

APPENDIX

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TRANS-ATLANTIC RECEPTION PARTY : AIR.29/473

In November 1940, a Civilian Reception Party (CRP) was formed by Scottish Aviation Ltd., to accept the aircraft delivered from North America and to welcome, feed and accommodate both aircrew and passengers. When the Air Ministry took over the Atlantic Ferry Organisation (ATFERO) from the Ministry of Aircraft Production (MAP) and formed RAF Ferry Command on July 15, 1941, a Trans-Atlantic Reception Party took over the task of looking after the aircraft and service personnel from the civilian organisation. Sqdn.Ldr. J.N Bamford was in Command.

From November 1940, to March 31, 1942, the TRP and their predecessors, handled 533 landplanes as well as 100 flying-boat deliveries. These included;

Hudson	Catalina	Liberator	Fortress	Lodestar
408	100	100	20	2 630

A Summary for the following years shows;

Apr 42 121 arrivals = Total (633) + 121 = 754, including;

Hudson	Catalina	Liberator	Fortress	Ventura
86	5	9	7	
	8 x Canso			

May 42 131 Arrivals = Total = 885. 533 Crew + 115 passengers.

Towans Hotel in use for accommodation.

Hudson	Catalina	Liberator	Fortress	Ventura	Mitchell
63	1	20	3	39	3
	2 x Canso				

Jun 42 153 Arrivals = Total = 1038. 675 crew + 213 passengers.

LRCD/F in use. TRP office improved.

Towans, Auchencoyle and Annex sleep 139 persons.

Hudson	Liberator	Fortress	Ventura	Mitchell	Lodestar
58	25	6	37	25	2

55 came via Greenland-Iceland.

Jul 42 153 Arrivals = Total = 1191. 788 crew + 212 passengers. 20 Hudsons from 53 Sqdn to Canada by their own crews for Operation "Scream".

Hudson	Catalina	Liberator	Fortress	Ventura	Mitchell
18	7	10	20	39	59

115 Direct, 34 via Northern Route, 4 SR to Cairo,

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Aug 42 49 Arrivals = Total = 1240.

Hudson	Catalina	Liberator	Fortress		Mitchell
4	24	15	4		2

18 via Northern Route.

Sep 42 61 Arrivals = Total = 1301.

Hudson	Catalina	Liberator	Fortress	Ventura	Marauder
17	34	1	1	6	2

All direct.

Oct 42 52 Arrivals = Total = 1353.

Hudson	Catalina	Liberator	Fortress	Ventura	Mitchell	Boston
17	19	5	7	8	2	11

All direct.

Nov 42 49 Arrivals = Total = 1402.

Hudson	Catalina	Liberator	Fortress	Marauder	Mitchell	Boston
1	17	3	9	2	1	16

Plus 6 x B-17 and 1 x B-24 for USAAF.
13 via Green & Ice. 2 x Gander-Prestwick

Dec 42 79 Arrivals = Total = 1481.

Hudson	Catalina	Liberator	Fortress	Marauder	Mitchell	Boston
29	24	2	3	0	0	21

Plus 2xB-17 for USAAF.
41 via Green & Ice. 6 via Trinidad-N Africa-Gib. 32 Direct

Jan 43 60 Arrivals = Total = 1544(?)

Hudson	Catalina	Liberator	Fortress	Marauder	Ventura	Boston
10	17	5	4	0	1	23

3 x Catalina via Gib, Bostons via SR, 7 Hudson via Green/Ice

Feb 43 48 Arrivals = Total = 1592.

Hudson	Catalina	Liberator	Fortress	Dakota	Mitchell	Boston
0	13	10	4	5	4	12

2x Catalina via Gib, 11 Bostons via SR, 1 Boston & 1 Mitchell
& 5 Hudson via NR & 1 Direct, 4 x Dak to BOAC & 1 Dak to 24
Sqdn.

Mar 43 68 Arrivals = Total = 1660.

Hudson	Catalina	Liberator	Fortress	Dakota	Mitchell	Boston
4	2	21	1	2	2	36

35 Bostons & 6 Hudsons & 1 Mitchell via NR. 1 Boston & 1
Mitchell & 2 Dakota by SR to 24 Sqdn.

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Apr 43 77 Arrivals = Total = 1737.

Hudson	Catalina	Liberator	Fortress	Dak	Mitchell	Boston	Ventura	Co'do
14	1	17	0	7	1	34	1	1

May 43 94 Arrivals=Total=1831. 592 passengers, 258 RFS, 132 USATC

Hudson	Catalina	Liberator	Fortress	Dak	Mitchell	Boston	Ventura	Balti
12	22	16	1	8	19	15	1	1

5 Dakota to 24 Sqdn, 3 to BOAC, 31 RFS.

Jun 43 147 Arrivals=Total=1978. 685 passengers, 444 RFS, 71 USATC, 170 45 Group.

Hudson	Catalina	Liberator	Fortress	Dak	Mitchell	Boston	Ventura
51	7	38	0	4	38	2	7

2 Dakota to 24 Sqdn, 1 to BOAC, 1 to 512 Sqdn, 41 RFS.

Jul 43 59 Arrivals=Total=2037.

Hudson	Catalina	Liberator	Dak	Mitchell	Boston	Ventura	Lodestar
8	2	10	11	15	5	6	2

10 Liberator to W Africa, 17 Fortress to India, received & dispatched from Prestwick.

Aug 43 51 Arrivals=Total=2088. 1040 passengers, 77 45 Group, 419 RFS, 544 USATC.

Hudson	Catalina	Lib	Dak	Mitchell	Boston	Ventura	Mariner	Mosquito
1	2	15	5	14	1	7	1	1

23 Liberators to India, 2 Lib W Africa, 5 Liberator Cairo. 37 RFS.

Sep 43 66 Arrivals = Total = 2154. 927 passengers, 446 RFS, 415 USATC, 16 Special.

Hudson	Catalina	Lib	Dak	Mitchell	Boston	Ventura	Marauder	Coronado
0	26	1	6	25	2	3	1	2

6 Liberators to India, 2 Dakota to BOAC, 4 to No.512 Sqdn. 38 RFS.

Oct 43 50 Arrivals=Total=2204. 456 passengers, 391 RFS, 32 USATC, 32 Special.

Hudson	Catalina	Lib	Mitchell	Ventura	Mariner	Lode	L12A
1	12	12	12	1	9	2	1

2 Liberators to W Africa, 4 Hampdens Llandow-PK-NR-Patricia Bay, B.C., 31 RFS.

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Nov 43 93 Arrivals=Total=2297. 644 passengers, 336 RFS, 296 USATC,
6 No.45 Group.

Catalina	Lib	Dakota	Mitchell	Boston	Ventura	Marauder	Mariner	Lanc
12	15	6	44	1	3	1	8	3

16 x Liberator to India, 3 to Cairo. Lanc 2 return flights,
29 RFS, York returned. 5 x Dakota to 512 Sqdn, 1 to BOAC.

Dec 43 71 Arrivals=Total=2368. 412 passengers, 348 RFS, 1 USATC,
21 No.45 Group, 18 TCA, 24 Special.

Catalina	Lib	Dakota	Mitchell	Boston	Ventura	Marauder	Mariner	Lanc
4	10	20	23	0	3	0	8	3

11 Liberator to India, 7 to Cairo, 30 RFS, 7 Dakotas to 511
Sqdn, 7 to 512 Sqdn, 1 to EFTDU Tarrant Rushed, 1 to PTS
Ringway, 4 to BOAC, 30 RFS.

Jan 44 103 Arrivals=Total=2471. 422 passengers, 294 RFS, 26 USATC,
96 No.45 Group, 3 TCA, 3 RCAF.

Catalina	Lib	Dakota	Mitchell	Boston	Ventura	Coronado	Mariner	Lanc
5	6	31	48	0	4	1	0	8

2 x Mariners to Norfolk, 6 x RCAF Fortress, 9 UK-Cairo,
26 RFS, 19 Dakotas to 512 Sqdn, 5 to 172 Sqdn, 3 to BOAC,
2 to ETDU Netheravon, 1 to CRD Defford, 1 Special, 24 RFS.

Feb 44 191 Arrivals=Total=2662. 464 passengers, 301 RFS, 77 USATC,
74 No.45 Group, 12 TCA, 3 RCAF. Plus 562 in by USATC.

Catalina	Lib	Fort	Dakota	Mitchell	Ventura	Coronado	Lanc	Lode
8	15	8	136	20	1	1	1	1

3 x Mariners to Norfolk, 1 x RCAF Fortress, 6 PK-Cairo,
5 TCA Lancaster, 31 RFS, 25 Dakotas to 512 Sqdn, 31 to
271 Sqdn, 25 to 575 Sqdn, 24 to 233 Sqdn, 30 to 48 Sqdn,
1 to BOAC, 30 RFS.

Mar 44 185 Arrivals=Total=2847. 617 passengers, 410 RFS, 107 USATC,
66 No.45 Group, 34 TCA, 3 RCAF. Plus 574 in by USATC.

Catalina	Lib	Fort	Dakota	Mitchell	Bos	Ventura	Lancaster	Mosquito
20	13	16	56	30	16	1	18	7

4 Mariners to Norfolk, 6 RCAF from Canada, 9 Pk-Gib,
2 x Liberator to India/"Snake", 3 Liberator to Cairo
"Medel", 41 RFS.

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Apr 44 137 Arrivals=Total=2984. 874 passengers,535 RFS, 170 USATC,
111 No.45 Group, 58 TCA, 3 RCAF.

Catalina	Lib	Fort	Dakota	Boston	Ventura	Lanc	Mosquito
38	6	2	20	27	11	11	20

3 x Mariners to Norfolk, 1 RCAF, 14 RCAF PK-Gib, 5 Liberator
to India/"Snake", 9 Lib to Cairo."Medel", 46 RFS, 16 TCA,

May 44 172 Arrivals=Total=3156. 782 passengers,456 RFS, 266 USATC,
14 No.45 Group, 46 TCA,

Catalina	Lib	Fort	Dakota	Mitchell	Boston	Ventura	Lanc	Mosquito
14	32	22	45	17	11	1	15v	25

2 x Mariners to Norfolk by NR, 13 RCAF UK-Gib, 2 "Snake",
2 "Medel", 10 Hendon-PK-RK, 44 RFS, 18 TCA. 91 aircrew from
45 Group also now returned by BOAC Clipper,
Poole-Foynes-Baltimore.

Jun 44 200 Arrivals=Total=3356.1206 passengers,557 RFS, 252 USATC,
85 No.45 Group, 49 TCA, 136 Clipper, 127 Coronado,
90 Others.

Catalina	Lib	Fort	Dakota	Mitchell	Boston	Lodestar	Lanc	Mosquito
19	43	11	67	19	20	3	8	10

4 Mariners to Norfolk by NR, 13 RCAF UK-Gib,
9 Hendon-PK-RK, 15 x 45 Group Coronado Boucherville-Gander-
Largs & return, 44 RFS, 17 TCA. 33 Dakotas to Doncaster,
28 to Melton Mowbury, 6 to Hendon.

Jul 44 157 Arrivals=Total=3513. 853 passengers,547 RFS, 24 USATC,
64 No.45 Group, 57 TCA, 49 Clipper, 111 Coronado,
90 Others.

Catalina	Lib	Fort	Dakota	Mitchell	Boston	Lanc	Mosquito
15	10	13	23	5	53	12	26

3 x Mariners to Norfolk by NR, 14 UK-Gib by 168 Sqdn RCAF,2
UK-Canada, 9 Hendon-PK-RK, 53 RFS, 18 Coronado, 26 TCA. 22
Dakotas to Doncaster, 1 to SAL.

Aug 44 181 Arrivals=Total=3694. 1149 passengers,703 RFS, 2 USATC,
155 No.45 Group, 102 TCA, 6 Clipper, 181 Coronado,
21 Others.

Catalina	Lib	Fort	Dakota	Mitchell	Boston	Lanc	Mosquito	C-87
16	29	5	47	38	0	18	19	9

10 RCAF Uk-Gib, 3 Canada-UK, 9 Hendon-PK-RK, 6 Liberator
ACSEA, 55 RFS, 12 Coronado, 26 TCA. 31 Dakotas toDoncaster,
1 to Westcott, 2 to 2TAF Northolt, 4 BOAC Croydon, 5 USAAF
Aldermaston, 4 Unallocated.

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Sep 44 216 Arrivals=Total=3910. 992 passengers,713 RFS, 11 USATC,
18 No.45 Group, 80 TCA.

Catalina Lib Fort Dakota Mitchell Boston Lanc Mosquito C-87
32 17 4 26 53 0 23 56 5

12 RCAF UK-Gib, 8 Hendon-PK-RK, 2 Liberator India, 1 ACSEA,
56 RFS, 2 Coronado, 26 TCA. 22 Dakotas to Doncaster, 4 to
BOAC Croydon.

Oct 44 96 Arrivals = Total = 4006.
Nov 44 155 Arrivals = Total = 4161.
Dec 44 83 Arrivals = Total = 4244
Dec VHF 126.18 in Prestwick Tower.
Dec 20 MF D/F on 405 Kcs being installed.
Jan 45 82 Arrivals = Total 4326.
Jan 25 HF D/F (USAAF APC) 3452.5 to 4315 Kcs.
Prestwick Radio Range, 256 Kcs.
Feb 45 161 Arrivals = Total = 4487.
Mar 45 242 Arrivals = Total 4729.
Mar 18 116.1 World Guard in Prestwick tower.

Apr 45 207 Arrivals = Total = 4936.

May 45 141 Arrivals = Total = 5077.

Jun 45 201 Arrivals = Total = 5278.
Jun 29 VHF Homer vehicle arrived Prestwick, GCA sites selected.

Jul 45 120 Arrivals = Total = 5398.
Jul 25 GCA vehicle arrived and tests in progress.

Aug 45 73 Arrivals = total = 5471.

Aug 1 TWA ceased flights to Prestwick.

Aug 8 Prestwick Radio Range "PI" to 353 Kcs.

Sep 45 8 Arrivals = total = 5479.

Sep Towans Hotel vacated as Terminal Mess.
Sep USAAF Units closed.
Sep Static display of wartime aircraft.
Sep 24 Prestwick Radio Range to "PR"

Oct 45 1 Arrival = 5480.
1 Canadian York FM400 to 246 Sqdn, 60 RFS, 19 TCA, 30 RCAF,
62 PrestwickK-Blackbushe

Oct 22 AmEx civil DC-4 flight New York-Goose-Meeks-Prestwick.
Oct 31 No.4 FPP ATA closed.

Nov 45 2 Dakota=2 Arrivals = total = 5482.

RAF FERRY COMMAND : AIR.24/506

	Hudson	DeLib						Ferry Liberator FLib/in	FLib/out	
<u>Aug 41</u>	127	1						12/96 pax	15/159	
			Cat							
Sep 41	78	1/8pax	1						8/53 pax	9/129pax
Oct 41	30	13/54						5/31 pax	4/44	
Nov 41		28/66	6						1/12	3/42
Dec 41		11/30	5						4/34	3/28
<u>Jan 42</u>	3	2						2/9	1/18	
Feb 42			3							
Mar 42		1	8						6/42	5/45
			6/Australia							
	Hudson		Mitch	Cat	Fort	Vent				
Apr 42	89	1		4	1	6	9/82	9/105		
May 42	63	21	3	3	3	38	11/92	13/182		
Jun 42	58	25	25		6	37	17/132	13/**		
Jul 42	18	12	59	7	20	39	23/169	21/326		
Aug 42	5	17	3	26	4	3	13/132	15/226		
			Marad							
Sep 42	17	1	2	30	1	10	15/153	15/201		
	Boston									
Oct 42	11	4	2	19	1	4	15/165	13/204		
	Hudson									
Nov 42	1	3	1	17	9	2	11/118	14/215		
			Boston							
Dec 42	29	2	19	24	3		13/110	12/187		
			(2 USAAF)							
Jan 43	5	5	24	16	4	1	12/94	13/212		
	Boston									
Feb 43	13	10	4	13	4	5	10/84	5/199		
	Hudson	Lib	Mitch	Cat	Fort	Boston	Dak	FLib/in	FLib/out	
Mar 43	3	21	2	3	1	35	2	12/117	16/163	
April 11 43	RAFFC renamed No.45 (Atlantic Transport) Group Commanded by AVM R L Marix, CB, DSO.									
	NAT = 112 Wing, HQ Dorval. SAT = 113 Wing, HQ Nassau. Training Wing Comms Sqdn Dorval.									

45 GROUP RAF TRANSPORT COMMAND : AIR.25/647

		Ferry Liberator	
To UK	To Middle East		FLib
	Northern Route	Southern Route	
Apr 43	78	82	30
May 43	93	106 (W Africa)	31
Jun 43	150	125	41
Jul 43	72 (UK/W Africa/India)	108	36
Aug 43	80 ditto	134	37
Sep 43	84 ditto	144	38
Oct 43	51	75	31
Nov 43	105	114	27
Dec 43	72	159	30
Jan 44	103	117	24
Feb 44	217	128	30
Mar 44	226	109	41
Apr 44	260	132	44
May 44	258	142	43

45 GROUP RAF TRANSPORT COMMAND : AIR.25/648

Jun 44	321	94	43
Jul 44	189	52	54
Aug 44	233	32	55
Sep 44	271	56	57
Oct 44	193	66	53
Nov 44	228	34	53
Dec 44	191	26	56
Jan 45	129	47	48
Feb 45	46	14	52
Mar 45	297	60	58
Apr 45	254	20	55
May 45	198	15	65
Jun 45	262	21	60
Jul 45	160	2	62
Aug 45	88	1	62
Sep 45	7	0	58
Oct 45	1	0	62
Nov 45	1	0	60
Dec 45	1	0	64
Jan 46	0	0	57
Feb 46	4	0	54
Mar 46	3	0	54

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DATE OF FIRST TRANS-ATLANTIC **RAF ARRIVALS** IN THE UK BY TYPE

CATALINA	JUL 13, 1939 (P9630)	
CATALINA	OCT 25/26, 1940 (AM258)	
HUDSON	NOV 11, 1940 (T9422)	
LIBERATOR	MAR 14, 1941 (AM259)	
FORTRESS	APR 14, 1941 (AN534)	
LODESTAR	JUL 9, 1941 (2087) # NC34901	
COMMANDO	NOV 12, 1941 (G-AGDI)	
VENTURA/B-34	APRIL 15, 1942 (AE691)	
MITCHELL	MAY 16, 1942 (FK162)	
LANCASTER	AUGUST 19, 1942 (R5727 to Canada)	
MARAUDER	SEP 2, 1942 (FK138)	
BOSTON	OCT 12, 1942 (BZ199)	
DAKOTA	FEB 11, 1943 (FD769)	
HAMPDEN	FEB 24, 1943 (?) Ditched. (Westbound)	
VENTURA/PV-1	APRIL 9, 1943 (FN956)	
CORONADO	APR 24, 1943 (JX470)	
HADRIAN	JUL 1, 1943 (FR579)	
MARINER	AUG 19, 1943 (JX103)	
MOSQUITO	AUG 8, 1943 (KB162)	
LANCASTER	SEP 15, 1943 (KB700)	
YORK	OCT 19, 1943 (MW100) (Westbound)	
BALTIMORE	MAY 22, 1944 (FW302)	
SKYMASTER	JUN 3, 1944 (EW999)	
STIRLING	JUN 26, 1944 LK584)	
SPITFIRE	JUL 11, 1944 (?)	
T-A DELIVERIES	TWO/BERRY	9

DATE OF FIRST TRANS-ATLANTIC **USAAF/USN ARRIVALS** IN THE UK BY TYPE

B-24 JUL 3, 1941 (40-702)
 XPB2Y-1 SEP 14/15, 1941 (Bu.0453)
 B-307 APR 18, 1942 (NC19908)
 C-87 JUN 20, 1942 (?)
 B-17 JUL 1, 1942 (41-9085)
 C-47 JUL 1, 1942 (41-7837)
 P-38 JUL 8, 1942 (41-7561)
 PBY JUL 9, 1942 (5AJ-73)
 C-53 JUL 15, 1942 (41-20095)
 B-26 JUL 26, 1942 (41-18042)
 B-25 SEP 24, 1942 (41-13048)
 C-54 OCT 10, 1942 (41-20141)
 A-20 SEP ??? 1942 (?????????)
 R5D MAY 6, 1943 (Bu39137)
 F-5A JUL 7, 1943 (13317)
 C-60 JUL 12, 1943 (42-56018)
 P-47 AUG 11, 1943 (42-8570)
 PB4Y AUG 17, 1943 (?)
 AT-23 MAY 2, 1944 (?)
 YB-29 MAY 7, 1944 (41-36963)
 PB2Y-3R MAY 17/18, 1944 (Bu.7219)
 C-46 JUN 12, 1944 (?)
 A-26 JUL 9, 1944 (?)
 F-8 JUL 23, 1944 (?)
 F-3A SEP 5, 1944 (?)
 C-109 OCT 8, 1944 (?)
 C-69 AUG 1, 1945 (?) TO PARIS/ORLY

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BALTIMORE

AG685-734 50} OCT 41/NOV 43
 AG735-834 100}
 A-30 & A-30A AG835-999} } 35/41 Lost at sea.
 AH100-184} 250}

1150-59 LOST FA100-674 531(575)MAR43/SEP 43.23 cbd/21 ldf
 = 1091 FW281-880 585(600)MAY 44/JUL 44. 4 cbd/1 1ldf

BOSTON

W8252-8401 150 MAY 41/SEP 41
 Z2155-2304 150
 AE457-472 16 JUL 40/AUG 40 EX BELGIAN
 HAVOC AH430-529 99 (1) JUL 41/AUG 41 EX FRANCE
 BOSTON AH740 1 JUN 45
 AL263-502 56(240)NOV 41/MAY 42.USAAF/RUSS
 AL668-907 166(240)OCT 41/OCT 42.REST USAAF

BOSTON/HAVOC AW392-414 23 AUG 40/SEP 40.FRANCE/BEL
 BOSTON AX848-851 4 SEP 40 EX FRANCE
 BOSTON/HAVOC AX910-916 7 FEB 41 EX FRANCE
 BOSTON/HAVOC AX919 1 SEP 40 EX FRANCE
 BOSTON/HAVOC AX921-930 10 SEP 40 EX FRANCE
 HAVOC BB890-912 23 SEP 40 EX FRANCE
 BOSTON/HAVOC BD110-125 16 EX FRANCE
 HAVOC BJ458-477 20 EX FRANCE
 HAVOC BJ485-501 17 EX FRANCE
 HAVOC BK882-883 2 NOV 40
 HAVOC BL227-228 2 NOV 40
 HAVOC BT460-465 6
 HAVOC BV203 1 FEB 41

BOSTON A-20C BZ196-399 183(200)1942/43.1 cbd.1 RCAF.15 ldf
 A-20G BZ400-568 166(160)1944. 1 RCAF. 2 ldf
 A-20H BZ580-669 88(90)1944. 1 cbd. 1 ldf
437-23=414 DG554-555 2

CATALINA PBY-5

P9630 1
 W8405-8434 21(30) 7 F.East. 2 RCAF. Ex French
 Z2134-2153 15(20) 5 RCAF.
 AH530-569 39(40)MAR/JUL 41.1 RAAF.
 AJ154-162 6 (9) 3 F. East
 AM258* 1 "GUBA" TO SM706*
 AM264-270 7 JAN 41/APR 41
 PBY-5B FP100-324 164(225)1942-43. 54 nd. 7 ldf.
 PBY-5A FP525-536 12 APR 42/MAY/42.
 FT998-999 0(2) RETAINED IN CANADA
 PBY-5 JV925-935 11 SEP 43/NOV 43
 PBY-5 JX200-269 51(70) 10 RNZAF. 8 RCAF.1 RAAF
 JX270-437 168 NOV 43/SEP 44
 JX570-585 12(16)MAY 43. 4 TO RCAF
 JX586-610 25 SEP 44/OCT 44
 JX611-617 0 (7) TO RAAF
 JX628/630 3
 JX632 1
 JX634/635 2
 VA701-736 00 (36) TO RCAF/RAAF

686-147=539

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CORONADO	X470-501	9(10)MAR 43/SEP 43. 1 lbd
DAKOTA C-47	FD768-818	51}
C-47A	FD819-967	149} FEB 43/SEP 43
	FG857	0(1)
	FJ709-712	4
	FL503-652	147(150)1943/44. 2 RCAF. 1 RAAF
	FZ548-698	134(151) 3 cbd.11 rcac.1 NEIAF
	HK867	0(1)
	HK893	0(1)BUILT FROM SPARES
	HK993	1
	KG310-809	481(500)3 USN.2 RAAF.7 RCAF. 7 ldf
C-47B	KJ801-KK220	314(320) 6 RCAF.
	KN200-KN701	496(502) 1945. 2 RCAF. 4 ldf
	KP208-279	72 JUN 45/JUL 45
	LR230-236	6 APR 42. EX DC-3.To India
	MA925	1 To India
	MA928-929	2 To India
	MA943	1 To India
	TJ167	1
	TP181	1
	TP187	1
	TS422-427	6
<u>1928-54=1874</u>	TS431-436	6
FORTRESS	AN518/537	20 MAY 41/JUL 41
/B-17F	FA695/713	19 NOV 42/FEB 43
/B-17E	FK184/213	30 APR 42/JUL 42
	FL449-464	15(16)APR 42/JUL 42. 1 Not del.
/B-17G	HB761-790	22(30) 8 USAAF.
	HB791-820	17(30) 13 To USAAF.
	KH998-KJ127	30 JUL 44/FEB 45
	KL830-837	8 FEB 45/MAR 45.
<u>175-22=153</u>	SR376-389	14
HUDSON L-214	N7205-7404	199(200) Some to RCAF. N7260 crashed.
	P5116-5165	48 (2) To SAAF
	R4059	1 Replaced N7260
	T9266-9365	100} JUN 40/SEP 40
L-314	T9366-9385	20} OCT 40
L-414	T9386-9465	76(80)DEC 40/41.{T9422 1st by air? Mk.III.
	V8975-8999	25 {1 RCAF. 1 cbd.2 ldf.
	V9020-9069	47(50) 1 RCAF. 2 cbd.
	V9090-9129	37(40) 2 nd. 1 ldf.
	V9150-9199	46(50)1941. 1 RCAF. 3 ldf.
	V9220-9254	16(35) 1 RCAF. 18 RNZAF.
L-414	AM930-953	20(24)1941/42. 1 nd. 3 ldf.
L-414	AE485-608	96(124) 13nd. 1RCAF. 18RNZAF. 2 ldf.
A-29	AE609-638	28(30)1941. 2 Lost at sea. Mk.V
	AE639-657	17(19)JUL 41/SEP 41.2 ldf.
A-29	AM520-909	342(390)MAY 41/AUG 41 48 nd.
A-29	BW361-777	000(417) RCAF/USN/RAAF/45G/China.
A-28A	EW873-972	85(100)4 RNZAF. 3 RCAF. 2 cbd. 6 ldf Mk.IIIA
A-29	FH167-466	202(300)81 RNZAF. 2 RCAF.3 cbd.12 ldf
A-28A	FK381-730	231(350) 99 nd. 7 cbd. 13 ldf. Mk.VI
A-29A 1860	FK731-813	74(83)MAY 43/JUL 43 7 ldf. Mk.IIIA
<u>2488-790=1698</u>		

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INVADER	2	KL690-691	2	1945
LANCASTER		FM100-207	108	
<u>408-6=402</u>		KB700-999	294(300)	SEP 43/MAR 45. 4 nd. 2 ldf.
LOCKHEED	10	AX766	1	SEP 41. IMP M.E.
LOCKHEED	12A	AX803	1	JUL 40. IMP ASIA. VT-AJS
		LA619-623	5	MAY 42. FROM USAAF
		LV760-762	3	IMP FAR EAST.
LOCKHEED	14	AX681-682	2	SEP 40. IMP MIDDLE EAST
		AX688	1	IMP W AFRICA
LODESTAR		AX685-687	0(3)	IMPRESSED IN ME
		AX717-723	7	JUL 41 TO M.E. TO BOAC
		AX756-759	4	JUL 41 TO M.E. TO BOAC
		AX763-765	0(3)	IMPRESSED IN ME TO BOAC
		EW976-997	21(25)	AUG 41/JAN 43.ME. 3 nd. 1 ldf
<u>43-10=33</u>		FK246	1	JUN 42
LIBERATOR		AL503-641	87(165)	SEP 42/MQY 42. 78 nd.
		AM258-263	6	MAR 41/MAY 42. FOR RFS
B-24		AM910-929	19(20)	APR 41/AUG 41.1 NOT DEL
B-24D		BZ711-959	232(249)	1943. 14 RCAF. 1 cbd. 2 ldf.
B-24J		BZ960-999	39(40)	MAR 43/DEC 43 1 cbd.
B-24J		EV812-EW322	392(411)	NOV 43/MAY 44. 16 RCAF. 2 cbd.
MK.7/C-87		EW611-634	24	JUN 44/SEP 44.
		FK214-245	30(32)	JUN 42/NOV 42. 2 cbd.
		FL906-995	89(90)	JUL 42/FEB 43 1 cbd.
		FP685	1	REPLACED AL503
MK.9/RY-3		JT973-999	18(27)	JAN 45/JUL 45. 7 unk. 2 ldf.
RY-3		JV936	1	
B-24J		KG821-999	165(180)	MAY 44/DEC 44. 13 RCAF. 2 unk
B-24J		KH100-420	311(320)	MAY 44/DEC 44. 8 RCAF. 1 ldf
B-24J		KK221-378	156(158)	DEC 44/FEB 45. 1 RCAF. 1 ldf
B-24J/L		KL348-689	250(342)	1945. 88 nd.3 cbd. 1 ldf
B-24L		KN702-836	120(135)	1945. 11 nd.3 cbd. 1 ldf
B-24L		KP125-146	22	JUL 45/AUG 45.
B-24D		LV336-346	11	MAR 42/AUG 42
B-24J		TS519-539	21	
B-24J		TT336	1	
B-24J		TT340	1	
B-24J		TT343	1	
B-24J		TW758-769	12	JAN 45
B-24J		VB852	1	
B-24J		VB904	1	
B-24J		VD245	1	
B-24J		VD249	1	
<u>2274-261=2013</u>				
MARAUDER	B-26C	FB418-522	97(105)	SEP 43/APR 44.5nd.3 cbd. M.E.
	B-26A	FK109-160	41(52)	SEP 42/NOV 42. 4 cbd. 7 ldf.
	B-26A	FK362-380	15(19)	OCT 42/NOV 42 3 cbd. 1 ldf.
	B-26F	HD402-601	196(200)	APR 44/MQR 45 4 ldf.
	B-26G	HD602-751	143(150)	APR 44/MAR 4. 3 cbd. 3 ldf.
<u>520-29=491</u>				

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MARINER	27	JX100-132	27(33)OCT 43/DEC 43. 5 nd. 1 ldf.
MARYLAND A-22		AH205-279	75
		AH280-429	150
		AR702-751	45(50) JUL 40/JAN 41 5 LOST
		BJ421-428	0(8) EX FRENCH TO ME. 3 LOST
All by sea?		BS760-777	0(18) EX FRENCH.
		HK836	0(1)
<u>275</u>		HK845	0(1)
MITCHELL B-25B		FK161-183	3(23) 1942. 18 NASSAU. 1 nd. 1 cbd.
B-25C		FL164-218	54(55)JUN 42/JUL 42 1 ldf
B-25C		FL671-709	39 JUL 42/AUG 42
		FL851-874	00(24) 24 nd.
B-25C		FR141-207	60(67)JUN 42/OCT 4 nd. 3 ldf.
B-25G		FR208-209	2
B-25C		FR362-384	22(23) MAY 43/JUN 43 1 LOST
B-25C		FR393-397	2(5)JUL 43&JUL 44 3 NASSAU.
B-25C		FV900-939	40} MAY 43/APR 44
B-25D		FV940-FW280	214}(241) 5 NASSAU. 12 RCAF. 9 ldf.
B-25D		HD302-400	65}(99)1944. 4 NASSAU.29 RCAF.1 ldf
B-25J		KJ561-800	198(240) 13 RCAF.3 nd. 7 USAAF. 1 cbd 6 ldf. 12 NASSAU.
B-25D		KL133-161	0(29) To RCAF.
B-25J		KP308-328	0(19) Not delivered.
<u>906-225=681</u>			
MOSQUITO		KA103-450	203(348) FEB 45/AUG 45 139 nd. 6 ldf.
		KA930-999	50(70) MAR 45 18 nd. 2 ldf.
		KB100-299	100(200) 1944. 84 nd. 9 USAAF. 7 ldf.
<u>1018-346=672</u>		KB300-699	319(400) 59 nd. 4 USAAF. 18 ldf.
SKYMASTER C-54		EW999	1 JUN 44
<u>11</u>		KL977-986	10 FEB 45/JUL 45. (But FL990 is seen at PK?)
VENTURA B-34		AE658-845	151}188) 1 nd.23 RCAF. 1 cbd. 12 ldf.
		AE846-957	76(112) 10 nd. 31 RCAF. 1 cbd. 4 ldf
		AJ163-537	88(375) 5 ldf from batch.
		FD568-767	00(200) RAAF RCAF RNZAF USAAF
PV-1		FN956-999	34(44)APR 43/SEP 43 8 RCAF. 2 ldf.
		FP537-684	142(148)JUL-SEP 43. RAF/SAAF. 6 ldf.
		JS889-984	93(96) DEC 43/JAN 44.R/SAAF. 3 ldf.
		JT800-898	95(99)FEB-JUL 44. RAF/SAAF. 4 ldf.
<u>1262-583=679</u>			

lbd = Lost before Delivery
nd = Not Delivered
cbd = Crashed before delivery
ldf = Lost on delivery flight

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LISTING OF USAAF/USN SERIALS FROM PUTNAM

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		First noted at Prestwick
A-20	12671-13669	Sep 24 42
B-17	12393-12669	
	19011-19245	Jul 1 42
	22964-23482	
	23483-23563	
	25050-25484	Oct 25 42
	25705-26204	
	124340-124639	Aug 3 42
	229467-231031	
	231032-232116	
	237714-238213	
	239758-240057	
	297058-297407	
	297436-298035	
	2102379-2102978	
	2106984-2107233	
B-24	: 0695-702	Jul 3 41
	02349-02386	Aug 18 41
	11087-11142	Aug 9 42
	111587-111938	Aug 3 42
	123640-124311	Sep 5 42
	124339	
	128409-129006	
	129007-129608	
	164395-164431	
	240058-241257	
	250277-251076	
	251077-251225	
	252077-252776	
	263752-264046	
	26976-27464	
	264047-264394	
	272765-272963	
	27770	
	278045-278474	
	27465-27769	
	294729-295503	
	299736-299935	
	251431-252076	
	295054-295629	
	251225-251430	
	272964-273514	
	299936-2100435	
	2109789-2110188	
	278474-278794	
B-25	112434-113296	Sep 24 42
	129648-130847	Sep 24 42
	232233-232280	
	232282-232383	

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B-26	17345-17483 117544-118334 131573-132072	Sep 11 42
C-47	17722-17866 118337-118699 119463-119499 138564-138763 25635-25704 223300-224419 232786-232925 232924-232935 292024-293158 2100436-2101035 2108794-2108993	Jul 1 42 Aug 4 42
C-53	120045-120136 26455-26504 215530-215569 215870-215894 247371-247382 268693-268851	Aug 12 42 Aug 6 42 Aug 6 42
C-54	120137-120145 232936-232950 137268-137319 2107426-2107470 272165-272764	Oct 10 42
C-75/B307	NC19905/288624 19906/NC1940/288623 19907/288625 19908/288626 19909/288627	Jun 4 42 Aug 2 42 May 27 42 Apr 18 42
C-87	111639 111640/642 111655/657 plus more 111674 111680 111704 111708 111744 2107249-2107275 330548-336027 439198-439298	Nov 4 42 Oct 23 42 Nov 20 42 Nov 4 42 Jan 17 43 Feb 4 43
F-5A	13317+	
P-38	12293-12392 17484-17680 212567-212866 212870-213557	Aug 22 42 Sep 15 42

NOTES TO EXPAND THE LISTING SHOWING TRAFFIC CONTROLLED BY TAC
 TAKEN FROM THE ORB OF OAMCU, FILE AIR.29/472,
 ORB OF 44 GROUP, FILE AIR.25/629, ORB OF TAC, FILE AIR.29/473

Sep 41 : OTHERS : 4 USAAF B-24s took Balfour Party and Anthony
 Eden
 to Russia + 2 x B-24.
 ICELAND: 2 DH.91 flights.

Oct 41 : ICELAND: 8 includes 2 x DH91 & 6 Hudsons en-route Eastern
 US & Canada.

Nov 41 : ICELAND: 5 Includes 3 x DH.91 & 2 x 53 Sqdn flights.

Dec 41 : ICELAND: 7 Includes 1 x DH.91 & 6 x 53 & 271 Sqdn
 flights.
 OTHERS : 1 Catalina returned to Dartmouth, N.S.

Jan 42 : ICELAND: 2 271 Sqdn Hudsons flights.

Feb 42 : ICELAND: 6 Includes 2 x 53 Sqdn & 4 x 271 Sqdn flts.

Mar 42 : ICELAND: 8 Includes 2 x DH91 & 6 x 53/271 Sqdn flts.

Apr 42 : ICELAND: 9 Includes 2 x B-24 "Arnold", 1 x DLib, 1 x
 B307,
 2 x FLib, 1 x DH.91, 2 x DCatalina flights.

Oct 42 : OTHERS : 2 Liberator flight to Moscow & return

Nov 42 : OTHERS : 2 Liberator flight to Moscow & return

Jan 43 : OTHERS : 4 Liberator flights to Moscow.

Feb 43 : OTHERS : 2 Liberator flights to Moscow.

Mar 43 : OTHERS : 12 includes the first 6 of 200 Albermarles to
 Russia and 6 Liberator "Festoon" and TB-7
 "Goodwill" flights to/from Russia.

Apr 43 : OTHERS : 12 Unknown. 413 is stated total.

May 43 : OTHERS : 2 Unknown. 497 is stated total.

Jun 43 : OTHERS : 8 Unknown. 934 is stated total.

Sep 43 : RAF DEL : 96 Includes 12 by the South Route & 13 Westbound
 Hampdens.
 TRT/WX : 280 Includes 14 US Weather flights.

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Oct 43 : RAF DEL : 58 Includes 4 Westbound Hampdens.
TRT/WX : 289 Includes 7 US Weather flights.

Nov 43 : RAF DEL : 128 Includes 7 by the South Route.
TRT/WX : 299 Includes 6 US Weather flights.

Dec 43 : RAF DEL : 75 Includes 1 by South Route.
TRT/WX : 257 Includes 1 US Weather flight.

Jan 44 : OTHERS : 1 flight to Moscow.
RAF DEL : 105 Includes 2 Westbound Mariners.

Feb 44 : RAF DEL : 195 Includes 3 Westbound Mariners.

Mar 44 : RAF DEL : 199 Includes 3 Westbound Mariners.

Apr 44 : OTHERS : 5 includes 3 by No.111 OTU and 2 to Russia.
RAF DEL : 159 Includes 3 by South route & 3 Westbound
Mariners.

May 44 : RAF DEL : 163 Includes 1 by South Route and 2 Westbound
Mariners.
TRT/WX : 631 Includes 3 US Weather flights.
USN : 19 Include PBM & PB2Y USNATC flights.

Jun 44 : RAF DEL : 219 Includes 2 by South route, 6 Westbound
deliveries, 4 Westbound Mariners.

Jul 44 : RAF DEL : 163 Includes 1 by South Route, 2 West del. 3 West
Mariners.
TRT/WX : 876 Includes 11 US Weather flights.
USAAF :1055 Includes 7 Westbound "War-weary".

Aug 44 : RAF DEL : 128 Includes 6 by South Route, 5 West del. TRT/WX
: 742 Includes 1 US Weather flight.

Sep 44 : RAF DEL : 233 Includes, 3 by South Route, 1 West del. USAAF
: 602 Includes 2 Westbound "War- weary".
TRT/WX : 702 Includes 1 US Weather flight.

Oct 44 : RAF DEL : 121 Includes, 16 by South Route.
TRT/WX : 567 Includes 1 US Weather flight.
USAAF : 614 Includes 1 Westbound "War-weary".

Nov 44 : RAF DEL : 178 Includes 4 by South Route.
TRT/WX : 495 Includes 1 US Weather flight.
USAAF : 305 Includes 1 Westbound "War-weary".

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Dec 44 : RAF DEL : 92 Includes 1 by South Route.
 USAAF : 337 Includes 2 Westbound "War-weary".

Jan 45 : TRT/WX : 520 Includes 1 US Weather flight.

Feb 45 : RAF DEL : 176 Includes, 8 South Route. 5 West Catalina.
 USAAF : 406 Includes, 2 West "War-weary".

Mar 45 : RAF DEL : 247 Includes, 1 Westbound delivery.

Apr 45 : RAF DEL : 205 Includes, 1 West Del, 1 West Catalina. TRT/WX
 : 610 Includes, 1 US Weather flight.

May 45 : OTHERS : 7 Includes, 3 Ice/Sweden, 1 Sweden, 2 Russian,
 1 Polar "Aries" flight.
 TRT/WX : 609 Includes 1 US Weather flight.
 USAAF : 513 Includes 26 East and 487 Westbound flts.

Jun 45 : OTHERS : 14 Includes, 2 German, 1 Sweden, 9 Ice/ Sweden,
 2 Ice/Azores flights.
 TRT/WX : 592 Includes 2 US Weather flights.
 USAAF : 1147 Includes 1 East and 1146 Westbound flights.

Jul 45 : OTHERS : 29 Includes, 1 Sweden, 10 Ice/Sweden,
 1 Amsterdam, 2 Norway, 15 Russian del.
 RAF DEL : 123 Includes 3 Westbound deliveries.
 USAAF : 759 All Westbound to the US.
 RUSSIA/AL 33 includes, 15 Russian deliveries, 15 flights
 to/from Russia, 1 delivery to French and
 2 flights by Icelandic A/ws.

Aug 45 : OTHERS : 25 Includes, 13 Ice/Sweden, 2 Copenhagen,
 1 Norway, 8 Russia and 1 Botwood-Iceland
 flight.
 RAF DEL : 112 Includes, 33 Westbound deliveries.
 TRT/WX : 520 Includes, 1 US Weather flight.
 USAAF : 320 Includes 20 East and 300 West flights.
 RUSSIA/AL 29 Includes, 5 Iceland A/Ws, 6 ABA flights,
 18 to/from Russia.

Sep 45 : OTHERS : 37 includes, 5 Russia, 2 Copenhagen, 17 Ice/
 Sweden, 12 Norway flights, 1 AmEx.
 USAAF : 25 Includes 2 East and 23 Westbound to US.
 RUSSIA/AL 15 Includes 3 Iceland, 4 ABA, 8 Russia flts

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Oct 45 : OTHERS : 27 Includes, 14 Ice/Sweden, 10 Ice/Norway,
 3 Ice/Oslo flights.
 USAAF : 5 Westbound to the US.
 AIRLINE : 11 Includes, 9 ABA, 2 AmEx flights.

Nov 45 : OTHERS : 15 Includes, 11 Ice/Sweden, 1 UK/Sweden,
 1 Ice/Norway, 1 Ice/Copenhagen flight.
 : AIRLINE : 8 ABA flights, 1 TWA.
 RCAF : 32 Includes 1 Westbound delivery.

Dec 45 : OTHERS : 9 Includes 5 Ice/Sweden, 1 Ice/Norway,
 1 PK/Sweden, 2 PK/Copenhagen flights.
 AIRLINE : 3 ABA flights.

Jan 46 : OTHERS : 11 Includes, 4 Ice/Sweden, 1 Ice/Norway,
 1 Ice/Frankfurt, 1 Sweden/PK, 2 Copenhagen
 /PK
 and 1 Norway/PK flight.
 : RAF DEL : 1 to Belgium.
 AIRLINE : 4 Includes 1, AEA, 3 ABA flights.

Feb 46 : OTHERS : 3 Includes, 1 Amsterdam/PK, 1 Sweden/PK,
 1 Stavanger/PK/
 RAF DEL : 1 to Belgium.
 USAAF : 4 Westbound to US. (Total : 2,724)
 AIRLINE : 5 Includes, 1 TWA, 1 KLM, 1 AEA & 2 ABA.

Mar 46 : OTHERS : 2 Includes, 1 Copenhagen/PK, 1 Ice/Stockholm
 flight.
 RAF DEL : 7 Includes 5 RAF, 1 Batavia & 1 Dutch.
 AIRLINE : 16 Includes, 13, AEA, 1 TWA, 1 KLM & 1 ABA.

Apr 46 : RAF DEL : 11 Includes, 1 RAF, 2 Belgian, 2 Batavia,
 3 France & 3 Turkey.
 AIRLINE : 7 Includes, 3 AEA, 1 TWA and 3 KLM flts.

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NOTE ON THE QUESTION OF DELIVERY OF AMERICAN AIRCRAFT TO THE RAF

Wing Commander Powell's book, "Ferryman", contains some statements as to the numbers of aircraft delivered by the North and South Atlantic routes to the UK, Africa, Middle East, India and across the Pacific.

The following totals are not supported by those contained in the Paper "No.45 Group Cumulative Receipts and Deliveries" contained in the PRO file, AIR38/23. These totals are shown on page

Fy/43 : When RAF Ferry Command created, i.e. July, 1941, the OAMCU ("Ferry" pp.43) had recorded the delivery of;

274 "mainly" Hudson to UK, plus 4 lost, plus
 57 Catalinas from Bermuda, 1 lost.
 Total = 331 aircraft delivered to UK, plus 9 to Australia via
 the Pacific.

Fy/73 : 1,480 aircraft were ordered by the British before Lease/Lend.

Powell notes the following numbers delivered;

Fy/73	661 Hudson		
	847 Liberator	903 to Middle East =	1,747
Fy/74 :	153 Fortress		
Fy/76 :	222 Ventura plus	306 to Middle East =	528
Fy/77 :	324 Boston plus	110 to N Africa =	434
	70 Marauder plus	368 to Middle East =	438
Fy/78 :	330 Mitchell, plus	329 to Africa via SR=	659
	Baltimore	1,000 to Africa via SR=	1,000
	1,174 Dakota, plus	543 to Africa via SR=	1,717
Fy/79 :	393 Lancaster (Canadian)		
	644 Mosquitos (Canadian)		
Fy/80 :	435 Catalina, plus	37 to Far East via the SR	
:	27 Mariner, (137 flights)		
	Only 27 of 33 serials delivered (ab)		
Fy/81 :	10 Coronado (169 flights) plus 51 flights via the SR		
	Only 10 from 32 serials delivered (ab)		
Fy/82 :	20 Hampdens Westbound to Canada (2 lost en-route)		
Fy/82 :	37 Mitchells Westbound		
	1 Hadrian		
	4 Halifax		
Fy/83 :	15 Skymasters, (See above. These may be No. of flights)		
	Only 11 serials known (ab)		
:	15 Lodestars,	35 serials known	
:	14 Invaders,	Only 2 of 140 serials delivered.	
:	29 Harpoons? (PV-1??)	Type not reported in RAF (ab)	
	<u>5,425 NAT</u>	<u>3,596 SAT</u>	

Powell = Total NAT and SAT 9,021 flights with 74 lost en-route*

Fy/83 = 9,095 flights completed.

* "Trans-Atlantic Accidents & Incidents" lists at least 340 losses.

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My File TAC4146 is from the Operational Record Book of the Overseas Air Movement Control Unit in AIR.29/472 and the ORB of Transatlantic Air Control in AIR.29/473;

RAF deliveries are noted as;

	Northern Route		Southern Route	
Oct-Dec 1940	26	-plus-	0	26
Jan-Dec 1941	622	-plus-	65	687
Jan-Dec 1942	863	-plus-	13	876
Jan-Dec 1943	1,016	-plus-	971	1,987
Jan-Dec 1944	1,995	-plus-	1,105	= 3,100
Jan-Dec 1945	1,311	-plus-	76	= 1,387
Totals	<u>5,793</u>	-plus-	2,230	= <u>8,023</u>

Counts from AIR29/472 (OAMCU);

Oct-Dec 1940	26	
	+	
Jan-Aug 15, 1941	387	}

Counts from AIR24/506 RAFFC } = 607

	+	
Aug 16, 1941-Dec 1941	220	}

Jan-Dec 1942 849

+
Jan-Mar 1943 171

+
Counts from AIR25/647 (45 Group);

	Northern Route		Southern Route	
	+			
Apr-Dec 43	785	-plus-	1,047	= 1,832
Jan-Dec 1944	2,690	-plus-	988	= 3,678
Jan-Dec 1945	1,444	-plus-	180	= 1,624
Totals	<u>6,572</u>	-plus-	2,215	= <u>8,787</u>

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From AIR38/227 : 44 Group, Movement Record;

RAF aircraft delivered to the UK from North America;, Oct 1940 to November 19, 1944;

Hudson	819		
Liberator	672		
Catalina	541		
Fortress	149		
Mosquito	195		
Mitchell	558		
Dakota	516		
Lancaster	142		
Total	3,592	}	
			= 4,879}
FLib flights	1,287	}	

USAAC flight movements;

			= <u>21,536</u>
B-17	6,628		
B-24	2,254		
C-47	632	= 16,657}	
P-38	194		
B-25	111		
C-54	6,838		

North Atlantic Routeing movements;

Dct North America, inc Bermuda flights;	10,371
via Greenland/iceland	11,236
Via Greenlans	255
via the Azores	958
Total	<u>22,820</u>

In addition, routeings via the South Atlantic, Natal, Brazil to West Africa to the Middle East and up to the UK under OAC or joint TAC/OAC control, to November 19, 1944;

Total 4,486
The flights included ;

B-17	361
B-24	1,788
C-47	1,208
B-26	747
Misc	182
Total	<u>4,286</u>

Of these, 3,889 were flown by US ferry crews and 397 were flown by US operational crews.

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Historical notes held by the Ocean Centre at Prestwick, showed the following annual totals of aircraft movements over the NAT;

	Centre	TAC4146
1940	26	26
1941	807	805
1942	2,420	2,436
1943	6,830	6,817
1944	16,218	16,224
1945	11,727	11,736
total	<u>38,028</u>	<u>38,044*</u>

My file TAC4146 shows the following movement record;

RAF Deliveries	5,793
Transport & Wx	15,808
USAAF	15,041
USN & Russian	731
RCAF	386
Losses	258
Total	<u>38,017*</u>

TAC4146 also shows the routeings as;

Direct	13,877
via Iceland	18,447
via Greenland	517
via South Atlantic	2,230
via the Azores	2,813
Others	228
Total	<u>38,112*</u>

* = These totals do not quite agree, probably due to errors in the stress of wartime accounting.

NOTE ON THE QUESTION OF DELIVERY OF AMERICAN AIRCRAFT TO THE RAF

The PRO Air files also contain several passing statements as to the numbers of aircraft delivered, etc;

AIR.38/227 : 44 GROUP;

Lists numbers of aircraft controlled by OAC, TAC and "Joint",

	OAC	TAC	JOINT	TOTAL	
Oct 40 - Oct 41			1,518	1,518	(OAMCU)
Nov 41 - Dec 41	252	73	0	325	
Jan 42 - Dec 42	3,105	2,419	8	5,532	
Jan 43 - Dec 43	7,700	5,865	965	14,530	
Jan 44 - Nov 44	11,735	12,831	1,508	26,074	
Total	22,792	21,188	2,481	46,461	

The Prestwick TAC History totals the number of flights as;

1940	26
1941	807
1942	2,420
1943	6,830
1944	16,218
1945	11,727
Total	<u>38,028</u>

AIR.29/473 : TAC records;

Jun 24, 1942 : 1,000 aircraft safely delivered to the RAF.

Jun 14, 1943 : 5,000 flights controlled by TAC since "Guba" (Oct26 40)

Sep 7, 1943 : 1,000 RFS crossings complete.

Dec 23, 1943 : 10,000 flights controlled by TAC.

Dec 31, 1943 : 1,000 a/c delivered by 45 Group on Southern Route.

May 22, 1944 : 15,000 flights controlled by TAC.

Aug 10, 1944 : 20,000 flights controlled by TAC.

Sep 26, 1944 : 10,000th flights via Iceland controlled by TAC.

Oct 13, 1944 : 10,000 USAAF aircraft delivered under TAC control

Nov 1944 : 25,000 flights controlled by TAC.

Dec 18, 1944 : 2,000 flights delivered by 45 Group from Windsor Field, Nassau, Bahamas via the Southern Route.

Jul 13, 1945 : 13,000 transport crossings completed with TAC.

Dec 22, 1945 : 38,000 flights controlled by TAC.

Feb 10, 1946 : 2,000 RFS flights controlled by TAC.

SIGNIFICANT DATES : FROM AIR29/473 : TAC

A Trans-Atlantic Reception Party (TRP) took over the looking after of arriving service personnel when the Air Ministry took over ATFERO from the MAP, on July 15, 1941. Sqdn Ldr J.M. Bamford i/c.

From October (July?) 15, 1941 to March 31 1942, TRP serviced 533 landplanes and 100 flying-boats, including those of their predecessors.

See my File "Delivery" notes 5,833 aircraft del by North Route.

Several significant dates are included in the Foynes/Botwood Logs and in the PRO files;

Jul 1, 1939 : Proving flight by Amex Catalina New York - Marseilles
("Transatlantic" NC18997)

Jul 8/9, 1939 : First PanAm B314 passenger service New York - Botwood
- Foynes - Southampton.
("Yankee Clipper NC18603)

Jul 12/13, 1939 : First RAF Catalina P9630 Botwood - Felixstowe

Jul 17/18, 1939 : Proving flight by AmEx Catalina New York - Botwood -
Foynes - Biscarosse.

Jul 19, 1939 : Amex Catalina Biscarosse - Foynes - New York.

Jul 28, 1939 : Amex Catalina New York - Botwood - Foynes.

Aug 3, 1940 : First BOAC S.30 passenger service Poole - Foynes -
Botwood - New York ("Clare" G-AFCZ)

Aug 5, 1939 : First Imperial Airways S.26 airmail only service Foynes
- Botwood - Montreal - New York. ("Caribou" G-AFCV)

Oct 25/26, 1940 : RAF Catalina AM258 "Guba" Boucherville - Stranraer.

Nov 9/10, 1940 : First flight of 7 Hudsons Gander - Aldergrove.

Nov 28/29, 1940 : Second flight of 7 Hudsons Gander - Aldergrove. One
diverted Prestwick (T9426).

Dec 17/18, 1940 : Third flight of 7 Hudsons Gander - Aldergrove. One
diverted Prestwick (T9440).

Dec 28/29, 1940 : Fourth flight 4 Hudsons Gander - Aldergrove.

Jan 30, 1941 : First RAF Catalina Bermuda-Milford Haven (AM269)

Feb 10/11, 1941 : First single Hudson Gander-Prestwick (T9464)

Mar 14, 1941 : First RFS Liberator to Prestwick (AM259)

More...

SIGNIFICANT DATES : FROM AIR29/473 : TAC

- Apr 7, 1941 : First of second batch of Liberators arrived
Ayr/Heathfield (AM910)
- Apr 13, 1941 : First RAF Fortress arrived Prestwick (AN534)
- Apr 22/23, 1941 : First Eastbound RFS Liberator service, Gander-
Prestwick (AM912)
- May 4/5, 1941 : First Westbound RFS Liberator service, Squires Gate-
Gander (AM260).
- May 22, 1941 : First Eastbound crossing BOAC B314 G-AGBZ New York-
Bermuda - Foynes.
- Jun 21, 1941 : First ferry crossing of South Atlantic by ten Lodestar
transports Miami - West Africa
- Jul 2/3 1941 : First USAAF Ferry Command passenger Liberator flight
Washington-Montreal-Gander-Ayr/Heathfield. (40-702)
- Sep 14/15, 1941 : USN PB2Y Coronado Argentina - Stranraer.
(Returned 28/29)
- Nov 12, 1941 : CW.20 Commando G-AGDI prototype arrived Prestwick
- Jan 17, 1942 : B314 G-AGCA Bermuda-Mountbatten with PM Churchill.
- Feb 26, 1942 : First USAAF Boeing 307 Bolling Field to Cairo via
Southern Route.
- Apr 18, 1942 : First USAAF Boeing 307 transport Greenland-Iceland-
Prestwick. (NC19908)
- Apr 18, 1942 : First two Hudsons Goose - Prestwick.
- May 16, 1942 : First RAF Mitchell arrived Prestwick. (FK161/2)
- Jun 17, 1942 : B314 G-AGBZ "Bristol" Stranraer-Washington with PM
Churchill.
- Jun 26/27, 1942 : B314 G-AGBZ "Bristol" Washington-Botwood-Stranraer
with PM Churchill.
- Jul 1, 1942 : First B-17 arrived Prestwick for 8th USAAF. (41-9085)
- Jul 3/4, 1942 : First USAAF C-47 arrived Prestwick (41-7833).
- Sep 2, 1942 : First RAF Marauder arrived Prestwick (FK138).

SIGNIFICANT DATES : FROM AIR29/473 : TAC

- Sep 4/5 1942 : First direct Gander-Pk flight by 15 USAAF B-24s.

Sep 6, 1942 : First direct Gander-Pk flight by 17 USAAF B-17s.

Oct 10, 1942 : First USAAF C-54 transport arrived at Pk.41-2041.

Oct 12, 1942 : First 3 Bostons arrived Prestwick.BZ199/203/220.

Dec 16, 1942 : Last of 122 USAAF Boeing 307 flights.

Jan 17, 1943 : First USAAF C-54 Prestwick - Marrakech flight.

Feb 1943 : 19 days - no flying due weather.

Feb 11, 1943 : First delivery of RAF Dakota (FD769).

Apr 16/17 1943 : First of 60 B-17s direct from Gander - Prestwick.

Mar 6, 1943 : First delivery on Southern Route.

May 6, 1943 : First USN R5D Reykjavik - Prestwick (Bu39137)

May 26/27, 1943 : Fourth Churchill flight in B314, Washington-
Gibraltar-Algiers.

Jul 1, 1943 : Only crossing by a Hadrian glider (FR579) towed by an
RAF Dakota (FD900) from Dorval - Goose - BW1 - Reykjavik
- Prestwick.

Jul 22/23, 1943 : First TCA Lancaster CF-CMS: Dorval-Prestwick.

Jul 23, 1943 : First ferry of single-engined USAAF P-47 fighters.

Aug 19, 1943 : First Mariner delivery to RAF (JX103).

Sep 19, 1943 : First Canadian Lancaster to Prestwick. (KB700).

Dec 7, 1943 : First two Liberators Goose - Lagens, Azores.

Dec 17, 1943 : First RCAF "Mailcan" flight from 168(HT) Squadron
arrived Prestwick. B-17F (9202).

Oct 4, 1944 : First New York - Paris flight by USAAF C-54.

Jan 28, 1945 : First direct Prestwick - New York flight by a C-54.
42-37279.

Jun 21. 1945 : First Westbound C-54 GREEN PROJECT flight, returning US
service personnel to the US. 42-32947

Aug 1/4, 1945 : First New York-Paris flight by a USAAF C-69
Constellation.

Oct 24, 1945 : First Eastbound civil passenger service. AOA DC-4 from
New York to Hurn (NC90901)

Oct 27/28, 1945 : First Eastbound PanAm passenger service New York to
Hurn.

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EASTBOUND PROCEDURES

Trans-Atlantic Air Control (TAC) at Prestwick assumed control of Eastbound flights from Bermuda and Gander, East of 30W until 10W. Flights South of 5230N, via Gibraltar and North Africa were controlled by the Overseas Air Control Centre (OAC) at Gloucester. Thereafter the flight came under the Control of the Regional Control Centre and destination airfield. The OAC Centre at Gloucester was the standby for TAC at Prestwick should it be attacked by enemy aircraft.

The major navigation aid for trans-Atlantic flights was a high-powered M/F omni-directional radio beacon, (the "Loch Erne" beacon) callsign "UU7" on 263 Kcs, screened to the East and sited 6nm West of the West edge of Lough Erne at Derrynacross. The inbound Radio Range station "legs" at Prestwick, Sillioth, and Blackpool (Squire's Gate) were aligned with this beacon. The inbound Radio Range "leg" at Valley was aligned on Belfast Lough. An NDB at each airfield indicated the "overhead" position. Inbound aircraft could receive the Radio Range transmission from overhead the Lough Erne beacon at 12,000 feet or above.

Thirty minutes before their ETA at 10W, inbound aircraft were to identify themselves on the "Renfrew Trio" of M/F D/F stations on 363 kcs or, to the "Plymton Trio" on 363 kcs, if South of 53 North. Renfrew/Plymton would then advise TAC/OAC of the aircraft identity and position fix.

Aircraft were to hold West of the Lough Erne beacon until instructions to proceed were received. TAC or OAC would then pass the following;

Destination,
 Number along Radio Range leg to the airfield beacon,
 Turn to land and
 Altitude to fly (4,000 feet + 1,000 ft intervals)
 Acknowledge.

e.g. "QAB - W/T callsign of Destination - QGP - Number - QFM - Height in feet - QSL". Then "QSY" to Destination radio frequency".

When the aircraft arrived overhead the destination beacon, it was to report; Time over "Cone of Silence", Height, Blind or Visual Approach.

MF D/F FIXER		C/s	Frequency
Renfrew Trio:	Renfrew	MJ5	363 kcs
	Belfast	9UN	363 kcs
	Stornoway	J7G	363 kcs
	Islay	VA7	363 kcs
Plymton Trio :	Plymton	JF1	363 kcs
	St Buryen	MS5	363 kcs
	Southampton	3YW	363 kcs

Ref : From AIR.25/625 : 44 GROUP APPENDIX

All flights were notified to Gander, Montreal, 44 Group, Air Ministry and the Military Liaison Officer (MLO) at 9 Group Fighter Command. Flights were to be so routed that they did not interfere with Eastbound traffic. A Departure Message was sent to the TAC/OAC and the aircraft remained under Departure/Regional Control until 10W. Flights were handed off to Gander at 30W and an Arrival Message was required. Overdue action was taken after one hour. Aircraft were to report, enemy attack, submarines, surface vessels and gunfire. If the flight forced landed in Eire, then the crew were to destroy all documents and the aircraft. They were then to escape.

LONG RANGE CR D/F

Boston (UK)	Control	80Q	6265 Kcs (No D/F)
Sangerdi (Iceland)		Q6F	6265/6500 Kcs
Lagens (Azores)		TB9	6265 Kcs
Butser (UK)		ZF1	6265 Kcs
Ballywattick (NI)		5GZ	6265 Kcs
Aberdeen (UK)		1SM	6500 Kcs
St. Eval (UK)		N8P	6500 Kcs

RADIO BEACONS

Barra Head	GGH	303.5 kcs
Butt of Lewis	MBG	303.5 kcs
Derrynacross	UU7	263 kcs
Symington	ZZ7	276 kcs
Tory Island	EIB	297.5 kcs

AERONAUTICAL MESSAGES

"Warning - Departure - Arrival - Delay"

CALLSIGNS

"Refors" : RAF Reinforcements
 "USA" : US Army or US Navy reinforcements
 "Arnold" : USAAC Ferrying Command HQ Squadron
 "PAA" - "BOAC" - "AEX"
 "Ferry" : Return Ferry Service
 "ATDEL" : RAF Ferry Command

Ref : From AIR.25/625 : 44 GROUP APPENDIX

SELECTED AIRFIELDS & AIDS 1941-45

To accept the increasing number of American-built aircraft being delivered to the RAF and their Allies in Europe, an all-weather airfield was required and Prestwick, on the West Coast of Scotland, was found to experience a fine weather record and was also adjacent to the preferred Direct and Northerly routeings from North America.

PRESTWICK POS : 5530N 0426W ELEVATION : 30 ft

First recorded use, November 29, 1940.

RUNWAYS	14/32	6600 x 300 ft	(Completed Sep 21, 1941
	08/26	4500 x 300 ft	(Completed Apr 16, 1942
RADIO TRACK GUIDE		36.4 Mcs	{Marker Beacon 38 Mcs Aligned on Derrynacross
RADIO BEACON	"ZZ7"	276 Kcs	{Located at Symington
HF D/F	"WYY"	6577 Kcs	{As at Nov 1941
		3105 Kcs{	{
APPROACH		3105 Kcs	{
TOWER	"BURTON"	6440 Kcs	{
AIRWAYS		6265 Kcs	{From Dec 2, 1942
		6500 Kcs	{
RADIO RANGE	"AR"	256 Kcs	(From Aug 28, 1942
RADIO RANGE	"PI"	256 Kcs	(As at Jan 1945)
SCS.51			
SBA			

It was realised that diversions from Prestwick would be required, both due weather, usually strong cross winds on Runway 14/32 at Prestwick, and also when Prestwick parking areas became saturated with aircraft delivered. Both the Air Transport Auxiliary (ATA) and USAAF ferry crews were tasked with continuing these delivered aircraft to Maintenance Units or to their operational bases.

By November 18, 1941, the Primary Alternative airfields for Prestwick had been assigned as Silloth, Squires Gate and Valley. Silloth and Squires Gate were equipped with Radio Track Guides (RTG), aligned on the powerful Derrynacross Radio Beacon in Northern Ireland, while the RTG at Valley was aligned with the mouth of Belfast Lough.

AYR/HEATHFIELD POS : 5529N 0436W ELEVATION

First recorded use, April 14, 1941.

RUNWAY	10/19	4,100 X 150 FT
	07/25	4,700 X 150 FT
	13/31	4,500 X 150 FT

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SELECTED AIRFIELDS & AIDS 1941-45

SILLOTH POS : 5452N 0321W ELEVATION : 25 ft

First recorded use, July 20, 1942.

RUNWAYS 05/23 4650 x 150 ft
01/19 3300 x 150 ft
10/28 3300 x 150 ft

Radio Track Guide 34.4 Mcs {As at Nov, 1941
HF D/F 3105 Kcs {
SBA 38.4 Mcs {
TOWER "HATHWAY" 6440 Kcs {

SQUIRES GATE POS : 5346N 0302W ELEVATION : 33 ft

First recorded use, May 4, 1941

RUNWAYS 08/26 4200 x 150 ft
14/32 3300 x 150 ft
02/20 3300 x 150 ft

Radio Track Guide 34.43 Mcs {As at Nov 1941
HF D/F 3105 Kcs {
HF D/F "G6U" 3425 Kcs
TOWER "BUNKHAM" 6440 Kcs (As at Sep 1944)

VALLEY POS : 5315N 0433W ELEVATION : 26 FT

First recorded use, March 2, 1943.

RUNWAYS 14/32 6090 x 150 ft
02/20 5400 x 150 ft
08/26 4200 x 150 ft

Radio Track Guide 36.4 Mc/s
RADIO RANGE "DN" 286 Kcs {From 1944
HF D/F 3105 Kcs {As at Nov 1941
"GZ9" 3415 Kcs {
"HENPECK" 4220 Kcs {From 1944
4315 Kcs {
VHF D/F "HENPECK" 116.1 Mcs {
TOWER "HENPECK" 6440 Kcs
116.1 Mcs {From 1944
126.18 Mcs {
AIRWAYS "HENPECK" 4220 Kcs {As at Jan 1945)

SELECTED AIRFIELDS & AIDS 1941-45

STORNOWAY POS : 5813N 0620W ELEVATION : 12 ft
 First recorded use, Jul 1, 1942

RUNWAYS
 01/19 6198 x 150 ft
 07/25 4050 x 150 ft
 13/31 3882 x 150 ft
 06/24 2625 x 150 ft

RADIO RANGE "ST" 290 Kcs (As at Jul 3, 1942
 HF D/F 6577 Kcs {As at Nov 1941
 HF D/F "FL1" 3105 Kcs
 MF D/F 363 Kcs (As at Nov 1941
 VHF D/F "BREADCRUST" 116.1 Mcs (As at Jan 26, 1945
 TOWER "BREADCRUST" 6440 Kcs {
 116.1 Mcs {As at Jan 26, 1945
 126.18MmCS {

AIRWAYS "BREADCRUST" 4315 Kcs {As at Jan 26, 1945
 4220 Kcs (As at Jan 26, 1945

ST ANGELO POS : 5424N 0739W ELEVATION : 165 ft
 First recorded use September, 14, 1941

RUNWAYS
 06/24 5400 X 150 ft
 16/34 4350 X 150 ft (15/33 4400 x 150 ft)?

RADIO RANGE "EC" 225 Kcs {
 VHF D/F "WOODPECKER" 116.1 Mcs {As at Dec 1, 1944
 TOWER "TWEED SOCK" 6440 Kcs {
 "WOODPECKER" 116.1 Mcs {

ST MAWGAN POS : 5026N 0501W ELEVATION : 350 ft
 First recorded use October 17, 1943

RUNWAYS
 13/31 9000 X 300 ft
 08/26 6330 X 150 ft

RADIO RANGE "JM" 214 Kcs {As at Jan 26, 1945
 HF D/F "P8U" 3425 Kcs
 "WYQV" 6475 Kcs
 6563Kcs
 3162 Kcs

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 AIRWAYS "HEAVEHO" 4315 Kcs {As at Jan 26, 1945
 AIRWAYS "HEAVEHO" 4220 Kcs {As at Jan 26, 1945
 TOWER "HEAVEHO" 6440 Kcs
 126.18 Mcs (1944)
 116.1 Mcs (1944)
 4220 Kcs (As at Jan 1945)
 130.86 Mcs (As at May 1945)

SELECTED AIRFIELDS & AIDS 1944-45

NUTTS CORNER POS : 5438N 0609W ELEVATION : 350 ft

First recorded use August 29, 1941.

RUNWAYS 10/28 6000 X 150 ft
 04/22 4800 X 150 ft
 16/34 3600 X 150 ft

RADIO RANGE "HU" 353 Kcs {As at Nov 10,1944
 HF D/F "L3Q" 3425 Kcs
 SBA 38.4 Mcs {As at November 1941
 VHF D/F "NAGAR" 116.1 Mcs (

TOWER "NAGAR" 6440 Kcs As at Nov 10,1944
 126.18 Mcs (As at Nov 10,1944

AIRWAYS "NAGAR" 4220 Kcs (As at Nov 10,1944

LIMAVADAY POS : 5505N 0654W ELEVATION : 65 ft

First recorded use June 25, 1941.

RUNWAYS 18/36 5067 x 150 ft
 09/27 4596 x 150 ft
 13/31 4119 x 150 ft

NO AIDS

TOWER "SANCTO" 6440 kcs (Nov 10, 1944)

ALTERNATIVE AIRFIELDS

Leuchars : SBA 36.4 Mcs
 Linton-on-Ouse : SBA 39.4 Mcs
 Waddington : SBA 36.4 Mcs
 Lakenheath : SBA 39.4 Mcs
 Harwell : SBA 39.4 Mcs
 St. Eval : SBA 38.4 Mcs
 : LR CR D/F 6577 Kcs
 Chivenor : SBA 36.4 Mcs
 Lough Erne : HF D/F 6577 Kcs
 West Freugh : LR CR D/F 6577 Kcs
 Pembroke Dock : HFD/F 6577 Kcs
 : MF D/F 363 Kcs

End of trans-Atlantic Deliveries Appendix.

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ALLOCATION OF AIRCRAFT (OTHER THAN FAA TYPES) TO GREAT BRITAIN

JUNE TO DECEMBER 1942

Aircraft allocated up to 31 May 1942, shall remain at the disposal of the British Government, including; 19 Fortress, 6 Liberator and 24 Mitchells, but excluding 387 Bostons transferred to Russia.

Liberator	Ventura	Boston	Hudson	Baltimore	Bermuda	Vengence	Airacobra
			*				@
54	100	181	355	420	363	625	250
		Kittyhawk	Mustang				
			#				
		500	200				

* = Includes 200 troop carrying/transport versions.

@ = In exchange for 150 Spitfires to equip one Fighter Group.

= In exchange for 200 Spitfires to equip second Fighter Group.

Ref : AAF of WW2 : Craven and Cate : pp.568

BOLERO

On 18 June 1942, VIII Fighter Command at Grenier Field, issued orders for 49 x B-17 of the 97th Group, 80 x P-38s from the 1st Group and 52 x C-47s from the 60th Group, to proceed to Presque Isle to be organised into squadrons, each of three flights of two elements, each with one B-17 to four P-38s. C-47s to carry freight.

Ref : AAF of WW2 : Craven and Cate : pp.641/2.

By the end of August 1942, 164 x P-38s, 119 x B-17s and 103 x C-47s had crossed to England, a total of 386..

920 aircraft attempted the crossing to January 1, 1943. A total 882 reached their destinations, about 700 to the 8th AAF flown by their combat crews.

38 planes failed to reach Prestwick, 29 of which "wrecked" and 9 "lost". Of the 186 x P-38 despatched only 7 failed to reach their destination in addition to the 6 lost of the Greenland icecap. One more was "lost".

TABLE OF 8TH USAAF AIRCRAFT WHICH DEPARTED NORTH AMERICA

Type =	B-17	P-38	C-47/C-53	B-24	B-25	B-26	A-20	Total
Jun	29	29	20	0	0	0	0	78
Jul	44	123	38	0	0	0	0	205
Aug	46	12	45	0	0	0	0	103
Sep	56	12	43	44	38	24	21	238
Oct	87	14	13	18	17	21	36	206
Nov	{40	0	26	18	0	0	0	{92
Dec	{	0	0	0	0	0	0	{ 0
Total	302	190	185	80	63	45	57	922

TABLE OF 8TH USAAF AIRCRAFT WHICH WERE DELIVERED

Type =	B-17	P-38	C-47/C-53	B-24	B-25	B-26	A-20	Total
Jun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jul	48	80	52	0	0	0	0	180
Aug	58	51	46	0	0	0	0	155
Sep	50	32	23	43	9	1	9	167
Oct	93	13	38	23	24	27	9	227
Nov	23	6	0	12	12	5	25	83
Dec/Jan	16	0	2	0	11	1	9	72
Total	288	183	185	78	61	37	52	884

TABLE OF 8TH USAAF AIRCRAFT LOST EN-ROUTE

Type =	B-17	P-38	C-47/C-53	B-24	B-25	B-26	A-20	Total
Jun	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Jul	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	8
Aug	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Sep	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	7
Oct	3	0	0	0	0	4	5	12
Nov	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Dec	1	0	2	0	1	6	0	10
Total	16	8	2	2	2	12	6	48
Repaired	2	1	2	0	0	4	1	10
Write Off	14	7	0	2	2	8	5	38

Ref : "Aircraft Arrivals & Departures Iceland, 1942"
 Compiled by Eggert Norddahl, December 1999.

PB Notes= 9 6 1 3 0 8 9 36

Jun 3 x B-17 on the Greenland Icecap. 999/999/999

Jul 2 x B-17 on the Greenland Icecap. 19101/19105.
6 x P-38 on the Greenland Icecap.
17630/17623/17616/17583/17626/17560

Aug Nil

Sep 1 x B-17 lost en-route. 124463.
1 x B-17 Crashed onto Magilligan Point. 124516. Crew safe.
1 x B-24 lost en-route. 123713.
1 x A-20 lost en-route. 999
6 x A-20 abandoned due weather. 999/999/999/999/999/999

Oct 1 x B-17 flew into Cushendall Hills. 124451. 8k, 2 safe.
2 x A-20 lost en-route. 13159/232964.
1 x B-24 crashed on t/o. 123882.
3 x B-26 lost en-route.
3 x B-26 overflow Pwk and landed in Holland.

Nov 1 x B-17 on Greenland Icecap. 25088.
1 x B-24 lost en-route. 111650.

Dec 2 x B-26 lost en-route. 117833/117760.

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Didn't see this
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Didn't see this
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supplements Air25/647
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contains totals but only up to Nov 44

The SAL and RAF "Trans-Atlantic Reception Party" figures show RAF movements handled at Prestwick. USAAF and USN were in addition.

I calculated a total of 5,793 RAF deliveries from October 1940 to December 1945.

CHRONOLOGY OF TRANS-ATLANTIC AIR CONTROL, PRESTWICK

- July 1940 ATFERO was formed to ferry by air, US military aircraft purchased by Great Britain.
- Sep 9, 1940 An Overseas Air Movement Control Unit (OAMCU) was set up to control the non-operational flights operating outside of UK airspace, including the then small number of aircraft from North America.
Based at Gloucester, due the nearby W/T radio station at Birdlip.
- Oct 25/26 The first flight controlled by OAMCU was the PBV AM258 "Guba", Botwood - Stranraer. There followed the first formation flights of Hudsons from Gander to Aldergrove.
- Nov 1940 A Civilian Reception Party was formed by Scottish Aviation (SAL), to accept the aircraft delivered from North America, and to welcome, feed and accommodate both crew and passengers.
- Nov 11, 1940 Seven Hudsons, Gander-Aldergrove, arrived.
- December, 1940 RAF Station Prestwick (Flying Training Command) formed. Responsible for the operation of No.1 AONS, No.12 EFTS and No.3 Radio School.
- Jan 1941 Two more Catalinas were delivered, one from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia to Greenock and the other, the first from Bermuda to Greenock.
- Mar 14, 1941 The first Liberator arrival was AM259, Gander to Blackpool (Squires Gate).
- Mar 17, 1941 Flying Officer Sarll was posted to command the RAF Delivery Flight Reception Party, Prestwick
- Apr 14 The 1st RAF Fortress AN534, Gander - Ayr, arrived after a flight of 8:35.
- May 1941 ATFERO came under the control of the Ministry of Aircraft Production (MAP).

May 4, 1941 Liberator AM260 was the first Westbound Return Ferry Service (RFS), departing Blackpool/Squires Gate, having being delayed since May 2nd, due slight damage during an enemy air raid.

July 2, 1941 RAF Prestwick transferred from FTC to No.27 Group, Technical Training Command.

Jul 2/3, 1941 The first USAAF B-24 "Arnold" transport flight Gander - Ayr arrived. USAAF 40-702, Callsign "MD-120". Returned Ayr-Montreal on Jul 8/9.

July 9,1941 A Lodestar was delivered from Gander - Prestwick

CHRONOLOGY OF TRANS-ATLANTIC AIR CONTROL, PRESTWICK

July 15, 1941 ATFERO renamed RAF Ferry Command.

July 15, 1941 RAF Trans-Atlantic Reception Party (TRP) formed

July 19, The DH.91 began a Prestwick - Reykjavik service.

July 20, 1941 RAF Ferry Command in control.

July 29, 1941 A "long-range" Wellington was noted Westbound, Prestwick - Reykjavik. Continued Reykjavik - Gander on Aug 5.

August 15, 1941 No.44 Group formed within RAF Ferry Command and absorbed OAMCU. Responsible for the Master Control of all non-operational flights outside the U.K. (But TASSO controlled Foynes-Botwood)

August 15, 1941 Trans-Atlantic Air Control (TAC) formed at Prestwick and assumed the control of the local area. Located in the Air Defence HQ at Powbank Mill.

Aug 15 to Oct 21 No.44 Group continued the Master Control of NAT and Iceland flights.

Sep 15, 1941 RAF Prestwick transferred from No.27 Group, TTC to No.44 Group. 44 Group was responsible for TAC, TRP, No.27 Beam Approach Training (BAT) Flight and No.3 Radio School.

Oct 21, 1941 At 1315 hrs, TAC moved to Redbrae House.

Nov 6, 1941 At 0700 hrs Regional Control Centre opened at Redbrae.

Nov 6, 1941 At 1500 hrs TAC assumed Master Control of North Atlantic, Bermuda, Iceland and Russian flights, North of 5230N. Overseas Air Control (OAC) at No.44 Group retained control of aircraft South of 5230N. UK-Gibraltar/Malta and Middle East.

January, 1942. Control of all flying-boats on UK-Gibraltar route handed to 19 Group Coastal Command.

March 25, 1943 RAF Transport Command formed, Ferry Command renamed No.45 (Air Transport) Group.

April 1, 1943 Renamed No.45 Group.

Feb 15, 1946 Reduced to Wing status.

May 1, 1946 RAF handed over TAC, Approach and Tower control to Civilian MCA. The introduction of operating procedures was delayed until November 1, 1946.

More,

ORB OF 44 GROUP, FILE AIR.29/629, ORB OF TAC, FILE AIR.29/473

Sep 41 : OTHERS : 4 USAAF B-24s took Harold Balfour and Anthony Eden to Russia + 2 x B-24.
 ICELAND: 2 DH.91 flights.

Oct 41 : ICELAND: 8 includes 2 x DH91 & 6 x 53 Sqdn Hudsons en-route Eastern US & Canada for anti-submarine patrols. Operation "Scream".

Nov 41 : ICELAND: 5 Includes 3 x DH.91 & 2 x 53 Sqdn flights.

Dec 41 : ICELAND: 7 Includes 1 x DH.91 & 6 x 53 & 271 Sqdn flights.
 OTHERS : 1 Catalina returned to Dartmouth, N.S.

Jan 42 : ICELAND: 2 271 Sqdn Hudsons flights.

Feb 42 : ICELAND: 6 Includes 2 x 53 Sqdn & 4 x 271 Sqdn flts.

Mar 42 : ICELAND: 8 Includes 2 x DH91 & 6 x 53/271 Sqdn flts.

Apr 42 : ICELAND: 9 Includes 2 x B-24 "Arnold", 1 x DLib, 1 x B307, 2 x FLib, 1 x DH.91, 2 x DCatalina flights.

Oct 42 : OTHERS : 2 Liberator flight to Moscow & return

Nov 42 : OTHERS : 2 Liberator flight to Moscow & return

Jan 43 : OTHERS : 4 Liberator flights to Moscow.

Feb 43 : OTHERS : 2 Liberator flights to Moscow.

Mar 43 : OTHERS : 12 includes the first 6 of 200 Albermarles to Russia and 6 Liberator "Festoon" and TB-7 "Goodwill" flights to/from Russia.

Apr 43 : OTHERS : 12 Unknown. 413 is stated total.

May 43 : OTHERS : 2 Unknown. 497 is stated total.

Jun 43 : OTHERS : 8 Unknown. 934 is stated total.

Sep 43 : RAF DEL : 96 Includes 12 by the South Route & 13 Westbound Hampdens.
 TRT/WX : 280 Includes 14 US Weather flights.

Oct 43 : RAF DEL : 58 Includes 4 Westbound Hampdens.
 TRT/WX : 289 Includes 7 US Weather flights.

Nov 43 : RAF DEL : 128 Includes 7 by the South Route.
 TRT/WX : 299 Includes 6 US Weather flights.

Dec 43 : RAF DEL : 75 Includes 1 by South Route.
 TRT/WX : 257 Includes 1 US Weather flight.

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Jan 44 : OTHERS : 1 flight to Moscow.
RAF DEL : 105 Includes 2 Westbound Mariners.

Feb 44 : RAF DEL : 195 Includes 3 Westbound Mariners.

Mar 44 : RAF DEL : 199 Includes 3 Westbound Mariners.

Apr 44 : OTHERS : 5 includes 3 by No.111 OTU and 2 to Russia.
RAF DEL : 159 Includes 3 by South route & 3 Westbound
Mariners.

May 44 : RAF DEL : 163 Includes 1 by South Route and 2 Westbound
Mariners.
TRT/WX : 631 Includes 3 US Weather flights.
USN : 19 Include PBM & PB2Y USNATC flights.

Jun 44 : RAF DEL : 219 Includes 2 by South route, 6 Westbound
deliveries, 4 Westbound Mariners.

Jul 44 : RAF DEL : 163 Includes 1 by South Route, 2 West del. 3
West Mariners.
TRT/WX : 876 Includes 11 US Weather flights.
USAAF :1055 Includes 7 Westbound "War-weary".

Aug 44 : RAF DEL : 128 Includes 6 by South Route, 5 West del. TRT/WX : 742
Includes 1 US Weather flight.

Sep 44 : RAF DEL : 233 Includes, 3 by South Route, 1 West del.
USAAF : 602 Includes 2 Westbound "War- weary".
TRT/WX : 702 Includes 1 US Weather flight.

Oct 44 : RAF DEL : 121 Includes, 16 by South Route.
TRT/WX : 567 Includes 1 US Weather flight.
USAAF : 614 Includes 1 Westbound "War-weary".

Nov 44 : RAF DEL : 178 Includes 4 by South Route.
TRT/WX : 495 Includes 1 US Weather flight.
USAAF : 305 Includes 1 Westbound "War-weary".

Dec 44 : RAF DEL : 92 Includes 1 by South Route.
USAAF : 337 Includes 2 Westbound "War-weary".

Jan 45 : TRT/WX : 520 Includes 1 US Weather flight.

Feb 45 : RAF DEL : 176 Includes, 8 South Route. 5 West Catalina.
USAAF : 406 Includes, 2 West "War-weary".

Mar 45 : RAF DEL : 247 Includes, 1 Westbound delivery.

Apr 45 : RAF DEL : 205 Includes, 1 West Del, 1 West Catalina.
TRT/WX : 610 Includes, 1 US Weather flight.

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May 45 : OTHERS : 7 Includes, 3 Ice/Sweden, 1 Sweden, 2
 Russian, 1 Polar "Aries" flight.
 TRT/WX : 609 Includes 1 US Weather flight.
 USAAF : 513 Includes 26 East and 487 Westbound flts.

Jun 45 : OTHERS : 14 Includes, 2 German, 1 Sweden, 9 Ice/
 Sweden, 2 Ice/Azores flights.
 TRT/WX : 592 Includes 2 US Weather flights.
 USAAF : 1147 Includes 1 East and 1146 Westbound
 flights.

Jul 45 : OTHERS : 29 Includes, 1 Sweden, 10 Ice/Sweden, 1
 Amsterdam, 2 Norway, 15 Russian del.
 RAF DEL : 123 Includes 3 Westbound deliveries.
 USAAF : 759 All Westbound to the US.
 RUSSIA/AL 33 includes, 15 Russian deliveries, 15
 flights to/from Russia, 1 delivery to
 French and 2 flights by Icelandic A/ws.

Aug 45 : OTHERS : 25 Includes, 13 Ice/Sweden, 2 Copenhagen, 1
 Norway, 8 Russia and 1 Botwood-Iceland
 flight.
 RAF DEL : 112 Includes, 33 Westbound deliveries.
 TRT/WX : 520 Includes, 1 US Weather flight.
 USAAF : 320 Includes 20 East and 300 West flights.
 RUSSIA/AL 29 Includes, 5 Iceland A/Ws, 6 ABA flights,
 18 to/from Russia.

Sep 45 : OTHERS : 37 includes, 5 Russia, 2 Copenhagen, 17 Ice/
 Sweden, 12 Norway flights, 1 AmEx.
 USAAF : 25 Includes 2 East and 23 Westbound to US.
 RUSSIA/AL 15 Includes 3 Iceland, 4 ABA, 8 Russia flts

Oct 45 : OTHERS : 27 Includes, 14 Ice/Sweden, 10 Ice/Norway, 3
 Ice/Oslo flights.
 USAAF : 5 Westbound to the US.
 AIRLINE : 11 Includes, 9 ABA, 2 AmEx flights.

Nov 45 : OTHERS : 15 Includes, 11 Ice/Sweden, 1 UK/Sweden, 1
 Ice/Norway, 1 Ice/Copenhagen flight.
 : AIRLINE : 8 ABA flights, 1 TWA.
 RCAF : 32 Includes 1 Westbound delivery.

Dec 45 : OTHERS : 9 Includes 5 Ice/Sweden, 1 Ice/Norway, 1
 PK/Sweden, 2 PK/Copenhagen flights.
 AIRLINE : 3 ABA flights.

Jan 46 : OTHERS : 11 Includes, 4 Ice/Sweden, 1 Ice/Norway, 1
 Ice/Frankfurt, 1 Sweden/PK, 2 Copenhagen
 /PK and 1 Norway/PK flight.
 : RAF DEL : 1 to Belgium.
 AIRLINE : 4 Includes 1, AEA, 3 ABA flights.

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Feb 46 : OTHERS : 3 Includes, 1 Amsterdam/PK, 1 Sweden/PK, 1
Stavanger/PK/
RAF DEL : 1 to Belgium.
USAAF : 4 Westbound to US. (Total : 2,724)
AIRLINE : 5 Includes, 1 TWA, 1 KLM, 1 AEA & 2 ABA.

Mar 46 : OTHERS : 2 Includes, 1 Copenhagen/PK, 1 Ice/
Stockholm flight.
RAF DEL : 7 Includes 5 RAF, 1 Batavia & 1 Dutch.
AIRLINE : 16 Includes, 13, AEA, 1 TWA, 1 KLM & 1 ABA.

Apr 46 : RAF DEL : 11 Includes, 1 RAF, 2 Belgian, 2 Batavia, 3
France & 3 Turkey.
AIRLINE : 7 Includes, 3 AEA, 1 TWA and 3 KLM flts.

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TAKEN FROM THE ORB OF OAMCU AIR.29/472 AND TAC AIR.29/473

The "Total" column divides the numbers of aircraft shown by their routing to the left and their service use shown to the right. Not all horizontal totals agree, due to the pressures of War accounting and the discrepancies in the above references.

From October 1940 to March 1943, numbers have been individually totaled from the above records. From April 1943, TAC began the format noted above.

It is again noted, that TASSO controlled the wartime flights from Foynes - Botwood and the Foynes - Lisbon - Azores flights on to North America. The total number of these flights was 3,179.

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NOTE ON THE QUESTION OF DELIVERY OF AMERICAN AIRCRAFT TO THE RAF

"Ferryman" Powell;

Fy/43 : When RAF Ferry Command created, i.e. July, 1941,
 the OAMCU had recorded the delivery of,

 274 "mainly" Hudson to UK, plus 4 lost, plus
 57 Catalinas from Bermuda, 1 lost.

Total = 331 aircraft delivered to UK, plus 9 to Australia via
 the Pacific,

Fy/73 : 1,480 aircraft ordered by the British before Lease/Lend

Fy/73 661 Hudson
 847 Liberator 903 to Middle East = 1,747

Fy/74 : 153 Fortress

Fy/76 : 222 Ventura plus 306 to Middle East = 528

Fy/77 : 324 Boston plus 110 to N Africa = 434

 70 Marauder plus 368 to Middle East = 438

Fy/78 : 330 Mitchell, plus 329 to Africa via SR= 659

 Baltimore 1,000 to Africa via SR=1,000

 1,174 Dakota, plus 543 to Africa via SR=1,717

Fy/79 : 393 Lancaster (Canadian)

 644 Mosquitoes (Canadian)

Fy/80 : 435 Catalina, plus 37 to Far East via SR

 : 137 Mariner, (flights)

 but only 28 of 33 serials delivered (ab)

Fy/81 : 169 Coronado, plus 51 via SR (flights??)

 but only 10 from 32 serials delivered (ab)

Fy/82 : 20 Hampdens Westbound to Canada (2 lost en-route)

Fy/82 : 37 Mitchells Westbound

 1 Hadrian

 4 Halifax

Fy/83 : 15 Skymasters,
 but only 11 serials known (ab)

 : 15 Lodestars,
 but 35 serials known

 : 14 Invaders,
 but only 2 of 140 serials delivered.

 : 29 Harpoons,
 but type not reported in RAF (ab)

 5,693 NAT 3,647 SAT = 9,340 + 74 = 9414

Powell = Total NAT and SAT 9,516 flights with 74 lost en-route

Fy/83 = 9,442 flights completed.

NOTE ON THE QUESTION OF DELIVERY OF AMERICAN AIRCRAFT TO THE RAF

My File TAC4146 is from the ORB of OAMCU in AIR29/472 and the ORB of TAC, AIR29/473;

RAF deliveries are noted as;

	Northern Route	Southern Route	
Oct-Dec 1940	26	0	26
Jan-Dec 1941	622	65	687
Jan-Dec 1942	863	13	876
Jan-Dec 1943	1,016	971	1,987
Jan-Dec 1944	1,995	1,105	= 3,100
Jan-Dec 1945	1,311	76	= 1,387
Totals	5,793	2,230	= 8,023

Counts from AIR29/472 OAMCU;

Oct-Dec 1940	26	
Jan-Aug 15, 1941	387	}
Counts from AIR24/506 RAFFC		} = 607
Aug 16, 1941-Dec 1941	220	}
Jan-Dec 1942	849	
Jan-Mar 1943	171	

Counts from AIR25/647 45Grp;

	Northern Route	Southern Route	
Apr-Dec 43	785	1,047	= 1,832
Jan-Dec 1944	2,690	988	= 3,678
Jan-Dec 1945	1,444	180	= 1,624
Totals	6,572	+ 2,215	= 8,787

NOTE ON THE QUESTION OF DELIVERY OF AMERICAN AIRCRAFT TO THE RAF

From AIR38/227 : 44 Grp, Movement Record;

RAF aircraft delivered to the UK from North America;, Oct 1940 to November 19, 1944;

Hudson	819		
Liberator	672		
Caalaina	541		
Fortress	149		
Mosquito	195		
Mitchell	558		
Dakota	516		
Lancaster	142		
Total	3,592	}	
			= 4,879
FLib flights	1,287	}	

USAAC flight movements;

			= 21,536
B-17	6,628		
B-24	2,254		
C-47	632	=	16,657
P-38	194		
B-25	111		
C-54	6,838		

North Atlantic Routing movements;

Dct North America, inc Bermuda flights;	10,371		
via Greenland/Iceland		11,236	
Via Greenland		255	
via the Azores		958	
Total		22,820	

In addition, routings via the South Atlantic, Natal, Brazil to West Africa to the Middle East and up to the UK under OAC or joint TAC/OAC control, to November 19, 1944;

Total	4,486
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The flights included ;

B-17	361		
B-24	1,788		
C-47	1,208		
B-26	747		
Misc	182		
Total	4,286		

Of these, 3,889 were flown by US ferry crews and 397 were flown by US operational crews.
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Historical notes held by the Ocean Centre at Prestwick, showed the following annual totals of aircraft movements over the NAT;

	Centre	TAC4146
1940	26	26
1941	807	805
1942	2,420	2,436
1943	6,830	6,817
1944	16,218	16,224
1945	11,727	11,736
total	38,028	38,044*

My file TAC4146 shows the following movement record;

RAF Deliveries	5,793
Transport & Wx	15,808
USAAF	15,041
USN & Russian	731
RCAF	386
Losses	258
Total	38,017*

TAC4146 also shows the routings as;

Direct	13,877
via Iceland	18,447
via Greenland	517
via South Atlantic	2,230
via the Azores	2,813
Others	228
Total	38,112*

* = These totals do not quite agree, probably due to errors in the stress of wartime accounting.

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NOTE ON THE QUESTION OF DELIVERY OF AMERICAN AIRCRAFT TO THE RAF

The PRO Air files also contain several passing statements as to the numbers of aircraft delivered, etc;

AIR38/227 : 44 GROUP;

Lists numbers of aircraft controlled by OAC, TAC and "Joint",

	OAC	TAC	JOINT	TOTAL	
Oct 40 - Oct 41			1,518	1,518	(OAMCU)
Nov 41 - Dec 41	252	73	0	325	
Jan 42 - Dec 42	3,105	2,419	8	5,532	
Jan 43 - Dec 43	7,700	5,865	965	14,530	
Jan 44 - Nov 44	11,735	12,831	1,508	26,074	
Total	22,792	21,188	2,481	46,461	

The Prestwick TAC History totals the number of flights as;

1940	26
1941	807
1942	2,420
1943	6,830
1944	16,218
1945	11,727
Total	38,028

AIR29/473 : TAC;

Jun 24, 1942 : 1,000 aircraft safely delivered to the RAF.

Jun 14, 1943 : 5,000 flights since "Guba" (Oct 26, 1940)

Dec 23, 1943 : 10,000 flights controlled by TAC.

May 22, 1944 : 15,000 flights controlled by TAC.

Aug 10, 1944 : 20,000 flights controlled by TAC.

Sep 7, 1944 : 1,000 flights by the RFS service.

Sep 26, 1944 : 10,000th flights via Iceland controlled by TAC.

Oct 13, 1944 : 10,000 USAAF aircraft delivered under TAC control

Nov 1944 : 25,000 flights controlled.

Dec 18, 1944 : 2,000 delivery Windsor Field, Nassau, Bahamas via the Southern Route.

Jul 13, 1945 : 13,000 transport crossings completed with TAC.

Dec 22, 1945 : 38,000 flights controlled by TAC.

Feb 10, 1946 : 2,000 RFS flights completed with TAC.

SIGNIFICANT DATES : FROM AIR29/473 : TAC

A Trans-Atlantic Reception Party (TRP) took over the looking after of arriving service personnel when the Air Ministry took over ATFERO from the MAP, on July 15, 1941. Sqdn Ldr J.M. Bamford i/c.

From October (July?) 15, 1941 to March 31 1942, TRP serviced 533 landplanes and 100 flying-boats, including those of their predecessors.

See my File "Delivery" notes 5,833 aircraft del by North Route.

Several significant dates are included in the Foynes/Botwood Logs and in the PRO files;

Jul 1, 1939 : Proving flight by Amex Catalina New York -
Marseilles ("Transatlantic" NC18997)

Jul 8/9, 1939 : First PanAm B314 passenger service New York -
Botwood - Foynes - Southampton.
("Yankee Clipper NC18603)

Jul 12/13, 1939 : First RAF Catalina P9630 Botwood - Felixstowe

Jul 17/18, 1939 : Proving flight by AmEx Catalina New York -
Boywood - Foynes - Biscarosse.

Jul 19, 1939 : Amex Catalina Biscarosse - Foynes - New York.

Jul 28, 1939 : Amex Catalina New York - Botwood - Foynes.

Aug 3, 1940 : First BOAC S.30 passenger service Poole - Foynes -
Botwood - New York ("Clare" G-AFCZ)

Aug 5, 1939 : First Imperial Airways S.26 airmail only service
Foynes - Botwood - Montreal - New York.
("Caribou" G-AFCV)

Oct 25/26, 1940 : RAF Catalina AM258 "Guba" Boucherville -
Stranraer.

Nov 9/10, 1940 : First flight of 7 Hudsons Gander - Aldergrove.

Nov 28/29, 1940 : Second flight of 7 Hudsons Gander -
Aldergrove.

One diverted Prestwick (T9426).

Dec 17/18, 1940 : Third flight of 7 Hudsons Gander - Aldergrove.
One diverted Prestwick (T9440).

Dec 28/29, 1940 : Fourth flight 4 Hudsons Gander - Aldergrove.

Jan 30, 1941 : First RAF Catalina Bermuda-Milford Haven ()

Feb 10/11, 1941 : First single Hudson Gander-Prestwick (T9464)

Mar 14, 1941 : First RFS Liberator to Prestwick (AM259)

Apr 7, 1941 : First of second batch of Liberators arrived
Ayr/Heathfield (AM910)

Apr 13, 1941 : First RAF Fortress arrived Prestwick (AN534)

Apr 22/23, 1941 : First Eastbound RFS Liberator service, Gander -
Prestwick (AM912)

May 4/5, 1941 : First Westbound RFS Liberator service, Squires
Gate - Gander (AM260).

May 22, 1941 : First Eastbound crossing BOAC B314 G-AGB,
New York - Bermuda - Foynes.

Jun 21, 1941 : First ferry crossing of South Atlantic by ten
Lodestar transports Miami - West Africa

Jul 1, 1941 : First USAAF Ferry Command passenger Liberator
flight Washington - Montreal - Gander -
Ayr/Heathfield.

Sep 14/15, 1941 : USN PB2Y Coronado Argentinia - Stranraer.
(Returned 28/29)

Nov 12, 1941 : CW.20 Commando G-AGDI prototype arrived Prestwick

Jan 17, 1942 : B314 Bermuda - Mountbatten with PM Churchill.

Feb 26, 1942 : First USAAF Boeing 307 Bolling Field to Cairo via
Southern Route.

Apr 18, 1942 : First USAAF Boeing 307 transport Greenland -
Iceland - Prestwick

Apr 18, 1942 : First two Hudsons Goose - Prestwick.

May 16, 1942 : First RAF Mitchell arrived Prestwick.

Jun 17, 1942 : B314 G-AGBZ "Bristol" Stranraer - Washington with PM Churchill.

Jun 20, 1942 : First Eastbound Amex VS44 Service, New York - Botwood - Foynes.

Jun 26/27, 1942 : B314 G-AGBZ "Bristol" Washington - Botwood - Stranraer with PM Churchill.

Jul 1, 1942 : First USAAF B-17 arrived Prestwick for 8th USAAF

Jul 3/4, 1942 : First USAAF C-47 arrived Prestwick (41-7833).

Sep 2, 1942 : First RAF Marauder arrived Prestwick (FK138)

Sep 6, 1942 : First direct Gander-Prestwick flights by 16 USAAF B-17s

Sep 1942 : First formation flight of USAAF B-24s Gander - Prestwick.

Oct 10, 1942 : First USAAF C-54 transport arrived at Prestwick.

Oct 12, 1942 : First two Bostons arrived Prestwick.

Dec 16, 1942 : Last of 122 USAAF Boeing 307 flights.

Jan 17, 1943 : First USAAF C-54 Prestwick - Marrackech flight.

Feb 1943 : 19 days - no flying due weather.

Feb 11, 1943 : First delivery of RAF Dakota (FD769).

Apr 16/17 : First of 60 B-17s direct from Gander - Prestwick.

Mar 6, 1943 : First delivery on Southern Route.

May 6, 1943 : First USN R5D Reykjavik - Prestwick

May 26/27, 1943 : Fourth Churchill flight in B314, Washington - Gibraltar - Algiers.

Jul 1, 1943 : Only crossing by a Hadrian glider (FR579) towed by an RAF Dakota (FD900) from Dorval - Goose - BW1 - Reykjavik - Prestwick.

Jul 22/23, 1943 : First TCA Lancaster CF-CMS: Dorval-Prestwick

Jul 23, 1943 : First ferry of single-engined USAAF P-47 fighters

Aug 19, 1943 : First Mariner delivery to RAF

Sep 19, 1943 : First Canadian Lancaster to Prestwick

Dec 7, 1943 : First two Liberators Goose - Lagens, Azores.

Dec 17, 1943 : First RCAF "Mailcan" flight arrived Prestwick.
B-17F (9202).

Oct 4, 1944 : First New York - Paris flight by USAAF C-54.

Jan 28, 1945 : First direct Westbound Prestwick - New York flight
by a C-54.

Jun 21. 1945 : First Westbound C-54 GREEN PROJECT flight,
returning US service personnel to the US.

Aug 1/4, 1945 : First New York - Paris flight by a USAAF C-69
Constellation.

Oct 24, 1945 : First Eastbound civil passenger service. AOA DC-4
from New York to Hurn (NC90901)

Oct 27/28, 1945 : First Eastbound PanAm passenger service New
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