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OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

11/20 SQUADRONS

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OPERATIONS RECORD

DATE: 29/30 DECEMBER 1942 — 11 SQUADRON

DUTY: Report received here at 0830/29z of A/C sighted 10/15 miles off coast rapidly losing height. A/C believed by watchers to have crashed into sea. 9MFS and NOIC advised 0950/29z.

MOVEMENT OUT:

A24-26 departed to investigate 1043/29z (1)
A24-26 departed to investigate 1315/29z (2)
A24-26 departed to investigate 1930/29z (3)

CAPTAINS:

(1) F/O. Shields.
(2) F/O. Shields.
(3) S/Ldr. Burrage.

MOVEMENT IN:

A24-26 alighted CAIRNS 1200/29z
A24-26 alighted CAIRNS 1345/29z
A24-26 alighted CAIRNS 2055/29z

RESULTS:

Search one Nil sightings
Search two Nil sightings
Search three very distinct oil patch sighted by S/Ldr. Burrage at 16deg. 39S. 145deg, 54E. Area in vicinity for several miles thoroughly searched without further result. No indication of wreckage. Crash boat departed Cairns after receipt of report patrolled area all night without results. Searches also carried out by NOIC CAIRNS and 75 Squadron without result.

WEATHER:

Visibility very clear, wind N 20/25 cloud alta stratus 10/10

FLYING TIMES:

A24-26 Search (1) 57 mins
A24-26 Search (2) 30 mins
A24-26 Search (3) 1 hour 35 mins.

FUEL CONSUMED: A/24-26. 80 galls. (3rd. trip).

BOMBS CONSUMED: —

PYROTECHNICS CONSUMED: 40 RECCE FLARES

John F. Clough Flt
Controller

OPERATION RECORD.

DATE: 31st DECEMBER 1942. ~~11&20~~ SQUADRONS OPERATION NO.CAI 6.

DUTY.
TO/GI/30. 30/12. Two Catalinas to patrol sea approaches BUNA and LAE during darkness of night of the 31st DECEMBER 1942.

A24-26 EAST AREA. A24-30 WEST AREA.

CAPTAINS. A24-26. S/L. STOKES. 2nd Pilot.SGT OPPY & P/O. DELAHUNTY.
A24-30 F/O. HINCHCLIFFE. 2nd Pilot.SGT. CARR.

MOVEMENTS OUT.
CAI/MRS. 31/12. A24-26 departed CAIRNS. 0340/31/Z.
A24-30 " " 0400/31/Z.

BOMBS. 4 x 250 GP. TDR 2 x 250 A/S each aircraft.

MOVEMENT. A24-30 alighted FALL RIVER 1945/31/Z.
A24-30 departed FALL RIVER 2105/31/Z.

MOVEMENT IN.
CAI.MRS. A24-26 alighted CAIRNS 0115/Z/1.
A24-30 " " 0313/Z/1.

MESSAGES AIRCRAFT. From WSPQ (A24-30) Switch on wireless beacon.
From WSPO (A24-26) Cannot determine your bearing from me switch on the wireless beacon at 2350/Z.
From WSPO (A24-26) Switch on wireless beacon.

RESULTS.
CAI/WI 1/1. A24-26. 300/31/Z. 10 deg. 30'S 151 deg. 14'E. lugger packed full of natives. Course NW. 1 M/V MALINGA. 10 deg. 40'S 149 deg. 54' E. 2250/31Z. Course 285. Speed 5 knots. A24-30 ASV indication 10 Miles E of FINSCHAVEN 1510/31/Z Disappeared when tried to home.

WEATHER. Visibility. Bad west area. East area 10 miles. Wind 270° - 315°. Scattered CU and ALTO STRATA.

FUEL CONSUMED. A24-26 1370 Cals
A24-30 1219 "

FLYING TIME. A24-26 2135 21 HRS. 35 MINS.
A24-30 2313 23 " 13 "

PYROTECHNICS A24-26 8 Flame Floats
A24-30 9 Flame Floats

Jon Parker F/O Capt.

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OPERATIONS RECORD.

DATE: 30th DECEMBER 1942. 11 & 20 SQUADRONS. OPERATION NO. CAI 5.

DUTY.

TO/G2/30. 29/12. Two Catlainas to patrol sea approaches to BUNA and LAE during the hours of darkness night of 30th DECEMBER 1942.
A24-24. WEST AREA. EAST AREA. A24-2.

MOVEMENT OUT.

CAI/MR3. 30/12. A24-24. Departed CAIRNS 0306/30/Z.
CAI/MR4. 30/12. A24-2. Unable to depart owing engine trouble.

CAPTAINS. A24-24. F/O. SHIELDS. 2nd Pilot. P/O/ HOWARD.

BOMBS. A24-24. 4 x 250 GP TD .025. 2 x 250 A.S.

MESSAGE FROM AIRCRAFT. From 3MFM (A24-24). Expect to arrive 0400/Z/31

MOVEMENT IN.

CAI/MR3 31/12. A24-24 alighted CAIRNS 0440/31/Z.
A24-24 alighted FALL RIVER. 1930/30/Z.

RESULTS.

A24- 24 departed FALL RIVER 2030/30/Z.
CAI/W3. 31/12. A24-24. 1 M/V FIA-HBA-M2G-BS STN - Bridge amidships. 16 deg. 02'S 146 deg. 45'E. 0347/31Z. Course 220. Speed 8 knots. 1135/30/Z. Two lights S side ROOKE ISLAND. ASV efficient.

WEATHER. Visibility poor. Clouds 10/10. Wind 030/10. Severe electrical storms.

FLYING TIME. 23 Hours 14 Mins.

BOMBS CONSUMED. 6 Used.

FUEL. 1300 Galls.

PYROTECHNICS CONSUMED. 1 Flme Flt Nil Sea Mkr Nil Recce Flrs,. Nil V/C.

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RECORD OF OPERATIONS

DATE : 30th.December 1942 11 & 20 SQUADRONS OPERATION NO :CAI 4

DUTY T0/G5/28/12 : All available Catalinas attack aircraft and aerodrome installations at Buka night of 30th.December.

MOVEMENT OUT.
CAI/MS1. 30/12. A24-25 departed CAIRNS. 0307/30/Z.
A24-26 " " 0528/30/Z.

CAPTAINS. A24-25. S/L. ATKINSON. 2nd Pilot. F/Lt. BARKLEY.
A24-26. S/L. BURRAGE. " " P/O. RYAN.

BOMBS. A24-25. 6 x 500 GP Inst Rod. 20 x 20 Frag.
A24-26. 8 x 250 GP " " 20 x 20 "

MOVEMENT IN.
CAI/MS1 31/12. A24-25 alighted CAIRNS 1915/30/Z.
CAI/MS2 " A24-26 " " 2315/30/Z.

RESULTS.
CAI/B1. 31/12. A24-25 & A24-26 attacked BUKA. 1028/30/Z - 1450/30/Z. 6 x 500 GP N inst R. 8 x 250 GP N inst R 40 x 20 Frag. Bombs from 5000 - 6000. Slight heavy inaccurate from four gun position BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND. S of BONNIS JETTY and NE end PASSAGE on BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND.
CAI/W1. 31/21. A24-25. One medium size M/V anchored off N point SOHANA ISLAND 1044/30/Z.
CCAI/MS2 31/12. A24-26 dropped 5 x 500 along south side of runway 2 x 250 at North end of runway one at SE end. Other bombs in target areas but nil results observed.

FLYING TIME. A24e25 16 Hours 08 Mins.
A24-26 17 " 47 "

BOMBS CONSUMED. A24-26. 8 x 250. 20 x 20.
A24-25 6 x 500. 20 x 20.

FUEL CONSUMED. A24-26 1146 Galls.
A24-25 1010 "

WEATHER. Visibility good. Wind 125/5.

PYROTECHNICS CONSUMED. A24-26. 5 Flme Flts Nil Sea Mkrs. Nil Recce Flrs. Nil V/C.
A24-25 5 " " " " " 2 " " " "

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RECORD OF OPERATIONS

DATE: 30th. December 1942 11 SQUADRON OPERATION NO CAI 3

DUTY : TO/G4/28/12: One Catalina drop supplies Bougainville Is. night of 30th. December as arranged with NOIC.

CAPTAIN. A24-1. S/L. CHAPMAN. 2nd Pilot. SGT. ALLSOPP.

MOVEMENTS OUT.
CAI/MR2. 30/12. A24-1 departed CAIRNS. ~~XXXX~~ 0315/Z/30.
A24-1 alighted FALL R. 0740/30Z
A24-1 departed " " 0755/30Z
0130 A24-1 alighted " " 2040/30Z Departed 2110/30Z

BOMBS. 8 x 20 Frag.

MOVEMENT IN.
CAI/MR1 31/12. A24-1 alighted CAIRNS. 0130/31/Z.

RESULTS.
CAI/W3 31/12. A24-1 arrived BUN BUN 1120/30/Z dropped supplies. No signals. 1300/30/Z searched RUGEN area located position approx one mile inland from CAPE NEHUS. Four fires started when aircraft overhead. Supplies duly dropped 1550/30Z TOIMONAPU BARRIE. Searched but unable locate signal fires. All possible positions searched. Request further advice. Attacked KAHILI 1520/30/Z. 4 x 20 Frag Bombs dropped near runway nil results observed. Slight light inaccurate from uknown position.

WEATHER. NEW IRELAND. Top of small isolated CU NIM with lighting No large storms. Average 4/10. Fair Weather.

FLYING TIME. 21 Hours 30 Min.

FUEL CONSUMED. 1460 Galls.

BOMBS CONSUMED. 4 x 20 Frag.

PYROTECHNICS CONSUMED. 6 Flme Flts Nil Sea Mkrs Nil Recce Flrs, Nil V/C.

CNS ATD. 0315

Tom Parker F/O CONTROLLER.

A24-1 Protection transferred statistical summary 11 Sqdn 4/1/43 No. 10313

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OPERATION RECORD.

DATE. 28th DECEMBER 1942. 11 SQUADRONS. OPERATION NO. CAI-24

DUTY. TO/G3/28. 28/12.	Two Catalinas to patrol approaches to BUNA and LAE during the night of 29th DECEMBER 1942. A24-1 Patrolling EAST AREA. A24-2 Patrolling WEST AREA.
MOVEMENT OUT. CAI/MR2. 29/12.	A24-1 departed CAIRNS 0317/29/Z. A24-2 departed CAIRNS 0112/29/Z.
CAPTAINS.	A24-1. F/O. CLARK. 2nd Pilot. Sgt HONAN. A24-2 F/L. VERNON. 2nd Pilot. P/O.HARRISON.
BOMBS.	4 x 250 GP. 1/40 Sec. Tail 2 x 250 A.S. eadh aircraft.
OTHER MOVEMENTS. A891 29/12.	A24-2 alighted 0552/29/Z. GURNEY. A24-2 departed 0800/29/Z. "
MESSAGES AIRCRAFT.	To MORESBY from A24-1. On Patrol - 0916/29/Z. " " " A24-2 SQF 1010/Z/29 - 0855/29/Z.
MOVEMENT IN. CAI/MR1 30 /12.	A24-1 alighted CAIRNS 2120/29/Z. A24-2 alighted CAIRNS 2345/29/Z.
RESULTS. CAI/W1 30/12.	A24-1. ASV unserviceable from 1300/29/Z. Search continued until 1500/29/Z. Nil shipping or activity GASMATA. Searched OSPREY REEF area nil sightings. A24-2. 0935/29/Z off CAPE NELSON approximately 30 lights on water. 1040/29Z OPI RIVER steady white light went off each time aircraft approached. 1105/29Z CAPE WARD HUNT number of lights or fires. Possibly camp site. 1502/29Z nil activity FINSCHAVEN. 1800/29Z showing light CAPE ENDAIADERE also artillery fire observed. One Liberty Ship 10 deg. 55·S 149 deg 17·E at 0500/29Z course 260. 1 Destroyer 1 M/V FI-M2-BK-STO-CAS. 16 deg. 07· S 146 deg. 20· E. at 2313/29Z. course 330. "ARUNTA" 16 deg. 32·S 146 deg. 10·E at 2325/29Z. course 210. Speed 20 knots.
WEATHER.	Search area visibility. Fair-Good. Scattered CU. Base 1500· Tops 5000· wind 290/10.
FLYING TIMES.	A24-1. 18 Hours 3 Mins. A24-2 20 " 25 "
FUEL CONSUMED.	A24-2. 1170 Galls A24-1 1125 "
BOMBS CONSUMED.	A24-1. 4 x 250 G.P. A24-2 Nil.
PYROTECHNICS CONSUMED.	A24-1 8 Flme Flts 1 Sea Mkr. Nil Recce Flrs Nil V/C. A24-2 One 1 " Nil " " 8 " " " "

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RECORD OF OPERATIONS

DATE : 27th.December 1942 SQUADRONS OPERATION NO. CAI 1

DUTY : T0/G2/27/12 : CAI 1 27/12 . Two catalinas to patrol the sea approaches to Buna and Lae during the night of 28th.December 1942.

WEST AREA A24-25 EAST AREA A24-14.

MOVEMENTS OUT.
CAI/TRI. 28/12. A24-14 departed 0150/Z/28 CAIRNS.
A24- 25 " 0335/Z/28 "

ARMED. A24-14 4 x 250 GP M.D. 2 x 325 DB.
A24-25 4 x 250 GP T.D1.2 x 250 AS.

MOVEMENT FALL R-A883-A24--4 alighted 0625/28z
" departed on patrol 0840/28z
FALL R. A24-25 alighted 1955/28/Z.
" " departed

CAPTAINS. A24-14. F/O. MILLER. 2nd Pilot.SGT. WHEELDON.
A24-25 W/C. HARDWELL. " " SGT OPPY.

MOVEMENT IN.
CAI/TRI 29/12. A24-14 alighted CAIRNS 2312/Z/28.
CAI/WS. 29/12. A24-25 " " 0350/29/Z.

RESULTS.
CAI/TRI.29/12. Nil enemy sighting. A24-14.
CAI/WS. 29/12. A24-25. 1126/28/Z 06 deg. 48'S 147 deg. 38'E flashing light on water. Resembled expiring flame float. 1548/28 investigated GASMATA HARBOUR nil sightings. 1658/28Z searched ARAWE nil sightings.

WEATHER. Good. Scattered CU. Wind SE. 8 Knots. Visibility 15 miles except in cloud.

FLYING TIME. A24-25. 22 Hours 15 Mins.
A24-14. 20 " 7 "

BOMBS CONSUMED. A24-25. Nil.
A24-14. Nil.

PYROTECHNICS CONSUMED. A24-25. 5 Fire Fits 1 Sea Mkrs Nil Recce Fire Nil V/c
A24-14. 5 " " 1 " " " " " " "

MESSAGES AIRCRAFT. From A24-14 to MORESBY. On Patrol.
" A24-25 " " Patrol commenced 0930/28/Z.

FUEL CONSUMED A24-25 1810 GALLS
" " A24-14 1300 "

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OPERATION RECORD.

DATE: 25th DECEMBER 1942. 11 & 20 SQUADRON. OPERATION NO. CAI 45.

DUTY.
TO/G2/25. 25/12. Two Catalinas to patrol the sea approaches to BUNA and LAE during the hours of darkness night of 25/12/42. A24-2 to patrol WEST AREA. A24-10 to patrol EAST AREA.

MOVEMENT OUT.
CAI/MR1 26/12. A24-2 departed CAIRNS 0108/26/Z.
A24-10 " " 0350/26/Z.

CAPTAINS. A24-2. F/Lt. HIGGINS. 2nd Pilot. Sgt. BRAMELL.
A24-10 F/Lt. HODGKINSON " " " P/O. OLIVER.
" CHIRN CK.

BOMBS. Each aircraft. 6 x 250 GP. TDI.

A295 23/12. A24-10 not available for "Milk Run" to night. (CAIRNS still indefinit

MOVEMENT - A556 430B-A24-2 arrived Curney 0540/26z-and departed at 0822/26z;

A868 0B43 26/12-A24-10 aligted 1917/26z.

A ? 0B43 27/12-A24-10 returned Curney with engine trouble.

A169 27/12. Advise by 2200/27/Z IF Catalina A24-10 available for milk run night of 28/12 from FAN. RIVER.

MOVEMENT IN CAI/MR 1/27/12-A24-2 alighted Cairns 2240/22z.

RESULT -A24-2 CAI/WR1/27/12- At 1500/26z sighted gunfire from Buna Beach going inland fifteen minutes duration(.) Searched area for submarine- nil sighting(.) ASV good. Weather-Vis.good,outside scattered clouds 20 miles.

A24-10 Nil sightings.

MOVEMENT IN- A24-10 departed Fall R 00215/28z.
A24-10 alighted Cairns 0740/28z.

FLYING TIMES. A24-2 21 Hours 32 Mins.
A24-10 21 " " 57 "

	A24-2	A24-10
FUEL CONSUMED	1050	1150
BOMBS DROPPED	---	6 x 250 GP
Flame Floats	5	4
Sea Markers	---	
Recce Flares	---	Left at Milne Bay
Verey Cartridges	---	------

AIRCRAFT MESSAGE.
From MORESBY. A24-2 To MORESBY. Two vessels four miles off BUNA course 100. Speed 20. Shadowing advise.
From MORESBY To A24-2. BUNA being shelled from sea possibly submarine investigate and attack.

CONTROLLER.

OPERATION RECROD.

27th DECEMBER 1942. 11 & 20 SQUADRONS. OPERATION NO.CAI 47.

DUTY.

TO/G2/26. 26/12. All available Catalinas attack KAVIENG night of 27/12/42. Priority of targets. (1) Aircraft on aerodrome and dispersal areas. (2) Stores and supply dumps in and around wharf area.

TO/G2/26. 26/12. One Catalina to drop 450 lbs supplies NEW IRELAND on return from strike.

CAI/MS1/27/12 Ref.TO/G4/26/12-Supplies not received at Cairns.

MOVEMENT OUT CAI/MS1/27/12. A24-2 airborne 0142/27z
A24-26 " 0102/27z
A24-24 " 0315/27z
A24-27 " 0400/27z

	A24-2	A24-26	A24-24	A24-27
CAPTAIN	F/LVernon	S/L Chapman	F/O Shields	S/L Stokes.
2ND.PILOT	P/O. HARRISON.	SGT ALLSOPP.	P/O. HOWARD.	F/O. ALLISON.
BOMB LOADS	8x250GP	8 x 250GP	8 x 250 GP	8 x250 GP all N.INST R
	10 x 20	20 x 20	10 x 20	20 x20 " Frag.
	10 x 20		10 x20	" Incend.

OTHER MOVEMENTS. A24-2 alighted FALL RIVER 0630/27Z. Departed FALL RIVER 0825/Z27
A24-26 " " " 0515/27Z. " " " 0825/27Z.

MOVEMENT IN.

CAI/ MS1 28/12. A24-26 alighted CAIRNS 2123/27Z.
A24-2 " " 2327/27Z.
A24-27 " " 2229/27Z.
A24-24 " " 2122/27Z.

RESULTS.

CAI/MS1. 28/12. A24-26, A24-2, A24-24, A24-27. All aircraft bombed aerodrome and dispersal areas. 15 bombs fell in area between south side of NW end of runway and dispersal loop at NE side of runway. 7 along N edge ofruhrunway 5 along south edge. One bomb on NE end runway three direct hits middle runway. Fragmentation and incendiaries scattered in area. Two large fires and six small fires started. Considered good result.

CAI/B1 28/12. A24-26. A24-2. A24-24. A24-27. Respectively attacked KAVIENG . Consumed 32 x 250 GP. 46 x 20 Frag. 15 x 30 incendiaries. Bombs from 3500 - 7000. One ~~XXXX~~ large fire burned for 90 minutes. Two incendiaries started large fires north side NAMATANAI ROAD. Intense heavy accurate A/A fire from position NW end runway South of SE end runway east of Hospital Sports Ground area. Moderate heavy inaccurate position east of NORTH CAPE. Fairly intense light accurate A/A fire from NW end runway and Bofors type along waterfront. Searchlights active in following positions NW end runway East of Hospital North of Hospital centre of S side of runway South of Government Wharf. Seven lights at NAMATANAI ROAD junction ack ack position. A24-26 one hit on float. A24-27 one hit in port empennage. Dispersal lanes completed on S side runway. 1145/27Z 04 deg. 20'S 150 deg 50'E sighted 40 to 50 flashes. No ASV indication. Same intensity as gun flashes or signal camp. All dots. A24-26 dropped 14 x 20 frag on GASMATA runway at 1508/27Z

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CONTINUED. OPERATION NO. CAI 47.

RESULTS. Results unobserved. 1255/27Z two flares 03 deg 36'S 151 deg. 00'E on water unable identify.

FLYING TIME. A24-2 19 Hours 50 Mins.
A24-2718 " 29 "
A24-2418 " 07 "
A24-2617 " 11 "

FUEL CONSUMED. A24-2 1190 Galls.
A24-27 1050 "
A24-24 1140 "
A24-26 1200 "

BOMBS CONSUMED. A24-2. 10 x 250 GP 10 x 20 F. 6 X 30 Incd. 1 x 25 Incd.
A24-27 8 x 250 " 20 X 20 F.
A24-24 8 x 250 " 10 x 20 F 8 x 30 Incd.
A24-26 8 x 250 " 20 x 20 F.

WEATHER. No record.

PYROTECHNICS CONSUMED. 305
A24-2. 4 Flme Flts Nil Sea Mkrs 4 Recce Flrs Nil V/C.600-
A24-27 5 " " 1 " " Nil " " " "
A24-24 2 " " Nil " " 2 " " " "
A24-26 5 " " " " " Nil " " " "

FURTHER RESULTS.
CAI/W2 28/12. A24-2 1410/27Z. Two Destroyers south Governemtn Wharf 1 M/V SE point NAGO ISLAND. Three ships off CAPE SOWOSAT. Two probable warships near SAUNDERS JETTY. Searched CAPE NOAN and NORTH CAPE Nil sightings.

A P Mus P/O. CONTROLLER.

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OPERATION ORDER.

DATE: 26th DECEMBER, 1942. 11 SQUADRON OPERATION NO. CAI 48

DUTY:
TO/G6/26. 26/12 Two Catalinas to patrol the sea approaches to BUNA and LAE during the hours of darkness night of 27th DECEMBER, 1942.
A24-1 to patrol WEST AREA. A24-25 to patrol EAST AREA.

MOVEMENTS OUT: CAI/MR2/27/12 -A24-1 airborne Cairns 0312/27z
A24-25 " " 0310/27z.

CAPTAIN A24-1 F/O CLark A24-25 ~~F/O Shields~~ S/L. ATKINSON.

2ND PILOT A24-1 P/O BROOKS. A24-25 F/Lt. BUCKLEY.

BOMB LOAD A24-1 6 x 250GP TD1
A24-25 4 x 250 GP TD1; 2 x 250 A/S

MOVEMENT IN.
CAI/MR2. 28/12. A24-1 alighted CAIRNS 2350/Z/27.
A24-25 " " 2310/Z/27.

RESULTS.
CAI/WR1. 28/12. A24-25. 0840/27Z inlet near TUFI 3 large motor boats. 0850/27/Z. 1 M/V 08 deg. 55'S 149 deg. 00'E Course 300. 1025/27/Z 06 deg. 42'S 149 deg. 57'E ASV indication but NIL visual sighting. Vessel probably submerged. 1440/27/Z ASV indication followed by visual sighting 07 deg. 15' S 150 deg. 27'E large submarine. Dropped flare submarine submarine submerged. No recognition signal but assumed friendly. 1730/27/Z off Cape Ward Hunt one large motor boat course N 25 knots. Prepared to attack and boat turned south. Challenged boat and correct signal given. A24-1 0958/27/Z IWAIA 08 deg 08'S 148 deg 9' E small fire. 1612/27/Z 06 deg. 10'S 149 deg 10'E circled and investigated ARAWE saw three yellow flashes from CAPE MERKUS. 1645/27/Z 06 deg. 18'S 149 deg. 54'E ~~sighted~~ One yellow flare appeared to be above ground. 2030/27/Z 14 deg 40'S 147 deg. 30'E sighted object possible submarine. Course 120.

WEATHER. Visibility 15 miles. Clud 3/10 - 8/10. Wind 190/10.

FLYING TIME. A24-1. 20 Hours 38 Mins.
A24-25 20 " Nil "

BOMBS CONSUMED. A24-1 NIL.
A24-25 2 x 250 G.P.

PYROTECHNICS CONSUMED. A24-1. 8 Flme Flts 1 Seas Mkr Nil Recce Flrs Nil v/c
A24-25 10 " " 3 " " 1 " " " "

FUEL CONSUMED. A24-1 1280 Galls.
A24-25 1375 "

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OPERATION RECORD.

DATE: 26th DECEMBER, 1942. No. 20 SQUADRON. OPERATION NO. CAI 49

DUTY:

TO/G7/26 26/12.
Cairns - A166 26/12.
TO/W9/26 26/12.

One Catalina to carry out Inner Anti-Submarine Patrol for Force "L" (H.M.A.S BENDIGO escorting ISAAC COLES, ASPASIA, NOMIKKOS) duringthe hours of dawn to dusk, 27th DECEMBER, 1942. Estimated Position Force "L" at Dawn, 27th, 14° 17' South 147° 00' EAST, Course 017°, Speed 9 Knots.

MOVEMENT OUT: A24-30 departed CAIRNS. 1704/262

CAPTAIN: F/O HINCHLIFFE. 2nd Pilot SGT. CAR.R.

BOMBS: 4 x 250 G.P. TD1
2 x 325 D.B.

MOVEMENT IN:

CAI/MC1 27/12. A24-30 alighted CAIRNS 1250/27Z.

RESULTS.

CAI/W1 28/12. A24-30. F/O. HINCHCLIFFE followed by one ~~xxxxxx~~ single engined aircraft 30 miles south west of OSPREY REEF in approximate position 14 deg. 30' S 146 deg. 30' E at 1000/27Z. 15 minutes later pursued by second aircraft. First aircraft shaken off after 45 minutes in position approximately 60 miles south of first sighting. Second aircraft followed 8 minutes. No attack made. Aircraft appeared to be single engined with about three ports on both sides. Pilot's impression in line engine. Very fast estimated speed 250 miles per hour.

CAI/MC2. 28/12. A24-30 left Force "L" at position 11 deg. 31' S 147 deg. 00' E. Course 353. Speed 9.7 knots at 0828/27Z.

MESSAGES AIRCRAFT. (0955/27Z.)

A170 27/12.	How long can you remain up? When do you expect to arrive
1005/27Z (A24-30)	We have petrol for 4 hours ETA 1144/Z.
A168.27/12(1010/27)	Weather conditions bad land at BOWEN.
A171. " 1042/27	What is your ETA BOWEN.
1052/27Z (A24-30)	Amm followed by two aircraft.
1120/27Z " "	Returning to base. Short of fuel.
A172. 27/12(1155)	Change to R/T.
A173. 27/12(1215)	What is your ETA CAIRNS?

FLYING TIME. 19 Hours 46 Mins.

FUEL CONSUMED. 1220 Galls.

BOMBS CONSUMED. NIL.

PYROTECHNICS CONSUMED. 2 Flme Flts 1 Seam Mkr. Nil Recce Flr Nil V/C.

[signature] CONTROLLER.

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OPERATIONS RECORD.

DATE: 26th DECEMBER, 1942. 11 SQUADRON. OPERATION NO. CAI 46.

DUTY:
TO/G3/25 25/12. One Catalina to carry out Inner Anti-Submarine Patrol for Force "N" (HMAS Arunta escorting MONTORO, VON HEUTZ, BONTIKO, CREMER, TASMAN), during the hours of Dawn to Dusk, 26th DECEMBER, 1942. Position Force "N" at 1900Z/25 - 14° 09' SOUTH, 147° 02' EAST.

MOVEMENT OUT: A24-26. Departed CAIRNS 1700/25/Z.
CAI/MCI. 25/12.

CAPTAIN: S/Ldr BURRAGE. 2nd Pilot. P/O RYAN.

BOMBS : 4 x 250 G.P. T.D.1
2 x 250 A.S.

MOVEMENT IN: A24-26 Landed CAIRNS 0845/26Z.

RESULTS: Convoy left at 0625/26Z in position 12° 35' S, 147° 27' E, on course 358°, Speed 9 Knots. Nil enemy sightings. Extremely large tree with spreading branches sighted floating in position 12° 43' S, 147° 18' E, at 0456/26Z.

MESSAGES TO AND FROM AIRCRAFT:

CAIRNS - A164.	"Return to base at dusk"	0605/26Z
A24-26 to CAIRNS.	"Report sea level pressure"	0645/26Z
CAIRNS - A165.	"Sea level pressure is 1008.6 Millibars"	0745/26Z

WEATHER:
Visibility - 10 miles.
Wind Velocity - 045/5.
Cloud - 7/10.
Sea - Calm.

FLYING TIME: 15 Hours, 45 Minutes.

FUEL CONSUMED: 966 gallons.

BOMBS CONSUMED: Nil

PYROTECHNICS:
Flame Floats - 3 consumed.
Sea Markers Nil "
Recce Flares Nil "
Verey Cart'ges 1 "

A P Munro
.....Pilot Officer,
CONTROLLER, OPERATIONS ROOM, CAIRNS.

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OPERATION RECORD.

DATE: 25th DECEMBER 1942. 20 SQUADRON. OPERATION NO. HOR 16.

DUTY.

TO/G4. 24/12. 1 Catalina take off dawn SJY force "M". Alight HORN ISLAND dusk. Force "M" HMAS "KALGOORLIE" escorting "ALAGNA" "TANDA". Position 11 deg. 50' 139 deg. 34'E.

AZ19. 24/12. Reference my TO/G4 23/12 and my TO/W6/23 Force Letter corrected to read as repeat ~~xx~~ "M".

MOVEMENT OUT.

~~XXX/XXXXXXX/12XXXXX24-27 Departed 1970/Z/24 HORN ISLAND~~ 2015.

HOR/MC1 25/12. A24-27 Departed 2015/Z/24. HORN ISLAND.

CAPTAIN. F/Lt. TAMBLYN. 2nd Pilot. F/O. DOWSLEY.

BOMBS. 6 x 250 G.P.

MOVEMENT IN HOR/MC2/25/12. A24-27 alighted 0720/25z

RESULT Nil enemy sightings-Visibility 5-10 miles. Left convoy in position 11 22'S 139 54'E, Course 247, speed 5 at 0545/25z.

FLYING TIME. 11 Hours 05 Mins.

John F Clough P/O CONTROLLER.

TRAVEL HORN ISLAND - CAIRNS.

MOVEMENT.

HOR/MT1. 26/12, A24-27 departed HORN ISLAND 2100/25/Z.

CAI/MT1. 26/12. A24-27 alighted CAIRNS 0125/26/Z.

FLYING TIME. 4 Hours 25 Mins.

CAIRNS FUEL CONSUMED. 700 Galls.

John F Clough P/O CONTROLLER.

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OPERATIONS RECORD.

DATE: 24th DECEMBER 1942. 11 & 20 SQUADRONS. OPERATION NO. CAI 43.

DUTY:
TO/G1/24. 24/12. Two Catlainas to patrol seax approaches to BUNA and LAE during the hours of darkness the night of 25/12/42. A24-14 patrolling WEST AREA. A24-30 patrolling EAST AREA.

MOVEMENT OUT.
CAI/MR2. 25/12. A24-14 departed CAIRNS. 0120/25/Z.
A861 25/12. A24-30 " " 0320/25/Z
A24-14 " GURNEY. 0820/25/Z. A24-30 departed Gurney 2115/25Z

CAPTAINS.
A24-14. F/O. MILLER. 2nd Pilot. SGT WHEELDON.
A24-30. F/O. HINCHLIFFE. " " " CARR.

BOMBS.
A24-14. 4 x 250 G.P 2 x 325 D.B.
A24-30 4 x 250 G.P. 2 x 325 D.B.

MOVEMENTS IN.
A861 25/12. A24-14 landed GURNEY. 0730/25/Z.
CAI/MR2 26/12. A24-14 alighted CAIRNS 2323/25/Z.
CAI /MR3 26/12. A24-30 alighted CAIRNS 0215/25/Z. A24-30 alighted Gurney 2000/25Z.

RESULTS.
CAI/MR2. 26/12. A24-14. ASV. U/S 10 minutes after commencement of patrol at 1008/25/Z.. Visibility unlimited so continued patrol.

CAI/W1 26/12. A24-30. 1 M/V identified at 13 deg. 30' S 148 deg. 24'S. 2350/25/Z. Course 210. Speed 10 knots. Hoisted VVDF W2D. 1200/25/Z searched GASMATA HARBOUR from 1500' nil shipping.

WEATHER. Good. Visibility 15-20 miles.

FLYING TIMES. A24-14. 21 Hours 13 Minutes.
19 " 45 "

BOMBS CONSUMED. A24-30. Nil.
A24-14. Nil.

PYROTECHNICS CONSUMED.
A24-30. 6 Flme Flts Nil Sea Mkrs Nil Recce Flrs. Nil VC
A24-14. 8 " " 1 " " " " " " "

J Clough Jr. CONTROLLER.

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OPERATION RECORD.

DATE: 24th DECEMBER, 1942. 11 and 20 SQUADRONS. OPERATION NO. CAI 41

DUTY.

TO/G3/23. 23/12. Two Catalinas to patrol the sea approaches to BUNA and LAE during the hours of darkness night of 24/12/42. A24-25 patrolling EAST AREA. A24-24 patrolling WEST AREA.

MOVEMENT OUT.

CAI/MO2. 24/12. A24-25 departed CAIRNS. 0125/Z/24. CAI 413.
A24-24 " " 0314/Z/24. CAI 412.

CAPTAINS.

A24-25. S/L. ATKINSON 2nd Pilot. F/Lt. BARKLEY.
A24-24 F/O. SHIELDS. 2nd Pilot. P/O. HOWARD.

BOMBS.

A24-25. 4 x 250 GP. TD1. 2 x 250 A/S.
A24-24 6 x 250 GP. TD1.

OTHER MOVEMENTS.

AB52. 24/12. A24-25 landed GURNEY 0550/24/Z.
AB53. 24/12. A24-25 departed " 0830/24/Z.

MOVEMENTS INT.

CAI/Mr1 25/12. A24-25 alighted CAIRNS. 2120/Z/24.
A24-24 " " 2300/Z/24.

RESULTS.

CAI/W2. 25/12. A24-25. ASV indication 8 miles starboard. Visual sighting 06 deg. 47'S 150 deg. 12E submarine which crashed dived. Nil recognition signal. Probably SAILFISH. A24-21 1353/24Z 06 deg. 50'S 149 deg 56'E strong ASV indication 3 miles port. Nil visual sighting. 1555/24/Z ASV indication 5 miles port 70 miles NW BUNA. Nil visual sightings. 1335/24Z investigated GASMATA HARBOUR Nil shipping. Sighted two flares fired from land as probable air raid warning.
A24-24 - nil sightings.

WEATHER. Visibility. 15 miles. Weather generally good.

FLYING TIME.

A24-25. 17 Hours. 15 Mins.
A24-24. 19 " 46 "

FUEL CONSUMED.

A24-24. 1100 Galls.
A24-25. 1050 "

BOMBS CONSUMED.

A24-25. Nil.
A24-24. 1 Jettisoned.

PYROTECHNICS. CONSUMED.

A24-25. 6 Flme Flts Nil Sea Mkrs. Nil Recce Flrs. Nil V/C.
A24-24 2 " " " " " " " " " "

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OPERATION RECORD.

DATE: 24th DECEMBER 1942. NO. 20 SQUADRON OPERATION NO. CAI 42.

DUTY.		
TO/G4/23	23/12.	One Catalina proceed HORN ISLAND first light 24/12/42 Aircraft to transport Signals Personnel and equipment as ordered by HORN ISLAND to AUGUSTA. Aircraft will then carry out SJY FORCE "NN" until dusk alighting HORN ISLAND. ETD THURSDAY ISLAND. FORCE "NN" 0100/24Z for DARWIN. Speed 7 knots. Force "NN consists HMAS. KALGOORLIE esc. "TANDA" and "ALAGNA".
MOVEMENT OUT:		
CAI/MC1	24/12.	A24-27 departed CAIRNS 1945/23Z.
CAPTAIN.		F/Lt. TAMBLYN. 2nd Pilot F/O. DOWSLEY.
BOMBS.		6 x 250 G.P. T.D.1.
OTHER MOVEMENTS.		
HOR/MC1	24/12.	A24-27 landed HORN ISLAND 0030/24/Z.
A252	24/12.	A24-27 departed HORN ISLAND for AUGUSTA 0111/24/Z.
A11	24/12.	A24-27 landed AUGUSTA 0310/24/Z.
		A24-27 departed AUGUSTA 0415/24/Z.
MOVEMENTS IN.		
HOR/MC2	24/12.	A24-27 alighted HORN ISLAND. 0835/24/Z.
RESULTS.		Convoy left in position 10 deg 44'S 141 deg 37' E at 0800/24/Z. Nil enemy sightings.
WEATHER.		Visibility 30 miles. (No furhter record)
FLYING TIMES.		10 Hours 34 Mins.
FUEL CONSUMED.) BOMBS ") PYROTECHNICS.")		Particulars will be supplied with record of final operation on return of aircraft from HORN ISLAND.

[signature] P/O

CONTROLLER

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OPERATION RECORD.

DATE: 23rd DECEMBER 1942. No. 11 SQUADRONS. OPERATION NO CAI 39.

DUTY:
TO/G3/22. 22/12. Two Catalinas to patrol sea approaches to BUNA and LAE during the hours of darkness night of 23/12/42. A24-1 patrolled EAST AREA; A24-2 Patrolled WEST AREA.

MOVEMENT OUT.
CAI/MR2 23/12 A24-1 departed CAIRNS 0317/23Z. Duty No. CAI 392.
CAI/MR3 23/12 A24-2 departed CAIRNS 0150/23Z. Duty No. CAI 393.
A24-2 departed MILNE BAY 0730/Z/23.

CAPTAINS. A24-1. F/O W.J. CLARK. 2nd Pilot Sgt HONAN.
A24-2. F/Lt B. HIGGINS. 2nd Pilot Sgt BRAMELL.

BOMBS. Each :- 6 x 250 G.P. T.D.1

MESSAGES FROM A/C. A24-1 commenced patrol 1074/z.
A24-2 commenced patrol 1001/z.

MOVEMENT IN.
CAI/MR3 24/12. A24-1 alighted CAIRNS 2222/Z/23.
A24-2 " " 2245/Z/23.
A24-2 alighted MILNE BAY 0600/Z/23.

RESULT.
CAI/WR1 24/12. A24-2. 1157/23/Z ASV indication 3 miles to port. Visual sighting 6 deg.08'S 147 deg. 58'E probable wake submarine diving. Area searched NIL further indications. 1315/23/Z ASV indication 10 miles to port. Visual sighting 6 deg 18' S 148 deg E of unidentified vessel. Wake became smaller, then lost from sight. Nil further ASV indications 0911/23/Z A24-2 and A24-1 each obtained ASV indications of other aircraft. After 1330/23/Z ASV on A24-1 became unserviceable. visual search carried out. Nil sightings.

WEATHER. Scattered CU base 1500'. Wind 000/ 5-14. visibility. 20 - 25 miles.

FLYING TIMES. A24-1. 19 Hours 5 Mins.
A24-2. 19 " 25 "

FUEL CONSUMED. A24-1. 1170 Galls.
A24-2 1200 "

PYROTECHNICS. CONSUMED.
A24-2 7 Flme Flts 2 Sea Mkrs Nil Recce Flrs Nil V/C.
A24-1 10 " " Nil " " " " " " "

BOMBS CONSUMED. Nil.

CONTROLLER.

OPERATION RECORD.

DATE: 22nd DECEMBER 1942. 11 & 20 SQUADRONS. OPERATION NO CAI 38.

DUTY.
TO/G3/21. 21/12. Two Catalánas to patrol the sea approaches to BUNA and LAE during the hours of darkness night of 22/12/42.
A24-14 patrolling WEST AREA. A24-27 patrolling EAST AREA.

MOVEMENT OUT.
CAI/MR2 22/12. A24-14 departed CAIRNS 0340/22/Z. Duty No. 382
A24-27 " " 0325/22/Z. Duty No. 383

CAPTAIN.
A24-14. S/L. STOKES. 2nd Pilot. SGT WHEELDON
A24-27. F/L. TAMBLYN. 2nd Pilot. F/O DOWSLEY

BOMBS.
A24-27. 6 x 250 GP. T.D.1.
A24-14 4 x 250 Gp T.D.1 2 x 325 D.B.

MOVEMENTS IN
CAI/MR5 23/12 A24-14 alighted Cairns GURNEY 1950/22Z. A.T.D. GURNEY 2305/22Z
A24-14 alighted CAIRNS 0405/23Z.
A24-27 " " 0335/22Z

RESULTS :
CAI/MR5 23/12 Nil enemy sightings
CAI/W2 23/12 A24-27 at 1005/22Z sighted four flame floats dropped in pairs one mile apart 5 miles between pairs 08 38'S 149 08'E
At 1720/22Z two small unidentified ships vicinity of Porlock Harbour course E. & W. respectively. East bound ship flashed letter but other did not respond.
Weather in search area :-3 tenths Cu. & Cu.Nim. Base 2000' Tops 1500'. Scattered electrical storms. Visibility -good.

FLYING HOURS :

A24-14	21	hours	2o mins
A24-27	20	"	10 "
TOTAL	42	"	30 "

BOMBS CONSUMED :Nil
FLAME FLOATS CONSUMED : A24-14 3 consumed
FUEL CONSUMED : A24-14 1300 gals
A24-27 1200 "
Total 2500 gals

J.O. Clough P/O Controller

OPERATION RECORD.

DATE: 23rd DECEMBER 1942. 11 SQUADRON OPERATION NO CAI 40.

DUTY.
TG/1 23/12. One Catalina proceed PRINCESS CHARLOTTE BAY taking rations water for crew of crashed B25. Possible fly injured men out.

HISTORY.
A514 23/12. B25-129. Crashed in sea approx 120 miles N West COOKTOWN 0345/20/Z. May be PRINCESS CHARLOTTE. Crew of 12 landed by raft on beach thought BATHURST BAY. 3 injured broken limbs. Short food enteric fever. SGT MCMANN L/T SKWARTZ arrived COOKTOWN over land 1130/22/Z. Rescue party being organized this base. Request Catalina with Doctor and water supplies search area first light 23/12/42 be prepared take off crew. Request 9FS pass message to STANLEY ISLAND to arrange search area by boat. Advise.

A515 23/12. Reference our A514 23/12. From fresh information crew B25 on beach west of Blinker Lights. Search beachescharacteristics 3 Isles and SADDLE ISLAND.

MOVEMENT OUT.
CAI/MR1. 23/12. A24-25 (CAI 401) departed CAIRNS 2025/Z/22.

A517 23/12. Crew of B25.129 709. Located by air and rescued by launch. Parties approximately 30 miles NORTH COOKTOWN 2040/Z/22. Cancel arrangements further search. Report follows.

A519 23/12. Crew B25-129709 landed from Launch 0048/Z/23. Some casualties but no repeat no serious injuries. Locating American Hospital.

MESSAGE TO AIRCRAFT.
A161. 23/12. All is well. Return to base immediately. TOO 0120/Z/23.

MOVEMENT IN.
CAI/MR4 23/12. A24-25 alighted CAIRNS 0302/23/Z.

FLYING TIME. 6 Hrs. 37 Mins.

FUEL CONSUMED. 500 Galls.

J Clough P/O CONTROLLER.

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OPERATION RECORD.

DATE: 22nd DECEMBER 1942. 11 SQUADRON. OPERATION NO. CAI 37.

DUTY.
TO/G2/21. 21/12. 1 Catalina to carry out inner anti-submarine patrol for force "H" from dawn to dusk on 22/12/42.

MOVEMENT OUT.
CAI/MC3. 21/12. A24-1 departed CAIRNS 1805/21/Z.

CAPTAIN. A24-1. F/O. CLARK. 2nd Pilot. -

BOMB LOAD. 6 x 250 G.P. TD1.

MOVEMENT IN : CAI/MC1/22/12-A24-1 alighted Cairns 1135/22z.

RESULT : " -Nil enemy sightings- Position of convoy at 0900/22z-13 13'S 147 54'E -Course 025 Speed 8K. Estimatedposition at 1900/22z- 12 05'S 148 25'E - Convoy will alter course to 330 at app.2000/22z.

Weather : Cloud stratocu. W/V 170/6 Visibility 6 hazy.

Flying Time : 1730 hours.

Bombs : Nil

Fuel : 1040 glls.

Flame Floats : 3 Other pyrotechnics-- nil.

..... Controller.

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RECORD OF OPERATION

DATE :21st.December 1942 — 11 Squadron — Operation No. Cai 35
A24-21 patrol WEST AREA. A24-17 EAST AREA.

DUTY : TO/G2/20/12 : Two Catalinas to patrol the sea approaches to Buna and Lae during the hours of darkness night of 21st.December

MOVEMENT OUT :CAI/MR1/21/12:A24-21 airborne 0115/21 for Milne Bay.
A839 21/12 A24-21 landed GURNEY 0533/21/Z.
" " A24-21 departed GURNEY 0845/Z21.
A24-17 " 0550/21z

CAPTAIN :A24-21 S/L Chapman 2nd.Pilot Sgt.Allsop
:A24-17 S/L Stokes 2nd.Pilot Sgt.Watson

MOVEMNET IN :CAI/MR4/21/12 :A24-17 alighted Cairns 0654/21z.
CAI/MR1 22/12 :A24-21 " " 2307/21/Z.

BOMB LOADS :Each 6 x 250 GO TD 1

RESULT CAI/MR4 21/12 :A24-17 returned to base owing engine trouble-operation abandoned.

CAI/WR1 22/12. A24-21. Sighted one Destroyer. 07 deg. 33'S 148 deg. 04'E 1050/21/Z. Course 300 Speed 20 knots. Strong ASV indication 8 miles to starboard obtained 1006/21/Z. Attacked enemy destroyer 07 deg. 33'S 148 deg 04'E 1030/21/Z. Attack made on course 030 deg. Destroyer did not alter course during attack. Bombs from 4000'. Stick of four landed across bow at distances of approx. 60, 20, 10 and 60 feet. After attack aircraft ~~returned~~ continued on for approx. 45 seconds then turned left. Unable to sight destroyer again and searched area until 1130/21/Z without result. No further ASV indications obtained. Marked area with flame float. Sighted line of oil leading up to oil patch covering area 300 yds by 100 yds with further tongue 50 yds long. ASV continued to function as proved by later indications and sighting. S/L CHAPMAN definitely identified vessel as destroyer. One M/V 3000 tons 06 deg 21'S 149 deg. 45'E 1526/21/Z. Course 270. Speed 10 knots. Strong ASV indication 4 miles to port obtained before visual sighting. Attacked enemy M/V 1630/21/Z. Bomb 1 x 250 GP TD1 dropped from 2200' landed 25 yds slightly to port ahead. Mad another run to drop final bomb which had hung up but bomb still hung up. On second attack moderate accurate BOFORS. Vessel did not alter course during attack. ASV continued to indicate vessel as aircraft turned away. This important in view NIL indications after attack on destroyer. Altered search in view of A24-17 returning. Made circuit alnog area but did not do full search. Further interrogation will be held after crews have rested.

WEATHER. Generally good. Visibility good. A24-21.

FLYING TIME. A24-21. 19 Hours 40 Mins.
A24-17. 3 " 4 "

FUEL CONSUMED. A24-21 1250 Galls.
A24-17 200 "

BOMBS CONSUMED. A24-17 jettisoned 6 x 250 GP ~~xx~~x.A24-21 6 x 250 GP.

PYROTECNICS. A24-21. 9 Flm Flts 2 Sea Mkrs 5 Recce Flrs, Nil V/C
A24-17 3 " "

MESSAGE TO AND FROM AIRCRAFT. A24-17.Am returning to base with engine trouble. MyETA 0618
A24-21.1 Dtr.0733S 14804E sighted 1006/Z Co 300 20K attacked 1030Z. 2 very near misses possible damage still endeavouring to relocate.
A24-21. 1 3000 Ton transport 0621S 14945E sighted 1526Z C32 Co 270. Speed 10K attacked 1630Z near miss pos now 0621S 14932E.

CONTROLLER.

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RECORD OF OPERATION.

CONTINUED.

DATE: 21st DECEMBER 1942. 11 SQUADRON OPERATION NO CAI 35.

RESULTS.

CAI/W1 23/12. Refer my CAI/WR1. 22/12/42. Further interrogation confirms ship attacked was destroyer. Approximately fifteen minutes elapsed between attack and sighting of oil patch. Moonlight so good that flares unnecessary for search. Consider destroyer sunk. Please advise your opinion

OPERATION RECORD.

17th December, 1942. 20 Squadron. Operation No. CAI 31.

DUTY.
TO/G6/16/12. CAI 31 17/12. 1 Catalina establish Inner anti-submarine Patrol with Force "M", which consists of HMAS "WARREGO" escorting "S.J.FIELD" and "GORGON". Patrol from Dawn to Dusk. Estimated position of Convoy: 013°46' S. 147°10' E. course 017°T., until position 013°40' S. 147°11' E. is reached, when course changes to 358°T. 10 knots.

? CAPTAIN: F/O Hinchcliffe 2nd Pilot SGT. CARR.

BOMB LOAD: 4 X 250 G.P. T.D.L. 2 X 325 D.B.

MOVEMENT OUT: A24-30 departed CAIRNS at 2035/16z (delay due weather)

MOVEMENT IN: AOR 90G/MC1/17-A24-30 landed Moresby at 0745/17z.

RESULT Convoy left about 80 miles from MORESBY in time to alight MORESBY before dark. (No signal record.)

FLYING TIMES. 11 Hours 10 Mins.

BOMBS CONSUMED. Nil.

PYROTECHNICS CONSUMED. Nil.

WEATHER. No record.

MESSAGE TO AIRCRAFT: Bad weather conditions (.) Land at Moresby before dusk.

MESSAGE FROM " : Landed Moresby (.) Request instructions.

" TO " : Remain Moresby pending instructions.

" " " : Proceed Horn is. for A/S patrol (.) Depart Moresby dawn.

TRAVEL MORESBY - HORN ISLAND
18/12/42.

MOVEMENT OUT. A24-30 Departed MORESBY 1950/18/Z.

MOVEMENT IN. A24-30 alighted HORN ISLAND. 0125/18/Z.

FLYING TIMES. 5 Hours 35 Mins.

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Record Of Operations

Date 18th.December 1942 20 Squadron Operation No.Hor ~~X~~ 6

DUTY : TO/G1/18/12 : One Catalina to carry out inner anti-submarine patrol Force NN(HMAS Wilcannia esc. Daevol & Babinda) from dawn to maximum endurance to permit aircraft alight Horn Is. before dusk (.) Estimated position of force 1900/17z 10°33'S 141°58'E Course 263 Speed 11.

MOVEMENT OUT :HOR/MC2/18/12 : Operation abandoned owing bad weather... Catalina remaining Horn Is. pending instructions.

A.P.Wem P/O.

Record of Operations

Date 19th.December 1942 20 Sqaudron Operation No. Hor 8

DUTY : TO/G1/19/12 : One Catalina carry our inner anti-submarine patrol over Force NN (HMAS Wilcannia esc. Daevol and Babinda) from 1930/18z until such time as aircraft can alight Horn Is before dark(.) Force will depart Thursday Is 1930/18z course 263 speed 10

MOVEMENT OUT (HOR/MC1-A24-30 airborne 2025/18z
(HOR/MC2/19/12

? CAPTAIN F/O Hinchcliffe 2nd. Pilot. SGT CARR.

BOMB LOAD : 4 x 250 GP 2 x 325 DB.

MOVEMENT IN :HOR/MC3/20/12- A24-30 a ighted 0820/19z.

RESULT : Nil enemy sightings: left convoy at 0720/19z position 11 10S 140 27E. Visibility 20 miles

FLYING TIME : 11 55 hours.

BOMBS AND PYROTECHNICS CONSUMED. Nil. ..... Controller

RECORD OF OPERATIONS

Date 20th.December 1942 20 Squadron Operation No.Hor 10

DUTY (TO/G5/19) :One Catalina inner anti-submarine patrol Force NN(HMAS Wilcannia esc.Daevol and Babinda) from dawn till dusk.

MOVEMENT OUT -HOR/MC4/19/12- A24-30 airborne 2105/19z
HOR/MC2/20

? CAPTAIN : F/O Hinchcliffe 2nd.Pilot SGT. CARR,

BOMBLOAD: 4 x 250 GP 2 x 325 DB.

MOVEMENT IN : HOR/MC2/20/12 -A24-30 alighted 0845/20z.

RESULT : Convoy not sighted. Aircraft completed two square searches and creeping line ahead search from WESSEL ISLAND, over projected route of convoy but convoy not sighted.

BOMBS AND PYROTECHNICS USED. Nil.

FLYING TIME : 11-40 hours.

WEATHER. No record.

TRAVEL HORN ISLAND + CAIRNS.

MOVEMENT OUT. A24-30 departed HORN ISLAND 2325/20/Z.

MOVEMENT IN. A24-30 alighted CAIRNS. 0345/21/Z.

FLYING TIMES. 4 Hours 20 Mins.

FUEL. When A/C left CAIRNS 17/12. 1300 Galls.
" " alighted " 21/12. 600 "
Total CAIRNS fuel consumed. 700 "

A P Wenn P/O CONTROLLER.

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RECORD OF OPERATIONS

DATE 19th.December 1942 11 Squadron Operation No. Bow 16

Bow 16

DUTY :T0/G4/17/12/- One Catalina carry out search of following reefs-Saumarez,Frederick,Kenn and Kato Island (.) Objective is seaplane alighting areas or base and report any unusual activity (.) Aircraft to alight Bowen on completion before dark.

~~MOVEMENT-OUT~~-

T0/G2/18/12-Owing to unserviceability aircraft Catalina take-off delayed(.) Aircraft will searcg Saumerez and Frederick reefs 18 Dec. alighting Gladstone (.) During 19/12 Catalina will complete BOW 16 searching Kenn and Kato Is. alighting Bowen.

MOVEMENT OUT-BOW/MR1/18/12-A24-17 airborne Bowen 0130/18z.
BOW/MR4/18/12- " " Gladstone 2011/18z.

CAPTAIN - F/O White 2nd. Pilot SGT. WATSON.

MOVEMENT IN -BOW/MR2/18/12-A24-17 alighted Gladstone 0717/18z.

-BOW/MR1/19/12- A24-17 alighted Bowen 0335/19z

RESULTS -BOW/MR3/18/12- Nil visibility Frederick Reef will repeat 19/12 -nil sightings Saumerez Reef unlikely base.

~~BOMB LOAD~~ -BOW/MR1/19/12-All objectives and sand cays closely examined, no signs of footprints or landings.

~~RESULT - BOW/MR3/18/12-Nil visibility Frederick Reef will repeat 19 Dec. Nil sightings Saumerez Reef unlikely base.~~

BOMB LOAD - 2 x 250 GP. TD1.

FLYING TIME- 13-11 hours.

WEATHER. No record.

FUEL CONSUMED.

BOMBS CONSUMED. Nil.

PYROTECHNICS CONSUMED. Nil.

A.P. Wms F/O CONTROLLER.

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RECORD OF OPERATIONS

DATE 21st.December 1942 7 Squadron Operation No. Cai 36

DUTY : To/G3/20/12- One Beaufort to carry out inner anti-submarine patrol over Force H (HMAS SWan esc (A) Taroona (B) Duntroon Macumba,Wanaka,Admiral Halsted,General Verspijck. Force H will pass through Grafton Passage at 0500/21z Course 023 Spped 8K.

MOVEMENT OUT :CAI/MC1/21/12: A9-122 airborne 0445/21z.

CAPTAIN :Sgt.Turner.

BOMB LOADS : 4 x 250 A/S

MOVEMENT IN : CAI/MC2/21/12:A9-122 landed Cairns at 0654/21z.

RESULT :Duty carried out : Position of convoy at 0615/21z 16 21'S 146 19½E Speed 8K. Course 023°. Position of convoy given consiered accurate.

WEATHER :Cloud Cu. 3/10. W/V 136/10, Visibility 10m.

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RECORD OF OPERATIONS

DATE : 20th.December 1942 11 SQUADRONS OPERATION NO. CAI 34

DUTY TO/G2/E9/12 - Two Catalinas ~~XXX~~ patrol the sea approaches to Buna and Lae during the hours of darkness night of 20th.December. A24-25 to patrol WEST AREA. A24-1 to patrol EAST AREA.

MOVEMENT. OUT.CAI/MR 20/12/42.
A24-25 departed CAIRNS. 0355/Z/20.
A24-1 " " 0345/Z/20.

CAPTAINS. A24-25. S/L. ATKINSON. 2nd Pilot. F/L. BERKLEY.
A24-1 F/O. CLARK. 2nd Pilot. Sgt. HONAN.

BOMBS. A24-25. 4 x 250 GP. T.D.1. 2 x 325 DB. A24-1. 6 x 250 GP. TD1.

MOVEMENT IN :CAI/MR4/20/12 : A24-1 alighted 0656/20z.
CAI/MR2 20/12. A24-25 " 2240/Z/20.

RESULT) A24-1 returned to base and abandoned operation. ASV and
CAI/MR4 20/12. automatic pilot unserviceable.

CAI/WR1 21/12. A24-25. Sighted 1 M/V 400 Tons. E 06 deg. 20'S 148 deg. 45' E. 1135/20/Z. Attack enemy merchant vessel. Nil hits. One D.B. landed 50 yds away. Bombs from 3000'. Vessel took evasive action. 2000 rounds 303 from 1200'. One Machine Gun ineffective. ASV efficient.

WEATHER. A24-25. Good.Scattered thunderstorms in area. Visibility 10/15.
A24-1. Visibility 30 miles. W/V. 130 /15-18. Cluds CU 3/10.

FLYING TIME. A24-1. 3 Hours 11 Mins.
A24-25 18 " 45 "

FUEL CONSUMED. A24-1 240 Galls.
A24-25 1285 "

BOMBS CONSUMED. A24-1. Nil.
A24-25. 4 x 250 G.P. 2 x 325 D.B.

PYROTECHNICS. A24-25.5 Flme Floats Nil Sea Mkrs 1 Recce Flr. 1 V/C.
A24-1 Nil " " " " " Nil " " Nil "

MESSAGES FROM AIRCRAFT. From 2S4N (A24-25) to CAIRNS-MORESBY. Returning to base. ASV and GEORGE unserviceable. E.T.D. 0645/Z.
From 2S4N (A24-25) to MORESBY. MVN....On Patrol.
" " " " " " 500 Ton Ship 0620 S 148 deg 45'E 270 Corse. Speed 8 Knots. attacked with 5 bombs nil hits. M/G 3000 rounds.

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Alec Smith F/O.

RECORD OF OPERATIONS

Date 19th.December 1942 11 & 20 Squadrons Operation No. Cai 33

DUTY :TO/G5/18/12 : Two Catalinas patrol the sea approached to Buna and Lae during the hours of darkness night of 19th.December 1942.

MOVEMENTS : CAI/MR2/19/12 -A24-26 airborne 0327/19z -West area
A24-21 " 0315/19z -East "

BOMB LOADS: Each 6 x 250 GP, TD.1

CAPTAINS : A24-26 S/L Burrage 2nd.Pilot P/O Ryan
A24-21 F/O Duigan " Sgt. Aistrope

MOVEMENT IN.
CAI/MR2 20/12 A24-21 alighted CAIRNS 0030/Z/20 . Nil enemy sightings.
CAI/MR3 " A24-26 " " 0342/Z/20 .

RESULTS.
CAI/WR1. 20/12. A24-21. Force MM. 1 Corvette and 1 M/V observed 08 deg. 57'S 148 deg. 59'E at 1010/19/Z. Course 300 T Speed. 10 knots. Force (N) Submarine 08 deg. 34'S 149 deg. 03'E at 1118/19Z. Course 150 T. No signal and dived quickly. ASV indication of submarine 06 deg. 30'S 150 deg. 20'E 1230/19/Z.

CAI/WR1 20/12. A24-26. Force TG 44-5. Position 13 deg.24'S 148 deg 20'E. 0100/20/Z. Course 030 Speed 15 knots. 1 MTB 08 deg. 00'S 148 deg 23'E . 1150/19/Z. Course. 328. Speed 30 knots. Circled boat and challenged. Correct letter flashed. 1605/19/Z 07 deg. 09'S 149 deg 49'E ASV indication and visual sighting of submarine which -X

WEATHER. A24-21. Scattered CU and towering CU base 1500 tops 2500. Visibility 10 miles. Wind 050/15. Severe storms onver N.G. mainland.
A24-26. Good in area searched. Visibility 10/20 except in cloud.

RESULTS.
CAI/WR1 20/12.-X dived immediately. No recognition signal. 1710/19/Z. 07 deg. 47'S 148 deg. 47'E. ASV indication but no visual sighting. Search made in poor visibility without result.

FLYING TIMES. A24-21. 21 Hours 15 Mins.
A24-26 21 " 30 "
TOTAL. 42 " 45 "

FUEL CONSUMED. A24-21 1300 GALLS.
A24-26 1326 "
TOTAL 2626 "

BOMBS CONSUMED. Nil for each aircraft.

PYROTECHNICS. A24-21. 2 Flme Flts. Nil Sea Mks. Nill Rece Flrs. Nil V/C
A24-26 4 " " " " " 3 " " " "
6 " " 3 " "

CONTROLLER.

OPERATION RECORD

17th. December, 1942 — 11 Squadron — OPERATION NO. CAI

DUTY : TG/G3 7/12 — 1 Catalina to proceed to DARWIN immediately for indefinite period Captain to report to A.O.C. North-western Area. Aircraft to remain at Darwin until released by N.W.A. . Objective urgent sea rescue work.

MOVEMENT OUT. CAI/MT1 7/12 — A24-25 departed Cairns 0830/7Z Darwin direct.

MOVEMENTS IN (DARWIN). A31 8/12 — A24-25 alighted Darwin 2040/7Z. Flying Time 12/10 Hrs.

DARWIN DUTY 1. DA/G1 8/12 — One Cat proceed to position 10° 05'S 127° 05'E and search within radious 30 natu. miles this position up to a maxinum period of two hours for survivors on raft off H.M.A.S. ARMADALE . 2 Beaufighters will patrol vicinity for the same period. Pick up survivors if practicable. Signal operations completing this if negetive when 20 or more miles on home track.

DARWIN RESULTS 1. DAR/MR4 8/12 — A24-25, DAR 301, airborn 0230/8Z. Alighted Darwin 0930/8Z. A24-25 arrived at datum 0520/8Z. commenced square search using 4 miles vis. from 300ft. actual vis. unlimited. At 0548/8Z on fourth leg in position 09° 35'S 127° 30'E sighted raft made of timber lashed with four large drums. Overcrowded with 17 men. All appeared in fair condition but have little clothing. Dropped food, water, blankets life preservers, sun h helmet, whiskey and aircraft marine distress signal. Left raft at 0640/Z . At 0745/Z in position 10° 45'S 128° 58'E sighted boat 25 feet long with a blanket as sail, 25 men aboard in fair condition but little clothing. Dropped blanket and note. Boat appeared to be making one or two knots down wind in direction 070°. Did not land because service conditions would not permit takeoff. Returned to Darwin 0930/Z. (Beaufighters did not see survivors. Flying Time 7 Hours

DARWIN DUTY 2. DA/G4 8/12 — Search area around position 09° 25'S 127° 30'E. Object to locate raft reported in above position afternoon of 8/12. Mean line of drift 068° speed 2 Knots. Vis. for search 2 miles "Vigilant"will be in vicinity. Three hudsons also searching Sighting aircraft will close on position and direct"Vigilant" to rescue. Food, water, pyrotechnics to be dropped if necessary Cat not to remain in the area after 0530/9Z. Pick up survivors if practable.

DARWIN RESULTS 2. DAR/MR2 9/12 — A24-25 DAR 311; Airborn 0106/9Z. Reached position 09° 42'S 126° 40'E at 0355/Z. Made parallel track search using four miles vis. over area 30 miles both north and south and 16 N. miles to east and 30 N. miles to west of datum arriving position 09° 48'S 127° 28'E at 0710/Z. Raft not sighted. Met some sqalls reducing vis. to nil. Vis. generally about 15 miles. Sighted corvett H.M.A.S. KALGOORLIE, in position 11° 00'S 129° 37'E at 0230/Z and one hudson at 0430/Z. Conditions would not have permitted landing. A24-25 alighted Darwin 0946/Z. Flying Time 8 Hours 40 Min.

DARWIN DUTY 3. DA/G4 11/12 — One Cat take off first light search area between 08°00'S and 11° 00'S. Datum 10° 00S 127° 30'E. Extended wide search using vis. one mile. Object locate and report, drop supplies to and guide H.M.A.S. KALGOORLIE to raft with survivors. Search to depth 70 miles. Negetive report if applicable.

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DARWIN RESULTS 3.
DAR/MR1/12 12/12.

A24-25 DAR 321, airborn 2110/11Z. Search to a debth of 85 N miles completed using vis. one and one third miles Actual vis. unlimited. Time on datum 0011/12Z. Raft not sighted. Sighted 10 Ft. pole in position 09° 55'S 127° 20'E. at 0117/Z and corvett in position 10° 05'S 128° 05'E at 0505/Z. Alighted Darwin 0715/Z. Flying Time 10.05 Hrs.

DARWIN DUTY 4.
DA/G3 12/12.

One Cat take off first light, object locate raft with survivors, drop supplies and direct H.M.A.S. KALGOORLIE TO RESCUE. If located signal position, search to be based on one mile visi Datum 10° 37'S 128° 26'E.

DARWIN RESULTS 4.
DA/MR2 13/12

A24-25 DAR 331 airborn 2120/12Z. Nil sightings vis. 15 Mil time on datum 2255/Z. Search completed 0310/Z. Sighted H.M.A.S. KALGOORLIE at 0325/Z in position 10° 00'S 128° 35'E. Flying Time 06.10 Hrs.

DUTY DARWIN 5.
DA/G2 14/12

One Cat to proceed Goulburn Island, take off 2230/13Z to bring back two Intelligence personnel who have arrived from overseas. No.10 Darwin to be contacted regarding anchorage and tide, Goulburn and to arrange contact personnel on arrival Darwin.

DARWIN RESULTS 5.
DA/MT 1 14/12

A24-25 airborn 2200/13z Operation completed. One Intelligence Officer, one PHillipine army LT. and 6 Morro natives, all evacuees from Phillipine Is. transported from Goulburn Is. to Darwin. A24-25 alighted Darwin 0315/14Z Duty No. DAR 341. FLYING TIME 0420 HRS.

DUTY DARWIN 6.
DA/G3/14/12.

Catalina return to base conveying ~~11~~ 23 passengers ~~personnel~~ and ~~1200~~ 2000 lbs of mail. Take off approx 2130/14z. A/c land GROOTE EYLANDT and deliver approx 30 lb signal publication.

MOVEMENTS OUT.
DAR/MT2/14/12.

A24-25 airborne 2200/14z. ATA GROOTE EYLANDT ~~0100~~ 0130/15z Departed GROOTE EYLANDT 0150/15z for CAIRNS.

MOVEMENT IN (CAIRNS).
CAI/MT2 15/12.

A24-25 alighted CAIRNS 0820/15z.
FLYING TIME: 0930 hrs.

SUMMARY OF FLYING TIMES:

Cairns to Darwin:	12	hours	10	mins
Darwin Duty 1 :	7	"	00	"
Darwin Duty 2 :	8	"	40	"
Darwin Duty 3 :	10	"	05	"
Darwin Duty 4 :	8	"	10	"
Darwin Duty 5 :	4		20	
Darwin to Cairns:	9		30	
TOTAL:	59		55	

FUEL CONSUMED: Cairns debit only: 1100 galls

PYROTECHNICS:
1 Mannie distress signal
6 Flame Floats

A/P Wing O/C

OPERATION RECORD

18th December, 1942 11 Squadron Operation No. CAI 32

DUTY. TO/G5/17/12
Two Catalinas to carry out reconnaissance over area and sea approaches to BUNA and LAE, night of 18/12. A24-25 EAST area, A24-21 WEST area.

CAPTAIN'S A24-25 S/L. Atkinson 2nd. Pilot F/L Barclay
A24-21 F/LT. Vernon " " P/O Harrison

MOVEMENTS OUT. CAI/MR1/18/12
A24-25 departed Cairns 0337/18Z
A24-21 " " 0317/18Z.

BOMB LOAD. A24-25 4 X 250 G.P.T.D.1 and 2 X 325 D.B.
A24-21 6 X 250 G.P.T.D.1.

MOVEMENTS IN

MOVEMENTS IN CAI/MR1/19/12-A24-21 alighted Cairns 2315/18z
CAI/MR3/19/12-A24-25 " " 0435/19z
" Fall R 1958/18z

RESULTS -A24-21 CAI/WR1/19/12- ASV indications two vessels Nil visual sightings, position 08S 148 15E at 1031/18z (.) At 1500/18z 5 small boats 06 30S 148 00E Visual sighting (.) Consider possible that small boats were stationery may have had rendezvous arranged with destroyers. (.) 1100/18z Oil streak on water probably from recently sunk vessel 08 03S 148 05E (.) Visibility good-Cloud Cu 1/10 base 1000 tops 4000 -W/V 070/8 (.) Attacked two destroye at 1615/18z 06S 147 40E ,bombs from 4500 fell 150 yards ahead of one destroyer. Nil hits.

A24-25 Nil enemy sightings.

	A24-21	A24-25
Flying Time	1958 hrs.	2058 hours
Fuel	1166 glls	1085
Bombs dropped	6 x 250	Nil
Flame floats	5	6
Recce Flares	5	

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OPERATION RECORD.

DATE: 17th.December,1942. 11 SQUADRON. OPERATION NO.CAI 30.

DUTY: TO/G1/16.,Two Catalinas to carry out patrol of sea approaches to BUNA and LAE on night of 17th.December during the hours of darkness. A24-1 EAST area. A24-26 WEST area.

MOVEMENTS OUT: A24-1 departed CAIRNS 0405/17Z
A24-26 " " 0435/17Z

CAPTAINS: A24-1 F/O Clark 2nd Pilot Sgt. Allsop
A24-26 S/L Chapman 2nd Pilot P/O. Brooks

BOMB LOAD: A24-1 6 X 250 G.P. T.D.1
A24-26 6 X 250 G.P. T.D.1

MOVEMENTS IN A24-1 Alighted Cairns 0320/18/Z
A24-26 " " 0302/18/Z

RESULTS CAI/MR2 18/12 CAI 30 Decr 17, A24-1, A24-26 CAI 302,303 . E.T.A 0302/18Z Nil enemy sightings. A24-1 reports eastern portion not searched. On instructions from Moresby investigated lights off Buna. Patrolled from KATAKERJA BAY to CAPE WARD. Hunt and return. Coast visible all time nil sightings. Both A/C alighted GURNEY (FALL RIVER) at 2030/17z and after an inspection of facilities, departed for CAIRNS at 2230/17z.

MESSAGES TO A/C. Investigate lights reported from shore near Buna Mission possable towards boats in vicinity do not drop flares.

WEATHER. Weather good, scattered CU and three tenths alto-cu vis. 10/20 W/V 030/12.

MESSAGE FROM A/C. Hunt- Return coastline visible nil sightings.

E.T.A. Cairns 0250Z.

FLYING TIME A24-1 21 hours 25 mins
A24-26 20 " 23 "

FUEL CONSUMED. A24-1 1285 Galls.
A24-26 1300 Galls.

PYROTECHNICS CONSUMED

A24-1 Bombs Nil; Flame Floats 5; Sea Markers Nil.; Recce Flares Nil.

A24-26 Bombs 2 Jettissoned; Flame Floats 3; Sea Marker 1; Recce Flares Nil.

Alec Smith F/O.
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OPERATION RECORD.

16th. December, 1942 — 11 Squadron — Operation No. CAI 29.

DUTY TO/G9/15 15/12 — CAI 29 16/12. One Catalina to patrol area bounded by the following lines. 10° 00'S 142° 20'E, 11° 00'S 142° 20'E, 11° 00'S 136° 20'E, 10° 00'S, 136° 20'E. Alight Horn Island on completion. TOO. 0643/15Z.

CAPTAIN — F/O. WHITEr, 2nd. Pilot SGT. Watson.

BOMB LOAD. 6 X 250 G.P.T.D.1

MOVEMENTS OUT.

A24-17 Departed Cairns 0105/16Z.
HOR/MAS3 16/12 — A24-17 commenced operation from Horn Islans 0750/16Z
HOR/MT1/17/12 — A24-17 departed Horn Is 2312/16z for Cairns.

MOVEMENTS IN.

HOR/MAS2 16/12 — A24-17 landed Horn Island 0450/16Z
HOR/MAS5/17.12 — A24-17 " " 2019/16z.
A24-17 " Bowen 0857/17Z

RESULT — HOR/MAS5/17/12- Nil enemy sightings.
BOW/MT2/17/12 -Nil enemy sightings.

MESSAGE FROM A/C — Cannot make base(.) Is Bowen weather suitable for landing.

MESSAGE TO A/C — Land at Bowen.

FLYING TIME. — 24 hours 57 mins.

FUEL CONSUMED. — 1100 galls (Cairns loading)

PYROTECHNICS. — Nil.

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OPERATION RECORD

DATE 17th December 1942 20 SQUADRON OPERATION NO. HOR 4

DUTY T0/G3/16/12 One Catalina carry out creeping line ahead patrol west of datum line 11-00S 142-05E 09-23S 141-45E Aircraft to be o on datum dawn and cease patrol in time to alight Horn Island by dusk.

A675 16/12 From AORNEA. Catalina return Cairns 17/12 at Captains discretion

MOVEMENTS OUT HOR/MR2 16/12 A24-24 E.T.D. Horn Island 2015/Z 2000/16Z A/C landing Cairns at completion operations for servicing

CAPTAIN F/O SHIELDS 2nd Pilot P/O. HOWARD.

BOMBS 4 X 250 AS 2 X 325 D.B.

RESULTS CAI/MAS1/17/12 Nil enemy sightings.

FLYING TIME. 11 Hours 25 Mins.

FUEL CONSUMED. SEE CAI 22 Nil

MOVEMENTS IN. CAI/MAS. 1. 17/12. A24-24 alighted CAIRNS 0740/17/Z.

BOMBS CONSUMED Nil

Fuel 760

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OPERATION RECORD.

13th. December, 1942. 20 SQUADRON OPERATION NO. CAI 22

DUTY.
TO/G/1 13/12 One Catalina to carry out inner anti submarine patrol. "James Cook" and "Period". E.T.D. THURSDAY ISLAND 0001/13/Z To Rendezvous with escorts off Cape Wessel, Speed 8 Knots. Aircraft to land Horn Island by dusk and remain overnight for duties on the 14th. December, 1942.

CAPTAIN A24-24F/O. Shields, 2nd. Pilot P/O/ HOWARD.

MOVEMENTS OUT. A24-24 departed CAIRNS 0125/13Z.

BOMB LOAD. 4 X 250 G.P.T.D.l., 2 X 325 D.B.

MOVEMENTS IN.
HOR/MC1 13/12. A24-24 alighted HORN ISLAND 0745/13/Z.

RESULT.
HOR/MC1 13/12. A24-24 left convoy position 1036 S ((r) 1096 S?) 14136 E at 0700/13/Z (?) 15 30 miles.

FLYING TIMES. 6 Hours 20 Mins.

WEATHER. Visibility. 4/5 miles. W/V 150/12. Clear. Cu. Strata. 1000'

BOMBS CONSUMED. Nil

FUEL CONSUMED. 700 Galls.

PYROTECNICS. CONSUMED. A24-24. Flame Floats. 1 Sea Markers. Recce Flares. Verey Cart.

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OPERATION RECORD

HOR 2

DATE 16th December 1942 20 SQUADRON OPERATION NO. XXXXX

DUTY E
A665 15/12 For imformation T0/G10-15/12.
Catalina inner anti- submarine patrol "ISLANDER" till anchorage then execute creeping line ahead patrol west of datum line 11-00S 142-05E 09-23S 141-45E Aircraft to cease patrol in time to alight HORN ISLAND by dusk.

MOVEMENTS OUT
HOR/MC1 16/12 A24-24 E.T.D. Horn Island 2000/15Z

CAPTAIN F/O SHIELDS 2nd Pilot. P/O. HOWARD.

BOMB LOAD 4 X 250 GP 2 X 325 DB

MOVEMENTS IN A24-24 landed Horn Island 0823/16Z

RESULTS Nil enemy sightings
Convoy 5 miles from BOBY ISLAND

WEATHER Visibility 15 Miles

FLYING TIME 12 Hors 23 Minutes

FUEL CONSUMED NIL.

BOMBS CONSUMED NIL.

PYROTECHNICS CONSUMED Nil.

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OPERATION RECORD.

16th. December, 1942 | 20 Squadron | Operation No. HOR 47

DUTY
HOT/MC1 15/12. 1 Catalina to carry out inner anti-submarine patrol

CAPTAIN A24-34 F/O. Shields. 2nd. Pilot. P/O. HOWARD.

BOMB LOAD 4 X 250 G.P.T.D.1, 2 X 325 D.B.

MOVEMENTS OUT Departed Horn Is. 2000/14Z

MOVEMENTS IN Alighted Horn Island 0820/15Z
HOR/MC2 15/12

RESULTS Nil enemy sightings. Left convoy "ISLANDER" position
HOR/MC2 15/12 10° 49'S 137° 11'E at0500/15/Z, Course 088, speed 10K.
And A215 16/12

WEATHER.

FLYING TIME 11 Hours 20 Mins.

FUEL CONSUMED. NIL

BOMBS CONSUMED. Nil

PYROTECHNICS CONSUMED NIL

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OPERATION RECORD.

Date: 14th DECEMBER 1942. 20 SQUADRON. OPERATION NO. HOR 44.

DUTY:-
TO/G2/13. 13/12. 1 Catalina to carry out inner anti-submarine patrol "JAMES COOK and "PERIOD". Dawn maximum endurance enable aircraft land HORN ISLAND. by dusk. Estimated position force 1900/Z/13 1059 S 13954 E Course 257. Speed 8 knots.

MOVEMENTS OUT.
HOR/MC2. 13/12. HORN I.
HOR/MC1. 14/12. A24-24 departed ~~XXXXXX~~ 2031/13/Z.

CAPTAIN. A24-24. F/O. SHIELDS. 2nd Pilot. -

BOMB LOAD. 4 x 250 G.P. TD2.
2 x 325 D.B.

MOVEMENTS IN.
HOR/MC2 14/12. A24-24 alighted HORN ISLAND. 0810/14/Z.

RESULTS.
HOR/MC2 14/12. A24-24 left convoy 1047 South 13832 East. In absence of further instructions departing CAIRNS 2000/14/Z.

? WEATHER.

FLYING TIMES. A24-24. - 11 Hrs. 59 Mins.

? FUEL CONSUMED. Nil

? BOMBS CONSUMED. Nil.

PYROTECHNICS. CONSUMED. A24-24. Flame Floats.
Sea Markers.
Recce Flares.
Verey Cart.

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OPERATION RECORD

16th. December, 1942 — 11 & 20 Squadron — Operation No. CAI 26.

DUTY. CAI 26 16/12. 2 Catalinas patrol sea approaches BUNA - LAE
TO/G2/15 15/12 night of 16/12. TOO. 0145/15 Z. A24-10 Patrols EAST area
A24-21 patrols WEST Area.

CAPTAINS.
A24-10 F/LT. Hodgekinson 2nd. Pilot F/O Oliver
A24-21 F/O. Duigan. 2nd. Pilot Sgt Aistrope

BOMB LOAD.
A24-10 4 X 250 G.P.T.B.1, 2 X 325 D.B.
A24-21 6 X 250 G.P.T.D.1.

MOVEMENTS OUT.
A24-10 departed Cairns 0415/16/Z.
A24-21 " " 032 0/16/Z.

MOVEMENT IN: A24-10 alighted Cairns 0730/16Z. (CAI/MR3, 16/12)

FLYING TIMES: A24-10: 3 hours 15 mins. 19 hours 25 minutes.
MOVEMENTS IN. A24-21:
A24-21 alighted Cairns 8245/16z

FUEL CONSUMED: A24-10 -1340 galls.
A24-21 -

BOMBS DROPPED: A24-10 -4 x 250 A/S; 2 x 250 D.C.

MESSAGE FROM A/C: From A24-10: Returning to Base- special equipment U/S.

PYROTECHNICS CONSUMED: A24-10 Nil
A24-21 1 Flame Float.

RESULTS:
A24-10 returned to base after proceeding approx 100 miles from CAIRNS owing U/S ASV aerials and Port Engine trouble. All bombs jettisoned

A24-21 carried out patrol; nil sightings.

Weather (A24-21): Visibility good; w/v 015/10 k
Cloud - some Cu base 1000 ft tops 4500 ft.

Alec Smith F/O.
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OPERATION RECORD.

DATE: 16th December, 1942. 7 & 20 SQUADRONS. OPERATION NO. CAI.27

DUTY:
TO/G4/15 15/12. One Beaufort to establish ~~Inner~~ anti-submarine patrol Force "N" from Dawn until relieved by Catalina. Force "N" consists of HMAS "ARUNTA" escorting "DAVID BUSHNELL" and "CHARN", and is proceeding to MILNE BAY.

One Catalina to take over patrol from Beaufort at such time as to enable Beaufort return and land CAIRNS within limit of endurance.

MOVEMENTS OUT:
~~CAI/MC3 15/12.~~ A24-22 departed CAIRNS 2105/15/Z.
CAI/MC1 16/12. A9-132 CAI 271 unable to carry out duty owing bad weather conditions.

CAPTAIN. A24-22. F/Lt. HURST. 2nd Pilot. ~~F~~ Sgt.Stephens.

BOMB LOAD. A24-22. 2 x 250 G.P.
2 x 325 D.B.

MOVEMENT IN: CAI/MC4,16/12. A24-22 landed Cairns 0823/16Z.

FLYING TIME. 11 hours 18 minutes.

FUEL CONSUMED: 720 galls.

RESULT: Nil enemy sightings.Position of Convoy at 0543/16Z : 12 deg.41S,148 -44E Course 035 - 040; speed 12 - 14.

WEATHER: Visibility - Nil to 20.
Cloud: 7/10 to 10/10 - Base 600 to 2000.

MESSAGE TO A/C: From Cairns= Return to base -bad weather.

Jim Parker F/O
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OPERATION RECORD.

16th. December, 1942 20 Squadron Operation No, CAI 28.

DUTY TO/G3/15 15/12 CAI 28.,16/12. One G/ relieved as necessary SJY force M from 0300/16Z till such time as aircraft can land Cairns by dusk.

CAPTAIN. F/O Robertson, 2nd Pilot Sgt.ROSS.

BOMBLOAD. 4 X 250 G.P.T.D.1, 2 X 325 D.B.

MOVEMENTS OUT. A 24-30 Departed Cairns, 0205/16/Z. Catalina replaced Beaufort as Beaufort unable to take off on account of weather.

MOVEMENTS IN. CAI/MC3.16/12: A24-30 landed Cairns 0742/16Z.

FLYING TIME: 5 hours 37 mins.

RESULT: Nil enemy sightings.Position of Convoy at 0642/16Z: 15 deg.25 S, 146 deg. 39 E. Course 019 - speed 9.5 knots.

WEATHER: VIS 12.
WIND: 110/20.
CLOUD: ST CU - Base 1500.

FUEL CONSUMED: 310 galls.

MESSAGE TO A/C: Return to Base.

Don Pasco F/L CONTROLLER.

OPERATION RECORD.

DATE: 15th DECEMBER 1942. 11 & 20 SQUADRONS OPERATION NO. CAI 25.

DUTY;-
TO/G/14. 15/12. Two Catalinas to carry out patrol of the sea approaches to BUNA and LAE, during the hours of darkness on night of 15th DECEMBER 1942. A24-17 to patrol EAST AREA and A24-26 to patrol WEST AREA.

MOVEMENTS OUT.
CAI/MR3 15/12. A24-26 departed CAIRNS at 0346/15/Z.
CAI/MR4 15/12. A24-17 " " " 0506/15/Z.
CAI/MR4 15/12. A24-17 replaced A24-30.
CAPTAINS. A24-26 S/L. BURRAGE. 2nd Pilot. - P/O. RYAN.
A24-17 F/O. ROBERTSON 2nd Pilot. - S/L. STOKES.

BOMB LOADS: A24-26. 4 x 250 G.P. TDl. 2 x 325 D.B.
A24-17. " " " " "

MOVEMENTS IN.
CAI/MR 5 15/12. A24-17 alighted CAIRNS 0747/15/Z.(ASV. U/S.unable to continue patrol.)
CAI/MR 1 16/12. A24-26 alighted CAIRNS 2145/15/Z.

RESULTS.
CAI/WR1 16/12. A24-26. 1410/15/Z. 06 deg.15:S 150 deg. 10'E 12 miles W GASMATA green verey light fired up from shore NEW BRITAIN. Probable air raid warning. 1 M/V unidentified 14 deg. 44:S 147 deg 28:E at 0530/15/Z Course 220. Speed 10 knots. Force "N" 14 deg. 05:S 147 deg. 50'E at 1934/15/Z Course 035. Speed 8 knots.

WEATHER. Good. Visibility 10/15 miles high CU some CU NIM. Wind. 045 - 090 - 15/20.

FLYING TIMES. A24-26.17± Hours 59Min.
A24-17 2 Hours 41 "

FUEL CONSUMED. A24-17. 220 Galls.
A24-26. 1200 "

BOMBS CONSUMED. Nil. for each aircraft.

PYROTECHNICS. A24-26. 3 Flame Floats. Nil Sea Mkrs. Nill Recce Flrs.
A24-17 Nil " " " " " " " "

MESSAGES TO AIRCRAFT. 3A5H (A24-17). Do you require HOMING. 0735/15/Z.

MESSAGES FROM AIRCRAFT. 3A5H (A24-17). ASV completely U/S returning to base advise.

A.S. Muir P/O CONTROLLER.

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OPERA TION RECORD.

DATE: 15th.December,1942. 7 SQUADRON. OPERATION NO. CAI 24.

DUTY: T0/G2/14: Nodeco Form Green: Inner Anti-submarine patrol Force "N" from 0100/15Z to dusk. Force "N",ahich consists of HMAS ARUNTA escorting DAVID BUSHNELL CHARN,will pass through GRAFTON PASSAGE AT 0100/15Z -course 019° - speed 10 knots.

MOVEMENTS OUT: CAI/MC1,15/12: A9-131 departed Cairns 0100/15Z.

IN : CAI/MC2,15/12.A9-131 arrived CAIRNS 0255/15Z.

FLYING TIME: 1 Hour.55 mins.

Returne to Cairns on account of bad weather.

FUEL USED: 120 Galls.

CAPTAIN: P/O LEGGE.

WEATHER: Visibility -,very poor.

Wind: 100/25.

Cloud: 10/10 Nim - Cu.

Continuous misty rain.

Position of Convoy at 0200/15Z:

16 deg.50 S, 146 deg. 20 E. Course 019 - speed,10knots.

Jem Parker F/O. CONTROLLER.

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OPERATION RECORD.

DATE: 14th.Dcemeber,1942.
OPERATION NO. CAI 23. SQUADRON.

DUTY: TO/G3/13:

Two Catalinas to carry out patrol of the sea approaches to BUNA and LAE on night of 14th.December,1942.

WEST AREA to be done by A24-26 CAI 232
EAST AREA to be done by A24-10 CAI 231

CAPTAINS. A24-26 F/O Townsend 2nd Pilot
A24-10 F/O Hinchliffe 2nd Pilot

BOMB LOAD. 4 X 250 G.P., T.D.l., SXB25 D.B. each A/c

MOVEMENTS OUT. A24-10 airborne 0324/14z
CAI/MR1 14/12 A24-26 " 0341/14z
Emergency position: bearing and distance from SAM RAI.

MOVEMENTS IN A24-10 alighted Cairns 2117/14Z
A24-26 " " 2315/14Z

RESULTS. CAI/MR1 14/12 CAI 23, A24-10 A.S.V. U/S. Search abandoned moonset. 0855/14Z large fires Hazard Id and extunguished as A/C approached A24-10 from 800 feet investigated light flashing on and off on water 08° 05'S 148° 33'E. Nothing else on sea seen. Twin engin or single engin aircraft with floats observed at 3,800ft. while our aircraft was investigating light. U/I aircraft appeared to small for a 2E A/C so projections forward could possably be floats. If no allied aircraft in vicinity at 1138/14Z suggest could have possably been VAL with floats. 1640/14Z lights flashing on and off in water off Dawson Island. No sightings and could possably have been phosphorous.

CAI/MR2 A24-26, Nil enemy sightings, A.S.V. U/S.

WEATHER. Vis 10/15 miles, weather generally good, scattered thunder and lightning storms. Low cu and st cu.

MESSAGE FROM A/C. To Moresby. From A24-10. Give lat and long ASAGI. How long shall patrol continue. T00 0850/Z
To. N.E.A. Cairns. From Garbutt (Intercept). A24-10 Jesus box U/S upon gone am abandoning patrol. T00 1400/14Z
From Moresby. To A24-10. Special patrol until 1700/Z T00. 1118/14
From Moresby. To A24-10 Lasanga Island 07° 20'S 147° 10'E T00. 1058/14Z.

FLYING TIME A24-10 17 hours 55 Min.
A24-26 19 " 34 "

FUEL CONSUMED A24-10 1150 Galls.
A24-26 1350 "

PYROTECHNICS CONSUMED. A24-26 6 Flame Floats.
2 Wiley Flares.
A24-10 2 Flame Floats

BOMBS CONSUMED. NIL.

L. [illegible] F/O
Controller.

OPERATION RECORD.

12th December, 1942. Operation No. HOR 42.

11 SQUADRON.

DUTY. TO/G3/11/12 — One Catalina carry out patrol of Area "N" (Torres Strait west of Cape York). Take off first light. Objective search for surface vessels. Return Cairns on completion either direct or after over-night stop Horn Island at Captain's discretion.

CAPTAIN. A24-1. F/O Clarke 2nd Pilot Sgt Ross

BOMB LOAD. 4 X 250 G.P. T.D.1.

MOVEMENT OUT. HOR/MR2 12/12 — A24-1 airborne Horn Is 0304/12z.

MOVEMENT IN. HOR/MR3 12/12 — A24-1 alighted Horn Island 0840/12z.

RESULTS. HOR/MR3 12/12 — Patrol incomplete, area covered Horn Island to 10°58'S 137°00' E. 10°28' S. 136°55' E. 10° 65 S. 142°05' E. Nil enemy sightings. Visibility 4 miles. Weather Report. Excellent flying weather; w/v 5 to 8 knots from NW. sea calm; thunderstorms seen.

FLYING TIME. 0536 hours. (5 hours 36 mins).

FUEL CONSUMED. 500 galls.

PYROTHEENICS CONSUMED. Flame Floats, Sea Markers, Recce Flares — NIL

.....CONTROLLER

13th December, 1942.

DUTY. A24-1 proceeded Townsville direct from Horn Island carrying approx 20 passengers from Horn Is and Augusta, including a stretcher case. Thence, from Townsville to Cairns.

MOVEMENT OUT. HOR/MT1 13/12 — A24-1 airborne 2215/12z

MOVEMENT IN. A24-1 alighted Townsville 0545/13Z

MOVEMENT OUT. A24-1 departed Townsville 0700/13z

MOVEMENT IN. A.151 CNS 13/12 — A24-1 alighted Cairns 0820/13z

FLYING TIME. 6 hours 50 mins.

FUEL CONSUMED. (Loaded at Cairns: / Loaded at Horn Is:) 462 Galls. consumed.

CONTROLLER.

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10 December, 1942 OPERATIONS RECORD OPERATION NO.CAI 15

11 Squadron

DUTY T0/C& 9/12. One Catalina to carry out reccconnaissance over AUGUSTA, first light 10/12, patrol coastal area, to west of AUGUSTA, during 10/12 and 11/12, to a distance permitted by daylight hours. Aircraft to remain at AUGUSTA over night on 10/12, object to locate possible enmy base. On landing AUGUSTA, aircraft Captain to obtain any possible amplifying information, reference floatplane reported over AUGUSTA 8/12.

MOVEMENT OUT CAI/HR5 9/12 A24-1 departed Cairns 1940/9z.

CAPTAIN F/O. Clarke. 2nd. Pilot Sgt.Honan.

BOMB LOAD 4 X 250 G.P.

MOVEMENTS: Arrive AUGUSTA 0225/10Z.
Departed AUGUSTA on Recce 0425/10Z
Arriveed from recce at 0725/10Z.

RESULT OF OPERATION: NIL.

FUEL CONSUMED: 650 gallons.

BOMBS " : NIL

FLYING TIME: 9 hours 45 mins.

CONTINUING 11th.December,1942.
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A24-1 departed AUGUSTA on Recce 2325/10Z.

A24-1 arrived " 0730/11Z.

RESULT: NIL.
FUEL CONSUMED: 480 gallons. Bombs used: NIL.

FLYING TIME : 8 hours 5 MINutes.

On 12th.December,1942.
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A24-1 departed AUGUSTA for HORN IS. 2355/11Z.
Arrived HORN IS. 0149/12Z

FLYING TIME : 1 hour 54 minutes. (Fuel consumption with Operation HOR 42).

Tom Parker F/O

OPERATION RECORD.

13th. December, 1942 OPERATION NO.CAI 21

11 & 20 Squadrons.

DUTY TO/G2/13/12 — Two Catalinas to carry out reconnaissance over area and sea approaches to BUNA and LAE, night of 13/12. A24-17 WEST Area, A24-22 EAST Area.

CAPTAINS. A24-17 F/O. White 2nd.Pilot
A24-22 F/L. Hirst 2nd.Pilot

BOMB LOAD. A24-17 4 X 250 G.P. T.D.1., 2 X 325 D.B.
A24-22 " " " " "

MOVEMENTS OUT. A24-17 departed CAIRNS 0320/13Z.
A24-22 " " 0345/13Z.

MOVEMENTS IN. CAI/MR1 14/12 A24-17 alighted Cairns 2120/13Z.
A24-22 " " 2330/13Z.

RESULTS CAI/WR1 14/12 — Cai 21, A24-22 sighted 5 destroyers position 07° 09's 148° 00'E 1414/13Z. Shadowed enemy force until 1654/13Z. Attacked enemy destroyers 1654/13Z, 4 X 250 GP.T.D.1. Bombs dropped from 6500 Ft. at two destroyers 07° 55'S 148° 05'E.as ships entered cloud bank. Results unobserved. Engine trouble necessitated attack without delay. Destroyers course 180, speed 30. Corvett or Destroyer sighted 14° 22'S 148° 02'E. 0544/13Z, 1 Cruiser, 3 Destroyers 14° 38'S 147° 45'E. 1 M/V raised focastle, two goal post masts Fl aft Bridge and dock house between masts. 0837/13Z lights on BASILISK ISLAND. 0908/13z, lights on West side NORMANBY ISLAND 1414/13z, strong light on ARAWE POINT.

WEATHER — FORM WHITE. Weather Report. Scattered Cumulus, 4 miles to good visibility; wind, below 5000 ft NW-SE 10/15 miles pr hr.

MESSAGE FROM A/C: To Moresby. 2 Ships 07°55' S. 148°05' E. entering Cloud bank to Nw attacked nil results observed. Am returning to base. TOO 1700/13z

FLYING TIME: A24-17 18 hours.
A24-22 19 " 45 minutes.

	A24-17	A24-22
FUEL CONSUMED:	1150 galls	1340 galls

PYROTECHNICS CONSUMED.

A24-17	Flame Floats	10
	Sea Markers	1
	Recce Flares	1
A24-22	Bombs	4 X 250 Y10, G.P.
	Flame Floats	7

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Alec Smith
.....F/O
Controller.

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12 December, 1942 OPERATIONS RECORD. OPERATION NO.CAI 20

11 Squadron.

DUTY TO/G2 11/12 — Two Catalinas to carry oyt reconnaissance over area and sea approaches to BUNA and LAE, night of 12/12. East Area 24-14. West Area A24-26.

CAPTAINS — A24-14 F/O Miller 2nd. Pilot Sgt.Wheeldon
A24-26 F/Lt.Vernon " " P/O Harrison

MOVEMENTS OUT. CAI/MR2 12/12 — A 24-14 Departed Cairns 0314/12Z.
A 24-26 " " 0316/12Z.

BOMB LOAD. — A24-14 - 4 X 250 G.P. T.D.1, 2 X 325 D.B.
A24-26 - 6 X 250 " " .

MOVEMENTS IN. CAI/MR1 13/12 — A24-14 alighted Cairns 2125/12Z.
A24-26 " " 2312/12Z.
A24-14 discontinued search in position 07°20's 150° 15'E due to failure of A.S.V.

RESULTS CAI/WR 13/12 — CAI 20 A24-26 1735/12Z 08° 00'S 148° 25E observed wake of submarine. Attempted attack but unable complete same in time. Flares dropped but no further sighting. 1410/12Z 06° 20'S 149° 23'E, A.S.V. indication but no visional sighting. Numerous flares sighted S.E. CAPE WARD HUNT between 1032/12Z 1156/12Z.

FUEL CONSUMED. — A24-14 1200 Gallons
A24-26, 1240 Gallons.

PYROTECHNICS CONSUMED. — A24-14 Flame Floats 6

A24-26 Flame Floats 8
Sea Markers 1
Recce.Flares 4

WEATHER. — Visibility Good, Scattered CU base 3000, wind 125/7

FLYING TIME — A24-14 18Hrs.11 Min.
A24-26 19Hrs.56 Min.

MESSAGE FROM AIRCRAFT TO MORESBY. — A24-14 "Majic Lantern U/S, am returning to base. TOO. 1310/12Z. "

A.P.Wms. p/o.
Controller.

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OPERATION RECORD.

Date:- 12th DECEMBER 1942. NO.20 SQUADRON. CAI 19. OPERATION NO.

DUTY.
TO/GI. 11/12. 1 Catalina to carry out inner anti submarine patrol of force "H" from dawn to dusk. Force "H" consists of HMAS "SWAN" escorting "GEORGE MATTHEWS" - PAINE WINGATE" "WILLIS BANDEVANTER" (Three Liberty Ships.)

MOVEMENT OUT.
CAI/MC4. 11/12. A24-30 departing CAIRNS 1740/11z

CAPTAIN. A24-30. F/O. ROBERTSON. - 2nd Pilot. - Sgt. Ross.

BOMB LOAD. 4 x 250 GP. TD1.
2 x 325 D.B.

MOVEMENT IN.
CAI/MC1. 12/12. A24-30 , CAI 191, alighted Cairns 0850/12z

RESULTS.
CAI/MC1. 12/12. Nil Enemy sightings.
Force H position 0615/12z. 11° 38' S. 147° 22' E.
course 359. speed 10 knots.
Form White. Weather Report. Vis 25 miles, W/V 070/9
Cloud 4/10ths Cu 3000 ft, 6/10ths Cu 7000 ft.

MESSAGE TO A/C. From Cairns: Return to Base immediately. Too: 0607/12z

FUEL CONSUMED: 880 galls

PYROTECHNICS CONSUMED: Flame Floats: 1
Sea Markers : 1
Verey Cart'ges:1

Flying Time : 15 hrs. 10 mins

Alec Smith F/O
.....CONTROLLER.

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11 October, 1942 OPERATIONS RECORD OPERATIONS NO. CAI 17

20 Squadron.

DUTY To/Gl 10/12 Two Catalinas to carry out patrol of area and sea approaches between BUNA and LAE on the night of 11/12.

MOVEMENTS OUT
A24-24 departed Cairns 0031/11z
A24-10 " " 0325/11z

CAPTAINS
A24-24 F/O.Shields 2nd.Pilot. P/O Howard
A24-10 F/Lt.Hodgkinson " " P/O Oliver.

BOMB LOADS 4 X 250 G.P.TDl. 2 X 525 D.B.

MOVEMENTS IN
CAI/MSS 12/11 C
CAI/MRl " A24-24 landed Cairns at 2227/11Z
A24-10 " " " 2337/11Z

Results CAI/WRl 12/12 A24-24 One small cargo vessel 10-23S 150-42E at 0755/11Z ? 2 masted ketch 80-100 tons 10-00S 150-15E at 0822/11Z . One Cargo vessel Fl Ml 09-40S 150-02E at 0844/11Z at anchor near CAPE VOGEL . One MV with escort possibly Force MM 09-16S 149-37E at 0901/11Z . At 0940/11Z ASV indication 08-36S 148-34E 16 miles off BUNA disappeared quick At 1244/11Z 06-52S 149-52E ASV indication 8 miles to starboar possible aircraft. At 1304/11Z 06-53S 150-11E ASV strong indic ation 5 miles to starboard possible submarine.

CAI/WR 2 : A24-10 at 1250/11Z; 06°38'S-150°12'E - A S V indications submarine.Probably friendly sub. ALBACORE.

WEATHER: Warm front over Area; thunder and lightning - Visibility 2/3 miles, except in clouds.

FUEL CONSUMED: A24-24 - 11.0Gls. (R) 1100. A24-10 - 1200gls.

BOMBS DROPPED: NIL.

FLAME FLOATS : A24-24 - 3. A24-10-4.

RECCE FLARES: A24-10 - 1.

FLYING TIMES: A24-24: 19 Hours 17Mins.
A24-10: 20 Hoirs 12 Mins.

[redacted] CONTROLLER.

OPERATION RECORD.

10th DECEMBER 1942. | No. 7 SQUADRON. | OPERATION NO. CAI 16.

DUTY:
TO/GIO. 9/12. One BEAUFORT to search an area bounded by the following lines 18 deg. 00S 147 deg. 18'E. 18 deg. 40'S. 148 deg. 30' E. 19 deg. 20' S. 148 deg. 00'E 19 deg. 05' S 146 deg 55' E. From 2000/9/Z. Aircraft to land at ROSS RIVER.

MOVEMENT OUT.
CAI/MAS.I. 10/12. A9-161 airborne CAIRNS. 1940/Z/9.

CAPTAIN. P/O. WILLOUGHBY.

BOMB LOAD. 4 x 250. AS.

RESULTS.
A.25 10/12.
(Ross River) A9-161, CAL 166, P/O Willoughby, overdue Approx 1 hour 45 mins.

Advice from Operations Officer, 7 Squad :

A9-161 expended petrol hours and alighted in sea off Palm Island Group. Crew was picked up by a Freighter and brought to Townsville after being afloat for 33 hours in rubber dinghy. Nil casualties.

Alec Smith F/L
..... CONTROLLER.

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OPERATION RECORD.

DATE 11th.December,1942.

OPERATION NO. CAI 18; NO. 11 SQUADRON.

DUTY: One Catalina to carry out inner Anti-submarine patrol of Force "H" from 2359/10Z to Dusk. Force "H" will clear GRAFTON PASSAGE at 2359/10Z on a course of 017° and speed of 10 knots.

Force "H" comprises - HMAS SWAN escorting GEORGE MATTHEWS, PAINE, AINGATE, WILLIS, VAN DEVANDER and BOTH.

MOVEMENT OUT:

CAI/MC1. 11/12. A24-14 departed CAIRNS 0140/11/Z.

CAPTAIN. A24-14 F/Lt. HIRST. 2nd Pilot - SGT. STEPHENS.

BOMB LOAD. 4 x 250 G.P. T.D.1.
2 x 325 D.B.

MOVEMENT IN.

CAI/MC3. 11/12. A24-14 alighted CAIRNS 0840/11/Z.

RESULTS.

CAI/MC3. 11/12. A24-14 left convoy at 0730/11/Z in position 15 deg.28·S 146 deg.45·E on Co. 017 deg. speed 10 knots. Estimated position at 1900/11/Z 13 deg. 33·S 147 deg 10·E Co 359 speed 10 knots. Convoy consists of escort vessel and 3 liberty ships.

FLYING TIME. 7 Hours.

FUEL CONSUMED. 420 Galls.

BOMBS CONSUMED. Nil.

FLAME FLOATS. Nil.

SEA MARKERS. Nil.

RECCE FLARES. Nil.

VEREY CARTRIDGES. Nil.

A.P. White F/O CONTROLLER.

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OPERATION R CROD.

DATE: 10th DECEMBER. 11 SQUADRON. OPERATION NO. CAI 12.

DUTY:
TO/GI/. 9/12. Two Catalinas repeat CAI 10. night of 10/12/42. Namely patrol area and sea approaches between BUNA and LAE.

CAPTAINS. A24-14. - F/O. MILLER. - 2nd Pilot.- SGT. WHEELDON.
A24-26 - F/O. TOWNSEND. " " - P/O. PRIEST.

BOMB LOADS A24-14 4 X 250 G.P. 2 X 5[illegible] D.B.
A24126 6 X 250 G.P.

MOVEMENTS OUT A24-14 departed Cairns 034[illegible]/10z West Area
A24-26 " " 032[illegible]/10z East Area

MOVEMENTS IN A24-14 alighted Cairns 0002/11z
CAI/MR 2 11/12 A24-26 " " 2207/10z

FLYING TIMES A24-14 20 hours 19 minutes.
A24-26 18 " 47 "

RESULTS Nil enemy sightings.
CAI/MR2 11/12
CAI/WR 1 12/12. A24-14, 1025/10z, substantial glow over LAE, as if wharf lit up. Visible 30 miles. Continuous from over whole area, visibility poor.

FUEL CONSUMED A24-14 1320 gallons
A24-26 1260 "

BOMBS CONSUMED Nil both aircraft.

FLARE FLOATS A24-14 4
A24-26 5

OTHER PYROTECHNICS Nil both aircraft.

Allen Smith S/L
.....Controller.....

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10 December, 1942 OPERATIONS RECORD OPERATION NO. CAI 15

20 Squadron

DUTY
TO/G5 9/12 One Catalinax inner anti,submarine patrol Force J, 10/12. This aircraft to relieve Beaufort on first detail and continue to dusk, alighting Cairns.
Force "J" comprises HMAS WHYALLA escorting DUNTROON TAROONA STAGEN WESTRALIA

MOVEMENT OUT
CAI/MC4 9/12 A24-30 departed Cairns ~~2031/9Z~~ 2127/9Z

CAPTAIN F/O Hinchliffe 2nd. Pilot Sgt. Carr.

BOMB LOAD 4 X 250 T.D.1 2 X 325 D.B.

MOVEMENT IN
CAI/MC1 10/12 A24-30 landed Cairns at 0834/10Z

RESULT Nil enemy sightings. Position of convoy at 0625/10Z 13-24S 147-20E Course 018 Speed 8

MESSAGES TO A/C At 0520/10Z from Cairns. Return to base immediately

FUEL CONSUMED XXX 750 gals.

VEREY CARTRIDGES ~~XXXXXX~~ One

BOMBS DROPPED Nil

FLYING TIME 11 Hours 7 Mins.

L Davis P/O
.....controller

10 September, 1942 OPERATIONS RECORD. OPERATION NO. CAI 14

7 Squadron.

DUTY T/G6 9/12	One Beaufort SJY Force "J", from dawn 10/12 until relieved by Catalina. To Land Wards and stand by for SJY 11/12
MOVEMENT OUT	A9-132 departed Cairns 1815/9z. Duty No.CAI 144
BOMBS CARRIED	4 X 250 A/S
CAPTAINS	Sgt.Wake
SIGNAL FROM A.O.R.N.E.A. A626 9/12	Seven Squadron Beaufort arriving Wards from Cairns 10/12 is to return Ross River immediately practicable.
MOVEMENTS IN WAR/MC3 10/12	A9-132 landed Wards at 0050/10z
RESULT WAR/MC4 10/12	Nil enemy sightings. Left convoy in position 14-25S 146-58E Course 018 Speed 8 knots
FLYING TIME	6 Hours 35 Mins.

F/O
..... CONTROLLER

9 December, 1942 OPERATIONS RECORD OPERATION NO. CAI 10

20 Squadron.

DUTY TO/G4 8/12	Two Catalinas patrol sea approaches, and area, between LAE and BUNA on night of 9/12.		
MOVEMENTS OUT CAI/MR2 9/12	A24-10	departed Cairns	0345/9z
	A24-22	" "	0347/9z
CAPTAINS	A24-10	F/Lt. Hodgkinson	2nd. Pilot F/O. Oliver.
	A24-22	F/Lt. Hirst	". " Sgt. Stephens
BOMB LOADS	4 X 250 G.P. TDl.	2 X 325 D.B.	
MOVEMENTS IN CAI/MR2 10/12	A24-10	arrived Cairns	2327/9z
	A24-22	" "	2130/9z

RESULTS CAI/WR1 10/12 A24-22, 1139/9z, ASV indication submarine 06°34'S, 150°08'E, ASV unserviceable at end of 5th. leg of search, 1435/9z, lights observed GOODENOUGH I. 0846/9z, one small fire 12 to 15 miles inland from EAST CAPE, one large fire 7-8 miles inland. Two MTB's, U.S.A., and one tender sighted, 14°15'S 148°08'E, 0555/9z, Co. 040, 15K.
A24-10, heavy rainstorms, bad visibility.

FUEL CONSUMED	A24-10	1390	gals.
	A24-22	1180	"
FLAME FLOATS	A24-10	nil.	
	A24-22	9	

OTHER PYROTECHNICS Nil both aircraft.

FLYING TIMES	A24-10	19 hours	42 minutes
	A24-22	17 "	43 "

A.P. Mine 10/12 ..... Controller.

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9 December, 1942 OPERATIONS RECORD OPERATION NO. CAI 11

20 Squadron

DUTY
T/G6 8/12 One Catalina give inner anti submarine patrol to Force "K" from dawn to dusk on 9/12.
(Force "K" consists of USS "TULSA" towing two motor boats).

MOVEMENT OUT
CAI/MC 1 9/12 A24-24, Duty No.CAI 111, departed Cairns 1919/8z

CAPTAIN F/O/Shields 2nd. Pilot P/O.Howard.

BOMB LOAD. 4 X 250 T.D.I.

MOVEMENT IN.
CAI/MR3 9/12 A24-24 alighted CAIRNS 0837/9z.

FLYING TIME. 13 hours 18 minutes

RESULTS.
CAI/MR3 9/12 Nil Enemy Sightings. Convoy in position 13°58' S. 148°25' E. on course 027 T. speed 10 knots , at 0700/9z.
Weather: Visibility 15/20 miles, W/V 110/8, with Cloud St Cu and Cu, base 1000 ft.

FUEL CONSUMED; 650 galls

BOMBS CONSUMED: Nil

PYROTECHNICS CONSUMED. Nil

Alec Smith F/O.
.....Controller.

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9 December, 1942 OPERATIONS RECORD. Operation No.CAI9

7 ~~xxxxx~~ Squadrons.

DUTY

TO/G2 8/12 One Beaufort releived as necessary S.J.Y. Force "J" from departure GRAFTON PASSAGE to dusk.

TO/G3 8/12 Two Beauforts proceed Cairns, a.m. 9/12, for CAI 9 9/12

MOVEMENTS OUT
CAI/MC2 9/12 Beaufort A9-161 departed Cairns 0330/9z
Captain: P/O Willoughby
Bomb Load: 4 x 250 T.D.I.

MOVEMENTS IN.
CAI/MR4 9/12 Beaufort A9-161 landed CAIRNS 0815/9z

FLYING TIME. 4 hours 45 minutes.

RESULTS.
CAI/MR4 9/12 Nil Enemy sightings. Convoy at 0750/9z in position 16°15' S. 146°21' E. on a course of 015°T. Speed 8 knots.

FUEL CONSUMED.

BOMBS CONSUMED. Nil

OTHER PYROTECHNICS. Nil

Force "J" consisted of: HMAS "WHYALLA" " WARREGO" escorting "DUNTROON" "TAROONA" "WESTRALIA" "STAGEN" "VAN HONGLIONG" "VAN SPILBERGEN"

Alec Smith F/O. Controller.

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AROUND.

DATE: 8th.December,1943. OPERATION NO: CAI 8.

11 and 20 SQUADRON.

DUTY: T/G 7 - 7th.December.
Two Catalinas to carry out patrol of the sea approaches to BUNA and LAE.

on night of 8th.December,1943.

CAI/ARI 8/13	A24-14	departed Cairns	0542/8z	East
	A24-30	" "	0445/8z	West
CAPTAINS	A24-14	F/O. Clarke	Snd.Pilot.	Sgt.Honan
	A24-30	F/O. Robertson	" "	Sgt.Ross
BOMBS LOADS	4 X 250 G.P. TDI, each aircraft.			
MOVEMENTS IN CAI/ARI 8/13	A24-14	alighted Cairns	[illegible]	51/8z
	A24-30	" "	[illegible]	2255/8z
FLYING TIMES	A24-14	18 hours 49 mins.		
	A24-30	17 " 50 "		
REMARKS CAI/ARI 8/13	A24-14, 1819/8z, number of lights TROBRIANDS. ASV not always serviceable. A24-30, 1840/8z, 08°08'S, 148°10'E, ASV indication of submarine. ASV only 50% efficient. 1830/8z to 1830/8z VITIAZ STRAIT searched, but nil indications or sightings. Visibility good in general, cloudy in vicinity of BUNA, slight amount of broken cu. east of GASMATA, winds light variable.			
FUEL CONSUMED	A24-14	1800 gals.		
	A24-30	1850 "		
BOMBS CONSUMED	Nil both aircraft.			
FLARE FLOATS	A24-14	5		
	A24-30	5		
SEA MARKERS	A24-14	nil.		
	A24-30	1		
OTHER PYROTECHNICS	Nil both aircraft.			

Jim Parker F/O
Captain

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11 and 20 SQUADRONS

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DUTY
TO/G2 6/12 — Two Catalinas repeat CAI 6 of 6/12, namely patrol area and sea approaches between BUNA and LAE.

MOVEMENTS OUT
CAI/MR3 7/12 — A24-4 airborne Cairns 0325/7z, Duty No. CAI71 West
A24-14 " " 0320/7z, Duty No. CAI 72 East

CAPTAINS — A24-4, F/O Hinchliffe 2nd.Pilot Sgt.Carr
A24-14 F/L Vernon " " P/O Harrison.

MOVEMENTS IN
CAI/MR2 8/12 — A24-4 alighted Cairns 2215/7z
A24-14 " 2315/7z

FLYING TIMES — A24-4 18 hours 55 minutes.
A24-14 19 " 50 "

RESULTS
CAI/WR 1 8/12 — A24-4, Nil enemy sightings.
A24-14, ASV completely unserviceable. Patrolled as instructed, t then attacked GASMATA, at 1635/7z, bombs vicinity N/W end of runway, big explosion. Straffed runway, 600 rounds. A/a from vicinity of drome and ship smouthwest of drome.

CAI/WR2 8/12 — A24-4, 2 ASV indications to starboard of 06°00'S, 148°20'E,, ASV indication of submarine 06°49'S, 147°46'E. Numerous lights CAPE GLOUCESTER, WALD BAY, and north of WALD BAY, also fires. Lights ROOKE IS. Numerous lights and fires our territory NEW GUINEA Ship 10°50'S 149°35'E, fired correct colour cartridge.
A24-14, numerous fires D'ENTRECASTEAUX GROUP including large one AWARAI BAY. Strip at CAPE CUNNINGHAM, tracks and roads from beach and bush end of strip, tents and huts nearby, white lights observed, consider work is being done, white lights also CAPE DAMPIER 1350/7z, lights also from CAPE DAMPIER to TRAVAIO. GASMATA aerodrome attacked at 1635/7z, 4 X 250 G.P. dropped. Intense Bofors, red tracer, erratic from one gun slightly west of aerodrome, and one gun half mile west of aerodrome on ship. Bombs from 3000 feet on E/W run. 10 seconds after release big ex. explosion occurred. Straffed at 1500 ft. which drew A/a. LAE BUNA area, visibility good. W/V 140/7K, scattered cu., base 2000 alto stratus, 10,000 feet. GASMATA vis.nil, 9/10, overcast, base 2000 feet, W/V 270/5K, 7000 ft., big rain belt well to seaward from GASMATA.

FUEL CONSUMED — A24-4, 1250 gals. A24-14, 1240 Gals.
BOMBS — 4 X 250 Frag.(A24-14)
FLAME FLOATS — A24-4, 3 A24-14, 7
RECCE FLARES — 8(A24-14)
SEA MARKERS — "2 (A124-14

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6 December, 1942. OPERATIONS RECORD OPERATION NO.CAI 4

11 and 20 SQUADRONS

DUTY TO/G2/5 All available Catalinas attack KAVIENG night of 6 December, priority of targets (1) Supply dumps in wharf area (2) Supply dumps in town area. Alternative target, aircraft on aerodrome and in dispersal bays.

MOVEMENTS OUT : CAI/MS1,6/12:

A24-4 departed CAIRNS 0345/6Z.
A24-24 0355/6Z.
A24-21 0405/6Z.
A24-27 0423/6Z.

Captains; A24-4 - F/Lt.Thurstun -Sgt.Smith.
A24-24 F/O Shields - P/O Howard.
A24-21 F/O Duigan - Sgt.Aistrope.
A24-27 F/O Haydon - P/O Allison & P/O Johnson.

Bomb Loads: Each A/C 8 x 250 With Extensions. 12 x 20 Frags.

Movements in					
CAI/MS1 7/12 and flying times	A24-4	alighted Cairns	2156/6z	18 hours	11 mins.
	A24-24	" "	2145/6z	17 "	50 "
	A24-21	" "	2220/6z	18 "	15 "
	A24-27	" "	2317/6z	18 "	54 "

RESULTS CAI/MS1 7/12 All aircraft over target, bombs vicinity Govt. wharf and vicinity roads just in from jetty. Direct hits probably bomb dump near Govt. wharf and jetty. Three fires started, including one near jetty which was spreading and visible for 20 minutes till clouds obscured. A/a. and searchlight active. Strip at CAPE CUNNINGHAM, runs NW/SE for approx. 1 mile, and is approx. 300 yds. wide. Lights seen centre and beaches of CAPE CUNNINGHAM.

CAI/WR2 7/12 1044/6z, 07°58'S, 151°04'E, light gun flashes in exchange of firing. 03°20'S, 151°25'E, gun flashes followed by searchlight searching. 1417/6z, U/i. ship seen off NORTH CAPE. Large U/i. N of NUSA ID. 1415/6z, 03°41'S, 150°44'E, Aldis lamps from two or more ships.

CAI/B1 7/12 A24-4 jettisoned 2 X 250 at sea due to faulty arming. Bombs dropped from 4000 to 7200 feet. After one stick inland from jetty a large fire started which burned for 5 minutes only but smoke rose to 6000 feet. After one stick near Govt. wharf was terrific explosion and aircraft felt heavy bump at 7200 feet. Smoke observed but no fire till later. Searchlight probably destroyed this locality, and additional small fire observed off N/W end of runway. Fairly heavy A/a. from positions midway between NORTH CAPE and N/W and of runway. Heavy and medium from known positions S/W of runway, slight from S of Hospital, slight heavy bursts 5000 feet from vicinity CAPE NUAN, light tracer from M/G vicinity 4 gun position S/W of runway. New searchlight positions, five at Govt. wharf, including one between wharf and stores dump. Two together S/E of NORTH CAPE, in vicinity A/a position, junction NAMATANI Road. Possible one at NORT CAPE, along north of jetty and N/W of Chinatown. One off N/W end of runway, but further away than previously reported. Searchlights were waving up and down in zig zag pattern catching aircraft but apparently not observing A/a was erratic. One fighter airborne at 3500 ft. with possible in line engine. Twin row of lights S end of runway, extinguished before attack. At least 50 lights along east coast NORMANBY IS.

FUEL CONSUMED A24-4 1200 gals. A24-24 1000 gals. A24-21 1150 gals. A24-27 1140 "

BOMBS CONSUMED As carried. FLAME FLOATS A24-4, 6, A24-24, 3, A24-21, 7, A24-27, 9. RECCE FLARES A24-4, 3. VEREY CARTRIDGES Nil.

A.P. Munn F/O
.....Controller.

7 December, 1942 OPERATIONS RECORD OPERATION NO. CAI 6

11 and 20 SQUADRONS

DUTY TO/G1/6	Two Catalinas repeat CAI 3 of 5/12 night of 6/12. Namely carry out recconnaissance of area and sea appraoches between BUNA and LAE.
Movements Out	
CAI/MR2/6	A24-26 departed Cairns 0310/6z, Duty No.CAI65
CAI/MR4/6	A24-22 " " 0341/6z, " " " 67
CAPTAINS	A24-26 F/O Townsend 2nd. Pilot. F/O Priest
	A24-22 F/L.Hirst " " Sgt. Stephens
BOMB LOADS	4 X 250 TD 1 GP each aircraft
	2 X 325 DB
MOVEMENTS IN	
CAI/MR1 7/12	A24-26 alighted Cairns 2018/6z
CAI/MR2 7/12	A24-22 " " 2125/6z
FLYING TIMES	A24-26 17 hours 8 minutes.
	A24-22 18 " 44 "
RESULTS CAI/MR1/7/12	A24-26 Nil enemy sightings. Severe lightning, continual storms and absence of visibility compelled aircraft to abandon patrol and return to base.
CAI/MR2 7/12	A24-22, patrol not completed owing to engine trouble.
CAI/WR 7/12	One 8000 ton passenger vessel escorted by sloop, position 16°18'S,146°19'E, at 0413/6z. This sighting by A24-24,CAI4. Weather, search area, mostly clear with rain and heavy clouds and storm in area 100 NW of TROBRIANDS.
FUEL CONSUMED	A24-26 1300 gallons
	A24-22 1220 "
BOMBS CONSUMED	Nil each aircraft.
FLAME FLOATS.	A24-26 3
	A24-22 12
RECCE FLARES	A24-22 1
SEA MARKERS	Nil both aircraft.
VEREY CARTRIDGES	" " "

A P Mine P/O
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OPERATIONS RECORD.

5th DECEMBER 1942. OPERATION NO. CAI 3.

20 SQUADRON

DUTY:
TO/G2/4 4/12. 1 E repeat CAI 2. 4/12 night of 5/12/42.

MOVEMENTS OUT.
CAI/MR1. 5/12. A24-27 (Duty No.CAI 31) departed CAIRNS 0327/5/Z.
CAI/MR2. 5/12 A24-30 substituted for A24-22 departed CAIRNS 0329/5/Z. (Duty CAI 32.)
CAI/MR1. 5/12 A24-27 to patrol WEST AREA.)
A24-30 " " EAST AREA.) Emergency position bearing and distance from SAMARAI.

CAPTAINS. A24-30. F/Lt. TAMBLYN. 2nd Pilot. - F/O DOWSLEY
A24-27 F/O. HINCHCLIFFE. " " - Sgt. CARR

MOVEMENT IN.
CAI/MR1 6/12 A24-27 landed Cairns 1940/5Z
CAI/MR3 " A24-30 " 2325/5Z

BOMB LOAD. 4 x 250 G.P. T.D.1.)
2 x 325 D.B.) Each aircraft.

RESULT
CAIMR1 6/12 Nil enemy sightings Friendly light cruiser 14-20S 148-15E at 052 Form white not to AORC. Visibility nil from 100 miles this side datum point electrical storms Wind 140/10
CAIMR3 6/12 Nil enemy sightings
CAI/WR1 " A24-30 ASV indications southern end WARD HUNT STRAIT weather prevented extensive search. 0915/5Z fire south coast GOODENOUGH "Taroona", 300 ton vessel and destroyer sighted
CAI/WR2 " A24-27 At1235/5Z six fires 30 yards apart in line SW to NE of SE end of either GAWA or KWAIAWATO. Fires on beach. Identification exact island impossible owing to weather.

MESSAGES FROM AIRCRAFT Automatic pilot U.S. Electrical storms. Returning to base TOO 1035/5Z

FUEL CONSUMED A2430 : 1150 Gals
A24-27 : 800 "
BOMBS CONSUMED NIL
FLAME FLOATS 2 each A/C
RECCE FLARES A24-27 : 2
ROUNDS FIRED A24-30 : 250

Tom Parker F/O CONTROLLER

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OPERATION RECORD.

5th DECEMBER 1942. OPERATION NO. CAI 5.

11 SQD

DUTY.
TO/G3/12. 5/12. One Catalina investigate 3000 ton cargo and passenger vessel last sighted bearing 015 degrees 25 miles from HILDA HILL 0340/Z/5. Course South.

MOVEMENT OUT.
CAI/MR4 5/12. A24-21 departed CAIRNS 0618/5/Z.

CAPTAIN. A24-21 F/Lt. VERNON. 2nd Pilot. P/O/ HARRISON.

BOMB LOAD. 4 x 250 G.P.
2 D.C.

MOVEMENT IN.
CAI/MR5. 5/12. A24-21 alighted CAIRNS 0935/5/Z.
No ships sighted answering description of ship being investigated.

RESULT.
CAI/WR2. 5/12. Sightings by A24-21. 0634/5/Z. 1 Unidentified M/V 5 miles south RUSSELL ISLAND. 0658/5/Z. 1 Unidentified M/V 15 " north DUNK ISLAND. 0750/5/Z. 1 Unidentified M/V 6 miles north MAGNETIC ISLAND. 0730/5/Z. 2- Cruisers, 1 Destroyer, 1 Sloop. CHALLENGER BAY. 1 Cruiser highly camouflaged.

FLYING TIMES. 3 Hours 17 Mins.

FUEL CONSUMED. 200 Galls.
BOMBS. JETTISONED.

PYROTECHNICS. Nil Flame Flts MNil Sea Mkrs. Nil Recce Flars Nil V/C.

A P Mus CONTROLLER.

4 December, 1942 OPERATIONS RECORD OPERATION NO. CAI 2

11 Squadron

DUTY TO/G2 3/12 Two Catalinas to carry out recconnaissance of area and sea approaches between LAE and BUNA on night of 3/12.

MOVEMENTS OUT CAI/MR 1 4/11
A24-2 (Duty No.CAI 21) departed Cairns 0443/4z
A24-21 " " " 22 " " 0320/4z

CAPTAINS
A24-2 F/Lt.Vernon 2nd. Pilot
A24-21 S/Ldr.Chapman " "

MOVEMENTS IN. CAI/MR3 5/12
A24-21, CAI 22, Alighted Cairns 2335/4z)
A24-2 CAI 21, Alighted Cairns 0056/5z) Nil enemy sightings.

BOMB LOAD.
4 X 250 G.P. Bdl)
2 X 325 D.B. ") Each aircraft.

RESULT. CAI/WR1 5/12.
A24-21. 1215/4/Z A.S.V. indications 06° 30' S 150° 42' E. 1610/4/Z A.S.V. indications 25-30 miles N.N.E BUNA considerable aircraft. 1155/4/Z Flare dropped GASMATA Nil sightings. 1145/4/Z light observed ~~KWIKMOKKXKWIXXXXA2~~ CAPE BALI. 1230/4/Z light observed ROEBUCK POINT. A24-2. 1002/4/Z A.S.V. indication probable ship 08° 05' S 148° 25' E. 0844/4Z Red light probably fire at KAULA 10° 12' S 148° 22' E. Area N and NE of FINSCHAVEN not searched due severe storms and shortage of time. Height of patrol 1000. A.S.V. not reliable over 15 miles. Western area visibility poor. Wind 090/10 K at 1000 cloud. Broken to overcast CU base 500 - 3000 scattered thunderstorms. Eastern area light winds varying N and E some CU and STRATO CU slight haze scattered thunder showers over area.

FLYING TIMES.
A24-21. 20 Hours 15 Mins.
A24- 2 20 " 17 "
TOTAL 40 " 32 "

BOMBS DROPPED. NIL.

FUEL CONSUMED.
A24-21 1350 Galls.
A24- 2 1192 "
2542 "

PYROTECHNICS.
A24-21. 6 Flame flts. 2 Sea mkrs. 2 Recce flares. Nil. V/Cart.
A24- 2 9 " " 1 " " Nil " " " "
15 " " 3 " " 2 " " Nil "

A.P. Mumford CONTROLLER.

Record of Operations.

Date: 3rd.December 1942 11 & 20 Squadrons. Operation No. Cai 48

DUTY : TO/G6/2/12: All availabe Catalinas attack KAVIENG night of 3/12. Target Priority..(1) aircraft on aerodrome ~~x2x~~ and in dispersal bays (2) supply dumps (3) aerodrome installations.

MOVEMENTS OUT CAI/MS1 3/12	A24-2	departed Cairns	0315/3z	(Duty No.481)	
	A24-4	" "	0330/3z	"	" 482
	A24-24	" "	0345/3z	"	" 483
	A24-26	" "	0300/3z	"	" 484
	A24-22	" "	0415/3z	"	" 485

CAPTAINS	A24-2	F/Lt. Higgins	2ND. Pilots	Sgt.Bramell
	A24-4	F/Lt. Thurstun	" "	F/Sgt.Blackely
	A24-24	F/O. Shields	" "	P/O.Howard
	A24-26	F/O. Townsend		P/O.Priest
	A24-22	F/Lt. Hirst.		Sgt. Stephens

BOMB LOADS All aircraft 8 X 250 G.P.and 10 X 20 Frag. except A24-22 Which carried 20 X 20 Frag.

MOVEMENTS IN CAI/MS1 4/12	A24-2	alighted Cairns	2255/3z
	A24-4		2145/3z
	A24-24		2127/3z
	A24-26		2215/3z
	A24-22	alighted Moresby	2220/3z
	A24-22	" Cairns	0300/4z

FLYING TIMES	A24-2	19 Hours	40	minutes
	A24-4	18 "	15	"
	A24-24	17 "	42	"
	A24-26	19 "	15	"
	A24-22	20 "	30	"

RESULTS

CAI/MS1 4/12 All aircraft with exception of A24-22. Bombs on runway and SW dispersal area. Fires started SE end of runway probably aircraft burning. At least 12 bombers observed on runway, vicinity of fires. Additions to southwest dispersal observed.

CAI/MS2 4/12 A24-22 . Bombs vicinity SW dispersal area, and off SE end of runway. 1319/3z, searchlight from possible reporting ship, 3°20'S, 153°30'E. 1505/z ASV indication of ship in same position.

CAI/B1 4/12 1215 to 1335/3z. 32 X 250 G.P. and in st.nose. 50 X 20 Frag. from 2500 to 9200 feet. Intense A/a.from all known positions vicinity of runway heavy erratic directed at aircraft,flying at 2500 ft. At higher flying aircraft light tracer from NW end runway,and from N of SE end runway. Light from position midway between North Cape and NW end of runway.Light tracer from NUSA Island. Searchlights from known positions and vicinity of A/a.Position near NAMATANI Road junction, and road east of drome. 1100/3z. Strong light RABAUL v9sible 40 miles 1240/3z light on hill centre DYALL IS.1418/3z light at CAPE CUNNINGHAM on beach. 0850/3z fire on beach cape KARITAHUA (Normanby Is.) 0930/3z Lights observed N coast TROBRIAND IS.

CAI/B2 4/12 A24-22. 8 X 250 G.P. 20 X 20 Frag. from 5600 ft.slight heavy erratic A/a from S of centre of runway.Light observed E of WASSE. 0851/3z two lights WATTS IS.

FUEL CONSUMED A24-2, 1280 gals.,A24-4, 1210 gals., A24-24, 1100 gals., A24-26, 1250 gals., A24-22, 1520 gals.

BOMBS DROPPED As above. FLAME FLOATS 33 SEA MARKERS 5 RECCE FLARES 3

VEREY CARTRIDGES Nil all aircraft.

A.P. Muir P/O.....Controller.

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RECORD OF OPERATIONS

Date: 3rd. December 1942 11 & 20 Squadrons Operation No. Cai 49

DUTY : TO/G8/2/12 : Tow Catalinas to patrol the sea approaches to Buna and Lae during the hours of darkness of night of 3/12. A24-21, patrol East area, A24-27, West area.

MOVEMENTS OUT
CAI/MR 2 3/12 A24-21, Duty No. CAI 496, departed Cairns 0307/3z
A24-27 " " " 497 " " 0327/3z

CAPTAINS A24-21, F/O. Duigan, 2nd. Pilot. Sgt.Aistrope
A24-27, F/O. Haydon, " " F/O Allison

BOMB LOADS A24-21, and A24-27, carrying 4 X 250 G.P.2 X 325 D.B.

MOVEMENTS IN
CAI/MR 2 4/12 A24-21 alighted Cairns 2113/3z
A24-27 " " 2335/3z.

RESULTS
CAI/WR1 4/12. A24-27. 1030/3z, just north of BUNA observed but no sighting so considered submarine. Number of ASV indications from aircraft prevented picking up of this vessel in time. 0915 3/z, two flashes near HARDY POINT, followed by fire which burned for ten minutes. 1200/3z, bright red light vicinity of east of HOOPI. 1302/3z, light southern tip UMBOI ISLAND. 0910 /3z, two lights south coast GOODENOUGH Average visibility 10 miles, winds light variable easterly nature. Some cu. in vicinity of HUON GULF.

MESSAGE TO AIRCRAFT One cruiser reported 15 miles north of BUNA, 0640/z, check sighting.

FUEL CONSUMED A24-21 1180 gallons
B A24-27 1210 "

BOMBS DROPPED Nil both aircraft.

FLAME FLOATS A24-21 4
A24-27 5

SEA MARKERS A24-21 nil
A24-27 1

RECCE FLARES A24-21 3
A24-27 7

FLYING TIMES A24-21 18 Hours 6 minutes
A24-27 20 " 15 "

A.P. Wunn p/o
.....Controller.

OPERATION RECORD.

DATE: 3rd.December,1942. 11 SQUADRON. OPERATION NO. CAI 1.

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DUTY: One Catalina carry out S J Y -Force "H", from dawn till dusk=: TO/G9/2.

Force "H" comprises: HMAS SWAN, WARREGO, CLOAC escorting KATOOMBA, TAROONA, S.JACOB, DUNTROON, TASMAN, KARSIK, CENTAUR, EGBERT BENSON, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

MOVEMENT OUT: CAI/MC1, 2&12: A24-14 departed Cairns 1700/2Z.

CAPTAIN : F/O MILLER: 2nd.Pilot -

BOMB LOAD: 4 x 250 G.P. T.D;1. and 2 x 325 Depth Bombs.

MOVEMENTS IN CAI/MC1 4/12.	A24-14 alighted Cairns 1320/3z.
FLYING TIME	20 hours 20 minutes.
RESULTS CAI/MC1 4/12.	Nil enemy sightings. Convoy split in position 12°S, 147°55'E. Force "H" proceeded on course 040T, speed 9 knots.
FUEL CONSUMED	1160 gallons
BOMBS CONSUMED	Nil
FLAME FLOATS	3
OTHERS	Nil.

A P Munro F/O Controller

2 December, 1942. OPERATIONS RECORD OPERATION NO. CAI46

20 SQUADRON

DUTY TO/G4 1/12. Two Catalinas repeat CAI 44 on night of 2/12. Namely patrol area and sea approaches to BUNA and LAE.

MOVEMENTS OUT CAI/MR 1 2/12 A24-27, Duty No. CAI 464, departed Cairns 0310/2z.
A24-30, " " " 465, " " 0320/2z.

CAPTAINS A24-27, W/C. Hartnell. 2nd. F/O HINCHCLIFFE.
A24-30, F/O. Robertson, " SGT. ROSS.

BOMB LOADS A24-27, A24-30, 4 X 250 G.P. 1 Sec Tail, two depth bombs each.

MOVEMENTS? IN CAI/MR2 3/12 A24-27 alighted Cairns 2315/2z
A24-30 alighted Cairns 2255/2z

FLYING TIMES A24-27 20 hours 5 minutes.
A24-30 19 " 35 "

RESULTS
CAI/MR2 3/12 See Form White.
CAI/WR1 3/12 A24-30. At 0840/2z, fire observed, southern end FERGUSSON ISLAND. 1050/2z, sighted submarine 3000 tons, possibly larger in position 07°23'S, 147°58'E. 1159/2z, ASV indication position 06°37'S, 148°E. 1407/2z, ASV indication 10 miles starboard 06°54'S, 149°43'E. 1535/2z, ASV large indication four miles port position 07°47'S, 148°24'E, circled spot, but only wash of vessel seen.
A24-27, nil sightings.

FUEL CONSUMED A24-27, 1260 gallons
A24-30, 1220 "

BOMBS DROPPED Nil both aircraft.

FLAME FLOATS 4 each aircraft.

SEA MARKERSM Nil both aircraft.

RECCE FLARES 2 used by A24-30
Nil used by A24-27

VEREY CARTRIDGES Nil both aircraft.

MESSAGE FROM AIRCRAFT From A24-30. Submarine sighted in position 07°30'S 148°05'E, at 1040/2z.

.....Controller.

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DATE - 1 December, 1942. OPERATIONS RECORD. OPERATION No. CAI 44

20 SQUADRON.

DUTY TO/G5/30/11. Two Catalinas patrol sea approaches between BUNA and LAE, night of 1/12.

MOVEMENTS OUT CAI/MR1 1/12.
A24-4 0343/1z Duty No. 442
A24-24 0250/1z. " " 441

CAPTAINS
A24-4 F/Lt. Thurstun
A24-24 F/O. Shields.

BOMB LOAD 4 X 250 G.P. T.D. 1, 2 Depth Bombs each aircraft.

AREAS
CAI 441, A24-24, West Area.
CAI 442, A24-4 East Area.

MOVEMENTS IN CAI/MR2 2/12
A24-24 alighted ~~Cairns~~ Bowen 2210/1z.
A24-4 alighted Cairns 0001/2z

RESULTS CAI/MR2 2/12 CAI/WR1 2/13
One of four destroyers attacked by A24-4, nil hits.

A24-4, A.S.V. indication of submarine 06°25'S, 150°35'E, at 1102/1z. 1149/1z to 1307/1z, from position 06°20'S, 151°30'E to 07°50'S, 150°30'E, observed a number of flares and flame floats during this leg of search. Very large canoe off BANIARA. Eleven small sailing vessels in ORANGERIE Bay at 0816/1z. 4 X 250 G.P. T.D.1, and two depth charges dropped from 4500 feet. Light tracer from leading destroyer before attack, otherwise nil A/a. When first sighted the four destroyers were in line astern, course North. When left two in line astern, and two two miles away at port quarter. Weather. Good visibility, scattered cu. 1/10, base 2000 feet, tops 4,000 feet.

MESSAGES TO AND FROM AIRCRAFT.
From A24-4.....Have obtained ASV contact probably submarine in position 06°36'S, 150°32'E. Have lost touch.

FUEL CONSUMED
A24-24 1100 gallons
A24-4 1350 "

BOMBS CONSUMED
A24-24 Nil
A24-4 4 X 250 S.A.P. 2 Depth Charges.

FLAME FLOATS
A24-24 Nil
A24-24 14
Dropped from 3000 feet, quite satisfactory. Trail, landed on water about 2000 feet behind aircraft, bright flame. Of the four new type dropped, one failed to light. (Report on New American type flame float.)

RECCE FLARES
A24-24 Nil
A24-4 8

VEREY CARTRIDGES Nil both aircraft.

TIMES FLOWN
A24-24 19 hours 20 minutes.
A24-4 20 hours 18 minutes.

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Operations Record

Date : 2nd.December 1942 11 & 7 Squadrons Operation No. Cai 47

Duty : TO/G5 /1/12- One Catalina to provide outer anti-submarine patrol Force "H" consisting of HMASs Swan, Warrego, Colac esc. Katoomba, Taronna, S.Jacob, Buntroon, Tasman, Karsik, Centaur, Egbert Benson, B.Franklin, in conjunction with two Beauforts commencing at 2359/1z till dusk. Beauforts to provide inner anti-submarine patrol.

Movements: Cai/MC1/2/12: A24-21 airborne 2330/1z
Out A9-108 " 2343/1z
A9-132 " 0415/1z

In : Cai/MC2/2/12 : A24-21 landed 1010/2z
A9-108 " 0700/2z
A9-132 " 0730/2z

Bomb Loads. A24-21 4 x 250 Gr. 1 sec tail
A9-108, A9-132 4 x 250 A/S 1 sec tail

Result : Cai/MC2/2/12: Nil enemy sightings(.) A9-132 failed to locate convoy. Estimated position of convoy dawn 3/12..13 26'S 147 19'E Course 019 Sp. 9.5K. Estimated time arrival P.M. of portion of convoy..0630/4L Rear portion due China Sts. 1000/4L.

Flying Time
A24-21 .....10.20 hrs. A9-108...0717 hrs. A9-132....0315 hrs.

A24-21... Fuel 600 gls.

Bombs.... Nil
Pyrotechnics.. Nil.

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OPERATION RECORD:

DATE: 30th.November,1942. OPERATION NO. CAI 43.

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DATE: 30th.November,1942. DUTYTO/G3½, 30/11. One Catalina to drop supplies SOUTH BOUGANVILLE on night of 30/11. Aircraft to attack KAHILI. Object to destroy aircraft and aerodrome installations.

MOVEMENT OUT: CAI/MS2, 30/11: A24-21 departed CAIRNS 0540/30Z.

BOMB LOAD: 4 x 250 with extensions. 10 x 20 Frag.

CAPTAIN: F/O DUIGAN.

MOVEMENT IN CAI/MS1 1/12 — A24-21 alighted Cairns 2255/30z.

RESULTS CAI/MS1 1/12. — Supplies successfully dropped, location much further inland than advised. Small bombs on runway and east edge, one fighter destroyed, amongst a number of fighters parked off S/E. portion of runway. Runway very wet, and probably unserviceable at the moment. One large, two small ships between KAHILI and TONOLEI.

CAI/B1 1/12. — Supplies dropped 1450/30z - 1505/30z. KAHILI bombed, 1522/30z 4 X 250 G.P. extension, nose instantaneous, 10 X 20 frags. nose instantaneous. Large bombs North of drome, all bombs from 4000 feet. Nil A/a. fire in opposition. Scattered storms over target, visibility fair, wind velocity 070/20k at 4000 feet.

FUEL CONSUMED — 1150 gallons.

BOMBS DROPPED — See above 4x250, 10x20 F

FLAME FLOATS. — 3

SEA MARKERS. — Nil.

FLYING TIME — 17 hours 15 minutes.

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DA[illegible]: 30 November, 1942. OPERATIONS RECORD. Operation No.CAI 42

11 Squadron.

DUTY : TO/G1/30/11. Carry out Patrol of Area "M" in the hours of darkness on night of 30 November. Area comprises of the sea approaches to BUNA and LAE.

MOVEMENT OUT CAI/MR1, 30/11. A24-2 departed Cairns 0310/30z.
A24-26 " " 0302/30z.

BOMB LOAD 4 X 250 G.P.N. 1 sec. tail.

CAPTAINS A24-2, F/Lt. Higgins
A24-26 F/O.Townsend.

MOVEMENTS IN A737 Gurney. CAI/MR3 1/12 CAI/MR2 1/12 A24-2 alighted Fall River 1930/30z, departed 2120/30z Alighted Cairns 0120/1z.
A24-26 alighted Cairns 2300/30z.

FLYING TIMES. A24-2 20 hours 30 minutes.
A24-26 19 " 58 "

MESSAGES FROM AIRCRAFT. From A24-2 to Port Moresby ...."Losing fuel alighting Milne Bay to refuel"

RESULTS. A24-2 CAI/MR3 1/12. A24-2 CAI/WR1 1/12 Nil enemy sightings. Weather.. Cloud well broken, base 2000 tops 10,000/12,000 feet. Local storms. Visibility 10/15 miles . Wind velocity, 150/20
A24-26. 1115/30z, 06°13'S, 150°58'E, ASV indication, but no visual sighting. Visibility bad at times. Task Force "N", one cruiser, three destroyers. 13°54'S,148°25'E, 2040/30z, course 080, speed 15 kts. Generally good low scattered cu., patches of strata, visibility 10 miles, except near coast of New Britain. Wind 100/10-15

FUEL CONSUMED. A24-2 1610 gallons (250 gls ex Dale R)
A24-26 1200 "

BOMBS CONSUMED Nil both aircraft.

FLAME FLOATS A24-2 6
A24-26 9

RECCE FLARES. A24-2 3
A24-26 2

VERSY CARTRIDGES Nil both aircraft.

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OPERATION RECORD.

29th NOVEMBER 1942. No. 20. SQUADRON. OPERATION NO. CAI 41.

DUTY. TO/GI. 29/11.	CAI 41. 29/11. Two Catalinas (R) CAI 40. Night of 29/11/42. Patrol area and sea approaches between LAE and BUNA.
MOVEMENT OUT. CAI/MR2. 29/11.	A24-4 departed CAIRNS 0237/29/Z. Duty No. CAI 412. A24-27 " " 0325/29/Z. " " " 413.
CAPTAINS.	A24-4 F/O. CLARK. A24-27 " HAYDON.
BOMB LOADS.	4 x 250 G.P.) 8 Flame Floats.) Each aircraft. 1 Sec. Tail.)
MOVEMENTS IN. CAI/MR2 30/11	A24-4 alighted Cairns 2300/29z A24-27 " " 2302/29z
FLYING TIMES	A24-4 20 hours 23 minutes. A24-27 19 " 37 "
RESULTS. CAI/WR1 30/11.	A24-4, Duty No. CAI412, sighted submarine 06°17'S, 148°17'E, course 180, speed 20 kts., first picked up on ASV, two flares dropped and submarine crash dived. Area searched for 45 minutes, but no further trace. 1726/29z ASV indication 07°20'S, 147°50'E, but no visual sighting. Weather and visibility bad. 1750/29z ASV indication 07°33'S, 148°05'E, but too late to search. Between 1830/29z and 1845/29z approximately 12 flares sighted over BUNA. 1418/29z sighted two lights 06°21'S, 149°50'E, on island. Weather, broken cu. and cu.nim, 10/10 in places, rain and turbulence in clouds, scattered electrical storms, base 1500 feet, tops 12,000 feet. Wind, 240/10 at 4000 feet. Visibility good except in cloud. A24-27, nil enemy sightings.
FUEL CONSUMED.	A24-4 1330 gallons A24-27 1160 " Total 2490 "
BOMBS DROPPED	Nil both aircraft.
FLAME FLOATS	A24-4 3 A24-27 2
SEA MARKERS	Nil both aircraft.
RECCE FLARES.	A24-4 2 A24-27 Nil.
VEREY CARTRIDGES	Nil both aircraft.

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28th. November, 1942 OPERATIONS RECORD. OPERATION NO. CAI 39

11 Squadron.

DUTY CAI/MS 2 28/11.	One Catalina to carry out supply dropping on BOUGAINVILLE after which it will attack KAHILI, object being to destroy aircraft and aerodrome installations.
MOVEMENT OUT	A24-21 (Duty No. CAI 391) airborne Cairns., 0451/29z.
CAPTAIN	S/Ldr.Chapman.
MOVEMENT IN	A24-21, Duty No. CAI 391, alighted Cairns 2325/29z.
FLYING TIMEM	A24-21, 18 hours 34 minutes.
BOMB LOAD. CAI/MS1 29/11	4 X 250 G.P. frag., 10 X 20 frag.
RESULTS CAI/MS1 30/11.	A24-21, unable to drop supplies owing storms and nil visibility in whole area, remained in area two and three quarter hours, finally attacked F/B anchorage FAISI, which was the only visible target. Four bombs fell accurately, but results were unobserved.
CAI/W2 30/11	Ketch rigged vessel 12°34'S, 149°42'E, at 0810/29z, course 035T. Schooner rigged vessel approximately 50 tons, flying American flag in position 12°19'S, 150°10'E at 2000/29z course 040 T, which gave correct pendant, but aircraft not in position to observe ship's four flags.
CAI/B1 30/11	Bombs dropped from 4000 feet. From 1300/29z to 1545/29z repeated attempts were made to reach drop location but all unsuccesful. Visibility nil South Bougainville plus thunderstorms, fair in patches over Faisi.
FUEL CONSUMED.	A24-21 1150 gallons.
BOMBS DROPPED.	4 X 250 G.P. on Faisi.
FLAME FLOATS	4
RESCUE FLARES	Nil.
VEREY CARTRIDGES.	Nil.

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OPERATION RECORD.

28th NOVEMBER 1942. 11 & 20 SQUADRONS. OPERATION NO. CAI 40.

DUTY: TO/G3. 27/11. CAI 40 28/11. 2 Catalinas repeat CAI. 38 27/11. Night of 28/11.

MOVEMENT OUT.
CAI/MR1. 28/11. A24-24 departed CAIRNS 0340/28/Z.
A24-25 " " 0327/28/Z. (To call in MORESBY (on return journey.
Emergency position bearing and distance from SAMARAI.

CAPTAINS. (A24-24 F/O. SHIELDS.
(A24-25 S/L. ATKINSON.

BOMB LOADS/ Each aircraft: (4 x 250 G.P. 1 Sec. Tail.
(4 Recce. Flares.

MOVEMENTS IN.
CAI/MR1. 29/11. A24-24 CAI 401. alighted CAIRNS 2125/28/Z.
A104 28/11. A24-25 Alighted MORESBY 1940/28/Z.
A105 28/11. A24-25 Departed MORESBY 2205/28/Z. for CAIRNS.
CAI/MR4 29/11. A24-25 Alighted CAIRNS 0208/29/Z.

RESULTS.
CAI/MR1. 29/11. Aircraft A24-24.
At 1143/28/Z when aircraft was in position 06° 00' S. 148 00' E. observed a posssible BOFORS single shot fired from UMBOI ISLAND which burst at 7000' and was presumably an air raid warning. Also observed 1 M/V 3000 tons super structure midships, 2 samson posts off SCHNAPPER ISLAND at 0800/28/Z. Course SOUTH.

CAI/MR4 29/11. Aircraftc A24-25. Nil enemy sightings.

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SIGNALS TO AIRCRAFT.
MORESBY. TOO 1305/28/Z. Catalina on Eastern portion of patrol area concentrate on BUNA area for possible shipping sight.

FUEL CONSUMED. A24-24 1000 GALLS.
A24-25 1300 "
TOTAL 2300 "

PYROTECHNICS. A24-24 4 FLAME FLOATS consumed. 1 Sea Mkr. 2 Recce Flar. Nil
A24-25 3 " " " 1 " " 2 " " "
7 " " " 1 " " 2 " " Nil "

Alec Smith F/O CINTROLLER.

28 November, 1942 OPERATIONS RECORD. OPERATION :- TRAVEL

No.7 Squadron

DUTY TO/G4 26/11	Beauforts of No.7 Squadron, A9-132, and A9-133, to return to base at Roas River, morning of 27/11.
MOVEMENTS OUT CAI/MT3 27/11	Both aircraft airborne Cairns 2200/27z.
CAPTAINS	A9-132, F/Lt. O'Connel A9-133, P/O. Willoughby
RESULTS	Nil

MOVEMENTS IN

D13 28/11	A9-132 landed 2328/27Z
D14 "	A9-133 " 0045/28Z

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27 November, 1942 — OPERATIONS RECORD — OPERATION NO. CAI 37

LL AND 20 SQUADRONS

DUTY TO/G3/26: All available Catalinas attack KAVIENG night of 27/11.
Priority of targexts (1) Aircraft and stpres
(2) Installations
Advise time of target.

MOVEMENT OUT CAI/MS2/26:
A24-2 airborne Cairns 0320/27z
A24-21 " " 0340/27z
A24-27 " " 0345/27z

BOMB LOADS:
A24-2 8 X 250 with extensions, 20 X 20 frag.
A24-21 6 X 250
A24-27 4 X 250 and 2 X 500 with extensions

CAPTAINS:
A24-2 F/Lt. Higgins
A24-21 F/Lt. Vernon
A24-27 F/O. Haydon

MOVEMENTS IN:
A24-2 alighted 2345/27z
A24-21 " 2350/27z
A24-27 " 2354/27z

RESULTS
CAi/B1 28/11
CAI/MS1 28/11

All aircraft located target, 6 bombs along SW edge of runway 6 between NE end of runway and NE blast bays. 3 near blast bays NE end. One small fire started, but nil other results observed.
Bombs dropped from 3300 to 8000 feet, nil enemy interception and nil rounds fired. Slight, heavy and light A/A from known positions, Bofors type on coast just north of Hospital. Searchlights active on NW end of runway, south of Se end of runway and middle of SW side of runway, but not effective. As second aircraft approached target an orange flare went up to 4500 feet. 0950/27z, six lights on NORMANBY ISLAND. Strong white light on WOODLARK ISLAND 09°S 152°22'E, has been previously reported.
Towering cu., base 4000 feet, tops with thunderstorms at 12,000 feet. Alto stratus 5/10 at 15000 feet, Wind 060/10 at 5000 feet.

TIMES FLOWN:
A24-2 20 hours 25 minutes.
A24-21 20 " 10 "
A24-27 20 " 9 "

FUEL CONSUMED. A24-2, 1200 gallons. A24-21, 1160 gallons. A24-27, 1150 gallons

BOMBS CONSUMED. All bombs dropped, see above. 17×250, 2×500 GP 20×20F

FLAME FLOATS A24-2, 3. A24-21, 7. A24-27, 3.

SEA MARKERS A24-2, Nil. A24-21, 1. A24-27, 2.

One ×250 lb not dropped by A24-2

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28 Novemebr, 1942. OPERATIONS RECORD. OPERATION NO.CAI 38

11 and 20 Squadrons

DUTY TO/G5 26/11	Two Catlainas repeat CAI 36 of night of 26/11, Namely carry out recconnaissance of area and sea approaches between BUNA and LAE, on the night of 27th. Novemebr,1942
MOVEMENTS OUT CAI/MR 1/27/11	A24-4 airborne Cairns 0305/27z (Duty No;CAI 384) A24-17 " " 0315/27z (Duty No.CAI 385)
MOVEMENTS IN CAI/MR2/28/11	A24-4 Alighted Cairns 2300/27z A24-17 " " 2305/27z
CAPTAINS	A24-4, F/Lt.Thurstun A24-17,F/O Townsend.
BOMB LOAD CAI/MR1 27/11	4 X 250 G.P. 1 sec. tail both aircraft.
RESULT	Nil enemy sightings in area patrolled.
FUEL CONSUMED	A24-4, 1270 Gallons A24-17, 1250 " 2520
BOMBS USED	Nil both aircraft.
PYROTECHNICS	FLAME FLOATS A24-4, 1 A24-17,10. SEA MARKERS Nil both aircraft. RECCE FLARES Nil both aircraft. Verey Cart. Nil both aircraft.
FLYING TIMES.	A24-4, 19 Hours 55 minutes. A24-17, 19 " 50 " TOTAL 39 45 "

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OPERATION RECORD.

26th NOVEMBER 1942. OPERATION NO. CAI 36.

DUTY. TO/C1/26/11. CAI/MR1 26/11. 2 Catalinas repeat CAI 35. 25/11 on night of 26/11. Aircraft A24-17. Duty No. CAI 361. A24-24 Duty No. CAI 362 to patrol area and sea approaches between BUNA and LAE.

MOVEMENTS OUT.
CAI/MR1 26/11. A24-17 airborne CAIRNS 0320/Z/26.
A24-24 " " 0314/Z/26.

MOVEMENTS IN. A24-17 alighted CAIRNS 2140/26Z.
CAI/MR2,27th.Nov. A24-24 " " 2220/26Z.

CAPTAINS. A24-17 F/O. WHITE.
A24-24 F/O. SHIELDS.

BOMBS CARRIED. 4 x 250 G.P.)
CAI/MR1/26/11. 1 Sec. Tail.) each aircraft.

FLYING TIMES. A24-17. 18hours 20 mins.
A24-24. 19 " 06 "

TOTAL.

RESULT: A24-17 NIL ENEMY SIGHTINGS.
CAI/MR2,27/11.
CAI/WR1,27/11. A24-24 : Sighted vessel considered destroyer.Attmpted attack but lost vessel in low cloud.At 1035/26Z in position 07-40S 148-25E.
At 1210/26Z sighted large ocean going Submarine 07-35S,148-10E Prepared to attack but Sub. crashed dived.
At 1424/26Z sighted sub. on surface 07-43S,148-17E.
Dropped 4 x 250 G.P's. Submarine submerged as A/C ran up to attack. When bombs dropped from 1400 ft. conning tower had just gone and wash was visible.Bombs landed just ahead and in coui of submarine.Unable to distinguish wash from bomb splash. Consider bombs very close to submarine.Sub. had high conning to and large superstructure.Dived within 30 secs. of A/C's sightin Considered that vessel reported as destroyer may have been Sub.

WEATHER: Scattered Cu 6/10, base 1000ft. Wind 100/8.Visibility good except in cloud.

FUEL CONSUMED: A24-17 -- 1155 Gals.
A24-24 - 1200 "

BOMBS DROPPED: A24-24 dropped 4 x 250 G.P's. A24-17 Nil.

FLAME FLOATS:	A24-17	Nil	A24-24 dropped	4.
SEA MARKERS:	A24-17	2	A24-24	NIL.
RECCE FLARES :	A24-24	1	A24-17	NIL.
VEREY CART. :	A24-24	2	A24-17	NIL.

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25 November, 1942 — OPERATIONS RECORD. — OPERATION NO. CA135

11 and 20 Squadrons

DUTY TO/G1/25/11. ;	Repeat CAI 33 24/11. Namely patrol area and sea approaches between LAE and BUNA, night of 25/11.
MOVEMENTS OUT	A24-21 departed Cairns 0249/25z To patrol Eastern tracks. A24-4 " " 0335/25z " " Western "
MOVEMENTS IN CAI/MR1/25/11	A24-21 alighted Cairns 2245/25z A24-4 alighted Cairns 0015/26z
CAPTAINS	A24-21 :- F/O. Duigan A24-4 :- F/Lt. Thurstun.
BOMBS CARRIED CAI/MR1/25/11	Both aircraft 4 X 250 G.P. 1sec. tail 4 recce flares.
RESULTS	CAI/MR2 26/11. Nil enemy sightings.
CAI/WR2 26/11	A24-4, CAI 345, observed one submarine 06°40'S, 148°20'E., at 1150/25z on a course of 180° through T, speed 5 knts. Submarine unaware of aircraft. No attack made as submarine was not identified and Moresby could not assist in identification. ASV indications 07°45'S 148°25'E. Area patrolled but no visual sightings. Form White: cu. and cu.nim. base 3000 feet, tops unknown, wind NW 15 knots, visibility 15 - 20 m.p.h. except in cloud.
MESSAGES FROM AIRCRAFT.	To Cairns(R) ACH T'ville from A24-4. Am over enemy submarine in position 06°40'S 148°20'E. Request instructions. TOO 1155/25z
MESSAGES TO AIRCRAFT	Moresby to A24-4. If identified as enemy - attack.
FLYING TIMES	A24-21 19 hours 56 minutes.
TOTAL	A24-4 20 " 40 " 40 " 36 "
FUEL CONSUMED	A24-21 1200 gallons A24-4 1260 " TOTAL 2460 "
BOMBS CONSUMED	Nil, both aircraft.
PYROTECHNICS	FLAME FLOATS A24-21 8 A24-4 2

John F. Clough P/O
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OPERATION RECORD.

DATE: 25th.November,1942. 11 SQUADRON. OPERATION NO. CAI 34.

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DUTY: TO/G2/24 : Two Catalinas to carry out supply dropping in BOUGANVILLE area on night of 25/11.One A/C will also attack BUKA and other A/C attack KAHILI.Target priority in this order:
(1) Aircraft on strips and in dispersal bays.
(2) Supply dumps.
(3) Installations.
Message from MORESBY T.0.0.0346/25Z : Delay takeoff CAI 342 signal follows
TO/G2/25/11 Cancel Catalina dropping supplies South Bouganville. Catalina proceeding North Bouganville to carry out mission as o ordered.

MOVEMENTS OUT CAI/MS1 25/11 A24-25 departed Cairns 0415/25Z
A24-26 " " 0415/25Z
CAI/MS2 " Amendment to Cai/MS1 : CAI 341 attack KAHILI CAI 342 attack BUKA

MOVEMENTS IN CAI/MS3 25/LL A24-26 Duty No. CAI 341 recalled. Alighted Cairns 0600/25 Instruction received too late to prevent departure . Bombs jettisoned.

CAI/MS1 26/11 A24-25, CAI 342, alighted Cairns 2117/25z.

CAPTAINS A24-25 S/L Atkinson
A24-26 S/L Chapman

BOMB LOADS A24-26 2 X 500 Frag
A24-25 4 X 250 Frag 3 X 20 Frag.

RESULTS
CAI/MS1 26/11 A24-25, CAI 342, successfully completed mission. Two bombs dropped on North Coast SOHANA ISLAND. Nil results observed. Possible small dispersal strip on island adjoining and South of TOIOKH ISLAND. Nil shipping at BUKA.

CAI/B1 26/11 A24-25, CAI 342, over BUKA from 1145/25z to 1215/25z.Bombs dropped 4 X 250 Frag. from 6000 feet. From white : Visibility good. Wind Velocity 3.5 to 5 kts. at 6000 feet. Cloud 4/10, alto stratus, base 15000 - 20000 feet.

CAI/W1 26/11 A24-25, CAI 342, observed four ships, probably one cruiser and three destroyers in position 149°17'E 12°45'S, at 0730/25z. Course 080°T.

FUEL CONSUMED 1125 gallons, BOMBS CONSUMED 4 X 250 Frag.3 X 20 Frag.
PYROTECHNICS FLAME FLOATS 7. RECCE FLARES. 1.

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RECORD OF OPERATIONS

DATE 24th;November 1942 Squadron 11 & 20. Operation No. Cai33

DUTY : TO/G9/23/11 Cai 33..Two Catalinas repeat Cai 31 23/11.

MOVEMENT OUT: A24-2 departed CAIRNS 0426/24Z.
A24-24 " " 0342/24Z.) CAI/MR5, 24/11;

BOMB LOADS: Each A/C 4 x 250 G.P. one sec.tail.

MOVEMENTS IN : A24-2 alighted Cairns 2253/24z
CAI/MR2 25/11 A24-24 alighted Cairns 2210/24z

CAPTAINS ; A24-2 F/Lt. Higgins
A24-24 F/O/.Shields

FLYING TIMES : A24-2 18 hours 27 mins.
A24-24 18,hours 28 mins.

RESULTS. : Attacked enemy destroyer, position 7°10' S,148°28'E,
CAI/MR2/25/11 with 4 X 250 G.P. which landed in wake of ship 100 yards away, another enemy vessel went up in flames as result of other attack by other aircraft.

CAI/WR1/25/11. A line of twelve flares observed 7°10'S,148°28'E, sighted gunfire probably BOFORS type but close to water. Observed a ship go up in flames with explosions. Went to this ship and observed another vessel going towards LAE. Pursued it. Bombs dropped from 9000 landed in wake of ship 100 yards away. Only two exploded. Viewed burning ship then approached CAPE CRETIN. Observed three destroyers take evasive action as result of our approach. Shadowed destroyers which approached burning ship apparently to rescue personnel. Dropped a flare and destroyers dispersed towards LAE. Our aircraft followed but lost sight of ships. Aircraft returned to burning ship and sighted one Destroyer there again. Dropped another flare and destroyer headed towards LAE. Aircraft patrolled area and saw no sign of any ships going towards BUNA.

BOMBS CONSUMED: A24-2 4 X 250 G.P.
" " A24-24 Nil.

FUEL CONSUMED	A24 -2	1300	Galls	3	Flame Floats	Nil	Sea	Mks 2	Recce	Flares.	V/C.
" "	A24-24	1100	"	1	" "	"	"	"NIL	"	"	"
	TOTAL	2400	"	4	" "	Nil	"	" Nil	"	"	Nil "

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RECORD OF OPERATIONS

DATE 24th;November 1942 7 SQUADRON OPERATION NO. CAI 32

DUTY : TO/G7/23/11 - Inner anti-submarine patrol dawn to dusk Force "H" consisiting of HMASs LITHGOW,WARREGO escorting FELIPE DENEBE,GEORGE TAYLOR,JOHN STEELE,STEPHEN FIELD,TAROONA,VAN HEEMSKERK,VAN DER LIJN AND ONE OTHER M/V. Estimated position of convoy 1900/23z 14 54'S 146 55'E,Course 018 Speed 8K.

MOVEMENTS:CAI/MC3/23/11-3 Beauforts-A9-22,A9-132,A9-133 departing Cairns 1830/23z,2230/23z 0215/24z.

MOVEMENTS IN : CAI/MC1,24/11: A9-122 landed CAIRNS 0045/24Z.
CAI/MR6,24/11: A9-132 " " 0500/24Z.
CAI/MC2,24/11: A9-133 " " 0755/24Z

BOMB LOADS: Each 4 x 250 AS.

CAPTAINS:			FLYING TIME		
A9-132	: P/O WILLOUGHBY.		A9-122	0615	hours
A9-122	: F/O RILEY .		A9-132	0630	"
A9-133	: Sgt.HOSKIN.		A9-133	0540	"

RESULT: NIL enemy sightings.Position of Convoy at 2346/23Z.
CAI/MC1/24 14-24 S, 147-06 E, course 020,Speed 7 knts.

CAI/MR6 24/11. Position of Convoy at 0345/24Z :
14-17 S, 147-07 E, course 018, speed 8 Knots.

CAI/MC2,24/11.Nil enemy sightings;convoy position at 0645/24Z 13°45'S 147°12'E,course 358°(T).Speed 8 knots.

FORM WHITE : Weather & visibility good at convoy but scattered rain approaching Cairns.

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DATE. 23 November, 1942. OPERATIONS RECORD. OPERATION NO. CAI 31.

11 ~~and 20~~ SQUADRONS

DUTY TO/G5/22/11 Two Catalinas repeat CAI 28,22/11. Namely patrol area between both land and sea approaches to BUNA and LAE.

MOVEMENTS OUT

CAI/MR1/23/11.	A24-17	CAI313 airborne	Cairns	0350/23z
	A24-25	CAI312 "	"	0345/23z.

EMERGENCY POSITION Bearing and distance from Samarai.

MOVEMENTS IN CAI/MR1,24/11. A24-17 A24-25 will alight MORESBY, dawn 24th. November, before returning CAIRNS.

CAPTAINS A24-17, F/O. Townsend. A24-25, S/Ldr. Atkinson.

FUTHER MOVEMENT: PM/MR1,24/11: A24-25 alighted 1930/23Z. Nil sightings. ETD CAIRNS 2200/23Z.
D 762, 23rd. November -from Moresby. Catalina A24-25 departed 2218/23Z for CAIRNS.
CAI/MR2,24/11 : A24-17 landed CAIRNS 2310/23Z.
CAI/MR4,24/11 : A24-25 " " 0212/24Z.

FLYING TIMES: A24-25 19 Hours 39 Mins.
A24-17 19 " 20 ".

RESULT : NIL ENEMY SIGHTINGS.

FUEL CONSUMED :	A24-25	1380 galls.	A24-17	1150 galls.
BOMBS DROPPED:	NIL		NIL	
FLAME FLOATS :	A24-25	6	A24-17	7
SEA MARKERS :	"	NIL	"	1

J. Parker F/O CONTROLLER.

DATE 23 November, 1942 OPERATIONS RECORD OPERATION No. CAI 29

No. 7 SQUADRON

DUTY TO/G2 22/11	One Beaufort to give inner anti submarine patrol, Force H from 0600/23z to dusk, which will pass through Grafton Passage at 0600/23z.
MOVEMENT OUT	
CAI/MC1 23/11	A9-133, CAI 291, airborne Cairns 0530/23z.
CAPTAIN	Sgt. Hoskin.
MOVEMENT IN	CAI/MC2/23/11- A9-133 landed Cairns 0750/23z.
BOMB LOADS	4 x 250 AS.
RESULT	Nil enemy sightings- Position of convoy at 0727/23z 21 m. from Green Is. on a bearing of 057°.

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OPERATIONS RECORD.

DATE 22 November, 1942. No. 11 Squadron. Operation No. CAI 28

DUTY TO/G1/22/11 Two Catalinas repeat CAI 27, 21/11, night of 22 November.

MOVEMENTS OUT
CAI/MR2/22/11
A24-1 Departed Cairns 0329/22Z
A24-17 departed Cairns 0355/22Z

MOVEMENTS IN
CAI/MR1/23/11
A24-1 alighted Cairns 2221/22z
A24-17 alighted Cairns 2229/22z

BOMB LOADS Each aircraft 4 X 250, 1 sec. tail, and 4 Recce. Flares.

CAPTAINS
A24-1, Flight Lieutenant Seymour
A24-17, Flying Officer White.

FLYING TIMES
A24-1 18 Hours 52 Mins
A24-17 18, Hours 34 Mins

RESULTS
CAI/WR1/23/11
A24-1, a number of lights at Lae, also three lights approximately 20 feet above water just off Lae forming L. Lights 2-300 yards apart pointing N. and E. 1248/22z to 1302/22z ASV indications as of one or more aircraft moving from Gasmata to Lae or Salaamaua. T.O.O.0515/22z from Moresby refer.. Captainx considers destroyers arrived Lae or Salamaua before him but could not have gone to Buna. A24-17. 0930/22z light flashing Port Henessey..Visibility good first half of operation then deteriorated with bad visibility and rain squalls. Visual search whole area as A.S.V. unserviceable for 30 minutes after start of patrol. Nil sightings.

FUEL CONSUMED
A24-1 1160 gallons
A24-17 1130 "
2290 Total

BOMBS CONSUMED Both aircraft nil.

FLAME FLOATS
A24-1 12
A24-17 12

SEA MARKERS
A24-1 2
A24-17 2

RECCE FLARES Both aircraft nil.

VEREY CARTRIDGES Both aircraft nil.

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OPERATION RECORD

DATE : 22nd November 1942 | 11 & 20 SQUADRONS | OPERATION NO. CAI 26

DUTY TO/G 20/11 All available Catalinas attack KAVIENG night of 22/11 Target aircraft and stores

MOVEMENTS OUT

CAI/MS1 22/11 A24-27 departed Cairns at 0350/22Z

CAI/MS2 22/11 A24-25 jettisoned bombs returned base with engine trouble.
A24-21 & A24-26 failed to get off. All three aircraft abandoned operation

MOVEMENTS IN BOW/MS1 23/11 A24-27 alighted Bowen 0035/23z.

CAPTAINS

A24-21	F/L VERNON
A24-25	S/L ATKINSON
A24-26	F/O TOWNSEND
A24-27	W/C HARTNELL

BOMB LOADS 6 X 500 Frag. & 20 X 20 Frag each

RESULT BOW/B1/23/11 CAI 262 Kavieng(F)1410-1415z (G) 6 x 500 ,20 x 20 Fragmentation. Bombs fell between runway and dispersal area Fire started probably aircraft in dispersal bay.. Heavy inaccurate A/A from known positions...Bofors type from Sports Ground area.. One ineffective searchlight at NW end of runway.. Three probably heavy aircraft observed type unknown.. Aircraft damaged in hull and mainplane probably by shrapnel....Flare path on runway extinguished after ar arrival lights observed SW end of Testi Is.10 56'S 151 05'E 4 miles south Bamato Point in Trobriands... 25 miles Cape Bali south coast New Britain.

WEATHER: Clear but clouding over ST-CW. TARGET completely covered when left. Cloud tops

FLYING TIME: A24-27 20 HOURS 45 MINS.

BOMBS DROPPED: 6X500 GP + 20 x 20 Frag.

FLAME FLOATS: 7

SEA MARKERS: 1

FUEL CONSUMED: 1330 GALLS.

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OPERATION RECORD

DATE 21st November 1942 11 & 20 SQUADRONS OPERATION NO. CAI 27

DUTY : To/G1/21/11 Two Catalinas repeat CAL 24 20/11 night of 21st November

MOVEMENTS OUT: CAI/MR2 21/11 A24-21 departed Cairns 0332/21Z
A24-22 " " 0342/21Z

MOVEMENTS IN : CAI/MR1/22/11 A24-21 Alighted Cairns 2250/21z
A24-22 " Cairns 2144/21z

BOMB LOADS 4 X 250 G.P. Inst nose one sec. tail

CAPTAIN A24-21 : F/O Duigan
A24-22 : F/L Hirst

FLYING TIMES A24-21 19 hours 18 mins.
A24-22 18 hours 02 mins.

RESULTS CAI/MR1/22/11 Nil enemy sightings.

WEATHER " " " " Clouds, cumulus and cirro stratus. Wind 125/12. Visibility over New Guinea good, from New Guinea to area searched, visibility nil, stormy winds North to Northeast, 15 to 20 knots.

FUEL CONSUMED A24-21 1186 gallons
A24-22 1185 gallons

FLAME FLOATS A24-21 12
A24-22 13

VEREY CART. Both aircraft, nil.

BOMBS DROPPED Nil.

RECCE FLARES A24-21 nil
A24-22 3

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30th. November, 1942. OPERATIONS RECORD.

OPERATION NO. CAI25

No.11 Squadron

DUTY
TO/G3/20/11. All available Catalinas attack KAVIENG to night 20/11. Priority of targets.)1) Aircraft on strip and in dispersal area. (2) Supply dumps.(3) Installations.

TIME OUT
CAI/MS1/20/11. A24-1, CAI 251, airborne Cairns 0347/20z. Emergency position bearing and distance from Samarai,

MOVEMENT IN. CAI/MS1, 21/11.A24-1 landed Cairns 2359/20Z.

CAPTAIN: F/LT.SEYMOUR.

FLYING TIME: 20 hours 12mins.

RESULT: CAI/MS1,20/11. All A/C located target. 5 hits on dump between runway and NE dispersal; 1 on edge dispersal bay ; small bombs on runway and A/A position.
CAI/B1,21/11: intense inaccurate A/A fire from known positions adnd from ships.Heavy A/A from new battery vicinity JUNCTON of NAMATANI ROAD and road N of plantation E of dro me.Heavy A/A from CAPE MOAN.Heavy from position S end NUSA IS. an d S end NUSALIK IS. New position reported CAI 20 18/11 active.Searchlight vicinity A/A position S of SE end of runway.Found A/C immediately in good visibili-ty.In vicinity TROBRIANDS OBSERVED to the West atn unknown distance enormous red glow.Obswrved 6 minutes until cloud obscured .
WEATHER: Visibility 10 miles over target.Broken Strato Cu cloud. Wind 20/291 at 6000 ft.

CAI/W2, 21/11: Five ships anchored west of NUSA ISLAND :xx Light A/A from some.

FUEL CONSUMED: 1248 galls.

BOMBS DROPPED: 8 x 250 G.P. and 30 X 20 Frag.

FLAME FLOATS: 10 .

40 ROUNDS PRACTICE.

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20th. November.1942. **OPERATIONS RECORD.**

No.11 Squadron.

OPERATION NO.CAI 24.

DUTY TO/G2/20/11. Two Catlinns repeat CAI 22, 19/11.Namely Carry out recconnaissance of area between Buna and Lae, and the sea approaches bounding those areas during the hours of darkness of 20/11.See attached sheet for /tracks

MOVEMENT OUT CAI/MR 6 20/11.

A24-26, CAI 242 airborne 0322/20z.
A24-17, CAI 243 " 0350/20z.

EMERGENCY POSITION. Bearing and distance from Samarai.

MOVEMENT IN CAI/MR 1,20/11: A2-17 landed CAIRNS 2317/20Z
A24-26 " " 2350/20Z.

FLYING TIMES: A24-17 -19hours27mins.
A24-26 - 20 hours 23 mins. (R) 28 mins.

CAPTAINS: A24-17 F/O SHIELDS : A24-26 F/O TOWNSEND.

BOMB LOADS: Each A/C 4x 250 G.P. 1sec.tail: 4 RECCE FLARES.

RESULT : Nil enemy sightings.

WEATHER : Visibility 10/12 but in showers Vis.Nil.Wind 5/150 .Low CU and tropical storms.

FUEL CONSUMED: A24-17 : 1200 gls.

FLAME FLOATS: " 6
VEREY CART. " 1

FUEL CONSUMED: A24-26 : 1150 gls.

FLAME FLOATS: " 10

MESSAGES TO A/C : NIL.

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OPERATION RECORD. OPERATION NO. CAI 23

DATE. 19th. November, 1942.

11 SQUADRON

DUTY TO/G2/19 : ALL AVAILABLE CATALINAS TO ATTACK KAVIENG NIGHT OF 19/11.
TO/G4/18 refers to priority of targets.

MOVEMENT OUT	CAI/MS2/19/11.	Catalina A24-26 airborne Cairns 0400/19z.
DUTY NO.		CAI 233
MOVEMENT IN	CAI/MR2/20/11	a24-26 landed Cairns 2300/19z.
BOMB LOAD.	CAI/MS2/19/11	4 X 250) 2 X 500) All fragmentation. 15X 20)
FLYING TIME		19 hours.
MESSAGES TO AND FROM AIRCRAFT.		Nil.

RESULT. CAI/MR/2/20/11. All bombs in target area.One hit on S/E. end of runway, one on lane connecting runway and N/E dispersal bays. One bomb in dispersal area S/E sid e of runway and three between runway and N/E dispersal bay. OneA/c. at least probably destroyed.. CAI/P1/20/11. Approx. 12 ships sighted E. of North Cape. CAI/B1/20/11 Bombs dropped from 5500 ft. small fire started S/E end runway,lasted 30 mins.considered a/c destroyed,small frag. near S/E end of runway.A/A.2 Bofors type M/W end of runway fring red tracer 1000' below a/c.New positions at Sport Ground and South of S/E end runway.Vis. over target,fair.

FUEL CONSUMED. 1270 gals.

BOMBS DROPPED. as above

PYROTECHNICS. 4 flame floats.

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DATE 19th. NOVEMBER, 1942. OPERATION RECORD. Operation No. CAI 22

11 SQUADRON.

DUTY ; TO/G1/19/11. Cancelling patrol of area "M". Two Catalinas to carry out recconnaissance of area between Buna, Lae, and the sea approaches bounding those areas, during the hours of darkness of 19/11.

MOVEMENT OUT

CAI/MC1/19/11

Catalina	A24-1	airborne Cairns	0346/z19
Catalina	A24-17	" "	0352/z19
"	A24-30	" "	0605/19z.

MOVEMENT IN

Catalina	A24-1	alighted Cairns	0426/19z
"	A24-17	" "	0110/20z
"	A24-30	" "	2200/19z

BOMB LOADS

CAI/MC1/19/11 Each aircraft 4 X250 G.P. 1 sec. tail. except A24-30 which carried 6 X 250 G.P.

FLYING TIMES.

A24-1	40 minutes.	TOTAL HOURS.
A24-17	21 hours 18 mins.	
A24-30	15 hours 55 mins.	37 hours 53 mins.

MESSAGES TO AND FROM AIRCRAFT. From A24-1 (7D6A) at.0405/19z. Developed bad oil leak port motor am abandoning operation.
From Cairns to 7D6H , Vessels sighted on patrol outside restricted areas to be attacked.

RESULT A24-1 returned to base, alighting at Cairns at 0430/19z, because of message (above). A24-30 took place of A24-1 with same crew.

CAI/MR/1 20/11 A24-30 alighted Cairns 2200/19z. Nil enemy sightings. Area searched 9°12' S.149°43'E.,07°05'S.147°40E. 06°22 S. 148°43 E. From white. Weather 10/10, strato cu. base 1500, wind v. 150/10. Vis nil.

FUEL CONSUMED. A24-17 ; 1180 gals. A24-30 ; 958 gals.

BOMBS DROPPED. Nil both aircraft.

PYROTECHNICS. A24-17, 9 flame fleats. A24-30, 8 flame floats. A24-30 fired 500 rounds practise ammunition.

RESULTS CAI/MR2/20/11. (Cont.) A24-17 alighted Cairns, 0110/2 oz. Nil sightings. Area searched 8°50'S.149°10'E.6°36'S.148°13'E.

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OPERATION RECORD

DATE 18/11/42 SQUADRON 11 OPERATION NO. CAI 19

DUTY TO/G1 18/11 One Catalina patrol Area "M" night of the 18/19

MOVEMENTS OUT CAI/MR1 18/11 A24-25 departed Cairns 0246/18Z

MOVEMENTS IN CAI/MR1/17/11 A24-25 landed Cairns 2119/15z

BOMB LOAD 4 X 250 G.P. isec tail 4 Recce flares

RESULT CAI/WR1/17/11 : Definite ASV indications 07 49'S 151 25'E 1057/18z Homing aerial US but picked up on ~~xxxxxxx~~ searching aerial five times...Disappeared at 1135/18z.....Nil sighting but considered submarine.....Recce of Arawe and Pilelu Is at 1400/18z nil F/Ps. On Hibwa Is 10 15S 151 00E one red and white fl flag on pole at 0800/18z. Ketch anchired off North Katai Is. Ketch under sail Goodenough Is Course East at 0805/18z Douglas A/c VHDCl 10 miles NE Snapper Reef appears to be floating and will end up in Alexander Bay. Huon Gulf area not searched, due ASV failure.

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Actual Flying Time....18 33 hours
Fuel consumed..... 1320 gll.
Bombs dropped..... Nil
Pyrtocehnics..... Flame floats 11
Other Nil

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OPERATION RECORD

DATE 18/11/42 — 11 & 20 Squadrons — OPERATION CAI 20

DUTY: TO/G4 18/11 11 available Catalinas attack KAVIENG night of 18/19 Priority of targets 1.A/c on strip and in dispersal areas 2.Supply dumps 3.Installations

MOVEMENTS OUT CAI/MSI 18/11

A24-17	departed	Cairns	0312/18Z
A24-21	"	"	0314/18Z
A24-22	"	"	0408/18Z
A24-26	"	"	0441/18Z
A24-27	"	"	0251/18Z
A24-30	"	"	0440/18Z

MOVEMENTS IN: CAI/MSI 19/11 6 Catalinas alighted CAIRNS by 0115/19Z.

BOMB LOADS A24-17 & A24-22 each 8X250 GP with extensions 50X20 Frag.
A24-21 6X500 GP with extensions 20X20 Frag
A24-26 & A24-30 & A24-27 each 6X500 GP with extensions

FLYING TIME:

A24-27	~~18~~ 21	hours	~~57~~ -	minutes.
A24-26	20	"	27	"
A24-30	19	"	47	"
A24-22	19	"	30	"
A24-21	19	"	16	"
A24-17	18	"	59	"
TOTAL:	118	"	58	"

FUEL CONSUMED:

A24-27	1220	GALLS	6	FLAME	FLOATS	NIL	SEA	MKRS.	NIL	RECCE	FLARES
A24-26	1350	"	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
A24-30	1310	"	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
A24-22	1320	"	13	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
A24-21	1280	"	5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
A24-17	1210	"	3	"	"	"	"	"	2	"	"
TOTAL:	7690	"	33	"	"	NIL	"	"	NIL	"	"
									2	"	"

BOMBS DROPPED: All as above.

RESULTS:
CAI/MSI 19/11. 5 aircraft located target (.) Bombs on all dispersal areas and runway and off south west edge (.) one large one small fire N.E. dispersal loop (.) one aircraft wrecked(.) Remaining aircraft unable locate target and dropped 6 X 500 vicinity RABAUL (.) Visibility on operation generally extremely bad

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OPERATION RECORD.

DATE 18TH NOVEMBER 1942. 11 & 20 SQUADRONS OPERATION CAI 20.

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RESULTS:
CAI/131 19/11. Bombs from 2400 - 9200 feet(.)
A/A
Slight heavy from known positions. Probable landing strip NW ½- SE approx 1000 yds long with possible dispersal lanes both ends 2 - 3 miles from coast near KULINGAI (.) Position 5 -35S 150 - 08 E sighted 1330/18Z from 7000 feet in fair visibility(.) Visibility generally poor.

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RECORD OF OPERATIONS

DATE 18th.November 1942 11 Squadron OPERATION No CAI 18

DUTY : TO/G7/17/11 One Catalina to carry out inner anti submarine patrol over Force KA(HMASs KATOOMBA ,BALLARAT esc.BALIK PAPAN, JAPARA,BANTAM,J.B.ASHE) from 2300/17z until dusk or relieved by BEAUFORT - Catalina to return Cairns - F orce KA should be covered by Beaufort until 2300/17z.

MOVEMENT OUT CAI/MC1/18/11:Catalina A24-1 airnorne Cairns 1900/17Z

IN CAI/MC2 18/11 : A24-1 landed Cairns 0343/18Z

BOMB LOAD 4 x 250 GP One sec tail.

FLYING TIME 8 Hours 43 Mins

Messages to & from A/C
To A/c 2329/17Z Return to base
To A/c 2059/17Z from Moresby : When do you expect to leave convoy
From A/c to Moresby at 2119/17Z : Dusk or when relieved
To A/c from Cairns at 0130/18Z : Return to convoy
Fro A/c to Cairns at 0330/18Z : Position overhead shall we carry out instruction
To A/c from Cairns at 0343/18Z : Land

RESULT Owing to confusion re position and bad weather convoy was not located

FUEL CONSUMED 560 Gals.

BOMBS DROPPED Nil

PYROTECHNICS Nil

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OPERATION RECORD.

DATE: 17th NOVEMBER 1942. 20 SQUADRON. OPERATION NO. CAI 17.

DUTY: TO/GS/ 17/11:	One Catalina Patrol area "M" night of 17/11/42. Patrol lines joining the following positions: 09° 15S 149° 53E 07° 04S 147° 37E 06° 22S 148° 40E 07° 00S 152° 00E 07° 52S 151° 26E 07° 17S 149° 00E 09° 15S 149° 53E.
MOVEMENT OUT: CAI/MR1 17/11.	Catalina A24-22 airborne 0345/17z CAIRNS. Emergency position bearing and distance from SAMARAI.
MOVEMENT IN.	
CAI/MC2 18/11	A24-22 landed Cairns 2235/17Z
RESULT	Nil enemy sightings
FLYING TIME	18Hours 50 Mins
FUEL CONSUMED	1300 Gals
FLARE FLOATS	5
VEREY CARTRIDGES	1
BOMBS MK DROPPED	NIL
MESSAGES TO AIRCRAFT	From MORESBY : Cancel Area M do continuous patrol BUNA GASMATA sea lanes. Report hourly giving weather and positions Report from BUNA at 1400Z

A/C reported: Moresby used wrong call sign so message was ignored

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OPERATION RECORD

DATE : 17th.November 1942 7 & 20 Squadrons OPERATION NO Cai 16

DUTY : TO/G3/16/11 Two Beauforts one Catalina inner anti-submarine patrol Force K comprising HMASs ARUNTA KATOOMBA BALLARAT escorting BALIK PAPAN,BANTAM,JAPARA,MAETSUYCKER,BOTHA,BONTEKOE,CREMER, JOHN B ASHE JESSE APPLEGATE from dawn to dusk. First two details to be Beauforts landing Wards. Catalina then to patrol until dusk alighting Cairns.

MOVEMENTS OUT

CAI/MC5/16/11	A9-128	airborne Cairns	at 1745/16z
	A9-123	" "	2000/16z
	A24-27	" "	2300/16z

MOVEMENTS IN

CAI/MC3/17/11	A24-27	alighted Cairns 1130/17z
WAR/MC1/17/11	A9-123	landed Wards 0220/17z

BOMB LOADS 4 x 250 AS each aircraft.

RESULT CAI/MC3/17/11 Nil enemy sightings - Position of convoy at 0845/17z 13 03'S 147 21'E- Convoy splitting at time of departure of aircraft Estilated position of convoy at 1900/17z Portion "A"12 16'S 148 25'E Co.053 Speed 9k. Portion "B" 11 20'S 147 33'E Co 354 Spped 10k .

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ACTUAL FLYING TIME 1230 hours FUEL CONSUMED 750 glls.

BOMBS DROPPED NIL

PYROTECHNICSN

Flame Floats	Nil
Sea Markers	"
Flares	"
Verey Cart.	"

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OPERATION RECORD

DATE 16th.November 1942 11 & 20 Squadron OPERATION NO Cai 15

DUTY :TO/G2/16/11:All available Catalinas attack Kahili night 16/ Target aerodrome and installations (.) Advise time over target.

A134 16/11.Time over target 1130/16z to 1330/16z(.) Your TO/G2/16/11 received 0700/16z.

MOVEMENTS OUT CAI/MS1/16/11-Catalina A24-1 airborne 0340/16z Cairns
" A24-21 " 0335/16z "
" A24-22 " 0415/16z "
" A24-25 " 0410/16z "

MOVEMENTS IN CAI/MS 1 17/11. Catalina A24-1 alighted 2000/16z Cairns
" A24-21 " 2010/16z "
" A24-25 " 2017/16z "
" A24-22 " 2014/16z "

BOMB LOADS A24-1 8 x 250 F;20 x 20 F. A24-21,A24-22,A24-25 each 6 X 500 F 20 x 20 F.

CAI/MS I,16/11.

RESULTS

CAI/MS1,17/11. Successful attack.Seven bombs on blast bays, five between blast bays and runway. One direct hit centre r unway at North end. Twelve bombs east edge of runway.Six large fires with dense black and white smoke followed by three heavy explosions. Three aircraft definitely destroyed. Six smaller fires.

CAI/B1,17/11. Bombs from 4500-6000 feet. Smaller fragmentations scattered over blast bays and runway area.Large fires burned for 30 minutes before exploding.Possible fuel dumps in blast bays. Nil enemy air activity observed. Moderate heavy accurate A/A. from two new positions on coast South end of runway. Powerful blue coloured searchlights active from same area. Steady light on Laughlin Island, extinguished as aircraft passed. Flare dropped on Misima Island. Nil activity observed. Signal lamp operating near Guima Point, Shortland Island after attack.Small fire or steady light on Panuu Keikeisu Island. Possible L shaped landing strip just east of Miwu River, Bougainville Island. Visibility fair over target.

FLYING TIMES

~~CAI/MS1,17/11.~~

A24-1	16	hours	20	minutes.
A24-21	16	"	35	"
A24-22	16	"	39	"
A24-25	16	"	7	"
TOTAL :	65	"	41	"

FUEL CONSUMED:											
A24-1.	988	GALLS	10	FLAME	FLOATS-	SEA	MKRS.	1	RECCE	FLARE
A24-21.	1040	"	10	"	"	NIL	"	"	"	"
A24-22.	1060	"	13	"	"	"	"	"	2	"
A24-25.	1100	"	9	"	"	1	"	"	1	"
TOTAL:	4188	"	42	"	"	1	"	"	4	"

BOMBS DROPPED: All as above.

John F Clough P/O Controller.

OPERATION RECORD

DATE 16th.November 1942 — 11 Squadron — OPERATION No,CAI 14

DUTY :TO/g1/16/11: One Catalina Patrol area "M" night of 16/11.

MOVEMENT OUT :CAI/MR2/16/11-Catalina A24-17 airborne 0330/16z Cairns.

MOVEMENT IN :CAI/MC1/17/11- " " alighted 2204/16Z "

BOMB LOAD : 4 x 250 Gp. inst.nose one sec tail.

RESULT :CAI/MC1 17/11: Nil enemy sightings.

" :CAI/W1 17/11: At 0940/16/Z two large fires BUNA (.) 0950/16/Z seven distinct bomb bursts(.) 0955/16/Z third fire started(.) All three fires burning with very red glow visible from 50 miles at 2000 feet

ACTUAL FEYING TIME..18.:.34.hrs.FUEL CONSUMED...1146... glls.

BOMBS DROPPED....NIL.....

PYROTECHNICS USED..... Flame Floats...10.....
Sea Markers.....
Recce Flares.....
VEREY CARTRIDGES.....

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OPERATIONS RECORD

DATE 16th.November 1942 7 Squadron Operation No. Cai 13

DUTY :To/G4/15: ~~Two~~ One Beauforts, relieved as necessary to carry out inner anti-submarine patrol force "K" (HMASs ARUNTA,KATOOMBA, BALLARAT esc.9 M/Vs) Last detail to leave convoy to land Cairns by dusk.

MOVEMENTS OUT :CAI/MC2/16/11-A9128 airborne Cairns 0228/16z
A9-~~123~~123 " " 0430/16Z

MOVEMENTS IN :CAI/MC3/16/11-A9-128 landed Cairns at 0700/16Z
CAI/MC4/16/11-A9-~~123~~123 " " 0805/16Z

RESULT CAI/MC3 16/11 Nil enemy sightings Position of convoy at 0315/16Z 16-27S 146-17E Course 019 Speed 8.5 knots

CAI/MC4 16/11 Nil enemy sightings At 0727/16Z convoy in position 16-10S 146-32E Course 030 speed 8.5 knots

BOMB LOADS : 4 x 250 AS eac aircraft.

ACTUAL FLYING TIME% A9-128: 4Hours 32 mins A9-123: 3 " 35 " FUEL CONSUMED, A9-128 Not supplied A9-123 : 260 gals.

BOMBS DROPPED Nil

PYROTECHNICS USED..Nil. Flame Floats.....
Sea Markers.....
Recce Flares.....
Verey Cartridges.....

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OPERATIONS RECORD

DATE 16th.Nogvember 1942 20 Squadron OPERATION NO% Cai 12

DUTY : Form Green To/G2/15/11 One Catalina carry out inner anti Submarine Patrol Force "H" (HMAS Warrego esc Clan Matheson and Nordnes) dawn till dusk 16/11

MOVEMENT OUT:CAI/MC1/15/11:Catalina A24-30 airborne at 1714/15z Cairns.

MOVEMENT INN:CAI/MC6/16/11: " " alighted 1133/16Z Cairns;

BOMB LOAD : 2 x 325 DB%

RESULT :CAI/MC6 16/11 Nil enemy sightings. Position of convoy at 0845/16Z 12-46S 147-12E course 359 speed 10 knots

ACTUAL FLYING TIME..18 Hrs 18 Mins FUEL CONSUMED..1030.....gllls

BOMBS DROPPED...Nil.....

PYROTECHNICS CONSUMED... Flame Floats Four
Sea Markers Nil
Recce Flares "
Verey Cartridges."

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