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203 Squadron

Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
	4/6/45				
Liberator VI. KH219	F/Lt. MacDonald K. R.	Capt.	FG. 2352	FG. 1258	The only vessel sighted was a badly damaged M?LC beached near the jetty at Takia? Oyster Point, Stewart Sound, of which photographs were taken. In landing, a hole was found in the aircraft's rudder, presumed from .303 fire in Stewart Sound. Weather in the patrol area was good.
	F/Sgt. Bassford. H.	Co-Pilot			
	Sgt. Goddard E. J.	Nav.			
	Sgt. ??le A. N?	Nav.			
	Sgt. Ford E. J.	W/Op.			
	Sgt. Mundrick G.	W/Op.			
	Sgt. Sacree D. W.	WOM.			
	Sgt. Bowler G.	F.E.			
	F/Sgt. P?al?our D. E.	A.G.			
	Sgt. Langill?? A. S?	A.G.			
Liberator VI. KH123	F/Lt. Brown R. J.	Capt.	FG. 2350	FG. 1307	Anti-Shipping sweep Andamans (Stewart Sound and southwards). Search of Stewart Sound revealed no shipping or sign of activity. Patrol was continued down the east coast of the Andamans, and round Rutland Island without result. Weather good.
	F?/O L?ie??rth C. C.	Co-Pilot			
	P/O. Goodyear J. R.	Nav.			
	W/O. Pearson ?	Nav.			
	P/O Alexander?? J. W.	W/Op.			
	Sgt. ???dge C?	W/Op.			
	Sgt. Chambers A. G.	WOM			
	Sgt. Bernard W.	F/E.			
	Sgt. Granger R. K.	A.G.			
	Sgt. Marchant R. H.	A.G.			
	5/6/45				
Liberator VI. KH307	F/O. Law J. A.	Capt.	FG. 0001	FG. 1330	Anti-Shipping Sweep, Stewart Sound and southward. No sightings in Stewart Sound other than a derelict ??C reported by F/Lt. MacDonald on 4/6/45. This was attacked with 4 bombs, which scored near misses, and strikes were
	Sgt. Olden D. E.	Co-Pilot			
	F/Sgt. Watkins G. T.	Nav.			
	F/Sgt. Walters J. F.	W/Op.			

	F/Sgt. Keys H. W.	W/Op.			obtained by the front gunner. No further sightings ere made. Weather throughout the patrol area was bad.
	F/Sgt. Rosenberg A.	W/Op.			
	F/Sgt. West P.	WOM.			
	F/Sgt. Burns J. A.	F/E.			
	Sgt. Perkins C.	A.G.			
Liberator VI. KH289	S/Ldr. Waddy P. B.	Capt.	FG. 2358	FG. 1338	Anti-Shipping Sweep, Stewart Sound and southward. No shipping sighted. Weather stormy, with heavy rain and very limited visibility.
	F/O. Hermanson J.	Co-Pilot			
	F/O. Kaufman N.	Nav.			
	P/O. Hughes G.	W/Op.			
	F/O. Ransh?orne	W/Op.			
	F/Sgt. Mercer L.	W/Op.			
	F/Sgt. Wheeler S.	WOM.			
	F/Sgt. Mallums?	F.E.			
	Sgt Sawyer	A.G.			
	Sgt. Sweeney	A.G.			
	8/6/45				
Liberator VI. KH219 "N"	F/O. St. John B.	Capt.	FG. 0020	FG. 1335	Anti-Shipping Sweep through Nicobar Islands. Coastwise search was made of Great and Little Nicobar, patrolling North to Katchall Island. No shipping sighted. Weather misty with frequent showers and poor visibility.
	F/O. Bonser J. H.	Co-Pilot			
	F/O. MacKinnon H? D.	Nav.			
	F/O. Hassell? A. S?	W/Op.			
	W/O. Leitch R. O.	W/Op.			
	W/O. Looten H. J.	W/Op.			
	Sgt. Farr O. V.	WOM.			
	F/Sgt. Benson J. E.	F.E.			
	Sgt. Pennington H.	A.G.			
	Sgt. Taylor J.	A.G.			
Liberator VI. KH123 "M?"	F/Lt. Brown R. J.	Capt.	FG. 0009	FG. 1417	Anti-Shipping Sweep, Nicobars area. On patrol at Pygmalion Point, course 028 at 300 ft. Returned on parallel track from 0629N 9432E to Great Nicobar Island. At 0648N 9355E a beached vessel of approx. 30 ft. was sighted, possibly a landing barge. Patrol was carried out round the South and West coasts at 100 ft., and no sightings made. Thence through St. George's Channel and up the East coast of Little Nicobar.
	F/O. Ziebarth C. G.	Co-Pilot			
	P/O. Goodyear J? R.	Nav.			
	W/O. Pearson B.	Nav.			
	P/O. Alexander J. W.	W/Op.			
	P/O. Sollows J. C.	W/Op.			
	Sgt. Seddon C.	W/Op.			

	Sgt. Chambers A. G.	WOM.			Thence to Katchall Island, where patrol ended. Weather was misty in the target area with frequent showers.
	Sgt. Bernard W.	F.E.			
	Sgt. Marchant F. H?	A.G.			
	Sgt. Grainger R. K.	A.G.			
Liberator VI. KH392	F/Lt. Aldcroft H. R.	Capt.	FG. 0005	FG. 1328	Anti-Shipping Sweep, Nicobars area. Patrol was carried out to 0633N 9440E and thence a parallel track to Great Nicobar Island, and up the East coast of the island. A derelict hulk was sighted in Campbell Bay, which was strafed. Patrol was continued through St. George's Channel and up the West coast of Little Nicobar Island; thence to Katchall Island to end patrol.
	Sgt. Atkins H.	Co-Pilot			
	F/Sgt. Brooks W. J.	Co-Pilot			
	W/O. Pickering J.	Nav.			
	F/Sgt. Allford? W. C. H.	W/Op.			
	F/Sgt. Bennett R.	W/Op.			
	F/Sgt. Statt P.	W/Op.			
	Sgt. Pearson J.	WOM.			
	F/Sgt. Stephens W. T.	A.G.			
	Sgt. Hope R.	A.G.			
Liberator VI. KH289 "B"	F/Lt. Elmes C. R. V.	Capt.	FG. 0001	FG. 1730	First light anti=shipping sweep of Nicobars area. Owing to a strong tail-wind this aircraft overshot the patrol area, failing to make a landfall, and was within sight of the Malay Peninsula when the error was discovered. The aircraft immediately set a return course for base, and owing to a shortage of fuel, bomb load and some equipment were jettisoned. The aircraft was diverted to China Bay, where it landed safely after 17 ½ hours.
	F/O. Prosser J. V.	Co-Pilot			
	F/O. Hill P.	Nav.			
	F/O Coinner D.	Nav.			
	P/O. Upton	WOM.			
	Sgt. Cook K. T. (A430973)	W/Op.			
	Sgt. Hamilton C. H. (A435624)	W/Op.			
	Sgt. Francis H. (A442421)	W/Op.			
	Sgt. Churchill J.	F.E.			
	F/Sgt. Brown R. J. (R123323)	A.G.			
	12/6/45				
Liberator VI. "A"	F/Lt. Elmes C. R. V.	Capt.	FG. 0118	FG. 1533	Anti-shipment sweep, Nicobars-Sabang area. On patrol from Great Nicobar Island, course 125, height 100 ft. At 0611N 9457E sighted three British destroyers, which were seen to be attacked by two enemy aircraft (Lilies) from 1500 ft.
	F/O. Prosser J. V.	Co-Pilot			
	F/O. Hill P.	Nav.			
	F/O Coinner D.	Nav.			
	P/O. Upton	WOM.			
	Sgt. Cook K. T.	W/Op.			

	Sgt. Francis H.	W/Op.			After circling for 30 minutes Liberator was recalled to base. Take-off from China Bay. Returned via China Bay, landing K.K.S.
	Sgt. Hamilton C. H.	W/Op.			
	Sgt. Churchill J.	F.E.			
	F/Sgt. Brown R. J.	A.G.			
Liberator VI. "D"	F/O. Webster T.	Capt.	FG. 0125	FG. 1511	Anti-shipping sweep, Nicobars-Sabang area. On patrol course 128 from Great Nicobar Island at 100 ft. At 0511N 9452E force of three British destroyers was sighted undergoing attack by enemy aircraft (one Tojo, one Lily). After circling for 45 minutes, Liberator was recalled to base. Take-off from China Bay. Return via China Bay, landing KKS.
	F/Sgt. Ross D. H.	Co-Pilot			
	P/O. Steel	Nav.			
	F/Sgt. De La Rocque	Nav.			
	P/O. MacDonald	W/Op.			
	Sgt. Bradley	W/Op.			
	Sgt. Timbrell	W/Op.			
	Sgt. Young	WOM.			
	Sgt. Burrows	A.G.			
	Sgt. Morrison	A.G.			
Liberator VI "M?"	F/Lt. Brown R. J.	Capt.	FG. 0130	FG. 1444	Anti-shipping sweep, Nicobars-Sabang area. On patrol from 0652N 9354E at 100 ft., course 120, to position 0604N 9518E, thence northwards, through rain and heavy cloud. During patrol aircraft was recalled to base. At 0654N 9250E sighted two twin-engined enemy aircraft flying West at 300ft. Take-off from China Bay. Returned via China Bay, landing at KKS.
	F/O. Ziebarth C. G.	Co-Pilot			
	P/O. Goodyear J. R.	Nav.			
	P/O. Sollows	W/Op.			
	P/O. Alexander J. W.	W/Op.			
	Sgt. Seddon C.	W/Op.			
	Sgt. Chambers A. G.	WOM.			
	Sgt. Bernard W.	F.E.			
	Sgt. Granger R. K.	A.G.			
	Sgt. Marchant F. H.	A.G.			
Liberator VI. "C"	F/O. Law J. A.	Capt.	FG. 0120	FG. 1530	Anti-shipping sweep, Nicobars-Sabang area. Patrol carried out from 0642N 9347E at 50 ft., course 120. At 0610N 9458E a force of three British destroyers were sighted, taking evasive action during attack by enemy aircraft. Aircraft made unsuccessful attempt to communicate with S.N.O. No attempt was made by the E/A to attack the Liberator. After circling for 30 minutes the aircraft was recalled to base.
	Sgt. Olden D. E.	Co-Pilot			
	F/Sgt. Watkins G. T.	Nav.			
	F/Sgt. Walters J. F.	W/Op.			
	F/Sgt. Keys H. W.	W/Op.			
	F/Sgt. Rosenberg A.	W/Op.			
	F/Sgt. West P.	WOM.			
	F/Sgt. Burns J. A.	F/E.			
	Sgt. Perkins C.	A.G.			

Liberator VI. "B"	S/Ldr. Waddy P. B.	Capt.	FG. 0315	FG. 1455	Anti-shipping sweep, Nicobars-Sabang area.
	F/O. Hermanson J.	Co-Pilot			Aircraft was recalled during patrol, having made no sighting.
	F/O. Kaufman N.	Nav.			Take off from China Bay.
	P/O. Hughes G.	W/Op.			Aircraft returned via China Bay, but was diverted, and landed KKS.
	F/O. Ransthorne	W/Op.			No bombs carried, the aircraft's task being to shadow and home.
	F/Sgt. Mercer L.	W/Op.			
	F/Sgt. Wheeler S.	WOM.			
	F/Sgt. Mallums?	F.E.			
	Sgt Sawyer	A.G.			
	Sgt. Sweeney	A.G.			
	17/6/45				
Liberator VI. "R"	F/Lt. Aldcroft H. R.	Capt.	FG. 0530	FG. 1945	Search for enemy destroyer southwards from Ko Samui Island.
	F/Sgt. Brooks W. J.	Co-Pilot			Destroyer not sighted.
	P/O. Connors T.	Nav.			Patrol carried out at 7,000 ft. down East coast of Kra Isthmus investigating all inlets to P????n, and thence northward.
	F/Sgt. Allford? W. C. H.	W/Op.			No bombs carried.
	F/Sgt. Statt P.	W/Op.			Weather good. Visibility 20 miles.
	F/Sgt. Bennett R.	W/Op.			
	Sgt. Pearson J.	WOM.			
	F/Sgt. Taylor S.	F.E.			
	F/Sgt. Stephens W. J.	A.G.			
	Sgt. Hope R.	A.G.			
Liberator VI. "D"	S/Ldr. Waddy P. B.	Capt.	FG. 0507	FG. 1905	Search for enemy destroyer southward from Ko Samui island.
	F/O. Hermanson J.	Co-Pilot			Destroyer not sighted. At position 0655N 101.14E sighted one wooden coaster (120 ft.) on course 170. Attacked from 5,000 ft., first with sighter bomb which undershot. 2nd attack with 3 x 500 lb. CPTI was a line error to starboard, and missed by 100 ft.
	F/O. Kaufman N.	Nav.			Aircraft then descended to 50 ft. and strafed with all guns, scoring repeated hits.
	P/O. Hughes G.	W/Op.			No opposition was encountered, and the ship appeared unarmed.
	F/O. Ransthorne	W/Op.			
	F/Sgt. Mercer L.	W/Op.			
	F/Sgt. Wheeler S.	WOM.			
	Sgt Sawyer	A.G.			
	Sgt. Sweeney	A.G.			
Liberator VI. "C"	F/O. Law J. A.	Capt.	FG. 0530	FG. 1915	Search for enemy destroyer southward from Ko Samui.
	Sgt. Olden D. E.	Co-Pilot			Destroyer was not sighted. Attack made on tow submarine chasers position 0830N 100.35E from 4,00 ft. No hits obtained. Ships put up considerable inaccurate AA and took violent evasive action.
	F/Sgt. Watkins G. T.	Nav.			
	F/Sgt. Walters J. F.	W/Op.			
	F/Sgt. Keys H. W.	W/Op.			
	F/Sgt. Rosenberg A.	W/Op.			
	F/Sgt. West P.	WOM.			
	F/Sgt. Burns J. A.	F/E.			

	Sgt. Perkins C.	A.G.			
Liberator VI. "A"	F/O. St. John	Capt.	FG. 0508	FG. 1933	Search for enemy destroyer southward from Ko Samui Island. Destroyer not sighted. Position 0830N 100.35E sighted two submarine chasers, course 020/8, which opened fire with AA up to 8,000 ft. Reported sighting on R/T and W/T. but did not attack as Mk.XIV. Bombsight was unserviceable. Position 1013N 0906E (Sawa) dropped 4 x 5000 lb. CPTI bombs on railway without bombsight, scoring direct hits on track from 3,000 ft.
	F/O. Bonser .	Co-Pilot			
	F/O. MacKinnon	Nav.			
	F/O. Hassa?II?	W/Op.			
	W/O. Leitch	W/Op.			
	Sgt. Farr O. V.	WOM.			
	F/Sgt. Benson J. E.	F.E.			
	Sgt. Taylor	A.G.			
	Sgt. Pennington	A.G.			
Liberator VI. "N"	F/Lt. MacDonald K. R.	Capt.	FG. 0500	FG. 2005	Search for enemy destroyer south of Ko Samui Island. Destroyer not sighted. Intercepted R/T. sighting report from Liberator "A" reporting two small ships, and set course for position, listening out for Wide Wide signals, which were not received. 0830N 100.35E: sighted two submarine chasers, and coordinated attack with Liberator "C". First attack with sighter bomb ??????. Second attack with 3 x 500 lb. CPTI ???????? straddle on ?????????? stern of smaller E/V. Ship put up inaccurate MG. and 25 mm. fire. After the bombing the ship attacked was seen to be stationary and possibly damaged.
	F/Sgt. Bassford. H.	Co-Pilot			
	Sgt. Goddard E. J.	Nav.			
	Sgt. ??le A.	Nav.			
	Sgt. Ford E. J.	W/Op.			
	Sgt. Mundrick G.	W/Op.			
	Sgt. Sacree D. W.	WOM.			
	Sgt. Fowler? B?	F.E.			
	Sgt. L????? A. J.	A.G.			
	F/Sgt. ?????? M?	A.G.			
	22/5/45				
Liberator VI. "A"	F/O. St. John	Capt.	FG. 0520	FG. 1630	Anti-shipping sweep, Victoria Point to Puket Island. An R/T sighting report was received from Liberator "C" ?????????????? 09?50N 98?22E. At 0?59N 93?10E a wooden coaster was sighted, escorted by a MTB. Two bombing runs were made on the Coaster. The first 6 bombs overshot, but on the 2nd attack with 3 bombs a hit was claimed, but no explosion was seen. Both ships returned accurate MG fire ?????????? to F/O. Hassell (W/OP), W/O. Leitch (W/OP), and F/Sgt. Farr (WOM). The ship was left smoking after the attack. Weather conditions ??????????, with heavy rain and limited visibility.
	F/O. Bonser .	Co-Pilot			
	F/O. MacKinnon	Nav.			
	F/O. Hassell	W/Op.			
	W/O. Leitch	W/Op.			
	F/Sgt. ???.	F.E.			
	Sgt. Farr	WOM.			
	Sgt. Taylor?	A.G.			
	Sgt. Pennington?	A.G.			

Liberator VI. "C"	F/O. Law	Capt.	FG. 0525	FG. 1620	<p>Anti-shiping sweep, Victoria Point to Puket Island.</p> <p>Patrol was carried out at 200 ft. in bad weather conditions, with frequent rain storms.</p> <p>In position 0930N 9822E two powered sampans were sighted, escorted by an MTB. The sampans flew the Thai flag. Attack was made on the sampans from 50 ft. with 6 bombs. The first run overshot. A second run was made at 30 ft. with 3 remaining bombs, and a direct hit scored causing the MTB to sink by the stern.</p> <p>The sampans were then attacked with MG fire, and both were damaged, one of them being beached. At this point MG fire was put up from the shore. Before it's destruction the MTB also put up accurate MG fire, which damaged the aircraft. This caused brake failure on landing and the aircraft overshot the runway. It was badly damaged, and the navigator slightly injured.</p>
	Sgt. Olden	Co-Pilot			
	F/Sgt. Watkins	Nav.			
	F/Sgt. Walters	W/Op.			
	F/Sgt. Keys	W/Op.			
	F/Sgt. Rosenberg	W/Op.			
	F/Sgt. West	WOM.			
	F/Sgt. Burns	F/E.			
	Sgt. Perkins	A.G.			
Liberator VI. "N"	F/Lt. MacDonald K. R.	Capt.	FG. 0535	FG. 1630	<p>Anti-shiping sweep, Victoria Point to Puket Island.</p> <p>R/T. sighting report was received from Liberator "C", and attack was made on the two powered sampans, after the MTB had been seen to be sunk by F/O. Law. First bombing run was a line error, and missed by 30 ft.</p> <p>Second was overshot.</p> <p>Repeated MG attacks were also made: one sampan was beached and men were seen abandoning the second.</p>
	F/Sgt. Bassford. H.	Co-Pilot			
	Sgt. Goddard E. J.	Nav.			
	Sgt. ??le A.	Nav(W)			
	Sgt. Ford E. J.	W/Op.			
	Sgt. Mundrick G.	W/Op.			
	Sgt. Sacree D. W.	WOM.			
	Sgt. Fowler? B?.	F.E.			
	F/Sgt. Ba?fon?r D.	A.G.			
	23/6/45				
Liberator VI. "M"	F/Lt. Brown R. J.	Capt.	FG. 0520	FG. 1640	<p>Anti-shiping sweep of east coast Kra Isthmus, from Prachuab? Kirikhand.</p> <p>Patrol carried out at 100 ft.</p> <p>R/T. sighting report was received from Liberator "D", and at the position given a 90 ft. Wooden coaster was sighted at anchor, heavily camouflaged. This was attacked wit 4 x 350 lb. CPAD? 11 sec., a direct hit obtained, and the ship set on fire. The ship was later seen to capsize. The second attack was made on ??? with 4 bombs and MG fire. The bombs ere not seen to explode, but subsequent MG</p>
	F/O. Ziebarth C. G.	Co-Pilot			
	P/O. Goodyear J. R.	Nav.			
	P/O. Sollows	W/Op.			
	P/O. Alexander J. W.	W/Op.			
	Sgt. Seddon C.	W/Op.			
	Sgt. Chambers A. G.	WOM.			
	Sgt. Bernard W.	F.E.			
	Sgt. Granger R. K.	A.G.			

	Sgt. Marchant F. H.	A.G.			attacks set the ship on fire, and an internal explosion ?????????? A large barge was then attacked and ???with MG fire ?? ????????????????????????????????
Liberator VI. "D"	S/Ldr. Waddy P. B.	Capt.	FG. 0520	FG. 1625	Anti-shipping sweep of east coast Kra Isthmus, from Prakuab Kirikhand. Patrol carried out at 50 ft. Numerous native craft were sighted, including a large sailing junk, and a passenger ferry boat. at position 1037N 9920E a 90 ft. wooden coaster was attacked on two bombing runs from 50 ft. Hits were obtained on each run, and after the second attack the ship disintegrated and sank. Patrol was then continued southward, and in position 1015N 9914E a second coaster was sighted, and the position reported to Liberator "M". This aircraft was seen to attack and ??? the ship????? Further shipping was photographed at Pakham?.
	F/O. Hermanson J.	Co-Pilot			
	F/O. Kaufman N.	Nav.			
	F/O. Ranshorne	W/Op.			
	F/O. Hughes G.	W/Op.			
	F/Sgt. Mercer L.	W/Op.			
	F/Sgt. Wheeler S.	WOM.			
	Sgt Sawyer	A.G.			
	Sgt. Sweeney	A.G.			