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Aircraft Type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks	Reference
					1st. April 1946	
Lib. Mk. VIII.	Sgt. Ricketts N.B.	Ferrying	0830	1145	One sortie carried out to Mitkyina without incident. Weather good slight CU. A/C. fitted with Bomb Bay panniers.	88 bags of Rice
A/C M.KL660	F/S. Greenhalgh J.G. (P)	rice into	1230	1545		@ 80 lbs. each
	Sgt. Botsford F.A. Nav.	Pegu to				Total:- 7040
	F/S. Hickman H.J. A/B	Mitkyina				
	F/S. Steele S.W. F/E					
	F/S. Fletcher F.C. W/P					
Lib. Mk. VIII.	F/O. Haines P.J. (P)	Ferrying	0945	1250	As above. 94 bags of Rice carried of Total weight: 7520 lbs.	94 bags @ 80 lb.
A/C W.KN824	F/L. Budd P. (P)	Rice from	1355	1705		Total: 7520 lb.
	F/S. Leddy A. Nav.	Pegu to				
	F/O. Fryer H. A/B	Mitkyina				
	F/S. Dawkins D. WO/P					
	W/O. Condell E. V. F/E					
					2nd. April 1946	
Lib. Mk. VIII.	W/O. Meyers M. (P)	Ferrying	0845	1200	As above. Slight weather encountered: some CU building up near Mitkyina.	94 bags @ 80 lb.
A/C C.KL653	F/S. Reeves B.H. F/E	Rice from	1335	1645		Total: 7520 lb.
	F/S. Tonge D. Nav.	Pegu to				
	F/S. Kirkman J. Wo/P	Mitkyina				
					3rd. April 194 6	
Lib. Mk. VIII.	Sgt. Ricketts N.B. (P)	Ferrying	1600 ¹	1305	One sortie carried out to Mitkyina, 88 bags of Rice carried. Total:- 7040 lbs.	88 bags @ 80 lb.
A/C M.KL660	F/S. Greenhalgh J.G. (P)	Rice from	1345	1655		Total: 7040 lb.
	Sgt. Botford F.A. Nav.	Pegu to				
	F/S. Hickman H.J. A/B	Mitkyina				
	F/S. Steele S.W. F/E					
	F/S. Futcher F.C. Wo/P					
					4th. April 1946	
Lib. Mk. VIII.	W/O. Meyers M. (P)	Ferrying	0810	1240	One sortie carried out to Mitkyina, 94 bags of Rice, total:- 7520 lbs. Slight CU and haze encountered.	94 bags @
A/C U.KN759	F/S. Reeves B.H. F/E	Rice from	1350	1650		84 lbs each
	F/S. Tonge D. Nav.	Pegu to				Total: 7520 lbs.
	F/S. Kirkman J. Wo/P	Mitkyina				

¹ Record state 1600 as take off time, but this is obviously an error.

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					5th. April 1946	
Lib. Mk. VIII.	F/O. Allsop H. (P)	Ferrying	0915	1225	One sortie was carried out to Mitkyina, 91 bags of Rice were carried a total of 7280 lbs. Some Haze encountered.	91 bags @
A/C U.KN759	F/S. Todd D.F. (P)	Rice from	1320	1625		80 lbs each
	Sgt. Foreshaw H. Nav.	Pegu to				Total: 7280 lbs.
	F/O. Freeland J. A/B	Mitkyina				
	F/S. Pepperell K.N. Wo/P					
	W/O. Hawkins J. F/E					
Lib. Mk. VIII.	F/L. Hoult W. (P)	Ferrying	0935	1245	One sortie carried out to Mitkyina, 88 bags of Rice, total weight ferried: 7040 lbs	88 bags @
A/C M.KL660	F/S. Matthews I. (P)	Rice from	1355	1700		80 lbs each
	Sgt. Fraser J. F/E	Pegu to				Total: 7040 lbs.
	Sgt. Cohen G.A. Nav.	Mitkyina				
	Sgt. Burkhill C. A/B					
	Sgt. Sinclair G. Wo/P					
					6th. April 1946	
Lib. Mk. VIII.	F/L. Markwell E. (P)	Ferrying	0845	1200	As above but 94 Bags of Rice carried. Weather good with slight CU.	94 Bags @
A/C C.KL653	F/L. Harland J. (P)	Rice from	1315	1620		80 lbs each
	W/O. Owers K. Nav.	Pegu to				Total: 7520 lbs.
	W/O. Gordon T. F/E	Mitkyina				
	F/L. Corlett J. Wo/P					
	W/O Lawson A. A/B					
					7th. April 1946	
					No flying carried out from Pegu.	
					8th. April 1946	
Lib. Mk. VIII.	F/O. Haines P.J. (P)	Ferrying	0835	1140	One sortie carried out to Mitkyina, 94 Bags of Rice, total: 7520 lbs	94 Bags @
A/C C.KL653	F/L. Budd P. (P)	Rice from	1250	1550		80 lbs each
	F/S. Leddy A. Nav.	Pegu to				Total: 7520 lbs.
	F/O. Fryer H. A/B	Mitkyina				
	F/S. Dawkins D. WO/P					
	W/O. Condell E.V. F/E					
					9th. April 1946	
Lib. Mk. VIII.	F/L. Markwell E. (P)	Ferrying	0835	1135	As above: weather gave no Trouble.	As above.
A/C C.KL653	F/L. Harland J. (P)	Rice from	1255	1605		
	W/O. Owers K. Nav.	Pegu to				

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	W/O. Gordon T. F/E	Mitkyina				
	F/L. Corlett J. Wo/P					
	W/O Lawson A.					
					10th. April 1946	
Lib. Mk. VIII.	F/O. Haines P.J. (P)	Ferrying	0850	1205	As above: weather: CU and some bumpiness.	As above.
A/C W.KN824	F/L. Budd P. (P)	Rice from	1250	1605		
	F/S. Leddy A. Nav.	Pegu to				
	F/O. Fryer H. A/B	Mitkyina				
	F/S. Dawkins D. Wo/P					
	W/O. Condell E.V. F/E					
Lib. Mk. VIII.	S/L. Hood C.M. (P)	Ferrying	0815	1115	S/L. Hood flew one sortie from Pegu to Mitkyina carrying 94 bags of Rice in the B/B Panniers. Slight cumulus encountered.	94 Bags @
A/C Q.KN812	F/S. Johnston R.C. (P)	Rice from	1205	1515		80 lbs each
	F/O Marsden E. Nav.	Pegu to				Total: 7520 lbs.
	F/O. Spencer W. A/B	Mitkyina				
	F/O. Nash G.T. W/op					
	W/O. Kirkup T. F/E					
Lib. Mk. VIII.	F/O. Allsop H. (P)	Ferrying	0830	1125	One sortie carried out to Mitkyina 94 Bags of Rice being transported in the B/B Panniers. Total weight: 7520 lbs.	94 Bags @
A/C U.KN759	F/S. Todd F.C. (P)	Rice from	1220	1535		80 lbs each
	Sgt. Foreshaw H. Nav.	Pegu to				Total: 7520 lbs.
	F/O. Freeland J. A/B	Mitkyina				
	F/S. Pepperell K.N. W/OP					
	Sgt. Williams K. J. F/E					
					11th. April 1946	
Lib. Mk. VIII.	F/L. Markwell E. (P)	Ferrying	0835	1140	One sortie carried out to Mitkyina airfield transporting 94 bags of Rice in B/B Panniers. Total weight:- 7520 lbs.	As above.
A/C C.KL653	F/L. Harland J. (P)	Rice from	1240	1545		
	W/O. Owers K. Nav.	Pegu to				
	W/O. Gordon T. F/E	Mitkyina				
	W/O Lawson A. A/B					
					12th. April 1946	
Lib. Mk. VIII.	F/O. Haines P.J. (P)	Ferrying	0850	1250	One sortie carried out to Mitkyina airfield A/C was fitted with B/B Panniers, enabling 94 bags of rice to be transported. The weather remained good. Total weight: 7520 lbs.	94 Bags @
A/C W.KN824	F/L. Budd P. (P)	Rice from	1305	1620		80 lbs each
	F/S. Leddy A. Nav.	Pegu to				Total: 7520 lbs.
	F/S. Dawkins D. W/OP	Mitkyina				
	W/O. Condell E.V. F/E					

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Lib. Mk. VIII. A/C Q.KN812	Sgt. Ricketts P.J. (P) F/S. Greenhalgh J. (P)	Ferrying Rice from	0825 1210	1125 1515	One sortie was flown to Mitkyina airfield A/C was fitted with B/B Panniers, enabling 94 bags of rice to be transported. Total weight: 7520 lbs.	94 Bags @ 80 lbs each Total: 7520 lbs.		
	Sgt. Botsford F.A. Nav. F/S. Hickman H.B. A/B	Pegu to Mitkyina						
	F/S. Steele S.W. F/E F/S. Futcher F.C. W/Op							
Lib. Mk. VIII. A/C U.KN759	F/O. Allsop H. (P) F/S. Todd D.F.C. (P)	Ferrying Rice from	0835 1230	1145 1540			One sortie was carried out from Pegu to Mitkyina airfield, transporting 94 bags of Rice in the B/B Panniers. Small Cumulus encountered otherwise the weather remained good. A total of 7520 lbs of Rice was transported.	As Above.
	Sgt. Forshaw H. Nav. F/O. Freeland J. A/B	Pegu to Mitkyina						
	F/S. Pepperell R. W/OP Sgt. Williams K. J. F/E							
				13th. April 1946				
Lib. Mk. VIII. A/C C.KL653	F/L. Markwell E. (P) F/L. Harland J. (P)	Ferrying Rice from	0835 1235	1140 1545	One sortie carried out from Pegu to Mitkyina airfield, transporting 94 bags of Rice in the B/B Panniers, giving a total weight of Rice of 7520 lbs.	94 Bags @ 80 lbs each Total: 7520 lbs.		
	W/O. Owers K. Nav. W/O. Gordon T. F/E	Pegu to Mitkyina						
	F/O. Corlett J. W/Op W/O Lawson A. A/B							
Lib. Mk. VIII. A/C U.KN759	F/S. Ricketts H.B. (P) F/S. Greenhalgh J. (P)	Ferrying Rice from	²				F/S. Ricketts flew on sortie from Pegu to Mitkyina returning to Salbani; because of the extra fuel needed the A/C was only loaded with 6240 lbs of Rice Heavy Cumulus was met over the Bay of Bengal with violent updrifts.	78 Bags @ 80 lbs each Total: 6240 lbs.
	Sgt. Botsfors F.A. Nav. F/S. Hickman H.B. A/B	Pegu to Mitkyina						
	F/S. Steele S.W. F/E F/S. Futcher F.C. W/Op	returning to Salbani.						
				16th. April 1946				
Lib. Mk. VIII. A/C C.KL653	F/L. Markwell E. (P) F/L. Harland J. (P)	Ferrying Rice from	0830 1240	1140 1550	One sortie was carried out to Mitkyina airfield transporting 94 bags of Rice in B/B Panniers. Nor weather encountered dave for slight CU. Total weight: 7520 lbs.	94 Bags @ 80 lbs each Total: 7520 lbs.		
	W/O. Owers K. Nav. W/O. Gordon T. F/E	Pegu to Mitkyina						
	F/O. Corlett J. W/Op W/O Lawson A. A/B							

² Times given in record are too light to read.

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Lib. Mk. VIII. A/C W.KN824	F/O. Haines P. (P) F/S. Stewart R. (P) F/S. Leddy A. Nav. F/S. Dawkins D. W/OP W/O. Condell E.V. F/E	Ferrying Rice from Pegu to Mitkyina	0835 1300	1200 1615	One sortie carried out for the purpose of Rice transportation. 94 bags of Rice were carried in the B/B Panniers, giving the total weight of Rice as 7520 lbs.	94 Bags @ 80 lbs each Total: 7520 lbs.
³	S/L. Hood C.M. (P) F/S. Johnston R. (P) F/O. Spencer W. A/B F/S. Godwin K. Nav. F/O. Nash C.T. W/Op W/O. Kirkup T. F/E	Ferrying Rice from Pegu to Mitkyina	0750 1145	1100 1445	One sortie carried out to Mitkyina by S/L. Hood, and crew 94 bags of rice were carried in the B/B Panniers, giving a total weight of Rice transported as 7520 lbs. slight Cumulus was encountered with severe updrafts in the Mitkyina area.	As above.
					17th. April 1946 No sorties carried out from Pegu.	
					18th. April 1946	
Lib. Mk. VIII. A/C W.KN824	F/O. Haines P. (P) F/S. Stewart R. (P) F/S. Leddy A. Nav. F/S. Dawkins D. W/Op W/O. Condell E.V. F/E	Ferrying Rice from Pegu to Mitkyina	0830 1250 1530	1140 1440 1650	One sortie carried out from Pegu to Mitkyina airfield 94 bags of Rice were carried in B/B Panniers giving the total amount of Rice transported as 7520 lbs. Weather remained moderate with slight up-currents.	As Above.
Lib. Mk. VIII. A/C C.KL653	F/L. Markwell E. (P) F/L. Harland J. (P) F/O. Corlett J. W/Op W/O. Owers K. Nav. W/O Lawson A. A/B W/O. Gordon T. F/E	Ferrying Rice from Pegu to Mitkyina	0830	0925	94e7520. D.N.C.O. A/C u/s F/L Markwell and crew took off in A/C "C" from Pegu for Mitkyina with 64 bags of rice on board. Shortly after leaving the drome, slight engine trouble developed in No. Engine which eventually forced a return after a total of 1:05 flying.	
					19th. April 1946	
Lib. Mk. VIII. A/C K. KL684	F/O. Allsop H. (P) F/S. Todd D.F.C. (P) Sgt. Forshaw H. Nav. F/O. Freeland J. A/B F/S. Pepperell K. W/OP	Ferrying Rice from Pegu to Mitkyina	0845 1240	1155 1540	Flew one sortie from Pegu to Mitkyina carrying 94 bags of Rice. Cu. was encountered and moderate up-currents developed near Mitkyina causing the rice to shift slightly. No trouble was experienced in handling the A/C. G/C. Gordon-Finlayson accompanied F/O. Allsop and crew.	94 Bags @ 80 lbs each Total: 7520 lbs.

³ No A/C details given in record.

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	Sgt. Williams L. F/E					
	G/C. Goedon-Finlayson					
					20th. April 1946	
					No sorties carried out from Pegu.	
					21st. April 1946	
					No sorties carried out from Pegu.	
					22nd. April 1946	
Lib. ⁴	F/O. Haines P. (P)	Ferrying	⁵		Flew one sortie from Pegu to Mitkyina and returned to Salbani.	84 Bags @
	F/S. Stewart R. (P)	Rice from			Carrying 84 bags of rice Total weight of Rice ferried:- 6720 lbs.	80 lbs each
	F/S. Leddy A. Nav.	Pegu to				Total: 6720 lbs.
	F/S. Dawkins D. W/Op	Mitkyina				
	W/O. Condell E.V. F/E					
Lib. Mk. VIII.	F/O. Allsop H. (P)	Ferrying	0905	1215	One sortie was flown from Pegu to Mitkyina.	94 Bags @
A/C K. KL684	F/S. Todd D.F.C. (P)	Rice from	1425	1730		80 lbs each
	Sgt. Forshaw H. Nav.	Pegu to				Total: 7520 lbs.
	F/S. Pepperell K. W/OP	Mitkyina				
	F/O. Freeland J. A/B					
	Sgt. Williams L. F/E					
					23rd. April 1946	
Lib. Mk. VIII.	F/O. Tanton (P)	Ferrying	0705	1010	One sortie from Pegu to Mitkyina	94 Bags of Rice
A/C F. ⁶	Sgt. Johnston R. (P)	Rice from	1215	1520		at 80 lbs each
	F/S. Godwin K. Nav	Pegu to				Total: 7520 lbs.
	F/O. Spencer W. A/B	Mitkyina				
	F/O. Nash G.T. W/Op					
	W/O. Kirkup T. F/E					
					29th. April 1946	
Lib. Mk. VIII.	F/O. John. H.N. (P)	Ferrying	1036	1300	F/O. John and crew carried out a photo Recco of 22.49 N. 86.38 E.	
A/C V.KN762	F/L. McLoughery T. (P)	Rice from			The area was covered by flying 7 runs on a heading of 270 degrees	
	F/O. Willcock J. Nav.	Pegu to			T. at 7000 feet. The number of exposures made on each run was 16	

⁴ No other details of A/C given in record.

⁵ No times given in record.

⁶ Serial number not given in record.

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	F/S. Holton J.B. A/B	Mitkyina ⁷			at a time interval of 6 secs. Length of each run was 4 miles. Area was free of cloud.	
	Sgt/ Va?sey C.H. W/Op					
	F/S. Lee J. F/E					
Lib. Mk. VIII. A/C F.KL689	F/L. Markwell E. (P)	Ferrying	1025	1330	F/O. Markwell and crew carried out one photographic sortie of site 6 (23.03N 86.25E). The sortie was flown at 7000 feet. A total of 7 runs was made on a heading of 000 degrees T. No. of exposures for each run was 18 at a time Interval of 6 secs. The length of each run was 6 miles. Cloud drifted over the area but dispersed before the sortie was completed.	
	F/O. Wynne G. (P)	Rice from				
	W/O. Owers K. Nav?B	Pegu to				
	W/O Lawson A. A/B	Mitkyina				
	F/O. Ruthven J. W/Op.					
	W/O. Gordon T. F/E					

⁷ This is the description given in the record, but it does not match the details of the sortie. The same "error" occurs on the next entry.