159 Squadron

Form 541 August 4, 1945

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Aircraft	Captain	Time	Time	Remarks			
Type & No.		Up	Down				
				August 4, 1945			
"R" KL655	F/L. Williams, C.	05.25	20.22	Target. 6 Lib. Mk.VIII A/c "H", "J", "K", "R", "U", "Z" detailed to attack Coastal shipping of 150/200 tons			
"Z" KL678	F/O. Dowding, N.	05.42	20.14	between 11 N. and 13 ¹ / ₂ N. off coast of Kra Isthmus.			
"U" KN759	F/O. Clarke, F?	05.40	20.05	Secondary designation as R.S. on R.R. near coast.			
"H" KN760	F/O. Myles, C.	05.44	19.47	Route. Base – Pagoda Point – Heinze Bay – Miklohng River Mouth – Target, return same route.			
"K" KL68	F/L. Ellis. A.C.	05.50	19.36	Bombs. All bombs 250 lb. M.C. Mk.11. T.D. 11 secs.			
"J" KL674	F/L. Williams, R.W.	05.45	19.33	Cameras. A/c "H" carried Cine Camera. All other A/c carried Vertical 8" Mirror and Hand held.			
				Nickels. 15,000 S.J.G.29. 10,000 S.J.N.46. 20,000 S.J.127. All dropped in target area.			
				This operation was unescorted and the Crews found little difficulty in picking up their targets visually due to clear			
				conditions over area with excellent light and visibility.			
				A/c "H" found two ships (posn, 12.24 N. 100.00 E. of 80/100 ft. in length and the first bomb destroyed one of the			
				ships. the next was hit in short order and emitted much black smoke, indicating that her cargo was oil. He then			
				attacked Pranburi R.S. and although hit sheds, the bombs skipped and exploded 50/100 yards away.			
				A/c "K" attacked a Loco and tender and damage resulted, followed up by destroying the R.S. at Naung Kong.			
				The Roundhouse also was destroyed while the turntable had a hit. A/c "Z" hit one of the two ships			
				aforementioned on the waterline, then began to work on the train, destroying two trucks also damaging the engine			
				by blast. Engine sheds and workshops also damaged. A/c "U" blew three trucks of goods train off the line and hit			
				1/3 of 15/20 R.S. loaded with crates and machinery. The remaining A/c attacked R.S. and sheds up and down the			
				railway.			
				Much keenness was shown in looking for targets to destroy.			

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Form 541 August 7, 1945

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Aircraft	Captain	Time	Time	Remarks			
Type & No.		Up	Down				
				August 7, 1945			
"T" KL661	S/L. Stroud. J.M.	05.54	19.12	Target;- 10 Libs. Mk.VIII.			
"R" KL655	F/L. Williams C.F.	05.56	19.18	(a) A/c "R", "T', "U", "V", "Z" to attack T.F.30.			
"Z" KL678	F/O. Dowding. N.	05.57	19.39	(b) A/c "A", "D", "F", "H", "K" to attack T.F.69.			
"U" KN759	F/O. Clarke. F.	05.59	19.25	Secondary target – Rolling stock and rail communications in the area.			
"F" KL683	F/L. Ellis. A.C.	05.55	19.22	Route. Base – Pagoda Point – N. Tip Tavoy Island – Target – return same route.			
"D" KL668	F/L. Atkins, J.	06.07	20.44	Bombs. All A/c carried 1 x 250 lb. M.C. Mk.11. T.D. 11 sect.			
"A" KL680	F/L. Mitchell. T.	06.00	19.53	2 x 500 lb. M.C. Mk.1X " " "			
"K" KL684	F/L. Owens, C.A.	06.01	20.10	2 x 1000 lb. M.C. Mk.1X " " "			
"H" KN760	F/O. Myles. G.	06.02	19.38	Jettisons. A/c "Z". 2 x 1,000 lb. Safe at sea South of Pranburi, 13.17 hrs. 2,200 ft. Stations 6 & 8.			
"V" KL662	F/L. Marcou. H.H.	05.58	19.11	Cameras. All A/c carried Mirror Obliques except A/c "H" which carried Cine. 6 A/c carried H.H. cameras.			
				Nickels. 40,000 S.J.127. 20,000 S.S.N.11. 20,000 S.S.N.9.			
				As usual the operation was carried out unescorted with the targets picked up visually from photographs. 10/10 high cloud with bases 10/15,000 ft. prevailed over the area offering good light and visibility.			
				T.F.69 in this operation was completely broken up by excellent bombing and several R.S. were destroyed, some burning with black smoke due to bombing and strafing.			
				T.F.30 suffered direct hits and was damaged and thrown out of alignment. Some results were obscured by smoke but were generally good. Several hits were scored on track leading to both bridges, and same was destroyed.			
		1		Opinion was expressed by crews that the foundations and pilings of T.F.30 were very seriously damaged. A new			
				bye-pass was seen completed, adjacent to T.F.30.			
				Both target areas were quiet with no opposition.			
				Altogether a successful operation.			