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Appendix..... AIR FORCE (INDIA) FORM 541.

## OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK.

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APRIL 1945 CUTTACK

354 SQUADRON

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Aircraft - Type and No.	Crew:	Date No.	Time Up.	Time Down.	Remarks.	References.
LFB.M. 71 P/O St. John G.B. 21671	P/C Corbett, R.A.F.	011015	011354		P/C G.B. St. John and crew airborne in H/354 on Anti-shipping strike from Amherst to Payoy Point. 1310. Preparin. a/c 080. 1550-1554. Set course 173 on patrol. 1710; 1520H. 0800 off patrol. No enemy sightings set course 265. 1525; 1500H. 0840 set course for base. 0854 Landed cuttack.	(CC/SE/SIMAR) SORTIE REPORT NO. 2
" " "	P/C Comfort, I.H. " 216806					
" " "	P/C MacFinnan, D. " 216807					
BB 988	P/O Hawksworth, R.A.F. 51148					
" " "	P/C Leitch, C.R.A.F. 216872					
" " "	P/C Roeten, J.T. " 216876					
" " "	P/C Parr, C.J. " 216879					
" " "	P/C Benson, J.M. " 216886					
" " "	Sgt. Taylor, J. " 216893					
" " "	Sgt. Pimlinton, J. " 216894					
LFB.M. 71 P/O Salt, C.R.A.F. 21675	P/C Corbett, R.A.F.	011126	020041		P/C Salt and crew airborne in H/354 Airborne from cuttack on Anti-shipping strike from Amherst to Payoy Point 1720; 1500H. 0730. on Patrol sighted two small aircraft unreported to be stationary. Three circuits made but lost contact. 1820; 1530H. 0810. Circled & airbase Payoy River. No further sightings. set course 265.	(CC/SE/SIMAR) SORTIE REPORT NO. 37
" " "	P/C Constant, D. " 216870					
" " "	P/C British, A.J.D. " 216859					
" " "	P/C Walla, J.F. " 216710					
HH 187	Sgt. Bradley, L. " 216495					
" " "	P/C Day, G.H. " 216899					
" " "	P/C Graham, J.P. " 216860					
" " "	P/C Patten, J. " 216765					
" " "	P/C Lester, R.F. " 216897					
" " "	P/C Went, J.F. " 203435					
LFB. MRW/Cdr Paisley, P.C. R.A.F. 7075	P/C Corbett, R.A.F.	020453	021851		P/C Mr. Cdr Paisley, Commander 354 Squadron (CC/SE/LAPSH) Airborne in V/354 with P/C Corbett, "H" P/C Hughes, "G" P/C Yewen, M/SU P/O V.H. James, "M" P/C P/lt Stinson on anti-shipping sweep south of Jergui. Airborne from cuttack 00431 - 020453. in formation. 0845 preparis	(CC/SE/LAPSH) SORTIE REPORT NO. 58
" " "	P/C Price, L.M.C.R.A.F. 213251					
" " "	P/lt Buffield, P. R.A.F. 156123					
" " "	P/C Antillatt, C.R.A. " 2163401					
HH 184/63	Sgt. Taylor, L.M. " 154248					
" " "	P/C Massay, G.W. " 157560					
" " "	P/C McGrann, J. " 1611630					
" " "	P/C Sawyer, E.G. " 1320810					
" " "	Sgt. Docnan, T. " 2168507					

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L1B Mk VI	P/O Corbett RM RCAF	JG9410	020455	021756	Iceland set course 132: 1.10: 1332N 0832E south east flap crossing Int and was just point "W" "D" & "W" sighted a 100 ft coaster and two mb chasers. All aircraft attacked and the coaster was severely damaged (later confirmed by P.R. to be写空) aircraft "W" wing commander P.O. Paisley, was hit by machine gun fire from the vessels, one bullet passing through the windscreen close to the pilot's face. "W" P/O Hughes & crew by giving excellent covering fire undoubtedly saved "W" from more damage. "W": "W": "W" also damaged at 1040 Sor. no damage. "W": "W": "W" also damaged at 1040	(30/3/41) ORTIE REPORT NO. 55 OPREP. NO. 2
"V"	P/O Letham JG RCAF	425522				
"P"	P/O Roach JW RAF	1579086				
NO 186	P/S Yarnton JW "	1587420				
"Jenks D "	133579					
Sgt Hartling AS "	155670					
Sgt Bellamy G "	572536					
"Willis J. "	166710					
"Stanford WT "	1896561					
L1B Mk VII	P/O Hughes GM RAF	126286	020454	021752	hours position 1150N 0220E Large company with bombs and machine gun fire. All aircraft were hit and casualties were inflicted on crews. All aircraft returned to base safely and there were no casualties with Squadron personnel, though as previously stated the C.O. had a very lucky near miss.	as above
"VI"	P/O Freeman J RCAF	339385				
"W"	P/O Morris R RAF	161075				
NO 187	P/O Grimshaw J RCAF	4213380				
"Fitzgerald R. "	4213724					
Sgt Frenchland L RAF	577843					
P/O Marion E "	1882380					
P/O Synderman "	1557077					
Sgt. Quinn "	0006615					
Sgt. Wallay W "	190308					
L1B Mk VI	P/O Yoxon AJ RAF	127876	020451	021835		(30/4/1/41)
"W"	P/O J. Monk LM RCAF	126050				
RE 9088	P/C I. Lucy B RAF	182685				
"F."	P/O Gedlin JG "	1581071				
Sgt. Clarke B "	149060					
"Davies JR "	132957					
"Tay F. "	5725400					
"Fritchard AH "	3023561					
"Faith JB "	1612741					
"Thomas K "	1280000					
L1B Mk VI	P/O Jamie JS RAF	158977	020451	021835		as above
"W"	P/O Carnan A "	1480428				
NO 801	P/O Redmays M RCAF	1261045				
"F."	P/O Johnson F RAF	1483110				
"Biley J "	1574961					
"Swan AJ "	1573740					
Sgt. Smythe JP "	1586941					
Sgt. Smith P. "	1601170					
Sgt. Houghton D. "	1641167					

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Aircraft Type and No.	Crew	Duty No.	Time Up.	Time Down.	Remarks	References.
VI	F/L Deakin JV	RAF 100126	080435	081935	NARRATIVE AS ON PREVIOUS PAGE	(20/03/1 APRIL) SIGHTING REPORT NO. 63 OPREP 3
"	F/O Arnold WH	RCAF J15436				
"	F/O Marshall JA	RCAF J16229				
"	F/O Richardson RA	RCAF 1505560				
"	Sgt Weston DI	" 1145 11				
"	Falcon LA	" 1073 04				
"	George RA	" 080745				
"	Wright AT	" 072115				
"	Wright F.	" 1540V25				
"	Hawton W	RCAF 20387				
"	Grimes WD	" 0200551				
LVR-MT	F/L Rennie M	RCAF J14240	080174	081812	Aircraft to "H"; "M" & "N" airborne from Outpost P/B aircraft flying in H/S4 being in command. Airborne 080434 to 08450 in Vier formation, set course 188 1125 00.50	(20/03/1 RAP) SIGHTING REPORT NO. 63 OPREP 3
"	F/O Sourinean G	J1512			1100H SIGHTS sighted from 7000 feet well camouflaged ship which had 4 dashed and 2 solid stripes were seen of bombs	
"	F/O Hunter JK	RCAF 151006			dropped by "H" while OBI 1011 VD-4 was damaged this outfit of craft. No further sightings. All aircraft	
"	F/O Milne JL	RCAF 151119			returned to base safely landing at Outpost 08112-031629	
"	F/O Cowan PA	RCAF 1181534				
"	F/O Day CH	RCAF 1406230				
"	F/O Richards PA	" 007921				
"	F/O Head PP RJ	RCAF 1207102				
"	Sgt Thomas J	RCAF 151117				
"	Sgt Young AJ	" 3050010				
L1B-MT	F/O St. John GB	RCAF J1671			As above.	
"	F/O Comfort L	" 300506				
"	F/O Macmillan HD	" 300643				
"	F/O Lettihue	" 301057				
"	F/O Lockette HZ	" 300571				
"	F/O Farre PV	RCAF 1505093				
"	F/O Dawson JR	" 010003				
"	Sgt Taylor J.	" 004162				
"	Sgt Pinnington M	" 1409094				
L1B-MV	F/L McCallum M	RCAF J16044	080456	081820	As above	
"	F/O Fry WS	RCAF 14050782				
"	F/O Carter RP	" 1609091				
"	Sgt Hillings RR	" 1100421				
"	Sgt Ramsey MC	" 1105501				
"	Sgt Glasscock RW	" 1105527				
"	F/O Martin DI	RCAF 052032				
"	Sgt Borghardt S	" 1500548				
"	Father R	" 1500100				
"	Morton AG	" 1517780				

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Aircraft Type and No.	Crew.	No. P.D.M.	Time Up.	Time Down.	Remarks.	References.
LIB. Mk. VI "X" IN 853	F/L Yoxon AW RAF F/O Constant RD RCAF F/O Motley B RAF F/O May P. F/A Godin GA	127876 J39566 165690 578400 153807	041745	042210	X/354 P/Lt A.W.Yoxon & crew airborne in formation with U & W/354 on anti-shipping Patrol Elphinstone Island to Kissingring Island area. 1555: 1712N 9018E No.3 Engine propeller pitch u/s Captain decided to return to Base. "U" & "W" informed on R/T. set course 310 MRB. No 3 engine u/s returning to base. TA 2105. 2210 landed Cutback	(222/AC17/3APL) SORTIE REPORT NO. 61 OPREP NO. 5
Sgt. Clarke RD W. Baker SN " Firth JB	" 1490602 1334674 1611741					
LIB. Mk. VI KH 150	P/O James VH RAF F/O Danson A F/O Belgrave MRAF F/O Geddes P F/O Riley J F/O Hall AJ Sgt. Booth JP W. Hamilton	140937 1480459 14301546 1430116 1430163 14301903 1573240 1590941 1641360	041747	050056	Aircraft "U" (F/O James) & "W" (F/O Jameson) airborne from Cutback at 041747 on anti-shipping patrol in the Elphinstone Island-Kissingring Island area. 2111 at Propriis Island st course 141 for Patrol Area. 1830: Elphinstone Island aircraft "U" & "W" in contact. int course 080 on patrol. No sightings except fishing vessels and one beached hull SC 1-3 length. 0.06 1430N 1750E off Patrol. No enemy sightings. Aircraft lost contact. 0003: W/354 at Propriis Island set course Base. U/354 at Propriis Island set course Base. 0500 "W" landed	(20/3/4 AP) SD RPTN REPORT NO. 62 OPREP NO. 5
LIB. Mk. VI "W" KG 251	F/O Jameson GR RCAF F/O Dines LM RCAF F/O Hooton K RAF F/O Sawyer G F/O Massey G F/O Hendren T Sgt. Deacon TC	1421086 1437051 1471003 1700012 1575616 1530707 570807	041749	050735	0735 "U" landed.	As above.
NARRATIVE AS ABOVE						
LIB. Mk. VI "W" WH 15	F/L Stinson JV RAF P/O Arnold WI RCAF P/O Mexton JA Sgt. Weston DI RAF " Partyn LR " Rymer AV " Wilson F " Musson W RCAF	135186 J395643436 " 34499 1145841 1673044 575414 1540765 " 790057	041758	050755	Aircraft "P" (F/L Stinson) "B" (P/O Hughes) and "W" (F/O Salt) airborne loose. "W" formation at heights 4000, 4400, & 4800 feet 050055 1147N 9820E. A.A. fire's on by rear gunner of W/354 from Northeast tip Donal Island. 10 black bursts in pairs 100 feet. 0015 1136N 9810E. 0015: 1235N 9810E re-formed "H" "P" & "B" starboard and echelon 50 foot high. On Patrol course 180 through Donal and Kissingring Island and McLeod and Macleod Islands 0101 east of High Island 300 feet. Set course Propriis 0141: 1521N 9811E set course for base. 0030: 1845N 9849E 0341: 1521N 9811E set course for base. 0030: 1845N 9849E IFF on 0700-0800 "B" "W" "W" LANDED AT Cutback. No sightings, IFF off. weather hazy. Visibility 10 miles.	(20/3/4 AP) SORTIE REPORT NO. 63 OPREP NO. 5

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L18 M.VI	P/O Hatch CH RAF	RAF 182288	041800	050755		(30/9/4 AF)
" "	P/O Freeman J	RCAF 1834565				SORTIE REPORT NO. 53
" "	P/O Harris R	RAF 164075				
" "	P/O Grimsbury J	RAF 1833200				
XH 186	w/n Mortimer W	" 181475			REPORT AS ON PREVIOUS PAGE	
	w/n Antillia G	RAF 648401				OPREP. NO. 5
	w/n Tramline J	" 577848				
	" Mattoy J	" 1902627				
L18 M.VI	P/O Salt CH RAF	JRS 575	041802	050902		
" "	P/O Blackford J	" 752370				
" "	P/O Bridge A/P	" 140482			REPORT AS ON PREVIOUS PAGE	AS ABOVE
" "	P/O Wells LF	" 2219710				
XH 187	P/S Graham JH	" R251860				
	P/S Day CH	" 1814953				
	Sgt. Day CH	RAF 578399				
	" Teste J	" 6034304				
L18 M.VI	S/L Rix CH RAFAF	J1 5840	081806	090717	" 18, " 18 - R.P./154 airborne on anti-shipping sweep	(30/9/4 AF)
" "	P/C Winstanley J	" J38592			south of Mergui from Sultana at 081600 - 091810 set course	
" "	P/O Levine JA	" 741592				
" "	P/O Cawson PA	" 181634				
West	P/O Armitage JW	" 2127106			for Preparis Island in "V" formation. B154 at Preparis	
	P/S Day CH	RAF 1496430			island. 2nd class island to sweep arms through iron	
	P/S Richards PA	" 607926			passage N.E. of 2nd island. No sightings. Continued on	
	Sgt. Thomas JVJ	" 1837137				
L18 M.VI	P/O Garbett P/M RAFAF	JRS 410	081809	090724	patrol. 0925 1500 sortie. Possible rifle fire from	AS above
" "	P/O Hatch CH	RAF 182388			gutonshore. Puffs of smoke seen. 0945. 1142H return	
" "	P/O Salter J	" 669167				
" "	P/O Yantow JW	" 1887480				
XH 186	P/O Jones D	" 183791			All aircraft sighted and attacked type 2 landing craft with	
	Sgt. Herding JV	" 1836705			heling- canards 50 to 60 feet in length. Low level	
	" Hill JA	" 1837190				
	" Stamford W	" 1890032				
L18 M.VI	P/O Hatch CH RAFAF	JRS 275			attack from 30 feet with bombs. H.S. fire. Vessel badly	
" "	P/O Blackford PA	" 752370			damaged, inflicted a number of casualties on the enemy,	
" "	P/O Blissett J	" 340459				
" "	P/S Wells LF	" R219710				
XH 187	P/S Graham JH	" R251860			12 of whom were seen to jump overboard. No enemy opposition	AS above
	P/S Bradley L	" R224955				
	Sgt. Day CH	RAF 578399				
	" Teste J	" 1818625				

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LIB. Mk. VI	P/L McKellar M RCAF P/O Frey WS RAF P/O Carter RP P/S Williams SS P/S Ramsey MM P/S Glassbrook BT	J20644 A430762 A409291 A120421 A438501 A432667	200551	201758		Aircraft "W" (P/L McKellar) "X" (P/O Tetlock) and "Y" (P/O Cotton) airborne on anti-shipping sweep off Moulmein down to Amherst from Guttaek at 200551 - 200554.	(CO/03/19 APR) BORTIE REPORT NO. 65 OPREP. NO. 21	
XH 188	P/S Cunningham G RAF Sgt Borshard R " Mackie D " Feather R	1342853 1592548 558838 1593189				Set course 133 in "Vic formation for prearris. 1054: in position 1510N 9535E Set Course 038 for Target Area.		
LIB. Mk. VI	P/O Tetlock LMJ RCAF P/O Mulligan WV P/O Morley J RAF P/S Jealings HA Sgt McMillan J " Soulley WS " Brown WS " Rusiley JA " Duncan T	J369830 J36143 168696 1617986 1345998 1128328 1593337 2803251 578807				1135: 1630N 9720E sighted one sugar dog 70 feet banked. Bombs, packing cases, life seen aboard. " Y" and "X" attacked immediately on bombs seen to explode midships. "Y" attacked in position 1620N 9727E two sugar dogs of approximately 70 feet.	As above	
LIB. Mk. VI	P/S Cotton RF RAF P/S Alexandre D P/O Hull JH P/T Longley R " Williams AJ P/S Roberts S P/S Geach HL Sgt. Owen EL " Evans DF " Pearson GE	1396490 1623203 1576124 1425945 1335514 1437362 1290463 578745 1588194 1869972	200554	201832		Targets badly damaged by near misses and gunfire, also, causing casualties to enemy personnel. "Y" experienced from sugar dogs H.G. white tracer medium intensity and fairly accurate. All aircraft returned to base undamaged Landing at "W" - 201758: "X" - 201745 and "Y" - 201832.	As above	
LIB. Mk.VI "L" Mk. 954	P/L Riffle FA RCAF P/O Bourassa G P/L Duffield P RAF " Milne R RCAF W/O Casson F P/S Krampp R " Day GH RAF " Richards D Sgt Thomas J " Young W	J14340 J39592 153123 n/a 2119 R191524 R197108 1496430 907926 183713/ 3000519	220414	221720		Liberators Mk.VI. "L" (P/L Riffle); "J" (P/L Taylor) and "H" (P/O Corbett) airborne from Guttaek 220414-220415 ... anti-shipping sweep from Moulmein to Kalegaik Island. All the aircraft attacked a coaster south of Amherst and severely damaged it.	(CO/01/April 21) BORTIE REPORT NO. 66 OPREP. NO. 23	0/7

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Aircraft Type and No.	Crew.	Time Up.	Time Down.	Remarks	References
LIB. Mk.V	P/L Taylor FM RCAF J27799 P/C Bjarnason B " J42899 P/O Gross D " J42927 " J" P/O Tatton D " J45237 P/S Vine E RAF 1845262	220417	MISSING INJURED MISSING INJURED INJURED	The vessel's steering gear was put out of action and the crew jumped overboard. Aircraft "J" (P/L Taylor & crew) failed to return to Base. A faint S.O.S. was heard by a Station in the South of India, and a search was laid on in Position 2010N 8715E. Liberators from cut back and 221 Group and Catalinas from Redhills and	overleaf
Waco	1st Leonard RJ " 1741743 " Munro WM " 1741744 " Whalen LE " 1741745 " Berill RJ " 1741746 " Ruston RF " 1649896		MISSING INJURED MISSING MISSING INJURED	Calcutta together with surface craft searched the area for two days without result but happily, a Catalina of	overleaf
XH187	P/O Corbett FM RCAF J89410 Mk.VI P/S Roach J RAF 1578688 P/C Harris R " 164075 " P/C Jenkins D " 1236791 1st Hardinge AB " 1336705 " Whitaker " 2221980 " Stamford HM " 1698658 " Deliam G " 5765235 " Williss AFG " 1667109			No. 191 Squadron, returning to Coconada, after carrying out a search, sighted a dinghy with five survivors on board, 80 miles S.W. of the search position. The Catalina landed and picked up the survivors who were suffering from exposure and injuries. It is understood that all four engines of J/354 cut and the aircraft ditched immediately. The Captain, Navigator and three gunners perished.	
LIB. Mk.VI	P/L Yoxon AW RAF 127876 221947 230937	***	***	P/Lt Yoxon & Crew in U/354 airborne on Air-Sea Rescue search for crew of J/354 from cutback at 221947. set course for 2210N 8715E 230309 M.F.B.(1) recommend search from datum point 0057 0037-0058M M.T.B.(1) - Two survivors in position 1125N 8601E. 0044 M.F.B.(2) Return to base. 0937 Landed.	(CUT/31/22AP) ROUTINE REPORT NO. 67 OPREP NO.23
XG821	P/O Constant ED RCAF J39566 P/O Hanton R RAF 247108 " S/S May P " 578400 1st Baker EH " 1529674 " Clark RD " 1490502 " Pritchard AH " 10323589 " Firth JB " 1614741				

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554 SQUADRON**

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LIB. M.VI	S/C Tatlock LA RCAF S/C Mulligan VB " " " S/C McLachlan JE " " " S/C Jeallings HA RAF " " " Sgt. MacMillan J " " " " Woolley G " " " " Deacon T. " " " " Buckley JA " " " " Brown JV " " "	J30980 J36143 J90004 J81794 1345993 1128528 J76507 2203961 1595837	222344 222344 222344 222344 222344 222344 222344 222344 222344	231110	P/L Tatlock & crew in V/354 airborne on Air/sea Rescue (OUT/G1/22AP) for crew of J/354 from guttack at 222344. 0818: 1025N 8800E Intercept signal V/354 "survivors" in position 1025N 8801E. set course for this position. 0830: sighted W-E V/354 circling position. Sighted 7 bodies in water in Mac nests, three showing signs of life. Dropped Bircham Barrel and smoke floats. Catalina arrived to take over. 1110 Landed Base.	SORTIE REPORT NO. 68 OPREP NO. 23
EW553						(CUT/G2/23 AP)
LIB. M.VI	F/L McElligott M RCAF F/O Price WE RAAF F/O Parker RP " " " F/S Williams SS " " " F/S Bamsey MM " " " F/S Glazebrook BS " " " Sgt. Cunningham GRP " Mackie D " " " " Feather R " " " " Borchardt H. " " "	J20844 A430763 A40991 A120421 A435501 A432667 13428553 552832 1593187 1592548	222340 222340 222340 222340 222340 222340 222340 222340 222340	231250	P/L McElligott & crew in V/354 airborne on Air Sea Rescue for crew of J/354 from guttack 222340. Set course for position to cover area 8035N 8605E - 1915N 8655E - 1825N 8605E with "W" & "W" on parallel track search. -	SORTIE REPORT NO. 69 OPREP NO. 24
EW550	S/C James VB RCAF S/C Carson AG " " " P/O Redmynne RG RAAF P/O Gannon F RAF P/S Gannon F RAF P/S Riley J " " " P/S Swan AG " " " Sgt. Shackleton D " " " " Smyth JP " " " " Smith P " " "	130937 145049/22341 A421545 1423116 1424965 1573740 1641567 1596941 1891280	222342	- 0618: 1912N 8743E Investigated disturbance in water which proved to be school of turtles. continued search. nothing further seen. Relieved by V/354. 1850 Landed Base. " (S/C James) also airborne on parallel track search as above. 0804: 1825N 8801E circling survivors and small wreckage. N.T.B(1) "survivors sighted 1825N 8801E". Dropped 22 flame floats, continued to circle position for 45 hours until V/354 relieved. 231242 Landed Base	(CUT/G2/23 AP) SORTIE REPORT NO. 70 OPREP NO. 24	
LIB. M.V	P/L Stinson HV RCAF P/O Arnold WH RCAF P/C MacLiesse JB " " " P/C Newton BI RAF " Partyn LR " " " " George G " " " " Ryder AV " " " " Wilson P " " "	125126 J43436 J44299 1145841 1673044 2220744 578414 1540765	231038 231038 231038 231038 231038 231038 231038 231038	240138	P/L Stinson, V/354 airborne at 231038 from guttack in Air sea rescue search for crew of J/354. 1151: 1840N 8743E sighted Liberator and Catalina circling area. Joined in search radius maximum 3 miles position given. Dropped in area 10 Marine Markers. 1201: 1842N 8741E sighted unoccupied dinghy, also some wreckage. Dropped in Area 10 Marine Markers. Corvette joined in search along with 3000 ton L/V. V/S(1) from Corvette "Where is dinghy?" Reply "Right of two flame floats close together." V/S(2) to Corvette. "Have you picked up survivors?" Reply "No" 2125: A.S. R.Launch arrives. NO further sightings. 240138 Landed Base	(CUT/G3/23 AP) SORTIE REPORT NO. 71 OPREP NO. 24

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**OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK.**

## DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT.

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Aircraft Type and No.	Crew.	Duty.	Time Up.	Time Down.	Remarks.	References.
LIB.Mk VI						
F/Lt Salt CRH RCAF J22375	J22 237	22237	241234		H/354 (F/Lt Salt) airborne on Air Sea Rescue Search for Crew of J/354. 2325: 1840N 87°41E. Sighted A.S.R. launch, one M/V, corvette, frigate and one Liberator.	(AK/G2/26AP)
F/Lt Blackford DWA "	J22370					
" " F/O Bridge AT "	J40459				0130 H.F. corvette(1) "when directly over dinghy will you stand your call sign and dashes of five seconds duration at intervals in order that I may home on you" 0230: 1838N	SORTIE REPORT NO. 78
" " F/S Hollis L "	R219710				8737 E. Sighted dinghy radio with presumed survivor and yellow barrel with another presumed survivor. Owing to failure of R/T fired very and dropped flares in circles of arm. Eventually A.S.R. launch searched area and picked up two large circular dinghies. Later sighted several turtles in the water. 1125: 1851N 87°51E. set course Base 1234 Landed Base. No further sightings.	OPREP. NO 25
KH 187						
F/S Graham J "	R251560					
F/S Bradley L. "	R224955					
Sgt Day GH RAF 578399	578399					
" Tector J "	1818525					
" Sent JW "	5034359					
" Peden JA "	1827657					
LIB.Mk VI P/O Corbett EM RCAF J29410	J29 410	282345	291040		B/354(P/O Corbett) airborne on Recco Patrol in Andaman Sea. 0236: 1840N 9300E sighted 4 m/v's course 000/8 kts. 0245: 1803N 9314E sighted 1 m/v 10,000 tons, Course 020/8 kts. 0612: 1440N 9530E sighted 3 D.D.'s 040/82. 0631: 1405N 9454E. set course for Base. Track 307. NO. 78	(AK/G2/26AP)
" " P/O Roach J RAF 1579888	1579888					
" " P/O Bridge A RCAF J40459	J40459					
" " F/S Jenks D RAF 1335791	1335791					
" " F/S Yarnton SH "	1367480					
" " Sgt Delieu D "	578536					
KH186						
" " Willis J "	1567109				Weather thunder with visibility of 20 miles. Landed	
" " Harding AS "	1336705				Cutback 1040 hours.	OPREP NO. 30
" " Whittaker WH "	2221980					
LIB.Mk VI P/L Riffle F RCAF J14340	J14 340	282336	291220		L/354 (P/L Riffle) & crew airborne on Recco Patrol in Andaman Sea.	(AK/G2/26AP)
P/O Sourisseau GHL "	J59592				282336: Airborne set Course 095.	
" " P/O Hunter JM RAF 153066	153066				0245: 1945N 9312E sighted wrecked Hurricane on reef. 0631: 1438N 9320E sighted 3 Destroyer C & S	SORTIE REPORT NO. 74
" " P/O Milne JA RCAF R 2119	R 2119				050/20 kts.	
" " W/O Casson FA "	R191634				0713: 1426N 9445E set course for Base.	OPREP. NO. 30
" " P/S Kraemp GW "	R197106				1820: Landed Cutback. IPP off.	
KV954					No enemy sightings. Visibility 10 miles. Weather rough.	
" " Day GH RAF 1496450	1496450					
" " Richards PA "	907926					
" " Sgt Thomas JVJ "	1837137					
" " Young EJ "	3000513					

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