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[Record of Operations] A.A.  
5302  
11820 SQUADRON  
12/1/43 to 31/1/43  
AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES  
ACCESS STATUS

OPEN

AWM 64

[1/110]

DATE 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH OPERATION CAI 2 SQUADRON \_\_\_\_\_

FORM GREEN NO. 56/11 FORM NAVY NO. CA/MA 2 A/C TYPE E

DUTY Search area "M"

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
<u>UFLD</u>	<u>A24-6</u>	<u>0700/12</u>	<u>FAIRF</u>	<u>0720<sup>30</sup>/12</u>	<u>FAIRF</u>
<u>UTSD</u>		<u>0820/12</u>	<u>FAIRF</u>	<u>2213/12</u>	<u>FAIRF</u>

TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE 20 hours 14 mins TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ PRECIS OF SIGNAL \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL REMARKS

*Revised  
19*

DATE 13/3/43 OPERATION CAI 65 SQUADRON 11420

FORM GREEN NO. CAI/G1 FORM MAIVE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ A/C TYPE E

Duty Search for Missing Catalina A24-22

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
<u>A</u>	<u>A24-14</u>	<u>0800 L<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>M. Bay</u>	<u>1815 L<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>Fuel Run</u>
<u>Z53F</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>0730 L<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>F. Bay</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
	<u>"</u>	<u>0735 L<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1215 L<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>Came</u>

TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE 14-55 TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ PRECIS OF SIGNAL \_\_\_\_\_

A1. 853 To Search. Tobrands etc. at 0800/L<sup>2</sup>  
 A 25v from 11420 to Remove at M. Bay. to continue search.  
 A 605 Cancels A25v  
 71 W MR1 Search Made but no results. Sighting message from A/C regarding Jap life boat not authenticated  
 11 W MR2 A/C to make search North of Tobrands.  
 71 W MR13 Cancels 71 W MR2  
 A657 A24-14 for Came about 0735/L<sup>2</sup>  
 CAI MR3. A24-14 landed Came 0715/L<sup>2</sup>

GENERAL REMARKS

*Account A1*

DATE 19 March 43

OPERATION CA 1. 1.

SQUADRON

11720 Sqns

FORM GREEN NO. 50/6/11 FORM NAME NO. CA 1/MS 1. A/C TYPE E.

DUTY - Attack Buna - 4/4 + installation - go a/c inspect supply dumps

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
6QLS-2ASS	A24-32	0300 7/13	Buna	2025 7/13	Tali
6QLH-2ASH	A24-17	0700 7/13	"	2150 7/13	"
6QLW-2ASW	A24-36	0800 7/13	"	2015 7/13	Buna
	A24-32	2202 7/13	Tali	0200 7/14	Buna
	A24-17	2315 7/13	"	0450 7/14	"
TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE			TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER		
58 hrs 40 mins					

SIGNAL NO.

PRECIS OF SIGNAL

CA1/W2 - In information 9K Thoma - location easily found + inspected, except for fire locality very dark and pilot considered successful trip could be made only on clear moonlight night.

CA1/W3 - Bombs across runway edges + dispersal bays & bombs on Bongaville south of Buna jetty. Nil observed result except one bomb vicinity dispersal bay which threw up sparks + debris. Weather prevented accurate bombing.

GENERAL REMARKS

Op completed

Proved  
S.

DATE 13/3/13 OPERATION Civil SQUADRON 1142

FORM GREEN NO. 4/13 FORM MAUVE NO. Mc 3 10<sup>th</sup> A/C TYPE 1<sup>st</sup>

Duty. "S.V." 1000-11

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
<u>FMTM</u>	<u>1121</u>	<u>1715, 12</u>	<u>CNS</u>	<u>CNS</u>	<u>CNS</u>
TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE	<u>15-00</u>	TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER	<u>9-15</u>		

SIGNAL NO. CMI/MC/3 PRECIS OF SIGNAL  
Aircraft left Convoy in position 13275  
14742E at 0500/23 Course 030 Speed 8.5Kts  
vs. Mc/10 Wind 130/55 Cloud 5000 9/10 Bar 1000  
All Squads.

GENERAL REMARKS

*Recorded  
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DATE 15 MAROPERATION CAI 5SQUADRON 11 + 20FORM GREEN NO. F/12/12 FORM YELLOW NO. 01/mr2 A/C TYPE E

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
<u>281Y</u>	<u>A24-38</u>	<u>0230/13</u>	<u>Caia</u>	<u>0001/12</u>	<u>Caia</u>
<u>5C91</u>					
TOTAL HOURS A/BLOCKED			TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER		
<u>19 hrs - 31 mins</u>			<u>Nil</u>		

SIGNAL NO.

PRECIS OF SIGNAL

01/mr1.A24-38 landed 0055/13 Caia. U/S.01/n4.From Chula. Nil sighting. Weather fair.GENERAL REMARKS

*Recorded  
A1*



DATE 15/3/43 OPERATION CAI 11 SQUADRON 11

FORM GREEN NO. <sup>70/64/14</sup> FORM MAUVE NO. CAI/MC1/15 A/C TYPE E

*Base Cal. Sgt. Four 5' down to deck 15".*

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
NVKO	A26-21	1820/14	Calais		
	<i>offered base</i>	1945/14	Calais	1223/15	Calais

TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE 16.38 hrs TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER 2.15 - 0800 hrs (1005)

SIGNAL NO. CAI/MC6/15 PRECIS OF SIGNAL Convoy left at 0800/15 position 1157S 14731E  
Course 353° Speed 12 knots.

*hit bylings.*

GENERAL REMARKS

*Operation Completed.*

*Recorded  
J.P.*

DATE 15/3/43OPERATION CAI 10.SQUADRON 11-20FORM GREEN NO. <sup>TD/14/4</sup>FORM MAUVE NO. CAI/MX1/15. A/C TYPE E

One Cat. Patrol area "M" night of 15/3/43.

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
ZSKY	A26-38.	0530/15	base	0845/15	base.
TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE			TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER		
0324/15 to 0845/15					

SIGNAL NO.

PRECIS OF SIGNAL

Intercept - Syko from A26-38 - Special Equipment 4/6, am  
returning to base, arriving at 0837/15.  
CAI/MX3/15. 2/3 landed 0845/15 Patrol abandoned.

GENERAL REMARKS

Patrol abandoned

Recorded  
A.

DATE 16<sup>th</sup> March OPERATION CAI 14 SQUADRON 11

FORM GREEN NO. To/GS 15 FORM MAUVE NO. CAI/MS 5 A/C TYPE F

Duty ST-1 Area JH Dawn to Dark

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
<u>ST5M</u>	<u>A2024</u>	<u>18/15<sup>00</sup></u>	<u>CHS</u>	<u>0623/1<sup>00</sup></u>	

TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE 12-20 TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER

SIGNAL NO. PRECIS OF SIGNAL

To/GS Order STY to Area JH by 1 Col.  
Dawn to Dark  
CAI/MS Particulars of A2024  
CAI/MS 16<sup>th</sup> A2024 landed 0623/1<sup>00</sup> CHS.  
 Unable to locate. Convoy area searched

GENERAL REMARKS  
Convoy not located.

Reviewed  
BY

DATE 14/3/43 OPERATION CAI 13 SQUADRON 11120 Sqn

FORM GREEN NO. 20635 FORM MAUVE NO. CAI/MAR/16 A/C TYPE E

DUTY 1E patrol M. night 16 Mar.

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
<u>8VIMH 2324</u>	<u>A24-17</u>	<u>0100/16</u>	<u>Cairo</u>	<u>0350/16</u>	<u>Cairo (generator trouble)</u>
<u>8VIB 2325</u>	<u>A24-2</u>	<u>0500/16</u>	<u>Cairo</u>	<u>2028/16</u>	<u>Fallonia</u>
		<u>2240/16</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>0310/17</u>	<u>Cairo</u>

TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE A24-17, 2hrs 50 TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER A24-2 19 = 59

SIGNAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ PRECIS OF SIGNAL \_\_\_\_\_

Syko. - F.O.A (0310/16) am returning to base - generator trouble  
 F.O.A 0340/16  
 CAI/MAR2 - A24-2 replaced A24-17.  
 Syko - TOR (1350/16) on patrol 1229/16.  
 CAI/MAR6 - A24-2 alighted 0310/17. O/S.  
 CAI/WI/17. no sightings. ASV good until 1600/16.  
 when ceased to function. Weather good  
 no excellent.

GENERAL REMARKS

operation completed

*Recorded.  
 M*

DATE 16/3 OPERATION CAH 68 SQUADRON 11

FORM GREEN NO.            FORM MAUVE NO. CAH 1123 A/C TYPE F

Duty Bombing & A/A at Maruba

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
ZSKW	A20-36	0900/16 <sup>2</sup>	CNS	1335/16 <sup>2</sup>	CNS

TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE CAH-35 TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER           

SIGNAL NO.            PRECIS OF SIGNAL           

CAH/1123  
Intercept  
CAH/1123

Ordering Duty & giving details.  
From CNS to A/C asking F.T.A  
A20-36 handed Capt 1335/16<sup>2</sup>

GENERAL REMARKS           

*Recorded  
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DATE 17/3/42 OPERATION 16 SQUADRON 11020 Squadron

FORM GREEN NO. To/62/16 FORM MAUVE NO. CAI/1485 A/C TYPE E

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
1T9Y	A24-38	0330 <sup>2</sup> /17	0025	0935/8	0025
5R7Y					
	A24-38	0708/15	Wick Bay	0821/16	Basins
TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE			TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER		
2405 hours					

SIGNAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ PRECIS OF SIGNAL \_\_\_\_\_

To/62/16 - Patrol area 14 night 17<sup>th</sup> March 17<sup>th</sup>.  
 CAI/1485 - A24-38 airborne 0330<sup>2</sup>/17.  
 A 879 - re a/c alighting Wick Bay.  
 CAI/1483 - PSV 80% efficient. Nil sightings.  
 Operation completed.

GENERAL REMARKS

*Reviewed  
 M.*

DATE 17 March OPERATION CM15 SQUADRON 11820

FORM GREEN NO. <sup>Tops</sup> 163 FORM MAUVE NO. <sup>Tops</sup> 115/1 A/C TYPE F

INTY. ATTACK Bays (1 a/c to carry out R.O.F. of Buka & Gatukai (R))

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE	
ZD15	A24-32	0300/17 <sup>2</sup>	CNS	2010/17 <sup>2</sup>	F/Rom	170
ZD16	A24-41	0500/17 <sup>2</sup>	"	2140/17 <sup>2</sup>	CNS	160
ZD17 a/c	A24-26	0700/17 <sup>2</sup>	"	3120/17 <sup>2</sup>	F/R	140
	A24-3V	2055/17 <sup>2</sup>	Kahili	0110/18 <sup>2</sup>	CNS	110
	A24-26	2100/17 <sup>2</sup>	"	0210/19 <sup>2</sup>	"	120
TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE		<u>56-50</u>		TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER		

SIGNAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ PRECIS OF SIGNAL \_\_\_\_\_

To Lt. Hbec  
 Rsptrs Cof/USI  
 CA1/W1  
 CA1/W2

Operation ATTACH ON Buka by Catalinas. RAAF HQ. Detach of 11820 advised to make R.O.F. at Buka & Gatukai from RAAF HQ. Request operator to make frequency band 20-30 Mc/s. Detach of Strike

Large transport & sighted by A24-3V off Kahili Strip

All a/c own target - bombs on fighter & bomber dispersal bays, runways etc. All exploded results unobserved - blast bays & a/c shrapnel - one before released location Bangalore 17/03/1947

GENERAL REMARKS

CA1/B1

Bombs dropped from 3500 to 9500 ft - slight to moderate heavy to light increments from known position of 2000 ft on Kahili from 5,000 ft. Extreme before increments from Kahili. Extreme heavy accurate from Ballale. Mc held in wing while flying over this area at 3,000 ft. Special mission completed, special signal following in this.

Operation Completed.

Handed 29.

DATE 18/3 OPERATION CA120 SQUADRON 11FORM GREEN NO. <sup>T0/66/17</sup> FORM MAIVE NO. CA1/MC4/18 A/C TYPE E1E SJY Combined Forces LL + LK 0007/18 till dusk

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
<u>5R7B</u>	<u>H24-2</u>	<u>2230/17</u>	<u>Trains</u>	<u>1026/18</u>	<u>Trains</u>

TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE 2230/17 to 1026/18 (1156 hrs) TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER 0001/18 to 0900/18 (0859 hrs)

SIGNAL NO. PRECIS OF SIGNAL

CA1/MC4 - Force LK. 1515 S 14650 E 6029° True 8 at 0900/18 2  
 Force LL 1540 S 14630 E 6029° True 8 at 0900/18 2

Nil Enemy SightingsGENERAL REMARKSOperation CompletedRecorded  
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DATE 18/3/43 OPERATION CAI 19 SQUADRON 11

FORM GREEN NO. 10/65/17 FORM MAIVE NO. CAI/MCI A/C TYPE E

1E S&X Force Fk down to dual 18<sup>th</sup>

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
3WBH	A24-17	1800/17	Guernsey	2054/18	

TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE 2954 hrs TOTAL HOURS AIR COVERED 2000/17 to 2000/18 (24 hrs)

SIGNAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ PRECIS OF SIGNAL \_\_\_\_\_

CAI/MCS/18: Left convoy at 2000/18 from 09565 14710E.  
hit Enemy Sightings

GENERAL REMARKS

Operation Completed.

Recorded  
M.

DATE 18/3/43 OPERATION CAH 18 SQUADRON 11220

FORM GREEN NO. T/G/317<sup>th</sup> CH/INR1 8<sup>th</sup> FORM MAUVE NO. 8<sup>th</sup> A/C TYPE F

Det Patrol "M" night 18<sup>th</sup>

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
<u>215M Ther. 658P</u>	<u>A25-24</u>	<u>0100/18</u>	<u>CNS</u>	<u>(CANCELLED)</u>	
<u>215P Ther. 658P</u>	<u>A25-27</u>	<u>0100/18</u>	<u>CNS</u>	<u>205/18</u>	<u>F.R. 1625</u>
		<u>2320/18</u>	<u>FR</u>	<u>0855/19</u>	<u>CNS. 433</u>
TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE		<u>21 00</u>			
TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER					

SIGNAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ PRECIS OF SIGNAL \_\_\_\_\_

T/G/317<sup>th</sup> One F to patrol "M"  
 CH/INR1 A25-24 to depart at 0100/18 ✓  
 CH/INR2 Canech CH/INR1 of A25-27 to depart 0100/18 ✓  
 AS66 on patrol. 1125/18 ✓  
 CH/INR3 A25-27 landed Canech 0855/19 ✓  
 CH/INR3 15<sup>th</sup> ASV. Serviceable. At 1135/18 ✓. 06525 1429 with  
 Canech 270 large ocean going sub sighted. Crash  
 Dived before time for attack. 28 small fire 11000 k. 2800m light Canech  
 ASV. Wind 5 kts. Variable.

GENERAL REMARKS

ops completed

Revised  
M.

DATE 19/3/19 OPERATION CA124 SQUADRON 11720  
 FORM GREEN NO. 185 FORM MAUVE NO. 187 A/C TYPE F

Duty STY Force LK.

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
5047	A20-38	1800/18	CNS	1200/19	CNS
TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE		18 00		TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER	
				12-15	

SIGNAL NO.

PRECIS OF SIGNAL

Top/6/19  
 C/M/19/19  
 Interupt  
 C/M/19/19

Ordering One to to STY Force LK.  
 A20-38 to take off at 1800/18 to be  
 over Conroy 5000/18  
 at 0937/19 A/C requested Homing on 25 KCS  
 A20-38 landed at 1200/19. Conroy  
 left at 0825/19. in pos. 1228 S 148 Wk  
 Course over T. Sp 8 1/2 Kts. All Enemy  
 Sightings vis 10. Wind V 150/30 Cloud 3/10

GENERAL REMARKS

Ops Completed.

Recorded  
 M.

DATE 19/3/43 OPERATION CA123 SQUADRON 11420

FORM GENEX NO. To/6/18 FORM MAUVE NO. CA1/MC/6 A/C TYPE F

Duty Back SF1 Force 44 Down Till Deck

A/C CALL SIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
<u>815KT</u>	<u>A2424</u>	<u>1800/18</u>	<u>CNS</u>	<u>1105/19</u>	<u>CNS</u>
TOTAL HOURS AIRSCENE		<u>17-05</u>		TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER	
				<u>12-20</u>	

SIGNAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ PRECIS OF SIGNAL \_\_\_\_\_

To/6/18  
CA1/MC/6 18<sup>th</sup>  
CA1/MC/1 19<sup>th</sup>

Ordering SF1  
16 A2424 to depart 1800/18<sup>th</sup> to pick  
up convoy 2000/18<sup>th</sup>  
A2424 landed Convoy at 1105/19<sup>th</sup>  
left Convoy at 0800/19<sup>th</sup> in pos.  
13°S. 177°E. Course OK. Spd. 8Kts.  
Hit brights. Vis 20 miles  
W/V 130 20 Cloud 4/10 G Showed  
in late Afternoon

GENERAL REMARKS

*ops. Completed.*

*Revised  
M.*

DATE 19/3OPERATION CAV 22SQUADRON 11120 SgtsFORM GREEN NO. 762/2 FORM MAUVE NO. CA1/MR2 A/C TYPE 'E'

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
3DNE - 3528	A24-41	0017/02	baime	0023/02	Fall River
		0225/02	Fall River	0020/02	baime
TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE			TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER		
20 hours 10 min					
SIGNAL NO.			PRECIS OF SIGNAL		

CA1/MR2. A24-41, landed - 2 ac unserviceable

GENERAL REMARKSOp completeRecorded  
A.

DATE 20/3OPERATION CAI. 26SQUADRON 11 + 20 SqdnFORM GREEN NO. To/65/49 FORM MAIVE NO. CA/102 A/C TYPE "E"Subj. - 50x Free 'M' 20307 - dusk

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
<u>IFMA</u>	<u>DW2705</u>	<u>2100/29</u>	<u>base</u>	<u>0005/30</u>	<u>base</u>
<u>IFMP</u>	<u>A24-27</u>	<u>2205/19</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>1100/30</u>	<u>"</u>
TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE			TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER		
<u>14 hours</u>			<u>12 hours 10 mins</u>		
SIGNAL NO.			PRECIS OF SIGNAL		

op lander on carrier. Crewing in position  
the Lightship

GENERAL REMARKS

Cps completed

Recorded  
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DATE 22/3/43 OPERATION CAI 29 SQUADRON 11720 Sqn

FORM GREEN NO. 1401/1 FORM MAUVE NO. CAI/MAY/24 A/C TYPE F

Duty - One cat patrol "M" during night 22/23 May.

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
9065 <u>W</u> <u>70CS</u>	A 24-32	0340/22	Cairo	1930/22	Fall River
		2045/22	Fall River	0030/23	Cairo

TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE 18 hrs 55 min TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER

SIGNAL NO. PRECIS OF SIGNAL

Intercept (mostly from 9065) - Patrol ordered will be commenced at 1030/2

A 900 - A 24-32 alighted 19.50/22 Z. ETD fr. Cairo 2045/22

CAI/MAY - A 24-32 alighted Cairo 0030/23 Z. Serenely

CAI/WI/23 - AS 70° elevation. 1515/23 - PCV indications of vessel 5°35' N 1720E heard but no visual sighting so course probable and which died - 1700/22-1740/22 heard on frequency from 3500 feet. Bombs fell SE end of drum but observations not vis only fan hit activity

GENERAL REMARKS

operation completed

Recorded  
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DATE 22/3/43 OPERATION CA128 SQUADRON 114 20 Sqns

FORM GREEN NO. 78/6/28 FORM NAVY NO. CA 1(A.1) 21 A/C TYPE F

DUTY - 1 Catalina patrol area M - night 21/21 March

A/C CALL SIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE TIME DOWN	BASE
<u>D5 YMR-JC</u>	<u>A 24-24</u>	<u>0106/21</u>	<u>Cairns 2248/21</u>	<u>Cairns</u>
TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE <u>19 hrs 11 mins</u>		TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER		

SIGNAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ PRECIS OF SIGNAL \_\_\_\_\_

A 895 - A 24-24 arrived in base by 0545/21. PD on mission 0805/21  
 Intercept - attacking large Destroyer from 0630 15029 E course  
 (mostly) 090 speed 26/4. 1115/1116/2

- Destroyer 20 miles south of Cairns trailing large  
 oil slick course 010 speed 10k. Heavy smoke 0717

CA 1/MA/21 - A 24-24 alighted Cairns 2248/21

CA 1/WI/21 - at 0958/21 2 seen 0755 S 150 517 E on bright light  
 in direction to port. Possible flare at 1100/21  
 2nd probable DR came 090 attacked ship from  
 dropped from 100 feet when final 2nd DR was  
 010 heading - 1350/21 - seen 0620 15029 E course and  
 slick could not locate DR. Weather fog 1018 miles.

GENERAL REMARKS

Operation completed

Recorder  
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DATE 23/3/43OPERATION CAI 32SQUADRON 11420FORM GREEN NO. 70/35/22FORM MAUVE NO. CAI/MC/1/33 A/C TYPE K

3E drop Supplies N. Bayannulle &amp; attack Buka. If A24-32 available

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
5TIM - 245M	A24-24	0400/23	Bains	0600/23	Bains
4R9F - 688F	A24-14	0430/23	"	2250/23	"
8B8P - 861P	A24-27	0520/23	Bains	1845/23	Muke Bay
		2050/23	Muke Bay	0100/24	Bains
K88S 1615	A24-32	0100/23	Bains	2045/23	Muke Bay
		2138/23	Muke Bay	0200/24	Bains
TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE		TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER			
59.07 hours.					

## SIGNAL NO.

## PRECIS OF SIGNAL

Search Buka & Galuhai with special RFF equipment & if loading  
 planes attack Kahiti's A24-24 check Buka - A24-14 Supplies  
 Bayannulle & Buka. A24-27 Supplies only Bayannulle  
 70/35/23 - Target Kahiti changed to Buka.  
 70/35/23 - If A24-32 added - to check Buka & use special equipment  
 to search Buka - Galuhai  
 70/35/23 - 20 Bains from A24-26. In returning to base - engine trouble  
 70/35/24 - Supplies successfully dropped. Special mission - most  
 successful to date. Bombs on edge N.E. end of strip &  
 areas of great disposal bags Buka - not observed results.

## GENERAL REMARKS

Operation Successfully Completed.

CAI/61/20 - from blue. If over target between 1450/23 & 1605/23. Bombs from  
 7000 to 7500 ft. Slight to moderate heavy from position S. of Bains  
 very accurate to light only. Slight to intense heavy vacanteable  
 from N. part Solank. Two H/L on edge of runway. Moderate  
 cannon heard inaccuracy from undetermined positions. Searchlight  
 near Buka mission fished up one % but I was surely avoided  
 Two other ineffective included a new position just South of the  
 Center end of the 'WIPCO'.  
 1030/23 - sighted light on Baguala Is.

Recorded  
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DATE 23/3/43OPERATION CA131SQUADRON 11720 SquadronFORM GREEN NO. T0626 FORM MAUVE NO. CA1/MR1A/C TYPE EPatrol area "H"

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
<u>TFFB - 509B</u>	<u>A24-2</u>	<u>0155<sup>2</sup>/23</u>	<u>Camus</u>	<u>0032<sup>2</sup>/24</u>	<u>Camus.</u>

TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE

TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER

21 hours (approx 20 hrs indication of base)

SIGNAL NO.

PRECIS OF SIGNAL

- CA1/MR2 - A24-2 sighted 0032<sup>2</sup>/24 at Camus.  
CA1/MR1 - 1240<sup>2</sup>/23 - signal light on hills SE-SE from Saida.  
1630<sup>2</sup>/23 - Flare at Kalenna Is.  
1634<sup>2</sup>/23 - 15 barges Basna N - Troc brands  
1555<sup>2</sup>/23 - Boated Parasols - nil observed.

GENERAL REMARKS

Operation completed.Recorded  
AB

DATE 24/3OPERATION CAI. 2dSQUADRON 1120. Sgan.FORM GREEN NO. Tob/21 FORM MAUVE NO. CAI/MR 3 A/C TYPE "E"Duty: Patrol Area 'M' night of Mar 24

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
5C9D	A24-10	0200/24Z	hains	0602/24Z	Fall River
3E8D		0735/24Z	Fall Riv	2230/24Z	hains
TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE			TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER		
20 hours 38 mins					
SIGNAL NO.			PRECIS OF SIGNAL		

CAI/W1 - A24-10 landed ASV unserviceable.  
 No sightings No 20 miles in patrol area

## GENERAL REMARKS

Op completed

Recorded  
CB

DATE 24/3/43 OPERATION CAI 33 SQUADRON 11450-9

FORM GREEN NO. 10/23/23 FORM MAIVE NO. CAI/MC1/24 A/C TYPE DV F.

17 delivered by 1K SBX Force #A until dusk.

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	RASE	TIME DOWN	RASE
2A5A	W2705	2030/23	Paint	2338/23	Carano
2A50	A24-26	2230/23	Paint	0843/23	Cairis
TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE		TOTAL HOURS AIR COVERED			
13.38 hrs.		21.00/23 - 0658/24 9.58 hrs.			

SIGNAL NO.

PRECIS OF SIGNAL

- CAI/MC11 - 1st detail joined convoy 2100/23 at Grafton Passage.  
 - 2nd detail joined convoy 2300/23 -
- Intercept - 20 Carano from A24-26 low alt. returning to base -  
 Electrical failure. ETD 0840 Z. - left convoy 0658/24.
- Intercept - Smash on wheels base on.  
 - Radio broken no changes required.
- CAI/MC3 - A/c Unrecoverable. Convoy from at 0645/24  
 1425 S 14656 E Co 019 Speed 14 1/2.

Rel. Enemy Lightings

GENERAL REMARKS

Operation Incomplete.

Recorded  
 EB

DATE 25/3.

OPERATION CAI 36

SQUADRON 11 + 20 Sqdn.

FORM GREEN NO. *To/44* FORM NAUVE NO. *CAI/mc 4* A/C TYPE "D" + "E".Duty: SJY Force "L" from 2300/24Z till dusk - D until 0000Z  
E till dusk

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
6DIA	A2-13	2330/24Z	base	0210/25Z	base 3-10
6DIB	P5664	0030/25Z	"	0400/25Z	" 8-10
6DIE	A24-41	0200/25Z	"	1020/25Z	"

TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE *0<sup>n</sup> 7-10* TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER *0950*  
E 8-20

SIGNAL NO.

PRECIS OF SIGNAL

*To/44*  
*CAI/mc 4**CAI/mc*  
*CAI/mc 2*  
*CAI/mc 3*

*Ordering SJY*  
*sent detail off at 2330/24Z*

*A2-13*  
*P5664*  
*A24-41*  
*A24* landed 0210/25Z  
*P5664* " 0400/25Z  
*A24-41* " 1020/25Z

*Convoy left at 0850/15Z in pos.*  
*15 air 146500* *Convoy on Spd 9K5.*  
*We Good w/v 140/18 Kt Chd 0/0*  
*base report.*

GENERAL REMARKS

*Op Completed**air cover A2-13-**Recorded*  
*SKB*

DATE 25/3/73 OPERATION CAI 35 SQUADRON 11420 Sqn

FORM GREEN NO. 706 FORM MAIVE NO. CA1/MR3/76 A/C TYPE E  
 2000 - one Catalina execute 'M' patrol during 'S' marches

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
1E9842 FV3A	A24-2	0430/25	Can	2042/76	Fall Run
		2240/76	Fall R.	0330/76	Cairns
TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE		21 hrs 20 min		TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER	

SIGNAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ PRECIS OF SIGNAL \_\_\_\_\_  
 A913 - A w. - v. alyhted Fall River 200/76 v. CRD/W Can 220/76  
 CA1/MR3/76 - A w. - v. alyhted Cairns 0330/76 v. Sevenside  
 CA1/W1/76 - ASV. efficient target indication  
 05 S 14905 C at 1350/76 v. hit by target, 1 could  
 not pick up indication again 1300/76 v.  
 by light Rock Is. but not seen in second  
 wave. Weather generally good with  
 vrs. good - slight haze

GENERAL REMARKS

Operation completed

Recorded  
ERS

DATE

OPERATION P.M. 2.

SQUADRON 11+20 Sqdn.

FORM GREEN NO. -

FORM MAUVE NO. PM/1181

A/C TYPE "E"

Aidy. Rescue missions coast New Britain

A/C CALL SIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
746H 706H 05FH 788H	A24-17	2130/14Z	hains	0200/20Z	Port Moresby. 200
	" "	0700/32Z	Port Moresby	2005/32Z	" " Bon
	" "	0700/34Z	" "	2103/34Z	Port Moresby. 200
909H	" "	0240/35Z	" "	0655/35Z	hains 200
TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE		35-55		TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER	
				hains 200	

SIGNAL NO.

PRECIS OF SIGNAL

PM/1181 22<sup>00</sup>  
 A703  
 A705  
 PM/1181 23<sup>00</sup>  
 A704 22<sup>00</sup>  
 A707  
 A706  
 A704  
 A707

Return of A24-17. Depart 1.11.  
 0700/32Z 5/05Z hains.  
 A24-17 landed Moresby 3005/32Z (Not Successful)  
 Requesting permission to remain to make  
 further attempt.  
 Permission unsuccessful.  
 Reply to A705. Permission granted to make  
 second effort.  
 A24-17 may be required for other work, but  
 would not be used unless necessary.  
 A24-17 landed PM 2005/32Z Successful.  
 Departed on course 0206/35Z  
 landed Cairns 0655/35Z

GENERAL REMARKS

Operation Completed + Successful.

Recorded  
AB

DATE 20/3OPERATION CA139SQUADRON 720 SqnFORM GREEN NO. 20/3 FORM MAUVE NO. CA1/MAY/26 A/C TYPE EDuty - be calculated drop supplies morning harder night  
at the base of Wader Permits ATC to attack the day

A/C CALL SIGN A/C SERIAL NO. TIME OFF BASE TIME DOWN BASE

79456-2815 A24-3Y Cancelled.

TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE

TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER

SIGNAL NO.

PRECIS OF SIGNAL

T0/G4/26 - Cancel my T0/G4/26 ref max order  
CA139 naval intelligence advises  
Sardor advised occupied by enemyCA1/MAY/26 - CA139 ref max cancelled. Refer  
T0/G4/26.

GENERAL REMARKS

Operation cancelled.Recorder  
WB

DATE 26/3

OPERATION CAI 38

SQUADRON 11 + 20. Sgdn

FORM GREEN NO. 764 FORM VALUE NO. CAI/mc 4 A/C TYPE "E"

Duty: STY force 'L' down - dusk.

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
<u>S6VF</u>	<u>A24-14</u>	<u>1600/26Z</u>	<u>base</u>	<u>1715/26Z</u>	<u>base</u>
TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE <u>174 min 45 sec</u>		TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER <u>12 hrs 30 min</u>			
SIGNAL NO.		PRECIS OF SIGNAL			

CAI/mc 1 - Aircraft landed - left camp.  
at 0830 7/26.

GENERAL REMARKS

Op completed

Recorded  
QFB

DATE 26/3/53OPERATION CAH 37SQUADRON 11x20.FORM GREEN NO. 2FORM MAUVE NO. CA/MR 1/20xA/C TYPE FDuty Duty

Patrol KT

night 26<sup>th</sup>

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
1G2W	A24-36	0030/20	GRS	0635/20	FR
	"	0950/20	FR	2140/20	PM
TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE		17		50	
		TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER			

06-00

11-50

SIGNAL NO.

PRECIS OF SIGNAL

To/52 25<sup>th</sup>  
CA/MR 1 20

A915

A752

A757

A785

Ordinary Patrol KT.  
 Details of CAH 37. A24-36  
 to depart at 0030/20  
 A24-36 Aligned. Fuel Run 0635  
 Requesting service of A24-36,  
 on completion of patrol to resume  
 progress.  
 Permission Granted  
 A/c aligned. Pat K Parking 0800/L/27.

GENERAL REMARKS

Operation Completed

Recorded  
JLB

DATE 27/3OPERATION CAI. 41SQUADRON 11 + 20. Sgts.FORM GREEN NO. 7063/ FORM MAUVE NO. CAI/MR 1 W/O TYPE "E"Duty: Patrol Area "M" night of 27. Mar.

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
<u>2 BIA</u> <u>4300</u>	<u>A24-26</u>	<u>0200/27Z</u>	<u>baime</u>	<u>0706<sup>2</sup>/27</u>	<u>Fall River</u>
		<u>0808/27Z</u>	<u>Fall River</u>	<u>2345/27Z</u>	<u>baime</u>
TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE			TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER		
<u>20 hours 43 mins.</u>					
SIGNAL NO.			PRECIS OF SIGNAL		

CAI/MR 1A24-26 handed baime 2345/27Z.GENERAL REMARKSOp. completedRecorded  
OB

DATE 27/3/43OPERATION CAI 40SQUADRON 9+11-20.FORM GREEN NO. 5462/26 FORM MAuve NO. CAI/MC2/27 A/C TYPE 1D 1E

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
SMTB	P566	2323/26 <sup>2</sup>	CAI	0245/27 <sup>2</sup>	CAI
SMTD	A24-10	0134/27 <sup>2</sup>	CAI	1056/27 <sup>2</sup>	CAI
TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE			TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER		
1244			0930 (see also CAI/MC2)		

SIGNAL NO.

PRECIS OF SIGNAL

TO/C2/26

Ordering operation.

CAI/MC2/27

Giving details of operation.

CAI/MC4/27

Altered time of take off.

CAI/MC5/27

CAI 402 departed 0245/27<sup>2</sup>

CAI/MC8/27

A24-10. - 1056/27<sup>2</sup>GENERAL REMARKS

Operation completed. No enemy sightings.

Recorded  
AS

DATE 28<sup>th</sup> March OPERATION CAI 45 SQUADRON 1120FORM GREEN NO. 27<sup>th</sup> FORM MAUVE NO. 27<sup>th</sup> A/C TYPE KDofy SGX for "GG"

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
<u>6025</u>	<u>A 250 211</u>	<u>1730/27<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>CNS</u>	<u>1220/28<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>200</u>

TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE 18-50 TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER 12-30

SIGNAL NO.

PRECIS OF SIGNAL

To RA 15.  
CAI/MA 6

Intercept

CAI/MA 2/28<sup>th</sup>

Ordering SGX for "GG"  
 Answered report came at 1730/27<sup>th</sup>  
 to be on Convoy 2000/27<sup>th</sup>  
 to RA from Norway. All you Convoy "GG"  
 from RA "yes"  
 Answered at night came 1220/28<sup>th</sup>  
 Convoy left at 0830/27<sup>th</sup> en route, 1130h 14736h  
 via 4 miles upwards. W/L. 120/15-25  
 Cloud base 1500 Haze 3/0

GENERAL REMARKS

Op Completed.Recorded  
AK

DATE 28/3/43 OPERATION CH 44 SQUADRON 11430.

FORM GREEN NO. <sup>To/64</sup> 27 FORM MAUVE NO. <sup>CH/1019</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> A/C TYPE 157

Duty STY for "F"

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
<u>3RZB</u>	<u>A24-2</u>	<u>1250/27</u>	<u>CHS.</u>	<u>1135/25</u>	<u>CHS.</u>
TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE		<u>17-50</u>		TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER <u>12-30</u>	

SIGNAL NO.	PRECIS OF SIGNAL
<u>To/64/27.</u>	<u>Ordering STY for F<sup>a</sup></u>
<u>CH/1019/27</u>	<u>A24-10 to take off 1700/27. to pick up</u>
<u>CH/1010/27.</u>	<u>Convey at 2000/19</u>
<u>Intercept</u>	<u>Cancel 109 &amp; substitute A24-2.</u>
<u>CH/1010/27</u>	<u>ETA. 1035</u>
<u>CH/1010/27</u>	<u>A24-2 <del>to</del> cancelled Cause 1135/25</u>
	<u>Convey left at 0830/25 in position.</u>
	<u>1279 S. Ngoo K. Cause 038 &amp; 9545</u>
	<u>N.1. Submarine</u>
	<u>vs. Area 10/10/27 Cloud base 1500-2000</u>

GENERAL REMARKS

Op Completed.

Recorded  
MS

DATE 28/3OPERATION CAI 43SQUADRON 1120. Agnes.FORM GREEN NO. F/2/27 FORM MAIVE NO. CAI/MR2. A/C TYPE "E"

Duty: One habitina patrol area 'M' nos 20 - during hours of darkness.

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
<u>2 XED</u> <u>WELD</u>	<u>A24-10</u>	<u>0330/28Z</u>	<u>baime</u>	<u>2100/28Z</u>	<u>Falls River</u>
		<u>2225/28Z</u>	<u>Falls R.</u>	<u>0245/29Z</u>	<u>baime</u>

TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE  
21 hours 50 mins

TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER

SIGNAL NO.

PRECIS OF SIGNAL

CAI/MR2.A24-10 landed baime 0245/29Z. U/S.Form white - detail of operationsGENERAL REMARKSOp completedRecorder  
MB

DATE 30/3/43OPERATION CAI 49SQUADRON 11-20

FORM GREEN NO. \_\_\_\_\_

FORM MAUVE NO. CAI/MC3/20A/C TYPE ET0/64/29SJY force FK Dawn-dusk.

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
<u>6R7P</u>	<u>A24-27</u>	<u>1800/292</u>	<u>CAI</u>	<u>1228/302</u>	<u>CAI</u>
TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE <u>1828</u>			TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER <u>R30</u>		

SIGNAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

PRECIS OF SIGNAL \_\_\_\_\_

T0/64/29SJY force FK Dawn-dusk.T0/65/29Particular force FK.CAI/MC3/29A24-27 off at 1800/292 down 1200/302CAI/MC1/20Took off at 1855/292CAI/MC2/20Landed 1228/302. Prog FK at 0830/20212011'S 148°30'E C. 030 yards alt.Wk nighty.GENERAL REMARKSOperation completed. Nil sightings.

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DATE 30/3/43OPERATION CAI 48SQUADRON 11-20FORM GREEN NO. Tok/28FORM MAUVE NO. CAI/MAR/30A/C TYPE E

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
<u>N9KE 611/30<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>A24-41</u>	<u>0330/30<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>CAI</u>	<u>0820/30<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>CAI</u>
<u>He-597E</u>					
TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE <u>0500</u>			TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER		

SIGNAL NO.

PRECIS OF SIGNAL

T/C 2/29 MAR.1E patrol area M night 30<sup>th</sup> MARCAI/MAR/30 MARA24-41. off at 0330/30<sup>2</sup> down 0400/31<sup>2</sup> etc.Interrupt Caecin from 9/cReturning to base 0750/30<sup>2</sup>CAI/MAR/30 MARA24-41 returned base 0820/30<sup>2</sup>Engine trouble. Patrol abandoned.GENERAL REMARKSEngine trouble. Patrol abandoned.

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*[Signature]*  
 1/3

DATE 30/3/43OPERATION CAI 46SQUADRON 11820FORM GREEN NO. T062/32FORM MAUVE NO. CAI/101A/C TYPE E

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
2R25	A24-32	0330 <sup>2</sup> /30	CAI	no signal	CAI
1F15					

TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE

21 hours approx.

TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER

SIGNAL NO.

PRECIS OF SIGNAL

- intercept - On Patrol 1035<sup>2</sup>/29  
 " - Ordering special attention to sea approaches  
 Loochoafen - friendly a/c in this area  
 1923 - A24-32 abridged 2035<sup>2</sup>/30 - ATD for Cairns  
 chert 2330<sup>2</sup>/30  
 CAI/101 - From white  
 1035<sup>2</sup>/29 - signal due at end of jolly (Bumata)  
 1150<sup>2</sup>/29 - 1620<sup>2</sup>/29 - nil sightings Loochoafen area  
 except flares from friendly a/c.

GENERAL REMARKS

Operation completed.

L. Gordon  
 2/3

DATE 3/1 OPERATION CAI 1 SQUADRON 11 + 20 SplusFORM GREEN NO. 7061 FORM MAUVE NO. CA1/MR 1 A/C TYPE "E"

Duty - Patrol Area "M" - patrol during hours of darkness

A/C CALLSIGN	A/C SERIAL NO.	TIME OFF	BASE	TIME DOWN	BASE
<u>2P5Y</u>	<u>A24-38</u>	<u>0330/31Z</u>	<u>base</u>	<u>2049/32</u>	<u>Fall River</u>
<u>2H5Y</u>		<u>2308/31Z</u>	<u>Fall River</u>	<u>0100/32</u>	<u>base</u>
TOTAL HOURS AIRBORNE			TOTAL HOURS AIR COVER		
<u>22 hours 10 min</u>					
SIGNAL NO.			PRECIS OF SIGNAL		

CA1/MR 2  
A24-38 landed.

CA1/W2. Details of operations.

## GENERAL REMARKS

Op. completedRecorded  
EB



