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From 000 hrs. 2 / 4 / 40 to 2359 hrs. 5 / 4 / 40.

By 224 (G.R.) Squadron

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Aircraft Type and No.	Crew.	Duty.	Time Up.	Time Down.	Details of Sortie or Flight.	References.
Hudson N.7287	P/O Rothwell P/O Forbes LAC Steele AC McGhie	A/S Patrol L.6	1130	1730	Observed one Heinkel 111 in position JSWY4001 at 1500 which signalled GTH with Aldis lamp three times; our a/c chased for 30 minutes but was unable to get within suitable range; also observed PERM PERM Swedish and BAYARD Norwegian,	
Hudson N.7307	Sgt Arden Sgt Morrison LAC Edwards AC Munro	A/S Patrol L.6	0910	1410	Observed two M/Vs LILLEBORG Danish and TARNHOLM Danish. Weather was good but deteriorated towards Norway. Cloud 7/10ths at 2000ft and 10-15 miles visibility.	
Hudson N.7305	F/Lt Womersley Sgt Potter LAC Hallam LAC Lane	Battle Flight L.4 Patrol.	0645	1245	Observed one MV EMMA Swedish. Weather was poor, cloud at 700ft with light rain and poor visibility.	
Hudson N.7283	F/O Walker P/O Davis LAC King Cpl Hull	Battle Flight L.4 Patrol.	0645	1245	As above.	
Hudson	Sgt Everest P/O Dewar LAC Shaw AC Long	Battle Flight L.4 Patrol.	0710	1315	A/C took off late owing to fact that it went U/S at last moment. Report as above.	

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Hudson N.7307	Sgt Arden Sgt Morrison LAC Edwards AC Munro	A/S Patrol L.6	0910	1410	Observed two M/Vs LILLEBORG Danish and TARNHOLM Danish. Weather was good but deteriorated towards Norway. Cloud 7/10ths at 2000ft and 10-15 miles visibility.	
Hudson N.7305	F/Lt Womersley Sgt Potter LAC Hallam LAC Lane	Battle Flight L.4 Patrol.	0645	1245	Observed one MV ENMA Swedish. Weather was poor, cloud at 700ft with light rain and poor visibility.	
Hudson N.7283	P/O Walker P/O Davis LAC King Cpl Hull	Battle Flight L.4 Patrol.	0645	1245	As above.	
Hudson	Sgt Everest P/O Dewar LAC Shaw AC Long	Battle Flight L.4 Patrol.	0710	1315	A/C took off late owing to fact that it went U/S at last moment. Report as above.	

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Hudson N.7252	Sgt Webb Sgt Carghill LAC Fennell AC Sealey	A/S Patrol L.6	0840	1135	Observed three merchant vessels, TARNHOLM Danish, SIGRUM Danish and LILLEBORG Danish all travelling in company.	
Hudson N.7249	F/O Smyth Sgt James AC Allfrey AC Grant	A/S Patrol L.8	0825	1200	Nil report.	
4/4/40.						
Hudson N.7270	F/O Walker Sgt Potter LAC King Cpl Bull	A/S Patrol L.8	0845	0935	Nil report. Aircraft returned 130 minutes early owing to bad weather.	
5/4/40						
Hudson N.7238	F/Lt Wright F/O Potter AC Mackie P/O Mcir	Special Battle Flight Patrol.	1515	2110	Two merchant vessels were observed well within Norwegian territorial waters and displayed no nationality markings. A convoy (own forces) was seen in position DKBP010.	
Hudson N.7252	P/O Hurley Sgt Fosgate AC Sealey LAC Matty	Special Battle Flight Patrol.	1515	2105	As above.	
Hudson N.7283	Sgt Everest P/O Peatson AC Swan AC Mathy	Special Battle Flight Patrol.	1515	2110	As above.	
Hudson N.7307	F/B Walker P/O Davis Cpl Bull LAC King	A/S Patrol L.6	1410	1930	Nil report.	
Hudson N.7287	Sgt Illingworth Sgt Davison AC Allfrey Cpl Thomas	A/S Patrol L.6	1135	1630	Observed one merchant vessel ELIZABETH Danish.	
Hudson N.7270	F/Lt Womersley Sgt Potter LAC Hallam LAC McTaggart	A/S Patrol L.6	0905	1405	Observed three H/Vs KAUP0 and ELIZABETH Danish.	

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Hudson N. 7308	P/O Wood P/O Rothwell LAC Tennant AC Jackson	A/S Patrol L.6	0840	1330	Nil report. Weather very bad over Norwegian coast, cloud down to sea level with rain showers and nil visibility.	
Hudson N. 7252	P/O Lynn P/O Forbes AC Harding AC Court	A/S Patrol L.6	1045	1535	Observed one three masted sailing vessel, Danish. Also one submarine (own forces) in position JSZS0055	
Hudson N. 7287	P/O Smyth Sgt Davison LAC Steele LAC Webster	A/S Patrol L.6	1315	1750	Observed one sailing vessel ELIM Danish.	
Hudson N. 7307	Sgt Illingworth Sgt James LAC Allfrey LAC McGhie	A/S Patrol L.6	1545	2045	Observed and exchanged signals with two SMS (own forces).	
Hudson N. 7222	P/O Dewar P/P Foy AC Christie AC Long	A/S Patrol L.6	1430	2005	Nil report.	
<u>9/4/40.</u>						
Hudson N. 7272	Sgt Potter Sgt Arden AC Munro AC Martin	Special Patrol from Wick.	0815	1115	Observed four destroyers (own forces) and home fleet.	
Hudson N. 7264	P/O Smyth Sgt Prince AC Baines P/O Brindley	Special Reconnaissance	0355	0945	At 0610hrs in posn JSRU0021 observed and reported five enemy destroyers on a course of 160dgs 15 knots. At Stavanger one unidentified M/V with enemy destroyer alongside. This fired on our aircraft. Seven M/Vs, average tonnage * 2/3000, were seen in Hangesund and adjacent fjord. Ten M/Vs moving along Bjorne Fjord. No nationalities observed.	
Hudson N. 7268	F/Lt Wright P/O Potter LAC Seeley LAC Weightman	Special Recon Norge Coast.	0355	1010	At 0645 in posn JSRU2100 four unidentified destroyers probably Norwegian steamers. At 0735 in posn LKND0450 similar destroyer making towards open sea. At 0700 in posn JSND3129 one Heinkel 111K which took avoiding action. At 0746 in posn LKND 3105 two HE 111K possibly Norge passed our aircraft. No activity observed at Stavanger aerodrome; four one-engined biplanes and two twin-engined monoplanes on landing ground. Sixteen neutral vessels were observed along coast and and three unidentified.	

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From 0500hrs. 9 / 4 / 40 to 1100hrs. 11 / 4 / 40

By 224 (G.R.) Squadron

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Aircraft Type and No.	Crew.	Duty.	Time Up.	Time Down.	Details of Sortie or Flight.	References.
Hudson N.7266	Sgt Posgate Sgt Nicholls LAC Christie LAC Ness	A/S Patrol Track E.	0525	1120	One cruiser Koln class was observed moored under steep cliffs at western approach Bergen harbour at 0844hrs. Attacked by HE115 which fired twelve shells without result. Observed HE115 shadowing forces RX and RY in position WPTS1820 at 0921hrs. Our a/c did not attack as fuel was running low.	
Hudson N.7308	P/O Rothwell P/O Wood LAC Tennant LAC Hand	Special Photographic Duty.	1055	1620	Ten unidentified M/Vs suspected German in position LKND2214 at 1345hrs; photographs taken. All were at anchor. Also photographed three M/Vs in posn LKND0820 at 1355hrs with 28 white trawlers in line astern.	
Hudson N.7287	F/Lt Williamson P/O Lynn AC Harding AC Jackson	Special Photographic Duty.	1315	1830	One M/V OLINPIA Italian in posn JSOK0953 at 1630hrs. Observed and reported one SM in posn MBTS5500 at 1503hrs. Three Junkers 87 were observed at Egersund and also 15 unidentified aircraft circling round Egersund.	
<u>10/4/40</u>						
Hudson N.7252	P/O Hurley P/O Pearson LAC Shaw LAC Weightman	A/S Patrol L.6	1040	1550	Over Hagersund at 1330hrs observed 17 M/Vs anchored in fjord, three German and the rest neutral. Three HE59 seaplanes flying south off Jagersund. One sailing vessel observed, FALKEN Danish.	
Hudson N.7269	Sgt Webb Sgt Carghill LAC Carson AC O'Connor	Special Recco Bergen to position enemy cruiser	1230	1750	No cruiser observed at jetty and harbour thoroughly searched. Very large patch of oil round jetty and up inner harbour. Approx. 12 float planes moored in fjord south of Bergen. Three M/Vs, one Norwegian in posn ZRND1823 proceeding inland. One Junkers 88 in posn JSDN2000.	
Hudson N.7307	P/O Foy P/O Dewar LAC Christie AC Long	A/S Patrol L.6	1310	1830	Intense air activity around Stavanger, flights of ME109s and JU52s with approx. 35 aircraft on aerodrome. 12 M/Vs unidentified at anchor in Stavanger fjord.	

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Hudson N.7266	Sgt Nicholls Sgt Posgate Cpl Luke LAC Ness	A/S Patrol Track G	1525	2030	One unidentified SM, presumed British, in posn LK0X4112 at 1812hrs. Submerged when sighted. Otherwise nil report.	
Hudson N.7308	F/Lt Williamson P/O Lynn LAC Tennant AC Webster	A/S Patrol L.6	1540	2035	One U-boat observed in posn MBTS5500 at 1720hrs. It submerged immediately and attack was made on estimated position with two A/S bombs which fell approx 100 yds ahead of estimated position. One Dutch M/V observed.	
Hudson N.7305	F/O Bullock P/O Davis Cpl Silk AC Fisher	Patrol to Bergen from Wick.	1500	2000	Observed two M/Vs PARNUMESTI and GRO, Estonian and Norwegian respectively. Recco was made over Bergen but nothing of importance was observed.	
Hudson N.7272	Sgt Potter Sgt Arden AC Munro AC Martin	Patrol from Wick.	1620	2045	Nothing to report.	
<u>11/4/40.</u>						
Hudson N.7264	F/O Smyth P/O O'Neill LAC McGhie AC Jackson	A/S Patrol Track K	0605	1040	Sighted one Dornier 18 and took avoiding action. Four trawlers were observed and photographed. No surface vessels or aerial activity at Stavanger.	
Hudson N.7268	Sgt Carghill Sgt Webb LAC Carson AC Long	A/S Patrol Track Q	0615	1050	Observed two Dornier 18s but took avoiding action in both cases.	
Hudson N.7266	F/Lt Williamson P/O Lynn LAC Tennant LAC Webster	A/S Patrol Track P	0615	1055	Observed one Dornier 18 and took avoiding action. One large SM with two prominent periscope standards in posn MBTS3522 at 0905hrs. Also observed four trawlers in posn DKWY5430 at 0742hrs.	
Hudson N.7217	P/O Wood P/O Forbes AC Harding P/O Brindley	A/S Patrol Track L	0615	1155	One Dornier 18 in posn MBH11444 at 0700hrs attacked from rear and shot down. Crew took to rubber dinghy. Also observed one unidentified SM which crash dived before our aircraft could reach it. Posn JSTS1848.	
Hudson N.7287	Sgt Everest P/O Foy AC Baines AC Hewitt	A/S Patrol L.9	0830	1350	Observed one upturned Dornier 18 in posn MBH12520; no sign of crew. One Dutch trawler in position JSWY3735 of which photographs were taken.	

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Hudson N.7307	F/Lt Wright F/O Potter LAC Sealey LAC Ness	A/S Patrol L.9	1055	1555	One enemy aircraft was observed and avoiding action taken. One Belgian MV and two unidentified MVs were also observed.	
Hudson N.7252	P/O Nolan-Neylan Sgt Gosling AC Munro LAC Dowson	A/S Patrol L.9	1555	2110	Four trawlers were observed, three Dutch and one Belgian.	
Hudson N.7305	F/O Bullock P/O Davis Cpl Silk AC Fisher	A/S Patrol Track D From Wick.	1515	2015	At 1720hrs off Bergen Fjord saw MV THESEUS with Swedish colours on funnel and Nazi flag on stern. Flag was hauled down as a/c approached. A/c dropped a stick of three 250lb bombs which missed by 40ft, and then front-gunned the decks. During this attack at 1735 a XA D018 was sighted and attacked. During the engagement several bursts were seen to enter the e/a killing the rear gunner. The W/Op of our a/c was hit in the right forearm but continued his duties for the remainder of the patrol.	
12/4/40.						
Hudson N.7292	Sgt Everest P/O Foy AC Baines AC O'Connor	Bombing Stavanger Aerodrome	0305	0810	A/c did not reach Stavanger owing to unfavourable weather and port engine trouble. On return track sighted two warships in posn JS0X3020 at 0545hrs. These were identified as either two BS (Scharnhorst class) or one BS and one CR (Hipper class). A/C shadowed them until 0600hrs and sent first sighting and amplifying reports.	
Hudson N.7238	Sgt Nicholls Sgt Poogate LAC Christie AC Long	A/S Patrol Tracks P&Q	0530	1140	At 0721hrs in posn MB0X3232 observed two enemy battle cruisers identified as GNEISENAU and SCHARNHORST, and one cruiser (Hipper class). Shadowed for two hours during which they changed formation several times. Contact was lost at 0925 when ships went into cloud bank.	

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Hudson N.7308	P/O Rothwell Sgt Davison LAC Steele AC Grant	A/S Patrol L.9	1025	1525	Three Dutch trawlers were observed. No enemy activity over Norway.	
Hudson N.7217	P/O Nolan-Meylan Sgt Gosling AC Newby P/O Higgleton	Special Photographic Recco	0850	1550	In Bommel Fjord two German MVs at anchor about 4000 tons; these fired on A/c with machine guns. In Lervie harbour the following MVs at anchor, JULIANE Danish, AMICIZA Italian, SYDLAND Norwegian, EDDA Swedish, JINBILDER Swedish, BELTICIA Swedish, TINDSEL Norwegian, SIENSAS Norwegian, CLARE HUGO ST. INNES Danish, HAARDARD Norwegian. At Aal Fjord one Norwegian MV; 5 MVs at anchor off AVALDSNES; 13 Norwegian and Swedish vessels at Kopervik. At Haugesund machine guns near wharf opened fire, one round of which pierced the stbd engine oil cooler. A/c returned to base on one engine.	
Hudson N.7287	Sgt Illingworth Sgt James LAC Allfrey LAC Hand	A/S Patrol L.9	1255	1745	Nil report.	
Hudson N.7266	P/O Dewar P/O Pearson LAC Shaw LAC Weightman	Special Search.	0530	1135	Nil report.	
Hudson N.7266	F/Lt Williamson S/Ldr Feeny (233) LAC Dowson AC Tennant	A/S Patrol Tracks P & L	1435	2045	Intercepted three enemy ships identified as SCHARNHORST, GNEISENAU & NUREMBERG and shadowed for two hours. Our aircraft had to take avoiding action in cloud on the appearance of e/ac and failed to make contact again.	
<u>13/4/40.</u>						
Hudson N.7264	Sgt James Sgt Illingworth LAC Allfrey LAC Hand	A/S Patrol Track P	0540	1015	Nil report.	
Hudson N.7307	Sgt Carghill Sgt Webb LAC Carson AC Long	A/S Patrol Track Q	0540	1050	One trawler was observed in posn BKN5855 at 0904 hrs,	
Hudson N.7266	Sgt Nicholls Sgt Posgate LAC Shaw LAC Christie	A/S Patrol Track R	0540 0540	1055	Nil report.	

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From 0900hrs. 13 / 4 / 40 to 1400hrs. 14 / 4 / 40

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Hudson N.7287	S/Ldr Brice Sgt Davison LAC Tennant AC Jackson	A/S Patrol L.9	1200	1425	Observed one Heinkel but our a/c took avoiding action owing to turret being u/s. Nil report otherwise.	
Hudson N.7308	P/O Wood P/O Rothwell LAC McGhie LAC Harding	A/S Patrol L.9	0955	1505	Observed one Dornier flying boat floating upside down, position DAHL4510. Two large Heinkel floatplanes off Bjorne fjord which took avoiding action. One Dutch trawler observed; no sign of trawl or sea-gulls.	
Hudson N.7283	F/Lt Womersley Sgt Morrison AC McNamee LAC McTaggart	Battle Flight from Wick.	1515	1915	Nil report. Returned early owing to adverse weather conditions.	
Hudson N.7272	F/O Bullock P/O Davis AC Seeley Cpl Silk	Battle Flight from Wick.	1515	1915	As above.	
Hudson N.7249	F/O Walker Sgt Greenaway AC Pearce Cpl Hull	Battle Flight from Wick	1515 1515	1915	As before.	
14/4/40						
Hudson N.7282	Sgt Carghill P/O Townshend AC Hewitt AC O'Connor	A/S Patrol Track R	0540	1120	Nil report.	
Hudson N.7306	Sgt Everest P/O Foy AC Shaw LAC Weightman	A/S Patrol Track 2	0605	1140	Nil report.	

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Hudson N.7307	F/Lt Wright F/O Potter W/Cmdr Hodgson Cpl Luke P/O Moir	A/S Patrol L.9	1030	1530	Observed one Heinkel 111 which took avoiding action. Seven Dutch trawlers in line ahead were also observed.	
Hudson N.7287	P/O Rothwell P/O Wood LAC McGhie AC Harding	A/S Patrol L.9	1300	1720	Observed one Dornier 18 flying boat which took immediate avoiding action in cloud firing with front and rear gun as it did so at 800yds range. One of our aerals was shot away and shortly afterwards engine trouble developed so aircraft returned to base.	
Hudson N.7308	Sgt James Sgt Illingworth LAC Alfrey LAC Hand	A/S Patrol L.9	1525	2025	Eight trawlers were observed of which photographs were taken. Nil report otherwise.	
Hudson N.7249	F/O Bullock P/O Davis AC Sealey Cpl Silk	Special patrol from Wick.	1300	1900	The following MVs were observed at anchor near Bremanger Fjord, AKBHRA Norwegian, KEISERINDE DAGMAR Danish, FLYNDERBORGE Danish, also one unidentified. A/c narrowly missed hitting H.T. cables across Nord Fjord 500ft high.	
Hudson N.7218	Sgt Arden Sgt Potter AC Munro AC Morton	Special patrol from Wick.	1300	1900	With aircraft N.7249 as above.	
Hudson N.7264	F/Lt Williamson P/O Lynn LAC Steele P/O Brindley	Bombing Stavanger Aerodrome	1840	2340	Arrived at target at 2045hrs, and dropped three 250lb and seven incendiary bombs in salvo on S.W. edge of drome. A/G saw large explosion after bomb burst. A.A. fire was intense and concentrated. Rear gunner put one searchlight out of action by firing down beam.	
Hudson N.7222	P/O O'Neill P/O Forbes LAC Tennant LAC Webster	Bombing Stavanger Aerodrome	1850	2345	Over target at 2100hrs and dropped three 250lb at 15 secs delay and seven incendiaries in salvo. Bombs exploded on hangar corner of aerodrome. Heavy A.A. fire experienced. Seven searchlights were in action but three were extinguished after attack.	
Hudson N.7306	P/O Nolan-Weylan Sgt Gosling AC Newby LAC Murcar	Bombing Stavanger Aerodrome	2125	--	No account can be given of this as aircraft and crew did not return to base.	

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Hudson N.7222	P/O Wood P/O Rothwell Lac McGhie AC Harding	A/S Patrol L.9	1300	1520	Nil report. Bad weather experienced.	
Hudson N.7272	F/Lt Womersley Sgt Morrison AC McNamee LAC McTaggart	Battle Flight from Wick.	1310	1410	Nil report. Returned early owing to almost continuous storms of snow and sleet, nil visibility and extremely bumpy conditions.	
Hudson N.7249	F/O Walker Sgt Greenaway AC Pearce Cpl Hull	Battle Flight from Wick	1310	1410	Report as above.	
Hudson N.7218	Sgt Potter Sgt Arden AC Munro AC Morton	Battle Flight from Wick	1310	1410	Report as above.	
<u>16/4/40.</u>						
Hudson N.7218	P/O O'Neill Sgt Davison AC Tennant LAC Webster	Special Recce Bergen.	0715	1200	Observed mutilated railway and demolished bridge eight miles south of Arne; 45 MVs anchored in Bergen harbour. No naval craft seen, and no trenches, troops or other war preparations seen. One mile east of Strudshavn saw four large oil containers bearing insignia "Shell" and "Standard". Throughout patrol height kept below 100ft as there was nil cloud. Two ME109s appeared off Bergen so aircraft abandoned search and set course for base.	

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Hudson N.7222	F/O Bullock Sgt Illingworth AC Hallam AC Dewson	A/S Patrol L.9	0540	1040	A large column of white smoke was observed on Norwegian coast three miles north of Haugesund but aircraft did not investigate as it was too far from patrol area.	
Hudson N.7207	S/Ldr Brice Sgt James AC Harding LAC McGhie	A/S Patrol L.9	0800	1335	One Dutch trawler was observed. Fish were observed on deck but there was no sign of any crew despite the fact that it was under way. Photographs taken.	
<u>17/4/40.</u>						
Hudson N.7222	F/O Bullock P/O Pearson AC Hallam AC Merton	Special Recco	0500	1000	Nil report. Unable to carry out recco owing to very low cloud.	
Hudson N.7287	Sgt Potter Sgt Arden AC Munre AC Goldie	Special Recco	0505	1005	One unidentified MV (1500 tons) aground off Egersund. Several small motor fishing boats all along coast line.	
Hudson N.7283	F/Lt Wright F/O Potter Cpl Luke P/O Moir	Search for Surface vessels from Wick.	1433 0430	1543 1010	Unable to locate SUFFOLK in given location and proceeded on Norwegian recco. At 0715 in posn QPND1009 sighted one U-boat proceeding on surface. Attack was made from 1100ft with two G.P.250lbs and estimated one direct hit. Large disturbance of oil and bubbles was observed on surface. Nothing more was seen of it and aircraft proceeded on reconnaissance. Eleven MVs were at anchor in Haugesund Fjord and about 60 in Bergen harbour. Extensive photographs taken.	
Hudson N.7266	Sgt Carghill P/O Townsends LAC Carson LAC Ness	Search for Surface vessels from Wick	0430	1010	In company with a/c N.7283 as above. A/C did not bomb U-boat after the first aircraft as there was no target left.	

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Hudson N.7266	F/Lt Womersley Sgt Morrison AC McNamee LAC McTaggart	Coastal recco Norway.	1230	1915	Carried out recco from Haugesund to BQND0404. No coastal activity observed. Low clouds did not permit of close fjord recco.	
Hudson N.7287	P/O Wood P/O Rothwell LAC McGhie AC Harding	Coastal recco Norway.	1230	1915	With a/c N.7266 as above.	
Hudson N.7307	Sgt Everest Sgt Webb LAC Seeley LAC Weightman	Coastal recco Norway.	1230	1915	With a/c N.7266 as above.	
Hudson N.7218	Sgt James Sgt Illingworth AC Allfrey AC Court	Coastal recco from Wick	1335	1935	Nil report. Aircraft forced to return early as port engine was losing oil.	
19/4/40.						
Hudson N.7282	Sgt Peagate Sgt Nicholls LAC Christie AC Long	Special night recco from Wick.	0005	0345	Two destroyers observed in posn WP2S1828 at 0250hrs. Otherwise nil report.	
Hudson N.7307	Sgt Greenaway Sgt Potter AC Munro LAC Edwards	A/S Patrol Track J	0535	1125	An oblique overlap was made of Haugesund harbour from 7000ft; in small bay of Karmo Island observed 14 unidentified MVs which aircraft bombed from 7000ft with two 250lbs bombs. No hits were registered. These were also photographed.	

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Hudson N.7222	F/Lt Wright P/O Townsend A/Cmdr Marix Cpl Luke P/O Meir	Battle Flight A/S Patrol L.2	1425	2000	Nil report. Owing to bad weather, low cloud, sleet and snow storms, leader signalled other two aircraft in formation to return to base at 1700hrs and carried out remainder of the search alone.	
Hudson N.7283	P/O Foy Sgt Carghill LAC How AC Baines	Battle Flight A/S Patrol L.2	1425	1905	Nil report. On leader's instruction left him at 1700hrs owing to difficulty to keep formation.	
Hudson N.7266	P/O Dewar Sgt Webb LAC Carson LAC Ness	Battle Flight A/S Patrol L.2	1430	1855	Nil report. Returned with AN a/c N.7283 as above.	
<u>20/4/40.</u>						
Hudson N.7307	F/O Bullock Sgt Arden LAC Hallam LAC Lane	A/S Patrol Track E	0505	1045	Nothing to report. Lack of cloud over Norway made close recce of coast impossible.	
Hudson N.7270	P/O Forbes P/O Wood AC Jackson AC McGhie	A/S Patrol Track G	0510	1110	One U-boat was sighted two miles distant. It crash-dived and was under surface when aircraft reached it. Stick of bombs were dropped 25yds astern. No oil or wreckage was observed. After quarter of an hour aircraft continued patrol. Position LKTS4025 at 0900hrs. No hits estimated.	
Hudson N.7266	F/Lt Wright Sgt Everest LAC Shaw P/O Meir	Battle Flight Special recce	1110	1640	At 1420hrs in posn WPOX3206 observed one U-boat which crash-dived before precision bombing could be carried out. Recce was made from Haugesund to Sognefjord. One Danish MV observed.	
Hudson N.7264	P/O Foy P/O Dewar AC Jones AC Seeley	Battle Flight Special recce	1110	1640	As above.	
Hudson N.7283	Sgt Carghill Sgt Webb AC Ness AC Carson	Battle Flight Special recce	1110	1650	As above.	

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From 1100 hrs. 20 / 4 / 40 to 2100 hrs. 22 / 4 / 40

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Hudson N.7282	P/O O'Neill Sgt Davison LAC Tennant LAC Webster	Special Battle Flight from Wick.	1300	1725	One unidentified MV observed in position BQOX1040 at 1530hrs. Also exchanged signals with one Sunderland.	
Hudson N.7288	Sgt Illingworth Sgt James AC Allfrey AC Court	Special Battle Flight from Wick.	1300	1720	As above.	
Hudson N.7282	Sgt Pasgate Sgt Nicholls LAC Christie AC Long	Special Battle Flight from Wick	XXXX 1300	1730	As above.	
<u>21/4/40.</u>						
Hudson N.7287	P/O Rothwell P/O Wood AC Harding LAC Hand	Recco Haugesund to Sogne Fjord	1800	1805	At Haugesund observed three gunboats and seven large MVs. At Bergen numerous large MVs and one gunboat. Photographs taken. On return journey intercepted one D018 and attacked with front gun. Several bursts were seen to enter the fuselage and rear gunner was hit. Dornier dipped and appeared to touch water and made off home on surface. As front gun ammunition was expended and fuse blown in turret our a/c set course for base. No damage sustained.	
Hudson N.7282	Sgt James Sgt Illingworth AC Allfrey AC Court	Recco Stadlandet to Sogne Fjord from Wick.	1815	1635	Looked for balloons around Stavanger but was unable to find any. No surface vessels or Air activity seen. Obligated to give up search owing to engine trouble.	

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<u>22/4/40.</u>						
Hudson N.7287	P/O Pearson P/O Hurley AC Carson LAC Weightman	A/S Patrol Track F	1140	1705	Photographed petrol tanks at Bergen and attacked with two 250lbs bombs. First bomb twenty yds short but second at base of one of the tanks which was enveloped in smoke. Slight A.A. fire experienced and aircraft hit by shrapnel in two places.	
Hudson N.7270	Sgt Arden Sgt Petter Cpl Silk AC munro	A/S Patrol Track H	1155	1705	Reached Haugesund and commenced to take photographs but was forced to leave the coast as an ME110 was climbing to reach our aircraft.	
Hudson N.7283	F/O Bullock W/Cmdr Hodgson P/O Harmston AC Peat LAC Lane	Coast recce Haugesund to Stadlandet	1220	1950	Observed six large MVs at anchor in Haugesund harbour. Wharf in Bergen harbour was badly damaged as if by bomb and MV alongside was burning and capsizing in the water. Approx 20 rounds of A.A. were fired at our aircraft but all missed. At 1732hrs in posn WPW13548 observed one U-boat which dived before attack could be made.	
Hudson N.7282	F/Lt Wright P/O Foy LAC Seeley P/O Moir	Battle Flight Recco of Christiansand	1510	2045	At 1643hrs in posn MBTS1218 observed U-boat and attacked with two 250lbs bombs. The first failed to explode but the second burst on estimated position of U-boat. Nothing further was seen. Eight MVs were seen in Christiansand at anchor. No sign of activity or aircraft on aerodrome. On way back two large tankers stationary were seen also one sailing vessel. At 1325hrs in posn LKDN4056 met with own forces being attacked by three enemy Junkers which disappeared on sighting. Two Dornier aircraft arrived which were chased off the target before dropping bombs. At 1435 hrs three Skuas arrived and after getting a signal from own forces that all was alright our aircraft continued the patrol.	
Hudson N.7264	F/Lt Williamson P/O Lynn LAC Steele P/O Brindley	Battle Flight Recco of Christiansand	1510	2045	With a/c N.7282 as above.	
Hudson N.7342	Sgt Greenaway Sgt Stephens Cpl Bull LAC King	Battle Flight Recco of Christiansand	1510	2050	With a/c N.7282 as above.	

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From 00 hrs. 23 / 4 / 40 to 23 hrs. 21 / 4 / 40

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Hudson N.7268	Sgt Arden Sgt Potter Cpl Hull LAC King	Recco Standlandet to Haugesund	1210	1210	Off Bergen at 1630hrs observed Heinkel 59 floatplane and pursued it to Haugesund where we opened fire from underneath several bursts entering the enemy and his rear gunner. Last seen gliding down to sea off Haugesund jetty. Observed large number of petrol tanks at Bergen in posn WPND2524, camouflaged tanks in posn WPND1939 appeared undamaged. Six MVs at anchor in harbour facing north, unladen.	
Hudson N.7217	Sgt Posgate Sgt Nicholls AC Long AC Jones	Recco of Christiansand.	1215	1640	On approaching to within ten miles of objective observed three ME110s and four ME109s approaching from Christiansand. A close examination was made of harbour with binoculars but no enemy warships were seen. Owing to the approach of enemy a/c our a/c was forced to return to base.	
Hudson N.7270	F/Lt Womersley Sgt Morrison LAC Hallam P/O Higgleton	A/S Patrol Track L	1455	1900	At 1705hrs proceeding northwards south of Obrestadt observed three enemy fighter aircraft and there being no cloud cover decided to return to base.	
Hudson N.7307	Sgt Greenaway Sgt Stephens LAC Lane AC McNamee	A/S Patrol Track A	1455	1920	Nil report.	
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Hudson N.7283	F/O Bullock P/O Harmston LAC Hallam Hallam LAC Lane	A/S Patrol	0500	- -	No particulars. Aircraft and crew failed to return.	

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Hudson N.7307	F/Lt Williamson P/O Lynn LAC Powell P/O Brindley	A/S Patrol Track E	0510	0815	Aircraft forced to return. Nil forward visibility due to heavy continuous rain.	
Hudson N.7342	Sgt Arden Sgt Greenaway AC Peat LAC Edwards	A/S Patrol Track H	0510	0710	Aircraft forced to return due to heavy continuous rain and nil visibility.	
27/4/40) 28/4/40) 29/4/40) 30/4/40) 31/4/40)	No flying operational owing to bad weather over aerodrome and North Sea area.					