 camion and 1 horse-drawn vehicle, which they damaged.

2 Spitfires escorted 6 Allied aircraft on a supply dropping operation over the area of TOPUSKO (45° 28' - 15° 58')

4 Spitfires carried out an offensive reconnaissance over the area of BROD-OKUCANI-BANJA LUKA. 2 stationary railway convoys, without engines, consisting of some 30 trucks. 1 25-truck train was attacked between BATRINA and PETROVO SELO. The results were not observed because of heavy A.A. defence fire.

8 P.39s and 6 Spitfires returned to CANNE from LISSA.

10 Baltimores bombed the NOVA GRADISKA-BATRINA railway stretch. 20 500 pounders and 30 250 lb. bombs were dropped. The target was hit.

2 Baltimores dropped 50 lots of leaflets on the Island of VEGLIA, and the same amount on the Island of CHERSO.

10 Baltimores bombed the NOVA GRADISKA-BATRINA railway stretch. 18 500 pounders and 27 250 lb. bombs were dropped. The target was not hit.. 1 aircraft returned to base because of engine trouble.

1 Cant Z.1007 and 4 S.82s dropped 7,140 kgs. of arms, munitions, food, clothing and medical supplies to Partisans at ILIDZA.

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4 P.39s carried out an offensive sweep over road and rail communications over the area of DERVENTA-BROD-OKUCANI. Numerous railway convoys were observed on the BROD-NOVA GRADISKA stretch. A 25-truck train was machine-gunned near NOVA GRADISKA, damaging 8 trucks. There was fairly heavy A.A. fire. 1 aircraft was hit by flak in the right wing.

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To: Chief Commissioner  
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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

16th April, 1945

15 P.39s transferred from CANNE to LISSA, together with 8 Spitfires.

8 P.39s carried out a reconnaissance flight on road and rail communications in the area of BANJA LUKA-OKUCANI-BROD-DOBOJ-ZEPCE. No traffic was observed in the stretch between BANJA LUKA and OKUCANI. A 20-truck train was sighted East of NOVA GRADISKA. There was A.A. fire from 37 and 20 mm. guns at BANJA LUKA and PETROVO SELO. At DOBOJ there were various calibre guns.

3 Spitfires carried out an offensive recon sweep on road and rail communications in the ZEPCE-DOBOJ-BROD area. 3 motor vehicles and 6 horse-drawn vehicles were seen North of ZEPCE. 15 Kms. North of DOBOJ, 15 motor vehicles and 5 motor trailers were machine gunned; 6 vehicles were damaged. A stationary 7-truck train was machine-gunned in a Station West of VELIKA, and considered as put out of action. There was strong and accurate A.A. fire. 1 aircraft was seriously hit by flak just behind the Pilot's seat, wounding the Pilot slightly.

4 P.39s carried out an offensive recon over ZEPCE-DOBOJ-BROD. The formation did not carry out the mission, as they escorted an aircraft that had developed serious engine trouble.

3 P.39s carried out an offensive recon sweep over the area ZEPCE-DOBOJ-BROD. The following were attacked and damaged:- 1 motor vehicle, 1 truck, 2 horse-drawn vehicles carrying fuel, and 1 railway truck North-west of DOBOJ. 2 camions were damaged West of VRANDUK.

4 Spitfires carried out an offensive recon sweep over the area of BANJA LUKA-OKUCANI-BROD-DOBOJ-ZEPCE. No traffic was seen on the BANJA LUKA-OKUCANI stretch. In

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NOVA GRADISKA Station about 20 trucks were observed. A 15-truck train was machine gunned, repeatedly hit and damaged. There was strong A.A. fire. 1 aircraft was hit by flak in the right wing.

2 formations, consisting of 7 Baltimores each, bombed the railway stretch between NOVA GRADISKA and BATRINA. 24 500 lb. bombs and 36 250 pounders were dropped. The target was hit by the second formation and missed by the first. 3 aircraft were hit; 1 navigator was slightly wounded on the chin by splinters.

12 Baltimores bombed the coastal batteries near the town of KARK (VEGLIA Island). 24 500 pounders and 36 250 lb. bombs were dropped. The target was hit. There was no A.A. fire.

1 Cant Z.1007 carried out a Met. recce and dropped supplies to Partisan troops at ILIDZA. 570 kgs. of arms, munitions and medical supplies were dropped.

2 Cants Z1007 and 4 S.82s dropped 8,280 kgs. of arms, munitions, food, clothing and medical supplies to Partisans at ILIDZA. 1 S.82 returned to base without carrying out the mission because of engine trouble. 1 Cant Z1007 was damaged when returning to base due to a punctured tire on landing.

4 P.39s carried out an offensive recce over the area of ZEPCE-EROD. No traffic was observed. A stationary, 7-truck train was machine gunned in DERVENTA Station. The engine and 5 trucks were damaged. There was quite strong A.A. fire. 4 motor vehicles halted North of ZEPCE were attacked, 2 were damaged and 1 vehicle was destroyed.

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To: Chief Commissioner  
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Date: 18th April, 1945

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

12th and 13th April, 1945

12th April

2 formations, consisting of 24 Baltimores, bombed the cross roads South of MACLAJ. 42 500 lb. bombs and 63 250 pounders were dropped. The target was hit by the first formation, and partially hit by the second. 3 aircraft approached the target from a bad angle and therefore did not drop their bombs.

1 Cant Z1007 and 3 S.82s dropped 7,140 kgs. of arms, munitions, food, clothing and medical supplies to Partisans at TESLIC.

13th April

6 Spitfires and 8 P.39s transferred from CANNE to LISSA.

6 Spitfires and 12 P.39s returned from LISSA to CANNE.

Due to bad weather conditions no operational activity took place over JUGOSLAVIA.

The Baltimore Squadron also did not carry out any operations due to adverse weather conditions.

1 Cant Z1007 attempted to drop supplies to Partisans at MILANOVICI. The mission was not completed due to bad visibility over the target area.

3 S.82s dropped 6,000 kgs. of arms; munitions, food, clothing and medical supplies to Partisans at MILANOVICI.

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From: Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome

To: Chief Commissioner  
Executive Commissioner

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Date: 19th April, 1945

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

14th and 15th April: 1945.

14th April

2 S.82s transported supplies to National troops in TIRANA. 4,540 kgs. of food and clothing, and 6 Albanian passengers were transported. On the return flight, 35 National civilians, 26 military sick and wounded, and 10 Albanian passengers were transported.

2 Cant Z.506 searched for wrecks in the area of Cape COLONNE - Cape TRIONTO.

15th April

4 formations, consisting of 6 Baltimores each, bombed Naval craft in BRIONI Port. The first formation, having reached the target area, did not release the bomb load due to difficulty in pinpointing the target. Only 1 aircraft dropped the load, and missed. The second formation returned to base after 1 hour's flying due to various technical difficulties. The third and fourth formations dropped 24 500 pounders and 36 250 lb. bombs. The target was not hit. There was strong, but inaccurate A.A. fire.

1 Baltimore dropped leaflets on the Island of VEGLIA, and a second on the Island of CHERSO.

1 Cant Z1007 attempted a Met recon over ILIDZA, but returned to base because of a damaged w/t apparatus.

1 Cant Z1007 carried out a Met. recon over ILIDZA. Weather conditions reported as very bad.

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To: Chief Commissioner  
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Date: 17th April, 1946

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary11th April, 1945

3 P.39s carried out an offensive recon sweep on road and rail communications in the area of BANJA LUKA-OKUCANI-BROD-ZEPCE. A motor vehicle travelling North near SREDNJA was machine gunned; the results were not observed. 12 railway convoys, composed of some 25 trucks, were observed on the railway stretch between BROD and OKUCANI. South of PETROVO SELO A.A. reaction consisted of an unspecified number of 88 mm. guns. South of VELIKA Station 2 railway convoys, consisting of 10 trucks each, were machine-gunned and many of the trucks were hit. There was weak A.A. fire.

4 P.39s carried out an offensive recon over the area of ZEPCE-DOBOJ-BROD. 6 motor vehicles seen travelling Northwards, 3 kms. South of MAGLAI, were machine-gunned and repeatedly hit. A stationary railway convoy 5 kms. South of DOBOJ, consisting of 20 trucks and 1 engine heading North, was machine-gunned damaging the leading trucks and engine. 2 railway convoys, consisting of 12 trucks each, were machine gunned North of DOBOJ.

3 P.39s carried out an offensive recon sweep on road and rail communication in the area of BANJA LUKA-OKUCANI-BONOVA-JARUGA. No traffic was observed on the BANJA LUKA-OKUCANI stretch. 2 25-truck trains were observed lying alongside each other North of OKUCANI Station. A 30-truck railway convoy was observed in RAIJC Station. 40 trucks were seen in NOVSKA railway Station. Some 12 trucks were observed at BONOVA JARUGA. The road bridge of BOS KRUPA was interrupted; 9 lighters were observed close to this bridge. The formation leader's aircraft was severely hit by flak from intense A.A. 88 mm. gun fire, when the formation was diving to attack NOVSKA Station. The formation returned to base intact.

4 P.39s carried out an offensive recon on road and rail stretched between ZEPCE and BROD. On the entire railway stretch 6 railway convoys were observed. A 20-truck ~~was~~ attacked South of VELIKA. The engine and 6 trucks were damaged, and a ~~trailer~~ *trailer*



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set on fire.

4 P.39s carried out an offensive recon sweep on the road and rail stretches between VRACA and DOBOJ. On the VRACA-MAGIAJ stretch numerous motor vehicles and some hundred carts were observed on the road. 5 kms. South of MAGIAJ 8 motor vehicles were machine gunned, 1 was set on fire, and another 11 were damaged. Uncontrolled A.A. fire was opened by small and medium guns. 1 aircraft attacked a gun position.

2 formations, consisting of 24 Baltimores bombed the railway station of ZAVIDOVICI. 44 500 pounders and 56 250 lb. bombs were dropped. The objective was hit by both formations, destroying a railway strip. 2 aircraft returned to base after one hour because of technical difficulties. There was no A.A. fire.

2 Cants Z1007 and 1 S.82 dropped 2,480 kgs. of arms, munitions, food, clothing and medical supplies to Partisan troops at SERAJEVO.

2 S.82s transported 4,730 kgs. of food, clothing and medical supplies to National troops in TIRANA. The same aircraft transported 66 repatriated Military Nationals on its return flight.

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To: Chief Commissioner  
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Date: 16th April, 1945

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

9th (late report) and 10th April, 1945

9th April (late report)

4 Spitfires carried out an offensive recon sweep with bombs over road and rail communications in the area of ZENICA-ZEPCEN-DOBOJ. No traffic was observed on the ZENICA-MAGLAJ stretch. All along the route the bridges were unserviceable. Eight 250 lb. bombs were dropped on ZEPCEN Station. The bombs exploded very close to the Station.

3 Spitfires carried out an offensive recon with bombs on the road and railway stretch DOBOJ-BROD. More than 50 stationary motor vehicles were observed on the secondary road running from DERVENTA towards the North West. 3 250 lb. bombs were dropped on a group of 10 vehicles, which exploded very close to the target damaging the vehicles. There was A.A. reaction from 3 88mm. guns.

4 Spitfires carried out an offensive recon with bombs over the area of DOBOJ-BROD-GRADISKA-BANJA LUKA. 3 250 lb. bombs were dropped on a stationary train, consisting of 15 trucks and 2 engines, in VELIKA Station. 2 bombs exploded near the centre of the train; 2 dropped between the central Station building and the train; the other 4 bombs exploded on buildings and transport material. 10 trucks were seriously damaged. There was A.A. fire from 3 20mm. guns.

10th April

4 Spitfires carried out an offensive recon sweep on road and rail communications in the area of KACIVTH-ZENICA-DOBOJ. The stretch KACIVTH-ZENICA was entirely covered by cloud. Six 250 lb. bombs were dropped on a 25-truck train, travelling South on the DOBOJ-BROD stretch. 2 bombs exploded very close to the engine, 2 in the centre of the train and 2 missed the target altogether. The engine emitted dense clouds of steam, and 10

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trucks were damaged. 1 aircraft returned to base after 20 minutes because of a defective bomb shackle.

3 P.39s carried out a Met. recon over BANJA LUKA-BROD-ZENICA. Zone partially covered by cloud.

9 Baltimores attempted to bomb ZENICA railway station. The operation was not carried out because of adverse weather conditions.

2 Baltimores dropped 50 lots of leaflets over the Islands of CHERSO, VEGLIA and ARBE.

6 Baltimores the bombed the coastal batteries on BJANKA Point (LUSSINO Island). 12 500 pounders and 18 250 lb. bombs were dropped. There was no A.A. fire.

9 Baltimores attempted to bomb ZENICA railway station. The mission was not carried out because of adverse atmospheric conditions. There was no A.A. reaction.

6 Baltimores bombed the coastal batteries on BJANKA Point. 12 500 lb. bombs and 18 250 lb. bombs were dropped directly on the target. There was no A.A. reaction.

1 Cant Z.1007 carried out a Met. recon and dropped supplies to Partisans at SERAJEVO. 570 kgs. of arms, munitions and medical supplies were dropped.

3 S.82s dropped 6,000 kgs. of arms: munitions, food, clothing and medical supplies to Partisans at SERAJEVO.

Note Allied H.Q., LISSA airport, sent information that Sgt. Pilot MICHELONI Mario, listed as missing during operations on April 1st, crashed near IMOTSKI, on the Dalmatian coast. The body was recovered and buried in the local cemetery by the Yugoslavs.

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To: Chief Commissioner  
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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

9th April, 1945

12 P.39s and 4 Spitfires transferred from CANNE to LISSA for offensive operations over JUGOSLAVIA.

2 formations, consisting of 24 Baltimores, bombed coastal batteries and the town of RAB in the Island of RAB. 48 500 pounders and 71 250 lb. bombs were dropped. The objective was partially hit by the first formation and missed by the second.

2 formations, consisting of 18 Baltimores, bombed the railway station at ZENICA. The first formation dropped 15 500 pounders and 24 250 lb. bombs. The results were not observed. The second formation returned to base with their bomb loads, as they did not carry out the mission due to very bad visibility over the target area.

1 Cant Z.1007 carried out a Met. recon and dropped supplies over TESLIC. 570 kgs. of arms, munitions and medical supplies were dropped.

2 Cants Z.1007 and 4 S.82s dropped 7,140 kgs. of arms munitions, food, clothing and medical supplies over TESLIC.

1 Cant Z.1007 returned to base without carrying out the mission because of engine trouble. He jettisoned 1,140 kgs. of supplies into the sea near the Island of MELEDA.

1 S.82 returned to base without completing the mission because of trouble in his starboard engine.

4 P.39s carried out an offensive recon over road and rail communications in the BANJA LUKA - OKUCANI - BROD - DOBOJ - ZENICA area. A 30-truck train was machine gunned near STUPNIK. The engine and 5 trucks were hit and damaged.

4 P.39s carried out an offensive recon sweep over road and rail communications in the area of BANJA LUKA-OKUCANI-BROD-DOBOJ-ZEPCE. 2 railway convoys, consisting of about 30 trucks each were sighted in BATRINA and STUPNIK Stations. They were

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both without engines. 10 motor vehicles, travelling South of BROD, were machine gunned and damaged. There was little, but accurate A.A. fire. 50 motor vehicles, travelling South of DERVENTA, were machine gunned; 8 vehicles were damaged and another 2 were seriously damaged. A.A. fire was very light. A 30-truck, stationary train was machine gunned at SERIE ZEVIKA. The results were not observed.

4 P.39s carried out an offensive recon over the area of OKUCANI-BROD-DOBOJ. A convoy of 50 motor vehicles was machine gunned on the VELIKA-BUSLETIC road. 3 vehicles were destroyed, and 10 were seriously damaged. There was strong A.A. fire.

5 P.39s set out to strafe an M/T convoy reported on the DOBOJ-DERVENTA road. No traffic was found on the road.

5 P.39s bombed the railway station of ZENICA. 5 500 lb. bombs were dropped. 3 bombs exploded on the railway junction, 1 on the town, and 1 did not explode.

10 P.39s returned to CANNE from LISSA.



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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

7th and 8th April, 1945

7th April

4 Spitfires and 4 P.39s returned from LISSA to CANNE.  
2 formations, consisting of 24 aircraft, bombed coastal batteries on KRISTOFAR Point on the Island of RAB. The first formation did not carry out the mission because of bad visibility over the target area, the second formation bombed through an opening in the clouds, dropping 24 500 lb. bombs and 36 250 lb. bombs. The target was not hit. The first formation returned to base with a full load. 1 aircraft force landed with a bomb load outside PISRA, writing off the aircraft. The crew was safe.

8th April

16 P.39s and 7 Spitfires transferred from CANNE to LISSA, but no operational sorties took place due to bad weather conditions over JUGOSLAVIA.

12 P.39s and 3 Spitfires returned to CANNE from LISSA.  
2 formations, consisting of 24 Baltimores, bombed coastal batteries on KRISTOFAR Point (RAB). 48 500 pounders, and 72 250 lb. bombs were dropped. The target was hit by the first formation, and missed by the second.

1 Cant Z.1007 carried out a Met. recce flight over TESLIC. Because of adverse weather conditions over the target area, supply dropping operation was not carried out.

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

6th April, 1945

11 P.39s and 4 Spitfires transferred from CANNE to LISSA.

4 P.39s carried out an offensive recce sweep on road and rail communications in the BROD-DERVENTA-DOBOJ-BUSOVACA area. 2 aircraft left the formation because of engine trouble, returning to base they sighted and machine gunned 30 motor vehicles near DERVENTA; 5 were damaged. The remaining 2 aircraft machine-gunned a stationary train in the area of BOSCOGA, west of BO KOBAJ. The results were not observed. They also machine-gunned 6 motor vehicles South-west of ZEPCE.

4 P.39s carried out an offensive recce over DOBOJ-ZENICA-BUSOVACA area. A railway engine with a tender was seen at MAGLAJ Station. 20 motor vehicles observed travelling towards NEMILA from the South were attacked, and 4 were damaged. A 20-truck train travelling southwards from VELIKA was twice attacked by the formation; seriously damaging the engine and the first 3 trucks. There was weak A.A. fire.

4 P.39s carried out an offensive recce over the BANJA LUKA-OKUCANI-BROD-DOBOJ area. On the stretch of railway between PETROVO, SELO and BATRINA some 30 convoys were seen close together, each consisting of 2 to 3 units. 3 aircraft machine gunned the convoys and damaged 1 engine and 8 trucks. There was strong and accurate A.A. fire. 1 aircraft was hit by flak. 1 aircraft attacked a railway convoy East of BATRINA; the results were not observed.

4 Spitfires carried out an offensive recce sweep with bombs over the BUSOVACA-DOBOJ-BROD area. A 20-truck train with 2 engines was observed travelling southwards on the VELIKA-KOTORSKO stretch. 8 250 lb. bombs were dropped close to the train. 8 trucks in the centre of the convoy were semi-destroyed and damaged.

3 P.39s carried out an offensive recce sweep on road

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traffic between ILIDSA and BUSOVACA. About 60 motor vehicles were observed travelling North on the high road, and some 30 independent vehicles were seen on the secondary road west of KISELJAK. 3 stationary vehicles were machine gunned and damaged South of POLJE. There was A.A. fire from MESTINICI hill. 1 aircraft attacked the gun position. 5 motor vehicles were machine gunned and hit North of KISELJAK. The results were not observed.

4 P.39s carried out an offensive recon on the ILIDSA-BUSOVACA road. 180 motor vehicles were observed on the high road and attacked. 2 vehicles North of ILIDSA and a group consisting of 3 motor vehicles and 10 horse drawn vehicles, near ZENICA were damaged.

4 Spitfires carried out an offensive recon on the SERAJEVO-ZENICA road. 8 250 lb. bombs were dropped on 15 canions observed halted South of KISELJAK. 8 canions were destroyed.

4 P.39s carried out an offensive recon sweep on the BUSOVACA-KISELJAK road. A continuous stream of motor vehicles were observed travelling north all along the high-road. 8 vehicles, 3 of which had loaded trailers in tow, were machine gunned and damaged. There was weak A.A. fire.

12 P.39s returned to CANNE from LISSA.

2 formations, consisting of 6 Baltimores each, bombed STOJANA Point on the Island of RAB. 24 500 lb. bombs were dropped and 35 250 pounders. The first formation scored near misses and the second missed the target.

Another 12 Baltimores attempted to bomb the same target. The aircraft returned to base without carrying out the mission, because of bad atmospheric conditions over the target area. There was intense A.A. fire.

1 Cant Z.1007 carried out a Met. recon flight over SOKOLAC and dropped 570 kgs. of arms, munitions and medical supplies.

3 Cants Z.1007 and 4 S.82s dropped 6,280 kgs. of arms, munitions, food and medical supplies into SOKOLAC.

1 Cant Z.1007 and 2 S.82s returned to base. The first because of engine trouble; the second because of bad weather conditions along the route, and the third because of engine trouble. The latter was forced to drop 1,000 kgs. of supplies into the sea.

4 Spitfires carried out an offensive recon sweep with bombs on road and rail communications in the area of DOBOJ-ZEPCE-BUSOVACA. 50 motor vehicles were observed travelling

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towards KAONTH from the South. 8 250 lb. bombs were dropped. None exploded. The aircraft dived and machine gunned the convoy, damaging 11 vehicles.

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4th and 5th April, 1945

4th April

4 Spitfires transferred from CANNE to LISSA, so did  
4 P.39s. There was no operational activity on this day.

5th April

4 Spitfires carried out an offensive recce on road and rail communications in the area of BANJA LUKA - BOS GRADISKA OKUCANI-POPOVACA-DUGOSLO-GORICA-SISAK-SUNJA-KOSTAJNICA-BOS NOVI-BIHAC. An airfield, South of KLASNICE? was observed, apparently abandoned, with many wrecked aircraft on the field. The stretch between BOS GRADISKA and OKUCANI was covered by cloud and mist. A train, consisting of 1 engine and 3 covered trucks, travelling Eastward near NOVA GRADISKA, was machine-gunned and severely damaged.

4 P.39s carried out an offensive recce over rail and road communications in the BANJA LUKA-OKUCANI-BROD-DOBOJ-KAONITH-SERAJEVO area. A train was observed travelling near a Petrol Station. A.A. fire was weak. 1 aircraft machine-gunned the A.A. gun position. A train, consisting of some 30 trucks, travelling near STUPNIK Station, was machine gunned. The engine and first 3 trucks were destroyed. A.A. fire was quite heavy. Owing to bad visibility over the area, the results of machine-gunning a train, travelling between BROD and BROS BROD, were not observed. A train travelling North of DOBOJ was attacked but the results were not observed.

4 P.39s carried out an offensive recce sweep over road and rail communications between DOBOJ and BUSOVACA. 30 stationary motor vehicles, near NEMILA, were machine-gunned. 10 vehicles were severely damaged.

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4 Spitfires carried out an offensive recon sweep over the area of SERAJEVO-BUSOVACA-ZENICA. About 50 motor vehicles were observed travelling on the stretch of road between STAJE and KOANTH. 10 stationary camions observed on the secondary road, West of the principal STAJE-KOANTH road, were machine gunned. 2 camions were damaged. There was no A.A. fire.

4 P.39s attempted an offensive recon sweep over the SERAJEVO-BUSOVACA area. 1 aircraft returned to base after 5 minutes because of engine trouble, the other 3 returned to base after 20 minutes due to technical difficulties occurring to the Formation leader's aircraft.

12 P.39s transferred from CANNE to LISSA.

4 Spitfires also transferred from CANNE to LISSA.

13 P.39s returned to CANNE from LISSA.

8 Spitfires returned to CANNE.

12 Baltimores of the 132nd 'Gruppo', and 12 Baltimores of the 28th 'Gruppo' bombed the road bridge at OTOKA. 48 500 lb. bombs and 72 250 lb. bombs were dropped. The target was hit by both formations.

6 Baltimores of the 132nd 'Gruppo' and 6 Baltimores of the 28th 'Gruppo' bombed the road bridge at OTOKA. 24 500 pounders and 36 250 lb. bombs were dropped. The first formation scored direct hits, the second missed the target.

1 Cant Z.1007 carried out a Met. recon over SOKOLAC. It was not possible to drop supplies because of bad visibility over the objective.

2 S.82s dropped 4,800 kgs. of foodstuffs and medical supplies to National troops in TIRANA, and also transported 4 passengers. 68 passengers were transported on the return flight.

4 P.39s transferred from LISSA to CANNE.

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

1st and 2nd April, 1945 (Late reports)

2nd April

4 Spitfires bombed the road bridge at BOS KRUPA. 6 bombs exploded very close to the bridge, and 2 on the Northern bridgehead.

3 P.39s carried out an offensive recon sweep on road and rail communications in the area of JABLANICA-TARCIN-SERAJEVO. No railway traffic was observed. Some 18 trucks were spotted halted at 20 metre intervals on the road near BLAZUJ. 2 bombs were dropped 1 hit the road and the other exploded close by. There was intense A.A. fire.

1 bomb was dropped on PAZARIC Station; the results were not observed. There was weak A.A. fire.

4 Spitfires carried out an offensive recon over road and rail communications in the SERAJEVO-KAONITH-ZENICA-DOBOJ area. 6 250 lbs. bombs were dropped on a 20-truck train travelling between MACLAJ and ZAVIDOVICI. Direct hits and near misses were scored. Large clouds of dust and smoke prevented proper observation of the results.

1 aircraft jettisoned his bombs in the sea because of technical difficulties. There was no A.A. fire.

4 Spitfires carried out an offensive recon over road and rail stretches between DOBOJ and BROD. No road traffic was observed. 250 pounders were dropped on a 12-truck train which was travelling Southwards on the DERVENTA-VELIKA stretch; near misses damaged the train, which, however, continued to travel. Attacking the train with machine gun fire, the 4 aircraft managed to bring it to a halt. There was weak A.A. fire.

5 P.39s bombed the BOS KRUPA bridge. 2 500 lb. bombs exploded on the Northern bridge-end, and another 2 on the Southern bridge-end. 1 aircraft dropped his bomb in the sea on the return flight because of technical difficulties. There was no A.A. fire.

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5 P.39s bombed the BOS KRUPA bridge. 2 500 lb. bombs exploded on the Northern bridge-end, and another 2 on the Southern bridge-end. 1 aircraft dropped his bomb in the sea on the return flight because of technical difficulties. There was no A.A. fire.

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2 P.39s searched for the aircraft and pilot lost in the preceding raid on the coastal stretch between PIROVAC and SPALATO. Results of the search were negative.

3 P.39s bombed the road bridge at BOS KRUPA with 3 500 lb. bombs. The target was not hit. There was no A.A. fire.

2 P.39s searched for missing aircraft and pilot along the coastal stretch to a depth of 30 kms. between SPALATO and METROVIC. Results were negative.

3rd April

3 Cants Z.1007 and 4 S.82s dropped supplies to Partisan troops at VLASENICE. 1 Cant returned to base without completing the mission because of engine trouble. The other aircraft dropped 10,280 kgs. of arms, munitions, food, clothing and medical supplies.

4 P.39s carried out an offensive recon sweep over road and rail communications in the BUSOVACA-DOBOJ-BROD area. 2 trains consisting of 15 trucks each were observed stationary at the entrance of BROD Station. Intense A.A. fire from 15 88 mm. guns prevented the aircraft from attacking them. Two trains, consisting of 12 trucks, were attacked and hit at VELIKA Station. There was weak A.A. fire.

6 P.39s carried out an offensive recon sweep over road and rail communications in the BROD-DOBOJ-KOANTH-SERAJEVO area.

Motor vehicles observed travelling on the road near VRANDUK were machine-gunned. There was intense A.A. fire from an unspecified number of 88 mm. guns from DOBOJ.

4 aircraft machine-gunned a stationary train, consisting of some 12 trucks with a tank in the middle, near KOTORSKO. There was weak A.A. fire.

5 P.39s carried out an offensive recon with bombs on road and rail communications in the area of ZENICA-BEGOV-HAN. A convoy of 12 vehicles was observed travelling on the road near NIMILA. 4 500 lb. bombs were dropped, which exploded on the side of the road. 2 aircraft machine-gunned the column; the results were not observed. There was no A.A. fire.

10 P.39s transferred from CANNE to LISSA for operations over JUGOSLAVIA.

2 P.39s attempted to transfer to LISSA, but returned to CANNE owing to engine trouble.

2 Spitfires transferred to LISSA for offensive missions over JUGOSLAVIA.

2 Spitfires returned to base from LISSA 2686

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8 P.39s returned to base from LISSA.

4 formations of Baltimores, consisting of 24 aircraft, bombed the road bridge at OTOKA. 90 500 pounders and 69 250 lb. bombs were dropped. The target was not hit. Large explosions were observed near the objective with large columns of flame. 1 aircraft returned to base without carrying out the mission because of engine trouble in his starboard engine, jettisoning his bombs in the sea. Another 2 aircraft also dropped their bombs in the sea; the first dropping a 250 lb. bomb which had not been launched on the target, and the second his entire bomb load, having lost contact with his formation due to engine trouble during the attack.

1 Cant Z.1007 carried out a Meteorological recon over VLASENICE. Supplies were not dropped to Partisans because of bad visibility over the target area.

2 Cants Z.506 searched for wrecks and survivors without success at the following points: 42° 09' N. - 15° 20' E., 43° 00' N. - 16° 20' E., 42° 20' N. - 15° 20' E.

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

1st and 2nd April, 1945.

1st April

2 formations, consisting of 24 Baltimores bombed the road bridge at OTOCAG. 1 aircraft returned to base because of engine trouble. 90 500 lb. bombs were dropped. The bridge was missed by one formation and partially hit by the second. There was no A.A. fire.

16 P.39s and 8 Spitfires transferred to LISSA for offensive missions over JUGOSLAVIA.

4 P.39s carried out an offensive recce sweep with bombs, on the road and rail communications between TARCIN and SERAJEVO. 500 pounders were dropped on the railway junction of HADZICI, and on adjacent barrack buildings. 2 bombs exploded very close to the railway line, and 1 on the barracks where there were 5 motor vehicles. The results were not observed. There was no A.A. defence fire. 1 aircraft returned to base without completing the mission due to engine trouble.

8 P.39s bombed the road bridge at BOS KRUPA. 8 500 lb. bombs were dropped; 2 bombs exploded a few metres away from the bridge, another 4 also fell close to the target, the remaining 2 fell on the town.

10 P.39s returned to CANNE from LISSA.

2nd April

2 formations, consisting of 24 Baltimores bombed coastal batteries on the Island of RAB. 1 aircraft returned to base because of engine trouble. 67 500 pounders and 24 250 lb. bombs were dropped from 3,500 metres. The target was hit by the first formation and missed by the second. There was no A.A. fire.

5 Cants Z.1007 dropped supplies to Partisan troops at

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VLASENICE. 1 aircraft returned to base because of technical difficulties. The rest of the aircraft dropped 4,560 kgs. of arms, munitions and medical supplies.

3 S.82s dropped 6,000 kgs. of arms, munitions, food, clothing and medical supplies to Partisans at VLASENICE.

3 Spitfires carried out an offensive recon sweep on road and rail communications in the area SERAJEVO-ZENICA-DOBOJ-BROD. 5 motor vehicles were observed travelling on the SERAJEVO-ZENICA road. 1 train was sighted in DOBOJ Station, and an engine travelling into SENICA Station; these were not attacked. A 15-truck train, one of which was armoured, with 2 engines was attacked 10 Kms from VELIKA. The 3 aircraft attacked the train twice and scored hits. There was weak, but accurate A.A. fire.

3 P.39s dropped 3 500 pounders from 1,500 metres on BOS KRUPA bridge, but failed to hit the target. The bombs exploded in an inhabited area some 100 metres from the bridge. There was no A.A. defence fire.

4 Spitfires carried out an offensive recon on road and rail communications in the area of BOS GRADISKA-SISAK-ZAGEBRIA. No traffic was observed.

4 P.39s machine-gunned a train which had been previously damaged. A stationary train, with 12 covered trucks, was observed in an unspecified station. One of the 2 engines attached to this train started to move on the arrival of the aircraft. This was attacked by 3 aircraft, hit and left derailed and unserviceable. The rest of the train, still halted was machine-gunned and hit. There was little A.A. fire.

2 P.39s returned to CANNE from LISSA.

4 Spitfires returned to CANNE from LISSA.

1 P.39 getting into difficulty through engine trouble, sent a w/t message that he was landing on a field on the JUGOSLAVIAN coast in an area not yet pinpointed.

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

29th, 30th and 31st March, 1945.

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29th March

8 P.39s returned to CANNE from LISSA.

1 Cant Z.1007 carried out a Meteorological recon flight over VLASENICE. Atmospheric conditions and visibility reported unfavourable.

2 S.82s landed at TIRANA with supplies for National troops. 5,000 Kgs. of foodstuff, 2 National and 4 Albanian passengers were transported. On the return flight 63 wounded and sick National troops and 2 passengers were landed at BAGUV.

6 P.39s returned to CANNE from LISSA.

30th March

1 Cant Z.1007 carried out a Met. recon flight over VLASENICE. Weather conditions reported as very bad, and not allowing any supply dropping operations.

4 Spitfires and 4 P.39s transferred to LISSA for operations over JUGOSLAVIA. No offensive missions were carried out as the runway was unserviceable.

31st March

8 P.39s and 4 Spitfires set out to land at LISSA for offensive operations over JUGOSLAVIA; when over LISSA W/T message ordered them to return to CANNE. 6 P.39s and 4 Spitfires returned to CANNE from LISSA.

1 Cant Z.1007 carried out a Met. recon over VLASENICE. Weather conditions reported bad.

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

26th March, 1945 (late report)

26th March

7 P.39s transferred to LISSA for offensive operations over JUGOSLAVIA.

4 P.39s carried out an offensive recce sweep on road and rail communications in the BIHAC-KOSTAJNICA area. No traffic was sighted on the roads. A stationary railway convoy, consisting of 4 covered trucks and 5 open trucks, carrying many men, was sighted between OTOKA and BOS NOVI. The convoy was machine gunned and hit. One of the covered trucks caught fire and emitted dense clouds of very black smoke. Other trucks were damaged. Small arms opened fire from one of the open trucks, and from 4 machine guns stationed close by.

3 P.39s carried out an offensive recce sweep on road and rail communications in the BIHAC-KOSTAJNICA area. 1 stationary camion was machine gunned between OSTROZAC and BIHAC. The results were not observed. A pontoon was machine gunned North of OSTROZAC. There was A.A. reaction from small arms.

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

27th and 28th March, 1945

27th March

1 Cant Z.1007 carried out a Met. recce flight and dropped supplies to Partisan troops at VLASENICE. 4 containers, weighing 570 kgs., of arms; munitions and medical supplies were dropped.

4 S.82s and 3 Cants Z.1007 dropped 11,420 kgs. of ARMS, munitions, food, clothing and medical supplies to Partisan troops at VLASENICE.

28th March

1 Cant Z.1007 carried out a Met. recce flight, and also dropped 8 containers (1,140 kgs.) of arms; munitions and medical supplies to Partisans at VLASENICE. Weather reported moderate.

1 Cant Z.1007 and 3 S.82s dropped 8,280 kgs. of arms, munitions, food, clothing and medical supplies to Partisan troops at VLASENICE.

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

25th and 26th March, 1945.

25th March (late report)

3 P.39s machine-gunned the railway station of BOS KOSTAJNICA; 15 trucks were hit. There was intense A.A. fire.

26th March

3 P.39s transferred to LISSA for offensive operations in JUGOSLAVIA.

4 P.39s carried out an offensive recce on road and rail communications in the BIHAC-KOSTAJNICA area. No rail traffic was observed. North of BIHAC 4 badly damaged vehicles were observed. 16 railway trucks were machine-gunned and hit in KOSTAJNICA Station.

4 P.39s dropped four 500 pounders from 800 metres on OTOKA road bridge, and scored 2 near misses. There was no A.A. defence fire.

4 S.82s and 4 Cants Z.1007 dropped 12,560 kgs. of arms, munitions, food, clothing and medical supplies to Partisan troops at ROGATICA.

2 formations, consisting of 24 Baltimores bombed BOS NOVI railway station. 94 500 lb. bombs were dropped on the target from 4,000 metres. The railway station was hit by the first formation, and partially hit by the second. 2 bombs were dropped in the sea. There was no A.A. fire.

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

25th March, 1945

9 Baltimores bombed OGULIN railway Station. 36  
500 pounders were dropped from 4,300 metres. The objective  
was partially hit. 2 big explosions were observed in build-  
ings near the railway Station. There was no A.A. activity.

9 Baltimores bombed VOLINJA railway station. 36  
500 lb. bombs were dropped from 4,000 metres; the target was  
hit. The bombs were seen to explode on railway trucks halted  
in the railway station. There was no A.A. fire.

4 S.82s and 3 Cants Z.1007 dropped 11,420 kgs. of arms,  
munitions, food, clothing and medical supplies to Partisans  
at ROGATICA.

8 P.39s and 4 Spitfires transferred to LISSA for  
operational sorties over JUGOSLAVIA.

13 P.39s and 3 Spitfires carried out an offensive recce  
on road and rail communications in the area of BOS KRUPA-BOS  
NOVI-KOSTAJNICA-SUNJA-SISAK-KRIZ-ZAGABRIA-KARLOVAC-METLICKA-  
VRBOVSKO-OSTARJE-VRHOVINE-GOSPIC-GRACAC, the stretch BROD-  
OKUCANI-PETROVO-SELO-RAJIC-BATRINA, and the stretch BOS NOVI-  
KOSTAJNICA-DUBICA-SUNJA-SIVAJA. Between BOS KRUPA, BOS NOVI  
and KOSTAJNICA no traffic was observed. All the bridges at  
BOS KRUPA reported destroyed, and three fires were observed.  
South of KOSTAJNICA the railway line was interrupted at various  
points. The bridge at VRBOVSKO reported completely collapsed.  
2 trains, consisting of 40 trucks each, without an engine, were  
observed at RAJIC Station. 1 km. East of PETROVO SELO a  
stationary train, with 20 trucks, was machine gunned and hit.  
Another stationary train was observed East of BATRINA. From  
East of EEL to BRO another 4 groups of trucks without engines  
were observed on sidings near the stations. A 3-truck train,  
observed travelling towards ZIVAJA from the South, was  
machine gunned and severely damaged.

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There was small calibre A.A. fire from inhabited areas along the railway stretch of BOS KRUPA-BOS NOVI-KOSTAJNICA. Small arms opened fire from the train which was machine gunned South of ZIVAJA, and from positions close by.

4 Spitfires attempted to bomb KOSTAJNICA railway station. The mission was abandoned as the tyre of the leading aircraft burst.

11 P.39s and 7 Spitfires returned to CANNE.

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

23rd and 24th March, 1945

23rd March

14 P.39s transferred to LISSA for operational sorties over JUGOSLAVIA.

13 P.39s carried out an offensive recon sweep on railway communications in the area of BROD BATRINA and PETROVO SELO, and on road and rail communications in the BOS KRUPA - SUNJA and DOBOJ - BROD stretches.

2 Kms. East of SIBINJ a train, consisting of some 200 open trucks and 1 armoured one, travelling Westward, was machine-gunned. The trucks were repeatedly hit, and the train stopped running. Machine guns opened fire from the train.

No road or rail traffic was observed on the BOS KRUPA-SUNJA stretch.

2 Kms. South of BROD 5 camions, 3 of which were travelling North, were sighted. 3 trucks were machine-gunned and hit; the results were not observed because of intense A.A. fire from 88 mm. guns, and medium and light machine guns.

13 P.39s returned to CANNE from LISSA.

2 formations, consisting of 18 Baltimores bombed BOS NOVI railway Station. 72 500 lb. bombs were dropped over the target from 4,000 metres; the objective was not hit; there was no A.A. reaction.

1 Cant Z.1007 carried out a Meteorological recon flight and dropped 4 containers to Partisan troops at ROGATICA. 570 kg. of arms, munitions and medical supplies were dropped. The weather over the area reported as moderate.

3 Cants Z.1007 and 1 S.82 dropped 9,420 Kgs. of arms, munitions, food, clothing and medical supplies to Partisan troops at ROGATICA.

1 S.82 transported 800 Kgs. of Allied material to LISSA, later returning to base.

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4 Spitfires transferred to LISSA for operational sorties over JUGOSLAVIA.

4 Spitfires carried out an offensive recon sweep with bombs over the PETROVO SELO area. Some 30 trucks were seen on the railway sidings in OKONIMA Station, and were bombed. Seven 250 lb. bombs were dropped; these exploded on the platform between the trucks. There was weak A.A. fire from light guns.

24th March

11 P.39s transferred to LISSA for offensive action over JUGOSLAVIA.

8 Spitfires carried out 2 offensive recon sweeps on the road and railway stretch between DOBOJ and BROD. 8 250 lb. bombs were dropped on a 20-truck, goods train, which was travelling Northwards just South of KOTORSKO. The engine was hit by 2 bombs, and a dense cloud of steam was seen to rise. Another 6 bombs exploded close to the train. The engine and the first 5 trucks were repeatedly hit by machine gun fire. Severely damaged the train halted.

A later recon sweep observed the train still halted with the engine emitting steam. Two 250 lb. bombs were dropped and scored a near miss. As the aircraft were diving to strafe the train, a second train, consisting of some 25 trucks, was sighted.

On the railway line near KOTORSKO Station, 10 trucks, without an engine, were observed. Six 250 lb. bombs were dropped on the Station and the train received a direct hit. Soon after the attack a big explosion was heard, followed by many others. Columns of smoke were visible from 20 Kms. away. There was weak A.A. machine gun fire from gun positions near the Station.

7 P.39s carried out an offensive recon sweep over the area of BOS KRUPA-KOSTAJNICA-SUNJA-BANJA LUKA-OKUSANI. Goods trucks were observed halted on the sidings in the Stations. Nothing was observed on the roads. On BANJA LUKA airfield 2 partially camouflaged aircraft were seen; trucks were observed travelling towards the aircraft, and a little distance away there were 6 horse-drawn vehicles.. The aircraft and trucks were machine-gunned and hit. 1 aircraft strafed defence posts on the field. A.A. reaction was intense and accurate. The aircraft leading the formation was hit by flak, but made base safely.

5 Spitfires and 6 P.39s returned to CANNE.

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9 Baltimores bombed the Railway Station of KOSTAJNICA. 36 500 lb. bombs were dropped from 4,000 metres. The target was not hit. There was no A.A. fire.

9 Baltimores bombed BOS NOVI Railway Station. 36 500 pounders were dropped from 4,000 metres. The station was not hit. There was no A.A. fire.

3 S.82s and 4 Cants Z.1007 dropped supplies to Partisan troops at ROGATICA. 1 Cant returned to base without carrying out the operation because of engine trouble. 9,420 Kgs. of arms, munitions, food, clothing and medical supplies were dropped.

1 Cant Z.1007 carried out a Net recce and dropped supplies to Partisans at ROGATICA. 5 containers, weighing 750 kgs., of arms, munitions and medical supplies were dropped. Weather conditions over the area and along the route reported good.

254 Wing (BIFERNO) report that, according to observers on the Island of RAB, the attack by the Baltimore Squadron on the Batteries at STOJANA and SAN CRISTOFAR bore the following results:-

93 Germans killed

4 guns damaged

Large amount of munitions destroyed

Original garrison of 600 men considerably reduced after the raid.

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

22nd March, 1945

22nd March

7 Spitfires, 4 of which were laden with bombs, attempted to carry out an offensive reconnaissance sweep on road communications in the DOBOJ-EROD area, and of road and rail traffic in the area of BANJA LUKA-BOS GRADISKA-OKUCANI-DUCO SELO-POPOVACA; the mission was abandoned when the target area was reached because of extremely bad visibility.

8 Spitfires returned to CANNE from LISSA.

9 Baltimores bombed coastal batteries at CRISTOFAR, Island of RAB; 36 500 lb. bombs were dropped from 4,000 metres. The target was hit. There was no A.A. fire.

9 Baltimores bombed the coastal battery on STOJANA point, RAB. 36 500 lb. bombs were dropped from 4,250 metres. The batteries were hit. There was no A.A. fire.

4 Cants Z.1007 and 3 S.82s attempted to drop supplies to Partisans at ROGATICA; the operation was not completed due to bad weather conditions and visibility over the target area.

1 Cent Z.506 carried out unsuccessful Air Sea Rescue sweeps for survivors of an Allied aircraft over the following positions: 42°-12' - 15° 26'; 42° 38' - 42° 12'; 15° 26' - 42° 38'; 42° 12' - 16° 0'; 42° 38' - 16° 10'; 42° 22' - 15° 31'; 42° 22' - 16° 05'; 42° 37' - 15° 31'; 42° 37' - 16° 31'.

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20th (late report) and 21st March

20th March

7 P.39s transferred from CANNE to LISSA for offensive operations over JUGOSLAVIA.

4 P.39s bombed the railway Station of BOS KRUPA. 4 500 lb. bombs were dropped, 2 of which exploded close to the Station, and 2 in the town.

5 P.39s carried out an offensive recon sweep on road and rail communications over the area of JABLANICA-TINOVO-SERAJEVO. 3 kms. North of JABLANICA 16 stationary motor vehicles were machine-gunned; 1 vehicle was completely destroyed, 2 severely damaged and 3 hit.

1 aircraft which was hit by A.A. fire returned to base safely.

21st March

13 P.39s transferred to LISSA for offensive operations over JUGOSLAVIA.

16 P.39s carried out an offensive recon sweep over road and rail communications in the area of DOBOJ-BROD-BIHAC-KOSTAJNICA-OKUCANI-BANJA LUKA-JABLANICA-TINOVO-SERAJEVO. 2 P.39s returned to base because of engine trouble. A train, consisting of 2 engines and 10 trucks, was machine-gunned at the entrance of VELIKA railway station; the engines and trucks were repeatedly hit. Some 23 trucks were machine-gunned at BOS KRUPA. Barracks alongside the road near JABLANICA were machine-gunned. On the OKUCANI-BANJA LUKA road some 30 horse-drawn vehicles were observed and attacked according to orders received.

There was dense A.A. fire from medium and light guns near VELIKA Station. A.A. fire from medium calibre guns was weak at JABLANICA.

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16 P.39s returned to CANNE from LISSA.

18 Baltimores bombed the Railway Station at BOS KRUPA in 2 formations. 68 500 lb. bombs were dropped from 3,600 metres. The first formation scored 4 direct hits, while the second only partially hit the target. 1 aircraft returned to base without carrying out the operation because of technical difficulties. There was no A.A. fire.

3 Cants Z.1007 and 2 S.82s dropped 7,420 kgs. of arms, munitions, food, clothing and medical supplies to Partisans at REGATICA.

2 S.82s landed at TIRANA with 5,000 kgs. of foodstuffs for National troops. They transported a total of 61 sick and wounded Nationals to BARI.

The Baltimore which landed at FALCONARA on the 20th March, returned to BIFERNO.

8 Spitfires transferred to LISSA for operational activities over JUGOSLAVIA.

4 Spitfires carried out an offensive recon sweep over the DOBOJ-BROD area and bombed DERVENTA bridge; nothing was observed on the road; 3 bombs were dropped over the bridge from 500 metres; 2 250 pounders hit the bridge, while the other 6 exploded close to it.

3 Spitfires carried out an offensive recon sweep on road and rail communications over the area of KOSTAJNICA-SUNJA-DUBICA-SISAK-DUBRAVCIK-GORICA; no traffic was observed on the road; odd stationary trucks were observed on the sidings of railway stations. BAGANI and DUBICA bridges appeared to be intact.

2 P.39s returned to CANNE from LISSA.

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary20th March, 194520th March

8 P.39s and 8 Spitfires transferred from CANNE to LISSA for offensive operations over JUGOSLAVIA.

7 P.39s and 4 Spitfires carried out an offensive recon sweep over the area BAN-LUKA-ORUCANI-POPOVACA-JARLANICA-SERAJEVO. 4 P.39s returned to base without completing the mission because 2 aircraft developed engine trouble. 20 small landing craft were observed on the river SAVA, near BOS GRADISKA bridge. 3 canions were seen travelling Northwards on the outskirts of VOJKOVICI. 4 half-covered trucks travelling Northwards were machine-gunned near LJUBOVICICI; another light truck was machine-gunned South of VOJKOVICI.

4 Spitfires bombed VELIKA railway Station. 8 250 lbs. bombs were dropped, exploding very close to the station.

8 P.39s and Spitfires returned to CANNE from LISSA.

4 formations, consisting of 31 Baltimores, bombed coastal batteries on the Island of RAB. 140 500 lb. bombs were dropped from 4,000 metres. 1 aircraft returned to base without completing the mission because of engine trouble; another aircraft landed at FALCONARA airfield on the return flight for an unknown reason. The batteries were hit by attacks from 3 formations; 1 aircraft returned to base without dropping the bomb load. There was no A.A. fire. According to a report from the Baltimore Squadron of 254 Wing, the first 2 formations hit a munitions dump, and at least 60 Germans were killed. All the gun positions were hit, and many soldiers were seen to desert their posts.

1 Cant Z.1007 carried out a Met. recon flight and

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dropped supplies to Partisan troops at ROGATICA. Weather conditions over the area reported good. 4 containers, weighing 570 Kgs., and containing 370 Kgs. of arms, munitions and medical supplies were dropped.

3 Cants Z.1007 and 2 S.82s dropped supplies to Partisans at ROGATICA. 6,220 Kgs. of arms, munitions, food, clothing and medical supplies were dropped.

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

19th March, 1945

19th March

2 Formations, consisting of 18 Baltimores bombed BIHAC. 72 500 lb. bombs were dropped from 4,000 metres. The target was hit. There was no A.A. fire.

The Baltimore which had landed at JESI on the 18th inst. returned to base.

1 Cant Z.1007 carried out a Met. recon flight and dropped 4 containers - 570 Kgs. of arms, munitions and medical supplies to Partisans at ROGATICA. Weather conditions over the area reported as moderate.

4 S.82s and 2 Cants Z.1007 set out to drop supplies to Partisan troops at ROGATICA; only 2 S.82s dropped 4,000 Kgs. of arms, munitions, food and clothing, the other aircraft returned to base without completing the mission due to bad visibility over the target area.

14 P.39s and 7 Spitfires transferred to LISSA for operational activity over JUGOSLAVIA.

7 P.39s bombed the railway station of BOS KRUPA. 7 500 lb. bombs were released, 2 of which fell close to the station, 1 on rail control points, 3 in the town and 1 on the road North of the town.

3 P.39s bombed OTOKA Station and carried out an offensive recon sweep over the OTOKA-BIHAC area. 1 P.39 returned to base because of engine trouble and was damaged in landing at LISSA. 2 500 lb. bombs were dropped over the target area, one of which hit the road and one the town.

An aircraft machine-gunned barracks on the edge of the BIHAC-OTOKA road; the results were not observed.

6 Spitfires, 3 of which carried bombs, attempted to carry

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out an offensive recon sweep over road and rail communications between DOBOJ and BROD and the area DOBOJ-BROD-OKUCANI-BAJANA-LIKA. 1 aircraft returned to base because of engine trouble, the other aircraft gave up the operation near DOBOJ because of unfavourable weather conditions and bad visibility.

12 P.39s and 6 Spitfires returned to CANNE from LISSA.

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

16th, 17th and 18th March, 1945

16th March

1 Cant Z.1007 carried out a Met. recon flight and dropped 870 Kgs. of arms, food and munitions (4 containers) to Partisan troops in JELASCA. Weather conditions in the area reported moderate.

3 Cants Z.1007 and 5 S.82s dropped 13,420 Kgs. of arms, munitions, food, clothing and medical supplies to Partisans at JELASCA.

1 S.82 transported 12 English military personnel and 2,000 Kgs. of material in a flight from BRINDISI to LISSA and back.

17th March

1 Cant Z.1007 carried out a Met recon flight and dropped 8 containers to Partisans at ROGATICA. 1,140 Kgs. of ARMS, foodstuff and medical supplies were dropped. Weather conditions reported as good.

3 Cants Z.1007 and 5 S.82s dropped supplies to Partisan troops at ROGATICA; 1 Cant was damaged in taking off when the left engine ceased; the crew were safe. 1 S.82 did not complete the mission because of engine trouble. Another 2 S.82s returned to base with the load aboard due to unfavourable atmospheric conditions and bad visibility along the route. The rest of the aircraft carried out the mission, dropping 6,280 Kgs. of arms, munitions, food, clothing and medical supplies.

1 S.82 returned from TIRANA, carrying the Italian Under-Secretary of State for War and 12 passengers to LECCE.

4 P.39 transferred to LISSA for offensive operations over Yugoslavia.

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18th March

4 P.39s carried out an offensive recon sweep over the DOBOJ - BROD area. The operation was interrupted near DOBOJ because of adverse weather conditions.

2 Formations, consisting of 24 Baltimores bombed coastal batteries on the Island of RAB. 2 aircraft returned to base because of engine trouble. 78 500 lb. bombs were dropped over the target from 4,000 metres. 12 bombs were brought back to base due to faulty bomb release gadgets. another 6 bombs were dropped in the open sea. The batteries were not hit. There was weak A.A. fire. 1 aircraft landed at JESI for an unspecified reason.

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Italian Air Forces Operations Summary

14th and 15th March, 1945.

14th March

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3 Cants Z.1007 and 4 S.82s dropped supplies to Partisan troops at JELASCA. 11,420 Kgs. of arms, munitions, food, clothing and medical supplies were dropped (nett weight 10,220 Kgs.). 1 Cant returned to base with one engine failing.

1 S.82 landed at TIRANA with supplies for National troops. 1,500 Kgs. of foodstuffs were transported. On the return flight 24 sick, National, military personnel were landed at Bari.

1 Cant Z.506 searched for survivors of an Allied aircraft lost in the sea about 8 miles from S. NICOLA VERANO. No bodies were picked; wreckage of a P.38 was salvaged.

19 P.39s and 7 Spitfires carried out an offensive recon sweep from LISSA airfield, over road and rail communications in the area of BROD - VRANDUC - DERVENTA - DOBOJ - OKUCANI - BATRINA - KLASNICE - KOBAS - SICE - POPOVACA - SISAK - BIHAC - RAJIC - BOS GRADISKA - BANJA LUKA - BOSANKI - ALEKSANDROVAC - SERAJEVO - MOKRO - GROMILESOKOLAC.

Between DOBOJ and VRANDUC 30 heavy trucks were observed, another 15 were sighted South of DERVENTA; South of BATRINA 10 covered lorries were seen in groups of 2 and 3 camions. Continuous motor traffic was observed East-north-east of BROD. A convoy of 8 lorries was observed in OKUCANI.

2 lorries were destroyed, and 2 damaged South of BATRINA. Another camion was damaged South of BROD; 2 vans were machine-gunned North of DOBOJ; a 7-truck stationary train was machine-gunned and hit South of BROD.

Stationary goods trucks were observed on the sidings in all the railway stations between BROD and OKUCANI.

1 Km. North of RAJIC a 20-truck train, 2 of which were armoured, was machine-gunned. The train was hit, but



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the results were not observed. South of KLASNICE A.A. gun positions were attacked. 4 Spitfires bombed the bridge at BOS GRADISKA, dropping eight 250 lb. bombs; 6 bombs were seen to explode, 4 of which were very close to the target, while 2 fell in the town of BOS GRADISKA.

In the SERAJEVO - GROMILE - SEKOLAC area no traffic was observed.

There was strong A.A. fire from 37 and 88 mm. guns from all the inhabited areas between BROD and BIHAC. There was also 37 and 88 mm. gun A.A. fire from KOBAS and SICE. South of KLASNICE, A.A. fire consisted of two 20 mm. machine guns and light arms. Eight 20 mm. guns opened fire from the train attacked at RAJIC.

From BOS GRADISKA to BOSANKI ALESANDROVAC preparations for defensive constructions, consisting of trenches and gun positions, were observed running parallel to the road.

### 15th March

All the aircraft which were transferred to LISSA for operational purposes, returned to CANNE.

5 S.82s and 4 Cants Z.1007 dropped supplies to Partisan troops at JELASCA. 1 S.82 returned to base without carrying out the operation as the Captain of the crew was taken ill; the other aircraft dropped arms, munitions, food, clothing and medical supplies weighing 12,560 lbs.

1 S.82 left BARI for TIRANA to bring back the Under-Secretary of State for War.

2 Cants Z.506 searched for an Allied raft; an empty boat was sighted at sea position 42° 26' - 17° 16', but nothing was seen of the raft.



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13th March

18 Baltimores bombed coastal batteries on the Island of RAB. 68 500 lb. bombs were dropped from 4,300 metres. The target was not hit. There was no A.A. fire.

1 Cant Z.1007 carried out a Met. recce flight over the JELASCA zone. Weather conditions in the area reported as excellent.

6 S.82s dropped supplies to Partisans at JELASCA (43° 29' - 18° 29'). 1 aircraft returned to base without completing mission because of engine trouble. Another S.82 returned to base with the load still on board as the ground signals were not seen. Another S.82 dropped the load on the alternative objective at BOGATICA (43° 48' - 18° 00') the remaining 3 aircraft dropped their load on the target. 6,000 Kgs. of arms, munitions, food and clothing were dropped.

5 Cants Z.1007 attempted to drop supplies to Partisan troops at JELASCA. 1 aircraft dropped 3 containers of arms, munitions and food; a second was obliged to drop its load short of the target after losing one propeller. The rest of the aircraft returned to base without dropping their load because the ground signals were not sighted. All aircraft returned to base safely. 2,200 Kgs. of material were dropped. (nett weight 1,400 Kgs.).

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

11th and 12th March, 1945

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11th March

19 Baltimores bombed the coastal gun positions on the Island of RAB. 76 500 lb. bombs were dropped from 400 metres. Targets were not hit. After the attack a large column of white smoke was observed over the bombed area. A.A. defence was weak and inaccurate.

12th March

18 Baltimores bombed the coastal gun positions on RAB. 1 Baltimore taking off laden, left the runway and caught fire, causing the bomb load to explode. The crew were killed. (Lt. GRAZIOLI, Navigator V. PETRUZZELLI, Sgt. Gunner L. SERAFINO and W/T Operator A.C.1 A. MAGGIO). The other aircraft dropped 62 500 lb. bombs from 4,500 metres. The objective was hit. 4 bombs were dropped in the sea and another 2 were brought back to base.

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10th March, 1945

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10th March

18 Baltimores attempted to bomb coastal gun positions on the Island of RAB, the bombs were not dropped as bad visibility made the location of the target areas impossible.

2 S.82s transported 52 sick and wounded Italians and 3 Albanians from TIRANA to BARI.

8 Spitfires carried out an offensive recce sweep over the area of BINAC - SUNJA - POPOVACA - BANJA LUKA. Bad visibility and unfavourable weather conditions interrupted the mission at BOS NOVI. No traffic was observed on the stretch which was patrolled.

2 P.39s carried out an offensive recce sweep on the BUNIC-KORENICA road and also bombed BUNIC. No road movements were observed. Four 500 lb. bombs were dropped from 600 metres, 2 of which hit the centre of the town, and the other two exploded on roads South of BUNIC.

8 Spitfires carried out an offensive sweep over the area of UDBINA-LAPAC-BUNIC-KORENICA-RAMLAANE-LICKI-OSIK, and attempted to bomb and machine gun UDBINA. Nothing was observed on the roads, the bombing and machine-gunning was not carried out as the aircraft arrived over the target after the hour scheduled for attack. The town of UDBINA appeared to be completely destroyed. The aircraft set out for the mission from LISSA.

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

8th and 9th March, 1945 (late report)

8th March

6 P.39s carried out an offensive recon sweep over road and rail communications in the area of BINAC-BOS KRUPA-BOS NOVI. Nothing was observed on the road. A total of 10 railway trucks were observed at the railway junctions of BINAC, BOS KRUPA and BOS NOVI. A train consisting of some 17 trucks was observed travelling 1 Km. South of SUNJA and was machine-gunned. The train stopped but the result of the machine-gunning was not observed. A few light arms opened fire from the train. The operational aircraft took off from LISSA.

9th March

4 P.39s attempted an offensive recon over the BANJA LUKA - OKUCIANI - NOVSKA area. At BANJA LUKA unfavourable weather conditions and bad visibility forced the aircraft to return to base.

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

3th and 9th March, 1945.

8th March

8 Spitfires attempted to carry out an offensive recon sweep over the RANJA LUKA - BATRINA - GOPOVACA - SUNJA - BIHAC - OKUCANI area, taking off from LISSA airfield. 2 Spitfires were damaged on landing at LISSA, 1 aircraft returned to base because of engine trouble. The operation was not carried out because of bad visibility over the objective.

18 Baltimores bombed the coastal batteries on the Island of RAB. 72 500 lb. bombs were dropped from 4,000 metres. The target was not hit.

9th March

3 Cants Z.1007 attempted to drop supplies to Partisan troops at BOLJANICI (43° 27' - 19° 13'); the aircraft returned to base with their load as no recognition signals were seen on the ground.

8 S.82s carried out a supply dropping operation to Partisans at BOLJANICI. The ground signals were not observed. 2 S.82s dropped arms, munitions and food 3 Kms. West of BOLJANICI, where other signals were seen; another aircraft dropped arms, munitions and food near the target area because of technical trouble; another S.82 dropped arms, munitions, food and clothing near the town of BOLJANICI. The other 4 aircraft returned to base with their load. A total of 8,000 Kgs. of material were dropped.

2 S.82s landed at TIRANA with supplies for National troops. 3,000 Kgs. of foodstuff and 5 passengers were transported.

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

5th, 6th and 7th March, 1945.

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5th March

1 Cant Z.506 searched for Allied Landing Craft between ALICE and STILO Point with negative results.  
5 P.39s of the 10th "Gruppo" transferred from LECCE to CANNE.

6th March

1 Cant Z.1007 carried out a Met. recce over MILANOVICI.  
8 S.82s attempted to drop supplies to Partisan troops at MILANOVICI, but the operation was not carried out due to adverse weather conditions and bad visibility along the route.  
7 Cants Z.1007 dropped 32 containers of arms, munitions, food and medical supplies to Partisan troops at MILANOVICI. (Total weight 4,400 Kgs. - nett weight 2,800 Kgs.) 1 aircraft returned to base without completing the mission because of engine trouble, and 2 others because of unfavourable atmospheric conditions over the Adriatic. 1 aircraft was damaged on landing, because of a burst tyre.

7th March

8 S.82s and 5 Cants Z.1007 attempted to drop supplies to Partisana at MILANOVICI. The mission was not carried out because of bad visibility over the target area.

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7 Cants Z.1007 and 6 S.82s dropped supplies to Partisan troops at MILANOVICI. A total weight of 18,000 Kgs. of arms, munitions, food and clothing were dropped (nett weight 16,000 kg).

1 Cant Z.1007 returned to base without completing the mission because of technical difficulties.

1 S.82 returned from TIRANA, having recovered undamaged parts from a crashed P.39 (weight 2,000 Kg.).

4 Spitfires carried out an offensive recon sweep over the road and rail communications in the BIHAC - SUNJA area. Nothing was seen.

5 P.39s bombed and machine-gunned a German H.Q. at APORAVILISTE (South-south West of SERAJEVO). 5 500 lb. bombs were dropped close to the target but did not explode; 10 rounds from a 37 mm. gun, 220 from a 13 mm., and 300 from 7.7 mm. were fired. A.A. defence was weak.

2nd March

10 Spitfires and 4 P.39s left LISSA to carry out an offensive sortie against enemy troops in YUGOSLAVIA. The aircraft returned to base without carrying out the mission because of adverse atmospheric conditions and bad visibility over the objective area.

3 S.82s and 5 Cants Z.1007 attempted to drop supplies to Partisan troops at MILANOVICI, but returned to base without completing mission due to bad weather conditions.

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3rd March

1 S.79 left ROME for LECCE/made a forced landing near MONTE CALVO (ARIANO IRPINO) because of engine trouble. Five among the crew and passengers were slightly injured. The Pilot was Capt. PEGMA.

4th March

Nothing to report.

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28th February, 1945 (late report)

28th February

8 Spitfires and 8 P.39s carried out 8 bombing sorties over BUSOVACA, taking off from LISSA. 8 500 lb. bombs and 16 250 pounders were dropped. All 500 pounders and 2 of the 250 lb. bombs did not explode. All the bombs dropped on BUSOVACA and 8 in the centre of the city. 1 P.39 hit by flak from medium and light A.A. guns returned safely.

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

26th, 27th and 28th February, 1945

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26th Feb.

4 P.39s attempted an offensive recce sweep over the SERAJEVO - ZENECA - DOBOJ area. After landing at LISSA the aircraft returned to base as atmospheric conditions and visibility were too bad to allow the operation to be carried out.

6 Spitfires bombed the railway bridge South of ZENECA. 1 aircraft, landing at LISSA, caught fire. The pilot was safe. 10 250 lb. bombs were dropped on the bridge; the result was not observed. There was much A.A. fire of medium and light guns from gun-positions defending the bridge.

4 Spitfires carried out an offensive recce sweep over the SOKOLAC - SERAJEVO - DOBOJ area. Reconnaissance was limited to the area between SOKOLAC and the neighbourhood of SERAJEVO because of weather conditions. The landing strip North of SERAJEVO ~~always~~ serviceable.

21 Baltimores bombed the coastal Batteries on the Island of RAB in two formations. One formation, consisting of 9 Baltimores missed their target, while the second, of 12 aircraft, hit the Batteries. There was light A.A. fire. 78 bombs of 500 lbs. were dropped.

2 waves of aircraft, 9 Baltimores in each, bombed the railway Bridge South of ZENECA. 78 500 pounders were dropped but the target was not hit. There was concentrated A.A. fire from heavy and light guns.

5 Cants Z.1007 and 6 S.82s dropped supplies to Partisan troops at MILANOVICI. 17,500 Kgs. of arms, food, medical supplies and clothing were dropped (nett weight 15,500 Kgs.)

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27th Feb.

3 Spitfires attempted to carry out an offensive reconnaissance sweep on road and rail communications in the SERAJEVO-ZENECA-DOBOJ area. Bad visibility over the region prevented the mission from being carried out.

4 P.39s bombed BUSOVACA; 1 aircraft returned to base because of engine trouble. Three 500 pounders were dropped. 2 bombs dropped in the centre of the inhabited area, the third on the outskirts of the town.

4 Spitfires and 4 P.39s attempted to bomb BUSOVACA and the area North of SERAJEVO, but could not carry out the mission as the bombs were not in readiness at LISSA, and the runway was not serviceable.

21 Baltimores bombed the coastal batteries on the Island of RAB; 84 500 pounders were dropped from 3,300 metres. The target was not hit. There was weak and inaccurate A.A. fire.

One S.82 transported 6 Allied passengers and 2,000 Kgs. of aeronautical material from BRINDISI to LISSA and back.

28th Feb.

21 Baltimores bombed coastal batteries on the Island of RAB. 83 500 pounders were launched from 4,000 metres. The target was hit. A.A. fire was weak.

One S.82 transported Specialists to TIRANA to recover aircraft material.

A P.39 caught Fire at Tirana.

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

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23rd, 24th and 25th February, 1945.

23rd Feb.

3 P.39s and 4 Spitfires carried out an offensive recce over road and rail communications in the SHERAJEVO - ZENICA - NEMILA - DREVENTA area. Some 40 trucks were machine-gunned in NEMILA Station; the results were not observed. Nothing else was sighted. There was dense and accurate fire at ZEPCE and MAGLAJ from 88 mm. A.A. guns. There was accurate but weak A.A. fire at ZENICA.

1 P.39, which was damaged at LISSA on the 20th instant, returned to base.

20 Baltimores attempted to bomb the Port installations of SREJ. The aircraft returned to base due to unfavourable weather conditions and bad visibility over the target area.

1 Cant 3.1007 carried out a Meteorological recce flight, and dropped supplies to Partisan troops at MILANOVICI. 4 containers of arms, munitions and food were dropped (Total weight 550 Kgs. - nett weight 350 Kgs.).

2 Cants Z.1007 and 6 S.82s dropped supplies to Partisan troops at MILANOVICI. 1 S.82 returned to base without carrying out the mission because of technical trouble; the other aircraft dropped 12,200 Kgs. of arms, munitions, food and clothing (nett weight 11,400 Kgs.).

2 S.82s attempted to drop supplies to troops of the Garibaldi Division at MODRO POLJE; the aircraft returned to base without completing the mission because of bad visibility and unfavourable weather conditions over the objective.

2 Cants Z.506 searched for wrecks at point 30° 54' - 17° 06'; on the beach at point 30° 56' - 16° 56' aircraft wreckage was sighted. Nothing else was spotted.

24th Feb.

4 Spitfires and 4 P.39s carried out an offensive recce

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sweep over the SERAJEVO - ZENICA - DUBOJ area. The iron bridge, about 4 Kms. North of MAGLAJ, is intact. The KAONTH area was covered by a strata of black smoke rising to a height of 1,000 metres. At MAGLAJ and ZEPCE there was accurate A.A. fire from 88 mm. Battery.. Nothing else was observed.

2 Formations of Baltimores, comprising 19 aircraft, bombed the region and railway Station of BUSOCAVA. 72 500 lb. bombs were dropped. The target was hit by one formation of 9 Baltimores. There was no A.A. fire.

2 S.82s transported food and medical supplies to TIRANA for National troops in ALBANIA. 4,000 Lbs. of materials were transported. On the return journey Military wounded and sick were brought back.

25th Feb.

4 Spitfires carried out an offensive recce sweep over the BJHAC - SUNJA area. Nothing was sighted.

22 Baltimores bombed Port installations of JABLANAC. 82 500 pounders were dropped. The target was partially destroyed.

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21st February, 1945

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21st Feb.

4 P.39s and 4 Spitfires carried out an offensive reconnaissance sweep over rail and road communications in the SERAJEVO - ZENICA area. BUSOVACA Station was machine-gunned. In the neighbourhood of STRANE German aircraft of the FIESLER STOK type, was attacked but they took evasive action and escaped. Two trucks halted at BUSOVACA Station were repeatedly hit. Nothing was sighted on the railway line or on the road. One P.39 stayed at LISSA because of technical difficulties.

24 Baltimores bombed the coal mine region of ARSA. 88 500 pounders were dropped from 4,000 metres. The target was hit. Soon after the load was dropped the leader of the Formation, Major MASSIMILIANO ERASI, commanding the 132nd Group, was hit by heavy and direct Ack. Ack., and the aircraft went down in flames over the target area. Nobody was seen to have baled out. 14 aircraft were hit by flak, four of which were badly damaged. The crews were unhurt. Two aircraft returned to base without carrying out their mission due to technical difficulties.

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

20th February, 1945

20th Feb.

8 Spitfires attempted an offensive recon sweep over the SERAJEVO - ZENICA - TRAVNIK area. The aircraft turned back after reaching JABLANIKA due to very bad atmospheric conditions.

8 P.39s attempted an offensive recon sweep over the SERAJEVO - ZENICA area; one aircraft caught fire while taxiing down the LB SA runway. The operation was not completed because of bad weather conditions over the area.

11 Baltimores bombed harbour installations at SENJ. 48 500 lb. bombs were dropped from 3,200 metres. The target was not hit. There was no A.A. fire.

12 Baltimores bombed harbour installations at SENJ. 48 500 pounders were dropped from 2,550 metres. The target was hit and fires were observed on the wharf. There was no Fighter opposition nor A.A. defence.

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

17th, 18th and 19th February, 1945

17th Feb.

4 Spitfires and 4 P.39s carried out an offensive sweep over the area of SERRAJEVO - ZENICA - TRAVNIK - BUSOVACA - VITEZ. Nothing was sighted on the railway line. Between STAJE and VITEZ enemy encampments were machinegunned; there was no A.A. fire. A P.39 was set on fire at LISSA, following an attack by an Allied aircraft.

6 Cants. Z.1007 and 3 S.82s dropped supplies to Partisan troops at MILANOVICEI. 12,000 Kgs. of arms, munitions, food and clothing were dropped.

2 S.82s dropped supplies to troops of the Garibaldi Division at MODRO POLJE. They dropped 4,000 Kgs. of arms, munitions, food and clothing.

18th Feb:

24 Baltimores attempted to bomb military objectives at GOSPIC and PORTO SENJ; they returned to base without carrying out the operation due to bad visibility.

2 S.82s attempted to drop supplies to Units of the Garibaldi Division. One aircraft returned to base due to technical difficulties, the other did not drop its load owing to bad visibility.

4 Cants Z.1007 attempted to drop supplies to Partisan troops at MILANOVICEI. One aircraft dropped 8 containers of arms, munitions and food (weight 1,100 Kgs.); the other 3 aircraft returned to base because of bad visibility.

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19th Feb.

4 P.39s and 4 Spitfires carried out an offensive recon sweep over the SERAJEVO - ZENICA - TRAVNIK zone. The operation was not carried out because of complete overcast between 100 and 3,000 metres.

1 Cant Z.1007 made a Met. recon flight and dropped supplies to Partisans at MILANOVICI. 4 containers of arms, munitions and food were dropped (weight 550 Kgs.).

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

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12th, 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th February, 1945.12th Feb.

6 Spitfires and 4 P39s attempted an offensive recon over the area of KARLOVAC - NOVO MESTO - LUBIANA - BJHAC - SUNJA - KOSENJAC. Owing to unfavourable weather conditions and bad visibility the sweep was not completed. Only the railway line KARLOVAC - OZALJ was patrolled - the area was covered with snow and no traffic was observed.

4 P.39s which had landed at PRKOS, later returned to base.

2 RS.14s searched for mines near BARI and BARLETTA. Two drifting mines were sighted at 41° 13' - 41° 12'.

13th Feb.

6 Spitfires and 4 P.39s carried out an offensive recon over the area of KARLOVAC - NOVO MESTO - LUBIANA - BJHAC - SUNJA - OSTROZAC - BOS KRUPA - KOSTAJICINA and JESENICA. No movement was seen on the KARLOVAC - NOVOMESTO railway line. About 100 completely destroyed railway trucks were observed at BJHAC Station. At BOS KRUPA Station some 40 trucks were seen most of which were damaged. The iron bridge between OSTROZAC and BOS KRUPA seemed to be intact. 5 heavy motor trucks were machine-gunned and damaged at KOSTAJICINA.

24 Baltimores carried out a bombing raid on KOEJIC railway station. 96 500 pounders were dropped. The target was hit. A.A. defence was weak and inaccurate.

2 RS.14s searched for mines in the BARI and BARLETTA area, with negative results.

14th Feb.

8 Cants. Z.1007 and 6 S.82s dropped supplies to

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Partisan troops at MILANOVICI; One Cant Z.1007 returned to base with the load as the objective was totally hidden. Another Cant Z.1007 was forced to drop his load into the sea because the parachute of one of the containers opened unexpectedly.; one S.82 returned to base because of technical difficulties; the rest of the aircraft dropped 6,600 Kgs. of arms and munitions (nett. weight 4,200 Kgs.). The S.82s dropped 10,000 Kgs. of arms, munitions, food and clothing. One S.82 dropped supplies to the Garibaldi Division at FOCA. 2,000 Kgs. of arms; munitions; food and clothing were dropped.

8 P.39s attempted an offensive recce sweep over the SERAJEVO zone, but returned to base because of bad visibility.

15th Feb.

8 Spitfires and 8 B.39s carried out an offensive recce over the area KASINDO - SERAJEVO - ZNIKA - JESENIANA - KAONTH - KAKNJ - SEMIZOVAC. An enemy camp at KASINDO was machine-gunned. A P.39 landed at LISSA because of technical difficulties. The pilot was safe. The camp at KASINDO was attacked by a wave of 5 aircraft. Some 15 huts hidden among high trees were machine-gunned. A.A. fire consisted of medium calibre guns. 10 Kms. South of JESENIANA some 9 motor vehicles were sighted but were not attacked as they were not identified. A north-bound train composed of 10 trucks was attacked and hit North of SIMIZOVAK. On the railway South of SIMIZOVAK there was intense A.A. fire from 88 mm. guns. There was also intense A.A. fire of many arms near KAKANJ. 2 Kms. West of KAONTH 6 heavy motor vehicles were sighted but were not attacked.

24 Baltimores bombed KONIJC railway station. The target was partially hit. 96 500 pounders were dropped.

4 S.82s dropped supplies to partisans at MILANOVICI. 8,000 Kgs. of arms, munitions, food and clothing were dropped.

One S.82 transported Allied material (2,000 Kgs.) from LISSA to BRINDISI.

16th Feb.

8 Spitfires attempted an offensive recce over the SERAJEVO - ZENICA area. Due to bad visibility the aircraft returned to base without carrying out the mission.

6 Cants Z.1007 and 3 S.82s dropped supplies to Partisan troops at MILANOVICI. 12,600 Kgs. of arms, munitions, food and clothing were dropped (nett weight 10,200 Kgs.).

1 S.82 dropped 2,000 Kgs. of arms; munitions; food and clothing to troops of the Garibaldi Division at ULOG.



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(43° 25' - 18° 19').

1 S.82 attempted to drop supplies to troops of the Garibaldi Division at MODRO POLJE, but returned to base without dropping the load due to bad visibility.

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

10th and 11th February, 1945.

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10th Feb:

12 Bimores bombed the Naval quay in ARSA Canal.  
42 500 pounders were dropped on harbour buildings. The target was hit. A fire was observed after the attack.

12 Bimores bombed Port installations at JABLANAC.  
40 500 pounders were dropped and the objective was partially hit. Accurate but weak A.A. fire. One aircraft was slightly damaged but made base safely.

1 Cant Z.1007 carried out a Meteorological recon flight over the MILANOVICI area. Atmospheric conditions and visibility reported as favourable for supply dropping operation.

4 S.82s dropped supplies to Partisans at MILANOVICI.  
8,000 Kgs. of arms; munitions, food and clothing were dropped.

1 S.82 flew from LECCE to LISSA and BRINDISI on behalf of Allied H.Q. It carried 3 English passengers and 2,250 Kgs. of R.A.F. material.

11th Feb.

3 RS.14 searched for mines in the BARI - BARLETTA zone. No mines were spotted.

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

6th, 7th, 8th and 9th February, 1945

6th Feb:

2 Cants Z.1007 carried out a Meteorological recce over PLJEVLIA area; atmospheric conditions and visibility reported as improving, and permitting supply dropping operation.

5 S.82s and 5 Cants Z.1007 attempted to drop supplies to Partisan troops at PLJEVLIA; all aircraft returned to base without dropping their load as the objective was completely obscured by clouds.

7th Feb.

12 P.39s transferred from LECCE to CANNE.

1 Cant Z.1007 carried out a Meteorological recce over the MILANOVICI area (44° 04' - 17° 26'). Atmospheric conditions and bad visibility reported, not permitting supply dropping operation.

12 Baltimores bombed military targets at GOSPIC. Objective was hit; after the attack a big explosion was observed. 48 500 Lb. bombs were dropped.

11 Baltimores bombed military targets at OTOCAC. Objective was hit. 48 500 Lb. bombs were dropped.

2 Cants Z.506 searched for shipwrecked men in the Gulf of Taranto; a plane landed on sea position 40° 05' - 17° 31', picking three Englishmen in a rubber dinghy.

4 Spitfires carried out an offensive recce sweep over the LJUBLJANA - CELJE - RADECE - ZAGABRIA road and railway line. A 12-truck train, carrying troops was spotted near DOLSKO. This was machine-gunned. After the first attack the train halted and troops descended, unsuccessfully seeking cover; they were machine gunned. The engine and trucks were repeatedly hit. One aircraft which was hit, landed at base safely. Some trucks were observed halted at LITIJA - TOPOLICE - RADECE - BOSTANI

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Station; the railway line between RESKO and BRESICE was interrupted at various points by accurate bombing.

8th Feb;

The aircraft which had landed at LISSA returned to CANNE.

6 Spitfires carried out two offensive recce sweeps for rail and road traffic in the SOKOLAC - SERAJEVO - ZENICA area; some 9 camions were machine-gunned 15 Kms. East of SERAJEVO; the results were not observed. An engine halted at DOLIPOLJE Station, between SERAJEVO and ZENICA, was machine-gunned; the results were not observed. Two tents on the hill between MOKRO and SOKOLAC were machine-gunned. The airfields at SERAJEVO reported covered with snow, but two landing strips were cleared of snow. A.A. defence was weak machine-gun fire. No road traffic was observed.

12 Baltimores carried out a bombing raid over BRINJE. 48 500 pounders were dropped on the target; the objective was hit, and after the raid an explosion followed by a column of black smoke, was observed. There was no A.A. fire.

11 Baltimores bombed SENJ harbour. 44 500 Lb. bombs were dropped. The objective was partially hit. A.A. defence was weak. One aircraft which was hit made base safely.

1 Cant Z.1007 carried out a Meteorological recce, and dropped supplies to Partisans at MILANOVICI. 4 containers of arms and munitions were dropped ( Total weight 550 Kgs.; nett weight of contents 350 Kgs.).

6 S.82s and 6 Cants Z.1007 dropped supplies to Partisans at MILANOVICI. One Cant Z.1007 returned to base without dropping his load because of engine trouble. The rest dropped 17,500 Kgs. of arms, munitions, food and clothing. (weight of contents 15,500 Kgs.).

9th Feb.

7 Spitfires carried out an offensive recce sweep over the area of KONJIC-SERAJEVO-ZENICA-STAJE-DOBRINJE-DRAGOCAJ-TABCIN-BAZARIC-RELIEVO-ZIPCA-BUSOVACA. A 12-truck train travelling between RELIEVO and Zipca was attacked. The engine was hit, and a large steam cloud was observed. A 20-truck train was spotted at DOBRINJE Station, but this was not attacked because of heavy A.A. fire. 2 heavy trucks, halted near DRAGOCAJ tunnel, were machine-gunned; the results were not observed. Nothing else was seen on the road.

12 Baltimores bombed the railway platform of BINAC. 48 500 pounders were dropped. The objective was hit, and fires were observed. There was no A.A. defence.



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12 Baltimore bombed the railway platform of KONIC. 48 500 Lb. bombs were dropped and the objective was partially hit.

1 Cant Z.1007 carried out a meteorological recon flight and also dropped supplies to Partisan troops at MILANOVICI. 4 containers of arms and munitions were dropped (total weight 550 Kgs., and actual weight of supplies 350 Kgs.). Weather conditions and visibility reported good for supply dropping operations.

5 S.82s and 5 Cants Z.1007 dropped 15,500 Kgs. of arms, munitions, food and clothing to Partisans at MILANOVICI. (actual weight of contents 13,500).

2 Cants Z.1007 dropped 8 containers of arms, munitions and food to troops of the Garibaldi Division at FOCA. (total weight 1100 Kgs., actual weight of contents 700 Kgs.). A third Cant returned to base with the load, having failed to spot the recognition signals.

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th February, 1945

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2nd Feb.

8 Spitfires attempted an offensive reconnaissance sweep over the SHERAJEVO-TRAVNIK area, but returned to base due to bad weather conditions.

3rd Feb.

8 Spitfires carried out two offensive recon flights over the SENJ-KARLOVAC-GOSPIC road; the sweep was limited to the OGULIN-PLOSKI railway line and the ZDENAC-DUCASERA road because of bad weather conditions, and bad visibility.

23 Baltimores attempted to bomb the railway platform of KONJIC; owing to bad weather conditions the aircraft returned to base without carrying out the mission. One aircraft, for an unspecified reason, landed at LISNA.

One Cant Z.1007 carried out a meteorological recon flight over the PLJEVLIA area; atmospheric conditions and bad visibility over the area did not permit any supply-dropping operations.

2 Cants Z.506 carried out a search for wrecks at 41° 39' - 17° 38', with negative results.

4th Feb.

One Cant Z.1007 carried out a meteorological recon flight over the PLJEVLIA area.

6 Cants Z.1007 and 8 S.62s dropped supplies to Partisan troops at PLJEVLIA; only one Cant and 6 S.62s dropped their load, the other aircraft not having sighted the signals, because of bad visibility and weather conditions, returned to base laden. A total of 13,000 Kgs. of arms, munitions, food and clothing were dropped.

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5th Feb

8 Spitfires carried out an offensive recon sweep over the SERAJEVO-ZENICA and SERAJEVO-SOKOLAC roads and on the DOBRINJEV-VISOKO railway line; nothing was sighted on the roads; at point 1 Km. North of VISOKO a South-bound train was attacked; the results were not observed. Some trucks halted at KADINO-VICI station were machine gunned, South East of PALE station some burned trucks were observed, obstructing the entrance to the tunnel. A.A. defence from medium guns was weak.

One Cant Z.1007 dropped supplies to Partisans at PLJEVLIA; 550 Kgs. of arms and munition were dropped.

One Cant Z.1007 carried out a meteorological recon flight over the PLJEVLIA area; atmospheric conditions and bad visibility did not permit of further dropping operations.

5 S.82s dropped supplies to Partisans at PLJEVLIA; one S.82 returned to base without having dropped the load as the objective was totally invisible, the other 4 aircraft dropped 8,000 Kgs. of arms, munitions, food and clothing.

One Baltimore carried out a meteorological Recon flight over the LUSSIMPICCOLO-SENJ- GOSPIC - OTOCAC area.

One Baltimore carried out a meteorological and offensive flight over the SOKOLAC area, dropping 4 500 lb. bombs on the SERAJEVO-SOKOLAC road; the objective was not hit.

12 Baltimores attempted to bomb mechanised transport at SOKOLAC, owing to bad visibility the aircraft returned to base without dropping their bombs.

11 Baltimores attempted to bomb mechanised transport at SOKOLAC once again. Following the opening of the bomb doors, two bombs were released by the plane leading the formation, the other aircraft followed suit, dropping their bombs 2 Km. short of the target in an uninhabited area. Altogether 40 500 pounders were dropped. There was no A.A. defence.

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

30th, 31st January, and 1st February, 1945.

30th Jan.

No activity.

31st Jan.

20 Baltimores attempted to bomb the military zone of LUSIMPICCOLO; owing to bad visibility over the target the aircraft returned to base without dropping their bombs.

1 Cant Z.1007 Bis carried out a meteorological reconnaissance flight over PRJEVLIA area.

8 S.82s tried to drop supplies to Partisans at PRJEVLIA; 1 S.82 dropped 2,000 Kgs. of materials (arms, munitions, food and clothing); the other aircraft did not drop their load as the objective, due to bad visibility, was not located, and the expected signals were not seen on the ground.

1st Feb.

22 Baltimores attempted to bomb a concentration of enemy material at SOKCLAC, JUGOSLAVIA. 11 Baltimores did not drop their bomb load due to bad visibility over target; the remaining aircraft mistakenly released theirs over the uninhabited area of MONTANA, following the example of the Formation leader, who unintentionally dropped two bombs because of a technical fault in his bomb release.

A.A. defences in the PODGRAB area claim that two aircraft were slightly damaged.

20 railway trucks were observed near BRON.

1 S.82 transported 7 Allied military personnel to

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LISSA, and 2,200 Kgs. of Allied air material from LISSA to BRINDISI.

1 Cant Z.1007 carried out a meteorological recon flight over the PRJEVLIA zone.

4 S.82s carried out a supply dropping operation to Partisan troops at PRJEVLIA. 8,000 Kgs. of arms, munitions, food and clothing were dropped.

2 Cants Z.506 searched for bodies in the area of CATTARO with negative results.

8 Spitfires flew over the SENJ-BRINJE-KARLOVAC road, with a view to ground strafing, but no traffic was spotted.

6 Cants Z.1007 and 6 S.82s attempted to drop supplies to Partisans at PRJEVLIA; due to bad weather conditions the aircraft returned to base without carrying out the operation.

2 Cants Z.506 searched for bodies at 41° 39' - 17° 23', where aircraft wreckage had been previously been sighted, identified as probably that of a Mosquito; a small naval dinghy was spotted at 41° 26' - 17° 40'; nothing else was seen.

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Italian Air Force Operation Summary  
for 27th, 28th and 29th January, 1945

27th Jan.

2 Cants Z.506 and 4 BS.14 carried out a search for Allied Landing Craft in the area CEFALONIA - SANTA LAURA - FANO - CORFU. Wreckage, probably metal, was sighted at 38° 06' - 20° 40', almost completely submerged. Nothing else was seen.

3 Cants Z.506 and 1 Cant Z.501 searched for bodies along the coastal strip between BRINDISI and GARGANO, with negative results.

28th Jan.

2 Cants Z.506 searched for Allied Landing Craft in the CEFALONIS area and along the MOREA coastline, with negative results.

29th Jan.

No activity.

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Date: 29th January, 1945

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Italian Air Force Operation Summary  
for 25th and 26th January, 1945

25th Jan.

4 Cants Z506 searched for Allied Landing-Craft in the vicinity of CAPO COLONNA, with negative results.

4 Cants Z506 searched for bodies between BRINDISI and MANFREDONIA. A plane landed at 41° 55' - 15° 48', where plane wreckage had been reported, but no bodies were seen. According to information supplied by American personnel, who happened to be on the beach, an English twin-engine Transport plane, belonging to the 340th Squadron of the 97th Group, crashed at the above position with 10 persons aboard: 3 men and 6 bodies were picked up.

26th Jan.

One S.82 dropped 2,000 Kg. of arms, foodstuffs and clothing to troops of the Garibaldi Division at BERANE.

4 Cants Z506 carried out a search for bodies along the coastal strip between BRINDISI and MANFREDONIA, with negative results.

2 Cants Z506 and 2 RS.14 searched for Allied Landing-Craft near CEPALONIA, with negative results.

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Italian Air Force Operation Summary  
for 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th January, 1945.

24th Jan. 3 Cants Z.506 searched for wrecks in the BRINDISI  
MANFREDONIA zone with negative results.

There was no activity during the three previous  
days.

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For AIR VOCE-MARSHAL  
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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Chief Commissioner  
Chief of Staff

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JAN 26 1945

Italian Air Force Operation Summary

for 19th and 20th January, 1945.

19th Jan.

3 S.82s, escorted by 2 Spitfires, dropped supplies to troops of the GARIBOLDI Division at VERONE. 4,000 lbs. of arms, munitions, foodstuffs and clothing were dropped.

1 S.82 transported 1,000 litres of petrol from LECCE to VERONE to re-fuel three grounded P.89s. On the return flight, the same aircraft carried 2 Specialists and 1,000 Kgs. of materials.

1 Cent Z.506 carried out a search flight for shipwrecks in the Brindisi zone - with negative results.

For

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M.J. SACS,  
MAJOR, AIR CORPS  
AIR VICE MARSHAL  
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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Date: 25th January, 1945

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JAN 26 1945

Italian Air Force Operation Summary

for 19th and 20th January, 1945.

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1 Cunt 2.508 carried out a search flight for chiyeroaks in the Brindisi zone - with negative results.

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*John*

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER  
CHIEF OF STAFF

DATE: 20th January, 1945.

Ref.: AFSC/INT/37.

JAN 21 1945

Italian Air Force Operation Summary  
for 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th January, 1945.

16th Jan.

24 B4 timores attempted to bomb the Naval pier in the ARSA Canal (ISTRIA); owing to bad visibility the bombs were not dropped.

4 S.82s attempted to drop 8,000 Kg. of flour to CASTEL DI SANGRO, but did not succeed owing to bad weather conditions.

4 Cants. Z.506 attempted a reconnaissance flight over an unidentified ship. The ship was not spotted.

18th Jan.

4 S.82s succeeded in dropping supplies to the civil population in CASTEL DI SANGRO. 8,000 Kg. of flour were dropped.

23 Baltimores bombed the Naval pier in the ARSA Canal (ISTRIA). 92 500 lb. bombs were dropped from a height of 3,000 metres. The target was hit, and a large explosion was observed, which caused a column of smoke 2,300 metres high.

11 Baltimores bombed the harbour area at SENJ. 40 500 lb. bombs were dropped from 3,300 metres. Objective was partially destroyed.

There was no other activity.

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JAN 16 1945

Italian Air Forces Operation Summary  
for 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th January, 1945.

On the 9th, 10th and 11th no operational activity  
was possible owing to weather conditions.

12th Jan.

One S.82 dropped 2,000 Kgs. of replenishments  
to Allied troops at Saseno Island.

13th Jan.

One S.82 carried nine specialists and pilots  
to Tirana to recover three damaged P.39s.

There was no other activity.

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Chief Commissioner  
Chief of Staff

Date: 12th January, 1945.

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Italian Air Force Operation Summary  
for 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th January, 1945.

5th Jan.

8 P.39s and Spitfires escorted 6 Cant Z.1007 and 5 S.82s engaged in supplying Partisan troops and Garibaldi Division from Barane. A total of 15,500 kg. of arms, munitions and supplies were delivered.

On the remaining three days no operational activity was possible owing to weather conditions, but two Baltimore which forced landed at Lissa on a previous operation returned safely to Biferno.

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Date: 6th January 1945.

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JAN - 6 1945

Italian Air Force Operation Summary  
for 30th, 31st, December, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th January.

From 30th December to 2nd January weather rendered operational sorties impossible.

3rd Jan. 12 Baltimores attempted to bomb the Maritime Canal at ARSA (POLA) but were unsuccessful.

4th Jan. 6 S32 and 3 Cent E1007's escorted by 12 P39's and Spitfires carried 13162 kgs of war material and food to the Partisan forces and the Garibaldi Division. 19 Baltimores hit a target at BUSOVACA with 72 x 500 lb bombs.

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Date : 2nd January 1945

Ref. : AFSC/INT/37

JAN - 2 '45

Italian Air Force Operation Summary  
for 27th, 28th & 29th December 1944

27th. Dec. FIGHTER WING.-

29 MC 205, P 39 and Spits on offensive missions and escorts to supply a/c. One M/T destroyed and 5 damaged. Intense ack-ack prevented clear observation of results. One a/c lost during these operations.

BOMBER WING.-

24 Baltimores bombed road bridge in 4 sections. Objective was not hit. Intense ack-ack reaction. 2 CANT Z 1007 attempted to fly supplies to Italian partisans but were unsuccessful due to technical difficulties. 3 CANT Z 1007 were successful on similar mission. 3 S 82 landed NIKSIC with supplies.

28th Dec. FIGHTER WING.-

16 MC 202, P 39 and Spits on met and offensive reconns and escorts. Mc on offensive recon were recalled while in flight.

BOMBER WING.-

20 Baltimores in two formations bombed BUSCOVACA area. Bursts were observed on targets.  
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for 27th, 28th & 29th December 1944

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29th Dec.

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21 MC 202, 205, P 39 and Spits on met and offensive reconns. A considerable number of enemy M/T was sighted, but attack was made almost impossible by mountains. 2 were set on fire and 16 damaged.

BOMBER WING.-

21 Baltimores attempted bombing of ZENICA but had to abandon mission due 10/10 cloud cover.

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DATE: 28TH DECEMBER, 1944.

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ITALIAN AIR FORCE OPERATION SUMMARY  
FOR 23RD, 24TH, 25TH and 26TH DEC.

29 DEC 1944

23rd Nil operations.

24th Nil operations.

25th FIGHTER WING.

16 sorties by Mo.202, Mo.205, P.39 and Spitfires on offensive patrols over Matera and Kolasin areas resulted in the destruction of 14 M/T vehicles (including 1 petrol Bowser) and 17 others were seriously damaged.

An approx. total of 1,100 vehicles were sighted.

The ack-ack reaction was moderately accurate.

BOMBER/TRANSPORT WING.

1 Cant Z.1007 dropped 700 Kgs of material and supplies for The Garibaldi division at Velinje.

26th FIGHTER WING.

18 sorties by Mo.202, Mo.205, P.39 and Spitfires on weather and offensive missions over METARAB-KOLASIN and MATREKVO areas resulting in 6 M/T destroyed and 9 others seriously damaged.

Over 500 M/T vehicles were sighted.

BOMBER/WTG.

Baltimores dropped 36 x 500 pound bombs on railway installations at MUSKAVA. Many hits in target area.

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Date : 24th December 1944

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28 DEC 1944

Italian Air Force Operation Summary  
for 20th and 21st December 1944

20th

Fighter Wing. 26 sorties by MC 205, P 39 and Spitfire a/c on escort, weather, and offensive missions resulted in the destruction of three vehicles and damage to four, other transport was attacked but results could not be observed.  
Bomber/Transport Wing. 2 S 82 a/c landed 4000 kg of supplies for the Partisans at NIXSIC, but 6 CANT Z 1007 were prevented from dropping supplies to the Garibaldi division by bad weather.  
Seaplane Wing. 4 CANT Z 506 searched unsuccessfully on air sea rescue work.

21st

Fighter Wing. 16 sorties on escort and offensive missions resulted in the destruction of 6 vehicles and an unobserved number damaged. A total of 200 vehicles were sighted.

Bomber/Transport Wing. Bad weather prevented the dropping or landing of supplies. However 2 S 82 carried 2000 kg of Allied material and 8 Allied passengers from NIXSIC to CANNE.

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Italian Air Force Operation Summary  
for 20th and 21st December 1944

20th

Fighter Wing. 25 sorties by MC 205, P 39 and Spitfire a/c on escort, weather, and offensive missions resulted in the destruction of three vehicles and damage to four, other transport was attacked but results could not be observed.

Bomber/Transport Wing. 2 S 82 a/c landed 4000 kg of supplies for the Partisans at NIKSIC, but 6 CANT Z 1007 were prevented from dropping supplies to the Garibaldi division by bad weather.

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Date : 22nd December 1944

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Italian Air Force Operation Summary  
for 18th and 19th December '44

18th. The Fighter Wing in 28 sorties effected weather recon O/Ps bombing and escort missions. Owing to bad visibility no results could be observed following a strafing and bombing attack on a concentration of 70 M/Ts.

The Bomber/Transport Wing dropped 5500 kgs of ammo, food and clothing to the Garibaldi Division at VELIMLJE and 6000 kgs of war material, food, etc. to the Partisans at BERANE.

The Baltimores dropped 79 x 500 pounders on an M/T column between BIJECE and KOLASIN target hit but no results observed.

19th. The Fighter Wing strafed 20 plus M/T vehicles in area KLOPOT MATESEVO VILAC. No results observed owing to low cloud. 1 P.39 force landed at TIRANA.

Baltimores of the Bomber Wing dropped 71 x 500 pounders on railway installations at BUSOVACA. Hits scored ~~and~~ target but no results observed owing to bad visibility.

3 CANT 506 carried out air sea rescue mission without success.

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19 DEC 1944

Date : 18th December 1944

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Italian Air Force Operation Summary for  
13th 14th 15th 16th & 17th December '44

- 13th 9 MC 202, 205 and Spits on weather recon missions.  
No operations.-
- 14th 2 MC 202 on weather recon. No operations. 2 CANT Z 506  
on unsuccessful sea rescue mission.
- 15th 14 MC 202, 205, Spits and P 39 on offensive and weather  
recon along Albanian coast. 90 vehicles sighted. 4 set  
on fire and others damaged. Violent ack-ack prevented  
close attacks.  
24 Baltimores bombed PODGORICA airfield in 4 sections.  
Target covered. One a/c damaged by ack-ack.  
2 CANT Z 506 on unsuccessful sea rescue mission.
- 16th The Fighter Wing effected 29 sorties (O/Ps weather recon  
and escort duties) Destroyed 4 vehicles and seriously  
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- 17th The Fighter Wing effected 21 missions over Albanian and  
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to bad visibility. The Bomber Wing landed 6,000 kgs of  
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CHIEF OF STAFF

Date : 13th December 1944

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18 DEC 1944

Italian Air Force Operation Summary  
Per December 9th, 10th and 11th '44

Dec. 9th 4 MC 202 on weather recce missions reported conditions unfavourable for operations

Dec. 10th 2 P 39 and 2 MC 202 on weather recce. No operations. 2 CAFT Z 506 carried out air sea rescue mission without success.

Dec. 11th 8 MC 202 and 205 on weather recce. No fighter operations.

22 Baltimores bombed Railway yards at KONJIC. Objectives hit. 3 a/c slightly damaged by ack-ack.  
3 CAFT Z 506 carried out air sea rescue mission without success.

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10 DEC 1944

ITALIAN AIR FORCE OPERATIONS SUMMARY FOR  
5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Dec. 1944

Throughout the period operations have been hampered by bad weather, however on the 6th December 9 Baltimores dropped 34x500 lb bombs on a strong point at GRACAC and supply dropping was attempted daily with a total of 3500 Kg. successfully delivered. All other sorties returned due to unfavorable conditions.

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DATE : 7th DECEMBER 1944

REF. : AFSC/INT/37

ITALIAN AIR FORCE OPERATIONS SUMMARY FOR 3RD  
AND 4TH DECEMBER 1944

28 DEC 1944

3rd December 1944

Weather hampered operations throughout the day. Nearly 50 vehicles were attacked by the fighters with unobserved results and 2000 Kgs of material were landed at Niksic. All other missions were abortive. 2 P39 force landed at Tirana.

4th December 1944

Weather and offensive reconnaissance were carried out by the Fighter Wing but no attacks were possible. The bomber wing dropped 24 x 500 lb bombs on the road bridge at Bijsce, and landed 2000 Kgs of supplies at Niksic, an air sea reconnaissance mission was unsuccessful.

One P39 landed at Tirana with engine trouble.

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TO : S.O. TO CHIEF COMMISSIONER  
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DATE : 5th DECEMBER 1944

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ITALIAN AIR FORCE OPERATIONS SUMMARY FOR 30th NOV.  
1ST AND 2ND. DECEMBER 1944

30th November 1944

Total of 28 sorties by the Fighter Wing on offensive reconnaissance and escort duty sighted 150 vehicles of which they were only able to attack 2. 2/139 aircraft were hit by A.A. fire and crashed.

The Bomber Transport Wing carried 6000 Kg. of material for the Partisan Forces and brought back 2000 Kg of Air Force material from Via.

1st December 1944

No activity apart from weather reconnaissance.

2nd December 1944.

28 sorties by the Fighter Wing on reconnaissance and escort 100 vehicles sighted and attacked, two vehicles seen to be damaged, Heavy A.A. fire prevented further observations.

Bomber Transport Wing bombed a bridge at Piacenza successfully with 6 aircraft, dropping 20 x 500 lb bombs.

6 aircraft on supply missions landed 6000 Kg of supplies although bad weather prevented part of the transport. No aircraft



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The pilot reported to have crashed on 27th Nov. 1944 and reported back with slight injuries and a broken leg.

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TO : B.O. TO CHIEF COMMISSIONER  
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DATE : 2ND DECEMBER 1944

REF. : AFSC/IRF/37

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ITALIAN AIR FORCE OPERATIONS SUMMARY FOR 28TH AND 29TH  
NOVEMBER 1944

28th November 1944

21 Sorties by the Fighter Group sighted 30 M.T., destroyed one, damaged two, and scored hits on several vehicles with machine gun fire. 2 P.39's are missing believed hit by A.A. fire which was intense.

29th November 1944

45 Sorties by the Fighter Wing resulted in the sighting of 19 M.T. vehicles of which 3 were destroyed and several others damaged by machine gun fire. 2 direct hits with 250 lb bombs were scored on GERCAH road bridge and others fell on the approaches. 2 P.39's were forced to land with technical trouble. 5 B.48's of the Bomber Group conveyed 6200 Kgs. of arms and clothing to the Partisans and Garibaldi Division.

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W.D. BOYCE, WING COMMANDER,  
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AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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FROM : AIR FORCE SUB-COMMISSION, ROME

TO : S.O. TO CHIEF COMMISSIONER  
CHIEF COMMISSIONER  
CHIEF OF STAFF

DATE : 29th NOVEMBER 1944

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ITALIAN AIR FORCE OPERATION SUMMARY FOR 25th 26th  
27th NOVEMBER 1944

25th November

A total of 42 sorties by the Fighter Wing resulted in the sighting of 32 vehicles and a motor barge. 7 vehicles were destroyed and 3 damaged. A bridge at GERREAR received a direct hit from a 250 lb bomb and others fell on the approaches. One P.39 is missing hit by AA fire.

26th November

27 sorties flown by the Bomber and Fighter Wings were all abandoned owing to bad weather over the targets.

27th November

22 sorties flown by the Fighter Wing on offensive reconnaissance damaged six vehicles and scored hits with machine-gun fire on 4 others. 2 P.39 were hit by AA fire but returned safely. No other activity.

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ITALIAN AIR FORCE OPERATIONAL SUMMARY FOR  
23rd AND 24th NOVEMBER 1944

23rd November.-

57 sorties were flown against enemy M/T columns, road communications, and escorts for S.82 supply a/c. 3 M/Ts. were set on fire and 11 damaged. Intense ack-ack fire prevented accurate bombing. 3 P.39s and 1 Spitfire were damaged but returned safely.

10 Baltimores successfully bombed M/Y at KONJIC. 3 GANT Z.1007 and 2 S.82 dropped supplies at BERANE and VELIMLJE respectively. 3 S.82 landed with supplies at NIKSIC

24th November.-

6 P.39 and 4 MC 202 on offensive reconnaissance destroyed 3 M/T and damaged 15. 1 P.39 damaged.

6 Baltimores attempted bombing of bridge at PODGORICA but abandoned mission due to bad weather.

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ITALIAN AIR FORCE OPERATION SUMMARY FOR 21st AND  
22nd NOVEMBER 1944

A total of 35 sorties on the 21st November were prevented from carrying out their missions by very bad weather over the target area.

On the 22nd November a formation of 10 fighters sighted 10 scattered vehicles and destroyed them and damaged a further 5. A fire through light slightly damaged one of our aircraft which however returned safely. 6 Baltimores attacked the Podgorica road bridge damaging the approaches.

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ITALIAN AIR FORCE OPERATION SUMMARY FOR

25th NOVEMBER 1944

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In 04 sorties by the Fighter Wing 140 vehicles of all types were sighted and attacked resulting in the destruction of 11 vehicles (including a petrol bomber which exploded) and a further 13 were damaged, a number of horse drawn vehicles were included in the column. Loss was severe and four of our aircraft were hit two however reached base, and one was seen to land at Valons the remaining aircraft crashed at Abegon.

In the Bomber Wing operations a mission by 6 Multi-morse dropped 23 x 500 lb of bombs on the railway yards at Reajio, whilst 3 SM 81's landed 5000 lbs of ammo, clothing and food for the Partisan Forces. Cant 3 aircraft also dropped 700 lbs of ammo at Berside, all without loss.

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ANALYSIS AIR FORCE OPERATION SUMMARY FOR25th NOVEMBER 1944

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In 64 sorties by the Fighter Wing 119 vehicles of all types were sighted and attacked resulting in the destruction of 11 vehicles (including a petrol bowser which exploded) and a further 13 were damaged. A number of horse drawn vehicles were included in the column. Much was severe and four of our aircraft were hit two however reached base, and one was seen to land at Valencia the remaining aircraft crashed at Shegga.

In the Bomber wing operations a mission by 6 Buntingmore dropped 21 x 500 lb of bombs on the railway yards at Koojic, whilst 3 B.M. 2's landed 6000 lbs of ammo, clothing and food for the Partisan Forces. Cent 3 aircraft also dropped 700 lbs of ammo at Perora, all without loss.

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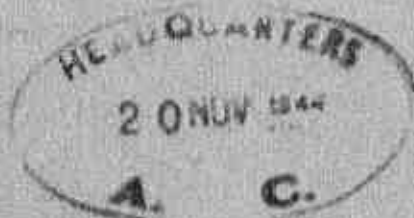
ITALIAN AIR FORCE OPERATION SUMMARY FOR 17th,  
18th AND 19th NOVEMBER 1944

On 17th November during 16 sorties by the Fighter Wing 13 vehicles were sighted of which three were destroyed and a further 3 damaged.

On 18th November 5 Baltimores attacking a road bridge in the Fodgoria area dropped 21x500 lb. bombs gaining several direct hits.

On 19th November 5 Baltimores again scored hits dropping 18x500 lb. bombs on railway installations in Konjic (SE of Sarajevo) area. 7 sorties escorted by 8 fighters were successfully employed dropping supplies, and ammunition to Partisan Forces, whilst 58 sorties by the Fighter Wing resulted in the destruction of 13 vehicles and damage to a further 29; hits with 1x500 lb. bombs were also scored on a road bridge. All the above with no loss.

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ITALIAN FIGHTER WING OPERATIONS SUMMARY FOR  
12TH NOVEMBER 1944.

The Wing carried out 74 offensive sorties during the day. Attacks were carried out by bombing, and cannon and machine gun fire.

Approximately 1,100 M.T. of all types were seen and attacked, particularly one column of 500 vehicles on road between PERIN and BISSONE and another similar one between STELLA and PRISTINA.

It is claimed that 35 vehicles were destroyed, including a mobile gun and a further 62 were seriously damaged, including an armoured car.

Italian Spitfire and Airacobra fighter-bombers attacked a bridge North of KAVAJE on the DURAZZO road, scoring two direct hits.

Anti-aircraft reaction was severe, particularly over the M.T. columns, and 5 Airacobra's were slightly damaged.

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The Operations Summary for the Italian Fighter Wing shows that on 9th November 1944 61 sorties were flown. Claims were 69 vehicles attacked, of which 28 were destroyed.

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