

1576 Flight RAF

"Monthly Operations"

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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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G.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.

¹ There is a similar page in the record which lists the flights that were "approved", but not the "Results" or "Remarks." It list a flight to "Blade" with I.S.L.D. as the sponsor.

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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.
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-			Signal	Additional Sortie
?	G.S.I.(k)	Falam	1576 Flight	Day.	?	A831 16/10	Stores.
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.

Bird (Non-Op)	I.S.L.D.	Ferry	1576 Flight	End of Sept.		Completed.(I.S.L.D. Nov. programme)	3 bodies from Calcutta to Chaklala and return to Ranchi.
Blow (Non-Op)	I.S.L.D.	Ferry	1576 Flight	Early Oct.		Postponed till 17/10 – 24/10.	4 bodies from Calcutta to Chaklala and return to Calcutta.
?	I.S.L.D.	Akyab	1576 Flight	Oct. Moon		Completed Signal A859 19/10/43	Pigeons to be dropped during another Operation.

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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.

Operational Sorties

Name.	Sponsor	Area	D = Day N = Night	Load			Type of Aircraft	Result	Remarks.
				Agents	W/T Set	Con- tainers			
Dilwyn III	G.S.I.(k)	30 miles N.E. of Bhamo	N	–	–	2,400 lbs. stores	2 Hudsons	?	Cover desirable but not essential.
Dilwyn IV	G.S.I.(k)	30 miles N.E. of Bhamo	N					?	
Spiers I	G.S.I.(k)	100 miles E. of Bhamo	N	5	1	3,800 lbs. stores.	2 Hudsons	A250 15/11 First attempt unsuccessful	Cover desirable but not essential.
Spiers II	G.S.I.(k)	100 miles E. of Bhamo	N					ditto	
?	G.S.I.(k)	Haka 20 m. S. of Falam	D	–	–	1,200 lbs. stores.	1 Hudson	?	
Fathead	G.S.I.(d)	Akyab.	N	2	–	Stores	1 Hudson	Successful 17/11/43 Signal A382	

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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.
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)

Name.	Sponsor	Area	D = Day N = Night	Load			Type of Aircraft	Result	Remarks.
				Agents	W/T Set	Con-tainers			
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		

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Month January, 1944.

Operational Sorties

Name.	Sponsor	Area	D = Day N = Night	Load			Type of Aircraft	Result	Remarks.
				Agents	W/T Set	Con- tainers			
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.

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.	"		