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STATISTICAL.

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| (A) 15th December, 1942. | (B) No. 167 (Gold Coast) Squadron. |
| (C) 4 L.R. Spitfires (2 VB and 2 VG) | (D) 16.05 hrs. |
| (E) S.W. ZIERIKKEE. | (F) Visibility 8 to 10 miles with falling light.
Cloud 5/10 at 4,000 to 5,000 feet. |
| (G) 1 Spitfire VC. N.Y.R. | (H) S/Ldr. B.J.E. LAKE, N.Y.R. |
| (K) Nil. | |

GENERAL REPORT.

S/Ldr. B.J.E. LAKE, P/O. W.G. EVANS, P/O. J.L. FLESMAN (DUTCH) and P/O. H.P.J. HEUBRINKSVELDT-JANSEN (DUTCH), Blue 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively, took off from MIDHAM 15.10 hours to attack Railway line NORDVIK to BENSSEN OF ZOCH (main line Rotterdam (Antwerp)). The DUTCH COAST was crossed between VOORN and GONDREHE at 15.50 hrs the HOLLANDESE DIEP being followed inland at 0 feet. Intense tracer flak was experienced from HILLEVORTSLAAS, WILHEMSTAD, MOERDIK BRIDGE and the Northern Shore of the HOLLANDESE DIEP. On reaching MOERDIK BRIDGE the section turned South following the railway to ROOSENDAAL where Blue 4 became detached owing to falling light and returned to base. Having seen no ground targets to attack the remaining 3 aircraft then steered 310 degrees for base. When 2 to 3 miles South West of BIRKING two F.W.190s came in astern of our aircraft in line astern and at the same height (i.e. 0 ft). Blue 3 went forward on to the starboard side of Blue 1 to draw his attention to the E/A, having failed to make R/T contact. The E/A started firing at Blue 1 and 2 at 300 to 400 yards, Blue 1 breaking to the right and Blue 2 to the left. Blue 3 climbed to 2000 feet to right then dived onto a F.W.190 getting in a two second head-on burst with Cannon and Machine Gun without seeing results. During this time Blue 2 whilst climbing to clear cover and taking evasive action had got in two long bursts at a F.W.190 without seeing results. Blue 3 disengaged from his attack with E/A to look for Blue 1 and 2. He saw Blue 1 behind a F.W.190 turning inland going South East, his position being approximately South West of ZIERIKKEE, and as he appeared to be alright Blue 3 decided to go to the help of Blue 2. On contacting Blue 2 the E/A had been shaken off so Blue 2 and 3 after spending further time looking for Blue 1 without avail, returned to base and landed Latham 1700 hours.

Cine-gun carried and exposed.

ARMAMENT EXPENDITURE.

P/O J.L. FLESMAN (DUTCH).	38 rds Ball 20 mm.
	38 " HE/I 20 mm.
	130 " A.P. .303
	150 " Inc. .303.
P/O W.G. EVANS.	60 rds Ball 20 mm.
	60 " HE/I 20 mm.
	200 " A.P. .303
	200 " Inc. .303.