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From: Air Force Sub-Commission, Rome

To: Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner

Date: 4th May, 1945

Ref.: AFSC/INT/37

Italian Air Force Operations Summary26th and 27th April, 194526th April

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

4 P.39s attempted to transfer from CANNE to LISSA, but were recalled to base as the runway was unserviceable.

4 Spitfires carried out an offensive recon over the BANOVA-POPOVACA area. 2 trains, consisting of 10 trucks, were observed travelling between JASENOVAC and NOVSKA. 2 engines seen putting up steam at NOVSKA Station were not attacked as their identity was uncertain. The following were also observed:- 1 engine in BANOVA JARUGA Station, some 20 trucks without an engine between JARUGA and KUTRINA, another 20-truck train without an engine 5 kms. West of KUTRINA. Eight 250 lb. bombs were dropped on the engine in BANOVA JARUGA Station. 4 bombs exploded on the railway lines, and 4 very close to the train. There was intense and accurate A.A. fire from the neighbourhood of the Station.

12 Baltimores, in 2 Formations, bombed POPOVACA Station. 22 500 pounders and 36 250 lb. bombs were dropped. The target was missed. There was no A.A. reaction. 2 500 pounders were carried back to base because of a defective bomb-release, preventing the drop over the target.

2 Cants Z1007 and 3 S.32s dropped 8,220 kgs. of supplies to Partisans at STRAJEVO. Arms, munitions, food, clothing and medical supplies were dropped.

4 Spitfires carried out an offensive recon over the area BANOVA JARUGA-ZACABRJA-SISAK-DUBICA. 12 agricultural carts were attacked East of MOSEMNICA, 4 of which were damaged.

3 P.39s attacked the bridge at OTOKA. Three 500 lb. bombs were dropped. The target was not hit.

27th April

No activity.

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary25th April, 1945.

4 Spitfires transferred from CANNE to LISSA.

3 P.39s carried out an offensive reconnaissance sweep over the area of RANOVA JERUGA-PODOVACA. 12 railway convoys were observed on the railway stretch, consisting of 200 trucks, 9 lead engines. A railway convoy near LUPRINA was machine gunned, 1 engine and 6 trucks were damaged. 1 engine and 4 trucks were attacked and damaged South of PODOVACA.

4 Spitfires carried out an offensive reconnaissance over the RANOVA JERUGA-DUGO SELO area. A 10-truck train was observed at OTOKA. 6 250 lb. bombs were dropped on an armoured train South-east of VAMIS GRAD. The engine and truck were probably destroyed; the railway line was certainly interrupted.

3 P.39s bombed the road bridge at BOJ KRUPA. Three 250 pounders were dropped, 1 of which exploded close to the bridge, 1 on buildings and 1 on the Station. The bridge appeared to have been severely damaged by the previous raids.

5 Spitfires carried out an offensive reconnaissance sweep over the railway stretch LIPOVLJANI-BOGOVA JARUGA-DUGO SELO. 250 lb. bombs were dropped on a stationary, 20-truck train West of LIPOVLJANI Station. The results were not observed because the objective was almost totally obscured. There was very intense A.A. reaction from medium calibre guns at NOVSKA. 1 aircraft returned to base after 30 minutes because of engine trouble.

3 Spitfires and 4 P.39s returned to CANNE from LISSA.

2 Formations, consisting of 12 Baltimores, bombed PODOVACA railway Station, dropping 24 500 pounders and 36 250 lb. bombs. The first Formation hit a train West of the Station, the second Formation hit the railway lines at the entrance to the station.

2 Formations, consisting of 12 Baltimores bombed RANOVA JARUGA Station. 22 500 lb. and 33 250 lb. bombs were dropped. The target was missed. There was intense and accurate A.A.

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fire, which hit most of the aircraft. 1 aircraft, which had difficulty in pinpointing the target because of A.A. fire, dropped the bomb load on the return flight, in the sea. 1 air-craft hit by flak caught fire on landing. The fire was soon put under control. The aircraft would be repairable with the substitution of the port engine and fuel cell. The crew were unhurt.

1 Cant Z1007 carried out a Met. recce and dropped supplies to Partisan troops at SERAJEVO. The weather was reported as excellent. 570 kgs. of arms, munitions and medical supplies were dropped.

1 Cant Z1007 and 4 S.82s dropped 9,140 kgs. arms, munitions, food, clothing and medical supplies to Partisans at SERAJEVO.

1 Cant Z501 and 1 Cant Z606 searched for wrecks 20 miles radius of TORRE MILMO, with negative results.

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From: Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome

APR 21 RECD

To: Chief Commissioner —
Executive Commissioner

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 COLOMBE - 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 ~~VALLA~~ and a second on the Island of CHERSO.

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

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

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To: Chief Commissioner —
Executive Commissioner

Date: 18th April, 1945

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary12th and 13th April, 194512th April

2 formations, consisting of 24 Baltimores, bombed the cross roads South of MAGIAJ. 42 500 lb. bombs and 62 250 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 TESLIG.

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 MILANOVIOL. 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 MILANOVIOL.

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

5th April, 1945

12 P.39s and 4 Spitfires transferred from CAIRNE 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 DAB. 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. recce 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. 1300 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 MLEDA.

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

4 P.39s carried out an offensive recce 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 recce 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 BATHINA 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; 3 vehicles were damaged and another 2 were seriously damaged. A.A. fire was very light. A SO-truck, stationary train was machine gunned at SERLJEZEVICA. The results were not observed.

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

3 P.39s set out to strafe an M/T convoy reported on the DOBOL-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 CAMB from LISKA.

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Date: 5th April, 1945

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary1st and 2nd April, 1945.1st April

2 formations, consisting of 24 Baltimores bombed the road bridge at OTOSAC. 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 SEPAJEVO. 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.

6 P.39s bombed the road bridge at BOS KRUPA. 1700 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 CANDE 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-DOBROJ-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-ZAGREBIA. 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 CANE from LISSA.

4 Spitfires returned to CANE from LISSA.

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

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APR 5 RECD

From: Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome

To: Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner

Date: 4th April, 1945

Ref.: AFSC/INT/37

Italian Air Force Operations Summary29th, 30th and 31st March, 1945.29th March

6 P.39s returned to CANE from LISSA.

1 Cant Z.1007 carried out a Meteorological recce 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 BÉGUÉ.

6 P.39s returned to CANE from LISSA.

30th March

1 Cant Z.1007 carried out a Met. recce 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

6 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 CANE. 6 P.39s and 4 Spitfires returned to CANE from LISSA.

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

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To: Chief Commissioner
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Date: 2nd April, 1945

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary26th 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 BINAC-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 BINAC-KOSTAJNICA area. 1 stationary camion was machine gunned between OSTROZAC and BINAC. 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

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. 15 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.O2s 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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APR 8 RECD

To: Chief Commissioner
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Date: 2nd April

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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 AFMS, 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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MAR 25 RECD

To: Chief Commissioner —
Executive Commissioner

Date: 24th March, 1945

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Italian Air Force Operations Summary

20th March, 1945

20th March

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

7 P.39s and 4 Spitfires carried out an offensive reconnaissance sweep over the area BAN-LUKA-OKUCANI-POPOVACA-JABLANICA-SERRAJEVO. 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 CANE from LISSA.

4 formations, consisting of 31 Baltimores, bombed ~~700~~ 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 Cent 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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To: Chief Commissioner
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Date: 21st March, 1945

Ref.: AFSC/INE/37

Italian Air Forces Operations Summary

14th and 15th March, 1945.

14th March

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 reconnaissance sweep from LISSA airfield, over road and rail communications in the area of BROD - VRANDUC - DERVENTA - DOBOJ - OKUCANI - BATRINA - KLASNICE - KOBAS - SICE - POPOVACA - SISAK - 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 canions. Continuous motor traffic was observed East-north-east of BROD. A convoy of 6 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 - SOKOLAC 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 GANN.

5 S.82s and 4 Cants Z.1007 dropes 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 no one was seen of the raft.

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To: Chief Commissioner —
Chief of Staff

Date: 12th March, 1945

Ref.: AFSC/INT/37

Italian Air Force Operations Summary8th and 9th March, 1945.8th March

8 Spitfires attempted to carry out an offensive reconnaissance sweep over the BANJA RUKA - PATRINA - GOPOVACA - SUMJA - BILAC - OMUCANI 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.

16 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.62s carried out a supply dropping operation to Partisans at BOLJANICI. The ground signals were not observed. 2 S.62s 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.62 dropped arms, munitions, food and clothing near the town of BOLJANICI. The other 4 aircraft returned to base with their load. A total of 3,000 Kgs. of material were dropped.

2 S.62s landed at TIRANA with supplies for National troops. 3,000 Kgs. of foodstuff and 5 passengers were transported.

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MAR 10 RECD

From: Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome

To: Chief Commissioner 
Chief of Staff

Date: 10th March, 1945

Ref.: AFSC/INT/37

Italian Air Force Operations Summary

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

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. recon over MILANOVICI.

3 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.)  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

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

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To: Chief Commissioner
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Date: 2nd March, 1945

Ref.: AFSC/INT/37

Italian Air Force Operations Summary26th, 27th and 28th February, 194526th Feb.

4 P.39s attempted an offensive recon 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 recon 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 ~~was~~ serviceable.

21 Baltimores bombed the coastal Batteries on the Island of PAB 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-ZENICA-DOBOS area. Bad visibility over the region prevented the mission from being carried out.

4 P.39s bombed DUSOVACA; 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 DUSOVACA 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.22 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.62 transported Specialists to TIRANA to recover aircraft material.

A P.39 caught fire at Tirana.

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 J. SASS,
 MAJOR, AIR CORPS
 For AIR VICE-MARSHAL
 AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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From: Air Force Sub-Commission, Rome

To: Chief Commissioner
Chief of Staff

Date: 12th February, 1945

Ref.: AFSC/TNT/37

Italian Air Force Operations Summary
6th, 7th, 8th and 9th February, 19456th 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 MIHANOVI 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 ~~observed~~ served. 48 500 Lb. bombs were dropped.

11 Baltimores bombed military targets at CTOCAC. 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 - TOPLICE - RADECE - BOSTANI

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

8th Feb: The aircraft which had landed at LISSA returned to

CANAL.

6 Spitfires carried out two offensive recce sweeps for rail and road traffic in the SOKOLAC - SERAJEVO - ZENICA area; some 9 canions were machine-gunned 15 Kms. East of SERAJEVO; the results were not observed. An engine halted 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.62s 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-TARCIN-BAZARIC-RELIEVO-ZIPCA-EUSOVACA. 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 BIHAC. 48 500 pounders were dropped. The objective was hit, and fires were observed. There was no A.A. defence.

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12 Baltimores 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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For H.L. MORROW, S/Ldr.
AIR VICE-MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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From: Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome

To: S.O. to Chief Commissioner
Chief Commissioner
Chief of Staff

Date: 6th February, 1945

Ref.: AFSC/INT/37

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 LUSSIMPICCLO; 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 SOKOLAC, 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 BROD.

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 $41^{\circ} 39' - 17^{\circ} 23'$, where aircraft wreckage had been previously been sighted, identified as probably that of a Mosquito; a small naval dinghy was spotted at $41^{\circ} 26' - 17^{\circ} 40'$; nothing else was seen.

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For AIR VICE-MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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From: Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome

To: S.O. to Chief Commissioner
Chief Commissioner
Chief of Staff

Date: 3rd February, 1945

Ref.: AFSC/INT/37

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

27th Jan.

2 Cants Z.506 and 4 RS.14 carried out a search for Allied Landing Craft in the area CEFALONIA - SANTA PAURA - 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 CEFALONIA area and along the NOREA coastline, with negative results.

29th Jan.

No activity.

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From: Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome

To: S.O. to Chief Commissioner
Chief Commissioner
Chief of Staff

Date: 29th January, 1945

Ref.: AFSC/INT/37

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 CEFALONIA, with negative results.

For

E. J. SASS
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AIR VICE-MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

From: Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome

To: S.O. to Chief Commissioner
Chief Commissioner
Chief of Staff

Date: 25th January, 1945

Ref: AFSC/INT/37

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

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

There was no activity during the three previous
days.

For

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Chief Commissioner
Chief of Staff

Date: 29th January, 1945

Ref.: AFSC/INT/37

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

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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.

For

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AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

From: Air Force Sub-Commission, Rome

JAN 25 1945

To: S.O. to Chief Commissioner
Chief Commissioner —
Chief of Staff

Date: 25th January, 1945

Ref: AFSC/INT/37

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

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MANFREDONIA zone with negative results.

There was no activity during the three previous
days.

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From: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ROME
To: S.O. TO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
CHIEF OF STAFF
DATE: 20th January, 1945.
Ref.: AFSC/INT/37.

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

16th Jan.

24 B1 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 at a height of 3,000 metres. The target was hit, 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.

For

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AIR VICE-MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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From: Air Forces Sub-Commission, H.Q. Allied Commission

To: S.O. To Chief Commissioner
Chief Commissioner
Chief of Staff

Date: 12th January, 1945.

Ref: AFSC/INT/37.

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 Berane. 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 Baltimores which forced landed at Lissa on a previous operation returned safely to Biferno.

W.B. ROYCE,

WING COMMANDER,

for AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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Italian Air Force Operation Summary

for 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th January, 1945.

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER
CHIEF OF STAFF

Date: 6th January 1945.

Ref : AFSC/INT/37

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 S82 and 3 Cent 21007's escorted by 12 P59'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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To : S.O. TO CHIEF COMMISSIONER

CHIEF COMMISSIONER

CHIEF OF STAFF

Date : 2nd January 1945

Ref. : AFSC/INT/37

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 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 with supplies.

28th Dec. FIGHTER WING.-

16 MC 202, P 39 and Spits on met and offensive recons and escorts. A/c on offensive recon were recalled while in flight.

BOMBER WING.-

20 Baltimores in two formations bombed BUSCOVACA area. Bursts were observed on targets.
2 S 82 landed NKSIC with supplies.
2 S 82 and 3 CANT Z 1007 dropped supplies to Partisans.

29th Dec. FIGHTER WING.-

21 MC 202, 205, P 39 and Spits on met and offensive recons. A considerable number of enemy M/T was sighted, but attack was prevented by anti-aircraft fire. 2 were set on

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

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2 S 82 and 3 CANT Z 1007 dropped supplies to Partisans.

29th Dec. FIGHTER WING.-

21 MC 202, 205, P 39 and Spits on met and offensive recons. 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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AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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CHIEF OF STAFF.

DATE: 28TH DECEMBER, 1944.

REF: AFSC/INT/37.

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

23rd Nil operations.

24th Nil operations.

25th FIGHTER WING.

16 sorties by Mc.202, Mc.205, P.39 and Spitfires on offensive patrols over Matero and Molise areas resulted in the destruction of 14 M/T vehicles (including 1 petrol Bomber) 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 lbs of material and supplies for the Garibaldi division at Volturno.

26th FIGHTER WING.

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

Over 300 M/T vehicles were sighted.

BOMBER/TRANSPORT WING.

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

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J.J. ROVERA, P/O,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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From : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION

To : S.O. TO CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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Date : 24th December 1944

Ref. : AFSC/INT/37

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 NIKSIC, 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 8 vehicles and an unobserved number damaged. A total of 2000 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 NIKSIC to CANNE.

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

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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 NIKSIC to CANNE.

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AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

From : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION

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

Date : 22nd December 1944

Ref. : AFSC/INT/37

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

18th. The Fighter Wing in 28 sorties effected weather recces, 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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To : S.O. TO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
CHIEF OF STAFF

Date : 18th December 1944

Ref. : AFSC/INT/37

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

- 13th 9 MC 202, 205 and Spits on weather recce missions.
No operations.-
- 14th 2 MC 202 on weather recce. No operations. 2 CANT Z 506
on unsuccessful sea rescue mission.
- 15th 14 MC 202, 205, Spits and P 39 on offensive and weather
recces 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 recces
and escort duties) Destroyed 4 vehicles and seriously
damaged 9 others. 1 P 39 force landed at NIKSIC. Pilot
safe. The Bomber Wing landed 8,000 kgs of war material
at NIKSIC and returned with 4,000 kgs of mate-
rial and the P.39 Pilot. Bad weather prevented the drop-
ping of supplies to the Garibaldi Division. The Baltimores
dropped 87 x 500 pounders on an M/T concentration near
BIJOCK. Hits scored.
- 17th The Fighter Wing effected 21 missions over Albanian and
Yugoslavia on weather recces O/Ps and escort duties.
A concentration of 80 M/T could not be attached owing
to bad visibility. The Bomber Wing landed 6,000 kgs of
materials at NIKSIC whilst over 2,000 kgs of supplies
were dropped for the Garibaldi Division

H.L. MORROW FI/LT
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From AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION

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

Date : 13th December 1944

Ref. : AFSC/INT/37

Italian Air Force Operation Summary
For 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 CANT Z 506 carried out air sea rescue mission without success.

Dec. 11th 4 MC 202 and 205 on weather recce. No fighter operations.

22 Baltimore's bombed Railway yards at KOWJIC. Objectives hit. 3 a/c slightly damaged by ack-ack.
3 CANT Z 506 carried out air sea rescue mission without success.

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Italian Air Force Operation Summary
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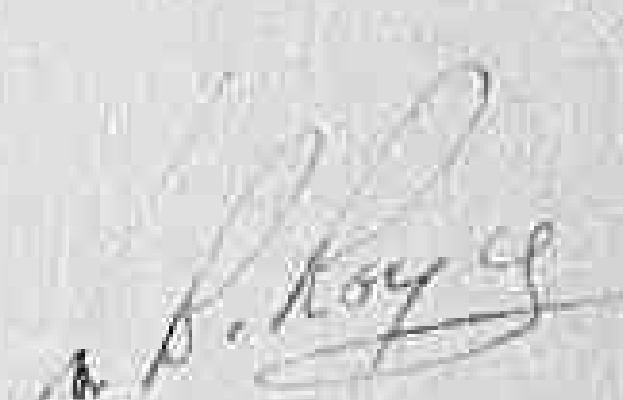
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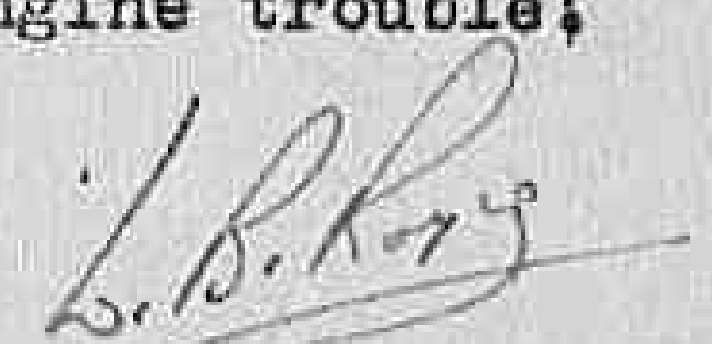
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ITALIAN AIR FORCE OPERATIONS SUMMARY FOR 28TH AND 29TH
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28th November 1944

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 5 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 S.82's of the Bomber Group conveyed 6200 Kg. of arms and clothing to the Partisans and Garibaldi Division.


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ITALIAN AIR FORCE OPERATION SUMMARY FOR
20th NOVEMBER 1944

In 64 sorties by the Fighter Wing, 140 vehicles of all types were sighted and attacked resulting in the destruction of 11 vehicles (including a petrol bowser which exploded) and a further 33 were damaged, a number of horse drawn vehicles were included in the column. Flak was severe and four of our aircraft were hit two however reached base, and one was seen to land at Valona, the remaining aircraft crashed at Shegas.

In the Bomber Wing operations a mission by 6 Baltimores dropped 23 x 500 lb of bombs on the railway yards at Konjic, whilst 3 SM 82's landed 6000 Kgs of Ammo, clothing and food for the Partisan Forces. Cant Z aircraft also dropped 700 Kgs of Ammo at Berane, all without 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 PEGIN and BISIGNAN and another similar one between STILJE and PRISTINA.

It is claimed that 33 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 DRAZZO road, scoring two direct hits.

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

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