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203 Squadron

Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
Liberator VI	S/L. Gane V. B. R.	Capt.	0836	1634	A/U Search to investigate a reported submarine sighting in position 0805N 7643E from M/V Richard Coulter. The aircraft carried out a square search from this Datum, identified the only M/V in the area as British Resolution. After the first sighting report from Catalina co-operating in the search, base ordered Wide Wide homing to the Catalina, which was unsuccessful. Aircraft proceeded to DR position of sighting and commenced Cobra 5 round markers until end of patrol. No hostile sightings, Weather Fair. Visibility 10 miles.
	Sgt. Cree, F.	Co-Pilot			
	F/S. Jones, W.	NAV.			
	F/O. Fox, R. Aus.410884	WOP			
	F/S. Orr, R. J.	--			
	F/S. D?epinna, L. D.	--			
	Sgt. H?alluns, R.	F.E.			
	Sgt. Shawyer, R.	A.G.			
	Sgt. Chantler, J.	--			
Liberator VI KG909	F/L. Waterton, C.J.8171	Capt.	1450	0055	Submarine Hunt to Exhaustion Search 4 A. Datum 0820N 75.50E. All S.E. blips picked up were shipping contacts. After 4 circuits of search 4A transferred to search 5A on instructions from base. On patrol for 7 hours. Weather cloudy with base down to 1000 ft but clear intervals.
	F/O. Paxton	Co-Pilot			
	W/O. Dawes, W. Aus.425134	NAV			
	F/S. Sturgeon, N.	WOP			
	F/S. Champion, A.	--			
	F/S. Lewis, I.	--			
	Sgt. Miller, D.	WOM			
	Sgt. Timbrell, G.	FE			
	Sgt. Davies, P.	A.G.			
	Sgt. Sargent, J.	--			
Liberator VI KG911	P/O. Roigard, H. L. NZ.42460	Capt.	1550	0225	Submarine Hunt to Exhaustion. Search 4 C. Datum 0820N 75.50E. Patrol at 1300 ft. Numerous shipping contacts. One suspicious contact homed on, which disappeared on approach. After 4 circuits of search 4C transferred to Search 5C. On patrol for 8 hours. Weather Fair. Daytime visibility 25 miles.
	F/O. Hobbs, N. O. K. NZ.40168	Co-Pilot			
	P/O. Temme, G. P. Aus.417132	NAV.			
	P/O. Tatchell, J. W. Aus.409767	WOP			
	F/S. Burnell, L. N.	--			
	F/S. Fensom, D. J.	--			
	Sgt. Walter, D.	WOM			
	Sgt. Wells, C.	FE.			
	Sgt. Bryant	AG.			

	Sgt. Hawkins, S.	AG.			
Liberator VI KH190	F/L. Ensom, V. R. J14346	Capt.	1604	0315	Submarine Hunt to Exhaustion. Search 4 B. Datum 0820N 75.50E. Patrol at 1300 ft. Numerous S.E. blips over the shipping lanes. On patrol for 8 hours 50 minutes (7 ½ circuits of 4B). Weather Fair. Daytime visibility 15 miles.
	Sgt. Tideman, L.	Co-Pilot			
	W/O. Brown, A. D. A417276	NAV.			
	F/S. Gibbs, D. M.	WOM			
	F/S. Kirkpatrick, R.	--			
	F/S. Briscoe, R.				
	Sgt. Beattie, H. A.	F.E.			
	Sgt. Kirke, L.	WOM.			
	Sgt. Morgan, A.	A.G.			
	Sgt. Starr, S.	A.G.			
Liberator VI KG910	W/O. Lyons W. J. Aus.420473	Capt.	1802	0350	A/U Escort for Force Aintree en route Colombo, comprising 1 CR 2 DDs and 1 M/V from last light until relieved by P/203. Homing loop Wide Wide carried out with Catalina on prior escort. Recognition procedure on R/T. Crocodile 6 patrol ordered by S.O.E. and carried out for 5 ½ hours. Weather Fair, but no moon and visibility nil.
	F/S. Defreitas, R.	Co-Pilot			
	W/O. Parker, C. S. Aus.4206741	NAV.			
	W/O. Buckley, C. A. Aus.426525	WOP			
	F/S. Ryce, B.	--			
	Sgt. Billings, G.	A.G.			
	Sgt. Freye, D.	A.G.			
	Sgt. Corkhill, H.	F.E.			
	Sgt. Hiles, D. W.	WOM			
Liberator VI	S/L. Mosher G. W. J6182	Capt.	0010	0910	Relieving G/203 above. Attempted Wide Wide homing. Convoy located by S.E. at 25 miles. Recognition by R/T and Crocodile 6 patrol ordered, and carried out at 2000 ft. until relieved by Sunderland. One suspicious contact was picked up at 12 miles and homed on but disappeared on approach.
	F/O. Field, C. J.	Co-Pilot			
	P/O. Cross, T. W. J867737	NAV.			
	P/O. Hartley, E.	WOP			
	F/S. Clare, M.	--			
	F/S. Blackburn, E. S.	--			
	Sgt. Sheldon, C.	F.E.			
	F/S. Penstone, G.	A.G.			
	Sgt. Wright, A.	A.G.			
Jan. 24					
Liberator VI EV823	F/L. Sandall, P	Capt.	0950	1815	A/U Patrol of East Coast "Inner" Shipping lane between 11.00N 81.16E and 19.43N 8608E. Landing at Cuttack. Height 3000 ft. 6 M/Vs sighted. Time on patrol 6 hours. Weather Good. Visibility 15/20 miles.
	F/O. Catling, G.	Co-Pilot			
	F/S. Rimmer, S.	NAV.			
	F/S. Callagan, E.	WOP			
	F/S. Collison, R.	WOP			
	Sgt. Milne, E.	A.G.			

	Sgt. Brookes, D.	A.G.			
	Sgt. Pilcher, V	F.E.			
Jan. 25					
Liberator VI EV823	F/L. Sandall, P	Capt.	1055	1720	Patrol of "Outer" Shipping Lane on return from Cuttack at 3000 ft. 15 m/Vs and 2 E/Vs sighted independently. No hostile sightings. On patrol for 4 ½ hours. Weather good. Visibility 15 miles.
	F/O. Catling, G.	Co-Pilot			
	F/S. Rimmer, S.	NAV.			
	F/S. Callagan, E.	WOP			
	F/S. Collison, R.	WOP			
	Sgt. Milne, E.	A.G.			
	Sgt. Brookes, D.	A.G.			
	Sgt. Pilcher, V	F.E.			