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A Record of Their Operations

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
	10.5.43		Issue of Formation Order No 403? Air Headquarters 3816??/46/49/0 ?? dated 9.5.43
29 PNC Drigh Road	3.6.43		115 Senior N.C.O.'s and 215 British Other Ranks attached 29 P.R.C. Drigh Road, for duty with 320 Maintenance Unit, pending formation. Accommodation is tented camp.
29 P.R.C. Drigh Road	23?6.43		63744 F/Lt. J. L. Sinnette, Medical Branch posted to No. 354 Squadron as Medical Officer w.e.f. 11.6.43., authority A.H.Q. Posting Note W? S. 28/F2 date 12.6.43 Posted ex U.K. and attached 29 P.R.C. w.e.f. 23.6.43 pending formation. 2? Warrant officers, 2 Senior N.C.O.'s and 154 British Other Ranks attached 29 P.R.C. for duty with 320 Maintenance Unit, pending formation.
29 P.R.C. Drigh Road	4.7.43		63744 F/Lt. J. L. Sinnette, Medical Officer, ceased attachment to 29 P.R.C. as proceeding to H.Q. Allahabad on temporary duty w.e.f. 4.7.43. Authority B.H.Q. Karachi.
29 P.R.C. Drigh Road	5.7.43		37018 W/Cdr. K. J. Mellor D. F.C., attached to 29 P.R.C. pending formation
29 P.R.C. Drigh Road	6.7.43		37018 W/Cdr. K. J. Mellor, D.F.C., posted to 354 Squadron, to command ex B.H.Q. Calcutta. Authority: A.H.Q. Signal P??2 dated 17.7.42.
29 P.R.C. Drigh Road	15.7.43		1 Warrant Officer, 4 Senior N.C.O.'s and 16 British Other Ranks proceeded to R.A.F. Cuttack, as advance party for formation of Squadron.
29 P.R.C. Drigh Road	16.7.43		69635 F/O L. E. Gatrell A & S. D. ?? posted to No. 354 Squadron ex 165 Wing for duty as Adjutant. Authority: A.H.Q. Posting Note 1015/7/27/P?2 date 19th July, 1943.
29 P.R.C. Drigh Road	20.7.43		69635 F/O L. E. Gatrell Attached to 29 P.R.C. pending formation of 354 Squadron. 63744 F/Lt. J. L. Sinnette Ceased attachment to H.Q. Allahabad and proceeded to R.A.F. Cuttack.
29 P.R.C. Drigh Road	22.7.43		220 British Other Ranks photographed at Drigh Road Photographic Station for Forms 557A.
Cuttack	21.7.43		63744 F/Lt. Sinnette arrived at Cuttack.
29 P.R.C. Drigh Road	31.7.43		37018 W/Cdr. K. J. Mellor left Kandy To visit A.H.Q. India 46595 F/O A. W? Baillie Tech(E) ??? attached to 29 P.R.C. pending formation of Squadron for duty as Engineering Officer.
	1.8.43		46593? F/O A. W? Baillie Proceeded to Cuttack.
	5.8.43		37018 W/Cdr. K. J. Mellor left A.H.Q. India and proceeded to Cuttack.
Cuttack	9.8.43		37018 W/Cdr. K. J. Mellor Arrived Cuttack
29 P.R.C. Drigh Road	10.8.43	08?38	69636 F/O L. E. Gatrell, 1 Warrant Officer, 7 Senior N.C.O.'s and 330 British Other Ranks left Drigh Road on move of main party to Cuttack, by rail.
Katni	14.8.43		24 hour stop of main party - entertained by Station Commander of Army Unit, Katni
Cuttack	17.8.43	05.45	69636 F/O L. E. Gatrell, 1 Warrant Officer, 7 Senior N.C.O.'s and 330 British Other Ranks arrived Cuttack.
Cuttack	23.8.43		69636 F/O L. E. Gatrell, appointed to the acting rank of Flight Lieutenant w.e.f. 15.7.43

	24.8.45	11.30	G/Capt. A. V. Howard, S.O.A. 225 Group and Lt. Col. Hall, S.O.R.N? 225 Group, arrived on visit to Squadron from Bengal Ops by air.
	25.8.43	1000	G/Capt. A. V. Howard and Lt. Col. Hall left for Calcutta by air.
	28.8.45	08.00	74788 F/Lt. G. J. Craig arrived on posting to Squadron.
		1300	Air Commodore P. N. Macworth C.B.E., D.F.C., A.O.C. 225 Group, G/Capt. A. V. Howard and Lt. Col. Hall arrived from Calcutta by air on visit to Squadron.
		15.30	Arrival of first Liberator
	29.8.45	11.00	Air Commodore P. N. Mackworth C.B.E., D.F.C. A.O.C. 225 Group, G/Capt. A. V. Howard and Lt. Col. Hall left by air.
Cuttack	1.9.43		69634 F/Lt. L. E. Gatrell Authorised to operate Squadron Imprest Account.
			37670? S/Ldr. D. H. Cross reported arrival on detachment from 215 Sqdn. Jessore ¹ ,
	2.9.43		1428?26 F/O N? C. Bennett?? Arrived on detachment from Vizagapatam Operations duty.
			78753 S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey 125?795? F/O J. N? Thomas? 12???3 F/O K? f. M??ices?? arrive from 160 Squadron. F/Lt. Haworth? and 612756? Sgt. Collins arrived to carry out duties vis: Setting up an operations room and carrying out the functions necessary to control aircraft from this Squadron, that aircraft to give "close escort" to convoys W?A.1 & onwards.
	3.9.43		F/O Reece-Ford arrived to take up duties as 2nd Controller, F/Lt. Naworth?, P/O Powgett?? and Sgt. Collins were P.O.R.'d as attached to R.A.F. Station, Cuttack from R.A.F. Skeleton Operations Room, Vizagapatam. F/O Reece-Ford was P.O.R.'d as attached to R.A.F. Station, Cuttack from 172 Wing Madras.
	4.9.43		123432 F/O C. A. Pinnell, 144182, P/O L. R. Hill, 136?13/7 F/O W. J. Davis? Arrived on detachment from 160 Squadron.
	5.9.43		CAN. C.155175 F/O I. N. Finegood, RCAF., arrived on posting from 160 Squadron 122399? F/O Woody, 126299 F/O R? F. Spelling 12368?7 P?/O D? S. Flett arrived on detachment from 160 Squadron.
	6.9.43		39163 S/Ldr. Chisholm, 3?9260? F/O West arrived with Liberator (Ferry Crew) from Mauripur.
	7.9.43		1230?45 F/O R. L. West, 122963 F/O N. R. Mathews left by rail for Calcutta. 15?1679 P/O G. R. Sheperd left by rail for Salbani
	8.9.43		39163 S/Ldr. Chisholm 35260 F/O West ferried Liberator to Mauripur?. 787353 S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey departed to Calcutta, T. B. Medical Exam. 130555 F/O A. N. G. Price detached to Jessore. AUS 414056 P/O A. V. Mellefont arrived on detachment from Jessore (215 Squadron) 278 Col. G. H. B? Neyts?? Arrived on temp. duty from ????? Delhi.
	9.9.43		CAN J 20?5?22 P/O D. K. Horner, R.C.A.F CAN J.20?6??? ???? ????ley reported on posting to the Squadron. 745?45 S/Ldr. J. A. Ne????s arrived on posting to R.A.F. Cuttack and attachment to Squadron, pending establishment of S/Ldr Admin R.A.F. Cuttack. 123646 P/O R. L. West, ???745 F/O N. R? Mathews?. 1????70 P/O G R. Sheperd arrived on temp. duty. Full crew for Liberator.
	10.9.43		89853? F/Lt. G. W. Reed? Arrived on temporary duty from 173 Wing for Sigs. Radio. 136576 F/O N? T. Jenkins arrived on temp. duty from ??? Group for Met. Duties.

¹ In September 1944, 215 Squadron sent some of their Wellington A/C to Cuttack to fly Convoy Escort. The escort operations are listed in 215 Squadron Records. Some of the names mentioned as aircraft captains on this detachment are: F/S R. V. Lantske, F/Sgt. Goulding, F/Sgt. F. Johnston, F/O Sutton, F/O L. H. Bear, F/Sgt. R. Devine, Sgt. Horder, and S/Ldr. D. H. Cross. Other aircraft captains, such as F/Sgt. L. A. Leichester were involved in ferrying aircraft to the detachment as well as transporting supplies such as depth charges.

			Can J. 24068 P/O A. Jackson, R.C.A.F. arrived by rail on posting to Squadron. 11648?9 F/O L. A Bear? Left for Jessore by air on completion of detachment.
	11.9.43		CAN. J. 23150 P/O W. A. Porterfield, R.C.A.F. CAN J. 22243? P/O W. H. Pedlar, R.C.A.F., CAN J.23372 P/O R. J. Keleher, R.C.A.F., CAN. J.5418 F/O R. A. Banks arrived by rail on posting to 354 Squadron.
	12.9.43		Aus 420227 P/O C. W. Marshall, G.D.R.A.A.F., AUS417100 P/O G. J. Munday, G.D. R.A.A.F., posted from 159? Squadron to 354 Sqdn. AUS410207 P/O M. Batey G.D. R.A.A.F. posted from 159 Squadron to 354 Squadron. ?3529 F/Lt. R. D. Culverwell, R.A.F., attached to Squadron from 173 Wing for Equipment duties. 391635 S/Ldr R. T. Chisholm G.D. 80260 F/O W. F. West G.D., arrived by air from Mauripur (Ferrying). 1164?? F/O L. H. D?ear arrived on detachment from Jessore.
	13.9.43		30260 F/O W. F. West, G.D. 39163 S/Ldr R. C Chisholm, G. D. left by rail for Calcutta.
	14.9.43		I.N.U. P/O H. V. Stinson, G.D. R.A.F., posted to 354 Squadron from 159 Squadron. AUS 417100 P/O G. J. Munday G.D., R.A.A.F., I.N.U. P/O H.V. Stinson, G.D., R.A.F. AUS. 410207 P/O M. Batey, G.D., R.A.A.F., proceeded to Calcutta by air on T. D.
Cuttack	15.9.43		136576 F/O N. T. Jenkins, A. S. D. R.A.F. proceeded to Calcutta by rail on T.D. 122963 F/O H. R. Mathews, G. D. R. A. F. 123046 F/S R. L. West arrived from Allahabad by air (Ferrying). 145425 D. ????? arrived on detachment from Jessore by air.
	17.9.43		78753 S/Ldr F. G. Paisey returned from Calcutta by rail after cess. of temp. duty. 39163 S/Ldr R. C. Chisholm 80260 F/O W. F. West Aus 401114 F/O D Firth arrived on Ferrying Duties.
	18.9.43		78753 S/Ldr R. C. Chisholm, 80260 F/O W. F. West AUS.401114 F/O D. Firth departed by rail on cessation of temporary duty. 16139 G/C. J. Bowler, 89196 G/C W. N. Cummings, 72405 S/Ldr. G. N. Downing, W/C Butler, F/Lt. Price arrived on temporary duty. AUS.402211 P/O W. R. Wilson arrived on posting to the Squadron. 136576 W/O N. T. Jenkins, arrived on temporary duty for Met Duties.
	19.9.43		123029 F/O Sutton arrived on detachment from Jessore. P/O Smith arrived on posting to 354 Squadron.
	20.9.43		76753 S/Ldr F. G. Paisey returned to 160 Squadron, Ceylon, on cess. of det'ment. 130432 F/O J. C. Frost delivered Secret Documents, departed same day.
	21.9.43		CAN. J.20677 P/O Henry arrived on posting to the Squadron. 87853 F/Lt. G. W. Reed returned to Unit on completion of temp. duty. Auth: 223 Gp. 139243 P/O G. W?oocock arrived on posting to the Squadron.
	22.9.43		119783 F/O K. F. B?alcon, 120795 F/O J. W. Thomas and 145684 P/O W. E. Burns proceeded on temporary duty by rail to Calcutta. 105933 F/O A. W. Mann arrived on temporary duty from 225 Group. 49906 F/O (A/F/LT.)Lewer arrived on staff visit from 225 Group (Photographic).
		0103	Liberator "A" of 354 Squadron a/b to give "close escort" to N.A.6 at 0405 hours. Message was sent to Base NOT MET but A/C carried on and met the convey at 0850 hours. Weather was moderate to bad.
		1200	Landed
		0923	Liberator "P" of 354 Squadron A/b to give further escort.

		1702	Landed
	23.9.43		498905 F/O A.F.L. Lower departed by rail to Delhi.
	24.9.43		83529 F/Lt. Culverwell (Equip) left for 313 M.U. Equipment duties.
	25.9.43		AUS.417100 P/O Munday, AUS.410207 P/O Batey arrived from Ferrying duties. 1437981 LAC How, R. died from Malaria. AUS.409378 F/O Brooks arrived on detachment from 215 Squadron.
		0445	Liberator "P" of 354 Squadron a/b to give "close escort" to N.A.7. Owing to bad weather and visibility, convey not sighted till 0952 hours.
		1531	Landed
	26.9.43		119703 F/O B?alcon, 120790 F/O J. F. Thomas, 145624 P/O W. E. Burns returned from temporary duty
	28.9.43	0507	Liberator "C" of 354 Squadron a/b to give close escort to N.A. 8. Successful.
		15?24	Landed
	29.9.43		CAN.J.20976 P/O Fisher, CAN.J.24071 P/O Dubowski, CAN.J.23373 P/O Redman Arrived on posting.
	30.9.43		105923 P/O A. W. Mann returned to 225 Group on cessation of temporary duty.
		1630	CAN.J.20677 P/O K. R. Henry died from injuries received in an air accident sustained in an aircraft. ²
			33529 F/Lt. Culverwell returned from temporary duty from Kankinara.
			The strength of the Squadron materially increased during the month of September owing to the arrival of aircrew.

² P/O Henry was trying to manually lower the nose wheel when it retracted and crushed him.

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Qnandati a??	1.10.43	08.17	Liberator BZ863 Crashed Sgt. Thomas sustained sprained ankle.
			The following officers arrived here on posting to this Squadron F/O Pfar?? S. N. T. (Int.)
			The following officers left on cessation of attachment (215 Squadron) F/O Sutton and P/O Mellefort
	2.10.43		The following officer arrived on posting to the Squadron P/O Breen The following officers left on cessation of attachment 215 Squadron S/L Cross P/O ???sm and P/O ? groofs???
	3.10.43		P/O Henley?? Left for Delhi on attachment.
	4.10.43		P/O Gaerson?? left for Calcutta on temporary duty.
	6.10.43		The following officers arrived here on posting to the Squadron P/O Badgley, P/O Nicholl J. and P/O Ingram.
	7.10.43		P/O Jagnron??? arrived on completion temporary duty P/O ??cook left for Palam on temporary duty.
		06.45	Liberator BZ887 Crashed about 5 miles from aerodrome. All nine people aboard were killed. The following persons were aboard. P/O Moody (160 Sqdn) P/O Bullis P/O Dubowski, P/O Breen, P/O Fisher P/O Redman Sgt Miles Sgt. Trower Sgt Sigel.
	8.10.43		The following officers arrived her on posting P/O Keetley P/O Maguire and P/O Bracey.
	9.10.43		The following officers left this place on temporary duty. F/O Finewood? and P/O Reece-Ford.
	10.10.43		The following officers arrived here on temporary duty P/O Murphy, and P/O Batey.
	12.10.43		W/O Ludwig? Arrived here on Temporary duty.
			{frame was very light as is next one}
	13.10.43		F/Lt. (A/S/L) Hanson R. L. arrived here on attachment to the Squadron.
	15.10.43		F/O Leding? M. left by rail for Vizagapatam on completion temporary duty.
	18?/10.4 3	04.15?	Liberator BZ805 arrived for 354 Squadron
	19.10.43		P/O Dowsett?? left here on temporary duty to Calcutta.
	20.10.43		F/O Lener? (A/F/L) visited this aerodrome
	22.10.43		F/O (A/F/L) Lener? returned to Bangalore on cessation of visit.
	23.10.43		F/O Currie?? arrived here on posting
	23.10.43		P/O Donsett?? Returned on cessation temporary duty.
	24.10.43		P/O Boocock return on cessation temporary duty.
	26.10.43		The following officers arrived here on posting to Squadron. F/O Smith, F/O Burrige and F/O Skinner.
	27.10.43		The following officers arrived here on posting to the Squadron P/O Morgan, P/O Beaton, P/O Smiley, P/O Goldsworthy and P/O Dean.
	28.10.43		The following officers left this station on cessation of attachment to the Squadron. F/O Pinnell F/O Davies and P/O Hill.
	30.10.43		The following officers left this station on temporary duty F/O Skinner
	31.10.43		The following officers of 160 Squadron left this station on cessation of attachment to 354 Squadron but returned a couple of hours later due to bad weather P/O Hill, P/O Pinnell and F/O Davis, F/O Burns? F/O Thomas, and P/O Speling???????

	31.10.43		F/O Banks P/O Pedlar left this station on temporary duty.
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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
October 1st					
Liberator V.(H??)	Capt. P/O Marshall	Close A/S escort to C/V	0520		On leaving aerodrome A/C gained height to 200 ft., it then lost power on all engines and made a belly landing in a paddy field just beyond the end of the runway.
	Horner				
	Healey				
	Bullis				
	F/Sgt. Bott				
	Sgt. Scholl				
	Wolstenholme				
	Tout				
	Thomas				
October 4th					
Liberator V. (A)	(screen) P/O Burns	Close A/S escort to M.A. 10.	0523?	1600	Successful. Flying time 10 hours, 38 minutes.
	Capt. Sgt Tomlinson				
	Nav. Sgt. Larsen				
	P/O Jackson				
	F/Sgt. Whale				
	McGaughran				
	Watson				
	Ibbotson				
October 6th					
Liberator V. (A)	Capt. Sgt. Tomlinson	Close A/S escort to M.A. 11.	0535	1530	Successful. Flying time 9 hours, 55 minutes.
	Nav. Sgt. Larsen				
	Sgt. Ibbotson				
	P/O Wilson				
	F/Sgt. McGaughran				
	Whale				
	Watson				
	Sgt. Douglas				
October 7th					
Liberator V. (D)	Screen Capt. F/O Moody.	Close A/S escort to M.A. 11	0500		A/C took off while still dark, made one circuit climbing to about 800 ft. its navigation lights were then seen to dive suddenly and it crashed at approximately 0545. A/C caught fire immediately and the whole crew were lost. P/O Moody the screen Capt., was a member of 160 Sqdn. detachment attached to this Squadron.
	Captain P/O Breen				
	Nav. P/O Bullis				
	Redman				
	Dubowski				
	Fisher				
	Sgt. Miles				
	Trower				
	Sigel				
Liberator V. (P)	Capt. P/O Horner	Close A/S escort to M.A. 11	0737	1510	Replacing "D" successful. Flying time 7 hours 33 mins.
	Nav: Close?				
	Sgt. Sinclair				
	P/O Ingram				
	Wilson				
	Sgt. Slauenwhite				

	Mowat					
	Robinson					
	Armstrong					
October 8th						
Liberator V. (A)	Capt. Sgt. Tomlinson	Close A/S escort to M.A. 12	1220	1835		
	Nav. Sgt. Larsen					
	Ibbotson					
	P/O Jackson					
	F/Sgt. Watson?					
	Whale					
	McGaughran					
	Sgt. Douglas					
October 10th						
Liberator V. (A)	Capt. Sgt. Tomlinson	Close A/S escort to M.A. 12	0520?	1730	Successful. Flying time 11 hours 10 minutes.	
	Nav. Sgt. Larsen					
	Sgt. Ibbotson					
	P/O Jackson					
	F/Sgt. Watson					
	Whale					
	McGaughran					
	Sgt. Douglas					
October 13th						
Liberator V (P)	Capt. P/O Horner	Close A/S escort to M.A. 13	0618	1642	Successful. Flying time 10 hours 34 minutes.	
	Nav. Sgt. Sinclair					
	P/O Ingram					
	Sgt. Slauenwhite					
	Ferguson					
	Nowab???					
	Robertson					
	Armstrong					
October 14th						
Liberator V (C)	Capt. F/O Banks	Close A/S escort to M.A. 13	0535	1400	Successful. Flying time 8 hours 25 minutes.	
	Nav. P/O Pedlar					
	Sgt. Baker					
	P/O Keleher					
	Smith					
	Porterfield					
	Sgt. Clements					
	Vaughan					
October 16th						
Liberator V (P)	Capt. P/O Horner	Close A/S escort to M.A. 14	0555	1445	Successful. Flying time 8 hours 25 minutes.	
	Nav. Sgt. Sinclair					
	P/O Ingram					
	Sgt. Slauenwhite					
	Nowab?					
	Armstrong					
	Scholl					
	Wolstenholme					
October 17th						

Liberator V (A)	Capt. Sgt. Tomlinson	Close A/S escort to M.A. 14	0620	1706	Successful. Flying time 10 hours 275 minutes.
	Nav. Sgt. Larsen				
	Sgt. Ibbotson				
	Douglas				
	P/O Jackson				
	F/Sgt. Whale				
	Watson				
	McGaughran				
October 19th					
Liberator V (P)	Screen Capt. P/O Horner	Close A/S escort to M.A. 15	0553	1826	Successful. Flying time 12 hours 33 minutes.
	Capt. P/O Badgley				
	Nav. Sgt. Stewart				
	P/O Ingram				
	Sgt. Graber				
	Dale				
	Tye				
	Tester				
Butchart					
October 20th					
Liberator V. (C)	Capt. F/O Banks	Close A/S escort to M.A. 15	0507	1742	Successful. Flying time 12 hours 25 minutes.
	Nav: Sgt. Strong				
	P/O Nicholl				
	F/Sgt. Hughes				
	Sgt. Mullin				
	Bangs				
	Mulhern				
	Brodie				
Long					
October 22nd					
Liberator V. (C)	Capt. F/O Banks	Close A/S escort to M.A. 16	0547	1845	Successful. Flying time 12 hours 58 minutes.
	Nav: P/O Pedlar				
	Sgt. Baker				
	P/O Keleher				
	Smith				
	Porterfield				
	Sgt. Clements				
	Vaughan				
October 23rd					
Liberator V (A)	Capt. S/L. Hanson	Close A/S escort to M.A. 18?	0518?	1750	Successful. Flying time 12 hours 32 minutes.
	Nav. Sgt. Wilkinson				
	F/Sgt. Riddall				
	McCormack				
	P/O Bracey				
	Sgt. George				
	Chlke				
	Worsley				
October 26th					

Liberator V. (P)	Screen Capt. P/O Horner	Close A/S escort to H.C.1	0518	1518	Successful. Flying time 10 hours.
	P/O Badgley				
	Nav: Sgt. Stewart				
	P/O Ingram				
	Sgt. Graber				
	Tye				
	Tester				
	Butchart				
	Dale				
October 28th					
Liberator V (S?)	Capt. P/O Munday	Close A/S escort to H. C.2	0523	1508	Successful. Flying time 9 hours 45 minutes.
	Nav: P/O Marshall				
	Batey				
	Sgt. Thomas				
	Wolstenholme				
	Scholl				
	Tout				
	Bott				
Liberator V (A)	Capt: Sgt. Tomlinson	Close A/S escort to H. C.2	1100	2025	Successful. Flying time 9 hours 25 minutes.
	Nav: Sgt. Larsen				
	Ibbotson				
	Douglas				
	P/O Jackson				
	F/Sgt. Whale				
	Watson				
	McGaughran				
October 30th					
Liberator V (P)	Capt: P/O Horner	Close A/S escort to H. C.3	0852	1757	Successful. Flying time 9 hours 5 minutes.
	Nav: Sgt. Sinclair				
	P/O Hestley?				
	F/O Currie				
	Sgt. Slauenwhite				
	Dale				
	Robertson				
	Bond				
	Armstrong				

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Cuttack	2nd		The following officers arrived on posting to the Squadron: P/O L. N. Taylor, P/O W. D. J. Gibson, P/O J. K. Fletcher.
	3rd		F/O S. H. Fear Proceeded to 225 Group on temporary duty. F/O (A/F/L) L. E. Gatrell Left for Karkiram on temporary duty.
	6th		F/O (A/F/L) D. L. Taylor arrived on Staff Visit from 225 Group.
	7th		F/O W. R. Wilson proceeded to Armada Road on temporary duty.
	8th		F/O (A/F/L) D. L. Taylor left for 225 Group on cessation of visit. F/O (A/F/L) L. E. Gatrell Arrived back from Kankiram on cessation of temporary duty. P/O J. A. Badgley proceeded to Calcutta on temporary duty with Royal Navy.
	9th		F/O W. R. Wilson arrived back form Armada Road on cessation of temporary duty.
	10th		F/O R. Banks and P/O W. Pedlar arrived base at this unit on cessation of temporary duty. F/O O'Keill??? arrived from 221 Group on welfare duties, and returned same day.
	12th		F/O (A/F/L) A. W. Baillie proceeded to Kharagpur on temporary duty. P/O G. ? B. Brown arrived from 1572 Gunnery Flight on temporary duty.
	13th		F/O (A/F/L) G. D. Park and F/L (A/S/L) I. C? Rutherford arrived from Dum Dum on temporary duty and returned same day. F/L A. M. Wilkes? Arrived from Yelahanka on attachment to the Squadron. F/O S. H. Fkar? Arrived back from 225 Group on cessation of temporary duty. P/O O. J. Skinner Proceeded to Calcutta on temporary duty with Royal Navy.
	15th		P/O J. A. Badgley arrived back from Calcutta on cessation of temporary duty with Royal Navy.
	16th		F/O H. V. Stinson left for Calcutta on temporary duty.
	17th		P/O J. Nicholl proceeded to Nagpur on temporary duty.
	18th		P/O J. Nicholl arrived back from Nagpur on cessation of temporary duty. F/O (A/F/L) A. W. Baillie arrived back from Kharagpur on cessation of temporary duty. F/L R. D. Keft and F/L W. S? Goldsworthy arrived on Staff Visit from 225 Group.
	20th		F/L Goldsworthy returned to 225 Group on cessation of visit.
	21st		P/O H. V. Stinson arrived back from Calcutta on cessation of temporary duty.
	22nd		F/L W? D. Keft? Returned to 225 Group on cessation of visit.
	23rd		F/O O. J. Skinner? Arrived back from Calcutta on cessation of temporary duty with Royal Navy. P/O S. K? Goldsworthy and P/O R. A. Beaton proceeded to Calcutta on temporary duty with Royal Navy. P/O W. ? C. Smiley proceeded to Khanpur? On temporary duty.
	24th		F/O I. M. Finegood proceed to H.Q., S.W.A.A.C., en route by air for attachment to U.K. for special three weeks course.
	25th		P/O W. D. C. Smiley arrived back from Knanpur on cessation of temporary duty. The following officers arrived on posting to the Squadron. P/O I. W. Leslie and P/O A. K. N. Robertson.
	27th		F/O ? ? Crocott???? arrived from 225 Group on temporary duty.
	28th		P/O A. Jackson proceeded to Calcutta on temporary duty. P/O V. Moodie Arrived from No. 2.B.S.U. on attachment to the Squadron.

	30th		The following officers arrived on posting to the Squadron: F/O (A/F/L) H. J. Pascoe, F/L J. E? Symonds.
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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
November 5th?					
Liberator V. (P)	Capt: P/O Badgley	Close A/S escort to H. C. 5.	0500	1412	Successful. Flying Time - 9 hours 12 minutes.
	Nav: Sgt. Stewart.				
	P/O Ingram				
	Sgt. Tye				
	Sgt. Tester				
	Sgt. Graber				
	Sgt. Dale				
Liberator V (S)	Capt: P/O Munday	Close A/S escort to H. C. 5.	1015	2030	Successful. Flying Time - 10 hours 15 minutes.
	Nav: P/O Batey				
	P/O Marshall				
	F/Sgt. Bott				
	Sgt. Tout				
	Sgt. Thomas				
	Sgt. Clarke				
	Sgt. Wolstenholme				
November 8th.					
Liberator V. (P)	Capt: P/O Horner	Close A/S escort to H. C. 6.	0510	1535	Successful. Flying Time - 10 hours 25 minutes.
	Nav: Sgt. Sinclair				
	P/O Keetley				
	Sgt. Mowab?				
	Sgt. Slauenwhite				
	Sgt. Armstrong				
	Sgt. Robinson				
	Sgt. Graber				
	F/O Currie				
Liberator V. (C)	Screen Capt. S/L Hanson	Close A/S escort to H. C. 6.	1005	2040	Successful. Flying Time - 10 hours 35 minutes.
	Capt: P/O Nicholl				
	Nav: Sgt. Strong				
	F/Sgt. Hughes				
	F/Sgt. McGaughran				
	Sgt. Mullin				
	Sgt. Brodie				
	Sgt. Bangs				
	Sgt. Long				

November 11th					
Liberator V (C)	Capt. P/O Nicholl	Close A/S escort to H. C. 7.	0505	1734	Successful. Flying Time - 10 hours 19 minutes.
	Nav: Sgt. Strong				
	F/Sgt. Hughes				
	F/Sgt. McGaughran				
	Sgt. Mullin				
	Sgt. Brodie				
	Sgt. Bangs				
	Sgt. Long				
Liberator V. (A)	Capt: S/L Hanson	Close A/S escort to H. C. 7.	1019	2055	Successful. Flying Time - 10 hours 36 minutes.
	Nav: Sgt. Lawson				
	F/Sgt. Riddall				
	F/O Bracey				
	F/O McCormack				
	F/O George				
	Sgt. Worsley				
	Sgt. Chlke				
November 14th					
Liberator V. (S??)	Capt.: F/O Munday	Close A/S escort to H. C. 8.	0810	1425	Successful. Flying Time - 9 hours 15 minutes.
	Nav: P/O Marshall				
	Sgt. Baker				
	Sgt. Clements				
	P/O Keleher				
	P/O Porterfield				
	P/O Jackson				
	Sgt Vaughan				
Liberator V. (C)	Capt. F/O Banks	Close A/S escort to H. C. 8.	1038	2039	Successful. Flying Time - 10 hours 1 minute.
	Nav: P/O Pedlar				
	Sgt. Baker				
	Sgt. Clements				
	P/O Keleher				
	P/O Porterfield				
	P/O Jackson				
	Sgt. Vaughan				
November 1?th					
Liberator V. (P)	Capt. P/O Horner	Close A/S escort to H. C. 9.	0655	2040	Successful. Flying Time - 13 hours 55 minutes.
	Nav: Sgt Sinclair				
	P/O Keetley				
	Sgt. Tobin				
	Sgt. Slauenwhite				
	Sgt. Robinson				

	Sgt. Mowab?				
	Sgt. Armstrong				
	Sgt. Gray.				
November 20th?					
Liberator V. (A)	Capt: S/L Hanson	Close A/S escort to H. C. 10.	0810	2035	Successful. Flying Time - 12 hours 35 minutes.
	Nav: F/Sgt. Leonard				
	F/Sgt. Riddall				
	F/Sgt. McCormack				
	F/Sgt. George				
	F/O Smith				
	F/O Bracey				
	Sgt. Chlke				
November 23rd					
Liberator V. (A)	Capt: Sgt. Tomlinson	Close A/S escort to H. C. 11.	0810	2055	Successful. Flying Time - 12 hours 45 minutes.
	Nav: F/Sgt. Leonard				
	Sgt. Ibbotson				
	P/O Jackson				
	F/Sgt. Whale				
	F/Sgt. Watson				
	F/Sgt. McGaughran				
	Sgt. Douglas				
November 26th					
Liberator V. (S?)	Screen Capt: P/O Munday	Close A/S escort to M. A. 17.	0828	2000	Successful. Flying Time - 12 (sic) hours 32 minutes.
	Capt: P/O Gibson				
	Nav: P/O Fletcher				
	P/O Taylor				
	Sgt. Kenny				
	Sgt. Roberts				
	Sgt. Christson??				
	Sgt. Mair?				
	Sgt. Scholl				
November 30th					
Liberator V. (H)	Screen Capt: S/L Hanson	Close A/S escort to M. A. 18?	0836	2000	Successful. Flying Time - 11 hours 34 minutes.
	Capt. P/O? Skinner				
	Nav: F/Sgt. Flower				
	P/O Burrige				
	P/O E? R. Smith				
	F/Sgt. Maze				
	F/Sgt. Roe				
	F/Sgt. Randall				
	Sgt. Kearns				

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Cuttack	1.12.43	0021	Liberator "C" (BZ865) (P/O J. Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on Convoy Escort Duty to 'N.A.10' consisting of 5 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs. The convoy was escorted all day and no incidents were reported. The aircraft landed at 1959. P/O A. D. Stanley & Crew arrived on posting ex U.K. (w.e.f. 19.11.43)
		1930	The 7th detachment of Officers, Senior N.C.O's and N.O.R's left for Puri Rest Camp for five days.
	2.12.43		P/O Horner & Crew in Liberator "P" and Sgt. Tomlinson & Crew in Liberator "A" proceeded to A.F.T.U., Amarda Road for a 3 weeks Bomber Refresher Course. Two complete ground crews proceeded by rail. Liberator "S" (BZ888) was airborne for 5 hours, 21 mins on Armament Practice. P/O C. Marshall was promoted to F/O (Temp) w.e.f. 20.9.43 (C.R.0 2.12.43) P/O M. Batey was promoted to F/O (Temp) w.e.f. 4.6.43 (C.R.0 2.12.43) P/O G. J. Munday was promoted to F/O (Temp) w.e.f. 4.6.43 (C.R.0 2.12.43)
	3.12.43		F/Lt. D. O. McDougall, D.F.C. & Crew and F/Lt. J. F. Percival & Crew arrived on posting ex U.K. (w.e.f. 10.11.43)
	4.12.43	1127	Liberator "S" (BZ888) (P/O W. D. J. Gibson & Crew) was airborne on Convoy Escort duty to 'Ratchet 1' comprising 2 L.B.T'S AND 2 Fairmiles. The convoy was escorted from 1230 until 1822. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at 1945.
			Liberator "L" (BZ938) was delivered to the Squadron.
	5.12.43	0450	Liberator "C" (BZ865) (P/O J. Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoys 'R.A.T.1' (2 Fairmiles and 2 L.S.Ts), 'N.A.20' (5 M/Vs & 2 E/Vs), and 'R.A.T.2' (2 Fairmiles and 2 L.S.Ts). At 1307, while escorting 'R.A.T.1' one Enemy aircraft (Army 0) was seen. It turned away to South and East. Into cloud and was not seen again. The aircraft landed at Base at 1701.
		0915	Liberator "S" (BZ888) (P/O R. A. Beaton & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort as relieving aircraft to convoys 'NA20' and RAT.1. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at 2032.
	6.12.43	0451	Liberator "H" (FL912) (F/O O. J. Skinner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoys "Ratchet 1" and "Ratchet 2". At 0955 having carried out Square and Creeping line ahead searches a "Not Met" message was sent to Base. At 1050 "Ratchet1" was sighted and escorted until 1111 when course was set for "Ratchet2" (comprising 2 L.S.Ts and 2 Fairmiles) which was met at 1141 and escorted until 1500. Aircraft landed at Base at 1730.
		0906	Liberator "V" (BZ805) (P/O G. Munday & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort as relieving aircraft to Convoys "Ratchet 1" and "Ratchet 2". No incidents were reported except that both convoys were out of position. Aircraft landed at 2035.
		1432	Liberator "S" (BZ888) (P/O W. D. Gibson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to convoy "Ratchet 3". Convoy was escorted from 1530 to 1759. No incidents were reported and aircraft landed at 1910.
		1930	The 8th detachment of Officers, Senior N.C.O's and B.O.R's left for Puri Rest Camp for 5 days.
	7.12.43	0457	Liberator "C" (BZ865) (P/O J. Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on a A/S Escort to convoy "Ratchet 3" comprising 2 L.S.T's and 2 Fairmiles. No incidents were reported. The convoy was escorted from 0702 until 1457 and the aircraft

			landed at Base at 1715.
		0641	Liberator "H" (FL912) (S/Ldr. R. N. Hanson & crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to convoy "Ratchet 2" comprising 2 L.S.T's and 2 Fairmiles. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1750.
		1237	Liberator "L" (BZ938) (F/O O. J. Skinner screen captain to P/O J. L. Maguire & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort as relieving aircraft to convoys "Ratchet 2" and "Ratchet 3". No incidents were reported and aircraft landed at Base at 2000.
	8.12.43	0442	Liberator "V" (BZ805) (P/O G. Munday & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to convoy "Ratchet 3" comprising 3 L.S.T's and 2 Faimiles. The convoy was escorted from 0722 until 1458 and no incidents were reported. The aircraft landed at Base at 1650.
		0748	Liberator "L" (BZ938) (S/Ldr. R. H. Hanson, Screen Captain to P/O J. Dean & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "N.A. 20" comprising 5 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs. The convoy was escorted from 0918 until 1802 and no incidents were reported. The aircraft landed at base at 1955
			Liberator "C" (BZ865) (P/O J. Nicholl & Crew) was airborne for 3 hours 5 mins on Bombing and Gunnery Practice.
	9.12.43		Liberator "H" (FL912) (F/O O. J. Skinner & Crew) was airborne for 3 hours 29 mins on Flying Bombing and Air Firing Practice.
	10.12.43	1230	Liberator "V" (BZ805) (P/O G. J. Munday and crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy 'CJ8' comprising 12 M/Vs and 1 E/V. Convoy was escorted from 1317 until 2252 and no incidents were reported. The aircraft landed at base at 0015 (11th Dec.)
			Liberator "S" (BZ888) P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 41 mins, on Air Firing and Bombing Practice.
	11.12.43	0658	Liberator "H" (FL912) (F/Lt. J. F. Percival, Screen Captain to F/O O. J. Skinner & Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Green" Patrol carrying 8 x 500 G.P.T.D. .025 SECS. No shipping or aircraft of any kind were sighted. Several photographs were taken of Arakan Coast. Aircraft landed at base at 1558. Maxim Patrols (of which was the first flown by the Squadron) are a series of Armed General Reconnaissance Patrols flown along the shipping lanes off the Arakan Coast. The object of these Patrols are: - (A) To attack with Bombs or Gunfire, without reporting to Base, small ships of the Sandam or Sandoway types; (B) To attack, and report to Base any small Seagoing Ships which offer little or no resistance; (C) To report and shadow all Enemy Naval Vessels and any Merchant Vessels offering resistance. (Ref. A.H.Q./Bengal-Operational Directive No. 22, dated 3rd December 1943.)
		0758	Liberator "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy 'HC12' comprising 3 M/Vs & 2 E/Vs. The Convoy was escorted from 0951 until 1757. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1947.
		0915	Liberator "L" (BZ938) was allocated to No. 160 Squadron and was flown to Ratmalana by P/O J. Dean & Crew. It landed there at 1625.
			A/C P. H. Mackworth (A.O.C. No. 225 Group) and G/C Macmurtrie (Coastal Command) arrived by air, and visited the Squadron. G/C Macmurtrie lectured all aircrew personnel on Anti-U Boat Warfare.
			The 9th detachment of Officers, Senior N.C.Os, and B.O.Rs left for Puri Rest Camp for 5 days.
			F/Lt. (A/S/L) McKenzie & Crew arrived on posting ex U.K. (w.e.f. 5.12.43)
	12.12.43	1025	Liberator "C" (BZ865) (W/Cdr. K. J. Mellor Screen Captain to P/O J. Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Scarlet" Patrol carrying 4 x 500 G.P.T.D. 11 secs and 4 x 500 lb G.P.T.D. .025 secs. The only sighting was Two Small Fishing Vessels which were not attacked. 2 x 500 lb G.P. were jettisoned on return journey to aid C. of G. Aircraft landed at Base at 2027.

			A/C P. H. Mackworth & G/C Macmurtrie left by air
			The squadron Sergeants' mess move from inadequate accommodations in No. 2 Camp Area to No. 1 Camp Area.
	13.12.43	1123	Liberator "C" (BZ865) (S/Ldr R. H. Hanson & Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Brown" Patrol carrying 4 x 500 G.P.T.D. 11 secs and 4 x lb G.P.T.D. .025 secs. Only sightings were of our own shipping. 2 x 500 lb G.P. were jettisoned to aid C. of G. and aircraft landed at Base at 2037.
	14.12.43	0506	Liberator "V" (BZ805) (F/Lt. D. O. McDougall Screen Captain to P/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Gold" Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.TD. 11 secs, and 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. (It was decided to reduce the bomb load from 8 x 500 lb to 6 x 500 lb. G.P. to aid C. of G.) Only sightings were of own shipping. 1 x 500 lb. G.P. was dropped on the return journey, and aircraft landed at Base at 1612.
		0542	Liberator "S" (BZ888) (P/O W. D. Gibson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to convoy "HC 13" comprising 5 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs. The Convoy was escorted from 1011 until 1800 and no incidents were reported. Aircraft landed at Base at 1930.
			Liberator "C" (BZ865) was airborne for 2 hours, 48 mins, on Air Firing Practice. Bombing Practice has been suspended pending arrival of Practice Bomb Carriers. Modifications to normal shackles caused too many hang-ups with resultant danger to personnel and property.
	15.12.43	0758	Liberator "C" (BZ865) (P/O J. Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Grey" Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.TD. 11 secs, and 3 x 500 lb G.P.T.D. .025 secs. Aircraft did not carry out the Patrol due to fabric trailing from aileron and constituting a danger. It consequently returned to Base and landed at 0933. Late it was airborne for one hour, forty-two minutes on a Guns Test.
			Liberator "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 46 mins, and Liberator "V" (BZ805) (P/O Munday Screen Captain to P/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 24 minutes on Air Firing and Fighter Affiliation Practice.
	16.12.43	0700	Liberator "C" (BZ865) (P/O J. Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Black" Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.TD. 11 secs, and 3 x 500 lb G.P.T.D. .025 secs. Only sightings were our own aircraft and ships. The aircraft landed at Base at 1701.
			Liberator "V" (BZ805) (P/O Munday & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 30 mins. on Air Firing Practice.
			The 10th detachment of Officers, Senior N.C.Os and B.O.Rs left for Puri Rest Camp for 5 days.
			P/O Dowsett? Took over duties of Squadron Security Officer vice F/O Fear.
	17.2.43	0558	Liberator "S" (BZ888) (F/Lt. McDougall Screen Captain to P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Green" Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb G.P.T.D. .025 secs. and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.TD. 11 secs. The 5 x 250 lb G.P. were carried in preference to the 3 x 500 lb. G.P. previously loaded on these Patrols as being considered more suitable for the small targets likely to be encountered. The small stocks available did not permit a full load of 250 lb. G.P.s being carried. No shipping was seen during the Patrol. The aircraft landed at Base at 1609.
			Liberator "H" (FL912) (P/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours on Air Firing and Fighter Affiliation Practice.
			F/Lt. J. M. Symonds (Bombing Leader) took over duties of Squadron Tactics Officer.
			F/Sgt. Jorgensen & crew arrived on posting ex Salbani.
	18.12.43	0600	Liberator "V" (BZ805) (P/O Munday Screen Captain to F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Grey" Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs and 3 x 500 lb. G.P.TD. 11 secs. No Sightings were made. One 500 lb. G.P.

			was dropped for practice on return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1626.
		0728	Liberator "C" (BZ865) (S/L Hanson and Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "CJ9" comprising 7 M/Vs and 1 E/V. The convoy was escorted from 0805 until 1818 and no incidents were reported. Aircraft landed at Base at 1900.
			F/L J. E. Symonds (Bombing Leader) took over duties of Squadron Training Officer vice S/L Hanson (O.C. "A" Flight).
	19.12.43	0630	Liberator "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "J.C.29" comprising 16 M/V's and 2 E/V's. The convoy was escorted from 0725 until 1802 and no incidents were reported. The aircraft landed at Base at 1815.
			A New Ground Training Syllabus was inaugurated in which responsibility for completion of the syllabus is vested in the Captain of each crew. Each of the specialist Officers has prepared his own lecture syllabus, and all have been combined to form a complete syllabus of which a copy is held by each Captain. As each lecture is completed the lecturer will sign in the appropriate space in the Captain's copy of the syllabus. The syllabus covers 144 periods.
			Four Flight Engineers (Senior N.C.O.'s) have arrived on posting to the Squadron ex U.K. (w.e.f., 20.11.43) These are the first Flight Engineers to arrive on the Squadron.
			F/Lt (A/S/L) Hanson posted to the Squadron from China Bay (w.e.f., 20.10.43)
	20.12.43	0705	Liberator "H" (FL912) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Gold" Patrol carrying 6 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025secs. (this aircraft being a Mark III Liberator could not carry a selected load). Only sightings were of our own shipping. The aircraft landed at Base at 1710, after dropping 1 x 500 lb. G.P. for Practice.
			Establishment India/728/M.C. dated 22.11.43, superseding Establishment India/64 war received. Only minor alterations were recorded. Establishment for Officers remains the same at 36, and B.O.R's have been reduced from 505 to 482.
			P/O Dowsett? (Intelligence) was posted from Skeleton Ops Room, Vizagapatam (w.e.f. 20.11.43)
			F/O Fear (Intelligence) was posted to H.Q. No. 173 Wing.
	21.12.43	0520	Liberator "V" (BZ805) (P/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Grey" Patrol, carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.TD. 11 secs. 0808 until 0837 carried out search for unidentified M/V with no result. Only sightings were of own shipping. 1 x 500 lb. G.P. was dropped for Practice and aircraft landed at Base at 1520.
			Liberator "C" (BZ865) was airborne for 1 hour, 46 minutes and Liberator "S" (BZ888) was airborne for 1 hour, 51 minutes for Air Firing Practice.
			Work was commenced on building the new G.R. Synthetic Trainer by C.P.W.D. who are responsible for the building, furniture and 230 Volt Circuit. It is estimated that this will be completed by the first week in February 1944 when the Squadron will commence internal wiring and fitting on the 12 Volts and 24 Volts Circuits. Equipment for this has been ordered.
	22.12.43	0955	Liberator "H" (FL912) (S/Ldr Hanson & Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Brown" Patrol carrying 6 x 500 lb. G.P.TD. .025 secs. Only sightings were of our own shipping. 1 x 500 lb. G.P. was dropped for practice on the return journey. Air Firing Practice was also carried out and the aircraft landed at Base at 1903.

			P/O Horner & Crew in Liberator "P" (BZ866 ³) and Sgt. Tomlinson & Crew in Liberator "A" (BZ862) returned from their 3 weeks Bomber Refresher Course at Amarda Road.
			P/O Brand & Crew arrived on posting ex U.K. (w.e.f. 28.11.43)
	23.12.43	0710	Liberator "C" (BZ865) (P/O J. Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Green" Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb G.P.T.D. .025 secs. and 4 x 250 lb G.P.T.D. 11 secs. (Stocks were too low to enable 5 x 250 lb. G.P. being carried). No sightings were made. 1 x 500 lb. G.P. was dropped for practice and Air Firing Practice took place on return journey. The aircraft landed at Base at 1745.
			The following Bombs were received on the Station. 50 x 1000 lb. G.P. Mk.I., 150 x 250 lb. S.P. Mk.I.V., 75 x 250 lb. D.C.s MK.XI. (Torpex) and MkXVI . D.C. Pistols. This meant that for the first time the Squadron would be able to carry Torpex Filled Depth Charges on Convoy Escorts, and it also relieved the position with regard to the lack of 250 lbs. G. P.s.
		2000	B.E.S.A. presented a Concert "Flying High" in the Station Cinema. The Artists were chiefly Services Personnel and were very well received.
	24.12.43	0150	Liberator "H" (FL912) (S/Ldr. Hanson & Crew) was airborne on a Strike against an unidentified Surface Craft. At 0300 they received a recall from Base as craft had been identified as own force. The aircraft landed at 0645. 6 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 were carried.
		0152	Liberator "S" (BZ888) (F/Lt. McDougall & Crew) was airborne on same Strike as Liberator "H". due to W.T. trouble the recall was not received until much later. At 0437 a Surface Force of 11 L.S.Ts and 2 E/Vs was sighted, who on being challenged replied with the same letter. The Captain decided to shadow and continued until 0724 when he was satisfied as to the nature of the force. The aircraft landed at Base at 0958. The Bomb Load was 3 x 500 Lb. G.P.T.D. .025 and 4 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs.
		0845	Liberator "H" (FL912) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Scarlet" Patrol carrying 6 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. Only sighting was of our own shipping. Aircraft landed at Base at 1731.
	25.12.43	0700	Liberator "C" (BZ865) (S/Ldr McKenzie, Screen Captain to F/O Banks & Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Brown" Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 seconds and 4 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 seconds. Only sighting was of own vessel. The aircraft landed at Base at 1510.
			F/Lt. D. O McDougall, D.F.C. (Pilot) was posted to 355 Squadron.
			Christmas Day was observed as a holiday as far as Operational Efficiency permitted.
		0800	Church of England Christmas Service was held.
		1000	Football Match - England versus Scotland was played.
		1030	Officers entertained Senior N.C.Os in Officers Mess.
		1200	Officers and Senior N.C.Os served the Airmen's Christmas Dinner.
		1600	Finals of Table Tennis and Darts Tournaments were held.
		1830	Officers entertained 173 Wing Officers in the Squadron Mess.
		1845	A Free Film Show was given.
		1930	Officers and Senior N.C.Os Christmas Dinner in their respective Messes.
		2100	A Second Free Film Show was given.
	26.12.43	0530	Liberator "V" (BZ805) (P/O Munday Screen Captain to F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "C.J.10" comprising 10 M/Vs and 1 E/V. Escorted Convoy from 0730 until relieved by Liberator "H" at 1540. No incidents were reported. 4 Dept Charges (Mk.VIII) were dropped for practice

³ Throughout the records of 354 Squadron, the serial number BZ886 is used for "P". This is incorrect; the correct serial number is BZ866 and this has been changed in the transcript. BZ886 never served with 354 Squadron, although it was on 160 Squadron for a brief period. Proof of the fact the aircraft was BZ866 comes from the logbook of J. Badgley and the records of 160 Squadron.

			on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1650.
		0944	Liberator "P" (BZ866) (F/Lt. McDougall, D.F.C., Screen Captain to P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Grey" Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. and 4 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. Only sighting was of own shipping. 1 x 500 lb. G.P. was dropped for practice and Air Firing Practice took place on return journey. The aircraft landed at Base at 1945.
		1506	Liberator "H" (FL912) (S/Ldr. Hanson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "C.J.10" to relieve Liberator "V". 8 x 250 lb. D/C Mk II (Torped) were carried for the first time. The Convoy was escorted from 1532 until 1829., and no incidents were reported. The aircraft landed at Base at 1905.
			Liberator "H" (FL912) was airborne for 2 hours, 15 mins in the morning for Air Firing Practice.
	27.12.43	0555	Liberator "V" (BZ805) (P/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "J.C.10" comprising 10 M/Vs and 1 E/V. Convoy was escorted from 0707 until relieved by Catalina at 1247. No incidents were reported and aircraft landed at Base at 1500.
		0712	Liberator "C" (BZ865) (P/O Banks & Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Black" Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. and 4? x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. and while on return half of Patrol at 1233 One Large Sampan was sighted thoroughly shot up and left in a sinking condition. At 1455 1 Unidentified Aircraft was sighted. Only other sightings were of own shipping. 2 x 500 lb. G.P. were dropped for practice and Air Firing Practice took place on return journey. The aircraft landed at Base at 1751.
			F/Lt. Percival & Crew and P/O Dean & Crew were posted to No. 160 Squadron.
			The following 225 Group Staff Officers arrived by air on a days visit:- W/Cdr. Knyvett? (Armament), S/Ldr. Rumary? (Equipment) F/Lt. Pient? (Engineering) and F/Lt. Deadean? (Training 2),
			Liberator "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew and P/O Gibson & Crew) was detached to Madras for Naval Affiliation.
	28.12.43	0844	Liberator "H" (FL912) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Gold" Patrol carrying 6 x 500 lb. G.P.TD. .025 secs. Units of our own shipping sighted at 0948, 1016, 1056, 1108, and 1113. At 1446, a Two Masted Vessel 1110 Feet Long and 20 Feet Beam was sighted at Ahohar?. It was attacked from 1200 feet (using C.S.B.8 MkIXa with low level graph) and four runs were made dropping a single each time. The fourth bomb made a direct hit and the vessel blew up and sank. At 1520, On Small Sampan (25 feet) was sighted and attacked with Nose, Mid-Upper and Tail Guns. Hits were obtained but no results were observed. No crews were seen on either attack. The aircraft landed at Base at 1915.
	29.12.43	0757	Liberator "C" (BZ865) (F/O Banks & Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Brown" Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb G.P.T.D. .025 secs. and 5 x 250 lbs. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. Only sightings were of own shipping. 1 x 500 G.P. was dropped for practice on return journey. Aircraft landed at Base at 1737.
			Liberator "P" (BZ866) was airborne for 4 hours 43 mins on Air Firing Practice.
			The 11th Detachment of Officers, Senior N.C.O's and B.O.R's left for Puri Rest Camp for 5 days.
	30.12.43	0706	Liberator "A" (BZ862) (W/Cdr. Mellor Screen Captain to Sgt. Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Scarlet" Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb G.P.T.D. .025 secs. and 5 x 250 lbs. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. at 1200, One Sandoway was sighted and at 1205 aircraft went in to attack. Owing to MK.XIV. Bombsight going U/s in Air - Low Level Attacks were made with 5 x 250 lb. G.P.'s and 1 x 500 lb G.P. was dropped by Eye from approximately 1000 feet. The target sustained hits and was left in a sinking condition. The aircraft landed at Base at 1705.

31.12.43	1003	Liberator "V" (BZ805) (F/Lt. McDougall, D.F.C., Screen Captain to F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Green" Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb G.P.T.D. .025 secs. and 5 x 250 lbs. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. Only sighting was of own shipping. 1 x 500 lb. G.P. was dropped for practice and Air Firing Practice took place on return journey. Aircraft landed at Base at 2055.
		Liberator "H" (FL912) was airborne for 2 hours, 17 mins. and Liberator "C" (BZ865) was airborne for 1 hour, 35 mins. on Air Firing Practice.
		At this date the Crew Strength was 16, and the Aircraft Strength was 7, against an I.E. Establishment of 12. Aircraft serviceability average for the month was 60%.
		The Squadron Role was still "G.R. and P.R.U." although, to date, no P.R.U. work has been effected.
		The Month's Operational Flying Hours were 362.10 by Day and 34.35 by Night. Training Hours were:- Flying 163.50 hours; Ground Instruction - 597 hours; Ammunition Expended - .5 Ammo ..15,319, .3 Ammo 32, 100; Bombs Dropped - 11 1/2 lb Practice - 20; 250 lb D/C MkVIII - 24; 250 lb. G.P. Mk IV - 5; 500 lb. G.P. Mk.IV - 25; In addition 200 Astro-Sights were taken and 8 Compass Swings were effected.

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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
Liberator "C" BZ865	Capt, P/O Nicholl	Convoy Escort	0821	1959	Escorting "M. A. 19" consisting of 5 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs. The convoy was escorted all day, no incidents were reported.
	Nav, Sgt. Strong		1.12.43	1.12.43	
	2/Pilot, F/S. Hughes				
	W/Ops Sgt. Mullin				
	Sgt. Bangs				
	Sgt. Mulhern				
	Sgt. Brodie				
	WOM/AG Sgt. Long				
Liberator "S" BZ888		Armament Practice	2.12.43	2.12.43	Airborne for 5 hours, 21 mins on Armament Practice.
Liberator "H" FL912		Test	3.12.43	3.12.43	Airborne 21 minutes for Test
Liberator "S" BZ888	Capt: P/O W. Gibson	Convoy Escort	11.27	1945	Escorting "Ratchet 1" comprising 2 L.S.T's and 2 Fairmailes. The Convoy was escorted from 1230 until 1822. No incidents were reported.
	Nav: P/O Fletcher		4.12.43	4.12.43	
	2/Pilot: P/O Taylor				
	W/Ops: Sgt. Roberts				
	Sgt. Kenny				
	Sgt. Muir				
	Sgt. Rutley				
	Sgt. Christsen				
Liberator "C" BZ865	Capt, P/O Nicholl	Convoy Escort	0415	1701	Escorting "Rat 1" (2 Faimailes & 2 L.S.T's).
	Nav, Sgt. Hughes		5.12.43	5.12.43	"M.A.20" (5 M/vs & 2 E/Vs) and "Rat 2" (2 Fairmiles & 2 L.S.Ts) At 1307, while escorting "Rat 1", one enemy aircraft (Army "O") was seen. It turned away to South and East into cloud and was not seen again.
	2/Pilot, Sgt. Strong				
	W/Ops Sgt. Brodie				
	Sgt. Mullin				
	Sgt. Bangs				
	Sgt. Long				
	Sgt. Mulhern				
	LAC Ward?				
Liberator "S" BZ888	Capt: P/O Beaton	Convoy Escort	0915	2032	Escorting "M.A.20" and R.A.T.1". No incidents were reported
	Nav: P/O Goldsworthy		5.12.43	5.12.43	
	2/Pilot: P/O Smiley				
	W/Ops: Sgt. Batley				

	Sgt. Hogg				
	Sgt. McKillan				
	Sgt. Muir				
	Sgt. DeCruyenaere				
Liberator "H" FL912	Capt: P/O Skinner	Convoy Escort	0451	1730	Escorting "Ratchet1" and "Ratchet.2" (Comprising 2 L.S.Ts & 2 Fairmiles) No incidents were reported.
	Nav: F/Sgt. Flower		6.12.43	6.12.43	
	2/P: F/O Burridge				
	W/Ops: F?/O Smith				
	(no other crew listed-- carbon paper may not have extended far enough down page?)				
Liberator "S" BZ888	Capt: P/O Gibson	Escort Duty	1432	1910	Escorting "Ratchet 3". No incidents were reported.
	Nav: P/O Fletcher		6.12.43	6.12.43	
	2/P: P/O Taylor				
	W/Ops: Sgt. Roberts				
	Sgt. Muir				
	Sgt. Christson?				
	Sgt. McKillan?				
	LAC Giles				
Liberator "V" BZ805	Capt: P/O Munday	Relief Convoy Escort	0906	2035	Relief Convoy Escort to "Ratchet 1" and "Ratchet 2". No incidents were reported.
	Nav: P/O Marshall		6.12.43	6.12.43	
	2/P: F/O Batey				
	W/Ops: F/Sgt. Bott				
	Sgt. Tout				
	Sgt. Thomas				
	Sgt. Wolstenholme				
	Sgt. Ferguson				
Liberator "C" BZ865	Capt: P/O Nicholl	Convoy Escort	0457	1715	Convoy Escort to "Ratchet 3" comprising 2 L.S.Ts and 2 Fairmiles. No incidents were reported.
	Nav: Sgt. Strong		7.12.43	7.12.43	
	2/P: F/Sgt. Hughes				
	W/Ops: Sgt. W?allis				
	Sgt. Mulhern				
	Sgt. Bangs				
	Sgt. Long				
	Sgt. Brodie				
	LAC Wickware				
Liberator "H" FL912	Capt: S/L Hanson	Convoy Escort	0641	1750	Convoy Escort to "Ratchet 2" comprising 2 L.S.Ts and 2 Fairmiles. No incidents were reported.
	Nav: Sgt. Reeve?		7.12.43	7.12.43	
	2/P: F?/O Riddell				
	W/Ops: F/Sgt. George				
	F/Sgt. McCormack				

	F?/O Bracey				
	Sgt. Chlke				
	Sgt. Rancher				
Liberator "L" BZ938	Screen Capt: F/O Skinner	Convoy Escort	1237	2000	Relieving Convoy Escort to "Ratchet 2" and "Ratchet 3". No incidents were reported.
	Capt: P/O Maguire		7.12.43	7.12.43	
	Nav: Sgt. Wilkinson				
	W?/O Stinson				
	Sgt. Baty				
	Sgt. McKean				
	Sgt. Myers				
	Sgt Charles				
	Sgt. Constable				
	P/O Moody				
Liberator "C"		Air			
	(cut off -- again a "carbon" problem?)				
Liberator "V" BZ805	Capt: P/O Munday	Convoy Escort	0442	1650	Escort to "Ratchet 3" comprising 3 L.S.Ts and 2 Fairmailes. Convoy was escorted all day and no incidents were reported.
	Nav: P/O Marshall		8.12.43	8.12.43	
	2/P: F/O Batey				
	W/Ops: F/Sgt. Bott				
	Sgt. Tout				
	Sgt. Thomas				
	Sgt. Wolstenholme				
	Sgt. Ferguson				
Liberator "L" BZ938	Screen Capt: S/L Hanson	Convoy Escort	0748	1955	Escort to Convoy "M.A.20" comprising 5 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs. No incidents were reported
	Capt: P/O Dean		8.12.43	8.12.43	
	Nav: Sgt. Wiseman				
	F/O Morgan				
	Sgt. Baty				
	Sgt. Constable				
	Sgt. Mabee?				
	Sgt. Dunkley?				
	Sgt. Skinner				
	LAC Cardinall				
Liberator "H" FL912		Training	9.12.43		Airborne 5 hours, 29 mins, Training and Air Firing.
Liberator "S" BZ888		Training	10.12.43		Airborne 2 hours, 41 minutes, Air Firing and Bombing
Liberator "V" BZ805	Capt: P/O Munday	Convoy Escort	1230	0015	Convoy escort to "C.J.8" comprising 12 M/Vs and 1 E/V. No incidents were reported.
	Nav: P/O Marshall		10.12.43	10.12.43	
	F/O Batey				

	Sgt. Wolstenholme				
	Sgt. Thomas				
	Sgt. Tout				
	Sgt. Ferguson				
	Sgt. Bott				
Liberator "L" BZ938	Capt: P/O Dean	Traffic	0915	1625	Aircraft allocated to 160 Squadron (Ratmalana).
			11.12.43	11.12.43	
Liberator "S" BZ888	Capt: P/O Beaton	Convoy Escort	0758?	1947	Convoy Escort to "H.C.12" comprising 3 M/Vs and 3 E/Vs. No incidents were reported.
	Nav: P/O Goldsmith		11.12.43	11.12.43	
	F/O Smiley				
	Sgt. Rutley				
	Sgt. Grey				
	Sgt. McKillan				
	Sgt. DeCruyenaere				
	Sgt. Hogg				
	LAC Wickware				
Liberator "H" FL912	Screen Capt: F/Lt. Perceval	Patrol	0658?	1558	"Maxim Green" Patrol. No shipping or aircraft of any kind were sighted. Several Photographs were taken of Arakan coast.
	P/O Burridge		11.12.43	11.12.43	
	Sgt. Kendar???				
	F/O Smith				
	F/Sgt. Rowe?				
	F/Sgt. Randall?				
	F/Sgt. Maze?				
Liberator "C" BZ865	Screen Capt: W/Cdr. Mellor				
	Capt: P/O Nicholl	Patrol	1025	2027	"Maxim Scarlet" Patrol. The only sighting was two small Fishing Vessels which were not attacked. Nothing further to report.
	Nav: F/Sgt. Hughes		12.12.43	12.12.43	
	Sgt. Strong				
	Sgt. Mullin				
	Sgt. Mulhern				
	Sgt. Bangs				
	Sgt. Brodie				
	Sgt. Long				
	P/O Moodie				
Liberator "C" BZ865	Capt: S/Ldr. Hanson	Patrol	1124	2037	"Maxim Brown" Patrol. Nothing to report.
	Nav: P/O Riddell		13.12.43		
	Sgt. Reeve?				
	Sgt. Wilkinson				
	Sgt. Rancher				
	Sgt. Baty?				
	Sgt. Constable				

	F/Sgt. George				
	P/O Bracey				
	LAC Cardinall				
Liberator "V" BZ805	Screen Capt: Ft/Lt. McDougall	Patrol	0506	1612	"Maxim Gold" Patrol. Nothing to report.
	Nav: P/O Marshall		14.12.43		
	F/O Batey				
	Sgt. Thomas				
	Sgt. Ferguson?				
	F/Sgt. Bott				
	F/Lt. Wilson				
	S/L Symonds				
Liberator "S" BZ888	Capt: P/O Gibson	Convoy Escort	0842	1950	Convoy escort to "H.C.13" comprising 5 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs. Nothing to report.
	Nav: P/O Fletcher				
	P/O Taylor				
	Sgt. Kenny?				
	Sgt. Muir				
	Sgt. Gorring				
	Sgt. Christsan?				
	Sgt. Roberts				
	LAC Giles				
Liberator "C" BZ865		Training	14.12.43		Airborne 2 hours, 48 minutes - air Firing Practice
Liberator "C" BZ865	Capt: P/O Nicholl	Patrol	0758	0933	"Maxim Grey" Patrol. Aircraft did not carry out the Patrol due to fabric trailing from Aileron and constituting a danger. Later it was airborne for 1 hour, 42 minutes on a Guns Test.
	Nav: F/Sgt. Hughes		15.12.43		
	Sgt Strong				
	Sgt. Mullins				
	Sgt. Mulhern				
	Sgt. Bangs				
	Sgt. Brodie				
	Sgt. Long				
	LAC Ward				
Liberator "S" BZ888	Capt: P/O Beaton	Training	15.12.43		Airborne 2 hours, 46 minutes - Air Firing & Fighter Affiliation Practice.
Liberator "V" BZ805	Screen Capt: P/O Munday	Training	15.12.43		Airborne 2 hours, 24 minutes - Air Firing & Fighter Affiliation Practice.
	Capt: P/O Stanley				
Liberator "C" BZ865	Capt: P/O Nicholl	Patrol	0700	1701	"Maxim Black" Patrol. Nothing to report.
	Nav: Sgt. Strong		16.12.43		
	F/Sgt. Hughes				
	Sgt. Mullin				
	Sgt. Mulhern				
	Sgt. Bangs				
	Sgt. Brodie				
	Sgt. Long				
	LAC Ward				
Liberator	Capt: P/O Munday	Training	16.12.43		Airborne 2 hours, 30 minutes

"V" BZ805					on Air Firing Practice.
Liberator "S" BZ888	Screen Capt: F/Lt. McDougall	Patrol	0558	1609	"Maxim Green" Patrol. Nothing to report.
	Capt: P/O Beaton		17.12.43		
	Nav: P/O Goldsworthy				
	P/O Smiley				
	Sgt. Rutley				
	Sgt. Grey				
	Sgt. McKillan??				
	Sgt. Hogg				
	Sgt. DeCruyenaere				
	LAC Wickware				
Liberator "H" FL912	Capt: P/O Skinner	Training	17.12.43		Airborne 2 hours, 9 mins. Air Firing and Fighter Aff'n
Liberator "V" BZ805	Capt: P/O Stanley	Training	17.12.43		Airborne 2 hours. Air Firing and Fight Affiliation.
Liberator "V" BZ805	Capt: P/O Munday	Patrol	0600	1626	"Maxim Grey" Patrol. Nothing to report.
	Nav: F/O Lowrey		18.12.43		
	F/O Stanley				
	Sgt. Picken				
	Sgt. Alcorn				
	Sgt. Broad				
	Sgt. Bernauer				
	Sgt. Kehoe				
	W/O Bott				
Liberator "C" BZ865	Capt: S/Ldr. Hanson	Convoy Escort	0728	1900	Convoy Escort to "C.J.9" comprising 7 M/Vs and 1 E/V. Nothing to report.
	Nav: Sgt. Reeve		18.12.43		
	P/O Leslie				
	Sgt. Wilkinson				
	Sgt. Baty				
	Sgt. Rancher				
	Sgt. Constable				
	P/O Bracey				
	F/Sgt. George				
	LAC Cardinall				
Liberator "S" BZ888	Capt: P/O Beaton	Convoy Escort	0630	1850	Convoy Escort to "J.C.29" comprising 16 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs. Nothing to report.
	P/O Goldsworthy		19.12.43		
	P/O Smiley				
	Sgt. Rutley				
	Sgt. Grey				
	Sgt. McKillan??				
	Sgt. DeCruyenaere				
	Sgt. Hogg				
	LAC Giles				
Liberator "H" FL912	Capt: F/O Skinner	Patrol	0705	1710	"Maxim Gold" Patrol. Only sightings were of our own shipping. Nothing further to report.
	Nav: F/Sgt. Flower		20.12.43		

	P/O Burrige				
	F/O Smith				
	F/Sgt. Randall				
	F/Sgt. Rowe				
	F/Sgt. Maze				
	Sgt. Kearns				
Liberator "V" BZ805	Capt: P/O Munday	Patrol	0520	1520	"Maxim Grey" Patrol. Carried out search for unidentified M/V. with no results. Nothing further to report.
	Nav: P/O Marshall		21.12.43		
	F/O Batey				
	F/Sgt. Wilson				
	W/O Bott				
	Sgt. Thomas				
	Sgt. Ferguson				
	Sgt. Cliffe				
Liberator "C" BZ865		Training	21.12.43		Airborne 1 hour, 46 minutes. Air Firing Practice.
Liberator "S" BZ888		Training	21.12.43		Airborne 1 hour, 51 minutes. Air Firing Practice.
Liberator "A" BZ862		Return to Squadron	22.12.43		Returned from Amarda Road. Airborne 58 minutes.
Liberator "P" BZ866		Return to Squadron	22.12.43		Returned from Amarda Road. Airborne 1 hour, 1 minute.
Liberator "H" FL912	Capt: S/L Hanson		No crew or time data		"Maxim Brown" Patrol. Only sightings were of our own shipping
Liberator "C" BZ865	Capt: P/O Nicholl		0710	1742	"Maxim Green" Patrol. Nothing to report.
	Nav: F/Sgt. Brown		23.12.43		
	F/Sgt. Hughes				
	Sgt. Mullin				
	Sgt. Mulhern				
	Sgt. Bangs				
	Sgt. Brodie				
	Sgt. Long				
	Sgt. Cousins				
Liberator "S" BZ888	Capt: F/Lt. McDougall	Strike	0152	0958	Airborne on a Strike, against an unidentified Surface Craft. Later recalled to Base after craft had been identified as own force.
	P/O Gibson		24.23.43		
	P/O Taylor				
	P/O Fletcher				
	Sgt. Mair??				
	Sgt. Gorring				
	Sgt. Christsan?				
	Sgt. Roberts				
Liberator "H" FL912	Screen Capt: S/L Hanson	Strike	0150	0645	Airborne on a Strike, against an unidentified Surface Craft. At 0300 they received a recall from Base as craft had

					been identified as own force.
	F/Lt. McKenzie		24.12.43		
	Sgt. Wilkinson				
	Sgt. Reave?				
	F/O Bracey				
	Sgt. George				
	Sgt. Rancher				
Liberator "H" FL912	Capt: F/O Skinner	Patrol	0845	1731	"Maxim Scarlet" Patrol. Only sightings were of our own shipping.
	Nav: P/O Burrige?		24.12.43		
	F/O Smith				
	F/Sgt. Roe				
	F/Sgt. Randall				
	F/Sgt. Maze				
	F/Sgt. Flower				
	F/Sgt. Kearns				
Liberator "C" BZ865	Screen Capt. S/L McKenzie	Patrol	0700	1610	"Maxim Brown" Patrol. Only sighting was of own vessel
	Capt. F/O Banks		25.12.43		
	P/O Smith				
	P/O Porterfield				
	P/O Moodie				
	P/O Keleher				
	Sgt Reeve				
	Sgt. Vaughan				
	Sgt. Clements				
Liberator "V" BZ805	Screen Capt. P/O Munday	Convoy Escort	0630	1650	Convoy escort to "C.J.10" comprising 10 M/Vs 1 E/V. Nothing to report.
	Capt: F/O Stanley		26.12.43		
	F/O Lowrey				
	Sgt. Picken				
	Sgt. Bernauer				
	Sgt. Broad				
	Sgt. Alcorn				
	Sgt. Kehoe				
	Sgt. Nevett				
	W/O Bott				
Liberator "P" BZ866	Screen Capt. F/L McDougall	Patrol	0944	1945	"Maxim Grey" Patrol. Only sighting was of own shipping.
	Capt. P/O Badgley		26.12.43		
	F/O Batey				
	Sgt. Sinclair				
	Sgt. Dale				
	Sgt. Tester				
	Sgt. Tye				
	Sgt. Butchart				
	Sgt. Graber				
	LAC Johnson (conversation with Badgley-- should be Jackson)				
Liberator	Capt: S/L Hanson	Convoy Escort	1506	1905	Convoy Escort to "C.J.10".

"H" FL912					No incidents reported
	F/Sgt. Hewko		26.12.43		
	Sgt. Wilkinson				
	Sgt. McCormack				
	Sgt. George				
	Sgt. Baty				
	Sgt. Renshaw?				
	F/O Bracey				
Liberator "H" FL912		Trg.	26.12.43		Airborne for 2 hours, 16 minutes for Air Firing Practice.
Liberator "V" BZ805	Capt. P/O Munday	Convoy Escort	0555	1500	Convoy escort to "J.C.10" comprising 10 M/Vs and 1 E/V. Escorted until relieved by a Catalina. Nothing further to report.
	F/O Batey		27.12.43		
	P/O Marshall				
	Sgt. Tim?lay				
	Sgt. Jorgenson				
	Sgt. Wolstenholme				
	Sgt. Thomas				
	Sgt. Slawson?				
	Sgt. Abildgaard				
Liberator "C" BZ865	Capt. F/O Banks	Patrol	0712	1751	"Maxim Black" Patrol. While on return half of Patrol One Large Sampan was sighted, thoroughly shot up and left in a sinking condition. At 1453 1 Unidentified Aircraft was sighted. Only other sightings were of our own shipping.
	F/Sgt. Hewko.		27.12.43		
	Sgt. Reave				
	P/O Keleher				
	P/O Smith				
	P/O Porterfield				
	Sgt. Vaughan				
	Sgt. Clements				
	LAC Childs				
Liberator "H" FL912	Capt. F/O Skinner	Patrol	0844	1915	"Maxim Gold" Patrol. At 1446 a Two Masted Vessel 110 Feet Long and 20 Feet Beam was sighted at anchor. It was attacked from 1200 feet and four runs were made dropping a single each time. The fourth bomb made a direct hit and the vessel blew up and sank. At 1520 One Small Sampan (25 Feet) was sighted and attacked with Nose, Mid Upper and tail guns. Hits were obtained but no results were observed. No crews were seen on either attack.
	F/Sgt. Flower		28.12.43		
	F/O Burrige				
	F/O Smith				
	Sgt. Maze				
	Sgt. Roe				
	Sgt. Randall				
	Sgt. Kearns.				
Liberator "S" BZ865	Capt. F/O Banks				"Maxim Brown" Patrol. Only sightings were of our own shipping.
	P/O Porterfield	Patrol	0757	1737	
	P/O Pedlar		29.12.43		
	P/O Keleher				
	P/O Smith				

	Sgt. Baker				
	Sgt. Clements				
	Sgt. Vaughan				
Liberator "P" BZ866					Airborne for 4 hours, 43 minutes on Air Firing Practice.
Liberator "A" BZ862	Screen Capt. W/C Mellor	Patrol	0706	1705	"Maxim Scarlet" Patrol. At 1200 hours One Sandoray? was sighted and at 1205 aircraft went into attack. Owing to MK.XIV. Bombsight going U/S in Air Low Level attacks were made. The target sustained hits and was left in a sinking condition.
	Capt. Sgt. Tomlinson		29.12.43		
	Sgt. Larsen				
	F/Sgt. Ibbotson				
	F/Sgt. Watson				
	F/Sgt. McLaughran				
	F/O Jackson				
	F/Sgt. Whale				
	Sgt. Douglas				
	Sgt. Cannis??				
Liberator "H" FL912		Trg.	31.12.43		Airborne for 2 hours, 17 minutes on Air Firing Practice.
Liberator "C" BZ865		Trg.			Airborne for 1 hour 36 minutes, on Air Firing Practice.
Liberator "V" BZ805	Screen Capt. F/L McDougall	Patrol	1003	2055	"Maxim Green" Patrol. Only sightings were of our own shipping.
	Capt. F/O Stanley				
	Sgt. Picken				
	F/O Lowrey				
	Sgt. Bernauer				
	Sgt. Broad				
	Sgt. Alcorn				
	Sgt. Mowat?				
	Sgt. Armstrong				
	Sgt. Nevett.				

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Cuttack	1.1.44	08.15	Liberator "H" (FL912) (F/O O. J. Skinner and Crew) was airborne on A/s escort to convoy "HC19" comprising 2 M/V's and 2 E/V's. 8 Mk XI Torpex Depth Charges were carried. The Convoys were escorted from 0914 until 1818 and no incidents were reported. The aircraft landed at Base at 1950.
	2.1.44	09.20	Liberator "P" (BZ866) (S/Ldr McKenzie Screen Captain to P/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Gold" Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb G.P.T.D. .025 secs. and 8? x 240 lb. G.P.T.D 11 secs. Only sightings were of own shipping and aircraft. Bombing Practice with 1 x 500 lb. G.P and Air Firing Practice took place on return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 20.20.
		09.00	Liberator "A" (BZ862) (Sgt. Tomlinson and Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 21 mins. on Air Firing and Bombing Practice.
	3.1.44	06.18	Liberator "C" (BZ865) (F/O Banks and Crew was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "C.J.11" comprising 16 M/V's and H.M.I.S. Patna. 8 x 250 lb. Torpex D/C's were carried. The Convoy was escorted from 06.56 until 17.30. At 17.00 the aircraft swept ahead for 30 miles. No incidents were reported. The aircraft landed at Base 18.12.
		14.00	Liberator "H" (FL912) (S/Ldr. Hanson and crew) was airborne for 3 hours, 4 mins. on Bombing and Air Firing Practice. 5 x 250 D/C's Mk.VIII were dropped.
			The 12th Detachment of Officers, Senior N.C.O's and B.O.R's left for Puri Rest Camp for a 5 day period.
	4.1.44	06.31	Liberator "A" (BZ862) (Sgt. Tomlinson and Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "J.C. 31" comprising 9 M/S's and 1 E/V. 8 x 250 lb. D/C's Mk.II (Torpex) were carried. The Convoy was escorted for 7.10 until 17.08. at 07.30 a Radar Contact of 15,000 ton M/V, 25 miles was followed by a visual sighting. No other incident was reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 18.15.
		14.00	Liberator "C" (BZ865) (F/O Banks and Crew) was airborne on Bombing and Air Firing Practice for 1 hour, 48 mins. 8 x 250 lb. MKVIII D/C's were dropped.
			F/Lt. D. O. McDougall, D.F.C. and Crew proceeded on posting to No. 355 Squadron (w.e.f. 25.12.43)
			F/O (A/F/L) F. H. P Lewer (A. & S.D. PHOTO) arrived on Staff Visit from H.Q. 225 Group.
			F/Lt. A Tooth arrived by air on attachment from St. Thomas' Mount to be O/C No. 1537 Gunnery Flight. (Drogue Training and Fighter Affiliation).
	4.1.44	08.21	Liberator "V" (BZ805) (S/Ldr. McKenzie Screen Captain to F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "H.C.20" comprising 3 M/V's and 2 E/V's. 8 x 250 lb. D/C's Mk.XI (Torpex) were carried. The Convoy was escorted from 09.57 until 18.11 and no incidents were reported. The aircraft landed at Base at 20.15.
	5.1.44	09.07	Liberator "C" (BZ865) (F/O Banks and Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Black" Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.TD. 11 secs. Only sightings were of own shipping. Bombing and air Firing took place on the return journey. The aircraft landed at Base at 1950.
			Liberator "A" (BZ862) (P/O Maguire and Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 47 mins, on Bombing and Air Firing Practice. 8 x 250 lb. D/C's Mk.VIII were dropped.
			P/O G. C. B. Brown returned to St. Thomas' Mount on cessation of

			attachment to this Unit (1537 Gunnery Flight).
6.1.44	073?3		Liberator "H" (FL912) (S/Ldr. Hanson and Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Scarlet" Patrol carrying 6 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. sightings were made of own Forces at 0807 and 0900. At 1057 Photographs were taken of the West Coast of Ramree Island, and a 1318 of the West Cost of Camduta? Island. At 1338 returning to Ramree Island, Kyauapto, Landing Strip was investigated. A Salvo of 6 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 sec. was dropped on some Foreshore Buildings, and they were presumed damaged. The aircraft resumed patrol and landed at Base at 16.55.
		14.00	Liberator "C" (BZ865) (F/O Banks and Crew) was airborne for 3 hours, 45 mins. on Bombing and Air Firing and Fighter Affiliation Practice. 8 x 250 lb. D/C's Mk.VIII were dropped.
		15.30	F/Lt. Vint (H.Q., A.C.S.E.A.) lectured all aircrew on Escape in Burma.
			P/O W. H. Pedlar returned from a month's Ship Recognition Course at Colombo. He was appointed Ship Recognition Training Officer for the Squadron.
7.1.44	08.10		Liberator "C" (BZ865) (F/O Banks and Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Green" Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.TD. .025 secs and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. Only sightings were of own shipping. Bombing and Air Firing Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 18.20.
		08.40	Liberator "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday and Crew) was airborne for 2 1/2 hours on Bombing, Air Firing and Fighter Affiliation Practice.
		14.10	Liberator "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley and Crew) was airborne for 3 hours on Bombing, Air Firing and Fighter Affiliation Practice.
8.1.44	09.55		Liberator "A" (BZ862) (Sgt. Tomlinson Screen Captain to P/O Maguire and Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Brown" Patrol, carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. Only Sightings were of own shipping. Bombing and Air Firing Practice took place on the return journey. Aircraft landed at Base at 1924 hours.
			The 13th Detachment of Officers, Senior N.C.O's and B.O.R's left for Puri Rest Camp for a 5 day period.
			Liberator "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton and Crew) return from attachment to Madras, where it had been on Naval Affiliation.
9.1.44	07.14		Liberator "P" (BZ866) (P/O Horner and Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Grey" Patrol, carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. Only Sightings were of own shipping. Bombing and Air Firing Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 17.14.
			S/Ldr. R? L. Hanson, D.F.C took over Command of the Squadron vice W/Cdr. K. J. Mellor, D.F.C., who was on Leave.
			F/Lt. L Gilbert arrived on detachment from St. Thomas' Mount as Temporary Gunnery Leader.
			P/O W. D. J. Gibson and Crew returned from attachment to Madras where they were on Naval Affiliation.
10.1.44	0827		Liberator "T?" (FK?227) (S/Ldr. McKenzie and Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Gold" Patrol, carrying 6 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. No Sightings were made. Bombing and Air Firing Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1943.
		0905	Liberator "V" (BZ805) (F/O Stanley and Crew) was airborne for 3 hours on Bombing, air Firing and Fighter Affiliation Practice.
			F/O (A/F/L) ??J. Pascoe?? (Gunnery Leader) proceeded to H.Q. N. 225? Group as attachment, pending posting.
			F/O J. B???? and Crew proceeded on posting to 1576?? Flight.
11.1.44	0718		Liberator "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley and Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "J.C.32" comprising 13 M/V's and 2 E/V's. 8 x 250 lb. D/C's MkXI (Torpex) were carried. The Convoy was escorted for 08.57 until 1746 and no

			incidents were reported. The Aircraft landed at Base at 1913.
		1050	Liberator "A" (BZ862) (P/O Maguire and Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Brown" Patrol, carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. Only Sightings were of own shipping. Bombing and Air Firing Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 2000 hours.
	12.1.44	0559	Liberator "T?" (FK227 ⁴) (F/Sgt. Jorgenson and Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Black" Patrol, carrying 6 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. Only sighting were of own shipping. Bombing and Air Firing Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 16?00 hours.
		0955	Liberator "S" (BZ888) (P/O Gibson and Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 30 mins. on Bombing, Air Firing and Fighter Affiliation Practice.
	13.1.44	0919	Liberator "T?" (FK227) (S/Ldr McKenzie and Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Green" Patrol, carrying 6 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. Only sighting were of own shipping. Bombing & Air Firing Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1848 hours.
			The 14th Detachment of Officers, Senior N.C.O's and B.O.R's left for Puri Rest Camp for a five day period.
	14.1.44	0554	Liberator "P" (BZ866) (P/O Horner and Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Scarlet" Patrol, carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. Only Sightings were of own shipping. Bombing and Air Firing Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1547.
		0905	Liberator "A" (BZ862) (Sgt. Tomlinson and Crew) was airborne for 3 hours on Gunnery and Fighter Affiliation Practice.
	15.1.44	0850	Liberator "A" (BZ862) (Sgt. Tomlinson and Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Grey" Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. Only Sightings were of own shipping. Bombing and Air Firing Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 2002.
	16.1.44	1034	Liberator "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley and Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Brown" Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. Only Sightings were of own shipping. Bombing and Air Firing Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1942.
	17.1.44	0604	Liberator "T" (FK227) (F/Sgt. Jorgenson and Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Gold" Patrol carrying 5? x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. Only Sightings were of own shipping. Bombing and Air Firing Practice took place on the return journey. The aircraft landed at Base at 17.13.
	18.1.44	0950	Liberator "A" (BZ862) (P/O Maguire and Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Black" Patrol, carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. Only Sightings were of own shipping. Bombing and Gunnery Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1950.
	19.1.44	0690	Liberator "T?" (FK227) (S/Ldr. McKenzie and Crew) was airborne on Maxim Scarlet Patrol, carrying 6 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. Only Sightings were of own shipping. Bombing and Gunnery Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1555?.
			W/Cdr. K. J. Mellor D.F.C. returned form leave and resumed Command of the Squadron, vice S/Ldr. R. L. Hanson, D.F.C. (O/C. "A" Flight).
		0737	Liberator "A" (BZ862) (Sgt. Tomlinson and Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "J.C.33" comprising 10 M/V's and 1 E/V. 6? X 250 lb. D/C's Mk.XI

⁴ FK227 was coded either "T" or "Y"; due to the quality of the microfilm records, it is not possible to be certain which one is correct

			(Torpex) were carried. The Convoy was escorted for 0912 until 1829., and the only incident reported was the sighting of two ships flying the American Flag who failed to answer the correct challenge. The aircraft landed at Base at 1945.
		0915	Liberator "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley and Crew) was airborne for 3 hours, 10 mins., on Gunnery and Photographic Practice.
	20.1.44	0717	Liberator "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday and Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "C.J.13" comprising 11 M/V's and 1 E/V. 6 x 250 lb. D/C's Mk.XI (Torpex) were carried. The crew were accompanied by Group Captain Clayton (C/O 173 Wing). No incidents were reported. The Convoy was escorted from 0745 until 1830 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1910. This was the first crew to carry a copy of the Squadron's new Operational Folder - (called the 'Squadron Gen Book') comprising all the information thought to be of value during an Operational Sortie. The information is carded and indexed for quick reference and comprises: - Extracts from G.R. Tactical Instructions on Convoy Escorting. Anti-U.Boat Warfare, Reconnaissance and Shadowing, A/S Patrols Ordered by S.O. Escort, Submarine Attack Drill, Recognition, and Bombing Restrictions, Details of Bombs and the Bombing of Shipping Targets, Meteorological Observations, For and Examples of Important Signals to Base, Full Distress Procedure, International Code Extracts and Drawings of Code Flags. Information about neighboring aerodromes, Information Re Enemy Ships, U-Boats and Aircraft, and Notes on such items as Gunnery, Time, Position, Air Raids Procedures and Mines. The folder is adequately weighted for quick sinking if necessary, and will not be carried over Enemy Territory.
		0758	Liberator "T" (FK227) (F/Sgt. Jorgenson and Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Green" Patrol, carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs and 5 x 250 Lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. This represented a change in the Bomb Load of a Mk. III Liberator to comply with No. 225 Group's instructions re a mixed Load. As selected bombing is however not possible on a Mk. III Liberator, all fusing was set at .025 secs., and the Load was arranged so the 500 Lb. Bombs would drop last. The only sightings were of our own shipping. Bombing and Gunnery Practice took place on return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1740.
	21.1.44	0725	Liberator "A" (BZ862) (P/O Maguire and Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Brown" Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs and 5 x 250 Lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. No sightings were made. Gunnery Practice only was carried out. Bombing practice was not possible due to low stocks of 500 lb. G.P. Bombs. The aircraft landed at Base at 1625.
		1355	Liberator "Y??" (FK227) (S/Ldr. McKenzie and Crew) was airborne for Photograph and Gunnery Practice but returned after 30 minutes due to Engine Trouble.
	22.1.44	0850	Liberator "S" (BZ888) (P/O Gibson and Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Gold" Patrol, carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs and 5 x 250 Lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. Only Sightings were of our own shipping and no Practice was carried out. The aircraft landed at Base at 20.12.
	23.1.44	0921	Liberator "Y??" (FK227) (S/Ldr. McKenzie and Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Grey" Patrol, carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs and 5 x 250 Lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. Sightings over one Hospital Ship and four unidentified M/V's were made above the Bomb Load{sic} and were reported on return. Bombing (1 x 250 lb. G.P.) and Gunnery Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1855.
			The 15th Detachment of Officers, Senior N.C.O's and B.O.R's left for Puri Rest Camp for a five day period.
	24.1.44	0725	Liberator "A" (BZ862) (P/O Maguire and Crew) was airborne on "Maxim

			Scarlet" Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs and 5 x 250 Lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. At 1032 two vessels 35 feet long, one with a cabin, colour Grey with a Red line at the water level, both probably motor boats, were sighted. No crews were seen. They were attacked with all Guns from 100? Feet and hits were observed. They were left damaged and the Patrol was resumed. At 1435, they were resighted on the return journey. One was sinking. They were again attacked by gunfire, and when eventually left, one was under the water and the other was sinking. No practice was carried out. The aircraft landed at Base at 1745.
	25.1.44	0752	Liberator "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley and Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Brown" Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. No Sightings were made and no practice took place. The aircraft landed at Base at 1632.
	26.1.44	0704	Liberator "V?" (BZ884) (P/O Munday and Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Black" Patrol, carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. Only sightings were of own shipping. Gunnery Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1707.
			Liberator "C" (BZ866) Successfully completed its Air Test after undergoing a Major Inspection. This was the first "Major" to be effected on the Squadron.
	27.1.44	0612	Liberator "H" (FL912) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "J.C.34" comprising 20 M/V's and 1 E/V. The convoy was escorted from 0734 to 1654. The aircraft then swept ahead for fifty miles and landed at Base at 1805.
		0700	Liberator "C" (BZ865) (P/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on "Maxim Green" Patrol, carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. Only sightings were of own shipping. The aircraft landed at Base at 1725.
		1250	Liberator "y?" (FL227) (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) was airborne for three hours on Air Firing and Photography Practice.
	28.1.44	0620	Liberator "S" (BZ888) (P/O Benton & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy C.J.14 - comprising 2 M/V's & 1 E/V. 8 X 250 lb. Torpex D/C's were carried. The Convoy was escorted for 0700 to 1711, and the aircraft landed at Base at 1820.
		0640	Liberator "Y?" (FK?227) (F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Grey Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. Only sightings were of own shipping. 2 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. bombs were dropped on return journey and Air Firing Practice took place. The Aircraft landed at Base at 1720.
		1400	Liberator "C" (BZ865) (P/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on Bombing and Photography Practice and Flare Dropping Test. This was the first Bombing Practice carried out on the Cuttack Range and the first in which Practice Bombs were carried on the new Light Series Carrier adaptation. 16 Practice Bombs were dropped from a heights of 50 ft., 1000 ft., and 7000 ft. entailing three reloadings in the air.
		1410	Liberator "H" (FL912) (P/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne for two hours on Air Firing Practice.
			Liberator Mark VI (EV829) arrived on the Squadron and was named "H". The present "H" was redesignated "K". This was the first Mark VI aircraft to be received on the Squadron. Its chief difference in comparison with the Mark III and V was the addition of a nose turret carry two .5 guns.
			The 17th Detachment of Officers, Senior N.C.O's and B.O.R's left for Puri Rest Camp for a five day period.
			Sgt. D. Sinclair (Nav.B.) died from Malaria.
	29.1.44	0653	Liberator "P" (BZ885) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Scarlet Patrol, carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs and 5 x 250 Lb. G.P.T.D. 11

			secs. Only sightings were of own shipping. The aircraft landed at Base 1628.
		09?00	Liberator "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday and Crew) was airborne for 1 1/4 hours on Bombing Practice on the Range. 16 Practice Bombs were dropped from 50 feet, 1,000 feet, and 3,500 feet.
		1400	Liberator "V" (BZ805) (F/O Stanley and Crew) was airborne for 1 3/4 hours on similar practice.
		1530	Liberator "Y?" (FK227) (F/Sgt. Jorgenson and Crew) was airborne 3/4 hour on Air Firing Practice.
			F/Lt. (A/S/L) R. L. Hanson, D.F.C., left for Colombo by air on leave and duty.
			F/O R. Banks, took over Command of "A" Flight, vice F/Lt. (A/S/L) R. L. Hanson, D.F.C.
	30.1.44	0642	Liberator "C" (BZ865) (P/O Nicholl and Crew) was airborne on Maxim Gold Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs and 5 x 250 Lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. No sightings were made. The aircraft landed at Base at 18?.15.
		1300	Liberator "Y" (FK227) (S/Ldr. McKenzie and Crew) was airborne for 1 hour on Air Firing Practice.
		1300	Liberator "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton and Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 20 mins, on Bombing Practice. 12 Practice Bombs were dropped from 50 feet and 1,000 feet.
			Liberator Mk. VI (EV834) arrived on the Squadron and was lettered "Z"
			Work was put in hand for modifying existing Flare Chutes so that 4.5" Reconnaissance could be safely dropped from them. This necessitated removing the divisions in the American Type Tri-cell Chutes on Mk. V. Aircraft, and affixing sufficient lanyard on all chutes so that Flares should be outside aircraft before firing. This necessary in view of the new policy of night Anti-submarine Flare Attacks.
			F/O H. V. Stinson (Pilot) left for H.Q. S.E.A. on attachment, pending posting on special mission.
	21.1.44	0649	Liberator "Y" (FK227) (S/Ldr. McKenzie and Crew) was airborne on Maxim Green Patrol, carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs and 5 x 250 Lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. No sightings were made. The aircraft landed at Base at 1648.
		0840	Liberator "V" (BZ805) (P/O Munday and Crew) was airborne for 2 hours 10 mins., on Bombing Practice. 16 Practice Bombs were dropped from 50 feet and 1,000 feet.
		1410	Liberator "C" (BZ865) P/O Nicholl and Crew) were airborne for 2 hours, 20 mins., and dropped 17 x 11 1/2 lb. Practice Bombs from 50 feet, 1,000 feet, and 7,000 ft.
			There were nine aircraft on the Squadron at this date. Two Mark III's, Five Mark V's, and two Mark VI. The month's average serviceability was 66%.
			The crew Strength was 15.
			The month's Operational Flying Hours were 363.45 by Day and 24.05 by Night. Training Hours were:- Flying 120.20; Ground Instruction -509.00. ammunition expended :- .5 Ammo - 14,147; .3 Ammo - 3?7,480. Bombs Dropped: - 11 1/2 Practice - 94; 250 Lb. D/C Mk.VIII - 67; 250 lb. G. P. Mk.IV -3; 500 lb G.P. Mk.IV -22.
			Six Crews were over half way through the 155 hour training syllabus.

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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
Lib: H MK.IIIA.	F/O Skinner		0145Z	1320Z	Patrol to H.C.19. Ref: Sortie Report No.1. 1st Jan. 1944.
	F/Sgt. Flower				
	F?/O Burrige				
	P/O Smith				
	F/Sgt. Smith				
	F/Sgt. Maze				
	F/Sgt. Roe				
	Sgt. Kearns				
Lib. V. MK.V.	S/L McKenzie		0250Z	1300Z?	Patrol Maxim Gold. Ref: Sortie Report No.2. 2nd Jan. 1944
	P/O Horner				
	Sgt. Sinclair				
	P/O Keetley				
	Sgt. Slauenwhite				
	Sgt. Rollston??				
	Sgt Mowat?				
	Sgt. Armstrong				
	Sgt. Bond				
LAC Jackson					
Lib. C. MK.V.	F/O Banks		022348Z	031142Z	A/S Escort to C.J.11. Ref: Sortie Report No.3. 3rd Jan. 44.
	Sgt. Reeve				
	Sgt. Hewko				
	Sgt. Vaughan				
	Sgt. Clements				
	P/O Smith				
	P/O Porterfield				
P/O Keleher					
Lib. A. Mk.V.	P/O Maguire ⁵		0631FG	1613?FG	A/S escort to J.C.31. Ref: Sortie Report No.4. 4th Jan. 44.
	F/O Stinson				
	Sgt. Tomlinson				
	F/Sgt. Leonard				
	Sgt. Cliffe				
	Sgt. Baty				
	Sgt. Ferguson				
	Sgt. Constable				
	Sgt. Barber				
LAC Cardinal (S.E.)					
Lib. V. Mk.V	S/L McKenzie		0621?FG	2016 FG	A/S escort to H.C. 20. Ref: Sortie Report No.5. 4th Jan. 44.
	F/O Stanley				
	F/O Lowrey				
	Sgt. Picken				
	Sgt. Broad				
	Sgt. Bernauer				
Sgt. Alcorn					

⁵ Form 540 lists this as Tomlinson's Crew.

	Sgt. Nevett					
	Sgt. Watson					
	Sgt. Paris?					
	F/O Moodie (S.E.)					
Lib. C. Mk.V.	P/O Banks		0857 FG	1950?FG	Patrol Maxim Black. Ref: Sortie Report No.6. 5th Jan. 1944.	
	F/Sgt. Hewko					
	F/O Currie					
	P/O Keleher					
	P/O Porterfield					
	P/O Smith					
	Sgt. Vaughan					
	Sgt. Clements					
Lib. H. Mk.IIIA	S/L Hanson		0713 FG	1655 FG	Patrol Maxim Scarlet. Ref: Sortie Report No. 7. 6th Jan. 1944.	
	P/O Robertson					
	Sgt. Reave					
	F/O Bracey					
	F/Sgt. McCormack					
	F/Sgt. George					
	Sgt. Friesen					
	Sgt. Rancher					
Lib. C. Mk.V.	F/O Banks		0140Z	1150Z	Patrol Maxim Green. Ref: Sortie Report No.8. 7th Jan. 1944.	
	Sgt. Baker					
	Sgt. Lenard					
	P/O Fletcher					
	P/O Smith					
	P/O Porterfield					
	Sgt. Clements					
	Sgt. Vaughan.					
	LAC Giles (S.E.)					
Lib. A. Mk.V.	F/Sgt. Tomlinson		0325Z	1254Z	Patrol Maxim Brown. Ref: Sortie Report No. 9. 8th Jan. 1944.	
	P/O Maguire					
	F/O Stinson					
	F/Sgt. Larsen					
	F/Sgt. Cliffe					
	F/Sgt. Baty					
	F/Sgt. Ferguson					
	F/Sgt. Constable					
	F/Sgt. Barker					
Lib. P. Mk.V.	P/O Horner		0044Z	1044Z	Patrol Maxim Grey. Ref: Sortie Report No. 10. 9th Jan. 1944	
	P/O Keetley					
	Sgt. Sinclair					
	Sgt. Slauenwhite					
	Sgt. Robinson					
	Sgt. Mowat					
	Sgt. K?oat					
	LAC Ward (S.E.)					
Lib. T Mk.IIIA	S/L McKenzie		0157Z	1313Z	Patrol Maxim Gold. Ref: Sortie Report No. 11. 10th Jan. 1944.	
	P/O Mackley					
	Sgt. Thornhill					
	Sgt. Watson					
	Sgt. Appleby					
	Sgt. Young					
	Sgt. Diachun					

	Sgt. Butchart				
Lib. P. Mk.V.	P/O Badgley		0045?Z	1243Z	A/S escort to J.C. 12? Ref: Sortie Report No. 12. 11th Jan. 1944
	Sgt. Taylor				
	F/O Batey				
	Sgt. Dale				
	Sgt. Tye				
	Sgt. Butchart				
	Sgt. Graber				
	Sgt. Tester				
	LAC Rasmusson				
Lib. A. Mk.V.	P/O Maguire		0420Z	1330Z	Patrol Maxim Brown. Ref: Sortie Report No.13. 11th Jan. 44.
	F/Sgt. Leonard				
	F/O Stinson				
	F/Sgt. Cliffe				
	Sgt. Ferguson				
	Sgt. Baty				
	Sgt. Constable				
	Sgt. Barber				
	LAC Jackson				
Lib. T. Mk.IIIA	S/L Hanson		112331Z	120930Z	Patrol Maxim Black. Ref: Sortie Report No.14. 12th Jan. 44.
	F/Sgt. Jorgenson				
	Sgt. Thickett				
	Sgt. Etherington				
	F/Sgt. Bonany				
	F/Sgt. Slawson				
	F/Sgt. Harris				
	F/Sgt. Abildgaard				
	F/Sgt. Smail				
Lib. T Mk.IIIA	S/L McKenzie		0249Z	1218Z	Patrol Maxim Green. Ref: Sortie Report No. 15. 13th. Jan. 44.
	P/O Mackley				
	Sgt. Thornhill				
	Sgt. Diachun				
	Sgt. Watson				
	Sgt. Young				
	Sgt. Appleby				
	Sgt. Kehoe				
Lib. P Mk.V.	P/O Horner		132324Z	140917Z	Patrol Maxim Scarlet. Ref: Sortie Report No.16. 14th Jan. 44.
	P/O Keetley				
	Sgt. Sinclair				
	Sgt. Slauenwhite				
	Sgt. Mowat				
	Sgt. Robinson				
	Sgt. Armstrong				
	LAC Law (S.E.)				
Lib. A Mk.V.	Sgt. Tomlinson		0220Z	1332Z	Patrol Maxim Grey. See Sortie Report No.17. 15th Jan. 44.
	Sgt. Ibbotson				
	Sgt. Larsen				
	P/O Jackson				
	Sgt. Whale				
	Sgt. Watson				
	Sgt. McGaughran				
	Sgt. Douglas				
Lib. P	P/O Badgley		0404Z	1312Z	Patrol Maxim Brown. Ref:

Mk.V.	P/O Ingram				Sortie Report No. 18. 16th Jan.44.
	Sgt. Stewart				
	Sgt. Dale				
	Sgt. Tye				
	Sgt. Tester				
	Sgt. Graber				
	Sgt. Butchart				
	LAC Ward (S.E.)				
Lib: T. Mk.IIIA	F/S Jorgenson		162334Z	171043Z	Patrol Maxim Gold. Ref: Sortie Report No.19. 17th Jan. 44.
	Sgt. Thickett				
	Sgt. Etherington				
	F/Sgt. Bonany				
	Sgt. Harris				
	Sgt. Abildgaard				
	Sgt. Kehoe				
	Sgt. Smail				
Lib. A. Mk.V.	P/O Maguire		180120Z	181320Z	Patrol Maxim Black. Ref: Sortie Report No.20. 18th Jan. 44.
	F/O Stinson				
	F/Sgt. Leonard				
	F/Sgt. Cliffe				
	Sgt. Baty				
	Sgt. Ferguson				
	Sgt. Constable				
	Sgt. McKean				
Lib. T. Mk.IIIA	S/L McKenzie		182330Z	190925Z	Patrol Maxim Scarlet. Ref: Sortie Report No.21. 19th Jan. 44.
	P/O Mackay				
	Sgt. Thornhill				
	Sgt. Watson				
	Sgt. Young				
	Sgt. Drachars				
	Sgt. Appleby				
	Sgt. McDonald				
Lib. A. Mk.V	Sgt. Tomlinson		190107Z	191315Z	A/S Escort to J.C.33?? Ref: Sortie Report No. 22. 19th Jan. 44
	Sgt. Ibbotson				
	Sgt. Larsen				
	P/O Jackson				
	Sgt. Whale				
	Sgt. Watson				
	Sgt. McGaughran				
	Sgt. Douglas				
Lib. T. Mk.IIIA	Sgt. Jorgenson		200128Z	201110Z	Patrol Maxim Green. Ref: Sortie Report No. 23. 20th Jan. 44.
	Sgt. Thickett				
	Sgt. Etherington				
	Sgt. Bosarty??				
	Sgt. Harris				
	Sgt. Abildgaard				
	Sgt. Smail				
Lib. V.	P/O Munday		200047Z	201240Z	A/S escort to C.J.12?? Ref:

Mk.V	F/O Batey				Sortie Report No. 24. 20th Jan. 44.
	F/O Marshall				
	F/Sgt. Wolstenholme				
	F/Sgt. Scholl				
	F/Sgt. Mair?				
	F/Sgt. Charles				
	F/Sgt. Bott				
	(LAC Giles. S.E.)				
Lib. A. Mk.V.	P/O Maguire		210055Z	210955	Patrol Maxim Brown. Ref: Sortie Report No. 25. 21st. Jan. 44
	F/O Stinson				
	F/Sgt. Leonard.				
	F/Sgt. Cliffe				
	F/Sgt. Baty				
	F/Sgt. Ferguson				
	F/Sgt. Constable				
	F/Sgt. Barber				
Lib. S. Mk.V.	S/L Hanson		220220Z	221542Z	Patrol Maxim Gold. Ref: Sortie Report No. 26. 22nd. Jan. 44
	P/O Gibson				
	P/O Taylor				
	P/O Fletcher				
	F/Sgt. Kenny				
	F/Sgt. Muir				
	F/Sgt. Gorrington				
	F/Sgt. Christensen?				
Lib. T. Mk.IIIA	F/Sgt. Hogg				
	S/L McKenzie		230251Z	231225Z	Patrol Maxim Grey. Ref: Sortie Report No. 27. 23rd. Jan. 44.
	P/O Mackley				
	Sgt. Thornhill				
	Sgt. Appleby				
	Sgt. Watson				
	Sgt. Young				
	Sgt. Diachun				
Sgt. McDonald					
Lib. A. Mk.V.	P/O Maguire		240055Z	241115Z	Patrol Maxim Scarlet. Sortie Report No.28. 24th. Jan.44.
	F/Sgt. Leonard				
	F/O Stinson				
	F/Sgt. Cliffe				
	F/Sgt. Baty				
	Sgt. Ferguson				
	Sgt. Constable				
	Sgt. Barber				
(F/O Moodie S.E.)					
Lib. P. Mk.V.	P/O Badgley		250111Z	251002Z	Patrol Maxim Brown. Ref: Sortie Report No. 29. 25th. Jan. 44.
	Sgt. Stewart.				
	F/O Batey				
	Sgt. Graber				
	Sgt. Dale				
	Sgt. Tester				
	Sgt. Butchart				
	Sgt. Tye.				

Lib. V. Mk.V.	P/O Munday		260034Z	261037Z	Patrol Maxim Black. Ref: Sortie Report No. 30. 26th. Jan. 44.
	P/O Marshall				
	F/O Batey				
	W/O Bott				
	F/Sgt. Scholl				
	F/Sgt. Wolstenholme				
	F/Sgt. Kenny				
	F/Sgt. Christsen				
Lib. C. Mk.V.	P/O Nicholl		270030Z	271055Z	Patrol Maxim Green. Ref: Sortie Report No. 31. 27th. Jan. 44.
	F/O Stinson				
	F/Sgt. Leonard				
	Sgt. Mullin				
	Sgt. Bangs				
	Sgt. Mulhern				
	Sgt. Brodie				
	Sgt. Long				
	Sgt. Cousins.				
Lib. K. Mk.IIIA	P/O Skinner		262342Z	271135Z	A/S Escort to J.C.34. Ref: Sortie Report No. 32. 27th Jan. 44.
	F/O Burrige				
	F/Lt. Currie				
	F/O Smith				
	P/O Bracey				
	F/Sgt. Maze				
	F/Sgt. Randall				
	Sgt. Kearns				
	Cpl. Howe S.E.				
Lib. T. Mk.IIIA	F/Sgt. Jorgenson		280009Z	281041Z	Patrol Maxim Grey. Ref: Sortie Report No. 33. 28th. Jan. 44.
	F/Sgt. Bonany				
	F/Sgt. Scholl				
	Sgt. Thickett				
	Sgt. Abildgaard				
	Sgt. Etherington				
	Sgt. Harris				
	Sgt. Smail				
Lib. S. Mk.V.	P/O Beaton		272350Z	281150Z	A/S Escort to C.J.14. Ref: Sortie Report No. 34. 28th. Jan. 44.
	P/O Smiley				
	P/O Goldsworthy				
	Sgt. Rutley				
	Sgt. McKillan				
	Sgt. DeCruyenaere				
	Sgt. Tidmarsh				
	Sgt. Hogg				
	LAC Rasmusson S.E.				
Lib. P Mk.V.	P/O Badgley		290023Z	290958Z	Maxim Scarlet Ref: Sortie Report No. 35 29th. Jan. 44.
	F/O Batey				
	Sgt. Stewart				
	Sgt. Dale				
	Sgt. Tye.				
	Sgt. Butchart				

	Sgt. Graber				
Lib. C. Mk.V.	P/O Nicholl		300012Z	301145Z	Maxim Gold. Ref: Sortie Report No. 36. 30th Jan. 44.
	P/O Robinson				
	Sgt. Noble				
	Sgt. Mullin				
	Sgt. Mulhern				
	Sgt. Bangs				
	Sgt. Brodie				
	Sgt. Cousins				
	F/Sgt. Long				
Lib. T. Mk.IIIA	S/Ldr McKenzie		310018Z	311018Z	Maxim Green. Ref: Sortie Report No. 37. 31st. Jan. 44.
	P/O Mackley				
	Sgt. Thornhill				
	Sgt. Young				
	Sgt. Watson				
	Sgt. Appleby				
	Sgt. McDonald				
	Sgt. DeCruyenaere				

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Cuttack	1.2.44	06.33	Liberator "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Brown Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs., and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. Only sightings were of our own shipping. Bombing and Gunnery practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1606.
		1305	Liberator "C" (BZ865) (P/O Nicholl and Crew) was airborne 55 minutes on Bombing Practice.
			F/O (A.F.L) A. ? Baillis (Squadron Engineer) proceeded on posting to No. 231 Group w.e.f. 24.1.44
	2.2.44	0647	Liberator "C" (BZ865) (P/O Nicholl and Crew) was airborne on Maxim Grey Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs., and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. Only sightings were of our own shipping. Bombing and Gunnery practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 15.43.
		0755	Liberator "H" (EV829) (F/O Banks and Crew) was airborne on a 8 Hour Consumption Test incorporating an A/S Patrol carrying 8 x 250 lb. Torpex D/C's. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 16.40.
		10?45	Liberator "Y" (FK227) (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) was airborne for 1 Hour, 45 mins., on Bombing Practice.
		1410	Liberator "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 10 mins. on Bombing Practice.
			F?/O Ventmorn?? became O/C. Intelligence Section, vice F/O (A/F/L) A. W. Baillie posted.
			Liberator Mk. VI. No. EV830 Arrived on the Squadron and was lettered "L"
			The 18th detachment of Officers, S.N.C.O's and B.O.R's proceeded to Puri Rest Camp for a five day period.
	3.2.44	0648	Liberator "K" (FL912) (P/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Gold Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs., and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 sec. Only sightings were of our own shipping. Bombing and Gunnery practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1705.
		1400	Liberator "C" (BZ865) (P/O Banks and Crew) was airborne 1 hour 40 mins on Bombing Practice.
		1345	Liberator "Y" (FK227) (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 30 mins. on Air Firing and Fighter Affiliation Practice.
		1535	Liberator "Z" (EV834) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne for 1 hour, 55 minutes on Air Test and Compass Swing.
			Liberator Mk. VI. No. EV833 arrived on the Squadron and was lettered "X".
			P/O Lom? bie (Nav/B) took charge of the Squadron Savings Scheme.
			The Members of Cuttack Club held a party for N.C.Os and B.O.Rs of the Squadron.
	4.2.44	0555	Liberator "H" (EV829) (F/O Banks & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "J.C.35" comprising 15 M/Vs and 3 E/Vs. 8 x 250 lb. Torpex D/C's were carried. The Convoy was escorted from 08.00 hours to 1514 hours. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1705.
		0847	Liberator "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Black Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs., and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 sec. At 11.45 an enemy aircraft was sighted and identified as an Army 97 MK.II (Sally). It approached on a course of 175° at a height of 3,000 feet (our course 099°, height 800 feet). The Captain descended to 200 feet, getting the

			enemy aircraft on to his tail. The Enemy closed to 800 yards and the Tail Gunner gave him a sighting burst. The enemy broke away on a course of 135° aprox., gaining height. Contact was not re-established, patrol was continued and no further incidents were reported.
		1350	Liberator "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "J.C.35" relieving Liberator "H". Escort commenced at 1546. At 21.00 a message from Base stated 'U.Boat reported in your vicinity'. Aircraft closed with convoy but received no orders. At 23.00 a further message from Base stated that a relieving aircraft would arrive at 0030, and at 2330 Base sent a new position for the alleged U.Boat. The aircraft was relieved and terminated Escort at 0103, landing at Base, 02.00 - 5th.
		2357	Liberator "Z" (EV834) (P/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "J.C.35" to relieve Liberator "V". "J.C.35" was escorted from 0058/5th until 0723 when aircraft set course for Convoy "C.J.15" (comprising 14 M/Vs and 1 E/V) and escorted this Convoy from 0736 until 1022. The aircraft then swept ahead for 50 miles and landed at Base at 1113/5th.
			P/O S. L. Lean (Gunnery Leader) arrived on posting from No. 340 Squadron (w.e.f. 4.1.44) and was appointed O.C. Aircraft Recognition.
	5.2.44	0717	Liberator "K" (FL912) (P/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Scarlett Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P. and 5 x 250 lb. G.P. all T.D. .025 secs. Only sightings were of our own shipping. Bombing and Gunnery practice took place on return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1824. This was the first of a new series of Maxim Patrols modified so that aircraft could easily avoid keeping to the same time-table each day. Instead of making entry and exit to the Patrol Area from the Northern End each time, arrangements were made for four different Entry and Exit Points for each Patrol. The programme could be even more varied by carrying out patrols either clockwise or anti-clockwise.
		1034	Liberator "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "C.J.15", relieving Liberator "V". The Convoy was contacted at 1346, after the regulation search and was escorted until relieved by Liberator "H" at 1752. The aircraft landed at Base at 1835.
		1700	Liberator "H" (EV829) (P/O Banks & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "C.J.15", relieving Liberator "P". The convoy was escorted from 1750 until 0529/6th and no incidents were reported. The A/C landed at Base at 0650/6th.
			F/Lt. C. J. Craig (Squadron Photographic Officer) proceeded on posting to No. 681 Squadron (w.e.f. 5.2.44)
			Airmen's Record Sheets (Forms 1580) were made available for scrutiny for a Three Day Period.
			Notification was received of the promotion of the following Canadian Officers to Flying Officer - P/O J. Nicholl (w.e.f. 25.3.43) P/O F. V. Breen (w.e.f. 20.5.43) (Officer Deceased), P/O I. J. H?esley (w.e.f. 6.5.43) (Officer Posted), P/O W. H. Pedlar (w.e.f. 18.6.43) and P/O D. K. Horner (w.e.f. 6.5.43)
	6.2.44	0700	Liberator "L" (EV830) (P/O Maguire and Crew) was airborne on Maxim Brown Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs., and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. At 0956, one Enemy Aircraft (probably a "Sally") was sighted but it turned away into cloud and contact was lost. No other incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1650.
	7.2.44	0320	Liberator "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Green Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs., and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. Special Reconnaissance was carried out at G?oyaegie Island and at Foul Island. No practice was carried out. The aircraft landed at Base at 14.15.
		1120	Liberator "C" (BZ865) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne for 1 hour on Air Test & Bombing Practice.

		14.00	Liberator "Z" (EV834) (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) was airborne for 1 hour, 15 minutes on Bombing Practice.
			The 19th Detachment of Officers, Snr. N.C.Os and B.O.Rs left for Puri Rest Camp for a five days Period.
			F/O (A/F/L) W. R. Wilson returned to Unit from Armada Road on completing Gunnery Leaders' Course.
	8.2.44	0753	Liberator "Y???" (FK227) (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Gold Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P. and 5 x 250 lb. G.P. all T.D. .025 secs. A message from Base instructed Captain to return by 18.00 hours because of bad weather. Bombing and Gunnery Practice took place on the return journey and the A/C landed at Base at 1756.
		0920	Liberator "C" (BZ865) (F/O Banks & Crew) was airborne for 1 hour on Bombing Practice.
		1410	Liberator "X" (EV833) (P/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne for 50 minutes on Bombing Practice.
			F/Lt. F. Gilbert (Gunnery Leader) returned to St. Thomas Mount on cessation of attachment.
	9.2.44	0655	Liberator "L" (EV830) (P/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Grey Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs., and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. Only sighting was of 1 M/V anchored at Foul Island. Bombing and Gunnery Practice took place on return journey, and the aircraft landed at Base at 1625.
		1405	Liberator "X?" (EV834) (S/Ldr McKenzie & Crew) was airborne for 1 hour 25 minutes on Bombing Practice.
		0920	Liberator "X?" (EV833) (F/O Horner and Crew) was airborne for 1 hour 25 minutes on Bombing Practice. {note different serial no yet same letter as prev.}
	10.2.44	0654	Liberator "Y?" (FK227) (F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Scarlet Patrol, carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P. and 5 x 250 lb. G.P. all T.D. .025 secs. At 13.00 a forty-foot Sampan was sighted moored off shore. It was attacked with all guns and left in a sinking condition. The aircraft landed at Base at 1610.
			Liberator "A" (BZ862) was successfully Air Tested on completion of a Major Inspection carried out on the Squadron.
	11.2.44	0655	Liberator "X" (EV833) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Black Patrol, carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs., and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. Only sightings were of own shipping. Bombing and Gunnery Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1728.
		0756	Liberator "V" (BZ805) (P/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "J.C.36" (Comprising 11 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs). 8 x 250 lb. Torpex were carried. Escort was commenced at 09.50. At 10.10, upon receipt of an Alarm Signal from the S.N.O, aircraft proceeded 20 miles astern to a torpedoed Merchant Vessel with a list to starboard. Six lifeboats were in the vicinity (1 empty) and 3 E/Vs were close by. At 1040 the S.N.O. ordered Namba 140° Patrol. This was carried out. At 11.20 a.m. an E/V was observed to release 4 D/Cs and the S.N.O. ordered a Namba 90° Patrol. This was carried out. At 1205 Base reported the sinking of the aforementioned ship which took place at 0850. At 1247 aircraft again over Convoy. at 14.00 aircraft was relieved by Liberator "Z" who passed a signal by V/S instructing "V" to commence Search No. 3 in Appendix "A" to Indian Ocean Tactical Instruction No. 22. The A/C left the Convoy, and at 1449 commenced the search from the given data in point. At 17.15 a message from Base gave a new position of the U.Boat and a patrol area to search until P.L.E. The search was completed at 1855 and the aircraft landed at Base at 2050.
		1202	Liberator "Z" (EV834) (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort

			to Convoy "J.C.36" relieving Liberator "V". at 13.55 th Convoy was met and "V" signalled to commence A/S Search. At 1927 (dark, moonless night) Radar showed a suspicious blip. Aircraft homed but was unable to identify until moon came up. At 2056 it was identified as 1 E/V catching up Convoy The Convoy was escorted until 2227, and the aircraft swept ahead until 2250 landing at Base at 2331.
		2134	Liberator "A" (BZ862) (Sgt. Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "J.C.36" relieving Liberator "Z". The Convoy was escorted from 2245 until 0840, and the aircraft landed at Base at 0955/12th.
		1100	Liberator "C" (BA865) (P/O Nicholl & Crew) and Liberator "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew) proceeded to Amarda Road, for duty on a Bomber Refresher Course.
		1115	Liberator "H" (EV829) (F/O Banks screening P/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne for Flying, Gunnery and Radar Practice.
			F/O H. V. Stinson returned from H.Q. A.C.S.E.A. on cessation of attachment. The proposed posting did not take effect (see entry on 30.1.44)
	12.2.44	0620	Liberator "H" (EV829) (F/O Banks & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "HC.33" (comprising 4 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs) carrying 8 x 250 lb. Torpex D/Ss. The Convoy was escorted from 08.00 until 1327 when the aircraft decided to return owing to engine trouble and landed at Base at 16.10
		0710	Liberator "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Brown Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs., and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. Only sighting were of own shipping. 1 message from Base instructed A/C to land by 15.00 (due to weather) and it landed at Base at 1515.
		0749	Liberator "K" (FL912) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "CJ.15" (comprising 13 M/Vs and 1 E/V) carrying 8 x 250 lb. Torpex D/C's. The Convoy was escorted from 0852 until 1543 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1706.
			The 20th Detachment of Officers, Senior N.C.Os and B.O.Rs left for Puri Rest Camp for a five days period.
	13.2.44	0707	Liberator "A" (BZ862) (Sgt. Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Green Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs., and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. Only sighting were of own shipping. Bombing and Gunnery Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1844.
		0920	Liberator "V?" (FK227) (F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours 30 mins on Air Test, Compass Swing and Fighter Affiliation.
		1400	Liberator "H" (EV829) (P/O Banks screening P/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 15 mins, on Training.
			P/O N. C. Dorsett?? (Squadron Intelligence Officer) was promoted to Flying Officer (w.e.f. 4.12.43)
			P/O R. Hazel (Photographic Officer) arrived on posting from No. 171 Wing (w.e.f. 7.2.44)
	14.2.44	0710	Liberator "Y?" (FK227) (F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Gold Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs., and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. At 1216 a sighting was made of 1 Sampan and 1 Large Native Craft 45/50 feet, with an engine. Both were together at anchor. They were attacked with all guns and the power driven boat attempted to beach. Then crews of both craft took to the water. The Sampan was left in a sinking condition and the Larger Craft was seen to have a list to starboard and was about two hundred yards from the beach. At 1318 an enemy aircraft ("Sally") was sighted one mile away. The Captain turned towards it but it turned away and disappeared from view. The Aircraft landed at Base at 1658.
		0935	Liberator "L" (EV830) (P/O Maguire and Crew) was airborne for 1 hour, 45 minutes, on Gunnery and Radar Practice.
	15.2.44	0500	Liberator "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to

			Convoy "CH.1" (Comprising 7 M/Vs and two E/Vs) The Convoy was escorted from 0649 to 1406. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1520.
		0659	Liberator "X" (EV833) (P/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Grey Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs., and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. No sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Base at 1645.
		0910	Liberator "Z" (EV834) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 35 mins. on Air Test, Gunnery and Radar Practice.
		1400	Liberator "A" (BZ862) (Sgt. Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 20 mins. on Radar Practice and Fighter Affiliation.
	16.2.44	0650	Liberator "K" (FL912) (F/O Skinner and Crew) was airborne on Maxim Gold Patrol, carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs., and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. At 0929 a 30 foot Sampan was sighted and attacked by Gunfire from Mid Upper Turret and Beam?? positions at a height of 300 feet. Hits were observed. At 0945 Two Single Masted Paddy Jigs 40 feet long were sighted and attacked with 250 lb. and 500 lb. bombs from a height of 1200 ft. Bombs were dropped singly in seven runs from different directions and six near misses were reported causing no apparent damage. The attack was continued with all guns from a height of 300 feet and many hits were observed. On craft was holed at the water line. There were no signs of life aboard. While endeavouring to clear stoppage, Mid Upper Gunner's finger became jammed in sprocket of Booster Feed Mechanism. The crew were unable to release the Gunner (P/O S. Bracey) from the Turret so the Captain set course for Base and landed at 1432.
		0910	Liberator "Z" (EV834) (P/O Gibson and Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 15 minutes, on Radar, Gunnery and Flare Practice.
		14?00	Liberator "L" (EV830) (P/O Maguire and Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 15 minutes, on Radar, Gunnery and Flare Practice.
		1330	Liberator "Y" (FK227) (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) was airborne for 1 hour, 15 minutes on Bombing Practice.
		1435	Liberator "X?" (EV833) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne for two hours, ten mins. on Bombing Practice.
			F/Lt. (A/S/L) R. L. Hanson, D.F.C. returned from Colombo and resumed command of "A" Flight.
	17.2.44	062?0	Liberator "H" (EV829) P/O Banks screening F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Scarlet Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs., and 5 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. Only sightings were of own shipping and the aircraft landed at Base at 1726.
		0850	Liberator "A" (BZ862) (Sgt. Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy comprising 4 L.S.Ts and 1 E/V. 8 x 250 lb. Torpex D/S's were carried. The Convoy was escorted from 1018 until 1914 and no incidents were reported. The aircraft landed at Base at 2057.
		0920	Liberator "L" (EV830) (P/O Maguire and Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "H.C.35" (Comprising 3 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs) carrying 8 x 250 lb. Torpex D/Cs. The Convoy was escorted from 1111 until 2115 and no incidents were reported. The aircraft landed at Base at 2115.
		1000	Liberator "K" (FL912) (F/O Skinner and Crew) was airborne for 2 1/2 hours on Bombing Practice and Fighter Affiliation.
		1400	Liberator "X" (EV833) (F/O Horner and Crew) was airborne for two hours 55 minutes, on Bombing Practice and Fighter Affiliation.
			The 21st Detachment of Officers, S.N.C.Os and B.O.Rs left for Puri Rest Camp for a 5 days period.
	18.2.44	0611	Liberator "Y?" (FK227) (S/Ldr McKenzie and Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "CH.20" (Comprising 4 M/Vs and 1 E/V) carrying 8 x 250 lb Torpex D/C's. The Convoy was escorted from 0637 until 1528 and no

			incidents were reported. Bombing and Firing Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1650.
		0627	Liberator "Z" (EV834) (P/O Stanley and Crew) was airborne on Maxim Brown Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs., and 2 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. and 3 x 250 lb. Torpex D/Cs. The Maxim Bomb Load was modified as from this date by cutting down the 11 second delay 250 lb. G.P. from 5 to 2 and substituting 3 x 250 lb. D/Cs. In view of the fact that the latter were likely to be a more effective weapon against the small type of craft normally sighted on these patrols. Only sightings were of our own shipping and aircraft. Practice Bombing and Firing took place on the return journey, and the aircraft landed at Base at 1725.
		0900	Liberator "X" (EV833) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne for 3 hours on Bombing Practice and Fighter Affiliation.
		1100	Libeator "A" (BZ862) (Sgt. Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne for 1 hour on Dual Flying and again at 1350 for 2 1/2 hours on Bombing Practice and Fighter Affiliation.
			P/O J. M. Campbell? (Elect. Eng.) arrived on posting from Mauripur (w.e.f. 21.1.44)
	19.2.44	0700	Liberator "V" (BZ805) (P/O Munday and Crew) was airborne on Maxim Gold Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs., and 2 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. and 3 x 250 lb. Torpex D/Cs. At 12.30, Three Thirty-foot Native Craft were sighted and attacked with Mid Upper and Rear Guns. The Craft were left in shallow water. At 1333 One Dug-Out was sighted at Foul Island pulled up on N. E. Beach. The A/C landed at Base at 1727.
		1144	Liberator "Y" (FK227) (S/Ldr. McKenzie with F/S Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "CJ.17" (Comprising 14 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs) carrying 8 x 250 lb. Torpex D/Cs. The Convoy was escorted from 1233 until 1901 and no incidents were reported. The A/C landed at Base at 1940.
		1000	Liberator "M" (EV829) (S/Ldr. Hanson & Crew) was airborne on Bombing Practice and then proceeded to Armada Road landing there at 1120. It was airborne again at 1415 and landed at Base at 1505.
		1405	Liberator "X" (EV833) (F/O Horner? & Crew) was airborne on Bombing Practice for 2 hours, 20 mins.
	20.2.44	0635	Liberator "X" (EV833) (F/O Horner and Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "C.J.17" (Comprising 14 M/vs and 2 E/Vs) carrying 8 x 250 Lb Torpex D/C's. The Convoy was escorted from 0915 until relieved at 1355. A close escort was necessary due to bad weather. The A/C landed at Base at 1448.
		0705	Liberator "Z" (EV834) (P/O Gibson and Crew) was airborne on Maxim Black Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs., and 2 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs. and 3 x 250 lb. Torpex D/Cs. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1635.
		1235	Liberator "L" (EV830) (F/O Banks and Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "CJ.17" relieving Liberator "X" and carrying usual load. The Convoy was escorted from 1335 until 1930 and the A/C landed at Base at 2050.
		1330	Liberator "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday and Crew) was airborne for 1 1/2 hours on Bombing Practice.
	21.2.44	0548	Liberator "T" (FK227) (F/Sgt. Jorgenson and Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy (Comprising 9 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs) carrying the usual load. The Convoy was escorted from 0656 until 1548 and the A/C landed at Base at 1745.
		0455	Liberator "L" (EV830) (P/O Maguire and Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "JC.37" comprising 13 M/Vs and 3 E/Vs carrying the usual load. The Convoy was escorted from 0655 until 1055. A Catalina joined Escort at 0840 with "CJ.17" alongside. The A/C land at Base after carrying out Practice Bombing at 13.00.

		0700	Liberator "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday and Crew) was airborne on Maxim Scarlet Patrol, carrying the usual load. No incidents were reported. Practice Bombing and Firing took place on the return journey, and the A/C landed at Base at 1725.
		0900	Liberator "H" (EV829) (S/Ldr. Hanson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "CJ.17" (comprising 14 M/Vs and 3 E/Vs) carrying the usual load. The Convoy was escorted from 09.30 until 1905 and a Sweep was carried out until 1930. The aircraft landed at Base at 2016.
		1320	Liberator "K" (FL912) (F/O Skinner and Crew) was airborne 2 hours on Bombing Practice.
			P/O J. M. Campbell assumed the duties of Officer i/c Electrical and Instruments Secn, M. T. Section, Officer i/c Sergeants' Mess, Officer i/c Entertainments.
	22.2.44	0657	Liberator "K" (FL912) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Grey Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. and 5 x 250 lb. G.P. all T.D. .025 secs. (MK.III Load). No incidents were reported. Practice Bombing and Firing took place on the return journey and the A/C landed at Base at 1750.
		1225	Liberator "Z" (EV834) (P/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "J.C.37" (comprising 11 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs) carrying the usual load. The Convoy was escorted from 1530 until 1933 and the A/C landed at Base at 2030.
		0950	Liberator "X" (EV833) P/O Horner & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 30 minutes and again at 1400 for 1 hour 40 minutes for Bombing Practice. This crew was now demonstrating the value of their intensified practices. The Pilot was achieving a figure of 80% "Kills" for sticks dropped and although the high level practices did not show up as well they proved invaluable in assessing the various errors in the setting up and use of the Mk.XIV Bombsight. This was of particular value in view of the fact that information regarding this sight was very scanty in India.
			The 22nd Detachment of Officers, Senior N.C.O's and B.O.Rs left for Puri Rest Camp for a five day period.
	23.2.44	0615	Liberator "X" (EV833) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Grey Patrol, carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs, 2 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11secs and 3 x 250 lb. Torpex D/Cs. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1705.
		0930	Liberator "Z" (EV834) (P/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 50 mins, on Bombing Practice and Fighter Affiliation.
		1150	Liberator "K" (FL912) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne for 3 hours on Bombing Practice and Fighter Affiliation.
		1500	Liberator "A" (BZ862) (Sgt. Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours 50 mins, on Bombing Practice and Fighter Affiliation.
	24.2.44	0510	Liberator "L" (EV830) (F/O Banks & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy (comprising 5 M/Vs, 1 Tug and 2 E/Vs) carrying the usual load. The Convoy was escorted from 0700 until 1632 and the A/C landed at Base at 1735.
		0715	Liberator "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Brown Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs, 2 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11secs and 3 x 250 lb. Torpex D/Cs. No incidents were reported. Practice Bombing took place on the return journey and the A/C landed at Base at 1716.
		0545	Liberator "K" (FL912) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy (Comprising 5 M/Vs, 3 E/Vs) carrying the usual load. On instructions from the S.N.O. an "Alligator Starboard" Patrol was carried out and escort was effected from 0653 until 1623. Practice Bombing and Firing took place on the return journey and the A/C landed at Base at 1820.
		0910	Liberator "H" (EV829) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne for 3 hours 15

			minutes on Bombing Radar & Fighter Affiliation Practice.
		1410	Liberator "X" (EV833) (F/O Horner & crew) was airborne for 3 hours 15 minutes on Bombing, Radar & Fighter Affiliation Practice.
	25.2.44	0705	Liberator "H" (EV829) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Scarlet Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs, 2 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11secs and 3 x 250 lb. Torpex D/Cs. Practice Bombing and Firing took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1746.
		0900	Liberator "Z" (EV834) (P/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne for 3 hours 10 minutes on Bombing, Radar, & Fighter Affiliation Practice.
		1145	Liberator "Y" (FK227) (F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours 45 minutes on Bombing, Radar, & Fighter Affiliation Practice.
		1450	Liberator "X" (EV833) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne for 1 hour 50 minutes on Bombing, Radar, & Fighter Affiliation Practice.
			P/O (A/F/L) E. Bogcock???? (Elect. Eng.) proceeded to No. 308 M.U. Allahabad on posting (w.e.f. 28.1.44)
	26.2.44	0710	Liberator "Y" (FK227) (F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Gold Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. and 5 x 250 lb. all G.P.T.D. .025 secs. (MK.III Load). No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 18.00.
		0825	Liberator "A" (BZ862) (Sgt. Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy comprising 3 M/Vs and 1 E/V. The usual load was carried. The Convoy was escorted from 920 until 1918 and the A/C landed at Base at 2035.
	27.2.44	0555	Liberator "K" (FL912) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "HC.38" (comprising 5 M/V's and 2 E/Vs) carrying the usual load. The Convoy was escorted for 0655 until 1590. Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1820.
		0700	Liberator "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Black Patrol, carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs, 2 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11secs and 3 x 250 lb. Torpex D/Cs. At 1255 a Small Sampan was sighted and attacked with Beam and Rear Guns from 100 feet. It was left in a sinking condition. Soon afterwards holes were discovered in the Port Aileron, Port Bomb Bay, and Rear Compartment, but damage was only slight and the patrol was condition. (sic) Practice Bombing and Gunnery took place on the return journey, and the aircraft landed at Base at 1718.
		1057	Liberator "H" (EV829) (S/Ldr. Hanson with F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "CJ.19" (Comprising 16 M/Vs and 1 E/V) carrying the usual load. The Convoy was escorted from 1057 until 1759 and the aircraft then swept ahead until 1912, landing at Base at 1955.
		0935	Liberator "L" (EV830) (P/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne for 3 hours on Bombing Practice and Fighter Affiliation.
		1505	Liberator "L" (EV830) (F/O Banks & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 5 minutes on Bombing Practice and Fighter Affiliation.
			The 23rd Detachment of Officers, S.N.C.O's and B.O.Rs left for Puri Rest Camp for a five days period.
	28.2.44	0657	Liberator "A" (BZ862) (Sgt. Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Green Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs, 2 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11secs and 3 x 250 lb. Torpex D/Cs. No incidents were reported. Bombing and Gunnery Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 18.05.
		0805	Liberator "L" (EV830) (P/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "CJ.15" (comprising 16 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs) carrying the usual load. The Convoy was escorted from 0902 until 1848 and the A/C landed at Base at 2008??
		1000	Liberator "K" (FL912) (F/O Skinner and Crew) was airborne for 2 hours on Bombing, Radar and Affiliation Practice.

		1300	Liberator "H" (EV829) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne for 1 hour, 10 minutes on Bombing Radar and Affiliation Practice.
	29.2.44	0654	Liberator "Z" (EV834) (P/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Grey Patrol carrying the usual load. No incidents were reported. Bombing and Gunnery Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1655.
		0924	Liberator "X" (EV833) (F/O Horner and Crew) was airborne on Maxim Scarlet Patrol carrying the usual load. It passed Liberator "Z" going in the opposite direction at 12.50. the aircraft landed at Base at 2005.
		0855	Liberator "Y" (FK227) (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) was airborne for 3 hours on Practice Bombing.
		1315	Liberator "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne for 3 hours, 15 minutes on Bombing Practice, Affiliation and Flare Practice, and also satisfactorily completed its Air Test on completion of its Major Inspection which took place on the Squadron.
			F/Lt. (A/S/L) J. Sargeant (Chaplain) and S/Ldr. J. S. Cork (Medical) R.C.A.F. arrived from Calcutta for a two day visit on Canadian Liaison Duties.
			The following three airmen were commissioned during the month:- AUS 421117 F/Sgt. Wolstenholme, G. V. (W/OP.A.G.) w.e.f. 23.10.43 CAN R 124806 Sgt. Slauenwhite, L. S. C. (W/OP.A.G.) w.e.f. 23.10.43 NZ 421282 F/Sgt. McCormack, C. G? (W/OP.A.G.) w.e.f. 22.10.43
			There were 11 aircraft on the Squadron at this date, viz. 2 Mark IIIs, 5 Mark Vs and 4 Mark VIs. The month's average serviceability was 8 aircraft (72%).
			The Crew Strength was still 15.
			The Month's Operational Flying Hours were 542 hours 00 mins by Day and 58 hours 08? mins. by Night.
			Training Hours were:- Flying 215.05 hours; Ground Instruction 450 hours (aprox)
			Ammunition Expended:- .5 Ammo - 11740 rds; .3 Ammo - 28060 rds.
			Bombs Dropped:- 500 lb. G.Ps - 4; 250 lb. G.Ps - 13; 250 lb D/Cs - 1: Practice Bombs - 621.
			The above Summary shows that the Squadron was very busy both on Operations and Training.

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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
Liberator "S" - Mk.V.	P/O Beaton and crew	Maxim Brown Patrol	010003Z	010936Z	Patrol Maxim Brown. See Sortie Report No.1.
Lib. "C" Mark V.	P/O Nicholl and crew	Patrol	020017Z	020913Z	Maxim Grey Patrol. See Sortie Report No. 2.
Lib. "H" Mark VI.	F/O Banks and crew	Patrol	020125Z	021010Z	A/S Patrol. See Sortie Report No. 3.
Lib. "K" Mark IIIA	F/O Skinner and crew	Patrol	030018Z	031035Z	Maxim Gold Patrol. Sortie Report No. 4.
Lib. "H" Mark VI	F/O Banks and crew	Escort	032325Z	041035Z	A/S Escort. JC.35. Sortie Report No. 5.
Lib. "P" Mark V.	P/O Badgley and crew	Patrol	04217Z	041242Z	Maxim Black Patrol Sortie Report. No. 6.
Lib. "H?" Mark VI.	S/Ldr. McKenzie and crew.	Escort ⁶	041727Z	050443Z	A/S Escort CJ.15/JC.35. Sortie Report No. 7.
Lib. "V" Mark V.	F?/O Munday and crew	Escort	040720Z	041930Z	A/S Escort CJ.15. Sortie Report No. 8.
Lib. "H" Mark VI.	F/O Banks and crew	Escort	051030Z	060020Z	A/S Escort CJ.15. Sortie Report No. 9.
Lib. "K" Mark IIIA	F/O Skinner and crew	Patrol	050047Z	051154Z	Patrol Maxim Scarlet. Sortie Report No. 10.
Lib. "P" Mark V.	P/O Badgley and crew	Escort	050354Z	051205Z	A/S Escort CJ.15. Sortie Report No. 11.
Lib L. Mk.VI	P/O Maguire & Crew	Patrol	060032Z	061020Z	Patrol Maxim Brown S/R. No. 12.
Lib. V Mk.V	F/O Munday & Crew	Patrol	062050Z	070745Z	Patrol Maxim Green. S/R. No. 13.
Lib. T. Mk.IIIA	S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew	Patrol	080012Z	081126Z	Patrol Maxim Gold. S/R. No. 14.
Lib. L. Mk.VI	P/O Maguire & Crew	Patrol	090025Z	090955Z	Patrol Maxim Grey. S/R. No. 15.
Lib. T. Mk.IIIA	F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew	Patrol	100024Z	100940Z	Patrol Maxim Scarlet. S/R. No. 16.
Lib. X. Mk.VI	F/O Horner & Crew	Patrol	110025Z	111058Z	Patrol Maxim Black. S/R. No. 17.
Lib. V. Mk.V.	F/O Munday & Crew	Escort	110126Z	111420Z	A/S Escort/CJ.36. S/R. No 19.
Lib. Z. Mk.VI.	S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew	Escort	110532Z	111701Z	A/S Escort/JC.36. S/R. No 20.
Lib. A. Mk. V.	Sgt. Tomlinson & Crew	Escort	111504Z	120325Z	A/S Escort/JC.36. S/R. No 21.
Lib. H. Mk.VI.	F/O Banks & Crew	Escort	112350Z	120940Z	A/S Escort/HC.33. S/R. No 22.
Lib. P Mk.V.	P/O Badgley & Crew	Patrol	120040Z	120915Z	Maxim Brown 1A. Patrol S/R. No. 23.

⁶ This Sortie is not listed in the Form 540.

Lib. K Mk.IIIA	F/O Skinner & Crew	Escort	120119Z	121036Z	A/S Escort/CJ.16. S/R. No. 24.
Lib. A. Mk.V.	Sgt. Tomlinson & Crew	Patrol	130037Z	131214Z	Patrol Maxim Green. S/R. No. 25
Lib. T. Mk.IIIA	F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew	Patrol	140040Z	141028Z	Patrol Maxim Gold 2A. S/R. No. 26
Lib. V. Mk.V.	F/O Munday & Crew	Escort	142229Z	150850Z	A/S Escort/CH.1. S/R. No. 27
Lib. X. Mk.VI	F/O Horner & Crew	Patrol	150029Z	151015Z	Patrol Maxim Grey 2A. S/R. No. 28.
Lib. K. Mk.IIIA	F/O Skinner & Crew	Patrol	152213Z	160732Z	Patrol Maxim Gold 4A. S/R. No. 29.
Lib. H. Mk.VI.	S.C. F/O Banks Capt. P/O Leslie & Crew	Patrol	162347Z	171056Z	Patrol Maxim Scarlet 2A S/R. No. 30.
Lib. A. Mk.V.	Sgt. Tomlinson & Crew	Escort	170220Z	171427Z	A/S Escort/"Calflap???" S/R. No. 31.
Lib. L. Mk.VI.	P/O Maguire & Crew	Escort	170250Z	171445Z	A/S Escort/HC.35. S/R. No. 32.
Lib. T. Mk.IIIA.	S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew	Escort	172024Z	181019Z	A/S Escort/CH.2. S/R. No. 33.
Lib. Z. Mk.VI.	F/O Stanley & Crew	Patrol	172353Z	181055Z	Patrol Maxim Brown 2A. S/R. No. 34.
Lib. V. Mk.V.	F/O Munday & Crew	Patrol	190033Z	191057Z	Patrol Maxim Gold IIIA. S/R. No. 35.
Lib. T. Mk.IIIA.	F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew	Escort	190514Z	191310Z	A/S Escort/CJ.17. S/R. No. 36.
Lib. X. Mk.VI.	F/O Horner & Crew	Escort	200003Z	200818Z	A/S Escort/CJ.17. S/R.37.
Lib.Z. Mk.VI	P/O Gibson & Crew	Patrol	200036Z	201215Z	Patrol Maxim Black 3A. S/R. No. 38.
Lib. L. Mk.VI.	F/O Banks & Crew	Escort	200610Z	201420Z	A/S Escort/CJ.17. S/R. No. 39.
Lib. L. Mk.VI.	P/O Maguire & Crew	Escort	200225Z	210625Z	A/S Escort/JC.37. S/R. 40.
Lib. V. Mk.V.	F/O Munday & Crew	Patrol	210030Z	211104Z	Patrol Maxim Scarlet 1C. S/R. No. 41.
Lib. T. Mk.IIIA.	F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew	Escort	202318Z	211111Z	A/S Escort/HC.36. S/R. No. 42.
Lib. K. Mk.IIIA	F/O Skinner & Crew	Patrol	220027Z	221120Z	Patrol Maxim Green 2A S/R. N. 42.
Lib. H. Mk.VI	S/Ldr. Hanson & Crew	Escort	210228Z	211346Z	A/S Escort/JC.37. S/R. No. 43.
Lib. Z. Mk.VI	P/O Gibson & Crew	Escort	230553Z	221400Z	A/S Escort/JC.37. S/R. No. 44.
Lib. X. Mk.VI.	F/O Horner & Crew	Patrol	222358Z	231035Z	Patrol Maxim Grey 2A. S/R. No. 45.
Lib. V. Mk.V.	F/O Munday & Crew	Patrol	240048Z	241046Z	Patrol Maxim Brown 2C. S/R. No. 46.
Lib. L. Mk.VI.	F/O Banks & Crew	Escort	242242Z	241105Z	A/S Escort/CH?6. S/R. No. 47.
Lib. K. Mk.IIIA	F/O Skinner & Crew	Escort	232315Z	241140Z	A/S Escort/HC.37. S/R. No. 48.
Lib. H. Mk.VI.	F/O Leslie & Crew	Patrol	250037Z	251115Z	Patrol Maxim Scarlet 2A. S/R. No. 49.

Lib. T. Mk.IIIA.	F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew	Patrol	260039Z	261138Z	Patrol Maxim Gold 3A. S/R. No. 50.
Lib. A. Mk.V.	Sgt. Tomlinson & Crew	Escort	260155Z	261405Z	A/S Escort/CJ.17A. S/R. No. 51.
Lib. V. Mk.V.	F/O Munday & Crew	Patrol	170030Z	271048Z	Patrol Maxim Black 2A. S/R. No. 52.
Lib. K. Mk.IIIA	F/O Skinner & Crew	Escort	262325Z	271115Z	A/S Escort/HC.38. S/R. 53
Lib. H. Mk.VI	S/Ldr. Hanson & Crew	Escort	270427Z	271325Z	A/S Escort/CJ.18. S/R. No.54.
Lib. A. Mk.V.	Sgt. Tomlinson & Crew	Patrol	280027Z	281135Z	Patrol Maxim Green 1C. S/R. No. 55.
Lib. L. Mk.VI.	P/O Maguire & Crew	Escort	280135Z	281335Z	A/S Escort/CJ.18. S/R. No. 56.
Lib. Z. Mk.VI	P/O Gibson & Crew	Patrol	290034Z	291035Z	Patrol Maxim Grey 2A. S/R. No. 57.

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Cuttack	1.3.44	05.15	Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley and Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoys "HC.39" and "CH.8" carrying the usual load of 8 x 250 lb. Torpex D/Cs. "CH.8" (comprising 3 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs) was escorted from 0643 until 1045 when escort was transferred to "HC.39" (7 M/Vs & 2 E/Vs) travelling in the opposite direction. The latter was left at 1543 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1715.
		08.57	Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV829) (S/Ldr Hanson & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Green Patrol carrying usual MK.VI load of 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs and 2 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. 11 secs and 3 x 250 lb. Torpex D/Cs. No incidents were reported. The aircraft landed at Base at 20.20.
		16.15	Liberator MK.VI "L" (EV830) (F/O Banks & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy M?A.25 (comprising 4 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs) carrying the usual load. The Convoy was met at 1848 and a Catalina was relieved. At 0105/2nd a message from Vizag was received instructing aircraft to carry out investigation of a suspicious vessel. This proved to be a 7,000 ton Tanker which did not identify itself. When the aircraft endeavoured to recognise by using flares the vessel opened fire with 3 x 20mm Guns. At 0138 the aircraft returned to the Convoy. It left and landed at Base at 0445.
		09.05	Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ862) (Sgt. Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne for 3 hours, 10 mins on Bombing, Radar and Fighter Affiliation Practice.
		14.00	Liberator Mk.VI "Z" (EV834) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne for 2 hrs, 30 mins on similar practice.
			Liberator MK.V. "C" (BZ865) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) and Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew) returned from Amarda Road upon completion of the Bomber Refresher Course.
	2.3.44	05.34	Liberator MK.V. (BZ862) (Sgt. Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy MA.25 (comprising 4 M/Vs & 3 E/Vs). The Convoy was escorted from 07.00 until 16.48 and the aircraft landed at base at 17.22??
		06.00	Liberator MK.III.A "Y?" (FK237) sic (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Gold Patrol carrying the usual Mk.IIIA load of 3 x 500 lb. and 5 x 250 lb. all T.D. .025 secs. Only sighting was of a water-logged Sampan. Practice Bombing and Gunnery took place on the return journey and the Aircraft landed at base at ??????
		15.55	Liberator MK.VI "X" (EV833) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy MA.25 relieving Liberator "A". The Convoy was escorted from 1643 until 0205/3rd and the aircraft landed at Base at 0300/3rd.
		10.10	Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV829) (F/O Leslie and Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 20 mins. on Bombing, Radar and Fighter Affiliation Practice.
			F/O F. K. Banks took over Command of "A" Flight vice S/Ldr. R. L. Hanson, D.F.C. who was on temporary duty as O.C. R.A.F. Vizagapatam.
	3.3.45	05.55	Liberator MK.III. "K" (FL912) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "MA.25". The Convoy was escorted from 0655 until relieved by Liberator "P" at 1618. The aircraft then swept ahead and Bombing, and Firing Practice took place on the return journey. The A/C landed at base at 18.00.
		0650	Liberator Mk.V. "S" (BZ888) (F/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Grey Patrol carrying the usual load. No incidents were reported and the A/C landed at Base at 16.30.

		1355	Liberator Mk.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "MA.25" relieving Liberator "K". The Convoy was left at 1921 due to Radar going u/s and visibility being nil and the aircraft landed at Base at 21.13.
			P/O L. F. Burrows & Crew (3 members short) arrived on Posting (w.e.f. 7.2.44)
			The 24th Detachment of Officers, Senior N.C.Os and B.O.Rs left for Puri Rest Camp for a five days period.
	4.3.44	0443	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV833) (P/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoys "HC.40" and "CH.9". "CH.9" (comprising 3 M/Cs and 2 E/Vs) was escorted from 05.59 until 11.38, when escort was transferred to "HC.40" (comprising 4 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs) travelling in the opposite direction. This Convoy was left at 13.59 and the aircraft landed at Base at 15.34.
		0610	Liberator MK.VI "Z" (EV834) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Scarlet Patrol carrying the usual load. At. 15.05 a Small 20 ft. Sampan was sighted offshore and attacked with Front Guns. No results were observed. Bombing and Gunnery Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1657.
			P/O R. J Keleher proceeded to Amarda Road to attend a Gunnery Leaders' Course.
	5.3.44	0550	Liberator Mk.V. "C" (BZ865) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on a Search for a "ditched" Catalina's crew. The search was unsuccessful and the aircraft returned to Base and landed at 1723.
		0920	Liberator MK.IIIA. "Y?" (FK227) (F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Gold Patrol carrying the usual Mk.IIIA load. At 1425 a 70 ft. Paddy Gig with 2 masts was sighted, loaded, and at anchor 20 yards offshore. No crew were seen. It was attacked with Machine Guns from all positions and afterwards bombed with sticks of two and three from 1,000 ft. 3 x 500 lb. and 5 x 250 lb. G.P. all T.D. .025 secs were dropped and the vessel was left in a sinking condition. Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 2043.
		0900	Liberator MK.V. "P" (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 45 minutes on Bombing Radar and Fighter Affiliation Practice.
		1930	Liberator MK.VI "Z" (EV834) S/Ldr. McKenzie screening P/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 10 minutes on Night Flying Practice.
			Official notification was received of promotion of P/O F. A. Keetley (Pilot) to Flying Officer (Temp) (w.e.f. 25.3.43)
	6.3.44	0540	Liberator MK.III "K" (FL912) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "AN?1" comprising 4 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs. The Convoy was escorted from 0631 until 1720 and the aircraft landed at ase at 18.05.
		0615	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV830) (F/O Banks & Crew) was airborne on a Search. No sighting was made and the aircraft returned to Base and landed at 18?20.
		0940	Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV829) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Green Patrol carrying the usual load. No sightings were made. The aircraft landed at Base at 2050.
		1625	Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ862) (Sgt. Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "AN?.1" relieving Liberator "K". The Convoy was escorted from 17.20 until 0308/7th and the aircraft landed at Base at 0830/7th.
		0905	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (EV834) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne for 2 hrs., 25 mins., on Bombing Practice and Fighter Affiliation.
	7.3.44	0410	Liberator MK.VI "Z" (EV834) (P/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "JC.39" comprising 9 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs. The Convoy was escorted from 0605 until 1353 and the aircraft landed at Base at 15.20.
		0700	Liberator MK.VI "L" (EV830) (P/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Brown Patrol carrying the usual load. No incidents were reported. Bombing

			and Gunnery Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1630.
		1150	Liberator Mk.V "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "CJ.19" comprising 13 M/Vs and 1 E/V. The Convoy was escorted from 1223 until 1845 when escort was transferred to Convoy "JC.39" travelling in the opposite direction. This Convoy was left at 22?28 and the aircraft landed at Base at 2356.
	8.3.44	0700	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Black Patrol carrying the usual load. No incidents were reported. Bombing and Gunnery Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1645.
		0900	Liberator MK.III "Y?" (FK227) (F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne for 2 1/2 hours on Bombing Practice & Fighter Affiliation.
		1400	Liberator MK.III "Y?" (FK227) (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours on Bombing Practice & Fighter Affiliation.
			The 25th Detachment of Officers, Senior N.C.Os and B.O.Rs left for Puri Rest Camp for a five days period.
	9.3.44	1210	Liberator MK.VI "Z" (EV834) (P/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Brown Patrol carrying the usual load. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 2130.
		0910	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours on Bombing Practice and Fighter Affiliation.
		0905	Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ862) (Sgt. Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne for 3 hours on P.R.U. Training.
		1330	Liberator MK. V. "C" (BZ865) P/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne for 3 hours on P.R.U. Training.
			F/Lt. H. F. H?orsley arrived from St. Thomas' Mount on attachment to take over the Harvard and Vengeance detachment from F/Lt. Tooth.
	10.3.44	0312?	Liberator MK.III. "Y?" (FK227) (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Gold Patrol, carrying the usual load. At 0755, two camouflaged Paddy Gigs were sighted at anchor, and were first attacked with 45 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 dropped in two sticks. Near misses were effected but no apparent damage was noted. In a third run, all machine guns were fired and strikes were seen. Patrol was continued at 0810. At 0955, one Sampan was sighted and 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. were dropped from 1000 feet in two runs. Near misses were observed. A third run over with machine guns firing resulted in hits being observed. On turning away the aircraft was fired on by a coastal gun. Two shells only were seen which burst upon impact with the sea. Practice in Bombing and Gunnery took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1450.
		0436	Liberator MK.V. "C" (BZ865) (P/O Nicholl and Crew) was airborne on A/S escort to Convoys "CH.11" and H.C.42". It failed to find CH.11 after the usual searches, but HC.42 (comprising 8 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs) was escorted from 1008? To 1556. The Aircraft landed at Base at 1747.
		0930	Liberator MK.III. "K" (FL912) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours on Bombing Practice and Fighter Affiliation.
		1420	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV833) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne for 2 1/4 hours on Bombing Practice and Fighter Affiliation.
	11.3.44	0657	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (F/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Scarlet Patrol carrying 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D..025 secs. and 5 x 250 lb. Torpex D/Cs. This represented a further change of load upon orders from No. 225 Group. 11 second delay 250 lb. G.P. were omitted altogether and 5 x Torpex D/C were carried for use against the small native craft normally encountered on these patrols on the assumption that the blast effect from a well placed stick would sink them.The 3 x 500 G.P. were to be carried for use against

			M/Vs above 3,000 tons. The change affected MK.V. and MK.VI. aircraft only. No incidents were reported during the Patrol. Bombing and Gunnery Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1740.
		1025	Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ862) (Sgt. Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne for 1 3/4 hours on P.R.U. Training at 12,000 feet.
		0900	Liberator MK.III (FK227) (F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne for 2 1/3 hrs on Bombing Practice and Fighter Affiliation.
			Official notification was received of the promotion to Flying Officer (S) of P/O J. L. Maguire (w.e.f. 25.3.43)
	12.3.44	0430	Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "JC.39A" comprising 2 M/Vs and 1 E/V. The convoy was escorted from 0801 until 1645 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1803.
		1525	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV833) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "JC.39A" relieving Liberator "P" at 1638 and continuing escort to 0149/13th. The aircraft landed at Base at 0235.
		1124	Liberator MK.III. "K" (FL912) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Gold Patrol carrying the usual MK.III load. At 1750 two Paddy Gigis were sighted 200 yards apart and 20 yards off shore. Beam and Tail Guns were fired in two runs along shore at a height of 200 feet, and strikes were observed. No further incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 2245.
			F/Lt. A. Tooth returned by air to parent unit (No. 21 A.P.C.) on cessation of attachment to this unit.
	13.3.44	0255	Liberator "T?" (FK227) (F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Green Patrol carrying the usual MK.III load. At 0714 two Loaded Sampans were sighted lying off shore. In the first run from 50 feet, all guns were fired and strikes were observed. In the succeeding two runs, 3 x 250 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. were dropped from 1,000 ft. and near misses were observed. At this juncture flak from a nearby village opened up. It was stated to be fairly accurate Medium Flak. At 0749 three loaded Sandoways were sighted and attacked with Machine Guns. Bombing and Gunnery Practice took place on the return journey and the A/C landed at Base at 1412.
		0449	Liberator MK.V. "C" (BZ865) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort. Convoy "CH.12" (2 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs) was escorted from 0612 until 0935 and Convoy "HC.43" (5 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs) from 0850 until 1630. The aircraft landed at Base at 1820.
		0855	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne for 3 hours on Bombing Practice and Fighter Affiliation.
			The 26th Detachment of Officers, Senior N.C.Os and B.O.Rs left for Puri Rest Camp for a five days period.
	14.3.44	0910	Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV829) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Scarlet Patrol. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 2025.
		1057	Liberator MK.V. "C" (BZ865) (F/O Banks & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort. Convoy "CJ.20" (19 M/Vs and 1 E/V) was escorted from 1137. At 1232 a message from Base instructed the aircraft to proceed to Convoy "JC.40" (17 M/Vs and 3 E/Vs). It accordingly left "CJ.20" at 1354 and escorted "JC.40" from 1712 doing an Adder Patrol on the S.O.E's instructions until 1947. The aircraft landed at Base at 2255.
		2216	Liberator MK.VI. (EV833) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "CJ.20". Patrol was carried out from 2254 until daylight by Radar Contact and the aircraft was relieved by Liberator "Z" at 0913/15th. It landed at Base at 0954.
		2230	Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "JC.40". Escort took place from 0105/15th until relieved by

			Liberator "K" at 1003. The aircraft landed at Base at 1148.
		1025	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (EV834) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne for 1 hour, 50 mins. on Bombing Practice and Fighter Affiliation.
	15.3.44	0826	Liberator MK.III "T?" (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Grey Patrol. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1726.
		0808?	Liberator MK.III. "K" (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "JC.40" relieving Liberator "P" at 0959 and escorting until 1916. A Sweep ahead was affected on the return journey and the aircraft landed at base at 20.30?
		0815	Liberator Mk.VI. "Z" (EV834) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne A/S Escort to Convoy "CJ.20" reliving Liberator "X" at 0854 and continuing escort until 1915? The aircraft landed at Base at 2042.
	16.3.44	0435	Liberator MK. V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "CJ.20". It was covered from 0619 to 1614 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1800.
		0565	Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV829) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "HA.26" (3 M/Vs, 1 DR & 1 Sloop). It was escorted from 0540 until 1617 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1715.
		1015	Liberator MK.III "T?" (FK227) (F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Green Patrol. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 2015.
		1445	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (EV834) (P/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "HA.26". The Convoy was contacted at 1720. At 1750 the S.N.O. ordered the aircraft to investigate a torpedoed vessel approximately 100 miles ahead (Eastward) of the Convoy. The aircraft set course for the position and at 1838 sighted the stricken vessel, the 4,000 ton M/V "Eleandina" surrounded by seven lifeboats. An escort vessel near the scene requested the aircraft to carry out a search at 8 miles radius. Nothing was seen on the search and the aircraft returned to the Convoy at 1946. It terminated escort at 0100/17th and landed at Base at 0320.
		2312	Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ862) (Sgt. Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "HA.26" relieving Liberator "Z" at 0055/17th. Escort was continued until 1033 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1318.
			Liberator MK.VI (EV848) was delivered to the Squadron and was lettered "M". This brought the Squadron's Aircraft Strength up to Establishment.
			As a result of the torpedoing of the M/V "Elnadina" as reported above, a search for the submarine, using the stricken vessel as a datum point was commenced.
		1900	Liberator MK.VI "X" (EV833) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on this search and was on patrol from 2123 until 0500/17th without incident. It landed at Base at 0730/17th.
	7.3.44	0330	Liberator MK. V "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) took over the search and was on patrol from 0505 until 1414 and was relieved by Catalina "A"/212 Sqdn. It landed at Base at 1550.
		1055	Liberator MK.VI "H" (EV829) (P/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Brown Patrol carrying the usual load. Between 1310 and 1336 a Square Search was carried out in a suspicious area on Control's instructions, but nothing was sighted. No further incidents were reported and the A/C landed at Base at 2110.
			The 27th Detachment of Officers, Senior N.C.Os and B.O.Rs left for Puri Rest Camp for a five days period.
			Notification received of appointment to commission of 1331353 Sgt. Tomlinson, G. N? (Pilot) (w.e.f. 9.10.43)
		2150	A report was received from Catalina "A"/212 Squadron, stating a U/Boat had been sighted but had submerged before attack was possible in position 19°

			50° N, 89° 06' E. H.Q. No. 225 Group decided to lay on the standard Hunt To Exhaustion as detailed in Appendix D to Indian Ocean G.R. Tactical Instruction No. 22. This was a 48 hour Hunt based on the fact that a U/Boat would proceed no more than 50 miles in this time. It involved an increasing number of aircraft as the period advanced, with one patrol up to the 4th hour, 2 up to the 7th hour, 3 up to the 12th hour, 4 up to the 17th hour, and 5 from the 17th to the 28th hour. Th responsibility for most of this hunt fell to the Squadron, and although no sighting was made, the area was well and systematically covered. The Squadron effected 18 sorties while the hunt was on, and other Squadrons filled in the remaining four, although of these later one aircraft returned after reaching the patrol area, which had to be covered as well as possible by two of this unit's aircraft already there.
	18.3.44		The following aircraft were engaged in the Hunt to Exhaustion.
		0125	Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ862) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) On Patrol 0240 to 1235 Landed at Base at 1425.
		0200	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) On Patrol 0326 to 1220 Landed at Base at 1415.
		0325	Liberator MK.III. "K" (FL912) (F/O Skinner & Crew) On Patrol 0500 to 1440 Landed at Base at 1625.
		0830	Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) On Patrol 1002 to 1725 Landed at Base at 1930.
		1025	Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV829) (F/O Leslie & Crew) On Patrol 1143 to 2145 Landed at Base at 2310.
		1055	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (EV834) (F/O Stanley & Crew) On Patrol 1201 to 2152 Landed at Base at 2325.
		1310	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV830) (F/O Maguire & Crew) On Patrol 1433 to 0001/19th Landed at Base at 0210/19th.
		1555	Liberator MK.VI. "M" (EV848) (F/O Banks & Crew) On Patrol 1733 to 0255/19th Landed at Base at 0440/19th.
		2000	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV833) (F/O Horner & Crew) On Patrol 2110 to 0700/19th Landed at Base at 0825/19th.
		2030	Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ862) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) On Patrol 2136 to 0841/19th Landed at Base at 1005/19th.
		2230	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) On Patrol 2355 to 1030/19th Landed at Base at 1200/19th.
	19.3.44	0145	Liberator MK.III. "K" (FL912) (F/O Skinner & Crew) On Patrol 0318 to 1244 Landed at Base at 1435.
		0525	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (EV834) (P/O Gibson & Crew) On Patrol 0642 to 1734 Landed at Base at 1900.
		0855	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV830) (P/O Maguire & Crew) On Patrol 1027 to 2001 Landed at Base at 2130.
		1220	Liberator MK.VI. "M" (EV848) (F/O Banks & Crew) On Patrol 1400 to 2040 Landed at Base at 2210.
		1305	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (S/Ldr McKenzie & Crew) On Patrol 1408 to 2028 Landed at Base at 2245.
		1500	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV833) (F/O Horner & Crew) On Patrol 1600 to 0111/20th Landed at Base at 0230/20th.
	20.3.44	1000	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV830) (P/O Maguire & Crew) On Patrol 1022 to 1821 Landed at Base at 1855.
			The last four sorties were diverted to a special search round a contact made by a Naval Vessel. The contact however was doubtful and the operation was accordingly terminated.
		0515	Liberator MK.III. "K" (FL912) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "CH.15". The Convoy was out of position and was not met until 1253. It was escorted until 1659 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1759.

			Notification was received of appointment to commission of 1231797 F/Sgt. Ibbotson, G. (Pilot) (w.e.f. 1.1.44)
	21.3.44		No Entries
	22.3.44	0510	Liberator MK.V. "C" (BZ865) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort. Convoy "CH.16" (2 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs) was escorted from 0635 to 0850 when escort was transferred to Convoy "HC.46" (3 M/Vs & 2 E/Vs) travelling in the opposite direction. This was left at 1637 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1832.
		0643	Liberator MK.III. "T?" (FK227) (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "CJ.20" (2 L.C.Ts and 1 E/V) which was covered from 0725 until 1757. The aircraft landed at Base at 18.30.
		0710	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV830) (P/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Gold Patrol. A new load was carried on orders from H.Q. No. 225 Group. All Marks of Liberator were in future to carry 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. and 5 x 250 lb. G.P. N & T Inst. The idea of the latter was for maximum possible blast effect against small shipping targets, when they become available diaphragm operated nose pistols were to be substituted for the No.27 Nose Pistol. Targets up to 500 tons displacement were to be attacked by 250 lb. G.Ps fused Nose and Tail. Targets of 500 - 1,000 tons would be bombed with 150 lb. G.P. fused tail only, and targets over 1,000 tons could be bombed both with the 250 lb. G.Ps fused tail only and the 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs. The only incident on this trip was that the aircraft was fired at by land based light flak near Pagoda Point. It landed at Base at 17.20.
		1100	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (EV834) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "CJ.21" (10 M/Vs and 1 E/V) and was on patrol from 1200 until 1745 landing back at Base at 1842.
		1420	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort. It relieved Liberator "C" at 1622, but was almost immediately signalled by Base to return due to bad weather. It landed at Base at 1854.
	23.3.44	0512	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV833) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "JC.41" (16 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs) which was covered from 0549 until 1518. Liberator "Z" relieved and the aircraft landed at Base at 1555.
		0520	Liberator MK.VI "M" (EV848) (P/O Banks & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to the Tanker "Saidja" (plus 1 E/V). The Tanker was escorted from 0637 to 1708 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1745.
		0645	Liberator MK.III. "K" (FL912) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Brown Patrol carrying the new load of 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025 secs and 5 x 250 lb. G.P. N. & T. Inst. Bad weather was experienced before much of the patrol was completed and Base were informed of conditions at 11.40. At 12.40 they instructed the aircraft to return and it landed at Base at 1520.
		1420	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (EV834) (P/O. Gibson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "JC.41". It relieved Liberator "K" at 15.00 and continued escort until 18.22, landing at Base at 19.00.
		0900	Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne until 1315 on a "Loop Wide-Wide" Homing Exercise in conjunction with units of the Tactical Air Force. The exercise was completed satisfactorily, especially in view of the fact that it was the first of its kind.
			F/Lt. H. H. Barber (A & S. D. - SIGS) arrived on a 3 day visit from Bangalore on temporary Radar duty.
			The 28th Detachment of Officers, Senior N.C.Os and B.O.Rs left for Puri Rest Camp for a five day period.
	24.3.44	0535	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to the Tanker "Saidja" (plus 1 E/V). The tanker was escorted from 0636 to 1722 and the aircraft landed at Base at 18.50.

		0657	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (EV834) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Grey Patrol carrying the new load. No incidents were reported. Bombing and Gunnery Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 19?05.
		0930	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV833) (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 20 mins. on Air Firing and Fighter Affiliation.
		1115	Liberator MK.III "T?" (FK227) (F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 5 mins. on Bombing Practice and Fighter Affiliation.
	25.3.44	0440	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV830) (P/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "K/A.27" (5 M/Vs and 5 E/Vs) The Convoy was escorted from 0611 until 1526 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1625.
		0525	Liberator MK.III. "T?" (FK227) (F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Green Patrol carrying the new load. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1556.
		1405	Liberator MK.VI. "M" (EV848) (F/O Banks & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "MA. 27" relieving Liberator "L" at 1447 and continuing escort until 2054. It landed at Base at 2145.
		1030	Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV829) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours 25 mins. on Bombing Practice and Fighter Affiliation.
		1245	Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ862) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 45 mins. on Bombing Practice and Fighter Affiliation.
		1440	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (EV934) (P/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 15 mins. on Bombing Practice and Fighter Affiliation.
			Liberator MK.VI. (EV856) was delivered to the Squadron to replace Liberator MkIII. (FL912) which was to be flown to Wawnpore for a Major Inspection. It was lettered "K" as was its predecessor.
			W/Cdr. Page (Australian Liaison Officer) visited the Squadron.
			S/Ldr. Summer (225 Group Navigation Officer) arrived by air with a delegation of G.R. Navigation Specialists from Cranage, and held an informal discussion with the Squadron's Navigators.
	26.3.44	0540	Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV829) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "MA.27". It was escorted from 07.00 until 14.00 and the aircraft landed at Base at 16.30.
		0640	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (EV834) (P/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Scarlet Patrol carrying the new load. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 17.00.
		1220	Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ862) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "MA.27" relieving Liberator "H" at 1349 and continuing escort until 1723. The aircraft landed at Base at 1916.
		0925	Liberator MK.III. "T" (FK227) (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) was airborne for 1 3/4 hours on Radar Training and Fighter Affiliation.
			Liberator MK.III. "K" (FL912) was taken by a Ferry Crew to Cawnpore for its Major Inspection.
		1930	The Squadron Intelligence Officer gave a talk to G.O.Rs on the Squadron's Activities and the General War Situation. There was on of a new series of talks designed to give airmen an interesting background for the hard work they were doing.
	27.3.44	0640	Liberator MK.III. "T" (FK227) (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Gold Patrol carrying the new load. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1802.
		0950	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV830) (F/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 5 mins., on Radar Practice and Fighter Affiliation.
		1340	Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ862) (F/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 5 mins., on Radar Practice and Fighter Affiliation.
	28.3.44	0650	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on A/S

			Escort to Convoy "CH.18" (6 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs). The Convoy was escorted from 0905 until 1640, and the aircraft landed at Base at 1750.
		0705	Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV829) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Black Patrol carrying the new load. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1725.
		0855	Liberator MK. V. "A" (BZ862) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne for 1 hour, 50 mins. on Radar Practice and Fighter Affiliation.
		1350	Liberator MK. V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 30 mins. on Radar Practice and Fighter Affiliation.
	29.3.44	0540	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV830) (P/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Scarlet Patrol. A Sweep round a Convoy was effected on the way out. Soon after the patrol commenced a hydraulic leak developed and at 09.00 the Captain decided to return to Base. He landed at 11.20.
			The 29th Detachment of Officers, Senior N.C.Os and B.O.Rs left for Puri Rest Camp for a five day period.
	30.3.44	0645	Liberator MK.III. "T" (FK227) (F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Brown Patrol carrying the new load. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1650.
	31.3.44	0445	Liberator MK.V. "C" (BZ865) (P/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on a A/S Escort. Heavy rain necessitated circling Shortts Light until 0555. Convoy "CH.19" was escorted from 0650 until 1020 and Convoy "HC.49" from 1028 onwards. The aircraft landed at Base at 1824.
		0559	Liberator Mk.V. "V" (P/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "JC.42" (9 M/Vs & 2 E/Vs). The Convoy was escorted from 0711 until 1810, and the aircraft landed at Base at 1903.
		0642	Liberator MK.VI. "M" (EV848) (F/O Banks & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Gold Patrol carrying the new load. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1710.
		0757	Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "CJ.22" (13 M/Vs & 1 E/V). the Convoy was escorted from 0634 until 1821 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1917.
		0930	Liberator MK.V. "X" (EV833) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne for 1 hour on Fighter Affiliation.
			These were the full establishment of 12 aircraft on the Squadron at this date, i.e. 1 MK.III; 5 MK.V.; 6 MK.VI. The average serviceability was 71.3%.
			The Crew Strength was 15, plus 1 part crew and 1 spare Navigator.
			The Month's Operational Flying Hours were - 769.05 by Day and 245.35 by Night.
			Training Hours were - Flying 85.15; Ground Instruction 386.00
			Ammunition Expended - .5 Ammo - 11,255 rounds; .3 Ammo - 21,200 rounds.
			Bombs Dropped - 11 1/2 Practice - 269; 250 lb. G.P. - 13; 500 lb. G.P. - 5.

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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
Lib: P. Mk.V.	P/O Badgley & Crew	A/S Escort HC.39?-Ch.8.	292340	011044	Flying Time 12 hrs 04mins. See Sortie Report No.2
Lib: H. Mk.VI.	S/L Hanson & Crew	Max. Green 2A	010227	011355	Flying Time 11 hrs 28 mins. See Sortie Report No.3
Lib: L. Mk.VI.	F/O Banks & Crew	A/S Escort M? A. 2?5.	010945	012115	Flying Time 11 hrs 30 mins. See Sortie Report No.4
Lib: T. Mk.IIIA	S/L. McKenzie & Crew	Max. Gold 2A	012330	021029	Flying Time 10 hrs 59 mins. See Sortie Report No.5
Lib: A. Mk. V.	Sgt. Tomlinson & Crew	A/S Escort M.A.25.	012304	021052	Flying Time 11 hrs 48 mins. See Sortie Report No.6
Lib: X. Mk.VI.	F/O Horner & Crew	A/S Escort M.A.25.	020925	022030	Flying Time 11 hrs 5 mins. See Sortie Report No.7
Lib: S. Mk.V.	P/O Beaton & Crew	Max. Grey 1C.	030030	030958	Flying Time 9 hrs 28 mins. See Sortie Report No.8
Lib: K. Mk.IIIA	F/O Skinner & Crew	A/S Escort M.A.25.	032325	031135	Flying Time 12 hrs 10 mins. See Sortie Report No.9
Lib: P. Mk.V.	P/O Badgley & Crew	A/S Escort M.A.25.	030726	031443	Flying Time 7 hrs 17 mins. See Sortie Report No.10
Lib: X. Mk.VI.	F/O Horner & Crew	A/S Escort H.C.40 & C.H.9.	032203	040904	Flying Time 11 hrs 01 mins. See Sortie Report No.11
Lib: Z. Mk.VI	P/O Stanley & Crew	Max. Scarlet 1A	032340	041027	Flying Time 10 hrs 47 mins. See Sortie Report No.12
Lib: C MK.V.	F/O Nicholl & Crew	Search	042317	051053	Flying Time 11 hrs 36 mins. See Sortie Report No.13. Search for A/C and survivors 2258/98? 4 Mar.
Lib: T Mk.IIIA	F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew	Max. Gold 4A	050249 ?	051413	Flying Time 11 hrs 24 mins. See Sortie Report No.14.
Lib: K Mk.	F/O Skinner & Crew	A/S Escort A.N?1.	062310	061135	Flying Time 12 hrs 25 mins. See Sortie Report No.15
Lib: L Mk.VI.	F/O Banks & Crew	Search	062345	060950	Flying Time 10 hrs 05 mins. See Sortie Report No.16. Search for survivors of Catalina R/357 - 2250/08?/5 Mar.
Lib: A. Mk.V.	F/Sgt. Tomlinson & Crew	A/S Escort A.N?1.	060955	062200	Flying Time 12 hrs 05 mins. See Sortie Report No.17
Lib: H .Mk.VI.	F/O Leslie & Crew	Max. Green 2A	060310	061421	Flying Time 11 hrs 11 mins. See Sortie Report No.18
Lib: Z. Mk.VI	P/O Gibson & Crew	A/S Escort J. C. 39.	062137	070850	Flying Time 11 hrs 13 mins. See Sortie Report No.19
Lib: L. Mk.VI.	P/O Maguire & Crew	Max. Brown 1A	070030	071000	Flying Time 9 hrs 30 mins. See Sortie Report No.20
Lib: P. Mk.V.	P/O Badgley & Crew	A/S Escort J.C.39.	070519	071726	Flying Time 12 hrs 07 mins. See Sortie Report No.21

Lib: S. Mk.V.	P/O Beaton & Crew	Max Black 1C	080028	081015	Flying Time 9 hrs 47 mins. See Sortie Report No.22
Lib: Z. Mk.VI.	F/O Stanley	Max. Brown 1A	090642	091501	Flying Time 9 hrs 19 mins. See Sortie Report No.23
Lib: T. Mk.IIIA	S/L Mackenzie	Max Gold 4A	092042	100820	Flying Time 11 hrs 38 mins. See Sortie Report No.24
Lib: C. Mk. V.	F/O Nicholl	A.S. Escort C.H.11 H.C.42	092206	101117	Flying Time 13 hrs 11 mins. See Sortie Report No.25
Lib: S. Mk.V.	P/O Beaton & Crew	Max. Scarlet 1.C.	110027	111106	Flying Time 10 hrs 39 mins. See Sortie Report No.26
Lib: P. Mk.V.	P/O Badgley, & Crew	A/S Escort J.C.39A	112200	121133	Flying Time 13 hrs 33 mins. See Sortie Report No.27
Lib: K. Mk.IIIA	F/O Skinner & Crew	Max. Gold 4C	120454	121615	Flying Time 11 hrs 21 mins. See Sortie Report No.28
Lib: X. Mk.VI.	F/O Horner, & Crew	A/S Escort J.C.39A	120855	122005	Flying Time 11 hrs 10 mins. See Sortie Report No.29
Lib: T. Mk.IIIA	F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew	Max Green 4A	122024	130742	Flying Time 11 hrs 18 mins. See Sortie Report No.30
Lib: C. Mk.V.	F/O Nicholl, & Crew	A/S Escort C.H.12 H.C.43.	122219	131150	Flying Time 13 hrs 31 mins. See Sortie Report No.31
Lib: H. Mk.VI.	F/O Leslie & Crew	Max. Scarlet 3A	140240	141353	Flying Time 11 hrs 13 mins. See Sortie Report No.32
Lib: C. Mk.V.	F/O Banks, & Crew	A/S Escort J.C.40.	140427	141625	Flying Time 11 hrs 58 mins. See Sortie Report No.33
Lib: X. Mk.VI.	P/O Horner & Crew	A/S Escort C.J.20.	141546	150322	Flying Time 11 hrs 36 mins. See Sortie Report No.34
Lib: T. Mk.IIIA	S/L Mackenzie & Crew	Max Grey 1C	150156	151056	Flying Time 9 hrs 00 mins. See Sortie Report No.35
Lib: Z. Mk.VI.	P/O Stanley & Crew.	A/S Escort C.J.20.	150143	151412	Flying Time 12 hrs 29 mins. See Sortie Report No.36.
Lib: P. Mk.V.	P/O Badgley & Crew	A/S Escort J.C.40	141558	150518	Flying Time 13 hrs 20 mins. See Sortie Report No.37
Lib: K. Mk.IIIA	F/O Skinner & Crew	Escort J.C.40	150137	151430	Flying Time 12 hrs 53 mins. See Sortie Report No.38
Lib: H. Mk.VI.	F/O Leslie & Crew	A/S Escort M.A.26.	152325	161045	Flying Time 12 hrs 40 mins. See Sortie Report No.39
Lib: P. Mk. V.	P/O Badgley & Crew	A/S Escort C.J.20.	152205	161129	Flying Time 10 hrs 34 mins. See Sortie Report No.40
Lib: T. Mk.IIIA	F/S Jorgenson & Crew	Max. Green 1C	160347	161345	Flying Time 9 hrs 58 mins. See Sortie Report No.41
Lib: Z. Mk.VI.	P/O Gibson, & Crew	A/S Escort M.A.26.	160815	162050	Flying Time 12 hrs 35 mins. See Sortie Report No.42
Lib: X. Mk.VI.	F/O Horner, & Crew	Search	161231	170100	Flying Time 12 hrs 29 mins. See Sortie Report No.43. Search for U/Boat and survivors of Al Madina.
Lib: A. Mk.V.	P/O Tomlinson & Crew	A/S Escort M.A.26.	161652	170648	Flying Time 14 hrs 56 mins. See Sortie Report No.44
Lib: V. Mk.V.	F/O Munday & Crew	Search	162104	170921	Flying Time 12 hrs 17 mins. See Sortie Report No.45. Search for U/Boat and survivors of Al Madina.
Lib: H. Mk.VI.	F/O Leslie & Crew	Max Brown 1A	170428	171340	Flying Time 9 hrs 12 mins. See Sortie Report No.46
Lib: A.	P/O Tomlinson &	A/S Search	171855	180745	Flying Time 13 hrs 50 mins.

Mk.V.	Crew.				See Sortie Report No.47. A/S search relative to U/boat sighting in position 2050N-8906E.
Lib: V. Mk.V.	F/O Munday & Crew	A/S Search	171929	180745(sic)	Flying Time 12 hrs 17 mins. See Sortie Report No.48. A/S search relative to U/boat sighting in position 2050N-8906E
Lib: K. Mk.IIIA.	F/O Skinner & Crew	A/S Search	172100	181000	Flying Time 13 hrs 00 mins. See Sortie Report No.49. A/S search relative to U/boat sighting in position 2050N-8906E
Lib: P. Mk.V.	P/O Badgley & Crew	Search	180156	181255	Flying Time 10 hrs 59 mins. A/S search relative to U/boat sighting in position 2050N-8906E See Sortie Report No.50.
Lib: Z. Mk.VI.	F/O Stanley & Crew	Search	180427	181655	Flying Time 12 hrs 38 mins. A/S search relative to U/boat sighting in position 2050N-8906E See Sortie Report No.51
Lib: H. Mk.VI.	F/O Leslie & Crew	Search	180355	181645	Flying Time 12 hrs 50 mins. A/S search relative to U/boat sighting in position 2050N-8906E See Sortie Report No.52
Lib:L. Mk.VI.	F/O Maguire & Crew	Search	180640	181940	Flying Time 13 hrs 00 mins. A/S search relative to U/boat sighting in position 2050N-8906E See Sortie Report No.53
Lib: A. Mk.V.	Sgt. Tomlinson & Crew	Search	181401	190335(sic)	Flying Time 10 hrs 26 mins. A/S search relative to U/boat sighting in position 2050N-8906E See Sortie Report No.54
Lib: X. Mk.VI.	F/O Horner & Crew	Search	181327	190155(sic)	Flying Time 11 hrs 32 mins. A/S search relative to U/boat sighting in position 2050N-8906E See Sortie Report No.55
Lib: M. Mk.VI	F/O Banks & Crew	Search	180930	182210	Flying Time 12 hrs 40 mins. A/S search relative to U/boat sighting in position 2050N-8906E See Sortie Report No.56
Lib: K. Mk.IIIA.	F/O Skinner & Crew	Search	181914	190814	Flying Time 11 hrs 00 mins. A/S search relative to U/boat sighting in position 2050N-8906E See Sortie Report No.57
Lib: V.	F/O Munday & Crew	Search	181553	190530(sic)	Flying Time 10 hrs 23 mins.

Mk.V.				}	A/S search relative to U/boat sighting in position 2050N-8906E See Sortie Report No.58
Lib: M. Mk.VI.	P/O Banks & Crew	Search	190554	191532{sic }	Flying Time 9 hrs 36 mins. A/S search relative to U/boat sighting in position 2050N-8906E See Sortie Report No.59
Lib: Z. Mk.VI.	P/O Gibson & Crew	Search	182255	191225	Flying Time 10 hrs 30 mins. A/S search relative to U/boat sighting in position 2050N-8906E See Sortie Report No.60
Lib: L. Mk.VI.	F/O Maguire & Crew	Search	190225	191500	Flying Time 12 hrs 35 mins. A/S search relative to U/boat sighting in position 2050N-8906E See Sortie Report No.61
Lib: L. Mk.VI.	F/O Maguire & Crew	Search	200330	201255	Flying Time 9 hrs 25 mins. A/S search relative to U/boat sighting in position 2050N-8906E See Sortie Report No.62
Lib: V. Mk.V.	S/L McKenzie & Crew	Search	190636	191622	Flying Time 9 hrs 46 mins. A/S search relative to U/boat sighting in position 2050N-8906E See Sortie Report No.63
Lib: X Mk.VI.	F/O Horner & Crew	Search	190830	192010	Flying Time 11 hrs 40 mins. A/S search relative to U/boat sighting in position 2050N-8906E See Sortie Report No.64
Lib: K. Mk.IIIA.	F/O Skinner & Crew	A/S Escort CH15	192245	201129	Flying Time 11 hrs 16 mins. See Sortie Report No.65
Lib: V. Mk.V.	P/O Munday & Crew	A/S Escort HC46	220752	2221224	Flying Time 4 hrs 32 mins. See Sortie Report No.66
Lib: Z. Mk.VI.	F/O Stanley & Crew	A/S Escort CJ21	220428	221212	Flying Time 7 hrs 44 mins. See Sortie Report No.67
Lib: T. Mk.111A	S/L. McKenzie & Crew	A/S Escort C.J.20	220013	221156	Flying Time 11 hrs 43 mins. See Sortie Report No.68
Lib: C. Mk.V.	F/O Nicholl &* Crew	A/S Escort H.C.46. & C.H?16.	212240	221202	Flying Time 10 hrs 38 mins. See Sortie Report No.69
Lib: L. Mk.VI.	P/O Maguire & Crew.	Max. Gold. 1A	220040	221050	Flying Time 10 hrs 10 mins. See Sortie Report No.70
Lib: K. Mk.IIIA.	F/O Skinner & Crew.	Max. Brown 1A	230019	230850	Flying Time 8 hrs 31 mins. See Sortie Report No.71
Lib: X. Mk.VI.	F/O Horner & Crew.	A/S Escort J.C.41.	222242	230925	Flying Time 11 hrs 17 mins. See Sortie Report No.72
Lib: M. Mk.VI.	F/O Banks & Crew.	A/S Escort to Tanker "Saidja"	222225	231115	Flying Time 12 hrs 25 mins. See Sortie Report No.73
Lib: Z. Mk.VI	P/O Gibson & Crew	A/S Escort to J.C.41	230750	231230	Flying Time 4 hrs 40 mins. See Sortie Report No.74

Lib: V. Mk.V.	F/O Munday & Crew	A/S Escort to Tanker "Saidja"	232306	241220	Flying Time 13 hrs 14 mins. See Sortie Report No.75
Lib: Z. Mk.VI.	F/O Stanley & Crew	Max.Grey 1C	240027	241035	Flying Time 10 hrs 08 mins. See Sortie Report No.76
Lib: T. Mk.IIIA	F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew	Max. Green	242255	250726	Flying Time 10 hrs 31 mins. See Sortie Report No.77
Lib: L. Mk.VI.	P/O Maguire & Crew	A/S Escort to M.A.27.	242210	250955	Flying Time 11 hrs 45 mins. See Sortie Report No.78
Lib: M. Mk.VI.	F/O Banks & Crew	A/S Escort to M.A.27.	250735	251515	Flying Time 7 hrs 40 mins. See Sortie Report No.79
Lib: Z. Mk.VI.	F/O Gibson & Crew	Maxim Scarlet 2A	260010	261030	Flying Time 10 hrs 20 mins. See Sortie Report No.80
Lib: A. Mk.V.	P/O Tomlinson & Crew	A/S Escort to M.A.27.	260547	261246	Flying Time 6 hrs 59 mins. See Sortie Report No.81
Lib: H. Mk.VI.	F/O Leslie & Crew	A/S Escort to M.A.27.	252310	261000	Flying Time 10 hrs 50 mins. See Sortie Report No.82
Lib: T. Mk.IIIA	S/L. McKenzie & Crew	Maxim Gold 4A	270010	271132	Flying Time 11 hrs 22 mins. See Sortie Report No.83
Lib: H. Mk.VI.	F/O Leslie & Crew	Maxim Black.3A.	280036	281055	Flying Time 10 hrs 19 mins. See Sortie Report No.84
Lib: V. Mk.V.	F/O Munday & Crew.	A/S Escort to C.H.18.	280026	281118	Flying Time 10 hrs 52 mins. See Sortie Report No.85
Lib: L. Mk.VI.	F/O Maguire & Crew	Maxim Scarlet 1C	282310	290450	Flying Time 5 hrs 40 mins. See Sortie Report No.86
Lib: T. Mk.IIIA.	F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew.	Maxim Brown 4A	300015	301022	Flying Time 10 hrs 7 mins. See Sortie Report No.87
Lib: M. Mk.VI.	F/O Banks & Crew	Maxim Gold 1A	310012	311040	Flying Time 10 hrs 28 mins. See Sortie Report No.88
Lib: C. Mk.V.	F/O Nicholl & Crew	A/S Escort C.H.19 H.C. 49.	302215	31154	Flying Time 13 hrs 39 mins. See Sortie Report No.89
Lib: V. Mk.V.	F/O Munday & Crew.	A/S Escort J.C.42.	302331	311233{sic }	Flying Time 12 hrs 54 mins. See Sortie Report No.90
Lib: P. Mk.V.	F/O Badgley & Crew	A/S Escort C.J.22.	310127	311247	Flying Time 11 hrs 20 mins. See Sortie Report No.91

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Cuttack	1.4.44	0635	Liberator MK.III. "Y" (FK227) (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Green Patrol carrying the new load of 3 x 500 G.P.T.D. .025 secs. and 5 x 250 Lb. G. P. N. & T. inst. At 0956 one Enemy Aircraft (Sally MK.III) top surfaces camouflaged olive green and brown, was sighted below "Y" (which was flying at 1,000 feet) 700 yards astern at a height of 500 feet approx. It commenced firing almost immediately at a range of 500 yards and "Y" turned in towards the attack. Sally scored several hits in the first attack and in addition damaged the intercom system, thus severely handicapping the crew of "Y". Sally made three further attacks on the starboard quarter at an average range of 3 - 400 yards. "Y" replied with all guns, but although strikes were observed on the enemy, no visible damage was observed. "Sally"s Mid-Upper Gunner however ceased firing at this time and the enemy broke away to the South. No Further attacks were made. Damage to "Y?" comprised: - Radar shot up, bullet holes in Starboard Wing and Port Wheel and Cannon Shell holes in the tail. Also No. 1 engine was observed to be smoking. At 1005, the aircraft set course for Base, climbing to 6,000 feet. E.T.A. was 1330. At 1020 all bombs were jettisoned. At 1030, No. 1 engine was definitely becoming u/s and stopped completely, the Captain being unable to feather the aircrew (the trouble was afterwards found to be bullet holes in oil pipes). A message was sent to Base "B&R-Engine shot up". The aircraft returned safely and landed at Base at 1340. The Port tyre collapsed on landing but caused no damage. ⁷
		0920	Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV829) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne for 1 hour on Fighter Affiliation.
		1005	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV833) (F/O Horner & Crew) followed at 1025 by Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (EV834) (F/O Gibson & Crew) were airborne on a "Rooster" Bombing Exercise. Both aircraft successfully homed onto each other, and then carried out formation flying practice on the return journey to Base. This was followed by half an hour's Formation Fighter Affiliation Practice. "Z" landed at 1550 and "X" at 1605.
		1130	Liberator MK.VI. "M" (EV848) (F/O Banks & Crew) followed at 1205 by Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) were airborne on a "Loop Wide-Wide Homing Exercise. Both aircraft successfully homed onto each other, and carried out Formation Flying Practice on the return journey to Base. "V" landed at 1625 followed by "M" at 1640.
	2.4.44	0640	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (EV834) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Black Patrol, carrying the new load. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1658.
		0950	Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV829) (P/O Leslie & Crew) followed at 0955 by Liberator MK.VI. "M" (EV848) (F/O Banks & Crew) were airborne on a successful "Rooster" Homing Formation Flying and Formation Fighter Affiliation Exercise. "H" landed at 1415 and "M" at 1425.
		1130	Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) followed by 1145 by Liberator MK.V. "C" (BZ865) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on successful "Loop Wide-Wide Homing Formation Flying and Formation Fighter Affiliation Exercise. They landed at 16.30.
			Liberator MK.VI. (EV840) was delivered as a replacement to Liberator MK.III "T?" (FK227)

⁷ Gwynne-Timothy in his book "Burma Liberators" uses T as a/c letter.

			The 30th detachment of Officers, S.N.C.Os and B.O.Rs left for Puri Rest Camp for a 5 days period.
3.4.44	0510		Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "CH.19" (2 M/Vs & 2 E/Vs). the Convoy was escorted from 0536 until 1815 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1845.
	0540		Liberator MK.V. "C" (BZ865) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "MA.28" (1 M/V & 1 E/V). the Convoy was escorted from 0636 until 1830 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1915.
	0950		Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV829) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne on transit to Amarda Road for participation in the usual Bomber Refresher Course.
	1055		Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (EV834) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Grey Patrol carrying the new load. At 1656, a Fishing Vessel was attacked with .5 guns. Strikes were observed and its crew dived overboard. Th A/C landed at Base at 2205.
	1105		Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy H.C.50. at 1216, the Convoy was found to be not in position. Search was carried out until 1443 when a "not Met" Signal was sent to Control. At 1905, a message from Base stated "Convoy Not Sailed" and this was followed at 1935 by a further message which ordered landing by 2220. The aircraft flew up and down traffic lanes until 2130 and landed at Base at 2220.
	1710		Liberator MK. "A" (BZ862) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne, but returned with engine trouble and landed at Base at 1755.
	1830		Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV833) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy MA29A It was escorted from 1900 until 0445 and the A/C landed at Base at 0605.
			P/O Parkhouse (Pilot) proceeded to Ranchi by rail for an Aircraft Recognition Course.
4.4.44	0955		Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (EV834) (P/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Scarlet Patrol. At 1531, 2 Fishing Vessels were attacked with .5 guns. One was sunk and the other was left sinking. At 1532, a message from Base stated "Return by 1845". At 1540, small boats were sighted on the beach and strafed. The aircraft landed at Base at 1905.
	1117		Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (P/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "CJ.22A" (5 landing craft, 2 M/Vs and 1 E/V). The Convoy was escorted from 1157 until the aircraft was ordered to Base at 1800 due to weather. It landed at Base at 1832.
			F/O (A/F/L) F. E. Prior arrived on posting to the F/Lt. Engineering Post from B. H. Q., Calcutta.
			F/Lt. (A/S/L) R. L. Hanson returned to the Unit on cessation of attachment to Vizagapatam and resumed Command of "A" Flight.
5.4.44	0530		Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV830) (F/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "CJ.22A". (5 "Z" craft, 2 M/Vs & 1 E/V). The convoy was escorted from 0633 until a relief arrived at 1330, and the A/C landed at Base at 1435.
	0935		Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (P/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Brown Patrol. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 2040.
	1150		Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "CJ.22A". relieving Liberator "L" at 1330 and continuing escort until 2255. It landed at Base at 2355.
6.4.44	0500		Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "CJ.22A", escorting it from 0615 to 1534 and landing at Base at 1710.
	0505??		Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV833) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on A/S

			Gunnery Leader's Course. {bottom l.h.s. of frame 136 too light to read}
9.4.44	0335		Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "CJ.23" (1 M/V & 2 E/Vs) escorting it from 0415 until 1505 landing at Base at 1543.
	1420		Liberator MK.VI. "M" (EV848) (F/O Banks & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy CJ.23 escorting it from 1432 until 0100, landing at Base at 0215/10th.
	0640		Liberator Mk. VI. "Z" (EV834) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Scarlet Patrol. At. 1244 w Small Boats containing boxes were sighted in an inlet and shot up. Strikes were observed. No further incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 18?45.
			P/O J.C. McNeil (Tech(S)Radar) arrived on posting w.e.f. 1.2.44.
10.4.44	0915		Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Grey Patrol. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1925.
	2030		Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV833) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Gold Patrol. This was the first Night Maxim Patrol attempted. It had been decided to attempt 3 or 4 of these during the full moon period to try and detect possible night shipping movement. Although visibility conditions were excellent even when the moon was directly overhead, no sightings were made. The aircraft landed at Base at 0750.
	2255		Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy CJ.23A (The tanker Saidja). Difficulty was experienced in finding the vessel and at 0337 a "Not Met" signal was sent. At 0800 its Escort Vessel was sighted at Western Channel Light and it intimated that the Saidja was probably to the South. It was finally sighted at 1002 and escorted until 1030. The aircraft landed at Base at 1105.
			Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) flew to St Thomas' Mount on a two days detachment for Fighter Affiliation.
11.4.44	1605		Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV830) (F/O Batey - acting as Captain to S/Ldr. McKenzie's Crew) (with F/O Nicholl as Screen Captain) was airborne on A/S Escort to the Tanker Saidja which it escorted from 1605? Until 0335/12th. landing at base at 0420.
	20?05		Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (F/O Skinner? & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy CH.22 (3 M/Vs & 3 E/Vs) escorting it from 2140?? to 0650/12th., landing at base at 0750.
	2155		Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (EV834) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Green Patrol. Although night visibility was very good, and considered sufficient to bomb shipping by moonlight, no sightings were made, and the aircraft landed at Base at 0935/12th.
	2000		E.N.S.A. visited the Unit for the first time and gave an excellent and much appreciated Free Show, called "Chinese Crackers".
12.4.44	0102		Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ905) (F/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to the Tanker Saidja escorting it from 0236 until it reached Vizag at 1021, landing at Base at 1206.
			The following Officers and N.C.Os were authorised the 1939-1943 Star Ribbon:- W/Cdr. K. J. Mellor, D.F.C., S/Ldr. E. I Hanson, D.F.C., S/Ldr. G. McKenzie, F/Lt. J. K. Symonds F/Lt. I. S. Currie, F/Lt. C? Wilson, F/O C. B. Burridge, F/O S. I. Lean, F/O J. Michell, F/O H. V. Stinson, F/O M. Batey, F/O J. L. Maguire, F/O C ?. Marshall, F/O. G. J. Munday, F/O C. J. Skinner, F/O R. E. Banks, F/O D. K. Horner, F/O A. Jackson, F/O F. A. Keetley, F/O W. H. Pedlar, F/O W. A. Porterfield, F/O R. Bracey, F/O R? R? Smith, F/O G. W. Tomlinson, P/O G. Ibbotson, P/O C. V. Wolstenholme, P/O J. A. Badgley, P/O R. A. Beaton, P/O J. S. Ingram, P/O H. J. Kelehar, P/O D? S. C. Slauenwhite, P/O

			W. D. C. Smiley, P/O J. Smith, P/O C. C. McCormack, P/O E. E. Goldsworthy, W/O Bott, W/O Hughes, W/O Bangs, W/O Mulhern, W/O Brodie, W/O Mullin, F/Sgt. Randall, F/Sgt. Maze, F/Sgt. Bond, F/Sgt. Ferguson, F/Sgt. George, F/Sgt. McGaughran, F/Sgt. Watson, F/Sgt. Whale, F/Sgt. Hewko, F/Sgt. Flower, F/Sgt. Cliffe, F/Sgt. Leonard, F/Sgt. Tout, F/Sgt. Thomas, F/Sgt. Larsen, F/Sgt. Scholl, F/Sgt. Long, F/Sgt. Wilkinson, F/Sgt. Strong, Sgt. Clements, Sgt. Armstrong, Sgt. Douglas, Sgt. Tye, Sgt. Barber, Sgt. Baker, Sgt. Constable, Sgt. Kearns, Sgt. Hogg, Sgt. Butchart, Sgt. Graber, Sgt. Dale, Sgt. Worsley, Sgt. Tobin, Sgt. Gray, Sgt. Robinson, Sgt. Tester, Sgt. Vaughan, Sgt. Chlke, F/Sgt. Baty, Sgt. DeCruyenaere.
			The 31st detachment of Officers, Senior N.C.Os and B.O.Rs left for Puri Rest Camp for a five day period.
	13.4.44	0347	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Brown Patrol. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1236.
			P/O F. J. M?eizer? arrived back from Calcutta on completion of Gunnery Leaders Course.
	14.4.44	0055	Liberator MK.VI "M"(EV848) (F/O Banks & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy "CH.23" (1 M/V & 2 E/Vs). The convoy was escorted from 0235 until 1152 (by Radar Contact until daybreak) and the aircraft landed at Base at 1310.
		0248	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (EV834) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Black Patrol. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1455.
		0710	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy JC.43B (1 M/V towed by a tug and 1 E/V). It was escorted from 0955 until 1905 and the A/C landed at Base at 2030.
		1749	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy JC.43B. , escorting it from 1934 until 0617(15th) and landing at Base at 0931??
		0900	Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ862) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne, followed at 1045 by Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV833) (F/O Batey Capt. To S/Ldr. McKenzie's Crew) on a successful "Wide-Wide" Homing Exercise, simulating Operational conditions and procedure. "A" landed at 1420 followed by "X" at 1430.
	15.4.44	0521	Liberator MK.VI. "M" (EV848)(F/O Batey & S/Ldr. McKenzie's Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to the Convoy JC.43B, escorting it from 0630 to 1650 and landing at Base at 1726.
		0750	Liberator MK.VI "X" (EV833) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Grey Patrol. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1830.
		1000	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV830) (F/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy HC.54 (5 M/Vs and 3 E/Vs) escorting it from 1105 to 1900 and landing at Base at 2145.
		1400	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (EV834) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne to Cawnpore?, to undergo a Major Inspection.
		1600	Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ862) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to the Convoy JC.43B, escorting it from 1644 to 0341, landing at Base at 0425.
			F/Lt. (A/S/L) ? ? McKenzie (O.C. "B" Flight) was discharged from General Hospital, Cuttack.
			F/O R. ? ? o?ney? (Nav.B) was admitted to General Hospital Cuttack (N.Y.D.)
	16.4.44	0156	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on A/S escort to Convoy JC.44, (8? M/Vs & 2 E/Vs), but being out of position they

			were unable to find it until 10?3. It was then escorted until 1614 and the A/C landed at Base at 1721.
		0520	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy JC.43B, escorting it from 0603 to 1645 and landing at Base at 1750.
		0652	Liberator MK.V. "M" (EV848) (F/O Banks & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Scarlet Patrol. The only incident reported was some Heavy A.A. Fire (10 Bursts) from a Coastal Battery at 1340. The aircraft landed at Base at 1715.
		0755	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy CJ.24B (3 L/S/Ts and 1 E/V) escorting it from 0844 to 1145 when upon W/T instructions from Base it transferred escort to Convoy CJ.24 (15 M/Vs and 1 E/V) until 1920. It landed at Base at 2000.
	17.4.44	0625	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (F/O Batey Capt. to S/Ldr. McKenzie's Crew) was airborne on Maxim Gold Patrol. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1520.
		0825	Liberator MK.V "A" (BZ862) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy JC.44A (1 Tanker, 1 M/V & 1 E/V) escorting it from 0952 to 1952 and landing at Base at 2037.
		1000	G/Capt. Clayton, S/Ldr. Hanson and other Officers of 173 Wing and the Squadron proceeded by air to Bwuruneswar?, to make further arrangements with regard to accommodation for the Unit's proposed move. They returned at 1300.
			The 33rd detachment of Officers, S.N.C.Os and B.O.Rs left for Puri Rest Camp for a five day period.
	18.4.44	0515	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV830) (F/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to the Convoy JC.44, escorting it from 0610 until 0927 & landing at Base at 1030.
		0700	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Green Patrol. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1725.
		0710	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy HC.55. (4 M/Vs & 3 E/Vs) escorting it from 0844 to 1740 and landing at Base at 1845.
			At this stage Maximum Shade Temperatures begin to exceed 100° F. The working hours for personnel working on aircraft were revised to 0600-1300 and 1700 to 1900. Other personnel still worked during the afternoon. Heat was having an adverse effect on petrol tanks (causing leaks) and on batteries, melting them, and causing the danger of explosion in mid-air. Air Scoops were incorporated for cooling them in the air, but the danger on the ground was still apparent. All possible precautions were taken.
			AUS 413845 F/Sgt. Flower J. H. (Nav.B) was appointed to a Commission (w.e.f. 19.12.43)
	19.4.44	0630	Liberator MK.V. "C" (BZ865) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Brown Patrol. No incidents were reported and it landed at Base at 1740.
		0840	Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ863) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) followed by Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) at 1120 were airborne on a "Loop Wide-Wide" Homing Exercise landing at 1435 and 1440 respectively.
			500 x 11 1/2 lb. Practice Bombs at last arrived, after a wait of nearly a month.
	20.4.44	0525	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Black Patrol. Bombing and Gunnery Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1625.
		0845	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew) followed at 1040 by Liberator MK.V. "C" (BZ865) (F/O Nichol & Crew) was airborne on "Loop Wide-Wide" Homing Exercise An unserviceable transmitter spoilt the exercise and they landed at Base at 1120.
		0925	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV830) (P/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne for 3 hours

			on Bombing Practice.
	21.4.44	0428	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV833) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort. Convoy CH.25 (2 M/Vs & 3 E/Vs) was escorted from 0544 to 0830 and Convoy HC56 (3 M/Vs & 2 E/Vs) from 0832 to 1440. The A/C landed at Base at 1625.
		0952	Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ862) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Grey Patrol. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 2107.
		1253	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (P/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy HC56, escorting it from 1413 to 1920, land at Base at 2120.
		0800	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew) wa airborne for 4 hours, 10 mins. on Bombing & Air Firing Practice.
		0845	Liberator MK.VI. "M" (EV848) (F/O Banks & Crew) followed at 1055 by Liberator MK.VI. "?" (EV950) (F/O Batey Capt. to S/Ldr. McKenzie's Crew) was airborne on a "Rooster" Homing Exercise, landing at 1415 and 1445.
			Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) returned from attachment to Madras on completion of 10 days Fighter Affiliation with 146 Squadron.
			F/Lt. Wilson (Gunnery Leader) proceeded by air with G/Capt. Clayton (O/C 173 Wing) to a Conference with 172 Wing at Alipore, to arrange further Fighter Affiliation detachments.
	22.4.44	0957	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV833) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Scarlet Patrol. No incidents were reported, Bombing and Gunnery Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 2105.
			F/O Gibson & Crew returned from Cawnpore, where they had delivered Liberator Mk.VI. "Z" (EV834) for its Major Inspection.
			AUS.426090 F/Sgt. Goring, N. T. (WOP/AG) was appointed to a commission (w.e.f. ????)
	23.4.44	0622	Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (F/O Batey Capt. to S/Ldr. McKenzie's Crew) was airborne on Maxim Gold Patrol. No incidents were reported and the A/C landed at Base at ???????
		0923	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV830) (F/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy H?A.27 (1 Tanker 7 1 E/V) escorting it from 1040 to 1903 and landing at Base at 2113.
		0600	Liberator MK.VI. "M" (EV848) (P/O Burrows & Crew) was airborne for 3 3/4 hours on Bombing and Air Firing Practice.
			The 34th detachment of Officers, and S.N.C.Os left for Puri Rest Camp for a 5 days period.
	24.4.44	0425	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ898) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy Ch.26 (3 M/Vs & 2 E/Vs) escorting it from 0550 until 0915, carrying out Bombing and Gunnery Practice on the return journey and landing at Base at ????
		0911	Liberator MK.VI. (EV833) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Green Patrol. No incidents were reported. Practice Bombing and Gunnery took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1901.
		1300	Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ862) (F/O Burrows & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy HC.57 (6 M/Vs and 3 E/Vs) escorting it from 1439 to 1920 and landing at Base at 2140.
		1455	Liberator MK.V. "C" (BZ865) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy CJ.25 (17 M/Vs and 3 E/Vs) Escorting it from 1547 until 1945, carrying out standard sweep ahead and landing at Base 2056.
	25.4.44	0500	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV830) (F/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy CJ.25 (17 M/Vs & 1 E/V) escorting it from 0600 to 1440 and landing at Base at 1517.
		0740	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Brown Patrol. No incidents were reported. Bombing and Gunnery Practice

			took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1750.
		1350	Liberator MK. V. "C" (BZ865) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy CJ.25, escorting it from 1426 until 1934, carrying out a standard sweep ahead and landing at Base at 2105.
		0955	Liberator MK.VI. "M" (EV848) (S/Ldr. Hanson & Crew) was airborne for Radar Practice and also incorporated a morning trim to Bhuramastar? Re: Radar Accommodation. It returned to Base at 1210.
			Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV829) (F/O Leslie & Crew) returned on completion of its Bomber Refresher Course at Amarda Road.
	26.4.24	0415	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy CJ.25. The Convoy was only just contacted when a serious oil leak developed in No. 2 Engine and it was necessary to cut the engine and return to Base where it landed at 0712.
		0515	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy JC.45 (12 M/Vs & 2 E/Vs) escorting it from 0600 until 1643 and landing at Base at 1745.
		0617	Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (F/O Batey & S/Ldr McKenzie's crew) was airborne on Maxim Black Patrol. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1819.
		0755	Liberator MK.V. (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy CJ.25, escorting it from 0932 to 1911 and landing at Base at 2110.
	27.4.44	0758	Liberator MK.V. (BZ862) P/O Burrows & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Brown Patrol. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1725.
		1042	Liberator MK.VI. "M" (EV848) (S/L Hanson & Crew) with Commodore Schingeous-Meddwraurs?? (Commodore - Bay of Bengal) and G/C Clayton (O/C 173 Wing) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy HC.58. at 1135 Radar Contact of the Convoy was established, but a heavy Cyclonic Storm prevented visual contact. Several attempts were made to establish contact, but the storm which stretched for some 75 miles prevented this. Eventually the aircraft abandoned the attempt and at 1313 set Course for Base, landing at 1500.
			Liberator MK.VI BZ988 arrived on the Squadron to replace EV834. It was designated "Z".
			The 34th detachment of Officers, and S.N.C.Os left for Puri Rest Camp for a 5 days period.
	28.4.44	0735	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV830) (F/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Grey Patrol. Entry should have been made to the North of the Patrol but a sever Cyclonic Storm was encountered and wide detours to the South were made. A short part of the patrol was affected, but the storm, which extended right over the Arakan Coast made its continuance impossible and at 1500 the aircraft set Course for Base, carrying out Bombing and Gunnery Practice on the return journey and landing at Bhubanestar??(owing to the storm over Base) at 1745. At 1800 it was again airborne and landed at Base at 1815.
			Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV833) was flown to Cawnpore by a Ferry Crew for Major Inspection.
	29.4.44	0630	Liberator MK.V. "C" (BZ865) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Scarlet Patrol, but soon developed a petrol leak, which necessitated its return to Base. It landed at 07.30.
		0802	Liberator MK.VI. "M" (EV848) (P/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Scarlet Patrol. In place of "C". At 1025 Course was altered considerably to avoid a large Storm Area. Due to the storm it become impossible to cover the area properly and at 1411 Course was set for Base. The A/C landed at 1756?
		0800	Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ862) (F/O Burrows & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours on Bombing Practice.
	30.4.44	0400	Liberator MK.VI. "M" (EV848) (F/O Banks & Crew) was airborne on A/S

			Escort to Convoy Ch.28 (2 M/Vs & 2 E/Vs) escorting it from 0530 to 1202 and landing at Base at 1320.
		0625	Liberator MK.V. "C" (BZ865) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Gold Patrol. No incidents were reported, Bombing & Gunnery Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1820.
		0730	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV830) (F/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy HC.59 (6 M/Vs & 3 E/Vs), escorting it from 0830 to 1800 and landing at Base at 2005.
		0750	Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne for 3 1/4 hours on Bombing Practice.
		084?0	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ938) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne for 2 3/4 hours on Bombing Practice, Firing, Compass Swing and Air Test.
		1130	Liberator MK.V. (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours on a P.R.U. Test.
			Of the 12 Liberators on the Squadron, 5 were MK.Vs and 7 MK.VIs. The average serviceability was 74%.
			The Crew Strength was 16.
			The Months Operational Flying Hours were 534 hours by Day and 192 hours by Night.
			Training Hours were:- Flying - 166 Hours; Ground Instruction -580 Hours.

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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
Lib. "T" Mk.IIIA	S/Ldr. G. McKenzie	Maxim Patrol	010006	010710	Maxim Green 3A See Sortie Report.
	P/O G? A. R. Mackley				
	Sgt. G. L. Thornhill				
	F/S J. W? Watson				
	F/S F? S. Young				
	Sgt. S. Diachun				
	Sgt. I? MacDonald				
	Sgt. A. N. Appleby				
Lib. "Z"	F/O A.D.Stanley	Maxim Patrol	020012	021028	Maxim Black 1A See Sortie Report
	Sgt. Picken, P.L.				
	F/O R. N. Lowrey				
	Sgt.G. C. Alcorn				
	Sgt. Bernauer R. R.				
	Sgt. Broad, L.				
	Sgt. Nevett, P. M.				
	Sgt. Rancher, F.				
	F/S Bonany, A. L.				
Lib. "C" Mk.V.	F/O J. Nicholl	Escort	022312	031243	A/S Escort to M?A28A. See Sortie Report
	F/Sgt. Hughes, G. M.				
	F/Sgt. Strong, C.C.				
	W/O Bangs, T.J.				
	W/O Mulhern, J.				
	W/O Brodie, J.S.				
	F/Sgt Friesen G?				
	F/Sgt. Long, H?				
	Sgt. Cousins, B?				
Lib. "P" Mk.V.	P/O J. A. Badgley	Escort	022245	031216	A/S Escort to CH20 See Sortie Report
	P/O J.S. Ingram				
	Sgt. Stewart, R? S.				
	Sgt. Dale, H.				
	Sgt. Graber, W?				
	Sgt. Tester, A. G.				
	Sgt. Butchart, H.				
	Sgt. Tye, J.				
Lib "K" Mk.IIIA	F/O O.J. Skinner	Escort	030433	031550	A/S Escort to HC50 See Sortie Report
	F/O C.C. Burrige				
	F/Sgt. Reeve, J.P.F.				
	F/Sgt. Worsley, M. F.				
	F/Sgt. Thomas, L.				

	F/Sgt. Tout, H. S.				
	F/Sgt. George, L.				
	Sgt. Chlke, S. R.				
	Sgt. Rancher, K.				
Lib "Z" Mk.VI.	F/O W. D. J. Gibson	Maxim	030425	031535	Maxim Grey 4C See Sortie Report
	F/O L. E. Taylor				
	P/O J. Fletcher				
	F/Sgt. Kenny, C. H.				
	F/Sgt. Muir, N. A.				
	F/Sgt. Goring, N. T.				
	F/Sgt. Christsen?, A. N.				
	F/Sgt. Scholl, L. C.				
	Sgt. Roberts, P.				
Lib "X" Mk.VI	F/O D. K. Horner	Escort	031148	032335	A/S Escort to MA 28A See Sortie Report
	F/O F. A. Keetley				
	P/O L. S. C. Slauenwhite				
	Sgt. Robinson, T?				
	Sgt. Czay J. W.				
	Sgt. Armstrong, J				
	F/Sgt. Bond, M? W.				
Lib "V" Mk.V	F/O G. J. Munday	Escort	040447	041202	A/S Escort to CJ.22A. See Sortie Report.
	F/O M. Batey				
	Sgt. Taylor, J. F?				
	P/O G. V. Wolstenholme				
	F/Sgt. Thomas, L. H?				
	F/Sgt. Scholl, L. C.				
	F/Sgt. Tout, H. S.				
	W/O Bott, H. A.				
Lib. "K" Mk.VI	F/O C. J. Skinner	Maxim	050305	051410	Maxim Brown 4C See Sortie Report.
	F/O C.C. Burridge				
	F/Sgt. Reave, J. P. F.				
	P/O C. C. McCormack				
	F/Sgt. Chlke				
	F/Sgt. George, L. W.				
	F/Sgt. Worsley, M. F.				
	F/Sgt. Friesen, C.				
	Sgt. Rancher, K.A.				
Lib. "L" Mk.VI.	F/O J. L. Maguire	Escort	042305	050810	A/S Escort to CJ.22A. See Sortie Report.
	P/O H. V. Stinson				
	F/Sgt. Leonard, A. P.				
	F/Sgt. Cliffe, C. C.				
	F/Sgt. Baty, H. J.				
	F/Sgt. Ferguson, S. J.				
	F/Sgt. Barber, K.				
	Sgt. Constable, H?				
Lib. "V"	F/O G. J. Munday	Escort	050524	051725	A/S Escort to CJ.22A. See

Mk. V.					Sortie Report.
	F/O M. Batey				
	Sgt. Taylor, J. G.				
	P/O G. V. Wolstenholme				
	W/O Bolt, H. A.				
	F/Sgt. Scholl, L. C.				
	F/Sgt. Tout, H. S.				
	F/Sgt. Thomas, L. R.				
Lib. "X" Mk.VI.	F/O D. K. Horner	Escort	052257	061105	A/S Escort to HC.51. See Sortie Report.
	P/O F. A. Keetley				
	P/O L. S. Slauenwhite				
	F/Sgt. Bond, M. T?				
	Sgt. Robinson, T.				
	Sgt. Armstrong, J. E?				
	Sgt. Czay, J. W.				
Lib. "P" Mk.V.	P/O J. A. Badgley	Escort	052229	061040	A/S Escort to CJ.22A. See Sortie Report.
	F/O J. R. Ingram				
	Sgt. Stewart, R. S.				
	Sgt. Tester, A. G.				
	Sgt. Tye, J.				
	Sgt. Dale, H.				
	Sgt. Butchart, H. S.				
	Sgt. Graber, W. ??				
Lib. "M" Mk.VI.	F/O R. E. Banks	Maxim	060013	061150	Maxim Green 1A. See Sortie Report.
	F/Sgt. Baker, W. L.				
	F/O W. H. Pedlar				
	P/O J. Smith				
	F/O W. A. Porterfield				
	F/Sgt. Bonany, A. L.				
	Sgt. Coxford, T. A.				
	Sgt. Clements, H.				
Lib. "Z" Mk.VI.	P/O W. D?J. Gibson	Escort	061220	070015	A/S Escort to CH.29A. See Sortie Report.
	F/O J. Fletcher				
	F/O L. K? Taylor				
	F/Sgt. Kenny, C. R.				
	F/Sgt. Muir, M. W.				
	F/Sgt. Gorrington, K?T.				
	F/Sgt. Scholl L. C.				
	F/Sgt. Christen, A? M?				
	F/Sgt. Roberts, P.				
Lib "A" Mk.V.	P/O G. M. Tomlinson	Escort	060723	061630	A/S Escort to H?C.51. See Sortie Report.
	P/O G. Ibbotson				
	F/O A. Jackson				
	F/Sgt. San?son, J. C.				
	F/Sgt. Whale, H.G.				
	F/Sgt. Watson L. M?				
	F/Sgt. McGaughran				

	S.				
	F/Sgt. Douglas, J. ??				
Lib. "S" Mk.V	P/O R. A. Beaton	Maxim	070113	071207	Maxim Black 2C. See Sortie Report
	P/O H? K. Goldsworthy				
	P/O T? R? Smiley				
	Sgt. Hogg D. N.				
	Sgt. Gray, H. J.				
	Sgt. DeCruyenaere G.N.				
	Sgt. Tidmarsh, H.				
	Sgt Rutley, G W.				
	Sgt. McKillan, F. R.				
Lib "C" Mk.V.	F/O J. Nicholl	Escort	070950	072253	A/S Escort J.C.43. See Sortie Report.
	P/O L. Burrows				
	F/Sgt. Strong, U. C.				
	F/Sgt. Long M.				
	W/O Bangs, T. J.				
	W/O Brodie				
	Sgt. Coxford, J. J. F.				
	Sgt. Mulhern, J. E.				
	Sgt. Cousins, S.				
Lib "M" Mk.VI	F/O R. E. Banks	Escort	072122	080930	A/S Escort J.C. 43. See Sortie Report.
	F/O W. H? Pedlar				
	Sgt. Baker, M? A.				
	P/O J. Smith				
	F/O W. A. Porterfield				
	Sgt. Clements				
	Sgt. Angus, J.				
	Sgt. Harris, J. E.				
	LAC Wickware N?				
Lib. "Z" Mk.VI	F/O A. D. Stanley	Maxim	080001	081102	Maxim Gold 2A. See Sortie Report.
	F/O R. M. Lowrey				
	Sgt. Picken P. L?				
	Sgt. Bernauer R. R.				
	Sgt. Broad, L. J.				
	Sgt. Alcorn, G. C.				
	Sgt. Small, N? D.				
	Sgt Tester, A. G.				
	Sgt. Nevett, P. M.				
Lib. "A" Mk.V	P/O G. H? Tomlinson	Escort	081027	082242	A/S Escort to C. J.23. See Sortie Report
	P/O G. Ibbotson				
	F/O A. Jackson				
	F/Sgt. Larsen, E. W.				
	F/Sgt. Whale, J. G.				
	F/Sgt. Watson, K? S?				
	F/Sgt. McGaughran S.				
	F/Sgt. Douglas, J.				

Lib "K" Mk.VI	F/O O J. Skinner	Escort	081254	090155	A/S Escort to AM2A and CH.21. See Sortie Report
	F/O C. C. Burrige				
	F/O R. Bracey??				
	F/Sgt. Flower J. H.				
	F/Sgt. Maze N?				
	F/Sgt. Randall, T. H.				
	Sgt. Kearns, J. N.				
	Sgt. Rancher R? A?				
	Sgt. Worsley, ? ?				
Lib. "S" Mk.V.	P/O R. A. Beaton	Escort	082109	090913	A/S Escort to CJ.29. See Sortie Report.
	F/O S. Goldsworthy				
	P/O W. D. Smiley				
	Sgt. Gray, R. J.				
	Sgt. Rutley, G. N?				
	Sgt. Hogg, D. N?				
	Sgt. Tidmarsh, H.				
	Sgt. McKillan, T. R.				
	Sgt DeCruyenaere, G.				
Lib "Z" Mk.VI	F/O W. D. J. Gibson	Maxim	090010	091215	Maxim Scarlet 3A. See Sortie Report.
	F/O J. Fletcher				
	F/Sgt. Muir ? ?				
	F/Sgt. Gorrington, N. T.				
	F/Sgt. Christsen?? ? N?				
	F/Sgt. Scholl, L. G.				
	F/Sgt. Kenny, C. R.				
	Sgt. Roberts				
	F/O L. Taylor				
Lib. "M" Mk.VI.	F/O R. E. Banks	Escort	090757	091945	A/S Escort to CJ.23. See Sortie Report.
	F/Sgt. Baker, W. A.				
	F/O ? ? Pedlar				
	F/O W. A. Porterfield				
	P/O J. Smith				
	P/O C.C. McCormack				
	Sgt. Vaughan, D? W.				
	Sgt. Clements H.				
	LAC Wickware? W.				
Lib. "V" Mk.V.	F/O G. J. Munday	Maxim	100246	101252	Maxim Grey 2C. See Sortie Report.
	P/O L. T? Burrows				
	Sgt. Taylor, J. B.				
	F/Sgt. Thomas, L. R.				
	F/Sgt. Scholl, L. C.				
	F/Sgt. Tout H. S.				
	Sgt. Angus J.				
	W?/O Bott, H? A?				
Lib. "X" Mk.VI.	F/O D. K. Horner	Maxim	101357	110120	Maxim Gold 1A. See Sortie Report.
	F/O F. A. Keetley				
	Sgt. Tobin, ?				

	P/O L. Slauenwhite				
	F/O T. J. Bangs				
	F/Sgt. Bond, ???				
	Sgt. Czay, J.				
	Sgt. Robinson, T?				
	Sgt. Armstrong, G. E?				
Lib. "S" Mk.V.	F/O R? A. Beaton	Escort	101625	110435	A/S Escort to CJ.23A. See Sortie Report
	P/O ? E? Goldsworthy				
	P/O ? Smiley				
	Sgt. Gray R.				
	Sgt. Rutley, G. W.				
	Sgt Hogg D. N?				
	Sgt. Tidmarsh, G?				
	Sgt. McMillan, ?				
	Sgt. DeCruyenaere, G.				
Lib. "L" Mk.VI.	F/O M. Batey	Escort	100935	112150{sic }	A/S Escort to Tanker "Saidja" See Sortie Report.
	F/O J. Nicholl				
	P/O G. Mackley				
	F/Sgt. Thornhill, G. H?				
	F/Sgt. Watson, J? ?				
	F/Sgt. Young, E. G.				
	Sgt. Appleby, G?				
	Sgt. Diachun, S.				
	Sgt. McDonald, ?				
Lib. "K" Mk.VI.	F/O O. J. Skinner	Escort	111335	120120	A/S Escort to CH.22. See Sortie Report.
	F/O C. C. Burrige				
	F/Sgt. ? A. Flower				
	P/O J. Smith				
	F/O Bracey				
	F/Sgt. Maze H?				
	F/Sgt. Randall, J.				
	Sgt. Kearns, J?				
	Sgt. Worsley, ?				
Lib "Z" Mk.VI.	F/O A. B. Stanley	Maxim	111525	120303	Maxim Green? 4C. See Sortie Report.
	Sgt. Picken, P. L.				
	F/O Lowrey R. N.				
	F/Sgt. Alcorn, G. C.				
	Sgt. Broad, L. J.				
	Sgt. Bernauer, R. R.				
	Nevett, P. M.				
	Muir, N. W.				
	Roberts, P. {crew hand written}				
Lib "V" Mk.VI.	F/O G. J. Munday	Escort	111832	120530	A/S Escort to CJ.23A. See Sortie Report Serial No. 32.
	P/O L. F? Burrows				
	Sgt. Taylor ? B.				
	F/Sgt. Thomas, ? R.				

	F/Sgt. Scholl, L. C.				
	F/Sgt. Tout, H. S.				
	Sgt. Angus				
	W/O Bott, H. A.				
Lib. "S" Mk.V.	P/O R. A. Beaton	Maxim	122117	130606	Maxim Brown 1A. See Sortie Report Serial No. 33.
	F/O S. Goldsworthy				
	F/O W? D. Smiley				
	Sgt. Gray, R.				
	Sgt. Rutley, G.				
	Sgt. Tidmarsh, ?				
	Sgt. Hogg, D. ?				
	Sgt. McKillan, F? R.				
Lib. "Z" Mk.VI	F/O W. D. Gibson	Maxim	132018	140825	Maxim Black 4A See Sortie Report Serial No. 34.
	P/O J. Fletcher				
	F/O ? E. Taylor				
	F/Sgt. Kenny, C. R.				
	F/Sgt. Muir, ? ?				
	F/Sgt. Gorrington ? T				
	F/Sgt. Christman? A ?				
	Sgt. Alcorn, G. C				
	Sgt. Roberts, P.				
Lib. "K" Mk.VI.	F/O G? J. Skinner	Escort	140040	141400	A/S Escort to J.C.43B. See Sortie Report Serial No. 35.
	W/O Hughes, ? ?				
	F/Sgt. Flower, J. H?				
	F/O K? R? Smith				
	F/O R? Bracey				
	F/Sgt. Maze				
	F/Sgt. Randall, T ?				
	F/Sgt. Kearns, J? M?				
Lib. "M" Mk.VI.	F/O R. E? Banks	Escort	131825	140640	A/S Escort to C.H.23. See Sortie Report Serial No. 36.
	F/O C. Burrige				
	F/O ? H. Pedlar				
	P.O.J. Smith				
	F/O W. A. Porterfield				
	F/Sgt. Cliff, G. C.				
	Sgt. Clements, H? F.				
	Sgt. Vaughan, D. W.				
	LAC Wickware ? J.				
Lib. "V" Mk.VI	F/O G. J. Munday	Escort	141119	150051	A/S Escort to JC.43B. See Sortie Report Serial No. 37.
	P/O L. F. Burrows				
	Sgt. Taylor, J. B.				
	Sgt. Bray, R. J.				
	F/Sgt. Thomas, ? R.				
	F/Sgt. Scholl, M? C.				
	F/Sgt. Tout, H. S.				
	W/O Bott, G? A.				
Lib. "A" Mk.V.	P/O G. M. Tomlinson	Escort	150930	152155	A/S Escort to JC.43B. See Sortie Report Serial No. 38.
	F?/O G. Ibbotson,				

	P/O A. Jackson				
	F/Sgt. Whale, H?				
	F/Sgt. Watson, ?				
	F/Sgt. McGaughran, S.				
	F/Sgt. Douglas, J.				
	F/Sgt. Larsen K? G?				
Lib "M" Mk.VI.	F/O M. Batey	Escort	142251	151055	A/S Escort to JC.43B. See Sortie Report Serial No. 39.
	F/O J. Nicholl				
	P/O C. Mackley				
	F/Sgt. Thornhill, G. H.				
	F/Sgt. Watson J. W.				
	F/Sgt. Young, L? ?				
	Sgt. Appleby, H.				
	Sgt. Diachun? S.				
	Sgt. McDonald, R??				
Lib. "L" Mk.VI.	P/O J. L. Maguire	Escort	150330	151515	A/S Escort to HC.54 See Sortie Report Serial No. 40.
	F/O ? Stinson				
	F/Sgt. Leonard A.				
	F/Sgt. Cliffe C. C.				
	F/Sgt. Baty ?				
	F/Sgt. Ferguson, E. J.				
	F/Sgt. Barber, ?				
	Sgt. Constable, R. G?				
Lib. "X" M,.VI.	F/O D. ? Horner	Maxim	150122	151201	Maxim Grey 2C. See Sortie Report Serial No. 41.
	F/O F. A. Keetley				
	P/O L. S. Slauenwhite				
	Sgt. Tobin. H.				
	Sgt. Robinson F?				
	Sgt. Czay ? ?				
	Sgt. Bond, ? ?				
	Sgt. Armstrong ?				
Lib. "V" Mk.V.	F/O G. J. Munday	Escort	152226	161051	A/S Escort to JC.44. See Sortie Report Serial No. 42.
	P/O L. F. Burrows				
	F/Sgt. Thomas I? S.				
	F/Sgt. Tout H S.				
	F/Sgt. Scholl L. C.				
	Sgt. Bangs?? W? T. ?				
	Sgt. Bott ? A.				
	Sgt. Taylor, ? B?				
Lib. "M" Mk.VI	F/O R. E. Banks	Maxim	160122	161145	Maxim Scarlet 1A. See Sortie Report Serial No. 43.
	F/Sgt. Baker, W. A.				
	F/O H? H? Pedlar				
	F/O W? A. Porterfield				
	Sgt. Appleby, H. N?				
	Sgt. Clements, H. F.				
	Sgt. Vaughan, ? ?				
	P/O J. Smith				
Lib. "S"	P/O R. A. Beaton	Escort	152250	161120	A/S Escort to JC.43B. See

Mk.V.					Sortie Report Serial No. 44.
	P/O ? Smiley				
	P/O S? E? Goldsworthy				
	Sgt. Rutley, G				
	Sgt. Bray, R?				
	Sgt. Hogg, D.				
	Sgt. McKillan, F.				
	Sgt. DeCruyenaere, G.				
	Sgt. Tidmarsh H?				
Lib. "K" Mk.Vi	F/O D. K. Skinner	Escort	160125	161313	A/S Escort to CJ.24. See Sortie Report Serial No. 45.
	F/O G? Burrige				
	F/Sgt. Flower, J.				
	F?/O E. R. Smith				
	F/O R? Bracey				
	F/Sgt. Maze, N?				
	F/Sgt. Randall T. H.				
	Sgt. Kearns, J. M?				
Lib. "S" Mk.V.	F/O M. Batey	Maxim	162357	171152	Maxim Gold 4A. See Sortie Report Serial No. 46.
	P/O C. A. Mackley				
	F/Sgt. Thornhill, ?				
	F/Sgt. Young, H? G?				
	F/Sgt Watson, J. ?				
	Sgt. Appleby, , H? N?				
	Sgt. McDonald, G?				
	Sgt. Diachun S.				
Lib "A" Mk.V.	P/O G. Tomlinson	Escort	170155	171407	A/S Escort to JC.44A. See Sortie Report Serial No. 47.
	P/O G. Ibbotson				
	F?/O A? Jackson				
	F/Sgt. Larsen, E. ?				
	F/Sgt. Whale, ?				
	F/Sgt. Watson, L? M?				
	F/Sgt. McGaughran G.				
	F/Sgt. Douglas, J. J.				
Lib. "X" Mk.VI.	F/O D. K. Horner	Maxim	180033	181055	Maxim Green 1C. See Sortie Report Serial No. 48.
	F/O F. A. Keetley				
	P/O L. S. Slauenwhite				
	F/Sgt. Bond, M. W.				
	Sgt. Tobin H? M?				
	Sgt. Armstrong, J.				
	Sgt. Robinson, T.				
	Sgt. Czay, J. W?				
Lib. "V" Mk.V.	F/O G. J? Munday	Escort	180040	181215	A/S Escort to HC.55. See Sortie Report Serial No. 49.
	P/O A. F. Burrows				
	F/O C. W. Marshall				
	F/Sgt. Thomas, ?				
	F/Sgt. Scholl, L? T?				

	F/Sgt. Tout, ? S.				
	F/Sgt. Gray, R. J.				
	W/O Bott, ? A.				
Lib. "L" Mk.VI.	F/O J. L Maguire	Escort	172245	190400 {sic}	A/S Escort to JC.44A. See Sortie Report Serial No. 50.
	F/O O. J. Skinner				
	F/Sgt. Leonard, A. P.				
	F/Sgt. Cliffe, C. G?				
	F/Sgt. Baty, N?				
	F/Sgt. Ferguson, S. J.				
	Sgt. Constable, R.				
	Sgt. Rancher, ? A.				
Lib. "C" Mk. V.	F/O J. Nicholl	Maxim	182359	191113	Maxim Brown 4A. See Sortie Report Serial No. 51.
	F/Sgt. Strong, C? G?				
	W/O Hughes, J. ?				
	W/O Mullin C? A.				
	W/O Bangs, T. J.				
	W/O Mulhern, J. N?				
	W/O Brodie, J. S.				
	F/Sgt. Long ?				
	F/Lt. J? L. Sinette??				
	Sgt. Cousins, S.				
Lib. "K" Mk.VI.	F/O O. J. Skinner	Maxim	192355	201001	Maxim Black 1C. See Sortie Report Serial No. 52.
	F/O C. C. Burrige				
	P/O J. H. Flower				
	F/O E. R. Smith				
	F/O R. Bracey				
	F/Sgt. Randall, T? H.				
	F/Sgt. Maze M?				
	Sgt. Worsley, H. F.				
	Sgt. Kearns J.				
Lib. "X" Mk.VI.	F/O D. K. Horner	Escort	202158	210955	A/S Escort to CH.25 and HC.56. See Sortie Report Serial No. 53.
	F/O F. A. Keetley				
	P/O L. S. Slauenwhite				
	Sgt. Tobin, M? H.				
	Sgt. Armstrong, J? E.				
	Sgt. Robinson, P?				
	Sgt.Czay, J. ?				
	Sgt. Bond ? ?				
Lib. "A" Mk.V.	P/O G. M. Tomlinson	Maxim	210322	211437	Maxim Grey 4A. See Sortie Report Serial No. 54.
	P/O G. Ibbotson				
	F/Sgt. Larsen, E. W.				
	P/O W? Jackson				
	F/Sgt. Whale, S? G.				
	F/Sgt. Watson, L? M?				
	F/Sgt. Douglas, J. J.				
Lib. "K" Mk.VI.	F/O O. J. Skinner	Escort	210623	211450	A/S Escort to HC.56. See Sortie Report Serial No. 55.
	F/O ? G. Barridge				

	F?/O E? R. Smith				
	P/O R Bracey				
	F/Sgt. Maze, ?				
	F/Sgt. Randall, T. H.				
	Sgt. Kearns, J. M.				
	Sgt. Worsley, H. F.				
Lib. "X" Mk.VI.	F/O D. K. Horner	Maxim	220327	221435	Maxim Scarlet 1A. See Sortie Report Serial No. 56.
	F/O F. A. Keetley				
	P/O L. B. Slauenwhite				
	Sgt. Robinson, T.				
	Sgt. Armstrong, J. E.				
	F/Sgt. Bond, H. V.				
	Sgt. Czay, J. K?				
	Sgt. Gray, R. J.				
Lib. "T" Mk.VI.	F/O M Batey	Maxim	222352	231025	Maxim Gold 2C. See Sortie Report Serial No. 57.
	P/O C. A. Mackley				
	F/Sgt. Thornhill, G. L?				
	F/Sgt. Young, K? G.				
	F/Sgt. Watson, J. W.				
	Sgt. Appleby, H. N?				
	Sgt. MacDonald, I.				
	Sgt. Diachun? S.				
	F/O C. W. Marshall				
Lib "L" Mk.VI.	F/O J. L. Maguire	Escort	230253	231443	A/S Escort to HA27? See Sortie Report Serial No. 58.
	F/O ? V. Stinson				
	F/Sgt. Leonard, A. P.				
	F/Sgt. Cliffe, C. C.				
	F/Sgt. Baty, J.				
	F/Sgt. Ferguson, S? ?				
	Sgt. Constable, R.				
	Sgt. Rancher K. A.				
Lib. "S" Mk.V.	P/O R. A. Beaton	Escort	232155	240415	A/S Escort to CH.26. See Sortie Report Serial No. 59.
	P/O S. Goldsworthy				
	P/O N? Smiley				
	Sgt. Gray, R. J.				
	Sgt. Rutley, G. W.				
	Sgt. Hogg, D? N.				
	Sgt. Tidmarsh, H?				
	Sgt. DeCruyenaere, G. N.				
	Sgt. McKillan, ? R.				
Lib. "X" Mk.VI.	F/O ? K. Horner	Maxim	232357	241231	Maxim Green 3A. See Sortie Report Serial No. 60.
	F/O F. A. Keetley				
	P/O L. Slauenwhite				
	Sgt. Tobin, H K?				
	Sgt. Robinson, T?				
	Sgt Czay, J. W?				
	Sgt. Armstrong J. E.				
	P/O R? J. Keleher				

Lib. "A"	P/O L. F. Burrows	Escort	240631	241510	A/S Escort to HC.57. See Sortie Report Serial No. 61
	F/O O. J. Skinner				
	Sgt. Adams				
	Sgt. Coxford, T.				
	F/Sgt. Whale, H?				
	Sgt. Douglas, J. J.				
	P/O Eager				
Lib. "C" Mk.V.	F/O J. Nicholl	Escort	240827	241425	A/S Escort to CJ.25. See Sortie Report Serial No. 62.
	W/O G. Hughes				
	F/Sgt. Strong, C.				
	W/O Brodie, J. F?				
	W/O Mullin, O? A.				
	W/O Bangs, T.				
	W/O Mulhern, J. E.				
	F/Sgt. Long, N?				
	Sgt. Cousins, S.				
Lib. "V" Mk.V.	F/O G. J. Munday	Maxim	250110	251120	Maxim Brown 2C. See Sortie Report Serial No. 63.
	F/Sgt. Baker, W. A.				
	F/O C. W. Marshall				
	F/Sgt. Thomas, L. R?				
	F/Sgt. Scholl, L. C.				
	F/Sgt. Tout, H. S.				
	F/Sgt. Christsen, ? ?				
	W/O Bott, H. A.				
Lib. "C" Mk.V.	F/O J. Nicholl	Escort	250719	251435	A/S Escort to CJ.25. See Sortie Report Serial No. 64.
	W/O Hughes, G. M.				
	F/Sgt. Strong, C. C.				
	W/O Mullin G? A?				
	W/O Brodie, J. F.				
	W/O Bangs, T. J.				
	W/O Mulhern, J. E?				
	F/Sgt. Long, ?				
	Sgt. Cousins, S.				
Lib. "L" Mk.VI.	F/O J. L. Maguire	Escort	242232	250847	A/S Escort to CJ.25. See Sortie Report Serial No. 65.
	F/O H? V. Stinson				
	F/Sgt. Leonard, A. P.				
	F/Sgt. Cliffe, C. C.				
	F/Sgt. Baty, S. J.				
	Sgt. Constable, R.				
	Sgt. Rancher K. A.				
Lib. "K" Mk.VI.	F/O O. J. Skinner	Escort	232145 {sic}	260047 {sic}	A/S Escort to CJ.25. See Sortie Report Serial No. 66.
	F/O C. C. Burrige				
	P/O J. Flower				
	F/O K? R. Smith				
	F?/O R. Bracey				
	P/O Moodie				
	F/Sgt. Maze ?				
	F/Sgt. Randall T. H.				

	Sgt. Kearns, J. M.				
	Sgt. Worsley H.				
Lib. "S" Mk.V.	P/O R. A. Beaton	Escort	252245	261115	A/S Escort to JC.45. See Sortie Report Serial No. 67
	P/O T. D. C. Smiley				
	P/O S. Goldsworthy				
	Sgt. Rutley, G. ?				
	Sgt. Gray, F. J.				
	Sgt. Hogg, D. N?				
	Sgt. DeCruyenaere, G..				
	Sgt. McKillan, ? H.				
	Sgt. Tidmarsh, H.				
Lib "T" Mk.VI.	F/O Batey	Maxim	252347	261149	Maxim Black 4A. See Sortie Report Serial No. 68.
	P/O C.A. Mackley				
	F/Sgt. Thornhill, G. L.				
	P/O Keleher				
	F/Sgt. Watson, J. W?				
	F/Sgt. Young, K? G.				
	F/Sgt. MacDonald, ?				
	Sgt. Appleby, H.				
	Sgt. Diachun? S.				
Lib. "V" Mk.V.	F/O G. J. Munday,	Escort	260125	261440	A/S Escort to CJ.25. See Sortie Report Serial No. 69.
	F/Sgt. Baker, W. A.				
	P/O C. W. Marshall				
	W/O Bott, M? A.				
	F/Sgt. Tout, H? S.				
	F/Sgt. Thomas, ? R.				
	F/Sgt. Scholl, L. C.				
	Sgt. Kenny C. R.				
Lib. "M" Mk.VI.	S/Ldr. R. L. Hanson	Escort	270412	270830 {sic}	A/S Escort to HC.5?8. See Sortie Report Serial No. 70.
	F/Sgt. Hewko? K?				
	F/Sgt. Reave J.				
	P/O C. G? McCormack				
	F/Sgt. George, L. V?				
	Sgt. Worsley? H. F?				
	Sgt. Chlke S? R.				
	Sgt. Friesen? G.				
	Passengers:				
	Commodore S?oryu?geour- Tedderoarn?, ? I. N.				
	And G/C B.A.V. Clayton				
Lib. "A" Mk.V.	P/O L. F. Burrows	Maxim	270128	270957	Maxim Brown 1C. See Sortie Report Serial No. 71.
	F/O J. Nicholl				
	F/Lt. G? R. Wilson				
	F/Sgt. Whale, H? J. W?				

	{no more crew listed}				
Lib. "L" Mk.VI.	F/O J. L. Maguire	Maxim	280105	281215	Maxim Grey 3A. See Sortie Report Serial No. 72.
	F/O H. V. Stinson				
	F/Sgt. Leonard, A. P?				
	F/Sgt. Cliffe, C.C.				
	F/Sgt. Baty, H.J.				
	F/Sgt. Ferguson ? A?				
	Sgt. Constable, R. C.				
	Sgt. Rancher?, K? A.				
Lib. "C" Mk.V.	F/O J. Nicholl	Maxim	290001	290058	Maxim Scarlet 2C. See Sortie Report Serial No. 73.
	W/O Hughes, G. ?				
	F/Sgt. Strong, C. C?				
	W/O Bangs, T. J.				
	W/O Brodie, J.				
	W/O Mulhern, J. H?				
	W/O Mullin ? A.				
	F/Sgt. Long M?				
	Sgt. Cousins, S.				
Lib. "M" Mk.VI	F/O I. M. Leslie	Maxim	290132	291125	Maxim Scarlet 2C. See Sortie Report Serial No. 74.
	F/O A. K. N. Robertson				
	F/Sgt. Harley, G. F.				
	F/Sgt. Mair, R. G.				
	F/Sgt. MacDonald, I.				
	F/Sgt. Charles H.				
	Sgt. Myers, K?				
Lib. "M" Mk.VI	P/O R. E? Banks	Escort	292130	300650	A/S Escort to CH.28. See Sortie Report Serial No. 75.
	F/Sgt. Baker, W. A.				
	F/O W? H. Pedlar				
	F/O ? A. Porterfield				
	F/O J. Smith				
	Sgt. Clements, H? P?				
	Sgt. Vaughan, D. ?				
	LAC Wickware ? J.				
Lib "C" Mk.V.	F/O J. Nicholl	Maxim	292355	301150	Maxim Gold 4A. See Sortie Report Serial No. 76.
	W/O Hughes, G. N?				
	F/Sgt. Strong, C. C.				
	W/O Mullin, C. A.				
	W/O Bangs, T.				
	W/O Brodie, J F.				
	W/O Mulhern, J. E?				
	F/Sgt. Long, ?				
	Sgt. Cousins, S.				
Lib. "L" Mk.VI.	F/O J. L. Maguire	Escort	300100	301325	Escort to HC.59. See Sortie Report Serial No. 77.
	F/O H. V. Stinson				
	F/Sgt. Leonard, A. P?				
	F/Sgt. Baty, H?				
	Sgt. Rancher? ?				

	Sgt. Ferguson, S? J.				
	Sgt. Constable, ?				

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Cuttack	1.5.44	0455	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (F/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy CJ.26 (13 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs) escorting it from 0539 to 1245 and landing at Base at 1325.
		0605	Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Green Patrol carrying 3 x 500 G.P.T.D..025 secs. and 5 x 250 lb. G.P. Tail Inst. And Nose Pins-Contact. This was the first time that the 250 lb. G.P.S were fitted with the new Diaphragm Operated Piston (No.44 Mk.1) for pre-contact explosion. The intention was to use Nose fusing against small craft usually encountered on these patrols, and by dropping in close stick (15 ft. spacing) to cover a fairly large area with downward strikes which would be most effective against unarmoured targets. No incidents were reported. Bombing and Gunnery Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1735.
		1150	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV830) (P/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy CJ.26, escorting it from 1226 to 1923 and landing at Base at 2000?
		1136	Liberator MK.VI. "M" (EV848) (F/O Banks & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy JC46? (14 M/Vs and 3 E/Vs) escorting it from 1655 to 2307 and landing at Base at 2350?
	2.5.44	0450	Liberator MK.V "A" (BZ862?) (P/O Tomlinson screening P/O Burrows & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy CJ.46, escorting it from 0615 to 1645 and landing at Base at 1745.
		0612	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (P/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Black Patrol carrying the new load. No incidents were reported and the A/C landed at Base at 1615.
		1640	Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy CH.29, escorting it from 1900 to 0303 and landing at Base at 0512.
		1645	Liberator MK.V. "C" (BZ865) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne for 1 3/4 hours on Bombing Practice.
		1000	Liberator MK.VI "T" (EV950) (F/O Batey with S/Ldr. McKenzie's Crew) proceeded to Baigachi, for Fighter Affiliation Course of approximately 10 days duration.
			This was to be first of a proposed series to be held at Baigachi, and F/O (A/F/L) Wilson, (Squadron Gunnery Leader) accompanied them.
			The 36th Detachment of Officers and S.N.C.Os left for Puri Rest Camp for a 5 days period.
	3.5.44	0605	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV830) (F/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Brown Patrol. No incidents were reported. Bombing and Gunnery Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1455.
		0705	Liberator MK.V. "C" (BZ865) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy HC.60 (3 M/Vs and 3 E/Vs) escorting it from 0818 to 1731 and landing at Base at 1937.
		0755	Liberator MK.VI. "M" (EV848) (F/O Banks & Crew) was airborne for 1 1/2 hours on Bombing Practice.
		0910	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne for 2 3/4 hours on Bombing Practice.
	4.5.44	0610	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Grey Patrol. No incidents were reported. Bombing and Gunnery Practice took

			place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1750.
		??5?	Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne for 2 3/4 hours on Bombing Practice.
		??4?	Liberator MK.V. "V" (?????) (F/O Munday & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours on ????????? Practice {frame 164, l.h.s. very faint}
	5.5.44	0610	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Scarlet Patrol. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1802.
		1640	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV830) (F/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy CH.30 (3 M/Vs and 3 E/Vs) escorting it from 1940 to 0245 and landing at Base at 0445.
		0800	Liberator MK.VI. "M" (EV848) (F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew) followed at 0845 by Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ862) (P/O Burrows & Crew) were airborne on a successful Reconnaissance and Wide-Wide Homing Exercise. The A/C landed at 1245 and 1300 respectively.
		0630	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (S/Ldr. Hanson & Crew) proceeded to Baigachi on business connected with the proposed Fighter Affiliation Course there) stayed 3 hours and returned to Base at 1245.
	6.5.44	0610	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ905) (F/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Gold Patrol. At 1130 a Large Country Craft (50 - 60 ft. long) was sighted off shore with a dug-out alongside. It was attacked 3 times with machine guns from Mid-Upper, Beam, and Rear Positions. Strikes were seen but no damage observed. The inhabitants were seen to light a fire on the beach, presumably as a signal. At 1155 Four Dug-outs were sighted off shore at Goyangi? Island, but were left alone. Bombing and Gunnery practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1758.
		0634	Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866)(P/O Badgley and Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy HC.61 (2 M/Vs and 3 E/Vs) escorting it from 0753 to 1652 and landing at Base at 1907.
		1000	Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ962) (P/O Burrows & Crew) was airborne for 1 3/4 hours on Bombing Practice.
			Liberator MK.VI. (EV830) (F/O Maguire & Crew) proceeded to 322 M.U. for Major Inspection. The crew proceeded direct on leave from there.
	7.5.44	0755	Liberator MK.VI. "M" (EV848) (F/O Banks & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Grey Patrol carrying the new load of 3 x 500 G.P.T.D. .025 secs., and 5 x 250 lb. G.P. Nose arm-Contact Tail Inst. The aircraft failed to return from this operation and overdue action was taken. Last news of the aircraft was as follows:- at 1623 it sent a message to Base stating that it would return 30 mins. early. A little later it acknowledged receipt of a Base Weather Report. At 1720 it was plotted on a bearing of 075°. At 1846, Base sent a message requesting its estimated time of return. No further news was forthcoming. At 1744 Bahiyerge? Filter Room reported an aircraft plotted circling an area near Shortts Light. The plot faded. Indications are that the aircraft had probably finished its routine Bombing Practice and was engaged on Gunnery Practice. The Following crew members were reported as missing:- J.4418 F/O R. K. Banks (Captain); 1334792 F/Sgt. Baker, W. A. (2nd Pilot); J22343 F/O H. W. Pedlar (Navigator); J23646 P/O J. Smith (WAG); NZ321282 P/O C. C. McCormack (WAG); J23150 F/O W. A. Porterfield (WAG); 577401 Sgt. Clements J. F. (WAG) R141325 Sgt. Vaughan, D. W. (WAG).
			The 37th Detachment of Officers and S.N.C.Os left for Puri Rest Camp for a 5 days period.
	8.5.44	0547	Liberator MK. V. "S" (BZ888) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne on a Creeping Line Ahead Search for Liberator "M" and its crew. It met with no success and landed at 1532.
		0613	Liberator MK.V. "C" (BZ865) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on Maxim

			Scarlet Patrol. No incidents were reported. Bombing and Gunnery Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1725.
		1000	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) proceeded to Baigachi To carry out the new Fighter Affiliation Course held there.
			P/O (A/F/L) F. S. Currie (Squadron Navigation Officer) proceeded to Headquarters No. 225 Group for a conference.
	9.5.44	0451	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy CJ.27 (16? M/Vs & 2 E/Vs). It was met at 0555, while still forming, got underway at 1000 and was escorted until 1630. The A/S landed at Base at 1720.
		1600	Liberator MK.V. "C" (BZ865) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy CJ.27, escorting it from 1630 until 1726 {sic} and landing at Base at 0417/10th.
		2205	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on a Moonlight Maxim Gold Patrol. No incidents were reported but photography was effected to order of part of the Enemy Coast. The A/C landed at Base at 1115.
			F/O J. Marksworth? (Tech.A?) arrived from Allahabad on posting from No. 7 S. of T. T. (w.e.f. 23.4.44) as Squadron Armament Officer to replace F/O Sperring.
	10.5.44	0500	Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley and Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy CJ.27. (14 M/Vs & 2 E/Vs) escorting it from 0550 to 1540 and landing at Base at 1643.
		0801	Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ862) (P/O Burrows & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy HC.52 (1 M/V 7 2 E/Vs) escorting it from 0919 to 1812 and landing at Base at 2006.
		1439	Liberator MK.V. "S" (EV888) (F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy CJ.27, escorting it from 1536 to 0105 and landing at Base at 0248/11th.
		2154	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne on a Moonlight Maxim Green Patrol. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 0940. It was decided to advise discontinuance of Moonlight - Maxims if they proved of negative value during this moon period.
			News in respect of the missing Liberator "M" was received to the effect that parts of a Liberator and a body believed to be identified as P/O McCormack were washed up on an island near Shortts Light and a report from two R.I.N. Naval Ratings stated that an aircraft had been observed circling Shortts with flames issuing from the beam windows, and afterwards crashed into the sea.
	11.5.44	0755	Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Black Patrol. The only incident reported was a signal shell from a shore battery which struck the sea and exploded under the aircraft while it was flying at 50 ft. half a mile off shore. Concussion was felt but no damage sustained. The aircraft landed at Base at 1755.
		2136	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to a Tanker escorting it from 2350 until 0858/12th and landing at Base at 1000.
			Court of Inquiry (Composed of S/Ldr. G. McKenzie, President and F/O O. J. Skinner, member) was convened by C/O No. 173 Wing to enquire into the loss of Liberator "M".
			F/Lt. B. F. ?orsley? (O/C Harvard and Vengeance Flight) ceased detachment and returned to 21 A.P.C.
			1334207 F/Sgt. Reeves?? J. P. F. (Nav.B.) was appointed to a commission (w.e.f. 12.1.44) and reported to the Squadron as an Officer.
			Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (F/O Batey & S/Ldr. McKenzie's Crew) returned from Baigagni? on completion of the 1st Fighter Affiliation Course in that

			place.
12.5.44	0340		Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy CH.32 (2 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs) escorting it from 0515 to 1322 and landing at Base at 1442.
	0557		Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ862) (P/O Burrows & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Brown Patrol. No incidents were reported. Practice Bombing and Gunnery took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1725.
	0717		Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to a Tanker escorting it from 0854 to 1832 and landing at Base at 1912.
	1005		Liberator MK.V. "C" (BZ865) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy HC. 63 (4 M/Vs and 2 E/Vs) escorting it form 1121 to 2007 and landing at Base at 2210.
	2330		Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ862) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on a Moonlight Maxim Scarlet Patrol. No incidents were reported. Bombing and Gunnery Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1030/13th.
	2317		Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to a Tanker, escorting it from 0315 to 1035 and landing at Base at 1217.
			P/O H? J. K?elener? ("A" Flight Gunnery Leader) proceeded to Baigachi to relieve F/Lt. Wilson who proceeded to Amanda Road to attend a Special Gunnery Leaders' Course.
			The 38th Detachment of B.O.Rs left for Puri Rest Camp for a 5 days period.
13.5.44	0859		Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to a Tanker escorting it from 1017 to 1918 and landing at Base at 2150.
			CAN R143539 Sgt. Chlke S. R? (WOP/AG) was appointed to a Commission (w.e.f. 21.1.44) and reported to the Squadron as an Officer.
			F/Lt. R. J. Pascoe (225 Group Gunnery Leader) arrived by air on temporary duty and proceeded to Amarda Road on 14.5.44.
14.5.44	0632		Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (S/Ldr. Hanson & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Grey Patrol. No incidents were reported. Bombing and Gunnery Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 18?45. This was the first of a new series of Maxim Patrols designed to incorporate a Met. Flight on the return journey. To accomplish this the Patrol was restricted to 1 Leg down the Burma Coast from North to South and the track from the Southern End back to Base constituted the Met Flight.
			W/Cdr. K. J. Mellor D.F.C., was posted (Non-effective Sick) to 225 Group w.e.f. 5th April, 1944.
15.5.44	0431		Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ862) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy HC.64 (2 M/Vs & 1 E/V) escorting it from 0704 to 1439 and landing at Base at 1635.
	0745		Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Gold Patrol. The new Met Flight took place and Bombing and Gunnery Practice was effected on the return journey. The aircraft landed at Base at 1740.
			AUS 421102 F/Sgt. L. R. Thomas (WOP/AG) reported to the Squadron as an Officer (w.e.f. 27.12.43)
16.5.44	??35		Liberator MK.VI "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Green Patron. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1955.
	0950		Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV829) (P/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne for 6 hour, 20 minutes on a W/T? Calibration Flight.
			P/O J. G. Mcneim?? (Tech(S)(Radar) (Supernumery) was posted to No. 47

			Squadron (w.e.f. 1.5.44)
17.5.44	0601		Liberator MK.VI "H" (EV829) (S/Ldr. Hanson & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Black Patrol. No incidents were reported. Practice Bombing and Gunnery took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1515.
	1000		Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ998) (F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 20 minutes on Bombing Practice.
			F/O Batey returned after 5 days at Chandbani?? where he had been to try and discover further traces of Liberator "M".
			The 39th Detachment of Officers and Senior N.C.Os and B.O.Rs left for Puri Rest Camp for a 5 days period.
18.5.44	0957		Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Brown Patrol No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1857.
	1159		Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ862) (P/O Burrows & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to the Tanker "Saidja". By 1501 it had not been met and Base were informed. A message from them stated that it was still in Convoy JC.48. The aircraft proceeded to this Convoy which it met at 1702 and at 1825 when "Saidja" detached itself, commenced escort on the latter. This was continued until 1237 and the aircraft landed at Base at 0014/19th.
	0845		Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne for 1 1/2 hours on Bombing Practice.
	1050		Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) returned from Baigachi on completion of 10 days detachment for Fighter Affiliation.
			P/O D. C. Watt arrived with 3 of his crew (Sgts. Mackay, Beckwith and Laxton) on posting from 22 F.C.
			S/L (A/W/C) D. T. MacPherson arrived from 200 Squadron on posting to this Squadron to Command (w.e.f. 10.5.44)
19.5.44	0003		Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on A/S Search. It carried out a creeping line ahead search out to sea in the Puri vicinity with visibility at 6 miles. No A.S.V. contact proved suspicious and although a square search was later carried out round a suspicious contact made by a co-operating naval vessel. No incidents were reported. Frequent storms hampered the search. The aircraft landed at Base at 1137.
	0745		Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Scarlet Patrol. No incidents were reported. Practice took place on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1755.
	1130		Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne on A/S Search, covering a wider area further out to sea than the earlier one. It was effected in collaboration with a Sloop. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1827.
	1125		Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on a transit flight to Amarda Road returning to Base at 1305. It conveyed F/O Nicholl, F/O Batey (Pilots) and F/Sgts. Bonany and Slawson (W/OP A/GS) to participate in Fighter Affiliation.
			The funeral of P/O C. C. McCormack (the only member of "M"'s Crew whose body has been recovered) took place at Cuttack.
20.5.44	0458		Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Grey Patrol. At 0930, at the mouth of the Gwa River, on Barge was sighted and attacked with all guns. During this attack 4 Sandoways were sighted (hidden under trees) and a second attack was made with guns, strikes being observed. The aircraft retired but returned shortly afterwards and delivered a Bombing Attack from 1500 feet dropping a stick of 5 x 250 lb. G.P. Bombs (15 feet spacing) Fused Tail Inst. And Nose pre-Contact (Diaphragm Operated Pistol No. 44 Mk. 1.) It is believed that the targets were damaged and several palm trees in the immediate vicinity were seen to be uprooted but as rifle fire

			from the ground was encountered the aircraft did not stay long enough to assess exact damage. No further incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1458. One rifle bullet was found lodged in the Bomb-bay.
		1000	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) was airborne for 1 hour, 50 minutes for Flying and Landing Practice by two second pilots F/O Burrige and P/O Ingram.
		1004	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours on Bombing Practice.
	21.5.44	0856	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Green Patrol. Owing to a large storm area South West of 20°N., the aircraft was unable to complete the patrol and returned to Base landing at 1656.
		0800	Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ862) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne for 1 1/2 hours on Bombing Practice.
		1110	Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ862) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours on Bombing Practice.
		1000	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours on Air Test.
		0915	Liberator MK.V. "P" was airborne for 1 hour, 55 minutes for Flying and Landing Practice by 2 second pilots F/O Taylor and F/Sgt. Hewko.
		0930	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours on Bombing Practice.
			F/Lt. J. W. Moffatt arrived from the H.Q. 225 Group for discussion with Bombing Leader.
	22.5.44	0727	Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ862) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Gold Patrol. At 1027, in position - 20° 09" N. 92° 53" E., the aircraft was fired at by a Heavy Ack-Ack Battery. At 1032, weather forced the aircraft to return along the coast and it was again fired upon by the H.A.A. battery. Evasive action was taken and no damage was sustained. Practice took place on the return journey. The aircraft landed at Base at 1555.
		0835	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) was airborne for 1 hour 25 minutes on Bombing Practice.
		0930	Liberator MK.V. "C" (BZ865) was airborne for 2 hours on Flying and Landing Practice by 2 second pilots F/O Burrige and F/Sgt. Hewko.
		0900	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) was airborne for 1 hour with S/Ldr. McKenzie and P/O Smiley for Dual and Solo Landings.
			F/O (A/F/L) W. R. Wilson arrived back at this Unit from Gunnery Leaders' Course at Amarda Road and proceeded to H?R.D. Worli for transfer to Australia.
			F/L J. W. Moffatt (225 Group) and F/O Munday proceeded to H.Q. 231 Group to arrange Fighter Affiliation exercises.
			The 40th Detachment of Officers and S.N.C.Os and B.O.Rs left for Puri Rest Camp for a 5 days period.
	23.5.44	0840	Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ862) (P/O Burrows & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Black Patrol. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at Base at 1735.
		0845	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne for 1 hour, 50 minutes on Bombing Practice.
		1025	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne for 1 hour, 45 minutes on Bombing Practice.
		0900	Liberator MK.V. "C" (BZ865) (S/Ldr. Hanson & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours, 25 minutes on a Descent Through Cloud Practice. This was the first occasion on which a D.T.C. procedure had been drawn up for this aerodrome and put into practice. Results very satisfactory.
		0910	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) was airborne for 1 hour 30 minutes on Flying and Landing Practice with 2 second pilots F/O Taylor and P/O Smiley.
		1555	Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV829) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne for 40

			minutes on Air Test.
	24.5.44	0500	Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV829) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Brown Patrol. At 1005 at Gwa 4 Sandoways were sighted (hidden under trees). The aircraft delivered a bombing attack from 1300 feet with a stick of 5 x 250 lb. G.P. bombs, spaced at 15 feet, and fused Tail Inst. And Nose Pre-Contact. The Bombs undershot and exploded in the main street of Gwa. Some inaccurate small arms fire was returned from the ground. Photographs were taken. No further incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at base at 1420.
		0910	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne 2 hours, 10 minutes on Bombing Practice.
		0935	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988)(F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne for 3 hours on DTC practice.
		0955	Liberator MK.V. "C" (BZ865) was airborne with S/L Hanson and 2 second pilots P/O Ibbotson and W/O Hughes on Dual and Solo Flying.
		1615	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours on DTC Practice.
			F/Lt. J. H? Symonds proceeded to Air Training H.Q. A.C.S.E.A. for interview.
			F/O D. R. Wicks (21 A.P.C.) proceeded by air to Calcutta on temporary duty.
	25.5.44	0650	Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (F/Sgt. Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Scarlet Patrol. At 1345 the aircraft circled Gwa Bay and photographs were taken of 7 Sandoways hidden under trees in creek at mouth of Gwa River. No further incidents were reported. Practice was carried out on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1845.
		0500	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (P/O Burrows & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy JC49A. the Convoy was escorted from 0558 until 1606 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1715.
		1445	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy JC49A which was escorted from 1628 until 1954 and the aircraft landed at Base at 2130.
		0629	Liberator MK.V. "C" (BZ865) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on A/S sweep down shipping lanes on transit to Sigiriya. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Sigiriya at 1323.
		0643	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV840) (S/L Hanson & Crew) was airborne on A/S sweep down shipping lanes on transit to Sigiriya. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Sigiriya at 1400.
		0755	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne on A/S sweep down shipping lanes on transit to Sigiriya. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Sigiriya at 1540.
		0759	Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV829) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne on A/S sweep down shipping lanes on transit to Sigiriya. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Sigiriya at 1547.
			S/Ldr. Hanson & Crew, F/O C.J. Skinner & Crew, F/O I. M. Leslie & Crew and F/O W.D.J. Gibson & Crew left by air for R.A.F. Sigiriya, detached for Air Operations.
			F/O G. J. Munday returned by air from H.Q. 231 Group.
			Liberator MK.V. "?" (BZ828) (F/O Lomas & Crew) arrived on detachment from St. Thomas' Mount.
			Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV818) (F/Lt. Wescombe? & Crew) arrived on detachment from St. Thomas' Mount.
	26.5.44	0600	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Black Patrol. No incidents were reported. Photographs were taken of cloud formations and practice carried out on the return journey. The aircraft landed at Base at 1610.
		0735	Liberator MK.V. "C" (BZ865) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne from Sigiriya

			on a protected A/S Sweep to our forces. At 1127 it position 02° 38" N. 83° 16" E. aircraft began a creeping Line Ahead Search, sweeping 100 miles on Starboard Beam of force and maintaining position 40 miles ahead, with 16 miles behind legs. The aircraft was off patrol at 1745 and landed at Sigiriya at 2022. Aircraft Carried 6 x 266 lb. D. C. and Mk.IX Torpex set at 25 feet.
		1550	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Gibson and Crew) was airborne from Sigiriya on protective A/S Sweep carrying 6 x 266 lb. D/Cs. At 1847 in position 05° 06" N, 82° 41" E, aircraft began C.L.A. sweeping 40 miles ahead and 100 miles on port beam with 16 miles between legs. The aircraft was off patrol at 0017 and landed at Sigiriya at 0207.
		2234	Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV829) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne from Sigiriya on protective A/S Sweep. At 0005 in position 06° 18" N, 82° 20" E, aircraft began C.L.A. search, sweeping 100 miles on port beam and 40 miles ahead. At 0227 aircraft began shipping lane sweep and continued until 0840. No enemy sighting were made and the aircraft landed at Sigiriya at 0910
	27.5.44	0755	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Green Patrol. No incidents were reported and the aircraft landed at 1825. F/Lt. J. W. Moffatt returned by air from H.Q. 231 Group. F/Lt. J. Nicholl, F/O M. Batey & Crew returned from Amarda Road.
			The 41st Detachment of Officers and S.N.C.Os and B.O.Rs left for Puri Rest Camp for a 5 day period.
	28.5.44	0655	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Grey Patrol. No incidents were reported. Practice was carried out on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base 1625.
		0905	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on DTC practice for 2 hours. F/Lt. J. W. Moffatt returned to H.Q. 225 Group.
	29.5.44	0600	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on Maxim Gold Patrol. No incidents were reported. Practice was carried out on the return journey and the aircraft landed at Base at 1510.
			Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (F/O Munday & Crew) was airborne for 1 1/2 hours on DTC Practice.
			Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne for 1 hr, 35 mins. on DTC Practice.
			Liberator MK.VI (EV853) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne for 1 1/2 hours on DTC practice.
			P/O F. J. Keleher left by rail for Armada Road for a special Gunnery Leader's Course.
			Aus.421057 F/Sgt. Tout, H. S. (W/OP/AG) report to Squadron as Officer on appointment to a commission w.e.f. 23.10.43.
	30.5.44	1110	Liberator MK.V. "C" (BZ865) (S/L Hanson & Crew) wa airborne from Sigiriya on A/S patrol. The aircraft was on patrol in position 05° 07" N, 92° 44 " E, at 1633 and off patrol in position 0546 N, 9324 E, at 1808. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Sigiriya at 0030.
		0845	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (F/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne for 1 hr, 20 mins. on D.T.C. Practice.
		1020	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne for 1 hour, 50 minutes on D.T.C. Practice.
		0855	Liberator MK.VI "X" (EV853) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne for 1 hour 40 minutes on Bombing Practice.
			F/O R. H Meyer returned to St. Thomas' Mount on cessation of Temporary Duty.
	31.5.44	0800	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne for 1 hour, 10 minutes on Bombing Practice.
		0930	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne for 1 hour on

			Bombing Practice.
		0845	Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne for half an hour on D.T.C. Practice.
		1050	Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne 1 hour, 50 minutes on D.T.C. Practice.
			F/O D. R. Wicks returned from Calcutta on cessation of Temporary Duty.
			The average squadron strength in aircraft during the month was 9 and average serviceability - 71%
			The months operational flying hours were 535 1/2 Day and 130 Night.
			Training Hours were - 150 Flying and 407 Ground Instruction.

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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
Lib. "S" Mk.V.	P/O Beaton, R. A.	Escort	302225	010655	A/S Escort to Convoy C.J.26. See Sortie Report No.1.
	F/O Goldsworthy, S. H?				
	P/O Smiley W. D. G?				
	Sgt. Gray, R. J.				
	Sgt. Rutley, G. W.				
	Sgt. Hogg, D. ?				
	Sgt. McKillan, F? R.				
	Sgt. Tidmarsh, M.				
	Sgt. DeCruyenaere G. M.				
Lib. "P" Mk.V.	P/O Badgley, J. A.	Maxim	302336	011106	Maxim Green 3A. See Sortie Report No.2.
	P/O Ingram, J. S?				
	Sgt. Stewart, R. ?				
	P/O Gorrington, N? T.				
	Sgt. Tye, J. W?				
	Sgt. Dale, N?				
	Sgt. Butchart, R. S.				
	Sgt. Graber, W. W.				
Lib. "L" Mk.VI	F/O Maguire, J. L.	Escort	010520	011330	A/S Escort to Convoy C.J.26. See Sortie Report No.3.
	F/Sgt. Leonard, A. P.				
	W/O Stinson, H. V.				
	F/Sgt. Cliffe, C. C.				
	F/Sgt. Baty, H. J.				
	F/Sgt. Ferguson S? J.				
	Sgt. Constable, R. C. H?				
	Sgt. Rancher, F. A.				
Lib. "M" Mk.VI	F/O Banks, E? ?	Escort	010906	011720	A/S Escort to Convoy J. C. 46. See Sortie Report No.4.
	F/Sgt. Baker, W. A.				
	F/O Pedlar, W. H.				
	F/O Smith, J.				
	F/O Porterfield, W. A.				
	F/O Keleher, R? J.				
	F/O Moodie				
	Sgt. Clements, H. P.				
	Sgt. Vaughan, D. W.				
Lib. "V" Mk.V.	F/O Munday, G. J.	Maxim	012342	020945	Maxim Black 1A. See Sortie Report No.5.

	F/O Taylor, L. H?				
	F/O Marshall, G. W.				
	F/Sgt. Thomas, L. R.				
	F/Sgt. Scholl, L. C.				
	F/Sgt. Tout, H. S.				
	F/Sgt. Muir, N. W.				
	W/O Bott, H. A.				
Lib "A" Mk.V.	P/O Burrows L. F.	Escort	012225	021115	A/S Escort to Convoy J.C.46. See Sortie Report No.6.
	P/O Tomlinson, G. M.				
	P/O Parkhouse, J. E.				
	Sgt. Adams, A. G. A.				
	P/O Eager, A. N.				
	Sgt. Coxford, T. A. S?				
	Sgt. Douglas, J. J.				
	Sgt. Angus, J. B.				
	F/Sgt. Whale, H. G. W.				
Lib. "P" Mk.V.	P/O Badgley, J.A.	Escort	021011	022242	A/S Escort to Convoy C.H. 29. See Sortie Report No. 7.
	P/O Ingram, J. S.				
	Sgt. Stewart, R. S.				
	Sgt. Graber, W. W.				
	Sgt. Butchart, R. S.				
	Sgt. Dale, H.				
	Sgt. Tye, J. W.				
	Sgt. Christsen, A. M.				
Lib. "L" Mk.V.	F/O Maguire	Maxim	022335	030825	Maxim Brown 1C. See Sortie Report No. 8.
	F/O Stinson, H. V.				
	F/Sgt. Leonard, A. P.				
	F/Sgt. Cliffe, C. C.				
	F/Sgt. Baty, H? J.				
	F/Sgt. Barber, K.				
	F/Sgt. Fergusson, S? J.				
	Sgt. Constable, R. O? H.				
Lib. "C" Mk.V.	F/O Nicholl, J.	Escort	030035	031307	A/S Escort to Convoy H.C.60. See Sortie Report No. 9.
	W/O Hughes, G. M.				
	F/Sgt. Strong, C. ?				
	W/O Mullin G? A.				
	W/O Bangs T. J.				
	W/O Brodie, J. F.				
	W/O Mulhern, J. E?				
	F/Sgt. Long, M.				
	Sgt. Cousins, S.				
Lib. "K" Mk.VI.	F/O Skinner, O. J.	Maxim	032339	041120	Maxim Gray 4A. See Sortie Report No.10.
	F/O Burrige, G? G?				
	P/O Flower, J. H.				
	F/O Smith, K? R.				

	F/O Bracey, R.				
	F/Sgt. Maze, M?				
	F/Sgt. Rendall, T. H.				
	Sgt. Kearns, J. M.				
	Sgt. Worsley, H. F.				
Lib. "S" Mk.V.	P/O Beaton, R. A.	Maxim	042340	051132	Maxim Scarlet 3C. See Sortie Report No.11.
	P/O Smiley W. D. C.				
	F/O Goldsworthy, ? E?				
	Sgt. Rutley, G. W.				
	Sgt. Gray, R. J.				
	Sgt. Hogg, D. M?				
	Sgt. Tidmarsh, H?				
	Sgt. McKillan, F. R.				
	Sgt. DeCruyenaere G. M.				
Lib "L" Mk.VI.	F/O Maguire, J. L.	Escort	051010	052215	A/S Escort to C.H.30. See Sortie Report No.12.
	F/O Stinson, H. V.				
	F/Sgt. Leonard, A. P.				
	F/Sgt. Cliffe, G? C?				
	F/Sgt. Baty, H. J.				
	F/Sgt. Fergusson, S. J.				
	F/Sgt. Barber, K.				
	Sgt. Constable, R. C. H.				
Lib. "V" Mk.V.	F/O Munday, G. J.	Maxim	052340	061128	Maxim Gold 2A. See Sortie Report No.13.
	F/O Taylor, L. E.				
	P/O Marshall, C. W.				
	F/Sgt. Thomas, L. R.				
	F/Sgt. Scholl, L. C.				
	F/Sgt. Tout, H. S?				
	F/Sgt. Kenny, C. R.				
	W/O Bott, H. A.				
Lib. "P" Mk.V.	P/O Badgley, J. A.	Escort	060004	061237	A/S Escort to Convoy H.C.61. See Sortie Report No.14.
	P/O Ingram, J. B?				
	Sgt. Stewart, R. S.				
	F/Sgt. Tye, J. W.				
	F/Sgt. Christsen, A. M.				
	Sgt. Graber, W. W?				
	Sgt. Butchart, R. S.				
	Sgt. Dale, H.				
Lib. "M" Mk. VI.	F/O Banks, R. E?	Maxim	070123	Missing	Maxim Green 1A. A/C failed to return. See Sortie Report No.15.
	F/Sgt. Baker, W. A.				
	F/O Pedlar, W. H.				
	W/O Porterfield, W. A.				

	P/O McCormack, C. G?				
	F/O Smith, J.				
	Sgt. Clements, H. F.				
	Sgt. Vaughan, D. W.				
Lib "S" Mk. V.	F/O Gibson, W. D. J.	Search	072317	080902	Air Search M/354. No sightings. See Sortie Report No.16.
	F/O Taylor, L. E?				
	F/O Fletcher, J.				
	P/O Gorring, N? T.				
	F/O Lean,				
	F/Sgt. Kenny, C. R.				
	F/Sgt. Muir, N. W.				
	F/Sgt. Christsen, A. M.				
	Sgt. Roberts, P?				
Lib. "C" Mk.V.	F/O Nicholl, J.	Maxim	072341	081155	Maxim Scarlet 1A. See Sortie Report No.17.
	W/O Hughes, G. M.				
	F/Sgt. Strong C. C.				
	W/O Bangs T. J.				
	W/O Mullin, O? A.				
	W/O Brodie, J. F.				
	W/O Mulhern, J. ?				
	F/Sgt. Long, M.				
	Sgt. Cousins, S.				
Lib. "S", Mk.V.	F/O Gibson, W. D. J.	Escort	082222	091050	A/S Escort to Convoy C.J.27. See Sortie Report No.18.
	F/O Taylor, L. H.				
	F/O Fletcher, J.				
	P/O Goring, N. T.				
	F/Sgt. Kenny C. R.				
	F/Sgt. Muir, N. W.				
	F/Sgt. Christsen, A. M.				
	Sgt. Roberts, P?				
Lib. "C" Mk.V.	F/O Nicholl J.	Escort	090930	092147	A/S Escort to Convoy C.J.27. See Sortie Report No.19.
	W/O Hughes, G. M.				
	F/Sgt. Strong. C. C.				
	W/O Mulhern, J. N?				
	W/O Bangs, T. J.				
	W/O Brodie, J. F.				
	F/Sgt. Long, M.				
	F/Sgt. Cousins, S.				
Lib. "K" Mk.VI	F/O Skinner O. J.	Maxim	091534	100455	Maxim Gold 4C. See Sortie Report No.20.
	F/O Burrige, C. G?				
	P/O Flower, J. H.				
	F/O Smith E? R.				
	F/O Bracey, R.				
	F/Sgt. Maze, N.				
	F/Sgt. Randall, T. H.				

	Sgt. Kearns, J. M.				
Lib "P" Mk.V.	P/O Badgley J. A.	Escort	092230	101013	A/S Escort to Convoy C.J.27. See Sortie Report No.21.
	P/O Ingram, J. S?				
	Sgt. Stewart, ? S.				
	F/Sgt. Tye, J. W.				
	Sgt. Graber, ? W.				
	F/Sgt. Dale, H.				
	F/Sgt. Tester, A. G.				
	F/Sgt. Butchart, ? S.				
Lib. "S" Mk.V.	F/Sgt. Jorgenson, M.	Escort	100080 9	102018	A/S Escort to Convoy C.J.27. See Sortie Report No.22.
	Sgt. Etherington R. N.				
	Sgt. Thickett, G. M.				
	F/Sgt. Slawson J. C.				
	F/Sgt. Bonany, A. L.				
	Sgt. Harris, J. ?				
	Sgt.Smail, W? D.				
	Sgt. Abildgaard C.				
	LAC Ward				
Lib. "A" Mk.V.	P/O Burrows, L. F.	Escort	100131	101336	A/S Escort to Convoy H.C.62. See Sortie Report No.23.
	P/O Parkhouse, J. M.				
	F/Sgt. Reeves				
	P/O Eager, A. M.				
	F/Sgt. Douglas, J. J.				
	F/Sgt. Whale, H. G. W?				
	Sgt. Angus J. B.				
	Sgt. Coxford, T. A. G.				
	Sgt. Morrison, A. H.				
Lib. "K." Mk.VI	F/O Leslie, I. M.	Maxim	101524	110310	Maxim Green 3C. See Sortie Report No.24.
	F/O Robertson, A. K. N.				
	F/Sgt. Harley, G. F.				
	F/Sgt. McKean A. D.				
	F/Sgt. MacDonald, I. M.				
	F/Sgt. Mair, R. G.				
	F/Sgt. Charles, H. B.				
	Sgt. Myers, W?				
Lib. "P" Mk.V.	F/O Stanley, A. D.	Maxim	110128	111123	Maxim Black 2A. See Sortie Report No.25.
	Sgt. Picken, P. L.				
	F/O Lowrey, R. M.				
	Sgt. Bernauer R. R.				
	Sgt. Broad, L. J.				
	Sgt. Alcorn, G. C.				
	Sgt. Kehoe, S. C.				
	Sgt. Nevett P. M.				
	Sgt. Rancher, K. A.				
Lib. "Z"	F/O Gibson, W. D. J.	Escort	111506	120330	A/S Escort to Tanker XYCJ.

Mk.VI.					See Sortie Report No.26.
	F/O Taylor, L.H?				
	F/O Fletcher, J.				
	P/O Gorring, N. P?				
	F/Sgt. Muir, N. W.				
	F/Sgt. Christsen, A. M.				
	F/Sgt. H?endall, T. H.				
	Sgt. Roberts, P.				
	Sgt. Maze, N.				
Lib. "T" Mk.VI.	S/Ldr. McKenzie G?	Escort	112110	120812	A/S Escort to Convoy CH.32. See Sortie Report No.27.
	P/O Mackley, C. A. R.				
	F/Sgt. Thornhill, G. L.				
	F/Sgt. Watson, J. W.				
	F/Sgt. Young, ? S?				
	F/sgt. MacDonald, I.				
	F/Sgt. Diachun S.				
	Sgt. Appleby, H. S?				
Lib. "A" Mk.V.	P/O Burrows,L. F.	Maxim	112327	121055	Maxim Brown 4C. See Sortie Report No.27.
	P/O Parkhouse, J. E?				
	Sgt. Adams, A. S? A.				
	P/O Eager, A. M.				
	Sgt. Sgt. Coxford, T.A. G.				
	Sgt. Maybee, H. F. W?				
	Sgt. Angus, J. R?				
	F/Sgt. Douglas, J? J?				
	F/Sgt. Whale, H. G? V?				
Lib "S" Mk.V.	P/O Badgley, J. A.	Escort	120047	121242	A/S Escort to Tanker XYCJ. See Sortie Report No.28.
	P/O Ingram, J. S.				
	Sgt. Stewart, R. S?				
	F/Sgt. Graber, W. W.				
	F/Sgt. Dale, H.				
	F/Sgt. Tester A. S.				
	F/Sgt. Butchart, H. S.				
Lib. "C" Mk.V.	F/O Nicholl, J.	Escort	120335	121540	A/S Escort to Convoy HC.63. See Sortie Report No.30.
	W/O Hughes, G. M.				
	F/Sgt. Strong, C. C.				
	W/O Mullin ? A.				
	W/O Mulhern, J. E?				
	W/O Bangs, T. J.				
	W/O Brodie, J. F.				
	Sgt. Smail, W. D.				
	Sgt. Cousins, S.				
Lib. "A" Mk.V.	F/O Stanley, A. D.	Maxim	121700	130400	Maxim Scarlet 2C. See Sortie Report No.31.
	F/Sgt. Picken P. L.				
	F/O Lowrey R. M.				

	F/Sgt. Kehoe, S. C.				
	Sgt. Bernauer R. R.				
	Sgt. Broad, L. J.				
	Sgt. Alcorn, G. C.				
	Sgt. Nevett P. M.				
	Sgt. Rancher K. A.				
Lib. "K" Mk.VI.	F/O Skinner, O. J.	Escort	121647	130547	A/S Escort to Tanker XYCJ. See Sortie Report No.32.
	F/O Burrige, G. C.				
	P/O Flower, J. H.				
	F/O Smith, M. ?				
	F/O Bracey, R				
	P/O Jackson, A.				
	F/Sgt. Maze, H?				
	F/Sgt. Mansall, T H.				
	Sgt. Kearns, J. M.				
Lib. "S" Mk.V.	P/O Beaton, R. A.	Escort	130229	131520	A/S Escort to Tanker XYCJ. See Sortie Report No.33.
	P/O Goldsworthy, J? K?				
	P/O Smiley, W? D. C.				
	Sgt. Rutley G. W.				
	Sgt. Hogg, D. T?				
	Sgt. McMillan, F. R.				
	Sgt. DeCruyenaere G. M.				
	Sgt. Tidmarsh, H?				
Lib. "K" Mk.VI.	S/Ldr. Hanson R. L. (D.F.C.)	Maxim	140002	140915	Maxim Gray. See Sortie Report No.34.
	F/O Robertson, A. Y? N.				
	F/O Reave J. P. F.				
	P/O Chlke? S? R.				
	Sgt. Friesen, G.				
	Sgt. Rancher, K. A.				
	F/Sgt. Charles, H. B.				
	F/Sgt. McDonald I. M.				
Lib. "A" Mk.V.	P/O Tomlinson, G. M.	Escort	142201	151005	A/S Escort to Convoy H.C.64. See Sortie Report No.35.
	P/O Ibbotson, G.				
	F/Sgt. Larsen, H? W.				
	F/Sgt. Douglas, J. J.				
	F/O Jackson, A.				
	F/Sgt. Whale, N? G? W.				
	F/Sgt. Watson, L. M.				
	F/Sgt. McGaughran S.				
Lib. "Z" Mk.VI.	F/O Gibson, W. D. J.	Maxim	150115	151110	Maxim Gold. See Sortie Report No.36.
	F/O Fletcher, J				
	P/O Taylor, L. M?				
	P/O Gorring, N. T.				

	F/Sgt. Kenny C. R.				
	F/Sgt. Muir N. W.				
	F/Sgt. Christsan, A. M.				
	Sgt. Roberts, P				
	Sgt. Coxford, T. A. G?				
Lib "Z" Mk.VI	F/O Nicholl, J.	Maxim	160405	161325	Maxim Green. See Sortie Report No.37.
	W/O Hughes, G. M.				
	F/Sgt. Strong, C. C.				
	W/O Bangs, T. J.				
	W/O Brodie, J. F.				
	W/O Mulhern, J. E?				
	Sgt. Friesen, G.				
	Sgt. Hogg, D. N.				
	Sgt. Cousins, S.				
Lib. "H" Mk.VI.	S/Ldr. Hanson R. L. (D.F.C.)	Maxim	162331	170845	Maxim Black. See Sortie Report No.38.
	F/O Robertson, A. Y? N.				
	P/O Reave J. P. F.				
	F/O Chlke S? R.				
	F/Sgt. Charles, H. B.				
	F/Sgt. McDonald I. M.				
	Sgt. Rancher, K. A.				
	Sgt. Friesen, G.				
Lib. "S" Mk.V.	P/O Beaton, R. A.	A/S Search	181723	190507	A/S Search. Sortie Report No. 39.
	F/O Taylor, L. e.				
	F/O Goldsworthy, S? E.				
	Sgt. Rutley, G. W.				
	Sgt. McKillan, F. H?				
	Sgt. DeCruyenaere G. M.				
	Sgt. Hogg. N. N.				
	Sgt. Tidmarsh, H.				
Lib. "K" Mk.VI.	F/O Skinner O. J.	Maxim	190115	191125	Maxim Scarlet. Met flight on return. Sortie Report No. 40.
	F/O Burrige, C. C.				
	P/O Flower, J. H.				
	F/O Jackson A.F.				
	Sgt. Whale, H. G. W.				
	Sgt. McGaughran, ?				
	Sgt. Watson, J. W?				
	Sgt. Kearns, J. M.				
Lib. "P" Mk.V.	P/O Badgley, J. A.	Maxim	180327	181227	Maxim Brown, Met flight on return. Sortie Report No. 41
	P/O Smiley, W. D. C.				
	Sgt. Stewart, R. S?				
	Sgt. Butchart, H? S.				
	Sgt. Dale, H?				
	Sgt. Tester I? G.				
	F/Sgt. Tye, J. W.				

	Sgt. Gray, W. W.				
Lib. "A" Mk.V.	P/O Burrows, ? F.	Escort	180529	181744	A/S Escort to Tanker "Saidja". Sortie Report No. 42.
	P/O Parkhouse, J. ?				
	P/O Eager, A. M				
	F/O Moodie				
	Sgt. Coxford, T. A. G.				
	Sgt. Maybee, H. F? W?				
	Sgt. Adams, A. G? A.				
	Sgt. Angus, J. B.				
	Sgt. Morrison, A. H.				
Lib. "P" Mk.V.	P/O Badgley, J. A.	Search	190500	191157	A/S Search. Sortie Report No. 43.
	P/O Ingram, J. ?				
	Sgt. Stewart, R. ?				
	P/O Thomas, L. R.				
	F/Sgt. Tye, J. W?				
	Sgt. Graber, W. W.				
	Sgt. Tester, ? G.				
	Sgt. Butchart, ? R. S.				
Lib. "Z" Mk.VI.	F/O Stanley, A. D.	Maxim	192228	200828	Maxim Gray. Met flight on return. Sortie Report No. 44.
	F/Sgt. Picken, P. L.				
	F/O Lowrey, R. M.				
	Sgt. Broad L. J.				
	Sgt. Alcorn, G. C.				
	Sgt. Bernauer R. R.				
	Sgt. Myers? K?				
	F/Sgt. Kehoe, S. C.				
Lib. "S" Mk.V.	P/O Beaton, R. A.	Maxim	210226	211026	Maxim Green. Met flight on return. Sortie Report No. 45.
	P/O Smiley, W. D. C?				
	F/O Goldsworthy, S. K?				
	Sgt. Rutley, G. W.				
	Sgt. Gray, R. J.				
	Sgt. Hogg, D. M.				
	Sgt. McKillan, F? R.				
	Sgt. Tidmarsh, H.				
	Sgt. DeCruyenaere, G. M.				
Lib. "A" Mk.V.	P/O Tomlinson, G. M.	Maxim	220057	220925	Maxim Gold. Met flight on return. Sortie Report No. 46.
	P/O Ibbotson, G.				
	F/Sgt. Larsen, W. W.				
	P?O Jackson, A.				
	F/Sgt. Whale, H. G. ?				
	F/Sgt. Watson, L. M.				
	F/Sgt. McGaughran S.				
	F/Sgt. Douglas, J. ?				
Lib. "A"	P/O Burrows, L. F?	Maxim	230204	231200	Maxim Black. Met flight on

Mk.V.					return. Sortie Report No. 47.
	P/O Parkhouse, J. ?				
	Sgt. Adams, A. G. A.				
	P/O Wolstenholme G. V.				
	P/O Eager, A. M.				
	Sgt. Coxford, T.A. G.				
	Sgt. Maybee, H. F. W.				
	Sgt. Morrison, ? H.				
Lib "H" Mk.VI.	P/O Leslie, I. M.	Maxim	232229	240745	Maxim Brown. Met flight on return. Sortie Report No. 48.
	P/O Robertson, A. K. N.				
	P/O Reave J. P. F.				
	F/Sgt. McKean, A. D?				
	F/Sgt. MacDonald, I.				
	F/Sgt. Mair, R. G.				
	F/Sgt. Charles, H. B.				
	Sgt. Myers, H?				
Lib. "K" Mk.VI	P/O Burrows, L. F.	Escort	242233	251049	A/S Escort to Convoy JC.49A. Sortie Report No. 49.
	P/O Parkhouse, K.H.				
	Sgt. Adams, A. G. A.				
	P/O Eager, A. M.				
	Sgt. Coxford, ? A. ?				
	Sgt. Angus,, J. ?				
	Sgt. Maybee, H. ? ?				
	Sgt. Morrison, A. H.				
Lib. "P" Mk.V.	F/Sgt. Jorgenson M.	Maxim	250226	251212	Maxim Scarlet. Met flight on return. Sortie Report No. 50.
	Sgt. Etherington, R. N.				
	W/O Thickett, G. M.				
	P/O Thomas, L? W?				
	Sgt. Harris, J. E?				
	Sgt. Abildgaard, ?				
	Sgt. Smail, W? D.				
	F/Sgt. Kehoe, S. C.				
Lib. "X" Mk.VI.	F/O Horner, D. K.	Escort	250811	251500	A/S Escort to Convoy J.C.49A. Sortie Report No. 51.
	F/O Keetley F. A.				
	W/O Tobin, H. M?				
	P/O Slauenwhite, L. S.G?				
	Sgt. Czay J. ?				
	Sgt. Robinson T.				
	Sgt. Armstrong, J. E?				
	F/Sgt. Bond, M. ?				
Lib "X" Mk.VI.	F/O Stanley, A. D.	Maxim	252330	260944	Maxim Black. Met flight on return. Sortie Report No. 52.
	F/Sgt. Picken P. L.				
	F/O Lowrey, R. M.				

	F/Sgt. Kehoe, S. C.				
	Sgt. Bernauer R. R.				
	Sgt. Broad, L. J.				
	Sgt. Alcorn, G. C.				
	Sgt. Nevett, P. M.				
	Sgt. Paris, L. ?				
Lib. "V" Mk.V.	P/O Munday, C. J.	Maxim	270125	271150	Maxim Green. Met flight on return. Sortie Report No. 53.
	P/O Mackley G. A.				
	F/Lt. Currie, I. S.				
	P/O Thomas? L. R.				
	F/Sgt. Tout, H. S.				
	F/Sgt. Bond, M. W.				
	W/O Bott, H. A.				
	Sgt. Gray, R. J.				
Lib. "K" Mk.VI.	P/O Tomlinson, G. M.	Maxim	280024	280953	Maxim Gray. Met flight on return. Sortie Report No. 54.
	P/O Ibbotson, G.				
	F/Sgt. Strong, C. C.				
	F/Sgt. McGaughran S.				
	F/Sgt. Whale, H. G. W.				
	F/Sgt. Douglas, J. J.				
	F/Sgt. Barber, K.				
	F/Sgt. Alcorn, G. C.				
	P/O Lomas, L, J. (200 Sqn)				
Lib. "V" Mk.V.	F/O Stanley, A. D.	Maxim	282328	290842	Maxim Gold. Met flight on return. Sortie Report No. 55.
	F/Sgt. Picken, P.L.				
	F/O Coulson, J R. (200 Sqn)				
	P/O Lowrey, R. M.				
	Sgt. Bernauer, R. R.				
	Sgt. Broad, L. J.				
	Sgt. Alcorn G. C.				
	Sgt. Nevett, P. M.				
	Sgt. Paris, L. A.				
	Detachments				
			Cuttack	Sigiriya	
Lib. "C" Mk.V.	F/O Skinner, O. J.	Patrol	242359	250653	A/S Patrol Shipping Lanes Cuttack - China Bay. Sortie Report No. VA15 (SGY)
	F/O Burridge, C. C.				
	P/O Flower, J. H.				
	F/O Smith, E R.				
	F/O Bracey, R.				
	F/O Jackson, A.				
	F/Sgt. Maze, N.				
	F/Sgt. Rendall, T. H.				
	Sgt. Kearns, J.				
Lib. "L"	S/Ldr. Hanson, R. L.	Patrol	250013	250730	A/S Patrol Shipping Lanes

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	F/Sgt. Hewko, E?				
	P/O Reave, J.				
	P/O Wolstenholme, G. V.				
	P/O Chlke, S. R.				
	Sgt. Worsley, H.				
	Sgt. Friesen, G.				
	F/Sgt. George, L				
	Sgt. Rancher, K A.				
Lib. "Z" Mk.VI.	F/O Gibson, W. D. J.	Patrol	250125	250910	A/S Patrol Shipping Lanes Cuttack - China Bay. Sortie Report No. VA16 (SGY)
	F/O Marshall, C. W?				
	F/O Taylor, L. M?				
	P/O Gorrington, M. T.				
	F/Sgt. Christson, A. M.				
	F/Sgt. Kenny, C. R.				
	F/Sgt. Muir, N. W.				
	F/Sgt. DeCruyenaere, C M.				
	Sgt. Roberts, P.				
Lib. "H" Mk.VI.	F/O Leslie, I. M.	Patrol	250129	250857	A/S Patrol Shipping Lanes Cuttack - China Bay. Sortie Report No.VA16 (SGY)
	F/O Robertson, A. K. N.				
	F/Sgt. Larsen, ?				
	F/Sgt. McKean, A. D.				
	F/Sgt. MacDonald, I.				
	F/Sgt. Charles, H.				
	F/Sgt. Mair, R. G.				
	Sgt. Myers. ?				
	Detachment		Sigiriya		
Lib. "C" Mk.V.	F/O Skinner, O. J.	Patrol	260105	261352	A/S Patrol. Sortie Report No. VA17 (SGY)
	F/O Burrige, C. C.				
	P/O Flower, J. H.				
	F/O Smith, E R.				
	F/O Bracey, R.				
	F/O Jackson, A.				
	F/Sgt. Maze, N.				
	F/Sgt. Rendall, T. H.				
	Sgt. Kearns, J.				
Lib. "Z" Mk.VI.	F/O Gibson, W. D. J.	Patrol	260920	261937	A/S Patrol. Sortie Report No. VA18 (SGY)
	F/O Marshall, C. W?				
	F/O Taylor, L. M?				
	P/O Gorrington, M. T.				
	F/Sgt. Christson, A. L.				
	F/Sgt. Kenny, C. R.				

	F/Sgt. Muir, N. W.				
	F/Sgt. DeCruyenaere, C M.				
	Sgt. Roberts, P.				
Lib. "H" Mk.VI.	F/O Leslie, I. M.	Patrol	261604	270240	A/S Patrol. Sortie Report No. VA19 (SGY)
	F/O Robertson, A. K. N.				
	F/Sgt. MacDonald, I.				
	F/Sgt. Mair, R. G.				
	F/Sgt. Charles, H.				
	F/Sgt. Watson, L. S.				
	Sgt. Myers. M.				
Lib "C" Mk.V.	S/Ldr. Hanson, R. L. D.F.C.	Sweep	300441	301750	A/S Patrol. Sortie Report No. VA20 (SGY)
	F/Sgt. Hewko, E?				
	P/O Reave, J.				
	P/O Wolstenholme, G. V.				
	P/O Chlke, S. R.				
	Sgt. Worsley, H.				
	F/Sgt. George, L				
	Sgt. Friesen, G.				
	Sgt. Rancher, K A.				

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Cuttack	1.6.44	08.00	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on transit to Santa Cruz on detachment. The aircraft landed at Santa Cruz at 13.45.
		08.50	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne for 2 hrs. 40 mins. on Bombing Practice.
		10.00	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne for 1 hr. on Bombing Practice.
		16.50	Liberator MKVI. "L" (EV840) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne at Sigiriya for 1 hr. 40 mins. on Fighter Affiliation.
			F/O Munday G. J. & Crew proceeded to Santa Cruz on Temporary Duty.
			The 42nd Detachment of B.O.Rs. left for Puri Rest Camp for normal 5 days Rest.
	2.6.44	08.45	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne for 1 hr. 45 mins. on D.T.C. Practice.
		14.10	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) was airborne at Santa Cruz for 50 mins. on Local Flying.
			F/Lt. J. E? Symonds returned from H.Q. A.C.S.E.A. by air.
	3.6.44	08.35	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne for 1 3/4 hrs. on Bombing Practice.
		10.00	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne for 1 hr. 40 mins. on Bombing Practice.
		10.30	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) was airborne for 50 mins. on local Flying.
		12.00	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on return from Santa Cruz. The aircraft landed at Base at 16.50.
		16.45	Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV829) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne at Sigiriya for 1 1/2 hrs. on Fighter Affiliation.
			F/O G. J. Munday & Crew returned by air from Temporary Duty at Santa Cruz.
			F/Lt. J. E. Symonds proceeded on posting to H.Q. A.C.S.E.A. by rail.
			Liberator MK.V. "A" (BZ862) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) proceeded to Cawnpore for a Major Inspection.
	4.6.44	07.35	Liberator Mk.V. "C" (BZ865) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne from Sigiriya on A/S Traffic Patrol on return from detachment. No Enemy Sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Base at 14.20.
		07.45	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne from Sigiriya on A/S Traffic Patrol on return from detachment. No Enemy Sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Base at 14.45.
		08.45	Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV829) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne from Sigiriya on A/S Traffic Patrol on return from detachment. No Enemy Sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Base at 15.55.
		08.55	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV840) (S/L Hanson & Crew) was airborne from Sigiriya on A/S Traffic Patrol on return from detachment. No Enemy Sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Base at 15.45.
		09.00	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne for 1 hr. 40 mins. on Bombing Practice.
		09.20	Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne for 2 hrs. on a Photographic Exercise.
			S/L. R. L. Hanson & Crew, F/O O. J. Skinner & Crew, F/O I. M? Leslie & Crew, and F/O W. D. J. Gibson & Crew returned from detachment at Sigiriya

			by air.
			F/O C. H. McTaggart arrived on posting from 160 Squadron Sigiriya by air.
5.6.44	0950		Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne for 1 3/4 hours on Bombing Practice.
			Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & W/O Jorgenson's Crew) was flown to Armada Road for Fighter Affiliation Course.
			S/L G. McKenzie proceed to Kotagiri?? on leave.
			F/Lt. J. R. Richards arrived on posting from B.H.Q.Karachi.
			Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was flown to Armada Rd. for Fighter Affiliation Course.
6.6.44	1605		Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV840) (F/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy JC.50A. The C/V was met in position 1855N 8540E at 1645 and escorted until 0312. The aircraft landed at Base at 0405.
	1010		Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (P/O Watt & Crew) was airborne for 1 hour 50 mins. on Bombing Practice.
			Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Horner & Crew) was flown to St. Thomas' Mt., to take part in a Bombing Competition.
			AUS 426288 P/O Hughes reported to the Squadron as an officer on appointment to a Commission.
			The 43rd Detachment of Officers, S.N.C.Os and B.O.Rs. left for Puri Rest Camp for normal 5 days Rest Period.
7.6.44	0435		Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (P/O Burrows and Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy JC.50A. The C/V was met in position 2018N 8724E at 0515. On instructions from the S.N.O. the aircraft searched for a dinghy, distress signals from which had been picked up by the Naval Units. No Sighting was made and the C/V was left at 1508. Storms were encountered on the return journey and the A/C landed at Base at 1830.
	1320		Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to Convoy JC.50A. It was escorted from 1444 until 1945 and a search was carried out for a dinghy. The Aircraft landed at Base at 2205.
			F/O S. E. Goldsworthy proceeded to Ceylon on Ship Recognition Course by air.
			P/O G. M. Tomlinson and P/O G. Ibbotson returned from Temporary Duty at Cawnpore.
	1230		Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne at St. Thomas' Mount for half an hour on Local Flying.
8.6.44	1030		Liberator MK.V. "C" (BZ865) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was flown to Amarda Road to replace Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) on Fighter Affiliation Course.
	0910		Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on Transit Flight to Karachi en route for Scuiscuban on detachment.
	0920		Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV840) (S/Ldr. Hanson & Crew) was airborne on Transit Flight to Karachi en route for Scuiscuban on detachment.
	1120		Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Horner & Crew) wa airborne for 2 3/4 hours on a Bombing Competition at St. Thomas' Mount. The crew obtained second place in both Low Level and High Level. The average error was 19 yards for Low Level and 58 yards for High Level.
			S/Ldr. R. L. Hanson & Crew and F/O G. J. Munday & Crew left by air on detachment to Scuiscuban, Italian Somaliland.
			P/O R. J. Keleher returned from Special Leaders' Course at Amarda Road.
9.6.44	10.00		Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (P/O Burrows & Crew) was airborne for 1 hour 40 mins. on Bombing Practice.
			Liberator MK.VI "H" (EV829) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was flown to Kanchrapara for a Major Inspection.
10.6.44	09.55		Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (F/O Maguire & P/O Watt & Crew) was airborne for 1 hour 20 mins on Bombing Practice.

		09.30	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on Transit Flight on return from St. Thomas' Mt.
			Liberator MK.VI. (EV942) (F/Lt. R. A. Hubber-Richard & Crew) arrived from Allahabad as a replacement.
			F/Lt. R. A. Hubber-Richard, F/O J. W. Adlington, F/Sgt. Brankley?. F/Sgt. Scarfe, Sgts. Rawkins, Legge? Antlett, and Chapman arrived by air from Allahabad on posting (Ex Canada) (w.e.f. 30/5/44)
	11.6.44	09.55	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne for 1 3/4 hours on Bombing Practice.
			F/O J. R. Thomas, F/O P. Duffield, F/O R. W. H Crouch?, and Sgts., Mason, Alexander, and Hyndman? arrived by rail from 3 R.F.U. Poona on posting (w.e.f. 28.5.44)
			P/O C. D. Mackeen?, P/O W. J. Saunders, P/O W. Hayes arrived on detachment from 200 Squadron from St. Thomas' Mt.
			The 44th Detachment of Officers, Senior N.C.Os. & B.O.Rs. left for Puri Rest Camp for 5 days Rest Period.
	12.6.44	10.00	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne for 1 3/4 hours on Bombing Practice.
			Liberator MK.VI. (EV945) (F/O Riffle & Crew) arrived as a replacement.
			F/O F. A. Riffle, F/O J. M Hunter, F/O C. J. Wood, F/Sgt. Milne and Sgts., Casson, Richards, and Day arrived on posting.
			F/Lt. W. H. Dumsday & F/O W. G. Coy (R.C.A.F. P.R.Os) arrived on liaison visit to the squadron.
	13.6.44	09.50	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (F/O Skinner & Crew was airborne for 1 hour 20 mins. on Bombing Practice.
			F/Lt. R.C. Wescombe? & F/O J. C. Miles (200 Squadron) returned to St. Thomas' Mt. on cessation of detachment.
	14.6.44	10.10	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (F/O Maguire & Crew was airborne for 1 hour 50 mins. on Bombing Practice.
	15.6.44	10.00	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (F/Lt. Richards & Crew was airborne for 1 hour 50 mins. on Bombing Practice.
			F/Lt. W. H. Dumsday & F/O N. G. Coy (R.C.A.F. P.R.Os) returned to Calcutta by air.
			F/O J. K. Fletcher returned to unit from G.R. & A.N. School, Ceylon, on completion of Ship Recognition Course.
			F/O W. E. T. Cawsey? F/O J. P. Waters, and F/O G. N? Parfett?? Arrived by rail from B.R.D. Worli, on posting, ex U.K. w.e.f. 2.6.44.
	16.6.44	08.10	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (F/Lt. Hubber-Richard & Crew was airborne on transit to Salbani and return.
			The 45th Detachment of Officers, Senior N.C.Os. & B.O.Rs. left for Puri Rest Camp for 5 days Rest Period.
	17.6.44	0800	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne for 6 hours on Bombing Practice and Photography.
			The following officers, S.N.C.Os, and Airmen were authorized to wear the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal Ribbon and the Maple Leaf Emblem.
			P/O J. A. Badgley, P/O L. F. Burrows, F/O J. K. Fletcher, F/O D. K. Horner, F/O A. Jackson, P/O R. J. Keleher, P/O S. R. Culen?, P/O L. St. C.Slaunwhite, F/O L. E. Taylor, F/O R. A. Beaton, P/O A. MacD. Eager, F/O W.D.J. Gibson, P/O J. S. Ingram, F/O F. A. Keetley P/O W. Moodie, P/O J. E? Parkhouse, F/O W.D.C. Smilery, P/O D. C. Watt.
			W/O2 Jorgenson, W/O2 Butchart, W/O2 Graber, W/O2 Worsley W/O2 Mullin, W/O2 Tobin, W/O2 Robinson, W/O2 Mowat, W/O2 Bonany W/O2 Bangs, W/O2 Mulhern, W/O2 Stewart, W/O2 Hewko? W/O2 Bridie?, W/O2 Czay, W/O2 Tester, W/O2 Abildgaard, W/O2 Harris, W/O2 Etherington, W/O2 Griesen, W/O2 Thickett, W/O2 Slawson,

			F/Sgt. MacDonald, F/Sgt. McMillan, F/Sgt. Diachun, F/Sgt. Gray, F/Sgt. Mackay,
			Sgt. Taylor, Sgt. Dale, Sgt. Coxford, Sgt. Adams, Sgt. Rutley F/Sgt. DeCruyenaere
			LAC Cardinal, LAC Jameson?, LAC Ward LAC Whyte?, LAC Hughes, LAC Rasmusson, LAC Wickware, LAC Stringer, LAC Sanders.
18.6.44	0905		Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (F/Lt. Richards & Crew) was airborne for 1 hr. 50 mins. on Bombing Practice.
			F/Lt. Gatrell Squadron Adjutant, proceeded to No. 1. O.C.T.C. Upper Topa for Admin Course.
			F/O P. Duffield proceeded by air to Armada Rd. for Bombing Leaders' Course.
			AUS 425098 Sgt Picken P. L. (Pilot) reported to the Squadron as an officer on appointment to a commission.
19.6.44	0620		Liberator MK.V "S" (BZ888) (P/O Watt & Crew) (F/O Nicholl Screen) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V, CJ32. The C/V was escorted from 0710 until 1407 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1442.
	0810		Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (P/O Burrows & Crew) was airborne for 1 hr. 45 mins. on Bombing Practice.
	1010		Liberator MK.VI. (EV942) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was flown to Allahabad. The aircraft was not accepted since it was not fitted with a rear turret.
			F/O R. Hazel proceeded to Calcutta on Temporary Duty.
20.6.44	0845		Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/Lt. Hubber-Richard & Crew) was airborne for 2 hrs. 50 mins. on Bombing Practice Fighter Affiliation with Hurricanes of 134 Squadron, and Photography.
21.6.44	0455		Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V CJ32A. the C/V was escorted from 0542 until 1328 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1355.
	1220		Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V CJ32A. the C/V was escorted from 1309 until 1921 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1950.
	0905		Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (F/Lt. Richards & Crew) was airborne for 4 hrs. 10 mins. on Bombing Practice and Photography Exercise.
			Liberator MK.VI. "A" (EW319) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) arrived on the Squadron as replacement for Liberator MK.V. BZ862.
			P/O Tomlinson & Crew returned by air from Allahabad.
			The 46th Detachment of Officers, S.N.C.Os. & B.O.Rs. left for Puri Rest Camp for 5 days Rest Period.
22.6.44	0454		Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (P/O Burrows & Crew) was airborne on Air Sea Rescue Search for dinghy. The area was covered with a Square Search and Creeping Line Ahead from 0559 until 1555 bur no traces of the dinghy were seen.
	0850		Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (P/O Watt & Crew) was airborne for 3 hrs. 10 mins on Fighter Affiliation and Bombing Practice.
			Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne for 3/4 hr. on Air Test.
23.6.44	0500		Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on Air Sea Rescue Search for dinghy. The area was covered from 0555 until 1355 but no traces of the dinghy were found. The aircraft landed at Base at 1457.
			P/O R. Hazel returned from Temporary Duty at Calcutta.
24.6.44	1025		Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V JC52A. The C/V was escorted from 1202 until 1700 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1753.
	0930		Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (F/O Riffle & Crew) was airborne for 2 1/2 hrs. on Bombing Practice.

		1045	Liberator MK.VI "A" (EW319) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne for 1 3/4 hrs. on Air Test.
			F/O S. L. Lean promoted to war substantive rank of F/Lt. w.e.f. 31.12.43.
25.6.44		0835	Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (F/Lt. Hubber-Richard & Crew) was airborne for 3 hours on Air Firing and Practice Bombing.
			Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Munday & Crew) returned from detachment at Socotra.
26.6.44		0830	Liberator MK.VI. "A" (EW319) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne for 2 hrs. 5 mins. on Air Firing and Bombing Practice.
		0900	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne for 3 hrs. 10 mins. on Air Firing & Bombing Practice.
			Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (F/O Stanley & Crew) and Liberator MK.V. "C" (BZ865) (W/O Jorgenson & Crew) returned from detachment at Armada Rd on completion of Fighter Affiliation Course.
			F/O N. C. Dowsett left 47 B.G.H. Calcutta for S.S.Q. Worli, on posting to B.H.Q. Bombay w.e.f. 12.6.44 pending embarking for U.K. on Medical Grounds.
			The 47th Detachment of Officers, Senior N.C.Os. & B.O.Rs. left for Puri Rest Camp for 5 days Rest Period.
27.6.44		0930	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/Lt. Hubber-Richard & Crew) was airborne for 55 mins. on Air Test.
28.6.44		0900	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/Lt. Hubber-Richard & Crew) was airborne for 2 hrs. 40 mins. on Air Firing and Bombing Practice.
		0905	Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) was airborne for 2 hrs. on bombing Practice.
			Liberator MK.VI BZ991 and EV972 were flown in by ferry crews as replacements.
			P/O W. D.C. Smiley proceeded to N.T.T.C. Secunderabad for Gas Course.
29.6.44		0825	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV856) (F/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V AM4. The C/V was escorted from 0935 until 1955 and the aircraft landed at Base at 2030.
		0830	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne for 2 3/4 hrs. on Air Firing and Practice Bombing.
		0935	Liberator MK.VI. "A" (EW319) (F/O Riffle & Crew) was airborne for 2 hrs. 20 mins. on Air Firing and Bombing Practice.
		0920	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (F/Lt. Richards & Crew) wa airborne for 1 hr 24 mins. on Air Test and Compass Swing.
30.6.44		0505	Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V AM4. The C/V was escorted from 0558 until 1533 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1705.
		1350	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V AM4. The C/V was escorted from 1530 until 2333 and the aircraft landed at Base at 0145.
		0830	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (W/O Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne for 50 mins. on Bombing Practice.
			Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (F/Lt. Richards & Crew) was airborne for 3 hrs. 10 mins. on Bombing Practice.
			The Squadron Strength was 13 Liberator. Average serviceability was 76.6%.
			The crew Strength was 19 crews.
			Operational Flying for the month consisted of 181 Day and 25 1/2 night.
			Non-operational hours were 95 and training hours were 134 Flying and 394 Ground.

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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
					See Sortie Report
Lib. "C" Mk.V.	F/O Skinner O. J.	Patrol	Sigiriya	Cuttack	
	F/O Burrige, C. C.		040115	040753	A/S Traffic Patrol. No. 1.
	P/O Flower, J. ?				
	F/O Smith, ? ?				
	F/O Bracey, R.				
	F/O Jackson, A.				
	F/Sgt. Maze, ?				
	F/Sgt. Rendall? T. H?				
	Sgt. Kearns, J. M?				
Lib "Z" Mk.VI	F/O Gibson, W? D. J.	Patrol	040125	040825	A/S Traffic Patrol. No. 2.
	F/O Taylor, L. N?				
	P/O Marshall, G? W.				
	P/O Goring, N? T.				
	F/Sgt. Kenny, G? ?				
	F/Sgt. Muir, ? ?				
	F/Sgt. Christson, A. W.				
	Sgt. DeCruyenaere G. M.				
	Sgt. Roberts, P.				
Lib "H" Mk.VI.	P/O Leslie, I. W.	Patrol	040214	040925	A/S Traffic Patrol. No. 3.
	P?/O Robertson, A. K. N.				
	F/Sgt. Larsen, ? ?				
	F/Sgt. McKean, A. D.				
	F/Sgt. MacDonald, I. M.				
	F/Sgt. Mair R. G.				
	F/Sgt. Charles, M. ?				
	F/Sgt. Watson, J. W?				
	Sgt. Myers, ?				
Lib. "L" Mk.VI	S/Ldr. Hanson, ? L	Patrol	040223	040930	A/S Traffic Patrol. No. 4.
	F/Sgt. Hewko, ?				
	P/O Reeve, J. P. F?				
	P/O Wolstenholme, G. V.				
	P/O Chlke, ? R.				
	F/Sgt. George, L. V?				
	Sgt. Rancher, K. A.				

	Sgt. Worsley, H F.				
	Sgt. Friesen, G?				
			Cuttack		
Lib. "L" Mk.VI	F/O Maguire, J. L.	Escort	060934	062130	A/S Escort to convoy JC.50A. No.5.
	F/O Stinson, M? V.				
	P/O Flower, J. N?				
	F/Sgt. Cliffe, ?				
	F/Sgt. Baty, ? J.				
	F/Sgt. Ferguson, ? J.				
	F/Sgt. Barber, K.				
	Sgt. Constable, ? C? H?				
Lib "K" Mk.VI	F/O Burrows, L. F?	Escort	062305	071200	A/S Escort to convoy JC.50A. No.6.
	P/O Parkhouse, J. ?				
	Sgt. Adams, A. G. A.				
	P/O Eager, A.				
	Sgt. Coxford, T. A. G.				
	Sgt. Angus, J. B?				
	Sgt. Maybee, H. F? V?				
	Sgt. Morrison, A. H?				
	F/O Moodie				
Lib. "V" Mk.V.	P/O Badgley, J. A.	Escort	070648	071522	A/S Escort to convoy JC.50A. No.7.
	P/O Ingram, J. S.				
	F/O Stewart, R. S.				
	F/Sgt. Tye, J. W.				
	W/O Graber, W. W.				
	F/Sgt. Cliffe, C. C.				
	W/O Butchart, R. S.				
	F/Sgt. Mackay,				
	LAC Winkler				
Lib "S" Mk.V.	P/O Watt, D. C.	Escort	182352	190812	A/S Escort to convoy CJ.32. No.8.
	Sgt. Cameron, E? K?				
	F/Sgt. Taylor, J. B.				
	F/O Nicholl, J.				
	F/Sgt. McKay, W. G?				
	F/Sgt. Laxton, P? E?				
	F/Sgt. Backwith, J. A.				
	F/Sgt. Gregory, H?				
	Cpl. Howe.				
Lib. "X" Mk.VI.	P?/O Horner, D. K.	Escort	202223	210728	A/S Escort to convoy CJ.32A. No.9.
	F/O Keetley F. A.				
	Sgt. Chapman, F. C.				
	P/O Adlington, J. W?				
	P/O Slauenwhite L. S. C.				
	W/O Robinson, T.				
	W/O Czay, J. W?				
	F/Sgt. Armstrong, J.				

	W?				
	F/Sgt. Christson, A. M?				
Lib "S" Mk.V.	P/O Badgley, J. A.	Escort	210550	211320	A/S Escort to convoy CJ.32A. No.10.
	P/O Ingram, J. S.				
	F/O Stewart, R. S.				
	P/O Gorrington, N. T.				
	F/Sgt. Tye, J. W.				
	W/O Butchart, R. S.				
	F/Sgt. Kenny, C? R.				
	F/Sgt. Cliffe, C. C.				
Lib "V" Mk.V.	P/O Burrows, L. F.	Search	212224	221025	Search for Dinghy. No. 11.
	P/O Parkhouse, J. O?				
	Sgt. Adams, A. G. A.				
	Sgt. Coxford, T. A. G.				
	Sgt. Angus, J. B?				
	Sgt. Maybee, H. F. V?				
	Sgt. Morrison, A. R.				
	F/O Eager, A. M.				
Lib. "K" Mk.VI.	F/O Skinner, O. J.	Search	222230	230827	Search for Dinghy. No. 12.
	F/O Burrige, C. C.				
	P/O Flower, J. H.				
	F/O Smith, E? R.				
	P/O Gorrington, H? T.				
	F/Sgt. Rendall, T. H.				
	F/Sgt. Maze, N.				
	F/Sgt. Douglas, J. J.				
Lib. "X" Mk.VI.	F/O Nicholl, J.	Escort	240355	241123	A/S Escort to JC.52A. No. 13
	F/Lt. Richards, J. L.				
	F/Sgt. Strong, C. C.				
	W/O Brodie, J. F.				
	W/O Mulhern, J. K.				
	Sgt. Beckwith, J. A.				
	F/Sgt. Long, M?				
	F/Sgt. Barber, K.				
	Sgt. Cousins, S.				
Lib. "K" Mk.VI.	F/O Munday, G. J.	Escort	290155	291400	A/S Escort to A. M. 4. No. 14.
	F/O Batey, M.				
	F/O Marshall, O? W.				
	P/O Wolstenholme G. V.				
	P/O Thomas, L. R				
	F/O Tout, H. S.				
	F/O Crouch, R. W. H?				
	Sgt. Mason, K. G?				
	W/O Bott, H? H.				
Lib. "T" Mk.VI	S/Ldr. McKenzie, G?	Escort	292239	301029	A/S Escort to A. M. 4. No. 15.
	P/O Mackley G? A.				

	R?				
	F/Sgt. Thornhill, G. L.				
	F/Sgt. Watson, J. V.				
	Sgt. Appleby, H? N?				
	Sgt. Diachun, S.				
	Sgt. McDonald, I.				
	Sgt. Paris, L. A.				
	354 Squadron Detachments.				
Lib. "H" Mk.VI.	F/O Skinner, J. C?	Escort	Sigiriya	Sigiriya	A/S escort Force 67. See Sortie Report No. VA/21.
	F/O Burrige, C.		311406	010122	
	P/O Flower, J.				
	F/O Smith, E?				
	F/O Bracey, R.				
	F/Sgt. Maze, N.				
	F/Sgt. Rendall, T.				
	Sgt. Kearns, J.				
	F?/O Jackson, A.				
Lib. "A" Mk.VI.	F/O Munday, G. J.	Sweep	Socotra	Socotra	A/S Sweep. See Sortie Report Ref. 300?/31/AIR.
	F/O Batey, M.		131440	140235	
	F/O Marshall, O? W.				
	P/O Wolstenholme G. V.				
	P/O Thomas, L. R				
	F/O Tout, H? S.				
	F/Sgt. Watson, L. M.				
	F/Sgt. McGaughran, J. S.				
	LAC Jackson G. V.				
Lib "H" Mk.VI.	S/Ldr. Hanson, R. L.	Sweep	Socotra	Socotra	A/S Sweep. See Sortie Report Ref. 30C?/31/AIR.
	F/O McTaggart, C. H?		160140	161305	
	P/O Reave, J. P. F.				
	F/O Jackson, A.				
	P/O Chlke, ? R.				
	F/Sgt. George, L. W.				
	W/O Worsley, H? F.				
	W/O Friesen, G?				
	Sgt. Rancher, K?				
Lib. "Z" Mk.VI.	F/O Munday G. J.	Sweep	Socotra	Soctra	A/S Sweep. See Sortie Report Ref. 30C?/31/AIR.
	F/O Batey, M.		180225	181220	
	F/O Marshall, C? W.				
	P/O Wolstenholme G. V.				
	P/O Thomas, L. R				
	F/O Tout, H? S.				
	F/Sgt. Watson, L. M.				
	F/Sgt. McGaughran, J. S.				
	LAC Jackson G. V.				

Lib. "H" Mk.VI.	S/Ldr. Hanson, R. L.	Escort	Socotra	Socotra	A/S escort to AP.72 & PA.79. See Sortie Report Ref. 30C?/31/AIR.
	F/O McTaggart, C. H?		190144	191342	
	P/O Reave, J. P. F.				
	F/O Jackson, A.				
	P/O Chlke, ? R.				
	W/O Worsley, H. F.				
	W/O Friesen, G?				
	F/Sgt. George, L. W?				
	Sgt. Rancher, K.				
Lib. "Z" Mk.VI.	F/O Munday G. J.	Search	Socotra	Socotra	Search for independent shipping. See Sortie Report Ref. 30C?/31/AIR.
	F/O Batey, M.		200155	201316	
	F/O Marshall, C? W.				
	P/O Wolstenholme G. V.				
	P/O Thomas, L. R				
	F/O Tout, H? S.				
	F/Sgt. Watson, L. M.				
	F/Sgt. McGaughran, J. S.				
	W/O Bott, H. A.				
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Lib. "H" Mk.VI.	S/Ldr. Hanson, R. L. DFC	Patrol	200940	201425	A/S Patrol
	P/O McTaggart, G. N.		Socotra	Macirsh?	
	P/O Reeve, J. P. V.				
	F/O Jackson, A.				
	P/O Chlke, S. R.				
	F/Sgt. George, I. W.				
	W/O Worsley, H. F.				
	W/O Friesen, G.				
	Sgt. Rancher, K. A.				
	W/O Venanare??				
Lib. "H" Mk.VI.	S/Ldr. Hanson, R. L. DFC	Patrol	Maasirc h?	Salalah?	A/S Patrol See Sortie Report No. 1. Ref: K/5/5/AIR
	P/O McTaggart, G. N.		210905	211345	
	P/O Reeve, J. P. V.				
	F/O Jackson, A.				
	P/O Chlke, S. R.				
	F/Sgt. George, I. W.				
	W/O Worsley, H. F.				
	W/O Friesen, G.				
	Sgt. Rancher, K. A.				
	W/O Venanare??				
Lib. "H" Mk.VI.	S/Ldr. Hanson, R. L. DFC	Patrol	Salalah ?	Khormakse r?	A/S Patrol.
	P/O McTaggart, G. N.		220647	221344	
	P/O Reeve, J. P. V.				
	F/O Jackson, A.				
	P/O Chlke, S. R.				

	F/Sgt. George, I. W.				
	W/O Worsley, H. F.				
	W/O Friesen, G.				
	Sgt. Rancher, K. A.				
	W/O Venanare??				
Lib. "H" Mk.VI.	S/Ldr. Hanson, R. L. DFC	Patrol	Kharam aksar?	Socotra	A/S Patrol
	P/O McTaggart, G. N.		240930	241400	
	P/O Reeve, J. P. V.				
	F/O Jackson, A.				
	P/O Chlke, S. R.				
	F/Sgt. George, I. W.				
	W/O Worsley, H. F.				
	W/O Friesen, G.				
	Sgt. Rancher, K. A.				
	W/O Venanare??				

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Cuttack	1.7.44	0556	Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne on Traffic Patrol to Ceylon on detachment to Sigiriya. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Sigiriya at 1333.
		0600	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on Traffic Patrol to Ceylon on detachment to Sigiriya. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Sigiriya at 1420.
		1055	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (P/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne for 1 3/4 hours on Air Test.
			The 48th Detachment of officers, S.N.C.Os. and B.O.Rs left for Puri for 5 day Rest Period.
	2.7.44	0905	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne for 1/2 hour on Bombing Practice.
	3.7.44	0900	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne for 4 1/4 hours on a Photographic Exercise.
		1200	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV972) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne for 15 mins. on Air Test.
		1415	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV972) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on Transit Flight to Armada Rd. returning at 1625.
			Liberator MK.VI. "C" (BZ991) (P/O Burrows & Crew) proceeded to Armada Rd. for Fighter Affiliation Course.
			Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/O Maguire & Crew) proceeded to Armada Rd. for Fighter Affiliation Course.
			P/O Hazel proceeded to 47 B.G.H. Calcutta.
	4.7.44	0825	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne 5 1/4 hrs. on D/F Calibration Flight.
			Liberator MK.VI. (KG850) was flown in by Ferry crew.
	5.7.44	0600	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) was airborne on Transit Flight to Santa Cruz, landing at Santa Cruz at 1125.
		1030	Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne for 1 1/2 hrs. on Air Test.
			Liberator MK.VI. (EV942) was flown in by Ferry crew.
			W/O MacPherson proceeded to Calcutta on Temporary Duty.
			F/O Parfst???? proceeded to Calcutta for Medical Board.
	6.7.44	0355	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (W/O Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V JC54A. The C/V was escorted from 0547 until 1441 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1600.
		1300	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V JC34. The C/V was escorted from 1357 until 0022 and the aircraft landed at Base at 0100.
			Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V JC54A. The C/V was escorted from 1432 until 0027 and the aircraft landed at Base at 0110.
			Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Munday & Crew) returned from Santa Cruz.
			Liberator MK.VI. (KG821) was flown in by Ferry crew.
			The 49th Detachment of officers, S.N.C.Os. and B.O.Rs left for Puri for 5 day Rest Period.
	7.7.44	0525	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV972) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V JC34. The C/V was escorted from 0625 until 1703 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1751.

		1530	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V JC34. The C/V was escorted from 1634 until 0230 and the aircraft landed at Base at 0350.
		0930	Liberator MK.VI. "N" (EV942) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on Air Test for 1 3/4 hrs.
			Liberator MK.VI. "N" (EV942) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne for 1 hr. on transit flight to Bhuraneswar??
			W/C. Macpherson returned to unit from Calcutta via Armada Rd. on cessation of Temporary Duty.
			F/O Moodie proceeded to 51 Radio School for Course.
	8.7.44	0415	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (P/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V CJ34. The C/V was escorted from 0552 until 1421 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1605
		1220	Liberator MK.VI. "N" (EV942) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V CJ34. The C/V was escorted from 1415 until 1950 and the aircraft landed at Base at 2140
	9.7.44	0900	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) was airborne for 1 hr. 55 mins. on Bombing Practice.
		1030	Liberator MK.VI. "U" (KG821) (W/O Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne for 50 mins. on Air Test.
		1350	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Taylor & Crew) was airborne on Transit Flight to Armada Rd. Returning to Base 1610.
			Liberator MK.VI. (EV863) was flown in by a Ferry Crew.
			CAN R97766 W/O Jorgenson M. reported to the Squadron as an officer on appointment to a commission w.e.f. 27.3.44.
			CAN R131779 F/Sgt. Gray, R. J. reported to the Squadron as an officer on appointment to a commission w.e.f. 20.3.44.
	10.7.44	0905	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne for 50 mins on Circuits and Landings.
		1640	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (S/L McKenzie & Crew) was airborne for 50 mins. on Local Flying.
			AUS 425170 W/O Larsen E. W. reported to the Squadron as an officer on appointment to a commission w.e.f. 21.1.44.
			F/O Parfett? returned to unit from Medical Board at Calcutta.
	11.7.44		The 50th Detachment of Officers, S.N.C.Os. and B.O.Rs left for Puri for 5 day Rest Period.
	12.7.44		F/O S. E. Goldsworthy returned from Ship Recognition Course at Ceylon.
			F/Lt. S. L. Lean proceeded to Madras on Temporary Duty by air.
	13.7.44	0910	Liberator Mk.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne on Bombing Practice for 2 hrs. 20 ins.
		0940	Liberator MK.VI. "U" (KG821) (P/O Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne for 1 hr. 50 mins. on Air Firing and Bombing Practice.
			Liberator MKVI. "K" (EV856) (F/O Taylor & Crew) was flown to Cawnpore for Major Inspection.
		0425	Liberator MK.V. "Y" (KG850) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V CJ35A. The C/V was escorted from 0806 until 1400 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1640.
			P/O ? R. Thomas proceeded to H.Q. 225 Gp. On Temporary Duty.
	14.7.44	0910	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV972) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne for 1/2 hr. on Bombing Practice.
		1055	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on transit flight to Armada Rd. The aircraft returned to Base at 1525.
			Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV972) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne for 25 mins on Air Test.
			F/O R. Hazel returned from 47 B.G.H. Calcutta by rail.

	15.7.44	0900	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Keetley & Crew) was airborne on Traffic Patrol to Madras and thence overland to Yelahanka. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at St. Thomas' Mt. At 1435. It was airborne from St. Thomas Mt. At 1547 and landed at Yelahanka at 1627.
		0920	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ805) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne for 2 hours on Bombing Practice.
		1000	Liberator MK.V. "J" (EV863) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne for 1 3/4 hours on Air Test.
	16.7.44		F/Lt. J. L. Richards proceeded to Dum Dum by air on Temporary Duty.
			The 51st Detachment of Officers, S.N.C.Os. and B.O.Rs left for Puri for 5 day Rest Period.
			Liberator MK.V. (BZ889) was flown in by a Ferry Crew.
	17.7.44	0542	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on Traffic Patrol to St. Thomas' Mt. on detachment. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at St. Thomas Mt. at 1117.
		05?9	Liberator MK.VI. "U" (KG821) (P/O Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne on Traffic Patrol to St. Thomas' Mt. on detachment. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at St. Thomas Mt. at 1057.
		0555	Liberator MK.VI. "N" (EV942) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on Traffic Patrol to St. Thomas' Mt. on detachment. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at St. Thomas Mt. at 1058.
		0556	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne on Traffic Patrol to St. Thomas' Mt. on detachment. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at St. Thomas Mt. at 1110.
Yalahanka		0857	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Keetley and Crew) was airborne on Traffic Patrol from Madras to Puri. The aircraft landed at Cuttack at 143?0.
			Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV840) (S/L Hanson & Crew) returned from detachment at Sigiriya.
			Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (F/O Skinner & Crew) returned from detachment at Sigiriya.
		1607	Liberator MK.VI. "N" (EV942) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on A/S Search (Hunt to Exhaustion). The aircraft was on patrol in position 1213N? 7411E at 2005 and off patrol in the same position at 2330. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Base at 0235.
		1652	Liberator MK.VI. "U" (KG821) (P/O Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Search (Hunt to Exhaustion). The aircraft was on patrol in position 1200N 7321E at 2106 and off patrol in position 1157 N 7312 E at 0055. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Base at 0358.
St. Thomas' Mt.	17.7.44	2000	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne on A/S Search (Hunt to Exhaustion). The aircraft was on patrol in position 1218?N 7419E at 2327 and off patrol in position 1218 N 7419E at 0254??. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Base at 0?????.
		2030	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on A/S Search (Hunt to Exhaustion). The aircraft was on patrol in position 1206N 7403E at 2340 and off patrol in position 1228 N 7347E at 0400. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Base at 0622????.
Cuttack	18.7.44		Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) returned from detachment at Sigiriya.
			F/Lt. S. L. Lean returned from Temporary Duty at Madras.
			P/O D. C. Watt proceeded to Calcutta by air for Medical Board.
Cuttack	19.7.44		F/O Robertson, F/O Taylor, F/O Fletcher, and P/O Slauenwhite, returned from ferrying aircraft to Cawnpore.
Cuttack	20.7.44	1020	Liberator MK.VI. "A" (EW319) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne on Transit Flight to Salbani.
St.		0901	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne on Traffic

Thomas' Mt.			Patrol to Cuttack. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Cuttack at 1319.
		0904	Liberator MK.VI. "U" (KG821) (P/O Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne on Traffic Patrol to Cuttack. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Cuttack at 1328.
		0959	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on Traffic Patrol to Cuttack. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Cuttack at 1422??.
			F/Lt. Richards returned from Temporary Duty at Calcutta.
			P/O D. C. Watt returned from Medical Board at Calcutta.
		1007	Liberator MK.VI. "N" (EV942) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on Traffic Patrol to Cuttack. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Cuttack at 1422.
Cuttack	21.7.44	0910	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ889) (W/C MacPherson & Crew) was airborne for 1 hr. 35 mins. on transit flight to Armada Rd. returning to Base at 1220.
			P/O I? B. Thomas returned from Temporary Duty at 225 Group.
			The 52nd Detachment of Officers, S.N.C.Os. and B.O.Rs left for Puri for 5 day Rest Period.
Cuttack	22.7.44	0905	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne on Air Firing & Bombing Practice for 2 hrs. 50 mins.
			Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV972) (F/O Riffle & Crew) was airborne on Bombing Practice for 2 1/4 hours.
			Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ889) (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) was airborne on Air test for 35 mins.
			Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ889)(F/O Keetley & Crew) was flown to Cawnpore for a Major Inspection.
Cuttack	23.7.44	0830?	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV972) (F/Lt. Richards & Crew) was airborne for 1 hr. ??mins on Bombing Practice
			{frame 221 is extremely difficult to read}
		0900?	Liberator MK.VI. "?" (Ev???) (F/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne for ? hrs. on Bombing Practice
			Liberator MK.VI. "A" (EW319) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) returned from Armada???
			F/Lt. Gatrell?? Returned form No. 1 O.C.T.C. on completion of Admin Course.
			F/O ?????g returned from ??????? on cessation of Aircraft Recognition Course.
			F/O ?????? proceeded to Madras?? On Temporary Duty.
			Notification received of commissioning in G.D. Branch of R.A.A.F. of A. ?????? F/Sgt. Harley G. F. (Nav.B) w.e.f. 23.3.44.
Cuttack	24.7.44	0840	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV972) (F/O Riffle & Crew) was airborne for 2 hrs. on Bombing Practice.
			Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne for 5 mins. The aircraft was U/S.
			?/O ?{10car}? Proceeded to Madras by air on Temporary Duty.
Cuttack	25.7.44		Liberator MK.VI. "C" (BZ991) (P/O Burrows & Crew) and Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/O Maguire & Crew) returned from Armada Road on cessation of Fichte Affiliation Course.
Cuttack	26.7.44	09??	Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne for 2 1/2 hrs. on Bombing Practice.
			Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV972) (F/Lt. Richards & Crew) was airborne for 1 hr. 20 mins. on Air Firing and Bombing Practice.
			The 53rd Detachment of Officers, S.N.C.Os. and B.O.Rs left for Puri for 5 day Rest Period.
			W/C MacPherson and F/Lt. Currie proceeded to Vizagapatan by air to arrange Tactical Exercise with H.R.?. Submarine K.III. On arrival notification

			was received that the submarine would not be available at Vizagapatan since it was proceeding to Madras. Temporary arrangements were made to carry out exercises from St. Thomas' Mt.
Cuttack	27.7.44	0800	Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (P/O Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne for 3 1/2 hours on Air Firing and Bombing Practice.
		0906?	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV972) (F/O Riffle & Crew) was airborne for 2 3/4 hours on Air Firing and Bombing Practice.
		1030	Liberator MK.V. "V" (BZ889) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne for 1 hr. 25 mins. on Air Firing and Bombing Practice.
		1055	Liberator MK.VI. "P" (KG822) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne for 1 hr. 25 mins. on Air Firing and Bombing Practice.
			F/O Duffield returned from Armada Rd. on Cessation of Bombing Leader's Course.
			W/C MacPherson and F/Lt. Currie returned from Vizagapatan by air.
			P/O MacMurphy arrived from Madras for Temporary Radar Specialist Duties.
Cuttack	28.7.44		P/O Keetley & Crew returned from Cawnpore by rail.
Cuttack	29.7.44	0900	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on Practice Bombing and Air Firing for 1 hr. 40 mins.
			Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was flown to Kanchrapara For Major Inspection.
			Notification received of commissioning in G.D. Branch of R.C.A.F. of R.111441 W/O Bangs T. J. WOP(AIR) w.e.f. 29.4.44.
Cuttack	30.7.44	0607	Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V JC58. The C/V was escorted from 0810 until 1200 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1400.
		0842	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV972) (F/O Riffle & Crew) was airborne on Practice Bombing and Local Flying but was diverted to carry out a search for an A.S.R. Launch reported in distress in position 200N{sic} 8652 E. The aircraft began a Square Search around this position but was forced to return to Base because of bad weather, landing at 1213.
			F/O Stinson proceeded to Karachi for onward route-ing to Nassau, Bahamas for Captain's Course.
Cuttack	31.7.44	1014	Liberator MK.VI. "C" (BZ991) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne on search for A.S.R. Launch in distress. The aircraft carried out a Square Search around position 1940N 8624E but no sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Base at 1810.
		1215	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne on search for A.S.R. Launch in distress. An extended Y search was begun from position 1940N 8624E but the aircraft was diverted to carry out a Creeping Line Ahead west of 1945N 8750E. No sightings were made and the aircraft landed at 1802.
			The 54th Detachment of Officers, S.N.C.Os. and B.O.Rs left for Puri for 5 day Rest Period.
			F/O Taylor, F/O Burbidge, F/O Batey, F/O Hughes left for Karachi en route to Nassau for Captain's Course.
			P/O MacMurphy proceeded to Calcutta on cessation of Temporary Duty.
			F/Lt. (A/S/L) Hubber-Richard returned from Short staff Course at Delhi.
			The aircraft establishment remained at 12 aircraft but actual strength was 15 aircraft. 1 MK.V. and 14 MK.VI.
			Operational Flying hours for the month were 319.40 and non-operational 164.20.
			Crew Strength was 19 but two crews were tour expired and awaiting posting and 3 crews were posted to 200 Squadron but held temporarily owing to lack of accommodations at St. Thomas' Mt.
			Flying Training hours were 106.20 and Ground Instruction 305 1/2.

			Average serviceability for the month was 76%
			A series of lectures on Administration and Discipline for Aircrew was introduced into the training programme for the coming months. These are to be given by the Station Adjutant.

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Cuttack	1.7.44	0600	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on Traffic Patrol to Sigiriya on detachment. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Sigiriya at 1320.
		0556	Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne on Traffic Patrol to Sigiriya on detachment. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Sigiriya at 1338.
Sigiriya	6.7.44	1833	Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Sweep. The aircraft was on patrol in position 0553N 7821E at 2002 and set course for Base at 0010 in position 0305S 7815E. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Base at 0620.
		1830	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Sweep. The aircraft was on patrol in position 0600N 7755E at 2016 and set course for Base at 0102 in position 0209S 7758E. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Base at 0655.
Sigiriya	8.7.44	2200	Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Sweep. The aircraft commenced a Creeping Line Ahead patrol in position 0537N 7910E at 2305 in a direction of 090°, using 20 miles between tracks, length of track 170 miles. The aircraft was off patrol in position 0240N 8010E at 0517. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Base at 0669.
Sigiriya	9.7.44	1845	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Hunt to Exhaustion. The aircraft was on patrol in position 0614N 7943E at 1940 and off patrol in position 0616N 7953E at 0556. The aircraft landed at Base at 0715.
Sigiriya	10.7.44	1806	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Sweep. The aircraft was on patrol in position 0458N 8000E at 1945 and off patrol in position 0510N 8227E at 0407. The Aircraft landed at Base at 0622.
Sigiriya	13.7.44	2143	Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Sweep. The aircraft was on patrol in position 0328N 7826E at 0039 and off patrol in position 0314N 7813E at 0642. The Aircraft landed at Base at 0905.
Sigiriya	15.7.44	0533	Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Sweep. The aircraft was on patrol at 0715 and off patrol 1451 sweeping through 0713N 7746E, 0100N 0317E, 0007N 8240E, 0605N 7530E. The Aircraft landed at Base at 1730.
Sigiriya	17.7.44	0658	Liberator MK.V. "S" (BZ888) (F/O Skinner & Crew) was airborne on Traffic Patrol to Cuttack. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Cuttack at 1428.
Sigiriya	18.7.44	0648	Liberator MK.V. "P" (BZ866) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne on Traffic Patrol to Cuttack. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at Cuttack at 1405.

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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
					See Sortie Report No.
Lib. "K" Mk.VI.	P/O Beaton, R. A.	Escort	Cuttack	Cuttack	A/S Escort to Convoy A. M.4. No. 1.
	F/O Taylor, L. H?		300720	301915	
	F/O Fletcher, J.				
	Sgt. Rutley, G. W.				
	F/Sgt. Gray, R. J.				
	F/Sgt. DeCruyenaere, G. M.				
	F/Sgt. Christsen, M.				
	F/Sgt. Hogg, D. M.				
	Sgt. Tidmarsh, H.				
Lib. "X" Mk.VI.	W/O Jorgenson, M.	Escort	052113	060920	A/S escort to J.C.54A. No. 2.
	W/O Thickett, G M.				
	W/O Larsen? M? W?				
	W/O Slawson J. C.				
	W/O Bonany A. L.				
	W/O Harris, J. K.				
	W/O Abildgaard				
	W/O Gray, R. J.				
	F/Sgt. Smail W. D.				
Lib "F" Mk.VI.	F/O Leslie, I. M.	Escort	060630	061830	A/S escort to C. J.34 No. 3.
	F/O Robertson, A. K. N.				
	F/Lt. Carrie				
	F/Sgt. McKean A. D.				
	F/Sgt. Mair, R. G.				
	F/Sgt. MacDonald, I. M.				
	F/Sgt. Charles, H. B.				
	Sgt. Myers, H?				
Lib "Y" Mk.VI.	F/O Stanley, A. D.	Escort	0607?3 5	061840	A/S escort to J.C.54A. No. 4.
	P/O Picken, P. L.				
	F/O Lowrey, R. M.				
	F/Sgt. Bernauer R. R.				
	F/Sgt. Broad, L. J.				
	F/Sgt. Alcorn, G. C.				
	F/Sgt. Kehoe, S. C.				
	F/Sgt. Nevett, P. M.				
	F/Sgt. Paris, L. A.				
Lib "K"	F/O Nicholl, J.	Escort	062235	071121	A/S escort to C. J. 34. No. 5.

Mk.VI					
	P/O Hughes, G. M?				
	Sgt. Chapman, F. C.				
	F/O Adlington, J. W.				
	W/O Bangs, T. J.				
	W/O Brodie, J. F.				
	W/O Mulhern, J. ?				
	Sgt. Cousins, ?				
	Sgt. Appleby, ??				
Lib "X" Mk.VI	F/O Horner, D. K.	Escort	070905	072123	A/S escort to C.J.34. No. 6.
	F/O Keetley, F. A.				
	P/O Watt, D. C.				
	P/O Slauenwhite, L. S? C.				
	W/O Larsen, K? W.				
	W/O Robinson, T.				
	W/O Czay, J. W?				
	F/Sgt. Read?? M? W?				
	F/Sgt. Armstrong, J. ?				
Lib. "V" Mk.V.	F/O Gibson, W? D. J.	Escort	072144	080930	A/S escort to C.J.34. No. 7.
	F/O Taylor, L. ?				
	F/O Fletcher, J. K.				
	F/Sgt. Christsen, A. M.				
	F/Sgt. Kenny, C? N?				
	F/Sgt. Robert, P?				
	F/Sgt. MacDonald, I.				
Lib. "N" Mk.VI	P/O Beaton, R. A.	Escort	080548	081508	A/S escort to C.J.34. No. 8.
	F/O Cawsey W. E. T.				
	F/Lt. Currie				
	F/Sgt. Gray, R. J.				
	F/Sgt. McMillan, F? R.				
	F/Sgt. Scarfe, ??				
	F/Sgt. Brankley, H. ?				
	Sgt. Hogg, D. ?				
	Sgt. Tidmarsh, H.				
Lib. "Y" Mk.VI	F/O Stanley, A. D.	Escort	122157	131008	A/S escort to C.J.34. No. 9.
	P/O Picken P. L.				
	F/O Lowrey, R. M.				
	F/Sgt. Bernauer R. R.				
	F/Sgt. Broad, L. J.				
	F/Sgt. Alcorn, G. C.				
	F/Sgt. Paris, L. A.				
	F/Sgt. Nevett, P. M.				
	F/Sgt. Kehoe, S. C.				
Lib. "X" Mk.VI.	F/O Keetley, F. A.	Patrol	Cuttack	S?T.M.	
	F/O Mackley, C? A.		150232	150805	Traffic Patrol Puri? To Madras
	F/Sgt. Thornhill, G. L.				

	F/Sgt. Christen, A. M?		S?T.M	Yellahanks ?	
	F/Sgt. Armstrong, J. M?		150917	151057	Overland to Bangalore No. 10.
	Sgt. Billings				
	LAC Dande?				
Lib. "X" Mk.VI.	F/O Keetley, F. A.	Patrol	Yellahanks?	Cuttack	
	F/O Mackley, C? A.		170227	170740	Inner Traffic Patrol Madras to Puri? No. 11.
	F/Sgt. Thornhill, G. L.				
	F/Sgt. Christen, A. M?				
	F/Sgt. Armstrong, J. M?				
	Sgt. Billings				
	LAC Dande?				
Lib. "S" Mk.V	F/O Skinner, O. J.	Patrol	Sigiriya		
	F/O Burrige, C. C.		170028	170758	Traffic Patrol Elephant Point to Puri. No. 12.
	P/O Flower, J. H?				
	P/O Smith, E? H?				
	F/O Bracey, R.				
	F/Sgt. Maze, N?				
	F/Sgt. Rendall, T. H.				
	F/Sgt. Long, M?				
Lib. "P" Mk.V.	P/O Tomlinson, G. M.	Patrol	180018	180735	Traffic Patrol Elephant Point to Puri. No. 13.
	P/O Ibbotson, G.				
	W/O Etherington, R. N.				
	F/Sgt. Whale, H. G. W?				
	F/Sgt. Watson, L. W.				
	F/Sgt. Douglas, J. J.				
	F/Sgt. Tye, J. W.				
	F/Sgt. McGaughran, S?				
	And 9 Groundcrew				
Lib. "F" Mk.VI	F/O Leslie, I. M.	Patrol	S.T.M.		
	F/O Parfett? G? N?		200231	200649	Outer Traffic Patrol Madras to Puri, No. 14.
	F/Sgt. Tobin, ? M.				
	F/Sgt. McKean, A. D.				
	F/Sgt. MacDonald, I. M.				
	F/Sgt. Muir, R. G.				
	F/Sgt. Charles, H. B.				
	Sgt. Myers, R?				
Lib "C" Mk.VI.	P/O Jorgenson, M.	Patrol	200234	2000658	Inner Traffic Patrol Madras to Puri, No. 15.
	W/O Thickett, Q? M.				
	P/O Larsen, ? W?				

	W/O Slawson, J. O?				
	W/O Bonany, A. L.				
	W/O Harris, J. E.				
	W/O Abildgaard, C.				
	F/Sgt. Smail, W. D.				
Lib. "Z" Mk.VI.	F/O Stanley, A. D.	Patrol	200329	200742	Outer Traffic Patrol Madras to Puri, No. 16.
	P/O Picken, P. L.				
	F/O Lowrey, R. M.				
	F/Sgt. Bernauer, R. R.				
	F/Sgt. Broad, L. J.				
	F/Sgt. Alcorn, G. C.				
	F/Sgt. Kehoe, S. C.				
	Sgt. Paris, L. A.				
	Sgt. Nevett, P. M.				
Lib. "N" Mk.VI.	P/O Beaton, R. A.	Patrol	200337	200752	Inner Traffic Patrol Madras to Puri, No. 17.
	P/O Cawsey, W. E. T.				
	F/O Goldsworthy, S. H?				
	P/O Gray, R. J.				
	W/O Rutley, G. W.				
	F/Sgt. McKillan, R. R.				
	F/Sgt. Hogg, D. N.				
	Sgt. Tidmarsh, H.				
	Sgt. Diachun ?				
Lib. "K" Mk.VI.	F/O Riffle, F.	Search	Cuttack		
	Sgt. Hawkins, K. G.		300021 2	3000543	Search for A.S.R. Launch No.2692. No. 18.
	F/O Hunter, J. M?				
	P/O Duffield, P.				
	F/Sgt. Milne, J. A.				
	Sgt. Casson, F. A.				
	Sgt. Day, G. H.				
	Sgt. Richards, P. A.				
Lib. ? Mk.VI	S/Ldr. McKenzie, G.	Escort	29353 {sic}	300720	A/S Escort to Convoy J.C.58. No. 19.
	F/O Mackley, C. A.				
	F/Sgt. Thornhill, G. L.				
	F/Sgt. Young, E? G.				
	W?/O Dischan? S.				
	W/O MacDonald, J. D?				
	Sgt. Appleby, M?				
	F/Lt. Lean, S. L.				
Lib "F" Mk.VI.	F/O Leslie, I. M.	Search	310545	311133	Search for A.S.R. Launch No.2692. No. 20.
	F?/O Parfatt? E? W.				
	W/O Tobin, M. M.				
	F/Sgt. McKean A. D.				
	F/Sgt. Myers, K.				
	F/Sgt. Mair, R. G.				
	F/Sgt. MacDonald, I.				

	M.				
	F/Sgt. Paris, L. A.				
Lib. "C" Mk.VI.	P/O Tomlinson, G. M.	Search	310344	311137	Search for A.S.R. Launch No.2692. No. 21.
	P/O Ibbotson, G?				
	P/O Larsen ? ?				
	P/O Jackson, A.				
	F/Sgt. Watson, L. M.				
	F/Sgt. Whale, ? G. W.				
	F/Sgt. McGaughran S.				
	F/Sgt. Douglas, J. J.				
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Lib. "S" Mk.V.	F/O Skinner, O. J.	Patrol	Cuttack	SGY	
	F/O Burrige		302330	010650	Traffic Patrol Inner Cuttack to SGY. VA/s.
	P/O Flower, J. N?				
	F/O Smith, ? R.				
	F/O Bracey R.				
	F/Sgt. Maze, N?				
	F/Sgt. Rendall, T?				
	F/Sgt. Long, J.				
Lib. "P" Mk.V.	P/O Tomlinson, G?	Patrol	302326	01070 {sic}	Traffic Patrol Outer Cuttack to SGY. VA/s.
	P/O Ibbotson, G.				
	W/O Etherington, R? N?				
	F/Sgt. Whale, H. G. W.				
	F/Sgt. Douglas, J.				
	F/Sgt. Tye, J.				
	F/Sgt. McGaughran, J.				
	F/Sgt. Watson, L?				
Lib. "P" Mk.V.	P/O Tomlinson, G?	Sweep	SGY	SGY	
	P/O Ibbotson, G.		061203	062350	A/S Sweep VA/5.
	W/O Etherington, R? N?				
	F/Sgt. Whale, H. G. W.				
	F/Sgt. Douglas, J.				
	F/Sgt. Tye, J.				
	F/Sgt. McGaughran, J.				
	F/Sgt. Watson, L?				
	Capt. C. Loders?				
Lib. "S" Mk.V.	F/O Skinner, O. J.	Sweep	061200	070025	A/S Sweep. VA/6
	F/O Burrige				

	P/O Flower, J. N?				
	F/O Bracey R.				
	F/O Smith, ? R.				
	F/Sgt. Maze, N?				
	F/Sgt. Rendall, T?				
	F/Sgt. Long, J.				
	F/Lt. M?earhouse.				
Lib. "P" Mk.V.	P/O Tomlinson, G?	Sweep	081530	090020	A/S Sweep. VA/7.
	P/O Ibbotson, G.				
	W/O Etherington, R? N?				
	F/Sgt. Whale, H. G. W.				
	F/Sgt. Douglas, J.				
	F/Sgt. Tye, J.				
	F/Sgt. McGaughran, J.				
	F/Sgt. Watson, L?				
Lib. "S" Mk.V.	F/O Skinner, O. J.	Hunt	091215	100045	Hunt to Exhaustion. VA/9
	F/O Burrige				
	P/O Flower, J. N?				
	F/O Smith, ? R.				
	F/O Bracey R.				
	F/Sgt. Maze, N?				
	F/Sgt. Rendall, T.				
	F/Sgt. Long, J.				
Lib. "S" Mk.V.	P/O Tomlinson, G? M.	Sweep	101136	102352	A/S Sweep. VA/10
	P/O Ibbotson, G.				
	W/O Etherington, R? N?				
	F/Sgt. Whale, H. G. W.				
	F/Sgt. Douglas, J.				
	F/Sgt. Tye, J.				
	F/Sgt. McGaughran, J.				
	F/Sgt. Watson, L?				
Lib. "P" Mk.V.	P/O Tomlinson, G? M.	Sweep	131515	140235	A/S Sweep. VA/18.
	P/O Ibbotson, G.				
	W/O Etherington, R? N?				
	F/Sgt. Whale, H. G. W.				
	F/Sgt. Douglas, J.				
	F/Sgt. Tye, J.				
	F/Sgt. McGaughran, J.				
	F/Sgt. Watson, L.				
Lib. "P" Mk.V.	P/O Tomlinson, G? M.	Search	142303	151100	A/S Sweep. VA/19.

	P/O Ibbotson, G.				
	W/O Etherington, R? N?				
	F/Sgt. Whale, H. G. W.				
	F/Sgt. Watson, L.				
	F/Sgt. McGaughran, J.				
	F/Sgt. Douglas, J.				
	F/Sgt. Tye, J.				
Lib. "U" Mk.VI.	P/O Jorgenson, M.	Patrol	Cuttack	S.T.M.	
	P/O Larsen, E? W.		162319	170427	Traffic Patrol Shipping Lanes Puri to Madras. No.1.
	W/O Thickett, G.				
	W/O Bonany A. L.				
	W/O Slawson J.				
	W/O Harris, J. H?				
	W/O Abildgaard, C.				
	F/Sgt. Smail, D.				
Lib. "N" Mk.VI.	P/O Beaton, P?	Patrol	1622?2 6?	170425	Traffic Patrol Shipping Lanes Puri to Madras. No.1.
	F/O Goldsworthy, S.				
	F/O Cawsey, W.				
	P/O Gray, R.				
	W/O Rutley, G.				
	F/Sgt. McKillan, ?				
	F/Sgt. Dicaun, S.				
	F/Sgt. Hogg, D.				
	Sgt. Tidmarsh, H.				
Lib "F" Mk.VI.	F/O Leslie, I. M.	Patrol	162326	170440	Traffic Patrol Shipping Lanes Puri to Madras. No.1.
	W/O Tobin, H. M?				
	P/O Parfett, G.				
	F/Sgt. McKean, A. D.				
	F/Sgt. Mair, R.				
	F/Sgt. Charles, H.				
	F/Sgt. MacDonald, I.				
	Sgt?. Myers, ?				
Lib. "Z"	F/O Stanley, A.	Patrol	162312	170447	Traffic Patrol Shipping Lanes Puri to Madras. No.1.
	P/O Lowrey, R.				
	P/O Picken, P..				
	F/Sgt. Alcorn, G.				
	F/Sgt. Broad, L.				
	F/Sgt. Bernauer R.				
	F/Sgt. Kehoe, S.				
	Sgt. Nevett, P.				
	Sgt. Paris, L. A.				
Lib. "U" Mk.VI.	P/O Jorgenson, M.	Search	S.T.M.	S.T.M.	
	P/O Larsen, E? W.		171022 ?	172139?	U/Boat search Datum 12?46N, 7241?E. No.2
	W/O Thickett, G.				

	W/O Bonany A. L.				
	W/O Slawson J.				
	W/O Harris, J. H?				
	W/O Abildgaard, C.				
	F/Sgt. Smail, D.				
Lib. "N" Mk.VI.	P/O Beaton, P?	Search	170957 ?	172005?	U/Boat search Datum 12?46N, 7241?E. No.2
	F/O Goldsworthy, S.				
	F/O Cawsey, W.				
	P/O Gray, R.				
	W/O Rutley, G.				
	F/Sgt. McKillan, ?				
	F/Sgt. Dicaun, S.				
	F/Sgt. Hogg, D.				
	Sgt. Tidmarsh, H.				
Lib. "F" Mk.VI.	F/O Leslie, I. M.	Search	171330 ?	172335?	U/Boat search Datum 12?46N, 7241?E. No.2
	W/O Tobin, H. M?				
	P/O Parfett, G.				
	F/Sgt. McKean, A. ?				
	F/Sgt. Mair, R.				
	F/Sgt. Charles, H.				
	F/Sgt. MacDonald, I..				
	Sgt?. Myers, ?				
Lib. "Z" Mk.VI.	F/O Stanley, A.	Search	171400	180015?	U/Boat search Datum 12?46N, 7241?E. No.2?
	P/O Lowrey, R.				
	P/O Picken, P.				
	F/Sgt. Alcorn, G.				
	F/Sgt. Broad, L.				
	F/Sgt. Bernauer R.				
	F/Sgt. Kehoe, S.				
	Sgt. Nevett, P.				
	Sgt. Paris, L. A.				

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Cuttack	1.8.44	0730	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on Air Sea Rescue Search for A.S.R. Launch previously reported in distress. In addition Liberator MkVI. "N" (EV942) F/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne at 0950?, and Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (P/O Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne at 1140. The Launch was located by aircraft "X" at 1510 in position 2004N? 8725E? "X" circled the launch and homed A/C "F" which had been ordered to proceed to the scene of sighting . On the arrival of "F", "X" passed to it the position of an E/V known to be in the vicinity. "F" contacted the E/V and signalled to it the bearing and distance of the launch, maintaining contact and passing bearings until the E/V saw the launch and took it in tow. "X" & "F" then returned to Base landing at 1850 and 1900 respectively. "N" returned to Base at 1710.
		1935	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on Traffic Patrol to St. Thomas' Mt. on detachment landing at St. Thomas' Mt. at 0120.
		1945	Liberator MK.VI. "P" (KG822) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on detachment to St. Thomas' Mt. but the aircraft instruments failed after take-off and the aircraft landed at Base.
		2043	Liberator MK.VI. "V" (KG821) (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) was airborne on Traffic Patrol to St. Thomas' Mt. on detachment landing at St. Thomas' Mt. at 0210.
		2045	Liberator MK.VI. "J" (EV863) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne on Traffic Patrol to St. Thomas' Mt. on detachment landing at St. Thomas' Mt. at 0220.
		0030	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on detachment to St. Thomas' Mt. on detachment carrying out an A/S Search on route. The aircraft was on patrol in position 1417N 8224E at 0500 and off patrol in position 1500N 8313E at 0931. The aircraft landed at St. Thomas' Mt. at 1110.
			Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV972) (F/O Riffle & Crew) was airborne on Bombing Practice.
			W/C D. T MacPherson Proceeded to Vizagapatan by air to arrange training exercises with H.N.M. Submarine K11. The submarine was placed at the disposal of the squadron from 0800 hrs on the 4th, 5th, and 12th. of August.
			F/Lt. (A/S/L) Hubber-Richard assumed command of "A" Flight vice F/Lt. (A/S/L) Hanson.
Cuttack	2.8.44	1150	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV972) (P/O Ingram & Crew) proceeded to St. Thomas' Mt. with a ground crew party to service the detached aircraft.
		1020	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Horner & Crew) wa airborne for 1 hr. 40 mins on Bombing Practice.
Cuttack	3.8.44	1520	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV972) (P/O Ingram & Crew) returned from St. Thomas' Mt.
			Liberator MK.VI. "P" (KG822) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne on Air Test.
Cuttack	4.8.44		6 Liberators were airborne on training exercises with H.N.M. submarine K.II. The exercises were arranged to include crash diving by the submarine and attack with the submarine on the surface taking evasive action. F/O G. Munday was on board the submarine to observe the attacks. The aircraft relieved each other at intervals of approximately 1 1/4 hrs and Wide-Wide" and "Rooster" homing was included in the exercise. The aircraft were also required to send the correct Sighting Reports.
		0555	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on

			submarine exercise. The aircraft landed at 1050.
		0705	Liberator MK.VI. "A" (EW319) (P/O Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne, landing at 1205.
		0825	Liberator MK.VI. "P" (KG822) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne, landing at 1355.
		0940	Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV840) (P/O Tomlinson & Crew) was airborne landing at 1455.
		????	Liberator MK.VI. "N" (EV942) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne landing at 1640?
		1230	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne landing at 1700.
			Liberator MK.VI. "F" (F/O Leslie & Crew) & Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) returned from Madras on cessation of detachment.
			The night exercise which had been arranged with Submarine K.II had to be cancelled owing to weather.
			A E.N.S.A. Concert Party visited the camp and gave a performance in the station cinema, repeating the performance on the 5th.
Cuttack	5.8.44		The training exercises with K.II were continued but had to be curtailed because of bad weather over Base. 3 aircraft were able to take off and carry out the exercise but only one succeeded in landing at Base, the others being diverted to Vizagapatam.
		0650	Liberator MK.VI. "A" (EW319) (F/O Riffle & Crew) was airborne on exercise landing at Base at 1145.
		0805	Liberator MK.VI. "N" (EV942) (P/O Watt & Crew) was airborne on exercise landing at Base at 1435.
		1045	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/Lt. Richards & Crew) was airborne on exercise landing at Base at 1430.
St. Thomas' Mt.		0645	Liberator MK.VI. "J" (EV863) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on Traffic Patrol to Cuttack on cessation of detachment. Bad weather at Base necessitated a diversion to Vizagapatam, and the aircraft landed there at 1455.
		1020	Liberator MK.VI. "U" (KG821) (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) was airborne on Traffic Patrol to Cuttack but was also diverted to Vizagapatam Landing at 1430.
Cuttack	6.8.44	0650	Liberator MK.VI. "C" (BZ991) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V AM5. The C/V was escorted from 0737 until 1751 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1845.
		1824	Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV840) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne on A/S escort to C/V AM5 relieving "C". The C/V was escorted from 2031 to 0539 and the aircraft landed at Base at 0647.
			Liberator MK.VI. "N" (EV942) (P/O Watt & Crew) "L" (EV945) (F/Lt. Richards & Crew) "V" (KG821) (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) and "J" (EV863) (P/O Beaton & Crew) returned from Vizagapatam
			S/L R. L. Hanson returned from 222 Group on cessation of Temporary Duty.
	7.8.44	0430	Liberator MK.VI. "P" (KG822) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V AM5 relieving "H". the C/V was escorted from 0605 until 1544 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1653.
		1310	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V AM5, relieving "P". The C/V was escorted from 1612 until 1800. The aircraft's artificial horizon became unserviceable and it was diverted to Vizagapatam landing at 1905?
		0945	Liberator MK.VI. "J" (EV863) (F/Lt. Hubber-Richard & Crew) was airborne on Bombing Practice for 2 hours.
			Liberator MK.VI. "A" (EW319) & "Z" (BZ988) were airborne on night circuits.
	8.8.44		F/O P? Duffield was appointed Squadron Security Officer.

			S/Ldr. R. L. Hanson left by air for P.R.C. Worli pending transfer to U.K.
			Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/O Maguire & Crew) returned from Vizagapatan.
10.8.44	0630		Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV840) (S/L Hubber-Richard & Crew) was airborne on Traffic Patrol. The aircraft was on patrol at 0659 in position 1957N 8650E and set course down the shipping lane. The aircraft was off patrol in position 2035N 8726E at 1530, land at Base at 1617.
		0850	Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (P/O Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne for 2 hrs. on Bombing Practice.
			Liberator MK.VI. "P" (KG822) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne for 1 1/2 hrs. on Bombing Practice.
			F/O Munday & Crew (F/O Marshall, P/O Wolstenholme P/O Thomas, P/O Tout, W/O Bott, F/S Scholl) proceeded by rail to B.R.D. Worli pending transfer to U.K. on expiration of operational tour.
			Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (W/C MacPherson & Crew) proceeded to Yelananla? On visit to 225 Group.
			S/L G. McKenzie assumed command of the Squadron in the absence of W/C MacPherson.
11.8.44	0900		Liberator MK.VI. "P" (KG822) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne for 2 hrs. on Bombing Practice
		1100	Liberator MK.VI. "?" (S/Ldr. McKenzie & Crew) was airborne for 30 mins. on circuits.
12.8.44	0645		Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV972) (F/O Watt & Crew) was airborne for 2 1/2 hrs. on Bombing and Air Firing.
		0900	Liberator MK.VI. "A" (EW319) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne for 1 1/2 hrs. on Bombing and Air Firing.
			Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (F/O Mackley & Crew) was airborne for 2 1/2 hrs. on Circuits and Landings.
			F/O Ricks? (Fighter Affiliation) ceased to be attached to the Squadron and returned to his parent unit No.21. A.P.C. by air.
13.8.44	0845		Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (F/O Mackley & Crew) was airborne for 3 hrs. on Bombing and Local Flying.
		1000	Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) (P/O Ingram & Crew) was airborne for 3 hrs. on Bombing and Local Flying.
		????	Liberator MK.VI. "A" (EW319) (S/Ldr. Hubber-Richard & Crew) was airborne for 3/4? Hr, on Bombing Practice.
			547586 Cpl. Vaughan, W. was authorized to wear the ribbon of the 1939-43 Star, subject to confirmation.
			P/O Bangs proceeded to Calcutta on temporary duty.
15.8.45	0900		Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne for 1 hour 50 mins. on Bombing and Radar.
		1025	Liberator MK.VI. "A" (EW319) (F/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne for 55 mins on Bombing Practice.
		1345	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV972) (F/O Watt & Crew) was airborne for 1 hr. 5 mins. on Bombing Practice.
			Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (W/C MacPherson & Crew) returned to the Squadron on completion of Temporary Duty at Yslahanka.
			S/L. McKenzie relinquished command of the Squadron on the return of W/C MacPherson.
16.8.44	0453		Liberator MK.VI. "C" (BZ991) (F/O Watt & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V AM?6. the C/V was escorted from 0533 until 1221 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1302.
		1138	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V AN? 6 relieving "C". The C/V was escorted from 1210 until 1820 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1900.

			Two aircraft also provided A/S Escort to C/V JC59.
		0450	Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV840) (P/O Riffle & Crew) was airborne and escorted to C/V JC59 from 0605 until 1238 landed at Base at 1318.
		1129	Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (P/O Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne. C/V JC59 was escorted from 1230 until 1821 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1855.
	17.8.44		The 54th Detachment of B.O.Rs. left for Puri Rest Camp for a 5 day period. 4 aircraft were ordered to proceed to St. Thomas' Mt. on detachment. All 4 aircraft carried out a Shipping Lane Traffic Patrol.
		1107	Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne landing at St. Thomas' Mt. at 1546.
		1112	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne landing at St. Thomas' Mt. at 1533.
		1125	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne landing at St. Thomas' Mt. at 1555.
		1134	Liberator MK.VI. "C" (BZ991) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne landing at St. Thomas' Mt. at 1645.
		1125	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV972) (S/L Hubber-Richard & Crew) was airborne proceeding to St. Thomas' Mt. with a party of ground crew to service the detached aircraft and landing at 1605.
		1430	Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV940) (F/O Watt & Crew) was airborne for 1 1/2 hrs. on Radar exercise.
		1435	Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (P/O Ingram & Crew) was airborne for 2 hrs. 40 mins. on Bombing Practice.
			69636 F/O (A/F/L) L E. Gatrell was authorised to wear the ribbon of the 1939-43 Star.
St. Thomas' Mt.	18.8.44	0855	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV972) (S/L Hubber-Richard & Crew) was airborne on Traffic Patrol on return to Cuttack. The aircraft picked up a carrier signal on 500Kcs (International Distress Frequency) which was reported on landing. The aircraft landed at Cuttack at 1313.
		1854	Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on A/S Patrol off the coast of India between latitudes 1230N and 1500N. No sightings were made and the aircraft landed at 0715.
		1934	Liberator MK. VI "C" (BZ991) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne on A/S Patrol off the coast between latitudes 10?00N and 1230N. No sightings were made and the aircraft landed at 0730.
St. Thomas' Mt.	19.8.44	15?50	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on the routine night patrol off the coast between latitudes 1230N and 1500N. No sightings were reported and the aircraft landed at 0711
Cuttack	20.8.44	0928	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V CJ38. The C/V was escorted from 1010 until 1800 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1905.
		1430	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne for 1 hr. 10 mins. on Bombing Practice.
St. Thomas' Mt.		1935	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne on A/S Patrol off the coast between latitudes 1000N and 1230N. the aircraft was forced to return to Base owing to engine trouble and landed at 0335.
			P/O Gray proceeded to Ranchi for Aircraft Recognition Course.
			F/O Skinner, F/O Smith, P/O Flower, F/O Bracey, W/O Maze, W/O Rendall, F/S Kearns proceeded to B.R.D. Worli for repatriation to U.K. on completion of Operational Tour.
St. Thomas' Mt.	21.8.44		Two aircraft carried out the routine night patrol off the East coast of India.
		1850	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne landing at

			0650.
		0155	Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne landing at 0953??
Cuttack	21.8.44	0900	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (P/O Mackley & Crew) was airborne for 2 1/4 hrs. on Bombing Practice.
		1000	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (S/L Hubber-Richard & Crew) was airborne for 1 3/4 hrs. on Local Flying.
			The 55th Detachment of B.O.Rs. left for Puri Rest Camp for 5 day period.
Cuttack	22.8.44		No Operations, flying consisting of two local Bombing Practices.
		0900	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne for 1 hr. 20 mins.
		1020	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne for 1 hr. 25 mins.
Cuttack	23.8.44		Two aircraft provided A/S Escort to C/V MA31.
		0325	Liberator MK.VI. "J" (EV863) (P/O Burrows & Crew) was airborne escorting C/V MA31 from 0553 until 1219 and landing at 1428.
		0950	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne escorting MA31 from 1203 until 1940, landing at 2100.
Cuttack	24.8.44		Two aircraft provided further A/S Escort to C/V MA31 and one aircraft provided A/S Escort to C/V CH37A.
		0509	Liberator MK.VI. "U" (KG821) (S/L McKenzie & Crew) wa airborne escorting C/V MA31 from 0557 until 1225, and landing at 1335.
		1130	Liberator MK.VI. "J" (EV863) (F/O Riffle & Crew) was airborne, escorting MA31 from 120 until 1709 and landing at 1826.
		0430	Liberator MK.VI. "P" (KG822) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne escorting C/V CH37A from 0629 until 1145 and landing at 1250.
Cuttack	25.8.44		One aircraft provided A/S Escort to C/V CH38.
		0616	Liberator MK.VI. "P" (KG822) (F/O Watt & Crew) was airborne, escorting C/V CH38 from 0735 until 0909 and landing at Base at 1043.
Cuttack	26.8.44		One aircraft provide A/S Escort to C/V CH38A.
		0441	Liberator MK.VI. "P" (KG822) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne, escorting C/V CH38A from 0519 until 1409 and landing at Base at 1520.
			F/Lt. Richards proceeded to Calcutta for Medical Board.
Cuttack	27.8.44		Two aircraft provided A/S Escort to C/V CJ39.
		0450?	(S/L. Hubber-Richard & Crew) was airborne, escorting C/V CJ39 from 0630?? Until 1331 and landing at Base at 1521.
		1133	Liberator MK.VI. "U" (KG821) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne, relieving "A" at 1253 and continuing to escort until 1944, landing at Base at 2210.
Cuttack	28.8.44		Two aircraft provided A/S Escort to C/V AM?7.
		0402	Liberator MK.VI. "A" (EW319) (F/O Leslie & Crew) was airborne, escorting C/V AM?7 from 0540 until 1200 and landing at Base at 1337.
		1042	Liberator MK.VI. "P" (KG822) (S/L McKenzie & Crew) was airborne, relieving "A" at 1154 and continuing to escort until 1811, landing at Base at 1918.
			Liberator MK.VI. "J" (EV863) (P/O Burrows & Crew) proceeded to Vizagapatan and returned with spares.
St. Thomas' Mt.			Two of the 4 aircraft on detachment were ordered to return to parent unit both aircraft carrying out Traffic Patrols on route.
		0630	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne on Traffic Patrol and A/S Escort to C/V CJ39. The aircraft was forced to return to St. Thomas' Mt. owing to the failure of No.1 Engine and landed at 09?00.
		0956	F/O Maguire & Crew was airborne again in Liberator MK.VI. "C" (BZ991) on Traffic Patrol and A/S Escort to C/V CJ39. The C/V was escorted from 1126 until 1346 when it was relieved by a Liberator of 200 Squadron, and continued the Traffic Patrol to Base landing at 1625.

		0750	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on Traffic Patrol to Cuttack landing at 1209.
Cuttack	29.8.44		Two aircraft provided further A/S Escort to C/V AM7.
		0507	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (S/L Hubber-Richard & Crew) was airborne, escorting C/V AM?7 from 0636 until 1346 and landing at Base at 1438.
		1230	Liberator MK.VI. "N" (EV942) (F/O Riffle & Crew) was airborne, relieving "F" at 1335 and continuing to escort until 1803, and landing at Base at 1915?
			Liberator MK.V. "Y" (BZ889) was flown by P/O Tomlinson to 160 Sqdn. Ceylon.
Cuttack	30.8.44		Flying confined to one practice bombing exercise.
		0910	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne for 1 hr. on Bombing Practice.
			The 56th Detachment of Officers, N.C.Os., & B.O.Rs. left for Puri Rest Camp for a 5 day period.
			F/O Reave returned from Bombing Leader's Course at Armada Road.
Cuttack	31.8.44		No operational flying.
		0500	Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne for 2 hrs 10 mins. Practice Bombing.
			Liberator MK.VI. "C" (BZ991) (S/L Hubber-Richard & Crew) was airborne on circuits and landings.
			Operational flying Hours during the month were 418.20 and Non-operational 136.40 of which 98.55 were on Training. Ground Training hours were 189.
			There were the full establishment of 12 aircraft all MK.VIs. Crew strength was 12? Crews.
			Football, Softball and Cricket leagues between sections are functioning a Tennis Court is being constructed. A discussion group has also been started and meetings are held one a week.

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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
Lib. "N" Mk.VI.	F/O Maguire, J. L.	Search	Cuttack	Cuttack	Search for A.S.R. Launch. See Sortie Report No.1.
	F/O Cawsey, W. N? T.		010330	011040	
	W/O Leonard, A. P.				
	W/O Baty, ? J.				
	F/Sgt. Ferguson, S? J.				
	F/Sgt. Barber, K.				
	Sgt. Constable, F? G. H.				
	Sgt. Rancher, K. A.				
Lib. "X" Mk.VI.	F/O Horner, D. K.	Search	010058	011225	Search for A.S.R. Launch. See Sortie Report No.2.
	F/O Keetley, F. A.				
	W/O Tobin, N. M.				
	P/O Slauenwhite L. S? C?				
	F/Sgt. Armstrong, G? E.				
	W/O Czay, J. W.				
	W/O Bond, M? W?				
	P/O Adlington, J. W?				
Lib. "F" Mk.VI.	P/O Jorgenson, N?	Search	010517	011230	Search for A.S.R. Launch. See Sortie Report No.3.
	W/O Thickett, G. M.				
	W/O Etherington, R. N.				
	W/O Bonany, A. L.				
	W/O Slawson, J. C.				
	W/O H?aines, W.				
	W/O Abildgaard, G.				
	F/Sgt. Smail, W. D.				
Lib "F" Mk.VI.	F/O Leslie, I. M.	Patrol	S.T.M.	Cuttack	Traffic Patrol Madras to 20.00N. See Sortie Report No. 4.
	P/O Parfett, G? W.		040455	041023	
	P/O Marshall, C. W.				
	F/Sgt. McKean, A. D.				
	F/Sgt. Mair, R. G.				
	F/Sgt. MacDonald, I. M.				
	F/Sgt. Myers, K?				
	F/Sgt. Whale, H. G. W.				

Lib. "Z" Mk.VI.	F/O Stanley, A. D.	Patrol	S.T.M.	Cuttack	A/S Traffic Patrol. See Sortie Report No. 5.
	P/O Picken, P. L.		040527	041027	
	F/O Lowrey, R. M.				
	F/Sgt. Alcorn, G. C.				
	F/Sgt. Broad, L. J.				
	F/Sgt. Bernauer, R. R.				
	F/Sgt. Kehoe, S. C.				
	Sgt. Paris, L. A.				
	Sgt. Nevett, P. M.				
Lib. "C" Mk.VI.	F/O Nicholl, J.	Escort	Cuttack	Cuttack	A/S Escort to Convoy AM.5. See Sortie Report No. 6.
	F/O Robertson, A. K. N.		052355	061215	
	F/O Flower, J. H.				
	W/O Mulhern, J. E?				
	W/O Brodie, J. F.				
	Sgt.Long. M.				
	Sgt. Cousins, S.				
	P/O Bangs, T. J.				
	P/O Adlington, J. W.				
Lib. "H"	F/O Leslie, I. M.	Escort	Cuttack	Cuttack	A/S Escort to Convoy AM.5. See Sortie Report No. 7.
	P/O Parfett, G? W.		061154	070017	
	P/O Larsen, ? W.				
	F/Sgt. McKean, A. D.				
	F/Sgt. Mair, R. G.				
	F/Sgt. MacDonald, I. M.				
	F/Sgt. Myers, K?				
	Sgt. Paris, L. A.				
Lib "P" Mk.VI.	P/O Badgley, J. A.	Escort	062200	071023	A/S Escort to Convoy AM.5. See Sortie Report No. 8.
	P/O Ingram, J.S?				
	P/O Marshall, G. W.				
	W/O Dale, H.				
	W/O Butchart, R? S.				
	W/O Graber, W. W?				
	W/O Tester, A. G.				
	Sgt. Rancher, K. A.				
Lib."H?" Mk.VI	S/Ldr. Hubber-Richard, R. A.	Patrol	100001	100947	Traffic Patrol North of 1600N. See Sortie Report No. 9.
	Sgt. Hawkins, K. G.				
	Sgt. Chapman, F. C?				
	P/O Adlington, J. W?				
	F/Sgt. Brankley H. ?				
	F/Sgt. Scarfe, G? R.				
	Sgt. Legge, J. B? B?				
	Sgt. Antlett C. M.C?				
	F/O Moodie, G?				
Lib. "C" Mk.VI.	F/O Watt, D. C.	Escort	152223	160632	A/S Escort to Convoy AM.6. See Sortie Report No. 10.
	F/O Marder B.				
	F/O Maguire, J. L.				

	W/O Taylor, J. B.				
	F/Sgt. Mackay, W. G.				
	F/Sgt. Summers, B.				
	F/Sgt. Sedgwick, T. W.				
	Sgt. Beckwith, J. A.				
	Sgt. Barber, T. W.				
Lib. "H" Mk.VI	F/O Riffle, F.	Escort	152220	160648	A/S Escort to JC.59. See Sortie Report No. 11.
	F/O Nicholl, J.				
	Sgt. Steiner, C. J.				
	F/O Duffield, P?				
	F/Sgt. Milne, J. A.				
	Sgt. Casson, F. A.				
	Sgt. Day, G. H.				
	Sgt. Richards, P. A.				
	Sgt. Rancher, K. A.				
Lib. "Y" Mk.VI	F/O Jorgenson, M.	Escort	160459	161225	A/S Escort to JC.59. See Sortie Report No. 12.
	W/O Etherington, R N.				
	W/O Thickett, G. M.				
	W/O Slawson J. C.				
	W/O Bonany, A. L.				
	W/O Harris, J. K.				
	W/O Abildgaard C.				
	F/Sgt. Smail, W. D.				
Lib. "X" Mk.VI.	F/O Horner, D. K.	Escort	Cuttack	Cuttack	A/S Escort to Convoy AM.6. See Sortie Report No. 13.
	F/O Keetley, F. A.		160505	161230	
	W/O Tobin, N. M.				
	P/O Slauenwhite L. S? C?				
	W/O Robinson, T.				
	W/O Czay, J. W.				
	F/Sgt. Bond, M? W?				
	F/Sgt. Armstrong, J. W?				
Lib "K" Mk.VI.	S/Ldr. Hubber-Richard, R. A.	Patrol	S.T.M.	Cuttack	Traffic Patrol - Madras - Puri. See Sortie Report No. 14.
	Sgt. Hawkins, K. G.		180225	180643	
	Sgt. Chapman, F. G?				
	Sgt. Legge? J. B? R?				
	Sgt. Antlett C? M.C?				
Lib. "F" Mk.VI.	F?/O Leslie, I. M.	Escort	Cuttack	Cuttack	A/S Escort to JC.38. See Sortie Report No. 15.
	F?/O Parfett, ? ?		200258	201235	
	F?/O Harley, Q? B.				
	P/O Jackson, A.				
	F/Sgt. McKean A. B.				
	F/Sgt. Mair, R. G.				
	F/Sgt. MacDonald, I. M.				
	F/Sgt. Myers, K?				

	W/O Worsley, H. F.				
Lib. "J" Mk.VI.	F/O Burrows, L. F.		222055	230758	A/S Escort to Convoy MA.31. See Sortie Report No. 16.
	F/O Parkhouse, J. H?				
	F/Sgt. Adams, A. G. A.				
	F/O Eager, A. M?				
	F/Sgt. Blow P. N.				
	F/Sgt. Angus, J. B.				
	F/Sgt. Coxford, T. A. G.				
	Sgt. Morrison, A. R?				
	Sgt. Maybee, M? F. W.				
Lib "Z" Mk.VI.	F/O Gibson, W? D. J.	Escort	230320	231430	A/S Escort to Convoy MA.31. See Sortie Report No. 17.
	F/O Fletcher, J. K.				
	F/O Ingram, J. R?				
	P/O Gorrington, N. T.				
	P/O Kenny C. R.				
	W/O Christson, A. M?				
	W/O Muir N. W.				
	F/Sgt. Roberts, P.				
	F/Sgt. Armstrong, J. W?				
Lib. "P" Mk.VI	P/O Beaton, R. A.	Escort	232200	240620	A/S Escort to Convoy CH.37A. See Sortie Report No. 18.
	P/O Smiley, W. D. C.				
	P/O Goldsworthy, S? E.				
	W/O Rutley, G. W.				
	W/O McKillan F. R.				
	W/O George, L. W.				
	F/Sgt. Hogg, D. M.				
	F/Sgt. Worsley, H. F.				
	Sgt. Tidmarsh, H.				
Lib. "U" Mk.VI.	S/Ldr. MacKenzie, G.	Escort	Cuttack	Cuttack	A/S Escort to Convoy MA.31. See Sortie Report No. 19.
	P/O Mackley, G? A. E.		232229	240705	
	F/Sgt. Thornhill, G. L.				
	F/Sgt. Armstrong, J. E?				
	F/Sgt. Young, ? G?				
	F/Sgt. Watson, J. W?				
	W/O Diachun S?				
	F/Lt. Lean.				
Lib. "J" Mk.VI.	F/O Riffle, F.	Escort	250500	241156	A/S Escort to Convoy MA.31. See Sortie Report No. 20.
	F/O Hunter, B?				
	F/Sgt. Milne, J. A.				
	F/Sgt. Rancher, K. A.				
	Sgt. Steiner, W.				

	Sgt. Day, G. H.				
	Sgt. Casson F. A.				
	Sgt. Krampp R.				
	Sgt. Richards, P. A.				
Lib. "N" ⁸ Mk.VI.	P/O Watt, D. C.	Escort	242346	250415	A/S Escort to Convoy CH.38. See Sortie Report No. 21.
	P/O Marder B.				
	W/O Taylor, J. B.				
	F/Sgt. S?c?u?mard? B?				
	F/Sgt. McKay, W. J.				
	Sgt. Laxton, P? ?				
	Sgt. Beckwith? J. A.				
	Sgt. Gregory, N?				
Lib. "P" Mk.VI.	P/O Badgley, A.	Escort	252211	260850	A/S Escort to CH.38A. See Sortie Report No. 22.
	P/O Ingram, J. S?				
	P/O Duffield, P				
	W/O Rutley, S? W?				
	W/O Worsley, H/ F.				
	W/O Dale, ?				
	F/Sgt. Hogg, D. N?				
	F/Sgt. George, L. W.				
Lib. "A" Mk.VI.	S/Ldr. Hubber- Richard, R? A.	Escort	262222	270851	A/S Escort to Convoy CJ.39. See Sortie Report No. 23.
	P/O Adlington, J. W?				
	F/sgt. Scrafe, G. N?				
	F/Sgt. Brankley H. K.				
	F/Sgt. Alexander, J.				
	Sgt. Legge? J. B? B?				
	Sgt. Antlett C. M. C.				
	Sgt. Chapman, P? C.				
Lib. "U" Mk.VI	P/O Gibson, W. D. J.	Escort	270505	271540	A/S Escort to Convoy CJ.39. See Sortie Report No. 24.
	W/O Hewko, H?				
	P/O Harley, G? B?				
	P/O Kenney? G? K.				
	W/O Muir, H? W?				
	W/O Christson, A. M?				
	P/O Gorrington, N? T.				
	W/O Worsley, H. F.				
	F/Sgt. Roberts, P.				
Lib. "X" Mk.VI.	F/O Horner, D. K.	Patrol	S.T.M.	Cuttack	Traffic Patrol St. Thomas' Mt. - Cuttack. See Sortie Report No. 25.
	F/O Keetley, F. A.		260120	260539	
	F/O Slauenwhite L. ? G?				
	W/O Robinson, T.				
	W/O Tobin, H. M.				
	W/O Czay, J. W.				
	W/O Bond, M. W.				

⁸ Aircraft letter in Form 541 appears to be "N"; Form 540 gives a/c as "P" KG822

	F/Sgt. Tye, J. W?				
Lib. "A" Mk.VI.	F/O Leslie, I. M.	Escort	Cuttack	Cuttack	A/S Escort to AM.7. See Sortie Report No. 26.
	F?/O Parfett, G? W.		272132	280707	
	F/O Goldsworthy, ? ?				
	W/O McKean, A. D.				
	W/O Mair, R. G.				
	W/O MacDonald, I. M.				
	W/O Worsley, H? F.				
	F/Sgt. Myers, R?				
	F/Sgt. George, L. W.				
Lib. "C" Mk.VI	P/O Maguire, J. L.	Escort	S.T.M.	Cuttack	A/S escort to CJ.39 and Taffic to Puri. See Sortie Report No.27.
	F/O Cawsey, W. E. T.		280325	280955	
	F/Lt. Currie,				
	W/O Cliffe, C? C?				
	W/O Baty, H. J.				
	F/Sgt. Ferguson, ? J.				
	F/Sgt. Barber, K.				
	Sgt. Constable, R? G. H?				
Lib. "P" Mk.VI	S/Ldr. Mackenzie, G?	Escort	Cuttack	Cuttack	A/S Escort to AM.7. See Sortie Report No. 28.
	F/O Mackley C. A. R.		280412	281248	
	F/Lt. Lean?				
	W/O Diachun, S?				
	F/Sgt. Thornhill, G? L.				
	F/Sgt. Watson, J. W.				
	F/Sgt. Young, E? G?				
	Sgt. Appleby, H. N.				
Lib. "F" Mk.VI	S/Ldr. Hubber-Richard, R. A.	Escort	282237	290808	A/S Escort to AM.7. See Sortie Report No. 29.
	F/O Crouch, R. W.				
	F/O Thomas, J. R?				
	F/Sgt. Alexander, J.				
	F/O Duffield, D. P.				
	F/O Adlington, J. W.				
	Sgt. Mason? K. G?				
	Sgt. Hyndman, W. J.				
	F/O Hodgson, J. B.				
Lib. "N" Mk.VI	F/O Riffle, F.	Escort	290600	291245	A/S Escort to AM.7. See Sortie Report No. 30.
	F/O Hunter, J. M.				
	F/Sgt. Rancher, K. A.				
	Sgt. Day, C. H.				
	Sgt. Casson, F. A.				
	Sgt. Richards, P. A.				
	W/O Rutley, G. W.				
	Sgt. Kramp, R. J.				
	Sgt. Steiner, S? H.				
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	Thomas' Mount.				
Lib. "Z" Mk.VI.	P/O Stanley, A.	Patrol	Cuttack	S.T.M.	Traffic Patrol Puri to Madras. See Sortie Report No. 1.
	P/O Lowrey, R.		011305	1850	
	P/O Picken, P.				
	F/Sgt. Alcorn, G.				
	F/Sgt. Bernauer R.				
	F/Sgt. Broad, L.				
	F/Sgt. Kehoe, S.				
	Sgt. Nevett, P.				
	Sgt. Paris, A.				
Lib. "U" Mk.VI.	S/Ldr. Mackenzie, G.	Patrol	01413 {sic}	1945	Traffic Patrol Puri to Madras. See Sortie Report No. 1.
	F/Sgt. Thornhill, G.				
	F/Lt. Lean, S. L.				
	P/O Mackley, G.				
	F/Sgt. Watson, J.				
	F/Sgt. Young, K?				
	W/O Diachun, S.				
	Sgt. Appleby, H.				
Lib. "J" Mk.VI.	F/O Leslay, J.	Patrol	011415	1950	Traffic Patrol Puri to Madras. See Sortie Report No. 1.
	F/O Marshall, G? W.				
	F/O Parfett, G.				
	F/Sgt. Wall, H.				
	F/Sgt. McKean, H.				
	F/Sgt. Myers, M.				
	F/Sgt. MacDonald, I.				
	F/Sgt. Mair, R.				
Lib. "F" Mk.VI.	P/O Beaton, H?	Search	011755	020440	A/S Search. See Sortie Report No. 2.
	F/O Goldsworthy, S? K?				
	F/O Smiley, W.				
	P/O Gray, R.				
	W/O Rutley, G?				
	W/O McKillan, R.				
	W/O McGaughran, J. C.				
	F/Sgt. Hogg, D. M.				
	Sgt. Tidmarsh, H.				
Lib. "X" Mk.VI.	F/O Horner, D. K.	Patrol	170442	170903	Traffic Patrol Cuttack - St. Thomas' Mt. See Sortie Report No. 3.
	W/O Etherington, N. N?				
	P/O Keetley, F. A.				
	P/O Slauenwhite, L.				
	W/O Czay, J.				
	W/O Bond, M.				
	W/O Robinson, T.				
	F/Sgt. Tye, W?				
Lib. "Y"	P/O Stanley, A.	Patrol	170437	0916	Traffic Patrol Cuttack - St.

Mk.VI.					Thomas' Mt. See Sortie Report No. 3.
	P/O Lowrey, R.				
	P/O Picken, P.				
	F/Sgt. Alcorn, G.				
	F/Sgt. Broad, L.				
	F/Sgt. Bernauer, R.				
	F/Sgt. Kehoe, S.				
	Sgt. Paris, A.				
	W/O Graber, W.				
Lib. "L" Mk.VI.	F/O Maguire, J. L.	Patrol	Cuttack	S.T.M.	Traffic Patrol Cuttack - St. Thomas' Mt. See Sortie Report No. 3.
	F/Lt. Currie, I. S.		170455	0955	
	P/O Cawsey W. E? T?				
	W/O Cliffe, C.				
	W/O Baty, H? J.				
	F/Sgt. Ferguson, ? J.				
	F/Sgt. Barber, K?				
	Sgt. Constable, R. ? H?				
Lib. "C" Mk. VI.	F/O Nicholl, J.	Patrol	170504	1015	Traffic Patrol Cuttack - St. Thomas' Mt. See Sortie Report No. 3.
	F/Sgt. Strong, G? C?				
	P/O Roberinson, F. K.				
	W/O Brodie, J.				
	W/O Tester, L. G.				
	F/Sgt. Long, M?				
	F/Sgt. Butchart, R. S.				
	F/Sgt. Watson, L.				
	Sgt. Cousins, S?				
Lib. "Y" Mk.VI.	F/O Stanley, A. D.	Patrol	S.T.M.	S.T.M.	A/S Patrol. See Sortie Report No. 4.
	P/O Picken, P.		181224	190045	
	P/O Lowrey, R.				
	F/Sgt. Alcorn, G.				
	F/Sgt. Broad, L.				
	F/Sgt. Bernauer, R.				
	F/Sgt. Kehoe, S.				
	Sgt. Paris, A.				
	W/O Graber, W.				
Lib. "C" Mk.VI	F/O Nicholl, J.	Patrol	S.T.M.	S.T.M.	A/S Patrol. See Sortie Report No. 4.
	P/O Robertson, F. K.		181304	190100	
	F/Sgt. Strong, G. C.				
	W/O Brodie, J.				
	W/O Tester, L. G.				
	F/Sgt. Long, M?				
	F/Sgt. Butchart, R. S.				
	F/Sgt. Watson, L.				
	Sgt. Cousins, S?				
Lib. "X"	F/O Horner, D. K.	Patrol	S.T.M.	S.T.M.	A/S Patrol. See Sortie Report

Mk.VI.					No. 5.
	W/O Etherington, N. N?		190122 0	200010	
	P/O Keetley, F. A.				
	P/O Slauenwhite, L.				
	W/O Bond, M.				
	W/O Robinson, T.				
	F/Sgt. Tye, W?				
Lib. "L" Mk.VI.	F/O Maguire, J. L.	Patrol	S.T.M.	S.T.M.	A/S Patrol. See Sortie Report No. 6.
	F/Lt. Currie, I. S.		201305	202105	
	P/O Cawsey W. E. T?				
	W/O Cliffe, C.				
	W/O Baty, H? J.				
	F/Sgt. Ferguson, ? J.				
	F/Sgt. Barber, K.				
	Sgt. Constable, R. G. H?				
Lib. "Y" Mk.VI.	F/O Stanley, A. D.	Patrol	S.T.M	S.T.M.	A/S Patrol. See Sortie Report No. 7.
	P/O Picken, P.		211912	220322	
	P/O Lowrey, R.				
	F/Sgt. Alcorn, G.				
	F/Sgt. Broad, L.				
	F/Sgt. Bernauer, R.				
	F/Sgt. Kehoe, S.				
	Sgt. Paris, A.				
	W/O Graber, W.				
Lib. "X" Mk.VI.	F/O Nicholl, J.	Patrol	211220	220020	A/S Patrol. See Sortie Report No. 7.
	P/O Robertson, F. K.				
	F/Sgt. Strong, G. C.				
	W/O Brodie, J.				
	W/O Tester, L. G.				
	F/Sgt. Long, M?				
	F/Sgt. Butchart, R. S.				
	F/Sgt. Barber, K?				
Lib. "X" Mk.VI.	F/O Horner, D. K.	Patrol	221221	230030	A/S Patrol. See Sortie Report No. 8.
	W/O Etherington, N. N?				
	P/O Keetley, F. A.				
	P/O Slauenwhite, L.				
	W/O Czay				
	W/O Bond, M.				
	W/O Robinson, T.				
	F/Sgt. Tye, J. W?				
Lib. "L" Mk.VI.	F/O Maguire, J. L.	Escort	280004	280132	A/S Escort to JC.39. See Sortie Report No. 9.
	F/Lt. Currie, I. S.				
	P/O Cawsey W. E? T?				
	W/O Cliffe, C.				
	W/O Baty, H? J.				

	F/Sgt. Ferguson, ? J.				
	F/Sgt. Barber, K.				
	Sgt. Constable, R. G. H.				
Lib. "C" Mk.VI.	S/Ldr. Mackenzie, G.	Patrol	S.T.M.	S.T.M.	Traffic Patrol to CM 30. See Sortie Report No. 1. 5/8/44.
	P/O Mackley, C? A. R?		06?035 2	06?0802	
	F/Sgt. Thornhill, G? L.				
	F/Sgt. Watson, J.				
	F/Lt. Lean, L. S?				
	W/O Diachun, S.				
	F/Sgt. Young, K? ?				
	Sgt. Appleby, H. N.				
Lib. "J" Mk.VI.	P/O Beaton, R.	Patrol	06?002 0	06?0825	Traffic Patrol to CM 30. See Sortie Report No. 1. 5/8/44.
	F/O Smiley, W.				
	F/O Goldsworthy, S? K?				
	W/O Rutley, G?				
	P/O Gray, R.				
	W/O McKillan, R.				
	W/O McGaughran, J. C.				
	F/Sgt. Hogg, D. M.				
	Sgt. Tidmarsh, H.				
Lib. "L" Mk.VI.	F/O Maguire, J. L.	Escort	070640	1235	A/S escort to AM.6. See Sortie Report No. 1. 7/8/44.
	W/O Leonard, A. P.				
	P/O Cawsey W. E. T.				
	W/O Cliffe, C.				
	W/O Baty, H? J.				
	F/Sgt. Ferguson, ? J.				
	F/Sgt. Barber, K.				
	Sgt. Constable, R. G. H.				

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Cuttack	1.9.44		No operational flying. Bombing practices were carried out and Night Circuits. Night training flights were instituted since the dearth of operational flying caused the pilots to get little practice in Night Landings and take-offs.
		0845	Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (W/O Hewko & Crew) was airborne for 1 1/4 hrs on Bombing Practice.
		1035	Liberator MK.VI. "C" (BZ991) (P/O Burrows & Crew) was airborne for 1 hr 10 mins. on Bombing Practice.
			Night Circuits and Landings were carried out by S/L McKenzie & Crew in Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853), by F/O Horner & Crew & P/O Beaton & Crew in Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) and by F/Lt. Richards & Crew, F/O Leslie & Crew, and P/O Burrows & Crew in Liberator MK.VI. "C" (BZ991).
			F/O Moodie Proceeded to 51 Radio School, Bangalore on Signals Courses.
St. Thomas' Mt.			The two aircraft on detachments returned to Base carrying out Traffic Patrols on route.
		0800	Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne carrying out a Shipping Lane Patrol from 1300N to 2045N and landing at Cuttack at 1405.
		0835	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne carrying out a Shipping Lane Patrol from 1300N to 2100N and landing at Cuttack at 1435.
Cuttack	2.9.44		Flying again confined to Training Exercises.
		0945	Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (W/O Hewko & Crew) was airborne for 1 1/4 hrs. on local Flying.
			Night Circuits and Landings were carried out by F/O Stanley & Crew, F/O Gibson & Crew, & P/O Badgley & Crew in Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) and by S/L Hubber-Richard & Crew, F/O Nicholl & Crew, & F/O Watt & Crew in Liberator MK.VI. "C" (BZ991)
Cuttack	3.9.44		One aircraft provided A/S Escort to C/V CH39.
		0427	Liberator MK.VI. "U" (KG821) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V CH39. The C/V was escorted from 0530 until 1020 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1137.
		1030	Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (F/O Horner & Crew) was airborne on Bombing Practice for 3/4 hour.
		1035	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (W/O Hewko & Crew) was airborne on Transit Flight to Alipore landing back at Base at 1700.
			F/Lt. Saunt proceeded to Calcutta on route for Nassau for Liberator Conversion Course.
			A Cricket League was formed and inter-section matches arranged, and a Boxing & Physical Culture Committee chosen, a building being provided as a gymnasium.
Cuttack	4.9.44		No operational flying.
		0830	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (S/L Hubber-Richard & Crew) was airborne for 2 1/4 hrs. on circuits and landings with 2 2nd Pilots.
		0900	Liberator MK.VI. "C" (BZ991) (F/Lt. Richards & Crew) was airborne for 2 1/4 hrs. on Bombing & Radar Practice.
			The 57th Detachment of N.C.Os. & B.O.Rs. proceeded to Puri Rest Camp for 5 day Period.
Cuttack	5.9.44		One aircraft provided A/S Escort to C/V J.C.62.
		0437	Liberator MK.VI. "N" (EV942) (P/O Burrows & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to CV J.C. 62. The C/V was escorted from 0658 until 1531 and the

			aircraft landed at Base at 1652.
		0940	Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) was airborne for 1 1/2 hours with three second pilots on bombing practice.
			Night Circuits and Landings were carried out by F/O Horner & Crew & P/O Badgley & Crew in Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) and by F/O Riffle & Crew in Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV953)
		2320	Liberator MK.VI. "C" (BZ991) (F/O Watt & Crew) was airborne on A.R.P.Recce. Landing at 0210.
			Liberator MK.VI. (EV858) was flown in by P/O Tomlinson & Crew from Kankasanturai.
Cuttack	6.9.44		Flying confined to training, mainly Bombing Practice and Dual.
		0830	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (S/L. Hubber-Richard & Crew) was airborne on for 1 1/2 hrs. giving dual to two 2nd Pilots.
		0855	Liberator MK.VI. "A" (EW319) (F/Lt. Richards & Crew) was airborne on Transit Flight to Kharagpar Landing back at Base at 1625.
		0920	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne for 1 1/4 hrs. on Bombing Practice.
		1050	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne for 1 1/4 hrs. on Bombing Practice.
		1110	Liberator MK.VI. "C" (BZ991) (F/O Riffle & Crew) was airborne for 1 1/4 hrs. on Bombing Practice.
Cuttack	7.9.44		Flying confined to Bombing Practice.
		0830	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne for 1 hr. on Bombing Practice.
		1015	Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) (W/O Hewko & Crew) was airborne for 1hrs. 20 mins. on Bombing Practice.
		1030	Liberator MK.VI. "C" (BZ991) (S/L Hubber-Richard) was airborne for 1 3/4 hrs. on Bombing Practice.
		1440	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne for 50mins. on Bombing Practice.
Cuttack	8.9.44		One aircraft provided A/S Escort to C/VHC67.
		1320	Liberator MK.VI. "N" (EV942) (F/O Watt & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V HC67. The C/V was escorted from 1410 until 1907 and the aircraft landed at Base at 2041.
		0800	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EV315) (F/Lt. Richards & Crew) was airborne for 1 1/4 hrs. on Bombing Practice.
		0955	Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne for 1hrs. 20 mins. on Bombing Practice.
		1000	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Keetley & Crew) was airborne for 11/4 hrs. on Bombing Practice.
			Liberator MK.VI. "H" (EV840) was flown by F/O Stanley & Crew to Allahabad?, the aircraft being assigned to 352 M.U.
			S/L. McKenzie proceeded by air to Delhi for Short Staff Course.
Cuttack	9.9.44		One aircraft provided A/S Escort to C/V MA32.
		0811	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (W/O Hewko & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V MA.32. The C/V was escorted from 1030 until 1712 and the aircraft landed at Base at 1825.
		0825	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EV315) (P/O Burrows & Crew) was airborne for 2 hrs. on Air Firing and Bombing Practice.
		1000	Liberator MK.VI. "C" (BZ991) (F/O Riffle & Crew) was airborne on transit flight to Jessore, landing back at Base at 1715.
			Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV972) was flown to Allahabad By F/O Leslie & Crew, on being assigned to 352 M.U.
			The 58th Detachment of Officers, S.N.C.Os. & B.O.Rs. proceeded to Puri Rest Camp for 5 day Rest Period.

Cuttack	10.9.44		No operational flying. Two aircraft proceeded to Jessore with Anti-Mosquito Spray Containers.
		0930	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EV315) (P/O Burrows & Crew) was airborne in transit to Jessore landing back at Base at 1640.
		0950	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne in transit to Jessore landing back at Base at 1630.
			F/Lt. Lean proceeded to Redhills on posting to 240 Squadron.
Cuttack	11.9.44		No operational flying.
		0915	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne for 2 1/4 hrs. on Bombing Practice.
		0840	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EV315) (S/L Hubber-Richard & Crew) was airborne for 1 hours giving dual to second pilots.
			P/O Burrows proceeded to Ceylon for Ship Recognition Course.
Cuttack	12.9.44		No operational Flying. An exercise on "Wide-Wide" W/T Homing Procedure was carried out involving 5 aircraft. A Strike aircraft proceeded out to sea and sent a practice submarine report. "Wide-Wide" Homing was then carried out by 4 aircraft already airborne on Training Flights on Gunnery, Radar, and Bombing Practice. On completion of the homing the aircraft flew back to Base in formation.
		0830	Liberator MK.VI. "J" (EV863) (S/L. Hubber-Richard & Crew) was airborne landing at 1205.
		0820	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EV315) (F/O Riffle & Crew) was airborne landing at 1150.
		0945	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne landing at 1145.
		0825	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (P/O Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne landing at 1200.
		0955	Liberator MK.VI. "N" (EV942) (F/Lt. Richards & Crew) was airborne landing at 1155.
			P/O B. Winter reported the Squadron on posting from Bombay.
Cuttack	13.9.44		The "Wide-Wide" exercise was repeated.
		0830	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Keetley & Crew) was airborne landing at 1310.
		0832	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne landing at 1315.
		0843	Liberator MK.VI. "J" (EV863) (F/Lt. Richards & Crew) was airborne landing at 1312.
		0845	"N" (EV942) (F/O Nicholl & Crew) was airborne landing at 1308.
		0847	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EV315) (F/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne but returned to Base with a U/S W/T transmitter without completing the exercise, landing at Base at 1115.
			P/O G. N. Tomlinson proceeded to 1673 H.C.U. Kolar on posting on completion of operational tour.
			P/O Gray returned from Ranchi on completion of Aircraft Recognition Course.
Cuttack	14.9.44		One aircraft provided A/S Escort to C/V AM8.
		0638	Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V AM8. The C/V was escorted from 0722 until 1657 and the aircraft landed at Base. At 1737.
		0900	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (P/O Smiley & Crew) was airborne on Transit Flight to Jessore landing back at Base at 1645.
			A signal was received from A.C.S.E.A. authorising the Squadron to move from Cuttack to Minneriya, Ceylon on October 5th approximately. Originator's Reference was corrupt and a repeat was requested. (Reference T458 Received).
			The 59th Detachment of Officers, S.N.C.Os. & B.O.Rs. proceeded to Puri

			Rest Camp for 5 days Period.
Cuttack	15.9.44		No operational flying. 2 Aircraft proceeded to Jessore with anti-malarial spray containers.
		0845	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (F/O Nichol & Crew) was airborne landing back at Base at 1405.
		0855	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O Keetley & Crew) was airborne landing back at Base at 1655.
			A Station Parade was held at 0900 to commemorate the Battle of Britain and an address was given by the Station Commander. The rest of the day was declared a general holiday.
Cuttack	16.9.44		The "Wide-Wide" Homing exercise was repeated with 5 aircraft.
		0940	Liberator MK.VI. "J" (EV863) (F/O Riffle & Crew) was airborne landing at 1400.
		0950	Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) (F/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne landing at 1402.
		0953	Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (P/O Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne landing at 1345.
		0955	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (W/O Hewko & Crew) was airborne landing at 1340.
		1030	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/O Watt & Crew) was airborne landing at 1330.
			P/O Ingram proceeded to Calcutta by air on route for Nassau for Captain's Course.
Cuttack	17.9.44		One aircraft provided A/S Escort to C/V HC68.
		1035	Liberator MK.VI. "J" (EV863) (S/L. Hubber-Richard & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V HC68. The C/V was escorted from 1224 until 1842 and the aircraft landed at Base at 2016.
		0820	Liberator MK.VI. "N" (EV942) (F/O Watt & Crew) was airborne for 4 hrs. on Bombing Practice and Local Flying.
		0855	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne for 2 hrs. 10 mins. on Bombing Practice and Air Firing.
		0900	Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne 1 3/4 hrs. on Local Flying.
Cuttack	18.9.44	0800	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (P/O Goldsworthy & Crew) proceeded on transit flight to Digri landing back at Base at 1245.
		1000	Liberator MK.VI. "N" (EV942) (F/L. Richards & Crew) wa airborne for 2 hrs. 40 mins. on Air Firing Practice.
			S/L. G. McKenzie returned to Unit from Leave, the Short Staff Course being cancelled.
Cuttack	19.9.44		One aircraft provided A/S Escort to C/V J.C.62B.
		0652	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (P/O Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne on A/S Escort to C/V JC62B. the C/V was escorted from 0833 until 1720 and the aircraft landed back at Base at 1807.
		0845	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (S/L. Hubber-Richard & Crew) was airborne for 2 1/2 hrs. on Bombing Practice and Air Firing.
			Signal References 080 received from A.C.S.E.A. authorising Squadron to move so as to arrive Minneriya on 5th October approximately. I.O.Rs. and Enrolled Followers and M.T. not to be taken.
			F/O J. W. Gibson arrived on the Squadron on posting from 191 Squadron, Korangi Creek.
Cuttack	20.9.44	0825	Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) (P/O Smiley & Crew) was airborne for 2 hrs Local Flying.
		0827	Liberator MK.VI. "U" (KG821) (P/O Badgley & Crew) was airborne 2 1/2 hrs. Air Firing.
		0820	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/O Riffle & Crew) was airborne 4 hrs. Air

			Firing & Radar Flying.
		1045	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (F/O Watt & Crew) was airborne 1 hr. on Air Test.
Cuttack	21.4.44	0830	Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) (F/O Gibson & Crew) was airborne for 3 hrs. 20 mins. on Bombing Practice and Air Firing.
		0840	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/O Watt & Crew) was airborne for 4 hrs. on Fighter Affiliation with Hurricanes of 20 Squadron.
Cuttack	22.9.44	0830	Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) (P/O Beaton & Crew) was airborne for 3 1/2 hrs. on Bombing Practice and Fighter Affiliation.
		0845	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne for 4 hrs. 10 mins. on Bombing and Radar Practice.
		0950	Liberator MK.VI. "J" (EV863) (S/L Hubber-Richard & Crew) was airborne 1 1/4 hrs. Air Test.
			F/O Horner & Crew left the Squadron on posting to 1673 H.C.U. Kolar on completion of operational tour.
Cuttack	23.9.44	0830	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/O Riffle & Crew) was airborne for 3 1/2 hrs. Local Flying.
			Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) (S/L McKenzie & Crew) was airborne for 1/2 hr. Air Test.
			F/O W. Moodie returned to Unit on completion of Signal Course.
			Flying training was suspended to allow the aircraft to be converted for transport duties in view of the impending move.
Cuttack	24.9.44		A Variety Concert was given in the Station Cinema by the Squadron Concert Party.
Cuttack	26.9.44		F/L Cooper arrived on posting to the Squadron for Signal & Radar Duties.
			F/O Nicholl & Crew proceeded on posting to 1673 H.C.U. Kolar on completion of operational tour.
Cuttack	27.9.44	1010	Liberator MK.VI. "C" (BZ991) (S/L. Hubber-Richard & Crew) was airborne 1 hr. 10 mins Air Test.
	28.9.44		All aircraft of "A" Flight were air Tested Liberators MK.VI. "J" (EV863) and "N" (EV942) "A" (EW319) "F" (EW315) "C" (BZ991) and "L" (EV945).
			P/O Badgley proceeded on posting to 1673 H.C.U. on completion of operational tour.
	29.9.44		All aircraft of "B" Flight were Air Tested Liberators MK.VI. "P" (KG822) "T" (EV950) "U" (KG821) "X" (EV853) "Y" (KG850) "Z" (BZ988).
			Aircraft strength was 13 aircraft against an establishment of 12. All Liberators MK.VI. Crew Strength was 13. Average Serviceability for the month was 79.6%.
			Operational Flying hours were 80.45 and non-operational 234.45 of which 167.50 were on flying training.
			Ground instruction totalled 245 hours.

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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
Lib. "Y" Mk.VI.	F/O Stanley, A. D.	Patrol	S.T.M.	Cuttack	Traffic Patrol Inner - Madras to 2000N. See Sortie Report No. 1.
	P/O Picken, P. L.		010200	010735	
	W/O Etherington, R. W?				
	W/O Graber, W. W.				
	F/Sgt. Bernauer, R. R.				
	F/Sgt. Broad, L. J.				
	F/Sgt. Alcorn, G. C.				
	F/Sgt. Paris, L. A.				
	F/Sgt. Kehoe, S. C.				
Lib "L" Mk.VI.	F/O Nicholl, J.	Patrol	S.T.M.	Cuttack	Traffic Patrol Outer - 2100N - Cuttack.. See Sortie Report No. 2.
	P/O Robertson, A. K. N?		010205	010805	
	F/Sgt. Strong, G? C?				
	W/O Brodie, J. F?				
	W/O Tester, A. Q?				
	W/O Butchart, R. S.				
	F/Sgt. Watson, I. M.				
	F/Sgt. Long, M.				
	F/Sgt. Cousins, S.				
Lib. "U" Mk.VI.	F/O Beaton, H. A.	Escort	Cuttack	Cuttack	Escort to CH.39. See Sortie Report No. 3.
	F/O Goldsworthy, S? ?		022157	030507	
	P/O Smiley, W. D. C.				
	W/O Rutley, G. W.				
	W/O Worsley, H. P?				
	W/O McKillan, R. R.				
	F/Sgt. George, L. W.				
	F/Sgt. Hogg, D. M.				
	Sgt. Tidmarsh, H.				
Lib. "N" Mk.VI.	F/O Burrows, L. P.	Escort	Cuttack	Cuttack	A/S escort to J.C.62. See Sortie Report No. 4.
	F/O Parkhouse, J. K?		042207	051022	
	F/O Eager, A. M.				
	F/Sgt. Adams, A. G. A.				
	F/Sgt. Angus, J. B.				
	F/Sgt. Coxford, T. A. G.				
	W/O Blow P. N.				

	Sgt. Morrison, A. R.				
	Sgt. Maybee, M? F? W?				
Lib. "N" Mk.VI.	P/O Watt, D. C.	Escort	Cuttack	Cuttack	A/S escort to HC.67. see sortie report No.5.
	P/O Marder, B.		080550	081411	
	F/Sgt. Mackay, ?				
	F/Sgt. Sedgwick T. W?				
	F/Sgt. Summers R?				
	F/Sgt. Rancher, K.				
	F/sgt. Beckwith, J. A.				
	W/O Taylor, J. B.				
Lib. "X" Mk.VI.	W/O Hewko, ?	Escort	Cuttack	Cuttack	A/S escort to MA.32. see sortie report No.6.
	F/O Horner, D. K. (Screen)		090141	091155	
	F/O McTaggart, G. M.				
	F/O Hodges, W.				
	F/Sgt. George, L. W.				
	W/O Worsley, H. F.				
	W/O Friesen? G.				
	F/Sgt. Rancher, K.				
	F/Sgt. Myers, K?				
	W/O Cliffe, C. C.				
Lib. "T" Mk.VI.	P/O Badgley, J. A.	Escort	Cuttack	Cuttack	A/S escort to AM.8. see sortie report No.7.
	P/O Ingram, J. S.		140008	141105	
	W/O Stewart, R? S?				
	W/O Graber, W. W?				
	W/O Bond, M. ?				
	W/O Czay, J. W?				
	W/O Rutley, G. W?				
	F/Sgt. Tye, J. W?				
Lib. J. Mk.VI	S/Ldr. Hubber- Richard	Escort	Cuttack	Cuttack	A/S escort to HC.68. see sortie report No.8.
	F/Sgt. Hawkins, K. S?		170405	171346	
	F/sgt. Chapman, F. G.				
	Sgt. Antlett, G? M. C?				
	F/Sgt. Nilne, J. A.				
	F/Sgt. Legge, J. H? R?				
	F/Sgt. Scarfe, G. R.				
	F/Sgt. Brankley, H. N?				
Lib. "X" Mk.VI	P/O Jorgenson, M.	Escort	Cuttack	Cuttack	A/S escort to JC.62. see sortie report No.9.
	P/O Winter, B. O?		190022	191137	
	W/O Etherington, R. N.				
	W/O Slawson, J. C.				
	W/O Bonany, A. L.				
	W/O Abildgaard. C.				
	W/O Teetar, A. G.				

	F/Sgt. Smail, W. D.				
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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Cuttack	1.10.44		Signal Reference ON467 received from A.C.S.E.A. authorising move of main party in special train. 807? Black M leaving Charbatia? At 2230 hrs. on 5th October. Heavy equipment to be sent in advance by fast goods train.
Cuttack	2.10.44		Signal Reference ON14 received from Base Air Forces S.E.A. H.Q. postponing move of Squadron for 24 hrs. until 2230 hrs. on the 6th October.
Cuttack	3.10.44		Signal Reference AC135? Received from 225 Gp. releasing squadron from operations with effect from 1600 hrs. on the 4th October to facilitate the squadron move.
Cuttack			The heavy equipment left Charhatia? by goods train with an escort of 2 Senior N.C.Os. and 14 B.O.Rs.
Cuttack	4.10.44		Signal received from R.A.F. Movements Calcutta postponing move until 2230 hrs on 7th Oct.
			174369 F/O Reeve proceeded to 1673 H.C.U. Kolar on posting.
Cuttack	5.10.44		Telephone message received from 221 Gp. instructing squadron to move on 6th October.
Cuttack	6.10.44	2230	Special Train for main party arrived at Charhatia?.
			F/O Jackson, P/O Larsen, and P/O Ibbotson were attached to 173 Wing, Cuttack pending posting on expiration of operational tour.
Cuttack	7.10.44	0300	Main Party left by special train. Main Party consisted of F/O Keleher (C.C.Train) F/Lt. Sinnette? (Med.Off), F/O Adlington, F/O Crouch, F/O Good?, P/O Agead??, P/O Eager, P/O Edwards, P/O Gray, P/O Kenny, P/O Ouiks??, F/O Parkhouse 106 Senior N.C.Os. and 246 B.O.Rs.
			The advance Party consisting of W/C MacPherson, S/L. Hubber-Richard, F/L Gatrell, F/L Prior, F/L Currie, F/O Hawksnorth, F/O Moodie, F/O MacTaggart, F/O Watt, F/O Harder, P/O Campbell, 10 Senior N.C.Os. and 6 B.O.Rs. left by air for Minneriya.
		0630	Liberator MK.VI. "C" (BZ991) (F/O Watt & Crew) was airborne, landing at Minneriya at 1205.
		0635	Liberator MK.VI. "J" (EV863) (S/L. Hubber-Richard & Crew) was airborne landing at Minneriya at 1210.
		0645	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (W/C MacPherson & Crew) was airborne landing at Minneriya at 1250.
			On arrival at Minneriya it was discovered that the airfield was unsuitable for the operation of the Squadron for several weeks. The construction of dispersals had only just begun and none were completed so that the aircraft had to be dispersed on an unfinished taxi-strip to which there was only one exit.
			Accommodations for equipment, stores, and the various sections was also inadequate since the available accommodation was shared between four squadrons.
			No G.R. Operations room existed and its duties were discharged by the Station Intelligence Officer.
Minneriya	9.10.44		W/C MacPherson proceeded on Temporary Duty to H.Q. 222 Group for a conference.
Minneriya	10.10.44	0630	Liberator MK.VI. "C" (BZ991) (F/O Watt & Crew) returned to Cuttack for

⁹ Flights recorded in the Form 540 for October 1944 do not agree with those in the Form 541; the latter shows more flights.

			transport duties, landing at 1230.
Cuttack	11.10.44	0630	Liberator MK.VI. "C" (BZ991) (F/O Watt & Crew) was airborne ferrying Radar Equipment to Kankesanturai. In view of the small dispersal area available at Minneriya it was decided to detach 6 aircraft to Kankesanturai
Cuttack	12.10.44	0625	Liberator MK.VI. "N"(EV942) (F/O Riffle & Crew) was airborne in transit to Minneriya landing at 1210.
		0640	Liberator MK.VI. "A" (EW319) (F/L Richards & Crew) was airborne in transit to Minneriya landing at 1225.
		0630	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (W/O Hewko & Crew) was airborne in transit to Minneriya landing at 1220.
		0645	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV245) (F/O Maguire & Crew) was airborne in transit to Minneriya landing at 1230.
			The main train party arrived at Minneriya.
Cuttack	13.10.44		The rear party consisting of 6 aircraft left Cuttack for Kankesanturai. Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (S/L McKenzie & Crew), Liberator MK.VI. "C" (EV858) (F/O Leslie & Crew), Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) (F/O Stanley & Crew), Liberator MK.VI. "P" (KG822) (F/O Beaton & Crew), Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O Gibson & Crew), and Liberator MK.VI. "U" (KG821) (P/O Jorgenson & Crew).
Minneriya	20.10.44		W/C D. T. MacPherson & S/L Hubber-Richard proceeded on Temporary Duty to H.Q. 222 Group for conference.
			F/O Moodie (Tech.R.) proceeded to 203 Squadron on posting to Radar Duties.
Minneriya	20.10.44 {sic}		Can.J.36145 P/O Mulligan (Pilot) arrived on posting to the Squadron.
Minneriya	22.10.44		W/C D. T. MacPherson & S/L Hubber-Richard returned to Unit from H.Q. 222 Group.
Minneriya	25.10.44		Liberator MK.VI. "C" (BZ991) (F/O Watt & Crew) was flown to Cawnpore for Major Inspection.
Minneriya	27.10.44		CAN. C.21649 F/O G.F.S. Clarke arrived on the Squadron on posting for Radar Duties.
Kankesanturai	28.10.44		3 Aircraft proceeded to Cuttack on detachment.
		0707	Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on Traffic Patrol to Cuttack. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at 1235.
		0717	Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (S/L McKenzie & Crew) was airborne on Traffic Patrol to Cuttack. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at 1306.
		0732	Liberator MK.VI. "U" (KG821) (P/O Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne on Traffic Patrol to Cuttack. No enemy sightings were made and the aircraft landed at 1315.
Cuttack		2253	Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) (F/O Stanley & Crew) was airborne on Anti U-Boat Hunt. The aircraft was on patrol at 0146 in position 1455N 8825E commencing Search 4B. The aircraft was off patrol in the same position at 0636 and set course for Base landing at 1036. No enemy sightings were made.
Cuttack		2300	Liberator MK.VI. "U" (KG821) (P/O Jorgenson & Crew) was airborne Anti U-Boat Hunt. The aircraft was on patrol in position 1455N 8845E at 0151 commencing Search 4D. The aircraft was off patrol at 0811 and landed at Base at 1105.
Cuttack	29.10.44	0624	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (200 Sqdn.) (S/L McKenzie & Crew) was airborne on Anti U-Boat Hunt. The aircraft was on patrol in position 1735N 8913E at 0817 beginning a Creeping Line Ahead Search. The aircraft was off patrol at 1412 and landed at Base at 1618.

Minneriya			W/C. D. T. MacPherson proceeded to H.Q. 222 Gp. by air for conference.
			F/Lt. I. S. Currie proceeded to H.Q. 22 Gp. by air for Navigation Conference.
Kankesanturai	31.10.44	0508	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/Lt. Richards & Crew) was airborne on Anti U-Boat Patrol. The aircraft was on patrol in position 1242N 8103E at 0637 on a track of 074°T to position 1542N 8916E at 1040, and off patrol at 1440 landing at Base at 1626. No enemy sightings were made.
Kankesanturai	31.10.44	0516	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/O Riffle & Crew) was airborne on Anti U-Boat Patrol. The aircraft was on patrol at 0631 in position 1221N 8109E proceeding on a track of 074T to position 1502N 9034E at 1048, and returning on a track of 234 to position 1221N 8109E at 1459. The aircraft landed at Base at 1637. No enemy sightings were made.
			Aircraft Strength was 12 aircraft against an establishment of 12.
			Crew strength was 13.
			Operational Flying hours during the month were 79.20 Day, 18.25 Night.
			Non-Operational Flying hours were 173.45 Day.
			No flying or ground training was carried out during the month because of lack of facilities and accommodation and the fact that the squadron was split up into three parts.

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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
2nd Oct.	RCAF F/O Gibson, W. D. J.	A.S.R. Search for Missing Naval Launch	Cuttack	Cuttack	F/O Gibson and Crew airborne from Cuttack at 012347Z on Air Sea Rescue for missing Naval Launch . Sortie curtailed by message from Base "Return to Base Launch located" Airborne 11 hours 43 minutes. No enemy sightings. Sortie Report No. 1.
Lib. Mk.VI	RCAF F/O Fletcher, J. K.		012347 Z	021130Z	
U/354	RAAF P/O Kenay? C. R.				
	RAAF P/O Goring, N. T.				
	RAAF W/O Mair, N. W.				
	RAAF W/O Christson, A. K?				
	RAF F/S Robertson, P.				
2nd Oct.	RAF F/L Richards S. J	A.S.R. Search	Cuttack	Cuttack	F/Lt. Richards and Crew also airborne from Cuttack on Air Sea Rescue for missing Naval Launch at 012352Z. Sortie curtailed as launch located. Airborne 12 hrs. 29 mins. No enemy sightings. Sortie Report No. 2.
Lib. Mk.VI	RCAF P/O Winter, B?		012352 Z	021221Z	
F?/354	RAF F/O Duffield, D. P.				
	RNZAF F/O Couch, R. W.				
	RAF F/S Alexander, J.				
	RAF Sgt. Lason, K. G.				
	RAF Sgt. Hyndman? S? J. T.				
7th -12th Oct.	354 Squadron moved H.Q. to Minneriya with 6 aircraft on detachment at Kankesanturai.				
	Detachments				
28th Oct.	RAAF F/O Stanley, A. D.	A/S Patrol Shipping Lanes, Transit	Kankesanturai	Cuttack	F/O Stanley and Crew airborne from Kankesanturai at 280037Z on A/S Patrol Shipping lanes and Transit to Cuttack 280205 hrs. 1305N 8025E sighted minesweeper course 090° speed 8 kts. 0357 hrs. 1652N 8247E sighted Tanker course 246° speed 12 kts. 0414 hrs 1752 N 8326E Sighted IN/V course 230 speed 10 kts. Also
Lib. Mk.VI	RCAF F/O Winter, B.		280037Z	280605Z	
Y/354	RAAF F/O Lowrey, R. M.				
	RAAF W/O Bermauer R. R.				
	RAAF W/O Broad, L. J.				
	RAAF F/S. Alcorn, G. C.				

	RAF F/S. Paris, L. A.				Liberator C. 0440 hours 1802N 8407E sight IN/V course 230 speed 8 kts. Airborne 5 hrs. 28mins. No enemy sightings. Cuttack Sortie Report No. 15.
	RAAF F/S. Kehoe, S. C.				
28th Oct.	RAF S/L MacKenzie, G.	A/S Patrol Shipping Lanes, Transit Kankesanturai - Cuttack	Kankesa nturai	Cuttack	S/L MacKenzie and Crew airborne from Kankesanturai at 280047Z on A/S Patrol Shipping Lanes and Transit to Cuttack. 0427 hrs. 1645N 8256E sighted tanker course 055° Speed 10 kts. Also Liberator C. Course 230° at 1000 ft. 0440 hrs. 1720 N 8305E sighted 1 M/V course 230° speed 8 kts. 0532 hrs 1800N 8410E sight 1 M/V course 050° speed 10 kts. 0602 hrs 1920N 8445E sighted 1 M/V course 055° speed 8 kts. Airborne 5 hrs. 49 mins. No enemy sightings. Cuttack Sortie Report. No. 16.
Lib. Mk.VI.	RAF F/O Mackley C. A. R?		280047Z	280636Z	
T/354	RAF F/S Thornhill, G. L.				
	RCAF W/O Diachun S.				
	RCAF W/O MacDonald, J. D.				
	RAAF F/S Watson, A. W.				
	RAAF F/S. Young, K? G.				
	RAF F/S Appleby, H. N.				
28 Oct.	RCAF P/O Jorgenson, M.	A/S Patrol Shipping Lanes, Transit Kankesanturai - Cuttack	Kankesa nturai	Cuttack	
Lib. Mk.VI.	RCAF W/O Thickett G. M.		280052Z	280645Z	
U/354	RCAF W/O Etherington, R.				
	RCAF W/O Bonany A. L.				
	RCAF W/O Slawson J. C.				
	RCAF W/O Abildgaard, C.				
	RCAF W/O Harris, J. H?				
	RAF F/S Smail, W. D.				
28th Oct.	RAAF F/O Stanley, A. D.	A/U Hunt IOGRYI No.22 Appdx A71.B 281930Z - 290030Z 5B. 290030Z - 290130Z	Cuttack	Cuttack	F/O Stanley & Crew airborne from Cuttack at 281623Z on Anti U-Boat Hunt. 1701 hrs 1925N 8620E Sighted Orange Rocket 1/4 mile ahead which rose to 2000 ft. Investigations prevented by cloud so proceeded on course. 0039 hrs. 1520N 8935E sighted Force 66
Lib. Mk.VI.	RCAF F/O Winter, R? D.		281623Z	290406Z	
Y/354	RAAF F/O Lowrey, R. M.				
	RAAF W/O Bemauer, R. R.				
	RAAF W/O Broad L. J.				

	RAAF F/S Alcorn, G. C.				Course 200° at 10 kts. 0328 hrs. 1930N8633E Sighted
	RAF F/S Paris, L. A.				Convoy 9 M/Vs with 2 Escort
	RAAF F/S Kehoe, S. C.				Vessels Course 230 Speed 8 kts. No enemy sightings. Airborne 11 hrs. 43 mins. Cuttack Sortie Report No. 27.
29th Oct.	RCAF P/O Jorgenson, M.	A/U Hunt 1455N -8825E IOGRYI.	Kankesanturai	Cuttack	P/O Jorgenson & Crew Airborne from Kankesanturai at 281630z hrs. on Anti U-Boat Hunt. No sightings or contacts. Airborne 12 hrs 5 mins.
Lib. Mk.VI.	RCAF W/O Thickett G. M.	No. 22 Appdx. A.4D. 281930z - 290030z 5D	281630z	290435z	
U/354	RCAF W/O Etherington, R.	290030z - 290130z			
	RCAF W/O Slawson J. C.				
	RCAF W/O Bonany A. L.				
	RCAF W/O Harris, J. H?				
	RCAF W/O Abildgaard, C.				
	RAF F/S Smail, W. D.				
29th. Oct.	RAF S/L MacKenzie, G.	A/U Hunt C.L.A. Search from 1735N - 8915E	Cuttack	Cuttack	S/L MacKenzie and Crew of 354 Squadron airborne in X/200 at 282356Z hrs. from Cuttack on Anti U-Boat hunt (C.L.A.) 0030 hours 1950 N 8640 E sighted convoy consisting of 9 Merchant Vessels - 2 Escorts course 230 speed 8 kts. No Enemy Sightings. 354 Squadron aircraft U/S so aircraft of 200 Squadron used. Cuttack Sortie Report No.29.
Lib. Mk.VI.	RAF F/O Mackley C. A. R?	M?L.A. 090° 20 mls on either side. Vis: 5 mls. Depth 70 mls.	282356Z	290948Z	
X/200	RAF F/S Thornhill, G. L.				
	RCAF W/O MacDonald, J. D.				
	RCAF W/O Diachun S.				
	RAAF F/S Watson, J. W.				
	RAAF F/S. Young, K? G.				
	RAF F/S Appleby, H. N.				
30th Oct.	RAAF F/O Stanley, A. D.	A/U Hunt C.L.A. through positions 1938N-8712E	Cuttack	Cuttack	F/O Stanley and Crew airborne at 301118Z from Cuttack on Anti U-Boat Hunt (CLA) sortie curtailed by Base due to weather. No sightings or contacts. Airborne 10 hrs. 32 mins. Cuttack Sortie Report No.36.
Lib. Mk.VI.	RCAF F/O Winter, B? D.	1834N - 8802E	301118Z	302150Z	
Y/354	RAAF F/O Lowrey, R. M.	1622N - 8455E			
	RAAF W/O Bemauer, R. R.	1727N - 8403E M.L.A. 0?8?4° Vis: 10 miles			
	RAAF W/O Broad L. J.				
	RAAF F/S Alcorn, G. C.				
	RAAF F/S Kehoe, S. C.				
	RAF F/S Paris, L. A.				

31st. Oct.	RCAF P/O Jorgenson, M.	A/U Hunt CLA. Through positions 2000N - 9000E 2000N - 9130E 2115N - 9000E 2130N - 9130E M.L.A. 090° Vis: 10 mls.	Cuttack	Cuttack	P/O Jorgenson and Crew airborne from Cuttack at 302133Z on Anti U-Boat hunt (C.L,A.). 2253 hrs. 2103N 8907E sighted 2 M/Ls course 270° speed 12 Kts. 310652 hrs. Radar contact 320°, 30 miles, 1600 ft. Sighted Force 66, course 315, speed 13 Kts. No enemy sightings. Cuttack Sortie Report No.38.
Lib. Mk.VI.	RCAF W/O Thickett G. M.		302123Z	311005Z	
U/354	RCAF W/O Etherington, R.				
	RCAF W/O Bonany A. L.				
	RCAF W/O Slawson J. C.				
	RCAF W/O Abildgaard, G?				
	RCAF W/O Harris, J. H?				
	RAF F/S Smail, W. D.				
31st. Oct.	RAF F/L Richards S. J	Parallel Track A/U Search (B/G3/30th) Oct. 1944	Kankesanturai	Kankesanturai	F/L Richards and Crew airborne at 302238Z from Kankesanturai on Parallel Track Anti U-Boat Search. 2334 hrs. 1140N 8058E S/E Contact Bearing 090/15 miles know to be Convoy as briefed. No sightings. Airborne 11 hours 18 minutes. Kankesanturai Sortie Report No. 1.
Lib. Mk.VI.	RCAF F/S Steiner		302238Z	310956Z	
X/354	RAF F/O Duffield, D. P.				
	RNZAF F/O Crouch, ? H.				
	RAF F/S Hyndman W?				
	RAF F/S Alexander, J.				
	RCAF Sgt. Krampp J.				
	RAF Sgt. Mason, K. G.				
Oct. 31st.	RCAF F/O Riffle F. A.	Parallel Track A/U Search (B/G3/30th) Oct. 1944	Kankesanturai	Kankesanturai	F/O Riffle and Crew airborne from Kankesanturai at 302246Z hrs. for Parallel Anti U-Boat Search. 2346 hrs. 1150N 8053E S/E Contact Bearing 240/16 mls. did not home as contact known to be convoy as briefed. No Sightings. Airborne 11 hours 15 minutes. Kankesanturai Sortie Report No. 2.
Lib. Mk.VI.	RAF F/O Wood, C. J.		302246Z	311001Z	
L/354	RAF P/O Hunter J. M.				
	RAF F/S Day G. M?				
	RAF Sgt. Richards P. A.				
	RAF F/S Rancher J.				
	RCAF P/O Chlke S.				
	RNZAF W/O George L.				
	The weather at Minneriya has been consistently poor and as a result progress has been retarded in the constructional activity required for the conversion of this Station to G.R. Operations. It has therefore been essential to maintain a detachment of six aircraft of 354 Squadron at Kankesanturai. In all the Squadron has this month undertaken 12 Operational sorties from Cuttack and Kankesanturai and while no enemy sightings are reported for these sorties I am convinced the work has been well done by the aircrews concerned and has been instrumental in keeping down the U-Boat threat to shipping in this theatre of war.				

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Note at top of page "Prepared for W/Cdr. F. G. Paisey, Officer Commanding, No.354 Squadron, by F/O W.W. Edwards, Squadron Intelligence Officer, 30th April 1945 for November 1944."

Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
			H.Q. Minneriya with Detachment at Kankesanturai
			All Times G.M.T. November 1944
Minneriya			Aircraft Strength for Month was 12 A/C. against establishment of 12, six of these on detachment at Kankesanturai.
			Crew Strength 12.
			Operational Flying Hours for Month 79 hrs. 7 mins. (Day), 52 hrs. 12 mins. (Night).
			Non-operational Flying Hours for Month 112 hrs. 20 mins. (Day) 5 hrs. 11 mins. (Night).
			Total Flying Hours for November 1944, 248 hrs. 50 mins.
			Officers: Australian 8, British 26, Canadian 20, New Zealanders 1, Indian 1, Total 56.
			B.O.R.s.: Australian 11, British 448, Canadian 27, New Zealand 3, Indian Nil, Total 489.
			Grand Total Squadron Strength: 545.
Minneriya and Kankesanturai (Detachment)			14 Operational Sorties were made during month - all of which were Anti U-Boat Sweeps off the East Coast of India and the Coast of Ceylon, covering the Shipping Lanes. No contacts or sightings of the enemy were made. ¹⁰
			The weather has again been consistently poor and as a result progress has been retarded in the work of conversion of this Station to G. R. operations. The Squadron is unable to house its 12 aircraft at Minneriya and as a result has 6 aircraft on detachment as Kankesanturai, this has naturally interfered with the set training programme but nevertheless all difficulties have been faced with the true Squadron spirit. Morale is high and one and all look forward to the day when we can really get at close grips with the enemy.
			Photographic Officer (F/O R. Hazel) gave lectures to all aircrews at Minneriya and Kankesanturai on "How to make a good picture".
			Intelligence. Lectures given by F/O W. W. Edwards (Squadron Intelligence) to all crews on "Operational Sorties from Ceylon". Excellent attendance in Gen Library throughout month.
			Ship Recognition, by F/O J. E. Parkhouse. 14 Lectures were given to aircrews and emphasis was stressed on the latest Japanese aircraft. At the conclusion of these lectures Tests were made and it was found the the standard of Aircraft Recognition of the Squadron was very high.
			Navigation, by F/Lt. I. S. Currie. Lectures given daily to Strike Crews on British D.R. Compass and the Gyro Fluxgate Compass.
			Bombing Report, by F/Lt. P. Duffield. Bombing Training and Practice Bombing was carried out throughout month now that Squadron is settled down in new surroundings at Minneriya and Kankesanturai. Results proved very satisfactory. Lectures given to all available crews on "Safe Handling of Pyrotechnics" and "Practice Bombing and Theory of Bombing".
			Gunnery Training Report, by F/Lt. R. J. Keleher, Gunnery Leader. Practice firing on Sea Targets was carried out throughout the month and the results were of a very high standard. Practice attacks in formation on Sea Targets were also carried out and again the standard was very commendable.

¹⁰ These flights are only detailed in the Form 541; there is no Form 540 for the detachment.

			Lectures were given daily on "Harmonization and Sighting Tactics".
			Sport, by F/O R. W. H. Crouch. Sea bathing parties were organized daily for all ranks at Kankesanturai. Football, Cricket and Softball Practices are in full swing and it is hoped that now the Squadron is settled down with H.Q. at Minneriya and a detachment at Kankesanturai, that Leagues will be formed for Football, Cricket and Softball. Canadian personnel are training U.K. personnel in the art of Softball and as a result it is hoped to form a U.K. Team.
			Welfare, By F/O J. P. Thomas. The Squadron Concert Party produced "Liblarks", a Revue, which received a tremendous reception and the Dramatic Society again produced "Laburnum Grove" which was equally well received. The Films exhibited this month have been of a very high standard. The usual weekly Welfare Meetings were held and various sums of money allocated to Sports and Gramophone Records.
			Health Report, by F/Lt. T. Gardiner. During the month of November, a total of 35 admissions to Sick Quarters and Hospitals, were recorded. Of the 35, only two personnel were admitted with Malaria and two with Dysentery. Morning Sick status showed a decrease - this is most probably due to the Number of personnel detached to Kankeranturai. Sanitation. Apart from the cookhouses, Sanitation at this Camp (Mineriyia) leaves quite a lot to be desired and is having the Commanding Officer's immediate attention. Aircrew. Due to the recent move of this Unit, it was found well nigh impossible to hold any lectures this month. Total admissions of aircrew were three, two were discharged.
Minneriya	5th Nov.	1900	F/O C. J. Wood, F/Sgt. J. A. Milne, F/Sgt. N. F. Bearnet??, F/Sgt. F. C. Chapman and F/Sgt. G. H. Day proceeded on detachment to Jungle School Course until 9th Nov. '44.
Kankesanturai	7th	0642	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) F/O F. Maguire and Crew Transit to and from Ratmalana to collect S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey 78755 on posting to this Squadron from 222 Group as Flight Commander "B" Flight, on detachment at Kankesanturai. Airborne 1 hr. 44 mins.
		1100	S/Ldr. G. McKenzie (42855) proceeded on posting to 200 Squadron as W/Cdr. Commanding No. 200 Squadron. He leaves with best wishes of every member of 354 Squadron for success in his new appointment - their gain our loss.
Minneriya	10th	1900	W/O A. D. McKean, W/O H. B. Charles, W/O R. G. Mair, W/O I. N. MacDonald and Sgt. E. G. Mason proceeded on detachment to Jungle School Short Course until Nov. 13th.
Kankesanturai	11th	0830	F/O G. B. St. John, F/Lt. A. W. Yoxon, F/O L. K. W. Tetlock, F/O E. D. Constant, P/O A. S. Hassell, F/O B. Morley, P/O K. D. MacKinnon And 13 N.C.O.s. arrived on posting to this Squadron for Aircrew duties.
Minneriya	13th	0845	F/O R. Hazel (147462) arrived on posting to this Squadron for Duties (A.& S.D.) Photographic Officer.
Kankesanturai	18th	1000	F/O N. T. Goring, F/O W.D.S. Gibson, F/O J. K. Fletcher, F/O J.F. Waterer? F/O G.R. Kenny posted to "C" flight, 292 Squadron. F/O R. A. Beaton, F/O D. C. Smiley and F/O S. K. Goldsworthy posted to 320 M.U. Karachi. F/O. S. R. Chlke, P/O E. Hewko, R/O G. H. McTaggart, F/O J. L. Maguire, F/O W?F. T. Causey posted to 292 Squadron "C"Flight. F/O R. J. Gray and P/O H. Dale posted to U.K.
Minneriya	24th		32 Sergeants (A/Gs) proceeded to No.20 A.P.C. for A/G course.
	25th		F/O B. C. Winter proceeded on posting to 160 Squadron.
	29th		F/O B. Morley and F/O J. W. Adlington, proceeded on detachment to Jungle School Long Course until 6th December 1944.
			Squadron Operational Flying has been chiefly confined to protection of the Shipping Lanes off East Coast of India and Ceylon. While this work, in a world

			of cloud, sky and sea needs be of a monotonous nature, it has been undertaken with a grand spirit by Ground and Air Crews alike.
			The change of environment with the move of the Squadron has undoubtedly added a fillip to the already high standard of morale. Sports facilities are excellent and all aspects of Welfare are well provided for by the Welfare Officer and his staff of willing workers.

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All times GMT.

Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
1st. Nov.	S/L G. McKenzie	Inner Traffic Patrol to Pt. Pedro?	Cuttack 0117221	Minneriya 016828	Sortie Report Serial No. 1. No enemy Sightings.
Lib. Mk.VI.	F/O C. A. R? Mackley				
T/354	F/S G. L. Thornhill				
	W/O J. D. MacDonald				
	W/O S. Diachun				
	F/S J. W. Watson				
	F/S K. G. Young				
	F/S H. K? Appleby				
7/8th Nov.	F/O I. M. Leslie	A/S Sweep	Minneriya a	Minneriya	Sortie Report Serial No. 2. No enemy Sightings.
Lib. Mk.VI.	F/O J. W. Parfett		0720?05	080757	
J/354	F/L I. S Currie				
	W/O A. MacKean				
	W/O R. G. Mair				
	W/O I. M. MacDonald				
	W/O H. B. Charles				
	F/S. ? Myers				
7/8th Nov.	F/O F. L. Burrows	A/S Sweep	Minneriya a	Minneriya	Sortie Report Serial No. 3. No enemy Sightings.
Lib. Mk.VI.	F/O J. E. Parkhouse		0720?12	080816?	
C/354	W/O R. J. A. Adams				
	W/O N. P. Blow				
	F/S T. A. G. Coxford				
	F/S J. B. Angus				
	Sgt. A. H? Morrison				
	Sgt. H. F. W. Maybee				
9th Nov.	S/L H. A. Hubber - Richard	A/S Sweep	Minneriya a	Minneriya	Sortie Curtailed owing to failure of undercarriage to retract. See Sortie report no. 3A.
Lib. Mk.VI.	F/O F. A. Riffle		091837	092108	
J/354	F/O J. M. Hunter				L/354 replaces J/354 using same call sign. See Sortie Report No. 5.
	F/S K. G. Hawkins				
	F/S J. B. Legge				
	F/S G. H? Scarfe				
	F/S H. E. Brankley				
	Sgt. R. J. Kramp				
9/10th Nov.	F/L J. L. Richards	A/S Sweep	Minneriya a	Minneriya	No enemy Sightings. See Sortie Report No. 4.
Lib. Mk.VI.	F/O P? Duffield		091846	100537	
F/354	F/O J. R? Thomas				
	W/O B. G. Mair				
	W/O A. G. McKean				
	F/S J. Alexander				
	F/S W. Hyndman				

	Sgt. G. Mamon?				
	Sgt. E? G. Watson				
10th Nov.	F/O F L. Burrows	A/S Sweep	Minneriya	Minneriya	No enemy Sightings. See Sortie Report No. 5.
Lib. Mk.VI. ?/354	F/O J. E? Parkhouse W/O H. G. A. Adams W/O N. P Blow F/S J. B. Angus F/S T. A. G. Coxford Sgt. M. F. W. Maybee Sgt. A. ? Morrison Sgt. L. Goodman		092042	1005?16	
Nov. 2nd.	F/O A. D. Stanley	Patrol Inner Shipping Lane to Pt. Pedro? 173/01 Nov. 1st.	Cuttack	Kankesant urai	Sortie Report Serial No. 1. No Enemy Sightings.
Lib. Mk.VI. Y/354	F/O R. M. Lowrey F/O ? O. Winter W/O R. R. Bamauer W/O L. J. Broad F/S G. C. Alcorn F/S S. C. Kehoe F/S L. A. Paris			020023Z	
Nov. 2nd.	P/O ? Jorgenson	Traffic Patrol	Cuttack	Kankesant urai	Sortie Report Serial No. 2. No Enemy Sightings.
Lib. Mk.VI. U/354	W/O G. M? Thickett W/O R. N? Etherington W/O A. L. Benamy? W/O J. Slawson W/O J. Harris W/O C. Abildgaard? F/S D? Smail		020027Z	0207??Z	
Nov. 8th.	F/O W. D. J. Gibson	A/U Sweep CH/G4 Nov.7th.	Kankesanturai	Kankesant urai	Sortie Report Serial No. VA/1. No Enemy Sightings.
Lib. Mk.VI P?/354	F/O J. K. Fletcher F/O J. N?aterer F/O N? T. Gorrington P/O C. B. Kenny W?/O A. K Christson W/O ? W. Mair		072019Z	080832Z	
Nov. 12/13th	F/O A. D. Stanley	Anti U-Boat Search	Kankesanturai	Kankesant urai	No Enemy Sightings. See Sortie Report Serial No. VA/1.
Lib. Mk.VI. T/354	F/O R. M. Lowrey F/O ? O. Winter W/O R. R. Bernauer W/O L. J. Broad F/S G. C. Alcorn F/S S. C. Kehoe F/S L. A. Paris		121256	130058	
12/13 Nov.	P/O ? Jorgenson	C.L.A. Search	Kankesanturai	Kankesant urai	No Enemy Sightings. See Sortie Report Serial No. VA/3.
Liberator	W/O R. N?		121245	130115	

	Etherington				
U/354	W/O G. M? Thickett				
	W/O A. L. Bonany				
	W/O G. W. Rutlay				
	W/O C. Abildgaard				
	W/O S. Diachun				
	F/S ? Barber				
	F/S D. Smail				
17th Nov.	F/O A. D. Stanley	Convoy Escort to JC.68?A	Kan.	China Bay	No enemy Sightings. See Sortie Report Serial (China Bay) No. 5.
Lib. Mk.VI.	F/O R. M. Lowrey		170516	171346	
Y/354	F/O ? O. Winter				
	W/O R. R. Bernauer				
	W/O L. J. Broad				
	F/S G. C. Alcorn				
	F/S S. C. Kehoe				
	F/S L. A. Paris				
25/26 Nov.	S/L F. G. Paisey	Anti U-Boat Patrol	Kankesa nturai	Kankesant urai	No Enemy Sightings. See Sortie Report Serial No. VA/5.
Lib.Mk.VI.	F/O C. A. B. Mackley		252339	260943	
Y/354	W/O I. M. MacDonald				
	W/O L. J. Broad				
	W/O G. C. Alcorn				
	F/S G. L. Thornhill				
	F/S A. H? Watson				
	F/S E? G. Young				
	F/S. ? N. Appleby				
26th Nov.	F/O C. B. St. John	Anti U-Boat Patrol	Kankesa nturai	Kankesant urai	No Enemy Sightings. See Sortie Report Serial No. VA/6.
Lib. Mk.VI.	P/O M. Jorgenson		260355	261426	
P?/354	P/O L. ? ? Tetlock				
	P/O A. S? Hassell				
	P/O K. D. MacKinnon				
	F/S W. D. Smail				
	Sgt. J. ? Benson				
	Sgt. G? V. Farr				
	Sgt. R. G? Leith				
	Sgt. J. ? Lootan				

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
			H.Q. Minneriya with Detachment at Kankesanturai
			All times G.M.T.
Minneriya	1.12.44	0752	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV942) (F/O F. Riffle & Crew) airborne 2 hrs. 28 mins on Fighter Affiliation.
Minneriya	1.12.44	0900	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (F/O L. F. Burrows & Crew) airborne 2 hrs. 1 minute on Bombing Practice.
Kankesanturai	1.12.44	0906	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O G? B. St. John & Crew) airborne 2 hrs. 48 mins. on Supply Dropping Exercise.
Minneriya	1.12.44	1133	Liberator MK.VI. "J" (EV863) (F/O I. M Leslie & Crew) airborne 1 hour 55 mins. Transit to and from Kankesanturai?, carrying Bombs for 160 Squadron and Mail.
Kankesanturai	2.12.44	0906	Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (EV950) (F/L. A. W Yoxon) Compass Swing.
Minneriya	2.12.44	0909	Liberator MK.VI. "A" (EW319) (F/O I. M Leslie & Crew) airborne for 1 hr. 6 mins. on Air Test.
Kankesanturai	2.12.44	0916	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (S/L F. G. Paisley & Crew) airborne for 3 hrs. 4 mins. Transit flight to and from Minneriya via China Bay.
Minneriya	2.12.44	1002	Liberator MK.VI. "J" (EV863) (F/L. J. Richards & Crew) airborne 1 hr. 56 mins. on Practice Bombing.
Minneriya	2.12.44	1834 ?	Station Discussion Group Meeting, Subject: "What will the service can do with his vote?", Excellent Attendance.
Minneriya	3.12.44	0845	Liberator MK.VI. "A" (EW319)(F/L. J. Richards & Crew) airborne 1 hr. 57 mins. Transit to and from Kankesanturai??
Minneriya	3.12.44	0856	Liberator MK.VI. "P" (KG822) (F/O D. C. Watt & Crew) airborne 55 mins. on transit flight to Kankesanturai.
Kankesanturai	3.12.44	1025	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) airborne 4 hrs. 5 mins. on Bombing Practice. Four Flights - (1) S/Ldr. F. G. Paisley & Crew (2) F/O C. B. St. John & Crew (3) P/O M. Jorgenson & Crew (4) F/Lt. Yoxon.
Minneriya	3.12.44	1542	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/O Riffle & Crew) airborne on Parallel Track U-Boat Sweep for 12 hrs. 32 mins. No enemy sightings.
Minneriya	3.12.44	1548	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (F/Lt. J. Richards & Crew) airborne on Parallel Track U-Boat Sweep for 12 hrs. 14 mins. No enemy sightings.
Minneriya	3.12.44	1553	Liberator MK.VI. "C" (EV858) (F/O D. C. Watt & Crew) airborne on Parallel Track U-Boat Sweep for 11 hrs. 4 mins. No enemy sightings.
Kankesanturai	3.12.44	1730	354 Squadron Football Team visited Kankesanturai to play Station XI. No. 354 Squadron won - the score being 1 - 0.
Minneriya	3.12.44		F/O K. Hooten (147108) arrived on posting to this squadron for Flying Duties.
Minneriya	4.12.44	0655	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV942) (F/O L. F. Burrows & Crew) airborne 2 hrs. 8 mins. Transit to and from Kankesanturai.
Minneriya	4.12.44	1019	Liberator MK.VI. "A" (EW319) (S/Ldr. R. A. Hubber-Richard & Crew) airborne 10 mins. on air Test.
Kankesanturai	4.12.44	1200	Liberator MK.VI. "V" (KG821) (F/O C. B. St. John & Crew) airborne 3 hrs. 10 mins. Transit to and from Ratmalana via Minneriya.
Kankesanturai	4.12.44	1528	Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (F/O C. B. St. John & Crew) airborne on Hunt to Exhaustion Search for 12 hrs. No enemy sightings. Sighted wreckage of Aircraft "P" and took necessary action.
Kankesanturai	4.12.44	1532	Liberator MK.VI. "P" (KG822) (P/O M. Jorgenson & Crew) airborne on Hunt to Exhaustion Search from which they failed to return. Wreckage seen by Crews of T/354 and Y/354 but no signs of life.
Kankesanturai	4.12.44	1546	Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) (F/O A. D. Stanley & Crew) airborne on Hunt to

			Exhaustion Search for 8 hrs. 14 mins. Probable Submarine Contact and markers dropped for following aircraft. Sighted wreckage of aircraft and took necessary action. No enemy sightings.
Kankesanturai	5.12.44	0547	Liberator MK.VI. "U" (KG821) (S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey & Crew) airborne from Kankesanturai on Air sea Rescue Search for P/354 missing from patrol as previously reported. No sightings of wreckage. Airborne 5 hrs. 21 mins.
Kankesanturai	5.12.44	1000	Lecture to crews of following, S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey, F/Lt. A. W. Yoxon, F/O A. D. Stanley, F/O C. B. St. John, on Gyro Fluxgate Compass by F/Lt. I. S. Currie?, Navigation Officer.
Minneriya	5.12.44	1750	Squadron Football Team defeats the S.H.Q. XI Score 3 - 0.
Kankesanturai	6.12.44	1012	Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (F/O C. B. St. John & Crew) airborne 3 hrs. 1 mins on Transit to and from Ratmalana via Minneriya.
Minneriya	6.12.44	1125	Liberator MK.VI. "A"(EW319) (F/Lt. J. Richards & Crew) airborne 57 mins. on Transit to Kankesanturai.
			F/O G. H. Knig (50762) arrived on posting to this Squadron as Engineering Officer.
			F/Lt. D. G. Cooper??(81117) proceeded to No. 222 Group on Radio Course.
			P/O A. S. Hassell (J.40560) proceeded to No. 222 Group on Gunnery Course.
Minneriya	7.12.44	0830	F/O G. W. Weaver (J.39609)(RCAF) arrived on posting to this squadron for Flying Duties
Minneriya	7.12.44	0830	F/O C. E. Kriksee?? (NZ420145?) arrived on posting to this squadron for Flying Duties.
Minneriya	7.12.44	0830	P/O Coxford (J.50564?)(RCAF) reported to squadron on commissioning.
Minneriya	7.12.44	0830	P/O P. J. Maika (C.13078)(RCAF) arrived on posting to this Squadron for Flying Duties.
Minneriya	7.12.44	0830	F/O W. A. Manyluk (J.22965) arrived on posting to this Squadron for Flying Duties.
Minneriya	7.12.44	0850	Liberator MK.VI. "?"(EV862?)(F/O F. Riffle & Crew) airborne for 2 hrs. 36 mins on Practice Bombing.
Minneriya	7.12.44	0945	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV942)(F/O D. C. Watt & Crew) airborne 2 hrs. 21 mins on Transit to and from Kankesanturai.
Minneriya	7.12.44	1750	Squadron "A" Football Team drew with 31? Squadron "H?" Team. Score 1 -1.
Kankesanturai	8.12.44	0900	Lecture given by F/Lt. Duffield (Bombing Leader) to following crews. S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey, F/Lt. J. Richards, F/Lt. A. W. Yoxon, P/O C. B. St. John, and F/O A. N? Stanley on Pyrotechnics.
Minneriya	8.12.44	0910	Liberator MK.VI. "J" (EV863) (F/O I. N? Leslie & Crew) airborne 1 hr. 40 mins. on Practice Bombing.
Minneriya	8.12.44	1003	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV942) (S/Ldr. R. A. Hubber-Richard & Crew) airborne 1 hr. 24 mins. on Radar Exercise.
Minneriya	8.12.44	1750	Squadron "B" Football Team drew with 31? Squadron "A" Team. Score nil - nil.
Minneriya	9.12.44	0747	Liberator MK.VI "K" (EV942) (F/O D. G. Watt & Crew) airborne 1 hr 50 mins on fighter Affiliation.
Minneriya	9.12.44	0855	Liberator MK.VI "J" (EV863) (F/O F. Burrows & Crew) airborne 2 hrs 45 mins on Bombing and Radar Practice.
Minneriya	9.12.44	1042	Liberator MK.VI "K" (EV942) (F/O D. C. Watt & Crew) airborne 1 hr. 42 mins. on Transit to and from Kankesanturai.
Kankesanturai	9.12.44	0900	F/Lt. P. Duffield (Bombing Leader) lectured on Pyrotechnics to crews of S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey, F/Lt. A. W. Yoxon, P/O G. F. St. John, and F/O J. D. Stanley.
Kankesanturai	9.12.44	0930	Squadron Photographic Officer visited Kankesanturai for conference with Detachment there.
Minneriya	9.12.44	1830	Discussion Group (F/O C. J. Wood Education Officer) Subject; "What is Swing Music?" Good attendance.
Kankesanturai	10.12.44	0010	Liberator MK.VI "V" (KG821) (F/O C. B. St. John & Crew) airborne on Anti U-

			Boat Hunt and Consumption Test for 9 hrs. 31 mins. No enemy sightings.
Minneriya	10.12.44	1040	Harvard MK.2.B (FE795) (W/Cdr. D. T. MacPherson) airborne on Circuits and Bumps 28 mins.
Kankesanturai	10.12.44	1100	Liberator MK.VI "A" (EW319)(F/Lt. J. Richards & Crew) airborne 1 hr. 26 mins. on Circuits and Bumps.
Kankesanturai	10.12.44	1355	(F/O A. D. Stanley & Crew) airborne 1 hr. on local Bombing Practice.
Minneriya	10.12.44	1415	Harvard MK.2.B (FE795) (W/Cdr. D. T. MacPherson) airborne on Circuits and Bumps 50 mins.
Kankesanturai	10.12.44	1459	Liberator MK.VI "X" (EV853) (F/Lt. A. W. Yoxon & Crew) airborne 1 hr. 15 mins. on Local Bombing Practice.
Minneriya	10.12.44	0800	F/O J. R? Hunter took over Welfare Officer's Duties on posting of F/O J. R. Thomas.
Minneriya	10.12.44	1750	Station Football XI (354 Squadron well represented by players) played China Bay XI and won 6 - 0.
Kankesanturai	11.12.44	0016	Liberator MK.VI "A" (EW319) (F/Lt. J. Richards & Crew) airborne on Anti U-Boat Sweep of Shipping Lanes and Consumption Test for 11 hrs. 28 mins.
Kankesanturai	11.12.44	0936	Liberator MK.VI "Y" (KG850) (F/O A. B. Stanley & Crew) airborne 2 hrs. 2 mins. on Transit to and from Minneriya.
Kankesanturai	11.12.44	1345	Liberator MK.VI "Z" (BZ988) (S/Ldr F. G. Paisey & Crew) airborne 1 hr. 41 mins. on Low Level Bombing Practice.
Kankesanturai	12.12.44	0016	Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey & Crew) airborne on Patrol of Shipping lanes and Consumption Test for 5 hrs. 47 mins. Sortie curtailed owing to engine trouble. Aircraft diverted and landed at St. Thomas' Mt. No enemy sightings.
Minneriya	12.12.44	0845	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/O F. Riffle & Crew) airborne 2 hrs 41 mins on Practice Bombing and Radar.
Kankesanturai	12.12.44	0749	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/O G. B. St. John & Crew) airborne 4 hours 34 mins. on Transit Flight to and from Minneriya including Bombing Practice at Foul Point.
Kankesanturai	12.12.44	14?5 6?	Liberator MK.VI. "A"(EV319) (F/Lt. Richards & Crew) airborne 43 mins transit to Minneriya.
Minneriya	13.12.44	0750	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (P/O D. C. Watt & Crew) airborne 1 hr. 2 mins. Bombing and Radar Practice.
Kankesanturai	13.12.44	1430	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O C. A. R. Mackley & Crew) airborne 2 hrs. 52 mins on transit flight to and from Ratmalana.
Minneriya	13.12.44	1000	Intoductory talk given by F/O W. W. Edwards (Intelligence Officer) to F/O W. A. Manyluk's crew.
Minneriya	13.12.44	1500	Lecture by F/Lt. I. S. Currie (Navigation Officer) on British D. R. Compass, attended by crews of F/O F. Riffle, F/O D. C. Watt, and F/O W. A. Manyluk.
Minneriya	13.12.44	1750	354 Squadron 2nd Football Team played "The Best" and drew 3 - 3.
Minneriya	14.12.44	0944	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV942) (F/O W. A. Manyluk & Crew) airborne 45 minutes on Practice Bombing and Radar.
Kankesanturai	14.12.44	1200	Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) (F/O A. D. Stanley & Crew) airborne on Parallel Track Sweep for 7 hrs. 35 mins. No enemy sightings.
Kankesanturai	14.12.44	1203	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey & Crew) airborne from Kankesanturai on Parallel Track Sweep for 7 hrs. 10 mins. No enemy sightings.
Minneriya	14.12.44	1652	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/O F. Riffle & Crew) airborne on Parallel Track U-Boat Sweep for 8 hrs. 40 mins. No enemy sightings.
Minneriya	14.12.44	1658	Liberator MK.VI. "C" (EV858) (F/O D. C. Watt & Crew) airborne on Parallel Track U-Boat Sweep for 8 hrs. 5 mins. No enemy sightings.
Kankesanturai	14.12.44	1900	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/Lt. A. W. Yoxon & Crew with F/O C.A. B. Mackley) airborne 2 hrs 13 mins. Night Circuits and Bumps.
Minneriya	14.12.44	0900	Gunnery Leader (F/Lt. H. J. ??????) gave a Gunnery Quiz of two hours duration to six crews.

Minneriya	14.12.44	1500	F/lt. P. Duffield (Bombing Leader) lectured on Practice Bombing and the Theory of Bombing to following crews: - S/Ldr. H. A Hubber-Richard, F/Lt. J. Richards, F/O I. F. Burrows, F/O I. M. Leslie, F/O W. A. Manyluk, F/O F. Riffle and F/O D. C. Watt.
Minneriya	15.12.44	0835	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (F/O F. I. Burrows & Crew) airborne 1 hr. 16 mins on Practice Bombing Submersible Target.
Minneriya	15.12.44	0948	Liberator MK.VI. "J" (EV863) (F/O W. A. Manyluk & Crew) airborne 2 hrs 28 mins. on Practice Bombing Submersible Target.
Kankesanturai	15.12.44	1030	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/Lt. A. W. Yoxon & Crew) airborne 2 hrs 40 mins. transit to and from Minneriya.
Minneriya	15.12.44	1123	Liberator MK.VI. "A" (EW319) (F/O I. W? Leslie & Crew) airborne 1 hr. 59 mins transit to and from Kankesanturai.
Minneriya	15.12.44	0835	F/O R. J. T. Gardiner? 169959 (RAF) arrived on posting to this Squadron for Duties as Medical Officer.
Minneriya	15.12.44	1400	Lecture by F/Lt. I. S. Currie on Gyro Fluxgate Compass to crews of F/Lt. J. Richards, F/O I. F. Burrows, F/O I. M. Leslie, & F/O F. Riffle.
Minneriya	16.12.44	0930	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV942) (F/Lt. J. Richards & Crew) airborne 1 hr. 51 mins. Practice Bombing & Radar.
Minneriya	16.12.44	1008	Liberator MK.VI. "A" (EW319) (S/Ldr. R. A. Hubber-Richard & Crew) airborne 1 hr. 48 mins. Practice Bombing & Radar.
Kankesanturai	16.12.44	1008	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey & Crew) airborne 2 hrs. 6 mins. transit to and from Minneriya.
Minneriya	16.12.44	1100	Liberator MK.VI. "C" (EV858) (F/O D. C. Watt & Crew) airborne 1hr. 33 mins. transit to and from Minneriya.
Kankesanturai	16.12.44	1325	Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) (F/O Stanley & Crew) airborne 1 hr. on local Practice Bombing.
Kankesanturai	16.12.44	1445	Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) (F/O C. B. St. John & Crew) airborne 48 mins. on Practice Bombing.
Minneriya	16.12.44	1500	Meeting of all 354 Squadron Welfare Representatives was attended by all members when Xmas and New Year's arrangements were discussed and a progressive policy was planned for 1945.
Kandy	16.12.44	1750	International Semi-Final. Squadron Football team represented by two players on either side.
Minneriya	16.12.44	1830	F/O C. J. Wood (Education Officer) reports Copies of Canada's War in the Air received from RCAF, D.H.Q. India these have been passed on to F/O D. C. Watt Canadian Liaison Officer. F/O C. J. Wood reports good attendance at Discussion Group Meeting. Subject: "What is Freedom"
Minneriya	16.12.44	1800	F/O J. R. Thomas A.422754 (RAAF) proceeded to Nassau on Captain's Course.
Kankesanturai	17.12.44	0256	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey & Crew) airborne from Kankesanturai on Anti U-Boat Sweep of Shipping Lanes to land at Cuttack. Airborne 7 hrs. 20 mins. No enemy Sightings.
Minneriya	17.12.44	0715	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/O F. Riffle & Crew) was airborne 6 hrs 23 mins.
Minneriya	17.12.44	0720	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV942) (F/O L. F. Burrows & Crew) airborne 6 hrs. 30 mins. Transit to Cuttack.
Minneriya	17.12.44	0725	Liberator MK.VI. "J" (EV863) (F/Lt. J. Richards & Crew) airborne 6 hrs 25 mins transit to Cuttack.
Kankesanturai	17.12.44	1430	Organised Swimming Party left Station for Sea returning at 1800 hours.
Minneriya	18.12.44	0006	Liberator MK.VI. "C" (EV858) (F/O W. A. Manyluk & Crew) airborne on Anti Submarine Patrol of Shipping Lanes and Consumption Test for 10 hrs. 22 mins. No enemy sightings.
Kankesanturai	18.12.44	0930	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O C. B. St. John & Crew) Airborne 1 hr. 53? Mins transit to and from Minneriya.

Minneriya	19.12.44	0910	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (F/O W. A. Manyluk & Crew) airborne 2 hrs. on Practice Bombing.
Minneriya	19.12.44	1000	Liberator MK.VI. "A" (EW319) (S/Ldr. Hubber-Richard & Crew) airborne 1 hrs. 21 mins on Radar Exercise.
Kankesanturai	19.12.44	1000	Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) (F/O A. D. Stanley & Crew) airborne for 1 hr 15 mins. on Supply Dropping Practice.
Cuttack	19.12.44	1028	Liberator MK.VI. "J" (EV863) (F/Lt. J. Richards & Crew) airborne on Anti U-Boat Sweep for 2 hrs. 9 mins. Sortie curtailed owing to engine trouble. No enemy sightings.
Cuttack	19.12.44	1031	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV942) (F/O L. F. Burrows & Crew) airborne on Anti U-Boat Sweep for 8? Hrs. 41? mins. No enemy sightings.
Cuttack	19.12.44	1035	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/O Riffle & Crew) airborne on Anti U-Boat Parallel Track Sweep for 8 hrs 25 mins. No Enemy sightings.
Cuttack	19.12.44	1040	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey & Crew) airborne on Anti U-Boat Parallel Track Sweep for 9 hrs 25 mins. No enemy sightings.
Kankesanturai	19.12.44	1403	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/Lt. A. W. Yoxon & crew) airborne on Practice Bombing for 1 hr. 5 mins.
Kankesanturai	19.12.44	2055	Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) (F/O A. D. Stanley & Crew) airborne 2 hrs. on Supply Dropping Practice.
Cuttack	19.12.44	0900	F/Lt. P. Duffield (Bombing Leader) gave a lecture on "Safe Handling of Pyrotechnics" to crews of S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey, F/Lt. J. Richards, F/O L. F. Burrows, & F/O F. Riffle.
Minneriya	20.12.44	0902	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (F/O I. M. Leslie & Crew) airborne 1 hr. 33 mins. on Bombing Practice and Radar.
Minneriya	20.12.44	0950	Liberator MK.VI. "A" (EW219) (F/O D. C. Watt & Crew) airborne 1 hr. 50 mins Practice Bombing & Radar.
Kankesanturai	20.12.44	0955	Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (F/O C. A. R. Mackley & Crew) airborne 1 hr. 56 mins. transit to and from Minneriya.
Cuttack	20.12.44	2332	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/O F. Riffle & Crew) airborne on Patrol of Shipping Lanes for 12 hrs. 16 mins. No enemy Sightings.
Minneriya	20.12.44	1500	Lecture on "Jungle Aids" by F/O W. W. Edwards (Intelligence Officer) to crews of F/O D. C. Watt, and F/O W. A. Manyluk.
Vavumiya	20.12.44	1750	Station Football Team, in which squadron was well represented, played Vevuniya Result 1 -1.
Minneriya	21.12.44	0758	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (F/O W. A. Manyluk & Crew) airborne 2 hrs. 35 mins. transit fight to St. Thomas' Mt.
Kankesanturai	21.12.44	1040	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O A. D. Stanley & Crew) airborne 1 hr. 54 mins. transit to and from Minneriya.
Kankesanturai	21.12.44	1530	Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (F/O C. B. St. John & Crew) airborne 59 mins on Bombing Practice.
Minneriya/Sigiriya	21.12.44	2000	Squadron Dramatic Society produced "Laburnan? Grove" by J. B. Priestley and again on 22 December, also at Sigiriya on the 27th December. This production was extremely well received at both stations.
Minneriya	21.12.44	2000	Beethovenians Classical Gramophone Concert extremely well attended and greatly appreciated by all.
Cuttack	22.12.44	0333	Liberator MK.VI. "J" (EV863) (F/Lt. J. L. Richards & Crew) airborne on Anti U-Boat Patrol of Inner Shipping Lanes for 5 hrs. 54 mins. No enemy sightings. Landed at Kankesanturai.
Cuttack	22.12.44	0338	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV942) (F/O L. F. Burrows & Crew) airborne on Anti U-Boat Patrol of Inner Shipping Lanes for 6 hrs. 2 mins. No enemy sightings. Landed at Kankesanturai.
Cuttack	22.12.44	0349	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey & Crew) airborne on Anti U-Boat Patrol of Inner Shipping Lanes for 6 hrs. 9 mins. No enemy sightings. Landed at Kankesanturai.
Cuttack	22.12.44	0448	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/O F. Riffle & Crew) airborne on Anti U-Boat

			Patrol of Inner Shipping Lanes for 6 hrs. 34 mins. No enemy sightings. Landed at Kankesanturai.
Kankesanturai	22.12.44	0825	Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (F/O C. B. St. John & Crew) airborne 2 hrs 43 mins. Transit to and from Minneriya.
St. Thomas' Mt.	22.12.44	0846	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (F/O W. A. Manyuk & Crew) airborne 4 hrs. 4 mins. from St. Thomas' Mt. in transit to Minneriya.
Minneriya	22.12.44	1003	Liberator MK.VI. "C" (EV858) (S/Ldr. R. A. Hubber-Richard & Crew) airborne 1 hr. 4 mins. on Air Test.
Minneriya	22.12.44	2015	Hobbies and Arts Club Meeting at 2014 hours - well attended.
Minneriya	22.12.44	2020	Station Library received fresh consignment of excellent publications.
Kankesanturai	23.12.44	0750	Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (F/O A. D. Stanley & Crew) airborne 1 hr. 30 mins. on transit to Madras.
Minneriya	23.12.44	1200	Station Commander's Xmas Message " I wish all ranks a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. This is the sixth Christmas of the war and for many of us the sixth Christmas we have spent away from our homes and families. Let the spirit of good fellowship be amongst us all; and in the New Year let us strive with even greater energy to defeat the enemy so that peace and goodwill may once more spread throughout the world".
Minneriya	23.12.44	1830	Discussion Group F/O C. J. Wood reports excellent attendance at meeting today. Subject: "What is to be done with Germany after the war?"
Kankesanturai	24.12.44	0815	Liberator MK.VI. "J" (EV863) (F/Lt. J. Richards & Crew) airborne transit to Minneriya 1 hour.
Kankesanturai	24.12.44	0822	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV942) (F/O F. L. Burrows & Crew) airborne 42 mins. transit to Minneriya.
Kankesanturai	24.12.44	0827	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (F/O F. Riffle & Crew) airborne 66 mins. transit to Minneriya.
Kankesanturai	24.12.44	1013	Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (F/O A. D. Stanley & Crew) airborne 1 hr. 36 mins. transit from Madras.
Kankesanturai	24.12.44	1830	Squadron Detachment Party held in Flight Office and attended by entire detachment personnel.
Minneriya	24.12.44	1900	F/O I. M? Leslie A.410245 (RAAF) proceeded on posting to 222 Group.
Minneriya	24.12.44	1900	F/O G. W. Parfett 152192 (RAF) proceeded on posting to 222 Group.
Minneriya	24.12.44	1900	P/O G. F. Harley A.420370 (RAAF) proceeded on posting to 222 Group.
Minneriya	25.12.44	0930	Start from N.E. end of runway of Fancy Dress Cycle Race followed by
		1000	Fancy Dress football Match Officers V S.N.C.Os. this proved excellent fun and was enjoyed by a large crowd.
		1115	Softball Match Western Canada V Eastern Canada. Western won by 9 - 1. It is hoped to commence a Softball League in the near future and arrangements are already underway.
		1130	Forty Officers pay visit to Sergeants' Mess.
		1200	Forty S.N.C.Os. pay visit to Officers' Mess.
Kankesanturai	25.12.44	1300	The Airmen's Xmas Dinner served by Squadron Officers.
		1430	Hospital visited by Officers who made presentations of confectionary and fruit etc. to the invalids.
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Minneriya	25.12.44	2100	Sing Songs in progress throughout all Messes and N.A.A.F.I.s. until 23.00 hours. A most enjoyable Christmas for one and all.
Kankesanturai	26.12.44	1430	Organised Swimming Party left for Sea where an excellent afternoon was spent. It has been decided to make two such runs each week.
Kankesanturai	26.12.44	1730	Squadron Officers V Squadron N.C.O.s. at football, very fine game and attended by entire detachment. Result 2 -2.
Kankesanturai	26.12.44		Squadron Sports also held and both entries and attendance were above expectations.

Minneriya	27.12.44	0846	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (F/O W. A. Manyluk & Crew) airborne 1 hr. 58 mins. on Air to Air and Air to Sea Firing Practice.
Minneriya	27.12.44	0914	Liberator MK.VI. "A" (EW319) (F/L J. Richards & Crew) airborne 2 hrs. 33 mins. Practice Bombing and Air Firing.
Minneriya	27.12.44	0921	Liberator MK.VI. "J" (EV863) (F/O F. Riffle & Crew) airborne 1 hr. 59 mins. Air to Air and Air to Sea Firing Practice.
Minneriya	27.12.44	0953	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV942) (F/O L. F. Burrows & Crew) airborne 2 hrs. 24 mins. Air to Air and Air to Sea Firing Practice.
Kankesanturai	27.12.44	1043	Liberator MK.VI. "T" (EV950) (F/O A. W. Yoxon & Crew) airborne 2 hrs. 4 mins. Transit to and from Minneriya.
Minneriya	27.12.44	1420	Liberator MK.VI. "A" (EW319) (F/L J. Richards & Crew) airborne on Anti U-Boat Patrol Inner Shipping Lane for 11 hours 38 mins. No enemy sightings.
Minneriya	27.12.44	1927	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (F/O W. A. Manyluk & Crew) airborne 21 minutes Night Circuits and Landings.
Minneriya	27.12.44	2003	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (F/O D. C. Watt & Crew) airborne 25 mins. Night Circuits and Landings.
Kankesanturai	27.12.44	2320	Liberator MK.VI. "Z" (BZ988) (F/L. A. W. Yoxon & Crew) airborne on Anti U-Boat Patrol of Inner & Outer Shipping Lanes for 11 hrs. 4 mins. No. Enemy Sightings.
Minneriya	28.12.44	0854	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV942) (F/O I. F. Burrows & Crew) airborne 3? Hrs. 32 mins. on Fighter Affiliation.
Minneriya	28.12.44	0856	Liberator MK.VI. "C" (EV858) (F/O D. C. Watt & Crew) airborne 2 hrs. 34 mins. on Air to Sea Firing and Radar Practice.
Minneriya	28.12.44	1143	Liberator MK.VI. "J" (EV863) (F/O. L. F. Burrows & Crew) airborne on Anti U-Boat Patrol of Shipping Lanes to P.L.E. for 11 hours 57 mins. No Enemy Sightings.
Minneriya	28.12.44	1341	Liberator MK.VI. "C" (EV858) (F/O W. A. Manyluk & Crew) airborne 1 hr. 48 mins. Transit to and from Ratmalana.
Minneriya	28.12.44	1934	Liberator MK.VI. "A" (EW319) (S/L R. A. Hubber-Richard & Crew) airborne 45 mins. on Night Flying and Landings.
Minneriya	29.12.44	0752	Liberator MK.VI. "F" (EW315) (F/O F. Riffle & Crew) airborne 2 hrs. 16 mins. on Practice Bombing and Radar Exercises.
Minneriya	29.12.44	1002	Liberator MK.VI. "A" (EW319) (F/O D. C. Watt & Crew) airborne 1 hr. 53 mins. on Practice Bombing and Radar Exercises.
Kankesanturai	29.12.44	1014	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/O C. A. R. Mackley & Crew) airborne 2 hrs. 1 mins. on Transit to and from Minneriya.
Minneriya	29.12.44	1138	Liberator MK.VI. "K" (EV942) (F/O W. A. Manyluk & Crew) airborne on Patrol of Inner & Outer Shipping Lanes from which they failed to return. Air-Sea Rescue Search made by L/354. See report for 30th. December 1944.
Minneriya	29.12.44	1345	Liberator MK.VI. "J" (EV863) (F/O F. Riffle & Crew) airborne 1 hr. 51 mins. on Transit to and from Ratmalana.
Kankesanturai	29.12.44	1405	Liberator MK.VI. "Y" (KG850) (S/L. F. G. Paisey & Crew) airborne on Anti U-Boat Patrol for 11 hrs. 48 mins. No Enemy Sightings.
Kankesanturai	29.12.44	1420	Liberator MK.VI. "U" (KG821) (F/O C. B. St. John & Crew) airborne on Anti U-Boat Patrol for 11 hrs. 44 minutes. No Enemy Sightings.
Minneriya	29.12.44	1450	Liberator MK.VI. "C" (EV858) (F/O D. C. Watt & Crew) airborne on Anti U-Boat Parallel Sweep Track for 10 hrs. 45 mins. No Enemy Sightings.
Minneriya	29.12.44	1913	Liberator MK.VI. "A" (EW319) (F/L J. Richards & Crew) airborne 1 hr. 48 mins. on Night Fighter Affiliation.
Minneriya	30.12.44	0008	Liberator MK.VI. "X" (EV853) (F/L A. W. Yoxon & Crew) airborne on Anti U-Boat Patrol Outer and Inner Shipping Lanes for 11 hrs. 26 mins. No Enemy Sightings.
Minneriya	30.12.44	0251	Liberator MK.VI. "L" (EV945) (S/Ldr. R. A. Hubber-Richard & Crew) airborne on Air Sea Rescue for K/354 (F/O W. A. Manyluk & Crew) No sightings of wreckage - returned after being airborne 8 hrs. 35 mins.

Minneriya	30.12.44	0405	Liberator MK.VI. "A" (EW319) (F/O L. F. Burrows & Crew) airborne on Air Sea Rescue for K/354 (F/O W. A. Manyluk & Crew) No sightings of wreckage - returned after being airborne 8 hrs. 35 mins.
Kankesanturai	30.12.44	1042	Liberator MK.VI. "U" (KG821) (F/O A. D. Stanley & Crew) airborne 2 hrs. 1 min. transit to and from Minneriya.
Minneriya	30.12.44	1400	100% Check of Squadron Parachutes.
Minneriya & Kankesanturai	31.12.44	0800	Memorial Service & Requiem Mass said for crew of K/354.
Minneriya & Kankesanturai	31.12.44	0800	Owners? Permits renewed for 1945.
Minneriya & Kankesanturai	31.12.44		During month a Softball diamond has been constructed by the Squadron Personnel and much use has been made of this apart from organised matches. Facilities for Badminton and Boxing are available and good use is made of these. We are hoping to commence Hockey, Cricket, and Tennis as soon as ground becomes available.
Minneriya	31.12.44		<p>Photographic Officer (F/O E. Hazel) reports that during month comprehensive Exposure Calculators correct for 82°E and 0° to 20° North and South were drawn up and fixed on all Cameras.</p> <p>Photographs were taken on 36 Sorties (Operational and Non-Operational).</p> <p>Medical Officer (F/O T. Gardiner) reports? definite improvement in the health of this squadron for this month. No cases of ionistanding interest and only 19 admissions against 31 for November, Malarial Cases show an increase, there being a total of 7 (Two of which were primary). No cases of Dysentery, only one of Enteritis, this is undoubtedly due to the use of D. D. T. an anti-fly and anti-mosquito measure.</p> <p>Medical Officer at Kankesanturai reports of the 12? Officers and 120 airmen of No. 354 Squadron detached to this station the following cases have been admitted to S.H.Q. or hospital. Officers: Nil Other Ranks: 1 Malaria N.T. 1 Malaria B.T. 1 Esidernophytesis. 1 obs. Appendix Malaria F?T. 1 sprained ankle 1 Qunsy? 1 Coryia?. The general health of detachment is very high.</p> <p>Ship Recognition Officer (F/O L. F. Burrows) reports 12 lectures to all aircrews.</p> <p>Gunnery Leader (F/Lt. R? J. Keleher) has given 37 lectures each of 1 hour duration to all crews of Squadron on subjects as Sighting, Cine Camera, Guns, Harmonisation, Turrets, Tactics & Fighting Control.</p> <p>Three fighter affiliation exercises (Day) were carried out with 136 Squadron (Spitfires) and one exercise (Night) with 176 Squadron (Beaufighters).</p> <p>Aircraft Recognition Officer (F/O J. E. Parkhouse) gave lectures to 9 crews. Emphasis was placed on the very latest Japanese Aircraft which have come into operation in the last few months. Epidiscope was? given. At the conclusion of these lectures it was revealed that the standard of recognition was excellent and that the crews were keeping up to date in their aircraft recognition.</p> <p>Bombing Leader (F/Lt. Duffield) reports that 423 Practice Smoke Bombs were used in training during the month. The bombs are dropped in sticks of 2 and results are assessed from photographs taken with a mirror camera. Of all the assessable sticks, 50% were assessed as "Kills" and 10 % were assessed as "Damaged". Although these results ar not good, it must be remembered that this has been the first month since August that the squadron has been able to carry out intensive practice bombing training.</p>
Minneriya	31.12.44		P/O J. E. McLachlen (J.90004)(RCAF) arrived on posting to this squadron for Flying Duties.
Minneriya & Kankesanturai	31.12.44	2000	A combined party for 175 and 354 Squadrons was arranged on New Year's Eve, funds being donated by the Officers and Sergeants' Messes. The airmen of the squadron are convinced that they could not have a better overseas

			Festive Season, which is very gratifying to all those who worked so hard for their welfare.
			Station Cinema. Selection of Films considerably improved from previous month, but it is hoped to even raise the standard still higher.
			Education Officer (F/O C. J. Wood) reports: - 1. Evening Classes are being held on the Station in elementary and Intermediate Mathematics which obviated the necessity for Correspondence Courses in these subjects. 2. Language classes are to be started in the near future but difficulty is being experienced in finding instructors. 3. The Vocational Refresher Course aroused a great deal of interest in the Squadron and it is hoped that more classes will be held to cover a wide field. 4. The Discussion Group although still in its infancy, is showing an improved attendance at each meeting and next month will see some very lively meetings.
			December 1944 Summary
			Aircraft Strength for month was 12 aircraft until 4th December, 1944, when "P" (KG822) failed to return from Operations, reducing Strength to 11 aircraft. On December 30th, 1944, "K" (EV942) failed to return.
			Aircraft Strength at close of month 10 (five of these being on detachment at Kankasanturai) against establishment of 12.
			Crew Strength on 1st December, 1944, was 12 and on 31st December, 1944, 10.
			Personnel Strength on 31st Dec. 1944: Officers: Brit. 24 Can.24 NZ 2 Aus. 6 Ind. 1 - 57. Other Ranks: Brit. 455 Can 23 Aus. 1 - 479.
			Operational Flying Hours for month 218 hrs. 15 mins. (Day) 148 hrs. 5 mins. (Night).
			Non-Operational Flying Hours for month 241 hrs. 53 mins (Day) 7 hrs. 52 mins (Night).
			In all there were 35 Operational Sorties, 13 from Minneriya, 13 from Kankasanturai, and 9 from Cuttack.

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All times GMT.

Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
C/354	F/O D. C. Watt	RCAF	031553 ?	040357	Parallel Track Anti U-Boat Sweep. F/O S. C. Watt & Crew airborne from Minneriya at 031553 hrs. 1830 Intercepted Group Broadcast of Sighting Report in position 1337N 8940E. Set course for this position, 1915 Message from Base "Commence Wide Wide". Switched on Radio Compass. No Contact. 2011 Estimated position. 1237N 8840E. Nothing seen, no contacts, 2220 Instructions from Base "Start Search Three" followed by further message "Height to fly 1800" 2301 D.R. position 1205N 8835 E. In absence of sightings or contact and being near P.L.E. decided to return to Base. Landed 040357 being airborne 11 hrs. 4 mins. No enemy sightings. Minneriya Sortie Report No. 1. 3/4the Dec. 1944
(EV858)	F/O B. Marder	RCAF			
Mk.VI.	W?/O J. Taylor	RCAF			
Liberator	W/O W? G? Mackay?	RCAF			
	W/O ?Summers??	RCAF?			
	F/S J. W. Sedgwick	RAF			
	F/S H. Gregory	RAF			
	F/S I. Beckwith	RAF			
	Cpl. A. Howe?	RAF			
F/354	F/Lt. J. L. Richards	RAF	031548	0402?14	F/Lt. J. L. Richards & Crew airborne from Minneriya t 031548 on Parallel Track Anti U-Boat Sweep. Intercepted message to Base at 1830 position 1125N 8593E which read "Am over Enemy Submarine in position 1237N
(EW315)	F/Lt. P Duffield	RAF			
Mk.VI.	F/O J. S. Thomas	RAAF			
Liberator	P/O R. N? H? Crouch	RNZAF			
	W/O N? P. Blow	RAF			
	F/S J. Alexander	RAF			
	F/S W? Hyndman	RAF			
	F/S T. Walton	RAF			

	Sgt. K. ? Mason	RAF			8840E" followed by further message "Enemy Submarine previously reported was on surface. Course 010 speed 6kts. Results of attack, hits probable. At time of attack Submarine was visible 1917 M.F.R. "Wide Wide" Immediately switched on Radio Compass" 2011 Over position of reported attack. Nothing seen from 1000 ft. just below cloud base M.T.B. (1) No contact 2018. No contacts or sightings so set course for Base. Landed at Minneriya at 040214 being airborne 12 hrs. 26? Mins. Minneriya Sortie Report No. 2. 3/4th. Dec. 1944.
L/354	F/O F. Riffle	RCAF	031542	040414	F/O F. Riffle & Crew airborne from Minneriya on Parallel Track Anti U-Boat Search at 031542. Message from Base No. 1 Group relay of sighting report in position 1237N 8840E. Homed and dropped 3 flares. Over position of Blip nothing seen. Message from Base "Wide Wide" Height to fly 1200 ft. No further contact so set course for Base. Landing 040414. No enemy sightings Airborne 12 hrs. 22 mins. Minneriya Sortie Report No. 3. 3/4th. Dec. 1944.
(EV945)	F/O J. M. Hunter	RAF			
Mk.VI.	F/O C.J. Wood	RAF			
Liberator	F/S J. A. Milne	RAF			
	F/S G. A. Day	RAF			
	Sgt. F. A. Casson	RCAF			
	Sgt. R. J. Krampp	RCAF			
	Sgt. P. A. Richards	RAF			

Y/354 (KG850)	F/O A. D. Stanley P/O P. L. Picken	RAAF RAAF	041546	050336	Hunt to Exhaustion Search. Airborne from Kankasanturai at 041546. 2000 hrs. S.E. Contact our position 1240N 8737E. Contact bearing 180/10 miles shipping as briefed did not home. 2056 Over Marine Marker in position 1239N 8811E. Commenced Patrol. 2230 in position 1241N 8752E. Probable Submarine Contact over position of contact 1841N 8752E at 2313 hrs. No sighting dropped Sea Marker. 2348 hrs. Sighted one bright white light as from aircraft landing or Leigh Light. Bearing 060 relative 7 miles at height of 1100 feet. 040054 hrs. 1221N 8517E Over wreckage of Liberator. Switched IFF to emergency. Circled wreckage at 100 ft. taking photographs with mirror Camera. W.T.Base 0056 hrs. "Over burnign aircraft wreckage in position 121N 8517E. 0059 hrs. Dropped Marine Marker. No sign of life. Set course Base. Landed at 050336. No enemy sightings. Airborne 11 hours 50 minutes. At Interrogation it was feared that the wreckage was of Liberator "P" of this Squadron which consequently proved true. Kankasanturai Sortie V1/2 4/5th Dec. 1944.
Mk.VI.	F/O R. M. Lowrey	RAAF			
Liberator	W/O L. J. Broad	RAAF			
	W/O R. R. Bernauer	RAAF			
	W/O G. C. Alcorn	RAAF			
	F/S L. A. Paris	RAF			
	W/O S. C. Kehoe	RAAF			
P/354 (KG822)	P/O M. Jorgenson W/O G. E. Thickett	J.86953(RCAF) R.133467(RCAF)			P/O M. Jorgenson & Crew airborne at 041532 hrs. Failed to return from Hunt to Exhaustion Search. Kankasanturai Oprop Serial No. 56.
Mk.VI.	W/O R. Etherington	R.114675(RCAF)			
Liberator	W/O A. Bonany	R.151087(RCAF)			
	W/O J. C. Slawson	R.165065(RCAF)			
	W/O C. Abildgaard	R.145019(RCAF)			
	F/S. D. Smail	578230(RAF)			
					Memorial Service held and

	Sgt. R. H. Chester	1451246(RAF)			Requiem mass said at both Kankesanturai and Squadron Headquarters, Minneriya.
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T/354	F/O G. B. St. John	RCAF	041528	050328	F/O St. John & Crew airborne from Kankasanturai at 041528 hours on Hunt to Exhaustion Search. 1635 hours 1030N 8226E Track 069, 1817 hrs. 1144N 8542E Message from Base (1) Giving Call Signs of A/C. M.F.B. (2) at 1825 hrs. "Wide Wide ITTQ?". 2018 hrs. 1239N 8811E Over Datum Point. No contacts or Enemy Sightings. Set course for Base. 0055 hrs. 1118N 8508E M.T. Base and "Over Burning A/C Wreckage position 1221N 8525E" Message to Base (2) Sent at 0245 hrs 0939N 8083E" "Ditching in 15 minutes short of patrol, Radio Compass U/S and S.E. Interrogator U/S. Position uncertain altered course to 186 to try for Land fall Weather bad". 0304 Sighted Liberator Y/354 which guided T/354 to Base. Airborne 12 hours. Kankasanturai Sortie VA-1
(EV950)	P/O L. M? Tetlock	RCAF			
Mk.VI.	P/O K. D. MacKinnon	RCAF			
Liberator	P/O A. S. Hassell?	RCAF			
	Sgt. N? C. Leitch	RCAF			
	Sgt. O? V. Farr	RAF			
	Sgt. J. E? Beason??	RAF			
	Sgt. P. K. Eley	RAF			
U/354	S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey	RAF	050547	051508	S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey & Crew Airborne from Kankasanturai at 050547 hours to search for crew of P/354 (see Page 3 of this 541). Carried out Search in Area where wreckage was seen by Crews of Y/354 and T/354. No sightings. 1008 hours 1222N 8517E Catalina arrived dropped Sea Marker. 1230 hours M.F.B.1. Return to Base. Landed at 051508 being airborne 9 hrs. 21 mins. Kankasanturai Sortie Report VA/3. 5th Dec. 44
(KG821)	F/Sgt. L. Brice	RAAF			
Mk.VI.	F/Sgt. G. Thornhill	RAF			
Liberator	F/Sgt. H. N. Appleby	RAF			
	F/Sgt. J. Watson	RAAF			
	F/Sgt. K? J. Young	RAF			
	Sgt. Y. H? Baker	RAF			

U/354	F/O G. B. St. John	RCAF	100010	101050	F/O G. B. St. John & Crew airborne at 100010 hrs from Kankasanturai on Anti U-Boat Hunt and Consumption Test. 0109 hrs. 1024N 8153 E On Patrol. All contacts proved friendly. During Sortie sighted 5 independent Merchant Vessels. 4 Escorts, 1 Freighter and one small Sailing Vessel 0947 hrs 0945N 8109E off patrol set course for base. No enemy sightings Landed 051508? Hrs. Airborne 10 hrs. 40 mins. Kankasanturai Sortie Report No. VA/4. 10th Dec. 44
(KG821)	P/O L. M? Tetlock	RCAF			
Mk.VI.	F/O K. D. MacKinnon	RCAF			
Liberator	W/O G. C. Alcorn	RAAF			
	Sgt. K? N. Baker	RAF			
	Sgt. R? C. Leiton?	RCAF			
	Sgt C? V. Farr	RAF			
A/354	F/L J. L. Richards	RAF	110016	111144	F/lt. J. L. Richards & Crew airborne at 110016 from Kankasanturai on Anti U-Boat Sweep of Shipping Lanes and Consumption Test. 0116 hrs On patrol 1023N 8155E. All contacts proved friendly. Sighted 5 independent Merchant Vessels, 5 E/Vessels, and Force 66 during Sortie. No enemy contacts or sightings. 1031 hrs. 0920N 8200E. Off Patrol 1144 landed Kankasanturai. Airborne 11 hours 28 mins. Kankasanturai Sortie Report No. VA/.5. 11th Dec. 44
(EW319)	F/O G. Weaver	RCAF			
Mk.VI.	F/L P. Duffield	RAF			
Liberator	P/O R. W. Crouch	RNZAF			
	F/S J. Alexander	RAF			
	F/S W? Hyndman	RAF			
	Sgt. E? G. Mason	RAF			
T/354	S/L. F. G. Paisey	RAF	120016	120603	S/L F. G. Paisey & Crew airborne from Kankasanturai at 120016 landing at St. Thomas' Mt. 120603. Airborne 5 hours 47 mins. Patrol of Shipping Lanes and Consumption Test. Sortie curtailed and decide to land at St. Thomas' Mt. owing to trouble in No. 2 Engine. Sight 2 Merchant Vessels and 1 Tanker during Sortie. No enemy sightings. St. Thomas' Mt. Sortie Report No.1. 12th Dec. 1944.
(EV950)	F/S L. Brice	RAAF			
Mk.VI.	F/O K? Hooton?	RAF			
Liberator	F/S G. Thornhill	RAF			
	F/S J. Watson	RAAF			
	F/S H. N. Appleby	RAF			
	W/O J. W. Harris	RCAF			
	W/O I. M. MacDonald	RAAF			
Z/354	S/L. F. G. Paisey	RAF	141203	141913	S/L F. G. Paisey & Crew airborne on Parallel Track Sweep from Kankasanturai at 141203 hours. On Patrol at
(BZ988)	F/S L. Brice	RAAF			
Mk.VI.	F/S G. Thornhill	RAF			
Liberator	F/O K? Hooton?	RAF			

	Sgt. E? ? Baker?	RAF			1233 hrs. 1010N 8100E. 1835 hrs 0950 N 8100E off Patrol All contacts proved to be friendly. No enemy sightings. Landed at Kankasanturai 141913. Airborne 7 hrs. 10 mins. Kankasanturai Sortie Report No VA6. 14th/15th Dec. 1944.
	Sgt. F? E. Eley	RAAF			
	W/O S. Diachun	RCAF			
	F/S J. Watson	RAAF			
Y/354	F/O A. D. Stanley	RAAF	141200	141935	F/O A. D. Stanley & Crew airborne from Kankasanturai at 141200 hours on Parallel Track U-Boat Sweep. 1249 hours 1050N 8100E On Patrol. 1828 hrs 1030 N 815?0N S.E. Contact bearing 356?/22 miles. Commenced to Home but recognized as fren. Merchant Vessel. Resumed Patrol 1852 hrs. 1020N 8100E off Patrol Landed Kankasanturai 141955. Airborne 7 hrs. 35 mins. No enemy sightings. Kankasanturai Sortie Report No. VA/7? 14/15 Dec. 1944.
(KG850)	P/O P. L. Picken	RAAF			
Mk.VI.	F/O R. M. Lowrey	RAAF			
Liberator	F/S J. A. Paris	RAF			
	W/O R. R. Bernauer	RAAF			
	W/O L. J. Broad	RAAF			
	W/O G. C. Alcorn	RAAF			
	W/O S. C. Kehoe	RAAF			
C/354	F/O D. G. Watt	RCAF	141658	150103	141658 hrs from Minneriya F/O D. W. Watt & Crew airborne on Parallel Track Anti U-Boat Sweep. 1843 hrs. On Patrol position 1010N 822?0E. 1901 Radar Contact 5 degrees to Starboard 7 Miles. Investigated and seen to be our own Forces from Force 62?. At 2400 hrs. off Patrol 18?01N 810?1E. Landed at Kankasanturai at 150103 hrs being airborne 8 hrs 5 mins. no enemy sightings. Minneriya Sortie Report No. 5? 14/15 Dec. 44.
(EV858)	F/O B. Marder	RCAF			
Mk.VI.	F/S T. Walton	RAF			
Liberator	W/O W. G. Mackay	RCAF			
	F/S J. W. Sedgwick	RAF			
	F/S H. ? Brankley	RCAF			
	F/S ? Gregory	RAF			
	F/S J. Beckwith	RAF			
	F/S F. C? Chapman	RAF			
L/354	F/O F. Riffle	RCAF	141652	150132	F/O F. Riffle & Crew airborne from Minneriya at 141652 hrs. on Parallel Track Anti U- Boat Sweep. 1841 hrs 1020 N. 8200 E. On Patrol. 1927 altered course to investigate contact in position 1006N
(EV945)	F/O J. M. Hunter	RAF			
Mk.VI.	F/O G. J. Wood	RAF			
Liberator	F/S J. A. Milne	RCAF			
	F/S G. A. Day	RAF			
	Sgt. F. A. Casson	RCAF			
	Sgt. R. J. Krampp	RCAF			

	Sgt. P. A. Richards	RAF			8343 E which became two contacts and proved to be Force 62. No further contacts and no enemy sightings. 2357 Off Patrol 1005?N 8200 E. Landed Minneriya 150132 hrs. Airborne 8 hrs. 40 mins. Minneriya Sortie Report No. 4. 14/15 Dec. 44
Z/354	S/L F. G. Paisey	RAF	170256	171016	S/L F. G. Paisey & Crew airborne from Minneriya on Anti U-Boat Sweep of Shipping Lnes 1022N 8153E - 1910N 8600E. Landing at Cuttack. Sight during sortie 9 Merchant Vessels. No enemy sightings. 0923 Off Patrol Set course Cuttack. Landed Cuttack 171016. Airborne 7 hrs. 20 mins. Cuttack Sortie Report No. 74 17 Dec. 1944.
(BZ988)	F/S L Brice	RAAF			
Mk.VI	F/S F. C? Chapman	RAF			
Liberator	F/O J. W. Adlington	RCAF			
	F/S ? K. Brankley?	RCAF			
	F/S G. E? Scarfe	RCAF			
	F/S J. B. B Legge	RAF			
	F/S G. H? C. Antlett	RAF			
C/354	F/O W A. Manyluk	RCAF	180006	181028	F/O W. A. Manyluk & Crew airborne from Minneriya at 180006 for Anti Submarine Patrol of Shipping Lanes and Consumption Test. 0117 hrs. 1023N 8153E. Sighted during sortie 3 Merchant Vessels, 1 Tanker and two Catalina aircraft. No enemy contacts or sightings. 0524 hrs. 1700N 8330E Reached furthest point of patrol . 0925 hrs. off Patrol Landed at Minneriya at 181028 hrs. having been airborne 10 hrs. 22 mins. Minneriya sortie Report No. 6 18 Dec. 1944.
(EV858)	F/O D. C. Watt	RCAF			
Mk.VI.	P/O P. J. Maika	RCAF			
Liberator	W/O N? G. Mackay	RCAF			
	F/S M. J. Gordon	RAAF			
	F/S L. Cain	RAAF			
	F/S A. W? Robinson	RAAF			
	Sgt. J. K. Welburn?	RAF			
	Sgt. A. G. Morton	RAF			
K/354	F/O L. F. Burrows	RCAF	191031	191912	F/O L. F. Burrows & Crew airborne from Cuttack at 191031 hrs. on Anti U-Boat Sweep Parallel Tracks 80 Miles apart through position 1731N 8715E, 1343N 8342E, 1434N 8242E, 1823N 8613E. 1152 hrs 1752N 8714E Sighted Hospital Ship Course and Speed 220°/10Kts. 1209 hrs 1728N 8713E On Patrol No further sightings during sortie. 1912 landed at Cuttack. Airborne 8 hrs. 41 mins. Cuttack Sortie Report No. 78 19 Dec. 1944.
(EV942)	F/O J. K? Parkhouse	RCAF			
Mk.VI.	W/O A. G. A. Adams	RCAF			
Liberator	P/O T. A. G. Coxford	RCAF			
	W/O ? P. Blow	RAF			
	F/S J. B? Angus	RAF			
	Sgt. H? F. Maybee	RAF			
	Sgt. A. R. Morrison	RAF			

J/354	F/L J. L. Richards	RAF	191028	1912?37	F/Lt. J. L. Richards & Crew airborne from Cuttack at 191028 on A/U Sweep Parallel Tracks 80 miles apart through positions 1717N 8730E. 1228N 8359E, 1422N 8257E, 1810N, 8628E. Sortie curtailed owing to No. 2 engine cutting, suspected magneto trouble. Set course Base at 1059 hrs. position 1948N 8551E. 1121 over Base requested permission to jettison D/Cs in sea as aircraft too heavy for landing. 1202 hrs. 2015N 8646E Jettisoned 8 D/Cs safe from 2000 ft One exploded plume seen. Set course Base. Landed Cuttack 191237. Airborne 2 hrs. 9 mins. Cuttack Sortie Report No. 79 19 Dec. 1944.
(EV863)	F/O G. W? Weaver	RCAF			
Mk.VI.	F/L P. Duffield	RAF			
Liberator	F/O R. W. Crouch	RNZAF			
	F/O A. N. Eager	RCAF			
	F/S J. Alexander	RAF			
	F/S W. J. T. Hyndman	RAF			
	Sgt. K. G. Mason	RAF			
Z/354	S/L F. G. Paisey	RAF	191040	192005	S/L F. G. Paisey & Crew airborne at 191040 hrs from Cuttack on Anti U-Boat Sweep Parallel Track 80 miles apart through positions 1758N 8643E, 1408N 8313E, 1500N 8211E, 1850N 8542E. On patrol at 1159 hrs 1758N 8644E. 1616 Radar Contact Ship 315°/13 miles 1400 feet homed. 1622 hrs 1729N 8349E Dropped flare beam gunner reported possible wake nothing further sighted. No further contacts. Off Patrol at 1751. 2005 Landed at Cuttack. Airborne 9 hrs. 25 mins. Cuttack Sortie Report No.79 19 Dec. 1944
(BZ988)	F/O R P. O'Connell (of 200 Squadron)				
Mk.VI.	F/S F. G? Chapman	RAF			
Liberator	F/O J. W. Adlington	RCAF			
	F/S H. ? Bralkely	RCAF			
	F/S G. K? Scarfe	RCAF			
	F/S J. B? B? Legge	RAF			
L/354	F/O F. Riffle	RCAF	191035	191900	F/O F. Riffle & Crew airborne from Cuttack at 191035 on Anti U-Boat Sweep Parallel Tracks 80 miles apart through positions 1745N 8659E, 1354N 8329E, 1448N 8226E, 1837N 83?57E.
(EV945)	F/O C. J. Wood	RAF			
Mk.VI.	F/O J. M Hunter	RAF			
Liberator	F/S J. A. Milne	RCAF			
	F/S G. H. Day	RAF			
	Sgt. F. A. Casson	RCAF			
	Sgt. P A. Richards	RAF			

	Sgt. R. J. Kramp	RCAF			1201 On Patrol Radar Contacts all friendly. No enemy sightings. Off Patrol 1757 hrs 1838N 8556E. Landed Cuttack 191900 Airborne 8 hrs. 25 mins. Cuttack Sortie Report no. 77. 19 Dec. 1944
L/354	F/O F. Riffle	RCAF	202332	211148	F/O F. Riffle & Crew airborne from Cuttack at 202332 hrs on Patrol Shipping Lanes 1900N to Western Channel Light Vessel and Rumble??? Bouts?? To 9030E. 210009 hrs 1900N 8528E on Patrol. 10 Independent Merchant Vessels and two Escort Vessels sighted during sortie. No enemy sightings. Off Patrol 1100 hrs 1900N 8528E. 1148 Landed Cuttack. Airborne 12 hrs. 16 mins. Cuttack Sortie Report No. 81 21 Dec. 1944.
(EV945)	F/O C. J. Wood	RAF			
Mk.VI.	F/O J. M. Hunter	RAF			
Liberator	F/S J. A. Milne	RCAF			
	F/S G. H Day	RAF			
	Sgt. F. A. Casson	RCAF			
	Sgt. P. A. Richards	RAF			
	Sgt. R. J. Kramp	RCAF			
K/354	F/O L. F. Burrows	RCAF	220338	220940	F/O L. F. Burrows & Crew airborne from Cuttack at 220338 hrs. on Anti U-Boat Patrol of Inner shipping Lane. Landing at Minneriya 0420 hrs 1910N 8557E. On patrol at 1000 ft. 0726 hrs 1354N 8104 E sighted 1 Catalina to Port on same track at 1500 ft. 0805 hrs Message from Base "Land at Kankesanturai" 0834 off Patrol 0940 Landed at Kankesanturai. 31 Merchant Vessels sighted in Shipping Lanes. No enemy sightings. Airborne 6 hrs. 2 mins. Kankesanturai Sortie Report No. VA-8 22 Dec. 1944.
(EV942)	F/O J. K? Parkhouse	RCAF			
Mk.VI.	P/O T. A. G. Coxford	RCAF			
Liberator	W/O A. G. A. Adams	RCAF			
	F/O A. M. Eager	RCAF			
	F/S J. B? Angus	RAF			
	W/O ? P. Blow	RAF			
	Sgt. H? F. Maybee	RAF			
	Sgt. A. R. Morrison	RAF			
J/354	F/L J. L. Richards	RAF	220333	220927	F/L J. L. Richards & Crew airborne from Cuttack at 220333 hours on Anti U-Boat Patrol of Inner Shipping Lane. Landing at Minneriya 0407 hrs. 1914N 8544E On
(EV863)	F/O G. W? Weaver	RCAF			
Mk.VI.	F/L P. Duffield	RAF			
Liberator	F/O R. W. Crouch?	RNZAF			
	F/S J. Alexander	RAF			
	Sgt. G. Mason	RAF			

	F/S W. ? Hyndman	RAF			Patrol 1500 ft. A. S. E. Contacts identified as friendly shipping. No enemy sightings. 0805 Message from Base "Land at Kankesanturai" Diversion due to weather. 0927 landed at Kankesanturai. Airborne 5 hrs. 54 mins. Kankesanturai Sortie Report No. VA-9 22 Dec. 1944.
Z/354	S/L F. G. Paisey	RAF	220349	220958	S/L F. G. Paisey & Crew airborne from Cuttack on Anti U-Boat Patrol of Inner Shipping Lane to land at Minneriya. 0424 hrs. 19°47'8N 86°00E. On Patrol. Sighted 6 Merchant Vessels in Shipping Lane. All contacts identified as Shipping. No enemy sightings. Message from Base "Land at Kankesanturai" Off Patrol at 0909 hrs landed Kankesanturai 0958. Airborne 6 hrs. 9 mins. Kankesanturai Sortie Report No. VA-10 22 Dec. 1944.
(BZ988)	F/S L. Brice?	RAAF			
Mk.VI.	F/S F. G? Chapman	RAF			
Liberator	P?/O J. W. Adlington	RCAF			
	F/S H. K? Brankley	RCAF			
	F/S G? ? Scarfe	RCAF			
	F/S J. B? B? Legge	RAF			
	F/S G? W? C? Antlett	RAF			
L/354	F/O F. Riffle	RCAF	220448	221122	F/O F. Riffle & Crew airborne from Cuttack on Anti U-Boat Patrol of Inner Shipping Lane at 220448 hrs. 19°00N 85°50E. On Patrol. Sighted 3 independent Merchant Vessels during sortie. No enemy Sightings. Message from Base (1) "Land at Kankesanturai" 1003 hours off patrol landed at Kankesanturai at 221122. Airborne 6 hours 34 mins. Kankesanturai Sortie Report No. VA.11 22nd Dec. 1944.
(EV945)	F/O C. J. Wood	RAF			
Mk.VI.	F/O J. M Hunter	RAF			
Liberator	F/S J. A. Milne	RCAF			
	F/S G. H. Day	RAF			
	Sgt. R. J. Kampp	RCAF			
	Sgt. P. A. Richards	RAF			
	Sgt. F. A. Casson	RCAF			
A/354	F/L J. L. Richards	RAF	271420	280153	F/L. J. L. Richards & Crew airborne from Minneriya for Anti U-Boat Patrol Inner Shipping Lane between 88°40N 80E Southwards until 1630. Return on outer lane to 80E and patrol that lane to
(EW319)	F/O G. W? Weaver	RCAF			
Mk.VI.	F/L P. Duffield	RAF			
Liberator	F/O R. W. Crough?	RNZAF			
	F/S J. Alexander	RAF			
	F/S W. ? Hyndman	RAF			
	Sgt. E. G. Mason	RAF			

	Sgt. A. Walker	RAF			P.L.E. between 80E and 08N. 1449 hrs. 0840N 8124E On Patrol. 1658 hrs 0540N 8010E 6 minesweepers and one minesweeper 10 miles ahead. 2128 hrs 1024N 81??E 1 Merchant Vessel. 0055 hrs 0712N 8215E 1 Merchant Vessel. 0120 hrs. 0800N 8158E Off Patrol 0153 Landed Minneriya. Airborne 11 hrs. 33 mins. No enemy Sightings. Minneriya Sortie Report No. 7.
Z/354 (BZ988) Mk.VI. Liberator	F/L. A. W. Yoxon F/O B. Morley F/O K. Hooton? F/S S. H. Steiner F/S J. W? Watson F/S H? M? Appleby Sgt. P. K? Eley Sgt. R. D. Clarke Sgt. A. N? Pritchard Sgt. J. B. Felth	RAF RAF RAF RCAF RAAF RAF RAF RAF RAF	272320	281024	F/L. A. W. Yoxon & Crew airborne from Kankasanturai at 2330 on Anti U-Boat Patrol of Inner and Outer Shipping Lanes. East Coast of India. 230013 hrs. 1018N 8153E Commenced Patrol. 0930 hrs 1024N 8153E Off Patrol Large number of friendly shipping sighted but no enemy sightings. Landed at 281024. Airborne 11 hrs. 4 mins. Kankasanturai Sortie Report no. 12.
J/354 (EV863) Mk.VI. Liberator	F/O L. F. Burrows F/O J. E? Parkhouse W/O A. G. A. Adams P/O T. A. G. Coxford F/O A. M. Eager W/O P. N. Blow F/S J. B? Angus Sgt. H? F. Maybee Sgt. A. R. Morrison	RCAF RCAF RCAF RCAF RCAF RAF RAF RAF RAF	281143	282340	F/L L. F. Burrows & Crew airborne from Minneriya at 281143 on Anti U-Boat Patrol of Shipping Lanes to P. L. E. through following positions 10 North then South and to 80E and back to 10 North then patrol Outer Shipping lane between same limits. 1246 hours 1002 N 8105E On Patrol. 2232 hrs. 0950N 8113E Off Patrol. All sightings and contacts of friendly shipping. 282340 landed at Minneriya. Airborne 11 hours 57 mins. Minneriya Sortie Report Serial No. 8 28th Dec. 44.
Y/354 (KG850) Mk.VI. Liberator	S/L F. G. Paisey P?/O J. W. Adlington F/S L. Brice F/S F. G? Chapman F/S ? M? Antlett F/S J. ? H? Legge F/S ? ? Brankley	RAF RCAF RAAF RAF RAF RAF RCAF	291405	300153	S/L F. G. Paisey & Crew airborne from Kankasanturai at 291405 hours on Anti U-Boat Patrol. 1624 hrs. 0600N 8000E. On Patrol. 2004 hrs. 0720N 9000E Altered Course Track 270. At 2354 hrs off

	F/S G. K? Scarfe	RCAF			Patrol. 0153 Landed at Kankasanturai. All sightings and Contacts of Friendly Shipping. Airborne 11 hrs. 48 mins. Kankasanturai Sortie Report No. VA.13 of 30th Dec. 44.
	Sgt. K. J. McGrane?	RAF			
	Sgt. M. F? Taylor	RAF			
U/354 (KG821) Mk.VI. Liberator	F/O G. B. St. John P/O L. M? ? Tetlock F/O K. D. MacKinnon W/O G. C. Alcorn	RCAF RCAF RCAF RAAF	291420	300204	F/O G. B. St. John & Crew airborne at 291420 from Kankasanturai on Anti U-Boat Patrol 1614 On Patrol 0620N 8250E. 2016 hrs 0750N 8950E. altered Course Track 270. All sightings and Contacts of friendly Shipping. Off Patrol 300014 hrs. 0742N 8301E Landed at Kankasanturai 300204. Airborne 11 hours 44 mins. Kankasanturai Sortie No. VA.14 30th Dec. 44.
	F/S J. A. Paris	RAF			
	Sgt. R? C. Leiton?	RCAF			
	Sgt. J. Taylor	RAF			
	Sgt. J. Pinnington?	RAF			
C?/354 EV858 Mk.VI. Liberator	F/O D. C. Watt F/O B. Marder F/S T Walton W/O W. G. Mackay	RCAF RCAF RAF RCAF	291450	300135	
	W/O B. Summers	RCAF			
	F/S J. W. Sedgwick	RAF			
	F/S H. Gregory?	RAF			
	F/S J. Beckwith	RAF			
	Sgt. R. E. S. Moore	RAF			
K/354 EV942 Mk.VI. Liberator	F/O W. A. Manyluk P/O P. J. Maika F/S R. W. McCulloch Sgt. J. K. Welburn	J22965 RCAF C13078 RCAF Aus 417587 578570 RAF			F/O W. A. Manyluk & Crew airborne in K/354 from Minneriya at 291138 hrs. Failed to return from Patrol of Inner and Outer Shipping lanes from 1000N to 8000E. Aircraft A/354 and L/354 Airborne on Air Sea Rescue Searches (see following) Minneriya Oprep No 30. 30th Dec. 44.
	F/S A. W. Robinson	Aus 429018			
	F/S M. J. Gordon	Aus 434942			
	F/S L. Cain	Aus 15279			
	Sgt. J. Sutcliffe	980740 RAF			
L/354 EV945 Mk.VI. Liberator	S/L R. A. Hubber-Richard F/O F. Riffle F/O J. M. Hunter F/S J. D. A. Kiens??	RAF RCAF RAF RCAF	300251	301143	
	F/S G. A. Day	RAF			
	Sgt. J. V. C? Thomas	RAF			
	Sgt. C? J. Young	RAF			

	Sgt. F. A. Casson	RCAF			Minneriya at 301143. Airborne 8 hrs. 52 mins. Minneriya Sortie Report No. 10 30th. Dec. 44.
	Sgt. R. J. Krampp	RCAF			
	Sgt. P. A. Richards	RAF			
A/354	F/O L. F. Burrows	RCAF	300405	301240	F/O L. F. Burrows & Crew airborne from Minneriya at 300405 Air Sea Rescue Search of Ceylon Inner and Outer Shipping Lanes from 1000N to 9000E for K/354 Missing from Patrol. No Sightings of any wreckage. Landed at 301240 hrs Airborne 8 hrs. 35 mins. Minneriya Sortie Report No. 11 30th. Dec. 44.
EW319	P/O T. A. G. Coxford	RCAF			
Mk.VI	W/O A. G. A. Adams	RCAF			
Liberator	F/O J. E? Parkhouse	RCAF			
	F/O A. N. Eager	RCAF			
	W/O H? P. Blow	RAF			
	F/S J. ? Angus?	RAF			
	Sgt. ? F. ? Maybee	RAF			
	Sgt. A. R. Morrison	RAF			
X/354	F/L A. W. Yoxon	RAF	300008	301134	F/L A. W. Yoxon & Crew airborne from Kankasanturai at 360008 hrs on Anti U- Boat Patrol of Outer and Inner Shipping Lanes. On Patrol 00053 hrs 1015N 8146?E. Track 335. 0611 hrs. 1837N 8441E Track 079. 1045 hrs 1014N 8146E Off Patrol. Landed Kankasanturai 301134. All S.E. Contacts recognized as friendly shipping. No enemy sightings. Airborne 11 hrs. 26 mins. Kankasanturai Sortie Report No. VA.15? 30th Dec. 1944.
EV853	F/O H. Morley	RAF			
Mk.VI	F/O K. Hooton	RAF			
Liberator	F/S E? N? Steiner	RCAF			
	F/S J. W? Watson	RAAF			
	F/S N? M? Appleby	RAF			
	Sgt. P. E. Eley	RAF			
	Sgt. R. D. Clarke	RAF			
	Sgt. A. N? Pritchard	RAF			
	Sgt. J. K? Felth	RAF			

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Minneriya	1945 1st Jan		Squadron released from Operational Flying until further notice due to pending transfer of Squadron Headquarters from Minneriya and Squadron Detachment at Kankesanturai back to Cuttack.
Minneriya	5th Jan.		Squadron commenced movement from Minneriya and Kankesanturai back to Cuttack
Cuttack	12th? Jan.		Movement completed 95% of the Squadron personnel and equipment ferried to Cuttack by air in Squadron Aircraft, Catalinas of 321 Squadron of China Bay, and a Dakota of A.C.S.E.A. Communications Flight from Ratmalana.
			Tribute is specially paid to S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey 78753, to the Adjutant F/Lt. L. E. Gatrell 69635 and his staff who worked with utmost energy, the Engineering Officer F/Lt. G. King 507382 And his staff who were called upon at all times from all side and did a most excellent job, All Captains of aircraft, Aircrews and ground Crews for the efficient and speedy way this move was carried out.
			Appreciation is also extended to Headquarters Staff at Minneriya, Kankesanturai, and Cuttack, also the Commanding Officers of 321 Squadron and A.C.S.E.A. Communications Flight at Ratmalana for the co-operation and assistance so freely given.
			In all 9 Anti-Submarine Patrols were made of Shipping Lanes off East Coast of India from Western Channel Light Vessel to St. Thomas' Mount, Madras. No contacts or enemy sightings were made. Total Operational Flying hours, all of which were in Daylight, Hours 94 Mins. 25.
			Aircraft strength for month was 12 A/C against establishment of 12.
			Crew strength 12.
			Operational Flying Hours for Month
			94 Hrs. 25 mins. (Day) Nil (Night)
			Non-Operational flying Hours for Month.
			325? Hrs. 1 mins. (Day)
			Squadron Strength as at 31st January, 1945
			Officers: 6 Australian. 27 British. 20 Canadians. Nil Indian. 1 New Zealand. Total 54
			B.O.Rs. 12 Australian. 485 British. 7 Canadian. 3 Indian. Nil New Zealand. Total 517.
			Grand Total 571
			Part 2. (Administration) Training, Medical, Welfare, and Sport.
			Navigation Report.
			Apart from Shipping Patrols laid on as Navigation Exercises, no operational sorties were carried out during January. 7 Shipping Lane Patrols totaling 72 hours were carried out The Standard of Navigation was generally satisfactory. No Ground Training was carried out as a new section had to be opened due to transfer of Squadron and the available time had to be spent on Compass and Radio Compass Swings. 10 aircraft had compass Swings and 5 Radio Compasses were swung F/Lt. J. Slater (156021) Navigation Officer.
			Gunnery Report.
			25 Lectures each of one hours duration were given on the following subjects: Turrets, Sighting and Range Estimation. Air Firing on Sea Targets was carried out as much as possible, total rounds fired .303 x 12,205 rounds and .4 x 20,550 rounds. Training for month considerably reduced due to transfer of

			Squadron. F/Lt. R. J? Keleher (J.23371?) Gunnery Leader.
			Bombing Report
			In spite of the fact that the first half of the month was taken up by the Squadron moving from Minneriya to Cuttack, Bombing training and practice bombing sorties have been carried out to the fullest extent. In all, 384 Practice Bombs have been dropped since 14th January 1945 and of these 30? Practice bombs have been dropped using the Mark III Low Level Bombsight. Crews are being allowed 2 Exercises, one at 500 ft. and one at 300 ft. to become fully familiar with the new Mark III Low Level Bombsight It is intended to carry out the next and subsequent exercises at 100 ft. and assess the bombs for Range and Line errors. Results of exercises carried out have been highly satisfactory considering that out of the 8 new crews to join the squadron 4 crews have only recently converted from Wellingtons with all British equipment to Liberators with all American.
			16th Jan. 1945 2 hrs Lecture, 5 new Crews, dealing with Liberator Bombing Gear and introducing the new crews to Squadron ideas on Bombing.
			21st. Jan. 1945. 1 hour Lecture to three crews on Principle of Mk.III Low Level Bombsight followed by familiarization and training on the Mk.III Low Level Bomb Sight Trainer.
			23rd. Jan. 1945. 1 hour Lecture as above to 2 more crews followed by Trainer Exercise.
			24th. Jan. 1945. 1 hour Lecture as above to 2 more crews followed by Trainer Exercise.
			31st. Jan. 1945. 1 hour Lecture as above to 1 more crew followed by Training Exercise.
			F/Lt. F. Duffield (153128?) Bombing Leader
			Intelligence
			Lecture given daily throughout the month to Strike Crews By F/Lt. K. O. Phillips (Station Intelligence Officer) on Burma and Escape Aids, and by F/O W.W. Edwards (155230?) Squadron Intelligence Officer on The Andamans.
			Education
			4 applications for Correspondence Courses have been passed on to Group apart from this our activities have been curtailed due to lack of accommodations at Cuttack for classes and the Discussion Group - arrangements are well under way to put the matter right by early February.
			Health Report (by F/O T. Gardiner 169959, Squadron Medical Officer)
			Total admissions to Hospital and Sick Quarters were 34 as against 19 in the month of December, this increase was chiefly due to 10 cases of Dysentery-Diarrhoea contracted by personnel prior to arrival at this station. 7 cases of Malaria as against 7 in December. On 17th Jan. 1945 Sgt. Doody W. H. (927250) Fitt. E?A. was admitted to General Hospital Cuttack and was operated on for Appendicitis and is now on the S.I.List.
			Aircrew
			Six officers were admitted during month and 3 discharged.
			N.C.Os. 6 admitted and 4 discharged.
			Health Instruction
			F/O T. Gardiner (169958?) Squadron Medical Officer has given a daily talk to Strike Crew in "Elements of First Aid" and Medical Escape Aids as issued with Jungle Kits.
			Welfare Report by J. N. Hunter (153086)
			Due to the Squadron's move, it was impossible to organise a complete Committee Meeting. However, many informal meetings ere held. The Quarterly balancing of accounts showed a profit of Ra?460 over the last Quarter. Therefore it was decided to augment and renew our Sports

			Equipment to the extent of Ra?1200. Rehearsals for the next production of the Concert Party and the "The Exiles Dramatic Society" are well under way General morale is high and complaints of lack of recreation are unheard of. More Books are required for the Airmen's Library and the matter has been brought to the notice of the Group Welfare Officer.
			Sport by F/O F. W. W. Crouch (NZ424970).
			An Association Football League has now been formed between this Squadron and 173 Wing and consists of two Divisions, 1st. and 2nd. , commencing on 1st, February 1945. The Squadron will be well represented with eight teams and keen competition can be expected. A Softball League is also in operation and competition is very keen amongst the Canadian personnel. Results of Games Played: Officers Mess 12 .v. Radar Section 3 Sergeants Mess 10 .v. Radar Section 7 Officers Mess 19 .V. Sergeants Mess 12. Cricket and Hockey arrangements are well under way and fixtures have been made for February. We have purchased more equipment during month and now have a fairly adequate supply to cover all branches of sport.
			Extract From London Gazette For 1st. January 1945. Following awards are announced in connection with New Year's Honours List: Acting F/S N? A. Matthews 528983? - British Empire Medal. Sgt. T. N? Horson?? 936287? - British Empire Medal.
	1945 Jan.		Part 3 Personnel - Movements etc.
Minneriya	3rd.	0900	F/O G. A. Z. Sourisseau J.39592 and P/O J. W. Frankan?? J.39585? arrived on posting to the Squadron from H. Q. A.C.S.E.A. for duties as 2nd Pilots.
	5th.	1800	F/O J. H. Freeman J. 39585 proceeded to Ranchi on Aircraft Recognition Course 222 Group Authority.
	6th.	0900	F/O G. E? Erikson? NZ421035 proceeded on Posting to Karachi??
	8th.	1930	F/O L. F. Burrows J.25095 proceeded to Colombo on Ship Recognition Course.
	8th.	1930	F/O W. W. Edwards 155290 proceeded to Colombo on Ship Recognition Course.
	8th.	0845	F/O V. H. James 130937 arrived on posting to this Squadron for Flying Duties.
	12th.	0900	F/O G. A. Z. Sourisseau J.39592 proceeded to Colombo on Ship Recognition Course.
	12th.	0800	F/Lt. I. S. Currie 29927 arrived on return from Navigator's Course.
	13th.	0800	F/Lt. C. J. Slater 156021 arrived on posting to Squadron as Navigation Officer.
	15th.	0800	F/O L. F. Burrows J.25095
	15th.	0800	F/O W. W. Edwards 155280 arrived on return from Ship Recognition Course.
Cuttack	22nd.	0730	F/O S. Ahmad Ind.2470 proceeded on posting to Kohat?.
	23rd.	0900	F/Lt. G. F. Smith C.13641 arrived on posting to Squadron as Radar Officer.
	26th.	1900	F/O G. Ibbotson 172139 proceeded to Calcutta.
	28th.	0900	F/O I. Linozon J.42510 arrived on posting to Squadron for Flying Duties.
	28th.	0900	F/Lt. W. G. MacRae J.6834 arrived on posting to Squadron for Flying Duties.
	28th.	0900	F/O H. Parker J.43687 arrived on posting to Squadron for Flying Duties.
	28th.	0900	F/O E. W. Pollard J.43686 arrived on posting to Squadron for Flying Duties.
	28th.	0900	F/O G. M. Hughes A.26288 arrived on posting to Squadron for Flying Duties.
	28th.	0900	F/O R. Harris 164075 arrived on posting to Squadron for Flying Duties.
	28th.	0900	P/O J. Grimshaw A.433380 arrived on posting to Squadron for Flying Duties.
			Again the task of the Squadron has been the Shipping Lanes off the East Coast of India - the work has again been well done by one and all. The Squadron is no back at Cuttack and looks forward with renewed zeal to the

			hoped for offensive against the Japanese, this has proved an excellent stimulant to the spirit and morale.
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All times GMT.

Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
1st Jan. 1945	Squadron released from Operational Flying until further notice due to pending transfer of Squadron headquarters from Minneriya and Squadron Detachment from Kankasanturai back to Cuttack.				
5th Jan. 1945	Squadron commenced move from Minneriya and Kankasanturai by air to Cuttack. Movement completed by 18th January, 1945.				
23rd Jan. Liberator Mk.VI J/354 EV863	S/L Hubber-Richard P/O F. M. Corbett? F/S J. G. Roach? W/O J. S. Latham F/S D. Jenks Sgt. G. H. Delieu Sgt. A. F. G. Willis F/S F. G. Chapman F/S G? H. B? Antlett	RAF 42504 RCAF J89140 RAF 1579888 RAAF A425522 RAF 1335791 RAF 578536 RAF 1667?9 RAF 1318258 RAF 643401	Cuttack 230042	Cuttack 231031	S/L R. A. Hubber-Richard & Crew as stated airborne at 230042 from Cuttack on Anti Submarine Patrol of Shipping Lanes East Coast of India covering 1600N to 2010N. Sighting 19 Merchant Vessels as briefed in Shipping Lanes but No enemy sightings. 231031 Landed at Cuttack. Airborne 9 hrs 49 mins. (Day) Cuttack Sortie Report No.1. Oprep no 23 (CG?/G1/22Jan)
26th Jan. Liberator Mk.VI. H/354 KH187	S/L Hubber-Richard F/O R. W. Salt F/S K. G. Rankins? F/S F. G? Chapman F/S J. B. B. Legge F/S H. E. Brankley F/S G. K? Scarfe? F/S G? H. B? Antlett Sgt. D. R. Sharp Sgt. L. Richardson?	RAF 42504 RCAF J22357 RAF 918351 RAF 1318258 RAF 1774032 RCAF R151411 RCAF R172910 RAF 643401 RAF 1890886 RAF 301691?	Cuttack 260048	Cuttack 261047	S/L R. A. Hubber-Richard & Crew as stated airborne at 260048 from Cuttack on Anti Submarine Patrol Shipping Lanes East Coast of India from 1600N to Western Channel Light Vessel and Consumption Test. 8 Merchant Vessels sighted during Sortie - all as briefed. No enemy sightings. 261047 Landed at Cuttack. Airborne 9 hrs 59 mins. (Day) Cuttack Sortie Report No. 2. Oprep No. 26 (CO?/G1/25Jan)
26 Jan. Liberator Mk.VI. T/354 EV950	F/O V. H? James F/S A. Carson W/O R. B. Redmayne F/S F. Gannon F/S M? F. Holford F/S J. Riley Sgt. D. Hackleton Sgt. A. C. Swan	RAF 130937 RAF 148049?9 RAAF A421546 RAF 1433116 RAF 1425791 RAF 1434965 RAF 1641367 RAF 1573340	Cuttack 260050	Cuttack 261045	F/O V. H. James & Crew as stated airborne 260050 from Cuttack on Anti Submarine Patrol of Shipping Lanes on East Coast of India. 0150 On Patrol Western Channel Light Vessel. 0455 Position 1911N 8611E Set Course 255° 0745

	Sgt. P. Smith	RAF 1891330			Position 2104N 8000E Set Course 180° 0948 Position 2053N 8810E. Set Course for Cuttack where landed at 1044. All Sightings friendly. Airborne 9 hrs 55 mins (Day) Cuttack Sortie Report No. 3. Oprep No.26 (CO?/G1/25Jan)
	Sgt. J. P? Smith	RAF 1596941			
28th Jan.	P/O D. G. McCreesh	RAF 176957	Cuttack	Cuttack	P/O D. G. McCreesh & Crew as stated airborne at 270057 on A/S Patrol of Shipping lanes 1100N to Western Channel Light Vessel. Numerous sightings all friendly as given in Shipping Intelligence. Landed at Cuttack 271319 being airborne 12 hrs 22 mins. (Day). Cuttack Sortie Report No. 4. Oprep No.28 (CO?/G2/26Jan)
Liberator	F/O L. H. Comfort	RAF{sic} J39586	270057	271319	
Mk.VI	F/O C. E. Leese	RAF 163697			
Y354	Sgt. S. Wilkins	RAF 644371			
KG850	Sgt. N. Stringfield	RAF 1021370			
	Sgt. D. Agnew	RAF 1339644			
	Sgt. J. Lennane	RAF 1863110			
	Sgt. G. Green	RAF 2202091			
	Sgt. D. Mould	RAF 1819680			
29th Jan.	S/L Hubber-Richard	RAF 42504	Cuttack	Cuttack	
Liberator	F/O B. Marder	RCAF J28662	290041	291040	S/L R. A. Hubber-Richard & Crew as stated airborne at 290041 on A/S Patrol of Shipping lanes on East Coast of India. 0112 Position 1923?N 8556E On Patrol Track 235° 0424 Position 1302N 8040E Set course 032° 0910 Position 2054N 8820E Set Course 090° 1041 Landed. Average height 4,500 feet. Sightings of 17 M/Vs as briefed. No enemy sightings. Airborne 9 hrs 59 mins. (Day) Cuttack Sortie Report No. 5. Oprep No.29 (CO?/G3/27Jan)
Mk.VI	F/S K. G. Rankins?	RAF 918351			
A/354	F/S F. G? Chapman	RAF 13188258?			
KG?319	F/S J. B. B. Legge	RAF 1774032			
	F/S H. Brankley	RCAF R151411			
	F/S B. K? Scarfe	RCAF R172910?			
	F/S C? H. Antlett	RAF 643401			
	Sgt. D? Sharp	RAF 1890686			
	Sgt. L. Richardson	RAF 3011481			
29th Jan.	S/L F. G. Paisey	RAF 78753	Cuttack	Cuttack	
Liberator	F/S L. Brice	RAAF A437251	290049	291048	S/L F. G. Paisey & Crew as stated airborne at 290049 on A/S Patrol of Shipping Lanes East Coast of India. All Sightings of a friendly nature. Airborne 9 hrs 59 mins. Cuttack Sortie Report No. 6. Oprep No.29 (CO?/G3/27Jan)
Mk.VI	F/S J. H? Hull	RAF 1576124			
V/354	F/S H. N. Appleby	RAF 578151			
KH194/6	F/S R. Longley	RAF 1425946			
	F/S A. J. Williams	RAF 1335514			
	F/S S. Roberts	RAF 1437382?			
	Sgt. M? J. McGrann?	RAF 1813638			
	Sgt. K? M. Taylor	RAF 1542487			
30th Jan.	F/O F. Riffle	RCAF J14340	Cuttack	Cuttack	
Liberator	F/O C? J. Wood	RAF 153097	300220	201248	F/O F. Riffle & Crew as stated airborne at 300220 on A/S Patrol Inner Shipping Lanes 1915N and Consumption Test. Thamos?
Mk.VI.	F/O J. M. Hunter	RAF 15?3085			
L/354	F/S J. A. Milne	RCAF R2119			
EV945	F/S G. Day	RAF 1496430?			

	Sgt. E. J. Young	RAF 3000519			Outer Shipping Lane to Eastern Channel Light Vessel. 14 M/V's sighted. All friendly as given in Shipping Intelligence. Landed at Cuttack at 301248 being airborne 10 hrs 28 mins (Day) Cuttack Sortie Report No. 7. Oprep No.31 (OO/G3/27Jan)
	Sgt. F. A. Casson	RCAF R191634			
	Sgt. R. J. Kramp	RCAF R1917105?			
	Sgt. P. A. Richards	RAF? 907926			
	Sgt. J. V. O? Thomas	RAF? 1837137			
31st Jan.	F/O D. C. Watt	RCAF J26224	Cuttack	St. Thomas' Mt.	F/O D. C. Watt & Crew as stated airborne at 310032 on A/V Patrol of Shipping lanes on East Coast of India Calling at Ratmalana and landing at St. Thomas' Mt. 1220. All shipping as briefed, no enemy sightings, Airborne 11 hrs 48 minutes (Day) St. Thomas' Mt. Sortie Report No.VI/45 Oprep No. VI/45 (O/O/G3/29Jan)
Liberator	F/O C. J. Wood	RAF 153097	310032	311220	
Mk.VI.	F/S T. Walton	RAF 1549157			
F/354	F/S H. Gregory	RAF 1021787			
EW315	W/O W? G. Mackay	RCAF R132378			
	W/O B. Summers?	RCAF R130119			
	F/S T. W. Sedgwick	RAF 1023077			
	F/S J. A. Beckwith	RAF 1129082			
	Sgt. R. ? S. Moore	RAF 1890309			
	Sgt. J. G. McAtankey?	RAF 1820628			
31st. Jan.	F/S H? F. Cottan	RAF 1396490	Cuttack	Cuttack	F/S R. F. Cottan & Crew as stated airborne at 310050 on A/S Patrol of Shipping Lanes on East Coast of India. Numerous friendly shipping sighted as briefed. No enemy sightings. Landed at Cuttack at 311056 being airborne 10 hrs 6 mins. (Day) Cuttack Sortie Report No. 8. Oprep No.31 (OO/G3/29Jan)
Liberator	F/S D. Alexander	RAF 162320?3	310050	311056	
Mk.VI.	F/S J. H. Hull?	RAF 1576124			
Z/354	F/S R. Longley	RAF 1425946			
BZ988	F/S A. J. Williams	RAF 1335514			
	F/S S. Roberts	RAF 1437362			
	Sgt. K? L. Owen	RAF 578?745			
	Sgt. R. L. Geach	RAF 1380463			
	Sgt. D. F. Evans	RAF 1588094			
	Sgt. G. K. Fr?e?arson	RAF 1869972			
	Operational hours for month of January 1945 94 Hrs. 25 Mins. (All Daylight)				

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
			February 1945
			Aircraft Strength for month was 12 A/C against establishment of 12.
			Crew Strength 12.
			Operational Flying Hours for Month
			Day 299 hours 24 mins
			Night 117 hours 40 mins.
			Total 417 hours 4 mins.
			Non-Operational Flying Hours for Month
			Day 128 hours 10 mins.
			Night 10 hours 39 mins.
			Total 138 hours 49 mins.
			Squadron Strength as at 28th February 1945
			Officers Australian 4, British 26, Canadian 34, New Zealand 2, Total 66.
			B.O.Rs. Australian 8, British 484, Canadian 23, Indian 3, New Zealand 1, Total 529.
			Grand Total of Squadron Strength 595.
			In the last hours of daylight on February 13th., the Squadron achieved its first success against Japanese Lines of Communication in the Andaman Islands.
			Liberator "A" (F/Lt. Richards and Crew), "Y" (F/Lt. MacRae and Crew) and "Z" (P/O James and Crew) sighted an enemy P.T. Boat or Sub-chaser and two landing Barges South of the Great Cocos Islands. All the aircraft attacked the Sub-chaser with bombs and gun-fire but no direct hits were scored; the craft was repeatedly hit by gun-fire. The Sub-chaser fought back and scored hits on all the aircraft. "Z" sustained a hit in No. 4 engine and was forced to return to Base. A cannon shell entered the front turret of "Y" and penetrated to the Navigator's seat. "A" was hit by three shells, one grazing the port tyre. "A" and "Y" carried on the patrol and attacked tow coasters in Stewart Sound where they were joined by "F" (P/O Corbett and Crew) which had flown direct to this area. "A" scored a hit on one of the coasters which was forced to beach. The other coaster was attacked with gun-fire by "A" and "Y". "F" shot up the Harbour installations at Port Bannington??.
			Four Liberators "V", "J", "C" and "U" left Cuttack early on the 14th. February to follow up the previous day's attacks and arrived in the area at dawn. "V" (S/Ldr. Paisey and Crew) sighted a sub-chaser in Stewart Sound, presumed to be the same vessel attacked on the 13th and went in to attack at low level scoring direct hits. The Sub-chaser burst into flames and sank. "C" (F/O Hughes and crew) next arrived on the scene and attacked the coaster beached after attack by "A" on the previous day. Direct hits were scored and the vessel was burnt out "C" next attacked a coaster moored in a small bay and blew it to pieces. "U" (F/O C. G. St. John and Crew) arrived and attacked a Landing Craft beached near the burning coaster with gun-fire and then proceeded to shoot-up Harbour Installations receiving a few bullet holes in return. "J" (F/O Salt and Crew) arrived and attacked a small Motor Boat with gun-fire forcing it to beach itself.
			On the 17th. February, Liberators "H" (F/O Watt and Crew) and "Z" (W/O Cottan and Crew) attacked a coaster at first light in North Bay in the South Andamans. "H" scored hits with gun-fire and "X" damaged the craft with near misses by bombs.
			Training, Education, Welfare, Sport and Medical Reports.

		Bombing Report by F/Lt. P. Duffield (153123) Bombing Leader.
		This has been a "Red Letter" month, because most of the crews have been given an opportunity to apply the results of their extensive bombing training to operational bombing of enemy shipping. The results were very gratifying and, although some troubles were encountered in the operation of bombing gear, it is felt that the crews gained sufficient experience and satisfaction from their sorties to make them really efficient. Training has been as is still being carried out with an added interest and enthusiasm and with a better appreciation of the problems to be faced and overcome. In all 417 Practice bombs have been dropped. Lectures during the month were as follow:
	4th.	Lecture on Mk. XIV/VI. Bombsight to Captains, Second Pilots and Navigators of Following crews: S/Ldr. R.A. Hubber-Richard (42504), S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey (78753), F/Lt. J. L. Richards (51131), P/O F. M. Corbett J.89410, W/O J. H? Thomas (617075), F/O C. R. H Salt (J.82375), F/O G. Mel. Hughes (A.26288), P/O D. G. McCreesh (176957) and F/O V. H. James (130937).
	8th.	Lecture on Mk.III. Low Level Bombsight followed by training to F/Lt. W. G. McRae's crew and F/Lt. H. V. Stinson's crew.
	9th.	Ditto. To F/O G. Mel. Hughes (A.26288) and Crew.
	16th.	Ditto. To W/O J. W? Thomas (617075) and Crew.
		On the operational sorties during the month 67 x 250 G.P. Bombs were dropped and it is hoped that more will soon be dropped on enemy targets.
		Navigation Report By F/Lt. J. Slater (156021).
		The Standard of Navigation for February was not high, this is partly accounted for by the fact that over 50% of the Navigators are new to the Squadron and to their theatre of operations. The Navigation during the latter part of the month showed some improvement on the first tow weeks; sing the 15th. Feb. on landfall error has only exceeded??, 12 N. R??. Thirty four sorties were carried out with a total of 333 Hours 12 Mins. flying (excluding local flying).
		Navigation Ground Training
		Due to the intensive air training in Bombing and in Gunnery it is difficult to get together more than about six navigators at any one time. Two lectures were given on Coastal Command Navigational Drill and on Introduction to Radar, also a number of talks to two or three navigators at a time on D. R., Astro, Compasses and Radar.
		Navigation Flying Training.
		Three Navigational Exercises were carried out and it is hoped that operations permitting every Navigator will do at least one Navigation exercise each month. There were also 18 Shipping Lanes patrols for which Navigators were briefed to practice the use of all aids possible as in a proper Navigation exercise.
		In accordance with 222G/a/8.4.85A dated 15.2.45., Logs for onward transmission to A.C.S.E.A., F/Lt. P. Duffield (153123), Squadron Bombing Leader, is to be congratulated upon registering the Best Log in A/354 on the 12th. February.
		Gunnery Training Report by F/Lt. R J. Kaleher, Gunnery Leader.
		Ammunition expended on Operations 3950 x .303; 10,710 x .5.
		Ammunition expended on Training 113000 x .303; 11,415 x .5.
		Targets, Formation Flying and attacks in formation were carried out on these targets. In all 38 Lectures were given of one hour duration on Turrets, Sightings, Guns, Tactics and Fighting Control.
		Radar Report by F/Lt. G. F. Smith, Radar Officer.
		Owing to the nature of the Squadron's activities during the past months, radar

		hours are the lowest recorded since the Squadron formed. As the Squadron has only recently returned to India from a base in Ceylon, advantage has been taken of this lull to set the section in running order. This entailed a much needed overhaul of the diesel power supply, the complete re-wiring of the section and the servicing of all spare equipment. In spite of the shortage in radar personnel, the section can now boast 100% serviceability.
		Aircrew training was in progress up to the middle of the month but was held up when a main unit, in short supply, was required to replace a similar unit in an aircraft. The unit replace was damaged through enemy action but has now been repaired and is considered suitable for training room purposes.
		The new Radar Log provided by group has been introduced and met with the approval of all crews when instructed on its operational use.
		Intelligence.
		Lectures were given each day to the Strike Crews on following subject. "Burma" by F/Lt. K. C. Phillips (103927), Wing Intelligence Officer. "Andamans" by F/O W. W. Edwards (155280), Squadron Intelligence Officer. "Ship Recognition" by G. A. Z. Sourisseau (J.39592). "Aircraft Recognition" by F/O J. H. Freeman (J.39585).
		Welfare Report by F/O J. M. Hunter (153086)
		The Squadron's Welfare organisations is settling down after the recent move. The various Entertainment Groups are energetically preparing for their forthcoming productions, one of which is to be presented to the Governor of Orisea? and the people of Cuttack.
		A selection of Gramophone Records (from Bach to "Boogie") was compiled from airmen's suggestions and purchased. A Classical Appreciation club is being organised and many music lovers have come forward with original ideas for lectures and discussions. Interesting results are expected.
		At the Welfare Committee Meetings no great grievances were raised. Small complaints were made about the Contractor and P.W.D. These have been adjusted.
		The E.N.S.A. Show "To Your Liking" was well received by the Squadron. "Let us have more" is the cry - especially those of such high complement of female performers.
		A meeting was held to decide whether airmen would prefer Home Leave during or at the end of their tour. Th latter motion was carried - 70% to 30%.
		The Squadron Snooker Championship is being played out at present. A World Championship game could hardly have aroused more interest in the men.
		Morale is high although the hot season is looked forward to with trepidation. However, an effort is being made to secure fans for each billet before prickly heat can set in.
		Education Report by P/O Payne, Squadron Education Officer.
		On the 6th. February P/O Payne took over duties of Educational Officer from F/O Wood.
		10th. February 1945. Training Centre made available 5 nights a week for Educational Studies and Discussions.
		In all 11 applications were submitted for Correspondence Courses. Revised Educational Policy is in course of preparation and it is hoped to bring this into force early in March.
		Sport Report by F/O R. H. W. Crouch (NZ.424970)
		W/Cdr. D. T. MacPherson, our Commanding Officer, has most generously presented the newly formed Football League with a Silver Cup, this will be called the MacPherson Cup and will be contested for periodically by those teams taking part in the Football League. This has added considerable interest to the League and W/Cdr. D. T. MacPherson's gesture is greatly appreciated by all ranks.

			Our appreciation and thanks are also extended to F/Lt. H. W. Plummer?, 103381 (173 Wing Accountant Officer) who has give so unsparingly of his time and energy to make Football the success it is on the Station and for this Squadron. We learn with much regret of his posting and wish him the best of luck at his new Station.							
			Football League. This has produced some excellent Football and every evening all games attract a large crowd of followers. Following are the Result to date:							
			Team	Playe d	Won	Drw	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Points.
			12. M.S.U.(T)	5	5			15	3	10
			"A" Flight	6	4	1	1	21	4	9
			"B" Flight	5	4	1		10	2	9
			Armourers	6	3	2	1	8	7	8
			Wing M.T.	4	2	1	1	6	5	5
			Sqdn. H.W.	5	1	3	1	6	5	5
			Electricians	7	2	1	4	8	13	5
			Wing Signals	5	1	2	2	4	5	4
			Wing Sgts.	5	3		3	6	13	4
			Maintenance	4	1	1	2	7	7	3
			Sqdn. Sgts.	5	1		4	4	7	2
			Wing H.Q.	7			7	1	24	0
			Cricket.							
			Feb. 11th. 173 Wing - 82 (Collins 17, F/Lt. Duffield 6 for 20) beat Sqdn. Officers Mess - 72 (F/O Hughes 27, F/O Edwards 18, Wooten 6 for 30, Smith 4 for 37).							
			Feb. 18th. Sqdn. Sgts. Mess - 138 (Mactel? 35, F/S Chapman 29, F/Lt. Duffield 6 for 63, F/O Hayes 3 for 32) beat Sqdn. Officers Mess - 47 (F/O Hughes 15, Fisher 3 for 11).							
			Feb. 25th. Sqdn. Officers Mess - 110 (F/O Hughes 55 not out, P/O Frey 31, F/S Chapman 3 for 19) beat Sqdn. Sgts. Mess - 37 (F/O Hayes 5 for 16, F/Lt. Duffield 5 for 17).							
			Softball							
			Competition is very keen in the Softball League and very good games have been the result. Owing to the increase in crews on the Squadron Strength a second Officers' Mess team has been formed this month, and should do well with more practice.							
			The League position as at 28th. February 1945.							
			Team	Won		Lost		%		
			Officers (1)	7		6		.538		
			Radar Section	6		6		.500		
			Officers (2)	4		4		.500		
			Sergeants	5		6		.454		
			It is regretted that on the 21st. February 1945, L.A.C. R. W. Moore? (R.174519) the star of the Radar Team, dislocated and lacerated his forth finger of the right hand, which necessitated him being taken to Calcutta by air for treatment in Hospital. The Radar Team have greatly missed his services.							
			F/O R. W. H. Crouch (NZ.424970) is to be congratulated on the fine sports organization of this Squadron, since he came into office as our Sports Officer.							
			Medical Report by F/O T. Gardiner, Squadron M.O.							
			Total admissions to Hospital and Sick Quarters were 25 as against 34 in the month of January. This was due to the decrease in the number of cases of Malaria and Dysentery.							
			In all, there were only 3 cases of Malaria which are considered to have been							

			relapses. Only five Clin-Dysanthy cases were transferred to Hospital as against ten in previous month, a greater improvement still was to be expected, that is if all the recommendations re sanitation and Hygiene are actioned.
			Again this month, several lectures have been given to Air Crew personnel, covering a wide field as Medical Aspect of Ditching, Contents and Use of Jungle Kit, Elementary First Aid, sick.
			Air crew Personnel: 6 Officers and S.N.C.Os. were admitted to Hospital and Sick Quarters against 7 discharged.
	1945 Feb.		Part 2 - Visits and Movements.
Cuttack	1st.		Air Commodore B. V. Reynolds, C.B.E. and W/Cdr. A. Case visited Squadron on a tour of inspection, and were met by W/Cdr. D. T. MacPherson.
	8th.		Lieutenant General Raymond Day Wheeler, Deputy Supreme Commander, South East Asia, passed through and was met by W/Cdr. D. T. MacPherson. Lieutenant General Raymond Day Wheeler commented on excellent refuelling facilities of the Squadron, his aircraft being serviced, refuelled and ready to take off in 18 minutes after arrival.
	13th.		Group Captain Crosbie and W/Cdr. R. W. Williams from 222 Group with Major J. C. S. Slater, 'Flak' Intelligence Officer, 222 Group, visited this Station. W/Cdr. D. T. MacPherson met the party.
			W/Cdr. R. W. Williams was airborne at 131955 hours with S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey in V/354 on an Anti Shipping Strike off West Coast of Adamans?, which was successful in sinking a Sub-Chaser. The 22 Group 'Flak' Intelligence Officer, Major J. C. S. Slater was airborne at 131959 hours with F/O C. B. St. John in U/354 which attacked a beached Landing Craft and proceeded to shoot up Harbour installations at Port Boenington?, receiving a few bullet hoses in return.
	18th.		A.O.C. No. 222 Group, Air Marshal A. Durston, visited station in connection with future operational role of Squadron, and gave a very interesting talk to Aircrew.
	7th.	1500	F/O G. A. Z. Sourisseau (J.39592) returned to Squadron at Cuttack from Ship Recognition Course.
	8th.	1900	F/O C. J. Wood (153097) proceeded to Nassau on Temporary Duty.
	9th.	1900	F/O S. D. Turner (C.4456) proceeded on posting to Kankasanturai.
			F/O R. McCreadie (164144) proceeded on posting to Kankasanturai.
			F/O F. M. Yeomans (J.45204) proceeded on posting to Kankasanturai.
			P/O J. H. Dorsey (J.45231) proceeded on posting to Kankasanturai.
	10th.	1900	F/O A. D. Stanley (A.417126) proceeded on posting to 1. A.G.S. Bropal?.
	16th.	0800	P/O S. H. Steiner (J.93232) reported to Squadron on Commissioning.
	20th.	1000	W/Cdr. C. T. MacPherson (40405) and S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey (78735) proceeded to Colombo for Conference returning on the 22nd. February 1945.
	21st.	1200	F/Lt. M. McKellar (J.20844) arrived on posting to this Squadron from Minneriya.
			P/O W. S. Frey (A.430762) arrived on posting to this Squadron from Minneriya.
	25th.	0900	P/O E. L. Easton (J.42070) arrived on posting to this Squadron from Worli.
	14th.		Following message sent by Commanding Officer 354 Squadron, Cuttack to H.A.O.R.?, Colombo - "All targets in area covered by sweeps on 13th and 14th February definitely pranged and destroyed, consider further sweeps unnecessary. Suggest another target having wonderful time J"
	14th		To which H.A.O.R. replied - "Well done, we will do our best to provide further playmates J"
			The morale of the Squadron is at its best as a result of increased Operational activity and coupled with the general good news from all fronts - everybody is

			on his toes.
			In all 42 Operational Sorties were flown during February 1945, of which 18 were Anti Shipping Sweeps in the Andaman Seas and 24 Anti U-Boat Patrols of Shipping Lanes off the East Coast of India - the shipping sweeps being most successful, harassing the enemy lines of communications and the Anti U-Boat Patrols while producing no sightings, afforded protection to our own Forces, supplying the requirements for the Burma Campaign.

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All times GMT.

Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
Liberator	F/O D. C. Watt	RCAF J26224	010250 ?	010712	F/O D. C. Watt (J.26224) and Crew Airborne from St. Thomas' Mount on Anti U-Boat Patrol of Outer Shipping Lane East Coast of India from 1300N to 1915N. At 0354, 1448N 8206E sighted 1 M.V. 8000 tons course and speed 225/8. At. 0539, 1800N, 8405E, sighted 1 M/V with Escort, course and speed 240/9. Other sightings all friendly as briefed. Weather fine with visibility of 15 miles. Landed Cuttack 010712. (OO/G3/29Jan) Sortie Rep. No. 9. Oprep No. 1.
Mk.VI	F/O C. J. Wood	RAF 153097			
"F"	F/S T. Walton	RAF 1549167			
EW315	W/O W. G. Mackay	RCAF R132378			
	W/O T. W. Sedgwick	RAF 1023077			
	W/O B. Summers	RCAF R130199			
	F/S H. Gregory	RAF 1034787			
	F/S J. A. Beckwith	RAF 1129082?			
	Sgt. R. E. S. Moore	RAF 1890309			
	Sgt. J. G. McAtankey?	RAF 1??0628			
Liberator	F/O V. H. James	RAF 130937	030039	031046	F/O V. H. James (130937) and Crew Airborne from Cuttack on Anti U-Boat Patrol of Shipping Lane 1915N to 1300N. Outer Shipping Lane East Coast of India to Western Channel Light Vessel. At 0555 4 M/L's were sighted. Course and speed 036/12 kts. Position 1449N 8159 E. 11 friendly M/V's were also sighted during this sortie. Weather fine - visibility 20 miles. Landed at Cuttack 031046. No Enemy Sightings. (OO/G1/2nd Feb) Sortie Report No. 10. Oprep No. 3.
Mk.VI.	F/S E? Carson	RAF 1480489			
"X"	W/O R. G. Redmayne	RAAF A421546			
EV853	F/S ? Gannon?	RAF 1433116			
	F/S J. Riley	RAF 1434965			
	F/S H? F. Holford	RAF 1425791			
	Sgt. J. P. Smith	RAF 1596941			
	Sgt. P. Smith	RAF 1891330			
	Sgt. D. Hackleton??	RAF 164135??			
	Sgt. A. G. Swan	RAF 1573340			
Liberator	P/O D. G. McCreesh	RAF 176957	030707	031120	P/O D. G. McC?rh?esh (176957) and Crew Airborne from St. Thomas' Mount on Anti U-Boat patrol of Shipping Lanes East Coast of India from 1300N to
Mk.VI	F/O L. N? Comfort??	RCAF J29586			
"V"	F/O C. E.. Leese	RAF 163697			
KH194/6	Sgt. S. Wilkins	RAF 64371			
	Sgt. N. Stringfield	RAF 1021370			
	Sgt. G. T. Green	RAF 2202091			

	Sgt. J. Lennane	RAF 1863110			1915N. 6 M?/Vs sighted as briefed. No enemy sightings. Weather good with visibility of 15 mls. Landed at Cuttack 031120. (OO/G2/1st.Feb) Sortie Report No. 1. Oprep No. 3.
Liberator	F/S B? F. Cottan	RAF 1396490	030047	031125	F/S Cottan, R/ F. (1396490) and Crew Airborne from Cuttack on anti U-Boat patrol of Shipping Lanes East Coast of India, from 9000E and South to 1740N. Inner and Outer Lanes. At 0224 hours 2105N - 9000E. tanker sighted Course and Speed 270/10 1/2 kts. 0830 hours 3 M/V's sighted 2055N - 8830E. Course and speed 290/6 kts. All sightings friendly as briefed. Weather - fine. Landed at Cuttack 031125. (OO/G1/2nd.Feb) Sortie Report No. 12. Oprep No. 3.
Mk.VI.	F/S D. Alexander	RAF 1623203			
"T"	F/S J. H. Hull	RAF 1576124			
EV950	F/S R. Longley	RAF 1425946			
	F/S A. J. Williams	RAF 1335514			
	F/S S. Roberts	RAF 143738?			
	Sgt. K. L. Owen?	RAF 579745			
	Sgt. R. L Geach	RAF 1380463			
	Sgt. D. F. Evans	RAF 1589094			
	Sgt. G. K? P?rearon??	RAF 186?9972			
Liberator	F/O C. B. St. John	RCAF J21671	040558	041644	F/O C. B. St. John (J.21671) and Crew Airborne from Cuttack on shipping strike east Coast of Andaman Islands 9312E. 1205N. At 0814, 1713N -9035E sighted Force "J" course and speed 220/16 kts. No Enemy sightings. Weather fine, visibility of 20 miles. Landed Cuttack 041644. (OO/G3/3nd.Feb) Sortie Report No. 13. Oprep No. 5.
Mk.VI.	F/O L. M? Tetlock	RCAF J38980?			
"Z"	F/O K. D. McKinnon	RCAF J39943			
BZ988	F/O A. S. Hassell?	RCAF J40560?			
	F/S R. O. Leitch	RCAF R203672			
	F/S H. J. Looten	RCAF R203575			
	Sgt. J. Pinnington	RAF 1439494			
	Sgt. J. Taylor	RAF 984162			
Liberator	F/O D. C. Watt	RCAF J26224	040559	041623	F/O D. C. Watt and Crew A/B from Cuttack on shipping Strike East Coast of Andaman Islands 9320E - 1200N. At 0815. Sighted Force "J" in position 1707N - 9002E. C/S 210/20 kts. 1139 off Little Coco Islands in view of No Enemy sightings release for Practice 8 x 250 lbs. G.P. Bombs 15' spacing. Weather hazy, visibility 8/10 Landed Cuttack 041623. (OO/G3/3nd.Feb) Sortie Report No. 14. Oprep No. 5.
Mk.VI.	F/O B. Marder	RCAF J28662			
"J"	F/S T. Walton	RAF 1549167			
EV863	W/O W. G. Mackay	RCAF R132378			
	W/O T. W. Sedgwick	RAF 1023077			
	W/O B. Summers	RCAF R130199			
	F/S H. Gregory	RAF 1034787			
	F/S J. A. Beckwith	RAF 1129082			
	Sgt. R. E. S. Moore	RAF 1890309			
	Sgt. J. G. McAtankey??	RAF 18?0628			
Liberator	F/S B? F. Cottan	RAF 1396490	040602	041704	F/S B. F. Cottan and Crew A/B from Cuttack on Shipping Strike off East Coast
Mk.VI.	F/S D. Alexander	RAF 1623203			
"u"	F/S J. H. Hull	RAF 1576124			

KG821	F/S R. Longley	RAF 1425946			Andaman Islands to 9300E and as far South as 1200N. At 0822, 1720N - 9010E sighted Force "J" C/S 220/16 kts. All other sightings friendly as briefed. Weather fine - Visibility 15 miles. Landed at Cuttack 041704. No Enemy Sightings. (OO/G3/3nd.Feb) Sortie Report No. 15. Oprep No. 5.
	F/S A. J. Williams	RAF 1335514			
	F/S S. Roberts	RAF 1437382			
	Sgt. K. L. Owen?	RAF 578745			
	Sgt. R. L Geach	RAF 1380463			
	Sgt. D. F. Evans	RAF 1589094			
	Sgt. G. K? F?rearon??	RAF 186?9972			
Liberator	F/O F. A. Riffle	RCAF J14340	040556	041725	F/O F. A. Riffle and Crew A/B from Cuttack on Shipping Strike off East Coast of Andaman islands 9310E - 1205N. Force "J" sighted at 0815, 1645N - 9025E. C/S 250/18 kts. No Enemy sightings. Weather good - visibility 12 mls. Landed at Cuttack 041725. (OO/G3/3nd.Feb) Sortie Report No. 16. Oprep No. 5.
Mk.VI.	F/O C. J. Wood	RAF 153097			
"L"	F/O J. M. Hunter	RAF 153086			
EV945	F/S F. A. Casson	RCAF R191634			
	Sgt. R. J. Krampp	RCAF R197108			
	F/S G. Day	RAF 1496430			
	Sgt. P. A. Richards	RAF 907926			
	Sgt. J. V. C. Thomas	RAF 1837137			
	Sgt. E. J. Young	RAF 3000519			
Liberator	F/O G? R? H? Salt	RCAF J22375	060040	061040	F/O G. R. H. Salt and Crew A/B from Cuttack on Anti U-Boat patrol of shipping Lane East Coast of India, from Western Channel Light Vessel to 1400N. - 1900N. At 0132, 2055N - 8702E. sighted two freighters 4000 tons C/S 330/8 kts. At 0211. 1953N - 8648E sighted M/V. C/S 230/8 kts. 0225 1940N 8630E one M/V 7000 tons sighted. C/S 230/10 kts. Weather fine - Vis. 10/12 mls. Landed at Cuttack 061040. (OO/G1/5th.Feb) Sortie Report No. 18. Oprep No. 6.
Mk.VI.	F/O W. A. Blackford	RCAF J22370			
"H"	F/O A. D. J. Bridge?	RCAF J40459			
KH187	S/Ldr. R. A. Hubber-Richard	RAF 4250			
	F/S F. G. Chapman	RAF 1318258			
	F/S C? H. Antlett	RAF 643401			
	Sgt. L. F. Wells	RCAF 219710			
	Sgt. G. H. Day	RAF 578399			
	Sgt. J. H. Graham	RCAF R251860			
	Sgt. L. G. Bradley	RCAF R224955			
Liberator	P/O D. G. McCreesh	RAF 176957	070044	071056	F/O D. G. McCreesh And Crew A/B from Cuttack on Anti U-Boat Patrol of shipping Lane East Coast of India from 1915N to 1300N. to Western Channel Light Vessel. At 0825 1856N to 8543E sighted tanker C/S 000/7 kts. Numerous other sightings all friendly as briefed. Landed at Cuttack 071056. (OO/G1/6th.Feb) Sortie Report No. 19. Oprep No. 7.
Mk.VI.	F/O L. N? Comfort?	RCAF J29586			
"V"	F/O C. E. Leese	RAF 163697			
KH194/6	Sgt. S. Wilkins	RAF 644371			
	Sgt. N. Stringfield	RAF 1021370			
	Sgt. D. Agnew	RAF 1339644			
	Sgt. J. Lennane	RAF 1863110			
	Sgt. G. Green	RAF 2202091			
	Sgt. D. G. Mould	RAF 1819680			
	Sgt. F. Maxted	RAF 2221326			
Liberator	P/O D. G. McCreesh	RAF 176957	060044{ sic}	061130{sic }	P/O D. G. McCreesh and Crew A/B from Cuttack on

Mk.VI	F/O L. N? Comfort?	RCAF J29586			Anti U-Boat Patrol Shipping Lanes East Coast of India, calling at Ratmalana with Squadron Aircrew personnel and landing at St. Thomas' Mount. Numerous friendly Shipping Sightings. No Enemy. Sortie Report V2. Oprep.V2.
"V"	F/O C. E. Leese	RAF 163697			
KH194/6	Sgt. S. Wilkins	RAF 644371			
	Sgt. J. Lennane	RAF 1863110			
	Sgt. G. Green	RAF 2202091			
	Sgt. N. Stringfield	RAF 1021370			
Liberator	F/L W. G. McRae	RCAF J6834	080045	061103{sic }	F/L W. G. McRae and Crew A/B from Cuttack on Anti U-Boat patrol of Shipping Lane East Coast of India from 1915N to 1300N. to Western Channel Light Vessel. 6 Freighters 2 Tankers and 1 Corvette sighted. All sightings friendly as briefed. Weather clear, visibility 10 mls. Landed at Cuttack 061103. (173?/G2/4Feb) Sortie Report No. 17. Oprep No.6.
Mk.VI.	Sgt. J. K. Buck	RAF 1583996			F/O F. M. Corbett and Crew A/B from Cuttack on Anti U-Boat patrol of Shipping lane East Coast of India from 1915N - 1300N. to Western Channel Light Vessel. 10 friendly M/Vs were sighted as briefed. Weather fine - visibility of 10 miles. Landed at Cuttack 0810105. (173W?/G1/7Feb) Sortie Report No. 20. Oprep No.8.
"T"	F/O Lindzon	RCAF J42510			
EV950	F/O G. B. St. John	RCAF J21671			
	F/O E. W. Pollard	RCAF J43686			
	F/O H. Parker	RCAF J43687			
	F/S R. Leitch	RCAF R203672			
	Sgt. A. P Campbell	RCAF R163475			
	Sgt. F. Roberts	RAF 18?17836			
	Sgt. G. Parker	RAF 1685728			
Liberator	P/O F. M. Corbett	RCAF J89410	080005	081015	
Mk.VI.	F/S J. E? Roach	RAF 1579888?			F/L J. Richards and Crew A/B from Cuttack on Anti U-Boat patrol of shipping lanes East Coast of India from 1800N - 1300N. to Western Channel Light Vessel. Numerous friendly shipping. No enemy sightings. Weather Fair - Vis. Of 15 mls. Landed at Cuttack 091012 (173W?/G1/8Feb) Sortie Report No. 21. Oprep No.9.
"J"	W/O F. S. Latham	RAAF A425522			
EV863	Sgt.A. ? Harding?	RAF 1336705			
	Sgt. A. F. Willis	RAF 1557109			
	Sgt. G. Delieu	RAF 578536			
	S/L R. A. Hubber-Richard	RAF 42504			
	F/S F. C. Chapman	RAF			
	F/S J. M? Yarnton	RAF			
Liberator	F/L J. Richards	RAF 51131	090040	091012	
Mk.VI	F/O G. W. Weaver	RCAF J398?09			S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey and Crew A/B from Cuttack on Anti U-Boat patrol of shipping lanes East Coast of India from 1300N - 1900N. to Western Channel Light Vessel. Numerous Shipping sightings as briefed. No enemy
"A"	F/L P. Duffield	RAF 153123			
EW319	F/O R. W? H. Crouch	RNZAF NZ424970			
	F/S J. Alexander	RAF 1254983?			
	F/S G? Mason	RAF 1255950			
	F/S W. Hyndman	RAF 1537077			
	Sgt. J. H. Scott	RAF 1826607			
	Sgt. H. L. Watson	RAF 1818596			
	Sgt. J. Walker	RAF 15716?93			
Liberator	S/L F. G. Paisey	RAF 78753	090054	091114	
Mk.VI	F/S L. McN? Brice	RAAF A437251			
"Y"	P/O J. K? McLachlen?	RCAF J90004			
KG850	F/S R. Longley	RAF 1425946			
	F/S A. J. Williams	RAF 1335514			
	F/S S. Roberts	RAF 1437382			
	Sgt. R? L. Owen	RAF 578745			

	Sgt. R? M. Taylor	RAF 1542487			sightings. Weather good, visibility 20 miles. Landed at Cuttack 091120. (173W?/G1/8Feb) Sortie Report No. 22. Oprep No.9.
	Sgt. M. J. McGrann?	RAF 1813638			
Liberator	F/O G. M. Hughes	RAAF A26288	100041	101048	F/O G. M. Hughes and Crew A/B from Cuttack on Anti U-Boat sweep shipping lanes East Coast of India from 1915N to 1300N. to Western channel Light Vessel. Numerous friendly shipping sightings. No enemy sightings. Weather fair, visibility 18 mls. Landed at Cuttack 101048. (173W?/G1/9Feb) Sortie Report No. 23. Oprep No.10.
Mk.VI	S/L Hubber-Richard	RAF 42504			
"A"	F/O R. Harris	RAF 164075			
EW319	P/O J. Grimshaw	RAAF A433380			
	F/S J. Malady	RAAF A433644			
	Sgt. L. Frankland	RAF 577848			
	Sgt. R. Randford	RAF 578329			
	Sgt. C. S? Antlett	RAF 643401			
	P/O W. Payne	RCAF J41431			
Liberator	F/O C. B. St. John	RCAF J21671	100243	100846	F/O C. B. St. John and Crew A/B from Cuttack on Anti U-Boat patrol of shipping lanes East Coast of India from 1900N to 1300N. No Sightings. Weather fair, visibility 10 miles. Landed at Cuttack 100846. (173W?/G1/9Feb) Sortie Report No. 24. Oprep No.10.
Mk.VI	F/O L. M. W. Tetlock	RCAF J3898?0			
"V"	F/O K. D. MacKinnon	RCAF J39943			
KH194/6	F/S H. J. Looten	RCAF R203575			
	Sgt. J. Pinnington	RAF 1439494			
	Sgt. J? Taylor {last two names written in --no more crew listed}	RAF 986?162			
Liberator	S/L F. G. Paisey	RAF 78?753	100553	101717	Liberators "U" "C" "Y" & "L"/354 Squadron under leadership of S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey A/B at 100553-100558 hours in loose formation on anti-shiping sweep of Gulf of Martaban. Set Course 128 gaining height average 4000/5000 ft. IFF. on. 0715 in position 1819N 8844E. IFF off. 0947 in position 1454N 9342E. Set Course 070 on Patrol. Line abreast formation 300 yards apart at 50 ft. 1113 hours 1558N 9655E. set Course 360. 1121 hours 1620N 9700E. set course 247. 1150 hours 1555N 9450E. sighted 10 small fishing vessels, 20/30 ft. Moored off shore. 1200 hours 1545N 9535E. sighted 20 small fishing vessels 20/30 ft. moored off shore. Numerous stakes seen up to 1/4 mile off shore, 15 ft. high in diamond formation; some covered with
Mk.VI	F/S L. McN. Brice	RAAF A437251			
"U"	F/L P. Duffield	RAF 153123			
KG821	F/S F. Longley	RAF 1425946			
	F/S A. J. Williams	RAF 1335514			
	F/S S? Roberts	RAF 1437382			
	Sgt. ? L. Owen	RAF 578745			
	Sgt. E? M? Taylor	RAF 1542487			
	Sgt. M? J. McGrann?	RAF 1813638			
	Sgt. R. L. Geach	RAF 1830463			
Liberator	F/O Watt D. C.	RCAF J26224	100556	101703	
Mk.VI.	F/O B. Marder	RCAF J29662			
"C"	F/S T. Walton	RAF 1549167			
EV858	W/O T. Sedgwick	RAF 1023077			
	W/O B. Summers	RCAF R130199			
	F/S H. Brankley	RCAF R151411			
	F/S H. Gregory	RAF 1034757			
	F/S J. A. Beckwith?	RAF 1129?082			
	Sgt. R? E. S. Moore?	RAF 1890309			
	Sgt. J. G. McAtameky?	RAF 182?0628			
Liberator	P/O D. G. McCreesh	RAF 176957	100553	101722	
Mk.VI	F/O L. H. Comfort	RCAF J39586			
"Y"	F/O C. E. Leese	RAF 163697			
KG850	Sgt. S. Wilkins	RAF 644371			
	Sgt. S. Stringfield	RAF 1021370			
	Sgt. D. Agnew	RAF 1339644			

	Sgt. J. Lennane	RAF 1863110			netting. Presumed fish traps. 1207 hours 1540N 9520E. set course 254. 1222 hours 1540 N 9431E set course 301 for base and broke formation. 1525 hours 1855N 8840E IFF on. 1703 - 1746 hours landed at base. IFF off. No further enemy sightings, but at 1030, U/354 in position 1535N 9600E. sighted rust coloured slick on surface of water about 10 miles in length. 12 photographs taken of Preparis island and Fishing Boats. Weather fine. Visibility 15 miles. (OO/G2/9th.Feb) Sortie Report No. 25 Oprep. No. 11.
	Sgt. D. Mould	RAF 1819680			
	Sgt. F. Maxted	RAF 2221326			
Liberator	F/O C. Salt	RCAF J22375	100558	101746	
Mk.VI	F/O W. A. Blackford	RCAF J22370			
"L"	F/O A. D. J. Bridge	RCAF J404059			
EV945	Sgt. L. F. Wells	RCAF R219710			
	Sgt. J. Graham	RCAF R251860			
	Sgt. G? H. Day	RAF 578399?			
	Sgt. L. G. Bradley	RCAF R224955			
	Sgt. D. F. Tester	RAF 1818525			
	Sgt. J. W. Went	RAF 3034359			
	Sgt. J. A. Peden	RAF1827657			
Liberator	F/L H. V. Stinson	RAF 135126	130050	131109	F/L H. V. Stinson and Crew A/B from Cuttack on Anti U-Boat patrol of Shipping Lanes East Coast of India. Numerous friendly sightings as briefed. No enemy. Weather fair. Visibility 15 miles. Landed at Cuttack 131109. (173E?/G1/12th.Feb) Sortie Report No. 26 Oprep. No. 12.
Mk.VI.	S/L R. A. Hubber-Richard	RAF 42504			
"H"	P/O ? H. Arnold	RCAF J43436			
KH187	P/O J. A. Menzies	RCAF J44299			
	Sgt. D. I Newton	RAF1145341			
	Sgt. L. R. Partyn	RAF 1573044			
	Sgt. G. R. George	RAF 2220744			
	Sgt. A. V. Ryder	RAF 578414			
	Sgt. F. Wilson	RAF 1540756			
	Sgt. C. H. Antlett	RAF 643401			
Liberator	F/O V. H? James	RAF 130937	130630	131630	F/O V. H. James and Crew A/B from Cuttack on Anti-Shipping Strike in Liberator Z/354 at 0630 hours on course 127. In the last hours of daylight the Squadron achieved its first success in the attack on the Japanese line of Communications in the Andaman Islands. Liberators "A" "Y" and "Z" sighted an enemy P.T. boat or Sub-chaser and two landing barges South of the Great Cocos Islands. All the aircraft attacked the sub-chaser with Bombs and Guns but although no direct hits were scored, the craft was repeatedly hit by Gun fire. The sub-chaser fought back and scored hits on all the aircraft. "Z" sustained a hit in No. 4 engine and was forced
Mk.VI	F/S A. Carson	RAF 148049?9			
"Z"	W/O R. G. Redmayne	RAAF A421546			
BZ988	F/S F. Gannon	RAF 1433116			
	F/S H. F. Holford	RAF 1425791			
	F/S J. Riley	RAF 1434965			
	Sgt. J. P. Smith	RAF 1891330			
	Sgt. J. Smythe	RAF 1596941			
	Sgt. A. G. Swan	RAF 1573340			
	Sgt. D. Hackleton	RAF 1641367			
Liberator	F/L J. L. Richards	RAF 51131	130625	131632	
Mk.VI	F/O G. Weaver	RCAF J39609			
"A"	F/L P. Duffield	RAF 153123			
EW319	F/O R. Crouch	RNZAF NZ424970			
	F/S J. Alexander	RAF 1254988?			
	F/S W. Hyndman	RAF 1537077			
	Sgt. G. Mason	RAF 1255950			
	Sgt. J. Walker	RAF 1571693			
	Sgt. J. Scott	RAF 1826607			
	Sgt. H. Watson	RAF 1818596			
Liberator	P/O F. M. Corbett	RCAF J89410	130653	131647	
Mk.VI	F/S J. Roach	RAF 1579888			
"F"	W/O J. S. Latham	RAAF A425522			

EW315	F/S D. Jenks?	RAF 1335791			No. 4 engine and was forced to return to Base. A cannon shell entered the front turret of "Y" and penetrated to the Navigators Seat. "A" was hit by three shells, one grazing the port tyre. "A" and "Y" carried on the patrol and attacked two coasters in Stewart Sound where they were joined by "F" which had flown direct to this area. "A" scored a hit on two of the coasters which were forced to beach. The other coaster was attacked with Gun fire by "A" and "Y". "F" shot up the harbour installations at Port Bonnington. All aircraft returned to Base, slightly damaged by enemy gun-fire. No casualties to Squadron personnel. Sortie Rep No. 27. Oprep no. 17. (OO/G2/12Feb) Sortie Report No. 28 Oprep. No. 13.; Oprep No. 14.; Sortie Report No. 30, Oprep. No. 14.
	F/S J. Yarnton	RAF 1387480			
	Sgt. J. H. Harding	RAF 1336705			
	Sgt. J. Willis	RAF 1667109			
	Sgt. B. Stamford	RAF 1898882			
	Sgt J. H. Delieu	RAF 578536			
	Sgt. W? H. Whittaker	RAF 2221980			
Liberator	F/L McRae W. A.	RCAF J6834	130627	131658	
Mk.VI.	Sgt. K. Buck	RAF 1583998			
"Y"	F/O I. Lindzon	RCAF J42510			
KG850	F/O E. W. Pollard	RCAF J43686			
	F/O H. Parker	RCAF J43687			
	Sgt. A. Campbell	RCAF R163475			
	Sgt. F. Roberts	RAF 1817836			
	Sgt. G. Parker	RAF 1685728			
	Sgt. S. Mclver	RCAF R277937			
	Sgt. C. McDonald	RCAF R268101			
Liberator	S/L F. G. Paisey	RAF 78753	131955	140522	S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey in Command of a Flight of Aircraft consisting of "V" "C" "J" & "U" A/B at 1955 on the 13th. February 1945 to follow up the previous day's attacks and arrived in the area at dawn. "V" sighted a sub-chaser in Stewart Sound presumed to be the same vessel attacked on the 13th. February, and went in to the attack at low level scoring direct hits. The Sub-chaser burst into flames and sank. "C" next arrived on the scene and attacked the coaster beached after the attack by 'A' on the previous day. Direct hits were scored and the vessel burnt out. "C" next attacked a coaster anchored in a small Bay and blew it to pieces. "U" arrived and attacked a Landing Craft beached near the burning coaster with gunfire and then
Mk.VI	W/O R. W. Williams	222 Grp.			
"V"	P/O D. G. McCreesh	RAF 176957			
KH194/6	F/O C. E. Leese	RAF 163697			
	Sgt. S. Wilkins	RAF 644371			
	Sgt. N. Stringfield	RAF 1021370			
	Sgt. D. Agnew	RAF 1339644			
	Sgt. J. Lennane	RAF 1863110			
	Sgt. G. Green	RAF 2202091			
	Sgt. D. Mould	RAF 1819680			
	Sgt. F. Maxted	RAF 2221326			
Liberator	F/O G. M. Hughes	RAAF A26288	131953	140638	
Mk.VI	F/O W. Payne	RCAF J41431			
"C"	F/O R. Harris	RAF ?64075			
EV858	P/O J. Grimshaw	RAAF A433380			
	F/S J. Malady	RAAF A433644			
	Sgt. R. Randford	RAF 5783??9			
	Sgt. L. Frankland?	RAF 577848			
	Sgt. W? G? Malloy	RAF 19028?2?9?			
	Sgt. T. K? Quirn???	RAF 3006413			
Liberator	F/O C. R. H. Salt	RCAF J22375			
Mk.VI	F/O W. A. Blackford	RCAF J22370			
"J"	F/O A. J. D. Bridge	RCAF J40459			
EV863	Sgt. L. Wells	RCAF R219710			
	Sgt. C? H. Day	RAF 578399			

	Sgt. I? G. Bradley	RCAF R224955			proceeded to shoot up Harbour installations receiving a few bullet holes in return. "J" arrived and attacked a small motor boat with gunfire forcing it to beach. All aircraft returned to Base. (OO/G1/13Feb) Sortie Reports No. 31, 32, 33, 34. Oprep No. 14.
	Sgt. J. Graham	RCAF R251860			
	Sgt. J. A. Peden	RAF 1827657			
	Sgt. J. W. Went	RAF 3034359			
	Sgt. D. F. Tester	RAF 1818525			
Liberator	F/O C. B. St. John	RCAF J72?1671	131959	140634	
Mk.VI	Major J. G. S. Slater	'Flak' Int. Off. 222 Gp.			
"U"	F/O W. V. Mulligan	RCAF J36143			
KG821	F/O K. D. MacKinnon	RCAF J38950			
	F/O A. S. Hassell	RCAF J40560			
	F/S H. J. Looten	RCAF R203575			
	F/S R. C? Leitch	RCAF R203672			
	Sgt. J. Pinnington	RAF 1439494			
	Sgt. J. Taylor	RAF 984162			
	Sgt. J. K? Benson	RAF 610666			
Liberator	F/O D. C. Watt	RCAF J26224	152005	160625	F/O D. C. Watt and Crew with F/S R. K? Cottan and Crew airborne from Cuttack to attack a Coaster which had been sighted in North Bay of South Andamans. "H" scored direct hits with gunfire, but was unable to attack with bombs owing to Bomb release failure. "Z" undoubtedly damaged the Coaster with near misses by bombs - from the photographs pieces are seen in the air. Enemy Machine Gun fire from Coast Battery North Point Ross Island was silenced. No casualties to Squadron personnel. 160625 "H" Landed Cuttack "Z" Landed at 160829. (OO/G2/15.Feb) Sortie Report No. 35. Oprep No. 16.
Mk.VI.	F/O B. Marder	RCAF J28662			
"H"	F/S T. Walton	RAF 1549167			
KH187	W/O B. Summers	RCAF R130199			
	F/S J. Beckwith	RAF 1129?082			
	W/O T. W. Sedgwick	RAF 1023077			
	F/S H. Gregory	RAF 1034787?			
	Sgt. M? J. G. McAtan?ney	RAF 182?082?8			
	Sgt. R. K. S. Moore	RAF 1890309			
	F/S H. Brankley	RCAF R151411			
Liberator	F/S R. E? Cottan	RAF 1394?490	152006	160829	
Mk.VI.	F/S D. Alexander	RAF 1623203			
"Z"	F/S J. H. Hull	RAF 1576124			
BZ988	F/S R. Longley	RAF 1425946			
	F/S A. J. Williams	RAF 1335514			
	F/S S. Roberts	RAF 1437382			
	Sgt. K? L. Owen	RAF 578745			
	Sgt. R. L Geach	RAF 1380463			
	Sgt. D. F. Evans	RAF 1588094?			
	Sgt. G. K? Frierson	RAF 1869972			
Liberator	F/L H. V. Stinson	RAF 135126	160001	161059	
Mk.VI.	S/L Hubber-Richard R. A.	RAF 42504			
"F"	P/O W? H. Arnold	RCAF J43436			
EW315	P/O J. A. Menzies	RCAF J44299			
	Sgt. I Newton	RAF 114534			
	Sgt. G. Partyn	RAF 1673044			
	Sgt. G. George	RAF 2220744			
	Sgt. F. Wilson	RAF 1540756			
	Sgt. A. Ryder	RAF 578414			
	F/S C. H. Antlett	RAF 643401			

Liberator	S/L F. G. Paisey	RAF 78753	190048	190150	S/L F. G. Paisey and Crew A/B on anti U-Boat Patrol R?u?mble route and Shipping Lanes East Coast of India to 1910N. Owing to Petrol leak giving heavy fumes inside aircraft, all electrical equipment turned off and Captain decided to jettison bombs and return to base. (173W//G1/18Feb) Sortie Report No. 37. Oprep No. 19.
Mk.VI.	F/S? L. McN. Brice	RAAF A437251			
"T"	P/O J. E? McLachlen?	RAF J90004			
EV950	F/S G. W. J. Massey	RAF 1575696			
	F/S P. Keen	RAF 1439432			
	F/S E? G. Sawyer	RAF 1320219			
	Sgt. A. A. Burn	RAF 1875028			
	Sgt. T. S. Doonan?	RAF 578507			
	Sgt. E? Taylor	RAF 1542487			
	Sgt. M? J. McGrann?	RAF 1813638			
Liberator	F/L H. V. Stinson	RAF 135126	210438	210948	F/L H. V. Stinson and Crew A/B on Anti U-Boat Patrol of Shipping Lanes off East Coast of India. All sightings friendly as briefed. (173W/G3/19Feb) Sortie Report No. 38. Oprep {No. not given}
Mk.VI	P/O W. H. Arnold	RCAF J43436			
"F"	P/O J. A. Menzies	RCAF J44299			
EW315	Sgt. F. Wilson	RAF 1540756			
	Sgt. I. Newton	RAF 114534			
	Sgt. A. Ryder	RAF 578414			
Liberator	F/S R. E? Cottan	RAF 1396490	210822	211713	F/S R. K? Cottan and Crew A/B from Cuttack on Anti U-Boat Patrol and Navigation Exercise East Coast of India. No sightings. Weather good, visibility 8-10 mls. Landed at Cuttack 211713. (173W?/G1/20Feb) Sortie Report No. 39. Oprep No. 22.
Mk.VI	F/S D. Alexander	RAF 1623203			
"Z"	F/S J. H. Hull	RAF 1576124			
BZ988	F/S R. Longley	RAF 1425946			
	F/S A. J. Williams	RAF 1335514			
	F/S S. Roberts	RAF 1437382			
	Sgt. K? L. Owen	RAF 578745			
	Sgt. R. L Geach	RAF 1380463			
	Sgt. D. F. Evans	RAF 1588?094			
	Sgt. G. K? Fre?arson?	RAF 1569972			
Liberator	P/O F. M. Corbett	RCAF J89410	212340	220956	P/O Corbett and Crew A/B from Cuttack on Anti U-Boat Patrol of Shipping Lanes East Coast of India. At 0830 1820N 843?4E 3 E/V's and 4 M/V's sight C/S 235/8 kts. Numerous other friendly sightings as briefed. Weather fine, visibility 10 miles. Landed at Cuttack 220956. (173W/G1/21Feb) Sortie Report No. 40 Oprep No. 22.
Mk.VI.	F/S J. Roach	RAF 1579888			
"J"	F/S D. Jenks?	RAF 1335791			
EV863	W/O J. S. Latham	RAAF A425522			
	F/S J. Yarnton	RAF 1387480			
	Sgt. D. Delieu?	RAF 578536			
	Sgt. R. N. Stamford	RAF 1898882			
	Sgt. W? H. Whittaker	RAF 2221980			
	Sgt. J. Willis	RAF 1667109			
Liberator	S/L F. G. Paisey	RAF 78753	220802	221420	S/L F. G. Paisey and Crew A/B from Minneriya on Anti U-Boat Patrol of East Coast of India to land at Cuttack. 1340 hours message to Base No.1. "Nothing sighted". Weather was fair with visibility at 10 miles. W/Cdr. D. T. MacPherson (Officer Commanding) returned to
Mk.VI.	W/C D. T. MacPherson	RAF 40408			
"V"	F/S? L. McN. Brice	RAAF A437251			
KH194/6	P/O J. E? McLachlen?	RAF J90004			
	F/S G. W. J. Massey	RAF 1575696			
	F/S E? G. Sawyer	RAF 1320219			
	Sgt. A. A. Burn	RAF 1875028			
	Sgt. M? J. McGrann?	RAF 1813638			

	F/L K. O? Phillips (Int)	RAF 103927			Cuttack in this aircraft. (173w?/G1/19Feb) Sortie Report No. 41. Oprep No. 22.
Liberator	F/L H. V. Stinson	RAF 135126	200040	200459	F/L H. V. Stinson and Crew A/B from Cuttack to Patrol Outer Shipping Lanes of East Coast of India from 1904N 8950E to 1300N 8040E to land at St. Thomas' Mount. No enemy sightings. Weather was rough. (173W?/G1/19Feb) Sortie Report No. V2. Oprep. No. 9V3.
Mk.VI	P/O W. H. Arnold	RCAF J43436			
"F"	P/O J. A. Menzies	RCAF J44299			
EW315	Sgt. F. Wilson	RAF 1540756			
	Sgt. I. Newton	RAF 1145341			
	Sgt. A. Ryder	RAF 578414			
Liberator	S/L F. G. Paisey	RAF 78753	200225	200822	S/L F. G. Paisey and Crew A/B with W/Cdr. D. T. MacPherson Officer Commanding and F/L K. O. Phillips (Wing Intell. Officer) on Anti U-Boat Patrol Shipping Lanes of East Coast India, Inner Shipping Lane from 1903N to Point Pedro. Landing at Ratmalana. No enemy sightings. (173W?/G1/19Feb) Sortie Report No. 1. Oprep. No. 1.
Mk.VI.	W/C D. T. MacPherson	RAF 40408			
"V"	F/L K. O? Phillips	RAF 103927			
KH194/6	F/S L. McN. Brice	RAAF A437251			
	P/O J. E? McLachlen?	RAF J90004			
	F/S G. W. J. Massey	RAF 1575696			
	F/S E? G. Sawyer	RAF 1320219			
	Sgt. A. A. Burn	RAF 1875028			
	Sgt. T. M? J. McGrann?	RAF 1813638			
Liberator	F/L W. A. McRae	RCAF J6834	240920	241917	F/O W. G. McRae and Crew A/B on Anti U-Boat Patrol in Bay of Bengal. Weather was good with visibility of 10 miles. Sighted "own Forces" and shipping as briefed. No enemy contacts or sightings made. (173W?/G1/24Feb) Sortie Report No. 42. Oprep. No. 25.
Mk.VI.	Sgt. J. K. Buck	RAF 1583998			
"J"	F/O I. Lindzon	RCAF J42510			
EV863	F/O E. W. Pollard	RCAF J43686			
	F/O H. Parker	RCAF J43687			
	Sgt. A. Campbell	RCAF R163475			
	Sgt. G. Parker	RAF 1685728			
	Sgt. C. McDonald	RCAF R268101			
	Sgt. S. Mclver	RCAF R277937			
	Sgt. P. Roberts	RAF 1817836?			
Liberator	F/O L. M? Tetlock	RCAF J38798?0	260032	260935	F/O L. M? Tetlock and Crew A/B from Cuttack on Anti U-Boat Patrol and Navigation Exercise in the Bay of Bengal. Uneventful patrol - no sightings. Weather Fine with haze. Visibility 10 miles. Landed at Cuttack 260935. No enemy sightings. (173W?/G1/25Feb) Sortie Report No. 43. Oprep. No. 25?
Mk.VI.	P/O W. V. Mulligan	RCAF J376143			
"T"	P/O J. ? McLachlen?	RCAF J90004			
EV950	Sgt. H? A. Jellings	RAF 1817986			
	Sgt. S? W. Brown	RAF 1595837?			
	Sgt. W. G Wooley?	RAF 1128528?			
	Sgt. A. A. Burn	RAF 1875028??			
	Sgt. L. Savory??	RAF 2070??6???			
	Sgt. D. V. Farr??	RAF 578529?			

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
			March 1945
			Aircraft Strength for Month was 12 against an Establishment of 12.
			Crew Strength 15.
			Operational Flying Hours for Month
			265 Hours 38 Mins. Day.
			107 Hours 58 Mins. Night.
			Total 373 Hours 36 Mins. in all.
			Non-Operation Flying Hours for Month.
			238 Hours 45 Mins. Day.
			5 Hours 13 Mins. Night
			Total 243 Hours 58 Mins. in all.
			Squadron Strength as at March 31st. 1945
			Officers. Australian 5, British 29, Canadian 24, New Zealand 2 Total 60.
			B.O.R.s. Australian 7, British 493, Canadian 24, New Zealand 1, Indian 3 Total 528
			Grand Total Squadron Strength 588.
			In all during the month of March 1945, 29 operational sorties were made, consisting of 1 Anti U-Boat Patrol off East Coast of India, 2 Special Operational Sorties "Nettle"?, 2 Air Sea Rescue Sorties and 24 Anti Shipping Strikes in the Andaman Sea and the Gulf of Martaban - these have proved most successful, though it is deeply regretted by one and all that we have lost the personnel of nearly two crews.
			12th March 1945 Liberator Mk.VI. Y/354 (KG850) F/O D. G. M. McCreesh (178975) Captain, P/O E. L. Easton (J.42070) 2nd Pilot, F/O C.E. Leese (163897) Navigator, Sgt. R. S. Wilkins (644371) Wop/Air, Sgt. N. Stringfield (1021370) WOP/AIR, Sgt A. Agnew (1339649) WOP/AIR, Sgt J. Lennane (1863110) WOM.AG, Sgt. G. Green (2202091) FLT/ENG, Sgt. D. Mould (1819680) AG, Sgt. F. Maxted (2221326) AG. Lost in the vicinity of Tavoy Island.
			26th March 1945. Liberator MK.VI. A/354 (KW319) F/L. W. G. McRae (J.6834) Captain, F/Lt. C. J. Slater (156021) Squadron Navigation Officer, P/O K/ A. Payne (J.41431) 2nd Pilot, F/O I. Lindzon (J.42310) Navigator, F/O K. W. Pollard (J.43886) WAG, F/O H. Parker (J43687) WAG, Sgt. A. P Campbell (R.163475) WAG, Sgt G. Parker (1685723) F/Eng, Sgt. J. S. McIver (R.277937) AG. Lost when A/354 attacked and sank the Hisui Maru (1500 tons) in the Andaman Sea, 1036N, 9525E. There were two survivors, Sgt. P. Roberts (1817836) WOM/AG and Sgt. R. G Randford (578329) FME/AG, picked up by H.M. Ships. F/Lt. W. G. McRae and his Crew showed great devotion to duty in going in to attack this well armed ship from 50 feet - the intensive Anti-Aircraft fire claimed this very gallant gentleman and crew.
			An appreciation of this attack was received from the A.O.C. "Congratulations on Attack 21st. March 1945 and especially on fine success 26th. March 1945 Both Strikes show great keenness by all crews in searching out and attacking the enemy. The Determination and complete disregard of odds by A/354 in Sinking 1500 Ton Merchant Vessel is a fine example of your Squadron Spirit. Pleas accept our deepest sympathy for the loss of crew."
		5th.	On March 5th. 1945, U/354 S/L F. G. Paisey and Crew, sank a 150 foot Schooner. Z/354 F/L. A. S. Yoxon and crew sank a Kerqui Schooner, X/354 F/L M. McKellar and Crew attacked, set on fire and beached a small coaster.

		6th.	A/354 F/L J. L. Richards and Crew, C/354 F/O C. R. N. Salt and Crew, Z/354 W/O R. F Cottan and Crew and U/354 F/O C. B. St. John and Crew made Anti Shipping Sweep in Andaman Seas, only sighting one Kerqui Schooner which was attacked and left sinking.
		12th.	A/354 F/L. H. V. Stinson, J/354 F/L Franklin Riffle and Crew attack off Tavoy Island one 50 foot Schooner and left badly damaged and out of control.
		21st.	A/354 F/L. M. McKellar, F/354 F/O C. R. H. Salt and Crews attacked Sugar Dog Coaster in Gulf of Martaban which was badly damaged and believed to be sinking.
		26th.	The Squadron scored its biggest success on March 26th. when a 1500 ton supply ship was sunk in the Andaman Seas. Aircraft "A" G?" "F" "U" "X" and "Z" took off to sweep an area and four of the aircraft joined in a surface action between an enemy Convoy consisting of 2 supply ships and 2 submarine chasers and of force of. H.M. Destroyers. "A" (F/Lt. McRae) and "F" (F/Lt. Riffle) and crews were instructed to attack the enemy. "A" and "F" attacked at low level the largest enemy ship regardless of intensive anti-aircraft fire. "A" scored direct hits amidships. The vessel sank within a few minutes. Unhappily "A", as already recorded, crashed into the sea being hit by enemy gunfire.
			Navigation Report by F/Lt. P Duffield, Acting Navigation Officer.
			The standard of Navigation for March was an improvement on February. The Navigators are still in the process of assimilating experience in this Command and although the use of D. R. Navigation has fallen off slightly as compared with last month, more use is being made of Navigational Aids, particularly Astro.
			Training. a) Ground. Again, as in February, air training in Bombing was very intensive and lectures as such were confined to talks and discussions with three of four Navigators at any one time. Subjects were Principle and Operation of Marine Sextants, Marine Sextant Corrections, Loran and the Plotting of D. F. Position Lines. b) Air. There have been no Navigation Exercises nor Shipping Lane Patrols, with one exception, T/354, which carried out a patrol consumption test along the Shipping Lanes.
			Logs for Onward Transmission to A.C.S.E.A. In accordance with 2220/S/804.85A, dated 15th February, 1945, the following logs have been selected:- Best - A/354 on 5th. March, 1945. F/Lt. Duffield. Average - F/354 on 21st. March 1945. F/O Bridge.
			Bombing and Bombing Training by F/Lt. P. Duffield, Bombing Leader.
			March 1945 has been a very active month for Bombing and Bombing Training, and a total of 108 live bombs and 522 practice bombs have been dropped.
			Of the 522 practice bombs, 76 were released using the Mark III Low Level Bombsight, 149 were released using the Mark XIV/T.1. Bombsight and the remaining 297 were released visually in low level attacks.
			In accordance with a newly suggested policy, an intensive programme of training on the Mark XIV/T.1. Bombsight is underway, and although the initial results were poor, recent results are extremely good and will probably show further improvement as the crews gain experience.
			On the operational side, 92 x 250 lb. G. P. Bombs were dropped in operations against the enemy and 16 were dropped for experimental purposes. Visual release from low level was used in all attacks against enemy shipping.
			During the month, 22 hours of lectures were given to 15 crews and 4 new Navigators were given an initial lecture on Bombing Theory. Training generally will be maintained at this high standard until all crews are proficient in all types of bombing.

			Gunnery Training Report by F/L R. J. Keleher, Gunnery Leader.
			Practice firing on sea targets was not carried out to the extent that it has been in the past few months - due to lack of supply of Training Ammunition.
			Practice formation flying was carried out, attacks in formation were made on sea targets also on a High Speed Launch carrying out evasive action.
			20 lectures were given of one hour duration, on following subjects; Sighting, Tactics and Harmonization.
			Intelligence, by F/O W. W. Edwards, Intelligence Officer.
			The attendance in the "Gen" Library while still on a voluntary basis has been most excellent, this is undoubtedly due to the high standard of the Publications issued in this Command.
			Lectures have been given dealing with all aspects of the war in this theatre of operations; Andamans, Burma, Sumatra, and Malaya - special attention has been given to "e" Lectures by F/Lt. K. O. Phillips (Station), F/O W. W. Edwards (Squadron Intelligence) F/O T. Gardiner (M.O. on Medical Side of Escape and Ditching) and Sgt. F. Phillips (Photographic Section).
			Aircraft Recognition F/O J. N. Freeman.
			Lectures have been limited this month owing to the heavy Flying Programme, but it is hoped to improve on this during April. 2 Lectures have been given each week and the "Gen" room has been well attended. The flow of instructional material during the month has been most gratifying. A new Aircraft Recognition Training Syllabus is being drawn up in accordance with 222G/B.203/3/Air of March 5th. 1945 and will be submitted in due course for approval.
			Ship Recognition F/O G. A. Z. Sourisseau.
			Instruction has been given to all crews on the "Native Crafts of Burma" and the type of Japanese shipping to be met in the Gulf of Martaban and the Andaman Sea. The library is even more popular, this is undoubtedly due to the excellent material available, dealing with this subject.
			Signals by F/O N. T. Gorrington
			Throughout the month crew have been given instruction on W/T procedure in Command Manipulation of equipment in Aircraft and have attended Morse and Aldis practices. Particular attention has been paid to the instruction of several crews, whose knowledge of B.24 equipment was either slight or in need of refreshing.
			Radar by F/L G. F. Smith, Squadron Radar Officer.
			Radar was made very little use of during operations for the month due to work undertaken. The same applied to Radar Training as it was most essential for the crews to concentrate on Low Level Bombing. The equipment was found invaluable as a Navigational Aid on Operational Sorties and the interrogator was used for keeping contact with other aircraft during these flights. The Radar Beacon was commissioned in the early part of the month and the Radar Officer did a Beacon Test with F/L. McRae in aircraft A/354. The results were found satisfactory on all bearings and crews were instructed on its operational use.
			Welfare by F/O J. M. Hunter (Welfare Officer)
			The highlight of the month from our point of view was the production of "round the Bend" Revue by the Squadron Entertainment Group. It was considered by the airmen to be of high, if not higher a standard than the Group Welfare and E.N.S.A. shows which have visited the Squadron.
			The Commanding Officer allowed the Concert Party to stage the show in town for the benefit of the American Mission. The proceeds, Ra?118, were gratefully received by Kiss Moore.
			The normal beer parties were held - three in all. These social evenings seem to be the best morale booster available.

		LAC. Graham's valiant efforts with the Classical Music sessions deserve mention. His following is slowly but surely increasing and vigorous discussion is often the aftermath of his bi-weekly meetings.
		Generally, the airmen are content with life on the Station but are looking forward to the reopening of Puri Rest Camp. F/Lt. Gardiner, Medical Officer, has this in hand.
		Sport by F/O R. W. H. Crouch
		Football has been of a very high standard. The "Macpherson Trophy" knock-out competition was decided this month and was won by the Squadron sergeants' Mess 1st. XI. Competition was very keen throughout the Semi-finals and the final, which was played on the 28th. and great interest was taken by both Station H.Q. and Squadron personnel in all the matches, which greatly helped to make the competition the success it has been. In the absence of W/Cdr. Macpherson, who has recently been posted, the Trophy was presented by W/C Paisey after the final play-off. Medals were also presented to the winners and runners-up.
		Cricket. Some excellent practice games have been played throughout the month and it is hoped to organize a league in the near future.
		Softball. The big match of the Month was played on March 18th. when Western Canada defeated Eastern Canada by 23 -18. Games are played practically every evening and this Sport proves very popular with both Canadian and U.K. personnel.
		Tennis. Arrangements are under way to repair the tennis court and it is hoped to have this in use shortly.
		Boxing is left to the individuals and there are quite a few who "put them on" to keep themselves fit.
		Health by F/O T. Gardiner, Squadron Medical Officer.
		Total admissions to Hospitals and Sick Quarters were 31 as against 25 in February, also there were several cases which had to be excused duty for periods of 24 hrs. or more. This increase in the numbers of sick personnel was largely due to an increase in Dysentary and Enteritis and was noticed particularly amongst the S.N.C.O.s. In my opinion the reason for this is lack of adequate latrine accommodation and the close proximity of the living accommodations of the I.O.R.s. This matter is having the immediate attention of the Commanding Officer.
		There were five cases of Malaria this month all of which were either relapses or contracted off the camp.
		Several lectures were given to all ranks, these lectures covered numerous subjects; Hygiene and Sanitation, V.D., Medical Aspects of Ditching, Use of Jungle Kits, First Aid etc.
		Aircrew personal. 4 Officers were admitted to S.S.Q. - 3 discharged and one transferred to 9th. R.A.F. General Hospital. 8 S.N.C.O.s. admitted and 4 discharged. Sgt. F. G. Radford 578329 and Sgt. P. Roberts 1817836 admitted to 35th. British General Hospital, Colombo, on the 28th. March 1945 with general abrasions received when aircraft A/354 was shot down after sinking the H?isui Maru". They were picked up by H.M. Destroyers in the Andaman Sea, these were the only two survivors.
	March	Visits and Movements
	5th	W/Cdr. T. H? Hawkins, No. 222 Group, visited the Squadron and was met by W/Cdr. D. T. Macpherson.
	6th.	His Excellency the Governor of O?rison? And Lady Hanthorse? Lewis attended the cinema to see "This Happy Breed"
	9th	G/Capt. H. M. Baker of H.Q. R.A.F. Bengal/Burma visited Cuttack on occasion of this Station now coming under control of Bengal/Burma.
	20th.	S/Ldr. A/W/Cdr. D. T. Macpherson relinquishes Command of 354 Squadron

		on posting to 222 Group. F/L. A/S/L. A/W/C. F. G. Paisey assumes Command of 354 Squadron.
	20?th.	Air Vice Marshal Cole visited the Squadron on route to Ceylon. His Excellency the Governor of Orioas? And Lady Hawthorse Lewis dined with the Squadron Officers and attended the Cinema to see "The Live and Death of Colonel Blimp".
	3rd.	P/O R. F. Carter A.409291 arrived on posting to this Squadron for Flying Duties.
	26th.	F/O A. N. Eager J.28992 proceeded on posting from this Squadron to Ratmalana.
		F/O J. E? Parkhouse J.25936 proceeded on posting from this Squadron to Ratmalana.
		F/O L. F. Burrows J.25095 proceeded on posting from this Squadron to Ratmalana.
		F/O T. A. G. Coxford J.90564 proceeded on posting from this Squadron to Ratmalana.
	31st.	F/O B. Marder J.28662 proceeded on posting to Captains Course at Nassau.
		P/O S. H. Steiner J.93282 proceeded on posting to Captains Course at Nassau.
		March has undoubtedly been the Squadron's peak month since its formation and morale is exceedingly high.

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All times GMT.

Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks	
Liberator Mk.VI "U" KG821	S/L. F. G. Paisey F/S L. McN. Brice F/O K. Hooton F/S E? G. Sawyer F/S G. W. J. Massey F/S P. Keen Sgt. T. S. Doonan F/S C? H. Antlett Sgt. J. Pinnington Sgt. E. W. Taylor	RAF 78753 RAAF A437251 RAF 147108 RAF 1320219 RAF 15756976 RAF 1439432 RAF 578507 RAF 643401 RAF 1542487 RAF 1542487	040542	041752	Liberators "U" "Z" "X" and "F" under the command of S/L F. G. Paisey attacked shipping off the Tenasserim Coast. "U" attacked and sank a Schooner estimated between 150 and 200 feet in length followed by the sinking of another small Schooner By "Z". "X" attacked a cargo boat of 60 feet but bombs overshot, casualties inflicted on crew of Cargo boat by machine gun fire. "F" also inflicted casualties with machine gun fire on the crew of a Tavoy Schooner, her bomb undershot target. Heavy opposition was put up by the enemy but no casualties were inflicted on Squadron personnel and damage to aircraft was light. Actual time of attacks was 1145 in position 1435N 9758E. (G3/3Mar) Sortie Rep. No. 44. Oprep No. 5.	
Liberator Mk.VI "Z" BZ988	F/L A. W? Yoxon P/O S? H? Steiner F/O B. Morley Sgt. P. Eley Sgt. D. Clarke Sg. E? N? Baker F/O P. W? Hayes Sgt. J. B. Felth Sgt. A. H. Pritchard Sgt. K. Thomas	RAF 127876 RCAF 393232 RAF 163698 RAF 578400 RAF 1490602 RAF 1339674 RAF 176688 RAF 16144741 RAF 3033589 RAF 1850008	040543	0418?26		
Liberator Mk.VI "X" EV853	F/L M? McKellar P/O W. F. Frey W/O J. H. Hull Sgt. S. S. Williams Sgt. M? Ramsay Sgt. G. P. Glazebrook Sgt. D. F. Mackie Sgt. F. R. Borchard? Sgt. J. H. Scott Sgt. B. A. Feather	RCAF J20844 RAAF A430762 RAF 1576124 RAAF A120421 RAAF A435501 RAAF A432667 RAF 552832 RAF 1592548 RAF 1826607 RAF 1593189	040544	041816		
Liberator Mk.VI "F" EW315	F/O L. F. Burrows F/O J. E? Parkhouse W/O A. G. Adams F/O A. M? Eager P/O T. A. G. Coxford P/O P. N? Blow F/S J. B. Angus F/S H. F. Maybee F/S A. R. Morrison Sgt. {No name given}	RCAF J25095 RCAF J259?36 RCAF R156066 RCAF J289?92 RCAF J90564 RAF 189483 RAF 1501125 RAF 1603792 RAF 1565263	040545	041806		
Liberator Mk.VI	F/L J. L. Richards F/O J. H. Freeman	RAF 5?1131 RCAF J3958?5	050545	051638		Aircraft "A" "C" "Z" & "U" airborne under the command

Mk.VI.	P/O W. H. Arnold	RCAF J43436			Liberators carried out a last light sweep of the Tenasserin Coast. Liberators "A" and "J" attacked a Schooner which was left in a sinking condition. The other Liberator, Y/354 (P/O D. G. McCreesh and Crew) left the formation and was last seen flying along the West Coast of Tavoy Island. This aircraft failed to return to Base and a search by two Squadron Liberators, Liberators of the S.A.F. and a Catalina from Redhills Lake, failed to find any trace of the missing aircraft, which must be presumed to have crashed into the sea. (OO/G5/10Mar) Sortie Report No. 47. Oprep. No. 12.
"A"	P/O J. A. Menzies	RCAF J44299			
EW319	Sgt. I. Newton	RAF 1145341			
	Sgt. L. Partyn	RAF 1673044			
	Sgt. G. George	RAF 2220744			
	Sgt. A. Ryder	RAF 578414			
	Sgt. F. Wilson	RAF 1540765			
	Sgt. G. Griese	RCAF R290551			
	Sgt. E? H. Hunston	RCAF R289257			
Liberator	F/O F. Riffle	RCAF J14340	110448	111729	
Mk.VI.	F/O G. Sourisseau	RCAF J39592			
"J"	F/O J. M. Hunter	RAF 153086			
EV863	W/O J. A. Milne	RCAF R2119			
	W/O F. A. Casson	RCAF R191634			
	F/S R. J. Krampp	RCAF R197102			
	F/S G. H. Day	RAF 1496430			
	Sgt. J. V. C. Thomas	RAF 1837137			
	Sgt. E. J. Young	RAF 3000519			
	F/S W. Hyndman	RAF 1537077			
Liberator	F/O D. G. McCreesh	RAF 178957	110451		
Mk.VI	P/O E. L Easton	RCAF J42070			
"Y"	F/O C. E. Leese	RAF 163697			
KG850	Sgt. S. Wilkins	RAF 644371			
	Sgt. N. Stringfield	RAF 1021370			
	Sgt. D. Agnew	RAF 1339644			
	Sgt. J. Lennane	RAF 1863110			
	Sgt. G. Green	RAF 2202091			
	Sgt. D. Mould	RAF 1819680			
	Sgt. F. Maxted	RAF 2221326			
Liberator	S/L F. G. Paisey	RAF 78753	112056	121115	
Mk.VI	F/S L. McN. Brice	RAAF A437251			
"V"	F/O K. Hooton	RAF 147108			
KH194/6	F/S G. W. Massey	RAF 1575896			
	F/S E. G. Sawyer	RAF 1320219			
	Sgt. Doonan T. S.	RAF 578507			
	Sgt. E. W? Taylor	RAF 1542487			
	F/S A. J. Williams	RAF 1835514			
	Sgt. R. L. Geach	RAF 1380463			
	Sgt. McGrann? M. J.	RAF 1813638			
Liberator	F/L W. G. McRae	RCAF J6834			
Mk.VI	Sgt. Buck K.	RAF 1583998			
"U"	F/O Lindzon I.	RCAF J42510			
KG821	F/O H. Parker	RCAF J43587			
	F/O E? W. Pollard	RCAF J43686			
	Sgt. P. Roberts	RAF 1817836			
	Sgt. A. Campbell	RCAF R163475			
	Sgt. C? H? McDonald	RCAF R268101			
	Sgt. G. Mclver	RCAF R277937			

	Sgt. J. Parker	RAF 1685728			Cuttack at 1115 hours. "Y" Landed st Cuttack at 1139 Hours. No sighting of missing aircraft. Visibility 15-20 miles. Weather clear. (Cut/G1/12Mar) Sortie Rep. No. 48. Oprep No. 12.
Liberator	F/L A. N? Yoxon	RAF 127876	170611	171825	Aircraft "Z" "C" "U" and "F"/354 airborne from Cuttack on Anti- Shipping Sweep off East Coast of Andamans under the Comand of F/L A. W. Yoxon. IRR on. Set Course 128. 0633 hours 2007N8630E. Set Course in loose Vic formation 128. 07111 hours. IFF off. 1014 hours 1355N. 9339E. Set Course 112 in formation Echelon to Starboard. Height 100 feet. 1210 hours 1325N 9810E. Darkness prevented continuation of Patrol, too hazy to see surface of water, moon of no assistance. Leader of formation instructed aircraft to return to Base. Formation broken. Aircraft set course Base 292/30. No sightings. 1305 hours 1419N 9634E Z/354 set Cours 301. 1350 hours 1450 N 9340E C/354 set course 308. 1617 hours 1735N 8755E F/354 set course 326. 1607 to 1647 hours IFF on. "C" Landed Cuttack 171739. "F" Landed Cuttack 171800. "U" Landed Cuttack 171813. "Z" Landed Cuttack 171825. (OO/G5/Mar16) Sortie Rep. No. 50. Oprep. No. 17.
Mk.VI	F/O E. D. Constant	RAF J395766			
"Z"	F/O B. Morley	RAF 163898			
BZ988	F/O P. W. Hayes	RAF 176688			
	F/S P. Eley	RAF 578400			
	Sgt. H. Baker	RAF 1339674			
	Sgt. R. D. Clarke	RAF 1490602			
	Sgt. K. Thomas	RAF 1850008			
	Sgt. J. B. Felth	RAF 1614741			
	Sgt. A. H. Pritchard	RAF 3033569			
Liberator	F/O D. C. Watt	RCAF J26224	170612	171739	
Mk.VI	F/O B. Marder	RCAF J28662			
"C"	F/S T. Walton	RAF 1549167			
EW856	W/O T. W. Sedgwick	RAF 1023077			
	W/O B. Summers	RCAF R130199			
	F/S N? Gregory	RAF 1021787			
	F/S T. H. Beckwith	RAF 1129082			
	Sgt. R. K? S. Moore	RAF 1890309			
	Sgt. J. G. McAtankey	RAF 1820628			
	F/S H. F. Maybee	RAF 1820628			
Liberator	F/O G. M? Hughes	RAAF A26288	170614	171800	
Mk.VI.	F/O W. A. Payne	RCAF J41431			
"F"	F?/O N? Harris	RAF 164075			
EW315	F/O J. Grimshaw	RAAF A433380			
	W/O R? G. Stanley	RAAF A412754			
	F/S J. F. Malady	RAAF A433644			
	Sgt. L. Frankland	RAF 577848			
	Sgt. W. J. Malloy	RAF 19025729			
	Sgt. T. K. Quinn	RAF 3006413			
	Sgt. R. Randford	RAF 578329			
Liberator	F/O V. H. James	RAF 130937	170613	171813	
Mk.VI.	W/O A. Carson	RAF 1480499			
"U"	W/O R. G. Redmayne	RAAF A421546			
KG821	F/S F. Gannon	RAF 1433116			
	F/S J. Riley	RAF 1434965			
	F/S H. F. Holford	RAF 1425791?			
	F/S A. C. Swan	RAF 1573340			
	Sgt. D. Hackleton	RAF 1641367			
	Sgt. P? Smith	RAF 1891336?			
	Sgt. J. P. Smythe	RAF 1596941			
Liberator	F/L McKellar M?	RCAF J20844	210621	211900	On March 20th, Liberators "Z" "F" and "A" under command of F/L K? McKellar airborne on shipping sweep of Tenasserin Coast. 0715 hours 1923N
Mk.VI	P/O Frey W. S.	RAAF A430726			
"Z"	F/O R. P. Carter	RAAF A409291			
BZ988	F/S S. S. Williams	RAAF A120421			
	F/S M. M. Ramsay	RAAF A435501			

	F/S E? T. Glazebrook?	RAAF A4326767			8745E. Formated in Vic formation. 1201 hours 1538N 9739E. set Course 346. Double Island lighthouse in operation. 1214 to 1218 hours "Z" and "F" position 1610N 9735E. attacked a 200 ton Coaster. "Z" scored two direct hits amidships and "F" followed in with another direct hit amidships. Vessel replied to first attack with light Anti-aircraft fire which was inaccurate, these guns were soon silenced and vessel was left sinking. Liberator "A" lost contact and made no sightings. 1811 hours "F" landed at Cuttack. 1835 hours "A" landed at Cuttack. 1900 hours "Z" landed at Cuttack. (OO/G2/20Mar) Sortie Report No. 51. Oprep. No. 22.
	Sgt. D. Mackie	RAF 552832			
	Sgt. R. Borchard	RAF 1592548?			
	Sgt. R. Feather	RAF 1593188?			
	Sgt. A. G. Scott	RAF 1827460			
Liberator	F/O C. R. H. Salt	RCAF J22375	210622	211811	
Mk.VI	F/O Blackford	RCAF J22370			
"F"	F/O A. J. D. Bridge	RCAF J40459			
EW315	F/S G. Bradley	RCAF R224955			
	F/S L. Wells	RCAF R219710			
	F/S J. Graham	RCAF R251860			
	Sgt. H Day	RAF 578399			
	Sgt. J. W. Went	RAF 3034359			
	Sgt. D. F. Tester	RAF 1818525			
	Sgt. J. A. Peden	RAF 1827657			
Liberator	P/O F. M? Corbett	RCAF J89410	210624	211835	
Mk.VI.	F/S J. Roach	RAF 157??888			
"A"	W/O J. O. Latham	RAAF A425522			
EW319	F/S. D. Jenks	RAF 1335791			
	F/S J. H. Yarnton	RAF 1387480			
	Sgt. A. S. Harding	RAF 1336705			
	Sgt. G. Delieu	RAF 578536			
	Sgt. A. G. Willis	RAF 1667109			
	Sgt. W. H. Whittaker	RAF 2221980			
	Sgt. R. M. Stamford	RAF 1898882			
Liberator	F/L A. W. Yoxon	RAF 127876	252313	261113	
Mk.VI.	F/O E. D. Constant	RCAF J39566			
"Z"	F/O B. Morley	RAF 163698			
BZ988	F/S P. Eley	RAF 578400			
	Sgt. H. Baker	RAF 1339674			
	Sgt. R. D. Clarke	RAF 1490603			
	Sgt. A. Pritchard	RAF 3033569			
	Sgt. J. B. Felth	RAF 1614741			
	F/S G. A. Godin	RAF 1586071			
	W/O T. G. McLean	RAF 1176639			
Liberator	F/O C. B. St. John	RCAF J21671	252314	261240	
Mk.VI.	F/O MacKinnon K. D.	RCAF J39943			
"U"	W/O Jameson, G.	RNZAF NZ421086			
KG821	F/S R. Leitch	RCAF R203672			
	Sgt. G? V. Farr	RAF 578529			
	Sgt. J. E? Benson?	RAF 610666			
	Sgt. J. Taylor	RAF 984162			
	Sgt. J. Pinnington	RAF 1439494			
	Sgt. N? A. Jellings	RAF 18117986			
Liberator	F/O V. H. James	RAF 130937	252315	261249	
Mk.VI.	W/O A. Carson	RAF 148049?9			
"X"	W/O R? G. Redmayne	RAAF A421546			
EV853	F/S F. Gannon	RAF 1433116			
	F/S J. P. Smythe	RAF 1596941			
	Sgt. A. G. Swan	RAF 1573340			

	Sgt. D. Hackleton	RAF 1641367			sunk by the destroyers. The following Signal was received by this Squadron from A.O.C. 222 Group. "From A.O.C. and whole of 222 Group. Congratulations on attack 21st. March and especially on fine success March 26th. Both strikes show great keenness by all crews searching out and attacking the enemy. The determination and complete disregard of odds by A/354 in sinking 1500 ton merchant vessel is a fine example of your Squadron's spirit. Please accept our deepest sympathy for loss of crew." Liberators X/354 (F/Lt. A. W. Yoxon) and "C" (F/O D. C. Watt) lost contact with formation and made no enemy sightings nor did they contact the Force of our destroyers. Weather varied considerably at times visibility was down to 3 miles whereas at time of attack visibility improved to 10 miles. (OO/G8/23M) Sortie Report No. 52, 53. Oprep. No. 27.
Liberator	F/L W. G. McRae.	RCAF J6834	252252		
Mk.VI.	P/O W. Payne	RCAF J41431			
"A"	F/O I. Lindzon	RCAF J42510			
EW319	F/O K. W. Pollard	RCAF J4386			
	F/O H. Parker	RCAF J43687			
	Sgt. A. P. Campbell	RCAF R163475			
	Sgt. P. Roberts	RAF 1817836			
	Sgt. G. Parker	RAF 1685722			
	Sgt. J. McIver	RCAF R277937			
	Sgt. R. G. Randford	RAF 578329			
	F/L C. J. Slater	RAF 156021			
Liberator	F/L F. Riffle	RCAF J14340	252214	261155	
Mk.VI	F/O G. Sourisseau	RCAF J39592			
"F"	F/O J. M. Hunter	RAF? 153086			
KW315	W/O J. A. Milne	RCAF R2119			
	F/S R. J. Kramp	RCAF R197108			
	W/O Casson F. A.	RCAF R191634			
	F/S G. H. Day	RAF 149?6430			
	F/S P. A. Richards	RAF 907926			
	Sgt. J. V. C. Thomas	RAF 1837137			
	Sgt. E. J. Young	RAF 3000519			
Liberator	F/O D. C. Watt	RCAF J26224	252215	261138	
Mk.VI.	F/O J. H. Freeman	RCAF J39585			
"C"	F/S T. Walton	RAF 1549167			
EV856	W/O R. Sedgwick	RAF 1023077			
	W/O H. Brankley	RCAF R151411			
	F/S G. Scarfe	RCAF R172910			
	F/S W. Longbottom	RAF 1522785			
	F/S J. Beckwith	RAF 1129082			
	F/S J. Legge	RAF 1774032			
	F/S R. Moore	RAF 19903?00			
	Sgt. G. McAtankey	RAF 1820628			
Liberator	F/L M? McKellar	RCAF J20844	280555	281440	
Mk.VI.	F/O W? S. Frey	RAAF A430762			
"Y"	F/O R. P. Carter	RAAF A409291			
KG850 ¹¹	F/S S. S. Williams	RAAF A120421			
	Sgt. M? M? Ramsay	RAAF A435501			
	Sgt. B. T. Glazebrook	RAAF A432667			
	Sgt. D. F. Mackie	RAF 552832			
	Sgt. F. R. Borchard	RAF 1592548			
	Sgt. A. K? Scott	RAF 1827460			

	Sgt. R. A. Feather	RAF 1593189			1/2" V/S from S.O.E. "Cobra 25". Commenced patrol 1000 hrs. R/T S.O.E. to A/C "323 Reptile 100". Set course 323. 1057 hours 1836N 8752E. Sighted object on water 5 miles ahead. Presumed submarine which submerged immediately. 1100 M.T.B. "408-X?-UNDX? 3653" Searched area, three whales broke surface. "QQE? - 408" Set course for convoy. R/T to S.O.E. "No Sightings, I Go". 1440 Landed Base. (OO/G1/27M) Sortie Report No. 54 Oprep No. 29)
Liberator	P/O F. M. Corbett	RCAF J89410	282215	290954	B/354 (P/O F. M. Corbett) airborne on Anti-Submarine Escort to Convoy "Nettie". 290030 1845N 9021E. Met convoy, composition 8 M/Vs, 4E/S, course 065/7kts. Recognition procedure carried out V/S to S.O.E. "REM 7". V/S from S.O.E. "Patrol Viper 10". 0136 1833N 8952E. 1 M/V 4000 tons course 066/6kts. 0410 1830N 8948E. Passenger cargo 8000 tons. Course 030/9 kts. 0645 1850N 9030E. R/T to S.O.E. "I Go 50". 290954 Landed Base. No contacts with enemy. (OO/G6/28M) Sortie Report No. 55. Oprep No. 30.
Mk.VI	F/S J. G. Roach	RAF 1579888			
"B"	W/O J. S. Latham	RAAF A425522			
KH168	F/S D. Jenks	RAF 1335791			
	F/Sgt. J. Yarnton?	RAF 1387480			
	Sgt. J. H. Harding	RAF 1336705			
	Sgt. G. Delieu	RAF 578536			
	Sgt. A. Willis	RAF 1667109			
	Sgt. R. M. Stamford	RAF 1898882			
	Sgt. W. H. Whittaker	RAF 2221980			

¹¹ The records in March, 1945 continue to list "Y" KG850 even though this aircraft was lost on March 12, 1945.

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
			April 1945
			Aircraft Strength for Month was 12 A/C ??????????????????????
			Aircrew Strength was 12.
			Operational Flying Hours for month
			304? Hrs. 4 mins. (Day)
			117 Hrs. 40 mins. (Night)
			421? Hrs. 44 mins. Total.
			Non-operational Flying Hours for month.
			148 Hrs. 49 mins. (Day)
			4 Hrs. 19 mins. (Night)
			153 Hrs. 8 mins. Total
			Grand Total 574? Hrs. 52 mins.
			Squadron Strength as of April 30th, 1945
			Officers 8? Australian, 26 British 32? Canadian, 1 New Zealand Total 68?
			B.O.R's 10 Australian, 486? British 20? Canadian 1 New Zealand and 1 Indian Total 494?
			Grand total Squadron strength 560?
			During April aircraft of the Squadron carried out anti-shipping sweeps and strikes off the Tenasserim Coast from Moulamein to Victoria Point, and severely damaged 5 Coasters, some Sampans and Landing Craft.
			On April 2nd. 6 Liberators carried out a sweep south of Mergui. East? of Kissysayas? Island "V", "B" and "H" sighted a 100 ft. Coaster and two sub-chasers. All aircraft attacked and the Coaster was severely damaged (later confirmed by P.R. to be adrift). Aircraft "V" (W/Cdr. F. G. Paisey) was hit by machine gun fire from the vessels, one bullet passing through the windscreen close to the Pilot's face.
			It is considered that the excellent fire cover given by "H" (F/Lt. G. Mc. Y. Hughes) prevented more serious damage to "V".
			After the attack by V/354 the Captain ordered F/Sgt. C. H. Antlett (643401) Flight Engineer/Gunner, to inspect the aircraft and as he entered bomb bay he was drenched with hydraulic oil. There was a large pool of oil on the bomb bay doors. He could see no visible damage in the bomb bay so anticipated the leak to be further forward. After further inspection he found that a bullet had passed through the starboard side of the Fuselage (stn 2) and severed the hydraulic pipe from the unloading vale to the bomb-aimer's bomb door selector, thus cutting off all three selectors from the system and most of the oil had been lost.
			F/Sgt. Antlett repaired this damage in the air in record time and in his report F/Lt. C? H. King? (Squadron Engineering Officer) state "It is obvious that this N.C.O. has had a through knowledge of the Liberator aircraft. He has shown admirable initiative and resourcefulness under difficult conditions and has always set an extremely high standard for the Squadron's Flight Engineers."
			"Z" "U" and "F" attacked several Sampans which were left damaged. All aircraft returned to Base safely.
			On 3rd. April 3 Liberators followed up the previous day's attack and aircraft "H" (F/Lt. Riffle) dropped bombs on a Coaster but no results were seen.

		On 9th. April 3 Liberators carried out a sweep of Moulmein to Amherst. "?" (F/Lt. McKeller) and "X" (F/O Tetlock) attacked a beached Coaster near month of Moulemein River and heavily damaged it. Aircraft "Y" (W/O Cottan) attacked two small Coasters which were damaged by gunfire.
		On April 22nd. 3 Liberators carried out a sweep from Moulmein to Kalegaek?? Island. All the aircraft attacked a Coaster south of Amerst? And severely damaged it. The vessel's steering gear was put out of action and the crew jumped overboard. Aircraft "J" (F/Lt. Taylor) failed to return to Base. A faint S.O.S. was heard by a station in the south of India and a search was laid on in position 2010N 8715E?. Liberators from Cuttack and 231? Group and Catalinas from Readhills? Lake and Calowtta? Together with surface craft, searched the area for two days without result, but happily a Catalina of No. 191? Squadron, returning to Cocomara? After carrying out a search sighted a dinghy with five survivors on board 80 miles S. W. of search position.
		The Catalina landed and picked up the survivors, who were suffering from exposure and injuries. It is understood that all four engines of J/354 cut and the aircraft ditched immediately. The Captain, Navigator and 3 Gunners perished.
		J.27799 F/Lt. L. E. Taylor, R.C.A.F. Captain
		J.44297 P/O D. F. Grose R.C.A.F. Navigator
		R213998 Sgt. R. J. Leonard R.C.A.F. Air Gunner
		R264119 Sgt. L E. Whalen R.C.A.F. Air Gunner
		R287567 Sgt. R. J. Baril R.C.A.F. Air Gunner
		On 26th. April a detachment of Liberators of No. 203 Squadron arrived from operations with 354 Squadron.
		On 30th. April 2 Aircraft of 354 and 2 aircraft of 203 Squadron carried out a sweep off the Arakan Coast and in the Gulf of Martakan?, in conection with operations against Rangoon. No sightings were made.
		In all 30? Anti-shipping sorties and ? Air Sea Rescue flights were carried out with 35 non-operational training flights
	1945	Movements -April, 1945
Cuttack	4th April	F/O N? T. Warring? (Aus. 43560??) arrived on posting to this squadron as signals officer.
	4th.	F/O D. T. Tutton (J.45357) arrived on posting to this Squadron for Aircrew Duties
	4th.	F/Lt. L. E. Taylor (J.27799) arrived on posting to this Squadron for Aircrew Duties
	4th.	F/O D. F. Grose (J44297) arrived on posting to this Squadron for Aircrew Duties.
	4th.	P/O B. W Bjaranson (J.42899) arrived on posting to this Squadron for Aircrew Duties
	5th.	P/O R. W. Robson? (1918?12) arrived on commissioning to this Squadron for Intelligence W.T.
	14th.	F/Lt. R. J. Tellecher?? (J.232?372) proceeded to Worli, Bombay on posting from this squadron.
		F/Lt W. J. Hast?? (1 ?0691??) arrived on posting to this Squadron for Flying Duties.
	19.	F/O J. S. Gilmore (Aus.436374) arrived on posting to this Squadron for Flying Duties.
	19th.	S/Ldr. L. H. Metherdon (J.3490) arrived on posting to this Squadron as Flight Commander "B" Flight.
	20th?	F/O ? W. H. Goud?? (N.Z. 42?2970) proceeded to Kolar on posting from this Squadron.
	15th.	F/O ? ? Sargeant (124736?) arrived on posting to this Squadron for Aircrew

		Duties.
27th		F/O J. R. Thomas (Aus.422756) arrived on posting to this Squadron for Aircrew Duties.
27th.		P/O W. H. F. Halliday (Aus.429871) arrived on posting to this Squadron for Aircrew Duties.
29th		P/O L. Mc N. Brice (Aus.437251) arrived on posting to this Squadron for Aircrew Duties.
30th.		F/Lt. S. W? Simms (137086) arrived on posting to this Squadron as Navigation Officer.
		Training
		Aircraft Recognition, F/O F. W. Hayes, (176?88)
		In the past month 12 crews have been instructed on the latest Japanese aircraft. Tests have been given and the results are most gratifying A new Syllabus of Instruction has been drawn up and approved by the Officer i/c Ground Training.
		Ship Recognition, by F/O G. A. Z. Sourisseau (J.29592?)
		Twelve lectures have been given during the month of April, and it is hoped with new Training Syllabus more time will be allotted to this subject. Operational Flying has kept number of lectures down but despite this, at a recent test, the standard of ship recognition was found to be high. F/Lt. G? Fletcher, Group Ship Recognition Officer, was well satisfied with the material the Squadron has for this subject. "Gen" room well attended during month.
		Intelligence.
		Lectures on "Burma" and "K?" Group by F/Lt. K. O. Phillips (10??17) to all aircrews. Lectures on "Jungle Kits" and Escape Aids by F/O W. W. Edwards (158290?) to new crews to Squadron. The Intelligence Library, despite attendance being on a voluntary basis, has been well attended every day. This is undoubtedly due to the high standard of publications produced in this theatre of war.
		Gunnery Training Report by F/O A. G. Russell? (J.49560)
		Synthetic Training - Free Gun Zone Trainer has arrived and will be ready for training early in May. Also a gun stripping room and a skeet range will be available for training in a few days.
		Air to Sea Firing
		Nil due to lack of supply of ammunition. In all 12 lectures were given of one hour's duration on Turrets, Tactics, Sightings, guns and Fighting Control.
		Ammunition expended on Operations 3730 x .303 and 11,870 x .50
		Navigation Report by F/Lt. P Duffield (153123)
		Operations
		At beginning of the month 24? Sorties were flown on shipping strikes, 18 logs, replete and analysis sheets are enclosed, together with the Squadron Analysis Summary. On the 24th month flying temporarily ceased in preparation for operation Dracula which commenced on the 29th. Logs and charts for these sorties will be submitted in next month's report.
		Generally the standard of navigation has not improved to any extent but all navigators are gaining useful experience in more difficult conditions now that the weather is deteriorating on the other side.
		Training
		No Air Training owing to Operations "Ground Training" . Consisted of one lecture and two practical demonstrations of Loran.
		No Navigational failures during the month.
		13 Ground Compass swings 2 Loop ?adage?, 13 Alignment Drift Sights, 12? Alignment gun turrets, 1 Altimeter calibration, 1 A.S.I and 1 astro bracket alignment.
		F/Lt. S. W. Simms? (13????) arrived on April 30?th. to take over duties of

			Squadron Navigation Officer, and thus enable F/Lt. Peter Duffield (????) to concentrate on his work as Bombing Leader, as ?????????? tied to the Squadron at present.
			Logs for onward transmission to A.C.S.E.A.
			Best 1st. V/354 on April 2nd F/Lt. Duffield P. (153123)
			Best 2nd Z/354 on April 2nd F/O Morley? B. (143499)
			Bombing - April 1945
			Training this month has been sporadic, owing to Operational requirements and a total of 306? Practice bombs were dropped., the majority being dropped between the 10th and 21st of the month. The Mark XIV/T.I. Bombsight was used for the release of 105? Bombs, while 201 bombs were released using visual means of sighting.
			Lectures were similarly curtailed, but a certain number, covering 4? hours, were given, and the subjects involved - Liberator Bombing Gear, Theory of Bombing, and the Mark XIV/T.1 Bombsight.
			On the operational side, 116? x 250 lb. G. P. Bombs were released in attacks on enemy shipping, while 6? X 250 lb G. P. bombs had to be jettisoned for as engine failure. For ??? strikes, where 16? Bombs were released from 7,000 ft. using Mark XIV/Y.1 Bombsight, the bombs were nose-fused with Nc?44 Air Burst Pistol. The remaining 100? Bombs were tail fused 11 second delay, and there were several bomb functional failures, the cause of which are being investigated.
			The standard of bombing with the Mark XIV/T.1 Bombsight is definitely improving with practice, while the accuracy of the Low Level Bombing by visual means is extremely good. Once the bomb functional failures have been cleared up in a satisfactory manner, further ?????????? enemy shipping will be the order of the day in the Squadron.
			Radar Report by F/Lt. G. E. Smith (C13641) Radar Officer
			The outstanding event during the past month was the arrival of the "Loran" fitting party and the complete equipment required for this installation.
			The Squadron mechanics were duly instructed on the fitting of the equipment in Liberators. Eight Installations were completed by the 29th of the month.
			During this month there was an increase in the times radar was used on operational sorties. It was used both for search and navigational., the results were good. It proved invaluable for guiding the aircraft between storm clouds and as navigational aid.
			Signals by F/O N. T. Gorrington (Aus 426090)
			Lectures were given to 6 crews on Command? W/T procedures by F/Sgt. Tidley (Station Signals), 5 crews on manipulation of equipment by F/O Gorrington? with practice on D?T.C., ? crews and Aldis Practice 7 crews.
			The D?T.C.'s were carried out on a new system where in ground 1120 transmissions was used on R/T for passing information to aircraft and R/T for aircraft to acknowledge.
			Training this month has been rather curtailed owing to operational activities.
			Education
			Throughout the month of April applications for correspondence courses were forwarded as usual.
			Preliminary arrangements were made for evening Mathematics Classes and Discussion Group Meetings.
			Most Officers and Airmen desiring instruction in Maths., wanted Matriculation revision classes.
			Welfare by F/O N. T. Gorrington (Aus 426090)
			During this month we were fortunate in having two stage shows. Firstly, a visit by an ENSA party during the first week in April, and secondly one from an R.A.F. "gang" show, "Flags are Flying". The later show, particularly, was well

			received, and is general opinion was the best we have yet witnessed on the station. Shows of this caliber really have a tremendous affect on the spirit of personal. L.A.C. Graham has been given 100 rupees for the purchase of new classical recordings for his Sunday evening radiogram recitals. This will improve what has come to be a highlight in the week for those members of the Squadron whose interest is classical music.							
			Lately we've been fortunate in receiving large consignments of English newspapers which have been arriving out here very soon after date of printing. These have been eagerly sought by the airmen of the Squadron and have been well received by those in hospital. The speed with which newspapers arrive out from home recently constitutes one of the greatest strides forward insofar as welfare is concerned.							
			The monthly beer ration arrived early in the month and was soled during the first week. As is usual this was the big event of the month. There was expressed by many airmen, the desire that all ranks of Squadron personnel pool the Beer Ration or their various ????????? for the sake of fraternisation, which does not always spring from the normal routine.							
			Sport							
			Sports activities for the month show a steady decline, due to the increasingly hot weather. The Medical Officer warned against the dangers of strenuous exercise during the hot season, so a great deal of the activity has been postponed until the temperature is more favourable.							
			The Squadron Officers' Mess, rallying in response to a request that they field a football team in the league uncovered some very good talent and showed hopes that the Officers' team may compete when the football season is reopened. The Officers appreciate the enthusiasm shown by Wing Commander Paisey in turning out and playing on both occasions.							
			April's football games were as follows:-							
			Team	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Goals	Points	
								For	Against	
			Sgdn Sgts.	1	1	-	-	5	0	2
			Sqdn. H.Q.	1	1	-	-	5	3	2
			Sqdn. Officers	2	1	-	1	6	5	2
			M.T.	1	-	-	1	0	3	0
			Sqdn. Armt.	1	-	-	1	0	5	0
			Softball							
			The 200 Squadron team, formed from their detachment here at the time, was beaten rather badly by Squadron Officers' team - Score 15 - 6. This was the only game played during the month, the league having broken up after the play-off last month.							
			Cricket							
			Apart from several practice turn outs there was no activity.							
			Summary of health on this Squadron for month of April, 1945, by F/Lt. R. J. T. Gardiner (159969?)							
			There has been an increase in the sickness rate this month, though of no particular significance. There being a total of 35? Admissions, and increase of ten on last month's figures. Total discharges - 25, only 4 cases of Malaria, all of which were relapses, Dysentery, Enteritis & Diarrhea amounted to only 4 cases - a great improvement on last month - this is due to the immediate action taken by Medical and Sanitary personnel - though much is yet to be							

			desired in the elimination of flies.
			No lectures were given this month due to operations.
			Aircrew
			11 Aircrew personnel were admitted, 6 discharged. Five of the total admissions were survivors of an aircraft accident (Operational) all those personnel being admitted to No. 3 C. M. H. the conditions of diagnoses have not been received to date.
			?????????
			In all 26 Operational sorties have been carried out this month, the majority of these being Anti-Shipping Strikes and Sweeps and the Squadron has inflicted considerable damage to enemy shipping as a result of these patrols.
			I wish to record on April 2nd the excellent work of F/C C. H. Antlett (Flight Engineer and Guner) in so successfully repairing the serious damage to aircraft "V"/354 whilst airborne under most difficult circumstances.
			Squadron morale is at its best.

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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
Liberator	F/O C. B. St. John	RCAF J21671	0112?1 5	012??54	F/O C. B. St. John and Crew airborne in Z/354 on Anti shipping strike from Amherst?? To Tavoy Point. Preparis ?? S/U?? 082. 1538:1558N 8?730E. Set course 173 on Patrol 1215: 13?28N 9805E? off patrol. No enemy sightings Set course 28(/ 1928: 1508N 9340E? set Course for Base. 2354 Landed Cuttack. (OO/G?/31Mar) Sortie Report No. 2. Oprep. No.2
Mk.VI	F/O Comfort, L.	RCAF J			
"Z"	F/O K. D. MacKinnon	RCAF J39943			
BZ988	Hawksworth?				
	F/S R. O? Leitch	RCAF R203672			
	W/O Looten	RCAF R203575			
	Sgt. O. J. Farr	RAF 578529			
	F/S Benson, J. K?	RAF610666			
	Taylor	984163?			
	Pinnington	1434294?			
Liberator	F/O Salt, C. R	RCAF	0114?2 6	020041	F/O Salt and Crew airborne in H/354. Airborne from Cuttack on Anti-shipping strike from Amhurst? to Tavoy Point 1720: 1535N8735E??. On Patrol sighted two small craft appeared to be stationary. Three circuits made but lost contact. 1826: 1150N 9610E? Circled entrance Tavoy River. No further sightings. Set course 283? 2642 : 1450N 9340E? set cours 307 020041 Landed Cuttack Weather fine but hazy. Visibility 5/7 miles. (OO/G3/31Mar) sortie Report no. 57 Oprep No. 2.
Mk.VI.	F/O Constant, E. G?				
"H"	F/O Bridge A. J. D.	RCAF J40459			
KH187	F/S Wells L. F.	RCAF R219710			
	Sgt. Bradley L.	RCAF R224955			
	Sgt. Day, C? H.	RAF			
	Sgt. Graham J. H?	RCAF R251860			
	Sgt. Peden	RAF1827657			
	Sgt. Tester, D. F	RAF 1818523			
	Sgt. Went J. W.	RAF 3034359			
Liberator	W/Cdr Paisey ??	RAF 7??2753?	020453	0218?51	W/Cdr. F. G. Paisey, Officer Commanding 354 Squadron Airborne in V/354 with "B" P/O Corbett "H" F/O Hughes, "Z" F/Lt. Yoxon, "U" F/O V. H. James, "F" F/Lt. Stinson on Anti-shipping sweep south of Mergui. Airborne from Cuttack 020431-020455. In Formation. 0845 Preparis Island set course 122: 1110: 1000N 9800E? Co- th 0- th
Mk.VI	F/Sgt. Brice L. McN	RAAF 437251			
"V"	F/Lt. Duffield, P?	RAF 1??182?			
KH194/6	F/? Antlett,	RAF			
	Sgt. Taylor, ??	RAF 1542487??			
	Sgt. Massey?	RAF 15756?5			
	Sgt. McGrann, ? J.	RAF 12?1?638?			
	F/S Sawyer, K? G.	RAF 1320211?			
	Sgt. Doonan, T?	RAF 578507			
Liberator	P/O F. M. Corbett	RCAF J89410	020455	02173?6	

Mk.VI	W/O J. S. Latham	RAAF A425522			12?32N 9832E South ?uck Zipp Kisseraing Island Maz Yut Point "V" "B" & "H" Sighted a 100 ft. coaster and two sub chasers. All aircraft attacked and the coaster was severely damaged (later confirmed by P.R. to be adrift?) Aircraft "V" Wing Commander F. G. Paisey was hit by machine-gun fire from the vessels, one bullet passing through the windscreen close to the Pilot's face. "H" F/O Hughes & Crew by giving excellent covering fire undoubtedly save "V" from more serious damage. "Z" "U" & "F" also attacked at 1045 hours position 1159N? 9825E?? 8 Large Sampans with bombs and machine-gun fire. All sampans were damaged and casualties were inflicted on crews. All aircraft returned to Base safely and there were no casualties with Squadron personnel. Though as previously stated the C.O. had a very lucky near miss. (OO?/G1?1April) Sortie Report No. 58. Oprep No. 3.
"B"	F/S J. G. Roach	RAF 1579888			
KH168 ¹²	F/Sgt. J. Yarnton?	RAF 1387480			
	F/S D. Jenks	RAF 1335791			
	Sgt. J. H. Harding	RAF 1336705			
	Sgt. G. Delieu	RAF 578536			
	Sgt. A. Willis	RAF 1667109			
	Sgt. R. M. Stamford	RAF 1898882			
Liberator	F/O G. M. Hughes	RAAF A26288	020454	021752	
Mk.VI	F/O J. H. Freeman	RCAF J39585			
"H"	F?/O N? Harris	RAF 164075			
KH187	F/O J. Grimshaw	RAAF A433380			
	W/O R. G. Stanley	RAAF A412754			
	Sgt. L. Frankland	RAF 577848			
	F/S Mason ?	RAF 124?5??50?			
	F/S Hyndman?	RAF 153?707??			
	Sgt. Quinn	RAF 3005?416?			
	Sgt. W. J. Malloy	RAF 19025?29			
Liberator	F/L A. W. Yoxon	RAF 127876	020431	021828	
Mk.VI	F/O Tetlock ??	RCAF ????			
"Z"	F/O B. Morley	RAF 163698			
BZ988	F/S Godin	RAF 1586071			
	Sgt. Clarke ??	RAF 149060??			
	Sgt. H. Baker	RAF 1339674			
	Sgt. Eley, P	RAF ??????			
	Sgt. A. Pritchard	RAF 3033569			
	Sgt. J. B. Felth	RAF 1614741			
	Sgt. Thomas K?	RAF 1/50306?			
Liberator	F/O V. H. James	RAF 130937			
Mk.VI	W/O A. Carson	RAF 1480499			
"U"	W/O R. G. Redmayne	RAAF A421546	020431 ?	0218?35	
KG821	F/S F. Gannon	RAF 1433116			
	F/S J. Riley	RAF 1434965			
	F/S A. G. Swan	RAF 1573340			
	Sgt. J. P. Smythe	RAF 1596941			
	Sgt. P? Smith	RAF 1891336?			
	Sgt. D. Hackleton	RAF 1641367			
Liberator	F/L H. V. Stinson	RAF 135126	020436 ?	021935	
Mk.VI	P/O W. H. Arnold	RCAF J43436			
"F"	P/O J. A. Menzies	RCAF J44299			
EW315	F/S Richardson	RAF 15656??0?			
	Sgt. I. Newton	RAF 1145341			
	Sgt. L. Partyn	RAF 1673044			
	Sgt. G. George	RAF 2220744			
	Sgt. A. Ryder	RAF 578414			
	Sgt. F. Wilson	RAF 1540765			
	Sgt. E? H. Hunston	RCAF R289257			
	Sgt. G. Griese	RCAF R290551			

¹² Record reads KH186, but "B" was previously listed as KH168; transcript reflect this serial number as it is believed that 186 is a "transposition" error by the clerks.

Liberator	F/O F. Riffle	RCAF J14340	020454 ??	021012??	Aircraft "H" "Y" & "Z" airborne from Cuttack F/L Riffle flying in H/354 being in command. Airborne 020454 to 020456 in Vic formation. Set. Course 128 1125 1130N ???E sighted from 7000 ft. small camouflaged ship which was attacked and near misses were seen of bombs dropped by "H" Which clearly may have damaged this camouflaged craft. No further sightings. All aircraft returned to base safely landing at Cuttack 0216?12-to 021829. (??/??/??) Sortie Report No. 68? Oprep No. ?
Mk.VI	F/O G. Sourisseau	RCAF J39592			
"H"	F/O J. M. Hunter	RAF 153086			
KH187	W/O J. A. Milne	RCAF R2119			
	W/O F. A. Casson	RCAF R191634			
	F/S G. H. Day	RAF 1496430			
	F/S Richards, P. A.	RAF907926?			
	F/S R. J. Kramp	RCAF R197102			
	Sgt. J. V. C. Thomas	RAF 1837137			
	Sgt. E. J. Young	RAF 3000519			
Liberator	F/O C. B. St. John	RCAF J21671	{not given}	{not given}	
Mk.VI.	F/O Comfort, L.	RCAF J??586?			
"Y"	F/O K. D. MacKinnon	RCAF J39943			
KG850 ¹³	F/S R. O? Leitch	RCAF R203672			
	W/O Looten	RCAF R203575			
	Sgt. O. J. Farr	RAF 578529			
	F/S Benson J?	RAF610666			
	Sgt. J. Taylor	RAF 984162			
	Sgt. J. Pinnington	RAF 1439494			
Liberator	F/L McKellar M?	RCAF J20844	020456	021???	
Mk.VI	P/O Frey? W. S.	RAAF A430726			
"Z"	F/O R. P. Carter	RAAF A409291			
BZ988	F/S S. S. Williams	RAAF A120421			
	F/S M. M. Ramsay	RAAF A435501			
	F/S E? T. Glazebrook?	RAAF A4326?67			
	Sgt. D. Mackie	RAF 552832			
	Sgt. R. Borchard	RAF 1592548?			
	Sgt. R. Feather	RAF 1593188?			
	Sgt. Marten???	RAF 1817?80?			
Liberator	F/L A. W. Yoxon	RAF 127876	041745	042210	X/354 F/Lt. A. W. Yoxon & Crew airborne in fromation with U & W/354 on anti shipping patrol Elphinstone Island to K?issaraing?? Island area. 18?05: 1712N 9018E No. 3? Engine propeller Pitch u/s Captain decided to return to Base. "U" & "W" informed on R/T. Set course 310 MTB. No. 3 engine u/s returning to Base ETA 2205. 2210 landed Cuttack. (222/AC?17/3Apr) Sortie Report No. 6?1. Oprep. No. 5.
Mk.VI.	F/O E. D. Constant	RCAF J39566			
"X"	F/O B. Morley	RAF 163698			
EV853	F/S P. Eley	RAF 578400			
	F/S G. A. Godin	RAF 1586071			
	Sgt. R. D. Clarke	RAF 1490603			
	Sgt. H. Baker	RAF 1339674			
	Sgt. J. B. Felth	RAF 1614741			
Liberator	F/O V. H. James	RAF 130937	041747	050656?	Aircraft "W" (F/O James) & "U" (W/O Jamseson??) airborne from Cuttack at
Mk.VI.	W/O A. Carson	RAF 1480499			
"W"	W/O R. G. Redmayne	RAAF A421546			

¹³ The records in April, 1945 continue to list "Y" KG850 even though this aircraft was lost on March 12, 1945.

KH138	F/S F. Gannon	RAF 1433116			041747 on anti-shipping patrol in the Elphinaions?? Island - K. iss??aing Island area. 2151 at Preparis Island set course 16?1 for Patrol Area. 23?30: Elphinsions?? Island aircraft "W" and "U" in contact. Set cours 09?0 on patrol. No sightings except fishing vessels and beached hull 60 foot length. 0?06 1330N 8?75?0E off Patrol. No enemy opposition. Aircraft lost contact. 0?05? W/354 at Preparis Island set course Base. U/354 at Preparis Island set course Base. 04?6 "W" landed 072?5 "U" landed. (00/G2/4Ap) Sortie Report No. 62. Oprep. No. 6?
	F/S Riley??	RAF 14232965??			
	F/S Swan	RAF 1573340			
	Sgt. J. P. Smythe	RAF 1596941			
	Sgt. D. Hackleton	RAF 1641367			
Liberator	W?/O Jameson?	RCAF R421086?	041749	050736	
Mk.VI	F/S L. McN. Brice	RAAF A437251			
"U"	F/O K. Hooton	RAF 147108			
KG821	F/S E. G. Sawyer	RAF 1320219			
	F/S G. W. Massey	RAF 1575896			
	F/S Hyndman W.	RAF 1537077			
	Sgt. Doonan T. S.	RAF 578507			
Liberator	F/L H. V. Stinson	RAF 135126	041750	050755	Aircraft "F" (F/L Stinson) "???" (F/O Hughes) and "H" (F/O Salt) airborne loose Vic formation heights 4000, 4400, & 4800 feet. 050025 1147N 95?20E. A.A. fire seen by rear gunner of H/354 from North East tip De??al Island. 10 black bursts in pairs 100 feet. 0015 1235N 9510E. 0015: 1235N 9810E reformated "Z?" "F?" & "H" starboard and echelon 50 feet high. On Patrol course 16?0 through S????el ?? Kissaraing Island and Mcleod and Malcols??? Islands. 0101 east of High Island 300 feet. Set Course Preparis 034?1: 12?51N 9?31E set course for base. 0630 1?46N ??49E IFF on 0755 - 0802 "H?" "?" "?" landed at Cuttack. No sightings IFF off. Weather Hazy. Visibility 10 miles. (OO/G2/4Ap) Sortie Report No 62? Oprep No. 5?
Mk.VI.	P/O W. H. Arnold	RCAF J43436			
"F"	P/O J. A. Menzies	RCAF J44299			
EW315	Sgt. I. Newton	RAF 1145341			
	Sgt. L. Partyn	RAF 1673044			
	Sgt. G. George	RAF 2220744			
	Sgt. A. Ryder	RAF 578414			
	Sgt. F. Wilson	RAF 1540765			
	Sgt. E? H. Hunston	RCAF R289257			
Liberator	F/O G. M. Hughes	RAAF A26288	041800	050759	
Mk.VI.	F?/O Freeman	RCAF J39585??			
"P???"	F?/O N? Harris	RAF 164075			
KH?15?5	F/O J. Grimshaw	RAAF A433380			
	W/O R. G. Stanley	RAAF A412754			
	F/S Antlett	RAF 6?4 3?401			
	Sgt. L. Frankland	RAF 577848			
	Sgt. W. J. Malloy	RAF 19025?29			
Liberator	F/O C. R. H. Salt	RCAF J22375	041802	050802	
Mk.VI	F/O W. A. Blackford	RCAF J22370			
"H"	F/O A. D. J. Bridge	RCAF J40459			
KH187	F/S L. Wells	RCAF R219710			
	F/S Graham J. H.	RCAF R251860			
	F/S M? Bradley	RCAF R224955			
	Sgt. C. H. Day	RAF 578399			
	Sgt. J. W. Went	RAF 3034359			
Liberator	F/L F. Riffle	RCAF J14340	081808	0907?17	"L", "B" & "H"/354 airborne on anti-shipping sweep south of Margui from Cuttack at 081808 - 081810 set course for Preparis Island in "Vic" formation. 2154 at Preparis
Mk.VI.	F/O G. Sourisseau	RCAF J39592			
"L"	P/O Menzies J. R.	RCAF J44299			
EV645	W/O Casson F. A.	RCAF R191634			
	F/S F. J. Krampp	RCAF R197108			
	F/S G. H. Day	RAF 149?6430			

	F/S P. A. Richards	RAF 907926			Island. 2335? Cabuss?? Island to sweep area through Dron???? Ph???ge N?W? of King Island. No sightings. Continued on patrol. 0025 12?53?N 8?9??E rife fire from Katonanore???? Puffs of smoke seen. 0046. 1148N 9880E All aircraft sighted and attacked Type S landing craft with feling?? camouflage 50 to 60 feet in length. Low level attack from 50 feet with bombs. M.C. fire. Vessel badly damage, inflicted a number of casualties on the enemy. 12 of whom were seen to jump overboard. No enemy opposition from Landing craft. All our aircraft returned undamaged and landed 092716 - 090724. (OO/G1/8Apr)
	Sgt. J. V. C. Thomas	RAF 1837137			
Liberator	P/O F. M. Corbett	RCAF J89410			
Mk.VI.	F/S J. G. Roach	RAF 1579888			
B	F/S T. Walton	RAF 1549167			
KH168 ¹⁴	F/Sgt. J. Yarnnton?	RAF 1387480			
	F/S D. Jenks	RAF 1335791			
	Sgt. J. H. Harding	RAF 1336705			
	Sgt. A. Willis	RAF 1667109			
	Sgt. R. M. Stamford	RAF 1898882			
Liberator	F/O C. R. H. Salt	RCAF J22375			
Mk.VI.	F/O W. A. Blackford	RCAF J22370			
"H"	F/O A. D. J. Bridge	RCAF J40459			
KH187	F/S L. Wells	RCAF R219710			
	F/S Graham J. H.	RCAF R251860			
	F/S L. Bradley	RCAF R224955			
	Sgt. C. H. Day	RAF 578399			
	Sgt. Tester, J.	RAF 1818525			
Liberator	F/L M. McKellar	RCAF J20844	200551	201758	Aircraft "W?" (F/Lt McKellar) "X" (F/O Tetlock) and "Y" (W/O Cottan) airborne on anti-shipping sweep off Moulmain down to Amherst from Cuttack at 200551 - 200554. Set course 133 in "Vic" formation for Preparis. 1054: in Position 1510N 9535E Set Course 038 for Target Area. 1135: 1630N 97?29E sighted one sugur dog 70 feet beached. Barrels, packing cases, life seen aboard. "X" and "Y" attacked immediately and bombs seen to explode amidships. "Y" attacked in position 1620N 9727E two sugar dogs of approximately 70 feet. Targets badly damaged by near misses and gunfire, also, causing casualties to enemy personnel. "Y" experienced from Sugar Dogs M.G. white tracer medium intensity and fairly accurate. All aircraft returned to Base undamaged. Landing at "W" 201758; "X" 201745
Mk.VI	P/O W. F. Frey	RAAF A430762			
"W"	F/O Carter, R. P.	RAAF A409291			
KH138	Sgt. S. S. Williams	RAAF A120421			
	Sgt. M. Ramsay	RAAF A435501			
	Sgt. G. P. Glazebrook	RAAF A43?2667			
	F/S Cunningham, G.	RAF 1342853			
	Sgt. R. Borthard	RAF 1592548			
	Sgt. D. F. Mackie	RAF 552832			
	Sgt. R. Feather	RAF 1593189			
Liberator	F/O Tetlock, L. M. J.	RCAF J18980	(not given)	(not given)	
Mk.VI.	F/O Mulligan, E? V.	RCAF J36143			
"X"	F/O Morley, J.	RAF 163698			
EV853	F/S Jellings? H. A.	RAF 1817986			
	Sgt. McMillan, J.	RAF 1345998			
	Sgt. Wolley, ? G	RAF 1122520			
	Sgt. Brown, ? W.	RAF 1593???			
	Sgt. Buckley, J. A.	RAF 23??951			
	Sgt. Doonan, T.	RAF 57?35???			
Liberator	W/O Cottan, R. F.	RAF 1396490	200554	201832	
Mk.VI.	F/S Alexander D	RAF 1623203			
"Y"	W/O Hull, J. H.	RAF 1576124			
KG850 ¹⁵	F/S Longley, R.	RAF 1425946			
	F/S Williams, A. J.	RAF 133?5514			
	F/S Roberts, S.	RAF 1437382			
	F/S Geach, R. L.	RAF 1380463			
	Sgt. Owen, K? L.	RAF 578745			

¹⁴ Record reads KH186; see note above.

	Sgt. Evans, D. F.	RAF 1588194			and "Y" - 201832.
	Sgt. Frc?arson, G. E.	RAF 1869972			(OO/G3/19Apl) Sortie Report No. 65 Oprep. No. 21.
Liberator	F/O F. Riffle	RCAF J14340	220414	221720	Liberators Mk.VI, "L" (F/L Riffle); "J" (F/L Taylor) and "H" (P/O Corbett) airborne from Cuttack 220414 - 220415 on anti-shipping sweep from Moulmein to Kalagank Island. All the aircraft attacked coaster south of Amherst and severely damaged it. The vessel's steering gear was put out of action and the crew jumped overboard. Aircraft "J" (F/Lt. Taylor & crew) failed to return to Base. A faint S.O.S. was heard by a Station in the South of India, and a search was laid on in position 2010N 8715E. Liberators from Cuttack and 231 Group and Catalinas from Redhills and Calcutta together with surface craft searched the area for two days without result but happily, a Catalina of No. 191 Squadron, returning to Coconada?, after carrying out a search, sighted a dinghy with five survivors on board, 80 miles S.W. of the search position. The Catalina landed and picked up the survivors who were suffering from exposure and injuries. It is understood that all four engines of J/354 cut and the aircraft ditched immediately. The Captain, Navigator and three gunners perished. (CO/G1/April 21) Sortie Report No. 66 Oprep No. 23?
Mk.VI	F/O G. Sourisseau	RCAF J39592			
"L"	F/L Duffield, P.	RAF 153123			
EV945 ¹⁶	W/O J. A. Milne	RCAF R2119			
	W/O F. A. Casson	RCAF R191634			
	F/S R. J. Krampp	RCAF R197102			
	F/S G. H. Day	RAF 1496430			
	F/S Richards, P. A.	RAF 907926			
	Sgt. J. V. C. Thomas	RAF 1837137			
	Sgt. E. J. Young	RAF 3000519			
Liberator	F/L Taylor, R. E.	RCAF J27799	220417	Missing	
Mk.VI.	P/O Bjarnason, B.	RCAF J42899		Injured	
"J"	P/O Grose, D.	RCAF J44297		Missing	
EV863	P/O Tutton, D.	RCAF J475357		Injured	
	F/S Vine, E.	RAF 1845262		Injured	
	Sgt. Leonard, R. J.	RAF 177?1743		Missing	
	Sgt. Munro, ? M.	RAF 1741744		Injured	
	Sgt. Whalen, L. E/	RAF 1741745		Missing	
	Sgt. Baril, R. J.	RAF 1741746		Missing	
	Sgt. B?eaton, R. F.	RAF 1649895		Injured	
Liberator	P/O F. M. Corbett	RCAF J89410	{not given}	{not given}	
Mk.VI.	F/S J. G. Roach	RAF 1579888			
"H"	F/O Harris, R	RAF 164075			
KH187	F/O Jenks, D.	RAF 133?5791			
	Sgt. J. H. Harding	RAF 1336705			
	Sgt. Whitaker? W?	RAF 2221980			
	Sgt. R. M. Stamford	RAF 1898882			
	Sgt. Delieu G?	RAF 578536			
	Sgt. Willis A. F. G.	RAF 1667109			
Liberator	F/L A. W. Yoxon	RAF 127876	221947	230937	
Mk.VI.	F/O E. D. Constant	RCAF J39566			
"U"	F/O R. Hooton	RAF 147108			
KG821	F/S P. Eley	RAF 578400			
	Sgt. H. Baker	RAF 1339674			
	Sgt. R. D. Clarke	RAF 1490603			

¹⁵ See note on "Y" above.

¹⁶ Record list serial as EV954, but this Liberator was based in Europe. Believed "transposition" error; EV945 used.

	Sgt. Pritchard, A. H.	RAF 37033569			recommence search from datum point 0827 2037N 86575E. M.T.B. (1) - Two survivors in position 1125N 86701E. 0844 M.F.B. Return to Base. 0937 Landed. (Cut/G1/22Ap) Sortie Report No. 67 Oprep No.23.
	Sgt. J. B. Felth	RAF 1614741			
Liberator	F/O Tetlock, L, M. J.	RCAF J18980	222344	231110	F/Lt. Tetlock & Crew in X/354 Airborne on Air/Sea Rescue for crew of J/354 from Cuttack at 222344. 0813: 1829N 8800E Intercept signal Y/354 "survivors in position 1825N 8801E" Set course for this position. 0850 sighted W & Y/354 circling position. Sighted 7 bodies in water in Mae Wests. Three showing signs of life. Dropped Birchan Barrel and smoke floats. Catalina arrived to take over. 1110 Landed Base. (Cut/G1/22Ap) Sortie Report No. 68. Oprep. No. 23.
Mk.VI.	F/O Mulligan, E? V.	RCAF J36143			
"X"	F/O McLachlan, J. N?	RCAF J90004			
EV853	F/S Jellings? H. A.	RAF 1817986			
	Sgt. McMillan, J.	RAF 1345998			
	Sgt. Wolley, ? G	RAF 1122520			
	Sgt. Doonan? T	RAF 578507			
	Sgt. Buckley, J. A.	RAF 2203961			
	Sgt. Brown, S? W?	RAF 1595837			
Liberator	F/L M. McKellar	RCAF J20844	222340	231350	F/Lt. McKellar & Crew in W/354 airborne on Air Sea Rescue for crew of J/354 from Cuttack 222340. Set course for position to cover area 2035N 8658E - 1915N 8858E - 1800N 8800E - 19725N 8605E with "X" & "Y" on parallel track search. 0618: 1912N 8733E Investigated disturbance in water which proved to be school of turtles. Continued search. Nothing further seen. Relieved by F/354. 1350 Landed Base. (CUT/G2/23Ap) Sortie Report No. 69. Oprep No. 24.
Mk.VI.	P/O W. F. Frey	RAAF A430762			
"W"	F/O Carter, R. P.	RAAF A409291			
KH138	Sgt. S. S. Williams	RAAF A120421			
	Sgt. M. Ramsay	RAAF A435501			
	Sgt. G. P. Glazebrook	RAAF A4372667			
	F/S Cunningham, G.	RAF 1342853			
	Sgt. D. F. Mackie	RAF 552832			
	Sgt. R. Feather	RAF 1593189			
	Sgt. R. Borchard?	RAF 1592548			
Liberator	P/O James, V. H.	RAF 130937	222341	231342	"Y" (F/O James) also airborne on parallel track search as above. 0804: 1825N 8801E Circling survivors and small wreckage. M.T.B. (1) "survivors sighted 1825N 8801E" dropped 22 flame
Mk.VI.	W/O Carson, A. G?	RAF 1450499			
"Y"	P/O Redmayne, R. G.	RAAF A421546			
KG850 ¹⁷	F/S Gannon, F	RAF 14373116			
	F/S Riley, J.	RAF 1434965			
	F/S Swan, A. C.	RAF 15773340			
	Sgt. Hackleton D.	RAF 1641367			
	Sgt. Smythe, J. P.	RAF 1596941			

	Sgt. Smith, P.	RAF 1891330			floats, continued to circle position for 4 1/2 hours until F/354 relieved. 231342 Landed Base. (Cut/G2/23Ap) Sortie Report No. 70. Oprep No. 24
Liberator	F/Lt. Stinson, H? V	RAF 135126	231038	240138?	F/Lt. Stinson, F/354 airborne at 231038 from Cuttack in Air Sea Rescue search for Crew of J/354. 1151: 1840N 8743E sighted Liberators and Catalina circling area. Joined in search radius maximum 3 miles position given. Dropped in area 10 Marine Markers. 1201: 1842N 8741E sighted unoccupied dinghy, also some wreckage. Dropped in Area 10 Marine Markers. Corvette joined in search along with 3000 ton M/V. V/S(1) from Corvette "where is dinghy?" Reply "Right of two flame floats close together." V/S(2) to Corvette. "Have you picked up survivors?" Reply "No". 2125: A.S.R. Launch arrives. No further sightings. 240138 Landed Base. (Cut/G2/23Ap) Sortie Report No. 71. Oprep No. 24
Mk.VI	P/O Arnold, W. H.	RCAF J43/43?6			
"F"	P/O Menzies J. R.	RCAF J44299			
EW315	Sgt. Newton, D. I.	RAF1145341			
	Sgt. Partyn, L. R.	RAF 1673044			
	Sgt. George, G.	RAF 2220744			
	Sgt. Ryder, A. V.	RAF 578414			
	Sgt. Wilson, F.	RAF 1540765			
Liberator	F/O C. R. H. Salt	RCAF J22375			H/354 (F/Lt. Salt) airborne on Air Sea Rescue Search for Crew of J/354. 2325: 1840N 8741E. Sighted A.S.R. launch, one M/V, Corvette, Frigate and one Liberator. 0130 M.F. Corvette(1) "when directly over dinghy will you send your call sign and
Mk.VI.	F/O W. A. Blackford	RCAF J22370			
"H"	F/O A. D. J. Bridge	RCAF J40459			
KH187	F/S L. Wells	RCAF R219710			
	F/S Graham J. H.	RCAF R251860			
	F/S M? Bradley	RCAF R224955			
	Sgt. C. H. Day	RAF 578399			
	Sgt. Tester, J	RAF 1818?52?5			
	Sgt. J. W. Went	RAF 3034359			

¹⁷ See note on "Y" above.

	Sgt. Peden, J. A.	RAF 1827657			dashes of five seconds duration at intervals in order that I may home on you" 0230: 1828N 8737E. Sighted dinghy radio with presumed survivor and yellow barrel with another presumed survivor. Owing to failure of R/T fired varey and dropped flares in circle of area. Eventually A.s.r. Launch searched area and picked up two large circular dinghies. Later sighted several turtles in the water. 1123: 1851W 8731E. set course base 1234 Landed Base. No further sightings. (CUT/G2/23Ap) Sortie Report No. 72. Oprep. No. 25.
Liberator	P/O F. M. Corbett	RCAF J89410	202345	291040	B/354 (P/O Corbett) airborne on Recce Patrol in Andaman Sea. 0236: 1940N 9300E sighted 4 M/V's on Course 000/8kts. 0248: 1903N 9314E sighted 1 M/V 10,000 tons, Course 020/8 kts. 0612: 1440N 9530E sighted 3 D.D's 040/22. 0531: 1409N 9454E. Set course for Base. Track 307. Patrol flown at 500 to 1000 feet. No enemy sightings. Weather thundary with visibility of 20 miles. Landed Cuttack 1040 hours (AK?/G2/28Ap) sortie Report No. 73. Oprep No. 30.
Mk.VI.	F/S J. G. Roach	RAF 1579888			
"B"	P/O Bridge, A.	RCAF J40?549			
KH168 ¹⁸	F/O Jenks, D.	RAF 133?5791			
	F/S Yarnton, S? H.	RAF 13?87480			
	Sgt. Delieu? D?	RAF 578536			
	Sgt. Willis A. F. G.	RAF 1667109			
	Sgt. J. H. Harding	RAF 1336705			
	Sgt. Whittaker W?	RAF 2221980			
Liberator	F/O F. Riffle	RCAF J14340	282338	191220	
Mk.VI.	F/O G. Sourisseau	RCAF J39592			
"L"	F/O Hunter, J. M.	RAF 153086			
EV945 ¹⁹	W/O J. A. Milne	RCAF R2119			
	W/O F. A. Casson	RCAF R191634			
	F/S G. Krampp	RCAF R197102			
	F/S G. H. Day	RAF 1496430			
	F/S Richards, P. A.	RAF907926			
	Sgt. J. V. C. Thomas	RAF 1837137			
	Sgt. E. J. Young	RAF 3000519			

¹⁸ Record reads KH186; see note above.

¹⁹ Record reads EV954; see note above.

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events				
			May 1945				
			18th May, 1945 Squadron Disbanded.				
			Aircraft strength as at 18th May, 1945 - 10 a/c against establishment of 12. Crew strength was 12.				
			Operational Flying Hours for Month				
			Day 178 hours 9 minutes				
			Night 106 hours 38 minutes				
			284 hours 47 minutes Total				
			Non-Operational Flying Hours for Month				
			Day 123 hours 41 minutes				
			Night - hours - minutes				
			123 hours 41 minutes Total				
			Total Flying Hours for Month 408 Hours 28 Minutes.				
			Squadron Strength as at 18th May, 1945				
			Officers: Australian 12; British 23; Canadian 36; New Zealand -; Indian -; Total 74.				
			B.O.R.'s Australian 8; British 464; Canadian 28; New Zealand 1; Indian 3; Total 504				
			Grand Total of Squadron Strength 578.				
			In all there were 24 Operational and 33 Training Sorties from 1st May to May 18th, 1945. Of the 24 Operational Sorties, 13 were Air Reconnaissance in collaboration with the Landing South of Rangoon.				
			7 Anti-Shipping Strikes in the Harbour at Moulmein where Harbour installations and numerous Coasters were damaged. In addition 3 Parallel Track Sweeps in the Straits of Malacca were made by Squadron detachment at Kankasanturai, during which an enemy Force consisting of on Cruiser of the Nachi Class (10,000-tons), and a Destroyer of the Kamikaze Class, were sighted and shadowed, as a result of which the 10,000-ton Cruiser was sunk by Own Sea Forces. Aircraft L/354 failed to return and is believed to have ditched in position 0800N 9330E. Aircraft H/354 was airborne on 160509 hours on Air Sea Rescue but failed to make any sightings of Crew of missing aircraft. Overdue action was also taken by the Senior Operations Officer at KKS but unhappily nothing further has been seen or heard of crew and therefor it is presumed that aircraft L/354 is a total loss with under-noted Crew:-				
			F/Lt. R. Riffle	RCAF	J.14340	Captain	Missing
			F/O G. A. Z. Sourisseau	RCAF	J.39592	2nd Pilot	Missing
			F/O J. M. Hunter	RAF	153086	Nav.B	Missing
			W/O B. Milne	RCAF	R.2119	W/AG	Missing
			W/O F. A. Casson	RCAF	R.191634	W/AG	Missing
			F/S G. W. Krampp	RCAF	R.197108	W/AG	Missing
			F/S G. H. Day	RAF	1496430	WOM/AG	Missing
			F/S S. Richards	RAF	907926	F/Eng	Missing
			Sgt. T. Thomas	RAF	1837137	AG	Missing
			Sgt. R. Young	RAF	3000519	AG	Missing
	1945 May		Movements				
	5		F/O H. N. Daniels (164315) RAFVR, arrived on posting to this Squadron for				

			Flying Duties.
	5		P/O W. L. Knight (J.47880) RCAF, arrived on posting to this Squadron for Flying Duties.
	5		P/O J. P. Hynes, (A.421734) RAAF, arrived on posting to this Squadron for Flying Duties.
	5		F/Lt. D. G. Muir (J.12274) RCAF, arrived on posting to this Squadron for Flying Duties.
	14		F/O A. W. Nelson (J.44303) RCAF, arrived on posting to this Squadron for Flying Duties.
Cuttack	May 18, 1945		W/Commander F. G. Paisey addressed the entire Squadron in the Cinema at 1100 hours on Friday 18th May, 1945, and announced the decision of A.C.S.E.A. to disband the Squadron as from to-day. He expressed his sorrow in having to make such an announcement but he was quite sure the Squadron personnel would take it in the way they had tackled all tasks in the past.
			Aircraft would be allocated to other Squadrons in the Group, while Squadron personnel would be dispersed throughout the Command. He expressed his great appreciation of the support so gladly given him and his Section Commanders and stated the Squadron could take pride in the fact that their record of serviceability was not excelled anywhere in the Command. He concluded by saying "You have done a most excellent job. I am proud of you and, as the Squadron has to be disbanded, it is good to know that this decision was made with the Squadron's morale and efficiency at its peak. Goodbye and Good Luck to you."
Cuttack	May 3	1720	A Thundersquall approached Charbatia, the surface wind speed, to commence with, was 20 m.p.h. direction North by North-East, the advancing to from 60 to 80 m.p.h. from Easterly direction, finally coming from West-South-West at 40 m.p.h. Rainfall of 1 inch was registered in 55 minutes. Widespread damage was caused over entire camp, 12 billets being completely demolished, and hardly a building was not damaged, the majority losing their thatched roofing. The storm subsided at 1815 hours. There was one fatal casualty - an Indian civilian employed on the camp - with 25 injuries among British and Indian personnel. Several cases were flown to Calcutta for treatment. There was only one minor casualty in the Squadron.
			Training, Education, Welfare, Sport and Health Reports.
			Intelligence by F/O W. W. Edwards (155280), Squadron Intelligence Officer.
			The Intelligence "Gen" Room has been well patronized between 1st and 18th May. It must be said the new 222 Group Weekly intelligence and the "IOGROPS" Magazine have proved very popular. Weekly discussions on "IOGROPS" Tactical Instructions and Memoranda between Captain and Crew were arranged and these, lasting one hour in duration, proved very beneficial.
			Lectures were given by F/Lt. K. O. Phillips (103927) and F/O W. W. Edwards (155280) on our present Operational Area, certain "X?" Gen and Escape Aids. F/Lt. T. Gardiner (169959) also gave some most interesting lectures on Medical Escape Aids including Elements of First Aid and other lectures of great value to Aircrew on "Medical Aspect of Ditching".
			Ship Recognition and Aircraft Recognition
			Owing to operational commitments, couple with the disbandment of the Squadron no lectures were given during period under review but good use was made of the "Gen" Room devoted to these two subjects.
			Radar by F/Lt. G. K. Smith (13641)
			Radar was used extensively by Squadron aircraft while on detachment in the early part of the month. It proved a valuable asset to Aircrews while navigating off the Burma Coast in pre-monsoon weather, enabling them to avoid the heavy cloud formations and providing the navigator with a pin point.
			Gunnery Report by F/O A. S. Hassell (J.40560)

			18 Lectures were given on Gun stripping, Turrets and Sighting.
			Ammunition expended on Operations: - 940 x .5 ; 70 x .303
			Training: - 5050 x .5 ; 190 x .303.
			Signals Report by F/O N. S. Gorrington.
			Signals Training during this period was nil due to Squadron detachments to Akyab & KKS. As detachments have returned training will be proceeded with as previously so long as crews remain on this station.
			Navigation Report by F/Lt. S. W? Simms
			Operations
			Operation "Dracula" commenced on the 29th April, 1945, and continued until the 6th May, during which time the Squadron flew 13 Sorties.
			On the 9th May, 105, 7 Squadron aircraft participated in a high level shipping attack at Moulmein Harbour.
			In all sorties, the Navigation was satisfactory, and there are no Navigational Failures to report.
			The Squadron finally completed its Operational role, before disbanding, when 4 aircraft were detached to Kankasanturai to take part in a shadowing Reconnaissance, which ultimately resulted in the sinking of a Japanese Cruiser. From the Navigational point of view, this detachment was very successful, with an average landfall error of less than 0.5?%.
			Training
			Ground Training was confined to a few talks and demonstrations on Loran. The Squadron, on disbandment, had 3 Loran trained Navigators: - P/O Carter, F/O Morisson? and F/O McLachlen.
			Bombing by F/Lt. P. Duffield.
			The Squadron has disbanded with effect from 18th May, 1945, but Training continued up to the last day, where Operational requirements allowed.
			During the period mentioned 40 practice bombs were dropped, 16 of them being dropped on a practice sortie on the 17th May. Lectures on Bombing Gear and Bombsights were given to new crews, and totaled 5 hours.
			On the Operational side, requirements have been such that no bombing was involved, with one exception, where seven Squadron aircraft took part in an attack on enemy shipping in Moulmein Harbour, and release 56 x 250 lb. G.P. Bombs. The attack was made at an average height of 7,000 feet, with the aid of the Mk.XIV/T.1. Bombsight, and the bombs were fused nose instantaneous, with the No. 44 Air Burst Pistol. Unfortunately, results were unobserved, and the photographs proved abortive.
			The Squadron standard of Bombing and Bombing Drill was improving right up to the end, and it is felt that other Squadrons will definitely benefit from the posting-in of a 354 Squadron crew.
			3 Lectures were given on Practice Bombing with Liberator Gear MK.XIV/T.1. Bombsight and Bombing Attacks on shipping.
			Welfare Report by F/O N. Gorrington
			From the end of April to May 18th we have no ENSA Shows nor Gang Show, but the calibre of airman programmes has been sufficiently high to give good entertainment to Airmen. Again this months highlight has been the deliveries of Home Newspapers. T???????????????? of them very soon after their days of ?????? The Airmen have been very glad to receive the papers as????goo a ???????? beer ration arrived 16th May. It was ?????? by an extra VE-Day issue of 225 bottles ??????????/had our ????? Squadron party in the Airmen's Canteen. It was a great night for all, although ???strong undercurrent of regret was present, owing to the Squadron's disbanding. This factor is proof of the ?????in which the Airmen held their unit and the associations it has given them.
			Health Report, by F/O T. Gardiner?

		<p>During this month from May 1st to 18th, there have been 12 admissions to Hospitals and Sick Quarters. 10 discharges, Only one case of Malaria has occurred and this is believed to ???? ???? contracted off the Camp. The number of cases of direriria were down to two only this ???? As a result of the Stars on the night of the 4th only 1 casualty was reported. CPI. Carter (Cook) tore a ligament in his Rt. Ankle. Aircrew Only 2 aircrew were admitted and two were discharged.</p>
		Resume and Assessment of Squadron's Effort
		<p>The Squadron which was formed at Drigh Road, Karachi, on 18th May, 1943, under the Command of Wing Commander K. J. Mellor, DFC, with the assistance of F/Lt. Gatrell, who has been the Station Adjutant throughout its career, 354 General Reconnaissance Squadron was first intended to carry out long-range Photographic Reconnaissance work, but owing to the vulnerability of the single Liberator to enemy fighter aircraft, already experienced by No. 160 Squadron who were carrying out this type of work, the role of the Squadron was changed to Convoy Escort and anti-submarine work in the Bay of Bengal. This first Convey Escort was carried out on October 4th, 1943, from Cuttack where 354 Squadron assembled in August, 1943, and when the Squadron moved to Minneriya in Ceylon in October, 1944, approximately 236 sorties of this type had been carried out with out the loss of a single ship from the convoys covered. 88 anti-submarine sorties were also flown. During one particular hunt which lasted three days the Squadron flew 21 sorties totalling 247 hours, but no sightings of the U-boat was obtained.</p>
		<p>Another important part of the Squadron's work was the "Maxim" Anti-Shipping Patrol off the Arakan Coast from the Mayu River to the mouth of the Irrawaddy. The first patrol was flown on December 11th, 1945, and continued daily without a single operational failure until May 28th, 1944, when the monsoon prevented further operations. These patrol, which were of an average duration of approximately 12 hours, played a big part in preventing the Japanese from supplying their forces in Arakan by means of large merchant shipping. Numerous small craft which the enemy was force to use were sunk or damaged. Two incidents during these patrols deserve special mention. On April 1st, 1944, Liberator T/354 (S/Ldr. G. McKenzie and Crew) encountered an Army 97 twin-engined bomber (Sally Mk.III) and although one engine was put out of motion the enemy aircraft was forced to withdraw. On 6th April, 1944, Liberator M/354 (F/O R. E. Banks and Crew) sighted two dinghies containing eight survivors of a U.S./ Liberator 60 miles off the Arakan Coast and were instrumental in these airmen being picked up by a Catalina. Unfortunately on May 7th Liberator M/354 when returning from a patrol crashed into the sea off the Crissa? Coast and F/O Banks and crew were lost.</p>
		<p>In April, 1944, Wing Commander Mellor was taken seriously ill and Squadron Leader R. L Hanson, DFC, assumed command of the Squadron. In May, 1944, Wing Commander Mallor was forced to relinquish the command of the Squadron owing to ill Health and Wing Commander D. T. Macpherson succeeded him.</p>
		<p>Monsoon weather restricted flying for some months and the cessation of threat in the area coverable from Cuttack resulted in the Squadron's move to Ceylon. This was carried out by means of air and rail parties. The main body of the Squadron travelled by troop train.</p>
		<p>On the arrival of the Squadron at Minneriya in October, 1944, it was discovered that the facilities existing would not permit the employment of all the Squadron aircraft and one flight was therefore detached to Kankasanturai. During the stay of the Squadron in Ceylon 57 anti-submarine sorties consisting of shipping lane patrols and U-boat hunts in the Bay of Bengal</p>

			were carried out.
			Two aircraft were lost during these sorties and 5 searches for the missing crews were carried out without success.
			At the end of December, 1944, U-boat activity in the Indian Ocean had completely ceased and it is considered that the Squadron had played a very full part in protecting the supply lines to the Burma Front and driving the enemy U-boats from the Area, although no concrete results were obtained.
			S/Ldr. G. McKenzie, who had been 'B' Flight Commander since December, 1943, during which time his unsurpassed energy and enthusiasm gained him the popularity of one and all, was posted to Command 2000 Squadron. S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey was posted in as replacement.
			Early in January, 1945, the Squadron returned to Cuttack, to carry out anti-shipping operations in the Andaman Islands area and off the South Burma and Tenasserin? Coasts. The move of the Squadron was made in record time with the assistance of Catalinas of 321 Squadron and A.C.S.E.A. communications Flight at Ratmalana.
			Tribute is specially paid to S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey (78753), to the Adjutant, F/Lt. L. E. Gatrell (68536) and his staff who worked with utmost energy, the Engineering Officer, F/Lt. G. King (50782) and his staff who were called upon at all times from all sides and did a most excellent job, all Captains of aircraft, aircrews and ground crews for the efficient and speedy way this move was carried out. It is worthy of note that the whole personnel, all ranks of the Squadron were moved by air with the exception of 23 N.C.Os and airmen, who formed the escort party to the heavy equipment.
			During January numerous shipping lane patrols were flown to enable consumption tests to be carried out, and in February the anti-shipping operations were commenced and during the month 18 sorties were flown and the following successes were obtained: - One sub-chaser and two Coasters sunk and one Landing craft, one motor-launch and one schooner seriously damaged.
			These attacks on the enemy communications created a serious problem for the Japanese and with the continuous attacks of Eastern Air Command on the Burma Siam Railway the use of the sea route from Singapore to Rangoon become vitally necessary to the enemy and during March the Squadron made its presence felt. One merchant vessel, 1500-tons, two schooners, one coaster sunk, and one schooner damaged. Two aircraft were lost, one during the attack on a Japanese convoy in the Andaman Sea on March 26th when Liberator A/354 (F/Lt. W. G. McCrae and crew) were shot down after sinking a 1500-ton enemy supply ship. The other aircraft disappeared during a patrol of the Tehasserin? Coast. On March 20th Wing Commander D. T. Macpharson relinquished command of the Squadron and Wing Commander F. G. Paisey assumed command. S/Ldr. L. H. Metherdon , was posted from 160 Squadron to fill the vacancy as 'B' Flight Commander, in which post he has carried out his duties with utmost zeal and showed particularly brilliant leadership with Squadron detachment at Akyab.
			During April further successes were recorded. Anti-shipping sweeps were carried out South of Mergui, involving 2000-mile sorties and one coaster was left a complete wreck, and four coasters, on landing craft and eight sampans seriously damaged.
			At the beginning of May cross-over patrols were flown in the Andaman Sea to prevent an enemy naval force located at Singapore from interfering with the airborne operations against Rangoon.
			On May 11th four aircraft were detached to Kankasanturai to carry out sweeps for a Japanese cruiser and destroyer operating in the Andaman Sea. Several sorties were flown and on May 15th two aircraft sighted the enemy

		force and shadowed skillfully. The Japanese cruiser, on of the Nachi Class (10,000-tons) was sunk later in the day by a force of H. M. Destroyers. Liberator L/354 was lost during these operations.
		The Squadron operational activities thus ended on a high note, characteristic of the state of efficiency maintained by the Squadron since its formation, particularly in the serviceability of aircraft which has always been extremely high due to the efforts of the maintenance staff led by F/Lt. A. W? Baillie, F/Lt. G. M. King and W/O G. K. Veremere.
		Tribute is also paid to the following officers who carried out their duties in the highest traditions of the Squadron:
		F/Lt. L. E. Gatrell Adjutant
		F/Lt. J. L. Sinnette Medical Officer
		F/Lt. R. J. T. Gardiner Medical Officer
		F/Lt. P. Duffield Bombing Leader
		F/Lt. L? S. Currie Navigation Officer
		F/Lt. R. J. Kelcher Gunnery Leader
		F/O G. J. Munday as Captain of Aircraft
		F/O O. J. Skinner as Captain of Aircraft
		F/O W. Moodie Radar Officer
		F/O J. Hawksworth Armament Officer
		W/O G. K. Vansmore Maintenance Flight
		F/O D. K. Horner as Captain of Aircraft
		F/Lt. L. E. Taylor as Captain of Aircraft --- Pilot regrettably lost in J/354 on August 23rd, 1945.
	May 18	The following message has been received from the Air Officer Commanding, Headquarters, No. 222 Group Indian Ocean: -
		"I am sorry that your Squadron has to be disbanded after all its good work. With the man-power shortage in the R.A.F., the release of men to civilian employment, and the reduction of the strength of the R.A.F. consequent upon the end of the war in Europe, the number of Squadrons in the group has been reduced. As No. 354 was the youngest Squadron its choice was inevitable. I wish you to explain to all ranks under your command and to wish them all good luck and thank them for their fine efforts at times under difficult circumstances."

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All times GMT.

Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
Liberator	F/L M. McKellar	RCAF J20844	Akyab	Ramree	In compliance with 346 Wing Operation Order No. 1/45, Appendix B, Patrol "Y" F/L McKellar W/354 airborne 0121 hours 29th. April 1945 from Cuttack to Akyab. Airborne again at Akyab on 30th. April 1945 at 0055 hours to land at Ramree 301515 hours. Airborne 010140 from Ramree to land
Mk.VI.	P/O W. S. Frey	RAAF A430762	300055	301515	
"W"	F/O Carter, R. P.	RAAF A409291			
KH138	Sgt. S. S. Williams	RAAF A120421			
	Sgt. M. Ramsay	RAAF A435501			
	Sgt. G. P. Glazebrook	RAAF A432667			
	Sgt. R. Borchard?	RAF 1592548			
	Sgt. D. F. Mackie	RAF 552832			
	Sgt. R. Feather	RAF 1593189			
	Sgt. Cunningham, G.	RAF 1342853			

	S/L L. H. Metherdon	RCAF J3490			010146 from Ramree to land at Cuttack at 010505 hours. Akyab 300055 airborne. 300407 Maro?ondan Island 100 ft. on crossover patrol "Y" in collaboration with the landing of our Forces in Rangoon. No enemy sightings. 301122 1105N 9518E off Patrol Set course 346. 301515 landed at Ramree. (AK/G3/28A) Sortie Report No. 75. Oprep No. 1.
Liberator	W/O R. F. Cottan	RAF 1396490	Akyab	Man?nyohin	346 Wing Operation Order No. 1/45, Appendix B, Patrol "Y" W/O Cottan X/354
Mk.VI.	F/S D. Alexander	RAF 1623203	300738	302310	airborne 290130 from Cuttack to land at Akyab.
"X"	W/O J. H. Hull	RAF 1376124			Airborne from Akyab 300738Z. X/354 301206
EV853	F/S R. Longley	RAF 1425946			1105N 9522E. Height 2000 ft. on Crossover Patrol "Y" in collaboration with invasion of Rangoon. No enemy sightings. 301816 1104N 9802E. Set Course for Ramree. Diversion due to weather landed at Akyab 3002310. Airborne from Akyab at 010355Z to land at Cuttack 010645Z (AK/G3/28A) Sortie Report No.76. Oprep No. 1.
	F/S A. J. Williams	RAF 1335514			
	F/S S. Roberts	RAF 1437382			
	Sgt. E. L. Owen	RAF 578745			
	Sgt. D. F? Evans	RAF 1588194			
	Sgt. G. K. Fre?arson	RAF 1869972			
	F/S R. L Geach	RAF 1380463			
Liberator	F/Lt. Stinson, H. V	RAF 135126	Akyab	Akyab	F/L Stinson F/354 airborne from Cuttack 300719 to land Akyab 301139. Airborne 010358 from Akyab 0902 hours 1105N 9247E. Crossover Patrol "X?" Set Course 179. No enemy sightings 1429 Barren Island Set Course for Akyab. 020206 airborne Akyab 0511 Landed Cuttack. Patrol make in collaboration with own sea Forces preparatory to invasion of Rangoon. (AK/G3/28A) Sortie Report No.77. Oprep No. 2.
Mk.VI.	P/O Arnold, W. H.	RCAF J43/43?6	010358	011845	
"F"	P/O Menzies J. A.	RCAF J44299			
EW315	Sgt. Newton, D. I.	RAF1145341			
	Sgt. Partyn, L. R.	RAF 1673044			
	Sgt. George, G. R.	RAF 2220744			
	Sgt. Ryder, A. V.	RAF 578414			
	Sgt. Wilson, F.	RAF 1540765			
	Sgt. E? H. Hunston	RCAF R289257			
	Sgt. F. C. Griese	RCAF R290551			
Liberator	P/O James, V. H.	RAF 130937	Akyab	Akyab	F/L James Y/354 airborne from Cuttack 010100 to land at Akyab 010350Z. Airborne Akyab 011036. 1503 hours
Mk.VI.	W/O Carson, A. G?	RAF 1450499	011036	020028	
"Y"	P/O Redmayne, R. G.	RAAF A421546			
EG850 ²⁰	F/S Gannon, F	RAF 143?3116			

	F/S Riley, J.	RAF 1434965			1105N 9521E. On Cross over patrol "Y" in collaboration with own sea Forces prior to invasion of Rangoon. 2106 hours 1105N 9521E off patrol. No enemy sightings. 020028 Landed at Akyab. 0315 airborne form Akyab to land at Cuttack at 0555 hours. (AK/G2/28A) Sortie report No. 78. Oprep. No. 2.
	F/S Swan, A. C.	RAF 1573340			
	Sgt. Hackleton D.	RAF 1641367			
	Sgt. Smythe, J. P.	RAF 1596941			
	Sgt. Smith, P.	RAF 1891330			
Liberator Mk.VI.	F/O G. M. Hughes W/O G. Jameson	RAAF A26288 RNZAF NZ4210786	Akyab 010350	Akyab 011747	F/O Hughes D/354 airborne from Cuttack at 300719 to land at Akyab at 301120. Airborne Akyab at 010350 hrs. 0721 Naroondan?? Island on Crossover Patrol in collaboration with own Sea Forces prior to invasion of Rangoon. No enemy sightings. 011313 hours 1101N 9756E. off patrol to land at Akyab 011747 hrs. 020237 hrs. airborne for Cuttack to land at 020521 hours. (AK/G2/28A) Sortie report No. 79. Oprep. No. 2.
"D" KH296	F?/O R? Harris F/O J. Grimshaw	RAF 164075 RAAF A433380			
	W/O R? G. Stanley	RAAF A412754			
	F/S J. P? Malady	RAAF A433644			
	F/S G. W. Massey	RAF 1575696			
	Sgt. L. Frankland	RAF 577848			
	Sgt. R. G. Randford	RAF 578329			
	Sgt. T. K? Quinn	RAF 3006413?			
	Sgt. W. J. Malloy	RAF 19025729			
Liberator Mk.VI.	F/O Tetlock, L. M. J. F/O Mulligan, E? V.	RCAF J18980 RCAF J36143	Akyab 011030	Akyab 020100	
"U" KG821	F/O J. K? McLaghlen F/S Jellings? H. A.	RCAF J390004 RAF 1817986			F/O Tetlock U/354 airborne from Cuttack at 010056 from Akyab to land at 010505 hrs. Airborne at 011030 from Akyab 1510 hrs. 1145N 9320E on Cross over patrol in collaboration with own sea Forces for the invasion of Rangoon. No enemy sightings 2149 Rarnen?? Island off Patrol to land at Akyab 020100. Airborne 020416 from Akyab to land at Cuttack at 020700 (AK/G2/28A) Sortie report No. 80. Oprep. No. 2.
	Sgt. McMillan, J.	RAF 1345998			
	Sgt. Wolley, ? G	RAF 1122520			
	Sgt. J. A. Buckley	RAF 23703961			
	Sgt. Brown, S? W.	RAF 1595837?			
	Sgt. A. A. Burn	RAF 1875028			
	Sgt. Doonan, T.	RAF 578507			
Liberator Mk.VI.	F/O F. Riffle F/O G. Sourisseau	RCAF J14340 RCAF J39592	Akyab 021405	Cuttack 022310	
"H" KH187	F/O Hunter, J. M. W/O J. A. Milne	RAF 153086 RCAF R2119			F/L Riffle H/354 airborne from Cuttack at 020053 for Akyab to land at Akyab 020430. Airborne from Akyab at 021405 hrs. for Crossover patrol in collaboration with own sea Forces for the invasion of Rangoon. 1509
	W/O F. A. Casson	RCAF R191634			
	F/S G. Krampp	RCAF R197102			
	F/S G. H. Day	RAF 1496430			
	F/S Richards, P. A.	RAF907926			

²⁰ This is in error EG850 is not a Liberator serial number; "Y" KG850 was lost March 1945.

	Sgt. J. V. C. Thomas	RAF 1837137			hrs. 1810N 9301E weather 8/10th. Cu. 3000/5000 ft. frequent thunder storms with visibility at nil. South of 1600N. weather deteriorated but despite this still endeavoured to make patrol area. Later Captain decided to return to Cuttack where aircraft landed at 2310. No enemy sightings. (AK/G2/28A) Sortie report No. 81. Oprep. No. 3.
	Sgt. E. J. Young	RAF 3000519			
Liberator	F/L A. W. Yoxon	RAF 127876	Akyab	Akyab	B/354 and Crew airborne at 010055 from Cuttack to land at Akyab 010430. Airborne from Akyab at 020655 for crossover patrol in collaboration with own sea Forces during invasion of Rangoon. 1047 hrs. 1240N 9438E on patrol. No enemy sightings. 1732 completed patrol set course 340 crossed coast in position 1600N 9412E. 2115 hrs. landed Akyab. 030258 airborne Akyab. 0538 landed Cuttack. (AK/G2/28A) Sortie report No. 82. Oprep. No. 3.
Mk.VI.	F/O E. D. Constant	RCAF J39566	020655	022115	
"B"	F/O R. Hooton	RAF 147108			
KH168	F/O P. W? Hayes	RAF 17669?9			
	F/S P. Eley	RAF 578400			
	Sgt. H. Baker	RAF 1339674			
	Sgt. R. D. Clarke	RAF 1490603			
	Sgt. Pritchard, A. H.	RAF 3033569			
	Sgt. J. B. Felth	RAF 1614741			
Liberator	F/O C. R. H. Salt	RCAF J22375	Akyab	Cox's Bazar	V/354 F/L Salt airborne from Cuttack at 012307 hrs. for Akyab landing there at 020223 hrs. Airborne Akyab 022050. Naroondam? Island 030003 on crossover patrol at 0116 in collaboration with own sea Forces during invasion of Rangoon. 0405 off Patrol due to adverse weather conditions. 0947 landed at Cox's Bazar. 040253 airborne from Cox's Bazar landing at Cuttack at 0522. No enemy sightings. (AK/G2/28A) Sortie report No. 83. Oprep. No. 4.
Mk.VI.	F/O W. A. Blackford	RCAF J22370	022050	030947	
"V"	F/O A. D. J. Bridge	RCAF J40459			
KH194/6	F/S L.F. Wells	RCAF R219710			
	F/S L. Bradley	RCAF R224955			
	F/S Graham J. H.	RCAF R251860			
	Sgt. C. H. Day	RAF 578399			
	Sgt. Tester, J	RAF 1818?52?5			
	Sgt. J. W. Went	RAF 3034359			
	Sgt. Peden, J. A.	RAF 1827657			
Liberator	F/L M. McKellar	RCAF J20844	030308{ sic}	031600	L/354 F/L M. McKellar airborne from Akyab at 030300 on crossover patrol in collaboration with own sea forces invasion of Rangoon.
Mk.VI.	P/O W. S.. Frey	RAAF A430762			
"L"	F/O Carter, R. P.	RAAF A409291			
EV945 ²¹	Sgt. S. S. Williams	RAAF A120421			

	Sgt. M. Ramsay	RAAF A435501			0720 hrs. 1105N 9521E.
	Sgt. G. P. Glazebrook	RAAF A43?2667			Datum on patrol. No enemy sightings. Off Patrol 1240
	Sgt. Cunningham, G.	RAF 1342853			hrs. 1630N 9410E. landing at
	Sgt. R. Borchard?	RAF 1592548			Cox's Bazar
	Sgt. D. F. Mackie	RAF 552832			(AK/G2/28A) Sortie report
	Sgt. R. Feather	RAF 1593189			No. 84. Oprep. No. 4.
Liberator	W/O R. F. Cottan	RAF 1396490	Akyab	Cox's Bazar	W/O Cottan X/354 airborne at 020605 hrs. from Cuttack
MK.VI.	F/S D. Alexander	RAF 1623203	032335	041230	on crossover patrol in
"X"	W/O J. H. Hull	RAF 1376124			collaboration with invasion of
EV853	F/S R. Longley	RAF 1425946			Rangoon. Landed Akyab
	F/S A. J. Williams	RAF 1335514			020955 Being airborne again
	F/S S. Roberts	RAF 1437382			from Akyab at 032335 hrs.
	Sgt. E. L. Owen	RAF 578745			0414 hrs. 1054N 9247E on
	Sgt. D. F? Evans	RAF 1588194			patrol. No enemy sightings.
	Sgt. G. K. Fre?arson	RAF 1869972			0633 hrs. 1040N 9401E off
	F/S R. L Geach	RAF 1380463			patrol. 041230 landed at
					Cox's Bazar. Airborne again
					at 050610 landing at Cuttack
					050910
					(AK/G2/28A) Sortie report
					No. 85. Oprep. No. 5.
Liberator	F/O C. B. St. John	RCAF J21671	Akyab	Akyab	F/O St. John W/354 airborne
Mk.VI.	F/O Comfort, L.	RCAF J39586	062353	071330	at 062353 from Akyab on
"W"	F/O K. D. MacKinnon	RCAF J39943			Recce South from Ye. To
KH138	F/O A. S. Hassel	RCAF J404560			P.L.E. and return. 0313 Ye
	F/S R. O? Leitch	RCAF R203672			S/O on Patrol Southwards.
	W/O H. W? Looten	RCAF R202576			No significant activity at Ye.
	Sgt. O. V. Farr	RAF 578529			0326 Heinse?? Basin nothing
	F/S Benson, J. K?	RAF610666			seen closely examined. 0352
	Sgt. J. Taylor	RAF 984162			Tavoy 2 or 3 small coasters
	Sgt. J. Pinnington	RAF 1439494			beached by waterfront. No
					other sightings of interest.
					0430 Mergui. No active
					shipping. At Merbui Airfield 3
					S.E. A/C possible Tojo's and
					1 T.E. A/C probable N?elly
					seen. H.A.A. encountered
					from 3 guns N. W. of Airfield.
					0542 Victoria Point. No
					shipping. 0625 0815N 9813E
					P.L.E. reached set course Ye
					coastwise. 0943 1523N
					9748E Railway Bridge
					between Paihwan? and
					Kalumpk? Seen to be
					destroyed. 071330 Landed
					Akyab.
					Sortie Report No. 1. Oprep
					No. 8.
Liberator	P/O F. M. Corbett	RCAF J89410	Akyab	Akyab	F/O Corbett F/354 airborne

²¹ Record list serial as EV954, but this Liberator was based in Europe. Believed "transposition" error; EV945 used.

Mk.VI.	Sgt. K. Buck	RAF 1583998	080538	081638	from Akyab at 080538 on Recce Andaman and Nicobars. 0950 Port Blair No signs of activity 1112 Nano?owry circled Harbour No shipping seen and no signs of life. Coast crawled by nothing of importance seen. 1405 hrs 1359N 9218E off patrol. 081638 landed Akyab. Sortie Rep. No. 2. Oprep No. 9.
"F"	F/O J. A. Menzies	RCAF J44299			
EW315	F/O Jenks, D.	RAF 133?5791			
	F/S Yarnton, S? H.	RAF 1387480			
	Sgt. J. H. Harding	RAF 1336705			
	Sgt. Willis A. F. G.	RAF 1667109			
	Sgt. Whittaker W.	RAF 2221980			
	Sgt. R. N? Stamford	RAF 189882			
	Sgt. Delieu? D?	RAF 578536			
Liberator	F/Lt. Stinson, H. V	RAF 135126	090557	091816	Aircraft "B" F/L Stinson, "H" F/L Salt, "Y" F/L McKellar, "L" F/L Riffle, "V" W/O Cottan, "U" F/O Tetlock, "Z" F/L Yoxon airborne with "G" and "D" of 203 Squadron at 090557 to 090619 from Cuttack on Anti-Shipping Strike Moulmein. Set Course 126 Route Alquada? Reef. 1120 Moulmein "B" and "H" at 6500 ft. attacked 6 Coasters 200ft. alongside North Jetties damaged superstructures of vessels and jetties. H.A.A. accurate for height astern to port 200/300 yds. 1132 - 1143 hours "Y" "V" and "L" also attacked same target from 6700 feet, and again damage was done to shipping and the jetties. 1149 "U" and "Z" attacked at 6500 feet further shipping off Jetties, damage was done to the vessels and the Harbour installations. H.A.A. was experienced and the intensity of this increased as aircraft drove home their attack. Aircraft "Y" was hit by shrapnel, one piece in flight deck, one piece in bomb bay and another piece near port beam window. Aircraft set course for Base Landing at Cuttack "B' 091816; "H" 091704; "Y" 091728?; "L" 091720; "V" 091827; "U" 091836; "Z" 091903
Mk.VI.	P/O Arnold, W. H.	RCAF J43436			
"B"	F/L P. Duffield	RAF 153123			
KH168	Sgt. Newton, D. I.	RAF1145341			
	Sgt. Partyn, L. R.	RAF 1673044			
	Sgt. George, G. R.	RAF 2220744			
	Sgt. Ryder, A. V.	RAF 578414			
	Sgt. Wilson, F.	RAF 1540765			
	Sgt. E? H. Hunston	RCAF R289257			
	Sgt. F. C. Griese	RCAF R290551			
Liberator	F/O C. R. H. Salt	RCAF J22375	090556	091704	
Mk.VI	F/O W. A. Blackford	RCAF J22370			
"H"	F/O A. D. J. Bridge	RCAF J40459			
KH189	F/S L.F. Wells	RCAF R219710			
	F/S L. Bradley	RCAF R224955			
	F/S Graham J. H.	RCAF R251860			
	Sgt. C. H. Day	RAF 578399			
	Sgt. Tester, J	RAF 1818?52?5			
	Sgt. J. W. Went	RAF 3034359			
	Sgt. Peden, J. A.	RAF 1827657			
Liberator	F/L M. McKellar	RCAF J20844	090603	091728	
Mk.VI	P/O W. S. Frey	RAAF A430762			
"Y"	F/O Carter, R. P.	RAAF A409291			
KG850 ²²	Sgt. S. S. Williams	RAAF A120421			
	Sgt. M. Ramsay	RAAF A435501			
	Sgt. G. P. Glazebrook	RAAF A43?2667			
	Sgt. Cunningham, G.	RAF 1342853			
	Sgt. D. F. Mackie	RAF 552832			
	Sgt. R. Borchard?	RAF 1592548			
	Sgt. R. Feather	RAF 1593189			
Liberator	F/O F. Riffle	RCAF J14340	090621	091720	
Mk.VI.	F/O G. Sourisseau	RCAF J39592			
"L"	F/O Hunter, J. M.	RAF 153086			
EV945 ²³	W/O J. A. Milne	RCAF R2119			
	W/O F. A. Casson	RCAF R191634			
	F/S G. Krampp	RCAF R197102			
	F/S G. H. Day	RAF 1496430			

	F/S Richards, P. A.	RAF907926			091836; "Z" 091903. (AK/G2/8May) Sortie Rep. No. 86. Oprep No. 10.
	Sgt. J. V. C. Thomas	RAF 1837137			
	Sgt. E. J. Young	RAF 3000519			
Liberator	W/O R. F. Cottan	RAF 1396490	090617	091827?	
Mk.VI	F/S D. Alexander	RAF 1623203			
"V"	W/O J. H. Hull	RAF 1376124			
KH194/6	F/S R. Longley	RAF 1425946			
	F/S A. J. Williams	RAF 1335514			
	F/S S. Roberts	RAF 1437382			
	Sgt. E. L. Owen	RAF 578745			
	F/S R. L Geach	RAF 1380463			
	Sgt. D. F? Evans	RAF 1588194			
	Sgt. G. K. Fre?arson	RAF 1869972			
Liberator	F/O Tetlock, L. M. J.	RCAF J18980	090604	091836	
Mk.VI	F/O Mulligan, E? V.	RCAF J36143			
"U"	F/O J. K? McLaghlen	RCAF J390004			
KG821	F/S Jelling? H. A.	RAF 1817986			
	Sgt. Wolley, ? G	RAF 1122520			
	Sgt. McMillan, J.	RAF 1345998			
	Sgt. Doonan, T.	RAF 578507			
	Sgt. J. A. Buckley	RAF 23?03961			
	Sgt. Brown, J.	RAF 1595837?			
	Sgt. A. A. Burn	RAF 1875028			
Liberator	F/L A. W. Yoxon	RAF 127876	090619	091903?	
Mk.VI	F/O E. D. Constant	RCAF J39566			
"Z"	F/O R. Hooton	RAF 147108			
BZ988	F/O P. W? Hayes	RAF 17669?9			
	F/S P. Eley	RAF 578400			
	Sgt. Roberts P.	RAF 14373?8?2			
	Sgt. H. Baker	RAF 1339674			
	Sgt. R. D. Clarke	RAF 1490603			
	Sgt. J. B. Felth	RAF 1614741			
	Sgt. Pritchard, A. H.	RAF 3033569			
Liberator	P/O James, V. H.	RAF 130937	KKS	KKS	F/Lt. James Y/354 airborne
Mk.VI.	W/O Carson, A. G?	RAF 1450499	112343	121452	from Kankasanturai at
"Y"	P/O Redmayne, R. G.	RAAF A421546			112343 hours on parallel
KG850 ²⁴	F/S Gannon, F	RAF 1433116			track sweep. 0529 hours
	F/S Riley, J.	RAF 1434965			0731N 9345?E pinpoint of
	F/S Swan, A. C.	RAF 1573340			Little Nicobar. 0824 hours
	Sgt. Hackleton D.	RAF 1641367			0947N 9450E off Patrol set
	Sgt. Smythe, J. P.	RAF 1596941			course for Little Andaman
	Sgt. Smith, P.	RAF 1891330			island. No enemy sightings.
					Visibility 15 miles with
					weather fair. 1452 landed at
					Kankasanturai.
					(CO/G3/19May) Sortie
					Report No. 1. Oprep No. 1.
Liberator	F/Lt. McKellar	RCAF J20844	142204	151413	F/Lt. McKellar U/354 airborne

²² This is in error, see note on "Y" above.

²³ Record reads EV954; see note above.

²⁴ This is in error; see note on "Y" above.

Mk.VI.	P/O W. S. Frey	RAAF A430762			<p>on parallel Track Sweep at 142204 from Kankasanturai where detachment from Squadron is temporarily operating. 142212 Pt. Pedro set course 104 for Little Nicobar. 150349 MTB "Have you received S.O.S. from "L"?" 150454 hrs 0700N 9702E Sighted Jap Cruiser and Destroyer 115/20 kts. Circled objective 150520 Still circling enemy vessels A/C apparently unseen. 150540 hrs. 0712N 9712E Engine trouble developing 150543 Set course for Base. Climbing to 1500 ft. 151413 Landed KKS. It is interesting to note that as a result of this sighting the Japanese cruiser of Machi class (10,000 tons) was sunk by our own naval forces. (CO/G1/14May) Sortie Report No. 2. Oprep. No. 5.</p>
"U"	F/O Carter, R. P.	RAAF A409291			
KG821	Sgt. S. S. Williams	RAAF A120421			
	Sgt. M. Ramsay	RAAF A435501			
	Sgt. B. T. Glazebrook	RAAF A432667			
	Sgt. Cunningham, G.	RAF 1342853			
	Sgt. D. F. Mackie	RAF 552832			
	Sgt. R. Borchard	RAF 1592548			
	Sgt. R. Feather	RAF 1593189			
Liberator	P/O James, V. H.	RAF 130937	142158	151554	<p>F/Lt. James Y/354 airborne from Kankasanturai on Parallel Track Sweep at 142158 hours. 142207 Pt. Pedro set course 099 for Katchall. 150444 hrs. 0712N 9650E sighted enemy force consisting of Cruiser and Destroyer 90/20 kts. Circled - believed seen by enemy vessels as speed gradually increased to about 30 kts. 150520 Message to Group "I have made contact" continued to shadow enemy force. 150600 hrs 0720N 9750E T/E A/C coloured black seen. Believed "Dinah" Enemy aircraft approached to about 1 1/2 miles then turned into rain cloud. 150700 sent message to Group (404 BAR) 150721 off Patrol. 151556 Landed Kankasanturai. (CO/G1/14May) Sortie Report No. 3. Oprep No. 3.</p>
Mk.VI.	W/O Carson, A. G?	RAF 1450499			
"Y"	P/O Redmayne, R. G.	RAAF A421546			
KG850 ²⁵	F/S Gannon, F	RAF 1433116			
	F/S O'Riley(sic), J.	RAF 1434965			
	F/S Swan, A. C.	RAF 1573340			
	Sgt. Hackleton D.	RAF 1641367			
	Sgt. Smythe, J. P.	RAF 1596941			
	Sgt. Smith, P.	RAF 1891330			
Liberator	F/O C. R. H. Salt	RCAF J22375	160509	161822	F/Lt. Salt, H/354 Airborne

²⁵ This is in error, see note on "Y" above.

Mk.VI.	F/O W. A. Blackford	RCAF J22370			from Kankasanturai on ASR Search for missing Liberator "L" which failed to return to Base after being airborne on Parallel Track Sweep at 2204 hours on 14th April 1945. H/354 airborne 160509 hours 160515 Pt. Pedro Course 101. Height 1000 feet. 161155 hours 0740N 9327E Altered course for visual sweep of East Coast Great Nicobar. 161223 Pygmalion Point st course for Pt. Pedro Track 283 161330 Position 0728N 9155E Saw Green or Yellow rocket fired but could not see source because of cloud. No other sighting. 161822 Landed Kankasanturai. (CO/G1/15May) Sortie Report No. 6.
"H"	F/O A. D. J. Bridge	RCAF J40459			
KH187	F/Lt. Simms?	RAF 1?3?7086			
	F/S L.F. Wells	RCAF R219710			
	F/S L. Bradley	RCAF R224955			
	F/S Graham J. H.	RCAF R251860			
	Sgt. C. H. Day	RAF 578399			
	Sgt. Tester, J	RAF 1818525			
	Sgt. Peden, J. A.	RAF 1827657			
	Sgt. J. W. Went	RAF 3034359			
	Crew of Missing Aircraft L/354				
	F/O F. Riffle	RCAF J14340	Captain	Missing	
	F/O G. Sourisseau	RCAF J39592	2nd Pilot	Missing	
	F/O Hunter, J. M.	RAF 153086	Nav. B.	Missing	
	W/O J. A. Milne	RCAF R2119	W/AG	Missing	
	W/O F. A. Casson	RCAF R191634	W/AG	Missing	
	F/S G. Krampp	RCAF R197102	W/AG	Missing	
	F/S G. H. Day	RAF 1496430	WOM/A G	Missing	
	F/S Richards, P. A.	RAF907926	F/Eng	Missing	
	Sgt. J. V. C. Thomas	RAF 1837137	AG	Missing	
	Sgt. R. Young	RAF 3000519	AG	Missing	

Appendix 1 The Aircraft

BZ805

A MK. V. Liberator

Code letter was "V"

Arrived on Squadron 18.10.43; was Struck off Charge on 31.7.44

Previously served with 301 FTU

BZ862

A MK. V. Liberator

Code letter was "A"

It served Sept. 43 to May 44.

Later served with 160 Squadron.

BZ863

A MK. V. Liberator

Code letter may have been "H"

Crashed on take-off, 1.10.43

BZ865

A MK. V. Liberator

Code letter was "C"

It served from Sept. 43, to June 44

Previously served with 160 Squadron

BZ866

A MK. V. Liberator

Code letter was "P"

It served from September, 1943 to July, 1944

Throughout the "official records" this aircraft is incorrectly listed as BZ886 (which was with 160 Squadron)

BZ887

A MK. V. Liberator

Code letter was "D"

Crashed 7.10.43

BZ888

A MK. V. Liberator

Code letter was "S"

It served October, 1943 to July, 1944. Flown out for major inspection on 29.7.44.

This aircraft later served with 160 Squadron.

BZ889

A MK. V. Liberator

Code letter was "V"

Aircraft arrived 16.7.44 and was flown out 29.8.44 to 160 Squadron.

BZ938

A MK. V. Liberator

Code letter was "L"

This aircraft only appears in the records for December, 1943

This aircraft is one of the aircraft used by the 160 Squadron-159 Squadron flight engaged in detection of Japanese Radar. It served with this flight from January, 1944 to January, 1945 when it was lost on operations. During its time with this flight it was coded "W".

BZ988

A MK. VI. Liberator

Code letter was "Z"

Served from April, 1944 to May, 1945

BZ991

A MK. VI. Liberator

Code letter was "C"

This aircraft was delivered 28.6.44 and served until October, 1944

It is reported to have served with 200 Squadron prior to arriving at 354 Squadron, and with 203 Squadron after its service with 354 Squadron.

EV829

A MK. VI. Liberator

Code letter was listed as "M" in February , 1944, which may be an error since the records use "H" for the balance of its service.

It served from January, 1944 to June, 1944, when it was flown away for a major inspection.

EV830

A MK. VI. Liberator

Code letter was "L".

It served from February, 1944 to May, 1944, when it was flown away for a major inspection.

It is recorded as serving with 203 Squadron after it was with 354 Squadron.

EV833

A MK. VI. Liberator

Code letter was "X".

It served from February, 1944 until April, 1944

EV834

A MK. VI. Liberator

Code letter was "Z".

It served from February, 1944 to April, 1944.

It later served with 321 Squadron.

EV840

A MK. VI. Liberator

Code letter is listed as "L" in June 1944, and "H" for the balance of its service.

It originally arrived on the Squadron (to replace FK227) in April 1944 but was rejected since the tail skid was u/s.

It returned and served from June 1944 to August, 1944

EV848

A MK. VI. Liberator

Code letter was "M".

It served from May 1944 until it crashed in the Bay of Bengal, 7.5.44.

EV853

A MK. VI. Liberator
Code letter was "X".
It served from May, 1944 to May, 1945.

EV856

A MK. VI. Liberator
Code letter was "K".
It served from March, 1944 until it was flown away for a major inspection on 13.7.44.
It later served with 8 Squadron.

EV858

A MK. VI. Liberator
Code letter was "C".
It served from December, 1944 until March, 1944.
It served with 160 Squadron prior to serving with 354 Squadron, and with 1346 Flight after its service with 354.

EV863

A MK. VI. Liberator
Code letter was "J".
It served from July, 1944 until it ran out of fuel and ditched, 175m SSE of Cuttack, 23.4.45

EV942

A MK. VI. Liberator
Code letter was listed as "N" in the period July, 1944 to October, 1944 then as "K" in December, 1944.
It originally arrived on the Squadron in June, 1944, but was rejected since it had no rear turret.
It served from July, 1944 until it went Missing on patrol, 30.12.44

EV945

A MK. VI. Liberator
Code letter was "L".
It served from July, 1944 until it went Missing, presumed ditched, 15.5.45

EV950

A MK. VI. Liberator
Code letter was recorded as "T" from May, 1944 to December, 1944 and "Y" from January, 1945 to March, 1945.
It served on the Squadron from May, 1944 until March, 1945.

EV972

A MK. VI. Liberator
Code letter was "K".
It served from July, 1944 until August, 1944.
After its service with 354 Squadron it served with 1 Air Sea Rescue Flight then 1346 Flight.

EW315

A MK. VI. Liberator
Code letter was "F".
It served from June, 1944 until May, 1945.

EW319

A MK. VI. Liberator
Code letter was "A".
It served from June, 1944 until it was hit by flak from ship and crashed in Andaman Sea, 26.3.45

FK227

A MK. III. Liberator
Code letter was either "T" or "Y"; it is difficult to be certain due to the quality of the microfilm images.
It served with the squadron from January, 1944 until it was damaged by gunfire from Ki-21, 1.4.44.
It was not repaired, but Struck Off Charge 6.7.44.
Prior to service with 354 Squadron, this aircraft had served with 86 Squadron, 160 Squadron, and 301 FTU.

FL912

A MK. III. Liberator
Code letter was either "H" from December, 1943 until January, 1944, then "K" from January, 1944 until March, 1944.
It served with 160 Squadron and 301 FTU prior to its service with 354 Squadron, and with 1673 CU and 6 RFU after its service with 354

KG821

A MK. VI. Liberator
Code letter is listed as "U" during the period July 1944 to May 1945, except for the period August 1944 to December, 1944 where it appears to be "V" in the records.
It served from July 1944 until May 1945.
The aircraft was Struck off Charge 4.11.46.

KG822

A MK. VI. Liberator
Code letter was "P".
Served from August, 1944 until it ran out of fuel and ditched, 1221N:8508E on anti-submarine sweep, 4.12.44

KG850

A MK. VI. Liberator
Code letter was "Y".
It served from July, 1944 until missing from shipping strike, presumed ditched off Tavoy, 11.3.45
It should be noted that there is a reference in the records to this aircraft in May, 1945, an obvious error.

KH168

A MK. VI. Liberator
Code letter was "B".
It served from March, 1945 until May, 1945.
RAF records list it as serving with 355 Squadron prior to its use by 354.

KH187

A MK. VI. Liberator
Code letter was "H".
It served from ? to ?
It subsequently served with 321 Squadron and 1347 Flight.

KH194

A MK. VI. Liberator
Code letter was "V".
It served from January, 1945 until May, 1945.
After its service with 354 Squadron, it served with 321 Squadron, and 1349 Flight.

KH296

A MK. VI. Liberator
Code letter was "D".
This aircraft is only listed in May, 1945.
It later served with 321 Squadron, where it crashed in China Bay, 8.7.45.

The following aircraft appear in other RAF records as serving with 354 Squadron, but no reference has been found of them in the "official squadron records".

BZ828

A Mk. V. Liberator.
This aircraft appears in the 354 records as one of the aircraft from 200 Squadron which provided a detachment to 354. It is not believed to be "taken on strength" by 354, although the RAF aircraft record card records it as being with 354. It subsequently served with 160 Squadron, where it ran out of fuel and ditched 50m off Tricommalee, 20.3.45.

EV818

A MK. VI. Liberator
This aircraft appears in the 354 records as one of the aircraft from 200 Squadron which provided a detachment to 354. Its code letter with 200 Squadron was "T". It is not believed to be "taken on strength" by 354. The RAF records show this aircraft serving with 200 Squadron, then 354 Squadron, 321 Squadron and 1349 Flight.
It was Struck off Charge 27.6.46

EV843

A MK. VI. Liberator
The RAF records show this aircraft serving with 159 Squadron, then 354 Squadron, however there is no record of it in the Forms 540 or 541.
It was Struck off Charge 30.6.46

EV846

A MK. VI. Liberator
The RAF records show this aircraft serving with 1673 CU, then 354 Squadron, and 358 Squadron however there is no record of it in the Forms 540 or 541.
It crashed on overshoot, Kolar, 23.11.44

FL983

A MK. V. Liberator
The RAF records show this aircraft serving with 59 Squadron, then 301 FTU and 354 Squadron, however there is no record of it in the Forms 540 or 541.
It was Struck off Charge 11.4.46

KH137

A MK. VI. Liberator
The RAF records show this aircraft serving with 354, then 200 Squadron and 8 Squadron; however there is no record of it in the Forms 540 or 541.

Appendix 2 The Radar Technicians

One of the interesting facts of 354's operations is the degree that the radar technical staff were involved in operations. Early radar was unreliable, and yet its operation was critical to the success of the squadron. 354 Squadron would have members of the Radar staff fly on operations to enable the radar to be serviceable throughout the flight. Although the members of the radar staff were not aircrew, they gained considerable flight time.

Members of the Radar staff whose names are known are

F/O Moodie
LAC Jackson
LAC Wickware
LAC Rasmusson
Finewood
LAC Ward
LAC Giles
Cpl. Howe
LAC Winkler
LAC Moore
McNeil

Appendix 3 Roll of Honour

Sixty six members of 354 Squadron died while serving with the Squadron

RCAF - 38

RAF - 23

RAAF - 4

RNZAF - 1

The following list was prepared from data provided by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission on their web site.

CHRISTIAN ABILDGAARD

Pilot Officer J/95204 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Monday 4 December 1944 . Age 21 .
Son of Valdemar Abildgaard, and of Jennie Abildgaard, of Windsor, Ontario, Canada.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 443.

DAVID LAWRENCE AGNEW

Sergeant 1339644 354 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
who died on Sunday 11 March 1945 . Age 21 .
Son of Norman Leslie and Doris Maud Agnew, of St. Martin's Hill, Canterbury.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 451.

WILLIAM ALBERT BAKER

Flight Sergeant 1334782 354 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
who died on Sunday 7 May 1944 . Age 22 .
Son of William Henry and Ethel Maud Baker, of Acton, Middlesex.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 434.

ROBERT EDWARD BANKS

Flight Lieutenant J/4418 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Sunday 7 May 1944 . Age 24 .
Son of Howard M. and Lucia F. Banks, of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 441.

JOSEPH ROGER BARIL

Flight Sergeant R/287567 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Sunday 22 April 1945 . Age 19 .
Son of Joseph Thomas Baril and Anne E. Baril, of Norwood, Manitoba, Canada.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 458.

ALBERT LOUIS BONANY

Pilot Officer J/93685 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Monday 4 December 1944 .
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 443.

FRANK VINCENT BREEN

Flying Officer J/21201 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Thursday 7 October 1943 .
MADRAS WAR CEMETERY, CHENNAI India 9. D. 12.

EDMUND HOLMES BULLIS

Flying Officer J/22235 Nav. 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force

who died on Thursday 7 October 1943 . Age 19 .
Son of Percy Clifford Bullis and Mary Alberta Bullis, of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.
MADRAS WAR CEMETERY, CHENNAI India 9. C. 4.

LANCE CAIN

Flight Sergeant 15279 Royal Australian Air Force
who died on Saturday 30 December 1944 . Age 31 .
Son of Daniel and Annie Cain, of Swansea, New South Wales, Australia.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 444.

ALEXANDER PETER CAMPBELL

Flight Sergeant R/163475 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Monday 26 March 1945 .
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 458.

FRANK ALBERT CASSON

Pilot Officer J/95417 W.Op./Air Gnr. 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Thursday 9 August 1945 . Age 21 .
Son of Albert Joseph Casson, and of Margarita S. Casson, of Seaforth, Ontario, Canada.
MADRAS WAR CEMETERY, CHENNAI India 9. F. 8.

RICHARD HOWARD CHESTER

Sergeant 1451246 354 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
who died on Monday 4 December 1944 . Age 21 .
Son of Arthur Wright Chester and Ethel Chester, of Keighley, Yorkshire.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 436.

JOHN FREDERICK CLEMENTS

Flight Sergeant 577401 34 Sqdn., Royal Air Force
who died on Sunday 7 May 1944 .
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 434.

GEORGE HERBERT DAY

Flight Sergeant 1496430 354 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
who died on Tuesday 15 May 1945 . Age 21 .
Son of George and Emily Victoria Day, of North Ormesby, Middlesbrough, Yorkshire.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 450.

STANLEY DUBOWSKI

Pilot Officer J/24071 W.Op./Air Gnr. 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Thursday 7 October 1943 . Age 21 .
Son of Steve and Sophie Dubowski, of Sudbury, Ontario, Canada.
MADRAS WAR CEMETERY, CHENNAI India 9. D. 13.

EDMUND LEONARD EASTON

Flying Officer J/42070 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Sunday 11 March 1945 . Age 25 .
Son of Leonard I. and Mary L. Easton, of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada. B.E., Metallurgy (McGill University).
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 455.

REGINALD NORMAN ETHERINGTON

Pilot Officer J/95291 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Tuesday 5 December 1944 . Age 26 .
Son of John E. Etherington, and of Leora Etherington, of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 443.

WILLIAM JOHN FISHER

Flying Officer J/20976 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Thursday 7 October 1943 . Age 23 .
Son of Steele and Agnes Hamill Fisher, of Armstrong, British Columbia, Canada.
MADRAS WAR CEMETERY, CHENNAI India 9. B. 18.

MALCOLM JAMES GORDON

Flight Sergeant 434942 Royal Australian Air Force
who died on Saturday 30 December 1944 . Age 21 .
Son of Nathaniel Gordon, and of Hilary May Gordon, of Gordon Vale, Queensland, Australia.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 444.

GEOFFREY GREEN

Sergeant 2202091 354 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
who died on Sunday 11 March 1945 . Age 20 .
Son of Joseph and Elizabeth Green, of Cleckheaton, Yorkshire.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 451.

DOUGLAS FRASER GROSE

Flying Officer J/44297 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Sunday 22 April 1945 .
Son of Cecil Edgar and Anna Jean Grose, of Thorold, Ontario, Canada.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 456.

KENNETH ROLAND HENRY

Flying Officer J/20677 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Thursday 30 September 1943 . Age 21 .
Son of Leland Martin Henry and Dorothy Widger Henry, of Iowa Falls, Iowa,
MADRAS WAR CEMETERY, CHENNAI India U.S.A. 9. B. 17.

ROBERT JOHN HOW

Leading Aircraftman 1437981 354 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
who died on Saturday 25 September 1943 . Age 21 .
Son of Frederick Charles and Mary Elizabeth How, of Lower Edmonton, Middlesex.
MADRAS WAR CEMETERY, CHENNAI India 9. C. 13.

MAURICE JORGENSON

Flying Officer J/86953 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Tuesday 5 December 1944 . Age 22 .
Son of Marius and Elizabeth Jorgenson, of Sardis, British Columbia, Canada.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 442.

ROBERT JOHN KRAMPP

Warrant Officer Class II R/197108 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Tuesday 15 May 1945 . Age 24 .
Son of Garfield and Bertha Krampp, of Walkerton, Ontario, Canada.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 457.

CHARLES EDWIN LEESE

Flying Officer 163697 354 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
who died on Sunday 11 March 1945 .
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 447.

JAMES LENNANE

Sergeant 1863110 354 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

who died on Sunday 11 March 1945 . Age 28 .
Son of Herbert William and Alice Ella Lennane; husband of Alice Dora Lennane, of Tottenham, Middlesex.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 451.

RODERICK JOHN LEONARD

Flight Sergeant R/213998 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Sunday 22 April 1945 . Age 20 .
Son of John Leonard, and of Grace Leonard, of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, Canada.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 458.

IRVING LINDZON

Flying Officer J/42510 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Monday 26 March 1945 .
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 456.

PETER JOSEPH MAIKA

Flying Officer C/13078 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Saturday 30 December 1944 . Age 27 .
Son of Anthony and Mary Maika, of Barry's Bay, Ontario, Canada.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 442.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER MANYLUK

Flight Lieutenant J/22965 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Saturday 30 December 1944 . Age 22 .
Son of Alex and Pauline Manyluk; husband of Olive M. Manyluk, of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 441.

FRANK MAXTED

Sergeant 2221326 354 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
who died on Sunday 11 March 1945 . Age 19 .
Son of Elizabeth Maxted, and stepson of Robert Mills, of North Eyam, Derbyshire.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 451.

CLAUDE CYRIL McCORMACK

Flying Officer 421282 W.Op./Air Gnr. 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal New Zealand Air Force
who died on Sunday 7 May 1944 . Age 22 .
Son of Reginald Sydney and Olive Myrtle McCormack, of Te Kuiti, Auckland, New Zealand.
MADRAS WAR CEMETERY, CHENNAI India 9. B. 16.

DONALD GEORGE McCREESH

Flying Officer 176957 354 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
who died on Sunday 11 March 1945 . Age 26 .
Son of William Arthur McCreesh, and of Dora Ellen McCreesh, of Salford, Lancashire.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 447

ROBERT WILLIAM McCULLOCH

Flight Sergeant 417587 Royal Australian Air Force
who died on Saturday 30 December 1944 . Age 20 .
Son of Victor Alexander Murdoch McCulloch and Mary McCulloch, of Edwardstown, South Australia.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 444.

JACK SAMUEL McIVER

Flight Sergeant R/277937 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Monday 26 March 1945 . Age 19 .
Son of Murdoch and Mary McIver, of West Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 458.

WILLIAM GORDON McRAE

Flight Lieutenant J/6834 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Monday 26 March 1945 . Age 29 .
Son of Christopher Alexander McRae and Margaret McRae; husband of Dulce Elizabeth McRae, of
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 455.

HERBERT ERNEST MILES

Flight Sergeant R/130215 W.Op./Air Gnr.
354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Thursday 7 October 1943 . Age 22 .
Son of George Edward and Emily Florence Miles, of Saulte Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada.
MADRAS WAR CEMETERY, CHENNAI India 9. C. 18.

JAMES ARDEN MILNE

Pilot Officer J/94538 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Tuesday 15 May 1945 .
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 457

CHARLES LIONEL MOODY

Flying Officer 122399 354 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
who died on Thursday 7 October 1943 . Age 31 .
Son of John Lionel and Sarah Moody; husband of Joyce Annie Moody, of Tadworth, Surrey.
MADRAS WAR CEMETERY, CHENNAI India 9. D. 2.

DENNIS LEONARD MOULD

Sergeant 1819680 354 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
who died on Sunday 11 March 1945 .
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 451.

GORDON PARKER

Sergeant 1685728 354 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
who died on Monday 26 March 1945 . Age 23 .
Son of George and Margaret Parker; husband of Dorothy Parker, of Coppull, Lancashire.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 451.

HARRY PARKER

Flying Officer J/43687 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Monday 26 March 1945 .
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 456.

WILLIAM ANDREW BOYD PAYNE

Flying Officer J/41431 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Monday 26 March 1945 . Age 25 .
Son of Etherly Eaton Payne and Lona Irene Payne; husband of Betty Ellen Payne, of Lacombe, Alberta,
Canada.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 456.

WILLIAM HENRY PEDLAR

Flying Officer J/22243 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Sunday 7 May 1944 . Age 24 .
Son of George W. and E. W. Pedlar, of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 442.

EDWARD WALTER POLLARD

Flying Officer J/43686 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Monday 26 March 1945 . Age 25 .
Husband of Eleanor J. Pollard, of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 456.

WILBERT ANDREW PORTERFIELD

Flying Officer J/23150 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Sunday 7 May 1944 . Age 23 .
Son of Wilbert J. and Ethel A. Porterfield, of Carleton Place, Ontario, Canada.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 443.

REDMAN

Flying Officer J/ 23373 W. Op. /Air Gnr. 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Thursday 7 October 1943 . Age 22 .
Son of William and Hazel Redman, of Bartonville, Ontario, Canada.
MADRAS WAR CEMETERY, CHENNAI India 9. C. 2.

PETER ARNOLD RICHARDS

Flight Sergeant 907926 Flt. Engr. 354 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
who died on Saturday 30 June 1945 . Age 24 .
Son of Stanley Gordon Richards and Louise Richards, of Ely, Cardiff; husband of Betty Irene Richards, of Ely.
MADRAS WAR CEMETERY, CHENNAI India 9. F. 9.

ARTHUR WILLMOTT ROBINSON

Flight Sergeant 429018 Royal Australian Air Force
who died on Saturday 30 December 1944 . Age 21 .
Son of Walter McQuade Robinson and Grace Eunice Robinson, of Mangrove Mountain, New South Wales, Australia.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 444.

HARRY BENJAMIN SIGEL

Flight Sergeant R/ 133803 W.Op./Air Gnr. 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Thursday 7 October 1943 . Age 28 .
Son of Solomon Max Sigel and Yetta Sigel, of Toronto, Ontario. Canada.
MADRAS WAR CEMETERY, CHENNAI India 9. B. 15.

DOUGLAS SCOTT SINCLAIR

Pilot Officer J/19637 Nav./Bomber 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Friday 28 January 1944 .
MADRAS WAR CEMETERY, CHENNAI India 9. C. 14.

CYRIL JOHN SLATER

Flight Lieutenant 156021 354 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
who died on Monday 26 March 1945 . Age 25 .
Son of Rudolph William and Agnes Margaret Slater, of St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex. F.R.Met. S.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 446.

JOHN COLQUHOUN SLAWSON

Pilot Officer J/95479 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Tuesday 5 December 1944 . Age 30 .
Son of William J. and Martha Slawson; husband of Myrtle D. Slawson, of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 444.

WILLIAM DEREK SMAIL

Flight Sergeant 578230 354 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

who died on Monday 4 December 1944 . Age 20 .
Grandson of John and Jane Thorburn Smail; nephew of Isabella Munro Smail, of Moffat, Dumfriesshire.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 435.

JAMES SMITH

Flying Officer J/23646 Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Sunday 7 May 1944 .
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 443.

NORMAN JOHN STRINGFIELD

Sergeant 1021370 354 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
who died on Sunday 11 March 1945 .
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 452.

JOHN SUTCLIFFE

Sergeant 980740 354 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
who died on Saturday 30 December 1944 . Age 26 .
Son of Edward Uttley Sutcliffe and Annie Mary Sutcliffe.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 436.

LLOYD ELWIN TAYLOR

Flight Lieutenant J/27799 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Sunday 22 April 1945 .
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 455

(from Amherst, Nova Scotia)

GEOFFREY MCCARTHY THICKETT

Pilot Officer J/93333 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Monday 4 December 1944 . Age 22 .
Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Thickett; husband of Kathryn Evelyn Thickett, of Montreal, Province of Quebec,
Canada.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 444.

FREDERICK JAMES TROWER

Sergeant 577838 W.Op./Air Gnr. 354 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
who died on Thursday 7 October 1943 . Age 19 .
Son of Frederick William and Alice Mary Trower, of Muswell Hill, Middlesex.
MADRAS WAR CEMETERY, CHENNAI India 9. C. 16.

DONALD WENTWORTH VAUGHAN

Warrant Officer Class II R/141325 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Sunday 7 May 1944 . Age 22 .
Son of D. Vaughan, and of Grace D. Vaughan, of Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada; husband of Ruth E.
Vaughan, of Guelph, Ontario.
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 444.

JAMES KENNETH WELBURN

Sergeant 578570 354 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
who died on Saturday 30 December 1944 .
SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 436.

LORNE ELWOOD WHALEN

Flight Sergeant R/264119 354 (R.A.F.) Sqdn, Royal Canadian Air Force
who died on Sunday 22 April 1945 . Age 19 .
Son of William P. and Marjorie Whalen, of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada.

SINGAPORE MEMORIAL Singapore Column 458.

REGINALD SIDNEY WILKINS

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