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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events	References to Appendices
			<p>No. 1477 Flight was formed on 17th February, 1943, to Establishment number WAR/BC/284, dated 17.2.-43. The equipment was 3 Catalina aircraft. On formation the personnel consisted of the following:</p> <p>No. 5503 Cdr. F. Lambrechts. (Commanding Officer). M.4 Lt. Cdr H. Jørgensen, M.5 Lt/cdr. H. Offerdahl. Lt. K. Skavhaugen. 5517 Lt. J. Ebbesen. 32, S/lt A. Schaaning. 5760 S/lt T. Jacobsen. 180¹S/lt Anonsen 305 S/lt H. Kirsebom. 330 S/lt A. Samnes. S/tl. A. Jonassen. 1453 Qm. R. Eikemo. 1615 Qm. R.D. Moe. 1423 QM. A. Wyller. 211S/lt C.F. Krafft. (All pilots) 5512 Lt. H. Rønningen (Engineer) 5740 S/lt. O. Kleppevik (Adjutant) 1175 S/lt. J. Stovner (Doctor) and 1081 st. Lt. T. Øverlie. (R.S.)</p> <p>In addition there were 122 airmen, not including the three Quatermasters mentioned above.</p> <p>The following diary of events took place prior to this Unit being notified of the official formation of the Flight:-</p> <p>5.3.43. Catalina R. pilot S/lt Anonsen (NO. 180) and crew took off on A.S. patrol Woodhaven-Invergorden at 1520 hours. Nothing sighted.</p> <p>6.3.43. Catalina R. Pilot 180 S/lt. Anonsen and crew took off on esc. duty 0510 hrs. Pos. 0930 hrs. 60°52'N, 04°36'W, nothing sighted, ret. 1720 hrs. 1140 on A.S. patrol Woodh.)</p> <p>6-7/3" Catalina Z. Pilot 457 Lt/cdr. H. Jørgensen and crew proceeded on escort duty /Sullem Voe. No sighting 2345 hrs. 6/3, pos. 0515 hrs. 70°20'N, 01°02'W. Nothing to report. Returned /returned 1420 hrs. 1526 hrs. 7/3.</p> <p>7/3.43. Catalina R. pilot 180 Anonsen and crew took off at 0830 hrs. on cross over patrol pos. 0810 hrs. 68°08'N, 00°15'W, nothing sighted. Returned Invergorden 0310 8/3.</p> <p>8/3.43 Catalina Z, pilot M.4. Lt. Cdr. H. Jørgensen and crew proceeded on A.S. patrol at 1025 from Sullom Voe to Woodhaven. No sightings. Returned 1350.</p> <p>9.3.43 Catalina R. pilot No 180 S3lt. Anonsen and crew proceeded on A.S. patrol at 1010. Nothing to report. Returned 1200. Base.</p>	

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			<p>20.3.-43 Catalina A. Pilot No 180 S/lt. Anonsen and crew proceeded on A.S. patrol 0916 hrs. Pgs. at 1337 hrs. 63°05' N, 09°00'W. Covered area 63°N 09°00'W.-63°00'N, 11°00'W-64°30'N- 11°00'W, 09°00'W. Nothing sighted, returned 0055 hrs. 21/3.</p>	
			<p>21.3.-43 Catalina B (prev. letter R) pilot M.5. Lt./cmdr. H. Offerdahl and crew proceeded on A/S patrol 0802 hrs. Pos. Souderoy. s/c Mygganes. Commenced convoy duty. Left convoy and S/c base. 0057 22/3 waterborne Sullem Voe.</p>	
			<p>22.3.- 43 Catalina B. M.5. Lt. Cmdr. H. Offerdahl and crew at 0410 hrs continued on A.S. patrol east of Orkneys. Nothing to report. Returned base 1719 hrs. " " Catalina A. Pilot no 180 S. Lt. Anonsen and crew took off for reconnaissance duty 0410 S/c San Mayn. 1000 hrs. S/c S/c North Cape on Iceland. Photos taken of ice formation. Waterborne Reykjavik at 1806 hrs. No sightings.</p>	
			<p>25.3.-43 Catalina C (Prev. letter Z) Pilot M.4 Lt. Cdr. Jørgensen and crew left Woodhaven on special reconnaissance 0649 hrs. S/c Dunnet head. thence Faeroes-Fugloy, 69°59'N 07°10'W, 69°50'N, 05°45'W- 69°30'N, 04°00'W- 68°03'N. 06°32'W s/c Sullem Voe. A.S.V. continually in use. No contact was made. 2345 waterborne Sullem Voe.</p>	
			<p>26.3.- 43 Catalina C. Pilot M.4 Lt. Cdr. Jørgensen and crew proceeded an A.S. patrol coast of Orkneys 1511 hrs. Nothing to report. Aircraft returned 1813 hrs. at base. NO. M.5 Lt. Cdr. Offerdahl, M.8 Lt. Cdr. Grinde (who had left the unit on 14.11- 42) and No 32 S/lt. A. Schaaning were awarded the Krigsmedaljen on 26.2.- 43 for "Meritorious service to the Royal Norw. Services in air operations on active service over a long period."</p>	
			<p>27.3.- 43 Catalina C. Pilot M.5 Lt. Cdr. Offerdahl and crew proceeded on air-rescue for T/144 in area 57°12' N, 03°10' E. 57°34' N. 02°31' E 57°09' N, 02°31' E Searched at 500 ft with extreme visibility. Nothing seen. W/b base 2153 hrs.</p>	
			<p>Catalina A. Pilot No 180, S/lt Anonsen and crew proceeded on ice recco. at 0810 hrs from Reykjavik, s/c North Cape. Thence N to ice edge. Photos taken. Proceeded via Langanes- Foodunnganens- Hraunhafnar, Tuganes- Langanes s/c Sullem Voe. W/b at 2140 hrs.</p>	
			<p>28.3.- 43 Catalina A. Pilot no 180 S/lt Anonsen and crew proceeded on A.S. patrol east of Orkneys. Nothing to report. Returned base at 1305 hrs.</p>	

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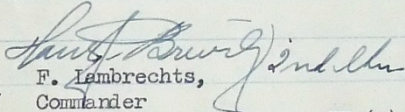
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			<p>27.3.- 43 Catalina B. Pilot M. Lt./cdr. Jørgensen and crew proceeded on Special recco. 2015 hrs. Coastwise to Dunnet Head and started A.S.V. patrol. Covered area 25 square miles NE corner Jan Mayn. 0846 s/c Dunnet Head, 1533 s/c base- no contacts obtained. W/b base 1712 hrs.</p>	
			<p>30.3.- 43. Lt. Skavhaugen and No. 1423 Qm. R.A. Wyller proceeded to Montrose for refresher course.</p>	
			<p>Woddhaven, 13.3.- 43</p>	
			<p><i>for</i>  F. Lambrechts, Commander Officer Commanding No 1477 (N) Flight.</p>	

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES.
				Up	Down		
5th	Catalina R	Sub/lt/ Anonsen " " Sannes	A.S. Patrol	1520	1720	A.S. patrol Woodhaven, - Invergorden. No Form Orange.	
6th	Qm Moe " Christensen	Qm Moe " Christensen " Nilsen, " Aakjær Corp. Bjaanes " Christiansen " Schröder	A.S. Escort	0510	1545	Take off Invergorden at 0715 hours Pos 59° 40' N. 04° 02' W Sighted 1 M.V. and 1 D.D. Co. 180° T. 3 kts. exchanged recognition signals from pos. 60° 52' N 04° 36' W started square search on vis. 2 miles at 1930 hrs. covering area 20 miles each side of track. Nothing sighted. A/c returned to Sullom Voe. Weather pos. 61° 03' N 04° 40' W. 8/10 cloud. vis. 2 miles, sea rough W/v-300/25.30 kts.	Sul/01/6Mar.
6th	Catalina Z	Lt/Cmdr. Jørgensen, Lt. Ebbesen,	A.S. patrol	1140	1420	A.S. Patrol Woodhaven- Sullom Voe. No Form Orange.	
6th-7th		Sub/lt Jonassen, Qm. Hundven " Olsen. " Erlandsen " Falck Nielsen, Op. Johansen " Rasmussen.	A.S. Escort	2345	1526	At 0515 hrs. 4 A.S.V. contacts were made in pos. 70° 20' N. 01° 02' W. Visibility nil owing to snowstorm. Cloud 10/10 W/v-240/60-65 kts. Vis. Nil. Sea rough at 1055 hrs. in pos. 69° 00' N. 02° 26' W. A/C S/C for Sullom Voe after 3 hrs. G.L.A. search up and down track of C/v	Sul/01/7 mar

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7th 8th	Catalina R.	Sub/lt. Anonsen " " Sannes Same crew as before	Cross over patrol	0830	0310	Take off Sullem Voe. Set course for 69°25 N. 00°25 E. Climbed to 7000 ft. to avoid snow at 1337 hrs. descended and continued on track. 1610 hrs. started X-over patrol moving with C/v at 4 kts. pos. 68°08 N-00°15 W. 1640 hrs. S3c Invergorden from pos. 68°08 N 00°35 W. Weather at pos. 69°05 N. 00°09 E. 1337 hrs. Vis. 1000 yds. Cloud 10/10 700 ft. W/V-240/50. Sea: very rough. Snow.	Aln. 01/8 Mar.
8th	Catalina Z	Lt. Cmr. Jørgensen Lt. Ebbesen Same crew as before.	A.S. patrol	1025	1350	A.S. patrol from Sullem Voe to Woodhaven. No Form Orange	No form Orange.
9th.	Catalina R.	Sub/lt. Anonsen, " Sannes Same crew.	" "	1010	1200	Returned to Base carrying 4 250 Torpex Mk. XI. Nothing to report.	No Form Orange

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20th	Catalina IB/A	Sub/lt Anonsen " Sannes Q/M Christensen " Aakjær " Aagaard " Nilsen " Bjaanes " Moe Corp. Schrøder	A.S. Patrol	0910	0055	Carrying 4 250 Torpex Mk.XI. From Woodhaven coastwise to Dunnet Head. At 1055 set course from Dunnet head to Pos. 6305 N. 0900 W. where A/c arrived 1337. 1337 Commenced C.L.A. search using vis. 5 miles with S/c for 6305 N. 1100 W. At 1405 in posin. 6305 N. 1100 W. started search and covered area 6300 N 0900 W.- 6300 N 1100 W.- 6430 N. 1100 W. 6430 N. 0900 W. At 1927 broke off patrol owing to darkness in pos. 6425 N 0900 W. and S/c for Sullom Voe. Nothing Sighted. 45% efficiency owing to hazy conditions. Weather in patrol area fair but hazy. Waterborne in Sullom Voe at 0058 on the 21st.	Sul/01/21/3
27th	Catalina I B/1477	I/Cmr. Offerdahl Sub/lt Kirsebom " Schaaning QM Naess " Moe " Finne " Stien. (Continued.)	A/c Escort to SN.90 A.	0802	0057	Carrying 4 250 Torpex Mk.XI. Coastwise to Dunnet Head, where A/c arrived at 0942. A/c for Souderoy. 1120 in pos. Souderoy S/c for myggan@s. 1147 Myggan@s S/c for 6451 N. 1215 W. 1331 in pos. 6412 N. 1220 W. sighted C/v Composition 3 M/L 4 DDS I C R	Sul/-1/22/3

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		Corp. Henden " Rørstad.				and 1 M.S. Co 180 T 11 kts. A/c carried out escort Nothing to report 2020 in pos. 6424 N. 1033 W. left C/v composition unaltered Co. 160 T11 kts. S/c for Base. 0057 Waterborne Sullem Voe, 22nd March. Weather during escort was fair with slight haze. Vis 4 miles lo/lo cloud Wind 25/ 135 500 ft.	
22nd.			A/S patrol	1444	1719	A/c returned to Base on A/S patrol east of Orkneys. Nothing to report.	
22nd.	Catalina I B A/1477	Sub/1st Anonsen " Sannes Q/M Christensen " Aakjær " Aagaard " Nilsen " Bjaanes " Moe. Corp. Schröder.	Ice Recco	0410	1805	A/c took off from Sullom Voe carrying 4 x 250 Torpex Mk. XI. No copy of form Orange has been passed to Leuchars or Woodhaven, but following details can be given. A/C S/c for Jan Mayn and made landfall at 1000. 1000 in pos. Jan Mayn S/c for North Cape on Iceland following the edge of ice. Photos were taken of icefor- mation. 1540 made landfall at North Cape and S/c coastline to Reykjavik where W/b at 1805. No activity on surface is to be reported.	No ref.

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25.3.	Catalina IB C/1477	L/Cmdr. Jørgensen Lt. Ebbesen S/lt. Jacobsen Q/M Olsen " Hundven " Falck Nielsen " Erlandsen Corp. E. Johansen " Rasmussen	Special Recco.	0649	2345	Carrying 4x 250 Torpex Mrk. XI Coastwise from Woodhaven to Dunnet Head. 0815 Dunnet Head S/c for N.E. Point of Faeroes. At 1030 in pos. 1614 N. 0613 W located ceaster from 4000 ft. Co. 143 lo kts. heavily laden of abt. 750 tons. Photos were taken. 1125 3 miles off Fugloy. S/c for 6957 N. 0710 W. Approx 15 small fishing boats were fishing close to Faeroes. 1606 in pos. 6959 N. 0710 W. S/c for 6950 N. 0545 W. 1649 in pos. 6950 N. 0545 W. S/c 6930 N. 0800. 1739 in pos. 6930 N. 0800 W. S/c for 6830 N. 0400 W. 1840 in pos. 6830 N. 0400 W. S/c for 6803 N. 0632 W. 1900 in pos. 6803 N. 0632 W. S/c for Sullem Voe. Weather conditions in patrol area were fog from surface up to 1000 ft. From 6600 N. on Northbound flight down to 6300 N. on Southbound flight continuous use of ASV against submarines on surface. No contact was made.	Sul/ol/26/3

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						A.S.V. 100% serviceable.	
						2345 W/b at Sullem Voe.	
26/3	Same A/C	Same crew.	A/S patrol	1511	1813	A/S returned to base on A/S Patrol. East of Orkneys. Nothing to report.	No Form Orange
27/3	Catalina IB C/1477	I/Cmdr. Offerdahl, S/lt. Kirsebom, " Schaaning Q/M Moe, " Naess " Sulebust Corp. Henden " Rørstad.	Air/sea Rescue	1646	2153	Search for T/144 in North Sea. Area bounded by 5712 N 0310E- 5734 N 0231 E- 5709 N 0231 E searched at 1 1/2 miles visibility 500 ft. Nothing seen. 2005 in pos. 5709 N 0231 E. S/c for Base. A/C waterborne 2153. Weather in area searched No clouds. Vis. Extreme, wind 270T 12 kts. at 500 ft. Sea moderate.	
27th.	Catalina IB A/1477	S/lt. Anonsen " Sannes Q/M Christensen " Aakjær " Aagaard. " Nilsen " Bjaanes. " Moe. Corp. Schryder	Ice Recco.	0810	2140	From Reykjavik coastwise to North Cape. 1008 North Cape S/C due north for ice edge. 1100 in pos. 6807 N 2305 W met ice lo/lo packing. Size of floes impossible to determine owing to fog down to surface. Giving Ves. 50/100 ft. From 1100 to 1152 A/C several times trying to get clear of fog. 1152 on Co East in pos. 6754 N 2159 W saw ice again running in direction NE by E. lo/lo packing. Photos taken of ice formation. From 1152 to 1343 A/C was flying in continuous fog on easterly courses. 1343 in pos. 6644 N 1649 W came out of fog and S/C for Langanes to check pos. 1400 located Langanes 20 miles ahead and S/C 35 CT.	Sul/01 27 mar.

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						1425 in pos. 6714 N 1653 W again met fog and icing conditions and S/C for Fogdumnganes.	
						1505 landfall at Hraunhafnar Cape and S/C coast wise for Iupganes 1550 Langanes S/C for Sullen Voe when W/B at 2140. Nil efficiency of recco. due to adverse weather conditions.	
28.3.	Same A/c	Same crew.	A/S Sweep	1025	1305	A/c returned to base on A/S sweep East of Orkneys. Nothing to report.	No Form Orange
27.3.	Catalina I B/1477	I/cmr. Jørgensen lt. Ebbesen S/lt. Jacobsen Q/M Olsen " Hundven " Erlandsen " Faclk Nilsen " Becker Korp. Johansen	Spec. Recco.	2015	1712	A/c carrying 4x 250 Torpex Mrk. XI. Flew coastwise to Dunnet Head. 0400 28 March in pos. 6700 N 0940 W started A.S.V. patrol owing to low clouds and bad visibility 0610 in pos. 10 miles South of Jan Mayn started ice patrol round Jan Mayn at 1000 ft. below 10/10 cloud. Aver. visibility 10/15 miles. 0650 in pos. 7108 N 0920 W. At NE corner of Jan Mayn covering area approx. 25 square miles with centre 7115 N 0820 surface covered with 8/10 of pack ice. 0710 in pos. 7050 N 1057 W started A.S.V. patrol again as weather deteriorated. 0810 in pos. 6910 N 0850 W 0846 " " 6910 N 0400 W S/C for Dunnet Head. 1533 at Dunnet Head S/C coastwise to base where W/b at 1712 A.S.V. 100% effective but no contacts obtained	Leu/03/2B

WOODHAVEN, 13.4.-1943

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Woodhaven	1-4-43		Coastal Command made inquiries if this flight was able to provide aircrew and maintenance personnel for 6 Mosquitoes based at RAF-station Leuchars. When so was confirmed, the following personnel were transferred to RAF-Leuchars: Lieutenant-commander, M.5. H. Offerdahl, flight commander, lieutenant 1123 K. Skavhaugen, qm. pilot 1423 A. Wyller, 2 fitters 2 E, 4 fitters 2 A, 4 F.M.E., 5 F.M.A., 3 armourers and one corporal W.O.M. - 2 ACH's reported for duty.	
	2-4-43		One fitter 2 E. for Mosquito and one clerk for Woodhaven arrived.	
	3-4-43		Under the direction of lieutenant J. Ebbesen a course was started to convert W.O. to W.T./Obs. The following quartermasters took part: 1456 A. Paulsen, 1874 C. Aagaard, 5082 K. Sulebust, 5428 J. Finne, 5683 J. Heide and 5702 E. Johanssen.	
	4-4-43		M.43 T. Schieldsoe and M.96 H. Holdoe both sublieutenant-pilots reported for duty on Mosquito.	
	5-4-43		One AC M.T. fitter reported.	
	9-4-43		4 ACH's, 1 F.M.A., 1 driver and 1 cook reported.	
	11-4-43		One AC arm-G. reported.	
	12-4-43		5373 2nd lieutenant Hans J. Brevig reported at Woodhaven to take over duty as adjutant after sub-lieutenant 5740 O. Kleppevik	
	13-4-43		Catalina B., pilot S/ltn. Anonsen and crew took off 10.21 hrs on A/S sweep from Woodhaven. At 15.39 hrs in posn. 6330N-1044W sighted U-boat, course 280/7kts, fully surfaced. 15.40 hrs attacked U-boat with 3 D/C's. 4th D/C hung up. When in posn. 6336N-1002W S/C for Sullom Voe. No definite results seen. W/E. 21.10 hrs. 4 quartermasters reported for duty, 3 pilots and one WO/AG. One pilot and qm. WO/AG. 5667 G. Helgedagsrud transferred to Leuchars to the Mosquito-unit, the latter to join ltn. Ebbesen's conversion course.- S/ltn. 5740 O. Kleppevik posted to H.Q.R.N.A.F., London.	
	14-4-43		One AC M.T. fitter and one AC F.M.A. reported for duty.	
	16-4-43		Catalina A., pilot S/ltn. Anonsen (No. 180) and crew took off 0700 hrs on A/S patrol from Woodhaven.	

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			<p>When in posn. 6232N-1350W sighted track of U-boat periscope. Attacked immediately with 4 D/C's. Nothing visible after attack. Returned Sullom Voe. W.B. 21.50 hrs.</p> <p>6 Mosquito-Intruders and 2 Beaufighters arrived, the latter to be used for training only. The aircraft are allotted to 235 sqdr., but maintained by 1477 (N) Flight. The following pilots started training: Lieutenant-commander M.5. H. Offerdahl (flightcommander), lieutenant 1123 K. Skavhaugen, S/Ltn. M.96 H. Holdoe, S/Ltn. M.43 T. Schieldsoe, qm. 1423 A. Wyller and qm. 1582 F. Eriksrud. The pilots were not to go through an O.T.U., but to train at Leuchars after a Syllabus of Training approved by W/C Training 18 Group</p>	
	17-4-43		<p>Catalina B., pilot S/ltn. A. Shaanning (No. 32) and crew took off at 1032 hrs on A/S square search from Woodhaven. Returned to Sullom Voe owing to bad weather. Jettisoned D/C's in posn. 5810N-0150W. W/B. Sullom Voe 17.46 hrs. - One Oxford Airspeed arrived for training of navigators.</p>	
	18-4-43		<p>Catalina B., pilot A. Shaanning (No. 32) and crew took off at 08.38 hrs from Sullom Voe on A/S sweep. Nothing to report. Landed Alness at 12.27 hrs owing to bad weather at base.-</p> <p>Corporal F.M.E./A.G., 5393 Finn Conrad Christiansen awarded the Krigsmedaljen (Norwegian War Medal) for: " On 28-2-1943 extinguished fire onboard refuelercraft alongside a Catalina, thus saving valuable property."</p>	
	19-4-43		<p>Catalina B., pilot S/ltn. A. Schaanning (No.32) and crew took off at 15.17 hrs on A/S sweep from Woodhaven to Faroes. W/B. Waagar at 19.15 hrs. Nothing to report. Returned 20-4-43 to Alness and 21-4-43 to base. - F/sgt. fitter 2 E., 818, Y. Allers-Nilssen arrived. He is to give lectures to those of our ACH's who want to be remustered F.M.A. and F.M.E. - One Norwegian WREN-clerk reported for duty.</p>	
	20-4-43		<p>Catalina A., pilot S/ltn. Anonsen and crew took off at 07.24 hrs from Woodhaven on cross over patrol. W/B Alness at 21.34 hrs. Nothing hostile to report. - One corporal inst.rep.ll. posted to London. (H.Q.R.N.A.F.)</p>	
	24-4-43		<p>Catalina A., pilot S/ltn. Anonsen and crew took off at 06.42 hrs from Woodhaven on C.L.A. patrol. Nothing hostile sighted. W/B. base at 22.03 hrs. -</p>	

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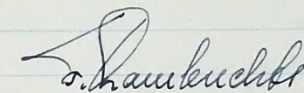
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	26-4-43		S/ltn. pilot 457 A. Jonassen with his crew, one qm. second pilot, one qm. observer, one qm. WOM/AG, two WO/AG's and one corporal FME/AG posted to No. 4 O.T.U.	
	27-4-43		Lieutenant-commander M. H. M. H. Jørgensen and quartermaster 5072 C. Christensen awarded the Krigsmedaljen (Norwegian War Medal) for: Meritorious service to the Royal Norwegian Serviced in air operations on active service over a long period."	
			One English W/Mech. reported for duty.	
	28-4-43		Another Beaufighter arrived, also for training purposes. - One corporal, parachutepacker reported.	
	29-4-43		One British LAC RDF/Mech. reported for duty.	
	30-4-43		One Canadian LAC RDF/Mech. and one Norwegian ACH reported for duty. - QM. 1423 A. Wyller admitted to hospital and qm. 5110 S. Breck transferred from Woodhaven to replace him on the Mosquito.	



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Commander R. Nor. N.

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13.4.-45	Catalina B/1477	S/Lt. Anonsen " Sannes Lt. Øverlie, Kvm. Moe, " Christensen " Aakjær " Bjaanes Corp. Schryøder " Rasmussen.	A/S Sweep.	1021	21.10	From Woodhaven A/C flew coastwise Peter Head- Wick Dunnet Head. 1207 in pos. Dunnet Head S/C Sumbo 1403 in pos. Sumbo S/C Mygganes, 1434 in pos. Mygganes S/C for 6330N 1044W. 1539 in pos. 6330 N. 1044W commenced C.L.A. patrol vis 3 miles Immediately on course sighted U boat 045 degrees on port bow 1 mile distant Approx. course 280/ 7 hts, fully surfaced. 1540 attacked U boat and sent M.T.B. I- 465. A/C circled area for 20. minutes and S/C on a track due North. 1545 M.T.B. 2- 465- 6330 N. 1044 W. 2531 7- 472- 1. 1555 M.T.B. 3 - 472-2-511-4-0. 1615 in pos. 6355 N 1045 W A/C returned to scene of attack. 1632 in pos. 6330 1045 W nothing sighted. A/C began Sq. Search using vis 3 miles. 1700 M.F.B. Return Sullom Voe not later than 2130. 1715 in pos. 6336 N 1002 S/C for Sullom Voe, owing to badweather with very poor visibility 1835 in pos. Faeroes. 2000 in pos. 6120 N. 0310 W jettisoned safe 1.D.C. which hung up during attack 2110 Waterborne at Sullom Voe. S/E used for navigation during Sq. Search after attack. Attacked Uboat remained on surface during the attack and was of the German 517 Ton Class. Attack took place 30-40 degrees on port quarter of along U/boats track. 1st D.C. expl. 150 ft. 030 degr. from port quarter, 2nd. D.C. expl. directly astern 15 ft. from stern. 3rd. D.C. expl. 60 ft. 080 degr. from st.b. quarter. 4th D.C. hung up. After attack large bubbles average 6 ft. in diam. covering area 10 yards wide 100 yards long. Several hits claimed by both blister gunners. Weathercondition in patrol area: Wind 245/25 M.P.H. at 500 ft.	Sul/01/13.apri.

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16.4.43	Catalina I B A/1477	S/lt. Anonsen " Sannes Q.M. Moe " Bjaanes " Christensen " Aakjaer " Flatval Kofp. Schröder " Staalem	A/S. Patrol	0700	2150	<p>10/10 cloud at 1500 ft. with showers. Vis. 10-15 miles with 3 miles in showers. Conditions in patrol area deteriorating, on return.</p> <p>A/B. Woodhaven 0700 with 4 250 lbs. Torpex Mrk. XI</p> <p>Flew coastwise Battery Head, Noss Head, Dunnet Head, which was passed at 0900.</p> <p>1008 in pos. 6008 N 0651 W sighted 1 sailing fishing sloop 160T 7 kts. Faeroe type, flying Faeroe flag, black hull name SOLOVAN FAROYAR. Photos taken. 10.10 resumed course</p> <p>1025 in pos. sighted 2 trawlers flying British flag. Letters A757 and A133. Photos taken. 1035 resumed course.</p> <p>1130 at Sumbo Point S/C for Mygganes. 1206 arrived at Mygganes s/C for 6300 N 1030 W. 12.53 in pos. 6300 N 1030 W commenced C.L.A. Search, Vis 5 miles 14.10 M.F.B. "646/270 DATUM 61 Miles to P.L.E." 14.15 in pos. 6401 N 1055 W S/C for 6300 N 1445W. 1539 in pos. 6300 N 1445 W commenced Square Search vis 3 miles. 1728 in pos. 6241 N 1305 W broke off square Search owing to weather ^{AND} petrol getting low. Having covered 10V S/C for Sullom Voe. 1745 in pos. 6232 N 1350 W sighted visually track of U boat periscope 60 degr. on port bow course 180 degr. 5 kts. Attacked immediately periscope feather up track with 4 D.C.'s released from 50 ft. with 25 foot setting, spaced at 100 ft. Nothing visible after attack. D.C.'s aimed up track ahead of swirl but owing to position of crew, only captain saw swirl but did not see explosion.</p>	Sul/03/16 Ap

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						A/S stayed 15 min. over U/boat and was not relieved. Signals: 1745 M.T.B. 1-465. 1748 M.T.B. 2-465-242- Datum- 61-472-3-4-180-5-. 17,55 M.T.B. 3 511-4-0. S/E switched on after attqck. Considerable jamming was ex- perienced. 1800: S/C for Sullom Voe. 1950 in pos. 6110N 0615 W. M.F.B. 2-BG U. -82-263-4. 2150 W. M.T.B. 2- Proceeded next day to mess. 1955 M.T.B. 4 in pos. 6102 N. 0650 W. E.T.A. 2150 B. 2150 W/b Sullom Voe. Weather conditions in target area: lo/lo at 500ft. vis. 1-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Wind 090 Deg. 35 kts. 100 ft. Rough. Continuous rain and low cloud. Proceeded next day to Alnes	
17.4.43	Catalina I B/ 1477	S/lt. Schaaning " Krafft. " Kirsebom QM. Roe, " Naess, " Stien " Hansen Corp. Henden " Rorstad.	A/S Square Search	1032	1746	A/B from Woodhaven at 1032 with 4 250 Torpex Mrk. XI. Flew coastwise Rattery Head- Dunnet Head. 1232 in pos. Dunnet Head S/C for Suderoy. 1358 in pos. 5936 N 0430 W captain of A/C decided to return to Base as weather conditions were very bad. Weather: Intermittent showers lo/lo at 600 ft. Wind 295 degr. 52 kts. at 600 ft. Very rough. 1400 in pos. 5936 N 0430 W M.T.B. 1- BAR. 1505 in pos. 5800 N 0200 W M.T.B. 1- B X F. 236 BKA. 1510 in pos. 5745 N 0200 W M.T.B. 2- BCB Kinnairds 1530- BNK- 1528 at Kinnaird Head. 1605 in pos. 5740 N 0200 W. M.F.B. 2. Land at Sullom Voe. Jettison D/C 1608 S/C for Sullom Voe. 1605 jettisoned D/C's at safe in pos. 5810 N 0150 W. 1746 W/b Sullom Voe. 17 April. S/E loc% serviceable and used for navigational aid.	Sul/03/17 April

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18.4.43	Catalina (same)	Same crew.	A/S Sweep	0838	1227	A/C proceeded from Sullom Voe on A/S Sweep east of Orkneys to Base. At Kinnaird Head A/C was diverted to Alnes owing to bad weather in Woodhaven. W/b at Alnes 1227.	
20.4.43	Catalina IB A/1477	S/lt. Anonsen " Sannes Lt. Overlie QM Christensen " Nilsen " Bjaanes " Moe Corp. Schrøder " Staaleh, Pass: Major Robinson S.A.A.F.	Cross Over A/S patrol	0724	21.34	A/b Woodhaven 0724 carrying 6 250 Torpex Mrk. XI and followed the coast to Rattery Head (Wick) Holborn Head, which was passed 0903. 1221 in pos. 6300 N 0600 W started patrol. 1310 M.F.B. in pos. 6420 N 0719 W. diverting A/C to Alnes. Landing 2159. 1503 M.T.B. in pos. 6330 N 0640 W.: "465" 1520 M.T.B. "Cancel 465 fog patch taken for U boat" 1550 in pos. 6300 N 0535 W completed patrol. Nothing hostile sighted. S/C Dunnet Head. 21.34 W/b Alnes S.E. used intermittently from 0945 till reaching patrol area due to bad vis. Weather: 6500 N 0700 W at 1334 hrs. Vis: 10-15 miles. Cloud: 9/10 st. 1500' Wind at 1000': 135° 10 m.p.h. Showers and fog patches.	Aln/ol/20. apr.
19.4.43	Catalina I W 8424	S/lt. Schaaning " Kirsebom " Krafft QM Naess " Stein Corp. Henden " Rørstad	A/S sweep.	1517	1915	A/b Woodhaven 1517 hrs. carrying out A/S patrol coastwise to Dunnet Head and S/C for Sumbo (Faeroes.) Landed at Vaagar 1915. Weather: good, but showers. Returned next day to Invergorden and the following day to base.	No FORM ORANGE.
24.4.43	Catalina I B F.P. 314 A/1477	S/lt. Anonsen " Sannes QM Moe " Christensen		1036 1040	1352 1221	A/b Woodhaven 0642 carrying 6 Torpex Mrk. XI 250 lbs. D/C's followed the coast to Rattery Head. S/C Dunnet Head. 0852 S/C Dumbo. 1309 in pos. 6220N 1150 W A/C A/1477 commenced C.L.A. search in area given on form green.	Leu/ol/25/4
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	Cont.	QM Aakjaer " Bjaanes " Nilsen Corp. Staalem " A. Johansen				1235 hrs. sighted two masted sailing sloop Faeroe type.	
24.4.43	Cat. 1.B. F.P. 121 C/1477	S/lt. Schaaning " Kirsebom " Krafft Cm. Naess " Stien " Hansen Copr. Christiansen " Henden " Rørstad	A/S patrol	0642	2215	3150 ft. 6 kts. Green hull marked "545" 50 tons vessel. Fired 2 parachute rockets. Flying Faeroe flag A/C C/1477 was in company with A/C A/1477 up to the Faeroes but searched in the following area: 6220 N 1020 W. 6400 N 1020 W. 6400 N 0912 W. 6220 N 0912 W. 1737 in pos. 6220 N 1047 W. A/1477 sighted two masted sailing sloop Faeroe type. Name: Signhild 50 tons. Flying Faeroe flag. Nothing further sighted. 1744 off patrol: S/C Simbo. A/1477 w/b Woodhaven 2203. C/1477 w/b Woodhaven 2212 hrs. Weather in pos. 6400 N 1200 W at 1407 hrs: Vis. 15-20 miles Cloud 3/10 2000! st. Wind: 2000! 25 kts. from 250! Weather Good. Weather in pos. 6400 N 1020 W at 1345 hrs. Vis. 5-10 miles Cloud: 7/10 1700! St. Wind 1500! 25 kts. from 220° Showers. General weather Good.	<p>SAME FORM ORANGE As A/1477.</p>

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1. May-43	Catalina C.	L/cdr. Jørgensen Lt. Ebbesen S/lt. Jacobsen, QM. E. Olsen, " B. Lundven, " K. Fa cc Nilsen, " E. Erlandsen, Cpl. Aa. Rasmussen, QM. E. Johansen.	Special Task.	2130	1423/2	Special Task.	
6. May-43	Catalina A.	S/lt. Schaanning, QM. Vik, S/lt. Kirsebom, QM. Naess, " Stien, " Hansen, Cpl. Rørstad, " Menten.	A/S Patrol	0743	2131	A/S patrol over area bounded by 61° 18' N 12° 50' W 61° 14' N 13 10' W, 62° 40' N 14 25' W 62° 45' N 14° 40' W. The patrol was flown in good visibility in fair weather with occasional sleet showers. The A/C took off from Woodhaven but landed at Sullom.	SUI/02/6/MAY
7. May-43	Catalina B.	S/lt. Anonsen, QM. Moe, S/lt. Sannes, QM. Christansen, " Aakjaer, " Nielsen, " Bjaanes, Cpl. Starlem, " Schröder.	A/S patrol	1434	0347	A/S Crossover patrol from 62° 29' N 8° 08' W. In posn. 63° 02' N 10° 11' W snow and heavy icing conditions were encountered so A/C turned on reciprocal track and captain decided to patrol to south of area. In posn. 62° 08' N 9° 41' W heavy icing conditions were encountered so captain decided to abandon patrol. A/C took off from Woodhaven but was diverted to Alnes.	LN 01/8/MAY

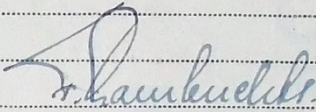
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	6. "	0745	Catalina A. S/Lt. Schaanning and crew carried out an A/S Patrol of an area W. of the Faroes.		"
	7. "	0347	Catalina B. S/Lt Anonsen and crew carried out an A/S Patrol in and area NW of the Faroes.		"
	10. "		All personnel of 1477 Flight were posted to NO. 333(N) Sqdn.		"
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