

# **1576 Flight RAF**

**Signals relating to its operations, 1943 – 1944.**

A transcription of the contents of Air 20/8443, a record held by the National Archives, Kew

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## Notes

There does not appear to be an “Operations Record Book” for 1576 Flight, Royal Air Force, in the National Archives Collection at Kew. Air 20/8443 was a file labelled “1576 Flight Chakala operations by” kept by the C.I.O. (Chief Intelligence Officer) at the South East Asia Air Command Headquarters, and it contains signals relating to the operations performed by the Flight.

The file basically has two sections. One is a “Signal Listing”, which contains a list of signals sent and received, with a brief note on the contents. The second section consists of the actual signals which were sent or received.

The signal listing only covers signals numbered from 1 to 71; however the last signal in the file is numbered 109.

Not all signals are included in the file, so there are some “gaps” in the transcription.

The assistance of a “volunteer”, who photographed the original file, thereby enabling the transcription to be performed, is gratefully acknowledged, even though they wish to remain nameless.

R. Quirk.

## Signal Listing



- 30.7.43 12.  
From Chaklala. Signal re move to A.L.G.
- 2.8.43 13.  
To T.D.S. Distribution of 1576 Fl. Ops Signals.
- 3.8.43 14.  
To Chaklala. Additional Sortie for August.
- 4.8.43 15.  
To D.C.I.O.(Sec.) Warning re August Sorties.
- 7.8.43 16.  
To AHQ Bengal (R) Chaklala.  
Signal cancelling Mahout per phone from G.S.I.(k).
- 7.8.43 17.  
Revised list of August Sorties.
- 7/8 18.  
To S.A.S.O. Encl 17A is list of operations for August 1943 for 1576 Flight.  
(Signed)  
7th August 1943. INT./L.O.
- 11.8.43 19.  
From Ops.I(b). Ref Historical Records.
- 16.8.43 20.  
Transferred S30/12/AIR/INT.<sup>1</sup>  
From 221 Group. Re Breach not wanted before Nov. Request for Discussions on  
possible SIWGB operation Shade.
- 20.8.43 21.  
From 221 Group. Pigeon dropping exercise approved.
- 17.8.43 22.  
From 221 Group. 1576 Flight Night 16/17 Harlington successful Hiccough  
successful.
- 11.8.43 23.  
Transferred S30/13/AIR/INT.<sup>2</sup>  
From S.O.E. re approval of Operation Ravelin. adjustment of fuel tanks for this.

<sup>1</sup> The is handwritten above the original typed entry, and the typed entry crossed out.

<sup>2</sup> The is handwritten above the original typed entry, and the typed entry crossed out.

	24.
21.8.43	To 1576 Fl. Re modification for "Ravelin".
	25.
24.8.43	From 1576 Fl. Signal requesting September Sorties.
	26.
24.8.43	To 1576 Fl. Signal giving September Sorties.
	27.
27.8.43	To 1576 Fl. Signal amending Sept. Sorties.
	28.
	S.A.S.O.
	Encl 28A is a list of 1576 Flight operations for September.
	(Signed) S/L
27.8.43	INT/LO
	29.
29/8	To 1576 Fl. Reference Operations "Blade" & "Blow"
	30.
1/9	From 1576 Flt. Advise Col. Stesini a/c leaving Calcutta 5/9.
	31.
2/9	To File S32/5 <sup>3</sup>
	From D.M.I. postponing Corton and Haswell.
	32.
3/9	From 1576 Flt.: re. ops. Sept. moon.
	33.
	List of September Sorties.
	34.
10/9	To 1576 Fl. Signal re G.S.I(d) Operation for October.
	35.
25/9	From I.S.L.D. A/C required to ferry 3 passengers to Colombo.
	36.
27/9	From 1576 Flt. Missive leaving Chaklala 29 Sep.
	37.
	Monthly Programme for October.

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<sup>3</sup> This note written above the entry and the original entry crossed out.

38.  
S.A.S.O.  
Encl. 37A, 37B, and 37C comprise a list of proposed sorties by 1576 Flight during October.  
8th Oct., 1943. (Signed) S/L  
INT./L.O.

39.  
From 1576 Flight Detachment. "Blade" "Dilwyn" & "Harlington" Completed.

40.  
S.A.S.O. (thru C.I.O.)  
Encl 39A passed to you for information. Details of the relative operations are at 37A and 37B.  
13th Oct. 1943. (Signed) S/L  
INT./L.O.

14/10 41.  
From 1576 Fl. Detachment. "Mahout" completed.

10/10 42.  
to 221 Gp. Dilwyn 3 U.S.A.A.F. agree carry out opn.

12/10 43.  
from 221 Gp. Encl 42A not understood.

14/10 44.  
to 221 Gp. Encl 42A not applicable – opn completed.

15/10 45.  
From 1576 Detach. Harlington III completed.

46.  
S.A.F.O. thro' C.I.O.  
Please see encl. 45A for Information Flag "D".  
16th October, 1943. (Signed) S/L  
INT./L.O.

16/10 47.  
From 1576 Detachment. 3 sorties Falam Area completed.

	48.	
	S.A.S.O.	
	Encl. 47A to see, for information.	
		(Signed) S/L
	18th Oct. 1943	INT.L.O.
	49.	
19/10	From 1576 Detachment. Operations I.S.L.D. "Pigeons on Akyab" and G.S.I.(d) "Brass" completed.	
	50.	
	S.A.S.O thro' C.I.O.	
	Please see Encl 49A. This completes 1576 Flight's October programme as set out in Encl 37A, 37B and 37C.	
	Eleven operational and two non-operational sorties have been successfully completed, the remaining four operational and one non-op., sorties having been cancelled or postponed by the organisations concerned.	
		(Signed) S/L
	19th October, 1943.	INT.L.O.
	51.	
	S.A.S.O.	
	Please see Minute 50 from S/Ldr. Coleman.	
	2. 1576 Flight, have I consider, carried out a first class job of work this month, and suggest for your consideration, that a congratulatory signal should be sent.	
		(Signed) R.C. Jonas G/C.
	19.10.43.	C.I.O.
	52.	
	C.I.O.	
	I agree – Draft me something I can put before the AOC in C.	
		(Signed) S.A.S.O.
	53.	
20.10.43	Draft congratulatory signal to 1576 Flight.	



54.

S.A.S.O.

Reference your minute 52 above. Please see Enclosure 53A for approval by A.O.C.-in-C.

R.C. Jonas  
G/Capt.  
C.I.O.

20.10.43

55.

C.I.O.

AOC in C has sent the Signal as redrafted at 53A.

(Signed)

21 x / 43

S.A.S.O.

56.

18/10

To 1576 Flt. One A/c to stand by for Ferry flight.

57.

22/10

To 1576 Flt. One A/C to proceed Delhi a.m. 22/10.

58.

25/10

To 1576 Flt. Loose minute enclosing consolidated programme.

59.

Consolidated November Programme.

60.

S.A.S.O. through C.I.O.

Encl. 59 a is a consolidated list of requests for sorties by 1576 Flight for November, for you information.

2. These sorties have been approved by A.O.C. Bengal Command.

(Signed) S/L

26th Oct. 1943.

INT.L.O.

61.

C.I.O.

I agree the programme but it must be made absolutely clearly that the ferry sorties can only be made within the existing resources of the Flight. If the ferry duties are to the prejudice of the operational effort, it is within the discretion of the O.C. flight to refuse or cancel them.

(Signed)

26 x /43

S.A.S.O.

I.S.L.D. G.S.I.(k) 1576 Flt. Advised in reuse of M.61. on 22/10/43 see File

33/A/INT.  
(Signed) S/L

29/10/43                   62.  
1615 hrs. Spoke to S/L Moore who is sending 1 A/C to Calcutta Sunday to return with "Blow" agents Tuesday, and one A/C to Calcutta Monday to collect "Bird" agents from Ranchi Tuesday. Requests confirmation.  
1645 hrs. Both Lt. Col. Rankin & S/L Sherman confirm "Blow" party not ready. Advised S/L above by 'phone but referred back to S/L Sherman for action before sending confirmation by signal.  
(Signed) S/L.

30/10/43.                   63.  
"Blow" postponed till December per 'phone I.S.L.D.

                              64.  
S.A.S.O. thru C.I.O. Rd. 16.11.43.  
Please see Encl 64A for information.  
16 Nov. '43.                         (Signed) S/L. I.L.O.

                              65.  
S.A.S.O. thro' C.I.O.  
                          Encl. 66A passed to you for information.  
   (Signed) S/L  
18 Nov. '43                                 INT.L.O.

                              66.  
S.A.S.O. (Thro' C.I.O.)  
                          For your information at Encl. 69A is a brief report of 1576 Flight's operations in November, compiled from signals and verbal information received in this Headquarters up to 0900 hours 22nd November.  
   (Signed) S/Ldr.  
22.11.43.                                 INT.L.O.

                              67.  
S.A.S.O. (Thro' C.I.O.)  
                          At Encl 70A is a consolidated list of sorties requested by G.S.I(k) and I.S.L.D. during Dec. for your approval please.  
   (Signed) S/L  
26.11.43.                                 INT.L.O.

68.

C.I.O.

Encl. 85 reads well from the operational standpoint – a good effort.

Coleman and Moore must do all they can to keep air transport demands within manageable limits. They are within their rights to question each and every demand, until they are satisfied it is justified.

(Signed)

S.A.S.O.

69.

S.A.S.O. thro' C.I.O.

Please see projected programme for January 1944 at Encl. 86, for approval.

2. Your remarks re 'ferry' flights in Min 68 have been noted and S/L Moore advised accordingly.

(Signed) S/L

21 Dec. '43

I.L.O.

70.

C.I.O.

Please see Enc. 87 which is a reply from 221 Group to our request for an explanation of their delay in taking action on a signal sent to S/Ldr Moore, c/o. 221 Group on 11th November, 1943.

2. Under the present circumstances, do you think any further action need be taken other than the acknowledgement and acceptance of the explanation?

(Signed) S/Ldr.

29th December, 1943.

INT.L.O.

71.

INT.L.O.

Your minute 70. agreed. Please take action as you suggest in Para. 2.

Acknowledge and accept explanation.

(Signed) R.C. Jonas G

29.12.43.

C.I.O.

(There do not appear to be any more entries after this date)

# Signals

Secret.  
Paraphrase of Cypher Message.      Serial No.

To--  A.L.S. Chaklala Repeated/ AHQ Bengal		Date received by Cypher Section 5 June	
		Receipt Time of 1100	Despatched
From-- A.H.Q. (I)		System	
Originator's Ref. No.	Date.		
INT 87	5 June		

Most Secret (.) For Benito from C.I.O. (.)

Following operations authorised by chiefs of staff and approved by S.A.S.O. (.) One Hudson with suitable crew to be despatched to reach Dum Dum by 10 repeat 10 June and report S.A.S.O. Bengal Command to undertake three repeat three sorties as follows (.) Harlington two sorties each three parcels one W/T set (.) Mahout (south of Letpadan) one sortie two parcels no equipment (.) Filmwall no repeat no parcels for delivery this period (.) Bengal Command to inform Gardiner of intended programme (.) Acknowledge (.)

Dist: C.I.O.(2) (1 to G.S.I.(k) )  
S.A.S.O.  
P.S.O. to A.O.C.-in-C.

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Time of origin
(Signed)      A.V.M. S.A.S.O.	Immediate	(Initialled)	5 1055/FG

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Most Secret.

Copy.

To:- W/Cr. Sinclair-Hill, O.B.E.

From:- C.I.O.

An A.L.S. Hudson will be arriving at Dum Dum from Chaklala on 10 June, remaining, possibly, till 20th June.

May security arrangements to cover this aircraft for the period stated be made, please?

(Signed) S/L  
for G/C. Jonas  
C.I.O.

A.H.Q. India  
5 - 6 - 1943.

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    312(6)  
    251/6

	Date received by Cypher Section	June/6
	Receipt Time of      0952	Despatched 1200/6
To--- AHQ India.	System W/T	
From--- Chaklala	Originator's Ref. No. -----	Date. 5/June

Secret. Your INT.87 (1A) 5 June acknowledged.

Action copy to :- C.I.O.  
 P.S.O to A.O.C. in C.

KC.

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate	(Initialled)		051840

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    433(6)  
    442/6

	Date received by Cypher Section	6 June
	Receipt Time of 1447	Despatched 1735/6
To--- Air H.Q. Bengal (r) Air H.Q. India.	System w/t	
From--- Chaklala.	Originator's Ref. No.	Date.
	A 138	6 June.

Most Secret.

S.A.S.O. from Benito. Reference Air H.Q. India Int.87 June 5th. Inform? Gardiner. S/Ldr. Moore O.C. Special Missions Unit plus ground crew 1 Sergeant 6 B.O.R's arriving Dum Dum a.m. June 7th. Request accommodation ground crew at Dum Dum. Acknowledge.

Action copy to :-      Int  
    P.S.O. to AOC in C.

GP

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	Immediate.	(Initialled)		06/1250



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Telegrams "Aeronautics".

Air Headquarters, India.  
18 - 6 - 1943.

To C.O.I.C. Duty Officer.

Please ask 221 Group Controller when taking the Mayfly to-night if S/L Moore's operation on night 16/17 June was successful or not.

I'll call for the answer in the morning.

Thanks.

G.L. Coleman S/L INT.

PTO

Operation on night 16/17 unsuccessful. A/C returned due bad weather.

(Signed) F/Lt. Duty O. C.O.I.C.

Phoned R.A.F. Chaklala (Mrs. Long for W/C Benito) Mahout successful. Harlington not successful weather.

0930/19/6/43

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<sup>1</sup> This unnumbered two sided document is in the file between pages 4A and 5A

Most Secret.

From : Air Headquarters, India.

To: : O.C., R.A.F. Station,  
Chaklala. (For O.C., No. 1576 Flight).

Date : 5th July, 1943.

Ref : S.30/10/AIR/INT.

In accordance with paragraph 3 of the directive for No. 1576 Flight, the following air sorties are requested for the August moon period by G.S.I.(k).

No. 1. Operation Harlington II.  
1 sortie, Karenni Area.  
3 parcels, 6 containers.

No. 2. Operation Flimwell II.  
1 Sortie, Danson Bay Area.  
2 parcels, 1 container.

No. 3. Operation Mahout II.  
1 Sortie, Letpadan Area.  
4 parcels, 1 container.

2. Colonel Steveni of I.S.L.D. has re-submitted a former application for operation Sun, Bangkok Area, 5 parcels, 1 container, but we have advised him that it is beyond the range of the aircraft at our disposal.

3. In addition, S/Ldr. Horder, of G.S.I.(d), has made verbal application for us to deliver one container in the Mahout Area. S/Ldr. Horder has been requested to obtain Chiefs of Staff permission for this sortie, and then to make application in writing after consultation with G.S.I.(k) regarding details. Confirmation of this last sortie will be sent to you as soon as received.

(Signed) S/L  
for Air Vice Marshal,  
Senior Air Staff Officer,  
Air Headquarters, India.

Most Secret.

G.S.I.(d).

Subject: Supply Drop.

1. Reference our conversation (See 5A Para 3) of 30/7/43 may arrangements please be made to drop one container of supplies in the Henzada area during the August full moon period. Further details will be given to G.S.I.(k).
2. This operation has been authorised by the Director of Military Intelligence.

(Signed)  
Captain,  
G.S.I.(d)

S/L Colman.  
Int. Liaison Section  
Air Headquarters.

u/o No. DMI/2861/GSI(d). dated 31/7/43.

Intelligence  
Air Headquarters.

Reference your u/o No.DM/2861/GSI(d) dated 31st July, 1943, it is confirmed that arrangements have been made to deliver one container of supplies to the Henzada area during the August moon period.

(Signed) S/L

To:- G.S.I.(d)  
(Major Fleming)

u/o S.30/10/AIR/INT. dated 1st August, 1943.

From : Air Headquarters, India.

To : O.C., R.A.F. Station, Chaklala. (To be opened personally by)  
(For C.O., No. 1576 Flight)

Date : 1st August, 1943.

Ref : S.30/10/AIR/INT.

Subject: August Sorties.

With reference to paragraph 3 of our S.20/10/AIR/INT dated 5th July, 1943, written confirmation has now been received for this sortie.

2. One container (W/T Set) is to be delivered in the Henzada Area. Further details will be supplied by Major Cummings in Calcutta.
3. G.S.I.(d) have been instructed to deliver the container to Capt. Clarke in Calcutta on or before 8th August next.

(Signed) S/L  
for Senior Air Staff Officer,  
Air Headquarters. India.

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    199(S1)  
    144/S1

	Date received by Cypher Section	31/July
	Receipt Time of      NS	Despatched 0845/1
To---	System	
Air H.Q. Bengal (Rptd) Air H.Q. India.	W/T	
From---	Originator's Ref. No.	Date.
Chakala	A.164	30/July

Most Secret.

Attention S.A.S.O. inform Gardiner Cumming. 1576 Flight Operations August month. S/Ldr. Moore arriving your H.Q. P.M. 5/August 3 Hudsons 3 Officers and 11 N.C.O's aircrew plus 3 G.S.I.(K) passengers plus ground staff 1 Sgt. 12 BOR's arriving Dum Dum 1800 hours 9/Aug. Request you arrange accommodation. Dum Dum ground staff only (repeat) ground staff only as close as possible to 1576 Flight Dispersal.

Acknowledge.

Action copy to:- C.I.O.  
 A.D.C. to A.O.C. in C. A.O.A.  
 Air Staff S.A.S.O. MOV.

CM

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued	Time of origin
		(Initialled)		201235FG

Intelligence

Telegrams Distribution Section.

With effect from 1st August, 1943 the following distribution will be given to signals concerning No. 1576 Flight Operations :-

C.I.O. (Action Copy)  
ADC to AOC-inC.  
A.O.A.  
S.A.S.O.

(Signed) S/L  
for G/Capt.,  
C.I.O.

u/o S.30/10/1/AIR/INT. dated 2nd August. 1943.

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No. 36323  
 S.30/10/1/AIR/INT.

	Date received by Cypher Section	3/8
	Receipt Time of 1520	Despatched
To--- R.A.F., Chaklala	System	
From--- Air Headquarters, India.	Originator's Ref. No. Int.190.	Date. 3/August.

Most Secret.

Moore from Jonas (.) One additional August sortie urgently requested (.) Dilwyn one parcel one W/T set (.) Work on parcel already complete (.) Details from Cummings (.) //

C.I.O.  
 A.D.C. to A.O.C.-in-C.  
 S.A.S.O.  
 A.O.A.

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(Signed) G/C. C.I.O.	Immediate	(Signed)	031515/FG



Intelligence

Most Secret

D.C.I.O.(S).

1576 Flight Operations.

Three Hudsons, 3 Officers and 11 N.C.O's aircrew, plus 3 passengers, plus ground staff, 1 Sgt and 12 B.O.R's arriving Dum Dum 18.00 hours 9th August, remaining till approximately 20th August.

Ground Staff only will be accommodated on Dum Dum airfield.

May the usual security arrangements be made to cover these aircraft, please.

(Signed) S/L  
for G/Capt.,  
C.I.O.

4th August, 1943.

30/10/1/Air/Int.

Secret.  
Cypher Message.      Serial No. 5895

	Date received by Cypher Section	7/8
	Receipt Time of 1305 System	Despatched
To---	Air H.Q. Bengal (Rptd) R.A.F., Chaklala.	
From---	Air H.Q. India.	
	Originator's Ref. No.	Date.
	INT.203.	7/August.

Most Secret.

Attention S.A.S.O. inform Moore Gardiner (.) Mahout cancelled owing to malaria (.) //

C.I.O.  
ADC to AOC-in-C.  
A.O.A.  
S.A.S.O.

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
(Signed) G/C. C.I.O.	Immediate.	(Signed)		071300/FG

Operations of 1576 Flight  
For August, 1943

Code Name	Area	Who For	No. of Sorties	No. of Agents	No. of Containers
Harlington II.	Karenni	GSI(k)	1	3	6
Flimwell II.	Danson Bay.	GSI(k)	1	2	1
Dilwyn	Bhamo	GSI(k)	1	1	1
Hiccoughs	Henzada	GSI9d)	1	Nil	1

3 Hudsons, 3 Officers and 11 N.C.Os aircrew, plus G.S.I.(k) passengers, plus ground staff 1 Sgt. 12 B.O.Rs arriving Dum Dum 1800 hours, 9th August. Air Headquarters, Bengal advised.

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To :- C.I.O., Air H.Q.

Most Secret.

1576 Flight.

The S.A.S.O. has ruled that operations carried out by the above unit shall not be included in H.E. the C-in-C's despatch to H.M. Government. It is requested that your file in this connection be marked "Of Historical Value", and at a future date, be forwarded to this Section for record purposes.

(Signed) S/Ldr.  
Operational Records Section,  
Ops. I-B. (Records).

Ref:- 65/468A/AIR.

11/8/43.

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No. 10038  
 30/10/1/Int.

	Date received by Cypher Section	20 Aug
	Receipt Time of 1720	Despatched
To--- 221 Group	System	
From--- Air H.Q. India.	Originator's Ref. No. INT.227	Date. 20 Aug.

Most Secret

Inform Moore 1576 Flight pigeon dropping exercise approved (.) //

Dist : ADC  
 SASO  
 CIO

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Time of origin
(Signed) G/Capt. C.I.O.	Immediate	(Signed) F/O	201725/FG

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    475(17)  
    545(17)

	Date received by Cypher Section	17 Aug.
	Receipt Time of 1243/17	Despatched 1640/17
To---	System	
Air HQ India rptd ...?... Chaklala? <sup>1</sup>	wt	
From---	Originator's Ref. No.	Date.
221 Group.	A 265	17 Aug.

Most Secret

1576 Flight operational night 16/17th Aug. 2 sorties Hamlington unsuccessful 10 tenths repeat 10 tenths cloud. Hiccough successful inform MSi(d).

Action copy to COIC.  
 OPS.I.B.

RDX

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Time of origin
	Immediate	(Initialled)	171031FG

<sup>1</sup> "?" marks are on the original document.

O.C. No. 1576 Flight  
Chaklala.

(To be opened personally by)

21st August, 1943

S.30/10/1/Air.Int.

Operation "Ravelin".

This operation, required by G.S.I. (K) in October moon period, involves the delivery of two parcels without equipment to Shwegun (Map Ref. QN.27) North of Moulmein.

2. The operation will necessitate the fitting of an extra fuselage fuel tank in addition to the bomb bay tank.
3. Please arrange for this modification to be made in time for the operation to be carried out in October.

(Signed)  
Squadron Leader,  
For Air Vice Marshal,  
Senior Air Staff Officer.

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    462(24)  
    553/24

	Date received by Cypher Section	24th August
	Receipt Time of -----	Despatched 1730/24
To--- Air HQ India	System WT	
From--- 1576 Flight	Originator's Ref. No. A 43	Date. 24 August

Most Secret.

Attention C.I.O. Request immediate confirmation September Sorties./////

Action Copt To      C.I.O.  
    ADC  
    SASO  
    AOA

VH

TOR 1845

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Time of origin
	Immediate	(Initialled)	241245FG



Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No. 11234  
 30/10/1

	Date received by Cypher Section	24 Aug
	Receipt Time of 1875	Despatched
To--- 1576 Flight, Chaklala.	System	
From--- Air Headquarters, India.	Originator's Ref. No. INT.238	Date. 24/August

Most Secret.

Your A.43 24/Aug. September sorties Mahout and Flimwell details as for August (.)

C.I.O.  
 ADC to AOC-in-C.  
 S.A.S.O.  
 AOA

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Time of origin
(Signed) G/C. C.I.O.	Immediate	(Signed) F/O	241814/FG

Secret.  
Cypher Message.  
30/10/1

Serial No. 12138

	Date received by Cypher Section	24 Aug
	Receipt Time of 1200	Despatched
To--- 1576 Flight, Chaklala	System	
From--- Air Headquarters, India.	Originator's Ref. No. INT.243.	Date. 27/Aug.

Most Secret.

Cancel our INT.238, 24 Aug. (.) Amended September programme, Dilwyn, Harlington, and Mahout (.) One sortie each (.) Details as for August (.)////////

C.I.O.  
ADC to AOC-in-C.  
S.A.S.O.

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Time of origin
(Signed) W/C. D.C.I.O.	Immediate	(Signed) F/O	271140/FG

Operations of 1576 Flight  
For September, 1943G.S.I.(k) 3.  
I.S.I.D. Nil.

Code Name	Area	No. of Sorties	Agents	Containers	Remarks.
Harlington II.	Karenni	1	3	6	Abortive AUG. Weather
Dilwyn	Bhamo	1	1	1	ditto.
Mahout.	Letpadan.	1	4	1	Postponed AUG. illness.

Most Secret

From : Air Headquarters, India

To : O.C., No.1576 Flight (To be opened personally by S/L. Moore).

Date : 29th August 1943.

Ref : S.30/10/1/AIR/INT.

Herewith details of I.S.L.D. (30/12/AIR/INT) operations "Blade" and "Blow" received from D.M.I. today with the request for answers to the following questions:-

- (i) Are the operations feasible from the air point of view?
- (ii) Is air transport available?

2. Affirmative answers have been given to both these questions, with the following reservations :-

(i) Op. 33 "Blade" September.

- (a) If the agent has not been recently trained for parachute dropping, or had a refresher course, there will be very little time left for training him before the commencement of the September Moon period, 7th September.
- (b) Col. Steveni has wired his Calcutta Branch on this point, and definite instructions will be issued to you on receipt of a reply.

(ii) Op. 14 "Blow" October.

- (a) Reference note at end of para. 1, a question has been put to W/Cdr. Burbury as to weather, in his opinion, the subsequent supply dropping could be more readily carried out by 31 Sqdn. His unofficial reply is that the small amount of supplies required by 4 men would not warrant the use of a Dakota, especially in view of 31 Sqdn's other commitments.
- (b) Reference para. 2(iv), D.M.I. and I.S.L.D. have been told that a forecast of the exact date on which the operation should take place cannot be given.

(signed) S/Ldr.  
for Air Vice Marshal,  
Senior Air Staff Officer,  
Air Headquarters, India.

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    450(1)  
    642/1

	Date received by Cypher Section	Sept 1
	Receipt Time of      1542	Despatched 0845/2
To--- Air HQ India	System WT	
From--- 1576 Flight.	Originator's Ref. No. A 62	Date. Sept 1

Most Secret.

Your S30/10/1/Air/Intelligence dated Aug/29th. Paragraph 2 operations ??? (.) Advise Colonel<sup>1</sup> Steveni aircraft leaving Calcutta Sunday September 5th. 0800 hrs for Chaklala. Latest possible opportunity for his parcel to undertake refresher for September period.

Action copy to    Int Liaison  
    MOV.

(Shown to INT 1815/1)

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate			011310

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<sup>1</sup> This is what is in the original.

Secret Cypher Message

442(4)

11223

To.....Air Headquarters Bengal (reptd) Air HQ.(B)

T.O.O. 031045

T.O.R. 1931 W/T

T.O.D. 0845/5

From..1576 Flight.

O.Ref.No. A.64 3/Sept.

Most Secret.

Attention S.A.S.O. Inform Gardiner Cumming. 1576 Flight operations September Moon. S/Ldr. More arriving your H.Q. P.M. 4/Sept. 3 Hudson 1 Officer 12 N.C.O's aircrew plus 3 GSI (K) passengers plus ground staff 1 Sgt. 12 B.O.R's arriving Dum Dum 1800 Hours 8/Sept. Request you arrange accommodation Dum Dum for ground staff only (repeat) ground staff only as close as possible 1576 Flight dispersal. Request allocation 1? 3 ton lorry for period of attachment? acknowledge.////

Action Copy to.....C.I.O.

A.D.C.toA.O.C.IN.C.

S.C.O.

S.A.S.O.

C.E.O.

A.O.A.

ORG.III.

C.M.O.

Movements

BW.



Secret.  
Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
6006

	Date received by Cypher Section	10 Sept.
	Receipt Time of 1055	Despatched
To--- A.A.F. Dum Dum	System	
From--- A.H.Q. India	Originator's Ref. No. INT. 287	Date. 10 Sep

Secret (.)

From Jonas for Moore 1576 Flight (.) One Hudson required for single G.S.I.(d) operation  
October Moon period (.) Please inform Sherman (.)

Dist. C.I.O.  
ADC to AOC-in-C  
S.A.S.O.  
G.S.I.(d)

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher Officer	Issued to	Time of origin
(Signed) W/C 1/Capt. C.I.O.	Important	(Signed) W/O.		101155/FG



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Urgent

From Calcutta

OPS

No. 139

25th September 1943.

Aircraft required form 1576 Flight to ferry party consisting of one officer and two bodies to Colombo to leave Calcutta September 29th.

Telegram ends.

Decoded 18.15 25/9/43.

Copy to A.H.Q.  
hand of G(a) 26/9.

File 33/1

EE

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    595(27)  
    734/27

	Date received by Cypher Section	27/Sept
	Receipt Time of 1730	Despatched 0845/28
To--- Air H.Q. (I)	System w/t	
From--- 1576 Flight	Originator's Ref. No. A.108	Date. 27/Sept

Most Secret.

Your INT.837 dated 26/Wept. Missive leaving Chaklala AM 29/Sept. ETA Dum dum 1700 hours 29/Sept (.) Inform I S L D aircraft to leave Dum Dum AM 30/Sept.

Action copy to....Intel.

A8

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate			271515/FG

Most Secret

Monthly Operations  
Month October

Name.	Sponsor	Area	Squadron	Date	Base	S.A.S.O.	Remarks.
Brass.	G.S.I.(d)	Prome/Henzada.	1576 Flight	Moon.	Dum Dum	Completed (per'phone G.S.I(d). 19/10/43	A859 1 W/T Set and 1 Container. one passenger.
Fathead.	G.S.I.(d)	Akyab.	1576 Flight	Moon	Dum Dum	Cancelled 2/10/43.	W/T set only and container. Major Foulkes as passenger
Ravelin.	G.S.I.(k)	90 m. NW of Moulmein.	1576 Flight	Moon	Dum Dum	Cancelled Altogether (Per Col. Beyter 18/10/43)	Personnel and Stores.
Harlington II	G.S.I.(k)	40 m. SE of Toungoo.	1576 Flight	Moon	Dum Dum	Completed A793 13/10	Personnel, W/T and Stores.
Harlington III	G.S.I.(k)	40 m. SE of Toungoo.	1576 Flight	Moon	Dum Dum	Completed A819 15/10	Personnel, W/T and Stores.
Dilwyn. II	G.S.I.(k)	30 m. NE Bhamo.	1576 Flight	Moon	Dum Dum	Completed A793 13/10	Personnel, W/T and Stores.
Dilwyn III	G.S.I.(k)	75 m. SE Fort Hertz.	1576 Flight	Day.	?	Completed A793 13/10	W/T Stores. USAAF agree.

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Monthly Operations  
Month October

Name.	Sponsor	Area	Squadron	Date	Base	S.A.S.O.	Remarks.
Mahout.	G.S.I.(k)	7 m. NE Myingyan.	1576 Flight	Moon	Dum Dum	Completed A803 14/10.	Personnel.
?	G.S.I.(k)	Falam.	1576 Flight	Day.	?	Three sorties completed	Stores.
?	G.S.I.(k)	Falam.	-do-	Day.	?	Signal A831 16/10	Additional Sortie Stores.
?	G.S.I.(k)	Falam	1576 Flight				
Blow.	I.S.L.D.	Katha.	1576 Flight	Moon	Dum Dum via Imphal.	Postponed til November Verbal message from I.S.L.D.	Personnel and Stores.
Bird I.	I.S.L.D.	Moulmein.	1576 Flight	Moon	Dum Dum	Postponed Till Nov. (Verbal S/L Sherman 19/10	Personnel and Stores.
Blade.	I.S.L.D.	Prome.	1576 Flight	Moon	Dum Dum	Completed A793 13/10	
Missive. (Non-Op)	I.S.L.D.	?	1576 Flight	Beginning of Month.	?	Completed 3/10/43/	To take 3 bodies to Colombo.



Secret.  
Cypher Message.      Serial No.

	Date received by Cypher Section	
	Receipt	Despatched
To--- Bengal Command HQ (Rptd) AHQ(I)	Time of System	
From--- 1576 Flight	Originator's Ref. No.	Date.
	A 116	4 Oct.

Most Secret.                      For Attention S.A.S.O.

Inform Gardiner, Cumming 1576 Flight? Operational Oct 12th? S/Ldr Stacke? arrived your HQ. AM 4th Oct (.) 4. Hudsons 9 Officers 13 aircrew plus ground Staff And? one? Sergeants 24th Oct. BORs arriving Dum Dum 1800 Hours 7th Oct? (.) request accommodation etc., as arranged before – Acknowledge /////

TH.

Action copy to Air Staff  
ADC to AOC in C,  
SASO.  
AOA.  
P. Staff

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
				040800

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    406(13)  
    717/13

	Date received by Cypher Section	13/Oct.
	Receipt Time of 1325/13	Despatched 1738/13
To--- Air H.Q. India.	System w/t	
From--- 221 Group	Originator's Ref. No. A.793	Date. 13/Oct.

Most Secret.

For C.I.O. from 1576 Flight (.) Operations Blade Dilwyn and Harlington II completed (.)

Action copy to:- C.I.O. (2 copies).

RG

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate	(Initialled)		131025/FG





Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    S.33/1  
    5921

	Date received by Cypher Section	10/10
	Receipt Time of 1505	Despatched
To--- 221 Group.	System	
From--- Air Headquarters, India.	Originator's Ref. No.	Date.
	Int.39.	10/Oct.

Most Secret.

For 1576 Flight (.) Dilwyn Three IO's U.S.A.A.F. agree provided date and time advised (.) //

C.I.O.  
 A.D.C. to A.O.C.-in-C.  
 S.A.S.O.

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
(Signed) W/C. D.C.I.O.(I).	Immediate.	(Signed)		101500FG

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    61(13)  
    18/13

	Date received by Cypher Section	Oct 13
	Receipt Time of 2342	Despatched
To--- Air HQ India	System WT	
From--- 221 Group	Originator's Ref. No. CY79	Date. Oct 12

Secret

Your INT.39 Oct 10th. not understood. Verify Check and repeat direct to 1576<sup>1</sup> Flight Salbani.

Action Copy to.... C.I.O.

FR

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate.	(Initialled)		122050FG

<sup>1</sup> Record states 1577 but 6? is added in writing above.

Secret.  
Paraphrase of Cypher Message. S.33/1

Serial No.

	Date received by Cypher Section	
	Receipt Time of	Despatched
To--- 221 Group.	System	
From--- Air Headquarters, India.	Originator's Ref. No.	Date.
	INT/57	14/Oct.

Most Secret.

Your CY.79 of 12 Oct, Our INT.39 dated 10 Oct. not repeat not now applicable as operation completed (.)/////

dist. C.I.O.  
A.D.C. to A.O.C.-in-C.  
S.A.S.O.

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Time of origin
(Signed) S/L. I.L.O.	Important		



Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    246(17)  
    1228/16

	Date received by Cypher Section	16 Oct.
	Receipt Time of 2008/16	Despatched 1200/17
To--- Air H.Q. India.	System w/t	
From--- 221 Group	Originator's Ref. No. A.831? (851?)	Date. 16 Oct.

Most Secret

For C.I.O. from 1576 Flight. Operations Falam Area. 3 sorties completed.  
 Supply dropping by day. Two sorties projected – three completed.

Action copy to :- C.I.O.

G.S.I.(k) Informed.  
 0930/18

HVM

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate	(Initialled)		161705

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    421(19)  
    610/19

	Date received by Cypher Section	Oct/19
	Receipt Time of 1250/19	Despatched 1600/19
To--- Air HQ India.	System WT	
From--- 221 Group.	Originator's Ref. No. A.849	Date. Oct/10

Most Secret

For C.I.O. from 1576? Flight operations. I.S.L.D. "pigeons on Akyab" (additional) and G.S.I.(D) "Brass" completed. 1 Agent, 1 W/T set & 1 container Prome area.

Action copy to .....C.I.O.

AKS

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate			1020/19

Draft.

Signal.

To: O.C. R.A.F. Station Chaklala.

From: Air Headquarters, India.

Int.

20/Oct.

Personal for O.C. 1576 Flight from A.O.C.-in-C (.) Hearty congratulations on excellent performance this month (.) Please convey to all ranks aircrews and ground personnel my appreciation of their successful efforts under arduous conditions (.) I know I can count on (your success continuing)<sup>1</sup> further achievements as monsoon passes and weather improves. (.)

Distribution:-  
A.D.C. to AOC-in-C.  
A.O.A.  
S.A.S.O.  
C.I.O.  
G.S.I.(k)  
I.S.I.D.  
D.M.I.

Signed

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<sup>1</sup> This phrase was on the original, but crossed out and replaced with "further achievements".

Secret.  
Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
2156

	Date received by Cypher Section	
	Receipt Time of      1700	Despatched
To--- O.C., R.A.F. Station, Chaklala.	System	
From--- Air Headquarters, India.	Originator's Ref. No. AOC.651.	Date. 21/10

Personal for O.C. 1576 Flight from A.O.C-IN-C. Hearty congratulations on excellent performance this month. Please convey to all ranks aircrews and ground personnel my appreciation of their successful efforts under arduous conditions. I know I can count on further achievements as monsoon passes and weather improves. //////////////

Distribution:-      A.D.C. to AOC-IN-C.      File 121.  
A.O.A.  
S.A.S.O.  
C.I.O.  
G.S.I. (k)      I.S.L.D.      D.M.I.

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
(Signed) S/Ldr. for Air Chief Marshal		(Signed) F/Lt.		21170FG



Secret.  
Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
8492

	Date received by Cypher Section	18/10
	Receipt Time of 1655	Despatched
To---	System	
221 Group (Rptd) R.A.F. Chaklala.		
From---	Originator's Ref. No.	Date.
Air Headquarters, India.	Int.63.	18/Oct.

Most Secret.

For 1576 Flight. (.) Confirming telephonic conversation Benito-Sherman (.) One aircraft to standby at 12 hours notice from 20/Oct. to 30/Oct. to deliver two parcels from Bombay to Calcutta (.) Aircraft to call at Delhi (Willingdon) en route to Bombay (.) Crew to include responsible officer (.) //

C.I.O.  
A.D.C. to A.O.C.-in-C.  
S.A.S.O.  
A.O.A.

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
G.G. C.I.O.	Immediate	(Signed)		181645/FG



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No. 1576 Flight

Most Secret

25/10/43.  
S.33/1/Air/Int.

Monthly Operations.

Herewith schedule of sorties for the month of November, 1943.

Please acknowledge receipt.

(Signed) S/L  
for Group Captain,  
Chief Intelligence Officer,  
Air Headquarters, India.

1576 Flight  
Monthly Operations  
Month November

## Non-Operational Sorties.

Name.	Sponsor	Area	D = Day	Load			Type of Aircraft	Result	Remarks.
				Agents	W/T Set	Con-tainers			
Bird I.	I.S.L.D.	Ferry	26/11 or 27/11 D	3	-	-	1 Hudson	Postponed Till Dec. I.S.L.D. 3/11 Completed 16/11	Ranchi to Chaklala.
Blow I.	I.S.L.D.	Ferry	13/11 D	4	-	-	1 Hudson	Postponed Till December I.S.L.D. 30/10	Dum Dum or Ranchi to Chaklala.
Bird I.	I.S.L.D.	Ferry	5/12 D	3	-	-	1 Hudson	Postponed.	Chaklala to Ranchi.
Versatile	I.S.L.D.	Ferry	10/11 D	4	-	-	1 Hudson	?	Calcutta to Colombo.
Shade I.	I.S.L.D.	Ferry	11/11 D	3	-	-	1 Hudson	Completed 12/11 A250	Calcutta to Madras altered to Colombo again.
Blow I.	I.S.L.D.	Ferry	21/11 & 22/11 D	4	-	-	1 Hudson	?	Chaklala to Delhi thence to Ranchi Following Day
Bug	I.S.L.D.	Ferry	7/11 20/11 D	-	-	-	1 Hudson	Completed 20/11 A433	Calcutta to Chittagong & Back.



Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    S.33/1/Air/Int.  
    12438

	Date received by Cypher Section	29/10
	Receipt Time of 1805	Despatched
To--- 1576 Flight.	System	
From--- Air Headquarters, India.	Originator's Ref. No. INS.97	Date. 29 (

Most Secret.

Reference telephone conversation Moore/Coleman (.) New confirmed parcels for Blow not repeat not ready (.) Sunday aeroplane not required (.) Bird parcels ready for collection at Ranchi Tuesday 2 November (.) //

Distribution: C.I.O. original  
 A.D.C. to A.O.C.-in-C.  
 S.A.S.O.

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
(Signed) G/C. C.I.O.		(Signed)		

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No. 61A  
    S.33/1/.  
    12877

	Date received by Cypher Section	
	Receipt Time of      1145	Despatched 30/10
To--- No. 1576 Flight.	System	
From--- Air Headquarters, India.	Originator's Ref. No. INT. 98.	Date. 30/Oct.

Most Secret.

“Blow” postponed till December (.)////////

C.I.O. (originator)  
 A.D.C. to A.O.C.-in-C.  
 S.A.S.O.

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
(signed) C.I.O. (I).		(signed)		30/1120 F/G

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Most Secret

From :- No. 1576 Flight, R.A.F.

To :- Air Headquarters.

Date :- 28/10/43.

Ref :- 1576F/5/1/Air.

Monthly Operations.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter S 33/1/Air/Int. dated 25<sup>th</sup>. October 1943.

(Signed) P/O.  
for Squadron Leader, Commanding,  
No. 1576 Flight. R.A.F.





Secret.  
Cypher Message.

Serial No.  
S.33/1/Air.Int.  
7057

	Date received by Cypher Section	11/11
	Receipt Time of 12.00	Despatched
To--- 221 Group.	System	
From--- Air Headquarters, India-	Originator's Ref. No. INT. 132	Date. 11/Nov.

Secret.

For 1576 S.D. Flight (.) Moore from Jonas (.)  
No daily opreps received this Headquarters (.)  
Request reasons for non-despatch //

S.A.S.O.  
ADC. To A.O.C. in C.  
A.O.A.  
C.I.O. (Originator)

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
G/Capt. C.I.O.		(signed)		11/1205/FG

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    365(15)  
    890/15  
    ILO 33/1/A/I

	Date received by Cypher Section	15/Nov
	Receipt Time of 1802	Despatched 0830/16
To--- Air H.Q. India.	System W/T	
From--- 221 Group.	Originator's Ref. No.	Date.
	A. 250	15/Nov.

Most Secret

To C.I.O. from 1576 Flight OPREP. 9/Nov. Nil 10/Nov. Nil. 11/Nov. Nil. 12/Nov. ISLD operation Shade to Colombo completed. Spiers operation unsuccessful extensive search over D Z showed ground unsuitable for dropping. Further attempt being made 13/Nov. One Harlington operation successful. 14/Nov. Daylight recce and further photographs of Spiers area obtained through PRU. Our own Spiers pilot taken with PRU aircraft.

Action copy to:- C.I.O.  
 S.O.S.O.

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
CM	Immediate	(initialled)		1540/15

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    30(17)  
    1009/17

	Date received by Cypher Section	17/Nov
	Receipt Time of      0040/17	Despatched 0830/17
To--- Air H.Q. India.	System w/t	
From--- 221 Group.	Originator's Ref. No. A.369	Date. 16/Nov.

Most Secret.

For C.I.O. from 1576 Flight. Oprep 15 Nov nil 16 Nov nil  
 16 Nov I S L D Bird to Chaklala. (Ferry flight)

Action copy to:- C.I.O.

RG.

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate	(initialled)		162225/FG.

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    680(17)  
    1369/17

	Date received by Cypher Section	17/Nov.
	Receipt Time of 2027/17	Despatched 2250
To--- Air H.Q. India.	System W/T	
From--- 221 Group	Originator's Ref. No. A.382	Date. 17/Nov.

Most Secret.

For C.I.O. From 1576 Flight. OPREP 17 November. G.S.I.(D) Operation Fathead successful.

2 Agents & Stores in Akyab area.

Action Copy to:- C.O.I.C.  
 Ops.1.B.

AJL

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate.			171801/FG

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    160/19  
    432/19

	Date received by Cypher Section	19/Nov.
	Receipt Time of      0437/19	Despatched 0900/19
To--- H.Q. S.E.A.A.C.	System W/T	
From--- 221 Group.	Originator's Ref. No. A.408	Date. 19/Nov.

Most Secret.

For C.I.O. from 1576 Flight. OPREP 18/November NBL (Nil?) repeat Nil.

Action copy to :- C.I.O.(2)

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
MK.	Immediate	(initialled)		0030/19

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    651(20)  
    1044/20

	Date received by Cypher Section	20 Nov.
	Receipt Time of	Despatched
	1530/20	1733/20
To--- SEAAC India	System	
	W/T.	
From--- 221 Group.	Originator's Ref. No.	Date.
	A.433.	20 Nov.

Most Secret

For Air HQ. India. C.I.O. From 1576 Flight. Oprep 18/11. Harlington four unsuccessful owing to 10/10 cloud over big area. Other sorties postponed to next month. Returning Isld Bug from Chittagong today. Detachment leaving 21 Nov. Request Coleman meet Moore Willindon 1330.

Action copy to :- C.I.O. (2 copies)

(S/Ldr. Coleman advised.)

AT.

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate.	(initialled)		201100FG

Most Secret.

Brief report of 1576 S.D. Flight's Operations During the November Moon Period.

1. Operations requested.....12.  
Operations carried out.....4. (2 abortive).  
Operations postponed.....8.

Cloudy conditions prevailed over Burma during most of the period.

2. The two successful sorties were:-

Night 13/14 Nov. G.S.I.(k). Harlington III. 2 Agents and Stores 40 m. S.E. of Toungoo

Night 16/17 Nov. G.S.I.(d). Fathead. 2 Agents and Stores Akyab area.

3. On the night 11/12th November, an attempt was made to drop 3 men and stores 100 m. E. of Bhamo, G.S.I.(k) operations Spiers I. When the D.Z. was located it was found to be unsuitable for the purpose. Later in the week a photographic reconnaissance of the area was made, a pilot of 1576 Flight accompanying the P.R.U. aircraft. The photographs showed the selected area to be quite unsuitable, so no further attempt at the operation was made.

4. On the night 18/19 Nov., an attempt was made at Harlington IV, 2 agents and stores 40 m. S.E. of Toungoo, but the D.Z. was not located owing to 10/10 cloud.

5. The remaining operations, excluding ferry flights, were cancelled or postponed for reasons outside R.A.F. control.

6. The position regarding Ferry flights is not clear, as the original list of requests submitted by I.S.L.D. on 16th October had to be considerably revised owing to illness of agents. However, it is certain that flights were made between the following places:-

Bombay to Calcutta.  
Calcutta to Colombo.  
Ranchi to Chaklala  
Calcutta to Chittagong and Return.

22.11.43.

(Signed)  
S/Ldr.  
INT.L.O.



1576 Flight  
 Monthly Operations  
 Month December, 1943.

Operational Sorties

Name.	Sponsor	Area	D = Day N = Night	Load			Type of Aircraft	Result	Remarks.
				Agents	W/T Set	Con-tainers			
Harlington IV	G.S.I.(k)	40 m S.E. of Toungoo	N	2	1		Hudson III	Completed 8/9 Dec. A852 9/12	Heavy bombing cover requested.
Harlington V	do	do	N	2	-	1600 lbs	do	Postponed by G.S.I.(k)	do
Dilwyn III	do	30 m N.E. of Bhamo	N	-	-	1200 lbs	do	Completed 9/10 Dec. A735 10/12	Light bombing cover requested.
Dilwyn IV	do	do	N	-	-	1200 lbs	do	Completed 9/10 Dec. A735 10/12	do
Spiers I	do	100 m E. of Bhamo	N	3	1	1900 lbs	do	Completed 9/10 Dec. A735 10/12	Cover not essential.
Spiers II	do	do	N	2		1900 lbs	do	Completed 15/16 Dec 083017 FG.	do
Eyemouth I	do	40 m S.E. of Bhamo	N			?	do	Now Spiers & Postponed	If carried out on same night as Dilwyn same cover will suffice.

1576 Flight  
 Monthly Operations  
 Month December, 1943.

Operational Sorties

Name.	Sponsor	Area	D = Day N = Night	Load			Type of Aircraft	Result	Remarks.
				Agents	W/T Set	Con-tainers			
Eyemouth II	G.S.I.(k)	40 m S.E. of Bhamo	N	-	-	?	Hudson III	Now Spiers & Postponed	If carried out on same night as Dilwyn same cover will suffice.
Bird	I.S.L.D.	Moulmein	N	3	-	3	do	Completed 7/8 Dec. A728 8/12	Bombing cover requested
Blow	do	Katha	N	4	-	4	do	Postponed Till Jan '44 ISLD letter 2/12	do
Non-Operational Sorties (Ferry Flights)									
Bird	I.S.L.D.	Chaklala to Calcutta	3.12.43 D	I.B.O. 3 Agents	-	-	Hudson III	Completed	
Blow	do	Ranchi to Calcutta	8.12.43 D	I.B.O. 4 Agents	-	-	do	Postponed Till Jan '44 ISLD letter 2/12	
Breach	do	Calcutta to Colombo	1/10 Dec D	I.B.O. 4 Agents	-	-	do		
Missive II	do	Colombo/ Calcutta	16 Dec	?	-	-	do		
Versatile	do	Calcutta/ Trincomalee	20 Dec	?	-	-	do		
Mud	do	Colombo/ Calcutta	23 Dec	6 Agts	-	-	do		

Most Secret

From : Headquarters, S.E. Asia Air Command.

To : No. 1576 Flight. (attention S/Ldr Moore)

Date : 27<sup>th</sup> November, 1943.

Ref : S.33/1/Air/Int.

Sortie for December, 1943.

Herewith consolidated programme of Sorties for the month of December, 1943.

(Signed) S/L  
for Air Vice Marshal,  
Senior Air Staff Officer,  
Headquarters, S.E.A.A.C.

Secret.  
Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
Most Secret Postagram

	Date received by Cypher Section	
	Receipt	Despatched
	Time of System	
To--- A.H.Q. Bengal (Rptd) H.Q. S.E.A.A.C (By Post).	Originator's Ref. No.	Date.
From--- 1576 Flight.	A.180	26/11

Most Secret (.) Attention S.A.S.O. (.) Inform Major Cumming PK1745 (.) December Moon Detachment (.) Four Aircraft arriving Dum Dum P.M. 4th December (.) Request Dum Dum arrange following (.) Usual Dispersal if possible (.) Rations and Red House accommodation Fourteen Ground Crew (.) One Transport and Trolley Starter Battery (.) Officer Commanding 1576 attending your headquarters 3rd December //

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
(Signed)	Important			261610FG

By Post  
Message Form

Office Serial No. 271(5)

To--- H.Q. S.E.A.A.C.		
From--- 221 Group.	Originator's Number.	Date.
	A.180	26/11

Reference your INT.132(?) for 11th November. Moore not repeat not here. Suggest you contact direct and clarify.

Action copy to :- C.I.O.

S.A.S.O.

ADC to Air C-in-C.

D/Air C-in-C.

A.O.A.

K.H.C.

Time of Original  
TOR  
301145/FG

From : Headquarters, South East Asia Air Command.

Most Secret.

To : Headquarters, 221 Group (For G.I.O.)

Copy To :- Air Headquarters, Bengal (Comilla) (For C.I.O.)

Date : 6th December, 1943.

Ref : Int/160.

On 11th November we sent you our signal INT.132, (Encl. 63A Flag D), reading as follows:-

"For 1576 Flight (.) No daily Opreps received this Headquarters (.) Request reasons for non-despatch (.) "

2. Today we have received by post your reply AI.277 (Encl 73A Flag C) dated 30th November and reading:-

"Reference your INT.132 for 11th November. Moore not repeat not here. Suggest you contact direct and clarify."

3. We would point out that S/Ldr Moore, O.C. 1576 S.D. Flight is in Calcutta during the moon period every month for operations. During these visits it is his practice, after informing you A.O.C. and S.A.S.O. of his arrival, to visit the Group Intelligence Section, Operations Rooms (Bomber and Fighter) and the Met Section practically every day.

4. By arrangement, all signals from this Headquarters to 1576 Flight during these periods were to be addressed c/o 221 Group. Your A.515 (Encl. 18A File INT/167 Flag E) dated 12th September, 1943 refers.

5. In these circumstances may an explanation please be given of the unwarranted delay in taking action on our INT.132 dated 11th November which, from its text, obviously refers to urgent INT/OPS matters?

(Signed R.C. Jonas, G/C) for  
Air Vice Marshal,  
Senior Air Staff Officer,  
South East Asia Air Command.

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    18(7)  
    988/6

	Date received by Cypher Section	6 Dec.
	Receipt Time of 2033/6	Despatched 0830/7
To--- H.Q. S.E.A.A.C.	System w/t	
From--- 221 Group (1576 Flight)	Originator's Ref. No. A.696	Date. 6 Dec.

Secret

C.I.O. for Moore. Oprep up to 061800fg nil repeat nil.

Action copy to:- C.I.O.  
    S.A.S.O.

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Important	(initialled)		061203fg

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    18(9)  
    1488/8

	Date received by Cypher Section	8/Dec.
	Receipt Time of 2020	Despatched 0830/9
To--- H.Q. S.E.A.A.C.	System W/T	
From--- 221 Group.	Originator's Ref. No. A.728	Date. 8/Dec.

Corrected Version.  
 Secret. To C.I.O. from 1576 Flight. OPREP to 1800 hours 8/Dec.  
 ISLD Operation Bird successful. 3 Agents + 3 containers Moulmein Area.

Action copy to :- C.I.O. (2)

Snt/160

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
HK.	Immediate	(Initialled)		



Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    518(10  
    940/10

	Date received by Cypher Section	10/Dec.
	Receipt Time of      1508/10	Despatched 1637/10
To--- H.Q. S.E.A.A.C.	System W/T	
From--- 221 Group.	Originator's Ref. No. A.735	Date. 10/Dec.

Secret.

For C.I.O. from 1576 Flight. OPREP for 10/Dec. 1800 hours. Dilwyn operations 2 sorties (1400 lbs. stores 30 mi. N.E. of Bhamo.) and Spiers one sortie (3 agents, 1 W/T set, 1900 lbs stores 100 mi. E. of Bhamo) successful.

Action copy to :- C.I.O.

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
HK.	Immediate	(Initialled)		10/1240/FG



Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    738/11  
    627/11

	Date received by Cypher Section	11/Dec.
	Receipt Time of      0935	Despatched 0830/12
To--- HQ. SEAAC.	System WT.	
From--- 221 Group.	Originator's Ref. No. A/852(?) (752)	Date. 9/Dec.

Secret. To. C.I.O. from 1576 Flight. Opreps 1800 9/Dec. Harlington.

Action Copy to ... C.I.O.

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Important	(Initialled)		1845/9

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    442(12)  
    912/12

	Date received by Cypher Section	Dec/12
	Receipt Time of      1257/12	Despatched 1534/12
To--- HQ S.E.A.A.C.	System W/T	
From--- Air HQ Bengal.	Originator's Ref. No. A.550 (5607)	Date. Dec/12th

Most Secret

You're A.2303 Dec/11th. Increased enemy air activity in area renders Operation inadvisable without fighter escort. Objective is at extreme range of long range Hurricanes operating from our foremost aerodrome. Impossible make decision without further information on nature and scope of operation. It is intended operate from India of American base in China. Request further information.

Action copy to :-      C.I.O.  
    S.A.S.O.  
    ADC to AC in C.  
    D/AC in C.  
    G.S.I.(K).

FDD/

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate			121013/FG

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    INT/160.  
    8613

	Date received by Cypher Section	13/12
	Receipt Time of 1075	Despatched
To---	System	
Air H.Q. Bengal (Comilla)		
From---	Originator's Ref. No.	Date.
H.Q., South East Asia Air Command	A.211.	13/Dec.

Most Secret.

For A.O.C. (.) Your A.550 12/Dec. Our A.203 11/Dec (.) S/L Moore now in Calcutta fully aware details of operation and will contact you (.)////////

OPS.1B  
 A.D.C. A/C.-in-C.  
 S.A.S.O.  
 C.I.O. – (Originator)  
 D/AC-C.

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
(Signed) G/C. C.I.O.	Immediate	(Signed)		131015/FG



Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    86(16)  
    1568/15

	Date received by Cypher Section	15/Dec
	Receipt Time of      2340	Despatched 0830/16
To--- S.E.A.A.C.	System W/T	
From--- 231 Group.	Originator's Ref. No. -	Date. 15/Dec

Secret.

For C.I.O. from 1573 Flight Harlington 1 sortie successful. Last sortie this moon on tonight.  
 Expect Moore Delhi Friday 17/Dec.  
 (2 Agents & W/T Set 40 m. S.E. of Toungoo.)

Action copy to :- C.I.O.

CM

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Important	(Initialled)		151041FG

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    694(16)  
    1442/16

	Date received by Cypher Section	16/Dec.
	Receipt Time of 2027.	Despatched 0830/17.
To--- H.Q. Air C.S.E.A.	System W/T.	
From--- 231 Group.	Originator's Ref. No. --	Date. 16/Dec.

Secret.

For C.I.O. from 1576. Second sortie Spiers successful (.) I.S.L.D. and G.S.I.K December commitments completed.

(2 Agents & stores:- 100mi. E. of Bhamo)

Action copy to:- C.I.O.

ADF

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate	(Initialled)		161540/FG



S.A.S.O. (Thro' C.I.O.)

Brief Report of 1576 Flight's Operations During the December Moon Period. 7th – 17th December.

(Compiled from information received in this Headquarters up to 0900 hours 18th Dec.)

Sorties requested                      10.  
Sorties carried out                      6.  
Sorties postponed by Sponsor      4.

Weather conditions over Burma showed a great improvement over those prevailing during the previous month, and all six operations attempted were successful.

2. The successful sorties were :-

Date.	Name.	Sponsor.	Load.	Area.
8/9 Dec.	Harlington IV.	GSI(k)	2 Agents & W/T Set.	Toungoo.
8/9 Dec.	Dilwyn III.	"	Stores only.	E. of Bhamo.
9/10 Dec.	Dilwyn IV.	"	" "	E. of Bhamo.
" "	Spiers I.	"	3 Agents & W/T Set.	E. of Bhamo.
15/16 Dec.	Spiers II.	"	2 Agents & Stores.	E. of Bhamo.
7/8 Dec.	Bird I.	ISLD	3 Agents & Stores.	Moulmein.

3. Operation 'Blow' was postponed by I.S.L.D. on 2nd Dec. and Harlington V, Eyemouth I and II were postponed by G.D.I.(k) on instructions from agents previously dropped.

4. It is noteworthy that these sorties were successful, not merely from the air point of view, but also from that of the Sponsors. Two-way W/T communication with the agents has been established in each and every instance.

5. The number of 'ferry' flights has again been large, and the O.C. Flight has promised detailed reports for November and December at an early date.

- Note: (i) I.S.L.D. has requested 13 'Ferry' flights to take place in January including 4 to Colombo and one to Madras. This organisation maintains that these flights are 'operational' not from the point of view of the aircrews 'tour', but as part of the relative operation and essential to it.
- (ii) S/Ldr. Moore has again been instructed by the C.I.O. on 17th December that he is not to undertake these flights if in his (S/Ldr Moore's) opinion they would interfere with operations. As originally instructed on 22nd October vide Enc. 6A File INT/133 attached.

1576 Flight  
 Monthly Operations  
 Month January, 1944.

Operational Sorties

Name.	Sponsor	Area	D = Day N = Night	Load			Type of Aircraft	Result	Remarks.
				Agents	W/T Set	Containers			
Spiers III, IV & V.	G.S.I.(k)	100 miles E. of Bhamo.	N.	Several	-	Stores	3 Hudsons		Bombing cover not essential.
Bird II	I.S.L.D.	Moulmein.	N.	-	-	1	1 Hudson		To be carried out between 7/1 and 10/1 after 2300 hrs. Bombing cover desirable.
Blow	I.S.L.D.	Katha	N.	4	-	3	1 Hudson		Cover raid on Katha requested.
Bantam.	I.S.L.D.	Kokang.	N.	1	-	4	1 Hudson		Provisional. May be postponed till Feb. or Mar.
Bulbul.	I.S.L.D.	WA States.	N.	1	-	4	1 Hudson		ditto.

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 File INT/160.

1576 Flight  
Monthly Operations  
Month January, 1944.

## Non-Operational Sorties

Name.	Sponsor	Route	Day	Load			Type of Aircraft	Result	Remarks.
				Agents	W/T Set	Con-tainers			
Blast.	I.S.L.D.	Ranchi to Calcutta.	1 Jan. or 7 Jan.	3		Kit	Hudson		
Blast.		Calcutta to Chittagong.	7 Jan. or 14 Jan.	3		"	"		
Bracket.		Chittagong to Calcutta.	12 Jan.	3		"	"		
Bug II.		Chittagong to Calcutta.	15 Jan. or 16 Jan.	9		"	"		
Brisk) Bandola)		Ranchi to Chittagong.	7 Jan. or 15 Jan.	5		"	"		
Buzzard.		Ranchi to Redhills Lake.	11 Jan.	3		"	"		
Breach.		Colombo to Calcutta.	10 Jan. or 15 Jan.	5		400 lb. Kit.	"		

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File INT/160.

From : Headquarters 221 Group.

Most Secret

To : H.Q. Air Command, South East Asia.  
(Copy to H.Q. Tactical Air Forces Bengal for C.I.O.)

Date : 21st December 1943.

Ref : 221G/S.2004/1/Int.

1576 Flight – OPREPS.

H.Q. Air Command South East Asia's letter (E.74A) Int/160 6th Dec. was received on 18th Dec. (presumably delayed due to the move of this H.Q. and the lack of Central Registry personnel consequents upon the delayed arrival of the 'advance party'. It is regretted that in the absence of the rear party personnel and the information concerning the T.O.R. of you Nil priority signal INT 132/11 Nov. the matter cannot be enquired into with precision.

2. This H.Q. was however not aware that 1576 Flight rendered reports in accordance with M.O.R.: When a similar signal INT 44/12 Oct. was received S/Ldr Moore was advised to take up the question personally at Delhi on the grounds that security made it undesirable to forward normal opreps and sortie reports in view of the tasks carried out. It was understood that S/Ldr Moore had arranged that these should not be rendered but statistics required would be produced on the return to Delhi after each series of operations.

3. The C.I.O. did not have an opportunity to raise the matter with S/Ldr Moore and on finding that he had definitely returned to Delhi earlier than anticipated, it was decided to send our A1 277 as a reminder to ensure that the question of 1576 Flights rendition of opreps could be finally settled. This H.Q. incidentally keeps no written record of the activities of 1576 Flight.

(Signed)  
Air Commodore,  
Air Officer Commanding,  
No. 221 Group, Royal Air Force.

Most Secret

From : Headquarters, Air Command South East Asia.

To : Headquarters, 221 Group.  
(Copy to:- H.Q. Third Tactical Air Force (For C.I.O.))

Date : 29th December, 1943.

Ref : INT/160.

1576 Flight – OPREPS.

Receipt is acknowledged of your 221G/S2004/1/INT dated 21<sup>st</sup> December, 1943, and the explanation contained therein noted.

2. In view of the fact that amended instructions have been issued to 1576 Flight for reporting their activities, no further action by you is deemed necessary.

(Signed) S/L for  
Air Vice Marshal,,  
Senior Air Staff Officer,  
Air Command South East Asia.

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    462(6).  
    803/6.

	Date received by Cypher Section	6th January
	Receipt Time of      1336	Despatched 1525/6
To--- H.Q. Air Cmd S.E.A.	System W/T.	
From--- 231 Group.	Originator's Ref. No. A.177.	Date. 6th Jan.

Secret.  
 C.I.O. from 1576 Flight. Nil Operational Return to 060800/FG

Action copy to :- C.I.O.

K.H.C.

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate			061145/FG

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    302(8)  
    1478/7

	Date received by Cypher Section	7/Jan
	Receipt Time of 1913	Despatched 1500/8
To--- HQ AC SEA.	System w/t	
From--- 231 Group.	Originator's Ref. No. A 385? 185?	Date. 7/Jan.

Secret.

From 1576 Flight to C I P? (C.I.O.)? No operational return to? 070800FG

Action copy to :- C.I.O.

CP

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
		(Initialled)		070951

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    614(8)  
    1010/8

	Date received by Cypher Section	8/Jan.
	Receipt Time of      081412	Despatched 1600/8
To--- HQ AC SEA	System WT	
From--- 231 Group.	Originator's Ref. No. A.199.	Date. 8/JN.

Secret

To C.I.O. from. 1576 Flight (.) Nil Operational Return to 08-0900FG. (.)

Action copy to:- C.I.O.

WAJ.

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate	(Initialled)		081035FG



Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    447(9)  
    932/9

	Date received by Cypher Section	9 Jan.
	Receipt Time of 1420	Despatched 1610/9
To--- Air Command, South East Asia.	System w/t	
From--- 231 Group.	Originator's Ref. No. A 209	Date. 9 Jan

Secret.  
 To C.I.O. From 1577 Flight.  
 Nil Operational return To 090800FG.

Action copy to :- C.I.O.

RW

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate	(Initialled)		091100FG

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    468(10)  
    597/10

	Date received by Cypher Section	10 Jan.
	Receipt Time of 1406/	Despatched 1610/10
To--- HQ. AIR C. S.E.A.	System W/T.	
From--- 231 Group	Originator's Ref. No. A. 217.	Date. 10 Jan.

Secret.

CIO From 1576 Flight.

Nil Operational Return to 100800FG

Action copy to :- C.I.O.  
    A.D.C. to A.C-in-C.  
    D/A.C-in-C.  
    A.O.A.  
    S.A.S.O.

AT.

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate.			101120/

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    663(11)  
    926/11

	Date received by Cypher Section	11/Jan.
	Receipt Time of      1402/11	Despatched 1635/11
To--- H.Q. Air C.S.E.A.	System WT	
From--- 231 Group.	Originator's Ref. No. A.226	Date. 11/Jan.

Secret

To C.I.O. from 1576 Flight NIL Operational return to 11 0800/FG

Action Copy to :- C.I.O.  
                           ADC to A.C. in C.  
                           D.A.C. in C.  
                           S.A.S.O.  
                           A.O.A.

AJL

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate	(Initialled)		111020/FG

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    408(12)  
    819/12

	Date received by Cypher Section	12 Jan.
	Receipt Time of 1213	Despatched 1345/12
To--- HQ AC SEA.	System wt	
From--- 231 Group.	Originator's Ref. No. A 240	Date. 12 Jan.

Secret.

To CIO from 1576 Flight. Nil operational return to 120800FG.

Action copy to : CIO.

RD.

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate	(Initialled)		120950FG

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    562(13)  
    1114/13

	Date received by Cypher Section	13/Jan
	Receipt Time of 1421/13	Despatched 1755/13
To--- HQ Air C.S.E.A.	System w/t	
From--- 231 Group	Originator's Ref. No. AO.3.	Date. 13/Jan

Secret.

To C.I.O. from 1576 Flight. Nil operational return to 130800FG.

H.Q. Air Cmd:- C.I.O. (Action)

AS

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate	(Initialled)		131130/FG

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    522(14)  
    824/14

	Date received by Cypher Section	14 Jan.
	Receipt Time of N/S	Despatched 1620/14
To--- HQ. AIR C. S.E.A.	System W/T.	
From--- 231 Group.	Originator's Ref. No. AO.17?	Date. 14 Jan.

Secret.

To C.I.O. From 1576 Flight.  
 Nil Operational Return to 140800FG.

HQ. AIR CMD:- C.I.O. (Action)

AT.

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate	(Initialled)		141030/FG.

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    601(14)  
    926/14

	Date received by Cypher Section	14/Jan.
	Receipt Time of 1527/14	Despatched 0830/15
To--- Air Cmd S.E.A.	System w/t.	
From--- 231 Group.	Originator's Ref. No. AO.21	Date.

Secret.

To C.I.O. (S/L. Moore from 1576 Flight) Blow off weather.

H.Q. A.C.S.E.A. :- C.I.O. (Action)

RG.

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate	(Initialled)		141231/FG.

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    523(15)  
    956/15

	Date received by Cypher Section	15/Jan
	Receipt Time of 1310	Despatched 1545/15
To--- HQ. AC SEA	System WT	
From--- 231 Group.	Originator's Ref. No. AO/27	Date. 15/Jan.

Secret.

To C.I.O. from 1576 Flight. Nil operational return to 150800 FG.

HQ. AC SEA C.I.O. (Action)

HW

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate	(Initialled)		150945/FG



Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    559(16)  
    1079/16

	Date received by Cypher Section	16/Jan.
	Receipt Time of 1423	Despatched 1630/16
To--- HQ SEAAC.	System WT	
From--- 231 Group.	Originator's Ref. No. AO.41(45?)	Date. 16/Jan.

Secret.

To C.I.O. from 1576 Flight NIL operational return to 160800FG(.)

HQ AC SEA:- C.I.O. (Action.)

WAJ.

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate	(Initialled)		161105FG

Most Secret

Intelligence.

S.A.S.O. (Thro' C.I.O.)

Brief Report of 1576 S.D. Flight's  
Operations during the January, 1944  
Moon Period 6th-16th January.

Weather over the target areas in Burma during this period was so unfavourable that no sortie could be attempted, and a completely blank month resulted from the operational point of view.

2. Six of the original seven requested sorties were cancelled by the Sponsors for varying reasons.

(Signed)  
S/Ldr.  
INT.L.O.

u/o INT/160 dated 17th January, 1944.

Message Form

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638(23)

TO. HQ AIR C SEA  
FROM. 231 Group

Originator's Number Date  
AO181 23/Jan

To C.I.O. From 1576 Flight Nil Operational Return to 230800 FG.

HQ. AC SEA...C.I.O. (Action)  
ADC. To A.C. in C.  
D/ A.C. in C.  
S.A.S.O.  
A.O.A.

Time typed 1250/23 KJS

HW

Degree of Priority  
Immediate

System in.	Time in.	Reader	Sender
T/P	1121/23	HB	Bar

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 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    459(17)  
    590/17

	Date received by Cypher Section	17 Jan
	Receipt Time of 1350/17	Despatched
To--- HQ AirCSEA	System WT	
From--- 1576 Flight.	Originator's Ref. No. A. 1	Date. 17 Jan.

Secret.

To C.I.O. Nil Operational return to 170800.

HQ AIR CMND: C.I.O. (Action)

WRP

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate.	(Initialled)		171130FG

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    506(18)  
    762/18

	Date received by Cypher Section	18 Jan.
	Receipt Time of 181129	Despatched 1500/18
To--- ACSEA	System WT.	
From--- 231 Group	Originator's Ref. No. AO 118.	Date. 18 Jan.

Secret.

To CIO From 1576 flight. Nil operational return to 180080.FG.

HQ Air Cmd SEA. CIO. (Action.)

RT

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate.	(Initialled)		180950.

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    753(19)  
    1110/19

	Date received by Cypher Section	19 Jan.
	Receipt Time of 1615/19.	Despatched 0830/20
To--- HQ. AIR C. S.E.A.	System W/T.	
From--- 231 Group.	Originator's Ref. No. AO.129	Date. Jan.19.

Secret.

To C.I.O. From 1576 Flight.

Nil Operational Return to 190800 FG.

HQ. AIR CMD:- C.I.O. (Action).  
 A.D.C. to A.C-in-C.  
 D/A.C-in-C.  
 S.A.S.O.  
 A.O.A.

AT.

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate.	(Initialled)		191115FG.

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695(20)

TO. HQ AIR C SEA  
FROM. 231 Group

Originator's Number Date  
AO140 20/Jan

Secret (.) To C.I.O. From 1576 Flight Nil Operational Return to 200800 FG.

201045FG

HQ Air Commnd.:- C.I.O. (Action)

R..1013 NA TT 1128/20 DG

Degree of Priority  
Immediate

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    534(21)  
    941/21

	Date received by Cypher Section	21/Jan.
	Receipt Time of 1347/21	Despatched 1545/21
To--- H.Q. Air Cmd S.E.A.	System w/t.	
From--- 231 Group.	Originator's Ref. No. AO.157	Date. 21/Jan.

Secret.

1 580 ? ( to ?) CIO from 1576 Flight nil operational return to 210800 FG.

H.Q. Air Cmd S.E.A.: C.I.O. (2 copies)  
 ADC to AC in C.  
 D.A.C. in C.  
 S.A.S.O.

RG.

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate	(Initialled)		211100/FG.



Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    542(22)  
    909/22

	Date received by Cypher Section	22 Jan.
	Receipt Time of 1350/22	Despatched 1600/22
To--- H.Q. Air C. S.E.A.	System W/T.	
From--- 231 Group.	Originator's Ref. No. AO.169	Date. 22 Jan.

Secret.

To CIO From 1556 (1576(?) Flight. Nil operational return to 220400 (2210800(?)FG.

H.Q. Air Cmd: C.I.O. (Action)  
 ADC to A.C-in-C.  
 D/.A.C- in-C.  
 S.A.S.O.

AT.

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate	(Initialled)		221030/FG.

Secret.  
 Cypher Message.      Serial No.  
    664(27)  
    940/27

	Date received by Cypher Section	27/Jan.
	Receipt Time of 1430	Despatched
To--- Air Command S.E.A.	System WT.	
From--- 1576 Flight.	Originator's Ref. No. A/184	Date. 27 Jan.

Secret.

For C.I.O. Nil operations 270841? FG.

AC SEA...C.I.O. (Action)  
 ADC to A.C. in C.  
 D/ A.C. in C.  
 S.A.S.O.

HW

Signature and Rank of Originator Recipient	Priority	Signature of Cypher officer	Issued to	Time of origin
	Immediate	(Initialled)		271230/FG