

159 Squadron
 Form 541
 September 3, 1945

Aircraft Type & No.	Captain	Time Up	Time Down	Dropping Zone.	Remarks
September 3, 1945					
"R" KL655	F/L. Williams, C.F.	06.18	17.15	DZ.3063.	This was the first of a series of supply dropping operations destined to occupy the squadron for over two months.
"T" KL661	F/L. Marcou H.H.	06.22	18.26	DZ.3067/8	
"U" KN759	F/O. Clarke F.	06.05	15.50	DZ.3062	The a/c left base for Jessore on the 2nd. Sept. there to pick up their respective loads.
"B" KN766	F/L. Owens C.A.	09.37	19.32	DZ.912	Five then proceeded to Pegu which, because of the length of these trips, was to be their starting point the following day. All DZs were in the Saigon, Pakse and Phnom Penh areas.
"J" KL674	F/L. Williams. R.W.	09.53	23.02	DZ.3065	
"D" KL668	F/L. Atkins. J.	09.39	20.53	DZ.953	Six of the drops were successfully completed, although in at least one instance awkward terrain necessitated five runs over the dropping area. One a/c encountered bad weather and was forced to return to base with its load. In the remaining three cases complete absence of reception details made dropping impossible. Two of these a/c made good use of their loads however in depositing them on POW camps in Saigon and Pakse.
"C" KL653	S/L. Watson. T.	09.35	19.35	DZ.227	
"A" KL680	F/L. Mitchell. T.	09.3	19.1	DZ.165	
"F" KL683	F/L. Ellis. A.C.	06.08	17.5	DZ.57	
"H" KN760	F/O. Myles. G.	06.10	17.53	DZ.3060	

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 September 5, 1945

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September 5, 1945					
"Z" KL678	F/O. Craig. W.	05.59	17.12	DZ.916	Six a/c took part in these operations, four via the forward base at Pegu and two from Digri. all drops were successfully accomplished with the exception of the two assigned to a/c "D". The failure of "D" can be imputed to weather, for 10/10 cloud was encountered at 300 ft. over the surrounding country which was extremely hilly. "D" repeated the attempt the following day but again cloud frustrated the effort despite a search of more than one hour.
"D" KL684	F/L. Atkins. J.	06.05	11.55	DZ.746 DZ.713	
"A" KL680	F/O. Whitcutt. K.	06.13	18.14	DZ.3064 DZ.610	The experiences of most crews showed the unusual nature of difficulties to be overcome in this type of operation. Accuracy in dropping necessitates low speed and altitude, the attainment of which is rendered the more difficult by the hilly nature of the terrain with the accompanying up and down draughts. Neither can spot heights be guaranteed, for discrepancies are not infrequent between actual heights and those shown on maps of these areas. In such circumstances the percentage success attained at the start of these operations may be regarded as satisfactory.
"Q" KN812	F/O. Dowding. N.	05.53	16.53	DZ.545	
"V" KL662	F/O. Davies.	05.58	16.42	DZ.545	
"F" KL683	F/L. Ellis. A.C.	05.59	18.55	DZ.457	

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September 6, 1945

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					September 6, 1945
"H" KN760	F/L. Mitchell. T.	06.07	19.32	D.Z.546	Four a/c took off on today's mission and all were successful. Supplies were dropped at Jumphorn and Ubon and the a/c returned without incident.
"K" KL684	F/L. Owens. C.A.	06.05	15.50	DZ.167	
"X" KL677	F/L. Marcou. H.H.	06.05	18.30 (Akyab)	DZ.3064	Good weather was experienced by all crews apart from scattered showers.
"U" KN759	F/O. Clarke. F.	06.00	16.55	DZ.3064	

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 September 10, 1945

Aircraft Type & No.	Captain	Time Up	Time Down	Dropping Zone.	Remarks
September 10, 1945					
"K" KL684	F/L. Williams. R.W.	06.46	16.10	DZ.3010	In this operation nine a/c took part and nine were successful at the first attempt.
"F" KL683	F/L. Ellis. A.C.	06.38	15.55	DZ.3010	In most instances crews reported seeing Europeans present in the dropping zones.
"A" KL680	F/O. Myles. C.	06.55	16.15	DZ.3010	Varying amounts of cloud were encountered but the weather generally was good.
"C" KL653	F/O. Davies.	06.10	16.15	DZ.689 DZ. 64	A/c "D" made as many as five attempts on different days before able to report successful drops. The pilot reported that with a full load aboard, and with both zones in nigh inaccessible country, location and dropping were both unduly difficult.
"T" KL661	F/L. Owens. C.A.	06.30	18.49	DZ.685 DZ.733 DZ.781 DZ.2004	
"R" KL655	F/L. Williams. C.F.	06.05	17.55	DZ.3069	
"Q" KN812	P/O. Haines.	06.05	19.37	DZ.3069	
"Z" KL678	F/L. Dowding. N.	06.00	18.00	DZ.918 DZ.916	
"D" KL668	F/L. Atkins. J.	09.45	12.10	DZ.746 DZ.719	
	(also made the following attempts.)				
	7th.	16.24	17.24		
	9th.	16.10	18.05		
	12th.	06.35	07.55		
	13th.	08.14	09.44		
	11th Sept. 1945				
"V" KN762	F/O. Craig.	06.00	19.29	DZ.3064	

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September 12, 1945

Aircraft Type & No.	Captain	Time Up	Time Down	Dropping Zone.	Remarks
					September 12, 1945
"X" KL677	F/L. Marcou.	06.02	19.40	DZ.3064	Two a/c went to Saraburi, one to Jumphorn, two to Pechburi, and one to Ayuthin. Although one of the crews which went to Saraburi reported the POW camp difficult to find, all loads were dropped.
"R" KL655	F/O. Allsop.	06.00	19.45	DZ.3074	
"Q" KN812	P/O. Haines.	06.05	19.02	DZ.3074	
"Z" KL678	F/L. Dowding.	06.01	18.40	DZ.3075	
"C" KL653	S/L. Watson	06.07	18.42	DZ.3070	
"L" KN807	F/L. Owens.	06.04	12.16	DZ.3070	

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September 14, 1945

Aircraft Type & No.	Captain	Time Up	Time Down	Dropping Zone.	Remarks
					September 14, 1945
"F" KL683	F/L. Ellis.	06.04	18.45	DZ.3072	Three a/c went to Prachinburi, one to Jumphorn, one to Kanburi, one to Pechburi, one to Hakorn Patom and one to Tamuang.
"A" KL680	F/O. Craig.	05.55	18.56	DZ.3072	
"M" KL660	F/L. Williams. C.F.	05.59	18.32	DZ.3072	In most instances ground reception was reported to be very good, white people being seen to collect the packages. One crew received a message of thanks on an aldis lamp.
"T" KL661	F/O. Davies.	06.06	19.34	DZ.323	
"X" KL677	F/O. Allsop.	05.57	19.00	DZ.3069	Weather was fair and all drops successful.
"L" KN807	F/L. Williams. R.W.	06.04	17.00	DZ.3071	
"V" KN762	F/L. Marcou.	06.02	17.58	DZ.3074	
"C" KL653	F/O. Myles.	06.05	18.35	DZ.3076	

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Form 541
September 16, 1945

Aircraft Type & No.	Captain	Time Up	Time Down	Dropping Zone.	Remarks
					September 16, 1945
"T" KL661	F/L. Bowen.	06.22	18.24	DZ.546	All crews experienced fair weather and sorties were carried out uneventfully.
"X" KL677	F/O. Clarke.	06.00	18.00	DZ.546	Receptions were good, but reports show a marked difference in the behaviour of the personnel on the ground responsible for collection of containers and packages. In some cases no more than half a dozen people and two vehicles were seen in the immediate vicinity In other cases the dropping area was crowded with people.
"Q" KN812	P/O. Haines.	06.20	16.05	DZ.3010	
"V" KN672	F/O. Craig.	06.15	15.37	DZ.3010	
"C" KL658	S/L. Watson.	06.05	18.35	DZ.3062	
"Z" KL678	F/L. Dowding.	06.25	19.15	DZ.3062	
"K" KL684	F/L. Owens.	06.32	16.45	DZ.547	This was so at DZ.3062 (Phnom Penh) where the crowd impeded dropping so that the pilot was forced to find an alternate clear space nearby.
"L" KN807	F/L. Atkins.	06.05	16.20	DZ.547	

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September 19, 1945

Aircraft Type & No.	Captain	Time Up	Time Down	Dropping Zone.	Remarks
					September 19, 1945
"J" KL674	F/L. Williams. R.W.	06.09	19.41	DZ.323	Seven of the eight a/c staged via Pegu.
"C" KL658	F/O. Davies.	06.25	18.52	DZ.3062	All but one of the a/c were successful in depositing their loads. In view of poor weather conditions – cloud base was down as low as 300 ft. in the Ubon area (DZ.547) with showers – this was commendable.
"D" KL668	F/L. Atkins.	06.20	19.30	DZ.3062	
"M" KL660	F/L. Bowen.	07.22	15.35	DZ.547	
"X" KL678	F/L. Marcou.	07.13	17.20	DZ.547	"M" failed to locate the objective owing to cloud and returned to Pegu overnight. The following day the sortie was carried out as ordered.
"U" KN759	P/O. Green.	06.53	17.44	DZ.547	
"F" KL688	F/O. Lee.	06.48	16.50	DZ.547	
"K" KL684	F/O. Myles.	07.10	17.30	DZ.547	
	20th. Sept. 1945.				
"M" KL660	F/L. Bowen.	07.13	14.23	DZ.547	

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Form 541
September 23, 1945

Aircraft Type & No.	Captain	Time Up	Time Down	Dropping Zone.	Remarks
September 23, 1945					
"Z" KL678	F/L. Dowding.	05.54	16.24	DZ.547	Seven a/c went to Ubon, and seven to Saigon. Only one a/c failed to leave its load, and this was due to adverse weather in the dropping area. Lo?? though broken cloud was experienced over Saigon and a/c "H" was unable to find a gap. This a/c returned to accomplish its mission on the 27th.
"U" KN769	F/O. Clarke.	05.55	16.40	DZ.547	
"T" KL661	F/O. Davies.	11.04	21.04	DZ.547	
"K" KL684	F/L. Owens.	05.54	16.05	DZ.547	Some indication of the very real and personal interest taken by the crews in these operations is given by the fact that few sorties are carried out in which bundles of magazines and papers are not dropped.
"M" KL660	F/O. Whitcutt	05.47	12.54	DZ.547	
"F" KL688	P/O. Lee.	05.55	16.25	DZ.547	
"C" KL658	F/O. Craig.	05.39	17.09	DZ.547	
"B" KN766	F/L. Bickett.	05.41	18.46	DZ.3010	
"X" KL677	F/O. Haines.	07.50	16.40	DZ.3010	
"R" KN820	F/O. Allsop.	06.00	15.06	DZ.3010	
"H" KN760	F/O. Beavis.	06.00	16.25	DZ.3010	
	(20th. Sept.) ¹	07.31	15.18	DZ.3010	
"J" KL674	F/O. Harris.	06.11	15.26	DZ.3010	
"A" KL860	F/O. Chapman.	06.11	15.33	DZ.3010	
"L" KN807	Sgt. Ricketts.	06.17	15.46	DZ.3010	

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September 26, 1945

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September 26, 1945					
"X" KL677	F/O. Barlow.	06.34	17.32	DZ.547	No weather difficulties were encountered on these operations, but in two cases other obstacles provided an element of danger. A/c "U" was unable to carry out its task because no reception details were visible. This occasioned a lengthy search on the part of the pilot in terrain which made flying hazardous in the extreme. A/c "T" also had to drop in difficult country.
"A" KL680	F/O. Allsop.	06.14	17.58	DZ.939	
"U" KL679	F/L. Bowen.	06.32	14.27	DZ.924	
"K" KL684	F/O. Needham.	06.11	16.35	DZ.3010	F/L. Bowen. made a further, and this time, successful attempt on 29th. Sept. Reception details were on this occasion as briefed.
"T" KL661	F/O. Davies.	06.02	15.30	DZ.935	
"F" KL688	F/O. Marsh.	10.00	18.33	DZ.937	
"Q" KN812	F/O. Chapman.	06.02	18.30	DZ.3069	
"B" KN766	F/L. Bickett.	06.06	1740	DZ.3076	

¹ Although the 20th is stated in the record, the write up suggests this should be the 27th.

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September 29, 1945

Aircraft Type & No.	Captain	Time Up	Time Down	Dropping Zone.	Remarks
					September 29, 1945
"A" KL680	F/O. Harris.	06.08	17.36	DZ.3062	No difficulties were encountered on these operations, although the pilot of "A" reported inaccurate spot heights on the map in the area immediately south of Tonlesap.
"C" KL653	F/L. Owens.	06.28	17.41	DZ.3062	
"T" KL661	F/O. Barlow.	06.31	14.36	DZ.3062	Ground up to 20000 ft. according to the map is in actual fact in the region of 5000 ft. This is indicative of the danger which an a/c might experience in bad weather in this district.
"B" KN766	F/L. Bickett.	06.06	18.50	DA.323	
"Z" KL678	F/O. Clarke.	06.40	20.00	DZ.3010	Reception details were for the most part good. A/c dropping at DZ.3010 (Saigon A/F) were even fortunate enough to receive precise instructions via R/T.
"X" KL677	Sgt. Ricketts.	08.17	17.25	DZ.3010	
"Q" KN812	F/O. Chapman.	06.00	18.15	DZ.3010	
"F" KL683	F/O. Marsh.	05.52	18.45	DZ.3010	