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Appendix ..... AIR FORCE (INDIA) FORM 54L

**OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK.**

December 1944.

**DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT.**

From 1st Dec. 1944 to 31st Dec. 1944.  
From ..... hrs. .... to ..... hrs. ....

By 354 Squadron.

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Aircraft Type and No.	Crew.	Duty.	Time Up.	Time Down.	Duty and Remarks.	References.
All Times GMT.						
Q/354 (WV853)	P/O.D.G. WATT	BOAF	031553	040257	Parallel Track Anti U-Boat Sweep. P/O.D.G. WATT & CREW	Minnoriya
HL.VI.	P/O.E. HARDER	BOAF			airborne from MINNORIYA at 031553 hrs. 1850 Intercepted Sortie	Report No.1
LIBERATOR	W/O.J. TAYLOR	BOAF			Group Broadcast of Sighting Report in position 1237N	
	W/O.W.G. HACKETT	BOAF			8940E. Set course for this position. 1915 Message from	3/4th Dec.
	W/O.B. SUMMERS	BOAF			BASE. "Commence Wide Wide". Switched on Radio Compass.	1944.
	P/S.J.H. BEDGEWICK	RAF			No contact. 2011 Estimated position 1237N 8940E.	
	F/S.H. GREGORY	RAF			Nothing seen, no contacts. 2220 Instructions from BASE	
	F/S.I. BECKWITH	RAF			"Start Search Three" followed by further message -	
	CPL. A. HOWE	RAF			"Height to fly 1800". 2301 D.R. position 1205N 8935E.	
					In absence of sightings or contact and being near P.L.E.	
					decided to return to BASE. Landed 040337 being airborne	
					11 hrs. 4 mins. No enemy sightings.	
R/354 (WV315)	W/Lt.J.L. RICHARDS	RAF	031548	040214	W/Lt.J.L. RICHARDS & CREW airborne from MINNORIYA at	Minnoriya
HL.VI.	P/Lt.P. DUFFIELD	RAF			031548 on Parallel Track Anti U-Boat Sweep. Intercepted Sortie	Report No.2
LIBERATOR	P/O.J.R. THOMAS	RAF			message to BASE at 1830 position 1129N 8503E which read	3/4th Dec.
	P/O.R.W.H. OSBORN	RAF			"An over Enemy Submarine in position 1237N 8940E"	
	W/O.H.P. BLOW	RAF			followed by further message "Enemy Submarine previously	1944.
	P/S.J. ALEXANDER	RAF			reported was on surface. Course 010 Speed 6 kts. Result	
	P/S.H. HYNDMAN	RAF			of attack, hits probable. At time of attack Submarine	
	P/S.T. WALTON	RAF			was visible 1917 N.T.E. 'Wide Wide' Immediately switched	
	Sgt. E.G. HAYSON	RAF			on Radio Compass" 2011 Over position of reported attack.	
					Nothing seen from 1000 ft. just below cloud base N.T.B.	
					(1) No contact 2015. No contacts or sightings so set course	
					FOR BASE. LANDED AT MINNORIYA AT 040214 BEING	
					AIRBORNE 12 HRS. 14 MINS.	

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## SUMMARY.

From ..... hrs ..... / ..... / ..... to ..... hrs ..... / ..... / .....

Unit or Formation.....

1. PILOTS:—	Officers.	Airmen.	2. AIRCRAFT:—
Establishment.....			Establishment.....
Available.....			Serviceable.....
3. AIR GUNNERS, SPECIAL DUTY, Etc. :—	Officers.	Airmen.	Unserviceable.....
Establishment.....			
Available.....			

3. HOURS FLOWN :—
- (a) Artillery Observation and Gun Spotting .....
  - (b) Reconnaissance, including Photography.....
  - (c) Co-operation other than (a) and (b).....
  - (d) Action against enemy air force.....
  - (e) Bombing other than (c) and (d).....
  - (f) Training .....
  - (g) Test .....
  - (h) Ferrying, etc. ....
- Total .....

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 4. NUMBER OF BOMBS DROPPED :— | 5. NUMBER OF ROUNDS FIRED :— |
| .....lb.....                  | (a) Air Fighting.....        |
| .....lb.....                  | (b) At Ground Targets.....   |
| .....lb.....                  | (c) .....                    |
| .....lb.....                  |                              |

6. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED.....

REMARKS.

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Aircraft Type and No.	Crew.	Duty.	Time Up.	Time Down.	Duty - Remarks.	References.
L/354 (N9945)	P/O. F. RIFFLE	RCAP	031542	040414	P/O. F. RIFFLE & GEMM airborne from MINNERIYA on Parallel	Minneriya
LA. VI.	P/O. J. E. HUNTER	RAF			Track Anti-U-boat Search at 031542. Message from BASE	Sertio
LIBERATOR	P/O. G. J. WOOD	RAF			No. 1 Group relay of sighting report in position 1237E	Report No. 3.
	P/S. J. A. WILKE	RAF			8940E. Set course for this position. Over position	3/4th Dec.
	P/S. G. A. DAY	RAF			indicated by markers. Markers appeared to dim so dropped	1944.
	Sgt. P. A. GASSON	RCAP			further markers. 2150 Small Elip in position 1223N	
	Sgt. R. J. FRALPP	RCAP			8940E. Homed and dropped 3 flares. Over position of Elip	
	Sgt. P. A. RICHARDS	RAF			nothing seen. Messages from BASE "Wide Wide" height to	
					fly 1200 ft. No further contacts so set course for BASE.	
					Landing 040414. No enemy sightings Airborne 12 hrs 32 mins.	
Y/354 (N9850)	P/O. A. B. STANLEY	RAAF	041546	050336	Hunt to Exhaustion Search. Airborne from KANKSANTURAI	KANKSANTURAI
LA. VI.	P/O. P. I. PICKEN	RAAF			at 041546. 2000 hrs. S.E. Contact our position 1240N	Sertio VI/2
LIBERATOR	P/O. R. E. LOWERY	RAAF			8737E Contact bearing 180/10 miles shipping as briefed	4/5th Dec
	P/O. L. J. DEAD	RAAF			did not home. 2056 Over Marine Marker in position	1944
	P/O. R. B. BREHAUER	RAAF			1239N 8911E. Commenced Patrol. 2230 in position 1241N	
	P/O. S. C. ALCOEN	RAAF			8752E. Probable Submarine Contact over position of	
	P/S. L. A. PARIS	RAF			contact 1341N 8752E at 2313 hrs. No sightings, dropped	
	P/O. S. C. FENNER	RAAF			Sea Marker. 2348 hrs sighted one bright white light as	
					from aircraft landing or Leigh light, bearing 000 relative	
					7 miles at height of 1100 feet. 040054 hrs. 1221N 8517E	
					Over wreckage of Liberator. Switched IFF to emergency.	
					Circled wreckage at 100 ft taking photographs with mirror	
					Camera. L.T. Base 0655 hrs "Over burning aircraft wreckage	
					in position 1221N 8517E. 0659 hrs Dropped Marine Marker.	

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Aircraft Type and No.	Crew.	Duty.	Time Up.	Time Down.	Duty & Remarks.	References.
Y/354 (10950) Mk. VI. LIBERATOR QWTD.			041546	050336	No sign of life. Set course BASE. Landed at 050336. No enemy sightings. Airborne 11 hours 50 minutes. At Interrogation it was feared that wreckage was of Liberator "P" of this Squadron which consequently proved true.	
P/354 (10952) Mk. VI. LIBERATOR	P/O. K. J. JOHNSON W/O. G. E. THICKWIT W/O. R. B. WASHINGTON W/O. A. BOMAHY W/O. J. G. SLAWSON W/O. G. ABILDGAARD Y/S. D. SMILL Sgt. R. H. CHESTER	J. 86953 (RCAP) B. 133467 (RCAP) B. 114675 (RCAP) B. 151087 (RCAP) B. 165065 (RCAP) B. 145109 (RCAP) 579230 (RAF) 1451246 (RAF)			P/O. K. JOHNSON & CREW airborne at 041532 hrs. Failed to return from Hunt to Exhaustion Search.  Memorial Service held and Requiem Mass said at both Kankasanturai and Squadron Headquarters at Minneriya.	Kankasanturai CREW Serial No. 56
T/354 (10950) Mk. VI. LIBERATOR	P/O. G. B. ST. JOHN P/O. L. A. W. TETLOCK P/O. F. D. MACKINNON P/O. A. S. HASSALL Sgt. R. G. LEITCH Sgt. G. V. PARK Sgt. J. E. BRISON Sgt. P. R. ALEY	RCAP RCAP RCAP RCAP RCAP RAF RAF RAF	041528	050326	P/O. ST. JOHN & CREW airborne from KANKASANTURAI at 041528 hours on Hunt to Exhaustion Search. 1635 hours 1030N 8285E Track 069. 1817 hrs. 1144N 8542E Message from BASE (1) Giving Call Signs of A/E. R.T.B. (2) at 1825 hrs. "Wide Wide XTTQ". 2018 hrs 1239N 8811E. Over Butum Point. No contacts or enemy sightings. Set course for BASE. 0055 hrs. 1119N. 8508E F.T. BASE and "Over Burning A/C Wreckage position 1221N 8528E" Message to BASE (2) Sent at 0245 hrs 0939N 0633E "	KANKASANTURAI Sertie Report No. VA-1

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T/354 (WV950) No. VI. LIBERATOR (G.HTD).			041528	050328	"Ditching in 15 minutes short of patrol. Radio Compass U/S and S.E. Interrogator U/S. Position uncertain altered course to 185 to try for landfall weather bad". 0304 sighted Liberator T/354 which guided T/354 to Base. Airborne 12 hours.	
U/354 (19821) No. VI. LIBERATOR	S/Ldr. P.G. Paisey P/Sgt. L. Brier P/Sgt. G. Thornhill P/Sgt. H.H. Appleby S/Sgt. J. Watson P/Sgt. E.J. Young Sgt. E.H. Baker	RAF. RAF. RAF. RAF. RAF. RAF. RAF.	050547	051508	S/Ldr. P.G. PAISEY & CREW Airborne from KANKESANTURAI at 050547 hours to search for crew of P/354 (see Page 3) of this 541) Carried out Search in Area where wreckage was seen by Crews of Y/354 and T/354. No sightings. 1008 hours 1222H 0517H Catalina arrived dropped Sea Marker. 1230 hours M.P.R.L. Return to BASE. Landed at 051508 being airborne 0hrs. 21mins.	Sortie Report No. VA/3. 5th Dec. 44.
U/354 (19821) No. VI. LIBERATOR	P/O G.B. ST. JOHN P/O L.A. TETLOCK P/O L.D. MACKINNON P/O G.C. ALCOCK Sgt. E.H. BAKER Sgt. R.C. LEITCH Sgt. C.V. FARR	RAF RAF RAF RAF RAF RAF RAF	100010	101050	P/O G.B. ST. JOHN & CREW Airborne at 100010 hrs from KANKESANTURAI on Anti-U-Boat Hunt and Consumption Test. 1109 hrs. 1024 H 0153H on Patrol. All contacts proved friendly. During Sortie sighted 9 independent Merchant Vessels, 4 Escorts, 1 Freighter and one small Sailing Vessel. 0947 hrs 0948H BLOCK off patrol set course for BASE. No enemy sightings landed 051508 hrs. Airborne 10hrs 40 mins.	Kankesanturai Sortie Report No. VA/4 10th Dec. 44

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Aircraft Type and No.	Crew.	Duty.	Time Up.	Time Down.	Duty - Remarks.	References.
A/354 (BW/319)	F/L J.L. RICHARDS F/O G. WEAVER	RAF RCAF	110016	111144	F/L J.L. RICHARDS & CREW airborne at 110016 from KANKESANTURAI on Anti U-Boat Sweep of Shipping Lanes and Consumption Test. 0116 hrs On patrol 1023N 8153E.	KANKESANTURAI Sertie Report No. VA.5
ME. VI. LIBERATOR	F/L P. DUFFIELD F/O R.W. GROUGH F/S J. ALEXANDER F/S W. HYNDMAN Sgt. W.G. MASON	RAF RCAF RAF RAF RAF			All contacts proved friendly. Sighted 5 independent Merchant Vessels, 5 E/Vessels, and Force 66 during Sertie. No. enemy contacts or sightings. 1031 hrs 0920N 8200E. Off Patrol 1144 Landed KANKESANTURAI. Airborne 11 hours 29 mins.	11th Dec. 44
T/354 (BY56)	S/L F.G. PAISY F/S L. BRICE	RAF RCAF	120016	120603	S/L F.G. PAISY & CREW airborne from KANKESANTURAI at 120016 landing at ST. THOMAS' MT. 120603. Airborne 5 hours 47 mins. Patrol of Shipping Lanes and Consumption Test. Sertie curtailed and decided to land at ST. THOMAS' MT owing to trouble in No. 2 Engine. Sighted 2 Merchant Vessels and 1 Tanker during Sertie. No. enemy sightings.	ST. THOMAS MT. Sertie Report No. 1. 15th Dec 1944
ME. VI. LIBERATOR	F/O K. BOSTEN F/S G. THORNHILL F/S J. WATSON F/S W.N. APPELBY W/O J.W. HARRIS W/O I.E. MACDONALD	RAF RAF RCAF RAF RCAF RCAF				
Z/354 (B2988)	S/L F.G. PAISY F/S L. BRICE	RAF RCAF	141203	141913	S/L F.G. PAISY & CREW airborne on Parallel Track Sweep from KANKESANTURAI at 141203 hours. On Patrol at 1233 hrs 1010N 8100E. 1835 hrs 0950N 8100E off Patrol. All contacts proved to be friendly. No enemy sightings. Landed at KANKESANTURAI 141913. Airborne 7 hrs 10 mins.	KANKESANTURAI Sertie Report No. VAG 14th/15th Dec 1944.
ME. VI. LIBERATOR	F/S G. THORNHILL F/O K. BOSTEN Sgt. K.H. BAKER Sgt. P.E. KLEY W/O S. DIACHUN P/S J. WATSON	RAF RAF RAF RCAF RCAF RCAF				

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By... 354 SQUADRON.....

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Aircraft Type and No.	Crew.	Duty.	Time Up.	Time Down.	Duty + Remarks.	References.
Y/354 (16850)	F/O. A. D. STANLEY	RAAF	141200	141935	F/O. A. D. STANLEY & CREW airborne from KANKESANTURAI at 141200 hours on Parallel Track U-Boat Sweep. 1349	KANKESANTURAI Sertis Report
HR. VI. LIBERATOR	F/S. R. E. LOWERY	RAAF			hours 1050N 8100E On Patrol. 1823 hrs 1030N 8150E S.E.	No. VA/7
	F/S. J. A. PARIS	RAF			Contact bearing 250/27 Miles. Commenced to Home but	14/15 Dec.
	W/O. R. B. BERNAUER	RAAF			recognised as from Merchant Vessel. Resumed Patrol	1944.
	W/O. L. J. BROAD	RAAF			1853 hrs 1030N 8100E off Patrol. Landed KANKESANTURAI	
	W/O. G. G. ALCOCK	RAAF			141935. Airborne 7hrs 35 mins. No enemy sightings.	
	W/O. S. G. KNOX	RAAF				
Q/354 (16856)	F/O. D. E. WATT	RAAF	141658	150103	141658 hrs. from MINNERIYA F/O. D. E. WATT & CREW	MINNERIYA
HR. VI. LIBERATOR	F/O. B. WARDER	RAF			airborne on Parallel Track Anti U-Boat Sweep. 1943 hrs	Sertis Report
	F/S. T. WALTON	RAF			On Patrol position 1010N 8220E. 1901 Radar Contact	No. 5.
	W/O. N. G. MAGEY	RAF			5 degrees to Starboard 7 Miles. Investigated and seen	14/15 Dec 44
	F/S. J. W. SEDGWICK	RAF			to be our own Forces from Force 62. At 2400 hrs off	
	F/S. H. R. BRANKLEY	RAF			Patrol. 1001N 8151E. Landed at MINNERIYA at 150103 hrs	
	F/S. H. GREGORY	RAF			being airborne 8 hrs 5 mins. No enemy sightings.	
	F/S. J. BROOKWITH	RAF				
	F/S. P. G. CHAPMAN	RAF				

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Aircraft Type and No.	Crew.	Duty.	Time Up.	Time Down.	Duty & Remarks.	References.
W/354 (KVB59) HE.VI. LIBERATOR	F/O. E. A. MARYLNE F/O. D. S. WATT F/O. P. J. MAIKA W/O. W. G. MACKAY F/S. K. J. GORDON F/S. L. GAIN F/S. A. W. ROBINSON Sgt. J. K. WILBURN Sgt. A. G. MORTON	ROAF ROAF ROAF ROAF RAAF RAAF RAF RAF	180006	181028	F/O. E. A. MARYLNE & CREW airborne from MINNERIYA at 190006 MINNERIYA for Anti Submarine Patrol off Shipping Lanes and Consumption Test. 0117 hrs 1023N 8153E. Sighted during Sertie 3 Merchant Vessels, 1 Tanker and two Catalina aircraft. No enemy contacts or sightings. 0524 hrs 1700N 8820E Reached furthest point of patrol. 0628 hrs off Patrol. Landed at MINNERIYA at 181028 hrs having been airborne 10 hrs 22 mins.	Sertie Report No. 6 18 DEB 1944
W/354 (KVB42) HE.VI. LIBERATOR	F/O. L. F. BURROWS F/O. J. E. PARMCUSE W/O. A. G. A. ADAMS F/O. T. A. G. DOXWED W/O. H. P. BLOH F/S. J. B. AMES Sgt. H. P. MAYBE Sgt. A. R. MORRISON	ROAF ROAF ROAF ROAF RAF RAF RAF RAF	191031	191912	F/O. L. F. BURROWS & CREW airborne from GUTTAGE at 191031 hrs. on Anti U-boat Sweep Parallel Tracks 80 Miles apart through positions 1731N 8715E, 1743N 8742E, 1434N 8242E, 1823N 8613E. 1152 hrs 1752N 8714E. Sighted Hospital Ship. Waves and speed 220°/10 kts. 1708 hrs 1728N 8713E On Patrol. No further sightings during sertie. 1912 Landed at GUTTAGE. Airborne 8 hrs 41 mins.	GUTTAGE Sertie Report No. 78 19 DEB 1944

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J/354 (N7863)	F/Lt. J. L. RICHARDS F/O. G. E. WEAVER	RAF ROAF	191028	191237	F/Lt. J. L. RICHARDS & CREW airborne from CUTTACK at 191028 on A/U Sweep Parallel Tracks 80 miles apart.	CUTTACK. Sertis Report
Wk. VI. LIBERATOR	F/Lt. P. HUFFIELD F/O. R. W. SMOUGH F/O. A. W. RAGER F/S. J. ALEXANDER F/S. W. J. T. HYNDMAN Sgt. E. G. MASON	RAF ROAF ROAF RAF RAF RAF			through positions 1717N 8730E, 1728N 8852E, 1423N 8257E 1810N 8628E. Sertis curtailed owing to No. 2 engine cutting, suspected magnet trouble. Set course BASE at 1059 hrs position 1949N 8551E. 1121 over BASE requested permission to jettison D/Cs. in sea as aircraft too heavy for landing. 1202 hrs 2015N 8646E. Jettisoned 8 D/Cs. safe from 2000 ft. One exploded plume seen. Set course BASE. Landed CUTTACK 191237. Airborne 2 hrs 9 mins.	No. 75 19 DRG 1944
2/354 (B2986)	S/Lt. F. G. FAISEY F/O. R. P. O'CONNELL	RAF	191040	192005	S/Lt. F. G. FAISEY & CREW airborne at 191040 hrs from CUTTACK on Anti U-Boat Sweep Parallel Track 80 miles apart through positions 1735N 8643E, 1409N 8313E.	CUTTACK Sertis Report
Wk. VI. LIBERATOR	(OF 200 SQUADRON) F/S. V. G. SHAPMAN F/O. J. W. ADLINGTON F/S. H. E. BRANKLEY F/S. G. E. SCARFE F/S. J. B. E. LINGHE	RAF RAF ROAF ROAF ROAF RAF			1500N 8211E, 1800N 8542E. On patrol at 1139 hrs 1758N 8644E, 1616 Radar Contact Ship 315°/13 miles 1400 feet headed. 1622 hrs 1729N 8348E Dropped flare beam gunner reported possible wake nothing further sighted. No further contacts. Off Patrol at 1751.3005 Landed at CUTTACK. Airborne 9 hrs 25 mins.	No. 79 19 DRG 1944

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L/354	P/O.F. RIFFLE	RCAP	191035	191900	P/O.F. RIFFLE & GHW airborne from GUTTAGE at 191035	GUTTAGE
(WV945)	P/O.G.J. WOOD	RAF			on Anti U-Boat Sweep Parallel Tracks 80 miles apart	Sertie Report
NR-VI.	P/O.J.M. MINTER	RAF			through positions 1745N 8652E, 1354N 8325E, 1448N	No. 77 19 DWS
LIBERATOR	P/S.J.A. MILNE	RCAP			6226E, 1837E 0857E.	1944
	P/S.G.H. DAY	RAF			1201 On Patrol Radar Contacts all friendly. No enemy	
	Sgt. P.A. CASSON	RCAP			sightings. Off Patrol 1757 hrs 1838N 8556E. Landed	
	Sgt. P.A. RICHARDS	RAF			GUTTAGE 191900 Airborne 8hrs 25 mins.	
	Sgt. R.J. KRANFF	RCAP				
L/354	P/O.F. RIFFLE	RCAP	202332	201148	P/O.F. RIFFLE & GHW airborne from GUTTAGE at 202332 hrs	GUTTAGE
(WV945)	P/O.G.J. WOOD	RAF			on Patrol Shipping Lanes 1900N to Western Channel	Sertie Report
NR-VI.	P/O.J.M. MINTER	RAF			Light Vessel and Bumble Buntâ to 5830E. 210009 hrs	No. 81 21 DWS
LIBERATOR	P/S.J.A. MILNE	RCAP			1900N 8528E on Patrol. 10 Independent Merchant Vessels	1944
	P/S.G.H. DAY	RAF			and two Escort Vessels sighted during sortie. No enemy	
	Sgt. P.A. CASSON	RCAP			sightings. Off Patrol 1100 hrs 1900N 8528E. 1148	
	Sgt. P.A. RICHARDS	RAF			Landed GUTTAGE. Airborne 12 hrs 16 mins.	
	Sgt. R.J. KRANFF	RCAP				

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Aircraft Type and No.	Crew.	Duty.	Time Up.	Time Down.	Duty & Remarks.	References.
Z/354 (22988)	S/L.P.G. PAISBY P/S.L. BRICE	RAF RAF	220349	230959	S/L.P.G. PAISBY & CREW <sup>from</sup> GUTTAGE on Anti U-Boat Patrol of Inner Shipping Lane to land at KANKASANTURAI.	KANKASANTURAI Sertie Report
HE.VI.	P/S.P.G. CHAPMAN	RAF			0424 hrs 1908N 8400E On Patrol. Sighted 6 Merchant Vessels in Shipping Lane. All contacts identified as Shipping. No enemy sightings. Message from BASE.	No. VA-10 22nd DMO 1944
LIBERATOR	P/O.J.W. ADLINGTON P/S.H.R. BRANKLY P/S.G.E. SCARFE P/S.J.B.B. LEGGE P/S.G.H.C. ANGLETT	RAF RAF RAF RAF RAF			"Land at KANKASANTURAI". Off Patrol at 0909 hrs Landed KANKASANTURAI 0959. Airborne 6 hrs 9 mins.	
L/354 (NWS45)	P/O.P. RIFFLE P/O.G.J. WOOD	RAF RAF	220448	221132	P/O.P. RIFFLE & CREW airborne from GUTTAGE on Anti U-Boat Patrol of Inner Shipping Lane at 220448 hrs. 0526 hrs 1900N 8530E. On Patrol. Sighted 3 Independent Merchant Vessels during sertie. No enemy sightings. Message from BASE (1) "Land at Kankasanturai". 10.03 hours off patrol, landed at Kankasanturai at 221132. Airborne 6 hours 34 mins.	KANKASANTURAI Sertie Report No. VA-11 22nd DMO 1944
HE.VI.	P/O.J.W. HUNTER	RAF				
LIBERATOR	P/S.J.A. MILNE P/B. G. A. DAY SGT. R. J. SHARPP. SGT. P.A. RICHARDS SGT. P.A. CASSON	RAF RAF RAF RAF RAF				

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A/354 (EW319) HE.VI. LIBERATOR	F/L.J.L.RICHARDS F/O.G.H.WEAYE F/L.P.DUFFIELD F/O.B.CROUCH F/S.J.ALEXANDER F/S.W.HYDEMAN SGT.V.G.WASON SGT.A.WALKER	RAF RAF RAF RAF RAF RAF RAF RAF	271420	280150	F/L.J.L.RICHARDS & CREW airborne at 271420 hrs from MINNERIYA for Anti U-Boat Patrol Inner Shipping Lane between 0940N 80N Southwards until 1630. Return on enter lane to 80N and patrol that lane to T.L.E. between 80N and 08N. 1440 hrs 0840N 8124E On Patrol. 1650 hrs 0540N 8010E 6 minesweepers and one minesweeper 10 miles ahead. 2120 hrs 1024N 8122E 1 Merchant Vessel. 0055 hrs 0712N 8215E 1 Merchant Vessel. 0120 hrs 0800N 8158E Off Patrol. 0153 Landed MINNERIYA. Airborne 11 hrs 33 mins. No enemy sightings.	MINNERIYA Sertis Report No.7.
2/354 (B2688) HE.VI. LIBERATOR	F/L.A.W.YOON F/O.B.WHELEY F/O.K.HOOTEN F/S.S.H.STWING F/S.J.W.WATSON F/S.H.E.APPEBY Sgt.P.H.HYRY Sgt.R.D.SLACK Sgt.A.H.PRITCHARD Sgt.J.B.FELTH	RAF RAF RAF RAF RAF RAF RAF RAF RAF RAF	272330	281024	F/L.A.W.YOON & CREW airborne from KANKSANTURAI at 2320 on Anti U-Boat Patrol of Inner and Outer Shipping Lanes, East Coast of India. 230013 hrs 1010N 8135E Commenced Patrol. 0530 hrs 1024N 8153E Off Patrol Large number of friendly shipping sighted but no enemy sightings. Landed at 281024. Airborne 11 hrs 4 mins.	KANKSANTURAI Sertis Report No. 12.

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Aircraft Type and No.	Crew.	Duty.	Time Up.	Time Down.	Duty & Remarks.	References.
J/354 (KV.863) ME. VI. LIBERATOR	W/O. I. F. BURGESS P/O. J. E. PARSONS W/O. A. G. A. ADAMS P/O. T. A. G. O'NEILL P/O. A. H. BAKER W/O. P. H. BLOM P/S. J. B. ANGUS Sgt. H. P. MAYHEW Sgt. A. R. MORRISON	ROAF ROAF ROAF ROAF ROAF RAF RAF RAF RAF	281143	282340	W/O. I. F. BURGESS & CREW airborne from MINNERIYA at 281143 on Anti U-Boat Patrol of Shipping lanes to P. E. S. through following positions 10 North then Southward to 802 and back to 10 North then patrol Outer Shipping lane between same limits. 1245 hours 1002N 8105E On Patrol. 2232 hrs 0950N 8112E Off Patrol. All sightings and contacts of friendly shipping. 282340 Landed at MINNERIYA. Airborne 11 hours 57 mins.	MINNERIYA Report Serial No. 3 28th Dec. 44
Y/354 KG. 850 ME. VI. LIBERATOR	S/L. F. G. PAISLEY P/O. J. V. ADLINGTON P/S. L. BRICE P/S. F. C. CHAPMAN P/S. G. H. ANGLETT P/S. J. E. P. LEGG P/S. H. E. BRANKLEY P/S. G. E. SCARFE SGT. H. J. McGRATH SGT. H. F. TAYLOR	RAF ROAF RAAF RAF RAF RAF ROAF ROAF RAF RAF	291405	300153	S/L. F. G. PAISLEY & CREW airborne from KANKESANTURAI at 291405 hours on Anti U-Boat Patrol. 1624 hrs 0600N 8000E. On Patrol. 2004 hrs. 0720N 8000E Altered Course Track 270. At 2354 hrs off Patrol. 0153 Landed at KANKESANTURAI. All sightings and contacts of friendly Shipping. Airborne 11 hrs 48 mins.	KANKESANTURAI Serials Report No. VA. 13 of 30th Dec. 44

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## SUMMARY.

From .....hrs...../...../.....to.....hrs...../...../.....

Unit or Formation.....

	Officers	Airmen	
1. PILOTS :—			AIRCRAFT :—
Establishment . . . . .			
Available . . . . .			Establishment.....
2. AIR GUNNERS, SPECIAL DUTY, Etc. :—			Serviceable.....
Establishment . . . . .			Unserviceable.....
Available . . . . .			

3. HOURS FLOWN :—

- (a) Artillery Observation and Gun Spotting.....
  - (b) Reconnaissance, including Photography.....
  - (c) Co-operation other than (a) and (b).....
  - (d) Action against enemy air force.....
  - (e) Bombing other than (c) and (d).....
  - (f) Training . . . . .
  - (g) Test . . . . .
  - (h) Ferrying, etc. . . . .
- Total.....

4. NUMBER OF BOMBS DROPPED :—

.....lb.....  
 .....lb.....  
 .....lb.....  
 .....lb.....

5. NUMBER OF ROUNDS FIRED :—

- (a) Air Fighting.....
- (b) At Ground Targets.....
- (c) .....

6. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED.....

REMARKS.

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W/354	F/O. G. B. ST. JOHN	RCAP	291420	3.0204	F/O. G. B. ST. JOHN & CREW airborne at 291420 from PAUKSANTURAI PAUKSANTURAI	
LG. 821	F/O. L. E. W. WATSON	RCAP			on Anti U-boat Patrol 1614 On Patrol: 0630N 8200E. 201hrs	Sortie
HE. VI.	F/O. E. D. BASHINSON	RCAP			0750N 8350E. Altered Course Track 270. All sightings and	No. VA-14
LIBERATOR	W/O. G. G. ALDEN	RCAP			Contacts of friendly Shipping. Off Patrol 300014 hrs	30th Dec. 44
	F/S. J. A. PARRIS	RAF			0743N 8301E Landed at PAUKSANTURAI 00004. Airborne	
	Sgt. B. G. IRITON	RCAP			11 hours 44 mins.	
	Sgt. J. YALOR	RAF				
	Sgt. J. PINNINGTON	RAF				
Q/354	F/O. D. G. WATT	RCAP	291450	300135	F/O. D. G. WATT & CREW airborne at 291450 hrs from MINNERIYA MINNERIYA	
EV. 859	F/O. B. HARLEY	RCAP			on Anti U-boat Parallel Track Sweep. On Patrol 1623 hrs	Sortie
HE. VI.	F/S. T. WALTON	RAF			0540N 8300E. 2000 hrs 0700N 9000E Set Course 277. All	Report No
LIBERATOR	W/O. W. G. MACKAY	RCAP			Sightings and Contacts friendly shipping. Off Patrol at	9 of 30th
	W/O. B. SUMMERS	RCAP			2355 hrs 0700N 8300E. Landed MINNERIYA 0135 Airborne	Dec. 1944.
	F/S. J. W. SEDGWICK	RAF			10 hrs 45 mins.	
	F/S. H. GREGORY	RAF				
	F/S. J. BROOKWITH	RAF				
	Sgt. B. B. S. MOORE	RAF				

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E/354 WV942 Lt. VI. LIBERATOR	P/O. W. A. MARYLUX J22865 ROAF P/O. P. J. MAIRA G13078 ROAF P/S. R. W. McULLOCH AUS. 417507 SGT. J. E. WELBURN 578570 RAF P/S. A. W. ROBINSON AUS. 429018 P/S. R. J. GORDON AUS. 434943 P/S. I. CAIR AUS. 16275 SGT. J. SUTCLIFFE G90740 RAF				P/O. W. A. MARYLUX & CREW airborne in E/354 from MINNERIYA at 291138 hrs. Failed to return from Patrol of Inner and Outer Shipping Lanes from 1000H to 9000H. Aircraft E/354 and L/354 Airborne on Air Sea Rescue Search (see following).	MINNERIYA OPRF No. 30 30th DEC. 44
L/354 WV945 Lt. VI. LIBERATOR	S/L. E. A. HUBBER-RICHARD RAF P/O. P. RIFFLE P/O. J. M. HURTER P/S. J. D. A. HILLS P/S. G. A. DAY SGT. J. V. D. THOMAS SGT. G. J. YOUNG SGT. P. A. GASSON SGT. R. J. KRATT SGT. P. A. RICHARDS	ROAF RAF ROAF RAF RAF RAF RAF RAF RAF	300251	301143	S/L. E. A. HUBBER-RICHARD & CREW airborne at 300251 from MINNERIYA on A.S.R. Search of Patrol Area for Missing Aircraft E/354. 0315 on Patrol 0900H 0147H. No sightings of any wreckage. Off Patrol at 1111 Hrs. Landed MINNERIYA at 301143. Airborne 9 hrs 52 mins.	MINNERIYA Sortie Report No. 10 30th Dec. 44

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N/354	F/O. L. P. BURGESS	BOAF	300405	301240	F/O. L. P. BURGESS & CREW airborne from MIMBRIYA at 300405	MIMBRIYA.
EW319	F/O. T. A. G. COXFORD	BOAF			Air Sea Rescue Search of Ceylon Inner and Outer Shipping	Sortie
HE. VI.	F/O. A. G. A. ADAMA	BOAF			Lanes from 1800N to 9000E for N/354 Missing from Patrol.	Report
LIBERATOR	F/O. J. E. PARROTT	BOAF			No Sightings of any wreckage. Landed at 301240 hrs	No. 11.
	F/O. A. E. BAKER	BOAF			Airborne 8 hrs. 35 mins.	30th DRG. 44
	F/O. M. P. FLEM	RAF				
	F/S. J. B. ANGUS	RAF				
	SGT. H. P. W. MAYERS	RAF				
	SGT. A. B. HARRISON	RAF				
X/354	F/L. A. N. YOXON	RAF	300008	301134	F/L. A. N. YOXON & CREW airborne from KAMESANTURAI at	KAMESANTURAI
EV853	F/O. B. MORLEY	RAF			300008 hrs on Anti-U-Boat Patrol of Outer and Inner	Sortie
HE. VI.	F/O. E. HOOTEN	RAF			Shipping Lanes.	Report
LIBERATOR	F/S. E. H. STRINER	BOAF			On Patrol 0053 hrs 1018N 8140E. Track 335. 0611 hrs	No. VI-15
	F/S. J. T. WATSON	RAF			1837N 8441E Track 079. 1045 hrs 1014N 8146E Off Patrol.	30th DRG.
	F/S. H. E. APPELBY	RAF			Landed KAMESANTURAI 301134. All S.E. Contacts	1944
	SGT. P. E. ELKY	RAF			recognised as friendly Shipping. No enemy Sightings.	
	SGT. E. D. CLARE	RAF			Airborne 11 hrs 26 mins.	
	SGT. A. H. FRITCHARD	RAF				
	SGT. J. L. FELTH	RAF				

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No. 354 Squadron,  
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