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3.2.45	Beaufighter T.M.	P/O J.C. PAYNE, DFM. AUS.420268 (P)	Rover Patrol.	10.40	15.22	Six Rockbeams of No. 455 Squadron, 9 Rockbeams of No. 404 Squadron, 6 A/Flak Beams of No. 144 Squadron, 2 A/Flak	
	L/455 - NV414	W/O HENRIK, J. 175546 (Nav)					
	Beaufighter T.M.	S/O W.G. HERBERT AUS.418410 (P)	- do -	10.45	11.10	Beams of No. 469 Squadron, accompanied by 2 outriders of No. 144 Squadron, 1 outrider of No. 469 Squadron and 1 ASR	
	R/455 - LZ407	F/S TURNER, J.W. AUS.40118 (Nav)				Warwick of No. 279 Squadron were airborne Dallachy on	
	Beaufighter T.M.	W/O TURNER, N.P. AUS.411930 (P)	- do -	10.45	15.20	Rover Patrol - Sanday - Svinoy at 10.37 - 10.51 hrs. Average	
	R/455 - NV423	W/O HARROD, G.P. AUS.417647 (Nav)				height of Patrol 2000ft. W/Cdr. Gadd led the force in	
	Beaufighter T.M.	P/O C.J. SMITH, DFC. AUS.401724 (P)	- do -	10.45	15.20	L/444. 11.00 S/C from base. 11.07 5754N 0231W wreckage off Land Marine marker sighted. 11.10 R/455 landed base.	
	J/455 - HS682	P/O W.F. JACKSON. AUS.40227 (Nav)				12.43 Utvær - landfall. S/C north along coast. 12.52 VHF	
	Beaufighter T.M.	W/O HENRY, K.J. AUS.410711 (P)	- do -	10.45	15.21	R/455 - HS444 F/S WALSH, R.J. AUS.418317 (Nav) P/O D.F. WALLIS AUS.420789 (P)	from outrider to leader, "Target 1500 tons - Askvold".
	Z/455 - NV450	W/O JACKOBSS, L.W. AUS.411340 (Nav)	- do -	10.45	15.21	12.58 Leader turned to starboard over Loch Frey and in pos. 6144N 0459E, sighted what appeared to be worth while target but on investigation it proved to be a wreck with funnel aft and bow under water. In posn. 6144N 0459E saw what appeared to be conning tower of submarine but on investigation it was found to be a buoy. As mainland was covered in low cloud formation turned seaward. 13.03 VHF from outrider to Leader "Target 2500 tons in Gulens Area". On receipt of this Leader decided target in Askvold should be ignored as its size did not warrant an attack when a better target had been sighted. Leader then investigated area given by outrider but only saw derelict wooden barge covered by snow in Nordgulen Fjord. (On interrogation it was confirmed that the target given was not in Gulens Area but in Sorpol Area.) Formation then flew out over Bremanger. Light inaccurate flak was encountered from Bremanger. 13.18 Ytterøen S/C for base. Patrol further north was	

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						not continued owing to weather. 13.35 6100N 0320E MTB "negative". Force landed Dalsachy by 15.25. Weather in patrol area, cloud mainly covered higher ground but to sea was clear. Cloud base 2000/3/10 Cu. Scattered snow showers. Midgulen Fjord iced over. State of sea - calm. No Radar used by Beaus of this Squadron which were each armed with 8 x 25lb AP R/P "J" type head and four 20mm cannons.	
5.2.45	Beaufighter T.MK W/O LONGLAND, G.E. AUS 426229 (P) R/455 - HS207	Rover Patrol	12.10	17.25		Two Rockbeams of No. 455 Squadron and 2 A/F/Flak Beaus of No. 404 Squadron were airborne Dalsachy at 1209/1210 for Rover Patrol Stockholm - Statlandet. Average height of patrol 3000ft. State of sea - calm. P/O Coyne led the force in V/404. After 100 miles East of base, met continuous rain. Visibility 2 miles at 75ft. Cloud 2-800 ft. 10/10. 14.13	
	Beaufighter T.MK W/O W.D. BAWDEN, AUS 422832 (Nav) R/455 - HS347	- do -	12.10	17.25		Storholm Lt. (6238 0556° E) on patrol. At this time cloud was 1200/10/10. Vis. 3-4 miles. Went in between Haramso and Lepso, over Helland Village, looked in Gryte Fjord, down to Skodje Village (6230N 0642E) across Stor Fjord, Sokkeleven Village, Tuuvik Village, down Hjorund Fjord to Hjorundfjord Village, west to Orsta Fjord where one small vessel (2-300tons) was sighted, lying against Mid-South bank. From there force flew over Kid Village and across Volda Fjord. At this time visibility was 8-10 miles. Cloud 3500 10/10. 14.45 at the extreme South end of Dals Fjord under steep cliffs, sighted 5 vessels, stationary, bows bearing south. Three in line astern along West shore and two lines astern on the East side of Fjord. Vessels were	

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5.2.45							no more than 100 yards apart. Largest vessel, believed passenger cargo type, 3-5000 tons. 3 unidentified vessels 1000-1500 tons and one small vessel 500 tons. The aircraft approached down the fjord as cloud obscured surrounding hills and only saw ships for one and a half minutes before going into cloud. Leader did not attack because there was no break away of steep land at foot of fjord and clouds hid high land surrounding fjord. Also he had been briefed to attack formations of no more than 2 vessels. Formation encountered light flak from ships but exact source unknown. After climbing to 5500 ft, force saw heavy flak bursts, so split up in clouds. 14.59 sighted 3 M/Vs, 2 E/Vs which were unattackable. 6211N 0524E wreck, stern down, beached off small island. 15.00 Svinoy Lt. off patrol. Force landed Dallachy by 17.25. No Radar used by Beams of No. 455 Squadron which were each armed with 8 x 25lb. AP R/P "J" type head and four 20 mm cannons.	
5.2.45	Beaufighter TFX	P/L J.S. ADDISON. AUS. 40286 [P] S/O G. MASON. AUS. 42223 [Nav]	Rover Patrol.	12.23	17.05		Three Beams of this Squadron in company with 2 A/Flak Beams of No. 144 Squadron were airborne at 12.23 for Rover Patrol	
	L/455 - NV414	P/O W.L. IVES. AUS. 42223 [Nav]	- do -	12.23	17.06		Statlandet to Sandoy. Average height of patrol 1000 ft.	
	Beaufighter TFX	V/S HENRY, D.G. AUS. 42222 [P]	- do -	12.23	17.06		State of sea - rough. P/Jt. Harrison led the force in L/144.	
	R/455 - NV424	V/S HENRY, D.G. AUS. 42223 [Nav]	- do -	12.23	17.06		12.30 main force set course from base. 14.30 landfall	
	Beaufighter TFX	W/O McLEAN, J.A. AUS. 42222 [P]	- do -	12.23	17.06		Statlandet. Leader then broke formation flying northerly	
	S/455 - NV342	W/O A.V. SMITH. AUS. 152160 [Nav]	- do -	12.23	17.06		then up Rovde Fjord where he sighted small coaster 250/300 single funnel, position 6213N 0530E. Whilst remainder of	
							force was waiting for Leader to return, it flew over	
							Sildabaspet and put out to sea over Northern tip of Vagso	11 CO 12
							where it regained leader who had flown out seaward north of	

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						Statlandet. Leader who then acted as outrider, flew s'thly whilst remainder of formation kept about 3-4 miles on starboard side. Leader looked up Nord Fjord and Loch Frey but owing to mainland being partly covered by low cloud, could not fly right up fjords, so flew down shipping lanes, looking in Hike, Bru, Stav, and Stong Fjords, but nothing else was sighted. 14.50 formation circled Titaroens Lt. where target was sighted but as it was too close to high hills near shore and cloud base was too low, it was unattackable. At 14.52 force set course for base, where they landed by 17.07.																	
						Weather in patrol area: northern end of patrol - cloud 1500-2000 base, 10/10 stratus. Vis: 6-8 miles. Southern end of patrol: cloud 1000' base, 10/10 stratus, vis: 3-4 miles.																	
						No Radar used by Beaus of No. 455 Squadron which were each armed with 8 x 25lb. A.P.R/P "J" type head and four 20mm cannons.																	
9.2.45	Beaufighter TFX	W/Cdr. G.G. MULSON. DSO DFC AUS 402379 [P]	Anti Shipping	13.45	18.45	Kleven Beaus of this Squadron, in company with 11 Bookbeaus of No. 404 Squadron, 8 A/Flak Beaus of No. 144 Squadron, escorted by 12 Mustangs of No. 65 Squadron, 2 A.S.R. Warwick of No. 279 Squadron and 2 outriders of No. 144 Squadron																	
	K/455 - NV347	V/L F.C. MCCOLL. AUS 419227 [P]	Patrol.	- do -	13.45	Missing																	
	Beaufighter TFX	AUS 419227 [P]	- do -	13.45	18.40	were airborne Dalmachy at 13.45 for an Anti-Shipping Patrol																	
	0/455 - NV199	AUS 421740 [Nav] W/O MACDONALD, L.L.	- do -	13.45	18.40	of Sandoy - Bremanger. Average height of patrol 800ft.																	
	Beaufighter TFX	AUS 411980 [P]	- do -	13.45	18.30	W/Cdr. Milson led the force in K/455. Force set course from																	
	H/455 - NW423	W/O HAMMOND, G.J. AUS 419647 [Nav]	- do -	13.45	18.45	base at 14.05. 6107N 0430E landfall 15.40. Formation pro-																	
	Beaufighter TFX	W/O W.G. HERBERT AUS 418410 [P]	- do -	13.45	18.45	ceeded to northern position, flying over East of Mulen and																	
	P/455 - LZ407	P/S TURNER, J.W. AUS 40118 [Nav]	- do -	13.45	18.45	Fjord, where light flak was encountered, indicating																	
	Beaufighter TFX	W/O J. MACDONALD AUS 434155 [P]	- do -	13.45	18.45																		
	D/455 - NV452	V/L W. BREWNER. AUS 405344 [Nav]	- do -	13.45	18.45																		

  

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9.2.45	Beaufighter T.M.	W/O FURLONG, W.T. AUS 423785 [P]	Anti-Shipping	13.46	18.45	that there was a target present. Circled and sighted target consisting of 1 Harvik class Destroyer, 1 Sperrbrecher, 2 "M" class Minesweepers also 2 unidentified vessels which were not attacked. Sperrbrecher estimated at 3000 tons.	
R/455 - NV444	Beaufighter T.M.	W/S WILLIAMS, A.E. AUS 422323 [Nav] P/O J.G. COX. AUS 411750 [P]	Patrol.	- do -	13.46	18.40	"M" class Minesweepers also 2 unidentified vessels which were not attacked. Sperrbrecher estimated at 3000 tons.
A/455 - NV954	Beaufighter T.M.	W/O THROSTON, A.W. AUS 412797 [Nav] P/O G.J. SMITH, DFC. AUS 401724 [P]	- do -	13.46	18.30	Vessel camouflaged black and white. For position of ships see 1:100,000 MAP. Destroyer was lying close inshore of Buans Village; Sperrbrecher was lying close inshore $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of Gjejtneas Village. One minesweeper was lying close astern to Destroyer. Other minesweeper was lying $\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Sperrbrecher. All ships stationary. Photographs disclose	
R/455 - NV424	Beaufighter T.M.	W/O M.P. JACKSON AUS 402227 [Nav] P/O HUNTER, D.E. AUS 410634 [P]	- do -	13.46	Missing.	Buans Village; Sperrbrecher was lying close inshore $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of Gjejtneas Village. One minesweeper was lying close astern to Destroyer. Other minesweeper was lying $\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Sperrbrecher. All ships stationary. Photographs disclose	
V/455 - NV196	Beaufighter T.M.	W/S BLACKSHAW, J.D. AUS 422093 [Nav] P/O H.B. SPINK. AUS 412688 [P]	- do -	13.46	18.40	eleven vessels in all in area, only six of which are mentioned in form Orange. Leader circled to starboard, instructing force to attack down fjord, then saw this was impracticable due to position of vessels, so called off attack. He then crossed fjord again and this time gave instructions to attack up fjord, at the same time ordering port sections to attack vessels on port side and starboard sections to attack vessels to starboard. Targets were surrounded by floating ice and further up fjord, ice was solid. 16.10 6129N 0399E Sperrbrecher attacked by Beaus of this squadron with R.P. and cannon - no hits observed. One of the minesweepers was attacked by Beaus of this squadron, with cannon only - hits claimed. A/455 also attacked a gun position on north side of Ford Fjord and silenced it. Beaus of other squadrons attacked destroyer with cannon, claiming numerous strikes on bridge - also one minesweeper, claiming hits amidships and on gun position. Large red explosion seen on bridge of destroyer, resulting in much debris flung into air.	
X/455 - NV450	Beaufighter T.M.	P/O G.S. THOMPSON, DFC. AUS 402453 [P]	- do -	13.47	18.40		
Q/455 - NV798	Beaufighter T.M.	W/O CORRIE, I.M. AUS 417782 [Nav]					

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						<p>Minesweeper appeared to be damaged badly and smoking heavily with flames amidships. No further results seen due to enemy aircraft. Flak received from ships and shore positions in form of box barrage - some self destroying located along north side of Bred Fjord between Premerosvik and Selje.</p> <p>4/40mm positions observed at Premerosvik. Possible positions on south side of fjord, but those may have been shipborne.</p> <p>Some crews consider that there were several fixed gun positions on hills on both sides of fjord. Weather in area: 7/10 stratus cloud - vis: 8/10 miles. As attack developed 10-12 enemy aircraft (Bf109s) came from mouth of Verring Fjord. 6129N 0533E 2 Bf109s were seen to be chasing a Beau. Former were both attacked with 2 second bursts - possible hits. 1 enemy aircraft continued chasing Beau and the other broke off attack and was not seen again. One enemy aircraft seen to crash and skid on ice in flames. 2 Beaus were seen to crash into hills with port engines on fire. Another Beau seen to be hit by box barrage flak and go in near target. One Beau seen to crash on hill after explosion had taken place in air. Another Beau also seen to ditch after combat with enemy aircraft. Most of our aircraft appear to have been lost by flak from destroyer and Sperrbrecher. At 2000ft a parachute was seen to descend with aircrew dressed in dark uniform. 6137N 0440E 5/C for base at 16.24. 16.47 6059N 0300E MTC: attack report TDD 16.13 Force landed Dallashy at 18.10-18.45 with the following</p>	

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						casualties and failures of this squadron:- 0/455 failed to return. V/455 failed to return. X/455 Pilot badly wounded in arm and chest and his navigator who was wounded in the leg applied a tourniquet to pilot's arm. The aircraft was damaged by enemy aircraft and flak - undercarriage shot away, V.H.F. u/s, intercom u/s, pilot's compass u/s - belly landed. Q/455 one tyre shot off mainplane and tailplane damaged by flak - force landed. P/455 elevator shot away, shell hole in starboard fuel tank - flak dents in tailplane. N/455 V.H.F. receiver u/s, intercom u/s. No Radar used by Beaus of Nb. 455 Squadron which were each armed with 8 x 25lb AP R/P "J" type head and four 20mm cannons.	
10.2.45	Beaufighter T.M. AUS.420286 (P) E/455 - NW347	W/O HENRIK, J. (Nav)	A.S.R. Sweep.	10.25	14.40	Five Beaus of this squadron, in company with 6 Rockbeams of Nb. 404 Squadron, 6 Rockbeams of Nb. 144 Squadron, escorted by 12 Mustangs of Nb. 63 Squadron and 2 A.S.R. Warwicks of Nb. 279 Squadron were airborne Dallachy at 10.25 on A.S.R. Sweep to 6127N 0533E. Average height of patrol 4000ft. State of sea - calm. W/Otr. Pierce led the force in H/404. 1047 set course from base with Mustang escort. 12.20 sighted what appeared to be part of an aircraft wing on tail, painted grey, floating. Circled but could not relocate. 12.26 6116N 0533E. 12.31 Samboy landfall. 12.38 Intercom S/C Sunburgh. 12.41 6133E 1420E horned mine, floating. 13.43 Sunburgh, this squadron S/C for base, landing Dallachy by 15.00. Weather: 8/10 cloud - vis: 20 miles - variable light winds. No Radar used by Beaus of this squadron which were each armed with 8 x 25lb APR/P "J" type head and four 20mm cannons.	1 2 3 4 5 6
	Beaufighter T.M. AUS.420102 (P) A/455 - NW954	S/S HIRST, W.A. AUS.426571 (Nav)	- do -	10.25	15.00		
	Beaufighter T.M. AUS.420759 (P) H/455 - NW423	W/O JACOBS, L.W. AUS.411340 (Nav)	- do -	10.25	14.40		
	Beaufighter T.M. AUS.417036 (P) D/455 - NW432	W/O ATILLYER, J.C. AUS.437154 (Nav)	- do -	10.25	14.45		
	Beaufighter T.M. AUS.410711 (P) B/455 - NW424	W/O KIRKILL, E.J. AUS.418317 (Nav)	- do -	10.25	14.45		

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16.2.45	Beaufighter T.M.	P/L L.W. PARR, DFC. AUS 420340 (P) S/O H.H. OSBURN, DFC. AUS 422528 (Nav)	Anti-Shipping	12.30	17.30	Five Beaus of No. 455 Squadron, in company with 8 Rockbeams of No. 404 Squadron, 6 A/Frank Beaus of No. 144 Squadron and 2 A/S.R. from Banff, 12 Mustangs of No. 63 Squadron and 2 A.S.R.	
	I/455 - NE947	S/O H.H. OSBURN, DFC. AUS 422528 (Nav)	Strike.				
	Beaufighter T.M.	P/S ILBERT, F.L. AUS 422971 (P) S/O W.D. BAWDEN. AUS 422832 (Nav)	- do -	12.30	17.30	2 A/Frank Beaus of No. 455 Squadron escorted by 12 Mosquitos from Banff, 12 Mustangs of No. 63 Squadron and 2 A.S.R.	
	I/455 - NW424	S/O W.D. BAWDEN. AUS 422832 (Nav)					
	Beaufighter T.M.	P/L F.L. PHOTON. AUS 409793 (P) S/O H.L. JONES AUS 422520 (Nav)	- do -	12.30	17.25	Warwick of No. 279 Squadron, were airborne Dallachy at 12.22 - 12.38 for an Anti-Shipping Strike of Norrøne Fjord.	
	I/455 - NE444	S/O H.L. JONES AUS 422520 (Nav)					
	Beaufighter T.M.	P/O E.P. BIRNIE. AUS 427795 (Nav)	- do -	12.30	17.25	Average height of patrol 6000ft. Sea moderate when seen. 12.42 formation arrived Banff to rendezvous at 12.43 and circled at under 1000ft, but Banff aircraft set course at once and at high speed. Dallachy Wing could not catch up although 220 kts. attained, and did not see Banff aircraft again as they were lost in haze. 12.45 half Dallachy Wing set course from Banff flying low to try to catch up, but failed and climbed steadily to 7500 ft. Force flew N.E. of Mærsnes and Sandoy, over cloud, to find target area.	
	I/455 - NF920	S/O E.P. BIRNIE. AUS 427795 (Nav)					
	Beaufighter T.M.	P/O FULLONG, W.T. AUS 427785 (P) P/S WILLIAMS, A.E. AUS 422323 (Nav)	- do -	12.30	17.20	Sighted land through cloud gap, believed to be Nord Fjord 6150N 0605E. 15.05 6151N 0606E sighted from 7000ft. through small cloud gap, one H/V estimated 4000 tons, 3-island type anchored under north shore of Nord Fjord, with steam up.  Not feasible for attack. 15.10 having heard that Banff Wing had a target, Leader asked Banff outrider if target suitable for attack - replied not suitable. 15.10 6103N 0415E S/C for base having sighted nothing. 15.45 6030N 0330E MTB Target not sighted cloud over hills. Force landed Dallachy by 17.30. Weather: 40/10 cloud extending over land - vis: above cloud 30 miles. No Radar used by Beaus of this squadron	
	I/455 - NE954	P/S WILLIAMS, A.E. AUS 422323 (Nav)					

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21.2.45	Beaufighter T.M. L/455 - HV414	S/L J.M. PILCHER, DFC. AUS 402880 (P) P/O R.F. MAY. 179136 (Nav)	Anti-Shipping Patrol	09.05	13.50		which were each armed with 8 x 25lb AP R/P "J" type head and four 20mm cannons.
	Beaufighter T.M. B/455 - HS444	F/L K.A. MOORE. AUS 411167 (P) F/S BULL, R.E. AUS 42108 (Nav)	- do -	09.05	13.55		Eight Beaus of this squadron, in company with 10 Rockbeams of No. 404 Squadron, 6 A/Flak Beaus of No. 144 Squadron and 2 Beaus of No. 144 Squadron as outriders, escorted by 12 Mustangs of No. 65 Squadron and 2 A.S.R. Warbirds of No 279
	Beaufighter T.M. Q/455 - HS793	F/O T.J. HIGGINS. AUS 434961 (P) F/S MILROW, A.J. AUS 428672 (Nav) W/O THOMPSON, DFC. AUS 402453 (P) W/O GORDON, I.M. AUS 415782 (Nav)	- do -	09.05	14.05		Mustangs of No. 65 Squadron and 2 A.S.R. Warbirds of No 279 Squadron were airborne Dallachy at 09.05 on an Anti-Shipping Patrol of Storholm, Vatne, Molde and Gulen Fjord. S/Ldr. Pilcher led the force in L/455 - state of sea rough. 09.25
	Beaufighter T.M. Z/455 - HS923	F/O D.F. WALLIS. AUS 420789 (P) W/O JACOBS, L.W. AUS 411340 (Nav) W/O LONGLAND, G.E. AUS 426229 (P) F/S MAYNE, E.G. AUS 419333 (Nav)	- do -	09.05	13.45		09.26. 09.41 58°58'N 021°W ran into 10/10 cloud, to deck with showers and practically nil visibility which continued over North Sea, becoming even worse towards Norway. Wind on coast 180/35 Knots. 10.50 6200N 0342E both outriders flew ahead to report weather - reached coast and could just see Statlandet, but finding conditions impossible. Visibility 200 yards. 11.07 6233N 0440E course was set for base. One horned mine sighted on way back. 12.03 6030N 0240E - two small Naval vessels seen in very bad weather. Force landed Dallachy 13.39 - 14.05. No Radar used by Beaus of No. 455
	Beaufighter T.M. R/455 - HV424	W/O DUNN, R. AUS 419300 (P) P/O K.A. THOMPSON. AUS 427389 (Nav)	- do -	09.06	13.50		Squadron which were each armed with 8 x 25lb AP R/P "J" type head and four 20mm cannons.
	Beaufighter T.M. K/455 - HS947	W/O MURRAY, I.A.F. AUS 426287 (P) F/B MITCHELL, D.A. AUS 437223 (Nav)	- do -	09.25	13.45		K/455 - HS947 AUS 437223 (Nav)
23.2.45	Beaufighter T.M. D/455 - HV432	F/L P.L. PROCTOR. AUS 409293 (P) W/O H.H. JONES. 152420 (Nav)	Anti-Shipping Patrol	00.05	05.00		Four Beaus of this squadron, in company with 4 Rockbeams of No. 404 Squadron and 2 Torbeams of No. 489 Squadron were airborne Dallachy at 00.05 - 00.30 on an Anti-Shipping Patrol
	Beaufighter T.M. L/455 - HV414	Beaufighter T.M. AUS 420266 (P) W/O BRANNIE, J. 1526546 (Nav)	- do -	00.05	05.00		Hornborsund - Naze. Average height of patrol 100 - 400 ft. State of sea - calm. D.L./455 flew together, making landing at Hornborsund Lt. then flew coastwise to Naze at 400'. 1/1
	Beaufighter T.M. K/455 - HS947	P/O L.W. PAGE, DFC. AUS 420340 (P) W/O H.H. OSBOURNE, DFC. 152528 (Nav)	- do -	00.30	05.45		2/2

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23.2.45	Beaufighter T.M.	W/O ATLIFFE, J.C. AUS. 417036 (P) W/O VIGOR, A.T. AUS. 425766 (Nav)	Anti-Shipping Patrol.	00.30	05.30	02.31 5758N 0702E S/C for base - nothing sighted. 0305 L /455 MTB 1 Negative weather 7.0.0. 0230. 02.38 5815N 0640E 2/455 made landfall and S/C coastwise to Haze. 5758N 0703E S/C for base - nothing sighted. 04.41 MTG 1 negative weather - not acknowledged. 02.31 K/455 made landfall at Kristiansand Lt. and S/C coastwise above sea fog. 03.06 off Mandal - circled and S/C for base. 03.32 5759N 0703E S/C for base - nothing sighted. MTB 1 negative weather 7.0.0. 0332 - not acknowledged. Weather in patrol area: cloud 8/10 with heavy patches of fog. Vis: 8 - 10 miles, reducing to 100 yards in foggy patches - wind 260/21 kts. No Radar used by Beaus of this squadron which were each armed with 8 x 25lb AP R/P "J" type bomb and four 20mm cannons.	
26.2.45	Beaufighter T.M.	S/L V.L. PROCTOR. AUS. 409793 (P) S/L H.L. JONES. AUS. 42420 (Nav)	Anti-Shipping Strike.	18.15	23.30	Three Beaus of No. 455 Squadron, in company with 3 Rockbeams of No. 404 Squadron and 6 Torbeams of No. 489 Squadron were airborne Dallachy at 18.14 - 18.17 on an Anti-Shipping Strike on Haze, eastwards to Fle. Average height of patrol 200ft.	
	Beaufighter T.M.	P/O H.L. BROCK. AUS. 428102 (P) S/S HIRST, W.A. AUS. 426997 (Nav)	- do -	18.15	Missing.	airborne Dallachy at 18.14 - 18.17 on an Anti-Shipping Strike on Haze, eastwards to Fle. Average height of patrol 200ft.	
	Beaufighter T.M.	P/O J.W. PARKER, DFC. AUS. 420340 (P) K/455 - 18347 152399 (Nav)	- do -	18.15	23.40	All aircraft of this squadron flew separately. 2/455 1927 5744N 0702E saw 2 fishing vessels, illuminated. 19.33 5757N 0702E landfall and set course easterly coastwise. 20.00 Ryvingen Lt. saw short burst of l/Flak. 20.10 VHF message of target off Haze - continued coastwise to Arendal and circled and at 20.20 S/C on reciprocal down coast 2 miles seaward. 20.45 Off Mandal saw more l/Flak bursts then circled into position and saw torpedo hit on K/V 2-3000 tons.	

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						Positioned target in moonpath and attacked with R.P. from 300ft. Probable wet hits and definite dry hits. Terrific flash observed after rocket hits and sea all around target a mass of flames. Weather: 2/10 stratus - vis: up moon 6-8 miles - hazy around coast. Pilot unable to get clear picture of target owing to cloud shadow and terrific plume of smoke from previous torpedo attack. Also sighted 2 Escort Vessels and an unidentified vessel in clear visibility. 20.32 573N 072E S/C for base, landing 23.30. 1/455 19.32 574N 043E sighted 3 M/Vs, each about 800 tons, with two light ts on. skirted coast at Lister and at 20.05 just off Naze received report of shipping nearby. 20.10 sighted two part convoy south of Mandel and attacked from over land diving steeply from 1500ft. to 100ft. on to 3 escort vessels in line abreast ahead of convoy. As the beams broke over them the vessels opened fire. 1/455 aimed at the front ship but overshot slightly and almost certainly obtained wet hits on the second. 20.22 port engine cut at 500ft. cause unknown. S/C for base. 23.00 made landfall south of Peterhead and the Navigator baled out about half a mile from R.A.F. Peterhead and walked into dispersal uninjured. The pilot who was ready to follow the navigator out has not yet been located. There was no sign of him in the crashed aircraft. 1/455 574N 042E sighted 2 fishing vessels. 19.37 573N 070E landfall S/C coastwise easterly. 20.10 complete electrical failure. 20.25 5633N 090E circled and S/C coastwise on reciprocal. Aircraft unable to get close inshore as land high and flak experienced. 20.34 573N	100 00 00

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						0705E circled to starboard but unable to locate target and set course for base landing at 23.40. No Radar used by Beams of this squadron which were each armed with 8 x 25lb AP R/P "J" type head and four 20mm cannons.	
23.2.45	Beaufighter T.MK D/455 - NW432	V/L F.L. PROCTOR. AIS. 409993 (P) V/O H.M. JONES. 152420 (Nav)	Anti-Shipping	19.55	00.50	Two aircraft (Beams) of this squadron were airborne on an Anti-Shipping Patrol of Maze to Fle. Average height of patrol 400ft. State of sea - choppy. D/455 21.23 5758N	
	Beaufighter T.MK E/455 - NE347	V/L L.W. PAPP. DFC. AIS. 420340 (P) V/O H.H. OSBORN DFC. 152528 (Nav)	Patrol. - do -	20.05	01.15	0705E DR position flew east below cloud but moon hidden - coast not seen. 21.50 5744N 0845E DR position S/C base. E/455 - 21.53 5750N 0800E DR position flew north east without seeing coast and running into sea fog up to 1200ft. 22.06 5816N 0902E S/C base on reciprocal to 21.53 position then edged into coast around cloud bank but coast still invisible. 22.28 5750N 0705E S/C base. Weather in North Sea: ran into very rough weather and high winds - 10/10 cloud down to 800ft. and rain at 0040W. No Radar used by Beams of this squadron which were each armed with 8 x 25lb "J" type head and four 20mm cannons.	
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