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 Destination... UNITED KINGDOM

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FROM MIDDLE EAST 7/3/44

Australian aircrew men in R.A.F. and R.A.A.F. squadrons in Italy are engaged in unceasing attacks on German troops, vehicles and supplies as a contribution to the non stop air blitz at present being carried out against enemy positions in the area of the Anzio beach head. Airmen from Australia in R.A.F. Squadrons are bombing and strafing the Germans night and day, hammering at railway yards, fuel dumps, troops and transport concentrations. The enemy is being hit hard and his position in the Anzio area is weakening under the violence of the air attacks. Recently one R.A.A.F. aircrew personnel attached to a Wellington bomber squadron of the R.A.F. participated in operations on the beachhead Albano Cecchino Campoleone against enemy troops and motor transport. These included F/O J.W. Anderson of Rose Bay, Sydney, pilot, F/O L.J. Clarke Coromandel Valley, South Australia, pilot, Warrant Officer A.J. Jennings, Milton, Brisbane, Bomb aimer, F/Sgt. Anderson, Bubyip Victoria, Wireless/Air gunner, F/Sgt. P.V. Bashford, Brisbane, pilot, ^{420485 142 SqD} F/Sgt. P. Kennedy of Benalla, Wireless/Air gunner, F/S G. J. Brown of Harris Park, N.S.W. pilot, F/Sgt. A.H. Sharp, East Ballina, N.S.W. F/S J.S. Boden, Casino, N.S.W. navigator and Warrant Officer F.E. James, Maddington, Western Australia. Other Australians in another Wellington R.A.F. squadron have been in the thick of raids on the Anzio beach head in the area of Genzano and Velletri and despite general unfavourable weather, pressed home attacks against enemy troop concentrations and communications with damaging results especially in and around the town of Genzano. Two Australians, flying Spitfires with another squadron - Warrant Officer I.C. Morris of Paddington, N. Brisbane and Warrant Officer I.E. Coajly have been kept particularly busy in the last few weeks patrolling the beach-head area and giving high protection to bombers and doing weather reconnaissance flights.