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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Sigiriya	1944 Jan 3	1015 to 1705	FL936 "V" P/O Hall & Crew. 'Night' Photo practice.
		1520 to 1815	FL945 "H" P/O Rowley & Crew. Fighter Affiliation, Air to Air Firing at Ruttalam???
	4th	1505	FL911 "K" F/Sgt. Stow & Crew. Nvig. F/Sgt. Dunk?? Returned from India after taking Air Gunners to Bhopal and collecting spares. Dec 31 to Bhopal??; Jan 1 to Kanchrepara?? Jan 3, to Cuttack.
		0905 to 0945	FL945 P/O Boyle & Crew. Air to Air Firing
		1000? To 1120	FL936 P/O Hall & Crew Night photo practice
		1925 to 2100	FL936 P/O Hall & Crew. Night photo of aerodrome.
		0705 t 1835	BZ711 P/O Flett and Crew. Navigator P/O Spelling. "Paper" patrol. No enemy sightings.
			F/L Percival and Crew arrived, on posting ex 354 Squadron.
	5	0630 to 1850	BZ752 "N" W/O Landick and Crew, Navig. Sgt. Pratt Convoy Escort.
		1700 to 0330	BZ711 "A" P/O Hall & Crew. Navig. P/O Segar. "CAX" Exercise with Navy.
	6th	0730 to 1535	FL911 "K" P/O Boyle & Crew. Navig. F/Sgt. Allan "CAX" Exercise
	7th	0815 to 1505	BZ752 "N" F/L Bradley & Crew. Navig. F/Sgt. Hughes. Navigation Exercise
	8th		Visit of A/Commander Grove, Air C. S.E.A. and G/C Bird of 222 Group.
	4th	1455 to 1755	?? FL945 P/O Ross & Crew. Dummy attack on Trincomalee and fighter affiliation.
	9th	0950 to 1530	FL991 "K" P/O Crawley & Crew. Navig. Sgt. Wright. Navigation Exercise
	10th		F/Lt. Conner and Crew arrived on posting, ex Canada.
	11th	1300 to 1745	FL940 F/L Mullins & Crew. Dummy attack on Trincomalee Harbour
	12th	0915 to 1640	FL991 P/O Hall & Crew. Navigs. P/O Segar. A/S Escort to force "Lanark"
		1020 to 1555	BZ752 W/O Landick & Crew. Navig: Sgt Pratt. Navigation Exercise
	13th	0815 to 1735	BZ752 P/O Rowdey & Crew. Navig: F/O Strutten . A/S Escort to force "Lanark"
		1225 to 1915	FL940 P/O Dean & Crew. Navig. Sgt. Wiseman. Navigation Exercise.
		1420 to 1740	BZ711 P/O Flett and Crew. Air to Air Firing.
	14th	0700 to 1100	BZ752 P/O Hill & Crew. Navig. W/O Woodcock. Anti Sub Sweep. No sightings.
		0900 to 1200	BZ711 F/L Mullins & Crew. Fighter affiliation, Air to Air Firing.
	15th	0700 to 1730	BZ752 F/L Mullins and Crew. Navig. P.O Paterson Anti Sub and offensive sweep. No sightings.
			W/Commander. C. A. Butler, left by air for Karachi. Posted from the Squadron for a staff

			College Course at Quatta??
			S/Ldr. G. R. Brady, posed as Squadron Commander, and Station Commander, Sigiriya, vice W/Comdr. Butler.
			F/Lt. Percival appointed "A" Flight Commander, vice S/L Brady.
			Formation of Special Flight: two aircraft "W" BZ938 "Y" BZ939 and two crews; F/L Bradley & Crew. F/L Conner & Crew.
	19th	0835 to 1135	"A" BZ711 F/L Mullins & Crew. Air Firing at Puttalam
		1430 to 1705	"D" FL969 P/O Dean & Crew. Air Firing at Puttalam
	21st	0835 to 1045	"D" FL969 P/O Crowley & Crew. Air Firing
		1500 to 1645	"K" FL911 P/O Hill & Crew Air Firing
	22nd	0825 to 1225	"F" FL991 F/L Mullins & Crew Air Firing
		1430 to 1710	"F" FL991 P/O Dean & Crew Air Firing
	22nd 23rd	1845 to 0730	"Y" BZ939 F/L Bradley & Crew. Navig. Sgt. Hughes. Operations "Special Task" special Operator. P/O Pritchard.
	22nd 23rd	1900 to 0725	"W" BZ938 F/L Conner & Crew. Navig. P/O Larney. Operations "Special Task" special Operator: F/Sgt. Smeatham
			P/O Jackson and Crew arrived on posting ex Nassau.
	23rd	0805 to 1155	"F" FL991 W/O Landick. P/O Boyle P/O Crowley and Crew. Low level bombing.
	24th	0800 to 1135	"F" FL991 F/L Mullins, P/O Rowley P/O Ross and Crew. Low level bombing.
		1315 to 1715	"F" FL991 S/L Percival, F/O Jones, P/O Dean, and Crew. Low level bombing.
	25th	1055 to 1135	"F" FL991 P.O Boyle & Crew. Air Firing.
		1910 to 0710	"W" BZ938 F/L Connor & Crew. Navig P/O Larnery. Special Operator: F/O Pritchard. "Special Operations"
		1930 to 0715	"Y" BZ939 F/L Bradley & Crew. Navig: F/Sgt. Hughes. Spec. Op: F/Sgt Brooks "Special Operations"
			Visit of A.O.C. 222 Group, Air Vice Marshall Lees. Inspected aircraft dispersal, particular attention to construction of dispersals, for projected Dakota flight. Visited "C" Flight and aircrews for special operations. Discussed general policy with O.C. Squadron.
	25th		Visit of S.P.M.O. (Flying Personal) W/Comdr. Gilchrist and W/Comdr. R. H. Winfield of Frnborough. W/Comdr. Winfield flew with F/L Bradley and Crew on Special Operational trip 25/1/44. Gave lecture to aircrews on Oxygen, use at altitude, British and USA Equipment.
	26th	0730 to 1610	"G" EV821 P/O Ross & Crew "GAX" Naval Exercise.
		0625 to 1525	"A" BZ711 P/O Boyle & Crew, Navig: F/Sgt. Allen. Convoy Escort.
	28th	2200 to 0900	"Y" BZ939 F/L Bradley & Crew. Navig: F/Sgt. Hughes. Spec. Operator: F/Sgt. Smeatham. "Special Operational sortie"
		2210 to 0920	"W" BZ938 F/L Conner & Crew, Navig: F/O Larney. Spec> Operator: F/Sgt. Brooks. "Special Operational sortie"
		1145 to 1220	"F" FL991 P/O Hall & Crew. Photographic exercise.
	29th	1130	"V" FL936: P/O Burns & Crew landed, from Madras, having been to Mauripur Road, Delhi, Allahabad, Jodhpur, Kanchrapara and Madras: collection of spares etc.

		0855 to 1105	"H" FL 945 P/O Jackson & Crew - Air Firing.
		1425 to 1550	"H" FL945 F/L Brodigan & Crew. Air Firing
	30th	0830 to 1125	"H" FL945 F/L Brodigan, P/O Servos, W/O Landick & Crew. Low level bombing.
		1305 to 1550	"H" FL945 P/O Jackson & Crew. Local photographic practice.
		0745 to 1550	"A" BZ711 P/O Rowley & Crew. Navig: P/O Strutton. Search for survivors of torpedoed ship.
	31st.	0840 to 1135	"A" BZ711 F/O Jones, F/O Flett, P/O Dean, & Crew. Low level bombing practice.

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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
4th January, 1944					
BZ711	S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey	Patrol "Paper"	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O D. S. Flett		040035z	041157z	
	F/O R. F. Spelling				
	F/Sgt. L. N. J. Cardy				
	F/Sgt. T. Litchfield				
	F/Sgt. L. J. Burrell				
	F/Sgt. P. H. Collingham				
	F/Sgt. G. T. Abel				
	LAC Oliver				
5th January, 1944					
BZ752	W/O K. M. Landick	A/S Escort to J.C.	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. D. G. McCreesh	32	050020z	051215z	
	Sgt. D. Pratt				
	W/O N? J. Turland				
	W/O W. N? Boulton				
	Sgt. W. ? Cutten				
	Sgt. N. A. V? Lowe.				
	Sgt. ? B, Taylor				
12th January 1944					
FL991	P/O C. R. Hall	A/S Escort to	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. P. R. R. Scarr	force 'Lanark'	120243z	121009z	
	F/O J. Segar				
	W/O A. Unwin				
	W/O R. E? Ellison				
	W/O R. T. Storey				
	W/O C. Henry				
	F/Sgt. J. A. Stokes				
	Sgt. J. Hume				
13th January 1944					
BZ752	P/O Rowley	A/S Escort to	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O D. O? Nightingale	force 'Lanark'	130147z	131102z	
	F/O D. R. Strutton				
	P/O S. Taylor				
	W/O W. K? Boulton				
	W/O H. J. Turland				
	W/O D. J. Lewis				
	Sgt. ? Lauper				
14th January 1944					
BZ752	P/O L. E. Hill	A/S Sweep via	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O C. A. Pinnell	Elephant Point	140032z	141129z	
	W/O M? Woodcock				
	F/Sgt. C. T. Wilson				
	W/O R. W. Knowles				
	W/O C. Morton				
	F/Sgt. H. L. Cleaver				

	Sgt. W. A. Leather				
15th January					
BZ752	F/L E. J. Mullins	A/S Sweep via Elephant Point	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/L J. P? Percival		150028z	151100z	
	F/Sgt. J. Shelley				
	P/O J. P. Paterson				
	P/O S. E? Chandler				
	W/O H. Hersey				
	Sgt. J. Bellman				
	W/O C. Henry				
	Sgt. J. H. G. Cyr				
23rd January 1944					
BZ938	F/L D. W. Connor	Special Instructions	SGY	SGY	Successful
	F/O V. T. Davis		221227z	230049z	
	P/O N. M. Larney				
	P/O M. P. Keir				
	P/O L. C. Ericksteen				
	Sgt. A. M. Zavits?				
	F/Sgt. E. W. Evans				
	F/Sgt. J. Smeathan				
BZ939	F/L J. W. Bradley	Special Instructions	SGY	SGY	Successful
	Sgt. E. H. Cocks		221215z	230102z	
	Sgt. A. J. Hughes				
	W/O J. P. Maguire				
	W/O W. Leslie				
	Sgt. M. Goldhart				
	P/O J. Johnston				
	F/O J. A. Pritchard				
	Sgt. R. W. Ross				
26th January 1944					
BZ939	F/L J. W. Bradley	Special Instructions	SGY	SGY	Successful
	F/Sgt. G. G. Brocks		251258z	260040z	
	P/O J. Johnston				
	W/O J. P. Maguire				
	W/O W. Leslie				
	Sgt. M. Goldhart				
	Sgt. R. W. Ross				
	Sgt. E. H. Cocks				
	Sgt. A. V. Hughes				
	W/Comdr. Winfield				
BZ938	F/L D. W. Connor	Special Instructions	SGY	SGY	Successful
	F/O V. T. Davis		251238z	260045z	
	P/O N. H. Larney				
	P/O H. P. Keir				
	P/O L. C. Ericksteen				
	Sgt. A. M. Zavitz				
	F/Sgt. E. W. Evans				
	F/O J. A. Pritchard				
BZ711	P/O G. L. Boyle	A/S Escort	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O N. Harrison		252355z	260901z	
	F/Sgt. V. B. Allen				
	F/Sgt. J. H. Roberts				

	F/Sgt. J. A. Fudge				
	F/Sgt. D. T. Allen				
	F/Sgt. S. E? Hoffer				
	F/Sgt. R. S? Bauer				
29th January 1944					
BZ939	F/L J. W. Bradley	Special Instructions	SGY	SGY	Successful
	P/O J. Johnston		281533z	290230z	
	W/O J. F. Maguire				
	W/O W. Leslie				
	F/Sgt. A. J. Hughes				
	Sgt. R. W. Ross				
	Sgt. M. Goldhart				
	F/Sgt. J. Smeatham				
	F/Sgt. E. H. Cocks				
BZ938	F/L D. W. Connor		Special Instructions	SGY	SGY
	F/O V. J. Davis	281541z		290255z	
	P/O N. H. Larney				
	P/O H. P Keir				
	P/O L. C. Ericksteen				
	F/S L Evans				
	F/S G. G. Brooks				
	Sgt. A. M Zavitz				
30th January 1944					
BZ711	P/O J. C. Rowley	Lifeboat Search	SGY	SGY	No sightings - A/C recalled.
	P/O D. Nightingale		300113z	300916z	
	F/O D. R. Strutton				
	W/O M. J. Turland				
	W/O W. E. Boulton				
	F/Sgt. W. A. Lawton				
	F/Sgt. K. J. Skinner				
	W/O D. J. Lewis				
Total Operational Time for January 1944: 149 hours 45 minutes					

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Sigiriya	1944 Feb 1st	1540 to 1645	FL936 "V" P/O Hall & Crew. Air Test and Practice Photography.
			Lecture given by C.O. W/Comdr. G. R. Brady to pilots on duties and prospects of future operations.
		1700 to 2225	BZ711 "A" P/O Crowley F/L Brodigen P/O Serves & Crew on Submarine Affiliation
		1925 to 2110	FL936 "V" P/O Hall, F/L Wallis & Crew Night Photography Practice.
	2nd	0830 to 1000	BZ711 "A" W/C Brady & Crew: Mosaic Sigiriya - too cloudy for last two runs.
		1425 to 1610	BZ711 "A" P/O Crowley & Crew Air Firing
		1420 to 1450	BZ989 "Y" F/L Bradley & Crew. Air Test.
		1500 to 1535	FL911 "K" S/L Percival, P/O Jones & Crew. Air Test.
		1955 to 2135	FL936 "V" P/O Hall & Crew. Night Photograph Practice.
	3rd	0830 to 1010	BZ711 "A" P/O Barns & Crew. Fighter Affiliation.
		0930 to 1000	BZ861 "C" S/L Paisey & Crew. Air Test
		1030 to 1145	BZ938 "W" F/L Cosner & Crew. Air Test.
		1935 to 2115	FL936 "V" P/O Hall, F/O Briad & Crew. Night Photography Practice.
		2200	BZ938 "W" F/L Connor & Crew. Operations "Special Task"
		2215	BZ939 "Y" F/L Bradley & Crew. Operations "Special Task"
	4th	0930	BZ938 "W" F/L Connor and crew return.
		0935	BZ939 "Y" F/L Bradley & crew return.
		1430 to 1634	FL911 "K" P/O Dean & Crew. Air Firing.
		0830 to 1150	FL911 "K" F/O Flett, P/O Boyle & Crew Air Firing and Fighter Affiliation.
		0730 to 1400	BZ841 "G" S/L Peisey & Crew. Sigiriya to Vaashrepara??
			General Moag, U.S.A.A.F. visits Station/
	5th	1040 to 1125	FL911 "K" P/O Ross & Crew. Air Firing
		1425 to 1630	FL911 "K" W/O Stow & Crew. Air Firing
	6th	0805 to 0950	FL911 "K" F/L Mullins & Crew on Local Photography.
		0835 to 1130	BZ711 "A" P/O Crowley, P/O Hill, P/O Boyle & Crew on Practice Bombing.
		1730 to 1805	EV821 "G" P/O Boyle & Crew on Air Test.
	7th	0825 to 1135	EV821 "G" P/O Jackson, P/O Ross, P/O Kerski?? & Crew on Practice Bombing

		1305 to 1550	BZ711 "A" F/L Brodigen, P/O Serves & Crew on Practice Bombing.
		1745 to 1830	BZ711 "A" F/L Brodigen, P/O Serves & Crew on Practice Bombing.
	8th		The Station Cinema was opened this evening. First film to be shown wa "We Dive at Dawn"
		1520 to 1700	BZ711 "A" W/O Landick & Crew on Air Firing Practice.
		1705 to 2010	FL991 "F" P/O Rowley, P/O Jackson and crew on Submarine Affiliations.
	9th	0755 to 1505	BZ711 "A" P/O Boyle & Crew to India for major overhaul.
		1025 to 1215	FL945 "H" F/L Percival and F/L Mellins? On Rooster Exercise.
			A.O.C. visits station with General Stratemeyer USAAF and staff.
	9th	1020 to 1550	FL991 "F" P/O Crawley and Crew on Naval Escort Operation.
	10th	1715 to 2200	FL991 "F" P/O Rowley & F/O Dean & Crew on Submarine Affiliation.
	11th	0835 to 1205	FL991 "F" P/O Servos & crew on Fighter Affiliation and Air Firing.
		0925 to 1545	FL945 "H" P/O Jacksen and Crew on Navigation Exercise.
		0640 to 1105	EV821 "G" F/L Brodigen & Crew on Operations.
	13th	0910 to 1130	FL940 "P" P/O Rowley, F/L Mullins, P/O Jackson and crew on A/S Bombing Exercise, Ratmalera??
		1310 to 1350	FL940 "P" P/O Rowley, F/L Mullins, P/O Jackson return to Sigiriya.
	14th	0745 to 0915	EV821 "G" F/L Brodigan on Fighter Affiliation
		0853 to 0935	FL936 "V" P/O Hall & Crew Sigiriya to Ratmalana
		1000 to 1145	EV821 "G" S/L Paisey and crew on Bombing Exercise.
	15th	0745 to 0845	EV821 "G" S/L Paisey and crew form Ratmalana to Sigiriya
	16th	0715 to 1715	FL991 "F" P/O Dean and crew on Operations.
			F/L Puckeridge visits station and lectures Aircrew on conditions in Malayan Jungle. Outlines plans for projected Jungle School in Ceylon and demonstrates new Jungle Escape Suit.
	17th	1435 to 1535	FL936 "V" P/O Hall & Crew Ratmalana to Sigiriya.
			S/Ldr. Smith visits station and lectures on the use of airborne Radar Equipment.
	18th	0610 to 1630	EV821 "G" S/L Percival and crew on Operations.
		0915 to 1100	FL991 "F" P/O Dean and crew on Operations.
		1555 to 1645	FL991 "F" P/O Dean and crew from Ratmalana to Sigiriya.
			S/L Spencer lectures on Air Sea Rescue.
			W/C Pape: Australian Liaison Officer: visits station.
			G/C Comming visits station.
		1510 to	BZ938 "W" Conner and crew Testing Special Equipment.

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	19th	2050 to 0025	EV821 "G" P/O Ross and Crew on operations.
		0050 to 0845	FL991 "F" P/O Sevos and crew on operations.
		0835 to 1220	FL911 "K" P/O Jones and crew on Air Firing and Fighter Affiliation.
		2030 to 2300	FL991 "F" P/O Crawley and crew on Operations.
	20th	0950 to 1210	FL911 "K" P/O Jones, P/O Jackson and crew on A/S Bombing.
		1230 to 1305	FL991 "F" P/O Crawley and crew from Vevsaiya?? To Sigiriya.
		1535 to 1640	FL911 "K" S/L Percival and crew to Minneriya Tank to experiment with a Dummy Lindholm Dingy. Exercise very successful.
	21st	0920 to 1150	FL911 "K" P/O Hill, P/O Crawley, P/O Sevos and crew on A/S Bombing practice.
		1540 to 1710	FL911 "K" F/L Mullins, P/O Hall, P/O Ross and crew on two practices of A/S Bombing.
	22nd 23rd	2130 to 0845	FL991 "F" R/O Crawley, P/O Hill and crew on operational Anti-submarine patrol.
		0100 to 1320	FL945 "H" S/L Paisey and crew on Operational P.R.U. sortie to Simalur. Unsuccessful owing to adverse weather conditions.
		0115 to 1425	FL940 "P" P/O Sevos and crew on the above P.R.U. sortie. Unsuccessful for the same reason.
		1745 to 1850	EV821 "G" S/L Percival and crew to Ratmalana for operational sortie. Later cancelled.
	24th	1825 to 0430	FL991 "F" P/O Crawley and crew. Anti Submarine Patrol
		0835 to 1125	FL991 "K"????? W/O Stow and crew on Fighter Affiliation and Air Firing
		1010 to 1615	FL945 "H" P/O Jones and crew on Navigation Exercise.
		1215 to 1310	EV821 "G" S/L Percival and crew Returning from Ratmalana??
	26th	0840 to 1030	FL945 "H" P/O Jackson and crew. Exercise over Trincomalee
			Wing Commander G. R. Brady attends C/O's conference at H.Q. No. 222 Group.
		1910 1920 to 0540 0630	BZ938 "W" and BZ939 "Y" F/L Connor and crew and F/L Bradley and crew respectively on operations for "Special Task". Operation unsuccessful owing to bad weather conditions.
	27	0900 to 1200	FL911 "K" P/O Hill and crew on A/S Bombing Practice.
		1445 to 1630	FL911 "K" S/L Paisey, P/O Flett and crew on Dual Circuits and Landings.
		1620 to 1720	FL911 "K" P/O Flett and crew. On Single Circuits and Landings.
		1500 to 1830	BZ939 "Y" F/L Bradley and crew on operations. Attempt to carry out "Special Task" but forced to return owing to bad weather conditions.
	28th	1510 to 0510	BZ938 "W" F/L Conner and crew on "Special Task" continued sortie but without success owing to bad weather. Forced to return to Vaviuniya owing to bad conditions over Sigiriya.
			S/L Paisey: Flight Commander 'A' Flight posted from Squadron. S/L Stacey: posted to squadron replaces him as Flight Commander.

			W/Cmdr Crayling: senior Medical Officer: visited the station.
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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
4th February 1944					
BZ938	F/L D. W. Connor	Special Instructions	SGY	SGY	Successful
	F/O V. T. Davies		031529z	040300z	
	P/O ? H. Larmey				
	P/O H. P. Keir				
	P/O L. C. Ericsteen				
	P?/O A. Pritchard				
	F/Sgt. L. T. Evans				
	Sgt. A. M. Zavitz				
BZ939	F/L J. W. Bradley	Special Instructions	SGY	SGY	Successful
	P/O J. Johnston		031544z	040304z	
	W/O J. K. Maguir				
	W/O W. Leslie				
	Sgt. M. Goldhart				
	Sgt. R. W. Ross				
	F/S A. Hughes				
	F/S E. H. Cocks				
	F/S J. Smeatham				
9th February 1944					
BZ711	P/O G. L. Boyle	A/S Patrol (on route to Kanchrapara)	SGY	Cuttack	No enemy sightings.
	P/O N. Harrison		090116z	090880	
	F/Sgt. V. B. Allen				
	F/Sgt. D. G. Allen				
	F/Sgt. J. H. Roberts				
	F/Sgt. J. A. Fudge				
	Mr. W. Sailer				
	(U.S. civilian passenger)				
11th February, 1944					
Liberator EV821?	F/L C. N? Brodigan	A/S Escort to BM? 84A	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. R. Mason		102397z	110434z	
	F/Sgt. W? C. Follis				
	W/O T. Spry				
	W/O F. G. Burgin??				
	W/O K. Lacey				
	W/O W. Williams				
	Sgt. K. B. Taylor				
16th February, 1944					
Liberator FL991	P/O J. D. Dean	A/S Patrol	SGY	RML	No enemy sightings.
	F/O R? N. Morgan		160048z	161047z	
	F/Sgt. W. R. Wiseman				
	F/Sgt. T. O. P. Baker				
	Sgt. G. E. Cooper				
	Sgt. J. Dunkley				
	Sgt. P? T. Mabee				
	Sgt. W. F. Jary?				
18th February, 1944					

Liberator EV821	S/L J. F. Percival	A/S Escort	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings
	F/O K. S Winfield		172340z	18100?0z	
	P/O W? J. Crawford				
	Sgt. W? N. Beauchamp				
	Sgt. F. R. Brissenden?				
	Sgt. W. N. Harris?				
	Sgt. J. K. Thompson				
	Sgt. L. C. Colboarne				
Liberator FL991	P/O J. D. Dean	A/S Escort	RML	RML	No enemy sightings.
	F/O R? H. Morgan		180244z	180428z	
	F/Sgt. W. R. Wiseman				
	F/Sgt. T. O. P. Baker				
	Sgt. G. K. Cooper				
	Sgt. J. Dunkley				
	Sgt. P? T. Mabee				
	Sgt. W? F. Jary				
19th February, 1944					
Liberator EV821	F?/O J. L. Ross	A/S Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F?/O R. H. J. Tompkins		181420z	181715z	
	P/O J. W. Strachan				
	F/Sgt. J. H. Rankine				
	F/Sgt. W. A. Lawton				
	Sgt. H. Holgate				
	F/Sgt. ? E?vitt				
	Sgt. W. D. B? Sneddon?				
Liberator FL991	P/O R. A. Servos	A/S Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O M. McKellar		181823z	190218z	
	W/O K. Collins				
	F/O J. T. Knight				
	Sgt. P. Schnell				
	Sgt. R. S. Torpin?				
	Sgt. E. J. Sharples				
	Sgt. K. J. Skinner				
20th February, 1944					
Liberator FL991	P/O K. J. M. Crawley	A/S Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O R. A. Stubbs		191355z	191625z	
	Sgt. W? H. B?e?ll				
	W/O G. Stainsby				
	W/O J. Byrne				
	F/Sgt. F. T. Duffy				
	Sgt. F. Ryan				
Sgt. H. C. Horton					
21/22 February, 1944					
Liberator FL991	F/O L. K. Hill	A/S Patrol	RML	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O C? A. Pinnell		211500z	220212z	
	F/O K. F. B Balcon				
	F/S C. T. Wilson				
	W/O R. W Knowles				
	F/Sgt. T. Litchfield				
	F/S H. L. Cleaver				
F/Sgt. W A. Leather					
22/23 February, 1944					
Liberator	P/O K. J. M. Crawley	A/S Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.

FL991	P/O R. A. Stubbs		221155z	222355z	
	Sgt. M. H. B?all				
	Sgt. A. G. Gronew				
	W/O G. Stainsby				
	Sgt. H. C. Horton				
	F/Sgt. F. T. Duffy				
	F/Sgt. R. S. Bau?er				
23rd February, 1944					
Liberator FL945	S/L F. G. Paisey	P.R. of Simalur	SGY	SGY	No photographs taken.
	P/O L. R? Cavidson		221832z	230545z	
	P/O J. W. Strachan				
	W/O D. G. Raine				
	W/O K. W. Evans				
	F/Sgt. F. D. Davies				
	W/O J. B?yree.				
	F/Sgt. J. Heae??				
Liberator FL940	P/O R. A Servos	P.R. of Simalur	SGY	SGY	No photographs taken.
	P/O M. McKellar		221845z	230755	
	W/O K. Collins				
	F/O J. T. Knight				
	Sgt. P. Schnell				
	Sgt. H? S. To?rpin				
	Sgt. K. J. Sharples				
	Sgt. J. E? Ford				
23/24 February, 1944					
Liberator BZ938	F/L D. W. Connor	Special Instructions	SGY	SGY	Bad weather encountered. Results moderate.
	F/O V. T. Davies		251241z	232310z	
	F/O ? H. Larney				
	W/O E. W. Evans				
	P/O H. P. Keir				
	P/O L. C? Ericksteen				
	Sgt. A. M. Zavitz				
	F/O J. A. Pritchard				
	W/O G. G. Brooks.				
Liberator BZ939	F/L J. W. Bradley	Special Instructions	SGY	SGY	Bad weather encountered. Results moderate.
	F/S E. H. Cocks		251252z	252358z	
	W/O W. Leslie				
	W/O J. E. Maguire				
	Sgt. H? W? Ross				
	Sgt. M. Goldhart				
	F/Sgt. E. V. Dunk??				
	W/O J. Smeathem?				
27/28 February, 1944					
Liberator BZ939	F/L J. W. Bradley	Special Instructions	SGY	SGY	Bad weather. A/C returned early. Results poor.
	P/O J. Johnstone?		270820z	271205z	
	W/O W. Leslie				
	W/O J. E. Maguire				
	W/O J. Smeatham?				
	Sgt. R. W? Ross				
	Sgt. M. Goldhart				
	F/Sgt. E. V. Dunk				
	F/Sgt. E. H. Cocks				
Liberator	F/L D. W. Connor	Special	SGY	VNA	Successful

BZ938	F/O V. T. Davies	Instructions	270840z	272205z	
	P/O ? H. Larney				
	P/O L. C. Ericksteen				
	P/O H. P. Keir				
	F/O J. A. Pritchard				
	W/O E. W. Evans				
	W/O G. G. Brooks				
	Sgt. A. N. Zavits				
	Total Operation hours flying time for February, 1944 : 158 hours. 44 minutes.				

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Sigiriya	1944 March 2nd		Visit of G/C Beresford and G/C Collins AMWD to inspect works services
	"	1245 to 1445	"N?" BZ752 P/O Boyle and Crew to Ratmalana
	3rd		S/L Paisey posted to H.Q. 222 Group
	"	1038 to 1138	'N?' BZ752 P/O Boyle and crew return to Sigiriya
	"	1825 to 0530	'G' EV?821 S/L Percival and Crew on Operations
	"	0350 to 1525	"B" BZ864 P/O Ross and Crew on Operations
	"	0400 to 1545	"P" FL940 P/O Boyle and Crew on Operations
	"	0900 to 2320	"V" FL936 P/O Landick? And Crew on Operations.
	"	1830 to 0430	"D" FL969 F/L B?rodigan and Crew on Operations.
	4th		Visit of Group Education Officer
	5th	0520 to 1500	"F" FL940 S/L Percival and Crew on Operations
	"	0650 to 1800	"H" FL945 F/O Serves? And Crew on Operations
	"	0855 to 1145	"K" FL911, W/O Stew, F/O Jones, P/O Jackson and crew on bombing practice.
	"		S/L Roberts visits station to discuss 'Tactics'
	"	0635 to 1819	'N?' BZ752 P/O Dean and crew on Operations
	March 5th 6th	1820 to 0830	"Y" BZ939 F/L Bradley and crew on Special Task.
	5th 6th	1840 to 0910	"W" BZ938 F/L Conner and crew on Special Task.
	6th		W/Commander Bradshaw, DFC visits station
	"	0800 to 1810	"V" FL934 F/O Burns and crew on Operations
	"	1305 to 1515	"K" FL911 F/L Brodigan and crew on A/S Bombing Practice.
	"	1810 to 1900	"K" FL911 F/L Brodigan and crew on A/S Bombing Practice.
	6th 7th	1655 to 0405	"D" FL969 P/O Boyle and crew on Operations
	"	0125 to 1335	"B" BZ864 P/O Landick and crew on Operations
	"	0530 to 1810	"V" FL936 P/O Hill and crew on Operations
	"	0830 to 1045	"K" FL911 P/O Dean and crew on Fighter Affiliation.
	7th 8th	1800 to 0400	"N?" BZ758 F/L Brodigan on Operations

	8th	0610 to 1945	"V" FL936 F/O Ross and crew on Operations
	"	1910 to 2030	"G" EV821 P/O Hill and crew to Ratmalana on detachment
	"	1845 to 1940	"B" BZ864 S/L Percival and crew to Ratmalana on detachment.
	"	1750 to 0455	"D?" FL969 P/O Dean and crew on operations.
	9th	1755 to 1840	"H" FL945 P/O Servos? And crew to Ratmalana on detachment.
Ratmalana	9/10	2320 to 1045	"H" FL945 P/O Sevos and crew base at Ratmalana on Convoy Escort.
Sigiriya			Runway U/S for 48 hours, patching of surface and general overhaul to be carried out on Thursdays and Fridays weekly until further notice. Operations during these days to be carried out by A/C detached to Ratmalana.
"	9th		Major Wallace U.S. Intelligence Service visits station as Liaison Officer for U.S. Forces.
	11th	1250 to 1350	"G?" EV821 P/O Hill and Crew return from Ratmalana
	"	1735 to 1825	"B" BZ864 S/L Percival and crew return from Ratmalana
	"		Mr. De Carteret Canadian Deputy Minister for Air with Air Vice Marshal Nairn visit station and address RCAF Personnel.
	"	1535 to 1625	"H" FL945 P/O Servos and crew return from Ratmalana.
	12th	0820 to 2010	"N?" BZ752 S/L Percival and crew on Operations
		0720 to 1020	"G" EV821 F/O Hill and crew on Operations
		0930 to 1050	"K" FL911 S/L Stacey and crew on Practice bombing
		1055 to 1905	"Y" BZ939 F/L Bradley and crew on Operations Special Task
		1415 to 1540	"K" FL911 P/O Dean and crew on A/S Bombing Practice
	12th 13th	1300 to 0025	"D" FL969 P/O Boyle and crew on Operations
		0340 to 1040	"A" EV837 P/O Landick and crew on Operations
		1200 to 2215	"G?" EV821 F/O Hill on Operations
			A lecture on Japan was given in the "Station Cinema" by the Rev. Woods principal of Trinity College, Kandy.
	13/14	1305 to 0320	"W" BZ938 F/L Conner and crew on Special Task
		1300 to 0320	"Y" BZ939 F/L Bradley and crew on Special Task
		1730 to 0520?	"B?" BZ864 F/O Ross and crew on Operations
	14th	0005 to 0950?	"F?" FL991 P/O Rowley? And crew on Operations
		0230 to 1100	"D" FL969 P/O Dean and crew on Operations
	14/15th	2110 to 0920	"F" FL991 S/L Percival and crew on Operations

	14th	2115 to 2240	"D" FL969 F/L Brodigen and crew on Operations
	14/15th	2345 to 1245	"H" FL945 P/O Lendick and crew on Operations
	15th	0230 to 1445?	"P?" FL940 F/O Boyle and crew on Operations
		1055 to 2225?	"A" EV837 P/O Hill and crew on Operations
		1200 to 1750	"K" FL93?1 F/O Jones and crew on D/F Calibration.
		1740 to 1830	"F" FL9?9?1 F/O Ross and crew from Sigiriya to Ratmalana
		1825 to 1920	"N?" BZ752 P/O Dean and crew from Sigiriya to Ratmalana
	15/16	1205 to 0235?	"W" BZ938 F/L Conner and crew on Special Task
		1210 to 0225	"Y" BZ939 F/L Bradley and crew on Special Task
Ratmalana	16th	0610 to 1835	"F" FL991 F/O Ross and crew on Operations
Sigiriya	16/17th		Runway U/S for Routine repair.
Ratmalana	16/17th	2215 to 1030	"N" BZ752 P/O Dean and crew on Operations
"	17th	0920 to 1435	"F" FL991 F/O Ross and crew on Operations
"	17/18th	2200 to 0840	"N" BZ752 P/O Dean and crew on Operations
Sigiriya	18th	0925 to 1125	"?" FL969 F/L Mullins and crew on A/S Bombing Practice
		1110 to 1200	"N" BZ752 P/O Dean and crew return from Ratmalana
		1235 to 1350	"F" FL991 F/O Ross and crew return from Ratmalana
		1330 to 1640?	"B" BZ864 F/L Brodigan and crew on Operations.
		1610 to 1750	"D" FL969 S/L Stacey and crew on Practice Bombing
			Link Trainer installation completed and its use incorporated in training programs.
		1340 to 1645	"W" BZ938 F/L Conner and crew on Operations. Special Task
		1335 to 1655	"Y" BZ939 F/L Bradley and crew on Operations. Special Task
	19th	0105 to 1350	"N" BZ752 F/O Hall and crew on Operations
		0750 to 1820	"G" EV821 P/O Crawley and crew on Operations
		1125 to 1825	"A" EV837 P/O Hill and crew on Operations
		1440 to 1635	"D?" FL969 P/O Flett and crew on Bombing Practice
		1645 to 1705	"D" FL969 P/O Flett and crew Training
	20th	0130 to 1300?	"N" BZ752 F/L Brodigan and crew on Operations
		1025 to	"G" EV821 P/O Crawley and crew return from Ratmalana

		1110	
		1000 to 1100	"D" FL969 F/O Hall and crew on A/S Bombing Practice
		1105 to 1945	"A" EV837 P/O Rowley and crew on Operations
	20/21	1315 to 0230	"B" BZ864 P/O Boyle and crew on Operations
	20/21	1350 to 0240	"W" BZ938 F/L Connor and crew on Special Task
	20/21	1410 to 0210	"Y" BZ939 F/L Bradley and crew on Special Task
	21	0300 to 1440	"F" FL991 P/O Landick and crew on Operations
	"	0910 to 1105	"A" EV837 P/O Rowley and crew return from Ratmalana
	"	1200 to 1820	"G" EV821 F/O Ross and crew on Operations
	"		"K" FL911 Detached to RAF Station Trichinopoly with party for night Flying Training. S/L Percival i/c F/L Mullins, F/O Fleet, F/O Jones, W/O stew, P/O Jackson and Ground Personnel.
	22	1120 to 1200	"A" EV837 P/O Crawley and crew on bombing Practice.
		1735 to 1805	"V" FL936? P/O Rowley and crew on Air Test.
		1540 to 1700	"A" EV837 P/O Dean and crew on A/S Bombing Practice
		2045 to 2345	"V" FL936 P/O Hall and crew on night Photo Practice
		1335 to 0025	"W" BZ938 F/L Conner and crew on Special Task
		1345 to 0245	"Y" BZ939 F/L Bradley and crew on Special Task
			S/L Kades Photographic Officer visits station and checks installation of cameras on P.R. A/C
		1745 to 1835	"B" BZ864 F/L Brodigan and crew transit to Ratmalana
		1725 to 1810	"F" FL991 P/O Crawley and crew transit to Ratmalana
		1705 to 1755	"G" EV821 P/O Boyle and crew transit to Ratmalana
	23rd		New building for Gunnery and Navigation Sections completed.
Ratmalana	24th	0525 to 1210	"F" FL991 P/O Crawley and crew on operations
		1300 to 2245	"G" EV821 P/O Boyle and crew on operations
Sigiriya	23/24		Runway U/S for routine repairs.
	25th	0845 to 0940	"B" BZ864 F/L Brodigan from Ratmalana
	"	0855 to 0945	"F?" FL991 P/O Crawley and Crew from Ratmalana
	"	0910 to 0950	"G" EV821821 P/O Boyle and crew return from V?avaniya
	"		Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Pierce, A.O.C. in C. arrives by air to inspect station with Air Vice Marshal Deraten and staff.
	"	1435 to	"A" EV837 P/O Rowley and crew on A/S Bombing Practice

		1630	
		1925 to 2105	"V" FL936 P/O Hall and Crew on Night Photography Practice
	25/26th	1010 to 0130	"H" FL945 P/O Hill and crew on operations with "C" Flight
		1020 to 0110	"P" FL940 P/O Dean and crew on operations with "C" Flight
		1025 to 0130	"Y" FL939 F/L Bradley on Special Task with A/C "H" and "P"
		1030 to 0140	"W" FL938 F/L Conner on Special Task with A/C "H" and "P"
			Sortie successful but some damage caused by A.A. fire over Similar? "H" returned on three engines from target area. No casualties.
	26	0545 to 1745	"?" BZ752 F/L Bredigan on Operations
		1430 to 1600	"A" WV837 P/O Landick and crew on Practice Bombing
	27		Spare Inner Tubes for A/C "K" flown to A.F. Station Trichinopoly in Vengeance.
		1430 to 1500	"A" EV837 P/O Boyle and crew on Bombing Practice
	28	0915 to 1130	"A" EV837 P/O Hill and crew on Bombing Practice
		1415 to 1500	"A" EV837 F/O Ross and crew on Bombing Practice
	28/29	1320 to 0440	"Y" BZ939 F/L Bradley and Crew on Special Task
		1315 to 0435	"W" BZ938 F/L Connor and Crew on Special Task
	29	0530 to 0645	"A" EV837 S/L Stacey and crew on Night Circuits
		1015 to 1120	"A" EV837 P/O Landick and Crew on Bombing Practice
		1200 to 1245	"A" EV837 S/L Stacey and crew on Bombing Practice
		1730 to 1836	"N?" BZ752 S/L Stacey and crew from Sigiriya to Ratmalana
		1745 to 1830	"F" FL991 P/O Landick and crew from Sigiriya to Ratmalana
		1750 to 1840	"J" EV824 P/O Rowley and crew from Sigiriya to Ratmalana
	29/30	1930 to 0505	"V" FL936? F/O Hall and crew on Operations
	30/31		Runway U/S for Routine Repairs
Ratmalana	30/31	1645 to 0120	"J" EV824 P/O Rowley and Crew on Operations
Trichinopoly	31		"K" Night training for March hampered by lack of spares. 19 hrs 15 mins completed up to 31.3.44.

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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
4th March, 1944					
Liberator EV821	S/L J. F. Percival	A/S Escort to Convoy CJ.18	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O K. B. Winfield		031134z	032258z	
	F/O W. J. Crawford				
	Sgt. F. S. Briesead??				
	Sgt. W. N. Beauchamp				
	Sgt. ? ? Colboarne				
	Sgt. J. K. Thompson??				
	W/O R? Hersey?				
Liberator BZ864	F/O J. L. Ross??	A/S Escort to Convoy CJ.18	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F?/O ? A. J. Tompkins		032120z	040855z	
	P/O J. W. Strachan				
	F/Sgt. J. ? R?enkie?s				
	F/Sgt. W. A. Lawton				
	F/Sgt. C. Evitt.				
	Sgt. W. D. B? Snedden?				
	Sgt. M. Molgate?				
Liberator FL940	F/O G. L. Boyle	A/S Escort to Convoy KR.9	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O M. Morrison		032133z	040920z	
	F/Sgt. V. ? Allen				
	F/Sgt. J. A. Fudge				
	F/Sgt. N. S. Baser				
	F/Sgt. S. K? Hoffer				
	Sgt. J M? Roberts				
	Sgt. J. K? Ford.				
Liberator FL936	P/O K. H? Len?dick	Search for survivors of M/V Port McLeod?	SGY	SGY	At 041102z sighted two small lifeboats containing 40 or more survivors. Rescue signals flashed to boats and Base informed. Dinghy with marine distress signals and message re. Rescue dropped between two boats at 041250z and later picked up by them.
	F/Sgt. D. G. McCreesh		040220z	041450z	
	F/Sgt. D. Pratt				
	Sgt. W. A. Cotton?				
	F/Sgt. J. R? Caden				
	F/Sgt. J. L. M?eekiff??				
	Sgt. J. A. Pipher				
Sgt. V. A. H?ead??					
	Sgt. E. A. W. Lowe				
Night 4/5th March, 1944					
Liberator FL969	F/L C. W. Brodigan	A/S Escort to Convoy CJ.18	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/S R. Mason		041200Z	050000Z	
	P/O J. F. Patterson				
	F/Sgt. W. D. T. Spry				
	F/Sgt. F. G. Be?rgin				
	F/Sgt. K. Lacey				
	Sgt. E. B. Taylor				
	Sgt. K. Williams				
Day 5th March, 1944					
Liberator FL940	S/L J. F. Percival	A/S Escort to Convoy CJ.18	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O K. B. Winfield		042249Z	050830Z	

	P/O W. J. Crawford				
	P/O T. K. Knott				
	Sgt. F. S. Brisso?nden				
	Sgt. W. N.. Beauchamp				
	Sgt. W. N? B?arrie				
	Sgt. L. C. Colbou?rne				
	Sgt. J. K. Thompson.				
Liberator FL945	P?/O N? A. Serves	A/S Escort to	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O M. McKellar	Convey KR 9A	050020Z	051120Z	
	W/O K. Collins				
	F/O J. T. Knight				
	Sgt. P. Schnell				
	Sgt. R. S. Tu?rpin				
	F/Sgt. F. Davies				
	F/Sgt. K? J. Sharples				
Liberator BZ945???	P/O J. D. Dean?	A/S Escort to	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O R. M. Morgan	Convey KR 9	050005Z	051137Z	
	F/S W. R. Wiseman				
	F/S T. O. P. Baker				
	Sgt. K. J. Skinner				
	Sgt. F? T. Mabee?				
	Sgt. B. K? Cooper				
	Sgt. J. Dunkley				
Night 5/6th March 1944					
Liberator BZ939	F/L J. W. Bradley	Special	SGY	SGY	Good results obtained
	F/O J. Johnston	Instructions	051147Z	060145Z	
	F/S A. Hughes				
	F/S E. H. Cocks				
	W/O W. Leslie				
	Sgt. W? V? Rees				
	W/O J. Smeathem?				
	Sgt. M Goldhart				
Liberator BZ938	F/L D. W. Conner	Special	SGY	SGY	Good results obtained
	F/O V. T. Davis	Instructions	052214Z	060238Z	
	P/O N. H. Larney				
	P/O H. F. Keir				
	W/O L. T. Evans				
	Sgt. A. N. S?avitz				
	W/O G. g. B?rooks				
	P/O A Pritchard.				
Day 6th March 1944					
Liberator FL936	F/O W. E. Burns	A/S Escort to	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O J. W. Thomas	Force "N"?	060134Z	061143Z	
	P/O M. Woodcock				
	W/O G. Staia?sby				
	W/O J. Byrne				
	F/S F? T. Duffy				
	Sgt. F? Ryan				
	Sgt. M. C. M?ortes?				
Night 6th/7th March 1944					
Liberator FL969	F/O G. L. Boyle	A/S Escort	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O M? Harrison		061023Z	062137Z	
	F/Sgt. V. B. Allen				

	F/Sgt. J. M. Roberts				
	F/Sgt. J. A. Fudge				
	F/Sgt. R. S. B?auer				
	F/Sgt. S. N? Hoffer				
	F/Sgt. D. G. Raine				
Day 7th March 1944					
Liberator BZ864	P.O K. H? Landick	A/S Escort	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. D. G. McCreash		061902Z	070705Z	
	F/Sgt. D. Pratt				
	F/Sgt. J. L. Mec?kiff				
	Sgt. W. A. Cutten				
	Sgt. J. R. Caden?				
	Sgt. J. A. Pipher				
	Sgt. K? A. W. Lowe				
	F/Sgt. L. J. B?arrell				
Liberator FL936	F/O L. E. Hill	A/S Escort to	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O C. A. Pinnell	convoy AKC16	062303Z	071137Z	
	P/O K. F? B. Balcon?				
	W/O R. W? Knowles				
	F/S T. Litchfield				
	W/O G. Morton?				
	F/Sgt. M. ? Cleaver				
	F/Sgt. W. A. Leather				
Night 7/8th March 1944					
Liberator BZ752	F/L C. W. Brodigan	A/S Escort to	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings
	F/S R. Mason	convoy MB68	071125Z	072325Z	
	P?/O J. F. Patterson				
	F/S W. D. T. Spry				
	F/Sgt. ? G. Ba?rgin				
	F/Sgt. K. Lacey				
	Sgt. K. B. Taylor				
Sgt. K. Williams					
Day 8th March 1944					
Liberator FL936?	F/O J. L. Rees	A/S Escort to BM	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O R. A. J. Tompkins	87 B and Force	072340Z	081315Z	
	F/O J. W. Strachan	"M"			
	F/S J. M. Rankine				
	F/S W. A. Lawton				
	F/S C. Evitt				
	Sgt. W. D. B. Snaddos?				
Sgt. M? Holgate					
Night 8/9th March 1944					
Liberator FL94?9	P/O J. D. Dean	A/S Escort to	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O R. M. Morgan	Convoy BN 88	081121Z	082225Z	
	F/S W. R. Wiseman				
	F/S T.O.P. Baker				
	Sgt. G. K? Cooper				
	Sgt. J. Dunkley				
Sgt. F. T. Mabee					
Sgt. K. J. Skinner					
Night 9/10th March 1944					
Liberator BZ864	P/O R. A. Servos	A/S Escort	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O M. McKellar		091650Z	1004115Z	

	W/O K. Collins				
	F/O J. T. Knight				
	Sgt. P. Schnell				
	Sgt. K? S. Turpin				
	F/Sgt. F. D. Davies				
	F/Sgt. K. J. Sharples				
Day 12th March 1944					
Liberator BZ939	F/Lt. J. W. Bradley	Special Instructions	SGY	SGY	successful
	F/Lt. R? N. Conner		120408Z	121235Z	
	P.O N? H. Larney				
	P/O G. A. Turner				
	F/Sgt A. J. Hughes				
	F/Sgt. E. H. Cocks				
	P/O J. Johnston				
	Sgt. M. Goldhart				
	F/O A. Pritchard				
	W/O J. Sweatham				
	F/S R. C. Bruce-Mount				
Liberator EV821	F/O L. N. Hill	A/S Escort	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O C. A. Pinnell		120048Z	120340Z	
	P/O M. Woodcock				
	W/O R. W. Knowles				
	W/O C. Morton				
	F/Sgt. T. Litchfield				
	F/Sgt. ? L. Cleaver				
	F/Sgt. N. A. Leather				
Liberator BZ752	S/ J. F. Percival	A/S Escort to Convoy JC 60	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O K. B. Winfield		120149Z	121340Z	
	P/O W. J. Crawford				
	Sgt. F? S. Brissendea?				
	Sgt. W? N? Beauchamp				
	Sgt. W. N. Harris				
	Sgt. L. C. Colbourne				
	Sgt. J. K. Thompson??				
Liberator FL969?	F/S G. L. Boyle	A/S Escort	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O M? Harrison		120628Z	121752Z	
	F/Sgt. V. B. Allen				
	F/Sgt. J. M. Roberts				
	F/Sgt. J. A. Fudge				
	F/Sgt. R. S. B?auer				
	F/Sgt. S. N? Hoffer				
	F/Sgt. J. K. Ford				
Night 13th March 1944					
Liberator BZ711	P/O K. N. Lendick	A/S Escort to Convoy CJ 19	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. D. G. McCreash		130210Z	131425Z	
	F/Sgt. D. Pratt				
	F/Sgt. J. L. Mec?kiff				
	F/Sgt. J. ? Caden				
	F/Sgt. E? A. W. Lowe??				
	Sgt. W. A. Cotten				
	Sgt. J. A. Pipher				
	Sgt. V. A. H?ood??				
Liberator	F/O L. E. Hill	A/S Escort	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.

BV821	F/O C. A. Pinnell		130531Z	131540Z	
	P/O M. Woodcock				
	W/O R. W. Knowles				
	W/O C. Morton				
	F/Sgt. T. Litchfield				
	F/Sgt. ? L. Cleaver				
Day 13 March 1944					
Liberator BZ939	F/L J. W. Bradley	Special Instructions	SGY	SGY	Successful
	P/O J. Johnston		130630Z	132020Z	
	F/S A. J. Hughes				
	F/S E. H. Cocks				
	W/O W. Leslie				
	Sgt. R. W. Rees				
	W/O J. Smeatham				
	W/O G. G. Brooks				
	Sgt. M. Goldhart				
Liberator BZ938	F/L D. W. Conner	Special Instructions	SGY	SGY	Successful
	F/O V. T. Davies		130627Z	132050Z	
	P/O N. H. Larney				
	P/O H. F. Keir				
	W/O L. T. Evans				
	W/O J. Maguire				
	Sgt. A. M? Zavitz				
	F/O A. Pritchard				
	F/S R. C. Bruce-Mount				
Day 14th March 1944					
Liberator BZ864?	F/O J. L. Ross?	A/S Escort to CJ 19	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O R? A. J. Tompkin?s		131100Z	132250Z	
	P/O J. W. Strachan				
	F/Sgt. J. M? Rankine				
	F/Sgt. W. A. Lawton				
	F/Sgt. C. Evitt				
	Sgt. W. D. B. Snadden				
	Sgt. E. Lauper				
Night 13/14th March 1944					
Liberator FL991	F/O J. C. Rowley?	A/S Escort	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O M. McKellar		131735Z	140315Z	
	W/O K. Collins				
	F/O J. T. Knight				
	P/O S. Taylor				
	F/Sgt. R? S. Ta?rpis				
	Sgt. P. Schnell				
	Sgt. K. J. Sharples				
Liberator FL969	P/O J. D. Dean	A/S Escort to Convoy CJ 19	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O R. H. Morgan				
	F/Sgt. W. M? Wiseman				
	W/O T. O. P. Baker				
	Sgt. G. K. Cooper				
	Sgt. J. Dunkley				
	Sgt. F. T. Mabee				
	Sgt. K. J. Skinner				
Night 14/15th March 1944					
Liberator	S/L J. F. Percival	Cross Over Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.

FL991	F/O K. ? Winfield				
	P/O W. J. Crawford				
	Sgt. F. S. Brissenden?				
	Sgt. W. N. Beauchamp				
	Sgt. W. N. Harris				
	Sgt. L. C. Colbourne				
	Sgt. J. K. Thompson				
Liberator FL969	F/L C. W. Bredigan	Cross Over Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/S R. Mason		141445Z	150408Z	
	F/S ? J. Reilly				
	F/S S? C. Henderson				
	F/S ? D. T. Spry				
	F/S K. Lacey				
	F/S F. G. Bergin				
	Sgt. E. B. Taylor				
	Sgt. K. Williams				
	L.A.C. Kennedy				
Liberator FL945	P/O K. H. Landick	A/S Escort to	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. D. G. McCreash	Force "T"	141715Z	150615Z	
	F/Sgt. D. Pratt				
	F/Sgt. J. L Me?ckiff				
	F/Sgt. J. R. Caden				
	Sgt. W. A. Ca?tten				
	Sgt. J. A. Pipher				
	Sgt. V. A. Bond?				
	Sgt. E. A. W. Lowe				
Day 15th March 1944					
Liberator FL940?	F/O G. L. Boyle	Cross Over Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O N. Harrison		142003Z	151015Z	
	P/O J. M. Roberts				
	F/Sgt. V. B. Alen??				
	F/Sgt. J. A. Fudge				
	F/Sgt. S. K? Hoffer				
	F/Sgt. R. S. Bauer?				
	F/Sgt.J. K? Ford				
Liberator BZ911	P/O L. K. Hill	A/S Escort to	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O C. A. Pinnell	JC.40A	150427Z	151551Z	
	P/O M? Woodcock				
	W/O R. W. Knowles				
	W/O C. H?orton?				
	F/Sgt. T. Litchfield				
	F/Sgt. M. L. Cleaver				
	F/Sgt. W. A. Leather				
Liberator BZ939	F/L J. W. Bradley	Special	SGY	SGY	Successful
	F/Sgt. E. H. Cocks	Instructions	150537Z	151958Z	
	F/Sgt. A. J. Hughes				
	P/O J. Johnston				
	W/O W. Leslie				
	W/O J. Maguire				
	Sgt. H. W. Ross				
	Sgt. M. Goldhart				
	P/O A. Pritchard				
	W/O J. Sweatham				

Liberator BZ938	F/L D. W. Conner	Special Instructions	SGY	SGY	Successful
	F/O J. T. Davis		150537Z	152107Z	
	P/O N. H. Larney				
	P/O H. P. Keir				
	P/O L. C. Kricksteen?				
	W/O L. T. Evans				
	Sgt. A. M. Zavitz?				
	W/O J. Brocks				
	F/S R. C. Bruce-Mount				
Day 16th March 1944					
Liberator FL991	F/O J. L. Ross	A/S Escort	MKL??	MKL??	No enemy sightings.
	F/O K? A. J. Tompkins		152340Z	161105Z	
	P/O J. W. Strachan				
	F/Sgt. J. H? Rankine				
	F/Sgt. W. A. Lawton?				
	F/Sgt. C. Evitt				
	Sgt. W. D. ? Snedden				
	Sgt. E. Lau?per				
Night 16/17th March 1944					
Liberator BZ752	P/O J. D. Dean	A/S Escort to Force "G"	R?ML	R?ML	No enemy sightings.
	F/O M. H? Morgan		161550Z	170440Z	
	F/Sgt. W? R. Wiseman				
	W/O T. O. P. Baker				
	Sgt. G. E. Cooper				
	Sgt. J. Dunkley				
	Sgt. F? T. Mabee??				
	Sgt. K. J. Skinner				
Day 17th March 1944					
Liberator FL991	P/O J. L. Ross	Escort to Force "G"	R?ML	R?ML	No enemy sightings.
	F/O R. A. J. Tompkins		170250Z	170805Z	
	P/O J. W. Strachan				
	F/Sgt. J. H? Rankine				
	F/Sgt. W. A. Lawton?				
	F/Sgt. C. Evitt				
	Sgt. W. D. B. Snedden				
	Sgt. E. Lau?per				
Night 17/18th March 1944					
Liberator BZ752	P/O J. D. Dean	A/S Escort to Force "G"	RML	RML	No enemy sightings.
	F/O M. H? Morgan		171530Z	180210Z	
	F/Sgt. W? R. Wiseman				
	W/O T. O. P. Baker				
	Sgt. G. E. Cooper				
	Sgt. J. Dunkley				
	Sgt. F? T. Mabee				
	Sgt. K. J. Skinner				
Day 18th March 1944					
Liberator BZ864	F/L C. W? Brodigan	Diversionary Strike	SGY	SGY	Trip abandoned and returned early to base.
	F/S R? Mason		180700Z	181010Z	
	P/O J. F. Pattersen				
	F/S W. D. T. Spry				
	F/S K. Lacey,				
	F/S F. G. Bergin,				
	Sgt. E. B. Taylor				

	Sgt. K. Williams				
Liberator BZ938	F/L D. W. Conner	Special Instructions	SGY	SGY	Trip abandoned and returned early to base.
	F/O V. T. Davis		180709Z	182025Z	
	P/O N. H. Larney				
	P/O L. C. Kricksteen				
	F/O N. P. Keir				
	W/O L. T. Evans				
	Sgt. A. M. Kevits?				
	W/O G. G. Brocks				
	W/O J. Smeathen?				
Liberator BZ939	F/L J. W. Bradley	Special Instructions	SGY	SGY	Trip abandoned and returned early to base.
	P/O J. Johnston		180705Z	181020Z	
	W/O J. F. Maguire				
	W/O W. Leslie				
	Sgt. R. W. Ross				
	Sgt M Goldhart				
	F/Sgt. E. H. Cocks				
	F/Sgt. A. J. Hughes				
	P/O A. Pritchard				
Day 19th March 1944					
Liberator BZ752	F/O C. N? Hall	A/S Escort to CJ20	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O R? J. Edmondson		181835Z	190435Z	
	P/O J. Segar				
	W/O R. T. Storey				
	W/O P. M. Gleason				
	W/O R. K? Ellison				
	W/O A. Unwin				
	W/O J. A. Stokes				
	W/O J. Hume				
Liberator BZ711	F/O L. K. Hill	A/S Escort	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O C. A. Pinnell		190500Z	191153Z	
	P/O M. Woodcock				
	W/O R? W? Knowles				
	W/O C. Morton?				
	F/Sgt. Litchfield				
	F/Sgt. H. L. Cleaver				
	F/Sgt. W. A. Leather				
Liberator EV821	P/O E J. M. Crawley	A/S Escort to Force "Q"	SGY	RML	No enemy sightings.
	P/O R. A. Stu?bbe?n		190120Z	191150Z	
	Sgt. M. H. Hall				
	Sgt. D. W? Wright				
	Sgt. L. C. Jansen				
	Sgt. J. S. Lawrence				
	Sgt. M. J. Langton				
Day 20th March 1944					
Liberator BZ752	F/L C. W. Brodigan?	A/S Escort to Convoy JC41	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/S R. Mason		191900Z	200700Z	
	P/O J. F. Patterson?				
	F/S W. D. T. Spry				
	F/Sgt. K. Lacey				
	F/Sgt. F? G. Burgin				
	Sgt. K? B. Taylor?				
	Sgt. K. Williams				

Day/Night 20/21st March 1944					
Liberator BZ939	F/L J. W. Bradley	Special Instructions	SGY	SGY	Successful
	P/O J. Johnston		200743Z	201945Z	
	W/O J. E. Maguire				
	W/O W. Leslie				
	F/O A. Pritchard				
	Sgt. R. W. Ross				
	Sgt. M. Goldhart				
	F/Sgt. A. J. Hughes				
	F/Sgt. E. H. Cocks				
Liberator BZ854	P/O G. L. Boyle	Diversionary Strike	SGY	SGY	Bombs failed to release.
	F/O N. Harrison		200648Z	201857Z	
	F/O K. F. B. Balcon				
	F/S J. A. Fudge				
	P/O J N. Roberts				
	F/Sgt. R. S Bauer				
	F/Sgt. S. E. Hoffer				
	F/Sgt. F. D. Davies				
Liberator BZ938	F/L D. W. Conner	Special Instructions	SGY	SGY	Successful
	F/O W. T. Davis		200720Z	202007Z	
	P/O N. H. Larney				
	P/O L. C. Ericksteen				
	P/O H. P. Keir				
	W/O L T. Evans				
	Sgt. A. M. Zevits?				
	W/O G. G. Brooks				
	W/O J. Smeatham				
Day 20th March 1944					
Liberator BZ711	F/O J. C. Rowley	A/S Escort to Force "Sedden"	SGY	RML	No enemy sightings.
	Sgt. J. P. H?ynes		200432Z	201312Z	
	F/Sgt. E. V. Dunk				
	W/O W. K? Boulton				
	W/O H? J. Ta?rland				
	W/O D? J. Lewis				
	F/Sgt. E? La?u?per				
	P/O S. Taylor.				
Day 21st March 1944					
Liberator FL991	P/O K H? Landick	A/S Escort to CJ.20	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. D. G. McCreesh		202030Z	210810Z	
	F/Sgt. D. Pratt				
	F/Sgt. J. L Mackiff				
	F/Sgt. J. R. Caden				
	Sgt. W. A Cu?ttes				
	Sgt. J? A. Pipher				
	Sgt. V. A. Hood				
	F/Sgt. E. A. W? Lowe				
Liberator EV821	F/O J. L. Ross	A/S Escort to CJ 20	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O R. A. J. Tompkins		210530Z	211150Z	
	P/O J W. Strachan				
	F/Sgt. J. H. Rankine				
	F/Sgt. W. A. Lawton				
	F/Sgt. C. Evitt				
	Sgt. W. D. B. Snadden				

	Sgt. K. J. Skinner.				
Day 22nd March 1944					
Liberator BZ938	F/L D. W. Conner	Special Instructions	SGY	SGY	Successful
	F/O V. T. Davis		220705Z	221805Z	
	P/O W. H. Larney				
	P/O L. C. Ericksteen				
	P/O H. P. Keir				
	W/O L. T. Evans				
	Sgt. A. M Zevits				
	F/O A. Pritchard				
	F/L H. J. Halse?				
Liberator BZ939	F/L J. W. Bradley	Special Instructions	SGY	SGY	Successful
	P/O J. Johnston		220718Z	222010Z	
	W/O J. F. Mageire				
	W/O W. Leslie				
	W/O G. G. Brooks				
	Sgt. R. W. Ross				
	Sgt. M. Goldhart				
	F/S A. J. Hughes				
	F/S. E. H. Cocks				
	F/O G. R. T?erner?				
23rd March 1944					
Liberator FL991	F/O E. J. M. Crawley	A/S Escort to JC 41A	RML	RML	No enemy sightings.
	P/O R. A. Stubbs		222255Z	230540Z	
	Sgt. M. H. Hall				
	Sgt. L. C. Jansen				
	Sgt. J. S. Lawrence				
	Sgt. ? J. Langton				
	W/O J. Byrne?				
	W/O D. G. Raine				
	F/Sgt. D. C. H?orto?n				
Liberator EV821	F/O G. L. Boyle	A/S Escort BM90	RML	VMA??	No enemy sightings.
	F?/O N. Harrison		230627Z	231605Z	
	F/O K. F. B. Balcon				
	F/Sgt. J. H. Roberts				
	F/Sgt. R. S. Bauer				
	F/Sgt. S. K. Hoffer				
	F/Sgt. G. A. Woodhart				
	Sgt. W. A. Cutto?n				
25th March 1944					
Liberator FL940	F/O J. D. Dean	Diversionary Strike	SGY	SGY	Objective reached and 4 x 500 lbs. bombs dropped 60 rounds .303 and 30 x .50 fired at target - results not observed - A/S fire encountered - slight damage sustained by A/C
	F/O R. H. Morgan		250345Z	251838Z	
	W/O T. O. P. Baker				
	F/S W.R. Wiseman				
	Sgt. G. E. Cooper				
	Sgt. J. Donkley				
	Sgt. F. T. Mabee				
	Sgt. K. J. Skinner				
	Sgt. A. Cameron				
Liberator FL945	F/O L. E. Hill	Diversionary Strike	SGY	SGY	Objective reached and bombed (4 x 500 lbs) 80 x .303 and 10 x .50 fired at target. Results not observed - A/A fire encountered
	F/O C. A. Pinnell		250343Z	251900Z	
	P/O M. Woodcock				
	W/O R. N. Knowles				

	W/O C. Morton				- slight damage sustained by A/C
	F/Sgt. T. Litchfield				
	F/Sgt. F? Ryan				
	F/Sgt. M. L. Cleaver				
	F/Sgt. W. A. Leather				
Liberator BZ939	F/L J. W. Bradley	Special Instructions	SGY	SGY	Successful
	P/O J. Johnston		250357Z	251919Z	
	W/O J. F. Magaire				
	W/O W. Leslie				
	F/Sgt. E. H. Cocks				
	F/S A. J. Hughes				
	Sgt. R. W. Ross				
	Sgt. M. Goldhart				
	W/O J. Smeatham				
Liberator BZ938	F/L D. W. Conner	Special Instructions	SGY	SGY	Successful
	F/O V. T. Davis		250401Z	251925Z	
	F/O N. M Larney				
	W?/O W. P Keir				
	P/O L. C. Erichsteen				
	W/O L. T. Evans				
	Sgt. A. H? Zavitz				
	P/O A. Pritchard				
26th March 1944					
Liberator BZ752	F/L G. W? Brodigan	A/S Escort to JC.42	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. F.G? K. S?arsen		252317Z	261110Z	
	F/Sgt. M. C. M?andersen?				
	F/O J. F. Patterso?n				
	F/Sgt. K. S?? Taylor				
	F/Sgt. W? D. T. S?pry				
	F/Sgt. F? C. B?ergin				
	F/Sgt. K. Lac?ey				
	Sgt. K. Williams				
28th March 1944					
Liberator BZ938	F/L D. Conner	Special Instructions	SGY	SGY	Successful
	F/O V. T. Davis		280445Z	282145Z	
	P/O M. F. Keir				
	P/O L. C. Ericksteen				
	W/O N. H. L?arney				
	W/O L. T. Evans				
	W/O G. G. Brooks				
	F/S R. C. Bars				
	Sgt. Broke?-Mount				
	Sgt. A. M. Zavitz				
Liberator BZ939	F/L J. W. Bradley	Special Instructions	SGY	SGY	Successful
	P/O J. Johnston		280651Z	282209Z	
	W/O J. F. Maguire				
	W/O W. Leslie				
	F/S E. H. Cocks				
	W/O J. Smeatham				
	F/S A J. Hughes				
	Sgt. R. W. Ross				
	Sgt. M. Goldhart				
Night 29th/20th March 1944					

Liberator ?L936	F/O C. R. Hall	Night P. R.	SGY	SGY	Sortie abandoned owing to adverse weather conditions.
	F/O R. J. Edmonson		291300Z	292237Z	
	F/O J. Segar				
	W/O R. T. Storey				
	W/O A. Unwin				
	W/O P. H. Gleason				
	Sgt. J. Stokes				
	Sgt. J. Hume				
30th March 1944					
Liberator ??926	F/O J. C. Rowley?	A/S Escort	RML	RML	No enemy sightings.
	F/O J. W. Thomas		301012Z	301918Z	
	F/Sgt. E. V. Dunk??				
	W/O H? J. Tu?rland				
	W/O W. E? Boulton				
	W/O D. J. Lewis				
	P/O J. Taylor				
	F/Sgt. A. W. Williams				
	F/Sgt. E. Lauper				
Total operation hours flown "March 1944" - 742 hours 25 minutes					

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Sigiriya	April 1st	0855 0930 & 1010	A/C "J" EV824, "N" BZ762 and "F" FL991 with captains F/O Rowley, S/L Stacey and P/O Landick respectively return to Sigiriya after two days detachment at Ratmalana. The strip here has again been patched up during the two days available. A tendency of new soft spots to appear round the repaired areas is very noticeable and is likely to make the surface very bad eventually, especially for light A/C.
		0920 to {sic}	"B" BZ864 F/O Ross and crew take off on a convoy escort for a large convoy bound for Bombay, they return to Ratmalana.
	2nd	1755 to 0350	"G" BZ864 S/L Stacey and crew do a convoy escort of a portion of the Naval Floating Dock to be assembled at Trincomalee. This Escort provides plenty of work for the Squadron since it travels at approximately four knots.
		0535 to 1735	"N" BZ752 P/O Landick and crew take off to continue the above Escort
			The beginning of this month finds the station and squadron with their own Radio Concerts and programmes relayed every night from their own Station Studio at A.B.C. The programmes include Classical Concerts, talks by personnel on their peacetime jobs, quizzes and a nightly news flash and weekly commentary on the war. On the whole interest is growing.
			On the Sports side a new league competition is being played out and the standard of football and the interest in the matches is better than last month's showing.
			W/Cdr. Adam Smith visits the Station by air to inspect the local arrangements, with him are S/L Moira and S/L Spencer - both of A/S Rescue who visit the S.E. Section.
			W/Cdr. Pape - R.A.A.F. Liaison Officer - arrives and is able to interview the Australian members of the three reinforcement crews.
Ratmalana		1330 to 1420	"B" BZ864 - F/O Ross Captain - take off and return to Sigiriya.
Minneriya	April 2nd		The Bombing Range and quadrant houses are at last completed at Minneriya. An ACH/GD Sergeant and two airmen are despatched to look after maintenance and to complete the bombing results. Range Safety Orders are promulgated and copies sent to 222 Group. The position regarding supplies of practice bombs has improved and plenty of training is hoped for this month.
Sigiriya	2nd 3rd	2350 to 1055	"A" EV837 P/O Crawley and Crew take off and continue to Escort the Floating Dock.
	2nd 3rd	1500 to 0210	F/O Dean and his crew also, in "G" EV821 do the same duty.
	2nd	0845 to 2030	F/L Brodigan - Captain - take off and return marginally noted. A/C No.: EV821
			F/Lt. Stone and the RAF Regiment Personnel hitherto in charge of Station's Defence and Training leave the Station for India. Responsibility now devolves on F/O Brind appointed Station Defence officer and P/O Hobday i/c Squadron A/A Flight. Primary object of training is to ensure that our A/A Flights can take over the A/A duties previously filled by the Regiment, secondary object to continue general backers-up training. One D.T.I. Cpl. Has been left to assist.
	3rd & 4th	1515 to 0210	"K" BZ752 F/O Hall and crew carried out an Escort on a Naval Force.
		1725 to 0525	"F" FL991 F/O Servos and crew continue with the same duty as above followed by:
		2105 to 0805	"J" EV824 F/O Rowley and crew, the convoy bound for Colombo.
	4th	0215 to	"G?" EV821 F/O Hill and Crew pick up convoy conveying the Floating Dock south

		1450	of the Island making for Trincomalee.
		1045 to 2200	"N" BZ752 F/O Ross and Crew escort Naval Force "Grain" for Trincomalee.
			W/Cdr. Case the new Group G. R. Operations Officer visits the Station and confers with W/C Brady and the Flight Commanders.
			G/C Biggs, Met. Officer, also visits the Station, and inspects the Met. Office with F/O Turner.
	4/5	1850 to 0710	"B" BZ864 P/O Landick and crew continue to escort the Floating Dock.
	5th	0340 to 1500?	"A" EV837 W/C Brady and crew continue with the above escort.
			A party of twelve aircrew under F/O Horton are sent to Trincomalee to report to 5009 A.M.E.S. to inspect and receive information on Radar (ground). They visit Chapel Hill Elizabeth Point and N?ilavelli Stations and see three different types of equipment. The visit was a success and it is hoped to continue visits for further personnel and if possible to arrange a Fighter Affiliation Exercise with one of our A/C and to visit Filter Room during the exercise.
			F/L Steiner - Dental Officer - arrives on posting. His services are very welcome, previous arrangements having been inconvenient and insufficient.
			G/C Cummings visits the Station, with F/L Charles - Photographic Officer - and confers with S/L Stacey in the absence of the C.O. who is flying.
	5/6	1510 to 0110	"V" FL936? F/O Hall and crew. Briefed to carry out Night Photograph over Car Nicobar. Some fairly good exposures were obtained. The aircraft continued runs over the target area for 30 minutes.
	5/6	1800 to 0500	"F" FL991 F/L Brodigan and crew escorting Naval Force "Grain" to Trincomalee.
		0725 to 1630	"A" EV827? P/O Crawley and crew escorting U.S. Troopships bound for Bombay.
			W/C Brady goes by road to Colombo on the occasion of the farewell to A.V.M. Lees held at the Princes Club, Colombo.
	6th	1225 to 2055	"J" EV824 F/O Servos and crew, escorting U.S. Transports bound for Bombay.
	7th		S/L Westwood visited the Station and inspected the workshops and the work going on in dispersals. He commented favourably on the maintenance and original work of the Engineering Section.
Ratmalana		1630 to 1720	"J" EV824 P/O Crawley and crew return to Sigiriya.
Sigiriya		1635 to 1725	"A" EV837 F/O Dean and crew on Operations.
	7/8	2015 to 0730	"J" EV824 F/O Rowley and crew continue escort on Floating Dock.
Trichimopoly	8th	1200 to 13?40	"K" E?V 911 S/L Percival i/c Party with F/L Mullins, P?/O Flett, F/O Jones, P/O Jackson and W/O Stow and ground crew return from detachment at R.A.F. Station Trichinopoly.
			A successful and enjoyable detachment. The addition of so many pilots qualifying for night flying will be of the greatest assistance in working out the Operational programme. These pilots will be given night circuits and bumps on the Station and then passed fully qualified night pilots by the C.O. An account of the work done at RAF Trichinopoly is given in Appendix "A" to F.540 for March.
Sigiriya	8th		G/C King visits the Station to discuss the position re Lodger Units with the C.O. S/L Jessor?? - Dental Officer - inspected Sick Quarters with a view to providing a suitable Dental Section for F/L Sykiner??
		1420 to 1800	"P" FL940 P/O Ayers, F/O McNabb and F/Sgt. Hughes - the three new reinforcement captains - with members of their crews do a comprehensive circuit of the island covering the chief landmarks for familiarisation and orientation.

			The new crews having been to some extent familiarised with the work of the squadron the three tour-expired captains with their crews receive posting instructions for repatriation to the U.K. F/O Hill, F/O Hall, R/O Ross and their crews leave the Station after a farewell dinner.
	9th	0910 to 1040 1115 to 1230	"K" FL911 F/O Flett and crew are the first to use the new Bombing Range at Minneriya. They are followed by F/L Mullins, F/O Jones, P/O Jackson in the same A/C for the M/N period.
			F/L Smith of Met. Flight and F/L Beatty of Calibration Flight call on the C.O. and inspect with him the proposed accommodation for their Unit when they transfer from Ratmalana to this Station.
	10th	0540 to 1700	"G" EV821 S/L Stacey and crew on Convoy Escort.
	10/11	1705 to 04215	"A" EV837 P/O Landick and crew continue to Escort Naval Force "Grain" bound for Bombay.
	11th	0915 to 2200	"G" EV821 F/L Brodigan and crew escorting a large convoy bound for Calcutta. A suspected submarine track is plotted and brief Radar Contact made. No sighting here or previously during the month.
	11th	2040 to 2135	"K" FL911 P/O Jackson and crew on night circuits in order that the captain may qualify for night flying.
	11/12	1410 to 0110	"V" FL936 F/O Rowley on Operations. Night Photography over Sabang, Sumatra is attempted. However bad weather and cloud over the target render the sortie abortive.
	12th	0645 to 1735	"B" BZ864 P/O Crawley and crew on convoy escort.
		1526 to 1655	"K" FL911 F/L Mullins, F/O Jones and P/O Jackson use Minneriya Range for practice bombing.
		2100 to 2200 2100 to 2200	"K" FL911 F/L Mullins on Night Circuits to qualify for night flying. F/O Jones in the same aircraft qualifies at the marginally noted times.
		2330 to 0515	"B" BZ864 P/O Landick and crew on Submarine Affiliation with use of Radar equipment, good results obtained P/O Landick mentions good work by F/Sgt. Meckiff.
	13th	0320 to 0930	"J" EV824 P/O Jackson and crew practice night Ant. Submarine patrol exercise with Radar. Results not very good.
		1540 to 1720 2000 to 2100 2100 to 2205	"K" FL911 F/L Brodigan, F/O Flett, and F/O Jones practice A/S at Minneriya Tank. F/O Flett and crew in "K" do qualifying night circuits for the marginally noted period followed by P/O Jackson and his crew. This completed the qualifying night circuits for the captains who attended the detachment at Trichinopoly.
		0555 to 1745	"N" BZ752 P/O Servos and crew on convoy escort.
	14th	0905 to 2015	"G" EV821 F/L Mullins escorts large convoy C/V CJ23.
			W/C Ouirkir : Radar Officer : for 10 Groups with S/L Garland "P" Staff and S/L Poole visit the C.O., and inspect the Radar Section and installations in the aircraft with F/L Peuleve.
	15th	1430 to 1555 1420 to 1545	"K" FL911 F/O Servos, F/O Jones and F/O McNabb practice A/S Bombing at Minneriya Tank. Next day P/O Crawley, F/O Rowley and F/O Flett continue in the same A/C followed by F/L Brodigan F/O Servos and F/O McNabb again.
		1120 to 2215	"B" BZ854 P/O Jackson escorts Naval Force "Q" which includes U.S. Transports.
			In the evening a special concert was given over Radio A.B.C. beginning with a talk

			by W/C Brady. Some very good vocal numbers had humorous monologues were included in the programme, reception was excellent.
	16th	0935 to 1130 1425 to 1545	"K" FL911 S/L Stacey, F/O Rowley, P/O Landick practice A/S Bombing, followed by F/L Mullins, F/O Boyle in the same aircraft in the afternoon.
		2150 to 1020	"F" FL911 S/L Stacey and crew escort Naval Forces 69 and 70 en-route to Sumatra where they later took part in Operations against Sabang.
	17th	1035 to 1155 1455 to 1625	"K" FL911 F/O Servos, F/O Flett practice Bombing at Minneriya followed by F/L Brodigan, P/O Ayers and Sgt. Hughes in the same A/C in the afternoon.
			During the day F/L Beatty and F/L Smith arrive with the Calibration & Met. Flights and settle in. The Mess is now rather crowded and the new building still some way from completion.
	18th	1550 to 1650	"K" FL911 W/O Stow and Sgt. Hughes on local flying.
		2000 to 2050	Sgt. Hughes one of the reinforcement pilots on Night Circuits in the same A/C/
			During the day Met and Calibration ground personnel have moved in to their new quarters and organised offices etc. All their aircraft have been removed from the Squadron dispersals and placed in their permanent dispersals at the lower end of the strip. Work to complete these dispersals continues but there is ample space already.
	19/20	1400 to 0530	"V" FL936 F/O Rowley and crew, attempts a night P.R. of Lhonga?? Airfield and Sabang. Bad weather makes the sortie abortive.
	19th	0141	"B" BZ864 S/L Percival, F/O Winfield, F/O Crawford, F/Sgt. Thomson, F/Sgt. Beauchamp, F/Sgt. Brissenben??, Sgt. Colborne, Sgt. Harris and Sgt. Holbrooke, take off on a dark starry night to take part in an operational diversion sortie. Shortly after take-off the aircraft lost height and swinging to port the Propeller {hard to read -- hand written over top of the words "wing tip"} struck the A/A Gun site near the end of the runway and the aircraft crashed into low trees about 100 yards away. The Crash Tender and ambulance driving through the perimeter fence and low scrub reached the scene about two minutes later, followed by the C.O., F/L Connor and F/O Boyle and two orderlies. While the fire tender party attempted to approach the Aircraft with the extinguisher the other officers and airmen succeeded in rescuing the living members of the crew. Sgt. Colborne and Sgt. Harris who had been in the rear portion of the plane extricated themselves almost unhurt, but dazed. F/O Crawford, F/Sgt. Beauchamp, Sgt. Holbrook and F/Sgt. Thomson were rescued alive but unconscious, since the Aircraft was not burning fiercely. After this however it became impossible to continue near the Aircraft owing to the heat, and the dead bodies of S/L Percival, F/O Winfield and F/Sgt. Brissemden?? Had to be recovered and identified later.
			F/Sgt. Beauchamp and F/O Crawford died in transit to S.S.Q. and Sgt. Holbrook two hours after admission.
			An Investigation is being held and an Investigating Officer asked for from 222 Group. The remains of the Aircraft were undisturbed, secret documents recovered and the area put under guard.
			Advanced Party of NO. 20 A.P.C. arrived on the Station.
	20th	0955 to 1200 1425 to 1545	"G" EV821 F/O Boyle, W/O Stow and Sgt. Hughes on A/S Bombing Practice at Minneriya. They are followed in the afternoon by F/O Flett, P/O Landick and F/O Jones in the same A/C.
Colombo	20th	1030	36 Officers and aircrew with S/L Stacey representing the C.O. and various other airmen from the Squadron and Station attended the funeral of the six officers and aircrew killed in the crash of BZ864. The service was held at Levermentu Cemetery,

			Flower Rd., Colombo and was conducted by S/L Donne.
Sigiriya	20th		F/O Strutton returns from the Bombing Leader Course and is appointed Squadron Bombing Leader in place of P/O Strachan posted to U.K.
			Remainder of No. 20 A.P.C. arrived.
	21st	0845 to 2040	"F" FL991 F/O Jones and crew on Convoy Escort.
			Capt. Faucourt - Fleet Air Arm - visits the C.O.
		0910 to 1050	"G?" EV821 F/L Brodigan, P/O Ayers and F/O McNabb on A/S Bombing.
	22nd	0725 to 1720	"N" BZ752 F/O Flett continue convoying the last mentioned force.
		1430	A Court of Inquiry into the crash of BZ864 is convened on the Station. G/C Mills - President; S/L Gee and F/L Ellery - Members.
	23rd	1000 to 1735	"S?" FL935 Sgt. Hughes Captain, carries out a Navigation Exercise for training purposes and a further check on the A/C flying qualities before long over sea trips are undertaken.
		0940 to 2040	"A" EV837 F/O Boyle and crew on Escort duty with force "K".
			G/L Campbell and G/C Bird visits the Station. G/L Campbell is engaged in a survey of this group to see how far the Royal Air Force personnel out here can be replaced by W.A.A.F. apparently a cursory view of the jungle conditions prevailing was sufficient to discourage their introduction here.
	24th	1020 to 2200	"J" EV824 F/O Dean and crew act as escort to Force "K" and also to a small convoy of six M.V.s.
			W/C Jay now Group Training Inspector visits the Station and discusses training, naval liaison and courses with the C.O.
		0900 to 1040 1100 to 1215 1355 to 1605 1630 to 1740	"A" EV837 F/L Brodigan, F/O Flett and Sgt. Hughes on A/S Bombing followed by P/O Landick, F/O Jones, and P/O Ayers in the same A/C. F/O McNabb, P/O Crawley and W/O Stow continue the above followed by F/L Mullins, F/O Boyle and Sgt. Hughes. As will be seen every advantage is being taken of the new Range facilities at Minneriya this month.
	25th		The remains of A/C BZ864 have been undisturbed and are visited by S/L Hatfield and a party of American Technicians from Consolidated A/C Co. W/C Edwards - Group Engineering Officer - and W/C Herricks of R.S.U. also inspect the crash.
		112?0 to 1410	"J" EV824 Further A/S Bombing practice by P/O Landick, P/O Crawley and P/O Ayers.
		1410 to 1545	W/O Stow, F/L Brodigan, F/O Servos continue with the above as do F/O Dean, Sgt. Hughes and F/O McNabb at the marginally noted times.
		1355 to 16?00	"D" FL969?? S/L Stacey and crew to Ratmalana to undertake test of Target Beacon for Mark V A.S.V.
Ratmalana		1600 to 1735	Test carried out from Ratmalana negative results obtained.
		1006 to 1855	S/L Stacey returns to Sigiriya
Sigiriya	26th	0920 to 1130	"D" FL969?? P/O McNabb and crew carry out a W.T. Test Flight with the Navy resulting in two way communications up to 65 miles.
		0910 to 1040?	"J" EV824 P/O Crawley, F/O Boyle and P/O Ayers on A/S Bombing.
		145?5 to 1525?	"N?"BZ752? P/O Landick and crew fly to Ratmalana on attachment with
		1515 to 1610?	"A" EV837? F/L Brodigan? and crew while runway U/S at Sigiriya.

		2000	The E.N.S.A. Show "You're Welcome" is given at Sigiriya Station Theatre. It is very much appreciated by everyone. Local Army Units are invited and members of the Company are entertained afterwards at the Officers' Mess.
	27th		The runway is placed U/S for two days for runway repairs. Second night for the E.N.S.A. Show. Company entertained at Sgts' Mess.
	28th	1830 to 1915	"A" EV837 F/L Brodigan and crew return from detachment at Ratmalana.
			The Station Accidents Committee under the C.O. hold an extraordinary meeting to consider conditions here with relation to the accident to BZ864. It is decided to remove the gun site which was struck by the wing and also to place two "Totem Poles" beyond the end of the runway and some yards wider than the flare path to guide the pilots on take-off so that drift does not take them away from the cleared jungle at the end of the strip into the taller trees. Steps are being taken to fell all tall trees within 100 yards of the strip.
Ratmalana	29th	0840 to 2040	"N" BZ752 P/O Landick and crew on Operations from Ratmalana. After completion of sortie they return to Sigiriya.
			The Traffic Lights suggested by the Accidents Committee are erected.
Sigiriya	29th	2000 to 2100	"D" FL969 F/O McNabb and crew on Night Circuits.
	30th	0818 0755	"W" BZ938 F/L Connor and crew take off with Advance Party "Y" BZ939 F/L Bradley and Flight Equipment for Salbani on detachment having completed their series of sorties from this island. Ground crews are to follow by train.
		0930 to 2030	"G?" EV8?21 F/L Brodigan and crew on escort duty with large convoy bound for Colombo.
		0950 to 1135	"J" EV824 F/L Mullins and crew on practice dropping live depth charges.
			The presence of these lodger units on the station has stimulated competition in sport. Besides inter station football matches the following Sports Fixtures have occurred during the month. Football: the station-squadron combined team played against Vavuniya and lost and against Minneriya and drew. At Hockey a match against Matale St Thomas' School, resulted in a win for us. Against Kandy Rovers we drew while we lost to the Lilly Whites. At Cricket a match was played against Matale and won by us but we lost playing against the Kandy Hospital team.
			For Gunnery Training during April see Appendix "B".
			For Aircraft Maintenance during April see Appendix "A".

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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
Day 1st April 1944					
Liberator BZ864	F/O J. L. Ross	A/S Escort to MB 71	SGY	RML	No enemy sightings.
	F/O R. A. J. Tompkins		010300Z	011455Z	
	P/O J. N. Strachan				
	F/Sgt. J. H. Rankine				
	F/Sgt. W. A. Lawton				
	F/Sgt. C. Evitt				
	F/Sgt. W. D. B. Snaddon				
	Sgt. H. Holgate.				
Liberator EV821	S/L J. N. Stacey	A/S Escort to Convoy BM 90B	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O L. R. Davidson		011125Z	012120Z	
	F/Sgt. J. J. Reilly				
	W/O J. Byrne				
	W/O K? W. Evans				
	W/O G. Stainsby				
	F/Sgt. F. D. Davies				
	Sgt. K. J. Skinner				
	Sgt. I. J. Tanner				
Day 2nd April, 1944					
Liberator BZ752	P/O K. H. Landick	A/S Escort to Convoy BM 90B	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. D. G. McCreesh		012304Z	021104Z	
	F/Sgt. D. Pratt				
	F/Sgt. J. L. Me?ckiff				
	W/O V. A. Hood				
	W/O J. R. Caden				
	F/Sgt. E. A. W. Lowe				
	Sgt. J. A. Pipher				
	F/Sgt. C. T. Abel				
Liberator EV821	F/O J. D. Dean	A/S Escort to Convoy BM 90B	SGY1	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O R. H. Morgan		020832Z	021937Z	
	W/O T. O. R? Baker				
	F/Sgt. W. R. Wiseman				
	Sgt. G. K? Cooper				
	Sgt. J. Dunkley				
	Sgt. F. T. Mabee				
	Sgt. K. J. Skinner				
	Sgt. J. Cameron				
Night 2nd/3rd April, 1944					
Liberator EV837	P/O K. J. M. Crawley	A/S Escort to Convoy BM 90B	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O R. A. Stubbs		021720Z	030421Z	
	Sgt. N. H. Hall				
	Sgt. L. C. Jansen				
	Sgt. H. J. La?ngton				
	Sgt. J. S. Lawrence				
	Sgt. D. E. Wright				

	Sgt. G. V. Callaghan				
	F/Sgt. H. C. Horton				
Day 3rd April, 1944					
Liberator EV821	F/Lt. C. W. Brodigan	A/S Escort to Convoy BM 90B	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O R. Mason		030215Z	031400Z	
	F/O J. F. Patterson				
	F/Sgt. W. D. T. Spry				
	F/Sgt. K. Lacey				
	F/Sgt. F. C. Burgin				
	F/Sgt. H. C. Henderson				
	F/Sgt. E? B. Taylor				
	Sgt. K. Williams				
Liberator BZ752	F/O C. R. Hall	A/S Escort to Convoy AJ. 2.	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O R. J. Edmundson		030845Z	031741Z	
	F/O J. Segar				
	W/O R. T. Storey				
	W/O A. Unwin				
	W/O P. M. Gleason				
	Sgt. J. A. Stokes				
	Sgt. J. Hume				
Night 3rd/4th April, 1944					
Liberator FL991	R/O R. A. Servos	A/S Escort to Convoy BM 90B	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O M. McKellar		031105Z	032255Z	
	W/O K. Collins				
	Sgt. P. Schnell				
	Sgt. P. S. Turpin				
	Sgt. E. J. Sharples				
	W/O L. Cardy				
	F/Sgt. F. Duffy				
Liberator EV824	F/O J. C. Rowley	A/S Escort to Convoy AJ. 2.	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O J. W. Thomas		031437Z	040136Z	
	F/Sgt. E. V. Dunk				
	W/O H. J. Turland				
	W/O W. E. Boulton				
	W/O D. J. Lewis				
	F/Sgt. E. Lauper				
	F/Sgt. A. W. Williams				
	P/O S. Taylor				
Day 4th April, 1944					
Liberator EV821	F/O L. E. Hill	A/S Escort to Convoy BM 90B	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O C. A. Pinnell		0312?47 Z	040824Z	
	P/O H. Woodcock				
	W/O R. W. Knowles				
	W/O C. Morton				
	F/Sgt. T. Litchfield				
	F/Sgt. F. Ryan				
	F/Sgt. H. L. Cleaver				
	F/Sgt. M? A. Leather				
Liberator BZ752	F/O J. L. Ross	A/S Escort to Convoy BM 90B	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O R. A. J. Tompkins		040415Z	041530Z	
	P/O J. W. Strachan				
	F/Sgt. J. H. Rankine				
	F/Sgt. C. Evitt				

	F/Sgt. W. K. Lawton				
	Sgt. W. D. B? Snaddon				
	Sgt. H. Holgate				
	F/O E. W. Benson				
Night 4th/5th April, 1944.					
Liberator BZ864	P/O K. H. Landick	A/S Escort to Convoy BM 90B	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. D. G. McCreesh		041220Z	050040Z	
	F/Sgt. D. Pratt				
	F/Sgt. E. A. W. Lowe				
	F/Sgt. J. L. Meckiff				
	F/Sgt. C. T. Abel				
	W/O V. A. Hood				
	W/O J. R. Caden				
	Sgt. J. A. Pipher				
Day 5th April, 1944.					
Liberator EV837	W/C C. R. Brady	A/S Escort to Convoy BM 90B	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O L. R. Davidson		042105Z	050830Z	
	F/Sgt. J. J. Reilly				
	F/Sgt. D. G. Raine				
	F/Sgt. F. D. Davies				
	Sgt. K. J. Skinner				
	Sgt. I. Tanner				
	F/L S? E. Chandler				
	W/O J. Byrne				
Night 5th/6th April, 1944					
Liberator FL936	F/O C. R. Hall	P. R. of Car Nicobar	SGY	SGY	Partially successful. Some 15 of 20 exposures being obtained. Four flash failures occurred during the two runs made over the target.
	F/O R. J. Edmundson		050842Z	051841Z	
	F/O J. Seger				
	W/O R. T. Storey				
	W/O A. Unwin				
	W/O P. M. Gleason				
	Sgt. J. A. Stokes				
	Sgt. J. Hume				
Day 6th April, 1944.					
Liberator FL991	F/L C. W. Brodigan	A/S Escort to Force "Grain"	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. F? C. N? Sarson?		05113?0 Z	05223?0Z	
	F/Sgt. H. C. Henderson				
	F/Sgt. W. D. T. Spry				
	F/Sgt. F. C. Burrin				
	F/Sgt. K. Lacey				
	F/Sgt. K? B. Taylor				
	Sgt. K. Williams				
	W/O L. K? J. Cardy				
Night 5th/6th April, 1944.					
Liberator EV824	F/O J. D. Dean	A/S Escort to Force "Grain"	SGY	RML	No enemy sightings.
	F/O R. H. Morgan		051917Z	060145Z	
	W/O R. O. P. Baker				
	F/Sgt. W? R. Wiseman				
	Sgt. K. J. Skinner				
	Sgt. F. T. Mabee				
	Sgt. G? R? Cooper				
	Sgt. J. Dunkley				
	Sgt. J. Cameron				

Day 6th April, 1944.					
Liberator EV837	P/O E. J. M. Crawley	A/S Escort to Force "Q"	SGY	RML	Force not met. No enemy sightings.
	P/O R. A. Stubbs		052230Z	061002Z	
	Sgt. N. H. Hall				
	Sgt. L. C. Jansen				
	Sgt. D. E? Wright				
	Sgt. G. V. Callaghan				
	Sgt. J. S. Lawrence				
	Sgt. H. J. Langton				
	F/Sgt. H. C. Horton				
Liberator EV824	F/O R. A. Servos	A/S Escort to Force "Q"	RML	RML	No enemy sightings.
	P/O M. McKellar		060550Z	061435Z	
	W/O K. Collins				
	Sgt. P. Schnell				
	Sgt. R. S. Turpin				
	Sgt. E. J. Sharples				
	F/Sgt. F. Duffy				
	W/O G. Stainsby				
Night 7th/8th April, 1944.					
Liberator EV824	F/O J. C. Rowley	A/S Escort to Convoy BM 90B	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O J. W. Thomas		071343Z	080058Z	
	F/S E. V. Dunk				
	P/O S. Taylor				
	W/O H. J. Turland				
	W/O W. E. Boulton				
	W/O D. J. Lewis				
	F/Sgt. E. Lauper				
	F/Sgt. A. W. Williams				
Day 10th April, 1944.					
Liberator EV821	S/L J. N. Stacey	A/S Escort to Convoy JC. 43A	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O L. R. Davidson		092212Z	101020Z	
	F/L S. E. Chandler				
	F/Sgt. J. J. Reilly				
	F/Sgt. F. D. Davies				
	F/Sgt. K. J. Skinner				
	W/O D. G. Raine				
	Sgt. F. Ryan				
	Sgt. I. Tanner				
	Sgt. T. J. Riding				
Night 10th/11th April, 1944.					
Liberator EV837	P/O K. H. Landick	A/S Escort to Force "Grain"	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. D. G. McCreesh		101035Z	102140Z	
	F/Sgt. D. Pratt				
	F/Sgt. J. L. Meckiff				
	W/O V. A. Hood				
	W/O J. R. Caden				
	Sgt. J. A. Pipher				
	F/Sgt. C. T. Able				
	F/Sgt. E? A. W. Lowe				
Day 11th April, 1944.					
Liberator EV821	F/L C. W. Brodigan	A/S Escort to Convoy JC.44	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O R. Mason		110245Z	111530Z	
	F/Sgt. H. C. Henderson				

	W/O W. D. T. Spry				
	F/Sgt. F. C. Burgin				
	F/Sgt. K. Lacey				
	F/Sgt. E? B. Taylor				
	Sgt. K. Williams				
Night 11th/12th April, 1944.					
Liberator FL936	F/O J. C. Rowley	P.R. of Sabang	SGY	SGY	Sortie abandoned owing to adverse weather conditions.
	F/O J. W. Thomas		110742Z	111840Z	
	F/Sgt. H. V. Dunk				
	P/O J. Taylor				
	W/O H. J. Turland				
	W/O W. E. Boulton				
	W/O D. J. Lewis				
	F/Sgt. E? Lauper				
Day 12th April, 1944.					
Liberator BZ864	P/O E. J. Crawley	A/S Escort to C/V JC. 44	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O R. A. Stubbs		120015Z	121105Z	
	Sgt. N. H. Hall				
	F/Sgt. H. C. Horton				
	Sgt. H. J. Langton				
	Sgt. J. S. Lawrence				
	Sgt. G. V. Callaghan				
	Sgt. D. E? Wright				
	Sgt. L. C. Jansen				
Day 13th April, 1944.					
Liberator BZ752	F/O R. A. Servos	A/S Escort to convoy JC. 44A	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O M. McKellar		122325Z	131115Z	
	W/O K. Collins				
	W/O G. Stainsby				
	F/Sgt. E. J. Sharples				
	F/Sgt. F. Duffy				
	Sgt. P. Schnell				
	Sgt. R. S. Turpin				
	F/O H. F. McNabb				
Day 14th April, 1944.					
Liberator EV821	F/L E. J. Mullins	A/S Escort to convoy CJ23	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	W/O J. Shelley		140235Z	141345Z	
	F/O J. F. Patterson				
	F/L S. E? Chandler				
	W/O J. H. G. Cyr				
	F/Sgt. A. W. Williams				
	Sgt. J. E. Ford				
	Sgt. C. T. Abel				
	F/Sgt. J. Bellman				
	Sgt. J. W. Burley				
Day 15th April, 1944.					
Liberator BZ864	P/O J. Jackson	A/S Escort to Force "Q"	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O T. E. Knott		150451Z	151643Z	
	Sgt. J. P. Hynes				
	Sgt. W. D. Clark				
	Sgt. A. C. Beck				
	Sgt. R. P. Troy				
	F/Sgt. W. F. Lang				

	Sgt. N. R. Livingstone				
	F/Sgt. G. Woodhart				
Night 16th/17th April, 1944.					
Liberator FL991	S/L J. N. Stacey	A/S Escort to Forces 69 & 70	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O L. R. Davidson		161520Z	170340Z	
	F/O H. Singleton				
	F/Sgt. F. D. Davies				
	F/Sgt. K. J. Skinner				
	Sgt. I. J. Tanner				
	Sgt. F. Ryan				
	W/O D. G. Raine				
Night 19th/20th April, 1944.					
Liberator FL936	F/O J. C. Rowley	P.R. of Lhonga and Sabang	SGY	SGY	Unsuccessful owing to heavy cloud.
	F/O J. W. Thomas		190821Z	192300Z	
	F/Sgt. E. V. Dunk				
	W/O W. E. Boulton				
	W/O H. J. Turland				
	W/O D. J. Lewis				
	P/O S? Taylor				
	F/Sgt. H? Lauper				
Day 21st April, 1944.					
Liberator FL991	F/O L. R. Jones	A/S Escort to convoy CJ. 24	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. P. R. R. Scarr		210218Z	211406Z	
	Sgt. J. W. Burley				
	W/O?? A. G. Gronow				
	F/Sgt. C. A. O'Connor				
	F/Sgt. F. Hughes				
	Sgt. W. G? Norfolk				
	Sgt. E. S. W. Wiltshire				
	Sgt. E. Williams				
Day 22nd April, 1944.					
Liberator BZ742	F/O D. S. Flett	A/S Escort to convoy CJ. 24	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. F. C. E. Sarson		220055Z	221050Z	
	Sgt. N. H. Hall				
	W/O L. H. J. Cardy				
	F/Sgt. T. Litchfield				
	F/Sgt. L. J. Burrell				
	F/Sgt. R. H. Collingham				
	W/O J. Byrne				
	Sgt. J. R. Linnard				
Day 23rd April, 1944.					
Liberator EV827	F/O G. L. Boyle	A/S Escort to Force "K"	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O N. Harrison		230309Z	231409Z	
	F/Sgt. V. B. Allen				
	W/O J. A. Fudge				
	P/O J. A. Roberts				
	W/O R. S. Bauer				
	W/O S. E. Heffer				
	Sgt. J. M. McGarry				
	Sgt. J. E. Ford				
Day 24th April, 1944.					
Liberator EV824	F/O J. D. Dean	A/S Cover to C/V BM94 and Force	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O R. H. Morgan		240346Z	241526Z	

	F/Sgt. W? R. Wiseman	"K"			
	W/O T. O. P. Baker				
	Sgt. D. H? Skinner				
	Sgt. J. Dunkley				
	Sgt. P? T. Mabee				
	Sgt. G. E? Cooper				
	Sgt. A Cameron				
Night 24th/25th April, 1944.					
Liberator FL936	F/O J. C. Rowley	P.R. of Sabang and Lhonga	SGY	SGY	Unsuccessful owing to thick cloud in target area.
	F/O J. W. Thomas		241432Z	240350Z {sic}	
	P/O D. R. Strutton				
	W/O H? J. Turland				
	W/O D. J. Lewis				
	W/O W. K? Boulton				
	F/Sgt. K? Lauper				
	P/O S. Taylor				
Day 29th April, 1944.					
Liberator BZ76?2	P/O R. H. Landick	A/S Escort to convoy CJ.25.	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. D. G. McCreesh		290211Z	291415Z	
	F/Sgt. D. Pratt				
	F/Sgt. J. Meckiff				
	W/O V. A. Hood				
	W/O J. R. Caden				
	W/O W. H. Cutten				
	Sgt. J. A. Pipher				
	Sgt. ? A. W. Lowe				
Day 30th April, 1944.					
Liberator EV821	F/L C. W. Brodigan	A/S Escort to convoy CJ.25	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O R. Mason		300300Z	301400Z	
	F/Sgt. H. C. Henderson				
	W/O W. D. T. Spry				
	F/Sgt. K. Lacey				
	F/Sgt. F. C. Burgin				
	Sgt?? E? G?? Taylor				
	Sgt??? K. Williams??				
Total Operational Hours Flown for Month of April 1944: 406 hours 34 mins.					

April 1944, Appendix 1

No. 160 Squadron Royal Air Force Ceylon
Appendix "A" to Form 540 April, 1944
Gunnery Training: April, 1944

A concentrated effort to ensure all air gunners efficient in sighting. A qualified instructor was borrowed from Colombo Gunnery School and all gunners who had not been to the Refresher Gunnery Course attended a series of nine lectures (1 1/2 hour lectures). The entire Squadron in complete crews were vetted in this subject and difficulties cleared up.

Four Jap A/C Quizes were held and all crews attempted them. Results were encouraging for the hundred odd gunners and mistakes pointed out individually. Further periods of instruction were attended by all crews in the complete Jap Air Force as far as it is known.

Remaining new aircrew arrivals were shown the Consolidated Nose turret and carried out manipulation on the ground. Lectures and demonstrations on stripping, assembling and stoppages of the .5 Browning and V.G.O. were carried out by 16 crews.

Gunnery Leader
160 Squadron.

April 1944, Appendix 2

No. 160 Squadron, Royal Air Force, Ceylon

Appendix "B" to Form 540 April, 1944.

Aircraft Maintenance : April 1944

During the month of April the following aircraft maintenance work was carried out: -

Eleven Minor Inspections were completed.

The major inspection of FL969 was completed, time taken being 28 days.

A complete engine change, the original engines having completed 600 hours running, together with a Minor Inspection and various airframe repairs necessitated by damage caused by enemy action, was carried out on FL945. Various A.O.G. demands have prevented this aircraft from being made serviceable.

Change of three engines on FL936 was commenced. Aircraft FL935 was made serviceable after being grounded of various spares of a period of approximately one year.

Aircraft BZ886 was prepared for flying in to No. ?? M.U. for rigging adjustments, after being grounded for four months.

Fourteen propellers were stripped and serviced.

Modification A.C.S.E.A./Liberator/9 was incorporated in six aircraft, and modification A.C.S.E.A./Liberator/10 was incorporated on three aircraft.

Engineering Officer
160 Squadron

April, 1944 Appendix 3

From: Headquarters, No. 222 Group, Royal Air Force

To: Headquarters, Air Command, South East Asia.

Date: 19th April, 1944

Ref: 222G/S/253/2/AIR

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Form 540 - 160 Squadron

Further to this Headquarters' letter of even reference dated 15th April 1944, attached herewith report on Night Flying Training carried out at Trichinopoly. It is requested that it may be attached to 160 Squadron's form 540 for the month of March.

Report on Night Flying Training of 160 Squadron at Trichinopoly.

1. Detachment consisted of:

(a) Officer i/c - S/Ldr. J. F. Percival.

(b) Captains u/t - F/Lt. Mullins

F/O Jones

F/O Flett

P/O Jackson

W/O Stow

(c) Three aircrew wireless operators.

(d) Six ground crew.

2. Equipment used - One Mk. III Liberator Aircraft.

3. Period of Detachment - 21-3-44 to 8-4-44. 19 days.

4. Amount of training carried out: -

26.10 hours were flown in which 90 landings were made.

This time was composed as follows: -

Dual (day) 4.05 hrs.

Dual (night) 4.45 hrs.

Solo (day) 5.20 hrs.

Solo (night) 8.20 hrs.

Total 26.10 hrs.

Actually each captain did roughly 2 hours night flying as First Pilot.

5. Aircraft unserviceability: -

The Aircraft was unserviceable for eight days on the following dates and for the following reasons:

26/3 to 29/3 (incl) - Tyre inner tubes.

2/4 - Constant Speed Unit No. 4 Engine.

4/4 to 6/4 (incl) - Gill Motor No. 4 Engine.

6. Remarks:

The facilities and co-operation at R.A.F. Station Kajamalai (Trichinopoly) in all respects were excellent and greatly appreciated.

The night flying training of the captains was satisfactory. The time spent on day flying in general polishing up was proven to be well worth while when it came to giving night instruction. Eventually further night solo flying was considered to be of little value owing to the brilliant moonlight covering practically the whole night period. At this time the training was therefor concluded. But in this respect is recommended that these captains should do these landings on a dark night at Sigiriya, if at all possible before going on to operational flying.

Transport of aircraft spares was expeditiously carried out and appreciated.

April 1944

(Signed) J. F. Percival
Squadron Leader

May 1944: Form 540

160 Sqn

Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Sigiriya	1	0525 to 1725	"P"? FL991 F/O Servos and crew on convoy duty. An oil streak is observed and this aircraft assisted by the escort vessels carried out a search of the area - no sighting.
		0934 to 1145	"K" FL911 P/O Jackson and crew on traing flight: Air Firing and D.C. Dropping.
			The ground personnel of the Special Flight leave the Squadron by train for Digri.
		1935 to 2020	"D" FL969 P/O Ayers and crew on night circuits and familiarisation.
			"R" BZ886 F/O Rowley and crew take this A/C to India for disposal owing to structural faults.
	2	1510 to 2300	"J" EV824 F/O Sevos and crew take part in a Radar Homing Exercise by day and night with submarine affiliation. Exercise successful on the whole and some good attacks made. Submarine was lost for one hour owing to a technical breakdown but was again picked up after repair.
			S/L Bainbridge holds a sale of the effects of S/L Percival's crew in the Station Cinema.
	3	0105 to 0720	"A" EV837 F/L Brodigan and crew on Radar Homing and Submarine Affiliation. Conditions unfavourable, experimental use was made of the landing lights for attack with no success.
		0865 to 1115	"K" FL911 P/O Jackson and crew on Air Firing.
		1525 to 1745	"K" FL911 F/O Jones and crew on Air Firing and D.C. dropping.
		1615 to 0300	"G" EV821 F/L Mullins and crew on Ant. Submarine Patrol. Sight two destroyers also engaged in search of enemy submarine sighted by Catalina.
	4	0905 to 1205	"K" FL911 F/O Servos and crew on Air Firing.
			S/L Burroughs - Group Navigation Officer - visits the Stations
	5	0905 to 1140 1530 to 1755	"K" FL911 P/O Landick and crew on Air Firing and D.C. dropping followed by P/O Ayers and crew in the same aircraft.
	6	0205 0215 0225 to 1455 1515 1450	"D" FL969 "N" BZ752 "P?" FL991 with F/O Jackson, F/S Hughes & P/O Crawley with their crews take part in an offensive Anti/Submarine Sweep. No sightings.
		1525 to 1715	"K" FL911 F/O Dean with F/O Morgan, F/O McDonald, P/O Korski, F/S Wiseman, W/O Baker, F/S Skinner, Sgt. Cooper, Sgt. Mabee, Sgt Dunkley, and Sgt. Cameron and two gunners go on a training flight with Air Firing and D.C. Dropping. The drogue towing Harvard leaves them after Air Firing and F/O Dean proceeded out to sea west of Puttalam for D.C. Dropping. The D.C's explode on impact with the water and damaged the plane which ditched immediately afterwards. The 1st WOP had time to send out an S.O.S. which was picked up by Ratmalana and a search was organised by 222 Group. After 18 hours in the water F/O Dean & W/O Baker was rescued suffering from exhaustion and bruises but otherwise not severely injured. All the remainder must be considered lost, search was abandoned at last light on 8?th. The reasons for the accident are the subject of a court of inquiry whose findings are

			not yet known.
			A suspected case of a rabid dog was confirmed by the Colombo medical authorities. A large number of people were bitten. About eight Europeans and 25 natives in all, including a member of the ENSA Concert party. Inoculations of all was undertaken by the M.O. A dog shooting day resulted in 18 dogs being destroyed.
	7	0010 to 0605	"J" EV824 F/O McNabb, P/O Ayers, F/O Rowley, F/O Nightingale and crew on Submarine Affiliation. Homing very successful. Five moonlight attacks made.
Minneriya		0700 to 0715	A/C landed at Minneriya in error. Aircraft then returns to Sigiriya at the marginally noted time.
			The Station Football team played the 'New Wanderers' at Kandy and drew.
Sigiriya	8		"Q" EV893 P/O Landick and crew on A/S Bombing, release gear U/S.
			A Blenheim A/C taking off for Ratmalana burst a tyre near the control tower and narrowly missing it crashed into the scrub about 200 yards further on The pilot and crew were unhurt but the aircraft caught fire and the high wind prevented the extinction of the fire. A/C a total loss.
Sigiriya	9	0645 to 1810	"H" FL945 P.O Ayers and crew take of on an extensive Met. And Consumption Test flight towards Sumatra. An empty ships dinghy is sighted off the coast of Sumatra.
			F/L Robinson, new Squadron Engineer Officer, arrives on posting from Koggala.
		1005 to 1220	"A" F/L Brodigan and crew on Air to Air Firing.
	10	1430 to 1535	"O" EV893 F/L Mullins, P/O Jackson, P/O Landick and crew on A/S bombing practice.
	11		F/L Redmond and two compass adjusters go to Ratmalana for a Navigation Conference.
		0920 to 1105	"O" EV893 F/S Hughes and crew on A/S bombing.
			Air Chief Commandant Trefusis Forbes inspects the station with a view to deciding the suitability of employing W.A.A.F.
			G/C Mote arrives by air en route for Kandy.
	12		Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Peirse and staff leave for India in a York transport.
	13	0100 010 1115 to 1445 1255 1240	"N" BZ752 "F" FL991 and "D" FL969 with F/O Bowley, F/O Jones and P/O Landick and crews respectively take part in an offensive A/S sweep, returning at the marginally noted times. No enemy sightings.
		1430 to 1720	"A" EV837 W/O Stow and crew on Air to Air Firing.
	14	0920 to 1205	F/O Flett and crew in the above aircraft on same practice.
		1850 to 2000	"D" FL969 W/O Stow on night circuits.
	15	0222? To 1658?	"H" FL945 F/O Servos and crew do a P.R. of Sinalohr Island. Some good photographs taken.
		2320 2335 1245 to 1220 1305 18?30	"N" BZ752 "F" FL991 "D" FL969 with F/L Mullins, F/O Flett and F/O McNabb and crews respectively take part in an offensive A/S Sweep. No enemy sightings.
			The Squadron is now getting more orthodox G.R. work.
			The Station team played football against a representative team from the East African Troops in the area and won on the home field
	16	0200 to 1620	"H" FL945 P/O Crowley and crew on daylight P.R. of Mew?laboh. Some good photographs obtained in spite of some cloud over the target area.

		0930 to 1015	"A" EV837 P/O Ayers and crew on A/S Bombing practice.
		1025 to 1625	"G" EV821 W/O Stow and crew on a successful W.T. Deception sortie.
		1900	Air Vice Marshall Durston - A.O.C., arrives for dinner and spends the night at the officers' mess.
	17	0930	The Officers, N.C.O's and airmen of the station are paraded in the dispersals to be presented to the Supreme Commander S.E.A. - Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten. He is greeted by the A.O.C. and the Station Commander. He personally met the officers and some forty selected aircrew and then spoke informally to the airmen gathered around him. He spoke in a very optimistic vein and undoubtedly did a great deal to raise morale on the station.
		1100	G/C Morton - Chief Radar Officer - and S/L Parry O.C. 183 Signals Wing visit the C.O. and inspect the Radar Section.
	18	0106 to 1300	"D" FL969 P/O Ayers and crew on an A/S Patrol. A Convoy sighted. - no enemy sightings.
			W/C Ouderkirk - Signals Officer 10GROPS - visits the Radar Section.
	19		W/C Lampwell and S/L Roberts make a comprehensive tour of the station and its surroundings to check up on the Anti-Malarial work and to see local conditions. Malarial rate this year has been extraordinarily low due to solid enforcement of anti-malarial rules and efficient oiling.
			A/C Vasse visits the C.O.
			Runway U/S
			In the evening a variety show was given in the Station Cinema by the Tinco Commanders.
	20		The station sent a cricket team for a two day match at Colombo.
			Runway still U/S.
	21		A/M Garrod visits the station with U.S. Army Lieut. General Wheeler. He inspects the remains of his Blenheim which crashed here on the 8th.
	21	0855 to 0935	"A" EV837 F/L Mullins and crew on A/S Bombing.
	22	0245?to 1820	"H" FL945 F/O Flett and crew do a daylight P.R. over Simalur? Island. A very comprehensive coverage with good photographs.
		0910 to 1000	"A" EV837 W/O Stow and crew on A/S Bombing. Unfortunately the target at Minneriya Tank is U/S.
			The Station Hockey Team played a good match against the Matale Sports Club at Matale but lost the game.
	23	0315 to 1800	"H" FL945 F/S Hughes and crew do a daylight P.R. of Monlabon? with good results.
			A court of inquiry is convened at 222 Group to enquire into the cause of accident and loss of A/C "K". F/O Dean and W/O Baker now out of hospital attend. The Court consists of G/C Wells, D.S.O., president and S/L Spencer A/S/R and F/O Noyle of the squadron. Relevant witnesses from the squadron are sent by road to Colombo F/O Brind being in charge.
	24	0250 to 1835	"H" FL945 P/O Jackson and crew carry out a daylight P.R. over Tapakotran, Bakdengah? and H.E. of Simalur Island. Fair results obtained. On the return trip about 20 minutes off the target area an enemy aircraft believed to be a Tony intercepted but took no hostile action. "H" took evasive action and flew into cloud.
		0855 to 1025 1105 to 1225	"A" EV837 P/O Landick and crew on A/S bombing practice followed by F/O Servos with S/L Paisey and crew in the same A/C at the marginally noted times.
		1100	C.O. goes to Colombo by road with P/O Landick for conference re a special tasks. Task is however cancelled later in the day.
			W/C Freestone and G/G Benner? S.P.S.O. from A.H.Q. India, visit station.

			L.A.C. Haynes discovered A.W.L. search commences.
	25	0905 to 1035	"O" EV893 F/O McNabb and crew on A/S Bombing practice.
			LAC Haynes still absent. The possibility that he has lost his memory causes a careful search with BOR's and natives to be made in the Perimeter and for some distance round the Sigiriya area. Enquiries are made from all village headmen. Numerous stories come in but investigation leads to no results.
	26	0150 0155 to 1445 1415	"D" FL969 "F" FL991 with P/O Ayers and F/O Sevos and crews take part in an offensive submarine sweep. No enemy sightings.
			S/L Sanderson - R.C.A.F. Liaison Officer - visits the Station and interviews all available R.C.A.F. personnel. I is hope the overdue promotions will be attended to.
		0725 to 2005	"N" BZ752 W.O Stow and crew on A/S patrol Ineffective owing to S.E. failure.
	26/27	1535 to 0220	"O" EV893 F/O McNabb on A/s Patrol.
		1810 to 0650	"J" EV824 P/O Crawley and crew on A/S Patrol.
		2220 to 0935	"S" FL969 F/S Hughes and crews as above, considerable traffic encountered.
	28	0700 to 1420	"S" FL935 F/O Sevos and crew with F/L Benson fly to Allahabad for spares. A most successful trip. Many urgently needed spares available.
			Rugby Football and Soccer Match against Minneriya. Both matches won by this Station.
	29	0900 to 1620	"O" EV893 F/O McNabb and crew on A/S Bombing Practice.
			A/C Iles visits the station with W/C Edwards - Group Engineering Officer.
			The Station Hockey team played the Y.M.C.A. at Matale and won.
	30	0835 to 0945	"O" EV893 P/O Jackson and crew on A/s Bombing practice.
			An establishments committee presided over by W/C Sewell, reviews the manpower situation on this station. The difficulty of finding native labour to fill establishment vacancies in Ceylon is pointed out especially with regard to cooks.
		1525 to 1655	"H" FL945 F/L Mullins and S/L Joy the new Flight Commander with members of the new crews carry out an Orientation and Familiarisation Flight.
	30/31	1110 to 0040	"N" BZ752 S/L Stacey and crew carry out an A/S patrol. - no sightings.
	31	0900 to 1139	"O" EV893 F/O McNabb and crew on Air to Air Firing.
		0900 to 1545	"S" FL935 F/O Servos and crew return from India with Spares.
		1425 to 1705	"O" EV893 F/S Hughes and crew on Air to Air Firing.
	31/1	1245 to 0010	"A" EV837 F/O Jones and crew on Convoy Escort.
			As will be seen this month has been an active one for the squadron. The P.R. results have been most encouraging after the disheartening experience of April due to bad weather. The most interesting result of P.R. was the discovery of a hitherto unknown Japanese airfield nearly completed on the west coast of Sumatra by F/O Jackson and crew (24th May) Good photographs were taken of the strip and surroundings.
			Good weather also made possible a very good average of training especially in bombing.
			Unfortunately lack of spares caused the breakdown of the Station Radio Studio for the greater part of the month.

			For sport it was a good month with plenty of inter unit football. The representative teams for Hockey, Rugby and Soccer all did well.
			In ground training special emphasis was laid on sighting and turret training.
			For Aircraft Maintenance during the month: - See Appendix "A" attached.

May 1944: Form 541

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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
Day 1st May 1944					
Liberator FL991	F/O R. A. Servos	A/S Escort to convoy CJ.25	SGY	SGY	Oil streak investigated but no enemy sightings.
	F/O M. McKellar		302255Z	011055Z	
	W/O K. Collins				
	P/O J. T. Knight				
	W/O G? Stainsby				
	F/Sgt. F. T. Duffy				
	Sgt. P. Schnell				
	F/Sgt. E. J. Sharples				
Night 3/4 May 1944					
Liberator EV821	F/Lt. E. J. Mullins	A/S Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	W/O J. Shelley		020946Z	032030Z	
	P/O J. P? Patterson				
	F/L S. E. Chandler				
	W/O J. H. G. Cyr				
	W/O T. O. P. Baker				
	Sgt. F. T. Mabee				
	P/O S. Taylor				
	R/Sgt. J. Bellman				
Night 5/6 May 1944					
Liberator FL991	P/O E. J. M. Crawley	A/S Sweep	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O R. A. Stubbs		051950Z	060820Z	
	F/Sgt. N. H. Hall				
	P/O J. H. Roberts				
	F/Sgt. L.C. Jansen				
	Sgt. D. E. Wright				
	Sgt. H. J. Langton				
	Sgt. J. S. Lawrence				
	Sgt. L. G. Horton				
Liberator FL969	P/O J. J. Jackson	A/S Sweep	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. J. P. Hynes		051943Z	060831Z	
	F/O T. E. Knott				
	F/Sgt. A. C. Beck				
	F/Sgt. K. J. Hill				
	F/Sgt. W. F. Jary				
	W/O C. A. Woodhart				
	F/Sgt. W. D. Clark				
	Sgt. H. Holgate				
Night 5/6 May, 1944.					
Liberator BZ752	F/Sgt. F. Hughes	A/S Sweep	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	Sgt. R. D. Miller		051945Z	060845Z	
	Sgt. T. J. Riding				
	Sgt. G. F. Barratt				
	Sgt. H. P. Troy				
	Sgt. A. Smith				
	Sgt. R. W. Whittman				

	Sgt. D. K. Barnard				
	F/Sgt. J. Hume				
Day 6th May, 1944.					
Liberator FL945	P/O R. H. Ayers	Met. Flight and Consumption Test	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O D. Nightingale		090016Z	091140Z	
	F/S J. W. Burley				
	Sgt. J. M. Coates				
	Sgt. M. H. H?owlin				
	Sgt. H. Bembrick				
	Sgt. J. Smith				
	Sgt. S. S. Willetts				
	F/O Turner				
Day 13th May, 1944.					
Liberator FL969	P/O K. H. Landick	A/S Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. D. G. McCreesh		121845Z	130710Z	
	F/Sgt. D. Pratt				
	W/O W. A. Cutten				
	W/O J. R. Caden				
	W/O J. A. Pipher				
	W/O V. A. Hood				
	F/Sgt. J. L. Meckiff				
	F/Sgt. E. A. W. Lowe				
Liberator FL991	F/O L. R. Jones	A/S Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	W/O P. R. R. Scarr		121840Z	130725Z	
	F/Sgt. H. C. Henderson				
	F/Sgt. A. G. Grenow				
	F/Sgt. H. A. Hughes				
	F/Sgt. C. A. O'Connor				
	Sgt. K? S. W. Wiltshire				
	Sgt. W. G. Norfolk				
	Sgt. E. Williams				
Liberator BZ752	F/O J. C. Rowley	A/S Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O D. Nightingale		121830Z	130815Z	
	F/O D. R. Strutton				
	W/O D. J. Lewis				
	W/O W. E? Boulton				
	W/O H??J. Turland				
	F/Sgt. E. Lauper				
	P/O S. Taylor				
Day 15th May 1944.					
Liberator FL945	F/O R. A. Servos	P.R. of Simaloer Island	SGY	SGY	Three runs made and good photographic cover obtained.
	F/O M. McKellar		141955Z	151025Z	
	W/O K. Collins				
	F/O J. T. Knight				
	W/O G. Stainsby				
	Sgt. P. Schnell				
	F/Sgt. K? J. Skinner				
	F/Sgt. E. J. Sharples				
	F/Sgt. F. T. Duffy				
Day 16th May 1944					
Liberator BZ75?2	F/L R? J. Mullins	A/S Sweep	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	W/O J. Shelley		151650Z	160550Z	
	F/O J. F. Patterson				

	W/O J. H. G. Cyr??				
	Sgt. J. K? Ford				
	Sgt. A. P. Hampton				
	Sgt. J. Limeburnar				
	Sgt. P. S. Barton				
	F/Sgt. J. Bellman				
Liberator FL 969	F/O H. F. McNabb	A/S Sweep	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O R? B. Rowley		151705Z	160600Z	
	Sgt. J. Reed				
	Sgt. R. V. G. Goodfellow				
	Sgt. L. G. Gough				
	F/Sgt. F. Ryan				
	F/Sgt. F? D. Davies				
	Sgt. L. G? Horton				
	Sgt. H. Holgate				
Liberator FL991	F/O D. S. Flett	A/S Sweep	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	W/O F. C. H. S?arson		151705Z	160633Z	
	P/O R. E. Bonhas?				
	Sgt. T. J. Riding				
	W/O L. H. J. Cardy				
	W/O T. Litchfield				
	W/O J. Byrne				
	W/O L. J. Burrell				
	F/Sgt. P. N? Collingham				
	Sgt. J. R? Linard				
Liberator EV821	W/O R. D. Stow	W.T. Deception	SGY	SGY	Task completed as instructed.
	F/O J. Markland	Test.	160356Z	160957Z	
	W/O E. V. Dunk				
	F/Sgt. A. W. Williams				
	F/Sgt. F. Harrison				
	F/Sgt. R? W. Sorrie				
	F/Sgt. A. C. Beck?				
	Sgt. R. C. Hutchinson				
Day 16th May, 1944					
Liberator FL945	P/O E. J. M. Crawley	P.R. of Meulabor	SGY	SGY	Poor results owing to cloud cover over target area.
	F/O L. R. Davidson		151930Z	160950Z	
	F/Sgt. N. H. Hall				
	Sgt. H. J. Langton				
	Sgt. J. S. Lawrence				
	F/Sgt. L. C. Jansen				
	Sgt. D. E? Wright				
	Sgt. D. C. Horton				
	W/O C. T. Abel				
17th/18th May 1944.					
Liberator FL969	P/O R. H. Ayers	A/S Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O W. G. A. Hiller		171833Z	180627Z	
	F/Sgt. J. W. Burley				
	Sgt. J. Smith				
	Sgt. M. M. How?kin				
	Sgt. J. M. Coates				
	Sgt. H. Bembrick				
	Sgt. S. S. Willetts				
Day 22nd May 1944.					

Liberator FL945	F/O D. S. Flett	P. R. of Simaloer Island	SGY	SGY	Very good results obtained.
	W/O F. C. E. Sarson		212215Z	221150Z	
	F/Sgt. N. H. Hall				
	W/O L. J. Burrell				
	W/O L. H. J. Cardy				
	W/O T. Litchfield				
	W/O J. Byrne				
	F/Sgt. P. H. Collingham				
	Sgt. T. R. Linnard				
Day 23 May 1944.					
Liberator FL945	F/Sgt. F. Hughes	P.R. of Meulaboh	SGY	SGY	Very good results obtained.
	Sgt. R. D. Miller				
	Sgt. T. J. Riding				
	Sgt. A. G. Smith				
	Sgt. R. P Tr?oy				
	Sgt. R. W. Whittman				
	Sgt. D. K. Barnard				
	Sgt. G. F. Barratt				
	F/Sgt. J. Hume				
Day 24th May, 1944.					
Liberator FL945	F/O J. J. Jackson	P.R. of (1) Jamaktoean &Bakoengan (2) N. E. coast of Simalur	SGY	SGY	Fair results obtained - some cloud.
	F/Sgt. J. P Hynes		232023Z	241202Z	
	F/O T. K? Knott				
	F/Sgt. W. D. Clark				
	F/Sgt. K. J. Hill				
	F/Sgt. A. C. Beck				
	W/O G. A. Woodhart				
	F/Sgt. W. F. Jary				
	Sgt. A. Crumbie				
Day 26th May, 1944.					
Liberator FL991	F/O R. Servos	A/S Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O M. McKellar		261925Z	260745Z	
	W/O K. Collins				
	W/O J. Stainsby				
	F/O J. T. Knight				
	P/O J. H. Roberts				
	F/Sgt. E. J. Sharples				
	F/Sgt. D. Allen				
Liberator FL969??	P/O R. H. Ayers	A/S Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O M. G. Miller		261920Z	260815Z	
	F/Sgt. J. W. Burley				
	Sgt. J. Coates				
	Sgt. M. M. Howlin				
	Sgt. H. Benbrick				
	Sgt. J. Smith				
	Sgt. S. Willetts				
Liberator BZ7??	W/O R. D. Stow	A/S Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O J. Markland		260057Z	261334Z	
	W/O E. V. Dunk				
	W/O C. T. Abel				
	F/Sgt. A. W. Williams				
	F/Sgt. J. E. Ford				
	Sgt. J. Limeburner				

	Sgt. R. C. Hutchinson				
Day/Night 26th/27th May, 1944.					
Liberator EV893	F/O H. F. McNabb	A/S Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O R. B. Rowley		260905Z	261945Z	
	F/Sgt. J. Reid				
	Sgt. R. V. G. Goodfellow				
	Sgt. L. G. Gough				
	Sgt. E. Horton				
	Sgt. H. Holgate				
	Sgt. R. S. Bauer				
Night 26/27th May 1944.					
Liberator EV824	P/O E. J. M. Crawley	A/S Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O R. A. Stubbs		261140Z	270020Z	
	F/Sgt. N. H. Hall				
	F/Sgt. G. V. Callaghan				
	Sgt. L. G. Horton				
	Sgt. H. J. Langton				
	Sgt. J. S. Lawrence				
	Sgt. D. E. Wright				
Liberator FL969	F/Sgt. F. Hughes	A/S Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. R. D. Miller		261552Z	270305Z	
	Sgt. T. J. Riding				
	Sgt. G. F. Barratt				
	Sgt. R. P. Troy				
	Sgt. R. W. Whittman				
	Sgt. S. Smith				
	F/Sgt. J. Hume				
Day 30th May, 1944.					
Liberator BZ752	S/L J. N. Stacey	A/S Sweep	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O L. H. Davidson		300445Z	301808Z	
	F/O C. W. Guy				
	F/Sgt. J. J. Reilly				
	F/O H. C. Singleton				
	W/O F. Ryan				
	F/Sgt. K. J. Skinner				
	F/Sgt. F? D. Davies				
	F/Sgt. I. J. Skinner				
Day 31st May, 1944.					
Liberator EV837	F/O L. R. Jones	A/S Escort	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	W/O P. R. R. Scarr		310613Z	311740Z	
	F/Sgt. H. C. Henderson				
	F/Sgt. A. G. Gronow				
	F/Sgt. H. A. Hughes				
	F/Sgt. C. A. O'Connor				
	Sgt. ? S. W. Wiltshire				
	Sgt. C? F. Barratt				
	Sgt. E. Williams				
Total Operational Hours Flown During May 1944:- 339 hours 44 minutes.					

May 1944: Form 540 (Special Flight)

160 Sqn. special flight

Place	Date	Summary of events
Salboni	1.5.44	Air Party arrived Salboni from Ceylon and found no accommodation available.
Salboni	2.5.44	F/Lt. Connor, acting C.O. went to Digri for interview with G/Capt. N. C. Singer DSO, DFC, Officer Commanding No. 185 Wing and arrangements were made to receive 160 Special Flight at Digri
Digri	4.5.44	Air Party, consisting of 2 complete air-crews and 3 special Officers arrived Digri.
Digri	6.5.44	F/Lt. J. W. Bradley, O.C. of the Flight arrived at Digri.
Digri	8.5.44	Rail Party (25 NCO's & BOR's) arrived Digri.
Digri	10/11.5.44 Ngt.	Two A/C carried out special mission to Mergui area. Nil results.
	11/13.5.44 Ngt.	Two A/C carried out special mission to Moulmein & Rangoon areas. Results obtained.
	14/15.5.44 Ngt.	Two A/C carried out special mission to Rangoon area. Nil results.
	21/22.5.44 Ngt.	Two A/C set out for special mission in Bassein, Prome, and Mandalay areas. One A/C which obtained results, ran into heavy cloud and was thrown about considerably, one engine becoming U/S. The Captain decided to return to base. The other A/C continued on mission, but obtained Nil results.
		No further Operations.
		Both A/C were due major inspections, and with no spare A/C, and both Crews tour expired, no further operations were possible during May. Steps were taken to reinforce the Flight.
		Signed by J. W. Bradley, F/Lt. Officer Commanding, 160 Special Flight, RAF.

May 1944: Form 541 (Special Flight)

160 Squadron Special Flight

Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
			10/11th May 1944		
Liberator Mk. Vc BZ938 "W"	F/Lt. W. Connor	Cptn.	1800 hrs	0920 hrs	Two aircraft - BZ938 "W" & BZ939 "Y" - carried out special mission to Mergui area. Nil results.
	F/O V. T. Davis	Co/Pilot			
	P/O N. H. Larney	Nav.			
	P/O E. Hampton	1st WOP			
	F/O L. C. Eriksteen	WOP			
	F/O H. P. Keir	WOP			
	W/O L. T. Evans	WOM			
	Sgt. A. M. Zavitz	A/G			
	F/O A. Pritchard	Spl. Op.			
Liberator Mk. Vc BZ939 "Y"	F/Lt J. W. Bradley	Cptn	1802 hrs	0920?hrs	
	F/S E. Cocks	Co/Pilot			
	F/Sgt. Huges A. J.	Nav.			
	P/O J. Johnston	WOP			
	W/O W. Leslie	WOP			
	W/O J. Sneatham	WOP			
	Sgt. E. J. Ross	W Op Hec?			
	Sgt. M. Goldhart	A/G			
	W/O G. Brookes	Spl Op.			
			12/13 May 1944		
BZ938 and 939 A/C "W" & "Y"	Crews as above	"W"	1800	0840hrs	Two aircraft - BZ938 "W" & BZ939 "Y" carried out Special Mission to Rangoon and Moulmein area. Results obtained.
		"Y"	1802	0820hrs	
			14th/15th May 1944		
Liberator Mk. Vc BZ938"W"	F/L D. W. Connor	Cpt.	1800 hrs	0835 hrs	Two A/C BZ938 "W" Carried out special mission to Rangoon Area. Nil results.
	F/O V. T. Davis	Co-P			
	F/O N. H. Larney	Nav.			
	F/O E. Hampton	1st WOP			
	F/O L. C. Eriksteen	WOP			
	F/O H. P. Keir	WOP			
	W/O L. T. Evans	WOM			
	W/O J. Smeathan	Spl Op.			
Liberator	F/Lt. Bradley, J. W.	Cpt.	1802 hrs	0800 hrs	

Mk Vc BZ939 "Y"					
	F/Sgt. E. Cocks	Co-P			
	F/Sgt. A. J. Hughes	Nav.			
	P/O Johnston	1st WOP			
	W/O W. Leslie	WOP			
	W/O J. Maguire	WOP			
	Sgt. H. J. Ross	WOM			
	Sgt. M. Goldhart	A/G			
	W/O G. Brookes	Spl Op.			
			21/22 May 1944		
BZ938 & 939 A/C "W & Y"	Crews as above		1700 hrs	0400 hrs	Two A/C BZ938 "W" and BZ939 "Y" set out on special mission to Bassein, Mandalay & Prome areas. A/C "Y" which obtained results ran into heavy cloud E. of Akyab and was thrown about considerably. One engine became U/S, so Captain decided to return to base. A/C "W" carried on with mission which was abortive, due weather.
			1705 hrs	0700 hrs	
	There were no further operations during May. Both A/C were due for major inspections; there were no spare A/C; and crews were tour expired. Steps were taken to reinforce the flight.				
					Signed by F/Lt. H. J. Hulse

May 1944, Appendix 1

Appendix "A"

Aircraft Maintenance : May 1944.

The following maintenance work was carried out during the Month of May, 1944 : -

The complete engine and Turbo - Supercharger change was completed on aircraft "H".

Aircraft "S" was fitted for P.R.U., and six fuel cells were replaced.

Number three engine on aircraft "F" {or "P??"} was changed.

Eight Minor Inspections were completed.

Six propellers were stripped and serviced.

Modification Air Command, S.E.A./Lib/10 was incorporated on three aircraft.

The fitting of Mark III I.F.F. "rooster" aerials was carried out on all Mark IIIA aircraft, i.e. "H" "V" "S" "K".

Engineering Officer
160 Squadron

June 1944: Form 540

160 Sqn

Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Sigiriya	June 1st.		The month opens with good weather. A.P.C. have been able to arrange for plenty of Air Firing and arrangements with Fighter Control have been made for more affiliation. Since the Crash of A/C "K?" with F/O Dean practice with live D.C's is suspended temporarily and A/S Bombing is also curtailed owing to technical difficulties and the unseviceability of the Bombing Range at Minneriya.
		0300 to 1835	"H" FL945 F/O Rowley J. B. and crew carry out a successful P.R. of Simalur Island, good cover was obtained from a height of 15,000 feet.
		0605 to 1135	"N" BZ752 F/O Flett and crew on Escort duty, no enemy sightings.
		0855 1100 1300 1015 1210 1550	"O" EV893 W/O Stow, P/O Ayers and F/O McNabb carry out Fighter Affiliation with their crews with very good results and return at the marginally stated times.
Kandy			The Station team played Rugby football versus Kandy Rovers away and won.
Sigiriya	2nd	0900 1050 1030 1220	"A" EV837 R/O Boyle, F/O Jackson, with their crews take part in Fighter Affiliation and return at marginally stated times.
		1335 to 1830 1340 to 1820	"A" EV837 F/O McNabb and crew do a successful M/F Homing Exercise and Rooster wit P/O Ayers and crew in "N" BZ762,
		1345 to 1505 1550 to 1700	"O" EV893 P/O Crawley and crew on Fighter Affiliation. F/S Hughes and crew in the above aircraft on Air to Air Firing.
			The evasive action taken by the Liberators in recent fighter affiliation exercises has been very favourably commented on by Headquarters, No. 222 Group.
	3rd	0210 to 1735	"H" FL945 F/O Boyle and crew carry out a daylight P.R. of the coastal strip of W. Sumatra, good weather conditions and successful coverage of target area.
		0900 to 1100 1015 to 1225	"A" EV837 F/O Flett and F/O Jackson and their crews on Fighter Affiliation.
			Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton - C. in C. Ceylon, inspected the Station with the Commanding Officer in the morning and afterwards lunched at the officers' mess.
		1330 to 1745	"O" EV893 F/O Jones and crew on M/F Homing and Rooster. The exercise was abortive owing to low power of ground transmitter.
		1335 to 1755	"G" EV821 P/O Crawley and crew on successful M/F Homing and Rooster practice.
		1340 to 1525	"A" EV837 S/L Joy and crew on Fighter Affiliation.
	4th	0915 to 1100	"A" EV837 F/O Jones and crew on Air to Air Firing, very successful hits.
		1330 to 1905	"G" EV821 F/O Flett and crew on successful M/F Homing Ex.
			Both Rugger and Soccer matches were played by the Station Teams. At Kandy the

			Soccer eleven drew against the Hearts, while at Colombo the Rugger Team beat the Barbarians.
		1400 to 1610	"A" EV837 S/L Joy and crew on Air to Air Firing.
		1405 to 1915	"O" EV893 F/O Rowley and crew on M/F Homing. A most successful exercise.
	5th	0855 to 1060 1355 to 1555	"G" EV821 P/O Crawley and crew on Air to Air Firing followed by F/O Boyle in the same aircraft. Poor visibility throughout the day.
	6th	0120 to 1650	"H" FL945 P/O Ayers and crew carry out a successful day P.R. of the west coast of Sumatra and Similar Island. Some light cloud on target. This is "H"'s last trip before major overhaul, it is hoped that this aircraft - the best for this type of work on the Squadron - will remain on our charge after overhaul.
		0730 to 0945	"O" EV893 F/O Flett and crew on Air to Air Firing.
		0645 to 1045	"G" EV821 F/O Servos and F/O Rowley and their crews on a very effective Fighter Affiliation Exercise. Great improvement in Evasive Tactics was shown.
		1105 to 1320	"O" EV893 F/O Leeper and crew on Air to Air Firing, 6 hits registered.
		1320 to 1840 1315 to 1845	"F" FL991 S/L Stacey and crew on M/F Homing with "T" EV823 F/O Jackson with satisfactory results.
		1450 to 1700	"O" EV893 F/O Servos on Air to Air Firing, tail turret U/S.
		1600	A Dakota Transport arrives for the use of U.S.A. Staff Officers.
	7th	0210 to 0840	"D" FL969 F/O Jackson and crew on an Anti sub search. No enemy sightings.
		0905 to 1115 1010 to 1230	"T" EV823 F/O Rowley and S/L Joy and crews on Fighter Affiliation with Thunderbolts from Minneriya, a very useful practice.
			Lieut-General Wheeler, USAAF, leaves on tour in a Dakota with a staff of seven.
		1325 to 1850 1400 to 1900	"O" EV893 F/O Boyle and crew on M/F homing with F/O Servos and crew in "D" FL991.
			The Station cricket team played against Christchurch School at Matale and won.
	8th		"A" EV837 S/L Stacey and crew on exercise "Case" with Naval Forces. Not very successful owing to technical faults attributed to navy.
	8/9	1930	Air Marshal Garod, arrives at Station and dines in the officers' mess.
Palan		2330 to 0830	"G" EV {sic} F/O Boyle and crew take A/M Garod and 2 passengers to New Delhi. F/O Boyle makes a very good landing in spite of a dust storm and is congratulated on his good work by the Air Marshal.
Sigiriya	9th	0900	The Supreme Commander, S.E.A. arrived at Sigiriya en route for China Bay by air, returning the same day to pick up his car and return to Kandy.
			The Station Hockey Team play the "Sampanns" at Kandy but are beaten. The Station Football team play the "Legionairs" at Kandy and win.
		1855 to 0815	"F" FL991 F/O McNabb and crew on an Anti Submarine search. No enemy sighting but aircraft homed on two M. Vs. Bright moonlight night with S.E. working well.
		1900 to 0720	"D" FL969 F/O Servos on the same operation with the above aircraft.
	10th		Runway U/S for maintenance and repairs for two days.
	11th		G/C Loid visits the Station and interviews the C.O. with regard to the projected

			move of the Squadron to Kankasanturai. The runway is made serviceable by 1600 for F/O Boyle on return from India.
Palan to Ratmalana	11th	0655 to 1546	"G" EV821 F/O Boyle with crew takes A/M Garod from Palan to Ratmalana.
Sigiriya	11th	0830	S/L Stacey with F/O Singleton proceed to China Bay by air for a conference with the Navy regarding approaching exercises in the Bay of Bengal. Return the same evening.
		1640 to 1725	"G" EV821 F/O Boyle and crew return to Sigiriya from Ratmalana where they leave A/M Garod.
			A cricket match against the Police at Matale was won by the Station Team.
	12th	0855 to 1040 1255 to 1610	"O" EF893 F/O McNabb and crew on Air to Air Firing followed by P/O Landick in the same aircraft at the marginally noted times.
			S/L Burroughs - Group Navigation Officer - visits the Station and inspects the tactical floor. F/L Redmond and P/O Taylor are commended for their work and enthusiasm which have made this installation possible in spite of difficulties.
	13th	0130 to 0915	"T" EV823 S/L Joy and crew on Naval Affiliation. Some trouble experienced with the R/T.
			W/C Downey - Group Signals Officer - visits the Station.
		0940 1105 to 1040 1230	"G" EV821 F/O Jones and crew followed by F/O Leeper and crew on Fighter Affiliation with four spitfires. Practice successful, aircraft returned at marginally noted times.
		0900 to 1115	"O" EV893 F/O McNabb and crew on Air to Air Firing. 6 hits.
		1355 to 1610	Same aircraft, S/L Stacey continues Air to Air Firing.
	14th	0200 to 0925	"J" EV824 F/O Jones on Submarine Affiliation. Homing fairly successful but made difficult by choppy seas. A successful exercise.
		0700 to 1755	"S" FL935 F/O Leeper and crew carry out a Met. and Consumption Test Flight, towards Sumatra. Satisfactory results after engine change. Consumption 129 gallons/hour.
		0845 to 1130	"O" EV893 W/O Stow and crew on Air to Air Firing.
			The Officers form a team and play football against a team from the East African Brigade. A win to Sigiriya.
			S/L Stamper - Group M.T. Officer - visits C.O. and discusses M.T. Allotments.
	15th	0025 to 0500	"A" EV837 F/L Netherton and crew take part in a test of coastal defences "Blitz" with good results.
	15/16	2300 to 0230	"J" EV824 P/O Landick and crew continue "Blitz" results not as good as with "A".
	15th	2351	"A" EV837 W/O Stow, P/O Miller?, W/O Dunk, F/Sgt. Williams, F/Sgt. Ford, Sgt. Sorrie, W/O Abel, and Sgt. Hutchinson take off and after gaining a height of about 600 feet lose height on turning and crash into thick jungle at 2354 hours. Aircraft completely burnt out, D.C.'s explode and the whole of the crew killed instantly. On arrival at the scene of the accident F/L Wallis - M.O. finds Lt. Osborne 57K.A.R.S. and a party of native troops guarding wreck and cutting an approach to the aircraft. After a search for possible survivors, sentries are posted to keep all personnel away till first light. 2 D.C. being still unexploded and the fire intense. At first light the M.O. removes the bodies of all eight of the crew to S.S.Q. F/O Brind - Armament Officer - deals with D.C.'s. This accident is the subject of a Court of Inquiry the result of which is not yet available.
			A Court of Inquiry consisting of S/L Kennitz, F/L Davis and F/O Hobday is convened on the case of LAC Haynes - missing since 23/May.

		0210 to 1055	"D" FL969 S/L Stacey and crew take part in "Blitz" exercise. A successful day for coastal defence.
		0225 to 1725	"S: FL935 F/O Jones and crew carry out a fairly successful daylight P.R. of Simular Island. Some trouble experienced with Oxygen system.
		0635 to 0900	"G" EV821 F/O McNabb take photographs to test the efficiency of the smoke screen at Trinao? Naval Dockyard and town. Smoke screen found to be most effective.
		0650 to 1620	"V??" EV823 S/L Joy and crew on a Met Flight and Consumption Test over Eastern waters.
			The Station Hockey team play the Blue Jays at Kandy and win.
	17th	0940 to 1755	"G" EV821 F/O Servos and crew on a Radar Homing exercise with a pinnacle. Very successful indeed, good ranges, and accurate homing.
Colombo		1700	The crew of "A" are buried at Leverentu Cemetery, Colombo. S/L Donne Senior Chaplain with 2 officiating chaplains give C. of E. Non Conformist and R. C. burial service. W/C. G. K. Brady and a number of officers and aircrew attend. Pall bearers are provided by the Squadron and Station.
Matale			At Matale the Station Cricket Team play against the Matale Cricket Club and draw.
Sigiriya	17/18th	1940 to 1140	"V" FL936 F/O Rowley and crew do a night P.R. of Sumatra. A successful coverage. Some Ack Ack fire was encountered over the target area.
	18th	0630 to 1745 0635 to 1830	"O" EV893 and "J" EV824 with S/L Stacey, P/O Landick and their crews respectively take part in an Anti submarine Sweep. No enemy sightings. They returned the marginally noted times.
			The Station Football team played Minneriya at Minneriya and won.
		0845 to 1245 1125 to 1540	"G" EV821 F/L Netherton and crew take part in a training exercise with a specially equipped pinnacle for Radar Homing. Some difficulty at first through the inexperience of the operators but some improvement made later. The same aircraft with F/O McNabb and crew at the marginally noted times. A more successful exercise but some confusion caused by the proximity of fleet units and other aircraft.
		0855 to 1050	"J" EV824 P/O Landick and crew on fighter affiliation. Not a very successful morning, evasive action unsuccessful.
		1115 to 1255	F/L Netherton and crew on the same training in the above aircraft. Only two fighters encountered and an unsuccessful morning.
			S/L J. N. Stacey, D.F.C., to Colombo by air.
	19th		S/L Spencer - Air Sea Rescue Officer - and S/L Allcock O.C. No. 292 Squadron arrive in a Warwick from Ratmalana. S/L Allcock arranges billeting etc. with S/L Admin and C.O.
		2340 to 1140	"F" FL991 F/O Boyle and crew on an Anti Submarine Sweep.
	20th	0830 to 1040	"D" FL969 F/O Leeper and crew carry out Radar Homing on the pinnacle. Very successful.
			A Court of Enquiry is convened at Sigiriya to enquire into the accident and destruction of "A" EV837 and the death of W/O Stow and crew. President: G/C Louis; Members: S/L Stacey and F/L Baulch.
	21st	0350 to 1815 0630 & 0635 to 1620 & 1706	"F" FL991 F/O McNabb and crew on A/S Sweep. No. sightings. He is followed by F/O Jones and F/O Rowley and crews in "G" EV821 and "O" EV893 at the marginally noted times. Sweeps uneventful.
			B.O.A.C. Liberator takes off for Australia.
			S/L Davies - Armament Officer - and W/C Allen - Group Accountant Officer visit the Station. W/C Allen interviews S/L Dixon re non-public Funds and Imprest.
	22nd	1430	Avro "York" Aircraft arrives with Air Marshal Lees and Major-General Pierce en route for Kandy from Delhi.
			The Station Cricket team played against the Matale Cricket Club at Matale and win.

	23rd		S/L Stacey and S/L Joy go by air to Minneriya Station to arrange for the reopening of the Bombing Range at Minneriya Tank. They return the same night.
	24th		F/L Hopper - Group Education Officer - visits the station and interviews F/O Vanstone.
		1234 & 1240 to 2305 & 0015	"O" EV893 F/O Ayers and crew with "J" EV824 P/O Jackson and crew take part in an A/S Sweep at the marginally noted times. No enemy sightings and weather very poor.
			Reinforcement Liberator EV858 arrives from India.
			A bush fire breaks out at the lower end of the runway, but is brought under control - no damage.
	25th	0910 to 1250	"G" EV821 W/O Hughes and crew on Air Firing.
			Reinforcement aircraft EV889 arrives at Sigiriya from India.
	26th		W/C Jay and F/L Farnes - Group Training - arrive and visit the C.O.. F/L Farnes is to command 20 A.P.C. in place of S/L Smith on posting.
	27th	0830	The Avro York left for Delhi with Lord Louis Mountbatten and Generals Lushington and Playfair.
			Lieut. Colonel Hiscock - Public Relations Officer A.C.S.E.A. - visits the Station.
	28th & 29th	1655 to 1855 0755 to 0940	"T" EV823 S/L Joy and crew on A/S Bombing at the re-opened Minneriya Tank Range. They continue bombing in the same aircraft at the marginally noted times.
	28th		W/S Price and F/L Foden from Group Engineering Branch visit the Station.
			A Vengeance aircraft of 20 A.P.C. destroys its undercarriage on landing - no casualties.
		1745 to 1830	"J" EV824 S/L Stacey and crew on an A/S Search but had to return to base owing to fuel leak.
	29/30	2030 to 0915	"D" FL969 S/L Stacey continues search in this aircraft. No sightings.
			F/L Charles - Group Photo. Officer - visits the Station to make Night photographic experiments.
			The Second Warwick for No. 292 Squadron arrives at Sigiriya.
	30th		Lieutenant Leyland R.N. gave a lecture to aircrew on Anti U/Boat Campaign in the Indian Ocean.
		1530	Avro York arrives from India with General Playfair and General Pownall.

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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
Day 1st June, 1944					
Liberator BZ752	F/O D. S. Flett	A/S Escort	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	W/O F. C. K? Sarson		312335Z	010502Z	
	P/O R. K. Bonhan?				
	W/O L. H. J. Cardy				
	W/O T. Litchfield				
	W/O L. J. Burrell				
	W/O J. Byrne				
	Sgt. J. R. Linard				
	F/L Moorhouse				
Liberator FL945	F/O J. C. Rowley	P.R. of Simalur Area	SGY	SGY	Fair results obtained.
	P/O D. Nightingale		312058Z	011206Z	
	F/O D. R. Strutton				
	P/O S. Taylor				
	W/O W. E. Boulton				
	W/O H. J. Tu?rland				
	W/O D. J. Lewis				
	F/Sgt. K? Lauper				
Day 3rd June, 1944					
Liberator FL945	F/O G. L. Boyle	P. R. of Coastal strip of Sumatra	SGY	SGY	Good cover of coastal strip of West Coast Sumatra.
	F/O N. A. Harrison		021938Z	031106Z	
	W/O V. B. Allen				
	P/O J. H. Roberts				
	W/O J. A. Fudge				
	W/O R. S. Bauer				
	W/O S. K? Hoffer				
	F/Sgt. D. G. Allen				
	Sgt. J. H. McGarry				
Day 6th June, 1944					
Liberator FL945	P/O R. H? Ayers	P.R. W. Coast Sumatra & Simalur	SGY	SGY	Results fair.
	F/Sgt. J. J. Bates		051850Z	061020Z	
	F/Sgt. J. W. Burley				
	Sgt. J. M. Coates				
	Sgt. M. M? Howlin				
	Sgt. H. Bembrick				
	Sgt. J. Smith				
	Sgt. D. E. Wright				
	Sgt. S. S. Willetts				
Night 6/7th June, 1944.					
Liberator FL969	P/O J. J. Jackson	A/S Search	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. J. P. Hynes		061940Z	070208Z	
	P/O T. Knott				
	F/Sgt. W. D. Clark				
	F/Sgt. K. J. Hill				
	F/Sgt. A. C. Beck				
	F/Sgt. W. Jary				

	Sgt. K. Williams				
	W/O G. Woodhart				
Night 9th/10th June 1944					
Liberator FL969	F/O R. A. Servos	A/S Search	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O M. McKellar		091228Z	100050Z	
	W/O K. Collins				
	W/O G. Stainsby				
	F/O J. T. Knight				
	F/Sgt. P? T. Duffy				
	Sgt. G. A. Hopkins				
	Sgt. Williams				
Liberator FL991	F/O H. F. McNabb	A/S Sweep	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O R. B. Rowley		0912225 Z {sic}	100145Z	
	F/Sgt. J. Rea?d		Should be 1225		
	F/Sgt. L. G. Horton				
	F/Sgt. ? J. Gough				
	F/Sgt. R. V. C. Goodfellow				
	F/Sgt. F? F?oden				
	Sgt. H. Holgate				
Day 14th June, 1944.					
Liberator FL935	F?/O J. P. Leeper	Met Flight and Consumption Test	SGY	SGY	Satisfactory results obtained.
	P/O D. Cushman		140030Z	141124Z	
	P/O R. N. Beattie				
	P/O G. D. Amy				
	W/O D. G. Allen				
	Sgt. R. H. Adams				
	W/O J. A. Fudge				
	W/O S. E. Hoffer				
	Sgt. F. Williams				
	F/O G. A. Turner				
Day 16th June, 1944.					
Liberator FL936	S/L D. G. H. Joy	Met Flight and Consumption Test	SGY	SGY	Test proved satisfactory.
	P/O W. N. Reynolds		160018Z	160945Z	
	F/S P. M. Scannell				
	F/O R. L. Freeman				
	F/O R. J. Carroll				
	Sgt. J. L. MacDonald				
	Sgt. P. R. Arscott				
	Sgt. G. P. Brown				
Liberator FL935	F/O L. R. Jones	P.R. of Simalur and Islands	SGY	SGY	Results poor owing to cloud.
	W/O P. R. H? Scarr		152000Z	161055Z	
	F/Sgt. N? C. Henderson				
	F/Sgt. A. G. B?ronow				
	F/Sgt. H. A. Hughes				
	F/Sgt. C. A. O'Connor				
	Sgt. ? G. Norfolk				
	Sgt. E. S. W. Wiltshire				
	Sgt. E. Williams				
Night 17/18th June, 1944					
Liberator FL 936	F/O J. C. Rowley	P.R. of Pangkalan Soesoe &	SGY	SGY	No photographic results obtained owing to flash failures.
	P/O D. Nightingale				

	F/O D. R. Strutton	Pangkalan			
	W/O W. B? Boulton	Beadan??			
	W/O H. J. Turland				
	P/O S. Taylor				
	F/L S. E? Chandler				
	F/Sgt. E. Lauper				
Day 18th June, 1944					
Liberator EV 893	S/L J. N. Stacey	A/S Sweep	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	S/L D. G. H. Joy		180001Z	181115Z	
	F/O C. W. Guy				
	F/Sgt. J. J. Reilly				
	P/O E. W. Evans				
	F/Sgt. F. D. Davies				
	F/Sgt. K. J. Skinner				
	F/Sgt. J. Ryan??				
	F/Sgt. I. J. Tannar				
Liberator EV824	P/O K. H. Landick	A/S Sweep	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O K. O. Richards				
	F/Sgt. D. Pratt				
	F/Sgt. J. L. Meckiff				
	W/O V. A. Hood				
	W/O J. A. Pipher				
	W/O W. A. Cutten				
	W/O J. R. Caden				
	F/Sgt. E. A. W. Lowe				
Night/Day 19/20 June, 1944.					
Liberator FL991	F/O G. L. Boyle	To send Special	SGY	SGY	Task fulfilled.
	F/O N. A. Harrison	M.T.B.	191710Z	200510Z	
	W/O V. B. Allen				
	P/O J. H. Roberts				
	W/O S. R? Heffer				
	W/O J. A. Fudge				
	W/O R. S. Bauer				
	F/Sgt. D. G. Allen				
	Sgt. J. M. McGarry				
Day 21st June, 1944.					
Liberator EV821	F/O L. R. Jones	A/S Sweep	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	W/O P. R. R. Scarr		210001Z	210950Z	
	F/Sgt. H. C. Henderson				
	F/Sgt. A. G. Gronow				
	F/Sgt. C. A. O'Connor				
	F/Sgt. H. A. Hughes				
	W/O E. S. W. Wiltshire				
	Sgt. W. G. Norfolk				
	Sgt. E. Williams				
Liberator EV893	F/O J.C.Rowley	A/S Sweep	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O D. Nightingale		210005Z	211033Z	
	F/O D. R. Strutton				
	W/O E. J. Boulton				
	W/O H. J. Turland				
	F/L S. E. Chandler				
	P/O S. Taylor				
	F/Sgt. E. Lauper				

Liberator FL991	F/O H. F. McNabb	A/S Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O R. B. Rowley		202120Z	21145Z {sic} should be 211145	
	F/Sgt. J. Read				
	Sgt. L. G. Horton				
	Sgt. L. G? J. Gough				
	Sgt. R. V. C. Goodfellow				
	F/Sgt. F. Foden				
	Sgt. H. Holgate				
Day 24th June, 1944.					
Liberator EV893	F/O R. H. Ayers	A/S Sweep	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. J. K. Bates		240607Z	241635Z	
	F/Sgt. J. N. Burley				
	Sgt. H. Bembrick				
	Sgt. M. H. M. Howlin				
	Sgt. J. M. Coates				
	Sgt. J. Smith				
	Sgt. S. S. Willetts				
Liberator EV824	P/O J. J. Jackson	A/S Sweep	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. J. P Hynes		240610Z	241743Z	
	F/O T. Knott				
	F/Sgt. A. C. Beck				
	F/Sgt. K.J. Hill				
	Sgt. B. Crumbie				
	F/Sgt. W. D. Clark				
	W/O C. A. Woodhart				
	F/Sgt. W. F? Jary				
Night 29/30th June, 1944.					
Liberator FL969	S/L J. N. Stacey	A/S Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O C. W. Guy		291400Z	300245Z	
	F/Sgt. P. H. Scannell				
	P/O E? W. Evans				
	F/Sgt. F. D. Davies				
	F/Sgt. K. J. Skinner				
	F/Sgt. A. R. Webster				
	F/Sgt. I. J. Tanner				
	F/L ? H. Netherton				
Total operational hours for month of June : 239 hours 36 mins.					

June 1944: Form 540 (Special Flight)

160 Sqn special flight

Place	Date	Summary of events
Digri		During the month all aircrew except F/Lt. J. W. Bradley (Officer Commanding) F/Lt. H J. Hulse and F/O A. Pritchard, were either repatriated or posted to other squadrons
Digri	19/6/44	F/Lt. O'Reilly, F/O Childs and 7 N.C.O's arrived on posting.
Digri	26/6/44	F/O Underhill and 7 N.C.O's (new crew) arrived on posting.
Digri	30/6/44	Flight strength: 6 Officers, 22? N. C. O's. 20 B.O.R's.
		Operations There were no operations during the month - both aircraft on establishment were on major inspections.
		(Signed by H. J. Hulse F/Lt. For Officer Commanding 160 Special Flight, RAF)

June 1944, Appendix 1

Appendix "A"

Aircraft Maintenance : June, 1944.

The following maintenance work was carried out during the Month of June, 1944 : -

Eleven minor Inspections were carried out.

The complete engine and Turbo Supercharger change was completed on aircraft "V", new mis{??} etc. fitted. New landing Gear Front Pivot Shafts were fitted in Aircraft "V" (Mod. 154 U.S.).

The Major inspection, complete engine change, Turbo Supercharger change was completed on Aircraft "H?". Time taken: 26 days.

Three sets of flexible engine mounts were changed on aircraft "X??".

On Cylinder was changed on number 4 engine, aircraft "?"

Repair was carried out to damaged fuselage skin on Aircraft "?"

.5 Beam gun window installation was fitted to aircraft "?"

Five fuel cells were changed on aircraft "Y?".

Five fuel cells were changed on aircraft "S?".

Repairs were carried out to damaged skin on the tail plane of aircraft "G?"
. and repair carried out to the starboard beam gun window.

No. 3 engine was changed on aircraft "D".

The Major Inspection was commenced on aircraft "?".

Four propellers were stripped and serviced.

The P.R.U. installation was removed from aircraft "H" prior to its despatch to 322 M.U. for Major Inspection.

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Engineering Officer
160 Squadron

July 1944: Form 540

160 Sqn.

Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Sigiriya	July 1st		This month opens with continued Anti Submarine activity. The Liberator Mk. Six's being unsuitable for Night Flying from Sigiriya, the work of the Squadron is assisted by the arrival of 4 reinforcement Aircraft and Crews from India, who are to remain for the duration of the present Anti-Submarine sweeps. Two Liberators Mk.V arrive from 200 Squadron on June 30th. They are A/C "M" and "H" and the detachment is in charge of F/L Cherrington. They are followed by 2 Liberator Mk.V from 354 Squadron, Aircraft "S" and "P" with F/O Skinner i/c.
		0930	A B.O.A.C. Liberator arrives from Cuttack.
	1/2	2325 to 0505	"X" EW314 F/L Netherton and Crew on Submarine Affiliation. An unsuccessful exercise through technical breakdown and failure of flares.
	2nd	0110 to 1640	"S" ??935 P/O Landick and crew take part in a daylight P.R. of the small islands around Simalur. Poor results obtained owing to low cloud and rain over the target area.
		0305 to 0500	"V" FL936 F/O Rowley and crew on a Night Photo Test - unsuccessful - cameras U/S.
		0630 to 1625	"N??" BZ752 F/O Boyle and crew take part in an Anti Submarine Patrol - no enemy sightings.
		0800	W/Cdr. G. R. Brady goes by air to Kankesanturai to interview Adjutant there, and report to Group on progress of work on the strip and dispersals. He returns the same day at 1845 hours.
		1110 to 1140	"V" FL936 F/O Rowley and crew test cameras at 10,000 feet - good results.
		1650 & 1700 to 0350 & 0330	"O" EV893 and "T?" EV823 with F/O Jones and F/O Jackson and crews respectively carry out a parallel track Anti-Submarine sweep returning at m/n times. No enemy sightings.
	3rd	0300 to 0515	"V" FL936 F/O Rowley and Crew carry out a Night Photo Test under poor conditions, but results were satisfactory.
			S/L Roberts - Group Anti-Malarial Officer - interviews Station Medical Officer.
		1330 & 1340 to 2010 & 1945	"C" EV858 and "H" FL945 with S/L Joy and F/L Netherton and crews respectively take part in a Radar Homing Exercise. "C" is successful but "H" fails to receive signals in the second part of the exercise. They return at the m/n times.
			The Station Rugby Football team played the "Rains??" at Colombo and won.
		2040 & 2055 & 2100 to	"D" FL969 and "N" BZ752 and "F" FL991 with F/O Ayers, S/L Stacey and F/L Leeper, with their crews respectively, take part in an Anti-Submarine "Hunt to Exhaustion" landing at Addu Atoll at the m/n times. A/C "D" gave brief protection to a ship engaged in rescuing survivors from the Liberty Ship sunk by the Japanese Submarine. This Aircraft took a number of good photographs. A/C "N" sighted a dinghy with survivors on board. There were, however no enemy sightings
Addu Atoll	4th	1015 & 1130 & 1000	
Sigiriya	4th	0830	W/C G. R. Brady goes by air to Colombo to make arrangements for the Squadron's move to K.K.S. The date is put back by seven days owing to work on the runway being insufficiently advanced. He returns the same night at 1900 hours.
		0825 to 0850	"X" EW314 S/L Joy and crew on S.E. Homing, with special Pinnacle. Forced to return owing to loose filler cap.
		0900 to 1200	"H" FL945 F/L Netherton and crew on A/S Bombing practice. Medium results in spite of poor weather conditions.
		0920 to	"X" EW314 S/L Joy and crew again return to S.E. Homing in the above aircraft. This

		1230 1430 to 1820	time a successful exercise They are followed by F/L Trotter and crew in the same Aircraft on the same training exercise with the pinnacle with good results, at the m/n times.
		1555	The Avro York arrives from India with Lord Louis Mountbatten and General Pownall.
			W/Cdr. Thunder visits the station and inspects the flying control unit.
			The Station Football Team played against China Bay away and drew.
		1645 to 1815	"X" EW314 F/O Jackson and crew carry out a successful homing exercise on the special pinnacle.
Sigiriya	5th	0700 to 0830	"X" KW314 F/O Jones and crew carry out A/S Practice bombing results fair.
	5/6	1855 to 0555	"O" EV893 S/L Joy and crew on A/S Patrol, some S.E. contacts but no enemy sightings.
Addu Attol	5th	1855 & 1920 & 1925 to	"H{sic}" BZ752 with "D" FL969, "F" FL991 with S/L Stacey, F/O Ayers, and P/O Leeper take part in an Anti-Submarine Sweep. No enemy sightings but A/C "D" honed on a suspicious blip near Diego Garcia which faded at 10 miles. All aircraft returned to Sigiriya at m/n times.
Sigiriya	6th	0850, 0840, 0755	
	5th	2350 to 0335	"C" EV851 F/L Trotter and crew carry out a training flight with submarine affiliations. Abortive owing to engine trouble.
	6th		F/L Moorhouse - Public Relations Officer - with a press photographic representative visit the station and flies on a G. R. Sortie.
	7th	0150 to 1705	"S" FL935 F/O Boyle and crew carry out a daylight P.R. of the West coast of Sumatra. Excellent results obtained. S/L Roberts visits the station.
		1700 to 1815	"C" EV851 F/L Trotter on A/S Bombing practice followed by the same pilot and a different crew on the same exercise with submarine affiliation later.
	8th	0135 to 0725	
	8/9	2100 to 1055	"V" FL936 F/O Rowley and crew on a night P.R. of Ihonga?. Some flak encountered and A/C hit twice. Some good photographs taken.
	8th	2205 & 2210 to 1805 & 1810	"F" FL991 and "D" FL969 with F/O McNabb and F/L Netherton and their crews take part in an Anti-Sub Sweep, In course of which they are signaled t carry out "Hunt to Exhaustion" on enemy submarine. No enemy sightings.
	9th	1825 & 1830 to 0740 & 0750	"D" FL969, "F" FL991, "H" (200 Sqdn. A/C) and "P" 354 Sqdn. A/C) with P/O Landick, F/O Servos, F/L Trotter and S/L Joy with their crews respectively carry out a "Hun to Exhaustion" with out success returning at m/n times.
	10th	0720? & 0645 to 1735 & 1750	"F" FL951 {sic}, "D" FL969, "H" BZ752 with F/L Leeper, F/L Netherton and S/L Stacey with their crews respectively carry out an Anti-Submarine sweep - no enemy sightings. A/C "H" returned to base as S.E. U/S.
	10/11	1820 to 0710, 0720, 0040	
	11th	0220 to 1320	"S" FL935 F/O Jones and crew carry out a Daylight P.R. of P. Bangkaroe??, P. Toangkok??, P. Palamrak??, P. Pinang??, and take some good photographs.
			General Gelinis? Jones - U.S. Army and staff, arrives en route India with his staff and stays overnight owing to engine trouble with his Liberator A/C.
	12th		General Gelinis? Jones leave for India.
			Air Commodore Mason - A.O.A. - inspects station and stays overnight.
	12/13	1850 to	"V" FL936 F/O Rowley and crew carry out a night P.R. of Kalan Soesoe??, and

		1010	Pangkalacbrandon??. Some fair photographs taken - light inaccurate flak encountered over the target area.
	13th	0655 to 0820	"H" EV889 F/O Servos and Crew on A/S Bombing practice.
			W/Cdr. G. R. Brady flies to K.K.S. and takes some photographs of the strip and installations from the air with a view to clarifying the position when he goes to 222 Group to arrange the final plans for the move. There is at present no room at K.K.S. for any additional units with 160 Squadron, chiefly the difficulty is lack of hard standings, At present not more than 12 A/C can be accommodated The W/Cdr. Returns the same evening.
		2200 & 2225 to 1015 & 0525	"S" FL955 and "H?" EV889 with P/O Ayers, P/O Sevovs and their crews respectively carry out an Anti-Submarine Sweep. No enemy sightings but some photographs of shipping taken. A/C return at the m/n times.
	14th	0215 to 0910	"T" EV823 P/O Landick and crew carry out an Anti-Submarine Sweep. No enemy sightings.
		0800 to 0900	"N" BZ752 S/L Stacey, P/O Dean and F/L Lalienthal??. on Circuits and Bumps.
			The Station Cup Final Match is played between Signals and "B" Flight and resulted in a win for "B" Flight.
	15th	06?55 0630 & 0635 0730 to 1745 1715 & 1825 1845	"F" FL991, "O" EV893 "H" EV889 and "N" BZ752 with F/O Jones, S/L Joy, F/O Leeper, and F/L ??????? and their crews respectively carry out Anti-Submarine sweeps. No enemy sightings. A/C return at m/n times.
			The league Football winners "Maintenance" and the Cup winners "B" Flight play a match resulting in a win for "B" Flight. They are presented with the trophies a plaque in bronze and a silver plated cup both made on the Station.
	16th	1615 & 1620 to 0625 & 0420	"N" BZ752 and "D" FL969 with S/L Stacey and F/O Rowley and crews respectively carry out an Anti-Sub Sweep. A submarine is sighted by a Wellington of 203 Squadron and these aircraft divert for a hunt to exhaustion but have no luck returning to base at the marginally noted times.
	17th	0720 to 0810	"C" EV858 P/O Dean and crew on an unsuccessful A/S bombing practice. Release gear goes U/S and weather conditions unfavourable.
		0620 to 12?40	"H" EV889 F/L Trotter and crew on S.E. homing practice with Special pinnacle obtains excellent results.
		0830 to 1840	W/Cdr. G. R. Brady goes by air to Colombo to finalise arrangements for the Squadron move to K.K.S. Interviews S/L Stamper re - transport on loan and S.A.S.O. and S.O.A. re general arrangements. Returns to Sigiriya same day.
		1120 to 1420	"C" EV858 P/O Dean and crew on S.E. Homing.
			Capt. French - Engineering Branch S.E.A.C. - inspects the station and runway with S/L Dixon - Station Admin. Officer.
		1125 & 1130 to 1155 & 1220	"X" EW314 F/O Ayers and "T" EV823 with P/O Servos and crew are detached to China Bay for an Anti Sub Patrol Since Sigiriya runway is unsuitable for night take-offs with Mk.VI Liberators.
		1605 to 1640	"H" EV889 P/O Landick and Crew also detached to China Bay.
		1700 to 1800	"C" EV858 F/L Mullins and Crew on A/S Bombing practice, good results.

		2000 to 2125	"V" FL936 F/O Rowley and Crew on night photo exercise. A second made for dropping 6 Photo Flashes.
China Bay	17th	2155 2325 & 0005 to 0850 1005 & 1015	"X" EW314, "T" EV823, and "H" EV889 with F/O Ayers, F/O Servos, and P/O Landick and crews respectively carry out an Anti-Sub "Hunt to Exhaustion". No enemy sightings. Landing at Sigiriya.
	18th	14745 & 1525 to 0120 & 0250	"X" EV314 and "H" EV889 with S/L Joy and F/O Leeper and crews respectively take part in an Ant-Sub "Hunt to Exhaustion". No enemy sightings.
Sigiriya	18th	1550 to 1800	W/Cdr. G. R. Brady goes by air to K.K.S. to inspect the station and check up on progress. Further photographs taken with hand held camera.
China Bay		2010 & 2140 to 0935 & 1105	"D" FL969 and "F" FL991 with F/L Trotter and F/O Jones and crews respectively carry out an uneventful "Hunt to Exhaustion", Landing at Sigiriya.
Sigiriya			Avro York arrives from India with Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Piere; Air Marshal Garod, and General Playfair en route for Kandy.
			S/L Burrows - Group Navigation Officer - visits the station with the Command Navigation Officer.
	19th		F/L Houghton A. M.W.D. interviews C.O. re installations at K.K.S. and returns to sit by air.
	20th	0645 to 1255	"G?" EV821 F/O Rowley and crew on a "CAX "X"" exercise with Naval Force and Beaufighters. Exercise not too successful owing to faulty instructions. No Beaufighters sighted but Spitfires and Thunderbolts in the area.
	21st	0710 to 0745	"O" EV893?? F/L Trotter and crew on A/S Bombing. Practice unsuccessful owing to Bomb doors going U/S.
		0825 1200 & 1420 to 0955 1540 & 1450 {sic}	"D" FL969 at the first two periods and "C" EV858 with F/O Dean, F/L Leeper and F/O Ayers and crew respectively carry out S.E. homing practice of the pinnacle returning at m/n times.
			Col. Pape visits station to report on runway with W/Cdr. Brady.
Kandy		1530	Station Football team played against Robbeds at Kandy
Sigiriya	22nd	0705 to 0750	"T" EV823 F/O Boyle and crew on A/S Bombing practice unsuccessful owing t trouble with release gear.
		0825 to 1250	"O" EV893 P/O Landick and crew practice S.E. homing on the Special Pinnacle.
		1100	W/C Norton (Int.) SEAC from Kandy visit the station and discussed operations with special reference to P.R.
		0950 & 09555 to 2130 & 2055	"X" EW314 and "G" EV821 with F/O Rowley and F/O Sevos and crews respectively carry out an Anti-Sub patrol. "X" registers a suspicious blip and flares are used but there are no enemy sightings.
		1210 & 1435 to 1550 & 1825	"T" EV823 and "O" EV893 with F/L Trotter and F/O Boyle and crews respectively carry out S.E. Homing on the Pinnacle with good results.
		1715 to 1845	"T" EV823 F/L Leeper and crew on Anti-Sub Bombing practice, good results considering unfavourable flying conditions.
	23rd	0845 to	"H. EV889 P/O Jackson and crew on S.E. homing on pinnacle.

		1300	
		0700	The Squadron move to K.K.S. commences. This move is being carried out in accordance with our Movement Order subject to modifications. This movement is included as Appendix "A" to this Record.
		0820	Dakota "Sister Anne" arrives from RAF CBO with A.C.M. Pierse who leaves in Avro York for Palam the same evening.
		1450 to 1650	"H" EV889 F/L Netherton and crew on Air to Air Firing.
	24th	0705 to 0830	"H" EV889 F/O Ayers and crew on Air to Air Firing.
		0710 to 0855	"X" EW314 F/L Trotter and crew carry out A/S Bombing practice with good results.
		0845 to 1620	W/C Brady goes by air to K.K.S. to inspect progress of camp and to see to accomodation of 160 Squadron Advance Party.
		1005 to 1215	"H" EV889 F/L Trotter and crew on Air to Air Firing - poor results.
		1040 to 1210	"J" EV824 F/L Netherton and crew on Fighter Affiliation results disappointing - attacks by fighters not pressed home.
		1410 to 1600	"H" EV889 S/L Joy and crew on a good Air to Air Firing practice.
		1530 & 1630	"J" EV824 P/O Landick and crew to R.A.F. China Bay for Night Operations. Followed by F/O Jones and crew on the same evening at the m/n times. (F/O Jones in A/C "T" EV823)
	25th	0720 to 0830	"X" EW314 F/O McNabb and crew on Bombing exercise - abandoned through bad flying conditions.
		0725 to 0925	"H" EV889 F/O Dean on Air to Air Firing.
		0730 to 0955	"O" EV893 F/L Trotter and crew on Fighter Affiliation. Fighters not contacted till late but a successful practice.
		1020 & 1350 to 1200 & 1540	"H" EV889 F/O Ayers followed by F/O Leeper and their crews respectively in the same aircraft carry out Air to Air Firing practice.
			W/C Crosby of 10 GROPS visits the Station, Dakota "Sister Anne" departs for Palam.
	26th	0730 to 0910 1005 to 1105	"O" EV893 F/L Leeper and crew on fighter affiliation, followed in the same aircraft by F/O Boyle and crew on Circuits and Bumps.
		1320 to 1820 1325 to 2?025?	"H" EV889 F/L Leeper and crew on M. R?. Homing exercise followed by W/O Hughes in "C" EV858 on the same exercise with good results.
China Bay	27th	0625 & 0630 to 1550 & 1600	"T" EV823 and "J" EV824 with F/O Jones and P/O Landick carry out an Anti-Submarine sweep. No enemy sightings.
Sigiriya	27th	0705 to 0835	"O" EV895 W/O Hughes and Crew on Fighter Affiliation.
		0825 & 1120 to 1225 & 1525	"H" EV889 and "F?" FL991 F/O Boyle with P/O Jackson and their crews on S.E. Homing with very good results.
		1230	General of Chines Army Air Force and Staff of four arrive by road from China Bay with Major General Lampion. They inspect the station and lunch with W/C Brady.
		1415 to	"H" EV889 W/O Hughes and crew on S.E. Homing with Special Pinnacle.

		1820	
	28th	0830 to 1245	"F" FL991 F/L Netherton and crew on S.E. Homing with Pinnacle.
China Bay	28th	0830 to 1720	"J" EV824 P/O Landick and crew carry out an Anti-Sub Sweep. No enemy sightings. Returns to Sigiriya.
Sigiriya	28th	0945 to 1750	W/Cdr. Brady visits K.K.S. by air to inspect the installations and runway and to interview F/L Murphy - Group Petrol Officer re tankage and M.T. fuel. The Fuel arrangement at present existing are inadequate and insufficient even for the work at present carried on by RAF and A.M.W.D. and threaten to hold up the Squadron operations in August.
		1000 to 1140	"O" EV893 F/O Dean and crew on Fighter Affiliation.
		1040 to 1925	"G" {clear on this page} EV821 P/O Jackson and crew on an Anti-Sub Sweep. No enemy sightings.
		1115 to 1500	"D" FL969 F/O McNabb and crew carry out a successful S.E. Homing on the pinnacle.
		1350 to 1535	"O" EV893 P/O Crawley and crew on Fighter Affiliation. It was noticed that the fighter affiliation with Aircraft from Minneriya was more successful than with Aircraft based at Ratmalana. More keenness was shown and attacks pressed home in a more determined manner.
China Bay	28th	1445 to 1515	"T" EV823 F/O Jones returns to Sigiriya.
Sigiriya	28th	20275 to 2145	"V" FL936 F/O Rowley and crew on a night photographic test. Good results.
	29th	0300 to 1545	"S" FL935 F/O Boyle and crew on Night P.R. of Sabang. Good photos taken and no enemy opposition.
		1005 & 1320 to 1115 & 1505	"O" EV893 with F/O Jones followed by F/O McNabb and their crew carry out Fighter Affiliation at the m/n times.
		1530 to 1730	"J" EV824 F/O Dean and Crew on Fighter Affiliation. Considering the distance Liberators have to travel to these exercises it is not felt that the short period of flying provided by the fighters based at Ratmalana, generally about twenty minutes, is sufficient.
	30th		General Wheeler U.S.A. leaves for Calcutta in a DC3 and the Chinese General and Staff in A/C "Hapgift" for New Delhi.
			This month has seen a great increase in temperature at Sigiriya and this led to a curtailment of sports, football being only possible on a few days. The Advance Party at K.K.S. are instructed to lay out football field at the new site and to arrange matches.
Sigiriya & Kankesanturai	31st	0700	The second and largest convoy of 51 vehicles leaves Sigiriya for K.K.S. and reached Vavuniya on time for lunch. G/Capt. Lounds was thanked for the excellent arrangements for the convoy personnel and the convoy proceeded to K.K.S. arriving at 1700 hours.
			The whole Squadron look forward to the change of atmosphere after the jungle and especially to the improved operating conditions.

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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
Day 2nd July, 1944.					
Liberator BZ752	F/O G. L. Boyle	A/S Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings
	F/O N. A. Harrison		020002Z	020955Z	
	W/O V. B. Allen				
	P/O J. H. Roberts				
	W/O J. A. Fudge				
	W/O R. S. Bauer				
	W/O S. H? Heffer				
	F/Sgt. D. G? Allen				
	P/O C. D. McPhail				
Liberator FL935	F/O K. H. Landick	P.R. of Islands around Simalier?	SGY	SGY	Abortive owing to low cloud and heavy rain.
	F/O K. O. Richards		011842Z	021010Z	
	P/O R. E? Bonham??				
	W/O W. A. Cuttan?				
	W/O J. R. Caden?				
	W/O J. A. Pipher				
	W/O V. A. Hood				
	F/Sgt. J. L? Meckiff				
	F/Sgt. E. A. W. Lowe				
Night 2nd/3rd July, 1944.					
Liberator EV823	P/O J. J? Jackson	A/S P. T. Sweep	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings
	F/Sgt. J. P. Hynes		021028Z	022100Z	
	P/O T. K? Knott				
	F/Sgt. W. D. Clark				
	F/Sgt. A. C. Beck?				
	F/Sgt. K. J. Hill?				
	F/Sgt. W. P? Jary				
	W/O G. A. Woodhart				
	Sgt. D. G? Horton				
Liberator EV893	F/O L. R. Jones	A/S P. T. Sweep	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings
	W/O P. R. R. Scarr		021030Z	022120Z	
	F/Sgt. H. C? Henderson				
	F/Sgt. A. G. Gronow				
	F/Sgt. C. A. O'Connor				
	F/Sgt. H. A. Hughes				
	Sgt. W. G. Norfolk				
	Sgt. E? S? W. Wiltshire				
	Sgt. F. J. Curman??				
	Sgt. E. Williams				
Night 3rd/4th July, 1944					
Liberator FL969	F/O R. H Ayers	S/M Hunt to Exhaustion	SGY	GAN	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. J. J. Bates		032042Z	041125Z	
	F/Sgt. J. W. Burley?				
	Sgt. J. M. Coates				
	Sgt. H Bembrick				
	Sgt. M. M? Howlin				

	Sgt. J. Smith				
	F/Sgt. B? M. Bannister				
	Sgt. S. S. Willetts				
	LAC Hobbon??				
	Cpl. Shirtliff??				
Liberator BZ752	S/L J. N. Stacey	S/M Hunt to Exhaustion	SGY	GAN	No enemy sightings.
	F/O C. W. Guy		032055Z	041125Z	
	F/Sgt. P. H. Scannell?				
	F/Sgt. F. Ryan				
	F/Sgt. D. H. Skinner				
	F/Sgt. F. D. Davies				
	W?/O E. W? Evans				
	W/O?? A. R. Webster				
	Sgt. I. J. Tanner				
	Sgt. Fraser				
	Cpl. Bloomfield				
	LAC K?ennedy??				
Liberator FL991	P/O J. F. Leeper	S/M Hunt to Exhaustion	SGY	GAN	No enemy sightings.
	P/O R. M? Beattie		032100Z	041000Z	
	P/O G.P. Amy				
	W/O J. J. Allan				
	Sgt. R. H. Adams				
	Sgt. P? Williams				
	Cpl. Shroabery?				
	Cpl. Price				
Night 5th/6th July, 1944					
Liberator EV891	S/L D. G. M. Joy	A/S Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O D. A. Robertson		051220Z	052318Z	
	F/O W. H. Reynolds				
	P/O R. N? Carroll??				
	P/O R. I. Freeman?				
	F/Sgt. P. R. Arsoot??				
	F/Sgt. C. N. M. Fisher				
	Sgt. J. I? MacDonald				
	Sgt. G. P. Brown				
Liberator FL991	P/O J. F? Leeper	A/S Patrol	GAN	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O D. Cushman		051305Z	060125	
	P/O R. N. Beattie				
	P/O G. P. Amy				
	W/O J. J. Allan				
	Sgt. Y? Limeburner				
	F/Sgt. P. S. Burton?				
	Sgt. R. H. Adams				
	Sgt. F. Williams				
	Cpl. Shrosbery?				
	Cpl. Price				
Liberator BZ752?	S/L J. N Stacey	A/S Patrol	GAN	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O C? W. Guy		051257Z	060214Z	
	F/Sgt. R. M. Scannell?				
	F/Sgt. ? Ryan				
	R/Sgt. D. M. Skinner				
	F/Sgt. F. D. Davies				
	P/O E? W. Evans				

	P/O A. R. Webster				
	Sgt. I. J. Tanner				
	Sgt. Fraser				
	Cpl. B?ldonfield				
	LAC Kennedy?				
Liberator F?L969	F?/O R. H? Ayers	A/S Patrol	GAN	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/sgt J. J. Bates		051256Z	060210Z	
	F/Sgt. ? W. B?urlay?				
	Sgt. J. H? Coates				
	Sgt. M? Bembrick				
	Sgt. M. M. Howlin				
	Sgt. J. Smith				
	F/Sgt. B? M. Bannister				
	Sgt. S? S? Willets				
	LAC Hebbon				
	Cpl. Shirliff??				
Day 7th July, 1944.					
Liberator F?L935	F/O G. L. Boyle	P.R. of W. Coast	SGY	SGY	Excellent results obtained.
	F/O N. A. Harrison	Sumatra	061920Z	071037Z	
	W/O V. B. Allen				
	P/O J. H. Roberts				
	W/O J. A. Fudge				
	W/O ? ? Bauer				
	W/O S. K? Heffer				
	F/Sgt. D. G. Allen				
	Sgt. J. M. McGarry				
Night 8/9th July, 1944.					
Liberator FL936	F/O J. C? Rowley	Night P.R. of	SGY	SGY	Cover of medium quality
	F/O D. O. Nightingale	Sabang and	081429Z	090426Z	obtained.
	F/O D. R? Strutton	IHO?? NGA??			
	W/O W. ? Boulton??				
	W/O J. Turland?				
	F/L S. ? Chandler				
	F/Sgt. K Lauper				
	P/O S? Taylor				
	W/O F. J. G. Cry.				
Liberator FL969	F/L L. H. Netherton	A/S Sweep	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O C. D. McPhail		081540Z	090350Z	
	F/O D. G. Muir				
	Sgt. C. A. Hopkins				
	Sgt. H. F. Stratford				
	Sgt. A. J. Reading				
	Sgt. F. J. Gurman				
	Sgt. K. Williams				
	F/Sgt. P. Delahunt				
Liberator FL991	F/O M. F. McNabb	A/S Sweep	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O R. B. Rowley		081535Z	090420Z	
	F/Sgt. J. Read				
	Sgt. F? F?oden				
	Sgt. P. S. Barton				
	Sgt. J. Bellman				
	Sgt. S. Sharman				
	Sgt. W. H. Everest				

	Sgt. W. C. C. Stubbs				
Night 9/10th July, 1944.					
Liberator BZ886 ("P?" of 354 Sqdn.)	S/L D. G. M. Joy	Hunt to Exhaustion	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O W. H. Reynolds		091158Z	100015Z	
	P/O J. D. A. Robertson				
	F/O F. J. Carroll				
	F/O R. L. Freeman				
	F/Sgt. P. R. Arscott??				
	F/Sgt. G. N. M. Fisher				
	Sgt. J. L. MacDonald				
Sgt. G. P. Brown					
Liberator BZ831 ("M?" of 200 Sqdn.)	F/L S. H. Trotter	Hunt to Exhaustion	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O L. W. Hillard		091153Z	100048Z	
	Sgt. R. H. Livingstone				
	Sgt. A. G. Bourne				
	Sgt. O. N. Sykes				
	Sgt. L. A. Rowe				
	Sgt. R. Woodland				
	Sgt. H. Brand				
Liberator FL969	P/O K. H. Landick	Hunt to Exhaustion	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O K. O. Richards		091138Z	100112Z	
	P/O R. K. Benhem??				
	W/O W. A. Cutten				
	W/O J. R. Caden				
	W/O J. A. Pipher				
	F/Sgt. J. L. Meckiff				
	F/Sgt. H. A. W. Lowe				
W/O V. A. Hood.					
Liberator FL991	F/O R. A. Servos	Hunt to Exhaustion	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O H. McKellar		091132Z	100120Z	
	W/O A. Collins				
	W/O G. Stainsby?				
	F/Sgt. D? J. A. Walker- Redmond				
	F/Sgt. K. J. Sharples				
	F/Sgt. P. T. Duffy				
	Sgt. P. Schnell				
Sgt. R. S. Turpin					
Night 10th July, 1944.					
Liberator BZ752	S/L J.N. Stacey	A/S Sweep	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O C. W. Guy		101154Z	101806Z	
	F/Sgt. R.M. Scannell??				
	F/Sgt. R. Ryan				
	F/Sgt. D. H. Skinner				
	F/Sgt. E? D. Davies				
	P/O E? W. Evans				
	P/O A. R. Webster				
Sgt. I. J. Tanner					
Night 10th/11th July, 1944.					
Liberator FL991	F/O J. Leeper	A/S Sweep	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O D. Cushman		101154Z	101806Z	
	P/O R. N. Beattie				
	P/O G. P Amy				
W/O J. J. Allan					

	Sgt. R. H. Adams				
	Sgt. F. Williams				
	Sgt. ? Limeburner				
	Sgt. H. Hampden				
Liberator FL969	F/L L. M. Netherton	A/S Sweep	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O C. D. McPhail		101120Z	110050Z	
	F/O D. C. Muir				
	Sgt. G? A. Hopkins				
	Sgt. E. F. Strafford				
	Sgt. A. J. Rowling??				
	Sgt. F. J. Gurs?an				
	Sgt. K. Williams				
	F/Sgt. P. Delahunt??				
Day 11th July, 1944.					
Liberator FL935	F/O L. R. Jones	P.R. of	SGY	SGY	Good photographic cover obtained.
	W/O P. H. R. Scarr	P. Bangkaron?	101950Z	111150Z	
	F/Sgt. H. C. Henderson	P. Toeangkoe?			
	F/Sgt. C. O'Conner	P. Palobak??			
	F/Sgt. A. G? Gronow?	P. Pimang			
	F/Sgt. M. A. Hughes				
	Sgt. W. G. Norfolk				
	Sgt. M? S. W. Wiltshire				
	Sgt. E. Williams				
Night 12th/13th July, 1944.					
Liberator FL936	F/O J. C. Rowley	P.R. (Night) of Pangalan Sueso?? & Pangmala???????	SGY	SGY	Results - Poor
	F/O D. D. Nightingale		121220Z	130339Z	
	F/O D. R. Strutton				
	W/O W. E? Boulton				
	W/O J. Turland				
	F/L S? K. Chandler				
	F/Sgt. E? Lauper				
	P/O S. Taylor				
	W/O F. J. G. Cyr				
Night 13th/14th July, 1944.					
Liberator EV889	F/O R. A. Servos	A/S Sweep	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O M McKellar		131555Z	132255Z	
	W/O A. Collins				
	W/O G. Stainsby				
	F/Sgt. K? J. Sharples				
	F/Sgt. F. T. Duffy				
	Sgt. P. Schnall				
	F/O J. T. Knight				
Liberator EV823	P/O K. H. Landick	A/S Sweep	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	W/O F. C. K? Saraon??		131946Z	140240Z	
	P/O R. E? Bonham?				
	W/O W. A. Cutten				
	W/O J. R? O?sdan?				
	W/O J. A. Pipher				
	W/O V. A. Hood				
	F/Sgt. J. L. Meckiff				
	F/Sgt. E. A. W. Lowe				

Liberator BZ888 ("S" of 354 Squadron)	F/O R. M. Ayers	A/S Sweep	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. J. J. Bates		131529Z	140345Z	
	F/Sgt. J. W. Burley				
	Sgt. J. N. Coates				
	Sgt. K. Bembrick				
	Sgt. M. M. Howlin				
	Sgt. J. Smith				
	F/Sgt. D? M. Bannister				
Day 15th July, 1944.					
Liberator EV889	F/L J. F? Leeper	A/S Sweep	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O D. Cushman?		150008Z	150955Z	
	P/O R. N. Beattie				
	P/O G. P. Amy				
	W/O J. J. Allan				
	Sgt. J. Limeburner				
	Sgt. R. H. Adams				
	Sgt. F. Williams				
Liberator EV893	S/L d. G. M. Joy	A/S Search	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O W. H? Reynolds		150002Z	151042Z	
	P/O J. D. A. Robertson				
	F/O R. J. Carroll				
	F/O R. L. Freeman				
	F/Sgt. C. N. M. Fisher				
	F/Sgt. P? R. Arscott??				
	Sgt. J. L. MacDonald				
Liberator FL991	F/O L. R. Jones	A/S Search	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	W/O P. R. R. Scarr		142224Z	151110Z	
	F/Sgt. T. J. Riding				
	F/Sgt. A. G. Gronow?				
	F/Sgt. H. A. Hughes				
	F/Sgt. C. A. O'Connor				
	W/O R. S. W. Wiltshire				
	Sgt. W. G. Norfolk				
Liberator BZ752	F/L L. H? Netherton	A/S Search	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O C. D. McPhail		150100Z	151215Z	
	F/O D. G. Muir				
	Sgt. F. J. Gurman?				
	Sgt. A. J. Reading				
	Sgt. G. A. Hopkins				
	Sgt. E. F. Stratford?				
	F/Sgt. P. Delahunt				
Sgt. K. B? V. Williams					
Night 16th/17th July, 1944.					
Liberator FL969	F/O J. ? Rowley	A/S Search	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O D. Nightingale		160946Z	162148Z	
	F/) D. R. Strutton				
	W/O W. K. Boulton				
	W/O H. J. Turland				
F/Sgt. E. Lauper					

	F/L S. E? Chandler				
	P/O S. Taylor				
	W/O J. H. G. Cyr				
Liberator BZ752	S/L J. N. Stacey	A/S Search	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O G. W. Guy		160944Z	162355Z	
	F/O J. F. Paterson				
	P/O E? W. Evans				
	F/Sgt. F. Ryan				
	F/Sgt. K. J. Skinner				
	F/Sgt. A. H? Webster				
	F/Sgt. F. D. Davies				
	Sgt. L. J. Tanner??				
Night 17th/18th July, 1944					
Liberator EW314	F/O R. M. Ayers	Hunt to	C?BY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. J. J. Bates	Exhaustion	171527Z	180219Z	
	F/Sgt. J. W. Burley??				
	Sgt. J M? Coates				
	Sgt. M. M. Howlin?				
	Sgt. R. Bembrick?				
	F/Sgt. N? Bannister				
	Sgt. R? S. Willetts				
	Sgt. J. Smith				
Liberator EV823	F/O R. A. Servos	Hunt to	C?BY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O M. McKellar		171655Z	180335Z	
	W/O A. Collins				
	W/O G. Stainsly??				
	P?/O J. T. Knight				
	F/Sgt. F. T. Duffy				
	F/Sgt. ? J. Sharples				
	Sgt. P. Schnell??				
Liberator EV889	P/O K. H. Landick	Hunt to	C?BY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O K. O Richards	Exhaustion	171734Z	180342Z	
	P/O R. E? Bonham??				
	W/O W. A. Cutten				
	W/O J. R. Caden				
	W/O J. A. Pipher				
	W/O V. A. Bond??				
	F/Sgt. E. A. W. Lowe				
	F/Sgt. J. L. Meckiff				
18th July, 1944.					
Liberator EW314	S/L D. G. M. Joy	Hunt to	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O W. H. Reynolds	Exhaustion	180846Z	181919Z	
	P/O J. D. A. Robertson				
	F/O R. J. Carroll				
	F/O R. L. Freeman				
	F/Sgt. P. R? Arscott				
	F/Sgt. C. N. M. Fisher				
	Sgt. J. L. MacDonald				
	Sgt. G. P. Brown				
Liberator EV889	F/L J. F? Leeper	Hunt to	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	P/O D. Cushman	Exhaustion	180853Z	182020Z	
	P/O R. W. Beattie				
	W/O J. S? Allan				

	W/O d. J. S. Walker-Redmond				
	Sgt. R. H. Adams				
	Sgt. J. Limeburner				
	Sgt. M. Hampden				
	Sgt. F. Williams				
18th/19th July, 1944.					
Liberator FL969	F/L S. H. Trotter	Hunt to Exhaustion	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O M. Millard		181340Z	190305Z	
	Sgt. A. M. Livingstone				
	Sgt. A. J. Bourne				
	Sgt. G? N. Sykes				
	Sgt. R. Woodland				
	Sgt. L. A. Rowe				
	Sgt. H. Brand				
	Sgt. J. W. Mensies?				
Liberator FL991	F/O L. R. Jones	Hunt to Exhaustion	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	W/O P. R. R. Scarr		181511Z	190435Z	
	F/Sgt. T. J. Riding				
	F/Sgt. A. G. Gronows??				
	F/Sgt. H A. Hughes				
	F/Sgt. C. A. O'Connor				
	W/O E. S. W. Wiltshire				
	Sgt. W. G. Norfolk				
	Sgt. T. Williams				
22nd July, 1944					
Liberator EV821	F/O R. A. Servos	A/S Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O M. McKellar		220325Z	221425Z	
	W/O A. Collins				
	W/O G. Stainsby				
	F?/O J. T. Knight				
	F/Sgt. P. T. Duffy				
	F/Sgt. K? J. Sharples				
	Sgt. P? Schnell??				
Liberator EW314	F?/O J. C. Rowley	A/S Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F?/O D. C? Nightingale				
	F?/O D. R. Strutton?				
	W/O W. E? Boulton				
	W/O H J. Turland				
	W/O J. M? G. Cyr				
	F/Sgt. K? Lauper				
	F/I S. E? Chandler				
	P/O S. Taylor				
Day 27th July, 1944.					
Liberator EV823	F/O L. R. Jones	A/S Sweep and A/S Escort	CBY?	CBY	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. J. J. ???tes?		262355Z	270920Z	
	F/Sgt. T. J. Riding				
	F/Sgt. A. G. Gronows??				
	F/Sgt. H A. Hughes				
	F/Sgt. C. A. O'Connor				
	W/O E. S. W. Wiltshire				
	Sgt. W. G. Norfolk				
	Sgt. T. Williams				
Liberator	P/O K. H. Landick	A/S Sweep and	CBY?	CBY	No enemy sightings.

EV824	F/O K. O. Richards	A/S Escort	270001Z	270930Z	
	F/O R. E. Bonham				
	W/O W. A. Cutten				
	W/O J. R. Caden				
	W/O J. A. Pipher				
	W/O V. A. Hood				
	F/Sgt. J. L. Meckiff				
	F/Sgt. E. A. W. Lowe				
28th July, 1944.					
Liberator EV824	P/O K. H. Landick	A/S Sweep	CBY?	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/O K. O. Richards		280200Z	281047Z	
	F/O R. E. Bonham				
	W/O W. A. Cutten				
	W/O J. R. Caden				
	W/O J. A. Pipher				
	W/O V. A. Hood				
	F/Sgt. J. L. Meckiff				
	F/Sgt. E. A. W. Lowe				
Liberator EV821	P/O J. I. Jackson	A/S Sweep	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. J. P. Hynes		290410Z	281255Z	
	F?/O T. K? Knott				
	W/O G. A. Woodhart				
	F/Sgt. W. D. Clark				
	F/Sgt. A. C? Beck?				
	F/Sgt. K.J. Hill				
	F/Sgt. W. F? Jary				
	Sgt. B. Crumbie				
Liberator FL935	F/O G. L. Boyle	Day P.R. of Sabang.	SGY	SGY	Good cover obtained
	Sgt. R. C. Clark		281031Z	290920Z	
	W/O V. H? Allen				
	P/O J. M? Roberts				
	P/O J. A. Fudge				
	W/O R. G? Bauer				
	W/O S. K? Heffer				
	F/Sgt. D. G. Allen				
	Sgt. J. M. McGerry				
Total operational hours flown during July 1944 : 558 hours 15 minutes.					

July 1944: Form 540 (Special Flight)

160 Sqn. special flight

Place	Date	Summary of events
Digri	15.7.44	Two aircrews attended refresher Course at Navigation School, 231 Group
Digri	20.7.44	Two special Operators, F/Sgt. Coles and F/Sgt. Ambler arrived from 192 Squadron U. K.
		F/Lt. J. W. Bradley returned from Sick Leave and resumed command of the Flight
		(Signed by J. W. Bradley, F/Lt., Officer Commanding, No. 160 Special Flight R.A.F.)

July, 1944: Form 541 (Special Flight)

160 Squadron Special Flight

Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
					There were no operations during the Month of July as both the Flights aircraft are on Major Inspections.
					Signed by F/Lt. J. W. Bradley

July 1944, Appendix 1

Appendix "A"

Aircraft Maintenance : July, 1944.

The following maintenance work was carried out during the Month of July, 1944 : -

9 Minor Inspections.

The Major Inspection on aircraft "G" was completed, time taken 23 days.

Fuel cells were changed on aircraft "J", "T" and "N".

Carburettor change and engine adjustment on No. 2 engine of aircraft "C".

Four propellers stripped and serviced (aircraft "G")

Engine repair (oil leak) Moth DP265.

Mainplane repair on Moth DP265.

Aircraft "P" of 354 Squadron : - Repairs to damaged tailplane, wing tip, and beam gun window.

Aircraft "M" of 200 Squadron: - Repairs to damaged and burn exhaust system, cowlings and deflectors of No. 1 engine.

Aircraft "H???" of 200 Squadron:- Minor inspection, two propellers stripped and serviced.

Engineering Officer

160 Squadron

July 1944, Appendix 2

Appendix "A"

Top Secret
Movement Order No. 3
Dated 18th July, 1944

Movement of No. 160 Squadron

Intention: To move personnel, aircraft, equipment and baggage of No. 160 Squadron, No. 73 Flying Control Section and G.R. Operations Room Staff from R.A.F. Station, Sigiriya, to R.A.F. Station Kankesanturai by road and air. The move to commence on 23rd July, 1944 and to be completed by 9th August, 1944.

Order of Move:

(i) Advance Party (Appendix 'A'). This party will leave Sigiriya at 07.30 hours on Sunday, 23rd July, arriving at K.K.S. at 17.30 hours on Sunday, 23rd July, 1944.

(ii) Main Party.
Section "A" (Appendix 'B'). This party will leave SGY at 07.30 hours on Monday, 31st July, arriving at K.K.S. at 17.30 hours.
Section "B" (Appendix 'C'). This party will leave SGY at 07.30 hours on Friday, 4th August, arriving at K.K.S. at 17.30 hours.

(iii) Rear Party. (Appendix 'D'). This party will leave SGY at 07.30 hours on Wednesday, 9th August, arriving at K.K.S. at 17.30 hours.

(iv) Air Party. (Appendix 'E'). This will consist of three sections, "A", "B", and "C", of four aircraft each, running a shuttle service between Sigiriya and Kankesanturai.

Section "A".	1.8.44. (a.m.) SGY to KKS return SGY (p.m.)
	2.8.44. (p.m.) SGY to KKS (p.m.) 4 A/C remain.
Section "B".	3.8.44. (a.m.) SGY to KKS return SGY (p.m.)
	4.8.44. (p.m.) SGY to KKS (p.m.) 4 A/C remain.
Section "C".	5.8.44. (a.m.) SGY to KKS return SGY (p.m.)
	6.8.44. (p.m.) SGY to KKS (p.m.) 4 A/C remain.

Administration:

I. Personnel.

Officers', W.O's and S.N.C.O's will have their kits ready, outside the Messes by 14,00 hours on the day previous to the move of their respective parties. Personnel of the Air Party will make their own arrangements to fit in with the move of the Road Parties.

Airmen will have their Kit Bags and Kit Boxes (airmen) ready for loading, outside the Airmen's Cookhouse by 14.00 hours on the day previous to the move of their respective parties. Personnel of the Air Party will make their own arrangements to fit in with the move of the Road Parties.

Labelling of Kits. All Kit Bags, Bedrolls, Kit Boxes etc., must be well secured and clearly labelled with the owner's Rank, Name and Number.

Roll Call will be taken on the day of the move of the respective parties. Corporals and A.C's will fall in outside the M.T. Section at 06.30 hours. Officers and S.N.C.O.s will await transport outside their Messes at 06.25 hours, which will convey them, with their bedding and small kit, to the Assembly Point. N.C.O.s i/c Parties will call the roll and note any absentees on an additional copy, stating the reason against their names. These nominal rolls will be handed to the S.W.O. prior to each party moving off from Sigiriya.

II. Baggage and Barrack Equipment.

Officers will be personally responsible for taking 1 mattress, 1 pillow, 1 pillow slip, 1 mosquito net, 2 blankets and 2 sheets.

W.O's, S.N.C.O.s and Airmen will take their Kit Boxes (airment), bedding on personal charge (mosquito net, 2 sheet and 1 blanket), together with any blankets on loan; 1 pillow and 1 pillow slip will also be taken. W.O.s and S.N.C.O.s will take mattresses, where held, in addition.

N.B. The above items of equipment are NOT available at K.K.S. All other billet equipment will be provided.

Airmen are to carry on their person mess tin or plate, knife, fork, spoon, mug and filled water bottle.

III. Meals.

Breakfast will be served at 06.00 hours on the respective days of the departure from Sigiriya.

Tiffin will be provided at 11.30 hours by Vavuniya on the respective days of the moves of the various Road

Parties.

Dinner will be served at 17.30 hours at Kankesanturai on arrival.

IV. Transport.

Advance Party Convoy will consist of : _

1 Articulator.

3 Thornycrofts.

4 3 Ton trucks.

These vehicles will return to Sigiriya on 25th July, 1944.

Main Party

Section "A" Convoy will consist of : -

1 Articulator.

6 Thornycrofts.

41 3 Ton trucks.

3 Bedford Refuellers.

1 Ford Oil Tanker.

1 Ford "Wrecker" Truck.

1 Jeep.

1 Truck (Radar Section).

The Searchlight Power Trailer will be towed by the Thornycroft carrying the searchlight.

These trucks will return to Sigiriya on 2nd. August, 1944.

Section "B" Convoy will consist of : -

1 Articulator.

5 Thornycrofts.

34 3 Ton trucks.

1 Ambulance.

1 Ford Fuel Tanker.

1 Charging Trailer)

1 Floodlight) Towed trailers.

1 Beacon.)

These trucks will return to Sigiriya on the 6th August, 1944.

Rear Party Convoy will consist of : -

1 Articulator.

5 Thornycrofts.

8 3 Ton trucks.

1 Workshop (Mobile)

1 Bedford Refueller towing oil bowser.

1 15cwt. (Maintenance).

A "Queen Mary" will convoy large items of equipment as required.

All convoys will assemble at, and move off from the M.T. Section. A Corporal D.M.T. will drive the first vehicle to control the speed and a Cpl. D.M.T. with a Fitter M.T. and tool kit will travel in the last vehicle of each convoy.

Sections will load the trucks allotted to them, on the day previous to the move of each party. These vehicles will be parked for the night on the open ground adjacent to the M.T. Section. The S.W.O. will ensure that sufficient personnel are added to the guard to patrol the loaded trucks efficiently.

Officers and S.N.C.O.s will ride with the driver in the front of the vehicles. Any vacant seats will be filled by Cpls. And A.C.s.

N.C.O. i/c M.T. Section will prepare a nominal roll, by number, rank, name, trade and parent unit, of all drivers in each convoy and hand it to the Officer in charge, who will pass it to No. 160 Squadron Orderly Room on arrival at K.K.S.

Officers i/c Convoys will make arrangements for a S.N.C.O. and a party of airmen to superintend the parking and patrolling of the loaded trucks at Vavuniya during Tiffin.

V. Discipline.

- (i) Loading and Unloading. All personnel will assist with the loading and unloading of vehicles at SGY and K.K.S.
- (ii) Barrack Equipment. No equipment, other than Office Furniture (correctly vouchered off charge from Sigiriya) is to be removed from SGY.
- (iii) Electrical Fittings. No electrical fittings, bulbs, etc., are to be removed from Billets, Messes or Offices.
- (iv) Rest Houses. No stops are to be made at Rest Houses en route from SGY to K.K.S.
- (v) Water Bottles. These are to be carried, filled, by all personnel travelling by road.
- (vi) Early Calls. N.C.O.s and Airmen i/c Bungalows are held responsible for booking an early call for one man, who will call the airmen who are travelling on that day.

Officers and N.C.O.s i/c Sections will ensure that all personnel are informed of the Party which they are travelling, and that they are conversant with the instructions contained in this order which concern them, such as parade times, conveyance of kt, etc.

G. R. Brady
Wing Commander, Commanding
No. 160 Squadron.

Appendix "A"
Advance Party

Officer i/c. F/Lt. S.M? Redmond. GD(N)
N.C.O. i/c. 509751 Sgt. Hutley, C. G. C.W.F.

Section					
Intelligence	F/O	?G.T.	B?oggon		
Accounts	F/O	C. D.	Berry	(P.U.- R.A.F. K.K.S.)	
	1001558	Cpl.	Cuthbert	W.D.	Clerk/P.A.
	1456021	AC.1.	Lewis	K.S.	"
M/T.	346901	W.O.	Nickson	J.C.	D.M.T.
	623079	Cpl.	Powell	A.J.	"
Navigation??	1808078	Sgt.	Perrrier		Con/Adt.
Electrical	1115353	Sgt.	Flower	J.?	Elect. I.
	1130678	Cpl.	Boyden	S?G.	"
Radar & Signals	Can.R.100931	Sgt.	Calder	D.L.	R/Mech.
	552710	Sgt.	Glass	R.J.	W.O.M.
"A", "B" and ??? Flights	1251834	Sgt.	Evans,	R?L.	F.II.E.
	964418	Sgt.	Shepherd	F.T.	F.II.E.
	1017667	Sgt.	Hartshorn	J.	F.II.A.
	1135139	LAC.	Evans	J.M.	C.S. & S.M.W?
???ty Equip.	1131307	LAC.	Cuttell	R.	S.E.A?
Photo	1286402	Cpl.	E?n?slie	J.B.	Photo.
Instrument	1315058	Cpl.	Guy	E.J.	I/Rep.I.
	1124603	LAC	Sankey	H.	" II.
Armory	1208192	Sgt.	Riley	R?A.	F/Arm/B.
	1075972	Cpl.	Scaife	W.	Armr/G.
	2201246	A.C.1.	Jones	W.	Arm/Asst.
	1348606	A.C.1.	Sher	L.	Arm/Asst.
Flying Control	1062602	Cpl.	Pennington	H.	ACH/G.D.)
	1021322	LAC	Cookson	?	ACH/G.D.) P.U.
	1381664	A.C.1.	Kelly	D.G.	R.T.O.) R.A.F.
	1480477	A.C.1.	H??w?ley	J.	ACH/G.D.) SGY
Discip. Office	935372	Sgt.	Loxley,	D.	ACH/G.D.
Officers Mess	750926	Cpl.	Hobson	L.F.	ACH/G.D.
Equipment?	1662851	LAC.	Coul?drey	B.	E/Asst.
	(P.U. Kankesanturai, ces. Att. Sigiriya.)				

Appendix "B"
Main Party - Section "A"

Officer i/c. F/Lt. J. N. Tinker. A&S.D.
N.C.O. i/c. 702078 Sgt. Wilcox. Clerk/G.D.

Officers 6. S.N.C.O.s. 3 O.R.s. 80
Plus 51 drivers. Plus C.G.A. Searchlight Crew.

Appendix "C"
Main Party - Section "B"

Officer i/c. S/L J. Kem?nite? (P.U. R.A.F. SGY)
N.C.O. i/c. 370681 Sgt. Knerle, J. H. ACH/G.D.

Officers 7. S.N.C.O.s 10 O.R.s 80
Plus 41 drivers.

Appendix "D"
Rear Party.

Officer i/c. F/O W? Sykes. (P.U. R.A.F. SGY)
N.C.O. i/c. 364557 W.O. Clark, S. j. Fitt.I.

S.N.C.O.s 5 O.R.s 39

Appendix "E"
Air Party
Officer i/c. S/Ldr. J. N. Stacey, D.F.C.

Officers 43. S.N.C.O.s 132 O.R.s 8?0

Nominal rolls of these Appendices to be issued later.

Appendix "F?"
Air Party

General. Sections "A", "B" & "C" of the Air Party will each be made up of two aircraft from A Flight and two aircraft from B Flight. Details of aircraft movements, and personnel and equipment being taken by each aircraft are listed in sub-section 1 and 2 of this Appendix.

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???? ?? Barrack Equipment -- by Air

Personnel travelling by air are to take with them: -

Officers - 1 small case containing small kit and sufficient clothing to last 4 or 5 days. 1 Mattress, 1 pillow slip, 1 mosquito net, 2 blankets and 2 sheets.

W.O's, S.N.C.O's and Airmen 1 small case with small kit and sufficient clothing to last 4 or 5 days. Bedding on personal charge (mosquito net, 2 sheets, 1 blanket) together with any blankets on loan; 1 pillow and 1 pillow cover will also be taken, W.O's and S.N.C.O's will take mattresses, where held.

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The scale is not to be exceeded under any circumstances. All mattresses are to left flat and not rolled.

Remained of Personal Baggage. The remainder of personal kit of personnel travelling by air is to be clearly labelled with the owner's number, rank and name and is to be handled as follows:

(a) Personnel travelling on 1st, 2nd and 3rd August.

Officers, W.O's, and S.N.C.O's to have their kits outside their respective messes by 14.00 hours on 30th July, 1944.
Airmen to have their kits outside the Airmen's Cookhouse by 14.00 hours on 30th July, 1944.

(b) Personnel travelling on 4th, 5th, and 6th August.

Officers, W.O's, and S.N.C.O's to have their kits outside their respective messes by 14.00 hours on 3rd August.
Airmen to have their kits outside the Airmen's Cookhouse by 14.00 hours on 3rd August.

3. Equipment.

All sections sending equipment by air are to label each item clearly in accordance with Sub-Section 1 and 2 of this appendix. This label is to show (i) Date of despatch (ii) Letter of Aircraft transporting (iii) Weight of items in LBS. This equipment is to be ready 24? hours before time scheduled for despatch and transport will collect it and on?? the day before it is due to leave.

4. Meals

Breakfast will be served at 07.00 hours in the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes and at 06.45 hours in the Airmen's Mess.

5. Transport.

Transport will call for personnel (and their kit going by air) as follows: -

Airmen's Mess - 0715 hours.

Proceeding via Sgt's and Officers' Messes, leaving the Officers' Mess not later than 07.55 hours.

6. Times of Departure

All aircraft will leave Sigiriya between 09.00 and 09.15 hours and return from K.K.S. between 11.35 and 11.45 hours on the dates detailed in Sub-Sections 1 and 2.

7. Passenger and Freight Lists.

Captains of aircraft will be responsible for making 2 copies of their passenger and freight lists. One of these is to be left in the Operations Room, SGY for collection by the S.W.O. and the other is to be taken to K.K.S. and handed to the N.C.O. i/c Flight or his deputy. Where applicable, these lists are to state clearly who is remaining at K.K.S. and who is returning to SGY.

Officer's and N.C.O's i/c Sections will be responsible for informing all personnel in their Section who are travelling by air, of the relevant orders contained in this Appendix.

August, 1944: Form 540

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Kankasanturai	August 1st		The commencement of this month finds the bulk of the ground staff and equipment At Kankasanturai. About half the airmen are under canvas and a temporary canteen has opened. The movement of personnel, A/C and stores by air as laid down in the Squadron Movement Order commences with the arrival of S/L Stacey and crew in A/C "N" BZ752 and will continue as laid down in that order. The strip is in excellent order and the top surface complete for 1700 yards. The dispersal area used temporarily was adequate and the Summerfield Track stood up to the heavy traffic on the neck leading to dispersal.
		0955	W/Cdr. Brady arrives at K.K.S. by air and assumes Command of the Station vice F/L Brown.
	2nd	0945 to 1600	W/Cdr. Departs by air to Sigiriya to attend the departure of Lord Louis Mountbatten and Staff for U.K. He returns to K.K.S. at the maginally noted time.
	4th		Brigadier General Pendugast - Officer in charge of Cochin Labour Pioneers et. - visits the C.O. with Capt. Tilly to discuss labour for buildings this Station
		0905	F/O Stapleford - Squadron Engineering Officer - arrives at K.K.S., the work of organising the move of equipment and spares from Sigiriya being completed so far as the Maintenance Section is concerned.
Sigiriya to Kankasanturai	5th	0735 to {sic}	"X" EW314 S/L Joy and Crew arrive from Sigiriya being the last A/C to complete the move which was completed on day sooner than had originally been intended.
Kankasanturai			A Football pitch was completed and the new League Fixtures are being arranged.
			The camp is by no means complete and some discomfort is caused by dust blown from the incomplete taxi track and dispersals. Difficulty is also experienced with surface water near showers and the Dining Hall there being no natural fall in the land and as yet no adequate soakage pits.
	7th		W/Cdr. Gildkrist - Medical Officer - from A.C. SEA, visits the C.O. and discusses the position regarding Oxygen and the health of aircrew.
			The Petrol situation which has previously been bad at K.K.S. is now better owing to the arrival of pumping equipment and piping. It still leaves much to be desired and heavy commitments such as those undertaken latterly at Sigiriya would not be possible here.
	8th		S/L Westwood visits the Station and inspects the Engineering Section with F/O Stapleford. He promises to provide shelter tents if they can be obtained from the Navy.
			S/L Tapper - Intelligence - discusses the possibility of leaflet raids over Japanese occupied territory using A/C of this Squadron.
	9th		The Rear Party arrive from Sigiriya thus completing the move at the date laid down in the Movement Order. It has been carried out with the minimum of dislocation and no trouble of a serious nature either with the A/C or M.T. and no damage to Equipment. On the whole personnel of the Squadron are satisfied with the new location and this applies especially to Flying Personnel.
			W/Cdr. Case visits C.O. and discusses the change over of Mk.6 Liberator to Mk.5, by this Squadron and the advisability of completing the runway to 25000 yards to make V.L.R. work possible.
			A Stinson Reliant from Minneriya lands here and is damaged - presumably by break {sic} seizure.
Kanchrapara	10th	0135 to 0815	"F" FL991 F/O Crawley and crew with F/Sgt. Clayton for the Maintenance Section fly to Kanchraparn to collect spares.
Kankasanturai Ratmalana		0825 to 1000 &	W/Cdr. Brady flies to Colombo with S/L Brown Station Admin Officer, to discuss establishment at K.K.S. with "P" Staff at 222 Group. He returns the same evening at

Ratmalana Kankasanturai		1720 to 1845	the marginally noted times.
	11th		F/O Swain from Group Welfare arrives and a meeting of the Sports and Welfare Officers at K.K.S. is held. It is decided that a joint committee be formed for all sports and welfare activities and that Sigiriya be asked to provide funds to start the 160 Squadron P.S.I. F/O Ayers is appointed Squadron Sports Officer, and F/O Knott Welfare Officer.
			After heavy rain during the night two A/C in the dispersal are bogged but are cleared without much difficulty. It is decided that square standings shall be made form Summerfield Track as soon as possible for all A/C.
			A Mosquito A/C lands at K.K.S. in error and proceeds next day to Ratmalana.
Kankasanturai	11th	2030 to 0930	"D" FL969 - F/O McNabb and Crew - take part in an Anti-Submarine Sweep. No enemy sightings but an S.O.S. is picked up from a dinghy. This dinghy is that belonging to the A/S Rescue Warwick of 292 Squadron which ditched of Trincomalee. The occupants were afterwards rescued.
	13th	0800 to 0850	"C" EV858 - F/O Dean and Crew - depart for St. Thomas, but return owing to engine trouble.
St. Thomas' Mt.		1035 to 1200	"O" EV893 - S/L Joy and Crew with F/L Trotter and crew - to St. Thomas to pick up Liberator Mk.5 allocated to 160 Squadron.
Kankasanturai		1515 to 1630	S/L Bedwell visits Filter Room Madras. S/L Joy returns the same evening and reaches K.K.S. at the marginally noted time.
			Four dysintery cases are conveyed by air to Ratmalana by F/O Sevos in A/C "C" EV858 returning the same evening. F/O Richards also conveyed suffering from Sunstroke. Regulation re- wearing of hats is being most rigidly enforced and all sections warned to take immediate disciplinary action.
St. Thomas' Mt.	14th	1515 to 1630	"M" BZ828 F/L Trotter and Crew fly their newly allotted Liberator Mk.V to K.K.S.
Kanchrapara K..K.S.		0935 1555	"F" FL991 F/O Crawley and Crew return from India with spares. A not very successful trip, much equipment demanded not being available.
	15th	0930	Catalina of 321 Squadron arrives with 16 Dutch Officers and N.C.Os for training prior to conversion to Liberators. Lt. Comd. Reyn??se is in charge of the party consisting of engineers, gunners and pilots.
St. Thomas' Mt. K.K.S.		0900 to 1020	"L" BZ826 F/O Dean and Crew having flown to India on 13th August with S/L Joy return with a new Liberator Mk.5.
Ratmalana	16th	0645 to 0805	"F" FL991 F/O Crawley and Crew fly to Ratmalana with ground staff of 160 Squadron to undertake a major inspection on this A/C at 145 RASU. The also take four members of this squadron including the Sports Officer to take part in the inter-service Tennis tournament at the Garden Club - Colombo.
K.K.S.		0950	Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton C in C Ceylon inspects the station with W/Cdr. Brady. After inspection he departs for the new hospital under construction at K.K.S. town. He promises to assist in expediting the installation of E.F.L. facilities.
			W/Cdr Brady attends a reception given for the C. in C. by the Government Agent at Jaffna.
		0730 to 1730	"C" EV858 P/O Jackson and crew take part in Exercise "Hopeful" with the Navy. A fairly successful exercise.
	17th		The petrol position being satisfactory and the crew position satisfactory a beginning is now being made with the intensive training in night flying which was so difficult at Sigiriya.
		1955 to 2100	"T" EV8223 W/O Hughes and crew on Night Circuits and Bumps.
	18th	1155 to 1555	"O" EV893 F/L Leeper and Crew on S.E. Homing with the Pinnacle, difficulties experienced with W/T. They are followed by "X" EW314 on the same practice at the marginally noted times.
		1400 to	And then by "O" again with F/O Dean and P/O Whitten and crews respectively with

		1805	better results as W/T now satisfactory.
		2005 to 2330	"X" EW314 with Captain P/O Jackson, F/O McNabb and F/L Leeper and their crews respectively do night training.
	19th	0100 to 1330	"D" FL969 W/O Hughes and Crew on Anti-Submarine "Hunt to Exhaustion" no enemy sightings.
	20th	0805 to 1305	"O" EV893 P/O Whitten and Crew on daylight S.E. Homing followed by S/L Stacey on the same exercise at M/n date and time.
	21st	0805 to 1320	
	21st		F/L Redmond goes by air to CBO to interview S/L Burrows re- Formation of a School of Synthetic Training.
	21st	1100 to 1610 1400 to 1900	"X" EW314 S/L Joy and Crew on successful S.E. Homing followed by "O" EV893 F/O McNabb and Crew on the same exercise at the marginally noted times.
	21st	1100	A Beaufighter from 47 Squadron en-route from India crashes in a lagoon 7 miles from this Station. An ambulance is sent but both pilot and observer are found to have been killed instantaneously and the machine is a total wreck. A guard is, however, posted to protect the remains of the A/C till R.S.U. take over. The bodies are removed to the Station Sick Quarters.
			The C.O.C. arrives with Col. Wanyes O.C. Admin. North, to inspect the new Hospital. Col. Wanyes discusses the provision of a Service Cemetery near Amuradhapura??.
		1950 to 2345	"X" EW314 F/O Ayers, F/O Crawley and F/O Servos with their crews continue program of night circuits and bumps.
	22nd		F/L Compton - Group Electrical Officer - visit the Station with F/L Hock - Group Bombing Leader.
			W/Cdr. David flies from Minneriya and visits the C.O. W/Cdr. David is to take Command of F.A.F. Station K.K.S. in the near future.
		1600	The two officers of the crashed Beaufighter are buried in the CofE Cemetery at Jaffna. S/L Chapman CofE Chaplain from Vavundya conducts the service. A Service funeral is accorded them with the pall bearers, firing party and escort provided by this Station. Photographs were taken for despatch to their parent Unit. The name of the pilot F/L Smith and the observer W/O Grinshaw.
		2000 to 2355	"H" EV889 S/L Stacey, S/L Joy and F/O Dean with their crews continue Night Flying Training.
		2000	An Army Mobile Cinema shows the film "Thank Your Lucky Stars" to about 300 BORs and AC) Cochin Labour personnel.
	24th	0810 to 1950	"G?" EV821 F/O Ayers and Crew on S.E. Homing forced to return to base owing to S.E. going U/S.
			S/L Stacey visits 222 Group to discuss training, returning the same day.
			The Group Accountant Officer - S/L Jack - checks the Non-Public Funds. A grant from Sigiriya to be made available for the P.S.I. of 160 Squadron.
			G/Capt. King and Commander Van Prooyen O. C. of the Dutch Catalina Squadron, visit the C.O. from China Bay.
		1130 & 1355 to 1600 & 1835	"H" EV889 and "G?" EV821 with W/O Hughes and F/O Crawley and their crews carry out two very successful S.E. Homing Exercises on the Pinnacle.
		2000 to 2225	Night Training is continued in the above mentioned A/C by F/L Trotter and P/O Whitten and crews.
			S/L Filson-Young - officer commanding 47 Squadron visits the Station to inquire into the Beaufighter crash and to see that funeral arrangements were satisfactory. Relevant papers etc. shown to him.
	25th		S/L Davies - A.M.M.D. and a S/L Dental visit the Station also the Group Cypher

			Officer.
			W/Cdr. Roberts from 10GROPS discusses operational plans with the C.O. - W/Cdr. Brady and S/L Stacey.
		1005 to 1125	"T" EV823 F/L Leeper with F/S Pynes? on Training dual Circuits and bumps. The presence of so many experienced pilots from training commenced in Canada will be very advantageous for our second pilots.
		0800 1320 1100 & 1120 to 1150 1615 1400 1910	"G" {transcription note-- definitely G} EV821 P/O Whittan and Crew on S.E. Homing. "L" BZ825 S/L Joy and crew have to return from S.E. Homing owing to a petrol leak. "H" EV889 F/O Ayers on a very successful S.E. Homing Practice followed by "L" BZ825 with F/L Leeper and crew, also good.
			Col. Laird and Capt. Martin both of E.F.I visit the C.O. and arrange for expediting the opening of the Station Canteen.
	27th	0645 to 1620	"L" BZ825 P/O Whitten and Crew on Ops. Sweep with consumption test S.W. of the island. Good S.E. contacts but fuel consumption rather too high.
		1010 1115 1135 1235	"G" EV821 S/L Stacey with F/O Stubbs on Dual Circuits and bumps followed by F/L Netherton training F/O McPhail in the same A/C at the marginally noted times they practice cross-wind landings.
		2000 to 2010	The same A/C with F/L Netherton and F/O Jones with their crews continue Night Flight Training.
	28th	0810 to 0915 0915 1100	"T" EV823 P/O Jackson and Crew on a Successful Fighter Affiliation with Spitfires. The same exercise continued by "X" EW314 F/L Netherton and Crew.
			The S.M.O. visits the Station with W/Cdr. Peel O.C. The Mobile Hospital Unit which will be accommodated here until they take over the hospital at K.K.S. Village.
			W/Cdr. Young arrives to investigate W/O Stow's crash at Sigiriya.
			W/Cdr. Morris O.C. the Mosquito Squadron at China Bay inspects the strip and facilities on this Station with W/Cdr. Brady.
	29th	0755 1315 1430 to 1500 1105 to 1650	"T": EV823 F/O Jones carries out a successful S.E. Homing with the Pinnacle, followed by F/O Ayers in the same A/C. Homed on friendly submarine. "M" BZ828 F/L Netherton on above exercise without good results.
	29/30th	2030 to 0250	"O" EV893 P/O Whittan on a successful {sic}
	30th	0825 to 1035	"X" EW314 F/O Ayers and crew on a good fighter affiliation exercise with Spitfires.
		0955 to 1125	"T" EV823 F/L Leeper with P/O cushman on dual Training circuits and bumps followed by S/L Joy training W/O Soarr. Both second pilots show good progress.
		1400	W/Cdr. David arrives at K.K.S.
			F/L Leeper in the Harvard on A/S rescue search for 2 Army personnel adrift in a small craft. No sighting but boat picked up later by a Naval Launch.
	30th		W/Cdr. David assumes Command of R.A.F. Station, Kankesanturai vice W/Cdr. Brady.
Kankesanturai Madras	31st	0800 0940	"J" EV824 P/O Jackson and Crew take their Mk.VI Liberator to 200 Squadron for exchange with a Mk.V.
Kankesanturai		0805 to 1315	"H" EV8889 F/L Leeper and Crew on a good Homing Exercise.
			The Harvard flies to Ratmalana (145RSU) with spares for overhaul of A/C FL991.

		0815 to 0910	"G" EV821 S/L Stacey with F/O Servos on Second Pilot Training Circuits and Bumps.
		0835 to 1045	"O" EV893 W/O Hughes and Crew on Fighter Affiliation Exercises with Spitfires from 81 Squadron are much better than those with Spitfires based at Ratmalana. Far better co-operation from attacking pilots.
		1110 to 1620	"G" EV821 S/L Joy and Crew. Good S.E. Homing Exercise but ground W/T very inefficient.
		1945 to 2100	"C?" P/O Whitten on Night Flying Training. A/C went U/S after 1 hour.
			Though hampered by some lack of serviceability: night training has been fairly well maintained during the latter part of this month but it is hoped to improve still further in September and also to continue dual training.
			For Maintenance work during August - See Appendix 'A' attached.

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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
Night 11/12th August, 1944.					
Liberator FL969	F/O H. F? McNabb	A/S Patrol	KAN	KAN	No enemy sightings
	F/O R. B. Rowley		111400Z	120255Z	
	F/Sgt. J Read				
	F/Sgt. P. S. Barton				
	Sgt. H. Holgate				
	Sgt. R. V. O? Goodfellow				
	Sgt. I. G. J. Gough				
	F/Sgt. F. F?oden				
	P/O R. K? Bonham?				
Night 18/19th August, 1944.					
Liberator FL969	W/O F. Hughes	A/S Patrol	KAN	KAN	No enemy sightings
	F/Sgt. R. D. Miller		181835Z	190703Z	
	F/Sgt. J. W. Burley				
	F/Sgt. A. G. Smith				
	F/Sgt. R. W. Wittmann				
	F/Sgt. M. M. Howlin				
	F/Sgt. G. P. Barratt				
	F/Sgt. J. Hume				
	F/Sgt. D? K. Barnard				
Day 27th August, 1944.					
Liberator BZ826	P/O L. N. Whitten	Consumption Test & A/U Sweep	KAN	KAN	No enemy sightings
	P/O J. D. Brown		270014Z	2709?51Z	
	P/O B. K?ooyman??				
	Sgt. K? N. Pahiner??				
	Sgt. T. A. Stevens				
	Sgt. C. H. Cameron				
	Sgt. W. J. West				
	Sgt. F. Moore				
	F/Sgt. L. T. Sutton				
Total operational hours during August 1944 : 35 Hours.					

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Maintenance, August 1944

The following work was carried out during the month of August, 1944 : -

.5 Beam Gun assembly transferred from aircraft "H" to aircraft "N"

.303 Beam Gun Assembly transferred from aircraft "N" to aircraft "H"

.5 Nose gun fitted to nose of aircraft "N".

A.S.G. {??}. Aerials fitted to Aircraft "L" & "M".

Fuel cells changed on aircraft "C"

Two Superchargers changed on aircraft "L".

Fuel cells changed on aircraft "G".

Fuel cells changed on aircraft. "L".

Engineering Officer
160 Squadron.

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Kankasanturai	1st	0830 & 0935 to 1030 & 1145	"X" EW314 S/L Joy and crew followed by "?" FL?935 with F/O McNabb take part in a very successful Fighter Affiliation exercise with Spitfires.
		1120	"C?" BZ900 ¹ P/O Thomlinson and ferry crew take this Mk.VI to India for replacement by Mk.V.
			S/L McCarthy - D.A.P.M. - and F/L Williams - Group Gunnery Leader arrive by air. S/L McCarthy adds the police at present employed at Filter Room to main station police section. F/L Williams discusses training returning to Colombo the same evening.
		1250	S/L Stacey to Ratmalana by air in "G" EV821 to arrange details for majors undertaken by 145 R&SU.
	1st 2nd 1/2	1945 to 0045 2230 & 0145 to 0345 & 0630	"X" EW314 F/O Dean and crew do an S.E. Homing exercise on the Pinnacle followed by "G" EV821 with F/L Netherton and W/O Hughes in "X" again at the marginally noted times. All exercises successful though "G" had some trouble location pinnacle due to the proximity of a convoy.
Madras Kankasanturai	2nd	1000 to 1130	"C" BZ900 P/O Jackson and crew fly this Mark V reinforcement aircraft to K.K.S. from 200 Squadron.
			S/L Joy to Ratmalana by air returning the same day conveying S/L M?ades - Command Photographic Officer - who with W/Cdr. Ratcliffe - Group Intelligence Officer - and F/L Charles - Group Photographic Officer - arrive by air and discuss the detachment of Photographic Liberators to China Bay to work with the Mosquito Squadron there in reconnaissance of Sumatra and Simular.
	3rd		This Sunday a Church Service is held to commemorate the Declaration of War and its fifth anniversary.
	4th		A Catalina from China Bay brings further technical personnel to K.K.S. from 321 Squadron for training. These Dutch Officers and N.C.O.s have been extremely keen to learn from our different sections and their presence has been very welcome.
			An attempt is made to remove two Aircraft bogged in the grass dispersal after recent thunder showers. Slight damage is caused to "N" BZ752 nose before it is moved to the permanent hard standing which have just been completed.
Kankasanturai Addu Atoll	5th	0900 & 0905 to 1545 & 1550	"M" BZ828 and "D" FL969 with S/L Joy and F/O Dean respectively carry out an Anti-submarine sweep landing at Addu Atoll remaining there for further operations. No enemy sightings. They take their ground crew with them also F/L Netherton and crew as spare crew. They are billeted and rationed by the Navy at Addu.
Kankasanturai	5th		F/L Fry ex Astro Navigator Instructor from G.R.&A.N. School arrives at K.K.S. on posting as Squadron Navigation Officer.
			S/L Poole - Command Radar Officer - visits K.K.S. and discusses crew training with F/O Carroll and also discusses points raised in the recent comparison of Radar Results shown by 354 Squadron and this Squadron.
Kankasanturai Addu Atoll	6th	0155 to 0855	"L" BZ825 P/O Crawley and Crew on anti submarine sweep landing at Addu Atoll to reinforce the detachment.
Addu Atoll		1920 1925 & 1930 to	"M" BZ828, "L" BZ825 and "D" FL969 with S/L Joy, F/L Netherton and F/O Dean and their crews respectively take part in an Anti-Submarine sweep. Bad weather and no enemy sightings.

¹ This is probably not BZ900 but -----; see Aug. 2nd; BZ900 is the Mk.V. replacement.

		0745 0755 & 0850	
Kankasanturai China Bay	7th	1535 1625	"T" EV823 W/C Brady and Crew to China Bay to arrange for the Photographic Detachment.
Kankasanturai			"S" FL935 detailed to proceed to China Bay P.M. is unable to leave being bogged in the grass dispersal. Finally extricated at 1930 hours without damage.
Addu Atoll	7/8	1945 to 0730	"L BZ826 F/O Crawley and crew on Anti-Sub. X-Over Patrol No enemy sightings.
K.K.S./China Bay	8th	0930 to 1025	"S" FL935 F/O Jones and Crew fly to China Bay on detachment.
China Bay/ K.K.S.		1115 to 1210	"T" EV823 W/C Brady returns to K.K.S.
Kankasanturai			W/C Jay - Group Training Officer - and F/L Williams - Gunnery - visits the Station. S/L Stacey discusses the man power situation and stresses the fact that the provision of 2 straight Air Gunners in the crew of our Aircraft with a mid-upper turret is unnecessary. Also points out that this Squadron are short of Wop/Air gunners.
			A Catalina from 321 Squadron picks up the Dutch personnel who have completed their training here.
Kankasanturai	8th	1950 to 2155	"T" EV823 W/O Hughes on Night Flying.
Addu Atoll	8/9th	1940 to 0740	"M" BZ828 F/O Dean and Crew on a Cross-Over Anti Submarine patrol. No enemy sightings.
Kankasanturai	9th	0655 to 1655	"C" BZ900 F/O Ayers on Anti Submarine Sweep combined with Consumption Test. Results good consumption : 140.
		1030 to 1220	"T" EV823 F/O Waterfield and Crew. A new pilot and crew doing familiarization and orientation.
		2000 to 2100	"O?" EV893 P/O Whitten and Crew on Night Flying Training.
Addu Atoll	9/10th	1930 to 0750	"M" EV828 S/L Joy and Crew on Anti-Submarine patrol. No enemy sightings.
Kankasanturai	10th	0110 to 0150	"T" EV823 F/L Trotter and Crew on an Abortive Submarine affiliation exercise. Aircraft goes U/S and a successful emergency landing made on strip.
KKS/China Bay		0940 to 1030	"O?" EV893 W/C Brady conveys ground crew to detachment.
Addu Atoll	10/11th	1930 to 0730	"D" FL969 F/O Crawley on an Anti Submarine Sweep. No enemy sightings, but on approach to the strip the Aircraft struck a marine target installed by the Army for gunnery practice tearing away portions of the bomb doors and cat-walk. However, no serious damage was done and the Aircraft made a successful landing. An investigation is still proceeding.
KKS/Addu Atoll	11th	0435 to 1000	"N" BZ752 F/L Trotter and Crew carry out an Anti-Submarine Sweep and proceed to reinforce the Addu Atoll Detachment. No enemy sightings.
Addu Atoll/KKS		1100 to 1640	"L" BZ824 F/O Dean and Crew Carry out Anti submarine sweep and returns to K.K.S.
Kankasanturai	11th		Today the wind changed to N.E. for the first time this season. It is obvious that the S.W. end of the runway will have to be much improved before the monsoon or regular landing will render it U/S. It is at present insufficiently consolidated and rather rutted where the Aircraft have turned.
		2000 to 2100	"XorY?" BZ889 F/O McNabb and Crew on Night Flying Training.
KKS/ Ratmalana	12th	0730 to 0905	"K" FS798 Harvard - W/C David to Colombo.
Kankasanturai		0945 to 1058	"O?" EV893 F/O Servos followed by S/L Stacey give training to R/L Redmond and Sgt. Clark second pilot.
Ratmalana/		1515 to	"K" FS798 Harvard W/C David returns.

KKS		1700	
Kankasanturai			A Mitchell of 684 Squadron arrives to collect F/O Knight fire controller fo F/O Jackson's crew detached at China Bay and also to collect spares.
			F/O Grande - Sigs(Radar) ceases to be attached to this Squadron and returns to 222 Group.
		1950 to 2150	"O?" EV893 F/O Servos on Night Flying Training.
China Bay	13th	0155 to 1610	"S" FL9175 F/O Jones and Crew on a Night Photographic sortie to Simalur. Unsuccessful due to bad weather.
KKS/ Addu Atoll		0720 to 1335	"H" EV889 S/L Stacey and Crew carry out an Anti-Submarine Sweep and proceed to Addu Atoll. S/L Stacey is to enquire into the accident to A/C "D".
Kankasanturai KKS/China Bay China Bay/KKS		1050 to 1220 1420 to 1520 1725 to 1825	"O?" EV893 F/O Ayers gives F/L Redmond dual flying instruction. The above Aircraft piloted by F/O Whitten then proceeds to China Bay returning at the marginally noted time.
China Bay/KKS	15th	1735 to 1825	"S" FL935 P/O Jackson and Crew return to K.K.S. for a Minor inspection.
Kankasanturai	15th	0930 to 0950	"O" EV893 F/O Waterfield and Crew on Circuits and Bumps.
Addu Atoll/KKS		1120 & 1120 to 1555 & 1625	"M" BZ828 and "N" BZ752 with S/L Joy and F/L Netherton and crews respectively take off from Addu Atoll and carry out an Anti-Submarine patrol while returning to K.K.S. from detachment.
Kankasanturai		0830	A parade of all those not on essential duty was held in front of Station Headquarters. Personnel were formed in a hollow square and an address read by the Station Commander commemorating the anniversary of the "Battle of Britain".
			S/L Burrows - Group Navigation Officer - arrives by air with S/L Ashe - Command Intelligence Officer -.
			S/L Burrows is requested to press for the amendment of this Squadron's establishment to provide for 2 Compass Adjusters.
KKS/China Bay	16th	1700 to 1745	"S" FL935 F/O Jackson. The minor completed "S" is flown back to China Bay.
Kankasanturai	17th	1120 to 1140 1140 to 1230	"O?" EV893 S/L Joy gives F/L Redmond Dual Instruction. P/O Reynolds as second pilot. F/L Redmond does solo flying.
			This is "Battle of Britain" Sunday and there is a large attendance at a service conducted by S/L Higgins RCAF Chaplain. There is a collection for the RAF Benevolent Fund and an address is read by the Squadron C.O. W/C Brady.
	19th	0930	"O?" EV893 W/O Hughes and Crew take this Aircraft to Pallan for a Night Photographic Test and the installation of special cameras by S/L Eades.
		2000 2115 & 2225 2330	"O?" EV893 Night Flying Training by P/O Whitten followed by F/O Ayers in the same aircraft.
Addu Atoll/KKS	20th	1015 to 1540	"M?" EV889 F/L Trotter and Crew carry out an Anti-Submarine Sweep while returning to K.K.S. from detachment.
Kankasanturai		1025 to 1210	"O" EV893 F/O Servos and Crew on A/S Bombing Practice. This is the first time the new range of Jaffna Lagoon has been used. Fair results.
			F/L Crossly Tech(E) arrives on posting in place of F/O Stapleford posted to 145 R.A.S.U.
China Bay	21st	0200 to 1645	"S" FL935 P/O Jackson and Crew carry out an unsuccessful Daylight P.R. sortie over Simalur, very bad weather. 30,000 Leaflets dropped over the target area.

Kankasanturai		0935	W/C Brady goes by air to Ratmalana to attend an Airfield Lighting Conference at 222 Group with W/C Case.
			P/O Thistle - Sigs Radar arrives on posting supernumerary to this Squadron.
		1015 to 1200	"H" EV889 F/O McNabb and Crew on A/S Bombing. The target is found to be rather small but results are fair.
Addu Atoll/ Ratmalana		1230 to 1615	"D" FL969 S/L Stacey and Crew with F/O Stapleford and ground crew return from Addu with ground crew having completed temporary repairs. They take "D" to 145 RASU for inspection and complete repair, having carried out an Anti-Submarine Sweep while returning.
Kankasanturai		2000 2120 & 2230 to 2100 2215 & 2345	"O" EV893 with S/L Joy, F/L Trotter, and F/O Waterfield and their crews respectively carry out Night Flying Training. A strong cross-wind.
	22nd	0930 to 1105	"O" EV893 F/O Servos give Sgt. Clark dual instruction. Great improvement shown.
		1000 to 1200	"H" EV889 P/O Whitten and Crew on A/S Bombing.
Ratmalana C.Bay C.Bay/KKS		1005 to 1120 1445 to 1545	W/C Brady leaves Colombo for China Bay and returns to K.K.S. at the marginally noted time by Harvard.
Kankasanturai			P/O Porter? Tech (A) arrives at K.K.S. on posting as Squadron Armament Officer. An experienced officer from Bomber Command he should be very useful here.
		1950	Night flying had to be abandoned after five minutes owing to thunder.
	23rd	1010 to 1150	"H" EV889 F/L Trotter and Crew on A/S Bombing.
		1430 to 1810	W/C Brady to China Bay and returns in the Harvard.
		1955 to 2025	"O" EV893 P/O Whitten on Night Flying training. After 20 minutes one engine went U/S and pilot made a 3 engine landing.
		2135 to 2210 2225 to 2325 2340 to 2350	"H" EV889 P/O Whitten continues training followed by F/O Waterfield and crew in the same aircraft at the marginally noted times. He was again followed by F/L Trotter and crew who finished early owing to bad weather.
	24th	1000 to 1250	"H" EV889 F/L Trotter give flying instruction to 2nd Pilots. P/O Reynolds and F/O Millard.
		0730	F/L Trotter to Colombo by air for interview by A/Commodore Reynolds.
		0935 to 1115	"Y" BZ889 F/O McNabb on local flying and a survey of the Kaiaitina area.
		0955 to 1110 1125 to 1225	"O" EV893 F/O Servos gives instruction to 2nd Pilot P/O Smith and instructs 2nd Pilot P/O Rowley in the same Aircraft at the marginally noted time.
			Today the area having been dried by high winds the last 2 Aircraft "V" & "G" are removed from the grass dispersal where they have been bogged for some time. Although the full number of hard standings are not completed there is now ample space for existing aircraft. Flight Tents and Stores are removed from the field and the area turned over to A.M.W.D. to commence the building of the 2 hangers.
Kankasanturai	24th		F/O Peuleve and P/O Thistle both leave for Radar Courses i India. P/O Thistle for Airborne Radar Course at Gaya and F/O Peuleve for No.51 Radar School at Bangalore. F/O Stapleford leaves on posting to 145 R.&S.U.

		1955 & 2155 to 2100 & 2200	"O" EV893 F/L Trotter followed by S/L Joy and crews carry out Night Flying Training.
China Bay	26th	0030 to 1600	"S" FL935 F/O Jones and Crew carry out a most successful day P.R. of Simalur Island.
Kankasanturai		0845 to 1140 1150 to 1650	"Y" BZ889 F/L Trotter carry out Radar Homing with the Pinnacle. S.E. went U/S. They are followed by: "N" BZ752 F/O McNabb on the same exercise and then "G" EV821 with P/O Whiten both of whom had fair results until bad weather made P/O Whitten return early.
Kankasanturai	26th		W/C Carr - Group Plans Officer - visits Station on his initial visit to Squadron since taking over from W/C Thunder.
		1950 to 2050 2155 to 2300	"Y" BZ889 P/O Servos & Crew o Night Flying Training followed by "O" EV893 S/L Joy and Crew.
	27th 0915 to 1540	"X" EW314 S/L Joy	"X" EW314 S/L Joy carries out a successful calibration flight of the HF/DF.
KKS/ Ratmalana Ratmalana/ KKS		0930 to 1510 1705 to 1825	"O" EV893 F/O Sevov takes an extra crew to Ratmalana via China Bay to collect A/C "D" from 145 R&SU. S/L Stacey returns to KKS in this aircraft at the marginally noted times.
		???? to 2105 2325	"T" EV823 and "G" EV821 F/O McNabb and F/L Trotter and their crews do night Flying Training.
Kankasanturai Ratmalana	28th	0910 1010	"V" FL936 W/C Brady to China Bay for this A/C to be painted blue for reinforcement to the P.R. detachment.
Ratmalana/ KKS		1315 to 1515	"F" FL991 F/O Servos Returns with "F" on completion of Major at 145 R&SU, he picks up W/C Brady and crew of "V" at China Bay en route.
Kankasanturai		2000 to 2125	"G" EV821 P/O Waterfield on Night Flying Training.
	29th 29/30	1850 to 0045 2150 to 0350	"O" EV893 S/L Joy and Crew on abortive Submarine Affiliation. Submarine overdue. S/L Joy is followed by F/L Trotter in "G" EV821 on the same exercise with good results.
	30th	0700 to 1630	"L" BZ826 BZ826 F/O Servos and Crew on a combined Anti-Submarine Sweep with consumption test, on the Southern shipping lanes. No sightings but a good test.
			Group/Capt. Watson and W/C Downing - Group Signals Officers - arrive by air from Vavuniya. G/Capt. Watson is to be Group Signals Officer in place of W/C Downing posted to S.E.A.C.
			This months night has been curtailed by bad storms building up nearly every evening, however it has been a good month for training in general Bombing and submarine affiliation, Radar homing and fighter affiliation have taken place while some second pilot training has been done. The two detachments have been useful and it is hoped that all P.R. work will continue to be done from China Bay in the future.
			Football has been popular this month though no outside matches have been played. The league competition was won by Maintenance.
			For Maintenance Work done during September: See Appendix "A" Attached.
			For details of Addu Atoll detachment: See Appendix "B" attached.

September 1944: Form 541

160 Squadron

Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
Day 5th September, 1944					
Liberator FL969 ("D/160")	F/OJ. D. Dean?	A/U Patrol Lanes to Gan	KAN	GAN	No enemy sightings
	F/OV. ? Lilienthal?		050234Z	0509123Z	
	W/O T. O. P. Baker				
	W/O D. J. S. Walker- Redmond				
	W/O L. C. Colborne				
	F/Sgt. H. Tite?				
	F/Sgt. W. N? Harris				
	Sgt. T. R. Linnard?				
Liberator BZ828? ("M/160")	S/L D. G. M. Joy	A/U Patrol via Shipping Lanes to Gan	KAN	GAN	No enemy sightings
	P/O W H. Reynolds		050231Z	050921Z	
	P/O J. D. A. Robertson				
	P?/O R. L. Freeman				
	P?/O R. J. Carroll				
	F/Sgt. P. R. Atscott?				
	F/Sgt. C? N. M. Fisher				
	F/Sgt. E? J? Macdonald				
	Sgt. G. P Brown				
Night 5th/6th September, 1944.					
Liberator BZ826? ("L/160")	F/O ? J. Crawley	A/U Patrol via Shipping Lanes to Gan	KAN	GAN	No enemy sightings
	F/O K. O? Richards		051930Z	060220Z	
	P/O N? H. Hill				
	F/Sgt. G. V. Co?llagham				
	W/O D. K? Wright				
	F/Sgt. L. G. Horton				
	F/Sgt. L. G? Jones??				
	Sgt. H J. Langton				
Night 6th/7th September, 1944.					
Liberator FL969 ("D/160")	F/O J. D. Dean	A/S Sweep	GAN	GAN	No enemy sightings
	F/O V. J. Lilienthal?		061255?Z	07216Z	
	F/Sgt. P. M. Scansell??				
	W/O T. ? P. Baker				
	W/O D. J. H? Walker- Redmond				
	W/O L. C. Colborne				
	F/Sgt. H. Tite				
	F/Sgt. W. N. Harris				
	Sgt. T. R? Lissard??				
Liberator BZ826 ("L/160")	F/L I? H. Netherton	A/S Sweep	GAN	KAN	No enemy sightings
	P?/O G. D. McPhail		061250Z	070105Z	
	F/O D. G? Muir				
	F/Sgt. F? J. C. Gorman?				
	F/Sgt. A. J. Reading				
	F/Sgt. G. A. H?opkins				

	F/Sgt. K? ? Stratford				
	F/Sgt. J. Delahunt?				
	Sgt. E? Williams				
Liberator BZ828? ("M/160")	S/L D. G. M. Joy	A/S Sweep	GAN	GAN	No enemy sightings
	P/O W. H? Reynolds		061240Z	070100Z	
	P/O J. D. A. Robertson				
	F/O R. L? Freeman				
	F/O R. J. Carroll				
	F/Sgt. P. R. Aracott??				
	F/Sgt. C? M? M? Fisher				
	F/Sgt. J? E? Macdonald?				
	Sgt. G. P. Brown?				
Night 7th/8th September, 1944					
Liberator BZ826 ("L/160")	F/O ? J. M. Crawley	A/S Cross-Over	GAN	GAN	No enemy sightings
	F/O K. G? Richards	Patrol	071315Z	080100Z	
	F/Sgt. G. V. Callaghan?				
	W/O D. E? Wright				
	F/Sgt. I? C? Jansen				
	Sgt. I. G. Horton				
	Sgt. H. J. Langton				
Night 8th/9th September, 1944.					
Liberator BZ828 ("M/160")	F/O J. D. Dean	A/S Cross-Over	GAN	GAN	No enemy sightings
	F/O V. J. Lilienthal?	Patrol	081210Z	090100Z	
	F/Sgt. P. M. Scannell??				
	W/O T. ? P. Baker				
	W/O D. J. H? Walker-Redmond				
	F/Sgt. H. Tite				
	F/Sgt. L. C. Colborne				
	F/Sgt. W. N. Harris				
	Sgt. T. R? Linnard??				
Day 9th September, 1944.					
Liberator BZ900 ("C/160")	F/O R. H. Ayers	A/U Patrol & Consumption Test	KAN	KAN	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. J. J. Bates		090025Z	091025Z	
	F/Sgt. H. W. Burley				
	F/Sgt. J. N. Coates				
	F/Sgt. M. M. Howlin				
	F/Sgt. M. Bembrick				
	F/Sgt. A. J. Smith				
	F/Sgt. S. S. Willetts				
	F/Sgt. D. M. Bannister				
Night 9th/10th September, 1944.					
Liberator BZ828 ("M/160")	S/L D. G. M. Joy	A/U Patrol	GAN	GAM	No enemy sightings.
	P/O W. H. Reynolds		091258Z	100121Z	
	P/O J. D. A. Robertson				
	F/O R. L. Freeman				
	F/O R. J. Carroll				
	F/Sgt. P. R. Aracott				
	F/Sgt. C. N. M. Fisher				
	F/Sgt. J. E? MacDonald?				
	Sgt. G. P Brown				
Night 10th/11th September, 1944.					

Liberator FL969 ("D/160")	F/O E. J. M. Crawley	A/U Patrol	GAN	GAN	No enemy sightings.	
	F/O K. O. Richards		101300Z	110102Z		
	P/O N. H. Hall					
	F/Sgt. G. V. Calaghan					
	W/O D. K? Wright					
	F/Sgt. I. G. Janson					
	Sgt. I. G. Horton					
	Sgt. H. J. Langton					
Day 11th September, 1944.						
Liberator BZ752 ("N/160")	F/L S. H. Trotter	A/U Patrol via Shipping Lanes to GAN	KAN	GAN	No enemy sightings.	
	F/O L? M. Millard		102205Z	114004Z		
	Sgt. I. R? Edmiston?					
		F/Sgt. A. J. Bourne				
		F/Sgt. O. N. Sykes				
		F/Sgt. L? A. Row				
		F/Sgt. R. Wodland				
	Sgt. H K? Brand?					
	Sgt. J. W. Menzies?					
Liberator BZ826 ("L/160")	F/O J. D. Dean	A/U Patrol	GAN	KAN	No enemy sightings.	
	F/O V. Lilienthal		110438Z	111016Z		
	F/Sgt. P. M. Scannell					
		W/O T. O. P. Baker				
		W/O D. J. S. Walker- Redmond				
		W/O L. C. Colborne				
		F/Sgt. H. Tite				
	F/Sgt. W. N. Harris					
	Sgt. T. R. Linnard?					
Day 13th September, 1944.						
Liberator FL935 ("S/160")	F/O L. R. Jones	P.R. of Simalur	CBA	CBA	Abortive P.R. trip owing to weather.	
	F?O D. C. Nightingale		121925Z	130938Z		
		F/O R. H? Bonham				
		P/O A. G. Gronew				
		F/Sgt. W. G. Norfolk				
		F/Sgt. G. A. O'Connor				
		F/Sgt. H. A. Hughes				
	W/O E? S. Wiltshire					
	Sgt. T. Williams					
Liberator EV889 ("H?/160")	S/L J. N. Stacey	Transit & A/S Sweep	KAN	GAN	No enemy sightings.	
	F/O G. W. Guy		130050Z	130705Z		
		F/O J. F. Patterson				
		Sgt. J. R. Burgess				
	Sgt. E. MacDonald					
	Sgt. G. A. Goettler??					
Day 15th September, 1944.						
Liberator BZ828 ("M/160")	S/L D. G. M. Joy	Transit & A/S Sweep	GAN	KAN	No enemy sightings.	
	P/O W. H. Reynolds		150445Z	150922Z		
		P/O J. D. A. Robertson				
		F/O F. L. Freeman				
		F/O R. J. Carroll				
		F/Sgt. P. R. Arscott?				
		F/Sgt. C. N. M. Fisher				
	F/Sgt. ??? Mac?Donald					
	Sgt. G. P. Brown					

Liberator BZ752 ("N/160")	F/L L. H. Netherton	Transit & A/S Sweep	GAN	KAN	No enemy sightings.
	P?/O G? D. McPhail		150450Z	151005Z	
	F/O D. G. Muir				
	F/Sgt. P? J. Gorman??				
	F/Sgt. A. J. Reading				
	F/Sgt. G? A. Hopkins				
	F/Sgt. K? K. Stratford				
	F/Sgt. J. Delahunt?				
	Sgt. K. Williams				
Day 20th September, 1944.					
Liberator EV889 ("H/160")	F/L S. H. Trotter	Transit & A/S Sweep	GAN	KAN	No enemy sightings.
	F/L L. M. M?illard		200345Z	200912Z	
	Sgt. I. E? Edad??ston				
	F/Sgt. A. J. Bourne				
	F/Sgt. O. N. Sykes				
	F/Sgt. L. A. Ro???				
	F/Sgt. R. Woodland				
	F/Sgt. H. E? Brand??				
	Sgt. J. W. Menzies				
Day 21st September, 1944.					
Liberator FL969 ("D/160")	S/L J. N. Stacey	Transit & A/S Sweep	GAN	KAN	No enemy sightings.
	F/O G. W. Guy		210600Z	210950Z	
	F?/O J. F? Patterson				
	Sgt. J. R. Burgess??				
	Sgt. E? McDonald				
	Sgt. G. A. Goettler				
Liberator FL935 ("S/160")	P/O I ² . J. Jackson	P.R. of Similur	CBA	CBA	Abortive owing to weather - 30,000 Nickels dropped however.
	F/Sgt. J. P. Hynes?		201930Z	221015Z	
	F/O T. E? Knott				
	F/Sgt. K. J. Hill				
	F/Sgt. W. D. Clark				
	F/Sgt. A. C. Beck				
	F/Sgt. W. ? Jary				
	Sgt. B. Crumbie				
	W/O J. H. G. Cyr				
Day 26th September, 1944.					
Liberator FL935 ("S/160")	F/O L. R. Jones	P.R. of Simalur	CBA	CBA	Successful
	F/O D. O. Nightingale		261759Z	270930Z	
	F/O R. E. Bonham??				
	P/O A. G. Gronow				
	F/Sgt. W. G. Norfolk				
	F/Sgt. C. A. O'Connor				
	F/Sgt. M? A. Hughes				
	W/O ? S. W. Wiltshire				
	Sgt. T. Williams				
Day 30th September, 1944					
Liberator BZ826 ("L/160")	F/O R. A. Servos	Consumption Test & A/U Sweep	KAN	KAN	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. W. D. Clark		300030Z	301000Z	
	W/O K. Collins				
	W/O G? Stainsby				
	W/O R? Lauper				
	F/Sgt. F. T. Duffy				

² Typing error in original records - should be J.

	Sgt. P. Schnell?				
	P/O G. P. Amy				
	Total Operational Hours Flown During the Month of September : 207 hrs. 18 mins.				

September 1944, Appendix 1

Maintenance September 1944

The following maintenance work was carried out during the month of September, 1944.

Four Minor Inspections carried out.

Major Inspection and Engine Change on A/C "F" completed.

Major Inspection, repair and Engine change on A/C "D" commenced.

Mid Upper turrets removed form Aircraft "D", "F", "Y", "L".

Nose Gun, Nose repair and overloads to aircraft "N".

Overloads fitted to aircraft "D", "F", "Y", "L".

Fuel Cell changed on aircraft "T??".

Fuel Cell changed on aircraft "L".

Rigging check on aircraft "M".

Acceptance Check on Aircraft "Y".

Engineering Officer
160 Squadron

October 1944: Form 540

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Kankasanturai	1st		The month began with ?????? weather which makes the work of completing the runway and hard-standing difficult. Drains are being pushed through but much blasting is necessary and in some cases this means the A/C have to be moved to avoid fragments and this hampers the work and interferes with training
China Bay		0100 to 1640	"?" FL935? F/O Jackson and Crew took part in a daylight P.R. of Shai??? Lagoon??? Leaflets were also dropped over the target area. Some cloud over the target, but ??? very satisfactory runs were made when film was exhausted and the Aircraft returned to Base. ??????????????
Kankasanturai		0705 to 1645	"F" FL991 F/O McNabb and Crew carry out a Consumption Test on this Aircraft, returning from Major Inspection at 145 R&SU. Combined Test with Anti-Sub Sweep E. W. of Island ??????????????
		1030 to 1555	Tiger Moth ?????285? F/L Bird (J186419RCAF) of 292 Squadron conveying Lieut. Pullman of A.F.S. went to Vavuniya, landing at midday and taking off again for China Bay. F?L Bird picked up F/O Knight (Can J23686) returning to KKS for medical examination. On approaching Jaffna the engine cut and F/L Bird attempted to land in a paddy field at Madouvil? North. However, he overshot the clearing and while attempting to turn, the wing stuck a palk?? Tree and the aircraft crashed from about 30 feet into the field. F/L Bird was injured in the side and right leg. F/O Knight was unhurt and assisted F/L Bird and contacted the Station who sent an ambulance and a guard for the aircraft which was totally wrecked. The Commanding Officer's report is appended, confirmation of the C.O's Findings are awaited.
	2nd	0930 to 1660	"G" EV821 W/Cdr. Brady and crew fly to Ratmalana taking off afte 1.2h?? from? China Bay to visit the P.R. detachment returning to KKS the same evening. A replacement is left at China Bay for F/O Knight not considered fit for flying duties.
		1236 to 1515	"?" BZ711 arrived with a ferry crew from Karahrapaa?? after her major.
		1530	"F" FL991 P/O Servos and crew carry out further test after return from R.S.U> results satisfactory.
	3rd	0800 to 1320 1050 to 1600	"H" EV889 P/O Waterfield and crew on a radar Homing exercise with the pinnacle followed by S/L Joy and crew in "G" EV821 on the same exercise at the marginally noted times.
	4th	1230	W/Cdr. Hillyard of 10GROPS arrives by air and discusses future operations with the Squadron C.O. and Flight Commanders.
Kankasanturai Ratmalana		0730 to 1130 1815 to 1935	"L" BZ826 S/L Stacey and Crew with W/Cdr. Hillyard to China Bay for exercise "Pigeon Able" with the Navy, proceeding from the exercise to Ratmalana for conference with W/Cdr. Roberts returning to KKKS at the marginally noted times.
Ratmalana Kankasanturai		0820 to 0910 1750 to 1840	"X" EW314 F/L Netherton and Crew with W/Cdr. David and the Squadron Adjutant to 145 R&SU and Group via China Bay, also F/L Redmond to interview S/L Joy regarding the installation of the tactical floor. The Squadron Adjutant visits "P" Staff to discuss the serious difficulties this Squadron will face in the beginning of the new year when about 25% of the ground crew and about 30% of the more experienced NCO's will be posted on repatriation. "P" staff declare this difficulty to be general and hold out no real prospect of assistance, but it is hoped that some inter-unit postings can be arranged to assist us. W/Cdr. David and F/L Netherton return to KKS at the marginally noted times.

	5th	2315 to 0445	"G" EV821 F/O Waterfield and Crew take part in a training exercise of submarine affiliation.
	6th		1811886 Sgt. K. S. Dyson - Air Gunner - who had only recently arrived on the Station on posting met with a serious accident being badly burnt by the explosion of petrol used as an anti-fly measure in the latrines. In spite of notices to the contrary an airman was smoking in this latrine and disciplinary action has been taken against him. It is not certain, however, that this was the cause of the explosion, it being possible that someone lit a match to see their way from the latrine to the path. Sgt. Dyson was badly burned up the back of his shirt was on fire but he did not appear very ill. He was admitted to the Mobile Hospital immediately.
	7th		In the early hours of the morning Sgt. Dyson died of shock following his burns. His death was most unexpected. The Accident is the subject of a Court of Inquiry the full results of which are not to hand.
		0630 to 1925	"F" FL991 S/L Stacey and Crew carry out an altitude and performance test combined with an Anti-Submarine sweep.
			Spitfires of 136 Squadron carry out a shoot-up of this Station. This is to be a regular occurrence every Saturday morning. Some good flying was seen. One disadvantage for this Station is that all native labour employed on the airfield cease work for the whole period.
		1000	The Court of Inquiry referred to earlier is convened by the Station Commander. S/L Brown the Station Admin Officer presides and F/L Trotter is the member.
			In the afternoon Sgt. Dyson is accorded a Service Funeral which is conducted by S/L Chapman O.D. Chaplain from RAF Vavuniya. The funeral takes place in Jaffna Cemetary attended by Station and Squadron Commanding Officers and Commander Greer N.O.I.C. Jaffna.
	8th	0840	"O?" EV893 MkVI Liberator is ferried to 352 M.U. Allahabad by F/O Osborne on allotment away.
		1225	"N" 9464 Moth arrives from Arkomgah?? to replace the Moth lost in the crash of October 1st.
China Bay	8th	0130 to 1515	"S" FL935 F/O Jones and crew take part in a daylight P.R. of Simalur Island, four successful runs over the target area, though there was heavy cloud over the Eastern part of the island. At this point No.1 Engine cut and the A/C returned to base. On approaching Ceylon No. 4 Engine began to give trouble and eventually a 2 engine landing was made, which however was successful.
Kankesanturai	8th	1020 to 1235	"Y" BZ889 F/L's Netherton, Loeper and P/O Crawley and crew do bombing practice with good results though some trouble was experienced with the release gear.
		1050 to 1200	"X" EW314 F/O Ayers gives F/S Bates 2nd Pilot dual instruction.
			"G" EV821 F/O Ayers and crew take part in the first of a series of training exercises with Radar. A map reading exercise, homing on a given point from a map reference by means of the S.E. equipment. These exercises are to be made progressively harder.
	10th	0645 to 1420	"X" EW314 S/L Stacey and Crew to Ratmalana returning the same day. S/L Stacey visits 222 Group and discusses training vacancies secured for the Jungle Course. This course is considered most useful in giving confidence to crews operating over enemy territory or over the East Coast of this Island. Two complete crews have completed the long course. There have been two cases of malaria after attendance on this course, it is hoped that this is a coincidence and in any case this danger should be less in the dry season.
		0755 & 0905 to 1400 & 1630	"G" EV821 F/O Crawley and Crew followed by F/L Trotter in "Y" BZ889 take part in a radar exercise with the pinnacle combined with Air/Sea firing practice.
Ratmalana Kankesanturai		1430 to 1545	"X" EW314 S/L Stacey and Crew return from Ratmalana via China Bay picking up the Station Admin Officer KKS and more ground crew.
Kankesanturai		1345 to	"F?" FL991 F/O Waterfield and Crew on Radar Homing and A/S Firing.

		1855	
China Bay Kankasanturai		1645 to 1735	"S" FL935 F/O Jones and Crew return from detachment in "S" which is due for a major but on arrival find that the new instructions enable them to fly a further 100 hours. In view of this it is decided that the Aircraft will return to China Bay after a minor and continue the P.R. Work.
			W/Cdr. David gave a lecture to all available aircrew on Night-fighter tactics attended by about 100.
			W/Cdr. David was formerly in Command of a Beaufighter Squadron in the Middle East.
	11th		Two Liberators arrived from Cuttack with Radar Equipment, belonging to 354 Squadron to be stored by us pending their arrival. After heavy rain two of our aircraft "F" and "G" become bogged - one on the edge of the Taxi Track and the other in a new dispersal. "F" removed the same evening. A.M.W.D. advised to increase the tar-seal.
	12th		S/L Stacey to China Bay, strip u/S and he returns without landing.
			S/L Levick, the D.P.M.O. arrives and inspects the Station and Sick Quarters and proceeds to the Mobile Field Hospital.
	13th	1120 to 1645	"G" EV821 F/L Schroeder and crew on Radar Homing and A/S Firing with good results.
		1300 to 1910	"L" BZ826 F/O Dean and crew on the same exercise with evasive action into cloud.
			The detachment of 354 Squadron to be billeted on this Station arrive, six aircraft in all but only two crews will remain on this Station. W/Cdr. MacPherson the C.O. flies from Minneriya to meet them, returning the same evening.
	14th		W/Cdr. David and F/L Trotter proceed to China Bay by air. W/Cdr. David visits Beaufighter Squadron to arrange night-fighter affiliation with S/L Hill.
		1110 to 1240	"N" BZ752 F/O Ayers on Air/Sea Firing.
		2000 to 2315	"N" BZ752 F/L Trotter and crew on S.E. map reading practice, locally.
	15th	0655 to 2120	"F" FL991 P/O Crawley and Crew do a further consumption test. Test very satisfactory but "Y" BZ829 F/L Leeper and crew also testing have disappointing consumption figures only making .542 Nautical miles per gallon on this fifteen hour trip.
	16th	1015 to 1100	"N" BZ752 F/O Ayers checks off F/O Smith - 2nd Pilot - as fit for Captain. This officer has had over a thousand hours fling as a 2nd Pilot and will take over F/O Ayers' crew if his is repatriated as expected. F/O Smith then takes over with F/Sgt. Bates as 2nd Pilot and flies the same Aircraft solo for one hour.
		1030 to 1535	W/Cdr. Brady by air to China Bay to visit the detachment, returning the same evening.
		2000 to 1330	F/L Trotter and crew in the above aircraft on the 3rd of the S.E. map reading exercises, this was a successful exercise.
			W/Cdr. Hillyard of 10GROPS and Major Caston of Air Formation Signals, arrive by air for a visit of inspection of the Station communications and signals installations which are not satisfactory at the moment.
	17th	0705 to 0855	"X" EW314 F/O Smith and crew to Kolar carrying a spare crew to bring back the new Mk.V Liberator allotted from 200 Squadron.
Kankasanturai Kolar		0715 to 0930	"T" EV823 F/L Leeper and crew convey this Mk.VI Liberator to India on allotment away.
Kolar Kankasanturai		1000 to 1846	"X" EW314 F/O Smith and crew return to KKS via Madras.
Madras Kankasanturai		1750 to 1915	"H?" EV830 F/L Leeper and crew return to KKS with this new Liberator Mk.V on allotment.
		1955 to 2320	"L" BZ826 F/O Crawley and crew on S.E. map reading the 4th training practice and most successful. Followed at the marginally noted times by

	18th		"A" BZ711 with F/L Leeper on the same exercise again with good results.
	19th		"X" EW314 F/O Smith continues local flying circuits. W/Cdr. Brady again visits the detachment at China Bay.
	19th	2000 2325	"A" BZ711 F/L Leeper on Radar Map Reading.
	20th	0730 1330	"X" EW314 F/O Smith on Radar Homing on the aircraft combined with cloud flying and A/S Firing.
		1105 to 1530 & 1300 to 1445	"F" FL991 and "Y" BZ889 with F/O Waterfield and F/L Leeper respectively, take off on a combined Radar Homing, cloud flying and A/S firing practice. The homing A/C for "F" did not arrive. "Y" developed a fuel leak and returned to base without carrying out the exercise but landed at China Bay. Returned KKS the next day.
		1450 to 1630	"H" EV889 W/C David with F/L Redmond as 2nd Pilot flew to Ratmalana. F/L Redmond ex Catalina Pilot now Squadron Navigation Officer is taking every opportunity of familiarizing himself with Liberators prior to taking command of the projected Tactical Development Unit to be located at Ratmalana.
China Bay	21st	0130 to 1650	"V" FI936 F/O Jackson and crew carry out a daylight P.R. of Simalur Island. Cloud from 6/10 to 10/10 encountered over the target area and few photographs taken. Leaflets were dropped over the island. No enemy opposition encountered.
Kankesanturai		0900	Morning shoot-up by Spitfires who now know the area and carry out a low level attack with much better evasive action than formerly.
		1005 to 1205	"A" BZ711 F/O Smith on Circuits and Local flying.
		1020 to 1040	"N" BZ752 and "X" EW314 with F/L Trotter and F/L Leeper and their crews respectively take part in a Radar Homing Exercise A/C to A/C. Homing by both Radar Operators was excellent. Range estimation very accurate. The most effective method of evading an attack is found to be the execution of a special dive at 400 yards range.
			S/L Higgins - R.C.A.F. Padre - and Liaison Officer - visits the Station and gives a talk to all R.C.A.F. personnel in the Gunnery Section.
	23rd	1800	"H" EV889 W/C David returns from Ratmalana.
		1100 to 1875 {sic}	"N" BZ752 S/L Stacey and crew with passengers to Ratmalana. S/L Stacey to R&SU & 222 Group and returns to KKS.
			A message is received from HAO?? stating that great efforts are to be made to have as many Aircraft as possible made Ops. Serviceable immediately.
		1800	A Rugby football match is played on the new ground which is in very good condition after the rain. The teams consist of the Dominion personnel versus the RAF. A Fast exciting game though lack of combination is inevitable through lack of play as a team. The Dominions win.
	24th	2000 to 2100 2100 to 2140	"X" EW314 {sic} F/O Ayers, gives F/O Smith Night Flying instructions. Satisfactory dual and at the marginally noted times F/O smith then does solo night flying for 40 minutes with F/S Bates as his second pilot.
			S/L Jones G.C.I. controller from Nilavelli visited the station with S/L Hill O.C. Beaufighter night fighter squadron. They discuss night fighter affiliation exercise with the C.O. and S/L Stacey and later a visit is paid to the local G.C.I. station now on care and maintenance. Some plotting is attempted but the station is more of less u/s and no satisfactory results are obtained for reasons not clear at the time. The technical equipment is to be overhauled.
	25th		During this time general work continues on all serviceable Aircraft in accordance with instructions from N.A.O.R. Air Testing continues on P" "N?" and "G".
			The food on this Station has left much to be desired and after numerous complaints F/L Leckee arrives to check upon the F.S.D. as Group Catering Officer. He promises to look into the question and also to raise our establishment of cooks if possible owing to the impossibility of getting good native followers in the Jaffna area.
			W/Cdr. Case of 10-GROPS called at the Station on his way to India.

	26th		W/Cdr. David visits Group by air with S/L Brown Station Admin Officer, with a view to increasing establishments. Returning the same evening.
			F/O Ayers leaves the Squadron on Repatriation.
			Three aircraft of 354 Squadron from Minneriya arrive carrying D.C's for this Squadron's operational requirements in the near future. The crews and Aircraft are standing by on expected orders from Group, but in the end the projected operation is put off for 48 hours on receipt of information from Intelligence.
	27th	0915	W/Cdr. Brady flies by Harvard to China Bay to visit the detachment.
		0920	"X" EW314 S/L Joy and Crew fly to Ratmalana to fetch the new Station C.O. - W/Cdr. Carr - W/Cdr. Carr is to take over Kankesanturai from W/Cdr. David promoted Acting Group Captain and posted to the 3rd T.A.F. S/L Joy leaves Ratmalana at noon and W/Cdr. Carr lunches at KKS, takes over the Station and returns to group to hand over his post of Group Planning Officer. S/L Joy returns to KKS the same evening.
			F/O Servos leaves the Station on posting to 352 M.U. on Test Duties. However, since this officer had previously volunteered for Airfield Inspection Duties in the Forward area he is to interview "P" staff en-route to effect a change.
	28th		The general alert called for by NAOR on the 26th was now explained and the Aircraft and crews standing by were now called upon. Information had been received by Intelligence that Japanese Short Range Submarines were leaving Malaya to drop Indian agents on the East Coast of India near Vithagapatan??. It was believed that such agents had already been dropped in the past and that several submarines were employed.
			Steps were therefore to intercept these submarines and also to apprehend any agents landed. Presumably these submarines would also take a toll of any shipping encountered in the Bay of Bengal.
			A sweep of four aircraft was accordingly laid on:
		0130	"T" BZ830 F/L Leeper and Crew
		0145	"Y" BZ889 S/L Joy and Crew.
		0150	"A" BZ771 F/L Netherton and Crew.
		0155	"N" BZ752 F/O Dean and crew - all carrying 6 DC's.
			All these aircraft proceeded to the sweep area to carry out a Parallel Track Ssearch each box being 140 by 20 miles. Commencing this search F/L Netherton's S.E. went u/s after two hours of search, so that he was forced to rely on a purely visual search. His crew who consisted of the following members. Can J45000 F/O McPhail (2nd Pilot), 1166514 W/O Collins (Navigator B.), 1125580 F/S Duffy (WOM/AG) 1064453 W/O Lauper? (Flt/Eng), Aus. 422184 F/S Hopkins (1st WOP) Can. R.186313 W/O Stratford (Fire Controller) and Aus 421206 F/S G?urman (1st S.E. Operator) and 1811957 Sgt. Eithel (Air Gunner), concentrated on an intensive search from all possible angles. Owing to the lack of S.E. the search area was narrowed from 20 to 10 miles, that being in the Captain's opinion the largest area possible to cover visually.
			The four aircraft were spread out on a search roughly from east to west with F/L Leeper in the most northerly position followed by F/L Netherton with F/O Dean and S/L Joy to the south. F/L Netherton commenced his visual search with 3 - 4/10 cloud so flew at 1,500 feet. The whole search area was over a section roughly 240 miles W.S.W. of Cape Negrais.
			As the search progressed in a northerly direction the cloud gradually cleared and as it did so F/L Netherton increased his height to 4,500 feet and continuing on his search finally saw the submarine from that height proceeding in a N.W. direction at a point where it was about to pass out of the search area. He thinks that it is possible that he had already passed over it on a previous sweep while climbing, though this is considered very doubtful. The submarine was travelling on the surface at about 6 knots probably recharging its batteries in preparation for its entry into more hostile waters.

			An attack was immediately made from eastward coming out of the sun at an angle of 10° to the course of the submarine some undulant evasive actin was taken but on levelling out at between 60 and 75 feet, it was seen that only one member of the submarine crew was on deck and that he was in easy ????, and not looking at the aircraft.
		0852	Six D.Cs were dropped by the Pilot, of which three were seen to explode by the Rear Gunner - W/O Stratford - who states that the three last D.C's dropped and exploded 12, 50 and 100 feet approximately ahead of the U/boat which appeared to be a Japanese RO 100 type. A marker was dropped by the beam gunner - Sgt. Eitel - who was doing his first operational sortie with this squadron.
			The first three depth charges may well have struck the submarine itself because the beam gunner states that the U/boat appeared to be lifting out of the water prior to the explosion of the last three D.C's and the Sub appears to have sunk immediately, perhaps in an uncontrolled dive - nothing was seen of the Jap sailor who may have been sucked down for some time.
			On circling the crew saw nothing but a large circle of bubbling oily water that gradually spread and remained visible for the whole period of 1 hr. and 15 mins during which they remained over the area. Further markers were dropped to assist later naval search of the area. A full description of the whole attack is given in Appendix "B" to this Form. It is considered that this submarine was a "probable kill".
			This attack was most skillfully and accurately pressed home. The pilot and crew showed great coolness and efficiency. The Captain is a very experienced pilot but it is considered extremely creditable that after comparatively few operational sorties he should have been so outstandingly successful in his first attack.
			During the same day a further sighting of a similar class of Jap Submarine was made by an aircraft of 200 Squadron, and it is thought that this was the sister ship to the submarine destroyed by F/L Netherton's aircraft. Enemy agents were discovered and apprehended tow days later on the Indian coast and although no information is available here it is felt that the submarine sighted by 200 Squadron probably fulfilled her mission.
			Photographs were taken after the attack by the beam gunner - Sgt. Eithel - of the position of attack and also the oil patch.
			After this operation S/L Joy landed at Cuttack as did also F/O Dean. The other two captains, however, having already returned to a point neared Ceylon before recieving the signal returned to K.K.S.
		0720 to 1930	While this operation was proceeding F/L Trotter in A/C "P?" BZ828 was carrying out successfully a Special Task with the Navy. He dropped urgent supplies for naval escort successfully 2 packages being received safely, which was considered satisfactory.
Kankasanturai Cuttack		1510 1515 & 1530 to 2310 2240 & 2330	In the afternoon three aircraft of this Squadron were called for the search for the submarine sighted by 200 Squadron and accordingly the following took off: "G" EV821, "X" EW314, "F" FL991 with S/L Stacey, P/O Waterfield, F/O Crawley and their crews respectively. They carry out an uneventful "Hunt to Exhaustion" and land at its completion at Cuttack at the marginally noted times.
China Bay	28th	0055 to 1425	On this date the detachment at China Bay carried out the following operations: "V" FL936 F/O Jones and Crew carry out a daylight P.R. of Simalur Island. Some good photographs obtained and leaflets dropped. No enemy opposition but the Special Detector is triggered??.
China Bay	29th	0115 to 1425	"V" FL936 F/O Jackson and Crew carry out a P.R. sortie off West Coast of Sumatra. Target Meulaboh area. 10/10 cloud over the target but some obliques obtained on approach. Three small vessels in line ahead seen of Koetuibong??. Leaflets dropped. No enemy opposition.
			W/Cdr. Case visited the Station on his return from Vizagapatam.
		0845	W/Cdr. Brady takes Sgt. Marchant - photographic N.C.O. - to Vavumiya to develop

			films taken by F/L Netherton during his attack on the submarine. Very disappointing results - no films taken owing to Camera failure. While this minimizes the chances of establishing a definite "kill" it is still considered that this submarine was in fact destroyed. It was hoped that the photographs would show some detail missed by the crew.
Cuttack		1230 to 0315	Five A/C take off from Cuttack to take part in a creeping line ahead search for the surviving submarine in an area 1370N - 1930N/8600E - 9015E. The following movements took place" "Y" BZ889 S/L Joy and Crew. Continue search south from Cuttack and return to K.K.S.
		1255 to 0035	"G" EV821 S/L Stacey after an uneventful sweep returns to Cuttack.
		1330 to 0020	"X" EW314 F/O Waterfield and crew were ordered to shift patrol but had no sightings and returned to Cuttack.
			"N?" BZ742 F/O Dean and crew continued sortie from Cuttack south from Cuttack since their Radar went U/S and landed at KKS.
			"F" FL991 F/O Crawley and Crew - whole patrol uneventful and returned to Cuttack
Kankesanturai	30th	1210	"V" FL 936 F/O Jackson and Crew return to KKS after detachment at China Bay. "V" is now to go to 145 R&SU on her deferred major.
Cuttack	30/31	1750 to 0710	"F" FL991 F/O Waterfield and crew carry out an A/S patrol creeping line ahead from Cuttack east to 9130E and return. M/V of 5000 tons sighted.
Kankesanturai	30th		P/O Thistle - Radar Officer - held supernumerary on this Squadron departs on posting supernumerary to 352 M.U. Allahabad. This leaves us temporarily with no Radar Officer.
	31st	0455 & 0505 to 1215 & 1305	"P" BZ828 and "T?" BZ830 F/L Trotter and F/L Leeper and crews respectively carry out an A/S Parallel sweep from a point 20 miles East of Madras, North East for 400 miles. No enemy sightings.
Cuttack Kankesanturai		1425 to 1900	"X" EW314 S/L Stacey and crew return from Cuttack detachment via the shipping lanes in the Bay of Bengal. No enemy sightings.
			As will be seen this has been an eventful month. Bad weather has not been allowed to hamper training and there has been quite an appreciable increase in Radar training. F/L Netherton's sortie has had an excellent effect on morale both of the aircrew and ground staff and it is hoped if only for this reason that this "kill" may be confirmed.
			Maintenance has been good throughout the month and a record of work done is appended as 'Appendix C'.

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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
Day 1st October, 1944.					
Liberator FL935	P/O I. J. Jackson	P. R. of Ramjak Island Celau- Lasia Celau-Bari	CBA	CBA	Good cover obtained.
	F/Sgt. H. P. Hynes		301826Z	0110118Z	
	F/O T. E? Knott				
	F/Sgt. W. D. Clark				
	W/O J. H. G. Cyr				
	F/Sgt. W. F. Jary				
	F/Sgt. C. A. O'Connor				
	F/Sgt. A. Crumbie				
Liberator FL991	F/O H. F. McNabb	Consumption Test & A/U Sweep	KAN	KAN	No enemy sightings.
	F/O R. B. Rowley		010035Z	011015Z	
	F/O D. G. Muir				
	F/Sgt. M? Holgate				
	F/Sgt. F. D. Davies				
	F/Sgt. P. S. Barton				
	F/Sgt. R. V. C? Goodfellow				
	Sgt. P. J. Osborn				
Day 7th October, 1944.					
Liberator FL991	S/L Stacey	Consumption Test & A/U Sweep	KAN	KAN	Results Satisfactory. No enemy sightings.
	P/O Brown		070651Z	071924Z	
	F/O Patterson				
	P/O Kooyman?				
	P/O Evans				
	P/O Tanner				
	F/Sgt. Sutton				
	F/Sgt. Skinner				
F/Sgt. Ryan					
Day 9th October, 1944.					
Liberator FL935	F/O L. R. Jones	P.R. of Simalur & W/Coast Sumatra	CBA	CBA	Good cover obtained. No. 1 engine cut over target, but aircraft returned safely.
	F/O D. O. Nightingale		081900Z	090844Z	
	F/O R. E? Bonhan				
	P/O G. P Amy				
	W/O K. S. W. Wiltshire				
	F/Sgt. N. A. Hughes				
	F/Sgt. W. G. Norfolk				
	F/Sgt. E? Williams				
Day 15th October, 1944.					
Liberator FL991	F/O W. J. M. Crawley	Altitude Test with A/U Sweep	KAN	KAN	Test very satisfactory. No enemy sightings.
	F/O K. O. Richards		150654Z	152122Z	
	P/O D. B. Coutts				
	W/O L? G. Jansen				
	W/O D. K? Wright				
	W/O M? C. Henderson				
W/O C. V. Callaghan					

	W/O H. J. Langton				
	F/Sgt. J. S. Lawrence				
	F/Sgt. E? G. Horton				
Liberator BZ829	F/L J. P? Leeper P?/O D. Dushman?	Altitude Test with A/U Sweep	KAN 150656Z	KAN 151931Z	Disappointing Consumption. No enemy sightings.
	F/O R. W. Beattie				
	W/O J. J. Allan				
	W/O T. Lineburner				
	W/O H. Hampton				
	F/Sgt. F. Williams				
	F/Sgt. R. H. Adams				
	Sgt. R. May				
	Sgt. J. S? Gibson				
Day 21st October, 1944.					
Liberator FL936	F/O I. J. Jackson F/Sgt. H. P Hynes	P.R. of Nias Island	CBA 201830Z	CBA 211030Z	10/10 cloud. Photography nil. Pamphlets dropped on Simalur.
	F/O T. E? Knott				
	F/Sgt. W. Clark				
	F/Sgt. K. Hill?				
	F/Sgt. A. G. Beck				
	F/Sgt. A. Crumbie				
	W/O G. Cyr				
Day 28th October, 1944.					
Liberator FL936	F/O L. R. Jones F?/O D. O. Nightingale	P.R. of W/Coast of Sumatra	CBA 271825Z	CBA 280755Z	Successful P.R. of Sumatra W. Coast. Leaflets dropped on Simalur.
	F/O R. E? Borham?				
	P/O A. G. Gronow				
	P/O B. P Amy				
	F/Sgt. H. Hughes				
	F/Sgt. E? Williams				
	W/O K? Wiltshire				
	Sgt. N? Halliday				
Liberator EV823	F/L J. F. Leeper F/O D? Cushman?	A/U Patrol	KAN 271901Z	KAN 280708Z	No enemy sightings, owing to PLE unable to home on wide, wide, wide in response to "465" from A/160.
	P/O R. N. Beattie				
	W/O J. J. Allan				
	W/O T. Limeburner				
	W/O H. Hampden?				
	F/Sgt. R. H. Adams				
	F/Sgt. R. Williams				
	Sgt. R. May				
	Sgt. J. S. Gibson				
Liberator BZ711	F/L L. H. Netherton F/O C. D. McPhail	A/U Patrol	KAN 171920Z	KAN 280910Z	Surfaced Jap. Submarine, entirely unaware of attacked possibly RO 100 class 500 tons, attacked perfectly with 6 DC's at 50-75 feet out of sun in posn 1528?N 9015E. After attack submarine disappeared in large growing oil patch and air bubbles left in sea.
	W/O K. Collins				
	F/Sgt. G. A. Hopkins				
	W/O E. Lauper				
	F/Sgt. F. Duffy				
	F/Sgt. F? Curman?				
	W/O E? P. Stratford				
	Sgt. R. J. P. Eitel?				
Liberator BZ752	F/O J. D. Dean F/O V. Lillie?nthal	A/U Patrol	KAN 271926Z	Cuttack 280955Z	Homed on position of A/C attack. Dropped flame floats.

	W/O P. M. Soannal?				Landed Cuttack.
	W/O T. O. P. Baker				
	W/O L. C. Colborne				
	F/Sgt. H. Tite				
	F/Sgt. W. H? Harris				
	F/Sgt. T? R. Linnard				
	Sgt. J Jarvie?				
	Sgt. W. M. Black				
Liberator BZ889	S/L D. G. M. Joy	A/U Patrol	KAN	Cuttack	Made attempts to home to posn. 1528N 9015E without success.
	F/O S. B. Smith		271540Z	280922Z	
	P/O W H. Reynolds				
	P/O J. D. Robertson				
	F/O R. J. Carroll				
	F/O ? L. Freeman				
	W/O P. Arscott				
	F/Sgt. J. L. McDonald				
	F/Sgt. C. N. M. Fisher				
	F/Sgt. G. P. Brown				
Liberator BZ828	F/L S. H. Trotter	Special Mission	KAN	KAN	Dropped spares to Force 66.
	F/O L. W? Millard		280101Z	281210Z	
	F/Sgt. I. E? Re??iston				
	F/Sgt. A. J. Bourne				
	F/Sgt. L. A. Rowe				
	W/O O. N. Sykes				
	F/Sgt. H. K? Brand				
	F/Sgt. R. Woodland				
	Sgt. J E. Menzies				
	Sgt. J. George				
Liberator EV821	S/L S. N. Stacey	Hunt to	KAN	Cuttack	No sightings.
	P?/O G. W? Guy	Exhaustion	280843Z	281645Z	
	F/O J. ? Patterson				
	P/O E. W. Evans				
	P/O I. J. Turner				
	F/Sgt. ? D. Davies				
	F/Sgt. P? Ryan				
	F/Sgt. K. J. Skinner				
	Sgt. ? K? Can?brill				
	Sgt. P. G? F. French				
Liberator FL991	F/O K? J. N? Crawley	Hunt to	KAN	Cuttack	No sightings.
	F/O K. O. Richards	Exhaustion	280900Z	281700Z	
	W/O ? C. Henderson				
	W/O H. J. Langton				
	W/O C. V. Callaghan				
	W/O L. G. Jansen				
	W/O D. ? Wright				
	F/Sgt. J. S. Lawrence				
	F/Sgt. ? G? Horton				
Liberator EW314	F/O L. Waterfield	Hunt to	KAN	Cuttack	No sightings.
	F/Sgt. R. C. Clark	Exhaustion	280850Z	281612Z	
	F/O D. B? Coutts				
	Sgt. C. A. Goettler				
	Sgt. H? McDonald				
	Sgt. G. T. Stanton				

	Sgt. J. R. Burgess				
	W/O G. Stainsby				
	W/O R. S. Turpin				
	Sgt. P. J. Monk				
Day 29th October, 1944.					
Liberator FL935	F/O I. J. Jackson	P.R. West Coast Sumatra	CBA	CBA	Obliques only taken. Weather U/S. Nickels dropped over Meulaboh?.
	W/O J. P. Hynes		281846Z	290809Z	
	F/O T. K? Knott				
	W/O C. Cyr				
	F/Sgt. A. C. Beck				
	F/Sgt. W? Clark				
	F/Sgt. W. J. Jary				
	Sgt. A. Crumbie				
	Sgt. R. Hewitt				
Liberator BZ889	S/L D. C? M. Joy	A/U Search C.L.A.	Cuttack	Kan	No enemy sightings.
	F/O S. B. Smith		290557Z	292044Z	
	F/O ? H. Reynolds				
	P/O J. D? A. Robertson				
	F/O R? J. Carroll				
	F/O P. L. Freeman				
	W/O P. R. Arscott				
	F/Sgt. J. L. McDonald				
	F/Sgt. ? M. Fisher				
	F/Sgt. G? P. Brown				
Liberator EV821	S/L J. N. Stacey	C.L.A. Patrol	Cuttack	Cuttack	No sightings.
	F?/O J. F? Patterson		290626Z	291805Z	
	F?/O ? W. Evans				
	P/O I. J. Tanner?				
	F/Sgt. F. D. Davies				
	F/Sgt. R. Ryan				
	F/Sgt. K. ? Skinner				
	Sgt. ? E. S? C?and?arill				
	Sgt. P? g? F. French				
Liberator EW314	F/O L. Waterfield	C.L.A. Patrol	Cuttack	Cuttack	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. R? C. Clark		290647Z	291736Z	
	P/O D? R. Coutts				
	Sgt. J. ? Burgess				
	W/O G. Stainsby				
	W/O R. S. Turpin				
	Sgt. G. T. Stanton				
	Sgt. G. A. Goettler??				
	Sgt. ? McDonald				
	Sgt. F. J. Monk??				
Night 29/30 October, 1944.					
Liberator BZ752	F/O J. D. Dean	C.L.A. Patrol	Cuttack	KAN	No enemy sightings.
	F/O V. Lilienthal		290810Z	300000Z	
	W/O P. M. Seannal??				
	W/O W? O. P. Baker				
	W/O L. C. Colborne				
	F/Sgt. H. Tite				
	F/Sgt. W. N? Harris				
	F/Sgt. T. R? Linnard				
	Sgt. J. Jaryde??				

	Sgt. W. H? Black				
Liberator FL991	F/O E? J. M? Crawley	C.L.A. Patrol	Cuttack	Cuttack	No enemy sightings.
	F/O K. O. Richards		291045Z	300050Z	
	W/O M. C. Henderson				
	W/O H. J. Langton				
	W/OC. V. Callaghan				
	W/O L? G. Jansen				
	W/O D. K. Wright				
	F/Sgt. J. S? Lawrence??				
	F/Sgt. E? G? Horton				
Day 31st October, 1944.					
Liberator BZ828?	F/L S. H. Trotter	Parallel A/U Sweep	KAN	KAN	No enemy sightings.
	F/O L. W. Millard		302225Z	311050Z	
	Sgt. P. Edmiston?				
	F/Sgt. A. J. Bourne				
	F/Sgt. R. Woodland				
	F/Sgt. H? E. Brand?				
	F/L S. K. Chandler				
	Sgt. J. W? Menzies				
	Sgt. J. George				
Liberator {serial not given}	F/L J. P. Leeper	Parallel A/U Sweep	KAN	KAN	No enemy sightings.
	P/O D. Cushman?		302233Z	311133Z	
	F/O R. W. Beattie				
	W/O J. J. Allan				
	W/O T. Limeburner				
	W/O R. Hampden				
	F/Sgt. F. Williams				
	F/Sgt. R. H. Adams				
	Sgt. J. S. Gibson				
Liberator EW314?	S/L J. M? Stacey	A/S Traffic Sweep.	Cuttack	Kan	No enemy sightings.
	F/O G. W. Guy		310755Z	311235Z	
	F/O J. P. Patterson				
	P/O N. W? Evans				
	P/O I. J. Tanner				
	F/Sgt. P? D. Davies				
	F/Sgt. F? Ryan				
	F/Sgt. K.J. Skinner				
	Sgt. P. E? Genbrill??				
	Sgt. P. G? F? French?				
Liberator {no serial given}	F/O L. Waterfield	CLA A/U Hunt.	Cuttack	Cuttack	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. R. C. Clark		301122Z	310030Z	
	P/O D. B. Coutts				
	Sgt. J. R? Burgess				
	W/O G? Stainsby				
	W/O R. S. Turpin				
	Sgt. G. T. Stanton				
	Sgt. G. A. Coettler??				
	Sgt. K? McDonald				
	Sgt. F. J. Monk				

	Total Operational Flying Hours Flown During October 1944 : 320 hours 47 minutes.				

October 1944, Appendix 1

Appendix "A"

Commanding Officer's Full Report - Flying Accident - ???vil North - Tiger Moth DP285 - 1st October, 1944.

Further to this Squadron's signal, Message "A", P.758 of 2/Oct., herewith Commanding Officer's Report as required by Section II(C) of Form 765(C).

2. Tiger Moth DP285 was authorised to take-off at 10.30/FG on the 1st October, 1944, piloted by F/O (A/F/L) K. W. Bird of No. 292 Squadron, with instructions to proceed to China Bay via Vavuniya and to return same day.

3. The aircraft attempted a forced landing after engine failure on the return trip from China Bay to Kankesanturai and crashed in a paddy field in the vicinity of ?ddavil North at 15.53/FG having been airborne from China Bay at 14.40/FG.

4. The aircraft was fully serviceable when it left Kankesanturai at 10.30/FG.

5. From the Pilot's report it appears that the aircraft engine cut momentarily after hitting violent turbulence on his way from Vavuniya to China Bay. A slight H.T. lead defect was remedied by Cpl. i/c duty crew at China Bay and the aircraft was signed up as serviceable after it had been run up, before leaving China Bay at 14.40 hours. The aircraft behaved quite normally until reaching a point south of ?a??vil North when successive violent turbulence was experienced, causing the engine to cut.

6. From the Unit Specialist Officer's remarks, there appears to have been no engine defect and the primary cause of the engine failure is considered to have been due to the starving of the main petrol jet of petrol, due to the aircraft striking a series of violent turbulence causing the petrol in the carburettor to move to the top of the float chamber and by closing the needle valve. The secondary cause of the accident being the striking of a palm tree owing to an error of judgement when attempting to carry out a forced landing under very turbulent conditions after engine failure.

G. R. Brady
Wing Commander, Commanding.
No. 160 Squadron.

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October 1944, Appendix 2

Appendix 'B'

Oprep Serial No. 422.

Sortie Report Serial No. 3.

Date: Day 28th October, 1944

1. One Liberator Mark V 'A/160'.
2. J3490 F/L L. H. Netherton, Capt. and 1st pilot;
J24500 F/O C. D. McPhail, 2nd. pilot;
1166514 W/O K. Collins, Navigator.
A422184 F/Sgt. G. A. Hopkins, 1st WOP.
1064453 W/O K. Lauper, Flight Engineer;
A125580 F/Sgt. P. Duffy, WOM;
A421206 F/Sgt. P. Curman, 1st. S/E Operator;
R186513 W/O H. F. Stratford, Fire Controller;
1811957 Sgt. R. J. P. Eitel; Air Gunner.
3. A/U Patrol - CH/G1/27 Oct.
4. KAN.
5. See SRB below.
6. KAN 271920z.
7. KAN 280910z.

SEA??

271920z A/B on track 058. S/E on. IFF on.

2215 1256N. 8443E. S/E off as U/S.

280001 1504N. 8821E. On patrol at 1500 ft. Track 090.

0053 1504N. 9020E. Track 000.

0058 1517N. 9020E. Track 270.

0138 1517N. 8840E. Climbed to 4500 ft.

0141 1524N. 8840E. altered course to track 090.

0222 1525N. 9014E. saw at 4 miles distance in posn. 1528N. 9015E. a surfaced submarine 050 degrees to port. Captain decided to attack immediately. Attack commenced. (See UA - UN)

0230 MTB 1. "465" and time.

0232 MTB 2. "465" and position and "472" sent.

0233 Trouble being experienced with transmitter and receiver.

0235 MFB 1 querying time of "465".

0236 MTB 3 repeating MTB 1.

0250 MTB 4 sending 472 and 513 and weather report.

0255 MFB 2 acknowledging MTB 4.

0300 MFB 3 "Wide, wide, wide."

0305 MTB 5 acknowledging.

0320 MTB 6. "PLE now request instructions".

0335 MTB 7 "Returning to base".

0339 1528N. 9015E. dropped one further marine marker and set course base on track 240.

0400 MFB 4. "Continue sortie until PLE, land at Cuttack."

0402 MTB 8 acknowledging.

0828 Crossed coast at 2000 ft.

0829 Base. IFF off.

As to estimate whether U/boat probably sank see UA - UN.

SEB. See UD.
 SEC. See UC.
 SED. See proforma VIII.
 SEE. More than one dozen photographs taken after attack, though no sing of U/boat at that time, probably all swirl.
 Later photographs of oil patches taken.
 SEF. N/A. S/E u/s.
 SEG. S/E u/s.

{the left side of the pages have been "cut off" on the microfilm -- it is believed the following is sections UA -UN}

- (i) 21.5.1944.
- (ii) No.
- (iii) During preceding month (Sept.) crew was incomplete and captain was on detachment and during the month of August was on leave and also took part in Squadron Movement. Therefore as no practice bombing was carried out during that period, figures are given herewith for the month of July and are : -
- (iv) 5sticks dropped.
Average error - six yards.

White fuselage and green-brown on top of fuselage and wings.

- (i) Nil
- (ii) (a) Mark XI Torpex.
(b) 14 star
(c) 25 feet.
(d) six.
- (i) good.
- (ii) 120/6 knots.
- (iii) 2/10 - 3/10 light Cu. base 1600 ft. tops 2,500 ft. to 3,000 ft.
- (iv) 12 - 15 miles at 4,500 ft.
- (v) smooth.
- (vi) N/A.
- (vii) 280221 1/2.
- (viii) 1528N. 9015E.
- (ix) extreme.
- (i) N/A. S/E. u/s.
- (ii) S/E u/s.
- (iii) Not used at time of attack as u/s.
- (i) (a) U/Boat
(b) Captain
 - (i) F/L Netherton.
 - (ii) 1st pilot's seat.
 - (iii) Captain.
 - (iv) Naked eye.
- (c) N/A.
- (ii) (a) 090 at 4,500 ft.
(b) 050 to port 4 1/2 miles.
(c) 350/6 knots.
- (iii) (a) yes.
(b) (c) (d) N/A.
- (iv) No other surface craft seen.
- (i) First sighting 0 min. 4 1/2 miles
First attack 0 min. 15 secs. 4

1 min. 15 secs.
2 min.

over U/boat and attack delivered.
turned for observation and saw swirl, oil and own smoke

float.

(ii) No. apparently U/Boat completely unaware of aircraft.

(iii) (a). On surface. 350/5 knots.

(b) Yes.

(c) 10 degrees starboard track.

(d) Between 50 and 75 feet level flight.

(e) 205.

(f) six.

(g) spacing 60 feet 200 m.p.h. set on distributor.

(h) half length of U/Boat visible.

(j) no.

(k) with qualifications to be stated. Last three only observed and seen to fall in path of U/boat, one D.C. falling 10-12 feet in front of and possible as to one, 50 feet in front of and as to remaining one, 100 feet in front. Rear gunner thought he saw an explosion at the point where the fourth D.C. entered the waste and this explosion may have been caused by the explosion of the third D.C.

(l) Yes. No hangups.

(m) Explosions seen commencing roughly 12 feet in front of U/boat.

(n) 600 rounds from rear turret fired at conning tower and when fourth D.C. exploded fire continued just ahead of it at plumes and water. As nothing could then be seen on account of water, fire ceased. Conning tower visible when fourth D.C. exploded.

(o) Yes - two guns after gunner ceased firing in tail became stopped. Cause - ejection.

(i) Yes.

(ii) Circular oil patch diameter 100 feet boiling up from sea. Sea appeared bubbling. Air bubbles rolling up from water in oil patch.

(iii) 2 - 3 minutes after attack.

(iv) Oil co-incident with position of attack. Size of oil patch 100 ft. diameter. Marker fell in line with direction of U/boat and seen 100 ft. from oil patch.

None.

N/A

(i) No.

(ii) No.

(iii) No. Left before - reason - PLE.

(i) Yes

(ii) No guns seen. No marks. Colour light grey-green. Inside conning tower black. No jumping wire seen nor special equipment.

(iii) No guns seen on run in, possibly hidden by conning tower.

(iv) Appeared to be RO 100 class Jap U/boat.

(v) No.

(i) At 0220 n course 090 height 4,500 ft. fling 1000 - 2000 ft. above light Cu. Captain from 1st pilot's seat saw fully surfaced U/boat at 050 degs. Action stations sounded. Bomb doors opened, D.Cs. selected whilst turning in to attack. Full power on engine and dived to a point one thousand yards to rear of U/boat which was unaware of attack owing to approach out of sun. No attempt made to crash dive. Evasive action undulating during approach. At range of one thousand yards, height 100 ft. let down to 50 - 75 ft. for attack. MTB "465". Camera manned.

At the moment of attack Mark II Marine Marker dropped. Tail turret opened fire delivering 600 rounds into conning tower and swirl. Pilot not considering U/boat intending to submerge, flew on course of attack for 45 seconds to avoid possible fire from U/boat. During approach and afterwards U/boat did not fire.

Results of first three D.C.s not seen, due possibly to hitting U/boat. No. 4 seen to explode approximately ten feet ahead of and in path of U/boat, remaining two D.Cs. exploding respectively 50 and 100 ft. further ahead.

Rear gunner not clear on this point but says that there may possibly have been an explosion from No. 3 D.C. but there was so much water thrown up at the bow of the U/boat that he cannot be clear on this point.

Beam gunner says that as the aircraft flew over the U/boat and immediately prior to the detonation of No. 4, No. 5 and No. 6 D.C. the sea around the U/boat can best be described by reference to the photographs shown in GME?? 220 centre top and left on the page showing the 517 ton German U/boat and immediately above the words 'photos above show variations of intermediate armament engagement'. Compared with the smooth sea in which the U/boat was first sighted this is interesting, especially as the captain and the crew say that the U/boat made no attempt to dive.

The beam gunner says that rather than the water appearing to wash over the beams, it appeared as if the U/boat were lifting out of the water and the water appeared to be running off the beams. The whole U/boat was visible at this time. The rear gunner stated that after the detonation of the fourth D.C. he could see nothing of the U/boat for water - even after the plume broke. From that time onwards as has already been stated nothing was seen except oil and a boiling bubbling sea.

The aircraft turned after the attack, back to the position of the attack for further photographs and to observe result. Saw large oil patch 100 ft. in diameter in position of attack giving boiling effect with air bubbles. Marine marker burning 100 ft. from oil patch.

Aircraft patrolled area at 1500 ft Cobra 2 5 for 1 hr. 15 mins. until PLE when additional Marker Marine dropped on position of attack. During this period of 1 hr. 15 mins. oil patch gradually flattened out but patch still visible when aircraft left No wreckage or bodies seen.

When first seen and during run over, there was a man plainly visible by his yellow shirt and white cap in the conning tower. After the attack as stated, no bodies seen.

Captain says of the attack that he is unable to conceive of more ideal conditions or point of release than this occasion.

(ii) diagram herewith.

(iii) and (iv)

From the narrative of the attack and the interrogation of the crew the U/boat appears to have been completely taken by surprise, this surprise being mainly due to the very well executed attack after a visual sighting by the Captain of the aircraft, the team work of the crew from after the sighting, being of a high order.

It appears that No. 4 D.C. exploded approximately twelve feet ahead and slightly to port and that after this explosion the U/boat was lost to view. Two further depth charge explosions were seen on track 500 and 100 ft. respectively ahead of No. 4 Depth Charge and from this it is possible that Nos. 2 and 3 struck the U/boat, exploded simultaneously with No. 4 or failed to explode and that No. 1 entered so close that it exploded underneath the U/boat which may account for the lifting of the U/boat and the spilling of the water from off the decks as seen by the beam gunner immediately prior to the explosion of No. 4 depth charge.

As the U/boat did not make any attempt to submerge and that within 45 seconds after the attack no part of it was visible, it is possible that it sank immediately. As no wreckage was visible after the attack except for a growing patch of oil following under water disturbances and as nothing further was seen of the U/boat when the aircraft left 1 hr. 15 mins. after the attack it is possible that the nearness of the explosion of No. 4 depth charge caused the hydroplanes to jam placing the U/boat into a dive from which it may never recover.

Without any photographic evidence owing to film sticking to the glass register of the F.24 camera, it is considered that this attack can be classified as a "probable kill".

30-10-44

G. R. Brady. Wing Commander.
Squadron and acting Station Commander

{this page followed the above on the microfilm -- but is obviously part of the same report}

(v). The camera operator considered that he had taken twelve photographs immediately after the attack and also photographs of the oil patch.

On return it was found that the film had stuck to the glass register of the F. 24 camera, and in consequence no pictures were obtained.

The camera issued to this aircraft was an 8" F. 24 hand held type. It was installed one and a half hours before the aircraft took off. The precaution was taken to leave the gear box in the 'half wound' position in order to relieve the pressure from the back of the film.

The operator, in taking photographs, completed the gear box turnover, and turned over two additional exposures before commencing photographs. On return, and when the film had been developed it was found that the measuring roller needles had torn through the film and all exposures were made apparently on one area.

It is to be noted that if the camera operator had noted that the film wind indicator was not rotating, he could have removed the magazine, turned some film over by hand and replaced the magazine and after turning over further exposures he could have recommenced photography. However, as there would have been insufficient time to do this, during or immediately after the attack, the result would in no way have been changed. On the other hand, there might have been a good chance of getting subsequent photographs of the oil patch.

As will be realised, the most suitable type of camera for work of this nature is an 8" F. 24 with a mirror attachment fitted, which can be covered with an electrically heated muff, which greatly reduces the possibility of moisture on the film.

In accordance with ACSEA Scales of F. 24 camera equipment a long range general reconnaissance squadron such as 160 Squadron, is not entitled to mirror attachments.

Next frame is sketch of attack

October 1944: Appendix 3

Appendix 'C' : Record of Maintenance Work Carried Out During October 1944.

4 Minor Inspections, A/C's "S", "G", "L", & "Y"

Fuel Cell Change, A/C "L".

Auxiliary Fuel Cell Change, A/C "N".

Removal and Blanking Off Mid Upper Turret A/C's "A" and "P".

Repair and Refabricating of Elevator Control Surface & Replacing A/C "H".

Refabricating and Replacing Elevator Control Surface A/C "S".

Fitment of Heat Exchangers A/C's "N", "T", "Y" & "L".

Rigging Check A/C "Y".

Acceptance Check A/C "A".

Recamouflaging of A/C "B??".

Major Inspection commenced A/C "V".

Engine Change and Major Inspection commenced, Work Discontinued, Aircraft beyond economical repair, Struck off Charge. -- A/C "D".

Squadron Workshops Floor Resurfaced by Maintenance Personnel.

A. C. Clayton F/Sgt.
For F/Lt. Eng. Officer
160 Squadron, RAF.

October 1944, Appendix 4

3rd October, 1944

Facilities Addu Atoll - Gan

1. M/F Beacon

At present the M/F beacon consists of a 1983 transmitter using batteries having a maximum of four hours operation. The first three aircraft to arrive M, D and L{??} received no signal, although the beacon was in operation during this period. A like experience was had by all three aircraft returning on the morning of the 7th. September. One aircraft however, did manage to pick up a faint signal at a range of less than ten miles. In view of this, the liaison transmitter in one of the aircraft on the ground was used for this purpose, using the same frequency and call sign. Aircraft N returning to Gan on the 10th. received this signal and homed from over eighty miles.

On all nights a very strong beacon signal was received approximately 4 Kcs. higher the frequency at Addu. This unlisted station (later identified as Karachi) was responsible for one aircraft flying one and a half hours after E.T.A. as the captain felt that such a strong signal so far from land could be none other than Addu.

2. Lighting Facilities.

Although it appears that no black-out is in force, very well shielded glim lamps are in use, which are totally inadequate for large aircraft, especially in bad weather conditions.

3. Refuelling.

On arrival, only 6,000 gals. were available at Gan, although it was obvious that to complete the six sorties, at least 13,000 would be needed. The refuelling bowser is in poor condition and is much too small. The bowser pump broke down twice necessitating the removal of bomb-bay pumps from grounded aircraft for refuelling purposes. All fuel had to be transported in four gallon cans.

4. Communications.

Signals to and from Group required an intolerable length of time. In many cases over fifteen hours were required even with a high priority. Thus for the first five sorties, the weather reports arrived after the aircraft were airborne. Present weather conditions were obtained from day operating Catalinas.

5. Co-operation.

The co-operation of the Navy was extremely good. A great effort was made on their part to entertain the detachment and give every possible assistance. On one instance when fuel was low, 2,7000 gals. was carried in four gallon cans at night from a Carrier which was at anchor in the harbour.

6. Recommendations.

The following recommendations are forwarded : -

- (i) A powerful M/F beacon be installed having a range of at least 300 miles.
- (ii) The two beacons one at Addu and the other at Diago Garcia - the only two within hundreds of miles - be allocated different frequencies to alleviate any possible interference.
- (iii) Some goose neck flares be used in place of glim lamps with double flares at 500 and 1,000 yards to aid distance judgement in landing.
- (iv) A much larger supply of fuel and oil be kept on hand in storage tanks.
- (v) A more serviceable and larger fuel bowser be allocated (two if possible).
- (vi) A rapid improvement in the signal facilities to Group.

Squadron Leader,
O.C. "B?" Flight, 160 Squadron

November 1944: Form 540

160 Sqn.

Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Kankasanturai	1st		The month opens with very bad weather. Work on the camp more or less at a standstill owing to flooding and the impossibility of moving material without bogging the transport. It is expected too that to some extent local flying training will be affected especially night circuits and bumps owing to poor visibility.
			S/L Cunningham - Controller - from Ratmalana visits the Station to inspect the G.R. Ops. Room prior to opening the projected Minneriya Ops. Room.
Cuttack Kankasanturai		0855 & 0905 to 1810 & 1416	"G" EV821 and "F" FL991 P/O Waterfield & F/O Crawley and their crews respectively take part in an A/Submarine sweep. "G" carries out a Creeping Line Ahead Patrol through 20000 N - 8730 E t 2110 -9130 E. "F" returning from Cuttack carries out a sweep of the shipping lanes off the Indian coast, landing at K.K.S. No enemy sightings.
Kankasanturai Ratmalana		1445 to 1615	"V" FL936 F/O Smith and Crew fly this aircraft to 145 R&S.U. for major inspection.
Kankasanturai			At Football the Station team played against Hartley College Jaffna and won.
	2nd		W/Cdr. Brady departs on posting to H.Q. 222 Group as Training Officer and W/C Stacey assumes command of 160 Squadron. F/L Trotter is appointed "B" Flight commander in place of W/C Stacey and is promoted to the rank of S/L effective the dates of their appointments and promotions to be notified later. W/C Brady before leaving visits all sections and thanks them for their past co-operation and gives his good wishes for the future success of the squadron. Aircrew were addressed in the Gunnery Section.
Kankasanturai Ratmalana Kankasanturai		1050 to 1210 1615	"X" EW314 F/L Leeper and Crew convey W/C Brady to Colombo on posting asnd W/O Carr to visit 222 Group. F/L Leeper returns the same day to K.K.S. with F/O Smith and crew who have left "V" at 145 R&S.U.
			F/L Compton and the Command Electrical Officer visit the Station. The position as regards Electrical and Instrument personnel on this squadron is now satisfactory, but it is hoped to establish a separate section of personnel devoted solely to the maintenance and upkeep of automatic pilot equipment.
			F/O Watkins - Tech/Radar - from No. 51 Radio School Bangalore arrives on liaison duties with our Radar Section.
		0950 to 1455	"X" EW314 S/L Joy and crew to China Bay to visit 321 Squadron returning the same evening.
Kankasanturai	3rd	1200	The body of F/L Parsons - Station Signals Officer - is found by Cpl. Congdon - S.P. of this squadron. It is believed that he died by his own hand under the influence of mental depression. The body which was found in an abandoned Hindu temple in the camp perimeter had been there for some time, probably over twelve hours. A Court of Inquiry is held presided over by S/L Trotter.
			Three American armament experts arrive to service the American mines supplied to this squadron for future operations. Pending the erection of suitable bomb-bays the mines are dispersed on the far side of the runway. The American experts are also to instruct our crews in the laying of the mines and give details of performance and safety precautions.
	4th	0715	"G" EV821 F/L Netherton and crew depart of Salbani. After much delay it has been found necessary for F/L Netherton, F/O Muir and F/O McPhail t travel to India to be witnesses in a court of inquiry convened at Salbani By S/L Chabot to enquire into the aircraft accident involving F/L Netherton prior to his arrival on this squadron. He is expected to be away for at least 10 days.
		0855 to 1240	"X" EW314 F/O Waterfield and crew with passengers including S/L Cunningham, to Ratmalana on Air Test returning at the marginally noted time.

Jaffna		1600	F/L Parsons buried at Jaffna Cemetary with S/L Chapman taking the service. It was not possible to fly the body to Colombo as at first intended.
			Two teams were taken to R.A.F. Station Vavuniya to play Rugby and Association Football, also a few spectators made the journey. At Rugby the KKS Station team lost while the Soccer match resulted in a draw.
Kankasanturai	5th		F/O Williams arrives on attachment to the Station as Equipment Officer in place of F/O Sharp N.E. Sick.
	6th		G/Capt. Farquahar and W/C Stont? - Group Fighter Ops. Controller - visit the station by air and interview W/C Carr.
		1240 to 1630	"P?" BZ828 W/O Hughes and crew carry out an Anti-submarine patrol (Cobra 5) at position 1070N 8110E. no enemy sightings and A/C ordered to return to base at 15.30 hours.
	7th		G/Capt. King visits the station by air and interviews W/C Carr.
		0000) 0005) 0015) 0950) 1335 1000	"A" BZ711, "T" BZ830 and "Y" BZ889 with F/O Crawley, F/L Leeper, P/O Waterfield and their crews respectively take part in a combined Anti-submarine sweep in Creeping Line Ahead over an area 150 miles S.East of Madras. There are no enemy sightings, but F/L Leeper in "T" made a disappearing Radar contact at position 1140N 8020E whereupon he carried out baiting tactics followed by a Cobra Patrol. No results but some rockets were seen but it is not known where they were discharged from. All A/C returned to KKS at the m/n times.
		2305) 2310) 2325) 2335) to 1150) 1230) 1240) 1245)	"A" BZ711, "P" BZ828, "T" BZ830 "N" BZ752 with F/O Jackson, W/O Hughes, F/O Jones and S/L Trotter with their crews respectively carry out a combined anti-submarine search over and area 1400N -8230E to 0930N -8050E i.e. approx. 125 miles east of Madras. An uneventful search. "A"'s Radar went u/s and some unidentified lights were seen by "T" at position 1150N - 8050E but no other incident reported. All aircraft returned at marginally noted times.
	8th		There was no flying today except for Tiger Moth taking S/L MacLean to China Bay and returning.
			A big attraction was the opening of a Station Cinema using films from the Ceylon Cinema Circuit. An empty building in main stores is at present being used, a temporary projection room having been built inside it. The first picture show was "Ice Capades". This show should keep everyone more cheerful through the monsoon.
	9th		No flying except by S/L Joy in the Harvard to Ratmalana and return.
			In the afternoon the E.N.S.A. party arrive from Vanuniya and are accommodated at the Rest House. F/L Fry is appointed Entertainments Officer to see to the comfort of the part and to arrange transport and entertainments. The party consists of 2 male artists and four girls and is in the form of a concert party.
	10th	0100) 1105 {sic}) to 1235) 1245)	"Y" BZ889 and "A" BZ711 with S/L Joy and F/L Leeper respectively, carry out a Parallel Track Anti Submarine sweep in conjunction with two Aircraft from 354 Squadron. They fly East to within 70 miles of Nicobar Islands and return, but there are no enemy sightings and they return at the marginally noted times.
		1015 to 1300	"F?" FL991 P/O Smith and crew, weather permitting carry out A/S Bombing practice on Jaffna Lagoon: results average. The Bombing target is at present rather too close in shore and no satisfactory means of towing this target is at present available. Target in about 2 1/2 feet of water only.
		1715	"B" FL986 arrives from India piloted by F/L Waddy who with his second pilot F/O Harmanson? And his navigator F/O Kauffman are posted to this Unit. However, since his kit and the remainder of this crew are still in India he is returning to India with one of our aircraft allotted away and will return later with his complete crew to become an effective part of this squadron.
Kankasanturai	10th		The first of two performances of the ENSA show Fantasia was given in the Aimens' N.A.A.F.I. and seen by 400 persons. The party were afterwards entertained at a cold

			buffet by the officers mess.
	11th		No flying today except F/L Leeper who conveys F/O Boggon to Colombo to take part in Court Martial Proceedings returning the same evening.
			This evening the ENSA party give their second performance so that all personnel should have had an opportunity of seeing the show. The party are afterwards entertained in the Sergeants' Mess. In the afternoon the girls of the party had also visited the airmens' canteen and corporals' club and met personnel of the station.
	12th		F/L Vine - Medical Officer - arrived at the station to take the place of F/L Wallis M.O. absent on leave.
		1055 1600	"Y" BZ889 F/L Redmond with F/O Reynolds on Air Test with passengers to Ratmalana and return.
		1800	After a tiring journey of 18 hours in a mixed goods train two new reinforcement crews arrive unannounced at this station. It is thought that if personnel have to be routed by this slow train they should be provided with rations and their arrival signalled well in advance. The following crew members arrived on posting: A414623 F/O Knowles?, J.6808 A/F/L Colleaux?, J39613 P/O O'Connell, J40194 P/O ?olden, P/O Smith, F/O Granger, F/O Atkins.
			Training this number on new crews will present a problem if the weather does not improve shortly.
			G/Capt. King and G/Capt. Menzies also visited the station by air G/Capt. Menzies afterwards leaving for India.
			The promotion of S/L Stacey to W/Cdr. and of F/L Trotter to S/L is effective to-day.
			Their inspection completed and all information having been passed to Armament personnel and crews the American Mine Experts leave.
		1600	The Station Rugby Football team and the Station Soccer team played matches against the Royal Marines at Jaffna winning both matches by a comfortable margin.
	12th 13th	1910) 1930) to 0730) 0705	"N" BZ752 and "F" FL991 with P/O Waterfield and F/O Crawley and their crews respectively carry out an Anti-Submarine search. "N" over 1200N 812?0E to 1500N 8150E in creeping line ahead patrol. "F" co-operating with Force 66 in position 1320N 8105E carries out a patrol 15 miles south on bearing 090 to P.L.E. Patrol uneventful no enemy sightings and both aircraft return to base at the marginally noted times.
		0810 to 1310	"Y?" BZ889 F/O Jones and crew on Fighter Affiliation.
			F/O Watkins - Tech/Radar - returns to No. 51 Radio School on completing Radar Liaison duties at this squadron.
			W/C Beresford - A.M.W.D. - visits the Station.
	14th	1550	"G" EV821 F/L Netherton and crew return from Salbani after completion of court of inquiry. They bring some spares for "X" EW314 which will shortly be allotted away to India. Also F/O Dean and his crew are picked up at Madras since the aircraft they should have brought back is U/S for an unspecified time and they are likely to be required on this squadron.
	15th	1105 to 1305	"Y" BZ830 F/L Leeper and crew on Low Level Bombing practice. Average results.
			P/O R. B. Rowley and two other 2nd Pilots are sent to Colombo to await routeing to Nassau for a captains' course. Their kit is left on the Squadron as it is understood that they will return on passing out as captains.
			W/Cdr. Carr visits H.Q. 222 Group.
			W/Cdr. Piper - R.C.A.F. Personnel and Liaison Officer from New Delhi visits the Squadron C.O. and gives a talk to all R.C.A.F. personnel in the new briefing room. Subjects discussed are R.C.A.F. overseas tours and the position of R.C.A.F. personnel in our crews. Overdue promotions are to receive his attention.
		1015 to 1305	"Y?" BZ830 F/L Leeper and crew resume low level bombing practice with fair results.
		1135 to	"L" BZ826 F/L Redmond conveys W/Cdr. Carr to Ratmalana and air test.

		1555	
	16th		"T?" BZ830 W/O Hughes and Crew on Low level bombing training at Jaffna Lagoon. S/L Joy to Ratmalana in the Harvard to fetch W/Cdr. Carr returns the same evening.
	17th	0510 to 1420	"P" BZ828 W/O Hughes and crew meet Convoy at position 0745N 8205E and escort it until relieved. A semi-inflated barrage balloon is sighted in the sea.
		0815 to 1020	"T?" BZ830 P/O Smith and crew continue low level bombing practice.
		0930	The Supreme Commander S.E.Q. : Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten : arrives at the Station and borrowing the Squadron Jeep drives himself to Hamernheil??, camp returning here after lunch.
			At 14.30 a parade of representatives of all ranks from the Units based on this Station were inspected and the Supreme Commander had a short talk with all individually, finishing with an informal talk on the war situation and future plans. His visit was much appreciated here.
			W/Cdr. Stacey returns to the Squadron after discharge from the 24th Mobile Field Hospital and resumes command of the Squadron.
	18th	0820 to 1410	"N" BZ752 F/O Smith and crew proceed to Low Level Bombing, after 1 hour 50 minutes they are diverted to an A.S.R. search with the assistance of a Walrus of 292 Squadron and the high speed launch from Knits??. A Spitfire from Vavaniya en-route for St. Thomas' Mount crashed in he sea. Some wreckage was found but no survivor picked up, at a point 7 miles south of Point Calamare??.
		1800	The Station Soccer team played the Marines and lost.
		1950 & 2125 to 2100 & 2225	"G" EV821 W/O Hughes, followed by F/O Dean and their crews respectively take part in practice night circuits and bumps ant the marginally noted times.
Jaffna	18th		A driver of 5020 A.M.E.S. collides with a naval lorry in Jaffna and one airman is killed.
Kankasanturai	19th		"N" BZ752 W/O Hughes and crew on Low level bombing.
		0920	F/L Waddy and crew ferry "X" EW314 to Allahabad on allotment away. Hi is to collect the rest of his crew and their baggage and return to this Unit on posting.
		1035	"N" BZ752 S/L Trotter and crew on Low level bombing.
Jaffna		1600	Funeral in Jaffna of the airman killed in the motor crash. The funeral party supplied by this station and the service conducted by S/L Williams.
Kankasanturai	20th	0210 to 1625	"L" BZ826 F/O McNabb carries out an A/S patrol combined with consumption test course flown : KKS Cape Comorum - Kelai - Addu Attol and return. No enemy sightings. Air miles per gallon 1.09.
			The P.M.O. visits and inspects the Station.
	21st	0055 to 1645	"Y" BZ889 S/L Joy and crew carry out the same test as F/O McNabb over the same area. No enemy sightings and the same petrol consumption per air mile. They were accompanied by F/L Leeper in "T" BZ830 who registered 1.02 gallons per air mile.
		1045 to 1225	"N" BZ752 F/O Crawley and crew carry out Low Level Bombing practice.
			P/O Phillips arrives at the station for Intelligence duties. He is i/c of a party of 50 airmen from Sigiriya who arrive unannounced and wet through in open trucks. A late meal is provided with some difficulty - bad management on the part of the dispatching unit.
Colombo	22nd		W/Cdr. Stacey visits 222 Group by air intending to stay two days, to discuss future policy and manpower difficulties.
Kankasanturai		1025 to 1215	"N" BZ752 P/O Whitten and crew on low level bombing.
	23rd	1125 to 1300	"T" BZ830 F/O McNabb and crew on Low level bombing.
		1700	W/Cdr. Stacey returned by air from Ratmalana bringing with him F/O Horton and F/O Dunn and part of their crew who arrive on posting to this squadron.

			P/O Phillips posted to Station as Intelligence Officer and not to this Squadron.
		1945 to 2245	"N" BZ752 F/L Netherton and crew on the first Radar Map Reading exercise of this month. Throughout bad weather has restricted all training.
		2000 to 2330	"T" BZ830 F/L Leeper, S/L Trotter and F/O McNabb in turn with their crews do training Night circuits and bumps.
	24th		F/L Dorais Tech/Radar arrives to re-open the G.C.I. Station. F/O Lockyer Tech/Radar arrives at 160 Squadron on posting to fill the S.Radar (Airborne) officer vacancy here in place of F/O Peulgui??? posted to New Delhi.
		2030 & 2120 to 2115 & 2205?	"G" EV821 P/O Knowles on night circuits and familiarization followed by P/O Whitten in the same aircraft.
		2030 to 2355	"T" BZ830 F/O McNabb and crew on Radar Map Reading.
	25th		S/L Trotter flies the Harvard to Vavuniya returning the same evening.
	26th		F/L Coleaux and crew intend to leave on posting to Madras, trip cancelled through bad weather.
		1130 to 1245	"S" FL935 F/O Jones and crew carry out a Camera Test locally.
Jaffna			Station Cricket team play Jaffna police and lose.
Kankasanturai	27th	0805 to 1810	"T" BZ830 F/L Leeper and crew convey F/L Coleaux and crew to 200 Squadron on posting. He returns to K.K.S. bringing F/L Davidson and his second pilot F/O Dobbie and his Navigator P/O Smith and crew on posting to this Squadron. F/L Davidson arrive back on his old squadron as a captain after spending nearly a year as a second pilot.
		1040 to 1225 1955 to 2330	"B" FL986 F/O McNabb and crew on low level bombing and air firing, followed in the same aircraft by P/O Whitten and crew on a Radar Map Reading exercise at the marginally noted times.
			A Consolidated Aircraft Company Technical representative arrives at K.K.S. to spend a few days checking aircraft performance and lecturing ground personnel and crews. He brings a film for demonstrating "Liberator Flying" which he intends to show to all aircrew.
	28th		No general flying owing to a cyclone warning received from Group Met. S/L Joy, however, flies in the Harvard to Minneriya to fetch a projector for the above Training film. He is unable to return owing to bad weather.
			During the night very stormy conditions maintain but no cyclone. Heavy rain wets many of the billets and the officers' mess is cut off by water.
	29th		Weather continues very bad. Coconut matting is swung from the verandah posts in lieu of Tatts?? and proves efficient in keeping exposed billets dry. Some billets are, however, flooded by rising water.
			No flying is possible owing to bad weather. S/L Joy is unable to return from Minneriya.
	30th		S/L Joy returns from Minneriya.
		1440 to 0010	"B" FL986:: The weather improving slightly P/O Smith, F/L Davidson, F/O Jones take the opportunity of doing training circuits and bumps.
			This has been a very dull month operationally and a very unsatisfactory one from a training point of view owing to continuous bad flying weather.
			Conditions on the camp have bee bad throughout, standing water and rain has hampered the A.M.W.D. It is hoped that the end of December will see the last to the monsoon.
			For Maintenance Work carried out during month see Appendix 'A' attached.
			Strength: November 1944
			R.A.F. Officers 25

			S.N.C.O's	145	
			O.R.s.	342	510
		Canadian	Officers	31	
			S.N.C.O's	21	
			O.R.s.	8	60
		Australian	Officers	11	
			S.N.C.O's	32	43
		New Zealand	Officers	1	
			S.N.C.O's	3	4
		American	Officers	1	1
			Total		618

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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
Day 1st November, 1944.					
Liberator Mk. V. "F/160" FL991	F/O K? J. M. Crawley	Traffic Inner Patrol	Cuttack	KAN	No enemy sightings.
	P?/O K. O. Richards		010235Z	010740Z	
	W/O H? C. Henderson				
	W/O H? J. Langton				
	W/O C. V. Callaghan				
	W/O L. G. Jansen				
	W/O D K? Wright				
	F/Sgt. J. S. Lawrence				
	F/Sgt. K. G. Horton				
Liberator Mk. VI "G?/160" EV821	F/O L. Waterfield	Traffic Outer Patrol	Cuttack	KAN	No enemy sightings.
	F/sgt. R. C. Clark		010227Z	011139Z	
	F/O D? B. Coutts				
	Sgt. J. R. Burgess				
	W/O G? Stainsby				
	W/O R. S. Turpin				
	Sgt. C. T. Stanton				
	Sgt. C. A. Goettler				
	Sgt. E. W. McDonald				
	Sgt. P. J. Monk				
Day 6th November, 1944.					
Liberator "P/160" BZ828?	W/O F? Hughes	A/U Search	KAN	KAN	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. R. D. Miller		060608Z	061000Z	
	W/O T. J. Riding				
	F/Sgt. G. F. Barratt				
	F/Sgt. A. G. Smith				
	F/Sgt. R. W. Whittman				
	F/Sgt. R. P. Troy				
	F/Sgt. J. McGarry				
F/Sgt. D. K. Barrard?					
Sgt. K? Daynes?					
Night 6th/7th November, 1944.					
Liberator "A/160" BZ711	F/O E? J. M. Crawley	A/U Search	KAN	KAN	No enemy sightings.
	F/O K. O. Richards		061730Z	070320Z	
	W/O H. C. Henderson				
	W/O H. J. Langton?				
	W/O D? H? Wright				
	W/O L. G. Jansen?				
	W/O C. V. Callaghan				
	F/Sgt. J. S. Lawrence				
F/Sgt. K? G? Horton					
Sgt. K. R? Ashton					
F/Sgt. W. R. Craggs??					
Liberator "Y/160" BZ889	F/O L. Waterfield	A/U Search	KAN	KAN	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. R. C. Clark		061747Z	070328Z	
	F/O D? B. Coutts				

	W/O G? Stainsby				
	Sgt. G. T. Stanton				
	Sgt. C. A Goettler				
	Sgt. E. W. McDonald				
	Sgt. K. H? G. Edwards				
	Sgt. K. B. V. Williams				
	F/Sgt. F. Duffy				
	W/O R. S. Turpin				
Liberator "??/160" BZ830	F/L J P. Leeper	A/U Search	KAN	KAN	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. D. Bushman??		061734Z	070706Z	
	F/O R. W. Beattie				
	W/O J. J. Allan				
	W/O A. P. Hampton				
	W/O J. Limeburner				
	F/Sgt. R. H. Adams				
	F/Sgt. F. Williams				
	Sgt. ? May				
Night 7th/8th November, 1944.					
Liberator "A/160" BZ711	F/O J. I. Jackson	A/U Search	KAN	KAN	No enemy sightings.
	W/O H. P. Hynes		071633Z	080519Z	
	P/O T. ? Knott				
	F/Sgt. W. B? Clark				
	W/O J. H. G. Cyr				
	F/Sgt. A. G? Beck				
	F/Sgt. K. J. Hill				
	F/Sgt. W. P? Jary				
	F/Sgt. A. Crumbie				
	Sgt. R. Hewitt				
Liberator "Y?/160" BZ830	F/O L. R. Jones	A/U Search	KAN	KAN	No enemy sightings.
	F/O D? Nightingale		071655Z	080610Z	
	F/O R. K? Ponham???				
	F/O A. G. Gronow?				
	F/Sgt. H. A. Hughes				
	F/Sgt. C? O'Connor				
	W/O K? S. W. Wiltshire				
	F/Sgt. W. Norfolk				
	F/Sgt. K? Williams				
	Sgt. J. Halliday				
Liberator "N?/160" BZ752	S/L R. S? Trotter	A/U Search	KAN	KAN	No enemy sightings.
	F/O G. W. Guy		071705Z	080616Z	
	W/O K. Collins				
	P/O I. J. Tanner????				
	F/O R. W. B????				
	F/Sgt. F? Ryan				
	F/Sgt. ? ? Davies				
	F/Sgt. F? K? Gundrill??				
	Sgt. P. G. F. French?				
Day 8th November, 1944.					
Liberator "A/160" BZ711	W/O P? Hughes	A/U Search	KAN	KAN	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. R? B? Miller?		071635Z	080600Z	
	W/O T. J. Riding				
	F/Sgt. J N??arry				
	F/Sgt. R. P. Troy				

	F/Sgt. R. W. Wittmann				
	F/Sgt. ? K. Barnard??				
	F/Sgt. G. ? Barrett				
	Sgt. N. Baynes?				
Day 10th November, 1944.					
Liberator "Y/160" BZ889	S/L D. G. M. Joy	Parallel Track A/U Search	KAN	KAN	No enemy sightings.
	F/L S. Redmond?		091831Z	100608Z	
	W/O J. W. B?u?rley				
	P/O r. J. Carroll				
	F/O G. P Amy				
	F/Sgt. R. V. C. Goodfellow				
	F/Sgt. G? H? Cameron?				
	F/Sgt. F? Feden??				
	F/Sgt. H. Holgate				
Liberator "A/160" BZ711	F/L J. P. Leeper	Parallel Track A/U Search	KAN	KAN	No enemy sightings.
	F/O R. N. Beattie		091837Z	100615Z	
	W/O J. J. Allan				
	W/O A. F? Hampton				
	W/O J. Limeburner				
	W/O D? J. S? Walker- Redmond??				
	F/Sgt. R. H. Adams				
	F/Sgt. F. Williams				
	Sgt. R. May				
Night 12th/13th November, 1944.					
Liberator "F?/160" FL991	F/O K? J. M. Crawley	A/S Patrol	KAN	KAN	No enemy sightings.
	F/O K. O. Richards		121300Z	130035Z	
	W/O H. C. Henderson				
	W/O D. P? Wright				
	W/O C. V. Callaghan				
	W/O L. G? Jansen?				
	W/O H. J. Langton				
	F/Sgt. J. S. Lawrence?				
	F/Sgt. K. G. Norfolk				
	Sgt. W. R. Craggs???				
	Sgt. K. K? Ashton				
Liberator "N?/160" BZ752	F/L L. Waterfield	C/L/A A/U Search	KAN	KAN	No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. R. C. Clark		121240Z	130202Z?	
	P/O D? P? Coutts				
	W/O G. Stainsby				
	W/O R. S? Turpin				
	F/Sgt. P. T. Duffy				
	Sgt. J. R. Burgess				
	Sgt. C? T. Stantion??				
	Sgt. G? A. Goettler				
	F/Sgt. K? McDonald				
	Sgt. K. H. G. Edwards				
Day 17th November, 1944					
Liberator "A/160" BZ828	W/O F? Hughes	Escort to Convoy JC68A	KAN	KAN	No enemy sightings.
	W/O R. D? Miller				
	W/O T. J. Riding				
	F/Sgt. A. G. Smith				
	F/Sgt. F. P? Troy				

	F/Sgt. R. W. Wittman				
	F/Sgt. G. F. Burratt??				
	F/Sgt. D. K. Barnard				
	F/Sgt. J. Hume??				
	Sgt. J. M. Glen				
Day 18th November, 1944.					
Liberator "N/160"	P/O S. B. Smith	A.S.R. Search for Missing Spitfire	KAN	KAN	H.S.L. homed to position of oil slick. Wreckage picked up by H.S.L.
	F/L R. A. Calleman??		180341Z	180740Z	
	F/O L. G. Knowles				
	F?/O R. P. O'Connell				
	W/O H. W. Hurley				
	F/Sgt. W. R. Tich??ar				
	F/Sgt. J. M? Coates				
	F/Sgt. H. Benbrick				
	Sgt. P? O'Brian				
	Sgt. A. Holmes???				
Day/Night 19th/20th November, 1944.					
Liberator "L/160" BZ889	F/O H? F? McNabb	Consumption Test and A/U Patrol.	KAN	KAN	No enemy sightings.
	F?/O C. W. Guy		191940Z	200955Z	
	F?/O J. P? Patterson				
	F/Sgt. H. Holgate				
	F/Sgt. F?F?eden?				
	Sgt. ? W. King?				
	Sgt. A. H?iebet??				
	Sgt. ? N? Owans??				
	F/Sgt. G. P. Brown				
	F/Sgt. ? G? N?orton?				
Night/Day 20th/21st November 1944.					
Liberator "?/160" BZ889	S/L D. G. M. Joy	Consumption Test and A/U Patrol.	KAN	KAN	No enemy sightings.
	F?/O W. H? Reynolds		201826Z	211015Z	
	P/O J. D. A. Robertson				
	P/O R. J. Carroll?				
	P/O D. J. I? Atkins				
	P/O I. J. Turner?				
	F?/O L. ? Knowles??				
	F?/O I? Smith				
	Sgt. J. T? Robertson				
Liberator "T/160" BZ8?30	F/L J. P? Leeper	Consumption Test and A/U Patrol.	KAN	KAN	No enemy sightings.
	P/O C. D? McPhail		201832Z	211400Z	
	F?/O R? N? Beattie				
	W/O J. J. Allan				
	W/O J. Lineburner				
	W/O A. P. Hampton				
	F/Sgt. R H? Adams				
	F/Sgt. P? Williams				
	Sgt. R? May				
Total Operational Hours Flown During November 1944 : 210 hours 46 minutes.					

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Appendix "A??"

Record of Maintenance Work Carried Out During November, 1944

Eleven Minor Inspections carried out on aircraft : - "N", "A", "C", "F", "X", "T", "G", "P", "B", Moth and Harvard.

Bomb Bay Door Modification incorporated on aircraft "N", "Y".

Fuel Cell change on aircraft "H", "P??"

Overload tanks fitted to aircraft "L", "Y"

A.S.G. Aerial fitted to aircraft "Y".

Removal of Mid-Upper Turret etc., aircraft "B", "Y",

Two Propellers stripped and serviced aircraft "P??"

Removal of Heat Exchangers "H", "P", "Y", "L".

Lathe etc., from Workshop Lorry installed in Workshop Building.

Dinghy Door Modification incorporated on aircraft "Y", "N".

Fuel system hose lines changed on aircraft "S".

Cylinder change on No. 3 engine of aircraft "C".

Ignition Harness and one Push Rod Assembly changed on aircraft "Y".

Maintenance Section

No. 160 Squadron

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{Y's and T's hard to determine on this frame as are P's and F's}

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Kankasanturai	1st		The month opens with the weather still unsettled and the camp water-bogged but some promise of improvement. A great deal of work is being done to make for maximum serviceability in view of the likelihood of operations after a few days.
			'C' Flight locally formed to facilitate the organization of Photographic Operations move into their new office. Lieut. J. G. Humphries of 12 I.A.N.S. is to work in conjunction with this flight and a special office for photographic interpretation and mapping is to be provided. The new flight is to consist of four crews and three aircraft (see attached appendix). The formation of this flight is tentative if it functions well 222 Group's sanction and an additional establishment will be requested.
			An American Signals Officer on visit to this Station promises to let us have a Homing Beacon.
			No operations
		0745 to 0855	"H" EV3789 F/L J. F. Leeper R.C.A.F. and crew fly to Ratmalana carrying personnel for Jungle School and commissioning board at 222 Group but are forced to return through engine trouble.
			Weather cloudy 7/10th and wind N.E.
	2nd		No operations; weather, fair 4/10th cloud and wind to N/W.
			Dr. Waddington and Profesor Burrell - air Ministry C.R.& P.R. operational experts-pass through the station on the way to Hersenheil???
			"C??" BZ900 F/L J. F. Leeper R.C.A.F. and crew return with personnel no longer required by 145 R&SU since the Major on "V" FL936 is nearly complete.
	3rd		No operations. Weather very overcast 10/10th cloud, wind in the East.
			Sports: A soccer match at home was played by the Station team against 354 Squadron detachment. KKS lost by one goal to nil.
	4th		Operations
			An Anti-Submarine Sweep is ordered by 222 Group, searching for submarines believed to be proceeding west from the Andamans. The following Aircraft of 160 Squadron took part in the first sortie.
	4/5	1355) 1400) 1405) 1410) to 0605) 0545) 0615) 0620)	"A" BZ711, "F" FL991, "Y" BZ889, "T" BZ830 with F/O Waterfield, RCAF No. Can J.23061, F/O H. J. M. Crawley, RCAF. Can J. 23389, F/O J. D. Dean, R.N.Z.A.F. No. NZ 16323 and F/O S. E? Smith R.C.A.F. No. Can. J. 29795 and their crew respectively leave for the target area at the marginally noted times and carry out a Search & Hunt to Exhaustion from position 1230N83?10E. i.e. approximately 200 miles west of the Andaman Islands. There were no enemy sightings and no incidents. "Y" - The automatic pilot went u/s. All aircraft returned to K.K.S. at the m/n times.
	4/5	2210 to 1400	"L" BZ826 P/O L. M. Whitten R.C.A.F. No. Can. J. 37080 and crew carry out a Search & Hunt to Exhaustion in conjunction with three aircraft of 354 Squadron. At 0645 hours were ordered to carry out a Cobra patrol in position 1240N 8750E. No sightings were made on this operation.
			During the above flight one of the Aircraft of 354 Squadron "P" KG822 captained by J86953 R.C.A.F. P/O M. Jorgenson, was lost at sea.
			Wreckage was seen in position 1221N 8517E but no sign of crew. All attempts to locate them later were unsuccessful.
			This completes operations for today. The local weather was cloudy 8/10ths with a N/E wind.
			The Station was visited by Dr. Waddington and Professor Burrell on their return from Hammenheil and they held a conference on G.R. Operations and P.R. Plans with W/Cdr. J. N. Stacey and the 3 Flight Commanders.

	4th		W/Cdr. K. Carr leaves by air for Ratmalana.
	4th		Personnel
			28 B.O.R.'s arrive on the Squadron on posting from U.K. by rail from Transit Camp Colombo. They are to be interviewed by the Station Commander after they have been on the station a week so that he may get their impressions and listen to any difficulties. None of the engineering tradesmen have any experience of American Aircraft but seem keen. Reinforcements in the trades of Clerk/G.D. and Equip/Asst are unfortunately still absent.
	5th		Operations
		1610 to 0925	"C" BZ900 F/L J. F. Leeper R.C.A.F. Can.J.3105 and crew carry out an Ops. Consumption Test combined with A/S Search. Area covered KKS – Kelai – Keltan? – Mimicon?? – Mecolobo?? - Ah??s??rice and return to KKS. ³
			Weather:
			Sport:
	6th		Operations:
Kankesanturai		1550) 1554) 1610) 1615) to 0800) 0725) 0845) 0820)	An anti-submarine patrol was carried out creeping line ahead from position 1528N. 8610E to 1700N. 8410E I.E. 300 miles west? of N. Andamans by "?" FL986, "L" BZ826, "Y" BZ889, and "N" BZ826 with S/L S. N. Trotter, F/O M. F. McNabb, F/O S. E? Smith R.C.A.F. No Can. J. 2979?5 and F/O J. D. Dean R.N.Z.A.F. No. NZ 416323 and their crews respectively. With the exception of one fading Radar Contact made by "Y" this search was quite uneventful and all aircraft return at the m/n times. All aircraft land at Cuttack.
Kankesanturai	6th	1830 to 2175 {sic}	"P?" FL911 F/O E.J. M. Crawley R.C.A.F. No. J23389 and crew take off to replace P/O Dean's aircraft whose S/E had gone U/S, however repairs are effected and "F" recalled to base.
			Weather: Local weather Fair 5/10 cloud at 2500, wind N/E.
	7th		Operations: Nil.
		0900)?	Weather??: {unreadable}
		???	W/Cdr. E? Carr returns to Station. W/Cdr. J. N. Stacey leaves by air for Ratmalana for interview with 10 GROPS.
			F/L Leeper to China Bay to discuss P.R. with the Mosquito detachment.
			F/L Canrdngs?? F.A. Station Defence Officer is posted to Bombay for D.A.P.M. duties.
			Funeral at Jaffna C.of E. Cemetery of an airman from R.A.R. Station Vevedya who was drowned whilst attending the Defence Course here. The funeral was conducted by S/L Williams of this Station and this Squadron supply the firing party.
			Capt. ? F. Diggle - Asst. Chaplain in Chief A.C. SEA C.of E. visits the station to see S/L Williams. He departs after one day, on his initial tour of the island.
Cuttack	8/9		Operations:
Cuttack		1345) 1755) 1755) 1800) to ??05) 1010) 1040) 0935)	All aircraft detached to Cuttack on the 6th December carry out Anti-Sub sweep. "B??" carries out a sweep of shipping lanes. "P?" "Y" and "L" carry out a three aircraft patrol starting at Position 14?50N. 8300E i.e. 250 miles NW of Madras. No enemy sightings and all return to base.
Kankesanturai			
	8th		Weather: Local weather Fair 7/soths cloud at 1500 feet, wind N/E.
Cuttack	9th		Operations:
		0210 to	Convoy Escort of J.C.70 from 2007N 8735E to 2125N. 9133E. Uneventful patrol

³ This operation is not mentioned in the Form 541 for December.

		2110	carried out by: "N" BZ752 S/L ? H. Trotter and crew.
Kankasanturai			Weather: Local weather Fair with 5/10th cloud at 4000.
			Capt. H. Lowe arrives at K.K.S. to se to the storing of airborne supplies and parachutes and to liase with the Marines at Hammernheil. Parachutes will be maintained by our section but no new packers have been supplied by Capt. H. Lowe of NE.24.
			Sport: The Station soccer team played Jaffna team "Young Kriehana???" and won 2-1.
Cuttack	10th		Operations:
Cuttack Kankasanturai		1025 to 1615	Patrol of shipping lanes on return to KKS via Madras by "N" BZ752 S/L S. H. Trotter and crew carry out an uneventful search landing at KKS.
			Weather: Local weather fair, 4/10th cloud at 3000 feet. N/E wind.
			S/L ?Breen????? Station Admin Officer returns to KKS from leave.
			Sport: A cricket match was played against the 24 Mobile Field Hospital KKS won.
Kankasanturai	11th		Operations: Nil.
			Weather: Local weather 7/10th cloud at 1500 feet.
			F/L J. C. Crossby - Squadron Engineering Officer - to 145 R&SU by air, returning the same day.
			F/L W. Benson G.R. Controller arrives on attachment from 10GROPS. He is familiar with 160's operations having been with us for some time in the past.
			F/O W. Robbie?? and party of 8 leave for the Short Jungle Course.
Kankasanturai	12th		Operations: Nil.
			Weather: Local weather, overcast 10/10th cloud at 1000 feet, wind N/N/E.
	13th		Operations:
		1835) 1840) 1845) 1850) to 0910) 1010) 2300) 0850)	Three aircraft despatched on a parallel track search, 30 miles north of Base 270 degrees to 8730E. No enemy sightings. All aircraft return to base. The Following took part: "L" BZ826, "N" BZ752, "T" BZ830, "A" BZ711, with F/O H. P. McNabb, W/Cdr. J. N. Stacey, D.F.C., F/O S. B? Smith R.C.A.F. No. Can. J.29795 and S/L S. H. Trotter and their crews respectively. A/C "A" was sent to replace "T" whose radar equipment went U/s.
			Weather: Local weather cloudy, 7/10th cloud at 2000 feet, wind N/W.
			F/L R. A. Harvey - Education Officer - from RAF Minneriya visited the station to discuss work with F/L Vanstone C. R. Ops. Controller and Station Education Officer.
			W/Cdr. Howell A.C. S.E.A. Navigation Officer visits the station with S/L D. Burrows, Group Education Officer. Amongst points discussed wit F/L A. Fry and F/L S. Redmond were the care and maintenance of Astro Watches, Radio Aids. The Advantage of giving each Navigator some section of the Squadron's work to specialise in is pointed out.
	14/15		Operations:
		1845 to 0800	One aircraft on Anti Sub Search, east from base. No sightings. "Y" BZ889 S/L D. G. M. Joy, R.C.A.F. No. Can. 1218.
	14th		Weather: Local weather cloudy 6/10th cloud at 2000 feet. N/W wind.
			F/L J. MacArthur R.C.A.F. No. C.8069 arrives to take command of the G.C.I. Station vice F/L Dom?ais posted.
Kankasanturai	15th		Operations: Nil.
			Local weather cloudy 6/10th cloud at 3000 feet, wind N/N/W.
			W/Cdr. E. Carr to Colombo. F/L Booth - Group Radar(A) officer visits Station for the first time since F/O Lockyer took over. He discusses equipment and housing problems and reviews the manpower situation in view of the future commitments and the increase in aircraft numbers.

			The second half of this month is to be devoted to the intensive training of the new crews in preparation for the mining operations that will be carried out in the new year with special attention to Radar Training.
	16th		Operations: Nil.
			Training: Practice bombing is carried out at Jaffna Lagoon.
		0750 to 1025	"Y" BZ889 F/O Dean and Crew with F/L Davidson and F/L Waddy
		0800 to 1305 1050 to 1235	also a Radar Homing exercise with the pinnacle by "T" BZ830 F/L Schroeder and crew. Bombing Training is continued in "Y?" BZ889 by F/O Smith and crew with F/O McNabb and P/O Whitten.
		1100 & 1425 to 1610 & 1845	Further Radar Homing exercises are carried out by "L" BZ826 and "B?" FL986 F/O Morton and F/O Knowles and their crews respectively.
			During this morning there was a 'shoot-up' by aircraft of 81 Squadron - very effective.
			F/L Howland G.C.I Controller arrives to supervise the re-opening of the G.C.I. station and to train the operators.
			Sport: The Station team played soccer at K.K.S. against the Royal Marines and drew 2-2, and against the Marines at Rugger resulting in a win by the Station team 11-3.
Kankasanturai	17th		Operations: Nil.
			Training:
		0950 to 1037 1055 to 1240	Practice bombing carried out by two crew in "L" BZ826 F/L Schroeder and his crew with F/L Davidson and F/O Norton followed by S/L Joy and crew with F/L Waddy and F/O Knowles.
		1400	W/Cdr. Stacey flies to Ratmalana in "N" to discuss the future mining operations with 222 Group and 10GROPS.
			Training (con'td)
		1500 to 1700	"Y" BZ889 F/O Knowles and crew with F/L Davidson and P/O Horton continue bombing practice while later a Radar Homing exercise is carried out by F/O Dean and his crew in aircraft BZ826?.
		1935 to 2305	S/L Joy and F/L Knowles take their second pilots F/O Reynolds and F/O Grainger on night circuits and bumps instruction for an hour each in Aircraft "Y" followed by F/L Waddy and his second pilot F/O Hermanson in the same aircraft.
		2155 to 2340	A flash camera test is carried out by F/L Leeper and his crew in "C?" BZ900.
	18th		Operations: Nil.
			Training:
		0830 & 1055 to 1040 & 1255	Practice bombing by two aircraft "L" BZ826 and "B?" BZ986 with F/L Schroeder and crew with P/O Smith and F/L Waddy followed by F/O Dean and crew with F/L Davidson and F/L Schroeder.
		2000) 2115) 2230) to 2100) 2210) 2325	Night circuits and bumps were flown by "B" FL986 with F/O McNabb, second pilot Sgt. McClure, F/L Davidson, second pilot F/O Smith, F/L Horton, second pilot P/O Dunn at the m/n times
		2005 to 2330	Radar Map Reading training was carried out by "L" BZ826 with F/L Schroeder and crew.
		0825 to 1310	F/L Leeper conveyed Lt. Humphries - photographic interpretation officer - to 222 Group and returned with W/Cdr Carr.
			A Liberator aircraft of 321 Squadron landed P.M. and proceeded to carry out circuits

			and bumps with the permission of the Station Commander, since they cannot do sufficient training at China Bay.
			In the afternoon the road party consisting of 15 ground personnel of 292 Squadron arrived at K.K.S. The Liberator detachment of 292 Squadron is to be attached to 160 Squadron for administration and maintenance (see attached appendix).
	18/19	1655 to 1135	"A" BZ711 F/L Netherton and crew carry out an 18 hours consumption test.
	18th		Sport: The Station Soccer team play against a combined Jaffna Team and win. 7-3.
	19/20		Operations:
		0900 to 0150	A full load consumption test combined with an Anti-Submarine sweep of shipping lanes is carried out by S/L D.C.M. Joy R.C.A.F. No. Can. C.1218 and crew. Route : KKS - Addu Attol, Diego Garcia, Addu Attol & Return.
			Training:
		0805 to 1010	Great advantage is expected to accrue from the presence of 81 Squadron on this Station. Fighter affiliation can be far better planned if fighter pilots and Liberator crews can be briefed comprehensively both before and after the exercise. This is being proved today in the successful exercise carried out by W/O Hughes and Crew in "C" BZ900. High cloud evasion was most successful.
		1115 & 1505 to 1325 & 1705	Bombing practice was carried out by two crews in "L" BZ826 F/S Wescott and crew with F/L Waddy and F/O Horton, followed by F/L Davidson with F/L Schroeder and F/O Knowles.
		1955 to 2125	Night circuits and bumps in the same aircraft were carried out by F/S Wescott and his Second Pilot Sgt. Owens.
	19th	1055	"V" FL936 P/O Jackson and crew return from Ratmalana "V" having completed her major overhaul.
Ratmalana Kankesanturai		1205 to 1610	"N" BZ752 W/Cdr. Stacey flies to Minneriya to visit G/Capt. Drew and discusses the question of basing and returns to KKS aircraft nearer our target areas for operational sorties.
			The air party consisting of 2 Liberators of 292 arrived at K.K.S.
	20th		Operations: Nil.
			Training:
		0845 to 1115 1000 to 1200 2005 to 2335	A further satisfactory Fighter Affiliation exercise by "C" BZ900 with W/O Hughes and crew. Further training is carried out I.E. Bombing Practice and Map reading by "?" FL986 F/S Wescott and Crew with F/L Netherton and F/O McNabb followed by F/O McNabb on Radar Exercise at the m/n time.
			W/Cdr. Stacey called a conference at 1000 hours of all Squadron Section Officers and explained the Mining Operations which are expected to commence shortly.
			After lunch he also explained the position regarding second pilots for captains' courses to all second pilots. It is hoped that Air Ministry's ruling that 2nd Pilots who have completed six months of their tour be ineligible for captains' courses will be modified. S/L Rathbone - command aircrew postings- has been approached.
	21st		Operations; Nil. P.R. Flight cancelled owing to poor weather in the target area.
			Training:
		1035 to 1610	Bombing practice by one crew in "A" BZ711 P/O Whitten and crew with F/O Waterfield and F/S Wescott.
			Weather: Cloud 3/10 at 2000'. Wind E. Fair.
	22nd		Operations: Nil.
			Training:
		0755 to 1230	Radar Homing on pinnacle by two aircraft "A" BZ711 F/S Wescott and crew followed by F/L Davidson in "B" F1988? but this exercise had to be canceled owing to bad weather.
			Weather: Local weather, cloud 5/10 at 2000'. Wind N/E. Mod.

	23rd		Operations:
		0130 to 1755	Aus 421224 F/O L.R. Jones and crew set off to carry out a P.R. of Surmatra. Mission completed satisfactorily. Not many photographs taken due to cloud. Nickels dropped.
			Weather: Local weather, cloud 8/10 at 2000'. Win. N.N.E. Poor.
			W/Cdr. Carr left for Madras and W/Cdr. Stacey, D.F.C took over as Station Commander.
			S/Ldr. Williams (Padre) visited Vananiya. P/O Lockyer enplaned for Colombo to obtain Radar information.
			Training:
		1005 to 1220	Practice Bombing was carried out in Aircraft "B" FL986 F/L Netherton and crew with F/O Waterfield and S/L Trotter.
		2000 to 2310	A night Radar Map Reading carried out by "A" FL711 F/O Knowles and crew.
			Sport: The Station Rugger Team played the Royal Marines at Jaffna and won 16-3.
Kankasanturai	23rd	2000 to 2310	A Flash and Camera test for the P.R. Flight was carried out by F/L Leeper in "C" BZ900.
	24th		Operations: Nil
			Weather: Local weather, Fair. 5/10 cloud at 2000'. Wind N.N.E.
			S/Ldr. Williams (padre) returned from Vavuniya.
		1500	Group Photographic Officer reported that the tests by F/L Leeper were very good at 5000' also that the daylight photography tests were good.
			F/L L? H. Netherton appointed Squadron Tactics Officer.
			F/L L. R. Davidson appointed Squadron Training Officer.
			No Training but considerable air testing of A/C "B" "X" "N" "Y" and "V"
	25th		Operations: Nil.
			Weather: Local weather, Good, cloud nil at 2000'. Wind N.E.
			Officers served the airmen at dinner in the N.A.A.F.I.
	25?th		Sport: an English team selected from airmen defeated a Scottish eleven at soccer by six goals to two.
	26th		Operations: Nil.
			Weather: Local weather, Good, cloud 3/10 at 2000'. Wind N.E.
			F/O Lockyer returned from Colombo after obtaining instructions re - Radar.
			32 Senior N.C.O. aircrew left the station to attend a Gunnery Course at Colombo.
			Sport: Officers played Senior N.C.O.'s at soccer; the result was two goals each.
	27th		Operations:
		0100 to 1650	W/O Hughes and crew in Aircraft "S" FL935 set off on a P.R., mission unsuccessful owing to the target being obscured by cloud.
			Training:
			Altitude test carried out by F/O Jackson in "V" FL936, which recently returned from major inspection.
			Weather: Local weather, Poor 5/10 cloud at 2000'. Wind North.
			F/O Knight returned from a Gunnery Leaders' Course at Amarda Road, Calcutta.
			Two officers and seven N.C.O.'s departed to attend a short jungle course.
			Seven senior N.C.O.'s departed to take a Grade One board at Colombo.
	28th		Operations: Nil.
			Training:
		0800 to 1055 1030 to 1245	Practice Bombing was carried out in two aircraft "X" BZ868 and "A" BZ711 by F/O Waterfield and crew with F/O Knowles and F/O Whitten followed by F/O McNabb with F/S Wescott and Sgt. McClure.
			Weather: Local weather, 5/10 cloud at 2000'. Wind North.
			F/L Davidson and crew carry out a supply dropping exercise: Captain Howe and Captain Goldberg controlled the operation.
		1055 to	Radar Map Reading was carried out by F/O Waterfield in "F" FL991.

		2320	
	29/30		Operations:
		2110 to 0805	Can. J.12865 F/L Schroeder and crew carried out a parallel track search in cooperation with two aircraft of 354 Squadron, to the south-east of Ceylon. No enemy sightings.
			Weather: Local weather, 7/10 cloud at 2000'. Wind North. Fair.
	28/29		Training:
		2310 to 0420	Submarine affiliation exercise off Trincomlee was carried out by "T?" BZ830 F/L Waddy and crew.
	29th	0150 to 1750 1140 to 1420	Further sub-training by F/L McNabb and crew in "B" FL986, later a Radar Homing was carried out in "T?" BZ830 by F/O Knowles and crew.
	30th	1600	Operations: Cancelled owing to foul weather in the patrol area.
			Weather: Local weather, Fair 4/10 cloud at 2000'. Wind NE.
	30th	0800	81 Fighter Squadron carried out a mock interception of F/Lt. Schroeder and crew who were returning from patrol.
		1000	81 Squadron on shoot-up exercise over the airfield.
			Weather: Local weather, ??? 4/10 cloud at 2000'. Wind N.E.
		1230	Brigadier General McConnell USAAF paid a short visit to the Station, departing by air at 1400 hours.
			Sport: The Station Soccer team played against the Orients and won 5-3.
	31st		Operations: Nil
			Weather: Fair, 6/10 cloud at 2000'. Wind N.E.
			P/O Bacon, Radar Leader of 2474 Squadron (Wellington) Aden arrived. First arrival at 160 Squadron for the three weeks training scheme, he is to observe the operation and performance of Mk.V Radar in Liberators, the aircraft to which his squadron is being converted.
			Sport: The Station Soccer team played against the Royal Marines and drew, no score.
			Gunnery Training : December, 1944
			A determined effort was made to give all crews every necessary experience in Air Firing and a total of nineteen (19) exercises were completed satisfactorily. Rounds fired were 15,700 and this represents on half the Squadron's requirements. It is hoped to complete the rest in January.
			A start with two very successful fighter affiliation exercise was made this month and full advantage of the Spitfires being based here will be taken to complete the remaining three P.R. crews.
			It is hoped to complete two exercise per crew one of which will be using oxygen at Ops. height.
			Comprehensive vetting of the new crews in guns and turrets and synthetics took place and sound introduction to all operational Japanese aircraft was given. Remaining crews completed Rifle firing which shows a marked improvement and all gunners completed trap shooting which also shows an improvement.
			Flight Engineer's Training, December, 1944.
			(a) Further Inclonometer proformas (in addition to 9 forms already submitted in November) have been forwarded to Group Operational Research in compliance with their investigation. We are now awaiting their memorandum.
			(b) Squadron "Weights & Balances" have been assisted from Maintenance for complete renovation. It has been possible to carry out inventories on several aircraft.
			(C) Renovation of Liberator Consumption figures for Flight Engineers.
			Training
			(a) Lecture to Dutch Aircrew on Liberator Hydraulics. Lecture to Dutch Aircrew on "Caco?" Carburettors.
			(b) Lecture on "Caco?" Carburettor for 160 Flight Engineers.

			(c) Tuition from Squadron Armament Officer on American Mines - to all Flight Engineers but three.
			(d) No. 4 Training details including instruction on Electrical Instruments, Carburettion and "A" and "B" Flight details for practical work.
			(e) Technical "Quiz" held in Section 29/12/44 (written paper). Percentage Assessments recorded.
			Appendices: Following attached..
			No. 1. : Formation of P.R. Flight.
			No. 2. : Movement Order 292 Squadron (Ceylon Flight)
			No. 3. : Postings : Officers
			No. 4. : Record of Maintenance Work.
			No. 5. : Medical Officer's Report
			No. 6. : Education and Welfare.
			Operational hours for month: 362.05
			Non/Ops for month: 210.05
			Total 572.10
			Strength
		R.A.F.	Officers 31
			S.N.C.O's 139
			O'Rs 377
		Canadian	Officers 34
			S.N.C.O's 20
			O'Rs 8
		Australian	Officers 10
			S.N.C.O's 30
		New Zealand	Officers 2
			S.N.C.O's 3
			Total 654

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160 Squadron

Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
Day/Night 4th/5th December, 1944.					
Liberator "F"/160" Mk. Vc. FL991	P/O ?J. M. Crawley	Hunt to Exhaustion Search 4.	KAN	KAN	Search carried out on a datum given whilst airborne in a hunt to exhaustion carried out in the supposed area of attack of a submarine thought to be of Ro 100 class. No contacts were made nor were markers of aircraft to be relieved sighted. Datum was 1239W, 8811E.
	F/O K. O Richards		040730Z	042315Z	
	P/O N. M? Hall		Duration:		
	W/O L. G. Jansen		15 hrs. 45 mins.		
	W/O G. V. Callaghan				
	W/O ? E? Wright				
	F/Sgt. J. S. Lawrence				
F/Sgt. K? G. Norton					
Sgt. W. R. Craggs.					
Liberator "A/160" Mark Vc BZ???	P/O L. Waterfield	Hunt to Exhaustion Search 4.	KAN	KAN	Part of operation detailed above. No sightings or contacts except on Naval Force 66 which was proceeding towards datum.
	F/Sgt. R. C. Clark		040726Z	042335Z	
	P/O D. D? Coutts		Duration:		
	W/O G. Stainsby		16 hrs. 45 mins.		
	W/O R. S. Turpin				
	Sgt. G? Stantion				
	Sgt. K. A. McDonald				
Sgt. A. G. Goettler??					
Sgt. J. Burgess					
Sgt. F. Monk					
Liberator "V"/160" Mark Vc BZ889	F/O J. D. Dean	Hunt to Exhaustion Search 4.	KAN	KAN	Third aircraft in operation detailed above. No sightings or contacts of enemy.
	F/O V. Lilienthal?		040733Z	042345Z	
	F/Sgt. P. M. Seannell??		Duration:		
	W/O T. O. P. Baker		16 hrs. 12 mins.		
	W/O L. C. Colbourne				
	W/O W. N. Harris				
	F/Sgt. N. Tite				
F/Sgt. T. R. Linnard					
Sgt. W. M. Black					
W/O D. J. S. Walker-Redmond					
Liberator "T/160" Mark Vc BZ830	F?/O S. B? Smith	Hunt to Exhaustion Search 4.	KAN	KAN	Fourth aircraft in Search 4. Received no homing signals and carried out patrol but got neither sightings nor contacts.
	F/Sgt. W. R. Titchener		040741Z	042359Z	
	W/O J. W. Burley?		Duration:		
	F/Sgt. J. M. Coates		16 hrs. 18 mins.		
	F/Sgt. H. Ben?brick				
	F/Sgt. M. N. N?owlin?				
	F/Sgt. J. Nicholson				
W/O J. Smith					
Sgt. P. O'Brien					
F/Sgt. S. S. Willets					
Liberator "L/160" Mark Vc BZ826	P/O L. N. Whitten	Hunt to Exhaustion Search 4.	KAN	KAN	This crew relieved with 3 aircraft of 354 Squadron, the preceding aircraft of 160 Squadron on Hunt to exhaustion search. 4 Markers were
	P/O J. D. Brown		041541Z	050732Z	
	P/O D? Keeyman		Duration:		
	W/O L. Sutton		15 hrs 51 mins.		
Sgt. W. J. West					

	Sgt. K. N. Palmer				contacted and a patrol carried out without any positive results.
	Sgt. F. Moore				
	Sgt. C. Cameron				
	Sgt. F? Atkinson				
	Sgt. T. A. Stevens				
Day/Night 6th December, 1944.					
Liberator "F/160" Mark Vc FL991	F/O H? J. M. Crawley	A/U Search C.L.A.	KAN	KAN	This aircraft was recalled before reaching datum. 5 DC's were dropped safe in posn. 1215N 8129E. 1 D.C. hung up.
	F/O K. O. Richards		061200Z	061515Z	
	P/O N. H. Hall	Duration :			
	W/O D. E? Wright	3 hrs. 15 mins.			
	W/O L. G. Jansen				
	W/O G. V. Callaghan				
	W/O H. Langton				
	F/Sgt. J. G. Lawrence				
	F/Sgt. E. G. Horton				
	Sgt. W. K? Craggs?				
Day/Night 6th/7th December, 1944.					
Liberator "L/160" Mark Vc. BZ826	F/O H. F? McNabb	A/U Search C.L.A.	KAN	KAN	Whilst a number of S/E contacts were obtained on Force 66 no contacts were made on anything suspicious. There were no sightings and the patrol assumed the nature of a routine.
	Sgt. J. M. McClune?		060725Z	070037Z	
	F/Sgt. J. Reed	Duration :			
	F/Sgt. H? Holgate	15 hrs. 12 mins.			
	Sgt. H? G? Horton				
	Sgt. F/H. Owens				
	Sgt. G. P. {sic}				
	Sgt. L. G. Gough				
	F/Sgt. F. F?oden				
	F/Sgt. R? V. C. Goodfellow				
	Sgt. B. M. Bannister				
Liberator "Y/160" Mark Vc. BZ889	P?/O S? W? Smith	A/U Search C.L.A.	KAN	KAN	One small disappearing contact was obtained in DR Posn 1530N 8320E at 061746Z. Contacts were later obtained on Force 66. Otherwise the patrol was uneventful.
	F/Sgt. W. H. Titchener		060938Z	070214Z	
	W/O S. W. B?urley	Duration :			
	P?/O D. J. L. Atkins	16 hrs. 36 mins.			
	F/Sgt. M. M. Howlin				
	F/Sgt. J. M? Coates				
	F/Sgt. M? Bembrick				
	F/Sgt. J. Nicholson				
	F/Sgt. S. S. Willetts				
Day/Night 6th December, 1944.					
Liberator "N/160" Mark Vb BZ752	F/O J. D. Dean	A/U Search C.L.A.	KAN	CUTTACK	An uneventful C.L.A. patrol through area bounded by 1622N 8346E, 1700N 8417E; 1523N 8610E; 1450N 8535E. Contacts on M/Vs. No sightings or contacts of enemy.
	F?/O V. Lilienthal		060945Z	070145Z	
	F/Sgt. P. M. Scannell	Duration :			
	F/O W. Dobbie	16 hrs. 0 mins.			
	W/O T? G. P? Baker				
	W/O L. C. Colbourne				
	W/O W. N. Harris				
	W/O D. J. S. Walker-Redmond				
	F/Sgt. H. Tite				
	F/Sgt. T. R. Linnard				
Liberator "B?/160" Mark Vc. FL986	S/L S. H. Trotter	A/U Search C.L.A.	KAN	CUTTACK	Quite uneventful. Patrol carried out through posns. 1700N 8417E; 1765N 8403E; 1623N 8657E; 1528N 8610E. 1 E/V
	F/O L. W. Millard		060920Z	070125Z	
	W/O M. C. Henderson	Duration :			
	W/O O. N. Sykes	16 hrs. 05 mins.			

	F/Sgt. R. Woodland				sighted. No enemy sightings or contacts.
	F/Sgt. H. E. Brand				
	F/Sgt. A. J. Bourne				
	F/Sgt. J. W. Menzies				
	Sgt. J. C. Palmer				
	LAC J. Larcombe				
Day 8th December, 1944.					
Liberator "B"/160" Mark Vc. FL986	F/O J. D. Dean	A/U P.T. Sweep	Cuttack	KAN	Sweep down the shipping lanes during which 3 M/Vs sighted only.
	F/O V. Liltenthal		080717Z	081525Z	
	F/Sgt. P. M. Scannell		Duration :		
	W/O T. O. P. Baker		8 hrs. 8 mins.		
	W/O D. J. S. Walker-Redmond				
	W/O L. C. Colbourne				
	P/O W. D?obbie				
	F/Sgt. S. M. Tite				
	F/Sgt. T. R. Linnard				
???? December 9th, 1944.					
Liberator "N"/160" Mark Vb BZ752	S/L S. H. Trotter	Escort to C/V JC.70.	Cuttack	Cuttack	Escort to Convoy JC.70 from 2007N 8735E to 2125N 9133E.
	F/O L. W. Millard		082255Z	091440Z	
	W/O H. C. Henderson		Duration :		
	W/O O. N. Sykes		15 hrs. 45 mins.		
	F/Sgt. R. Woodland				
	F/Sgt. H. E. Brand				
	F/Sgt. A. J. Bourne				
	F/Sgt. J. W. Menzies				
Night 8th/9th December, 1944.					
Liberator "L"/160" Mk. Vc. BZ826	P/O L. H. Whitten	A/U Search C.L.A.	KAN	KAN	This C.L.A. A/U Search produced no visible results. Datum 1442N 8310E.
	P/O J. D. Brown		081129Z	090304Z	
	P/O B. K?ooyman		Duration :		
	W/O L. Sutton		15 hrs 35 mins.		
	Sgt. T. A. Stevens				
	Sgt. C. A. Cameron				
	Sgt. W. J. West				
	Sgt. F. Moore				
	Sgt. K. Palmer				
	Sgt. J. Nairn				
Liberator "P"/160" Mark Vc FL991	P/O E. J. M. Crawley	A/U Search C.L.A.	KAN	KAN	C.L.A. with datum 1503N. 8242E. sighted and took photographs of Force 66. S/E contacts on M/Vs. only.
	F/O K. O. Richards		081126Z	090340Z	
	P/O N. M. Hall		Duration :		
	W/O N. Langton		16 hrs. 14 mins.		
	W/O L. C. Jansen				
	W/O G. V. Callaghan				
	W/O D. Wright				
	F/Sgt. H? Morton				
	Sgt. R. Cre?ggs				
Liberator "Y"/160" Mark Vc BZ889	F/O ? ? ? Jo?y	A/U Search C.L.A.	KAN	KAN	Datum 1419N 8339E. No S/E contacts patrol 1200 feet.
	F/O W. M? Reynolds		081132Z	090423Z	
	F/O F. L. Freeman		Duration :		
	F/O R. Carroll		16 hrs. 51 mins.		
	W/O R. An?scott				
	F/Sgt. C. N. M. Fisher				
	F/Sgt. J. McDonald				
	F/Sgt. G. Brown				

Day 10th December, 1944.					
Liberator "N?/160" Mk. Vc BZ752	S/L S. H? Trotter	A/S Patrol Shipping Lane Outer.	Cuttack	KAN	Patrol flown at 3,000 feet. S/E U/S throughout trip. Sightings of several M/Vs and one C/V of 5 M/Vs in shipping lane.
	F/O L. W. Millard		100350Z	100945Z	
	W/O H? C. Henderson		Duration :		
	W/O O? N. Sykes		5 hrs. 55 mins.		
	F/Sgt. R. Woodland				
	F/Sgt. H. K? Brand				
	F/Sgt. A. J. Bourne				
	F/Sgt. J. W. Menzies				
Day 13th December, 1944					
Liberator "T/160" Mk. Vc. BZ830	F/O S. B? Smith	Parallel Track Search	KAN	KAN	This aircraft was on patrol in posn. 0950 8100E and had nearly completed one leg on track 0900 taking it to posn. 1002N 8428 when it was necessary to return to base as S/E was U/S. No enemy sightings.
	F/Sgt. W. R. Titchener		131216Z	131628Z	
	F/Sgt. K? J. Sherman?		Duration :		
	F?O D. J. L. Atkins		4 hrs. 12 mins.		
	F/Sgt. H. Bembrick				
	F/Sgt. M. M. Moulin?				
	F/Sgt. E? N. Nicholson				
	F/Sgt. S. S. Willetts				
	W/O J. Smith				
Night 13th/14th December, 1944.					
Liberator "A160" Mk. Vc. BZ721	S/L S. H. Trotter	Parallel Track Search	KAN	KAN	Search carried out through positions :- 0910N 8100E; 0918N, 8795E; 1050N, 8730E; 1050N, 8100E; 0823N, 8231E; 0859N 8322E. No enemy sightings. All S/E contacts friendly. Patrol flown at 1600 feet.
	F/O L. W. Millard		131520Z	140220Z	
	W/O H. C. Henderson		Duration :		
	F/Sgt. A. J. Bourne		11 hrs. 0 mins.		
	W/O o. N. Sykes				
	F/Sgt. H. E? Brand				
	F/Sgt. R. Woodland				
	F/Sgt. L. A. Rowe?				
	F/Sgt. J. W. Menzies?				
	Sgt. J. O? Palmer?				
Liberator "L/160" Mk. Vc. BZ826	F/O H. F. McNabb	Parallel Track Search	KAN	KAN	Search carried out through positions :- 1030N, 8100E; 1030N, 8730E; 1010N, 8100E; 0950N, 8100E; 0950N, 8730E; 1010N, 8730E; 1010N, 8100E. All S/E contacts proved friendly. No enemy sightings. Patrol flown in poor weather at 1300 feet.
	Sgt. J. M. McLure		131205Z	140240Z	
	F/Sgt. J. Read		Duration :		
	F/Sgt. M. Holgate		14 hrs. 35 mins.		
	F/Sgt. P. Foden				
	Sgt. H? G. Norton				
	Sgt. C? Brosh???				
	Sgt. S. H. Owens				
	F/Sgt. R. V. G. Goodfellow				
	F/Sgt. D. M. Bannister				
Liberator "N/160" Mark Vb. BZ752	W/Cdr. J. N. Stacey	Parallel Track Search	KAN	KAN	Full patrol not completed owing to weather. All S/E contacts proved friendly. Patrol was carried out through the following positions : 1998N, 0857E; 1005N, 8730E; 0950N, 8730E; 0951N, 8303E; 0907N, 8303E; 0922N, 8732E; 1012N, 8732E; 0958N, 8435E; 0910N; 8732E; 0930N, 8732E; 0942N, 8100E.
	F/L L. R. Davidson		131207Z	140342Z	
	F/O J. F. Paterson		Duration :		
	F/O G. S. Reilly		15 hrs. 35 mins.		
	P/O I. J. Tanner?				
	W/O P. W. Davies				
	F/Sgt. F. Ryan				
	F/Sgt. K. J. Skinner				
	Sgt. P. G. Gambrill {listed twice}				
Night 14/15th December, 1944.					
Liberator	S/L D. G. H? Joy	Parallel Track	KAN	KAN	Uneventful search for possible

"Y/160" Mark Vc. BZ889	F/O W. H. Reynolds	Search	141209Z	150122Z	RO 100 class Jap Submarine through the following positins :- 0930N, 8100E; 0931N, 8731E; 0910N 8730E; 0910N, 8?00E; 0930N, 829?0E; 0930N, 8730E; 0910N, 8730E; 0904N, 8129E. Patrol therefore carried out twice. Contacts proved either friendly M/V or rain cloud.
	P/O J. D. A. Robertson		Duration :		
	F/L P? B? Waddy		13 hrs. 13 mins.		
	F/O R? C. Carroll				
	F/O R. L. Freeman				
	F/Sgt. J. L? McDonald				
	W/O C.M. Fisher				
	F/Sgt. G. P. Brown				
Day/Night 18/19th December, 1944.					
Liberator "A/160" Mk. Vc. BZ711	F/L L. R? Netherton	Consumption Test.	KAN	KAN	Satisfactory results.
	F/O G? D? McPhail		181025Z	190505Z	
	F/O D. C. Muir		Duration :		
	F/Sgt. G. A. Hopkins		18 hrs. 40 mins.		
	F/Sgt. F. J. Gurman??				
	F/Sgt. A. J Reading				
	W/O ? F. Stratford				
	W/O K? L? Lauper??				
W/O F? Duffy					
Sgt. C? Eitel?					
Day/Night 19th/20th December, 1944.					
Liberator "Y/160" Mark Vc. BZ889	S/L D. G. M. Joy	Consumption Test.	KAN	KAN	Satisfactory results.
	F/O W. H. Reynolds		190228Z	191920Z	
	F/O J. D. A. Robertson		Duration :		
	F/O R. J. Carroll		16 hrs. 52 mins.		
	F/Sgt. J. L. McDonald				
	F/Sgt. C? T. ? Brown				
	W/O C. M. Fisher				
F/O R. L. Freeman					
F/Sgt. ? Edmiston??					
Night 29/30th December, 1944.					
Liberator "A/160" Mark Vc. BZ711	F/L W. I? Schroeder	A/U Patrol	KAN	KAN	This patrol was carried out in conjunction with three aircraft from 354 Squadron, and there were no contact other than M/Vs. The weather was poor.
	F/Sgt. A. M. Adam?		291427Z	300132Z	
	F/Sgt. I. R? Edmiston??		Duration :		
	F/Sgt. R? J. Sherman		11 hrs. 05 mins.		
	F/Sgt. W. C. C. Stubbs				
	F/Sgt. F? J. Osborn				
	F/Sgt. I. Longman				
Sgt. W. Everest					
Sgt. G. Goettler?					
23rd December, 1944					
Liberator Mk.IIIA FL935	F/O L.R. Jones	P.R. of Meulobon?	KAN	KAN	Not successful owing to cloud. Made landfall on Sumatra at Keulipa??; track 116 16 miles N. E. of Meulabon??, droopped following nickels:- 10,000 x S.S.V. 21 9,000 x S.S.V. 22. 5,000 x S.S.V. 23. 1,500 x S.S.V.P. 1.
	F/O B? O? Winter		221904Z	231128Z	
	F/O R. K. Bonham??		Duration :		
	P/O A. G. Gronow		16 hrs. 24 mins.		
	F/Sgt. W. G. Norfolk				
	W/O H? A. Hughes				
	W/O E? S. W. Wiltshire				
F/Sgt. K. ? V. Williams					

	F/Sgt. C. A. O'Connor				Whilst in target area and at 25,000 feet voice reported on Liaison radio 6666 KS speaking in correct English. "Proceeding to destination Charlie Yoke. Can you give me the time please, over". No reply given.
26th December, 1944.					
Liberator Mk. IIIA "S/160" FL935	W/O F. Hughes	P.R. of Sumatra (E of Keure? Cenge?)	261830Z	271020Z	Unsuccessful - 10/10 cloud in target area, Nickels dropped from 25,000 feet, at 0500N, 9530E in following quantities :- 10,000 x No. 16. 10,000 x No. 17. 10,000 x No. 18. 3,500 x No. 23. 1,000 x P.1.
	W/O R. D? Miller		Duration :		
	W/O T. J. Riding		15 hrs. 50 mins.		
	F/Sgt. G. F. Barrett				
	F/Sgt. P? Hume??				
	F/Sgt. A. G. Smith				
	W/O R. P. Troy				
	W/O R. W. Wittman				
F/Sgt. D? K. Barnard					

December 1944: Appendix 1

Appendix No. 1.

From: Officer Commanding No. 160 Squadron.

To: Distribution Below

Date: 29th November, 1944.

Ref: 160??/153/6/Air.Ops.

Formation of P.R. Flight.

1. Intention To form P. R. Flight in 160 Squadron which is to be known as 'C' Flight.
2. Location. Flight Commander's Office in Squadron H.Q. Block (Tel exin. 36 - 3 rings) N.C.O. i/c Flight will be in 'A' Flt. Dispersal (Tel. exin 24).
3. Function. Maintenance of all P.R. aircraft.
4. Establishment.
 - (a) Aircraft. 3 Liberators FL936 (V), FL935 (S), & BZ900 (C).
 - (b) Personnel.
 - (i) Aircrew 4 Crews - F/L Leeper, F/O Jones, P/O Jackson, W/O Hughes.
 - (ii) Maintenance Details to follow.
5. Effective Date 30th November, 1944.
6. Command. F/L Leeper will be in Command of 'C' Flight.
7. N.C.O. i/c Flight Sgt. Duckett.

Wing Commander, Commanding,
No. 160 Squadron.

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December 1944: Appendix 2

Appendix No. 2.

Movement Order

Move of 292 Squadron "Ceylon Flight Liberator Element" to R.A.F. Station, Kankasanturai.

Intention

To move two Liberator Aircraft, their crews and certain ground staff personnel by rail and air from R.A.F. Station Ratmalana, to R.A.F. Station Kankasanturai, to join the existing detachment of this "Ceylon Flight" at Kankasanturai.

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The Rail Party with Cpl. Churchill i/c will leave Ratmalana on Monday 18th Dec. 1944 and entrain at Fort Station, Colombo at 18.40 hours. They will proceed direct by rail to Kankasanturai, arriving Tuesday A. M.

The Air Party, consisting of two Liberator A/C manned by their respective crews, will leave on Tuesday 15th December, 1944, and proceed direct to R.A.F. Station, Kankasanturai.

Authority for Move

Headquarters No. 222 Group Signal O.121 dated 14th December, 1944.

The Rail Party will be:

Cpl. Churchill.	AC. George
Cpl. Eaton.	LAC Keys.
Cpl. Robinson.	LAC Welch.
LAC Almond.	AC. Cardy.
LAC Jones.	AC. Higginson.
LAC. Cousins.	AC. Sargent.
LAC Ramney.	AC Pairley.
LAC Banks.	

The u/m airman will join the above party in accordance with posting instructions contained in RPO/222G/1401/3/P.3. dated 13/12/44.

1003680 LAC Ryder - M/Ord.

The Air Party will be:

Liberator No. KH368	Liberator EV967
F/O Gibson	F/O Henko?
F/O Waterer	F/O McTaggart.
F/O Hodgson.	F/O Chlke.
F/O Goring	W/O Taylor
W/O Christsen	W/O Friesen
W/O Muir	W/O George
F/S Roberts	W/O Worsley
F/S Barber	F/S Rencher
	W/O Rutley.

Additional Aircrew to travel.

Sgt. Constable, W/O Fergusson (on return from leave)

F/S Hogg.

End frame 1067c257

{these crews were tour expired on 354 Squadron}

December 1944, Appendix 3

Appendix No. 3?

Postings Effected During Month of December, 1944.

Officers

Number	Rank	Name	Branch	Movements	Authority
????041	P/O	J.R.C. Cyr	G.D.(G)	Reposted to 160 Sqdn wef 20-11-44 (on commissioning)	RAFSEA letter RAF/1280/6/2/P3 dated 12-12-44.
????48	P/O	M. C. Henderson	G.D.(N)	Reposted to 160 Sqdn wef 15-11-44 (on commissioning)	RAFSEA letter RAF/1280/3/P3 dated 9-12-44.
????73	F/O	R. J. Carroll	G.D.(G)	Reposted from 160 Sqdn. to 160 Sqdn. F/L Post Gunner/S Qualified Radar Ldr. Wef 28-12-44.	HQ AC SEA 1015/4/1259/P.2.(Air) dated 24-12-44.
???488	P/O	I. J. Tanner	G.D.(G)	Reposted from 160 Sqdn. to 160 Sqdn. F/L Flt. Eng. Post wef 16-12-44.	222G/S.1201/28/P.2. dated 22-12-44.
????22	F/O	N. Raws?thorne	G.D.(G)	Posted from 3 RPU wef 10-12-44 (Supy)	RAFSEA Signal P.76 dated 5-12-44.
???231	P/O	F. L. Newby	G.D.(P)	Posted from 3 RPU wef 10-12-44 (Supy)	RAFSEA Signal P.152 dated 8-12-44.
????76	F/O	D. Wilmott	G.D.(P)	Posted ex UK wef 14-11-44.	ACSEA letter 1091/16/2/9/P.2.Air 25-11-44.
????75	F/O	M.V.W. Davy	G.D.(P)		
???9655	F/O	L. K. Nolan	G.D.(P)	Posted ex UK wef 5-12-44.	ACSEA letter 1091/16/2/10/P.2.Air dated 20-11-44.
		Detachments			
??926	F/O	J. T. Knight	G.D.(G)	Ceased det. To Amarda Road wef 27-12-44.	222G/S1201/28/P2 dated 2-1-45.

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December 1944: Appendix 4

Appendix 4?

Record of Maintenance Work Carried Out During December, 1944.

Twelve minor inspections carried out on aircraft : - "A" (2) "T", "L", "F", "N", "Y" (2), "S", "B", "P" and Harvard.

Two engines changed on aircraft "F".

Fuel Cells changed on "P".

Bomb Door modification carried out on aircraft "A" and "Y".

Elevators recovered and temporary fabric repairs to Moth N.9464 for "fly in" to 121 R.S.U.

Fuel Cell manifold connections changed on "S".

W/O

Maintenance Section

No. 160 Squadron.

End of frame 1067c255.

December 1944: Appendix 5

Appendix 5

Form 540 Medical Officer's Report.

During the month of December the health of the Squadron has been maintained.

There have been a certain number of colds and sore throats probably due to airmen getting their feet wet during the period when the monsoon was at its height.

Any cases of Malaria occurring on the camp have be contracted elsewhere.

In general the health of the Squadron is highly satisfactory.

F/Lt.
Medical Officer,
No. 160 Squadron,
Royal Air Force

End frame 1067c254

December 1944: Appendix 6

Appendix No. 6.

Education Activities: December, 1944.

1. Squadron Library facilities were available three times per week throughout the month.
2. Two meetings of the French Circle, led by Cpl. Andre Thomson???? were held.
3. Two Discussion Group meeting were held on the first two Tuesdays of the month. These were
 - (a) Can the use of money as a means of exchange, be abolished?
 - (b) Capital Punishment - Is it justifiable?
4. Twice weekly, meetings of the Rover Scout Crew were held.
5. A large number of new applications for correspondence courses were made by newly arrived personnel.

(signature --- Wanstone??)

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