

August 1944: Form 541

## 159 Squadron

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
Lib. VI.					Night – 2/3rd August, 1944.
"F"	F/Sgt. Bretherton F.J.		16.36	05.35?	Detailed to carry out Diversion Bombing attack whilst 8 aircraft detailed below laid mines in Moulmein area.
"G"	W/O. Marwick J.		16.39	03.58	
"R"	F/S. Ewington R.E.		16.33	04.28	
"S"	P/O. Willing V.E.		16.40	04.20	
Lib. VI.					
"B"	W/O. Murphy P.		16.42	04.05	Detailed to lay mines. – Moulmein – Martaban area.
"C"	F/O. Mathews R.		16.34	03.20	For crews and full details of above operations see 185 Wing Sortie Reports Nos. 2 & 3, night 2/3 Aug., and 159 Sqdn. Oprep. No. 368 for 3rd August, pages 1 – 6 in appendix B.
"E"	W/O. Hendy L.		16.44	03.57	
"H"	F/L. Quinn J.		16.32	03.37	
"Q"	F/L. Heynert F.P.		16.38	03.26	
"V"	S/L. J. Blackburn.	DSO.DFC.	16.30	03.05	
"X"	W/O. Quaife D.		16.43	04.44	
"Z"	F/O. Richardson H.		16.35	03.45	
Lib. VI.					Daylight Operation – 13th Aug 1944.
"A"	F/Lt. R.A. Robertson.		06.05	18.58	Detailed to lay mines in Mergui Harbour.
"B"	F/Lt. W.S. Quinn.		19.03?	12.54	For full details of above operations see 185 Wing Sortie Reports No. 4, 13 Aug., and 159 S. Oprep. No. 373 – 13.8.44. pages 7 – 10 in appendix B.
"C"	W/O. M.B. Murphy.		06.14	19.44	
"E"	F/Sgt. F.J. Bretherton.		06.16	19.41	
"G"	F/Lt. J. Bradley.		06.12	11.42	
"H"	F/O. H.R. Mathews.		06.07	19.33	
"Q"	W/O. R. Quaife.		06.10?	19.26	
"R"	F/S. R. Ewington.		06.15	19.38	
"S"	F/O. H. Richardson.		06.13	19.50	
"V"	W/Cdr. J. Blackburn.	DSO.DFC.	06.01	19.15	
"X"	W/O. J. Sandilands.		06.06	19.07	
"Y"	F/Lt. F. Heynert.		06.08	19.20	
					Daylight Operation 16th August, 1944.
"B"	F/Lt. W. Quinn.		06.05	18.40	Detailed to lay mines in Tavoy River Mouth.
"D"	Sgt. R. Clift.		06.10	18.27	For full details of above operations see 185 Wing Sortie Reports No. 5, 16th Aug., and 159 Sqdn. Oprep. No. 381, 16/8 pages 11 – 14 in Appendix B.
"E"	Sgt. E.J. Bretherton.		06.13	18.15	
"F"	F/L. R.A. Robertson.		05.59	18.07	
"G"	F/O. Q. Carden.		06.08	18.50	
"H"	F/O. H.R. Mathews.		06.02	18.45	

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"Q"	W/O. R. Quaiife.		06.01	19.00	
"R"	F/O. H. Richardson.		06.06	19.03	
"V"	W/C. J. Blackburn.	DSO.DFC.	05.58?	18.38	
"X"	P/O. J. Sandilands.		06.09	18.30	
"Y"	F/Lt. F. Heynert?		06.12	18.21	
"Z"	W/O. R. Crowley.		06.04	06.23	
Lib. VI.					Night 28/29th August.
"A"	F/Lt. Quinn W.		14.45	0150	All detailed to lay mines in Port Blair Harbour. Ten a/c successfully completed mission. Four a/c failed to take off due to engines oiling up. Last minute change of wind direction necessitated use of alternative runway and resulted in excessive idling of engines. Nothing was heard of A/C "B" after take off.
"C"	W/O. Murphy M.B.		15.15	02.19	
"D"	Sgt. Clift R.		14.50	02.07	
"E"	F/S. Brethorton F.J.		14.26	02.00	
"F"	F/S. Middleton H.A.		14.54	01.42	For full details see 185 Wing Sortie Reports No. 6 for Night 28/29 Aug., and 159 S. Oprep. No. 34, in Appendix B.
"G"	W/O. Marwick J.R.		14.36	01.39	
"H"	F/O. Goody J.		14.39	02.04	
"R"	F/S. Ewington R.E.		14.13	01.45	
"S"	F/L. Heynert F.P.A.		14.46	01.55	
"V"	F/S. Bartter G.E.		14.41	01.37	
"Q"	F/S. McKinnon J. )		Failed to Take off		
"X"	P/O. Sandilands J.D. )				
"Y"	F/O. Richardson H. )				
"Z"	W/O. Crowley R.A.P. )				
"B"	F/O. Garden Q.		15.02	Missing	
					(J. Blackburn)
					Wing Commander Commanding
					No. 159 Squadron, R.A.F.