159 Squadron Form 541 July 4, 1945

July 4, 1945		-	-	
Aircraft	Captain	Time	Time	Remarks
Type & No.		Up	Down	
Lib.				July 4, 1945
"V" KL662	F/L. Marcou, H.H.	05.43	18.34	Target:- 4 Lib. VI, 2 Lib. VIII. detailed to Mine enemy Waters thus:-
"U" EV966	W/O. Newman, G.	05.53	20.37	Page in folder.
"Q" EW246	W/O. Green, G.H.	05.48	19.55	(a) Meklohng river A/c "B" 16A
"F" KL683	F/L. Mitchell, T.	05.50	21.30	(b) Prachuab Girikan A/c "H", "V" 15A
"H" KG893	F/O. Myles.	05.51	19.27	(c) Chumphorn A/c "F", "Q", "U" 13A
"B" EV173	F/O. Haycork, J.	05.40	18.30	Route.
				(a) Base – Pagoda Point – Heinze Bay – Target – Heinze Bay – Pagoda Point – Base.
				(b) Base – Pagoda Point – N. Tip Tavoy Island – Target – N. Tip Tavoy Island – Pagoda Point – Base.
				(c) Base – Pagoda Point – Bentinck Island – Target – Bentinck Island – Pagoda Point – Base.
				Mines.
				(a) 2 U.S. M.13/5 36 days. Mech.43-1. All settings 3.
				2 Br. Mk.VII. 16 weeks.
				(b) 4 U.S. M.13/5 36 days. Mech.43-1. All settings 3.
				4 Br. Mk.VII. 16 weeks.
				(c) 6 U.S. M.13/5 36 days. Mech.43-1. All settings 3.
				6 Br. Mk.VII. 16 weeks.
				No Jettisons.
				Nickels. 35,000 S.S.N.7. 10,000 S.S.N.6. all dropped in target area.
				Weather over targets:-
				(a) 7/10 S.C. Base 3,000 ft. good light & visibility.
				(b) Small amount of S.C. base 3/4,000 ft. Good light and visibility.
				(c) Clear to 3/10 medium, bases 1,500 ft. Good light and visibility.
				All mining was timed for execution in daylight conditions and all mins were dropped as briefed, that is –
				(a) S.W. Tip of Estuary.
				(b) N.W. Tip of Goh Luea.
				(c) N. Tip Goh Sahet and N. Tip Goh Chorakhay.
				The only shipping sighted was at Chumphorn with about 4 – 75 ft. boats between Goh Samet and mainland.
				All targets were quiet.

159 Squadron Form 541 July 10, 1945

Aircraft		Time	Time	Remarks
	Captain		Down	Remarks
Type & No.		Up	Down	July 10, 1945
"T" KL661	S/L. Stroud, J.M.	05.44	19.22	
	/			Target:- (a) 4 Lib. Mk.VI. A/c "U, "R", "B", "H" and 4 Lib. Mk.VIII. A/c "T", "M", "V", "J", to bomb Railway Workshops and Warehouses in Bangkok Terminus. (See 231 Grp. B/1/6/July.)
"M" KL660	F/L. Kinnear, S.	05.44	30.42	i v i
"V" KL662	F/L. Marcon, H.H.	05.56	19.55	(b) 1 Lib. Mk. VI. A/c "Z"
"U" EV966	W/O. Newman, W.J.	05.59	20.34	1 Lib. Mk. VIII. A/c "K"
"R" KH399	W/O. Green. G.	06.06	19.42	To lay Mines in thhe Bangkok river. (See 231 Grp. B/1/8/July.)
"B" EW173	F/O. Haycock, J.E.	05.41	18.58	Route. Base – Sagar Island – Pagoda Point – Heinze Basin – Samadh, Sagorn – Bangkok, returning same route.
"K" KL684	P/O. Booth.	05.52	10.33	Mines. 2 A.M. M.13/5. Mech.A.31. Set 32 days.
"J" KL674	F/L. Ellis, A.C.	05.50	20.23	2 Br. Mk.VII. 15 weeks.
"H" KG893	F/O. Myles. G.	05.49	19.20	A/c "K" returned to Base early due to weather and brought the Mines back.
"Z" EV968	P/O. De-Nett, T.L.	05.57	19.32	Bombs. A/c "U". 9 x 500 M.C. T.D025.
				"R" " "
				"H" " "
				"V" " "
				"J" " " "
				"B" 4 x T.I. Yellow – 7 x 500 M.025 T.D.
				"T" 4 x T.I. Yellow – 7 x 500 N.I.T.I. M.C.
				"M" 9 x 500 M.C. T.D025.
				Jettisons. There were no jettisons.
				Nickels. 7,500 S.J.N.44. 10,000 J.J.G.26. 20,000 S.J.G.121. 10,000 S.J.N.45. 140, 000 S.S.19.
				All dropped in Bangkok Area.
				Proceeded unescorted to the target the crews found 10/10 cloud base zero over the Bay with hard rain. Once
				over the target conditions improved with 10/10 S.C. & A.S. based 8,000/10,000 ft. Visibility and light was
				good. Results ranged from fair to good, with warehouses and shops sustaining most damage. The markers were
				well placed and were of considerable use. A/c "V" crashed on landing due to No. 4 engine being knocked out
				over target by H.A.A. The A/c is a write-off but only superficial injuries were sustained by three members of
				the crew. Two other A/c were holed. Good photographs were obtained by all A/c taking photos. Sightings
				included a large Destroyer and a Submarine close to the town.
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159 Squadron Form 541 July 15, 1945

July 15, 1945						
Aircraft	Captain	Time	Time	Remarks		
Type & No.		Up	Down			
				July 15, 1945		
"M" KL660	S/L. Stroud, J.M.	05.28	18.43	This operation was carried out from Akyab by 3 Libs Mk.VI. A/c "U", "B", "H", and 5 Libs Mk.VIII A/c "M",		
"K" KL684	P/O. Hughes.	05.35	19.09	"K", "Q", "A", "J". The object was to attack shipping at Singora or alternatively Warehouses at Singora, Area		
"Q" EW246	P/O. Green.	05.32	19.11	"A".		
"U" EV965	W/O. Newman, W.J.	05.52	18.50	Route. Akyab – Pagoda Point – Hayes Island – Katen Island – Target – returning same route.		
"A" KH398	P/O. De Nett, T.L.	05.30	18.32	Bombs. Each A/c carried 12 x 250 M.C. T.D. 025.		
"B" EW173	F/L. Marcou, H.H.	06.04	18.52	There were no jettisons.		
"J" KL674	F/L. Ellis, A.C.	05.31	18.30	Nickels. Nil.		
"H" KG893	F/O. Myles, G.	05.36	18.45	Scattered storms were met en route to the target and the east side of Kra Isthmus conditions vastly improved.		
				Over the target 7/10 to 10/10 A.S. prevailed, based 15,000/20,000 ft. Light and visibility conditions were good.		
				Arriving at the target A/c "M", "Q", "A", proceeded to attack a Sugar Baker type freighter of 100/120 ft. The		
				other A/c were diverted to the warehouses in the town.		
				A/c "Q" had a direct hit amidships which caused much debris and a list to port. The ship was well awash by this		
				time and strafing was carried out. She settled by the stern. A/c "M" and "A" had a number of near misses and the		
				Barge in tow was swamped.		
				In bombing the warehouses, the targets had many direct hits which caused much damage and fires. There was		
				much debris. All attacks were carried out in level flight at approx. 1,500 ft. A possible Machine Gun in the ship		
				and another H.G. in woods N.E. of target were the only defences. Both Vertical and Oblique photos of excellent		
				quality were obtained. A/c "Q" sighted a Corvette shelling 10.10N, 99.20E. and much R/S was seen in North		
				Jumbhorn Yards.		
				A/c "K" made several strafing runs on two of largest of several ships North of Singor. Both were loaded.		
				A/c "J" sighted one ship sinking, one burning and a third being chased by a surfaced Submarine at 13.44 hrs.		
				posn. 10.15N, 99.24E.		
				Thus ended a very successful operation.		
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159 Squadron Form 541 July 17, 1945

Aircraft	Captain	Time	Time	Remarks
Type & No.	-	Up	Down	
				July 17, 1945
"M" KL660	S/L. Stroud, J.M.	05.31	18.59	Carried out from Akyab by 3 Libs Mk.VI. A/c "U", "B", "H", and 5 Libs Mk.VIII A/c "M", "Q", "A", "K", "J".
"K" KL684	P/O. Hughes.	05.37	18.47	this attack was again carried out against Singora but against Area 'B' as wll as shipping, sub-divided into areas
"Q" EW246	P/O. Green.	05.32	19.06	'W', 'X', 'Y' and 'Z'.
"U" EV965	W/O. Newman, W.J.	05.34	18.55	Route. Akyab – Pagoda Point – Hyes Island – Katen Island – Target – returning via same route.
"A" KH398	P/O. De Nett, T.L.	05.29	17.53	Bombs. All A/c carried 2 x 500 G.P.T.D025. and 8 x 250 M.C.T.D025.
"B" EW173	F/L. Marcou, H.H.	06.30	18.0	There were no jettisons and Nickels were not carried.
"J" KL674	F/L. Ellis, A.C.	05.38	18.02	Photos. Verticals and Obliques of good quality were obtained.
"H" KG893	F/O. Myles, G.	1		On arrival there was little or no activity, with a variable clear to 6/10, some bases of the clouds below 3,000 ft.
				Good light and visibility conditions. Target identified visually.
				Little shipping was seen. A camouflaged motor vessel was sighted in the Channel and was attacked by A/c "H"
				& "Q". The remaining A/c proceeded to bomb their designated targets. Many near misses were claimed by A/c
				"H" & "Q" with one direct hit by A/c "H". The R.G. strafed on each run and claimed strikes.
				During bombing the R.R. was hit and A/c "H" collapsed a 100/150 ft. chimney, also had many strikes on the
				target. Bod fires and thick black smoke were emanating from B (V) which had been bombed earlier. This made
				observations difficult. After bombing, the docks and junks were strafed while some bales on a 40 ft. junk were
				ignited. by A/c "K". A/c "U" had a 4" x 2" hole in Stbd. forward bomb door and a small hole at rear of bomb
				bay. No firing was seen and the cause is unknown. A/c "Q" reported loss of Navigators Log when upper hatch
				blew open.
				Sightings. A/c "M" at 13.11 hrs. posn. 07.50N, 98.22 E. from 1,000 ft., 3 sunken vessels estimated 2 x 1,000
				tons Funnels and masts just showing.

¹ No take off or landing times given in record for "H".

159 Squadron Form 541 July 21, 1945

Aircraft	Captain	Time	Time	Remarks
Type & No.	- · I · · ·	Up	Down	
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"X" KL677	P/O. Lee	05.36	19.02	Eight Lib. Mk.VIII A/c "M", "F", "X", "C", "J", "K", "A", "Q" to attack Warehouses and Mills at Singora, Area
"J" KL674	F/L. Ellis, A.C.	05.27	17.42	'A' from forward base a t Akyab. Detailed to dive-bomb respective targets.
"C" KH116	P/O. Brown	05.35	18.47	Route. Base – Pagoda Point – Hayes Island – Katem Island – Target – returning same route.
"M" KL660	S/L. Stroud.	05.32	18.45	Bombs. All A/c carried 12 x 250 M.C.T.D. 11 secs. except A/c "M" which had load of incendiaries.
"K" KL684	P/O. Hughes.	05.40	18.17	There were no jettisons.
"Q" EW246	P/O. Green	05.31	18.52	Photos. All A/c obtained photographs.
"F" KH324	F/L. Foot.	05.22	18.35	Nickels. Nickels were not carried.
"A" KH398	F/O. Myles.	06.28	18.27	The target was quiet with $2/10 - 3/10$ scattered Cu. bases 3,000/5,000 ft. Over target good light and visibility
				conditions.
				Target being identified visually, bombing began in earnest. Due to work of incendiaries, the areas were well on
				fire and the heavy smoke hampered observations. Most bombs, excepting sightor bombs, were dead on target area
				and roofs and walls were many times pointed out as points of impact. A/c "K" after 4 runs had to jettison 11
				bombs on the target. Four were seen to enter the roof of target and on an observation run the target was seen to be
				demolished. A/c "X" saw bombs enter wall of target building on first run, and explode inside, while A/c "J", "Q"
				and "F" saw their bombs go through roof of target. Much strafing was carried out with good results, while A/c
				"K" claims one enemy transport vehicle as destroyed and several hits.
				This third attack on Singora left no targets available in that area.

159 Squadron Form 541 July 27, 1945

Aircraft	Captain	Time	Time	Remarks
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Type & No.		Op	Down	July 27, 1945
"X" KL677	S/L. Stroud.	05.39	19.43	Target:- 9 Lib. Mk.VIII. A/c "X", "R", "Z", "U", "J", :V:, "K", "A", "C" to bomb as follows:-
"R" KH399	F/L. Williams, C.	05.45	19.50	A/c "X", "R", "Z", "U", "J" to bomb Bridge T.F. 44.
"V" KL662	F/L. Foot.	05.41	19.31	A/c "A", "C", "V", "K" to bomb Bridge T.F. 28.
"Z" EV968	F/O. Dowding, N.	05.55	19.40	Route. Base – Pagoda Point – N. Tip Tavoy Island – Target – return same route.
"U" EV966	F/O. Clarke, F.	05.46	19.33	Bombs. All bombs 500 lb. Mk.1X T.D. 11 secs.
"J" KL674	F/L. Ellis, A.C.	05.43	19.54	All level attacks.
"K" KL684	P/O. Lee	05.42	20.10	There were no jettisons.
"C" KL653	F/O. Myles G.	05.48	19.06	Photos. All A/c obtained photos.
"A" KH398	F/O. Whitchtt?	06.10	19.29	Nickels. 5 Pkts. S.J.M. 46.)
				5 " S.J.121.) On T.F. 44 area.
				4 Pkts. S.J.M. 46.)
				5 " S.J.121.) On T.F. 28 area.
				On arrival the target area was quiet with excellent weather conditions.
				A/c "J" had two bombs bounce off the Bridge pilings into the water while 9 bombs from remaining A/c were seen
				to land directly adjacent or directly underneath the Bridge. Many near misses were scored with very few bombs
				failing to explode, three to be exact.
				The weather and visibility conditions were good, there was no opposition and it appears that a concentrated effort
				was made by all crews to "prang" the targets. after bombing was completed, a survey of the countryside brought
				to light 2 or 3 Locos. with assorted Rolling Stock in Branburi Rly. Sidings. Little else to report, we shall consider
				the operation closed.

159 Squadron Form 541 July 29, 1945

July 29, 1945				
Aircraft	Captain	Time	Time	Remarks
Type & No.		Up	Down	
				July 29, 1945
"C" KL653	F/O. Myles, C.	06.04	19.04	Target:- 3 Lib. Mk.VIII A/c "C", "A", "R" detailed to bomb Pahckoh? Noi R.R. Station area "B". See 231 Grp.
"A" KH398	F/O. Whitcutt.	05.57	18.55	A.O.112. 28th. July, 1945.
"R" KH399	F/L. Williams, C.F.	05.46	19.34	Route. Base – Pagoda Point – Heinze Bay – Samudh Sagoen – Target and return same route.
				Bombs. Each A/c carried 5 x 1,000 lb. M.C. N.I.T.I.
				Photos. All A/c returned with photographs.
				Nickels. 6 Packets S.J.122 dropped in Bangkok Area.
				Jettisons. A/c "R" jettisoned two bombs safe at 15.03N. 16.51E. due to hang-up. Released manually. One bomb
				seen to explode.
				No difficulty was found in locating the target which was identified visually from target photographs.
				A/c "A" & "C" proceeded to drop their Bombs in level attacks while A/c "R" dropped in a shallow dive. "A"s
				stick fell to Stbd of Area "B", first bomb on south edge of area and stick extended to hospital which was struck at
				its North end.
				A/c "C" observed its bombs to fall short and slightly south, while A/c "R"s three bombs fell in water on N.side of
				Area. A Pagoda was believed to be damaged and smoke was seen issuing from Hospital. Bursts were observed in
				Area "A" but nothing in Area "B".
				Meagre and inaccurate Heavy Flak was encountered and one gun was sighted S.W. corner of hospital layout.