

CLIVE ROBERTSON CALDWELL



Caldwell's Logbook Claims

1941						
6 Jun	1/2	Z001 (a)	Tomahawk 1B	AK349		250Sq
26 Jun		Bf 109	"	AK1419	3m W Capuzzo	"
"		Bf 109 damaged	"	"	N Capuzzo	"
30 Jun		Bf 110 (b)	"	AK346	At sea	"
"	2	Ju87s	"	"		"

9 Jul		G-50 (c)	"	"	1m S Bir Taieh	"
12 Jul		Bf109 damaged	"	AK376	over ships	"
3 Aug		Bf 109 damaged	"	AK416	Bardia- Capuzzo	"
10 Aug		Bf 109 damaged	"	AK511		"
14 Aug		Bf 109 probable	"	AK504	over ships	"
16Aug	1/2	G-50	"	"	off Bardia	"
19 Aug		Bf 109 damaged (d)	"	"	Gambut-Sidi Omar	"
25 Aug		Bf 109 damaged	"	AK493		"
28 Aug		Bf 109E unconfirmed (e)	"	"	Over ships	"
29 Aug		Bf 109F	"	"	"	"
14 Sep	2	Bf 104 damaged	"	AK498	Escort duties	"
26 Sep		Bf 109 damaged	"	AK324		"
27 Sep		Bf 109	"	"	10-12 NE Bardia	"
30 Sep		Bf 109 damaged	"	"	Over ships	"
18 Oct		Bf 109 damaged	"	AK498	"	"
11 Nov		Bf 109F damaged	"	"		"

22 Nov		Bf 109F (f)	"	"		"
"		Bf 109E damaged (f)	"	"	Trigh Capuzzo	"
26 Nov		Bf 109 damaged	"	"		"
28 Nov		Bf 109 probable	"	"		"
30 Nov		Bf 109 probable	"	"		"
5 Dec	5	Ju 87s (g)	"	"	Near El Gobi	"
14 Dec		Bf 109F damaged (h)	"	"		"
17 Dec		Bf 109F probable	"	"		"
18 Dec		Bf 109 damaged	"	"		"
22 Dec		Bf 109F (i)	"	"	Agedabia area	"
"		Bf 109E (i)	"	"	"	"
"		Bf 109F damaged (i)	"	"	"	"
28 Dec	2	Ju 87s on fire on ground	"	"	Agedabia	"
1942						
8 Jan		Bf 109 damaged	Kittyhawk 1A	AK658		112Sq
26 Jan		Bf 109 damaged	"	"		"
21 Feb		Bf 109F	"	"		"

23 Feb	Bf 109F damaged	"	"	"
6 Mar	Bf 109F damaged (j)	"	AK900	"
9 Mar	Bf 109 probable (j)	"	"	"
11 Mar	Bf 109F	"	AK968	"
"	Bf 109F damaged	"	"	"
12 Mar	Bf 209F probable	"	AK766	"
14 Mar	Bf 109f (l)	"	AK722	"
"	MC 202 (l)	"	"	"
23 Apr	Bf 109	"	AK766	"
1943				
2 Mar	Zero	Spitfire VB	BS295	1Wg
"	Light bomber	"	"	"
2 May	Zero	"	BS234	"
"	Hap	"	"	"
20 Jun	Zero	"	BS295	"
"	Betty probable	"	"	"
28 Jun	Betty probable (m)	"	BS234	"

30 Jun	Zero	"	BS295	"
"	Betty probable (n)	"	"	"
17 Aug	Dinah	"	LJ394	"

Notes

(a) This claim credited to F/Lt J Hamlyn, and a shared victory does not seem to have been credited to Caldwell.

(b) ORB lists this as a half shared victory to Caldwell.

(c) ORB lists this claim as occurring on the 7th, not the 9th.

(d) ORB lists this claim as occurring on the 18th, not the 19th.

(e) This claim was eventually classified as a probable.

(f) These claims are listed on the ORB as having occurred on the 23rd, not on the 22nd. Comparison with Luftwaffe records confirm the ORB date. While the ORB lists this claim as destroyed and it is known that the pilot, Lippert, bailed out, Caldwell still lists this as damaged.

(g) The ORB also lists a MC 200 damaged by Caldwell on this day as well as his 5 Ju 87s destroyed.

(h) The ORB lists claims for two Bf 109s on this date, while Caldwell's logbook only list one damaged.

(i) The ORB lists one Bf 109 on the 20 December and one damaged on the 22nd. Caldwell's logbook lists no claims on the 20th but two destroyed and one damaged on the 22nd.

(j) The ORB lists one Bf 109 damaged on 8 March but the logbook lists one damaged on the 6th and a probable on the 9th.

(k) The ORB has this claim occurring on 13 March , rather than on the 12th.

(l) Caldwell noted in his logbook that the pilot of this MC 202 bailed out and became a POW. He makes no mention of this claim being shared. He lists a Bf 109 as being the other claim of the day whereas the ORB lists both aircraft as Macchis.

(m) The second claim on this date for a probable has not been listed before.

(n) The "Betty" listed was previously recorded from the ORB as a confirmed victory, whereas the logbook lists it as a probable; this accords with Caldwell's seven Japanese victory flags on his Spitfire MkVIII during 1944.

ORB lists several claims not listed in logbook including:

1941

24 Dec Bf 109 damaged

1942

14 Jan Bf 109 damaged

Notes and claims taken from "*Aces High Volume 2*" by Christopher Shores, Grub Street, London.