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This draft copy still has a lot of errors in transcription, and "?" marks where the copies of the film were difficult to read. The form 540 for April 1943 is a definite problem in this area, as noted. There are also some "transcriber's notes within the documents.

Spelling of names is always a problem with these records, and reference to the "Index of Names" will illustrate there is much work to be done in this area. The same comment goes for initials and ranks.

Readers are asked to have patience with the transcriber; the document will be edited and improved, but it is released at this time under the belief that "something is better than nothing".

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January 1943 Form 540 (Middle East)

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Field	1.1.43		Authority received from H.Q., R.A.F., M.E. for the grant of the Acting Rank of Flight Lieutenant to F/O's A. M. Lodge (Engineer Officer), J. S. Tankahill?, A. C. L. Mackie, E. A. Duplex (Pilots). F/O (A/F/L) P. Price (Pilot) posted to Air Headquarters, Egypt, N.E. Sick.
	2.1.43		One Liberator carried out a successful weather recco. Gulf of Sirte, Tunisian Coast and Bin?erta?. Complete weather report handed in at ALG.159. Moderate heavy A.A. at Bik?erta. Lighted flarepath position 35 10 N; 10 20 E at 0100 B/3. Hours flown 1220 operational and 0610 communication.
	5.1.43		Six Liberators detailed to attack Tunis. Two bombed pinpoint 35 (Target Map T/23) with unobserved results. Much low cloud. Remaining four unable to pinpoint Tunis attacked Sousse. Bursts seen I.J. 12/13, J. I, F.G. 11/12 (Target Map S/22(i)). Fires seen J.12 and I.9. Lighted flarepath seen at Bou Fichta. Searchlights on Pantelleria used as pinpointers but no hostile aircraft seen. Hours flown – 66.47 operational, 32.15 communication.
	8.1.43		F/O (A/F/L). E. A. Duplex (Pilot) posted to No. 173 Squadron. Six Liberators detailed to attack road junction at Tripoli, Square Q.35/36 (Target Map T/5). Five bombed estimated position of target. Extreme darkness hindered observation of detailed results. Bursts seen on a road near target. Remaining aircraft bombed near M?ellaha? Aerodrome as aircraft would not climb enough height for attack on main target. Bursts seen. Location of attack not definite. Weather good at target. Electrical storms on return. Hours flown – 62.36 operational, 18.32 communication. Hits claimed on this unit's sorties on 27/28th December, 1942, confirmed by Middle East, Photographic Interpretation Unit.
	9.1.43		P/O's A. R. Kimmins, F. J. C. Bateman-Champain, A. F. Budden, W. T. Story promoted to the War Substantive rank of Flying Officer.
	10.1.43		Six Liberators detailed to attack road junction, square Q.35/36 (Target Map T/5). One of these detailed to drop 'nickels' Homs?? – Misurata – El Ghsdoamia?? Area. Two aircraft did not operate. 'Nickels' dropped in above mentioned areas – 0542 hours B/11. Bombs dropped by this aircraft all seen to explode but results were not observed. Results unobserved by tow other aircraft. Other aircraft dropped bombs on cross-roads – Q.35/36 (Target Map T/5). Large fire and several explosions seen and lasted for an half hour. Aircraft took off Shandur, landed LG.159. Hours flown 46.00 operational.
	11.1.43		F/Lt. F. Rimer (G.D. ARM) of No. 242 Wing, ceased to be attached and proceeded to H.Q., R.A.F., M.E. Six Liberators detailed to attack road junction, Square Q.35/36 (Target Map T/5), Tripoli. One of these detailed to drop 'nickels' – Hows? – Minurata – area also. Two did not take off. One aircraft dropped bombs K.6 (Target Map T/8). All bursts seen. Remaining aircraft dropped bombs in area Q.35/36 (Target Map T/5). Unable to observe results owing to haze. 'Nickels' dropped Homs?? – Minurate area 0224/0317 hours B/12. Hours flown – 42.41 operational, 06.45 communication.
	13.1.43		Six Liberators detailed to attack road junction, Square Q.35/36 (Target Map T/5) – Tripoli. One of these detailed to drop 'nickels' – Homs?? – Musurata – Eliteh? Area also. One did not take off. 'Nickels' dropped in prescribed area, but bombs from this aircraft dropped in sea owing to mechanical failure. One aircraft reached Misurata and bombed possible supply dump H/I-24 (Target Map M/8). Remaining three aircraft reached primary target and dropped bombs in target area. Results not observed owing to Haze. Three small fires

		observed in Misurata. Hours flown – 57.18 operational. Aircraft took off Shandur and landed at LG. 159.
14.1.43		<p>F/Lt. (A/S/L) P. M. Lowat Barclay posted to H.Q., R.A.F., M.E. F/O. (A/F/L) P. Price (Pilot), F/O B. Samuel (Nav) and six N.C.O. aircrew in aircraft AL620 failed to return from operations. Six Liberators detailed to attack road junction Square Q.35/36 (Target Map T/5) – Tripoli. Aircraft 'B' failed to return to Base. Aircraft 'A' encountered heavy and light A.A. while making run on target. Badly damaged. Two of crew slightly injured. Bombs jettisoned in sea. The aircraft landed at GG.143. Three aircraft bombed target. Bursts seen K.5,6 and 7 and I.6 (Target Map T/8). Fires near Station and Square K.5. One aircraft dropped 'nickels' Misurata to Mons?? 2111/2145 hours B/14. This aircraft dropped bombs in sea. Intense heavy and light A.A. from harbour position. Possible flak ship Squares L.M.4 (Target Map T/8). Two aircraft damaged by A.A. Hours flown 52.05 operational. Aircraft took off LG.159 and landed Shandur. Aircraft which landed at LG.143 was holed in 700 places by A.A. bursts. Instructions received from H.Q., R.A.F., M.E. that No. 160 Squadron ceased to exist in the Middle East Command w.e.f. 15.1.43. All officers and aircrew personnel, together with ground staff personnel of Nos. 159 and 160 Squadron, and attached personnel of No. 147 Squadron (Servicing Squadron) posted to No. 178 Squadron w.e.f. 15.1.43. Location unchanged and operations continued under the new unit - No. 178 Squadron.</p>
		Total Operational Flying Hours in M.E. Command from 16.9.42 to 14.1.43 – 2,500
		Bombs dropped - 853 x 1000 lb. - 1018 x 500 lb.
		Losses since 16th September, 1942 – Liberators Mk.11 AL548, AL620 Personnel losses – Six Officers, Ten N.C.O. aircrew.

January 1943 Form 541 (Middle East)

160 Squadron

Date	Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
Night 2/3rd January.	Liberator AL525	F/Lt. P. A. Willatt	Weather recco. Over Gulf of Sirte Tunisian Coast and Bizarta.	1225	1530	Detailed weather report handed in to Operations Officer LG.159. 0110 hrs – 12,000 ft, 35°10'N: 10°16'E) 0152 hrs, 15,000 ft – reached Bizerta. Moderate heavy A.A. No searchlights.
		P/O. J. G. Moxham		Shandur	LG. 159	
		Sgt. S. L. Smith.		2000	0820	
		Sgt. N. H. Dalton.		LG. 159	LG. 159	
		F/Sgt. K. A. Brook.		1250	1350	
		Sgt. F. K. Hebb.		LG. 159	Shandur	
		Sgt. M. F. Moses.				
		Sgt. C. R. Anderson				
		P/O G. ? Barwell				
5/6th January.	AL565	F/Sgt. A. Hindshaw	Tunis – pinpoint 35, target map T/23. (36°48'N: 10°11'E).	1200	1500	0227 hrs – large orange flash at 6,000 ft and a brilliant red flash at same height. Thought shot from ground. 0233 hrs – reached Tunis area but found 9/10ths cloud down to 2,000 ft. Decided to go to Sousse (35°49'N: 10°36'E) 0245 hrs – reached Sousse. 0251 hrs – bombed in one stick Heading 165°. Bursts seen H.I. 13 (target map S/22(i)). A number of lights in Bou Ficha area (36°18'N: 10°28'E). Flarepath at the two aerodromes. 0255 – A.A. and bomb bursts in Sousse area (Bombs probably just West of this aircraft's bomb bursts). Large fire, thought oil fire, in desert between Ras El Kanayis (31°15'N: 27°50'E) and El Alamein (30°50'N: 28°57'E). Bombs carried 6 x 1000 lbs Nose Inst.
		Sgt. N. Ellis		Shandur	LG. 159	
		P/O. B. Samuel.		2115	0730	
		F/Sgt. J. Hincks.		LG. 159	LG. 159	
		Sgt. W. Smith		0915	1200	
		Sgt. G. H. Wunsch		LG. 159	Shandur	
		P/O G. C. Barwell				
		Sgt. J. P. Foster				
"	AL582	P/O. P. J. C. Bateman-Champain	"	1200	1500	Landfall at Kelibia (36°58'N: 11°06'E). 0245 hrs – stick of bombs and photograph flash in target area. 0300 hrs – reached Tunis area. 0315 hrs – bombed heading 130° - in one stick. Results not seen owing to cloud. Camera not used. Bombs carried as above.
		F/Lt. I. R. Stephens		Shandur	LG. 159	
		P/O A. F. W. Budden		2105	0805	
		F/Sgt. M. Gregson		LG. 159	LG. 159	
		F/Sgt. S. V. Hooker		1030	1310	
		Sgt. G. Ford		LG. 159	Shandur	
		Sgt. A. B. Perriss				
		Sgt. V. Crook				
"	AL636	F/Lt. J. M? Tannahill	"	1245	1615	0217 hrs – flare path at Bou Ficha Aerodrome (36°18'N: 10°28'E). 0230 hrs – reached target area.
		P/O C. G. Clark		Shandur	LG. 159	

		F/O J. Y. Malley		2100	0800	0232 hrs – bombed in one stick heading 320°. Bursts seen. Camera used – flash weak. 0245 hrs – another stick seen – impossible to pinpoint. 0333 hrs, 35°N: 12°E – steady white light on sea. Searchlight sweeping sea at Benghazi (32°07'N: 20°04'E).
		F/Sgt. A. H. Marjoram		LG. 159	LG. 159	
		Sgt. R. C. Hurst.		1045	1320	
		F/Sgt. G. Robberts		LG. 159	Shandur	
		F/Sgt. K? K? Parsons				
		F/Sgt. R. N. Wark				
"	AL540	P/O D. Bellingham	"	1255	1545	0225 hrs – landfall at lake at Rass Dimasse (35°36'N: 11°04'E). 0247 hrs – one fire at Sousse (35°49'N: 10°36'E) together with heavy flak bursts. 0315 hrs – Tunis area. Target covered by low stratus. Circled area until 0336 hrs but cloud would not disperse. 0336 hrs – set course for Sousse (35°49'N: 10°36'E). 0355 hrs – arrived Sousse. Circled and carried out dummy run. 0404 hrs – attacked on heading 090°. All bombs dropped in one stick – seen to burst on land thought pinpoint J.8 (S/22(i)). Photograph taken – no flash seen. 0408 hrs – one stick of bombs seen dropped approximately pinpoint I.10 with good photograph flash. Bombs carried 6 x 1000 lbs Nose Inst.
		P/O L. T. Woolven		Shandur	LG. 159	
		Sgt. C. Cosgrave		2115	0850	
		Sgt. T. Stewart		LG. 159	LG. 159	
		Sgt. W. Duckworht		1015	1315	
		Sgt. J. W. Sargant		LG. 159	Shandur	
		Sgt. E? Bell				
		Sgt. J. Mason				
"	AL630	W/O. S. J. E. Carter	"	1230	1530	0242 hrs – crossed coast 10 miles South west of Sfax (34°45'N: 10°46'E). A large number of lights believed to be transport seen heading North along the Gabes-Sfax road. 0305 hrs – flak at Tunis could be seen from Sousse area. 0330 hrs – reached Tunis area but could not identify anything owing to layer of low strato-cumulus cloud. Returned to Sousse (35°4'N: 10°36'E). 0350 hrs – reached Sousse. 0352 hrs – dummy run heading 330°. 0403 hrs – one stick of bombs seen to burst in line North-South, North of town on pinpoints C. 1, 2 and 3 (S/22(i)). 0405 hrs – bombed heading 325°. All bombs in one stick seen to burst in area F.11, G.12. Photograph taken. One small red fire seen at pinpoint I.12. One small red fire seen at pinpoint I.8. 0700 hrs – gunfire seen in Benghazi area. Bombs carried as above.
		Sgt. N. R. Southwell		Shandur	LG. 159	
		F/Sgt. R. J. Winfield		2120	0850	
		F/Sgt. J. H. Erakine		LG. 159	LG. 159	
		F/Sgt. H. V. Rickard				
		Sgt. R. L. Neal				
		Sgt. G. Y. McKinlay				
		Sgt. J. Heyland				
"	AL653	P/O A. M. Evans	"	1015	1321	Landfall At Rass Daboudia (35°14'N: 11°10'E). Followed coast to Tunis. 0256 hrs – reached Tunis. Two sticks of bombs followed by fire seen. 0305 hrs – set course for Sousse. 0340 hrs – Sousse area. 0343 hrs – bombed in one stick heading 280°. Harbour not
		Sgt. W. W. Dogan		Shandur	LG. 159	
		Sgt. V. P. Stuchbery		2124	0851	
		Sgt. C. Bullen		LG. 159	LG. 159	
		F/Sgt. C. S. Murdoch		1134	1413	

		Sgt. A. G. Watson		LG. 159	Shandur	clearly identified but shape was that of Sousse harbour. Bursts seen. Photograph taken on bombing run. Flash good but late. Bombs carries as above.
		Sgt. J. W. Goodgame				
		F/Sgt. L. D. Bowman				
8/9th January	AL525	F/Sgt. R. K. Brown	Junction of roads, Tripoli, square Q. 35/36 target map T/5.	1200	1505	Aircraft would not climb above 10,000 ft. Captain decided inadvisable to run in over target with aircraft in this condition and decided to attack Mellama Aerodrome (32°54'N: 13°16'40"E). 0108 hrs – bombed heading 145°. Bursts seen but impossible to pinpoint owing to extreme darkness. Photograph taken with bombing. Flash seen. 0113/0115 hrs – two sticks of bombs seen from direction of target. Bombs carried 8 x 500 lbs Nose Inst.
		P/O. A. R. Kimmins		Shandur	LG. 159	
		Sgt. J. C. Laker		2105	0710	
		Sgt. J. Young		LG. 159	Shandur	
		Sgt. G. M. Austin				
		Sgt C. W. Yarranton				
		Sgt. D. A. Moverley				
		Sgt. H. R. Corrin				
"	AL540	W/Cdr. D. I. P. MacNair	"	1200	1500	Air raid at Benghazi (32°07'N: 20°04'E) with one fire which did not last. Many lights along coast from Misurata (32°22'N: 15°08'E) – Tripoli (32°53'N: 13°11'E). 0105 hrs – stick of six bombs seen near Castel Verde (32°43'N: 13°36'E) and photograph flash. 0112 hrs – reached target area – lights on in Tripoli. 0117 hrs – turned in over Sidi El Mahcuis (32°53'N: 13°14'E) and bombed estimated position of target No. 1. Bombed in one stick. Good Bursts seen. The sixth seem to hit a road. Photograph flash did not go off. 0120 hrs – two sticks of twelve bombs seen (i) NE-SW. (ii) NW-SE. Five recco flares seen on return journey near Homs (35°39'N: 14°16'E) ¹ . Bombs carried 12 x 500 lbs Nose Inst.
		Sgt. W. W. Dougan		Shandur	LG. 159	
		F/Sgt. F. ? Coe		2100	0730	
		F/Sgt. H. Smith		LG. 159	Shandur	
		F/Sgt. K. B. Powell				
		Sgt. V. Crook				
		Sgt. D. T. Moore				
		F/Sgt. J. Martin				
"	AL620	F/Lt. A. C. L. Mackie	"	1200	1500	Air raid at Benghazi (32°07'N: 20°04'E). Then about three hours out one engine caught fire – for about three minutes. Landfall just west of Homs (35°39'N: 14°16'E) ² . 0040 hrs – flew along coast to Sidi El Mahguis (32°53'N: 13°14'E). 0058 hrs – stick of bombs seen East of target – thought Homs areas. 0059 hrs – reached Sidi El Mahguis. Salt pans at Mellaha
		P/O. L. T. Woolven		Shandur	LG. 159	
		P/O. R. N. Leek.		2105	0750	
		F/Sgt. G. A. Fraser		LG. 159	Shandur	
		F/Sgt. P. I. Radford				
		F/Sgt. W. T. Fletcher				
		Sgt. A. W. Crozier				

¹ This is Lat. given, but Homs (Khoms) is 32°39'N

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		F/Sgt F. M. Henderson				(32°54'N: 13°16'40"E) seen. Turned towards target. 210° and carried out dummy run. Lights seen in town and probably on edge of harbour. Failed to identify target No.1 and attempted to locate targets 2 and 5. Also failed. Dig a tight turn to right – over harbour. 0110 hrs – second run in from Sidi El Mahguis. Bombed by D.R. – in one stick heading 210°. Bursts seen – 60 ft. spacing. Photographs taken on this run – flash good. Took another photograph on crossing coast on way out, East of Mellaha. Flash seen. 0107 hrs – stick of bombs seen SW of base of Spanish Mole, Tripoli (32°53'N: 13°11'E). Photograph flash seen. Flares seen Misurata area. Bombs carried 12 x 500 lbs Nose Inst.
"	AL582	P/O. J. H. L. Clarke	"	1210	1220	0250 hrs, Misurata (32°22'N: 15°08'E) – flares seen, dropped in stick of four to six. Bomb burst or gun flashes seen. Followed coast to target area. A.A. from Tripoli betrayed location of target. 0358 hrs – reached target area. Flew just North of harbour. Turned right and came in over Sidi El Mahguis (32°53'N: 13°14'E). 0407 hrs – bombing run heading 210° - in one stick. Burst seen. No ground detail seen. Photograph taken – flash very bright. Bombs carried as above.
		Sgt. J. M. Hart		Shandur	Shandur	
		F/Sgt. R. H. Burr		1515	1830	
		Sgt. R. V. Banks		Shandur	LG. 159	
		Sgt. R. S. Roberts		2330	1000	
		F/Lt. D. J. D'Alton		LG. 159	Shandur	
		Sgt. J. C. Royle				
		Sgt. G. Gibson				
"	AL638	Sgt. V? J. Wilson	"	1210	1525	0300 hrs – eight flares and bomb burst at Misurata (32°22'N: 15°08'E). 0345 hrs identified Tripoli (32°53'N: 13°11'E). Made circuit North of harbour, after circuiting M?ellaha Aerodrome (32°54'N: 13°16'40"E). Landfall at Sidi El Mahguib (32°53'N: 13°14'E). 0400 hrs – bombed in one stick. Bursts seen in bare ground – N.36 (target map T/5). Five incendiaries dropped. Photograph taken – flash seen. 0408 hrs – stick of bombs seen in town area. 0409 hrs – another stick further South of this. Red light came on on ground, pinpoint East of Mellama, on approach. Went off after passing. Steady white light in Zuara (32°55'N: 12°05'E) region – noted before. Bombs carried as above.
		Sgt. L. J. Hogan		Shandur	LG. 159	
		P/O. E. J. Hudson		2330	1015	
		Sgt. D. L. Forster		LG. 159	Shandur	
		Sgt. S. Goddard				
		Sgt. S. W? Downes				
		Sgt. M. Tilmont				
		Sgt. G. G. Maule				
"	AL653	F/O. W. R. Austin	"	1203	1450	0350 hrs – target area. 0355 hrs – located Tripoli (32°53'N: 13°11'E) by heavy flak and searchlights. 0358 hrs – unidentified aircraft passed underneath with navigation lights on. 0400 hrs – a stick of six bombs seen to burst in target area – targets 2, 3, and 4. 0430 hrs – ran in on heading 200° from Sidi El Mahguib
		P/O. J. G? Moxham		Shandur	LG. 159	
		P/O. W. T. Story		2352	1013	
		F/Sgt. A. H. Graham		LG. 159	Shandur	
		Sgt. A. Bain				
		F/Sgt. A. Marshall				

		Sgt. F? A. Cake				(32°53'N: 13°14'E) point for 35 seconds and dropped bombs in one stick. All bursts observed by could not pinpoint. After releasing bombs heavy generally accurate flak and searchlights (very poor). Smoke screen in operation over harbour. Bombs carried 12 x 500 lbs Nose. Inst.
		F/Sgt. D. B. Campbell				
10/11th January	AL58?2	W/O. S. J. Carter	Junction of roads, Tripoli, square Q. 35/36 target map T/5.	2115	0930	0403 hrs – bombing run heading 222°. No A.A., no searchlights. Bursts seen near pinpoint 27 (target map T/5) with large fire started. Several explosions seen for half an hour after run was made. Photograph taken on bombing run. Bombs carried 12 x 500 lbs Nose Inst.
		Sgt. N. R. Southwell		Shandur	LG. 159	
		F/Sgt. R. J. Winfield				
		F/Sgt. J. H. Erakine				
		F/Sgt. H. V. Rickard				
		Sgt. R. L. Neal				
		Sgt. G. Y. McKinlay				
		Sgt. J. Heyland				
"	AL620	S/Ldr. J. J. McKay	Junction of roads, Tripoli, square Q. 35/36 target map T/5. To drop 'nickels' in El Ghdu???ahia – Homs – Misurata area.	2020	0730	Lighted ship seen, presumably hospital ship, 20 miles East of Tripoli (32°53'N: 13°11'E). 'Nickels' dropped in area from 0342 hrs to 0443 hrs. 0342 hrs – made bombing run. All bombs dropped in one stick from 10,000 ft. Bursts seen – position not decided. 0412 hrs – stick of bombs seen Bout of Homs (35°39'N: 14°16'E) – apparently at a triangle of lights. Bombs carried 12 x 500 lbs Nose Inst.
		P/O J. H. L. Clarke		Shandur	LG. 159	
		F/Lt. A. Reid				
		F/Sgt. H. Gregson				
		F/Sgt. S? V. Hooker				
		Sgt. G. Ford				
		Sgt. A. S? Perries				
		F/Sgt. V. Crook				
'	AL540	P/O. D. Bellingham	Road junction Tripoli square Q.35/36 target map T/5.	2010	0745	0410 hrs – target area. Dropped flares but visibility prevented seeing target. 0412 hrs – made bombing run on heading 250°. Bombs dropped in one stick. Bursts seen on road. Photograph taken on bombing run. Bombs carried 12 x 500 lbs Nose Inst.
		F/Lt. I. R. Stephens		Shandur	LG. 159	
		Sgt. C. Cosgrave				
		Sgt. T. Stewart?				
		Sgt. V. Duckworth				
		Sgt J. ? Sergent				
		Sgt. E? Ball				
		Sgt. J. Mason				
"	AL630	F/Lt. J. S. Tannahill	"	2140	0840	0500 hrs – target area. Target obscured by clouds. 0503 hrs – bombing run. Bursts seen. Bombs carried 12x 500 lbs Nose Inst.
		F/O C. G. Clarke		Shandur	LG. 159	
		F?/O. J. Y. Malley				
		F/Sgt. A. N. Marjoram				
		Sgt. R. C. Hurst				
		F/Sgt. G. Robberts				
		F/Sgt. ? ? Parsons				

		F/Sgt. R. N. Wark				
11/12th January	AL525	F/Lt. P. A. Willatt	Road junction	1115	1445	0125 hrs – hit coast near Homs (35°39'N: 14°16'E) and followed it along. 0125 hrs – target area. Made three runs dropping flares but unable to identify anything other than salt pans East of Mellaha Aerodrome (32°54'N: 13°16'40"E). Total flares dropped seven – only six illuminated. 0140 hrs – stick of bombs seen to burst. Appeared to be approximately on pinpoint P.6 (target map T/5). No results seen. 0146 hrs – unable to see any roads near allotted target so all bombs dropped in one stick on pinpoint M.9 heading 190°. Burst seen but no results except that lights at that point went out. Photograph unsuccessful. Suspect smoke screen over Tripoli (32°53'N: 13°11'E) – flowing inland 0148 hrs 010°?????? 10 miles – ship seen. {line cut off on microfilm}
		P/O. H. L. Hogan	Tripoli square	Shandur	LG. 159	
		P/O. D. M. Mitchell	Q.35/36 target	2125	0737	
		F/Sgt. A. Appleby	map T/5.	LG. 159	Shandur	
		Sgt. K. L. Killips				
		F/Sgt. A. T. Ward				
		Sgt. R. P? O'Keefe				
		Sgt. A. L. Woods				
"	AL540	P/O. D. Bellingham	"	2120	0610	0130 hrs – sighted hospital ship – position 045°, Tripoli (32°53'N: 13°11'E), 45 miles. 0140 hrs – target area – searched for target. 0207 hrs – dummy run over Sidi El Mahguib (32°53'N: 13°14'E) dropping flares to identify. Followed by twin engine aircraft for ten minutes. Did not attack. 0211 hrs – run up made from Sidi El Mahguib bearing 210°. All bombs dropped in one stick and all observed to burst. Could not identify position. Photograph taken. Four incendiaries dropped but no fires started. 0216 hrs – four flares and a stick of bombs in target area. 0252 hrs – a white flashing beacon flashing 'H' at Cape Zopug? (32°22'N: 15°13'E). Bombs carried 12 x 500 lbs Nose Inst.
		F/Lt. I. R. Stephens		LG. 159	Shandur	
		Sgt. C. Cosgrave				
		Sgt. T. Stewart				
		Sgt. W. Duckworth				
		Sgt. J. W. Sargant				
		Sgt. E Bell				
		Sgt. J. Mason				
"	AL518	P/O. A? H. Evans	"	1309	1624	0140 hrs – about six flares seen in Homs (35°39'N: 14°16'E) area in ones and twos. 0203 hrs – ship seen approximately 15 miles North East of Tripoli, well lit up. Direction unknown. 0207 hrs onwards – three flares dropped in endeavour to locate exact target. 0218 hrs – all bombs in one stick heading 214°. Burst seen in area of pinpoint K.L. 36.37 – cross roads – (target map T/8). No other results. One bomb would not come off by any possible means; this bomb brought back. Bombs carried as above.
		P/O. L. T. Woolven		Shandur	LG. 159	
		Sgt. V. Stuchbery		2147	0826	
		Sgt. C. Bullen		LG. 159	Shandur	
		F/Sgt. C. S. Murdoch				
		Sgt. A. G. Watson				
		Sgt. J. W. Goodgame				
		F/Sgt. L. D. Bowman				
"	AL620	S/Ldr. J. J. McKay	Road junction	2130	0830	0139 hrs – one lighted hospital ship seen 15 miles North of coast between Homs (35°39'N: 14°16'E) and Tripoli (32°53'N: 13°11'E). 0140 hrs/0200 hrs
		P/O. J. H. L. Clarke	Tripoli square	LG. 159	Shandur	
		F/Lt. A. Reid	Q.35/36 target			

		F/Sgt. M? Gregson	map T/5. To drop 'nickels' Homs – Misurata area.			approximately – twelve flares seen dropping on coast line between Homs and Tripoli. A stick of twelve bombs – all bursts seen – on coast road near Homs. Another stick of twelve seen in save area. 0210 hrs – located Tripoli. 0220 hrs – attacked from Sidi El Mahguib (32°53'N: 13°14'E) on heading 210°. Eleven bombs dropped – all seen to burst. Unable to pinpoint position owing to haze. Photograph taken. One bomb hung up – brought back. Possible smoke screen. 0224 hrs/0317 hrs – dropped 'nickels' in Homs – Misurata area. Bombs carried as above.
		F/Sgt. S. V. Hooker				
		Sgt. G. Ford				
		Sgt. A. S. Perriss				
		F/Sgt. V. Crook				
13/14th January	AL565	F/Lt. P. G. H. Pearson	Road junction Tripoli square Q.35/36 target map T/5.	2005	0750	'Nickels' dropped in prescribed area. 0235 hrs – made bombing run on Homs (35°39'N: 14°16'E) on heading 160°. Bombs fell in sea during approach due to mechanical failure. One flash seen North of Homs thought to be A.A. 0127 hrs – saw green very light fired 10 miles South of Homs at 12,000 ft. Bombs carried 12 x 500 lbs Nose Inst.
		P/O. A. R. Kimmins		Shandur	LG. 159	
		Sgt. J. C. Laker				
		Sgt. G. H. Austin				
		Sgt. J. Young				
		Sgt. A. S. Perriss				
		Sgt. D. A. Moverley				
		Sgt. H. R. Corrin				
"	AL525	F/Lt. A. C. L. Mackie	"	2010	0650	Bombed in area East of town of Misurata (32°22'N: 15°08'E). 0330 hrs – bombing run. All bomb bursts seen. Results not visible. Photograph taken on bombing run. Bombs carried 12 x 500 lbs Nose Inst.
		F/O. G? ? Clark		Shandur	LG. 159	
		P/O. R? N? Leek				
		F/Sgt. G. A. Fraser				
		F/Sgt. J. Hincks				
		F/Sgt. W? T. Fletcher				
		Sgt. A. W. Crozier				
"	AL582	F/Sgt. F? M. Henderson				Steady light one mile North of Misurata (32°22'N: 15°08'E). 0320 hrs – bombing run heading 220°. Saw bombs burst but could not observe results. 0440 hrs – observed what seemed to be a photograph flash in vicinity of Tripoli (32°53'N: 13°11'E). Three small fires observed in target area. Bombs carried as above.
		P/O. W. R. Austin	"	2123	0830	
		P/O. J. G. Moxham		Shandur	LG. 159	
		P/O. W. T. Story				
		F/Sgt. A. H. Graham				
		Sgt. A. Bain				
"	AL528	Sgt. L. H. Gumbrill				Reached target and dropped bombs. Results not observed but all bombs burst. Observed light ship five
		Sgt. F. A. Cake				
		F/Sgt. D. B. Campbell				
		F/Lt. D. R? McIntyre	"	2125	0855	
		P/O. A. D. Smith		Shandur	LG. 159	

		Sgt. S. L. Smith				miles North East of Homs (35°39'N: 14°16'E) – flashing every five seconds. Bombs carried as above.
		Sgt. N. H? Dalton				
		P/O H? G. Peggs				
		Sgt. F? R. Hebb				
		Sgt. M P? Moses				
		Sgt. G. R. Anderson				
"	AL524	P/O P. J. C. Bateman-Champain	"	2129	0945	Made landfall South of Misurata (32°22'N: 15°08'E). Very heavy haze over target. 0305 hrs – made bombing run on heading 220°. Dropped bombs in on stick. Bombs seen to explode but no damage seen. On return on approaching A.L.G. it was found that the nose wheel would not drop. After circling for an hour, captain decided to bring aircraft in for a 'three point' landing using the main wheels and the rear bumper wheel. A successful landing was made, the only damage sustained being a bent rear bumper wheel. Bombs carried as above.
		Sgt. J. M. Hart		Shandur	LG. 159	
		P/O. D. M. Mitchell				
		Sgt. S. Goddard				
		Sgt. R. S. Roberts				
		Sgt. G. R. Poskitt				
		Sgt. J. C. Royle				
		F/Sgt. A. Marshall				
14/15th January	AL582	P/O. W. R. Austin	"	1725	0345	2130 hrs – fire seen centre of town, Tripoli (32°53'N: 13°11'E). Land fall at Sidi El Mahguib (32°53'N: 13°14'E). Flak sighted and fire. 2144 hrs – bombed heading 190°. All in one stick. Bursts seen – K. 5.6 (map T/8). Smoke screen generated on base of harbour. Smoke stayed in streaks owing to strong wind. 2152 hrs – stick seen to burst – possible fire near Mellaha (32°54'N: 13°16'40"E). Green verey fired from air at 13,000 ft. This drew A.A. and searchlights (since proved to be fired by another Liberator as this signal had been twice seen before). Camera unserviceable. Bombs carried 6 x 1000 lbs Nose Inst.
		P/O. J. G. Moxham		LG. 159	Shandur	
		P/O. W. T. Story				
		F/Sgt. A. H. Graham				
		Sgt. A. Bain				
		Sgt. L. H. Gumbrill				
		Sgt. F. A. Cake				
		F/Sgt. D. B. Campbell				
"	AL565	F/Lt. P. G. H. Pearson	Road junction Tripoli square	1725	0355	2111 hrs – landfall on coast 32°26'N: 14°45'E. Commenced 'nickelling' operations. Dropped 'nickels' to cover area Misurata (32°22'N: 15°08'E) – Homs (35°39'N: 14°16'E). 2145 hrs – ceased 'nickelling', commenced to approach target area. Sq heavy flak from Tripoli (32°53'N: 13°11'E). 2150 hrs – four miles off Sidi El Mahguib (32°53'N: 13°14'E) – encountered heavy and accurate flak from probable flak ship near
		P/O. A. R. Kimmins	Q.35/36 target	LG. 159	Shandur	
		Sgt. J. C. Laker	map T/5. To			
		Sgt. G. H. Austin	drop 'nickels' –			
		Sgt. J. Young	Misurata –			
		Sgt. A. S. Perriss	Homs area.			
		Sgt. D. A. Moverley				

		Sgt. H. R. Corrin				Sidi El Mahguib. Also two searchlights on point and inland. Hit once – slight damage near nose, port side. Fired green very light and flak increased in intensity. 2153 hrs – turned out to sea to gain height and approach from another direction. 2155 hrs – while circling to gain height over the sea, bombs suddenly fell off carrying the bomb doors with them. All fell in sea. Smoke screen operation well, covering all harbour and up to one mile out to sea. Bombs carried 6 x 1000 lbs Nose Inst.
"	AL525	F/Lt. A. G. L. Mackie	Road junction	1735	0415	Followed coast to Tripoli. 2155 hrs – reached Tripoli (32°53'N: 13°11'E). A.A. intense. Good fire seen near station – result of bombing. Reached Sidi El Mahguib (32°53'N: 13°14'E) and turned North making a large circuit over sea. 2210 hrs – bombed in one stick. Bursts seen thought in target area – K.L. 6.7. (target map T/8). Photographs flash not seen. 2230 hrs – large explosion and fire seen – thought inland from Homs (35°49'N: 14°16'E). Smoke screen had been going for some time and smoke had blown away from harbour. Two unidentified aircraft seen over target. Bombs carried 4 x 1000 lbs Nose Inst.
		F/O. C? G. Clarke	Tripoli square	LG. 159	Shandur	
		P/O. R. N. Leek	Q.35/36 target			
		F/Sgt. G. A. Fraser	map T/5.			
		F/Sgt. J. Hincks				
		F/Sgt. W. T? Fletcher				
		Sgt. A. W. Crozier				
		F/Sgt. F. M. Henderson				
"	AL524	P/O. P. J. C. Bateman-Champain	"	1845	0540	225 hrs – landfall Misurata (32°22'N: 15°08'E). Approximately 10 miles South of Misurata – single white flashing beacon. 2330 hrs – reached Tripoli area. Fire seen approximately K.L. 4.5. (target map T/8). 2335 hrs – bombed in one stick (salvoed) heading 230°. Four dropped Estimated K.25. (target map T/5) starting fire; sparks seen to come out. Remaining two bombs dropped in sea. Smoke screen blowing over harbour revealed exact location of harbour. Bombs carried 6 x 1000 lbs Nose Inst.
		Sgt. J. M. Hart		LG. 159	Shandur	
		P/O. D. M. Mitchell				
		Sgt. S. Goddard				
		Sgt. R. S. Roberts				
		Sgt. C? R. Poskitt				
		Sgt J. C. Royle				
		F/Sgt. A. Marshall				
"	AL518	F/Lt. D. P. McIntyre	"	1850	0430	While making run encountered heavy and light A.A. Aircraft holed 700 times. Hydraulic system and wireless unserviceable. Bomb-bay doors shot away. 2246 hrs – observed bomb bursts of aircraft ahead and saw a large fire which disappeared – smoke seen afterwards. 2323 hrs – jettisoned bombs in sea. Aircraft received three direct hits by A.A. – one in bomb-bays on in flare
		P/O. A. D. Smith		LG. 159	LG. 143	
		Sgt. S. L. Smith				
		Sgt. N. M. Dalton				
		P?/O E? G. Peggs				
		Sgt. F? R. Hebb				
		Sgt. M. P? Moses				

		Sgt. G. R. Anderson				chute and one in rear hatch. Two members of crew slightly injured. 0327 hrs, over LG.159 – fired colours of day and received no response. Observed lights and landed at LG.143. Bombs carried 6 x 1000 lbs Nose Inst.
"	AL620	F/Lt. P. Price	"	-	-	Failed to return to base.
		Sgt. N. Ellis				
		F/O. B. Samuel				
		Sgt. A. N. Sinclair				
		Sgt. W. Smith				
		Sgt. G. H. Wunsch				
		Sgt. E. D. Hillen				
		Sgt. J. P. Foster				

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Salbani	1.1.45 to 31.1.45		Majority of technical personnel detach 175?? Wing?? 123 BASO? 99 or 159 Squadron. Personnel detached 159 Squadron are undergoing instruction on Liberator aircraft. Organized Sports held. Fixtures as per App. A.
	1.1.43		P/O P. W. M. White Gaze - G.D. (120796) and P/O J. Segar - G.D.(O) (119274), together with 1 F/Sgt. and 4 F/Sgt. WOP/Ags and 1 F/Sgt. Pilot posted to Squadron ex. Middle East.
	2.1.43		4 AC. WOM's 1 AC. W/Mech., 2 Cpl. W/Ops and 10 W/Ops. ceased detachment ??C Karachi. 1 AC ACH/GD and 1 AC. FME. Proceeded to 160 Squadron, Detach. Ceylon.
	3.1.43		A/S/L R. L. Hanson - G.D. (88666), F/O S. E. Chandler - WOP/AG (115497) F/O C. W. Brodigan - G.D. (J6000), together with 5 Sgt. WOP/Ags, 1 F/Sgt, and 1 Sgt. WOM/AG, 1 Sgt. Fit/Eng. 1 F/Sgt. and 2 Sgt. Pilots and 2 F/Sgt. Nav"B" ex. U.K.
	5.1.43		1 AC. ACM/GD. Detached 221 Group.
	8.1.43		P/O L. F. Compton. Tech (elec.) 48710) Posted from No. 159 Sqdn. F/O. (A/F/L) N. R. Holloway - ASD(AD.) (61551) ceased detachment Santa Cruz.
	11.1.43		1 AC. Fabric Worker ceased to be detached 303 M.U.
	12.1.43		Posted form 110 Squadron. 2 Sgt. Fitt.11, 2 Cpls. Fitt.2E. and 1 Cpl. Fitt. 2A. 1 AC. Clerk G.D. posted to No. 54? M.?U., Calcutta.
	15.1.43		1 AC. Arm(B) Detached Kirkes??
	16.1.43		1 Cpl Arm posted from No. 4? IAF Sqdn.
	17.1.43		1 AC ACH/GD ceased detachment 221 Group.
	20.1.43		Posted to No. 5 Sqdn. 1 F/Sgt. E/Asst. Posted from No. 301 M.U. 3? AC W/Mechs.
	21.1.43		1 AC. CAH/GD detached 221 Group pending posting.
	22.1.43		1 Sgt. Clerk G.D. detached A.H.Q. Bengal pending posting.
	25.1.43		F/O (A/F/L) H. R. Holloway - ASD(Ad.) (61551) detached B.H.Q. Bombay. Court Martial Duties.
	27.1.43		1 F/Sgt. Fitt. 1, 1 Sgt. Fitt. IIE and 1 Sgt. Fitt II posted from No. 215 Sqdn.

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Ratmalana	1.2.43		122385 P/O A. M. Gall (GDO) arrived ex Minneriya.
	3.2.43		A.123452 P/O C. Pinnell (GD) 109534 F/O (A/F/Lt) E. Gilbert and six aircrew N.C.O. personnel arrived by air ex M.E. in Liberator aircraft. 45236 F/O (A/F/Lt) G. T. Foden (Tech (E)) arrived on posting from Minneriya C.13575 P/O I. M. Finegood (R.D.F.) arrived by air ex. M.E.
	5.2.43		78753 F/Lt. (A/S/L) F. G. Paisey (GD) 120793 P/O T. R. Pallet (GD) and 7 N.C.O. aircrew arrived by air ex M.E. in Liberator aircraft.
	6.2.43		Two aircraft on A/S Patrol. Nothing seen..
			109448 F/O S. Poole (Equip) and nine other ranks comprising Orderly Room Staff etc. arrived at Ratmalana from Salboni, India.
	9.2.43		One aircraft on patrol. Nothing seen.
	10.2.43		One aircraft on patrol. Nothing seen.
Salboni	14.2.43		114650 P/O H. A. Wilson, A & SD(1) posted from No. 170 Wing.
Ratmalana			88666 F/L (A/S/L) R. L. Hanson (GD) 1154497 F/O S. E. Chandler (GD(G)) 102796 P/O P. W. K. White-Gaze (GD) 119274 P/O J. Segar (GD(O)), 10 N.C.O. and 8 other ranks proceeded to Karachi by air in Liberator A/c for minor inspection of aircraft.
	15.2.43		43870 F/Lt. Homes? Tech(E) arrive on posting from No. 152 O.T.U.
	18.2.43		42636 P/O (A/F/Lt) C. T. Foden Tech (E) left on posting to 222 Group Unit.
			88666 F/Lt (A/S/L) R. L. Hanson and crews returned from Karachi.
	19.2.43		80991 F/Lt. A. G. Riddell (Med?), 61551 F/O (A/F/L) H. R. Holloway, (A & SD Adj.), 49710 P/O I. F. Campton (Tech. Elect). 114650 P/O H. A. Willace (A & ED(1)), one W/O and 99 other ranks arrived at Ratmalana from Salboni, India.
	27.2.43		One aircraft on A/S patrol, nothing seen.

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Date	Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
6th Feb. 1943	Liberator IIIA FL945	S/L. Hanson	A/S Patrol	07.00	14.35	Nothing seen.
		F/S. Ross				
		F/S. Strachan				
		F/O Chandler				
		Sgt. Lawton				
		Sgt. Ranking				
		Sgt. Williams				
		Sgt. Grossas???				
6th Feb. 1943	Liberator IIIA FL936	F/S. Hall	A/S Patrol	07.15	13.35	Nothing seen.
		P/O. White-Gaze				
		P/O. Segar				
		F/S. Storey				
		Sgt. Glesson				
		Sgt. Ellison				
		Sgt. Morton				
		Sgt. Stokes				
9th Feb. 1943	Liberator IIIA FL936	F/S. Hall	Cross-over Patrol on S.E.	18.55	10.00	One Blip picked up on A.S.V. Nothing seen.
		P/O. White-Gaze				
		P/O. Segar				
		F/S. Storey				
		Sgt. Gleeson				
		Sgt. Ellison				
		Sgt. Morton				
		Sgt. Stokes				
10th Feb. 1943	Liberator IIIA FL945	S/L. Hanson	Cross-over Patrol on S.E.	17.00	09.45	Nothing seen.
		F/S. Ross				
		F/S. Strachan				
		F/O Chandler				
		Sgt. Lawton				
		Sgt. Ranking				
		Sgt. Williams				
		Sgt. Grossas???				
27th Feb. 1943	Liberator IIIA FL936	F/S. Hill	A/S Patrol	07.00	16.30	Nothing seen.
		P/O. Pinnell				
		Sgt. Woodcock				
		Sgt. Wilson				
		F/S. Thomson				
		Sgt. Morton				
Sgt. Cleaver						

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Ratmalan a	2/3/43		One aircraft on patrol 9 hours. FL945 (H) Sgt. Cohen, Capt.
	3/3/43		114650 P/O H. A. Wilson (1st) posted to China Bay.
			On aircraft on patrol 9 1/2 hours FL936 (V) F/S. Hill, Capt.
	6/3/43		On aircraft on patrol 9.20? hours FL945 (H) F/S. Hill, Capt.
	9/3/43		A/C to Agra, Captain - S/L Paisey. Duty - collecting stores.
	12/3/43		51030 P/O L. Fletcher T(E). posted from 160 Sqdn. on commissioning.
	13/3/43		A/C returned from Agra.
	15/3/43		Three N.C.O. air-crew arrived on attachment from 217 Sqdn.
			67545 F/L K. A. Wallis Med. Arrived on posting ex U.K.
	16/3/43		Inspection by Deputy A.O.C. in C. Air Marshal Baldwin; A.O.C., A.V.M. Lees.
	17/3/43		Two N.C.O Air-crews arrived on attachment from 217 Squadron.
	18/3/43		37711 S/L (A/G/C) Butler, P/O Moody, P/O Flett, P/O Spelling, A/F/Lt. Carson, and 5 N.C.O. aircrew arrived in aircraft "B" FK239.
			51030 F/O L. Fletcher T(E) posted to 30 Sqdn.
			30991 F/Lt. A. G. Riddell posted to 173 Wing.
			Two aircraft on patrol. FL939 (M) F/S Hill, Capt. 9.05 hrs. FL929 (W) F/S Hill, Capt 8.35 hrs.
	19/3/43		One aircraft on patrol - FL945 (H) Sgt Cohen, Capt. 9.50 hrs.
	22/3/43		P/O Calder arrived by rail from Karachi ex U.K.
	24/3/43		F/O Wallace, F/O Willson and 6 N.C.O. air-crew arrived by aircraft "K" FL911
	25/3/43		67 Senior N.C.O.'s and airmen from Squadron personnel arrived from Salboni, India by rail and sea. One N.C.O. aircrew arrived on attachment from 217 Squadron.
			One aircraft on patrol, 11.50 hours. Captain W/O Hill FL929 (W)
	27/3/43		F/O Campbell arrived by rail from Karachi ex U.K.
	31/3/43		On aircraft on patrol 12.30 hours. FL929 (W) Captain F/S Hill.

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Date	Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
2nd. March 1943	Liberator IIIA FL945	Sgt. Cohen	Detector Patrol	0700	1600	
		P/O Pallet				
		Sgt. Somerville				
		Sgt. Bloss				
		Sgt. Deeny				
		Sgt. Owen				
		Sgt. Harrison				
		Sgt. Naylor				
3rd March 1943	Liberator IIIA FL936	F/S Hill	Detector Patrol	0655	1625	
		P/O Pinnell				
		Sgt. Woodcock				
		Sgt. Wilson				
		F/S Thomson				
		Sgt. Morton				
		Sgt. Cleaver				
6th March 1943	Liberator IIIA FL945	F/S. Hall	Anti-Sub Patrol	0655	1615	Nothing Seen
		P/O. White-Gaze				
		P/O. Segar				
		F/S. Storey				
		Sgt. Gleeson				
		Sgt. Ellison				
		Sgt. Morton				
		Sgt. Stokes				
18th March 1943	Liberator IIIA FL939	F/S. Hall	Convoy Escort	0645	1600	
		P/O. White-Gaze				
		P/O. Segar				
		F/S. Storey				
		Sgt. Gleeson				
		Sgt. Ellison				
		Sgt. Morton				
		Sgt. Stokes				
18th March 1943	Liberator IIIA FL929	F/S Hill	Convoy Escort	1110	1940	
		P/O Pinnell				
		Sgt. Woodcock				
		Sgt. Wilson				
		F/S Thomson				
		Sgt. Morton				
		Sgt. Cleaver				
19th March 1943	Liberator IIIA FL945	Sgt. Cohen	Convoy Escort	0700	1650	
		P/O. Pallet				
		Sgt. Somerville				
		Sgt. Bloss				
		Sgt. Deeny				
		Sgt. Owen				
		Sgt. Harrison				
		Sgt. Naylor				

25th March 1943	Liberator IIIA FL929	F/S. Hall	Detector Patrol	0730	1905	
		P/O. White-Gaze				
		P/O. Segar				
		F/S. Storey				
		Sgt. Gleeson				
		Sgt. Ellison				
		Sgt. Morton				
		Sgt. Stokes				
31st March 1943	Liberator IIIA FL929	F/S Hill	A/S Escort	0700	1930	
		P/O Pinnell				
		Sgt. Woodcock				
		Sgt. Wilson				
		F/S Thomson				
		Sgt. Morton				
		Sgt. Cleaver				

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Ratmalana	1/4/43		Liberator FL911 (W/O C. R. Hall, ??????? P/O P.W.M. White-Gaze GD 112?274 P/O J. Sager (Obs) and crew proceeded ??????? for aerodrome testing under instructions HQ 225 Group.
	2/4/43		109448 P/O S. Poole (Equip) posted ????? Ratmalana
	3/4/43		122385 P/O A. M. Call (GD) detached ???????
	4/4/43		Visit of Group Nav. Officer S/L ???????state he was not satisfied with standard of Squadron Nav. ??????? arrangements were made for daily visit by P/O Pavitt, Assitant Group ??????? to assist in improving standard.
	5/4/43		50901 P/O Pavitt attached from?????
	6/4/43		Liberator 'H' bogged on aerodrome ???compass swinging (Captain, F/S Cohen).
			F/Sgt. Ross force landed Lysander ?????failure on aerodrome.
	7/4/43		A.O.C. visited Ratmalana and C.???????
	8/4/43		Liberator FK227 allocated by signal ???squadron has now been reallocated. This is disappointing as this aircraft ?????by the Squadron in England to form part of the Unit overseas.
			Liberator FK239 took off 07.30 ????? to collect spares. 78753 F/L (A/S/L) E.G. Paisey, GD, Captain 122399 ?????BD, 43870 F/Lt. W. M. Homes, Tech (E) and 49710 P/O L. F. Campton (Tech????)
	9/4/43		88666 F/O(A/S/L) R. H. Hanson, GD ??????? Schoo, Andheri.
			Exercise "Owl" carried out with ??????? Pilots J15180 F/O W. A. Wallace, GD, R81360 F/Sgt. J. L. Ross, Pilot ??????? F/Sgt. J. Cohen, Pilot.
	10/4/43		Message received form S.A.SO., ????? that Deputy A.O.C. in C. required details of our most experienced ??????? operation in two to three days time.
			115497 F/O S. E. Chandler, GD. Detached ???School, Andheri for Course.
			Liberator FL911 Captain A40????????, Pilot returned from Bangalore, having visited Yelalanka and Kal????? By Air Commodore P. H. Mackworth?. A.O.C. 225 Group Arkamas?? (damaged ?????test), St. Thomas's Mount, Shelavarum, Ulunderpet? Chetimar?????Tamjore, Madura, Kasattar, Bulmr??and Bangalore. Reported to 225 Group Comodore Mackworth, Group Captain Howard (S.A.O.) and W/C Ford. ?????report. Proceeded to Vimagapatam? Stayed night owing to bad weather ????? Bangalore and thence to Ratmalana, arriving 18.15 hours, ?????auxiliary landing strips, dispersals, taxiing tracks and approaches.
	12/4/43		Liberator "V" carried out camera test????W/C G. A. Butler (37711) GD. Installation satisfactory; holes ?????bers. Navigators need practice before serious operations can be ?????
			One senior N.C.O and 35 airmen, ?????ff, arrived at Ratmalana from Kanchraparn, India.
	14/4/43		Visit of S/L Loams?, A.H.Q. Photo ?????er. Gave him full particulars of practical difficulties anticipated.
			123507 P/O D. S. Flett, GD, engaged ????? necessary equipment for temporary was at Sigiriya for night operations ??????tor aircraft.
			Three senior N.C.O.'s and 71 airmen ??????? arrived at Ratmalana from

			Kanchrapara, India.
	15/4/43		123507 P/O D. S. Flett, GD, left for ?????make arrangements for P.R.U. Liberators to operate at night from ???(arrangements for refueling etc.)
	18/4/43		121427 F/O (A/F/Lt) H. M. Carson, ??????to G. R. School, Andhari.
	21/4/43		Liberator FK239 (78753 F/L (A/S/L) ?????? GD, Captain, and crew) landed 0830 hours, having visited Agra, Pan??????, Delhi, and Karachi. Brought twelve .5 machine guns, but no fittings ????. Also two large self-sealing overload tanks (he has arranged for ??????be collected from Omdal?). several other essentials were obtained ????. are still required. RAF Liaison officer visited by S/L ??????who had not been informed that the aircraft was arriving, neigh?????? Engineer Officer been informed. The Americans were helpful but w????????? prior warning. It seems that arrangements should be made through ????????Officer at Delhi.
			964?872 Sgt. W. E. Burns, Pilot; 2nd. Pilot ??????5 P/O J. Thomas, GD, and 119705 F/O K. F. B. Balcon, GD(Nav) returned ?????aircraft. Their own is still n/s at Drigh Road, where it arrived on ?????? 1943. W/C C. A. Butler reported the above in a visit to 222 Group ??????????for the aircraft to go to Ondal for remaining self-sealing overload tanks.
	22/4/43		Liberator FL911. 120438? F/O J. W. ??????Captain, 1208000 P/O W. A. Calder, second pilot and crew left for ????????
	23/4/43		W/C C. A. Butler, GD, Commanding Officer ?????sigiriya by road ?????increasing ??Liberator aircraft taken to 15,000 ???camouflage test. Aircraft visible most of the time and it was decided to ?????? with a light blue camouflage on one aircraft.
	24/4/43		W/C C.A. Butler returned from Sigiriya ???
	25/4/43		104525 F/O S. Davie (A7SD(I)) posted ?????? Station Ratmalana.
	26/4/43		One Liberator crew A401104 F/Sgt. ????. Pilot, Captain, 120793 P/O T. R. Pallet, GD, 2nd Pilot, 1268999 P/O R. F. S?????, and crew left first light in Hudson aircraft for Karachi on sp??????? ordered by A.O.C.
			Liberator FL929, 37711 S/L(A/W/C???????, GD, Commanding Officer, and other specialist officers proceeded to ??????ded Liberator at Sigiriya for first time and make arrangements for as??????
	28/4/43		J16555 P/O J. W. Strachan, GD(Nav) ?????? Squadron on commissioning.
	29/4/43		Liberator FL929, W/C C. A. Butler ???W/C Paul, Station Commander, W/C Martin (222 Group), W/O O'Callaghan (S.M.O. HQ 222 Group) visited Sigiriya. It was decided that trees needed removing from both ends of the runway. The Dispersal area needed enlarging and trees removing for some 200 yards.
			Liberator FL929 (F/Sgt Hill, Captain) and FL945 (W/O Hall, Captain) carried out camouflage test. A/c FL945 has had one coat of "sky" dope (no more paint received). Both aircraft flew in line astern over aerodrome at 1, 2, 5, 10 and 15,000 feet. P/O Brooks, A.H.Q. Camouflage Expert, was present. Five observers ?iming on the aerodrome. Results - generally "sky" seemed better than "white", but this varies according to cloud reflection etc.

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Ratmalana	2	0730	"M" FL939, Sgt. Burns (Captain) and Crew; air tested at 07.30. This aircraft has had two fuel cells changed and had not flown for nine weeks.
		0645	"M" took off for Agra to have two defective turbo super-chargers repaired. After 30 minutes flying No. 2 engine failed almost completely for some minutes. The Capt. decided to return, though engine functioning normally. Circled Ratmalana until 1200 hrs. to reduce fuel load for landing.
		1330	"K" FL911 P/O J. Campbell (Captain) returned from Ondal via Bangalore, with 2 pairs self-sealing overload tanks. (See entry 21-4-43). P/O Campbell stated that the Americans at Ondal were extremely helpful and hospitable.
	3	0800	"M" Sgt. Burns (Captain) left for Agra. Later received signal stating that "M" force-landed at Bangalore "two engines cut out, fitting new fuel pump". "M" left Bangalore on May 5th arrived Agra 14.50 5/5/43.
	6	1030	Visit of A.O.C. Air Vice Marshal A. Lees. Discussed broadly future plans. Inspected fitting of over-load tanks; the flow-meter, and camouflage of "H".
	7		W/Cdr. Edwards (222 Group) inspected self-sealing over-load tank installation, about which he stated he had not been informed until three days ago.
	7	1415	General briefing of crews for the intended operations; Station C. O., Group Intelligence Office; Group Photographic Officer; being present. In response to suggestions made at briefing that V.G.O. guns should be fitted in rear hatch in place of .5, of which mountings are not available, Group Armament Officer was requested to pay an immediate visit. The requirement was put to him at 16.45 hrs. in company with his assistant; O.C. 'B' flight; Sqdn. Gunnery Officer; Sqdn. Armoury N.C.O.
	9	1525	"B" FK239 Captain - F/Sgt. Hill and Crew Left for Sigiriya.
		1600	"H" FL945 Captain - W/Cdr. Butler Left for Sigiriya
			At Sigiriya "B" went u/s with a cut tyre. Every effort was made to get a replacement up from Ratmalana.
		1700	F/O Wallace took off in "N?" FL936 but missed Sigiriya in failing light, and landed back at Ratmalana at 20.21 - the first Liberator night landing at Ratmalana. But the weather in any case would have made a take-off at Sigiriya impossible.
			Prior to leaving for Sigiriya, the C.O. interviewed Sgt. Burns and Crew, on return from Agra. "M" FL939 returned. By flying this a/c to Agra, it has become fully serviceable at least 14 days sooner than if the u/s parts had been removed and sent separately.
	10		"V" FL536 Captain F/O Wallace, and Crew left for Sigiriya.
	11	0115	"H" Captain - W/Cdr Butler, "B" F/Sgt. Hill (captain) left Sigiriya. "V" u/s - "George" u/s.
	11	1640	"H" and "B" landed at Ratmalana, having completed petrol consumption tests and photographic runs at 25,000 feet. In vicinity of Ratmalana, A/c "H" requested Fighter Affiliation by W/T; which was laid on by 30 Squadron (Hurricanes) within 10 minutes.
	12		Results of yesterday's petrol consumption tests disappointing. "B" 2575 nautical miles, "H" 2610 nautical miles - absolute maximum.
		14.30	W/Cdr Butler to 222 Group to confer with G/Capt. Cumming.
	17		"V" FL936 Capt. - F/O Wallace, returned from Sigiriya.
	19		C.O. visited R.A.F. Station, Vaviuniya.
	20		C.O. returned from Vaviuniya

	23	0630	"W" FL929 - Capt. Sgt. Burns; Navig. F/O Balcon Took off.
		1730	"W" landed.
		1530	"B" FK239 Capt. F/Sgt. Hill; Navig. Sgt. Woodcock, left for Sigiriya.
		1540	"H" FL945 Capt. F.Sgt. Ross; Navig. P/O Strachan, left for Sigiriya.
		1820	"V" FL936 Capt. W/Cdr. Butler; Navig. F/Sgt. Hamann, left for Sigiriya.
	24	0240	"V" Capt. W/Cdr. Butler; Navig. F/Sgt. Hamann, left Sigiriya
		0815	"V" landed Ratmalana. Engine (No. 4) failure.
		0310	"B" Capt. F/Sgt. Hill; Navig. Sgt. Woodcock, left Sigiriya - Ops.
		1800	"B" landed Ratmalana.
			C.O. visited A.O.C. at Group H.Q. and discussed fully the present situation.
	26	1730	"V" FL936 Capt. W/Cdr. Butler and crew took off for Sigiriya.
		1800	"B" FK239 Capt. Sgt. Burns & crew took off for Sigiriya.
	27	0245	"V" Capt. W/Cdr. Butler; Navig. P/O Hamann??, left Sigiriya. Ops. target - Lhok Biruen Seumawe
		1545	Landed Ratmalana
		0300	"H" Capt. F/Sgt. Ross; Navig. P/O Strachan, left Sigiriya. Ops. Target - Sabang Harbour and Aerodrome.
		1600	Landed Ratmalana.
		0335	"B" Capt. Sgt. Burns; Navig. F/O Balcon, left Sigiriya. Ops.
		1505	Landed Ratmalana
	28	1540	"V" FL936 Capt. W/O Hall & crew took off for Sigiriya.
		1600	"H" FL945 Capt. S/L Paisey & crew took off for Sigiriya.
	29	0230	"V" Capt. W/O Hall; Navig. R/O J. Segar, left Sigiriya. Ops.
		1705	Landed Ratmalana.
	30	0300	"H" Capt. S/L Paisey & crew, Navig. F/Sgt. Follis, left Sigiriya. Ops. Krosengrajha?? Kostaradjh??
		1740	Landed Ratmalana.
		1510	"K" FL911 Capt. F/O Campbell, Navig. W/O Winter, took off for Sigiriya.
	31	0325	"K" Capt. R/O Campbell, Navig. W/O Winter, left Sigiriya. Ops.
		1425	Landed Ratmalana.

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Date	Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Sigiriya Time up	Ratmalana Time Down	Remarks		
11th., May 1943	Liberator III FK239	F/S Hill	Photographic and petrol consumption tests.	1853Z/1 0/May	0810Z/11/ May	Relevant Form Green attached.		
		P/O Pinnell						
		F/S Thomson						
		Sgt. Morton						
		Sgt. Woodcock						
		Sgt. Wilson						
		Sgt. Knowles						
		Sgt. Cleaver						
	Liberator III FL845	W/C Butler	As above	1855Z/1 0/May	1025Z/11/ May			
		F/S. Ross?						
		P/O Strachan						
		F/L Gilbert						
		Sgt. Lawton?						
		Sgt. Rankine?						
		F/S Singleton						
		Sgt. Grennes???						
23rd., May 1943	Liberator III FL929	Sgt. Burns	Met. Flight	0024Z/2 3/May	1059Z/23/ May	"Special Instructions" to W/C Butler, given in lieu of Form Green.		
		F/O Thomas						
		F/O Balcon						
		F/S Stainsby						
		F/S Byrne??						
		Sgt. Burgin						
		Sgt. Skinner						
		Sgt. Duffy						
24th., May 1943	Liberator IIIA FL936	W/C Butler	Photo. Recco.	2005Z/2 3/May	0145Z/24/ May	Engine trouble, trip abandoned.		
		P/O Wallace						
		F/S Hamman?						
		Sgt. Crust						
		Sgt. Purchase						
		Sgt. Kidd						
		Sgt. Lacey						
		F/L Gilbert						
	Liberator III FK239	F/S Hill	Photo Recco. Sabang.	2040Z/2 3/May	1119Z/24/ May	Successful sortie.		
		P/O Pinnell						
		F/S Thomson						
		Sgt. Morton						
		Sgt. Woodcock						
		Sgt. Wilson						
		Sgt. Knowles						
		Sgt. Cleaver						
27th., May 1943	Liberator III FK239	Sgt. Burns	P.R. Nancowry (Nicobar Is)	2112Z/2 6/May	0836Z/27/ May	Unsuccessful, Bad weather		
		P/O Thomas						
		P/O Balcon						
		F/S. Stainsby						
		F/S Byrne						
		Sgt. Burgin						

		Sgt. Skinner				
		Sgt. Duffy				
	Liberator IIIA FL936	W/C Butler	P.R. Biruen	2010Z/2 6/May	0910Z/27/ May	Successful
		F/O Wallace	Lhok Seumawe			
		F/S Hanson??				
		Sgt. Crust				
		Sgt. Purchase				
		Sgt. Kidd				
		Sgt. Lacey				
		F/L Gilbert				
	Liberator IIIA FL945	F/S Ross	P.R. Sabang	2038Z/2 6/May	0918Z/27/ May	Successful
		Sgt. Tomkins	Harbour & Aerodrome			
		P/O Strachan				
		F/O Chandler				
		Sgt. Rankine				
		Sgt. Williams				
		Sgt. Grennan?				
		Sgt. Lawton?				
29th., May 1943	Liberator IIIA FL936	W/O Hall	P.R. Tripah	1940Z/2 8/May	1034Z/29/ May	Partly successful Cameras became U/S
		F/O White-Gaze	River			
		P/O Segar				
		F/Sgt. Storey				
		Sgt. Gleeson				
		Sgt. Ellison?				
		Sgt. Bryant				
		Sgt. Stokes				
30th., May 1943	Liberator IIIA FL911	F/O Campbell	P.R.	2055Z/2 9/May	0750Z/30/ May	Unsuccessful Bad weather.
		P/O Calder	Nancowry			
		W/O Winter				
		Sgt. Harrison (631)				
		Sgt. Bembridge?				
		Sgt. Lasky				
		Sgt. McDonald				
		Sgt. Kidd				
	Liberator IIIA FL945	S/L Paisey	P.R. Coastline & town of Kaetaradja	2008Z/2 9/May	1108Z/30/ May	Successful
		Sgt. Mason				
		F/S Follis				
		F/S. Hersey				
		Sgt. Spry?				
		Sgt. Taylor				
		Sgt. Exley?				
		Sgt. Harrison				

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Ratmalana	4		W/Cdr. Butler admitted 35 B.O. Hospital. S/Ldr F. G. Paisey assumed command.
	6		F/O (A/F/L) Gilbert attached to RAF Station, Sigiriya.
	8		F/O (A/F/L) Carson attached to G.R. School, Colombo.
	8	06.30	"W" FL929 Capt. F/O Moody, Navig. Sgt. Somerville took off. Met. Trip.
		16.45	"W" landed Ratmalana.
	9		P/O Pavitt appointed A/F/Lt.. filling Navigation vacancy.
	10	15.20	"H" Capt. P/O Ross, Navig. P/O Strachan.
		15.30	"B" Capt. P/O Burns, Navig. F/O Balcon.
		16.50	"V" Capt W/O Hall, Navig. F/O Segar. Took off for Sigiriya.
		02.35 to 17.20	"V" took off from Sigiriya Ops. Trip to Rakdegan??? Landed Ratmalana 2105 n. miles.
		03.00 to 17.05	"H" took off from Sigiriya Ops trip to Memlanoh?? Landed Ratmalana. 1929 n. miles.
		03.45 to 16.45	"B" took off Sigiriya. Ops. Trip to Andamans and L. Seuhaer??? Landed Ratmalana. 2025 n. miles
	11		W/Cdr. Butler returned from 35 B.G.H. and re-assumed command.
	13	14.30	"H" Capt. S/Ldr. Paisey. Navig. F/S Follis
		14.50	"V" Capt. P/O Hill. Navig. Sgt. Woodcock.
		16.30	"B" Capt. F/O Campbell. Navig. W/O Winter Took off for Sigiriya.
		02.45 to 17.30	"V" took off from Sigiriya. Ops. Trip Puket Island. Landed Ratmalana.
		03.00 to 17.10	"H" took off Sigiriya. Ops. Trip Laok seunawe?? Biruen?? Sigli?? Landed Ratmalana.
		04.00 to 16.15	"B" took off Sigiriya. Ops. Trip. Nahoowry? Brooo?? Nicobars. Landed Ratmalana.
		06.45 to 12.40	"W" Capt. W/O Hall, Navig. F/O Segar, took off Ratmalana. Air sea Rescue, Catalina 205 Sqdn. Nothing seen.
	13	10.00	"K" W/Cmdr. Butler and crew "M" P/O Ross and crew Practice Fly-Past for United Nations Day Ceremony.
	14	09.35	"W" W/O Hall Capt. and crew "K" W/Cmdr. Butler, Capt. and crew. "M" P/O Ross, Capt. and crew. Flypast, United Nations Day.
		13.20 to 21.30	"K" FL911. Capt. P/O Ross, Navig. P/O Strachan, took off. Air Sea Rescue for Catalina. Nothing seen. Landed Ratmalana.
		13.20 to 22.00	"W" FL929 Capt. W/O Hall, Navig. F/O Segar, took off. Air Sea Rescue for Catalina. Landed Ratmalana. Sighted large rectangular object, partly submerged, circled, but saw no dinghy.
	15	14.45	"P" FL940 landed, ex U.K. S/Ldr. G. R. Brady (Capt.) "A: Flight Commander. Also, F/O L. R. Davidson and F/O F. B. Keene arrived ex U.K.
	21	06.30 to 16.50	"K" Capt. S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey. Navig. W/Cmdr. C. A. Butler, Meteorological Flight.
	22	14.45	"V" Capt. F/O Moody, Navig. Sgt. Somerville, took off for Sigiriya.
		03.35	"V" took off Sigiriya, Ops. Trip Sabang

		15.35	Landed Ratmalana.
	23	12.00	Liberator Mark V: FL991 landed ex. U.K. Capt. P/O Boyle, Navig. Sgt. Allen. First crew to arrive trained in Canada and the Bahamas.
		15.00	Visit of Air Vice Marshall, S.A.S.O., A.H.Q., India and A.O.C. A.V.M. A. Lees. No. 222 Group. Visited Squadron dispersal, inspected aircraft, long range tanks, cameras, armament, special equipment.
		16.15	Visit of Group Capt. Bandon. Ops. Air Headquarters.
	24	17.00 04.05 16.30	"B" Capt F/O Campbell. Navig. W/O Winter Left for Sigiriya. "B" Took off Sigiriya. Ops. Andamans, Nahcowry???? Landed Ratmalana.
	29		F/Sgt. Cohen and Crew returned in D.C.2 from Karachi, having been on special duty - V.I.P. transit - since April 25th. Trips flown: April 27th. Liberator FK227 Mauripur - Habbaniyah to meet V.I.P.'s at Algiers. May 6th. Algiers, Cairo West, 107 M.U. Kasfareet - Habbandyn, Mauripur, Karachi. May 20th. Karachi, Cairo West, via Habbaniyah (2350 n. miles) May 21st. Cairo, Marrakech (French Morocco) via Bsakrn??, Lon Fex??, Casablanca. (2190 n. miles) 26th. Marrakech - Cairo West. V.I.P. Air Chief Marshall Sir Richard Peires, A.O.C. in C. India. 27th Cairo West - Habbaniyah (Air Chief Marshall took over at Jerusalem). 27th Habbaniyah - Delhi (overfly Karachi). 30th Palam, Delhi, Karachi.
	30	10.15 to 19.15	"H" FL945 Captain S/Ldr. Brady, Navig. F/Lt. Carson, Ops, Square search, for lifeboats, wreckage and possible enemy submarine. Nothing seen. Landed.

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Date	Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks	
8th June, 1943	Liberator, IIIA FL929	F/O. Moody	Met. Flight.	00.09Z	10.10Z		
		F/O. Calder		RTM	RTM		
		Sgt. Somerville					
		F/Sgt. Cardy					
		Sgt. Collingham					
		Sgt. Litchfield					
		Sgt. Burrell					
10th June, 1943	Liberator IIIA FL945	P/O. Ross	P. R. of Meulaboh	20.55Z/9	1033/10	Successful	
		P/O. Tompkins		Sgy.	RTM		
		P/O. Strachan					
		F/S. Hersey					
		Sgt. Lawton					
		Sgt. Rankine					
		Sgt. Grennan?					
		Sgt. Williams					
		Liberator IIIA FL936	W/O Hall	P.R. of Bakoengan area.	2009Z	1044Z	Unsuccessful owing to bad weather.
			P/O. White-Gaze		Sgy.	RTM	
F/O. Segar							
F/S. Storey							
F/S. Gleeson							
Sgt. Bryant							
Sgt. Taylor							
Sgt. E?llison							
11th June, 1943	Liberator, IIIA FK239	Sgt. Burns	P.R. of Andaman Is.	2122Z/10	0955Z/11	Unsuccessful owing to bad weather.	
		F/O. Thomas		Sgy.	RTM		
		F/O. Balcon					
		F/S. Stainsby					
		Sgt. Duffy					
		Sgt. Burgin					
		Sgt. Kidd					
F/Sgt. Byrne?							
13th June, 1943	Liberator, IIIA FL929	W/O Hall	Search for Catalina Crew.	0012Z	0610Z	No Sightings Made.	
		F/O. Thomas		RTM	RTM		
		F/O. Segar					
		F/Sgt. Storey					
		F/Sgt. Gleeson					
		Sgt. Bryant					
		Sgt. Stokes					
Sgt. Kidd							
Liberator IIIA FK239	P/O. Campbell	P.R. of Nancowry	2130Z/12	0918Z/13	Successful.		
	P/O. Calder		Sgy.	RTM			
	W/O. Winter?						
	Sgt. Willcock						
	Sgt. Bambridge?						
	Sgt. McDonald						

		Sgt. Harrison				
		Sgt. Lecky				
	Liberator IIIA FL945	S/L. Paisey	P.R. of Lhok- Seumawe: Biruek: Sichi: Koetaradja	2043Z/12	1037Z/13	Successful.
		Sgt. Mason?		Sgy.	RTM	
		F/S. Follis				
		F/S. H?ersey				
		Sgt. Lacey				
		Sgt. Taylor				
		Sgt. Grennan				
		Sgt. Spry				
	Liberator IIIA FL936	P/O. Hill	P.R. of Puket	2018Z/12	1100Z/13	Successful
		P/O. Pinnell		Sgy.	RTM	
		F/Sgt. Thomson				
		Sgt. Woodcock				
		Sgt. Morton				
		Sgt. Wilson				
		Sgt. Cleaver				
		Cpl. Stocks				
14th June, 1943	Liberator IIIA FL911	P/O. Ross	Search for Catalina Crew.	0700Z	1455Z	No sightings made.
		P/O. Tompkins		RTM	RTM	
		P/O. Strachan				
		P/O. Singleton				
		Sgt. Lawton				
		Sgt. Rankine				
		Sgt. Grennan				
		Sgt. Williams				
	Liberator IIIA FL929	W/O. Hall	Search for Catalina Crew.	0657Z	1556Z	Possible wreckage sighted, nothing else seen.
		Sgt. Burns		RTM	RTM	
		F/O Segar				
		F/Sgt. Storey				
		F/Sgt. Gleeson				
		Sgt. Bryant				
		Sgt. Stokes				
		Sgt. Duffy				
21st June, 1943	Liberator IIIA FL911	S/L. Paisey	Met. Flight.	0020Z	1018Z	
		P/O. Davidson		RTM	RTM	
		W/O. Butler				
		F/O. Keene				
		Sgt. ???ins?				
		F/Sgt. Evans				
		Sgt. Skinner				
		Sgt. Davies				
22nd June, 1943	Liberator IIIA FL936	F/O Moody	P.R. of Sabang	2110Z/21	1000Z/22	Successful.
		F/O. Flett		Sgy.	RTM	
		Sgt. Somerville				
		F/Sgt. Cardy				
		Sgt. Litchfield				
		Sgt. Abel				
		Sgt. Burrell				
		Sgt. Collingham?				
24th June, 1943	Liberator IIIA FK239	P/O Campbell	P.R. of Andaman Is.	2135Z/23	0955Z/24	Unsuccessful. Bad Weather.
		F/O. Calder		Sgy.	RTM	
		W/O. Winter				

		Sgt. Willcock				
		Sgt. Bembridge				
		Sgt. McDonald				
		Sgt. Harrison				
		Sgt. Lecky				
30th. June, 1943	Liberator IIIA FL945	S/L. Brady	Lifeboat Search	0345Z/30	1248Z/30	No sightings
		P/O. Davidson		RTM	RTM	
		F/L. Carson				
		F/O. Keene				
		F/S. Evans				
		Sgt. Davis				
		Sgt. Cardy				
		Sgt. Raine				
Total Operational Flying Time – June 1943 – 158 Hours 36 Minutes						

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Ratmalana	July 1.		F/O P. White-Gaze and P/O C. Pinnell given dual on Liberator aircraft by S/L Paisey and S/L Brady.
	2.		Ditto.
	3.		F/O P. White-Gaze; P/O C. Pinnell: Solo in Liberator "M"
	3.	14.55 to 16.30	"W" Captain F/O Wallace and Crew. Practice low level bombing.
	5.	14.30	"B" FK239 Captain S/L Brady; Navigator. F/Lt. M. Carson left for Sigiriya.
	6.	04.15 to 16.50	Ops. Target. Andamans, Port Blair, Port Cambell, Chatham Islands, Navy Bay.
	6.		F/O P. White-Gaze; P/O C. Pinnell. Dual low flying practice.
	7.		F/O P. White-Gaze; P/O C. Pinnell. Practice bombing, low level.
	8.	09.35 to 14.35	Captain P/O White-Gaze; Navigator P/O J. Segar. Training Flight. Navig. Exercises No. 1.
	9.	08.00 to 12.15	Capt. F/O Pinnell. Navigator Sgt. Woodcock. Training Flight. Navig. Exercise No. 1.
	10.	10.35 to 12.05	"F" Capt. F/O C. Moody and Crew "K" Capt. P/O W. Wallace and Crew Photographic Exercise to test effectiveness of Liberator aircraft camouflage.
		14.15	"F" Capt. F/O C. Brodigan and Crew. Exercise for air gunners, instruction in firing control. Co-operation exercise with Hurricanes (30 Squadron).
		16.00	Visit of Air Marshal Garred: Deputy A.O.C. in C. India. Visit of Air Vice Marshal A. Lees, A.O.C. 22 Group. Visited Liberator aircraft, discussed future policy with C.O. 160 Squadron.
	12.	08.00 to 12.00	FL991 Cap. P/O C. Pinnell. Nvig. P/O J. Seagar. Training Flight, Navig. Exercise No.2.
	14.		P/O (A/F/Lt) F. Gilbert posted from Sqdn. to 1572 Gunnery Flight, Madras. P/O Sutcliffe posted from Sqdn to 681 Sqdn (Mitchells) Bengal.
	15.	08.30	"M" F/O D. Flett, F/O H. Williams: Dual on Liberator given by S/L F. Paisey and S/L G. B. Brady.
		10.15 to 11.30	FL911 Capt. P/O G. Hill & crew. Fighter Affiliation.
		14.35 to 16.05	FL911 Capt. S/L F. Paisey & Crew Fighter Affiliation.
			FL991 Capt. F/O P. White-Gaze. Navig. P/O J. Segar. Training Flight, navig. Exercise No. 3.
			FL969 Capt. Sgt. Landick BZ752 Capt. F/S Rowley Landed Ratmalana from Karachi, ex U.K. F/O Mullins (2nd Pilot) F/O Davis (Wop/AG) among crews.
	16.	08.15 to 12.30	"F" FL991 Capt. W/O B. Hall: Navig. F/O J. Segar, Training Flight, Navig. Exercise No. 2.
		10.00 to 11.15	"K" FL911 Capt. P/O Ross: Navig. P/O J. Strachan, Fighter Affiliation (30 Squadron Hurricanes)
		14.20 to 16.00	"K" Capt F/O C Moody: Navig. P/O R. Spelling - Fighter Affiliation.
		10.00 to 11.15	"M" F/O Flett; F/O Willson. Dual in Liberator.
	17.	09.00 to 11.15	"H" Capt P/O J. Ross "V" Capt. P/O L. Hill

			Formation Flying Practice.
		10.00 to 11.15	"F" Capt. P/O C. Brodigan; Navig. F/S Follis - Fighter Affiliation. Aircraft was involved in air collision with Hurricane, which subsequently crashed. Minor damage to port wing of Liberator.
		09.30	"M" F/O Flett; F/O Willson: Dual in Liberator by S/Ldr. Brady
	18	08.15	"W" Capt. W/Cdr. C. Butler, C. O. Flight Commander and Officers i/c Sections visited Sigiriya. Inspected Camp, buildings, dispersals, etc. Allocated building for Squadron. Decided that Advance Party of approx. 100 would move on July 26th.
		07.50 to 11.15	"M" Capt. F/O C. Moody; Navig. F/O R. Spelling. Training Flight Navigation Exercise No.1.
	19.	10.00	"M" F/O Flett; F/O Willson. Dual Instruction by S/L Brady.
		10.20 to 12.00	"V(or N)" Capt. P/O Boyle; Navig. Sgt. Allen. Practice P.R.U of Ratmalana aerodrome at 20,000 ft.
		14.30 to 16.15	"W" Capt. F/S Cohen; Navig. Sgt. Sommerville. Practice P.R.U of Ratmalana aerodrome at 20,000 ft.
		14.45 to 18.45	"K" Capt. F/O Brodigan; Navig. P/O Namann?? Navigation Exercise No. 2.
	22.	06.45 to 19.25	"K" FL911 Capt. F/O Brodigan; Navig. F/S Follis. Ops trip - Andamans.
		07.15 to 13.15	"D" FL969 Capt Sgt. Landick; Navig. Sgt. Pratt. Met Flight, but abandoned owing to engine cowling coming loose.
		06.30	"P" Capt P/O Hill; Navig. F/Lt. M. Carson. Took off for Agra for turbo engine repairs, and collection of spares.
		10.00	"M" F/O D. Flett; F/O N. Willson. Dual instruction by S/L G. Brady. F/O Flett went solo.
	23	09.00	"W?" Capt. W/Cdr. C. Butler; Navig Sgt. Allen Took off for Addu Atoll. A/Cdr Churchinan???passinger.
		06.50 to 18.35	FL969 Capt. Sgt. Landick; Navig. Sgt. Pratt. Met Flight.
		14.00	FL939 Capt. P/O Ross; Navig. P/O Strachan. Practice dropping depth charges on barge.
		08.35	"M" F/O Flett; F/O Willson. Dual instruction given by S/L Brady and S/L Paisey. F/O N. Willson went solo.
	24	14.30 02.35 to 16.10	FL945 Capt. S/L F. Paisey; Navig. F/S Sommerville left for Sigiriya Ops trip. Sabang; Lhonga, Lhokseumave Landed Ratmalana
		11.40 to 16.40	FL969 Captain F/S Rowley; Navig. F/S Strutton. D.F. Calibration of Ceylon at 20,000 feet.
		17.05	"W" Captain W/Cdr Butler Landed from Addu Atoll.
	25.	14.40 to 16.30	BZ752 Captain F/O White-Gaze Low Flying Practice
	26.	14.15 02.00 to 12.50	FL936 Capt. F/O Wallace: Navig. P/O Hamann - left for Sigiriya Ops trip to Pangkalan Brandan, Pangkalan-Soesoe Unsuccessful; bad weather conditions.
		07.40 to 12.50	BZ752 Captn. P/O Burns; Navig. F/O Balcon. Navig. Exercise No. 3.
		14.20 to 15.40	FL991 F/O Campbell; F/O Willson - Low level flying dual.
		14.50 to 16.50	BZ752 P/O Moody; F/O Flett. Low flying dual.
		08.00	Advance party of 3 Officers 13 N.C.O's 70 Airmen, left by road for Sigiriya.
	27.		F/Lt. C. Craig (Photo) returned to A.H.Q. India, ceasing attachment to 100 Sqdn.
	29.	07.00 to	FL939 Capt. W/Cdr. Butler & crew

		09.00	FL991 Capt. P/O Ross & crew BZ752 Capt. Sgt. Landick & crew Exercise. Formation high level attack on H.M. Cruiser. Beauforts and Vengeance a/c also took part.
		06.30 to 17.40	FL911 Capt. F/O Moody; Navig. Sgt. Somerville - Meteorological Flight.
		11.10	"M" Dual instruction given by S/L P. Paisey to P/O W. A. Calder and Sgt. Manon.
	30.		Advance move to Sigiriya. Heavy engineering gear and equipment moved by road.
		06.40 to 08.05	FL939 F/O Campbell and Crew FL911 P/O Ross and crew Exercise, as for previous day.
		07.00 to 19.15	FL991 Capt. F/S Rowley; Navig. F/S Strutton - Met. Flight.
		18.35	"P" P/O Hill & crew arrived back from Agra, after collecting spares.
	31.	14.15 02.45 16.30	FL945 "H" Capt. P/O Burns; Navig. F/O Balcon. Took off for Sigiriya. Took off from Sigiriya - Ops trip Sabang, Lhonga, Biruen, Lhokseumawe Landed Ratmalana.

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160 Squadron

Date	Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
6th July, 1943	Liberator Mk. IIIA FK239	S/L Brady	P.R. Andaman Is.	2146Z/5 /July	1022Z/6/ July	Successful
		F/O. Davidson		SGY	RML	
		F/L. Carson				
		F/O. Keene				
		F/Sgt. Evans				
		F/Sgt. Candy?				
		Sgt. Raine				
22nd July, 1943	Liberator Mk. IIIA FL911	F/O. Brodigan	Visual & P.R. Andaman Is.	2317Z/2 1/July	1254Z/2 2/July	Unsuccessful.
		Sgt. Mason		RML	RML	
		F/Sgt. Follis				
		F/Sgt. Hersey				
		Sgt. Lacey				
		Sgt. Spry				
		Sgt. Exley				
23rd July, 1943	Liberator Mk. IIIA FL969	Sgt. Landick	Met Flight	0021Z/2 3/July	1159Z/2 3/July	
		Sgt. McCreesh		RML	RML	
		Sgt. Pratt				
		Sgt. Cutta?r				
		Sgt. Cadon?				
		Sgt. Hood				
		Sgt. Pipher				
24th July, 1943	Liberator Mk. IIIA FL945	S/L. Paisey	P.R. Sabang, Lhonga, Lhokseumave , Bireuen	2010Z/2 3/July	0936Z/2 4/July	Successful.
		F/S. Cohen		SGY	RML	
		Sgt. Somerville				
		Sgt. Deeny				
		Sgt. Bloss				
		Sgt. Owen				
		Sgt. Naylor				
25th July, 1943	Liberator Mk. IIIA FL936	F/O. Wallace	P.R. Pangkalan Brandan, Pangkalan-Soesoe.	1935Z/2 4/July	0620Z/2 5/July	Unsuccessful owing to bad weather.
		F/O. Willson		³		
		P/O Hanann??				
		Sgt. Cuist ⁴				
		Sgt. Purchase				
		Sgt. MacDonald				

³ Location not given in form 541.

⁴ The text in the form is Cuist, but this may be Sgt. Crust

		Sgt. Munson ⁵				
		Sgt. Kidd				
29th July, 1943	Liberator Mk. IIIA FL911	F/O. Moody	P.R. Port Blair	0001Z/29/July	1110Z/29/July	Successful.
		F/O Flett		RML	RML	
		F/S. Somerville				
		F/S. Cardy?				
		Sgt. Collingham				
		Sgt. Burrell				
		Sgt. Purchase				
		Sgt. Litchfield				
30th July, 1943	Liberator Mk. V FL991	F/S. Rowley	Met. Flight	0030Z/30/July	1240Z/30/July	
		F/O Mullins		RML	RML	
		F/Sgt. Strutton				
		F/Sgt. Lewis				
		F/Sgt. Boulton				
		Sgt. Taylor				
		Sgt. Williams				
		F/Sgt. Thompson				
31st July, 1943	Liberator Mk. IIIA FL945	P/O. Burns	P.R. Sabang, Lhonga, Bireuen, Lhokseumave	2019Z/30/July	0959Z/31/July	Successful.
		F/O. Thomas				
		F/O. Balcon				
		F/Sgt. Stainsby				
		F/Sgt. Burgin				
		F/Sgt. Ryan				
		F/Sgt. Duffy				
		F/Sgt. Byrne				
Operational Flying Time – July 1943:- 103 Hrs. 50 Mins.						

⁵ The text in the form is Munson, but this may be Munsen.

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160 Squadron

Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Ratmalana	1.	14.40	FL936 "V" W/O B. Hall, Navig: F/O J. Segar, took off for Sigiriya
Sigiriya	2	02.00 to 15.20	FL936 Ops. P.R.U. Langear Bay, Sumatra.
	2.		Move of Squadron from Ratmalana to Sigiriya. 1st Party, convoy by road. Three Liberator aircraft flown to Sigiriya "H" Captain P/O Ross & crew. "P?(or is this F)" Captain Sgt. Landick & crew. "K" Captain F/O Moody & crew.
	3.	01.50 to 16.00	FL936 "V" Captain P/O Hill, Navig: Sgt. Woodcock. P.R.U. Pangkalansocsoe; Tyalang: Langsar Bay.
	3.		2nd convoy: Move of Squadron from Ratmalana to Sigiriya. Personnel conveyed by road transport. Aircraft flown: "M" Captain W/O Hall & crew. "W" Captain F/O Campbell & crew. "D" Captain F/S Rowley & crew.
	4.		Aircraft flown to Sigiriya: "V" Captain W/O Cohen & crew. "A" Captain P/O Davie & crew. "P" Captain P/O Hill & crew.
			Three aircraft left at Ratmalana with P/O Burns & crew, and servicing detachment: A/c "B"; "S"; "N".
Sigiriya	11. ⁶		Visit of W/Cdr. Cleveley: Chief Controller, N.A.O.R.
	12.		Visit of W/Cdr. Edwards: Group Engineer Officer. Special attention was paid to the subject of providing urgently required technical buildings.
	13.		Aircraft "B" flown from Ratmalana to Sigiriya. Capt. P/O Burns & crew.
	14.		F/Sgt. Stow (Captain) and crew arrived by rail from Nagpur (India) ex U.K. having left aircraft "J" at Nagpur.
	14.	07.00 to 15.50	"F?" Capt. F/O Brodigan, Navig: F/S Follis - Met Flight.
	15.	03.20 to 14.50	"K" FL911 Capt. P/O Boyle, Navig: Sgt. Allen - P.R.U. Andamans, Port Blair.
	16.	03.15	"W" Capt. P/O Campbell, Navig: W/O White - P.R.U. abandoned owing to wireless transmitter failure.
	20.		"N" BZ752 flown from Ratmalana to Sigiriya. Capt. P/O Burns & crew.
	22.	07.00 to 17.30	"F" FL991 Capt. P/O Boyle, Navig: Sgt. Allen - Met Flight
	24.	03.30	"B" FL?239 Capt. F/O Campbell, Navig: W/O Winter took off for Andamans. Aircraft failed to return. Crew missing - F/O J. W. Campbell 1st Pilot; F/O W. A. Calder 2nd Pilot: A/W/O Winter B. Nav.B; T/Sgt. Kidd B. J. Wom/AG; T/F/Sgt. Willcock N. I. Wop/AG; T/Sgt. Harrison N. W. Wop/AG; T/Sgt. Bambridge Wop/AG; T/Sgt. McDonald G. Wop/AG. This was the first aircraft and crew lost by the Squadron in Ceylon. F/O Campbell and his crew had attempted three P.R. Operations previously, all of the same area, and all

⁶ There are no entries in the Form 540 for the period Aug. 5th to 10th.

			unsuccessful owing to weather. Three Liberators were sent on a parallel track search taking off at first light 25th August. All aircraft returned early and reported very bad weather East of 85°E with heavy continuous rain from extremely turbulent and flashing Cu. Nb. clouds. Having regard to the height at which the aircraft was known to be flying, reasonable in view of the favourable weather forecast, the crews previous disappointments due to weather; the Captain's determined, if not too thoughtful character, and the actual weather in the area, it is considered probable that the aircraft entered dangerous clouds at a height where the turbulence was especially violent, and the aircraft got out of control.
	25.	06.45 to 16.55	"M" Capt. S/Ldr. G. R. Brady & crew. "A" Capt. P/O Ross & crew. "F" Capt. P/O Boyle and crew. Parallel track search for "B". Bad weather encountered 70 miles W of Andamans. No sign of missing aircraft.
	25.	09.30	Visit of A.O.C. Air V.M. A. Lees. Inspected technical side of Camp with C.O. A.O.C. left at 12.30.
	28.	08.30 to 09.35	"D" Capt. P/O Davie and crew. Mosaic of aerodrome at 5,000 ft.
	28.	09.15 to 12.15	"N" BZ752 Capt. F/Sgt. Rowley, Navig. F/Sgt. Strutton. Flight at 25,000 ft. to test all guns, and homing on to D. F. Station, Sigiriya.
	29.	08.30 to 12.30	"N?" Capt. Sgt. Landick. Navig. F/Lt. Carson and P/O Perera. Navigation Exercise.
	30.	06.50 to 17.00	"N" BZ752 Capt. F/O Wallace. Navig. P/O B?anann. Met. Flight.
	31.	04.35 to 16?20	"N" Sgt. Landick. Navig. F/Lt. Pavitt. Ant.-Sub. Excort for A.M.C. "Carthage".

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Date	Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
1st Aug. 1943	Lib. IIIA FL936	P/O. Hall	P.R. Pangkalansoes oe (Sumatra)	0159FG	1519FG	P.R. of Pangkalansoesoe impossible owing to cloud. Secondary target of Tjalang photographed.
		F/O. White-Gaze		SGY	RML	
		F/S. Storey				
		F/S. Gleeson				
		F/S. Ellison				
		Sgt. Stokes				
		Sgt. Lawton				
3rd Aug. 1943	Lib. IIIA FL936	P/O. Hill	P.R. Langla Bay	0155FG	1556FG	Successful
		P/O. Pinnell		RML	RML	
		Sgt. Woodcock				
		Sgt. Williams				
		F/S. Morton				
		Sgt. Knowles				
		F/S. Thomson				
		Sgt. Cleaver				
14th Aug. 1943	Lib. V. FL991	F/O. Brodigan	Met. Flight.	0704FG	1557FG	Unsuccessful.
		Sgt. Mason		SGY	SGY	
		F/S. Follis				
		Sgt. Spry				
		Sgt. Lacey				
		Sgt. Harrison				
		Sgt. Litchfield				
		Sgt. Taylor				
15th Aug. 1943	Lib. IIIA FL911	P/O. Boyle	P.R. Andamans Is.	0326FG	1500FG	Partial Success.
		F/O. Pallet ⁷		SGY	SGY	
		Sgt. Allen, V. B.				
		Sgt. Roberts				
		Sgt. Fudge				
		Sgt. Ho ⁷ ffer				
		Sgt. Baser				
		Sgt. Allen, D. G.				
16th Aug. 1943	Lib. IIIA FL929	F/O. Campbell	P.R. Andamans Is.	0315FG	0805FG	Abandoned. W/T. became U/S.
		F/O. Calder		SGY	SGY	
		W/O. Winter				
		Sgt. Leckey				
		Sgt. Bembridge				
		Sgt. McDonald				
		Sgt. Harrison				
		F/S. Willcock				
22nd Aug. 1943	Lib. V. FL991	P/O. Boyle	Met. Flight.	0658FG	1730FG	Successful.
		S/L. Paisey				
		P/O. Harrison				
		Sgt. Allen				

⁷ Pallet is spelt with two t's in the original.

		Sgt. Fudge				
		Sgt. Allen, D.				
		Sgt. Roberts				
		Sgt. Bauer				
		Sgt. He?ffer				
24th Aug. 43.	Lib. IIIA FK239	F/O. Campbell	P.R. Andaman Is.	0300FG	-	Failed to return.
		F/O. Calder		SGY	-	
		W/O. Winter				
		Sgt. Kidd				
		F/S. Willcock				
		Sgt. Harrison				
		Sgt. Bembridge				
		Sgt. McDonald				
25th Aug. 43.	Lib. IIIA FL939	S/L. Brady	Search for Lib. FK239	0644FG	1605FG	Unsuccessful.
		F/O Davidson		SGY	SGY	
		F/Sgt. Reilly				
		F/Sgt. Morton				
		F/Sgt. Evans				
		Sgt. Skinner				
		Sgt. Raine				
		Sgt. Cleaver				
	Lib. V. FL991	P/O. Boyle	-do-	0638FG	1613FG	-do-
		P/O. Harrison		SGY	SGY	
		Sgt. Allen				
		Sgt. Roberts				
		Sgt. Fudge				
		Sgt. Bauer				
		Sgt. He?ffer				
		Sgt. Allen, D. G.				
	Lib. V. BZ711	P/O. Ross	-do-	0653FG	1655FG	-do-
		P/O. Tomkins		SGY	SGY	
		P/O. Strachan				
		F/O. Finegood				
		F/Sgt. Dobson				
		Sgt. Morgan				
		Sgt. Kirk				
		Sgt. Rankine				
30th Aug. 43.	Lib. V BZ752	F/O. Wallace	Met. Flight	0655FG	1700FG	Successful
		F/O. Willson		SGY	SGY	
		F/S. Rowley				
		Sgt. Crest				
		Sgt. Purchase				
		Sgt. McDonald				
		Sgt. Hansen				
		Sgt. Taylor				
		P/O. Hamsen??				
31st Aug. 43.	Lib. V BZ752	Sgt. Landick	A/S Escort	0452FG	1618FG	Successful
		Sgt. McCreesh?		SGY	SGY	
		F/Sgt. Stra?tton				
		F/Sgt. Lewis				
		Sgt. Stockwell				
		Sgt. Ferguson				
		Sgt. Kirk				

		Sgt. Williams				
		F/Lt. Pavitt				
		F/O Finegood				
Total Operational Flying Time - August/43 :- 113 hrs. 39 mins.						

September 1943 Form 540 (India)

160 Squadron

Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Sigiriya	September 1.	8.45 to 11.05	A/c "M" FL939 Capt. F/Sgt. Rowley. Air to air Firing. Drogue towed by Vengeance a/c.
		15.10 to 17.20	"M" P/O Boyle & crew. Exercise as above.
	2.	8.00	"A" BZ711 S/Ldr. F. G. Paisey: F/O Burns & crew took off for Cuttack, on detachment. Two more aircraft to follow.
		10.35 to 13.00	"M" FL939 P/O Ross & crew. Air firing and low level practice bombing.
		15.00 to 18.00	"M" P/O Hall & crew. Exercise as above.
	3.	15.00 to 17.30	"K" FL911 P/O Ross & crew. Air firing and low level bombing.
	4.	08.20	"D" FL969 P/O Hill: F/O Pinnell & crew. Took off for Cuttack, on detachment. Took 10 500 lbs. S.A.P. bombs.
		09.00	Seven ground crew, with Liberator spares, left for Cuttack in Dakota a/c.
		09.45 to 12.15	"K" FL911 P/O Davie & crew. Air firing and low level bombing.
	5.	08.00	"F?" FL991 F/O Moody; F/O Flett 7 crew took off for Cuttack on detachment. Took 10 500 lbs. S.A.P. bombs. P/O Finegood (R.D.F. Officer) passenger in a/c on posting to 354 Squadron (at Cuttack; new Liberator Sqdn.)
		09.30	Vengeance a/c; attached for drogue towing. Returned to Ratmalana for inspection.
		10.00	Consolidated C.87 arrived from Calcutta, with U.S.A. Senators on board, and two U.S.A. Army Air Corps Brigadiers. Pilot; Major Myers.
		13.30	Took off for Australia. All up load: approx. 64,000 lbs. Took off in approx. 1600 yards; good wind.
	7.	10.10 to 11.50	"K" S/Ldr. Brady: dual instruction for F/O Mullins. Circuits and landings.
	8.	06.45 to 18?.30	"F?" W/O Cohen & crew. Sgt. Somerville Navigator Met. Flight, also combined P.R. Nichobars (Nathan Is.)
	10.	03.40 to 14.10	"F?" FL940 Capt. W/Cdr. C. Butler and crew of F/O Ross P.R. of Nicobars; Unsuccessful due to bad weather.
		12.00	Lysander a/c arrived for Squadron Communication a/c.
			Cuttack Attachment. A/c "A" P/O Burns & crew: Navig. F/O Balcon T.O. 05.55 Landed 17.46. Convoy Patrol. S/Ldr F. Paisey reported sick. B.O.H. Calcutta. F/O C. Moody i/c Detachment.
	11.	10.20 to 12.30	"N" BZ752 F/Sgt. Rowley & crew. Practice D.T.O.
		15.20 to 16.50?	"P?" FL940 S/Ldr Brady & crew. Air firing out to sea.
		14.30	"W" FL929 W/O Williams & crew - ferry crew took off, delivering "W" to 320 M.U. for repairs. Arrived Karachi 12-9-43.
		15.25 to 16.45	"N" BZ752 W/Cdr. Butler with P/O Boyle's crew. Local Flying.
	13.	03.30 to 16.50	"P?" FL940 Capt. F/Sgt. Rowley & crew. Navigs. F/O Segar; P/O Strutton. Met Flight & P.R. of sea area.
			Cuttack Detachment.
		05.25 to	"D" Capt. P/O Hill; Navig. F/S Woodcock Convoy Patrol.

		17.40	
	17.	14.30	"M" FL939 Capt. W/Cdr. C. Butler Navig. P/O Perera took off for Cuttack via Yellahanks. Visit to 160 Sqdn. Detachment. G/C. Cumming (222 Group) and G/C Bowles (225 Group S.A.S.O.) accompanied the C. O.
	20.	13.00	"N" Landed at Ratmalana, on return from Cuttack.
		09.00 to 11.35	"J" FL926. Dual instruction for F/O Mullins, given by S/L Brady.
	21.	08.00	"M" landed at Sigiriya from Ratmalana.
	21.	02.45	"P" FL940 Capt. F/Sgt. Rowley. Navig. P/O Strutton. P.R. Nancowrie and S. Islands off Nicobars.
		10.00	"J" Dual instruction, to F/O Mullins, by S/L Brady. F/O Mullins flew solo.
		18.35	F/O Ross flew Lysander; transit of P.R. film to Colombo
	22.	02.40	"M" FL939 W/O Cohen & crew. Took off for P.R. Car Nicobars and N. Islands Nicobars. Aircraft failed to return. Information received from Group Intelligence 'The Japanese announced that on Wednesday, September 22nd, one American B.24 (Liberator) was shot down over Car Nicobar Island by Naval Air Units (Navy 0). They lost one aircraft in the engagement.' Crew of "M" - W/O J. Cohen (Aus) 1st Pilot; F/O T. R. Pallet 2nd Pilot; F/Sgt. F. Somerville - Navig; Sgt. F. Bloss Wop/AG; Sgt. A. J. N. Owen Wop/AG; Sgt. H. Deeny Wop/AG; W/O L. A. Munsen (Can) Wop/AG; Sgt. F. E. Naylor Wom/AG.
	23.		W/Cdr. Butler had conference at 222 Group, with A.O.C. and Staff Officers. Discussed tactics of present operations.
		14.20 to 17.20	BZ752 "N" 1st Pilots F/O Wallace; F/O Brodigan; F/O Mullins, to Vavuniya for Circuits and landings. Pilots getting accustomed to Vavuniya in preparation for landing there, in possible night diversions.
	25.	13.20 to 16.20	"N" P/O Ross; F/O Mullins. Navig. F/Lt. Pavitt. Navigation Exercise; Low level bombings; Photographic fire points; W/T Training.
	26.	09.40 to 10.55	"P" FL940. P/O Davie & crew. Navig. P/O Perera. Fighter affiliation with 17 Sqdn. China Bay.
	27.		P/O Ross in Lysander; collected and delivered Photographic equipment in Colombo.
	28.	07.00 to 09.00	"V" FL935 F/O Mullins and crew. Mosaic of aerodrome at 8000 ft.
		13.45 to 14.45	"N" BZ752 P/O Hall & crew. Photographic Simulated Bombing of aerodrome 5000 feet.
	29.		"H" FL945 P/O Hall & crew. - Instrument Flying.
			"N" BZ752 P/O Boyle & crew - Local Circuits and landings.
	29.	06.00 to 17.30	"P" FL940 Captain Sgt. Landick; Navig. Sgt. Pratt. P.R. Sabang.
		07.00 to 16.10	"V" FL936. Captain S/L. Brady; Navig. F/Sgt. Reilly P.R. Car Nicobar. Unsuccessful. Target obscured by cloud.
	30.	09.10 to 10.50	"H" FL945 P/O Boyle & crew. Fighter Affiliation.
			"N" BZ752 R/O Wallace & crew Photographic simulated bombing of aerodrome.
		08.05 to 20.15	"P" FL940 Capt. F/O Brodigan; Navig. F/Sgt. Follis. P.R. Car Nicobars.
			First night landing at Sigiriya.

September 1943 Form 541 (India)

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Date	Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
8th September 1943	Lib. IIIA FL9470	W/O. Cohen	Met & P.R. of Nicobar Islands	0015Z	1153Z	Cloud prevented Photography.
		F/O. Pallet		SGY	SGY	
		F/S. Somerville				
		F/S. Storey				
		Sgt. Desay?				
		Sgt. Bloss				
		Sgt. Owen				
		Sgt. Naylor				
10th September 1943	Lib. IIIA FL940	W/C. Butler	P.R. of Car Nicobar: Batty Maly: Ohowra; Teresa; Bompokn; Tillanchong.	2110Z/9	0742Z/1	Unsuccessful owing to bad weather.
		P/O. Tomkins		/9	0/9	
		P/O. Strachan		SGY	SGY	
		Sgt. Lawton				
		P/O. Chandler				
		Sgt. Rankine				
		Sgt. Morgan				
		Sgt. Hersey				
13th September 1943	Lib. IIIA FL940	F/S. Rowley	Met Flight	2100Z/1	1033Z/2	Successful.
		F/O. Mullins?		2/9	1/9	
		F/O. Strutton	SGY	SGY		
		F/S. Unwin				
		Sgt. Ryan				
		F/S. Bolton				
	Sgt. Taylor					
		P/O. Segar				
21st September 1943	Lib. IIIA FL940	F/S. Rowley	P.R. of Kamorta Sancowry; Trinkat; Tillanchong; Bompaka; Teresa.	2018Z/2	1033Z/2	Successful.
		F/O. Davidson		0/9	1/9	
		P/O. Strutton		⁸		
		F/S. Bolton				
		F/S. Storey				
		Sgt. MacGregor				
		Sgt. Ford				
		Sgt. Grennan				
22nd September 1943	Lib. IIIA FL939	W/O. Cohen	P.R. of Car Nicobar Batty Mali; Chowrie; Katchall	2007Z/	-	Failed to return. ⁹
		F/O. Pallet				
		F/S. Somerville				
		Sgt. Bloss				
		Sgt. Owen				
		Sgt. Deeny				
		W/O Munsen ¹⁰				

⁸ Location not given in Form 541 for this flight.

⁹ Details given in Shore's book "Air War for Burma"

¹⁰ Form 541 shows Munson, but this is Munsen

		Sgt. Naylor				
29th September 1943	Lib. IIIA FL936	S/L Brady	P.R. of Car Nicobar	0028Z	0945Z	Unsuccessful owing to cloud.
		P/O. Davidson		SGY	SGY	
		F/S. Reilly				
		Sgt. Raine				
		Sgt. Skinner				
		F/S. Evans				
		Sgt. Davies				
		Sgt. Gillespie				
	Lib. IIIA FL940	Sgt. Landick	P.R. of Sabang	2330Z/2 8/9	1043Z	Photographs partly obscured by cloud.
		Sgt. McCreesh		SGY	SGY	
		Sgt. Pratt				
		Sgt. Cotten				
		Sgt. Caden				
		Sgt. Pipher				
		Sgt. Hood				
		Sgt. Meckiff?				
30th September 1943	Lib. IIIA FL940	P/O Brodigan	P.R. of Car Nicobar	0221Z	1337Z	Cloud partly obscured photographs.
		F/S. Mason???				
		F/S. Follis				
		Sgt. Rankine				
		F/Sgt. Unwin				
		F/Sgt. Storey				
		Sgt. Carrie				
	Sgt. Taylor					
Operational Flying Time – September, 1943:- 81 Hrs. 36 Mins.						

October 1943 Form 540

160 Squadron

Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Sigiriya	Oct. 1	04.45 15.15	"V" Liberator FL 936 Captain F/O C. Hall & crew. Navig F/O J. Segar: took off for P.R. of Sabang. After successful P.R. encountered on return journey 100 W of Saban, one Jap Navy 01. Running fight of 25 minutes. Liberator damaged, tail plane and fuselage by cannon and .303. On W/AG (Sgt. Stokes) slightly injured. Fuel tanks damaged, message received from "V". sent "H" FL945 to home on to "V". "H" did not contact "V" which reached base without further incident.
	1.	14.14 to 15.00	"H" Captain F/O Davie & crew
	1.	07.00 to 18.00	"N" ?????? Captain F/O T. Wallace. Navig F/O G. Hamann??? Search for torpedoed ship and possible survivors. Nothing seen.
	1.	09.10 to 11.00	"F" FL940 Captain Sgt. Landick & crew fighter affiliation.
	1.	17.00	F/O Ross in Lysander to Ratmalana with photographs
	2.	09.00	F/O Ross returned from Ratmalana in Lysander.
	2.	10.00 to 12.00	"F" FL940 R/O Ross & crew. Fighter affiliation.
	2.	15.55 to 16.40	"H" FL945 Captain F/Sgt. J. Rowley & crew. To Ratmalana with acute appendicitis case from R.A.F. Dambella.
	3.	10.30 to 11.20	"H" F/Sgt. Rowley & crew. Returned from Ratmalana.
	4.		P/O Servos & crew arrived by rail from Salbani, Bengal, having been there on temporary attachment since July. Flew in Liberator from Newfoundland to Karachi in six days. P/O R. A. Servos (Can.) P/O M. McKellar (Can.) 2nd pilot; P/O J. T. Knight (Can.) Wop/AG
Cuttack	Oct. 4		Cuttack Attachment
		05.20 to 12.00	P/O Burns - Screen Captain to Sgt. Tomlinson & crew (354 Sqn.) Close Convoy Escort.
		11.40 to 21.00	"P?" P/O C. Moody & crew. Close Convoy Escort.
Sigiriya	5.	16.00	"R" BZ886 Liberator MkVII (sic) arrived: piloted by Ferry Crew
Cuttack	6.		Cuttack Attachment.
		13.10 to 19.50	F/O C. Moody: F/O Pinnell with P/O Hill's crew (P/O Hill in Hospital) Close Escort Convoy. F/O Pinnell took off and flew aircraft for whole trip, except for night landing made by F/O Moody
	7.		Signal from 354 Sqdn. Cuttack to say that F/O Moody had been killed, flying as captain of 354 Sqdn. aircraft.
Cuttack	7.		Cuttack Attachment
		05.30	F/O C. Moody. Screen captain to F/O Breen? & crew - 354 Sqdn. a/c "D". Normal take off and circuit, but while on downwind leg, the a/c suddenly dropped its nose and from about 1,000 ft. did an almost vertical spin into the ground. It appeared to level out at the last moment, but crashed through paddy field into the side of a hill. The aircraft burnt out. F/O Moody and the whole crew were killed.
			Signal to 354 Sqdn. stating that P/O Pinnell and P/O Flett (2nd pilots) were judged fit captains by day, and when given night landings, fit day and night.
Cuttack	7.	11.30 to 21.00	"A" P/O Burns & crew. P/O Burns o/c 160 Detach. Cuttack. Convoy Patrol

Sigiriya	7.	11.30 to 13.55	"H" FL945 P/O Ross & Crew. Photographic Pin-points.
	8.	09.00 to 09.50	"H" P/O Servos & crew. Local Flying.
	8.	10.00 to 12.15	"H" P/O Davie & crew. Photography: Pin Points.
	8.	16.00 to 17.00	"H" P/O Brodigan & crew. Instrument circuits and landings.
	8.	16.15	F/O Mullins - solo on Lysander - flew to Vaviuniya.
	9.	14.30 to 16.30	"H" F/O Mullins and P/O Boyle & crew. Instrument Circuits and landings.
	9.	18.00 to 19.00	"H" F/O Mullins and F/O Wallace. Dusk circuits and landings. Bad weather stopped night landings.
Cuttack	9.		Cuttack Attachment
	9.	06.15 to 15.37	F/O Pinnell & crew "D" Close Convoy Patrol.
	9.	13.50 to 19.35	"A" P/O Burns & Crew. Close Convoy Patrol.
Sigiriya	10.	15.10 to 16.40	"H" F/L Brodigan & P/O Servos Instrument circuits and landings. Bad weather prevented night flying.
Cuttack	10.	14.00 to 20.30	"A" P/O Burns & crew. Close Convoy Patrol.
Sigiriya	11.	10.25 to 12.00	"H" F/O Mullins & P/O Tompkins. Compass Air Swing
	12.	08.30 to 11.00	"H" P/O Wallace & crew. Fighter Affiliation with No. ?17 Sqn.
	12.	15.50 to 18.00	"A" F/L Brodigan & crew. Low level bombing.
	12.	16.00	Liberator BZ861 "C" arrived: ferry crew delivered.
Cuttack	12.		P/O Hill returned from hospital, fit for flying duties.
Sigiriya	13.	09.30 to 15.40	"N?" BZ7?52 F/Lt. Brodigan & crew; navig. F/Sgt. Follis Left for Gaz?? Island (Addu Atoll) carried 12 250 lb. Depth charges. Crew and ground crew of 14. Took 1800 yards take-off.
	14.	14.00	"J" FL926. P/O Hall gave check dual to F/O Willson - circuits and landings as F/O Willson had not flown for some weeks after going solo.
	14.	16.00 to 17.00	"J" P/O Servos & crew. Local Flying. Reported monsoon front approaching: tropical front being forerunner of N. E. Monsoon.
		16.00	"R" BZ886. P/O Rowley & crew. Flew to Elephant Point to test guns. Returned late, weather very bad, rain storms. A/C on circuit, visibility 400 yards. A/C diverted to Ratmalana.
Addu Atoll	14.	07.10 to 18.10	"N" F/Lt. Brodigan & crew. Anti Sub Patrol. Nothing seen.
Cuttack	14.	09.00 to 20.50	"D" P/O Hill Capt. F/O Flett & crew. Convoy Patrol.
Sigiriya	16.	10.30 to 11.40	"P" Sgt. Landick & Crew. Instrument circuits.
	16.	11.00	"C" BZ861 (note listed as "R" above) P/O Rowley & crew. Returned from Ratmalana.
	17.	08.20 to 10.40	"J" FL926 P/O Rowley & crew. Fighter Affiliation.
	17.	10.35 to 12.00	"H" FL945 Sgt. Landick & crew. Mosaic of Trincomalee. Not completed owing to cloud.
	17.	11.30 to 13.10	"J" P/O Boyle & crew. Drogue firing. Not completed, as a/c was minus drogue.
	17.	14.20 to	"R" P/O Hall & crew.

		16.40	"H" P/O Ross & crew. "J" F/O Mullins & crew. -- Formation Flying
Cuttack	17.	13.30 to 20.30	"A" P/O Hill & crew. Convoy Patrol.
Sigiriya	18.	07.30 to 09.30	"H" Sgt. Landick & crew. Mosaic of Trincomalee.
	19.	10.30 to 12.00	"H" F/O Wallace & crew. Mosaic of Sigiriya aerodrome. Not completed owing to cloud.
	19.	21.20 to 02.50	"R" BZ886 P/O Ross Capt. P/O Strachan Navig. Convoy escort. Forced to return early due to engine trouble.
	20.	07.45 to 12.50	"J" F/O Mullins & crew. Navig. F/Sgt. Reilly. Met Flight. Returned early due to bad weather.
	20.	08.10 to 12.25	"H" Sgt. Landick & crew. Mosaic of Trincomalee: did nine runs.
	20.	15.10 to 16.40	"H" F/O Wallace & Crew. Fighter Affiliation.
Cuttack	20.	13.50 to 20.40	"A" P/O Burns & crew. Close Convoy Patrol.
Sigiriya	21.	07.30 to 11.20	"H" Sgt. Landick & crew. Continuation of Mosaic of Trincomalee.
	22.	15.00 to 16.30	"P" P/O Ross & crew. Fighter Affiliation.
	23.	08.30 to 10.40	"C" BZ861 P/O Ross & crew. Fighter Affiliation
	24.		F/O Wallace in Lysander to Ratmalana, delivering photographs.
	26.	08.30	"C" F/O Davie & crew. Navig. P/O Perera. To Karachi. Collection of spares.
		16.45	Landed Mauripar Road.
	26.	05.44	"J" FL926 took off for P.R. Car Nicobar Island. Aircraft failed to return. Last known location 09.10 N 92 45 E at 11.09 FG. Crew: F/O W. A. Wallace (Can.) Captain P/O H. F. Willson 2nd pilot P/O C. W. Hamann (Can.) Navig; Sgt. H. R. Crust Wop/Ag; Sgt. K. B. Gillespie (Can.) Wop/AG; Sgt. C. R. MacGregor ; Sgt. R. Morgan Wop/AG; Sgt. T. Leckey Wop/AG; Extract from Circumstantial Report: "Liberator IIIA FL926 took off from Sigiriya at 055.44/FG on 26/10/43 captained by F/O W. A. Wallace, to carry out a Photographic Rcco. of Car Nicobar Island. The aircraft was due over the target at 1100/FG and at 1109/FG it transmitted its call sign with one 30 second dash. D/F bearings of these transmissions indicate that the a/c was over the Nicobar Island at that time. Since then there has been no further news. It is believed that the Japanese now have a small number of fighters which they operate from the Car Nicobar landing ground, with an adjacent R.D.F. Station whose range is believed to be in the neighbourhood of 100 miles. It is presumed that the a/c was intercepted by enemy fighters. An aircraft of this Squadron was destroyed by enemy action in the same area on 23rd September, 1943."
	28.	08.40 to 13.40	BZ752 P/O Servos & crew. Navigation Exercise. Cross over patrol. 100 miles S. E. of R?atticaloa.
	28.	10.10 to 11.15	"H" FL945 S/Ldr. Brady & crew. Fighter Affiliation.
	28.	15.30	"D" F/O Hill & crew returned from Cuttack. Cuttack attachment recalled by 222 Group. "A" to return on 31st. "F" unserviceable, awaiting engine change.
	29.	08.40 to 14.30	"N" BZ752 F/O White-Gaze Capt. (P/O Hall's Crew) Navig. F/O Segar. Navig. Exercise. Cross over patrol 100 miles S.W. G?alle. 6 D/C's carried.
	30.	08.30 to	"N" P/O Mullins & crew. Navigation Exercise N.E. Area. 6 D/C's carried.

		14.00	
	30.	09.00 to 12.30	"H" FL945. Sgt. Landick & crew. Air to air firing: 10 miles west of Puttalam. Harvard towing drogue.
	31.	09.50 to 11.35	"H" FL945 P/O Rowley & crew. Air to air firing: 10 miles west of Puttalam.
	31.	11.20 to 11.50	F/O Mullins gave dual in Lysander to F/Lt. Brodigan. F/Lt. Brodigan later went solo.
	31.	19.00 to 07.05	"N" BZ752 P/O Hill & crew. Navig. F/Sgt. Woodcock. Anti-Sub Patrol. Vicinity 05.37 N 80.54 E. 12 D/C's carried.

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Date	Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks		
1st October, 1943	Lib. IIIA FL936	P/O. G? E? Hall	P.R. of Sabang	2221Z/3 0/9	0948Z/1 /10	Successful. Also had engagement with Navy "O" lasting 25 minutes. Some slight damage sustained; no claim on enemy.		
		F/O. ? W. M. White-Gaze		SGY	SGY			
		F/O. J. Segar						
		F/Sgt. R. T. Storey						
		W/O. P. M. Gleeson						
		W/O F. K. Ellison						
		Sgt. J. A. Stokes						
		Sgt. C. Evitt						
		Lib. V BZ752	P/O. W. A. Wallace	A/S Patrol & Survivor Search	0030Z/		1130Z/	No sightings throughout.
		F/O. H. P. Willson	SGY		SGY			
	P/O. C. W. Hanson??							
	W/O. R. B. Brooks							
	W/O. R. W. McDonald							
	Sgt. H. R. Crest							
	Sgt. T. Leckey							
	Sgt. R. Morgan							
	F/Sgt. J R Fudge							
	Lib. IIIA FL94?5	P/O. D. G. Davis	Escort to FL936		0752Z/	1117Z/	No contact made with FL936 which returned safely.	
	Sgt. W. C. Love	SGY		SGY				
	P/O. K. P. Perera							
	Sgt. K? B. Gillespie							
	Sgt. A. K? Ferguson							
	Sgt. E? C. Carrie							
	Sgt. D. Kirk							
	Sgt. C. R. McGregor							
14th October, 1943	Lib. V BZ752	F/L. C. W. Brodigan	A/S Search	0040Z/	1137Z/	No sightings of enemy vessels.		
		F/Sgt. R. Mason		Gan Is.	Gan Is.			
		F/Sgt. J. C. Follis						
		F/O. J. T. Knight						
		Sgt. E. B. Taylor						
		Sgt. F. Schnell						
		Sgt. K. Lacey						
		Sgt. M. Richards						
	LAC E. V. Collier							
20th October, 1943	Lib. IIIA FL926	F/O. E. J. Mullins	Met. Flight	0115Z/	0620Z/	Abandoned owing to frontal conditions.		
		F/O. L. H. Davidson		SGY	SGY			
		F/Sgt. J. J. Reilly						
		F/Sgt. W. E? Boulton						
		F/Sgt. E. W. Evans						
		Sgt. D. G? Raine						
	Sgt. K. J. Skinner							

		F/Sgt. J. A. Fudge				
	Lib. V BZ886	P/O. J. L. Ross	A/S Escort to MB.51A	1442Z/ SGY	2020Z/ SGY	Abandoned, aircraft became U/S.
		F/O. R. A. J. Tompkins				
		P/O. J. W. Strachan				
		F/Sgt. J. H. Rankine				
		F/O S. E? Chandler				
		Sgt. R. Morgan				
		Sgt. W. A. Lawton				
		LAC K. F. Shaw				
		LAC W. Ogden				
26th October, 1943	Lib. IIIA FL926	F/O. W. A. Wallace	P.R. Car Nicobar Is.	2316Z/ SGY	-	Failed to return.
		F/O. H. P. Willson				
		P/O. C. W. Hamann				
		Sgt. H. R. Crust				
		Sgt. T. Leckey				
		Sgt. E. B. Gillespie				
		Sgt. C. R. MacGregor				
		Sgt. R. Morgan				
Operational Flying Time – October 1943: 46 Hrs. 12 Mins.						

November 1943 Form 540 (India)

160 Squadron

Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Sigiriya	Nov 1st 1943		The commanding Officer, on return from conference with A.O.C., 222 Group, and Staff Officers, on future P.R. policy consequent upon loss of two aircraft over Car Nicobar Islands, discussed future plans with all squadron crews. As a result it was decided to endeavour to send three a/c in formation on P.R. tasks. All Captains volunteered for this, and the crews P/O J. Mullins: P/O J. Ross: P/O L. Hill were chosen with a view to intensive formation training.
	1st	0925 to 1215	"P" FL940 F/Lt. Brodigan & Crew. Air to Air Firing with Harvard: 10 mls W. of Puttalam.
	2nd	0900 to 1200	"P" FL940 P/O Rowley & Crew. Air to Air Firing with Harvard: 10 mls W. of Puttalam.
		1500 to 1600	"P" FL940 S/Ldr Paisy & Crew. Circuits and landings.
		1540	"A" BZ711 Capt. P/O Barns & Crew. Navig. F/O Spelling. Returned from Cuttack, on cessation of detachment.
	3rd	1000 to 1300	"H" FL945 S/Ldr. Paisey & Crew. With U.S.A. Technical Representative - Mr. Jaycocks. Altitude Test: 32,000 feet.
			"P" FL940 P/O Hill & Crew.: Air to Air Firing with Harvard: 10 mls W. of Puttalam.
	4th	0150 to 1252	"N" BZ752 Sgt. Landick & Crew. Navig: Sgt. Pratt. Anti Sub. Creeping line ahead. S. W. Coast. India.
	4th 5th	2150 to 0905	"A" BZ711 P/O Rowley & Crew. Navig. P/O Strutton. Creeping line ahead search: Anti submarine S. W. Coast India.
	4th 5th	2232 to 0935	"D" FL969 P/O Boyle & Crew. Navig: Sgt. Allen. Anti Submarine patrol, as above.
	4th		"H" FL945 P/O White-Gaze & Crew. Air to Air Firing. No. 4 Engine "feathered" due to excessive vibration. A/C landed on three engines.
	5th	1125 to 1910	"K" FL941 Sgt. Landick & Crew. Navig: Sgt. Pratt, Anti submarine search. S. W. Coast of India.
	6th	0810 to 1330	"D" FL969 F/Lt. Brodigan & Crew. Navig: F/Sgt. Follis. Anti submarine search. No sightings.
		0830 to 1320	"A" BZ711 F/O Servos & Crew. Navig: P/O Strachan. Anti submarine search. No sightings.
	7th	1150 to 2150	"A" BZ711 P/O Ross & Crew. Navig. P/O Strachan. Anti submarine search. Cross over patrol. No sightings.
	8th	0335 to 1325	"K?" BZ752 P/O Hill & Crew. Navig. F/Sgt. Woodcock. Anti sub search. Creeping line ahead. Sighted submarine, submarine fired yellow smoke candle and submerged. Submarine in sanctuary area.
		0315 to 1745	"P?" FL940 P/O Hall & Crew. Navig: F/O Segar. Anti Sub search. Creeping line ahead. 'U' Boat sighted, was attacked, but D.C's failed to release due to severing of cable from pilot's release button.
		1700	"C?" BZ861 P/O Davie & Crew. Returned from India, having collected spares from Mauripar, Allahabad, Kanchrepern. ?????
	9th	0550 to 1825	"N?" BZ752 F/O Boyle & Crew. Navig: Sgt. Allen. Anti Sub. Search. Sighted submarine. Preparing to bomb when sub. Fired red flare and crash dived. This was almost certainly an inward bound British submarine.
	11th	0810 to 1050	"P" FL940 Sgt. Landick & Crew. Vertical and oblique photos of Sigiriya. Lanbulla? & Minneriya.
	11th		"H" Mk. III experimental test, fitted with Mk V airscrews. Test by S/Ldr. Paisey. Not successful, three engines "ran away". Constant speed units not

			suitable for Mk. V airscrews.
	12th		Mk V BZ885 "L" arrived from India. Ferry Crew. Replacement for "J" lost on operations Oct. 26th.
		1010 to 1420	"P" FL940 P/O Davie & Crew. Air to Air Firing Practice Periscope Bombing
	15th	1000 to 1300	"P" FL940 Sgt. Landick & Crew: Air to Air Firing Practice Periscope Bombing
		1510 to 1725	"P" FL940 P/O Boyle & Crew. Air to Air Firing Harvard towing drogue.
		1750 to 1835	Lysander #1209 F/O Mullins: Pilot. Supply dropping to troops in jungle near Rimmeriya??.
	16th	0915 to 1200	"P" FL940 P/O Hall & Crew. Navig: F/Lt. P?avitt. Air to Air Firing, Pattalam. Photographs of N?egombo area. A/C diverted to Ratmalana owing to bad weather.
	17th	0959 to 1803	"H" FL945 P/O Davie & Crew. Navig. P/O Perera. Convoy Escort. Six D.C's carried.
		1010 to 1120	"P" FL940 P/O Hall & Crew :Returned from Ratmalana.
	19th	0835 to 1215	"K" FL911 S/Ldr. Brady & Crew. : Air to Air Firing with Harvard at Pattalam. Practice periscope bombing.
	20th	1035 to 1340	Lysander # 1209. F.Lt. Brodigan: Pilot. To Ratmalana, collection of urgent photographic film.
	21st	0149 to 1730	"V" FL936 S/Ldr Brady & Crew. Navig: F/Sgt. Reilly. P.R. Roslaboh?? Weather bad over target. Photographs obtained of E?? coast of Simalur?? Signalled Group 0943 No. 3 Engine U/S giving position, track and ground speed. Returned on three engines. Landed 17.30. 2,210 miles flown.
		0211 to 1530	"H" FL945 Sgt. Landick & Crew. Navig. Sgt. Pratt. P. R. W. coast simalur. Unsuccessful owing to thick cloud.
		0203 to 0958	"P" FL940 P/O Burns & Crew. Navig: F/Sgt. Follis. P.R. E. coast of Simalur. Unsuccessful. Returned when fuel transfer system failed.
	23rd.	0935 to 1215	"K" FL911 F/Lt. Brodigan & Crew. Air to Air Firing at Puttalan, with Harvard.
		0925 to 1125	"D" FL969 P/O Burns & Crew. Fighter Affiliation 30 Squadron., failed to make contact with Hurricane due to bad weather.
		0910 to 1130	"H" FL945 S/Ldr Paisey & Crew. Altitude test and aircraft performance at height.
	24th	100 to 1145	"K" FL911 P/O Boyle & Crew. Air to Air firing, Puttalam with Harvard.
	25th	0930 to 1220	"K" FL911 W/Commandr. Butler & Crew. Air to Air firing.
	26th	0530 to 1730	"C" BZ861 P/O Rowley & Crew. Navig: P/O Strutton. Convoy Escort S. E. of island.
	25th	1030 to 1210	"P" FL940 P/O Ross & Crew. Fighter Affiliation with 30 Squadron.
	26th	1010 to 1340	"P" FL940 P/O Poros ¹¹ & Crew. Air to Air Firing. at Puttalam with Harvard.
		1210 to 1515	"H" FL945 S/Ldr. Brady & Crew. Exercise "Pigeon". Homing on to dinghy 15 miles out to sea off China Bay.
	27th	1000 to 1745	"D" FL969 Sgt. Landick & Crew. Periscope bombing off Colombo. Fighter affiliation with 273 Squadron. Landed at Ratmalana to collect six depth charges.
		1030 to 1635	"N" BZ752 S/Ldr. Paisey & Crew. Navigation Exercise. Navigators: F/Lt. Pavitt: P/O Strutton: Sgt. Allen.

¹¹ This may be a typo in the original, and should be Ross.

		1425 to 1610	"H" FL945 F/O Mullins & Crew. Mosaic of aerodrome at 8,000 feet. Cloud prevented photographic runs being completed.
	28th	1115 to 1210	"P" FL940 S/Ldr. Brady & Crew. Mosaic as previous day Cloud prevented completion.
	29th	0700 to 0915	"P" FL940 W/Commander. Butler & Crew. Left for Madras, taking ground crew for detachment of three Liberators to Madras.
Madras	29th	1600 to 1815	"P" FL940 arrived back from Madras.
Sigiriya	29th		"A" S/Ldr. Paisey & Crew Navig: Sgt. Bruce. Left for Madras. Landed at Yelahanka (Bangalore) to deliver operational instructions concerning Madras detachment of Liberators.
		1430 to 1640	"P" FL940 S/Ldr. Brady & Crew. Co-operation with Heavy A/A. Runs at 12,000 feet.
	30th	0855 to 1150	"L" BZ885 P/O Hall & Crew. Dummy attack on Trinconalea from 10,000 feet. Fighter Affiliation.
		0930	"??" FL959 F/Lt. Brodigan & Crew Navig: F/Sgt. Follis. Left for Madras: Operational Detachment.
		1430	"C??" BZ861 P/O Hill & Crew. Navig: F/Sgt. Woodcock. Left for Madras: Operational Detachment.

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Date	Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks	
1st November 1943	Lib. Mk. V BZ752	P/O. Hill L. K?	A/S Search	31.10.43	1.11.43	No Sightings.	
		P/O. Pinnell? G? A.		1240Z	0035Z		
			F/Sgt. Woodcock, H.		SGY	SGY	
			Sgt. Wilson, C. T.				
			F/Sgt. Morton, G?				
			F/Sgt. Knowles R. W.				
			Sgt. C?leaver M? L.				
			F/O. Davis, W? J.				
		LAC Kennedy D. M.					
4th November 1943	Lib. Mk. V BZ752	Sgt. Landick, K. H.	A/S Search	3.11.43	4.11.43	No Sightings.	
		F/Sgt. McCreash, D. G.		1920Z	0622Z		
			Sgt. Pratt, D.		SGY	SGY	
			Sgt. Cad?en, J. L.				
			Sgt. Pipher, J. A.				
			Sgt. Hood, V. A.				
			Sgt. Meckiff, J. L.				
			Sgt. Currie, E? G?				
5th November 1943	Lib. Mk. V FL969	P/O. G. L. Boyle	A/S Search	4.11.43	5.11.43	No Sightings.	
		F/O. ? Harrison		1602Z	0725Z		
			Sgt. V. B. Allen		SGY	SGY	
			Sgt. G. M. F. Stockwell				
			Sgt. S?chnell, P?				
			F/Sgt. R. S. Bauer				
			St. Ho?ffer, ? ?				
			Sgt. Allen, D. G.				
		Lib. Mk. V BZ711	P/O. J. G? Rowley	A/S Search	4.11.43	5.11.43	No Sightings.
			P/O M. McKeller		1520Z	0235Z	
	P/O D. R. Strutton		SGY		SGY		
	F/Sgt. W. K. Boulton						
	F/Sgt. H. J? Turlend						
	F/Sgt. D. J. Lewis						
		Sgt. W. Williams					
		Sgt. S. Taylor					
6th November 1943	Lib. Mk. IIIA FL911	Sgt. K. H. Landick	A/S Search	5.11.43	5.11.43	No Sightings.	
		Sgt. D. G. McCreesh		0456Z	1240Z		
			Sgt. K. D. Pratt		SGY	SGY	
			Sgt. K. R. Caden				
			Sgt. J. A. Pipher				
			Sgt. V. A. Hood				
			Sgt. J. L. Meckiff				
			Sgt. E. C. Currie				
	Lib. Mk. V BZ711	P/O. R. A. Servos	A/S Search	5.11.43	6.11.43	No Sightings.	

		Sgt. F. C. K. Sarson		1958Z	0650Z	
		P/O. J. W. Strachan		SGY	SGY	
		Sgt. J. H. Rankine				
		Sgt. P. Schnell				
		Sgt. O'Neil				
		Sgt. W. A. Lawton				
		AC. W. R. Oliver				
		Sgt. K. A. W. Lowe				
	Lib. Mk. V FL969	F/Lt. C. W. Brodigen	A/S Search	5.11.43	6.11.43	No Sightings.
		F/Sgt. R. Mason		1937Z	0657Z	
		F/Sgt. J. C. Follis		SGY	SGY	
		Sgt. K. Lacey				
		W/O. R. W. McDonald				
		F/Sgt. R. W. Knowles				
		Sgt. K. B. Taylor				
		LAC K. F. Shaw				
		Sgt. K? Lasper?				
7th November 1943	Lib. Mk. V. BZ711	P/O. J. L. Ross	A/S Search	7.11.43	7.11.43	No Sightings.
		F/O. R. A. J. Tompkins		0518Z	15?15Z	
		P/O. J. W. Strachan		SGY	SGY	
		Sgt. W. A. Lawton				
		Sgt. J. H. Rankine				
		Sgt. C. Evitt				
		Sgt. E. C. Currie				
		Sgt. G. M. F. Stockwell				
	Lib. Mk. V BZ752	P/O. L. ? Hill	A/S Search	7.11.43	8.11.43	Unsuccessful.
		P/O. C. A. Pissell?		2107Z	0700Z	
		F/Sgt. H. Woodcock		SGY	SGY	
		Sgt. C. T. Wilson				
		F/Sgt. G? Morton				
		F/Sgt. R. W. Knowles				
		F/O. W. J. Davies				
		Sgt. H. L. Cleaver				
	Lib. Mk. IIIA FL940	P/O. C. R. Hall	A/S Search	7.11.43	8.11.43	Sighted feather unable bomb as D.C.s. hung.
		F/O. P. ? M. White- Gaze		2050Z	1106Z	
		F/O. J. Segar		SGY	SGY	
		F/S. R. T. Storey				
		W/O. P. M. Gleeson				
		W/O. R. E. Ellison				
		Sgt. A. Unwin				
		Sgt. J. K? Ford				
8th November 1943	Lib. Mk. IIIA FL911	P/O. J. C. Rowley	A/S Search	8.11.43	9.11.43	No sightings.
		W/O. D. O. Nightingale		2315Z	1108Z	
		P/O. D. R. Strutton		SGY	SGY	
		F/Sgt. W. K. Boulton				
		F/Sgt. H. J. Terland				
		Sgt. W. Williams				

		Sgt. S. Taylor				
		Sgt. K. C. Currie				
		Sgt. J. Hume				
	Lib. Mk. V BZ752	P/O. G. L. Boyle	A/S Search	8. Nov.	9. Nov.	Unsuccessful.
		F/O. N. Harrison		2325Z	1145Z	
		Sgt. V. Allen		SGY	SGY	
		Sgt. G. M. F. Stockwell				
		Sgt. A. K. Ferguson				
		Sgt. S. E. Hoffer				
		Sgt. R. S. Bas?er				
		LAC E. V. Collier				
		Sgt. D. Allen				
17th November 1943	Lib. Mk. IIIA FL945	P/O. D. G. Davie	A/S Escort	17th Nov		No enemy sightings
		P/O. K. F. Perera		0329Z	1133Z	
		Sgt. G. M. F. Stockwell		SGY	SGY	
		Sgt. K. C. Ca?rrie				
		Sgt. A. K. Ferguson				
		Sgt. D. Kirk				
		W/O. R. W. McDonald				
21st November 1943	Lib. Mk. Vc FL969	P/O. J. C. Rowley	Escort to returning A/C	21st Nov		No Contact.
		Sgt. F. C. A. Sarson	FL936	0652Z	1112Z	
		P/O. D. R. Strutton		SGY	SGY	
		F/S. W. E. Boulton				
		F/Sgt. H. J. Turland				
		Sgt. W. Williams				
		Sgt. S. Taylor				
		F/Sgt. D. J. Lewis				
	Lib. Mk. IIIA FL940	P/O. W. E. Burns	P.R. Simelar	20-21.11.43		Unsuccessful.
		P/O. J. W. Thomas		1933Z	03328Z	
		F/Sgt. Follis		SGY	SGY	
		Sgt. F. T. Duffy				
		F/Sgt. G. Stainsby				
		F/Sgt. J. Bryant				
		Sgt. F. G. Burgis				
		Sgt. F. Ryan				
	Lib. Mk. IIIA FL936	S/L. G. R. Brady	P.R. Meulaboh	20-21.11.43		Changed target from Meulaboh to Simelar owing to bad weather.
		F/O. L. R. Davidson		1915Z	1100Z	
		F/S. J. J. Reilly		SGY	SGY	
		Sgt. Davies				
		Sgt. D. G? Raine				
		F/Sgt. K. W. Evans				
		Sgt. K. J. Skinner				
		Sgt. G. K. Stockwell				
	Lib. Mk. IIIA FL945	Sgt. K. H. Landick	P.R. Simelar	20-21.11.43		Unsuccessful.
		Sgt. D. G. McCreesh		1941Z	0900Z	
		Sgt. D. Pratt		SGY	SGY	
		Sgt. J. L. Medkiff				
		F/Sgt. H? Hendey				
		Sgt. J. R. Oaden				
		Sgt. J. A. Pipher				
		Sgt. V. A. Hood				

26th November 1943	Lib. Mk. Vc BZ861	P/O. J. C. Rowley	A/S Escort	25-26/11/43		Duty carried out.
		W/O. D. O. Nightingale		2304Z	1044Z	
		P/O. D. R? Strutton		SGY	SGY	
		F/Sgt. W? E. Boulton				
		F/Sgt. D. J. Lewis				
		F/Sgt. H. J. Turland				
		Sgt. Lauper				
		Sgt. Lawton				
		Sgt. Williams				
Total Operational Flying Time: November, 1943 :- 193 hrs. 2 mins.						

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Sigiriya	1st	1000 to 1325	"L" BZ885 W/Comdr. Butler (Capt) with P/O Rowley's Crew. Air to Air Firing Puttalan??? With Harvard, Fighter Affiliation, and practice depth charge dropping.
Vavuniya ??	1st	0915	"A" BZ711 S/Ldr Paisey (Capt) with P/O Sevos' Crew. Landed at Vavuniya Took off at 21.05 (Nov 30) from Madras for Anti Sub cross-over sweep. Due to navigator's error, failed to make Madras and landed in Ceylon.
Sigiriya	1st	12.06	Landed at Sigiriya from Vavuniya. S/Ldr. Paisey took off for Madras in "A" with Sgt. Landick's Crew.
	2nd	0940 to 1210	"P" FL940 P/O Ross & Crew, Air to Air Firing; Fighter Affiliation.
	4th	0955 to 1345	"V" FL936 P/O Davie & Crew, Air to Air Firing, Puttalam.
	5th	0300	Message received for 222 Group to effect that "all flying by operational aircraft to cease forthwith, except on specific orders from Group. Aircraft to be armed as follows, by 2200 hours Dec. 5th. Liberator. 500 lbs S.A.P. short delay. 160 Squadron detachment to leave Madras on AM 5th Dec. and return to Sigiriya."
			"A" S/Ldr. Paisey & Crew Left Madras 1410. landed 1700
			"D" F/Lt. Brodigan & Crew. Left Madras 1415. Landed 1655.
			"G?" P/O Hill & Crew. Delayed by engine trouble, leaving December 6th.
			Mk III P. R. aircraft bombed to take 12 500 lbs S.A.P. bombs.
			Mk V aircraft bombed up to take 8 500 lbs bombs.
			Serviceability: Mk III "K" FL911 "P" FL940 "V" FL936 Mk V "L" BZ885 "A" BZ711 "D" FL969 "N" BZ752
	6th		Aircraft serviceable, as for Dec. 5th plus extra Mk III "H" FL945
	7th	0548 to 1252	"N" BZ752 P/O Boyle & Crew. Navig. Sgt. Allen. : Anti-sub search. Nothing seen.
		0651 to 1657	"D" FL969 F/Lt. Brodigan & Crew. Navig. F/Sgt. Follis. Anti-sub Search Nothing seen.
		0520	Mk Vc "L" BZ885. Airborne 0520. Anti Sub Search. Aircraft crashed at 0522. Normal take-off, but at 600 feet, aircraft in starboard turn, dived and crashed into jungle. Aircraft burnt out. DC's exploded. All Crew were killed.
			130977 P/O Davie, D. C. Pilot (Captain)
			CAN. R125492 F/Sgt. Love, V. C. Pilot (2nd Pilot)
			CAN J14652 P/O Perera, K. P. Navigator
			578166 Sgt. Kirk, D. WOM/A.G.
			CAN R131186 Sgt. Ferguson, A. E. WOP/A.G.
			CAN R129291 Sgt. Stockwell, G. M. WOP/A.G.
			CAN R123726 Sgt. Currie, E. C. WOP/A.G.
			CAN R85926 W/O MacDonald, R. W. WOP/A.G.
	8th		The Funeral of aircrew killed in crash on Dec. 7th. Funeral at Military Cemetery Kandy. The C.O. W/Comdr. Butler, officers and aircrew of Squadron attended.
	8th	0135 to 1305	"A" BZ711 Sgt. Landick & Crew. Navig. Sgt. Pratt. : Anti-sub Cross over patrol. Nothing seen.
	9th	1500	Informed by Group H.Q. that 'emergency' was over.

	10th	0725	"V" FL936 P/O Rowley & Crew. Navig. P/O Strutton.: search for amphibian Catalina, which took off from Sigiriya to carry out Cross over patrol. Presumed that Catalina had forced landed in sea, as no reply was received from A/C when return to base signal was transmitted. A Beaufort sighted a dinghy with 11 of Crew, 35 miles, South along coast from China Bay.
	10th & 11th	1115	"V" landed at Ratmalana, due to bad weather at base. Runway declared U/S for immediate repairs.
	12th	1120 to 1320	"A" BZ711 P/O Hill & Crew. : Circuits and low flying.
	14th	0840 to 1225	"A" BZ711 P/O Boyle & Crew. : Combined Exercise: Air Firing; practice periscope bombing.
		0935 to 1145	"K" FL911 S/Ldr. Brady & Crew. Air Firing : Harvard Towing Drogue
		1420 to 1800	"A" P/O Hill & Crew. Air Firing at Puttalan??
		1445 to 1555	"K" FL911 S/Ldr. Paisey gave check to F/Sgt. Stove (Capt) who had not flown for four months due to sickness.
			"P" W/O Landick & Crew. Practice for A/A Fire, 1000 ft below aircraft
	15th	0905 to 1225	"K" FL911 P/O Servos & Crew. Air Firing and fighter affiliation.
		0937 to 1110	"P" FL940 S/Ldr. Paisey gave check dual to F/Sgt. Stowe.
		1510 to 1730	"K" FL911 F/Lt. Mullins & Crew Air Firing at Puttalan??
			New crew arrived F/O Jones and crew A/C "D"
	16th	0639 to 1356	P/O Hall & Crew. Navigator: F/O Segar. Anti-Sub Patrol inner shipping lane E. Coast of Island.
		0707 to 1455	"N" P/O Ross and Crew. Navigator P/O Patterson ¹² . Anti-Sub Patrol outer shipping lane. Full use of Radar equipment used. It was suspected that a German U boat was in passage from N E. of Ceylon around to Westward.
	17th	1030	Lancaster I arrived (from Ratmalana) Captain consulted F/O Peuleve with a view to find out if Radar equipment of our A/C was affected by local weather conditions.
		1200	Lancaster left on return.
	18th	1354	"F" arrived from Cuttack. Ferry crew F/L Percival of 354 Squadron.
		0015 to 1420	"H" FL945 P/O Hill & Crew Navigator F/Sgt. Woodcock. P.R.U. successful. Target : Meulaboh??
		0020 to 1525	"V" FL936 P/O Boyle & Crew Navigator F/Sgt. Allen. P.R.U. Simalur (successful)
		0030 to 1445	"P" FL940 P/O Servos & Crew. Navigator. Sgt. Bruce. P.R.U. Simalur (successful)
		1500 to 1700	"K" FL911 S/Ldr. Paisey gave check dual (circuits) to F/Sgt. Stowe.
	19th	0950 to 1130	"P" FL940 F/Lt. Mullins & Crew. Fighter Affiliation.
	20th		Runway U/S for repairs for Monday & Tuesday.
	22nd	0945 to 1425	"H" FL945 F/Sgt. Stowe and Crew. Navigation Exercise.
	23rd	0615 to 1728	"N" BZ752 F/Lt. Mullins & Crew of S/L Brady. Navigator: F/Sgt. Reilly. A/S Escort No enemy sightings.
		1005 to 1445	"H" FL945 P/O Ross & Crew. Exercise with Navy.
		1030 to	"V" FL 936 P/O Boyle & Crew. Exercise with Navy.

¹² This name only had one 't' in the original, spelling has been changed to match that in later entries.

		1450	
	24th	0210 to 0858	Mk.V "N" BZ752 F/Lt. Brodigan & Crew. Navigator F/Sgt. Follis. Escort sweep. No Enemy contact.
			New crew arrived with BZ939 F/Lt. Bradley and crew (left Montreal 16/11/43).
	27th 28th	1034 to 0012	Vc "F" FL 991 P/O Hill & Crew. Navigator F/Sgt. Woodcock. Anti-Sub Patrol. No enemy sightings.
	27th 28th	1111 to 0125	IIIA "H" FL945 P/O Rowley & Crew. Navigator: P/O Strutton. A/S Search. Saw torpedoed M.V. settling nose down, not moving. Four rafts in vicinity of ship, no survivors on them. Also 10 lifeboats, survivors seen in all. No enemy sightings.
	27th	0945 to 1135	"K" FL911 S/Ldr. Brady & Crew. Air Firing with Harvard.
	28th	1505 to 1715	"K" FL911 P/O Hall & Crew. Air to Air Firing, Puttalam.
	29th	1040 to 1150	"A" BZ711 P/O Ross & Crew. Local Flying
		1115 to 1155	"D" FL969 S/Ldr. Paisey & Crew. Local Flying
		1415 to 1805	"N" BZ752 P/O Burns & Crew. Navigator: F/O Balcon. Navigation Exercise.
		1535 to 1645	"A" BZ711 F/Lt. Bradley & Crew. Local Flying
	30th	0605 to 1735	"A" BZ711 S/Ldr. Brady & Crew. Navigator: F/Sgt. Reilly. Convoy Escort. No enemy sightings.
		0805 to 1645	"D" FL969 S/Ldr. Paisey & Crew. (P/O Hill's crew) Navig: F/Sgt. Woodcock. "CAX" Exercise. Combined exercise with Navy.
		1530 to 1710	"V" FL936 P/O Hall & Crew. Night photo practice.
	31st	0800 to 1737	"N" BZ752 P/O Ross & Crew. Navigator: F/O Horton. Convoy Escort. No enemy sightings. Landed at Ratmalana owing to bad weather.

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Date	Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
2nd December 1943	Liberator BZ711	S/L. F. G. Paisey	X-over Patrol	St. Thomas Mount	Vavuniya	Bad weather and navigational errors made patrol abortive.
		P/O. R? A. Servos				
		P/O. M. McKeller				
		F/S. H. M. Bruce ¹³				
		P/O. J. T. Knight				
		Sgt. R. S. Turpin				
		Sgt. P. Schnell				
		Sgt. C. L. O'Neil				
		Sgt. V? J. Sharples				
F/Sgt. V? A. Lawton?						
6th December 1943	Liberator BZ865?	P/O. D? G. Davis	A/S Search	SGY	SGY	Crew and aircraft lost – crashed on take-off.
		{check names against casualty list}				
		F/Sgt. W. C? Love				
		P/O. K. P. Perera				
		F/Sgt. D. Kirk				
		Sgt. A. ? Ferguson				
		Sgt. ? C. Currie				
		Sgt. G. M. Stockwell				
		W/O. McDonald				
7th. December 1943	Liberator BZ752	P/O. G. L. Boyle	A/S Search	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
		P/O. N? Harrison				
		Sgt. V. Allen				
		Sgt. D. Allen				
		Sgt. J. R. Roberts				
		Sgt. J. A. Fudge				
		F/Sgt. R. S. Bauer				
		Sgt. ? ? Hoffer				
		Liberator FL969				
F/Sgt. R. Mason						
F/Sgt. J. C. Follis						
F/Sgt. N. Mersay?						
Sgt. K. Lacey						

¹³ Bruce was the Navigator; although he had flights with Sevos later in December, his name does not appear in the 1944 records. He may have been posted away.

		Sgt. R. C. Dennis?				
		F/Sgt. B? Taylor				
		Sgt. L. T. Brewer				
	Liberator FL996??	P/O. R. A. Servos	Cross-Over Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
		P/O. M. McKeller		071532z	080147z	
		Sgt. H. M. Bruce				
		Sgt. P Schnell				
		P/O. J. T. Knight				
		F/Sgt. J. L Meckiff				
		Sgt. C. L. O'Neil				
		Sgt. R. S. Turpin				
		Sgt. K? J. Sharples				
8th December 1943	Liberator BZ711	Sgt. K? H? Landick	Security Cross-Over Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
		Sgt. D. G. McCreesh		071905z	080635z	
		Sgt. D. Pratt				
		Sgt. S. Taylor				
		Sgt. W. A. Cutton?				
		Sgt. J. R. Caden				
		Sgt. J. A. Pipher				
		Sgt. V. A. Hood				
	Liberator FL945	W/O. J. L. Ross?	Security Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
		F/O. R. A. J. Tompkins		080600z	081227z	
		P/O. J. W. Strachan				
		Sgt. J. H. Rankine				
		F/Sgt. W. A. Lawton?				
		Sgt. K. J. Skinner				
		F/O. S. ? Chandler				
		F/Sgt. C. Evitt				
10th December 1943	Liberator FL936	P/O. J. C. Rowley	Search for N/321	SGY	SGY	No sightings.
		W/O. D. O. Nightingale		100044z	100525z	
		P/O. D. R. Strutton				
		F/Sgt. P. G. Burgis?				
		W/O. H. J. Turland				
		Sgt. S. Taylor				
		W/O. D. J. Lewis				
		F/Sgt. W. Williams				
		Sgt. K? Lauper				
16th December 1943	Liberator FL969	P/O. C. R. Hall	A/S Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
		F/O. P. W. M.		161259z	161836z	

		White-Gaze				
		F/O. J. Segar				
		F/S. J. A. Stokes				
		W/O. R. Unwin?				
		W/O. P. M. Gleeson				
		F/Sgt. R. T. Storey				
		W/O. R. ? Ellison				
		Sgt. J. Hume				
	Liberator BZ752	P/O. J. L. Ross?	A/S Patrol	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
		F/O. R. A. J. Tompkins		161341z	162025z	
		P/O. J. F. Patterson				
		F/Sgt. W. A. Lawton?				
		F/Sgt. J. H. Rankine				
		F/Sgt. C. Evitt				
		Sgt. W? D. B. Sneddon?				
		Sgt K. J. Skinner				
18th December 1943	Liberator FL945	P/O. L. K? Hill	P.R. Meulaboh	SGY	SGY	Successful.
		F/O. C. A. Pinnell		171746z	180750z	
		F/S. H? Woodcock				
		F/S. J. Lichfield				
		W/O. R. W. Knowles				
		F/Sgt. C. T. Wilson				
		F/Sgt. H. L. Cleaver				
		Sgt. M. Richards				
		Sgt. Leather				
	Liberator FL9470	P/O R. A. Servos	P.R. Simalur	SGY	SGY	Successful.
		P/O. M. McKellar		171803z	180820z	
		F/Sgt. H. M. Bruce				
		Sgt. P. Schnell				
		P/O. J. T. Knight				
		Sgt. C. L. O'Neil ¹⁴				
		Sgt. R. S. Turpin				
		Sgt. K. J. Sharples				
		F/Sgt. J. ? Ford.				
	Liberator FL936	P/O. G. L. Boyle	P.R. Simalur	SGY	SGY	Successful.
		P/O. L. R. Davidson		171752z	180857z	
		F/Sgt. V. Allen				
		F/Sgt. D. Allen				

¹⁴ Original shows O'Neill, but this has been changed to O'Neil to reflect all other entries.

		Sgt. J H. Roberts				
		F/Sgt. R? S. Bauer				
		P/O. S. K? Chandler				
23rd December 1943	Liberator BZ752	Sgt. S. E. Hoffer F/Lt. ? J. Mullins	A/S Escort to C.J.9.	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
		F/O L. R. Davidson		222345z	231058z	
		F/Sgt. J. J. Reilly				
		P/O. J. F. Patterson				
		F/Sgt. E. W. Evans				
		P/O J. J. Knight				
		Sgt. K. J. Skinner				
		Sgt. D. G. Raine				
		Sgt. J. K. Goode?				
24th December 1943	Liberator BZ752	F/Lt. C. W. Brodigan	Escort Sweep to JG.30	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
		F/Sgt. R. Mason		231740z	240222z	
		W/O. H. Hersey				
		F/Sgt. K. Lacey				
		Sgt. ? B. Taylor				
		Sgt. L. T. Brewer				
		Sgt. F. Harrison				
		F/Sgt. J. C. Follis				
27th December 1943	Liberator FL991	P/O. L. K? Hill	A/S Search	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
		F/O. C. A. Pinnell		270404z	271542z	
		F/Sgt. H. Woodcock				
		F/Sgt. C. Morton				
		W/O. R? W? Knowles				
		F/Sgt. C. T. Wilson				
		F/Sgt. H. L. Cleaver				
		Sgt. M. Richards				
		Sgt. W. A. Leather				
	Liberator FL945	P/O. J. C. Rowley	A/S Search	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
		P/O. D. O. Nightingale		270441z	271655z	
		P/O. D. R. Strutton				
		W/O. ? E? Boulton				
		W/O. H. J. Turland				
		W/O. D. G. Lewis				
		F/Sgt. W. Williams				
		F/Sgt. K? Lauper				
30th	Liberator	S/L. G. R. Brady	A/S Escort	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.

December 1943	BZ711		to C.J.10			
		F/O. L. R. Bavidson		292335z	301056z	
		F/Sgt. J. J. Reilly				
		Sgt. D. G. Raine				
		F/Sgt. F. D. Davies				
		Sgt. J. K? Goode				
		Sgt. K. J. Skinner				
31st December 1943	Liberator BZ752	P/O. J. L. Ross	A/S Escort to C.J.10	SGY	SGY	No enemy sightings.
		F/O. R. A. J. Tompkins		310130z	311107z	
		W/O. K. Collins				
		F/Sgt. J. H. Rankine				
		F/Sgt. W. A. Lawton?				
		Sgt. W. D. B. Snaddon				
		W/O. H. Hersey				
		Sgt. E. B. Taylor				
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