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OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

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of (Unit or Formation) NO. 18 SQUADRON.

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FOGGIA NO. 1	• 1• 1•44	-	Following a gale which blew down several tents in the Camp, heavy rain rendered the A/D U/S at 1410.	
POGGIA NO.1	.2.1.44		We offerred to put up 10 A/C for Operations but only 6 were required. So 6 A/C	
			took off 1720-2040 to arm recce the CASINO-ROME road. All were successful. Down 2020-2305 12 X 500 M.C. N.INST. T.D025 AND 96 X 40 G.P'S Were dropped from	
			3-6000 ft. between 1837-2144 on the following targets :- 20 M/T moving S.at G.5233	-
		2.	Bombs on edge of road 6+ M/T moving N. at G.2448 - direct hit on road.12 M/T moving N. at G.5135 - bombs straddled road . A suspected train moving N. at G.1549 - small amount of M/T moving S; at G.6829 - direct hit on road with bombs. After this	
			novement ceased and the late crews only saw verys cattered lights. The weather was	
			excellent for this type of operation - no cloud in the target area at all with visibility over 20 miles. A little light inaccurate flak was encountered at G.4439	
			at 5000 ft., possibly aerodrome NO,188.	
OGGIA NO.1.	3.1.44.		8 A/C were detailed to arm recce the roads between PRETORO-GHIETI-PESCAR on the 8th Army Front. 8 A/C took off 1725-2205. One A/C almost immediately returned early	
	1.1		with complete lighting failure - landed 1905-2250. The remainder dropped 14 X 500 N.C. N.INST. T.D. 025 and 112 X 40 G.P. Bretween 1758-2200 from 2500-5000 ft.	
1.1.1.1.1.C.1.	•		Falfway through the operation a flash was received that a german troop train was moving S. toward PESCARA. Aircraft "Q" and "A" were sent to intercept it, with	
			instructions to bomb the railway S. of GUILIANOVA if unable to locate the train.	
	-		Aircraft "A" (F/L/ Carruthers) found it just N. of PESCARA and bombed it - the 500's landing within 50 yards of the coaches. He then machine-gunned it from 800 fr	
	1.1.1		- hits being observed. Light M/G fire was returned from the vicinity of the train(&	0-12 coac
			Other targets attacked were 20 + M/T moving towards coast at C.1516 - 10 M/T at G.1220 - lights on read at C/1730 - bombs fell on read - direct hit on lights and	
			road junction at C. 1220. Various other odd lights were bombed, but the later	
			aircreft found that all movement had ceased by the time they reached the area and the last one bombed PESCARA town itself - hits being seen on buildings.	
OGGIA NO.1.	4.1.44		10 /A/C were detailed to operate on the 5th Army Front - theoperation was cancelled	\$
			at 1540 owing to weather conditions over the target area, so we were to content ourselves with a training programme but again weather conditions over base caused this to be cancelled also.	
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FOGGIA NO.	5.8.44	Very heavy rain and a gale made the aerodrome unfit for operational purposes and the Squadron was stood down at 1410 hours.	
FOGGIA NO.1.	<u>6</u> ; 1.44	At 1330 we were informed that the Squadron would not be required to operate until further notice and that the time would be devoted to training especially for the	
		new crews both.	
FOGGIA NO.1.	7.1.44	Squadron engaged on training programme and compass swinging/on the ground and in the air.	1 <u>9</u> 3861
FOGGIA NO.1.	8.1.44	No ops - still training.	
FOGGIA NO. 1.	9.1.44	Training new crews and bombing competion organised by F/L Denny for remainder.	
FOGGIA NO.1.	10.4.44	Training only.	
FOGGIA NO/1/	11.1.44	Still training.	and the second
FOGGIA NO.1.	12.1.44	Started to operate again - 8 A/C detailed to attack the town of MIGLIANO on the 8th Army Front. 8 A/C took-off 1825-1935. Down 2010-2140. 32 X 500 M.C. N.INST.	
Y		T.D025 were dropped in or near the town itself from 2500 ft - 5500 ft between 1913 - 2035. Several bursts were observed amongst the buildings and two at least very good explosions resulted. A small fire was started. Some flares were dropped	
		on a tented camp of 60 plus tents to the west of the town and some of the tents were set on fire. The weather was very clear over the target area although a	
	*	were set on fife. The weather was the end of the attack. A little light flak was little haze was developing towards the end of the attack. A little light flak was encountered from the target area - very moderate.	90 V. 90 V.
FOGGIA NO.1.	13.1.44	to the detailed to arm reace the roads in the ROME area - off 1720-0415. Down	
LOGGIN HOS IS		2020-0755. One A/C returned early with its generators 0/S. The remaining ward	
		4000 - 8000 ft; between 1818 - 0612 on the following targets - 20t m/1 moting targets - 20t m/1	-
-	1	at G.4/37 - 15 M/T moving S.E. at G.9347 on edge of road. 1 S B.C. of 40 G. P. on 3 searchlights at G.1152 - lights extinguished. Road and railway function at M.6595 - bombs on road and railway caus a flash 2 miles long on the railway followed by small explosions. Various small	ing
	Dia da a	isolated light s on the CASSINO-ROME road. The last aircrait returning in the cas	A life
		8 - 12 coloured blue searchlights were reported from 5. of valmontons - failing and	nt
		in small quantities, but later this died away and the last aircraft saw scarcely :	inything:

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FOGGIA NO.1.	13.1.44 (Cont)	The weather was excellent for this type of operation although haze formed later, in the valleys. S/Ldr. Eller's gircraft became bogged at take-off, but with good co-operation from the ground crew, another nose-wheel was rapidly fitted and he took off later.
FOGGIA NO.1.	14.1.44	8 A/C were detailed to a rm recce roads in the ROME area. The weather was very doubtful and after four aircraft had taken off, the Group Captain cancelled the
The second second		remainder, after postponing themafor an hour. The four A/C took off 1714-1900. At
		2030 the C.O. (L/Col. Gordon) returned with bombs - weather conditions being impossible.
	·	He was shortly followed by the second aircraft (F/S Dannatt) who was also unsuccessful his generators having failed - landed 2045.
		at 2125 e report was received that an aircraft after having made abortive attempts to
		come in to land had crashed near the serodrome; just scross the CFLONE River - This
		proved to be F/S Perry the third A/C. His navigator (F/S Metcalfe) was injured and
		taken to Hospital, the A/G was treated in 114 Squadron's Sick Quarters for a cut head.
	6 ft	The 'plane was a total wreck. At 2256 a report was received that the fourth aircraft (F/S Gibbon) was returning from the NAPLES Area on one engine. Later contact with the
		(F/S Gibbon) was returning from the hardes area on one engine. Agter condet with the ground ceased and shortly afterwards an explosion was heard. A search party was sent
		but with no. success. At 0040; Sgt; Bluston (F/S Gibbon's Navigator) was brought to
		operations by some Americans and reported that he and the WOP/AG and Air Gunner had baled out
		but that F /S Gibbon was killed. F/S Perry bombed some ttansport (1 x 500 hung up) Whilst F/S Gibbon jettisoned borns
	1.14	20 miles S: of NAPLES. The first two aircraft landed at 4 2030 and 2045 - the third
		crashed at 2015 and the fourth approximate at 2315 and was burned out. The weather was
5.32		10/10 over most of the route.
FOGGIA NO.1.	15.1.44	5 A/C were detailed - the target received etc. but the operations were cancelled at
socals got -	10-1-1-10-1	1545 following bad weather forecasts.
FOGGIA NO.1.	16.1.44	6 A/C were detailed to operate on the 5Th Army Front. Later we were asked to put up
		enother 4 A/C on a special target on the 8th Army Front. 10 A/C were briefed.
Contraction of the local		The first A/C sent back a "Y" weather report. The second aicraft did likewise so the
80140120 ED.		G/C postponed take-off for two hours and finally further reports and consultation
		with met. cancelled the remainder of the operation.
		The Wo gircraft took off 1700-1800 and landed 1928 and 2055/ Apparent ly the weather
		cleared over the target area and they dropped 4 X 500 M.C. N.INST. and 32 X 40 G.P between 1800- 19P7 from 5000 ft on 6+ M/RT moving S.E. at G. 5530. 6+ M/T at G.4242. 20+ M/T moving S.at G 234 - bombs on road;
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			the Valleys. There was successful refused to start, so the r at POMIGLIANO, S/L/ Eller's aircraft refused to start, so the r took off and successfully dropped his flares as briefed. Off 21	41. Sun Isuned Mars as
10603 0 10°			base at CELONE at 2347 S/L Eller remain at POMIGLIANO.	
FOGGIA NO.1.	19.1.4		Six aircraft were detailed to operate on the 5th Army Front to	attack any movement
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	1. 1	-	Six aircraft took off 1723 - 0300. Landed 1913 - 0530. Five wer	e successivity the last as its
			six aircraft took off (F/S Dannatt) had generators fail com trouble with one engine and endeavoured to return to base. He was	s unable to find at
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			hamba on mond - direct hits on road. Iollowed by an explosion a	IN WILL DE DEIGHER AND
R. A. Contraction		1	town of PONTECORVO itself was also hit in the S.F. corner. fair emount of movement was seen at first but this graduall	v dwindled to nothing.
	-	1	1 There was no concretion. There was no c	pposition.
14			The fifth aircraft was unable to land at base and was diverted	to POMIGLIANO where
	1.11		he landed at 0530.	- V OUR DITATE -
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FOGGIA NO.1.	20.1.4	4	a detachment of five aircraft with the C. O. in charge; left be	serve.
		-	PEMIGLIANO. The C.O. flew a bombed up aircraft to act as a re Four aircraft took off from POMIGLIANO 1755 - 2246 to arm record	
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1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1			immediately after bombing. The S.E. corner of the town of ITRI. novement was seen. Some white tracer was fired from near FROSIN	IONE and three bursts of
			novement was seen. Some white tracer was fired from hear from	only fair owing to a haze
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			Four aircraft were asked for; to operate from base. 4 A/C Took off 1920-2030tto
FOGGIA NO. 1.	21.1.44		Four aircraft were asked for, to area. Landed 2010. Arm recce FONTECORVO + FROSINONE area. Landed 2010.
LOGGTA TOT IC			Arm recce PONTECORVO + FROSINONE area. Landed 2010. One Aircraft returned early with bombs having developed an air lock in the petrol One Aircraft returned mark and mark and a second
		1	One Aircraft returned early with bombs having developed an air lock in the power. T.D.025 tanks, which could not be cleared. Theremaining 3 A/C dropped 6 X 500 M.C.N.INST. T.D.025
1		1	tanks, which could not be cleared. Theremaining 3 A/C dropped 0 A 900 moving S.T. and 48 X 40 G.P.S from 5-7000 ft between 2026 - 2145 on :- 20+ M/T moving S.T.
			and 48 X 40 G.P.S from 5- 7000 it between 2020 M/m moving N at G.7013 - bombs fell
			AT G.3645 - bombs dropped in middle of convoy. 30+ M/T moving N. at G. 1019 - several amongst convoy - small explosions resulting. 12+ M/T moving S.E. at G. 1019 - several amongst convoy - small explosions resulting. 12+ M/T moving S.E. at G. 1019 - several
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			amongst convoy - small explosions resulting. 12+ M/T moving S.E. at c. 100 "t; This Night's large explosions followed bombing which were felt in the aircraft at 5000 "t; This Night's
	1		large explosions followed bombing which were fait in the altrait at food time. A fair was some of the best bombing for results; experienced for a considerable time. A fair
	16.37		was some of the best bombing for results; experienced for a consideration of haze - amount of movement was observed. There was no cloud but a large amount of haze -
	10 22		amount of movement was observed. There was no creat that a bo
	38		visibility was 2-4 miles. No opposition.
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All and and and and and			Six aircraft wer detailed to operate on the 5th AmyFront andonce again, it was decided
FOGGIA NO.1.	2.1.44	-	Six aircraft wer detailed to operate on the 5th Amyront anonce again, from there at to fly across to POMIGLIANO already bombed up, in the afternoon andoperate from there at
			to fly across to POMIGLIANO already bombed up, in the alternoon antoperate from the route over at night, thereby avoiding the customary bad weather which collects on the route over at
			night, thereby avoiding the customary bad were the
			BENEVENTO at night. BENEVENTO at night. Six aircraft fof 114 Squadron were also detailed? so,a detachment of 12 set out with
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			Six aircraft for 114 Squadron were also are. W/Cdr. Thompson of 114' Squadron in charge.
	2		W/Cdr. Thompson of 114' Squadron in charge. Six aircraft took off from PONIGLIANO 1758 - 0425 to arm recce roads in ROME-FROSINONE-
			Six sircrait took off file of POMIGLIANO, 2008 - 0625. AVEZZANO-ARCE area. Landed at POMIGLIANO, 2008 - 0625.
			AVEZZANO-ARCE area. Landed at POMIGLIANO, 2000 - 0025. 12 X 500 M.C. N.INST. T.D025 + 96 X 40 G.P'S were dropped from 4-8000 ft. between 12 X 500 M.C. N.INST. T.D025 + 96 X 40 G.P'S were dropped from 4-8000 ft. between
			12 X 500 M.C. N.INST. T.D025 + 96 X 40 G.P.C were dropped from 4 comparing Stat 1920- 0600 on : lights moving Wist G.4742 - road straddled. 20-30 lights moving Stat
		-	1920- 0600 on : lights moving Wist 0.4/42 - loss cold through hit. Concentration of
			C 7234 - hombs on road. 2 0 + M/T moving S. at G.0235 - track mile coor and hombed.
			G.7234 - bombs on road. 2 0 + M/T moving S. at G.0235 - that hit. Seen and bombed. 20 MJT moving S.E. at G.5628. Various small amounts of M/T were also seen and bombed.
			20 MJT moving S.E. at G.5628. Various s mall amounts of M/T were also sold the roads making There was no cloud in the target area but a thick have obscured most of the roads making There was no cloud in the target area but a thick have obscured most of the roads making
			There was no cloud in the target area but a thick have obscured most the FROSINONE area pin-pointing very difficult. Some light and heavy flak came up from the FROSINONE area
	-		pin-pointing very difficult. Some ing a D O W camp was seen at EXMEX G.0161.
erway end			and some slight flak from MIRTURNO. A F.C.W. Camp was and
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	02 1 4		a maximum effort was asked for to operate again i rom remining and the operation of the seturned later
FOGGIA NO.1.	630104	1	A maximum effort was asked for to operate again From Fightoniano. "R" returned later 8 A/C took off in the afternoon to fly across. F/Sgt., Gifford in "R" returned later back off in the afternoon to fly across. F/Sgt., back of and he was unable to land
			8 A/C took off in the afternoon to fly across. F/Sgt. Gillord in the was unable to land and reported that the west her over FEMIGLIANO aerodrome was bad and he was unable to land
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	1		there. This apparently was clue; for a club 1
100000		0	The aircraft remained at POMIGLIANO overnight and decided to make another attempt today.
FOGGIA NO.1.	24.1.4	4	The aircraft remained at POMIGLIANO overnight and decided to The ROMT-FROSINONE-ARCE-CEPRANO Six aircraft took off 1900 - 0315 to arm recce roads in the ROMT-FROSINONE-ARCE-CEPRANO
LOGGIA HO. I.			Six aircraft took off 1900 - 0315 to arm recce rocus in the add 12 y 500 M.C. N. INST. T.D.025
	1	-	Six aircraft took off 1900 - 0315 to arm recce roads in the ROM-FROSTRONA AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND A
- interest	-	Same 1	area. Landed at POMIGLIANO 2105-0500. All were successful and 12 A yet and 12 A yet and 14 A yet
	H		+ 96 X 40 G.P. were dropped from 5 - 8500 it. bet week 2010 otto otto the state of lights (6+) at G.2007 - Stream of lights moving towards FROSINONE at G.4442. Cluster of lights (6+)
	-	-	at G.2007 - Stream of lights moving towards FROSINONE at G.1748 - bombs on read. 30+ lights moving S.E. at G;2507. Some 10-15 lights moving E; at G.1748 - bombs on read. 30+ lights
			moving S.E. at G:2587. Some 10-15 lights moving at at the love eircreft the
			moving N.st G.5177 - bombs well on traget. As no movement was seen by the network movement diffi
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	1	1	to determine andmard to observe results. There was no opposition.



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POGGIA NO/1.	25.1.44	The value of operating from POMIGLIANO had now been proved; sonsequently, when the sircraft returned to base, they were bombed up again, refuelled and made ready to return in the afternoon to POMIGLIANO once more. We had been asked for eight aircraft to operate, so 8 took off again for the other as it happened the weather at POMIGLIANO proved very doubtful, and S/L Eller was se off more in the nature of a weather recce for the remainder of the detachment - of He returned with bombs at 2145 - the weather being impossible. On the strength of report the remainder of the programme was cancelled.	side. nt f 2015
POGGIA NO.1.	26.1.44	In view of the very doubtful weather here at base, the C.O. asked that S/L Eller h instructed by signal to remain together with the other aircraft at Bomigliano trans apparently the signal did not get through for soon afterwards F/O McKay flew from POMIGLIANO to ask for instructions. Another signal was sent which was received. We were then asked if we could put up enother 4 aircraft to operate from base in a to those at POMIGLIANO - the answer was "yes" Later operations from base were can aircraft took off from POMIGLIANO 1758-0305 fo arm recce roads in the ROME-FROSI area. Landed at POMIGLIANO 1930-0415 All were successful and 14 X 500 M;C. N.INST 025 + 104 X 40 G.P. (8 X 40)hung up) were dropped between 1838-0330 from 3-8000 B0+ M/T moving E. at G.2848. 30 M/T moving E. at G.2237 - 500's STENDDLED road - fell on convoy. 20+ M/T moving S; at G.6005 - direct hits on road amongstk convoy. M/T moving W. AT G.3345 1- 20 seconds after the bombs landed on the target, five I orange coloured explosions too kplace. Other bombs fell on a convoy at G.1253 caus blue explosion after bombing. The last aircraft reported that all movement had ceased by 0330 The weather was apart from some slight haze - no opposition.	ddition celled. NONE . T.D. ft on :- to's 204 arge ing a
FOGGIA NO.1.	27.1.44	Continuing the policy of operating from POMIGLIANO for targets on the 5th Army From aircraft left in the afternoon to operate from there at night. 5 aircraft (one of which was borrowed by W/O Mahoney from the 114 detachment-) too POMIGLIANO 1855-2310 to arm recee roads in the ROMT Area. All were successful an back at POMIGLIANO 2035 _ 0045. 10 X 500 M.C.N.INST. T.D025 + 80 X 40 G.P.s w from 5-8000ft. between 1940 - 2358 on :- 10+ M/T moving S.W. at G.5827. Approx.30 S.W. of SE2ZE - mist obscured results - 60 M/T moving S; at G.6644. After this hea	k off from dlanded ere droppe MAT moving
		ceased and scattered lights were bombed at G.1432 and road 5 miles E. of VALMONTO was good but patchy in places with haze especially in the valleys. Only opposition 2 light flak guns from a landing ground at G.4238 In the meantime at base we had been asked to put up 2 aircraft to do double sorti necessary on the 8th Army Front to arm recce the POPOLIECHICTO-PESCARA road. Thi out and 4 A/C took off 1745-2320. F/O Carter making two sorties in "D".All 4 sorti	DRE. Weathen was from es if s was carr:
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POGGIA NO. 1.	27.1.44 ont)		Lended 1935 - 0050. 11 X 500 M.C. F.INST. T.D025 & 32 X 40 G.P.S were dropped from 4-500 - 9000 ft; between 1845 - 0003 on : 10+ M/T moving towards CHITTI at C.1526. 20+ M/T moving S. at C.1532. 15+ M/T moving S.Q. at G.9999 and seattered lights moving towards
			PESCARA at C.1524 and C.095145: This being a double sortie operation, the usual road received load was taken on the first sortie and then being bombed up with 4 X 500 M.C. Ton the second run (1 x 500 hung up)
			Flenty of movement was seen by the earlier sireraft between I SCARA & CHIET, siso moving S.
MORE Read		A.	although not actually from the town itself. A bluish searchlight was seen from C. Upil. The weather was good, there being no cloud and very good visibility.
FOGGIA NO.1:	28.1.44		6 aircreft were asked for to operate from POMIGLIANO both Squadrons to be under the commend of Lieutepant Colonel; Gordon.
	19 9.5		B sircraft took off from POMIGLIANO 1750- 0404 to arm recce roads in the ROMFares. All were successful and landed at POMIGLIANO at 1945-0608. 16 X 500 M.C. N.INST. TWD. 0025 +0120X40 G.
			<pre>euccession and ishued at forped from 4000 - 8500 ft: between 1905 + 19505 on + 20 lights (1 S.B.C. hung up) were dropped from 4000 - 8500 ft: between 1905 + 19505 on + 20 lights moving S. at G.0854 - fire started - 20 lights moving W. at G.2889 - blue flashes and small fire - 50 m/T moving both ways at G.6259 & G.6853 - direct hit on convoy: 150 M/T moving fire - 50 m/T moving both ways at G.6259 & G.6853 - direct hit on convoy: 150 M/T moving</pre>
			towerds FROSINONS at G.2085 & G.6852. Other small groups attecked at G.562/. G. 135 & G.6052
- Antonia	-		of the night, but have made actual targets difficult to discern. The weather was good, there
1		-	was to opposition but some peculiar small flares, not very large or interse were in rea up
FOGGIA NO.1.	29.1.44		6 sironit were detailed to operate from POMIGLIANO and took off for there in the afternoon. 5 A/C took off from POMIGLIANO 1930-0425 to arm resce the ROME roads. As fog developed over
			PONIGLIANO 4 A/C were diverted to base at GELONE which the fifth managed to land at a construction of the second state and the second s
			were dropped from 4500 - 8000 ft between 2054 - 0521 on :- Densely packed road of 1/T at A.4230 - bombs on road. Considerable amount of movement at A.3840. Lightsat C.4538 - near mis 12+ M/T moving S.T. at G.2948 - bombs on road. 10+m/T moving S.E. from VITERBO. 15+ M/T movin
			S.E. from VESTRELLA. Considerable movement was observed throughout the operation weather
	-	10.98	from enservatione 6 miles injend from the mouth of the TIB" X was waving back and forth and appeared to be track indicating.
FOGGIA NO.1.	30.1.44		6 A/C detailed again to fly to PONIGLIANO and operate on the 5th Army Front from there. At 1430 information was received that the weather was bed at POMIGLIANO and we were to stand by. Later 5 A/C plus the C.O. took off - "L" having gone U/S in the meantime. Over POMIGLIANO ecrodrome the C.O. sent out a return to base order - this was only picked up by W/O Mahoney who accordingly returned to base. The bed weather persisted and no ops. were carried out eithe - POMIGLIANO or PASE.

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