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HMCS GEORGIAN - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY TO DECEMBER, 1944

1/2/44 to 17/2/44		Undergoing necessary alterations for new role as a minesweeper. Ships Company engaged in Harbour Work Ups preparatory to sailing.
16/2/44		During afternoon had four hours minesweeping trial (which included firing on a sleeve target* towed by aircraft) during which time winch found to be defective. This was the only minesweeping exercise carried out by the ship in Canada. * This would involve firing anti-aircraft weapons at a tubular cloth target towed by a plane.
18/2/44	1800z	Slipped from Jetty 5 under orders of <i>HMCS Thunder</i> , in company with <i>HMCS Bayfield</i> ** and <i>HMCS Mulgrave</i> . * * " <i>HMCS Thunder</i> ", " <i>HMCS Bayfield</i> " and " <i>HMCS Mulgrave</i> " were all Bangor-class minesweepers.
21/2/44	1350z	Secured alongside St. John's, Newfoundland. Ship covered with heavy layer of ice.
22/2/44	1100z	Proceeded to sea.
28/2/44	0250z	Sighted land -- Albernaz Point Light, Azores. _____
	0930z	<i>HMCS Thunder</i> taken in tow by <i>Bayfield</i> , <i>Georgian</i> providing anti-submarine screen for tow while <i>Mulgrave</i> proceeded to Horta to expedite assistance.
29/2/44	0145z	Anchored off Horta, Azores. Encountered heavy seas and bucked a wind of force 5 to 7 throughout the whole of the voyage from Newfoundland to Azores.
	1830z	Refuelled.

MARCH 1944

1/3/44 to 2/3/44		Anchored off Horta, Azores
2/3/44	2006z	Weighed anchor and proceeded to sea as Senior Officer, with <i>HMCS Bayfield</i> in company. <i>HMCS Thunder</i> and <i>HMCS Mulgrave</i> held over in Horta due to boiler trouble and damaged propellor respectively.
5/3/44	200z	Altered from course to investigate HF/DF bearing on submarine.
	2230z	Resumed original course.
6/3/44	2050z	Ship's company closed up to action stations and proceeded to investigate Asdic contact. Dropped two 5-charge patterns. <i>Bayfield</i> dropped one 5-charge pattern. No visible results. Target unknown. Assumed to be a wreck.
	2210z	Resumed course.
7/3/44	1525z	Secured alongside. Devonport, England.
8/3/44 to 24/3/44		Ship remained alongside jetty, boiler cleaning and undergoing repairs to minesweeping winch.
25/3/44	1115z	Vice Admiral Percy Nelles paid a visit to the ship.
26/3/44 & 27/3/44		Ship remained alongside jetty, boiler cleaning and repairs to minesweeping winch continued.
28/3/44		Calibrated sweep wires outside Plymouth harbour.
29/3/44		Passed over degaussing range.
30/3/44		Calibrating sweep wires outside harbour. Winch defective.
31/3/44		Secured alongside Devonport,* England for repairs to winch.
		* " Devonport " is a district of Plymouth, Devon, England.

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APRIL 1944

1/3/44 to 30/4/44		Secured alongside Devonport, England, undergoing boiler clean, winch and gunnery repairs.
13/4/44		General Sir Bernard Montgomery and Admiral Sir Ralph Leatham paid informal visit aboard. * "Sir Bernard Montgomery" (eventually Field Marshal) was one of the most prominent and successful British Commanders of WWII. ** "Sir Ralph Leatham" was a Royal Navy Officer who served as Commander in Chief, Plymouth, during WWII.
19/4/44		Commenced second boiler clean - from boiler hours accumulated while alongside.
21/4/44 to 22/4/44		Gunnery officer and 11 ratings took short assault course at Trevel Range.
29/4/44		3" gun lifted for repairs to mounting.

MAY 1944

1/5/44 to 5/5/44		Engaged in taking on fuel and stores.
6/5/44	1605z	Slipped from alongside and proceeded to sea.
	1703z-1907z	Streamed Oropesa sweeps for calibration.
	1915z	Rendezvous with <i>HMCS Thunder</i> (SS) and <i>HMCS Milltown</i> and proceeded to anchorage in Tywardreath Bay.* <hr/> * " Tywardreath " is near Fowey, Cornwall, England.
7/5/44 to 11/5/44		Carried out day and night minesweeping exercises and dan laying exercises.
12/5/44	0625z	Rendezvous with <i>HMS Romney</i> , Senior Officer of 14th Minesweeping Flotilla.
	0710z to 1219z	Carried out various minesweeping exercises with 14th Flotilla.
	1637z	Anchored in Jennycliff Bay.* <hr/> * " Jennycliff Bay " is near Plymouth, England.
13/5/44	0540z	Weighed anchor and proceeded to sea with 14th Flotilla for minesweeping exercises.
	0730z to 1340z	Minesweeping exercises "E" and "H" Formation with double oropesa.
	1425z	Anchored off Brixham Roads. <hr/> * " Brixham " is on the coast of Torbay in Devon, England.
	2355z	Weighed anchor.
14/5/44	0030z	Commenced night danlaying exercise.
	1305z	Anchored off Brixham Roads.
15/5/44	6155z	Weighed anchor.
	0324z	Commenced minelaying exercises with double Oropesa.
	0618z	Exercise completed.
	1240z	A/A shoot at sleeve target.

	1705z	Secured at buoy, Devonport, England.
		Ordered to put up colours of 14th Flotilla as a member.
16/5/44 & 17/5/44		Ship engaged in taking on stores and ammunition.
18/5/44	0827z to 1605z	Minesweeping exercises with <i>HMS Rye</i> and <i>HMCS Kenora</i> with <i>HMCS Georgian</i> as Senior Officer.
	1700z	Anchored in Jennycliff Bay.
19/5/44	0830z to 0940z	Carried out minesweeping exercises. <i>HMS Rye</i> in Company. <i>HMS Georgian</i> as Senior Officer.
	1240z	Altered to course ordered by C in C Plymouth, and with <i>HMS Rye</i> in Company proceeded to area designated for search sweep at maximum depth.
19/5/44	1415z to 1423z	Between these times encountered for asdic contacts in area from 50° 6' N, 4° 44' 12" S to 50° 5' 24" N, 4° 45' 44" W classified by HFD And A/SCO as "possible mine". Sweeping in H formation double oropesa, 15 Fathoms.
	1728z	Returned to anchorage in Jennycliff Bay after reporting results of sweeps and suggesting need for further investigation. (Subsequent investigation disclosed mines.)
20/5/44 to 25/5/44		Engaged in taking on stores, Plymouth.
26/5/44	1307z	Weighed anchor.
	1720z	Rendezvous with S.O. 14 M/S Flotilla.
	3012z	Commenced night minesweeping exercises.
27/5/44	0520z	Completed exercise and anchored in St. Austell Bay.*
		* " St. Austell Bay " is a bay on Cornwall's south coast.
	1845z	Weighed anchor, proceed to weigh dan buoys and then returned to anchorage in Jennycliff Bay.
28/5/44 & 29/5/44		Engaged in taking on stores.
30/5/44	0745z	Weighed anchor and proceeded to exercise area as S.O. In Company with <i>HMCS Vegreville</i> and <i>HMS Poole</i> for calibration of M/S gear and exercises.
	3630z	Returned to Plymouth.
31/5/44		Engaged in transferring dan buoy supplies to <i>HMCS Vegreville</i> .

JUNE 1944

1/6/44 & 2/6/44		Engaged in embarking provisions, ammunition, fuel and water.
3/6/44	1519z	Slipped from Jetty 1, Devonport, and proceeded to sea.
4/6/44	0151z	Commenced minesweeping in "K" formation.
	0420z	US PT boats* joined flotilla as escort.
	0612z	Cut first mine as ship on starboard beam of formation. Six mines cut in all, the last one exploding in sweeps and parting float. Mines cut in positions 50° 15' N, 01° 33' W.
	0914z	Sweeps in.
	1035z to 0217z 5/6/44	Various courses and speeds to return to position off Portland Bill * as "D" day postponed. * "US PT Boats" were motor torpedo boats used by the US Navy during the war. * "Portland Bill" is a narrow promontory at the southern end of the Isle of Portland, Dorset, England.
5/6/44	0257z	Assumed "K" formation to port and commenced double oropesa sweep.
	0713z	In Sweeps.
	0913z	Assumed "C" formation to port and commenced sweeping.
	1247z	In sweeps.
	1631z	Assumed position as first spare sweeper in formation for approach to French coast.
		Port sweep at half stay.
	1951z	Port sweep in and starboard sweep streamed at short stay.
6/6/44	0037z	Starboard sweep in.
	0038z to 0312z	Various speeds and courses as flotilla cruised off shore waiting for daylight.

	0620z	Out starboard sweep and commenced sweeping.
	0750z	Sweep parted by enemy cutting devices.
	1143z	Observed US Destroyer dropping depth charges off port beam.
	1435z	Commenced weighing dan buoys.
	1755z	Anchored off French Coast, position 49° 40' N, 00° 53' W.
		Observed bombardment of positions on French Coast by Allied warships and planes throughout night.
7/6/44	0848z to 1350z	Sweeping approaches to beach head.
	1648z	Anchored off coast.
		Observed M.M./S* exploding magnetic mines close off shore.
		* "M.M./S" is a reference to a Motor Minesweeper. Intended to counter magnetic influence mines in coastal waters, they had wooden hulls. (Wikipedia entry, "MMS-Class Minesweeper").
8/6/44 and 9/6/44		Anchored off beach head. Replenished M/S stores lost during operations.
9/6/44		Fired Oerlikon at enemy aircraft.
10/6/44	0337z	Weighed anchor.
	0451z	Commenced minesweeping.
		After sweeping throughout day, proceeded to Portsmouth for fuel, sweeping sections of channel en route.
11/6/44	0550z	Entered Portsmouth harbour for fuel. Remained at anchor until return to beach-head approaches 13/6/44.
13/6/44	0630z	Weighed anchor.
	0755z	Commenced sweeping in "E" formation en route to beach head approaches.
	1925z	Anchored off beach-head, Seine Bay.
14/6/44 to 19/6/44		Carried out various searching sweeps during daylight hours.

19/6/44 and 20/6/44		Anchored offshore, Seine Bay. Gale blowing.
21/6/44	0445z	Weighed anchor and proceeded to Portsmouth in company with <i>HMCS Guysborough</i> under orders of S.O. 31st M/S Flotilla.
	1715z	Secured at Portsmouth, England.
22/6/44	0315z	Weighed anchor and proceeded to Plymouth.
	1520z	Defuelled preparatory to boiler clean.
23/6/44 to 28/6/44		Shore staff boiler cleaning ship.
26/6/44		A/Lt. Cmdr. N. A. Boucher, RCNVR superseded by Lt. D.W. Main, RCNR as Commanding Officer.

JULY 1944

1/7/44 & 2/7/44		Anchored in Solent.
3/7/44	0940z to 1717z	Swept in "H" formation, double oropesa, with S.A. Operating, anchoring in Seine Bay on completion.
4/7/44	0903z to 2326z	Swept in "G" formation, port and starboard sweeps alternating according to tides.
	2400z to 0030z 5/7/44	Weighed dans.
5/7/44		Anchored Seine Bay.
6/7/44	1329z to 2104z	Swept in "H" formation double oropesa, S.A. Operated. Secured to "Scottish Musician", Solent, to refuel on completion of sweep.
7/7/44 & 8/7/44		Anchored Solent.* <hr/> The Solent is a strait between the Isle of Wight and England.
9/7/44	0832z to 1657z	Swept in "H" formation, double oropesa. Parted sweeps twice, losing two floats.
	1827z to 2204z	Secured alongside <i>USS Chimo</i> to replenish lost M/S stores, then anchored Seine Bay.
10/7/44	0944z to 1212z	Swept in "H" formation, double oropesa, anchored Seine Bay on completion.
12/7/44	0944z to 1729z	Swept "H" formation, double oropesa.
13/7/44	0102z	Anchored in Solent after refueling.
15/7/44	0628z to 1416z	Swept in "H" formation, double oropesa. Anchored in Seine Bay on completion.
16/7/44	0940z to 1404z	Swept in "H" formation, double oropesa. Anchored in Seine Bay on completion.
17/7/44	1250z to 1834z	Swept in "H" formation, double oropesa. SA operated. Anchored in Solent on completion.
21/7/44	0900z to 1614z	Swept in "H" formation, ships stationed 1 mile abeam, double oropesa. S.A. Gear used. Anchored Seine Bay on completion.
22/7/44	0230z	Observed considerable enemy air activity in vicinity.
	0923z to 1530z	Swept in "H" formation, double oropesa. SA operated. Anchored in Seine Bay on completion.

23/7/44	0755z	Weighed anchor and proceeded to anchorage off Cherbourg.
24/7/44	0820z to 1625z	Swept in "H" formation, double oropesa. SA operated. Anchored in Solent on completion.
27/7/44	0813z to 1550z	Carried out A/S sweep astern of flotilla en route to Cherbourg. Anchored off Cherbourg upon arrival.
28/7/44	1446z to 1657z	Swept in "C" formation, starboard sweep. Anchored Cherbourg on completion.
29/7/44		Anchored Cherbourg - observed considerable enemy activity over city.
30/7/44	0848z to 1300z	Carried out A/S sweep one mile astern flotilla, en route to Portsmouth.
31/7/44	0900z	Proceeded to Plymouth in company with <i>HMS Peterhead</i> for boiler clean, secured to tender to defuel at 2021z.
		During the whole of the above sweeping operations no mines were observed out.

AUGUST 1944

1/8/44 to 9/8/44		Underwent boiler clean at Devonport.
10/8/44	1210z	<p>Proceeded to Portsmouth after rendezvous with <i>USS Borum</i>. * With <i>USS Borum</i> as SC escorted convoy as far as N I buoy. Experienced thick fog during night and next morning.</p> <hr/> <p>*This entry is very difficult to decipher but it could be a reference to the <i>USS Borum</i>. She departed New York 8 March 1944 for the British Isles to train for the coming invasion of Europe and to escort convoys between British ports. From 6 to 22 June 1944 she screened the convoys carrying troops and supplies from Britain to the Normandy beachhead. (Wikipedia entry USS Borum.)</p>
11/8/44	0901z	Arrived off N I Buoy and anchored area 29, Solent.
12/8/44 & 13/8/44		Anchored area 29, Solent.
14/8/44	0115z to 1300z	Proceed to sea, double Oropesa sweep. "H" formation to off Cherbourg.
15/8/44	1250z to 1?23z	Double oropesa sweep, "H" formation. Anchored Seine Bay on completion.
16/8/44		Anchored Seine Bay.
17/8/44	0515z	Proceeded independently to Cherbourg.
	1050z	Proceeded independently to Portsmouth.
18/8/44 & 19/8/44		Anchored area 29, Solent.
20/8/44	0058z to 1357z	Proceeded to sea, double Oropesa sweep "H" formation, to Cherbourg.
21/8/44		Anchored Cherbourg.
22/8/44	0415z	Proceeded to sea.
	0729z to 0041z	Double oropesa sweep, "H" formation. Heavy fog closed in. Regained sweeps and anchored 40 45 N, 61 12 S. All round A/S watches maintained while at anchor.
23/8/44	1007z to 1743z	Double oropesa sweep, "H" formation to Portsmouth.
24/8/44 & 25/8/44		Anchored Area 29, Solent.
Missing 26/8/44 to 31/8/44.		

SEPTEMBER 1944

1/9/44	0700z	Weighed anchor.
	0607z - 0955z	Swept double oropesa, "H" formation. S.A. Gear operated.
	1255z	Anchored Cherbourg.
3/9/44	0857z	Weighted anchor and proceeded to Solent area.
	2045z	Anchored Solent area.
7/9/44	0745z	Recovered floating British mine in anchor securing same to Sand Head buoy, Solent.
8/9/44	2230z	Weighed anchor and proceed to Plymouth, escorting convoy en route.
9/9/44	1510z	Arrived Plymouth.
13/9/44	0640z	Proceeded Plymouth to Solent under order of Senior Officer, carrying out A/S screen en route.
	1310z	Dropped one depth charge, echo assessed as non-sub after attached (50 27 N, 2 38 W.)
	1830z	Anchored Solent area.
20/9/44	0750z	Weighed anchor - proceeded under orders of Senior Officer to Cherbourg.
	1738z	Anchored Cherbourg.
21/9/44	1503z	Weighed anchor and taking <i>H.M.S. Sir Galahad</i> under our orders proceeded to rendezvous with Senior Officer off Roscoff.*
		<hr/> * Roscoff is in Brittany, France.
22/9/44	0705z	Joined Flotilla.
	0835z	Anchored approaches to Roscoff.
	1700z	Weighed anchor.
	2122z to 0693z 23/9/44	Swept in "H" formation, double oropesa.
		S.A. gear operated.
23/9/44	1242z - 1555z	Swept "G" formation to port.

	1840z	Anchored Bai de Douarnenez.* <hr/> **The Baie de Douarnenez " is a bay in Brittany, France.
24/9/44	1015z to 1630z	Swept in "H" formation double oropesa.
	2010z	Anchored Baie de Douarnenez.
25/9/44	1030z	Took flotilla under our orders and proceeded to weigh dans.
	1510z	Anchored Baie de Douarnenez.
26/9/44	1400z	Weighed anchor and proceeded to Cherbourg with <i>HMCS Guysborough</i> and <i>BYMS 2032</i> (in tow by <i>Guysborough</i>) under our orders.
27/9/44	1325z	Arrived Cherbourg.
28/9/24	0520z	Proceeding Cherbourg to Plymouth for boiler clean.
	1500z	Secured alongside, Plymouth.

OCTOBER 1944

1/10/44 to 16/10/44		Ship alongside Devonport undergoing boiler-clean and repairs to the circulating pump.
14/10/44		Surveyed minesweeping wire ashore.
		Wound on new minesweeping wire, kites and floats.
17/10/44 to 22/10/44		Ship alongside for further repairs to circulating pump and awaiting instructions to proceed to sea.
23/10/44	0730z to 1535z	With <i>HMCS Kenora</i> under our orders, swept channel 601 S from the junction with 591S, 607S and 590 S to junction with 07 s, in "H" formation, double oropesa. Nil results. Anchored in Tor Bay* on completion. * " Tor Bay " is a bay on the south east coast of Devon, England.
24/10/44	0720z to 1400z	With <i>HMCS Kenora</i> swept sections of channels 590 S and 607 S, in "H" formation, double oropesa. Nil resulted. Secured Millbay Pier* on completion. * " Millbay " is an area of dockland in Plymouth, England.
		Received signal transferring Georgian from 14th M/S Flotilla to 31st M/S Flotilla.
25/10/44 to 29/10/44		Engaged in sailing to joining 31st M/S Flotilla, in fueling and in proceeding to Dieppe.
		Swept in "C" formation at starboard. Flotilla cut three mines. Anchored off Boulogne on completion.
		Swept in "C" formation to starboard. Anchored off Dieppe on completion.

NOVEMBER 1944

1/11/44	0645z to 1100z	Swept in "C" formation to starboard.
2/11/44	0700z to 0900z	Weighed dan buoys.
	1100z to 1645z	Swept in "E" formation. Anchored off Boulogne.
3/11/44	0600z to 1100z	Weighed and layed dan buoys.
	1315z to 1645z	Swept in "C" formation to starboard.
4/11/44	1500z	Returned Portsmouth for fuel and provisions.
5/11/44 to 11/11/44		Anchored Solent area.
12/11/44	0805z to 1450z	Swept in "N" formation, double oropesa. Anchored off Le Havre.*
		<hr/> * " Le Havre " is in Normandy, France.
13/11/44 to 16/11/44		Swept in "G" formation to starboard.
17/11/44		Anchored off Le Havre due to rough weather.
18/11/44	0700z to 0950z	Swept "G" formation to starboard.
19/11/44	0650z to 0935z	Swept "G" formation to starboard
	1115z to 1515z	Swept "G" formation to port.
	1530z to 1650z	Weighed dans.
20/11/44	0700z to 0930z	Weighed dan buoys.
	1935z to 1150 z	Swept in "E" formation, double oropesa.
		Lost port anchor due to heavy weather.
21/11/44	1015z to 1500z	Weighed dan buoys.
	1500z	Proceeded to Portsmouth to refuel.
22/11/44		Anchored Solent area.
23/11/44		Arrived Plymouth for boiler clean.
24/11/44 to 30/11/44		Boiler cleaning, repairing defects and generally preparing for trip to Canada. All spare minesweeping gear and dan buoys surveyed ashore.

DECEMBER 1944

1/12/44		Took on stores and fuel.
2/12/44	1025z - 1106z	D. G. Trials*
		<hr/> * "D. G. Trials" means Degaussing Trials.
	1206z	Proceeded out of Plymouth as escort for <i>LST U.S. 351</i> and <i>HMT Stormking</i> .
3/12/44	1055z	<i>LST U.S. 351</i> experiencing difficulties in gale, gyro broken down.
	1541z	Anchored Milford Haven.
5/12/44	0724z	Proceeded from Milford Haven for Londonderry.
	1115z	Instructed to return to Milford Haven.
	1510z	Moored to buoy in Milford Haven.
10/12/44	0955z	Left Milford Haven in company Milford Haven section ON 271, bound for Halifax, N.S.
12/12/44	1000z	Took up position astern of Escort Carrier <i>Empire Mackay</i> to act as rescue ship.
14/12/44	0800z-1110z	Fuelled from tanker.
19/12/44	1220z-1420z	Attempted to fuel from tanker but all efforts failed due to rough sea.
20/12/44	0810z	Left convoy with <i>HMS Poppy</i> as escort, bound for St. John's, Newfoundland, due to lack of fuel.
	1201z - 1416z	Hove to in gale.
22/12/44	1345z	Took tow from <i>HMCS Cap de la Madeleine</i> .
23/12/44	0659z	Slipped tow and entered St. John's harbour under own power. Fuel supply exhausted on securing to jetty.
		The whole of the ocean crossing noted for its consistent bad weather, poor visibility and rough seas.
24/12/44	0715z	Sailed from St. John's as one of escorts for convoy bound for Sydney.

25/19/44	1600z	Christmas dinner at sea. Ship's company enjoyed roast chicken with all the trimmings - - first in ten months.
26/12/44	1423z	Secured alongside Sydney.
27/12/44	0749z	<p>Sailed from Sydney, N.S. As Senior Officer escorts with <i>HMCS Medicine Hat</i> and <i>HMT Baffin</i> in company. Convoy bound for Halifax.</p> <p>Library and Archives Canada also has a more detailed report of this convoy (Convoy SH 192) from the CO of <i>Georgian</i> to Captain "D" Halifax, which reads as follows:</p> <p>"At 0500 on 27th December, 1944 <i>HMCS Georgian</i> slipped taking under her orders <i>HMC Ships "Medicine Hat", "Kentville", HM Ship "Baffin". HMS "Baffin" developed Asdic defects was ordered to return to harbour. Convoy formed up at 0800x/27 escorts assuming positions as follows: HMCS Georgian, "A" for able, HMCS Kentville, "E" for Easy, HMCS Medicine Hat, "P" for Peter. Canso aircraft commenced patrol at 0830z/27. SS Ashbury Park escorted by HMCS French joined convoy at 2245x/27 from Mulgrave.</i></p> <p>The weather and sea deteriorated throughout the following night, visibility becoming so poor that convoy began to break up. Weather continuing to deteriorate, <i>HMCS Georgian</i> suggested to Commodore that it would be advisable to heave to until weather conditions improved. At 0820x/28 Commodore ordered convoy to heave to, the convoy being by now widely dispersed.</p>

		<p>At 0930z/28 remainder of convoy proceeded at slow speed.</p> <p>Halifax Light Vessel #6 was sighted at 0820z/29 and it was ascertained that five stragglers from the convoy had already entered harbour. <i>HMCS Medicine Hat</i> was ordered to proceed into harbour escorting two stragglers as she had developed asdic defects whilst remaining escorts continued rounding up stragglers. At 1630z/29 <i>SS Ashbury Park</i> was reported in distress. Ordered to investigate, <i>HMCS Georgian</i> carried out an extensive search in Halifax approaches without result.</p> <p>At 0940z/30 <i>HMCS Georgian</i> was ordered to discontinue search. At 1215z/30 passed gates and proceeded to berth at French Cable Wharf."</p>
		<p>Arnold Hague Convoy Database reports the following Merchant Ships were in Convoy SH 192:</p> <p>Benalder (British, 5,161 tons) Errington Court (British, 4,9813 tons) Evelyn B (British, 1,870 tons) Fort Amherst (British, 3,489 tons) Garnes (Norwegian, 1,559 tons) George W. Brown (US, 1,870 tons) Havmoy (Norwegian, 1,342 tons) John W. Mackay (British, 4.049 tons) Kelowna Park (British, 2,878 tons) Liverpool Rover (British, 1,426 tons) Lord Bryon (British, 4,118 tons) Norwood Park (British, 2,381 tons) Panaghis (Greek, 5,187 tons) Peterston (British, 4,680 tons).</p>
	1500z	<i>HMCS Kentville</i> replaced <i>HMT Baffin</i> due to latter's defects to Asdic.
28/12/44	1900z	Convoy hove to because of storm.
29/12/44	0645z	Commenced searching for stragglers off Halifax approaches directing them in as intercepted.
	1820 - 0700z 30/12/44	Searched for <i>SS Ashby Park</i> reported in distress.

30/12/44	0700z-1140z	Searched for <i>SS John N. Henry</i> reported in distress.
	1140z	Entered Halifax harbour.
31/12/44		Secured alongside Halifax.