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APPENDIX

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FOR THE MONTH OF **FEBRUARY**, 19**43**

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
1-2-43	Halifax II	F/O Weiser W., F/O Allwood G.B., F/O Baker R.L., Sgt Mayou F., Sgt Bouriste G.P., F/O Banks H.C., Sgt Conry T.H., Sgt Coburn L. (SRE/UT).		0957	2000	OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 214 Anti-Submarine Patrol No. 7a. Bay of Biscay. Three a/c Detailed. Bombload: 6 x 250 Torped. 5 x 250 G.P.	A-14
	"B"	F/O Stovel G.C., Sgts Bonister J.L., Moroby W., Richardson G.J., Dickman W.L., Cox A., Whitterton A., Fournier L.L. (SRE/UT).		0958	1918	"B" (F/O WEISER W.) Carried out routine submarine patrol and returned to base having nothing unusual to report. "B" (F/O STOVAL G.C.) While on patrol, at 1948 hours, a/c was struck by lightning affecting the compass, therefore making it unreliable. Captain decided to cut patrol short after getting a bearing on the Spanish Coast and then returned to base.	
	"C"	Sgt Lago J., F/O Colwell J., Sgts F/Sgt Denton W.S., F/O Heddinott H., F/S Bugh H.C., Sgts Granbold E.B., Shippe H.W. Sgt Orr A.I. (NAV/UT).		0955	1949	"C" (Sgt LAGO J.) While on patrol this aircraft sighted an enemy aircraft about 1,000 yards away on port beam. It was observed to be a twin engine, single tail, which turned in on our a/c following it for four minutes. Captain took evasive action, seeking cover in cloud, thus losing enemy a/c which was not seen again.	
3-2-43	Halifax II	F/O Daggett H.L., F/S Rogers L., F/S Dickerson F.J., Sgts Mallon G., Charlton W.B., F/S Thomas L.L., Sgts Laing H., Harst H.R., (F/S W/T).		0728	1815	OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 215 Anti-Submarine Patrol No. 7a. Bay of Biscay. Two a/c detailed. Bombload: 6 x 250 Torped. 5 x 250 G.P.	A-15
	"B"	Sgt Labor J.L., F/S Gibson J.C., Sgts Wood G.L., Ricard P., Rutting G.H., Hurdine F.B., Maclean R.B., Hoary A. (SRE/UT).		0730	1711	"A" (F/O DAGGETT H.L.) Completed routine patrol and returned to base, having sighted nothing uneventful to report. "B" (Sgt Labor J.L.) Landed back at base on completion of patrol after an uneventful trip.	
4-2-43	Halifax II	F/O Collidge W.W., Sgts Himals A.J., Harloff J.V., F/O Skene H.A., Sgts Dryler Hales, Bates J.P.W., (F/S), F/O Steward J.H., (A/B).		0702	1600	OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 266 Anti-Submarine Patrol, No. 7a. Bay of Biscay. Six a/c Detailed. Bombload: 6 x 250 Torped. 5 x 250 G.P.	A-16
	"B"	F/S Haulpine W.T. F/S White J.D., Sgts Smith H., Smith A.T., F/S Brad-loy L., F/S Lewis A.D., Sgt Housman H.S.		0655	1711	"B" (F/O COLLIDGE W.W.) At 1400 hours, while flying at 7,000 feet, the rear gunner of our a/c sighted two a/c 2,000 yards distant on starboard beam, flying in formation. These were identified by the wireless operator who had been relieved by the second WOP and was on watch with binoculars, as two J.U.88s. Almost immediately, Mid-Upper Gunner identified the more J.U.88s 2,000 yards distant on our own a/c some two to three hundred feet above. Captain instructed WOP to send message to base that he was being attacked and bombs and D.C.'s were jettisoned. Enemy closed in and drew ahead still in formation in 2-3/10 cloud. One J.U.88 on starboard beam turned in to attack and at 200 yards, opened fire with cannon and machine guns. Our Mid-Upper replied with burst from 100 yards following enemy a/c as it passed overhead. Enemy a/c was observed to belch smoke from port engine and was seen to dive towards the sea where it crashed into the water (OVER)	
	"C"	F/S Clouston G.T. (SRE), F/S Carlon T. H., F/O Probert J.S., Sgts Reynolds H.C., Dunc H.B., Moore R., Collin A.C.		0709	1634		

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4-8-43	Halifax II					<p>OPERATION ORDER NO. 216 (Continued) <u>Anti-Submarine Patrol No. 76. (Continued)</u> "G" (P/O COLLINGS W.N. - Continued)</p> <p>as observed by the Flight Engineer. The second attack was delivered by the remaining a/c on the sub'd boom. It was a similar attack as the first, but no hits were scored. The Rear Gunner also got in a burst. This was followed up by a 3rd attack from the enemy a/c on the port boom similar to the first two. This time our Mid-Upper claims several hits and smoke was seen to come from the enemy a/c port engine. The Rear Gunner was unable to claim any hits in the burst he was able to get in. The remaining enemy a/c made no attack but joined the other enemy a/c about four miles to sub'd quarter. Six more attacks were delivered singly, all being from the sub'd boom which gave them any sun advantage with the exception of the 6th attack which was diverted to port boom owing to the gun fire from our own a/c. After the first attack, our Captain dove from 7,000 feet to 3,000 feet in taking evasive action at which height, all remaining attacks were given. The Captain stressed the importance of a running commentary being given by Mid-Upper Gunner to the Rear Gunner when this form of attack is made as the latter is unable to see enemy a/c until it has passed him during which time he has to search for it. Enemy a/c made several faint attacks trying to induce our a/c to take avoiding action before necessity. The avoiding action taken consisted mainly of diving and turning into attack (contouring). Enemy were using self destroying cannon shell. Eventually Captain was able to find downer cloud and break away from attackers. There was a stoppage in one of the Mid-Upper guns and two of the Rear guns which occurred at the outset of 1st attack.</p> <p>"W" (P/S MCALPINE W.T.) Returned to base on completion of routine patrol, having sighted nothing unusual to report.</p> <p>"U" (P/S CHRISTIE G.T. (RPM)) Completed routine patrol after an uneventful trip.</p> <p>NAVIGATIONAL EXERCISE "H" (Sgt CROCKETT D.L.) "G" (Sgt GOWAN H.A.) "E" (Sgt JAMESON H.J.) All carried out navigational exercises in co-operation with Royal Units in the Bay of Biscay. These crews are "Freshers" and these exercises were carried out in order to familiarize them with patrol conditions and routine. All returned to base on completion of these exercises.</p>	A-16
5-2-43	Halifax II					<p>OPERATION ORDER NO. 217 <u>Anti-Submarine Patrol No. 77. Bay of Biscay.</u> Four a/c Detailed. Bombs: 6 x 250 Tmp. 5 x 250 G.P.</p> <p>"W" (P/S FERRY K.G.) Returned to base on completion of routine patrol with nothing unusual to report.</p>	A-17

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5-2-43	Halifax II	Sgt Burton J.R., P/O Constable P.O.	0812	1709	0812	1709	A-17
		Sgt Payne A.A., P/O Marie Wales, Sgt					
		Woods A.S., P/O Dalry R.S., Sgt Closs H.A.					
" "	" "	Sgt Dixon J.S., Sgts Long S.H.,	0809	1635	0809	1635	A-17
		Matthews-Welby-Smith H., Smith H.,					
		P/O Clarke D.L., Sgt Sondergaard A.S.,					
" "	" "	Sgt Sutton G.T. (W/P/UT),	0814	1643	0814	1643	A-17
		P/O Stovel C.C., P/O Resister J.S.,					
		Sgts Kereby W., Richardson G.J.,					
7-2-43	Halifax II	P/O Weiser W., P/O Ellwood G.S.,	0609	1846	0609	1846	A-18
		P/O Baker R.S., Sgts Hays F.S.,					
		COOKER L.G., P/O Banks H.C., Sgt					
" "	" "	Sgt Crockett D.R., P/S Marriott J.R.,	0601	1829	0601	1829	A-18
		Sgt Meeth G., P/S O'Hare P., Sgt					
		Storby J.L., P/S Bentley T.L., Sgt					
" "	" "	Sgt Mason H.J., P/O Thatcher W.,	0607	1720	0607	1720	A-18
		Sgt Watt H.L., Sgt Treman J.L., Sgt					
		Ricker G.L., Sgt McEldridge L.G., Black D.					
" "	" "	Sgt Christie G.S. (W/P/UT),	0606	1632	0606	1632	A-18
		P/O Robert J.S., Sgts Rym-					
		olds H.G., Dunn A.E., Moore W.,					
" "	" "	Sgt Hart W.J., Sgt Sellar S.H.,	0651	1659	0651	1659	A-18
		P/O Shagan G.S., Sgts Parker B.F.J.,					
		Sturmer B.W., O'Donohue F.J., McLean					
" "	" "	Sgt Cooke R.S., Sgts Orr A.L.,	0818	1703	0818	1703	A-18
		Hardie H.G., Valentines L., Wood J.L.,					
		Welch D.G., Gordon A.D.,					

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8-2-43	Halifax II	W/O Perry F.C., P/S Macpherson G., Sgt. Kingroy W., MacGregor G., P/S Walter A., P/O Simpson T.W., Sgt Mac- Donald J.B.		1054	2025	OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 219 Anti-Submarine Patrol No. 77. Bay of Biscay. Four a/c Detailed. Bombload: 6 x 250 Torped. 3 x 50 G.P.	A-19
		Sgt Weber J., P/S Gibson J.G., Sgt. Wood G., Sgt. P., Sgt. Matting J.H., Hawkins K.B., McLean R.S., P/O Bennett H.D. (Pilot U/T).		1058	2026	These four a/c completed routine patrols without having sighted anything unusual to report. All but P/O Perry who landed at PREDANACK returned to base.	
		P/O Atkinson H.P., P/O Hardy W.H., P/S Heilly R., Sgt. MacCollum G.L., Waller H.H., P/S Armstrong R.R., Sgt Collyer G.R., P/O Martin J.H. (W/U/T)		1058	2026		
		Sgt Mason G., Sgt. Long S.H., Hobby A.H., Mathews T.B., Smith H.S., P/O Clarke D., Sgt. Sondergaard A.G.		1058	2026		
9-2-43	Halifax II	P/O MacNee P.O., P/O Mackay K.P., P/S MacDonald W., Sgt Johnston P., P/S Maguire J., Sgt. Dwyer P., Anderson H.J., Jackson H.F. (P/S U/T)		1150	1954	OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 220 Anti-Submarine Patrol No. 80. Bay of Biscay. Four a/c Detailed. Bombload: 6 x 250 Torped. 3 x 50 G.P.	A-20
		P/S Stovel G.G., P/S Benister J.S., Sgt. Karoly W., Richardson G., McLennan W.A., P/S Orr A., Sgt. Whitmore W., P/S Macpherson G. (W/U/T)		1159	2004	Our four a/c returned safely to base having completed their patrol without having sighted or observed anything out of the ordinary to report.	
		Sgt. Spence R., Sgt. Buchanan J.H., P/O Mackay G., P/O Stewart H.W., P/S O'Neill P.R., Sgt. Dykin R.T., Nichols A.W.		1257	2032		
		P/O Molpino W.T., P/S White J.D., Sgt. Smith M., Smith A.T., P/S Bradley G., P/S Lewis A.D., Sgt. McKeen H.J., Donato G. (W/U/T)		1217	1907		
10-2-43	Halifax II	P/O Duggitt H.B., P/S Rogers L.W., P/O Macpherson F.J., Sgt. Hallen G., Christie H.B., P/S Thomas L.L., Sgt Laird H.		0853	1504	OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 221 Anti-Submarine Patrol No. 81. Bay of Biscay. Four a/c Detailed. Bombload: 6 x 250 Torped. 3 x 50 G.P.	A-21
		P/O Palmer W., P/O Kilgus G.B., P/O Palmer R.E., Sgt. Hayes F.D., O'Brien L.G., P/O Banks H.G., Sgt. Geary T.H., Hyton G.T.		0854	1506	"P" (P/O DUGGITT H.B.), "M" (P/O WELSER F.), "N" (P/O CROCKATE H.L.), "B" (Sgt. LAGO J.). All our a/c completed their patrols without having sighted anything unusual to report and returned to R.A.F. Station GUYRACK.	
		Sgt. Crockett D.R., P/S Marriott J.R. Sgt. Sleeth S., P/S O'Hara F., Sgt. Stordy J.L., P/S Bentley T.L., Sgt. Parker J.		0855	1600		
		Sgt. Lago J., P/O Colwell J.H., Sgt. Beatty W.S., P/O Hoddinott W.H., P/S Vaugh H., Sgt. Granbois A.B., Sgt. Phipps W.W.		0856	1639		

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11-2-43	Halifax II	Sgt Mason H.J., P/O Whatcher W., Sgt Pitt R.L., Truman J.L., Tucker G.L., Millidge R.G., Black D. Sgt Daniels L.G. (WZ/UT)		0927	1035	OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 222 Anti-Submarine Patrol No. 22 Bay of Biscay. Four a/c Detailed. Bombs: 6 x 250 Torped. 5 x 250 G.P.	A-22
				0825	1832	"B" (SGT MASON H.J.) At 1249 hours, on patrol, saw two small H/Vs painted yellow and flying red flag. A/C lost height and circled ships at 50 feet and photographs taken. Later, at 1353 hours, two more small H/Vs were sighted and again our a/c circled them, photographing them in turn. At 1508 hours, a thin streak 300 yards long was noticed and our a/c circled at 200 feet for three minutes, but nothing further could be observed. A/C landed R.A.F. H.U.G.	
				0810	1636		
				0947	1838	The remaining three a/c completed their patrols and returned to base, having nothing unusual to report.	
12-2-43	Halifax II	P/O Colledge W.W., Sgts Emma A.J., Keriff J.V., P/O Sims R.L., Sgts Taylor R.L., Bates J.P., P/O Stewart J.L., Sgt Fournier L.L. (WZ/UT)		0559	1402	OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 223 Anti-Submarine Patrol No. 23 Bay of Biscay. Four a/c Detailed. Bombs: 6 x 250 Torped. 5 x 250 G.P.	A-23
				0605	1440	"A" (P/O COLLEDGE W.W.) Port inner engine cut out while on patrol and Captain decided to jettison bombs all of which fell except one which hung up.	
				0609	1530	"B" (P/O SIMS R.L.) Experienced poor visibility on patrol and decided to turn back a little early. Landed at base.	
				0612	1540	"C" (P/O STURTEVANT R.G.) Sighted convoy at 1142 hours but owing to poor weather conditions and visibility, Captain decided to cut patrol short and return back to base early.	
						"D" (SGT SIMS R.L.) At 1142 hours, a U-boat sailing in sea was sighted five miles away. Our Captain immediately maneuvered to attack from starboard quarter. D.C.s were dropped 125 feet ahead of swim, but after a 10 minute search, no evidence of damage was revealed, but crew are confident that the U-boat was given a good shaking with no vital damage was sustained.	
13-2-43	Halifax II	P/O Boutle H.D., P/O Martin J.L., Sgt Clarke R.P., Sgts S.B., Ferguson E., Hart R.L., Gibson J.L., P/O Gunning T.L. (WZ/UT)		0805	1720	OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 224 Anti-Submarine Patrol No. 24 Bay of Biscay. Four a/c Detailed. Bombs: 6 x 250 Torped. 5 x 250 G.P.	A-24
				0920	1705	REMARKS "A" and "B" carried out routine patrols and returned to base having nothing unusual to report.	

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13-2-43	Halifax II "A"	P/O Duggott H.D., P/O Rogers D., P/O Macdonald F., Sgts Mallan G., C. P. L. H., P/O Thomas H., Sgt Laidlaw H., P/O Leberge R. (Pilot U/T), Sgt Lago J., P/O Caldwell J., Sgt Beatty H., P/O Heddinck J., P/O Hugh H., Sgts Gumbold A., H. G. S., P/O Dumas A. (P/O U/T)		0923	1653	OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 224 (Continued) Anti-Submarine Patrol No. 81 (Continued).	A-24
				0921	1657	"V" and "F". These two a/e carried out routine patrols, having sighted nothing eventful to report.	
14-2-43	Halifax II "C"	Sgt Dixon G., Sgts Long S., Dorsey A., Matthews H., Smyth H., P/O Gordon S., Sgt Jonsberg A.O., Sgt Hart H., Sgt Sellar H., P/O Shagan G., Sgts Parker B.F., Turner D., O'Donohoe P., McKeon P.V., P/O Ross H., P/O Moray K., P/O S/B MacDonald W., Sgt Johnston P., P/O Maguire J., Sgts Dyrtrik P., Anderson H., Jackson H. (P/O U/T), Sgt Cooke H., Sgts Orr A., Hantle H., Valentine L., Ford J., Walsh D.G., Gordon A.D.		0815	1642	OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 225 Anti-Submarine Patrol No. 82. Bay of Biscay. Four a/e Detailed. Bombload: 6 x 250 Torpedoes, 3 x 250 G.P.	A-25
				0831	1756	"C" (Sgt Dixon) - Ten fishing vessels were sighted 800 miles west of Bishop Rock. Nothing further observed. Returned to base.	
				0829	1657	"G" (Sgt Hart) - Four Spanish trawlers sighted. H.P.B. observed at 1545 hours. Ship about 7,500 tons could not be attacked since petrol shortage made return imperative.	
				0835	1708	"H" (P/O Ross) - Sighted allied transport which was challenged and identified. "I" (Sgt Cooke) - H.P.B. was sighted at 1315 hours. Message received from base "Return immediately" and a/e returned to base.	
15-2-43	Halifax II "J"	P/O Denny K., P/O Mainwaring G., Sgts Kynsley W., Macgregor G., P/O Prior A., P/O Simpson T., Sgt Macdonnell J.B., P/O Stovel G., P/O Benister J., Sgts Kerby W., Richardson G., Dickson W., P/O Cox A., Sgt Matheson A., Sgt Cowan H., Sgts Dulpin B., Hillie R., Daniels R., McNeilan G., Mac C.F., Harvey H., P/O Wilson W., P/O Ellwood G., P/O Baker H., Sgts Brown P., Doburn L., P/O Banks H., Sgt Henry T.		1358	2228	OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 226 Anti-Submarine Patrol No. 83. Bay of Biscay. Four a/e Detailed. Bombload: 6 x 250 Torpedoes, 3 x 250 G.P.	A-26
				2255	2304	All our a/e completed routine patrols and returned to base except for "J" which experienced engine trouble and sent message to base at 1403 that he was returning.	
				1308	1525		
				1301	2239		
16-2-43	Halifax II "G"	P/O Armstrong H.T., P/O Brook A.O., P/O Gilby J., P/O Lawther J., Sgts Harrison G.K., McEwan W., Kalyndak A.		0955	1743	OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 227 Anti-Submarine Patrol No. 84. Bay of Biscay. Four a/e Detailed. Bombload: 6 x 250 Torpedoes, 3 x 250 G.P. "G" (P/O Armstrong) Completed routine patrol and returned to base having sighted nothing unusual to report.	A-27

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16-2-43	Halifax II "H"	P/O Bontle H.D., P/O Martin J.A., Sgt Clarke R.L., Hawley S.D., Furgerson R., Hart R.L., Gibson J.D., P/S Cunning S. K. (W/O)	1054	2145	1146	2201	OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 227 (Continued) Anti-Submarine Patrol No. 07 (Continued) These three a/c completed their patrols in uneventful trips and returned to base without having sighted anything out of the ordinary to report.	A-27																						
									"O"	P/O Martin J.A., P/O Constable P.O., Sgt Payne A.L., P/O Maple H.L., Sgt Horne A.L., P/O Baily R.L., Sgt Glee H.A.M., P/O Atkinson H.P., P/O Hardy W.L., P/O Reilly R., P/S McDonald J., Sgt Birchey J.L., P/S Armstrong R.L., Sgt Collopy G.L.	1146	2201	1146	2201																
															"O"	P/O Atkinson H.P., P/O Hardy W.L., P/O Reilly R., P/S McDonald J., Sgt Birchey J.L., P/S Armstrong R.L., Sgt Collopy G.L.	1146	2201	1146	2201										
17-2-43	Halifax II "H"	P/O Moran H.L., Sgt Galpin B.L., P/O Lacey D.L., Daniels L.S., McMillan G., Ince C.P., Hargt H.L., Sgt Weber S., P/S Gibson J.C., Sgt Wood G.L., Hargt P., Nutting J.L., Barrins R.D., McLean H.S., Sgt Mason H.L., P/O Shatler H., Sgt Witt H.L., P/O J. L., Barker C.L., Millidge L.O., Black D., P/O Harrison R.G., P/S Bulman R.L., P/S Spencer G.L., Sgt Jennings H.L., McDonald R.G., Kenneth R.P., King L.L.	0705	1045	0701	1600	0654	0711	OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 228 Anti-Submarine Patrol No. 08 Bay of Biscay. Four a/c Detailed. Bombload: 5 x 250 Torped. 5 x 250 G.P. P/O "H" and "H" completed routine patrols and returned to base without having sighted anything out of the ordinary to report. "H" sighted two trawlers while on patrol, while "O" sighted 5 or 10 French and Spanish trawlers and both returned to base without having observed anything further to report.	A-28																				
											"H"	Sgt Moran H.L., Sgt Boudreau J.L., P/O Hargt G., Sgt Warren G.L., P/S O'Neil H.L., Sgt Botkin R.L., Nichols L.L., Hargt G.T. (W/O)	0602	1612	0605	0910	0600	1617	OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 229 Anti-Submarine Patrol No. 09 Bay of Biscay. Five a/c Detailed. Bombload: 5 x 250 Torped. 5 x 250 G.P. "H" (Sgt Stiles H.L.) sighted two Spanish trawlers but otherwise patrol was a routine one and nothing further was observed. Returned to base. "H" (Sgt Cooke L.L.) experienced coolant trouble in one engine on patrol and returned to base early. "H", "H" & "H" completed uneventful patrols without sighting anything unusual to report, and all returned to base except "H", which landed at R.A.F. ST. MARGARET.	A-29										
																					"H"	Sgt Cooke H.L., Sgt (W/O) L., Hargt H.L., Volentine L., Spurd J.L., Walsh R.L., Hargt G.T., P/S Christian G.L. (W/O) P/S Carlson T.L. O'Neil, P/O Brewster J.L., Sgt Reynolds L.O., P/O Hargt H.L., Hargt R., Callan A.G., McMillan D.L. (W/O)	0602	1624	1033	2053	0602	1624	1033	2053
"H"	P/O Atkinson H.P., P/O Hardy W.L., P/O Reilly R., Sgt MacCallum G.L., Waller R.L., P/S Armstrong R.L., Sgt Collopy G.L.	0602	1624	1033	2053	0602	1624	1033	2053																					

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19-2-43	Halifax II	P/S LeBarge B., Sgts Fawcett H., Gordon G.J., Andrews R.A., Prieur J., Roberts H.S., Dumas A.R.		1357	2140	OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 230 Anti-Submarine Patrol No. 20, Bay of Biscay. Four a/c Detailed. Bombload: 6 x 250 Torpedoes.	A-30
	"H"	Sgt Crockett D.R., P/S Marriott J.R., Sgt Slooth G., P/S O'Hare P., Sgt Borden J.L., P/S Bentley T.L., Sgt Connor I.		1359	2322		
	"H"	P/S Perry K.O., P/S Mainprize G., Sgts Kingsley W., Macgregor G., P/S Field Asst P/O Simpson T.H., Sgt McDougall J.B.		1359	2230		
	"H"	P/A Sheekley H.C., P/O Kirkpatrick W., P/O Holland F., P/O Turnbull R.L., P/O Palmer W.H., P/O Henderson J., Sgt Henderson G.C.		1357	2220		
20-2-43	Halifax II	P/O Beattie H.D., P/O Hartin J.A., Sgts Clarke K., Macgregor G.W., Ferguson R., Hart R.L., Gibson G.D.		0810	1824	OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 231 Anti-Submarine Patrol No. 21, Bay of Biscay. Four a/c Detailed. Bombload: 6 x 250 Torpedoes.	A-31
	"A"	Sgt Lago J., P/O Caldwell J.H., Sgt Dently W.S., P/O Heddinott W.H., P/S Haugh H., Sgts Granbois A.S., Phipps W.		0848	1107	"I" (P/O BEATTIE H.D.) sighted one Spanish M.V. Nothing further observed on remainder of patrol and returned to base after uneventful trip.	
	"A"	P/S Armstrong H.A.B., P/O Brock A.G., P/S Gilbey J.P., P/O Lowther J.O., Sgts Harrison G.K., Matheson W.T., Polynuk A.		0758	1743	"J" (SGT LAGO J.) shortly after take off, it was discovered that the port wheel would not retract. Jettisoned bomb load and returned to base where after consuming 600 gallons of petrol, was able to touch down.	
	"H"	Sgt Cochrane R.W., Sgts Orr A.I., Mantle E.L., Valentine L., Beard J.A., Walsh D.G., Gibbs G.W.H.		0806	1842	"A" and "I" completed routine patrols and returned to base with nothing eventful to report.	
	"H"	Sgt Weber J.G., P/S Gibson J. C., Sgts Wood G.L., Beard P., Matting S.H., P/S Clowis J.H., Sgt McLean R.S.		0415	1558	OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 232 Anti-Submarine Patrol No. 22, Bay of Biscay. Four a/c Detailed. Bombload: 6 x 250 Torpedoes.	A-32
21-2-43	"G"	Sgt Dixon G.B., Sgts Long S.H., Hornby A.W., Matthews E.B., Smyth H., P/O Clarke D.H., Sgt Sondergaard A.G.		0424	1448	"R" (SGT WEBER J.) sighted two fishing vessels but nothing further spotted on remainder of patrol and returned to base after uneventful trip.	
	"G"	Sgt Lago J., P/O Caldwell J.H., Sgt Dently W.S., P/O Heddinott W.H., P/S Haugh H., Sgts Granbois A.S., Phipps W.		0421	1456	"G" (SGT DIXON G.B.) sighted five brightly lit fishing vessels but nothing further observed. Returned to base.	
	"G"	Sgt Bark W.J., Sgt Sellar E.H., P/O Simpson G.W., Sgts Parker B.F., Turner D.W., O'Donohue F.J., McLean R.B.	CRASHED	0445		"G" (SGT LAGO J.) observed two fishing vessels on patrol which was otherwise uneventful and returned to base.	
	"G"					"G" (SGT BARK W.J.) This aircraft took off on patrol at 0443 hours and started a 180 degree turn onto course when it suddenly dove down into the ground where it burst into flames with a series of explosions. There were no survivors, 7 members of the crew being instantly killed.	(OVER)
	"G"						

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
21-2-43	Halifax II					<p style="text-align: center;">OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 242 (CONTINUED)</p> <p>Anti-Submarine Patrol No. 22 (Continued) Bay of Biscay. NO (SOT HART U.S., CONF'D)</p> <p>This accident took place approximately 12 miles N.W. of Brestles Aerodrome in good weather with fairly light (3 moon) through thin cloud layers. A careful examination of the scene of the crash, it appears that the aircraft went straight in, possibly due to a stall, although nothing definite can be determined. There was no apparent technical failure.</p> <p>MEMBERS OF THE CREW KILLED ARE: Capt. 1265975 Sgt Hart W.J. Navv. CAN. 101853 Sgt Sellar E.H. 2/A1 CAN. 12348 P/O Simpson G.J. (American) WOP/AS CAN. 101927 Sgt Parker R.S.J. W/O: CAN. 109798 Sgt Turner B.S. W/O: CAN. 131372 Sgt O'Donohue P.J. P/S: CAN. 179756 Sgt Nolan H.V.</p>	A-32
22-2-43	Halifax II	<p>3/O Barton J.R., P/O Constable F.G., Sgt Payne A.L., P/O Hoyle W.L., Sgt Doris A.G., Sgts Gomer W.G., Zouma E.G. P/O Ben H.L., P/O Hussy K.P., P/S MacDonald W., Sgt Johnston P., P/S Maguire J.J., Sgts Burtch P., Henderson G.O. P/S Gordon G.T. (RAF) P/S Caron T.L. 1001 (RAF) P/O Erbert J.S., Sgts Reynolds H.G., Dams H.L., Moore R., Callin A.C.</p>	0847	1700	<p style="text-align: center;">OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 243 (CONTINUED)</p> <p>Anti-Submarine Patrol No. 23 Bay of Biscay. Three a/o Detailed. Bombed: 6 x 250 Torped. 3 x 250 G.P.</p> <p>Our three a/o completed routine patrols without having sighted anything unusual to report and all returned back to base after uneventful trip.</p>	A-33	
23-2-43	Halifax II	<p>Sgt Gowan H.L., Sgts Oupin E.W., Hills R.D., Langley D.J., McEllan G.C. How G.F., Harty H.L. Sgt Brown H.L., P/O Thatcher H., Sgts Hill E.L., Brown J.L., Tucker G.L., Hillidge E.G., Black H. P/S Percy K.O., P/S Makrison G., Sgts Hingley W., Macgregor G., P/S Frier A., P/O Simpson F., Sgt McDonnell J.R. P/O Davidson R.G., P/S Bulman R.L., P/S Spencer G.L., Sgts Jennings H.J., McDonald R.G., Kennett R.F., King T.R.</p>	0903	1815	<p style="text-align: center;">OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 244</p> <p>Anti-Submarine Patrol No. 24 Bay of Biscay. Four a/o Detailed. Bombed: 6 x 250 Torped. 3 x 250 G.P.</p> <p>"A" (SOT GOWAN H.L.) Completed routine patrol and returned to base after uneventful trip.</p> <p>"B" (SOT HASON H.L.) While on patrol found a signal left by coming tower of U-boat and investigated but nothing further was observed. Returned to base.</p> <p>"C" (P/S PERCY K.O.) Returned to base after uneventful patrol with nothing unusual to report.</p> <p>"D" (P/O DAVIDSON R.G.) Observed three thousand ton ship at Casco. Completed patrol and returned to base with nothing further to report.</p>	A-34	

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				Up	Down		
24-2-43	Halifax II	P/O Colledge R.W., Sgts Smalls A.J., Kurliff J.V., P/O Sims H.A., Sgt Taylor R.A., P/O Steward J.H., Sgt Yates J.P., P/O Lewis J.W. (Pilot W/T)	Sgt Crockett D.R., P/O Harriott J.R., Sgt Sleeth G., P/O O'Hare F., Sgt Storoy J.L., P/O Bushley T.L., Sgts Dwyer J., Hutton G.E. (W/O W/T)	0800	1630	OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 215. Anti-Submarine Patrol No. 25 - Bay of Biscay. Four a/c Detailed. Bombed: 6 x 250 Torped. 3 x 250 G.P.	A-35
				0816	1642		
				0835	1659		
				0845	1659		
25-2-43	Halifax II	S/L Logan L.S., P/O Hewitt L. (W/O), P/L Mansford P.R., P/O Pillingham T., Sgts Craddock B.A., Sipple J. L., Slade B.J., Sgt Cooke R.W., Sgts Orr A.L., Huckle H., Valentine B., Beard J.H., Wish D.C., Gibbs G.V., P/O Battie H.D., P/O Hawker J.A., Sgts Clarke K., Hawley S.B., Fennel- son R., Hart R.B., Gibson J.D., P/O Labarge B., Sgts Bennett L.T., Horton G.J., Andrews R.A., Pricer J., Roberts W.J.D., Dunn A.H.	Sgt Crockett D.R., Sgts Long S.H., Horsky A.W., Matthews E.B., Smyth M., P/O Clarke D.M., Sgt Sandergard A.G., Sgt Fournier L.L. (W/O W/T).	0952	2022	OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 215 Anti-Submarine Patrol No. 26 - Bay of Biscay. Four a/c Detailed. Bombed: 6 x 250 Torped. 3 x 250 G.P.	A-36
				0903	1819		
				0909	1837		
				0940	1935		

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				UP	DOWN		
26-2-43	Halifax II	P/O Atkinson H.P., P/O Hardy W.H., P/O Reddy R., Sgts MacCallum G., Miller H.H., P/S Armstrong R.H., Sgt Coulson G.K.		0600	1605	OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 237 Anti-Submarine Patrol No. 37. Bay of Biscaya. Four a/c detailed. Bombload: 6 x 250 Torpedoes, 3 x 250 G.P.	A-57
	"H"	P/O Barton J.H., P/O Constable P.G., P/O Payne A.A., P/O Whyte W.L., Sgts Malone A.L., Connor H.G., Lachina H.G.		0638	1445	"H" (P/O ATKINSON H.P.) Sighted two Spanish vessels probably trawlers. Investigated, nothing further observed. Completed patrol and returned back to base with nothing further to report.	
	"G"	Sgt Mason H.J., P/O Thatcher W., Sgts Pitt G.H., Ryan J.H., Tucker G.L., Milledge E.G., Black D.		0500	1541	"H" (P/O BURNETT J.H.) Sighted Convey as briefed and carried out routine patrol, returning back to base after uneventful trip.	
	"I"	Sgt Cowan H.H., Sgts Culpin B.W., Pinner F.S., Langley D.J., McLellan G.G., Mac G.P., Hurst H.H.		0530	1606	"G" (Sgt MASON H.J.) Sighted vessels CHIMA 1 and 2, wanted by Admiralty for suspicious actions. Position, speed and course reported to Admiralty for their interception. "I" (Sgt COWAN H.H.) Carried out routine patrol and returned back to base after uneventful trip after having sighted nothing unusual to report.	
27-2-43	Halifax II	P/O Duggitt H.D., P/S Rogers L.W., P/S Richardson F., Sgts Hallam G.H., Charlton E.H., P/S Thomas L.L., Sgt Leding H.		0956	1913	OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 238 Anti-Submarine Patrol No. 38. Bay of Biscaya. Four a/c detailed. Bombload: 6 x 250 Torpedoes, 3 x 250 G.P.	A-38
	"L"	P/S Davison G.T. (RPM), P/S Carion J.L. (RPM), P/O Probert J.S., Sgt Reynolds H.D., Sgts Dimes H.L., Moore R., Gillis H.C.		1005	2027	All four Captains carried out routine patrols and returned back to base, having sighted nothing out of the ordinary to report.	
	"P"	Sgt Crockett D.H., P/S Harriett J.R., Sgt Smith S., P/S O'Hare F., Sgt Shandy J.L., P/S Bentley E.L., Sgt Sumner I.		1008	2055	This patrol was subsequently cancelled because of instructions received from Bomber Command to the effect that 405 R.C.A.F. Squadron should move from R.A.F. Station Beaulieu, to R.C.A.F. Station, TORCUFFE.	
	"R"	Sgt Weber J.H., P/S Gibson J.G., Sgts Wood G.L., Risard P., Ketting S.H., Moody D., Hansen R.S., Knight A.T. (RPM W/T)		1006	2036		
28-2-43	Halifax II						
	"A"	Sgt Spence R.A. & Crew.				CANCELLED	
	"B"	P/S Armstrong H.L. & Crew.				CANCELLED	
	"C"	Sgt Cooke R. & Crew.				CANCELLED	
	"D"	P/S Stoyal G.C.				CANCELLED	

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