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This draft copy still has a lot of errors in transcription, and "?" marks where the copies of the film were difficult to read. There are also some "transcriber's notes" within it.

Spelling of names is always a problem with these records, and refernece to the "Index of Names" will illustrate there is much work to be done in this area. The same comment goes for initials and ranks.

Readers are asked to have patience with the transcriber; the document will be edited and improved, but it is released at this time under the belief that "something is better than nothing"

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Place	Date	Summary of Events
Salbani	1.1.43	Weather cold morning. Special ration allowance for airmen's meals. Visibility 1000 yds. C.O. flew to Agra for the purpose of arranging the collection of urgent spares. S/Ldr. J. L. Beck D.F.C. assumed command in his absence.
	2.1.43	Weather slightly warmer. Visibility unlimited. Cloudless sky. Review of establishment made with a view to reducing personnel. W/Cdr. Skinner returned from Agra 15.30 hrs.
	3.1.43	W/Cdr. Skinner resumed command of Squadron. Weather sunny with good visibility. F/O Towell and crew were deposited in the country and left to make their own way back to camp by means of navigation. Light A. A. practice in vicinity of aerodrome 12-13.00 hrs.
	4.1.43	AVM Williamson AOC Bengal, visited camp by plane at 15.00 hrs. and make a rapid inspection.
	5.1.43	Weather 5.10ths cloud increasing by 15.00 hrs. to 9 to 10/10 cloud. Sultry. Intended operation cancelled 11.00 hrs. due to weather.
	6.1.43	Thick ground mist, visibility 100 to 150 yds. Only found in patches, rapidly dispersed. Visibility normal by 09.30 hrs. remainder of day fine and 1/10 cloud. Intended ops. Again cancelled.
	7.1.43	Thick ground mist, visibility 100 yds. More general than previous day. Dispersing by 09.30 hrs. sparse cloud during the day. AL600 "W" Crew: W/Cdr. Skinner (Capt) F/O Cox, F/Lt. Humphries; Sgt. Christmas, F/Sgt. Smith, F/Sgt. Maul, F/Lt. Coates, Sgt Doak took off 16.60 Landed 21.50 on operations as ordered. AL581 "O" Took off 16.50 Landed 22.10 on operations as ordered. F/O Evans (Capt), Sgt. Collins, Sgt. Rockett, Sgt. Fleming, F/O Ashworth, Sgt. Cheshire, Sgt. Nightingale, Sgt. Beatey. AL544 "B" Took off 17.00 landed 22.10 on operations as ordered. P/O Muirhead (Capt), Sgt. Cox, W/O Borgue, Sgt. Blackburn, F/Sgt. Sayers D.F.M., Sgt. Seymour Sgt. Pisani, Sgt. O'Connor. AL550 "M" Took off 16.55 Landed 22.20 on operations as ordered. F/O Jenner (Capt) Sgt. Ellis, P/O Crapper, F/Sgt. Irving, Sgt. Swain, F/Sgt. Da Costa, F/Sgt. Palmer, F/Sgt. Box DFM. Target was Akyab. Enemy opposition. No fighters but a certain amount of flak was encountered. A number of large explosions seen.
	8.1.43	F/O R. F. Body resumed the duties of Adj. Vice F/O J. R. Musgrave who had been acting in the absence of F/O Body on leave. F/O Towell took over the duties of Airmen's Messing vis F/O Kirk who was attached, pending posting to 168 Wing.
	9.1.43	Commanding Officer inspected the Domestic site and Squadron on morning parade.
	10.1.43	Operations: AL600 "W" Took off at 17.40 landed 22.30 S/Ldr Boffee (Capt), F/O Cox, F/Lt. Humphries, F/Sgt. Smith, Sgt. Christmas, F/Sgt. Maul, F/O Ashworth (FC) Sgt. Doak. AL550 "M" Took off at 18.40 Landed as 21.40 F/O Towell (Capt) F/O Stokes, F/Sgt. Coates, F/Sgt. Parr, F/Sgt. Hollingworth (FC), Sgt. Read, Sgt. Gunn, Sgt. Major. AL581 "O" Took off at 22.00 hrs. Landed 00?.05 Sgt. Morris (Capt) F/O Sharpe, Sgt. Webzell, Sgt. Buchanan (FC), Sgt. King, Sgt. Fayle, Sgt. Woodward, Sgt. Hopkins. AL544 "B" Took off at 20.25 landed 02.40. F/O Musgrave (Capt) Sgt. Wallace, F/O Moffatt, F/Sgt. Fullerton, F/Sgt. Sayers (FC), Sgt. Wilson, Sgt. Kay, Sgt. McRoberts.

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		AL550 "M" unable to complete the operation owing to a failure on No. 2 engine. The aircraft returned, jettisoning bombs on the way back. Target, villages adjacent to Akyab. Light A. A. seen to burst but none felt in the aircraft. All our bombs were seen to burst.
	12.1.43	Weather cloudy, developing during the day to total cloud. 1486219 AC1 Coomber O. R. ACH/GD(5?) died today of Enteric Fever. A.A. practice firing between 08.00 and 09.00 hrs.
	13.1.43	High wind at 03.30 hrs. accompanied by fairly heavy rain. No damage incurred to Domestic of Technical site. Short showers occurred during the day having the effect of damping down most of the dust. Intended operations cancelled.
	14.1.43	More rain. Very misty morning. AL564 "D" now serviceable and received from 123 R & S U. AL564 "D" took off on operations at 19.45 landing at 01.45. F/O Towell (Capt) F/O Stokes, F/Sgt. Coates, F/Sgt. Parr, F/Sgt. Hollingworth (FC), Sgt. Gunn, Sgt. Read, Sgt. Major, Sgt. Webb. AL600 "W" Took off on ops. 17.15 landed 22.55 F/O Stevenson (Capt) F/S Brailsford, Sgt Webzell, F/S Pannell, Sgt. Wardill (FC), F/Sgt. Rich, Sgt. Gwynn, Sgt. Hurring, Sgt. Wadsworth. AL581 "O" Took off 18.40 landed 00.25 F/O Bettridge (Capt) Sgt. Hall, F/O Barton, F/S Cullaton (Nav U/T), Sgt. Nixon, F/Sgt. Barrell (FC) Sgt. Ridsdale, Sgt. Nicholls, Sgt. Ercolani. AL544 "B" Took off 21.15 landed 02.40. F/O Musgrave (Capt) Sgt. Wallace, F/O Moffatt, F/Sgt. Fullerton (FC), F/S Sayers, Sgt. Eilson, Sgt. Kay, Sgt. McRoberts Sgt. Forson. Target Mingan, Bume, Yegyanbyin, and other villages. All bombs seen to explode. Enemy opposition: Light A.A. which was not felt by our A/C.
	16.1.43	CO inspected Domestic site area and airmen's billets and took morning parade. Weather fine, visibility unlimited.
	17.1.43	AL600 "W" Took off on operations at 20.45 landed 04.35. W/Cdr Skinner (Capt) F/O Cox, F/Lt. Humphries, Sgt. Christmas, F/Sgt. Smith, F/Sgt. Maul, F/Lt. Coates (FC), Sgt. Doak. AL581 "O" Took off at 20.50 landed 04.00 F/O Bettridge (Capt) Sgt. Hall, F/O Barton, Sgt. Nixon, F/Sgt. Barrell (FC) Sgt. Ridsdale, Sgt. Nicholls, Sgt. Ercolani. AL550 "M" Took off 20.50 landed 02.00 F/O Jenner (Capt), Sgt. Ellis, P/O Crapper, F/Sgt. Irving, Sgt. Swain, F/S Da Costa, F/S Palmer (FC), F/Sgt. Box. AL544 "B" Took off 20.55 landed 04.20. Sgt. Morris (Capt), F/O Sharpe, Sgt. Webzell, Sgt. Buchanan, Sgt. King (FC), Sgt. Fayle, Sgt. Woodward, Sgt. Hopkins. AL564 "D" Took off 20.55 landed 04.10. F/O Musgrave (Capt), Sgt. Wallace, F/O Moffatt, F/Sgt. Fullerton (FC), Sgt. Low, Sgt. Wilson, Sgt. Kay, Sgt. McRoberts, F/Sgt. Nicholas (Nav. u/t) Target - Akyab. Bombs seen to burst on the target area A.A. encountered which was inaccurate.
	18.1.43	Liberator AL526 "Q" arrived 18.15 with 8 NCO's as crew, F/Sgt. Robson FME/AG awarded immediate DFM approved by HM The King, on recommendation of AOC in C India Command Cypher Message P196 d/d 14.1.43.
	19.1.43	Weather cold in morning, warming up towards lunch time. PSI meeting 18.30 hrs. in N.2 Airmen's Mess many questions debated upon regarding airmen's welfare.
	20.1.43	Weather cold in morning. Visibility unlimited No Cloud. Operations:- AL564 "D" Took off 16.42 landed 00.06 hrs. F/O Towell (Capt) F/O Stokes, F/Sgt. Coates, F/S Parr, F/Sgt. Hollingworth (FC) Sgt. Read, Sgt. Gunn, Sgt. Major, F/Lt. Riddell (MO). AL600 "W" took off 16.29 landed 00.20 hrs. F/O Muirhead (Capt), Sgt. Cox,

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		<p>W/O Bourque, Sgt. Blackburn, Sgt. Seymour, Sgt. Pisani (FC), Sgt. O'Connor, Sgt. Low J, Sgt. Stout.</p> <p>AL550 "M" took off 16.30 landed 22.00 F/O Stevenson (Capt), F/Sgt. Brailsford, F/O Moffatt, F/Sgt. Pannell, F/Sgt. Rich, F/Sgt Wardill (FC), F/Sgt. Barber, Sgt. Hurring, Sgt. Forson.</p> <p>AL544 "B" Took off 16.28 hrs. landed 23.50 hrs F/Lt. Dyer (Capt), Sgt Westmoreland, W/O Boteler, F/Sgt. Stanton (FC) Sgt McGregor, Sgt. Rochford, F/O Dance, F/Sgt. Reid, Sgt. Wadsworth.</p> <p>AL581 "O" Took off 16.42 landed 00.01 hrs. Sgt. Morris (Capt), F/O Sharpe, Sgt. Webzell, Sgt. Buchanan, Sgt. King (FC) Sgt. Fayle, Sgt. Woodward, Sgt. Hopkins Sgt. Webb.</p> <p>Enemy opposition - Nil.</p>
	21.1.43	<p>Weather cloudy. Vis. 10 to 15 miles.</p> <p>AL600 Capt. F/O Towell, Dual circuits and landings, F/O Stokes, Sgt. Hall.</p> <p>Took off 18.35 landed 21.00 hrs.</p>
	22.1.43	Weather dull and cloudy. Visibility 10-15 miles. Cold wind. No flying.
	23.1.43	<p>AL544 took off in air test at 11.45 hrs. landed at 12.15. Crew: F/O Towell (Capt), F/O Stokes, Cpl Hamilton, AC Brown, AC Davies, AC Higgins, AC Wilson.</p> <p>Weather fine and sunny. Wind S. W.</p> <p>AL564 took off on air test at 11.15 hrs. landed 11.25 hrs. Crew: F/O Musgrave, Sgt. Wallace, F/O Moffatt, P/O Fullerton, F/Sgt. Sayers DFM, Sgt. Wilson, Sgt. Kay, Sgt. McRoberts, AC McEwan, AC Parks, Sgt. Webb.</p> <p>AL550 took off on air test at 10.00 landed 10.30 hrs. Crew: F/O Jenner, Sgt Ellis, P/O Crapper, F/S Irving, F/S Palmer, Sgt. Swain, F/S Da Costa, F/S Box DFM, AC Fulton.</p> <p>Operations:</p> <p>AL544 "B" took off at 17.45 hrs. landed 00.50 hrs. Crew: F/Lt. Dyer (C), Sgt. Westmoreland, W/O Boteler, F/Sgt. Stanton, Sgt. McGregor, Sgt. Rochford, F/O Danbe, F/Sgt. Reid, Sgt. Wadsworth.</p> <p>AL564 "D" took off 17.45 landed 01.30 hrs. Crew: F/O Musgrave (Capt), Sgt. Wallace, F/O Moffatt, P/O Fullerton (FC), F/Sgt. Sayers, Sgt. Wilson, Sgt. Kay, Sgt. McRoberts, W/O Burrows.</p> <p>AL?50 "M" took off 17.45 landed 01.25 hrs. Crew: F/O Jenner (Capt), Sgt. Ellis, P/O Crapper, F/S Irving, Sgt. Swain, F/Sgt. Palmer, F/S Da Costa, F/S Box DFM, S/Ldr Thompson.</p> <p>AL660 "W" took off on operations at 17.45 hrs landed 00.10 Capt: F/O Muirhead, Sgt. Cox, W/O Bourque, Sgt. Blackburn, Sgt Low, Sgt. Seymour, Sgt. Pisani, Sgt. O'Connor, F/Lt. Vetch.</p> <p>AL581 "O" took off 17.45 landed 00.50 hrs. F/O Bettridge (Capt) Sgt. Hall, F/O Barton, Sgt. Nixon, F/Sgt. Barrell, Sgt. Ridsdale, Sgt. Nicholls, Sgt. Ercolani, Sgt. Person.</p> <p>Target HeHo Main Aerodrome.</p>
	24.1.43	Weather cold early morning. Fine and sunny during day. No flying.
	25.1.43	<p>Weather cloudy, Slight wind.</p> <p>AL581 "O" took off for Agra 12?.25 landed Agra 15.55 to collect aircraft spares. Took off from Agra 18.45 landed Salbani 22.10 hrs. (Crew) F/O Sharpe (Capt), Sgt. Morris, Sgt. Webzell, Sgt. Charnick???, Sgt. Buchanan, Sgt. Fayle, Sgt. Hopkins, F/O Coleman, AC Howard.</p> <p>AL564 "D" Took off at 16?.30 for air test and compass check landed 17.10 hrs. Crew: F/O Towell (Capt) F/S Davidson, AC Bourdon, AC Exall, F/Sgt. Coates, F/S Parr, Sgt. Read, Sgt. Gunn.</p> <p>AL544 "B" took off at 16.00 hrs for Dum-Dum landed Dum-Dum 16.45 hrs. Took off Dum-Dum 17.15 landed Salbani 18.00 hrs. Crew: S/Ldr Beck DFC (Capt) Sgt. Collins, G/Capt. Singer, AC Higgins, Sgt. Fleming, Sgt. Cheshire, Sgt. Nightingale, Sgt. Beatey, F/O Ashworth, F/O Wilson. During the flight air tests were carried out.</p>

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	26.1.43	<p>Weather cloudy but sunny during afternoon. Wind S.W. Flying:</p> <p>AL550 "M" took off 15.30 hrs for air test landed 16.00 hrs. Crew: F/O Stevenson DFC (Capt), F/Sgt.Brailsford F/O Moffatt, F/S Parnell, Sgt. Wardill, F/Sgt.Rich, Sgt. Gwynn, Sgt. Hurring Sgt. Forson.</p> <p>AL600 "W" took off 15.00 hrs for air test landed 15.45. Crew: W/Cdr. Skinner (C), F/O Cox, F/L Humphries, F/Lt. Coates, Sgt. Christmas, F/S Smith, F/Sgt. Maul, Sgt. Doak, AC Spence, AC Carey.</p> <p>AL600"W" took off on operations at 19.45 hrs. landed 03.15. Crew: W/C Skinner, (Capt), F/O Cox, F/Lt. Humphries, F/Sgt. Smith, F/Sgt. Maul, F/O Ashworth, Sgt. Doak, Sgt. Christmas.</p> <p>AL544 "B" took off 19.45 landed 03.30 hrs. Crew: F/O Towell DFM, Capt, F/Sgt. Davison, F/Sgt. Coates, DFM, F/Sgt. Parr, DFM, F/Sgt. Hollingworth, Sgt. Read, Sgt. Major, Sgt. Gunn, Sgt. Stout.</p> <p>AL550 "M" took off 19.45 landed 23.30 hrs. (Engine trouble. Op not carried out) Crew: F/O Stevenson DFC, (Capt), F/Sgt. Brailsford, F/O Moffatt, F/Sgt. Pannell, F/Sgt. Wardill, F/Sgt. Rich, Sgt. Hurring, Sgt. Forson.</p> <p>AL581 "O" took off at 19.35 landed 03.30 hrs. Crew: F/O Bettridge (Capt), Sgt. Hall, F/O Barton, F/Sgt. Hutton, F/Sgt. Barrell, Sgt. Nixon, Sgt. Ridsdale, Sgt. Nicholls, Sgt. Ercolani.</p>
	28.1.43	<p>AL600 "W" took off for practice bombing (8000 ft.) at 14.00hrs. Landed 16.30 hts. Crew: F/O Stokes (Capt), F/Sgt. Maul, F/Sgt. Humphries, F/Sgt. Culleton, Sgt. Hutton, Sgt. Brown, Sgt. Talbot, Sgt. Stokes, Sgt. Goodisson Sgt. Hendry.</p> <p>AL544 "B" took off for air test (DF Station calibration) at 15.00 hrs. Landed 17.40 hrs. Crew: F/Lt. Dyer (Capt.), Sgt. Westmoreland, F/O Moffatt, F/Sgt. Stanton, P/O Fullerton, Sgt. Rochford, P/O Dance, F/Sgt. Reid.</p>
	29.1.43	<p>AL550 "M" took off at 09.50 hrs. landed 10.25 hrs. Crew: F/O Jenner (Capt), Sgt. Ellis, F/Lt. Usher, F/O Kendall, F/O Crapper, F/Sgt. Irving, Sgt. Swain, F/Sgt. Palmer, F/Sgt. Da Costa, F/Sgt. Box DFM, AC Howfield, AC Manford-Jones.</p> <p>AL560 "N" took off on air test at 9.50 hrs. Landed 10.25 Crew: F/O Musgrave, Sgt. Wallace, F/O Moffatt, F/O Fullerton, F/Sgt. Sayers, Sgt. Kay, Sgt. Wilson, Sgt. McRoberts, AC Hopkins.</p>
	31.1.43	<p>W/Cdr Skinner proceeded on 14 days leave. General stand-down day for the Squadron. S/Ldr. N. M. Boffee DFC assumes command. No flying.</p>

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7.1.43	Liberator II	W/Cdr. Skinner	Operations	16.50	21.50	Operations as ordered. Bombing Akyab.
	AL600 (W)	F/O Cox				
		F/Lt. Humphries				
		Sgt. Christmas				
		F/Sgt. Smith				
		F/Sgt. Maul				
		F/Lt. Coates				
		Sgt. Doak				
7.1.43	Liberator II	F/O Evans	Operations	16.50	22.10	Operations as ordered. Bombing Akyab.
	AL581 (O)	Sgt. Collins				
		F/Lt. Coltman				
		Sgt. Rockett				
		Sgt. Fleming				
		F/O Ashworth				
		Sgt. Cheshire				
		Sgt. Nightingale				
		Sgt. Beatey				
7.1.43	Liberator II	F/O Jenner	Operations	16.55	22.20	Operations as ordered. Bombing Akyab.
	AL550 (M)	Sgt. Ellis				
		P/O Crapper				
		F/Sgt. Irving				
		Sgt. Swain				
		F/Sgt. Da Costa				
		F/Sgt. Palmer				
		Sgt. Box				
7.1.43	Liberator II	F/O Muirhead	Operations	17.00	22.10	Operations as ordered. Bombing Akyab.
	AL544 (B)	Sgt. Cox				
		W/O Bourque				
		Sgt Blackburn				
		F/Sgt. Sayers				
		Sgt. Seymour				
		Sgt. Pisani				
		Sgt. O'Connor				
10.1.43	Liberator II	S/Ldr Boffee	Operations	17.40	22.30	Operations as ordered. Bombing Akyab.
	AL600 (W)	F/O Cox				

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		F/Lt. Humphries				
		Sgt. Christmas				
		F/Sgt. Smith				
		F/Sgt. Maul				
		F/O Ashworth				
		Sgt. Doak				
10.1.43	Liberator II	F/O Towell	Operations	18.40	21.40	Operations as ordered. Bombing Akyab.
	AL550 (M)	F/O Stokes				DNCO No. 2 Engine u/s.
		F/Sgt. Coates				
		F/Sgt. Parr				
		F/Sgt. Hollingworth				
		Sgt. Read				
		Sgt. Gunn				
		Sgt. Major				
10.1.43	Liberator II	F/O Musgrave	Bombing	20.25	02.40	Akyab Is.
	AL544 (B)	Sgt. Wallace				
		F/O Moffatt				
		F/Sgt. Fullerton				
		F/Sgt. Sayers				
		Sgt. Wilson				
		Sgt. Kay				
		Sgt. McRoberts				
10.1.43	Liberator II	Sgt. Morris	Bombing	22.00	03.05	Akyab Is.
	AL581 (O)	F/O Sharpe				
		Sgt. Webzell				
		Sgt. Buchanan				
		Sgt. King				
		Sgt. Fayle				
		Sgt. Woodward				
		Sgt. Hopkins				
15.1.43	Liberator II	F/O Towell	Bombing	19.45	01.45	Akyab Is.
	AL564 (D)	F/O Stokes				
		F/Sgt. Coates				
		F/Sgt. Parr				
		F/Sgt. Hollingworth				
		Sgt. Read				
		Sgt. Gunn				
		Sgt. Major				
		Sgt. Webb				

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15.1.43	Liberator II	F/O Stevenson	Bombing	17.15	22.55	Akyab Is.
	AL600 (W)	F/Sgt. Brailsford				
		Sgt. Webzell				
		F/Sgt. Pannell				
		Sgt. Wardill				
		F/Sgt. Rich				
		Sgt. Gwynn				
		Sgt. Hurring				
		Sgt. Wadsworth				
15.1.43	Liberator II	F/O Bettridge	Bombing	18.40	00.25	Akyab Is.
	AL581 (O)	Sgt. Hall				
		F/O Barton				
		F/Sgt. Culleton				
		Sgt. Nixon				
		F/Sgt. Barrell				
		Sgt. Ridsdale				
		Sgt. Nicholls				
		Sgt. Ercolani				
15.1.43	Liberator II	P/O Musgrave	Bombing	21.15	02.40	Akyab Is.
	AL544 (B)	Sgt. Wallace				
		F/O Moffatt				
		F/Sgt. Fullerton				
		F/Sgt. Sayers				
		Sgt. Wilson				
		Sgt. Kay				
		Sgt. McRoberts				
		Sgt. Forson				
17.1.43	Liberator II	W/Cdr. Skinner	Bombing	20.45	04.35	Tennant Aerodrome
	AL600 (W)	F/O Cox				
		F/Lt. Humphries				
		Sgt. Christmas				
		F/Sgt. Smith				
		F/Sgt. Maul				
		F/Lt. Coates				
		Sgt. Doak				
17.1.43	Liberator II	F/O Bettridge	Bombing	20.50	04.00	Tennant Aerodrome
	AL581 (O)	Sgt. Hall				
		F/O Barton				
		Sgt. Nixon				

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		F/Sgt. Barrell				
		Sgt. Ridsdale				
		Sgt. Nicholls				
		Sgt. Ercolani				
17.1.43	Liberator II	F/O Jenner	Bombing	20.50	02.00	Tennant Aerodrome Akyab Is.
	AL550 (M)	Sgt. Ellis				
		P/O Crapper				
		F/Sgt. Irving				
		Sgt. Swain				
		F/Sgt. Da Costa				
		F/Sgt. Palmer				
		F/Sgt. Box				
17.1.43	Liberator II	Sgt. Morris	Bombing	20.55	04.20	Tennant Aerodrome
	AL544 (B)	F/O Sharpe				
		Sgt. Webzell				
		Sgt. Buchanan				
		Sgt. King				
		Sgt. Woodward				
		Sgt. Fayle				
		Sgt. Hopkins				
17.1.43	Liberator II	F/O Musgrave	Bombing	20.55	04.10	Tennant Aerodrome
	AL564 (D)	Sgt. Wallace				
		F/O Moffatt				
		F/Sgt. Fullerton				
		Sgt. Low				
		Sgt. Wilson				
		Sgt. Kay				
		Sgt. McRoberts				
		F/Sgt. Nicholas				
20.1.43	Liberator II	F/O Towell	Bombing	16.40	00.10	Toungoo Aerodrome
	AL564 (D)	F/O Stokes				
		F/Sgt. Coates				
		F/Sgt. Parr				
		F/Sgt. Hollingworth				
		Sgt. Read				
		Sgt. Gunn				
		Sgt. Major				
		F/Lt. Riddell				
20.1.43	Liberator II	F/Lt. Dyer	Bombing	16.30	23.50	Toungoo Aerodrome

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	AL544 (B)	Sgt. Westmoreland				
		W/O Boteler				
		F/Sgt. Stanton				
		Sgt. McGregor				
		Sgt. Rochford				
		F/O Dance				
		F/Sgt. Reid				
		Sgt. Wadsworth				
20.1.43	Liberator II	F/O Muirhead	Bombing	16.30	00.20	Toungoo Aerodrome
	AL600 (W)	Sgt. Cox				
		W/O Bourque				
		Sgt. Blackburn				
		Sgt. Low				
		Sgt. Seymour				
		Sgt. Pisani				
		Sgt. O'Connor				
		Sgt. Stout				
20.1.43	Liberator II	Sgt. Morris	Bombing	16.35	23.50	Toungoo Aerodrome
	AL581 (O)	F/O Sharpe				
		Sgt. Webzell				
		Sgt. Buchanan				
		Sgt. King				
		Sgt. Fayle				
		Sgt. Woodward				
		Sgt. Hopkins				
		Sgt. Webb				
20.1.43	Liberator II	P/O Stevenson	Bombing	16.30	10.00	Toungoo Aerodrome. Aircraft u/s. Bombed Akyab Is.
	AL550 (M)	F/Sgt. Brailsford				
		F/O Moffatt				
		F/Sgt. Pannell				
		Sgt. Wardill				
		F/Sgt. Rich				
		Sgt. Barber				
		Sgt. Hurring				
		Sgt. Forson				
23.1.43	Liberator II	F/Lt. Dyer	Bombing	17.45	00.50	He-Ho Aerodrome
	AL544 (B)	Sgt. Westmoreland				
		W/O Boteler				
		F/Sgt. Stanton				

Date	Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
		Sgt. Rochford				
		Sgt. McGregor				
		F/O Dance				
		F/Sgt Reid				
		Sgt Wadsworth				
23.1.43	Liberator II	F/O Musgrave	Bombing	17.45	01.30	He-Ho Aerodrome
	AL564 (D)	Sgt. Wallace				
		F/O Moffatt				
		P/O Fullerton				
		F/Sgt. Sayers				
		Sgt. Wilson				
		Sgt. Kay				
		Sgt. McRoberts				
		W/O Burrows				
23.1.43	Liberator II	F/O Jenner	Bombing	17.45	01.25	He-Ho Aerodrome
	AL550 (M)	Sgt. Ellis				
		P/O Crapper				
		F/Sgt. Irving				
		Sgt. Swain				
		F/Sgt. Palmer				
		F/Sgt. Da Costa				
		F/Sgt. Box				
		S/L Thompson				
23.1.43	Liberator II	F/O Muirhead	Bombing	17.45	03.10	He-Ho Aerodrome
	AL600 (W)	Sgt. Cox				
		W/O Bourque				
		Sgt. Blackburn				
		Sgt. Low				
		Sgt. Seymour				
		Sgt. Pisani				
		Sgt. O'Connor				
		F/Lt. Vetch				
23.1.43	Liberator II	F/O Bettridge	Bombing	17.45	00.50	He-Ho Aerodrome
	AL581 (O)	Sgt. Hall				
		F/O Barton				
		Sgt. Nixon				
		F/Sgt. Barrell				
		Sgt. Ridsdale				
		Sgt. Ercolani				

Date	Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
		Sgt. Forson				
26.1.43	Liberator II	W/C Skinner	Bombing	19.45	03.15	Toungoo Aerodrome
	AL600 (W)	F/O Cox				
		F/Lt. Humphries				
		F/Sgt. Smith				
		F/Sgt. Maul				
		F/O Ashworth				
		Sgt. Doak				
		Sgt. Christmas				
26.1.43	Liberator II	F/O Towell	Bombing	19.45	03.20	Toungoo Aerodrome
	AL544 (B)	F/Sgt. Davidson				
		F/Sgt Coates				
		F/Sgt. Parr				
		F/Sgt. Hollingworth				
		Sgt Read				
		Sgt. Major				
		Sgt. Gunn				
		Sgt. Stout				
26.1.43	Liberator II	F/O Stevenson	Bombing	19.45	23.30	Toungoo Aerodrome. Aircraft u/s.
	AL550 (M)	F/Sgt. Brailsford				Returned to base without bombing.
		F/O Moffatt				
		F/Sgt. Pannell				
		F/Sgt. Wardill				
		F/Sgt. Rich				
		Sgt. Gwynn				
		Sgt. Hurring				
		Sgt. Forson				
26.1.43	Liberator II	F/O Bettridge	Bombing	19.35	03.30	Toungoo Aerodrome
	AL581 (O)	Sgt. Hall				
		F/O Barton				
		F/Sgt. Hutton				
		F/Sgt. Barrell				
		Sgt. Nixon				
		Sgt. Ridsdale				
		Sgt. Nicholls				
		Sgt. Ercolani				

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Place	Date	Summary of Events
Salboni	1.2.43	AL581 "O" took off on operations at 17.30 hrs. Landed 23.35. Crew: S/Ldr. J. L. Beck DFC., Sgt. Collins, F/S Cullerton, Sgt. Fleming, F/Sgt. Templeton, Sgt. Cheshire, Sgt. Nightingale, Sgt Beatey.
		AL560 "N" took off on operations at 18.33 hrs. landed 00.43. Crew: F/O Musgrave (Capt.), Sgt. Wallace, F/O Moffatt, P/O Fullerton D.F.M., F/S Sayers DFM., Sgt. Wilson, Sgt. Kay, Sgt. McRoberts.
		AL544 "B" took off on operations at 17.45 hrs. Landed 22.45. Crew: F/Lt. Dyer (C), Sgt. Westmoreland, W/O Boteler, F/S Stanton, Sgt. McGregor, Sgt. Rochford, F/S Reid, Sgt. Wadsworth, Mr. Stamford (Daily Mail).
		AL550 "M" took off on operations at 02.15 hrs. Landed 08.16. Crew: F/O Jenner (Capt.), Sgt. Ellis, F/O Crapper, F/Sgt. Irving, Sgt. Swain, F/Sgt. Da Costa, F/Sgt. Palmer, F/Sgt. Box DFM.
		AL600 "W" took off on operations at 19.15 hrs. Landed 01.40. Crew: F/O Sharpe (C), Sgt. Morris, Sgt. Websell, Sgt. Buchanan, Sgt. King, Sgt. Fayle, Sgt. Woodward, Sgt. Hopkins.
		AL526 "G" took off on operations at 22.00 hrs. Landed 04.15. Crew: F/O Stokes (C), F/Sgt. Stuart, F/Sgt. Hutton, Sgt. Brown, Sgt. Stokoe, Sgt. Talbot, Sgt. Goodisson, Sgt. Hendry.
		AL581 "O" took off on test flight at 09.50 Landed 10.50 hrs. Crew: S/Ldr. Beck (C), Sgt. Collins, F/Sgt. Culleton, Sgt. Fleming, Sgt. Cheshire, Sgt. Templeton, Sgt. Nightingale, Sgt. Beatey, F/Lt. Riddell (M.O.)
	3.2.43	AL550 "M" took off on test flight at 11.00. Landed at 11.35 hrs. Crew: F/O Stevenson (C), F/Sgt. Brailsford, F/Sgt. Hus?ton, F/Sgt. Pannell, F/Sgt. Rich, Sgt. Wardill, Sgt. Gwynn, Sgt. Hurring, A.C. Taylor, AC. Jackson (No. 3 engine trouble). AL560 "N" took off on test flight at 15.00 hrs. Landed 16.00 Crew: F/O Towell (C), F/Sgt. Davison, F/Sgt. Coates, F/Sgt. Hollingworth, Sgt. Read, Sgt. Gunn, AC Miller, AC. Hughes, AC Crooks. AL600 "W" took off on test flight at 15.30, landed 16.10 hrs. Crew: F/O Bettridge, Sgt. Hall, F/O Barton, Sgt. Nixon, Sgt. Talbot, Sgt. Ercolani, AC Cooper, AC Wood, AC. Smith.
	4.2.43	AL526 "G" took off on test flight at 10.00 hrs. Landed 11.00. Crew: F/O Muirhead (C). Sgt. Cox, W/O Bourque, Sgt. Blackburn, Sgt. Seymour, Sgt. O'Connor, Sgt. Low, Capt. Austin, A.C. Powell, AC Bates. AL585 "C" took off on test flight at 10.50 hrs. Landed 11.20 hrs. Crew: F/O Jenner (Capt.), AC Parkins, AC Manford-Jones, AC Roscoe. AL581 "O" took off on test flight at 09.15 Landed 09.34 hrs. Crew: F/O Evans (C), Sgt. Collins, Sgt. Rockett, Sgt. Fleming, F/Sgt. Templeton, Sgt. Cheshire, Sgt. Nightingale, Sgt. Beatey, Sgt. Stout. AL550 "M" took off on test flight at 10.50 hrs. Landed 11.25. Crew: F/O Stevenson (Capt.), F/Sgt. Brailsford, F/Sgt. Pannell, F/Sgt. Rich, Sgt. Wardill, Sgt. Hurring. AL544 "B" took off on test flight at 10.00. Landed 10.34. Crew: F/O Sharpe (C), Sgt. Wallace, Sgt. King, Sgt. Woodward, Sgt. Buchanan, Sgt. Thorpe, Sgt. Hopkins, Cpl. Jones 617, AC Brow 175, AC Harkness 015.
	5.2.43	AL560 "N" took off on operations at 17.00 hrs. Landed at 02.35. Crew: F/O Towell, F/Sgt. Davidson, F/Sgt. Coates D.F.M., F/Sgt. Parr, F/Sgt. Hollingworth, Sgt. Read, Sgt. Major, Sgt. Gunn. AL600 "W" took off on operations at 17.00 hrs. Landed 02.15. Crew: F/O Bettridge (C). Sgt. Hall, F/O Barton, Sgt. Nixon, F/Lt. Coates, F/Sgt. Ridsdale, Sgt. Talbot, Sgt. Stokoe, Sgt. Ercolani.

Place	Date	Summary of Events
		<p>AL550 "M" took off on operations at 17.10 hrs. Landed 2.45. Crew: F/O Stevenson (Capt.), F/Sgt. Brailsford, F/Sgt. Hutton, F/Sgt. Pannell, Sgt. Wardill, F/Sgt. Rich, Sgt. Gwynn, Sgt. Hurring.</p> <p>AL544 "B" took off on test Flight at 10.00 hrs. Landed 10.30 Crew: F/Lt. Dyer (Capt.), Sgt. Westmoreland, W/O Boteler, Sgt. McGregor.</p> <p>AL544 "B" took off on test Flight at 16.00 hrs. Landed 17.00 Crew: F/Lt. Dyer (C.), F/Sgt. Jones, S/Ldr. Budget.</p>
	6.2.43	<p>AL550 "M" took off on test flight at 11.25 Landed 11.55 hrs. Crew: Sgt. Morris (C), F/O Sharpe, Sgt Webzell, Sgt. King, Sgt. Buchanan, Sgt. Woodward, Sgt. Fayle, Sgt. Hopkins, AC Cole 898.</p> <p>AL581 "O" took off on test flight at 11.00 Landed 11.59 hrs. Crew: F/O Evans (C), Sgt. Collins, Sgt. Rockett, Sgt. Fleming, Sgt. Nightingale, Sgt. Cheshire, Sgt. Beatey, Sgt. Templeton, Sgt. Stout.</p> <p>AL600 "W" took off on test flight 11.10 Landed 11.40 Crew: F/O Stokes (C), Sgt. Stout.</p> <p>AL526 "G" took off on test flight at 16.30 landed 17.30. Crew: F/O Muirhead (Capt.), Sgt. Cox, W/O Bourque, Sgt. Blackburn, Sgt. Low, Sgt. Seymour, Sgt. Pisani, Sgt. O'Connor, L.A.C. Way.</p> <p>AL585 "C" took off on test flight at 15.30 landed 16.30. Crew: F/O Musgrave (C), Sgt. Wallace, P/O Fullerton, F/Sgt. Sayers, Sgt. Wilson, Sgt. Kay, Sgt. McRoberts, AC. C?onsidine, AC Crooks.</p> <p>AL544 took off on exhaust baffle test flight at 16.30 hrs. Landed 18.00 hrs. Crew: F/Lt. Dyer, (Capt.), Sgt. Westmoreland, Sgt. McGregor.</p> <p>AL600 "W" took off on test flight at 19.45 hrs. Landed 20.30. F/O Stokes (Capt.), F/Sgt. Stuart, Sgt. Stokoe, Sgt. Goodisson, Sgt. Brown.</p> <p>AL544 "B" took off on flame damper test flight at 19.45 Landed 20.30. Crew:- F/Lt. Dyer (Capt.), Sgt. Hall, Sgt. Westmoreland, Sgt. McGregor.</p>
	7.2.43	<p>S/Ldr. J. L. Beck D.F.C. assumes command of Squadron on admission to hospital of S/Ldr. ? M. Boffee D.F.C.</p> <p>AL585 "C" took off on test flight at 11.11 landed 11.45. Crew: F/O Bettridge (Capt.), F/Sgt. Jones, F/Sgt. Coates, Sgt. Major, Sgt. Ridsdale, Sgt. Forson, Sgt. Ercolani.</p> <p>AL544 "B" took off on operations at 11.45 landed 14.45<sup>1</sup> Crew: F/Lt. Dyer, Sgt. Westmoreland, W/O Boteler, F/Sgt. Stanton, Sgt. McGregor, Sgt. Rochford, Sgt. Wadsworth, F/Sgt. Reid.</p> <p>AL600 "W" took off on operations at 18.25 hrs. landed 03.49. Crew: P/O Stokes (C), F/Sgt. Stuart, F/Sgt. Hutton, Sgt. Brown, Sgt. Hendry, Sgt. Talbot, Sgt. Stokoe, Sgt. Goodisson.</p> <p>AL550 "M" took off on operations at 18.20 landed 03.40 hrs. Crew: Sgt. Morris (C), F/O Sharpe, Sgt. Webzell, Sgt. Buchanan, Sgt. King, Sgt. Fayle, Sgt. Woodward, Sgt. Hopkins, Sgt. Webb.</p> <p>AL560 "N" took off on operations at 18.25 Landed 04.05 hrs. Crew: P/O Musgrave (C), Sgt. Wallace, F/O Mofatt, P/O Fullerton, F/Sgt. Sayers, Sgt. Wilson, Sgt. King, Sgt. McRoberts.</p> <p>AL526 "G" took off on operations at 18.20 hrs. Landed 04.20. Crews: F/O Muirhead (C), Sgt. Cox, W/O Bourque, Sgt. Blackburn, Sgt. Black, Sgt. Low, Sgt. Seymour, Sgt. Pisani, Sgt. O'Connor.</p> <p>AL585 "C" took off on operations at 18.25 hrs. Landed 03.55 hrs. Crew: F/O Bettridge (Capt.), F/Sgt. Jones, F/O Barton, Sgt. Nixon, F/Lt. Coates, F/Sgt. Ridsdale, Sgt. Ercolani, Sgt. Major, Sgt. Chalmers.</p> <p>AL581 "O" took off on operations at 18.20 hrs. Landed 04.55 hrs. Crew: F/O Evans (Capt.), Sgt. Collins, Sgt. Rockett, Sgt. Fleming, F/Sgt. Templeton, Sgt. Cheshire, Sgt. Nightingale, Sgt. Beatey, Sgt. Stout u.t A.G.</p>
	8.2.43	<p>AL581 "O" took off on air test at 10.00 hrs. Landed 10.45 S/Ldr. Beck Captain.</p> <p>AL526 "G" took off on test flight at 16.00 landed 17.10. Crew: F/O Stokes</p>

<sup>1</sup> Times hand written in; they do not match times in Reid's logbook.

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		(Capt.), F/Sgt. Stuart, Sgt. Brown, AC Moss, AC Dossetter, AC Howells, AC Stanley, LAC Stannage. AL585 "C" took off on test flight at 15.15 landed 15.55. Crew: F/O Stevenson (Capt.), F/Sgt. Brailsford, Sgt. Webzell <sup>2</sup> , F/Sgt. Pannell, F/Sgt. Rich, F/Sgt. Gwynn, Sgt. Wardill, Sgt. Hurring, Sgt. Forson, F/Lt. Barwood.
	10.2.43	AL581 "O" took off on operations at 17.10 Landed at 01.55. Crew: S/Ldr. Beck (Capt.), Sgt. Barritt, Sgt. Rockett, F/Sgt. Barrell, Sgt. McLaughlin, Sgt. Black, Sgt. Edwards, F/Sgt. Harrison, F/Sgt. Reid. AL550 "M" took off on operations at 17.15 landed 01.20. Crew: F/O Jenner (Capt.), Sgt. Ellis, P/O Crapper, F/Sgt. Irving, Sgt. Swain, F/Sgt. Da Costa, F/Sgt. Palmer, F/Sgt. Box. AL560 "N" took off on operations at 18.20 hrs. Landed 01.00 Crew F/O Musgrave (C) Sgt. Wallace, F/O Moffatt, P/O Fullerton, F/Sgt. Sayers, Sgt. Wilson, Sgt. May, Sgt. McRoberts. AL585 "C" took off on operations at 17.10 Landed 02.10 Crew: F/O Stevenson (C) F/Sgt. Brailsford, Sgt. Webzell, F/Sgt. Pannell, Sgt. Wardill, F/Sgt. Rich, Sgt. Gwynn, Sgt. Hurring, F/Lt. Barwood, Sgt. Forson. AL544 "B" took off on test flight at 09.55 landed 10.48 hrs. Crew: F/O Jenner, Sgt. Ellis, F/Sgt. Box D.F.M., F/Sgt. Palmer, F/Sgt. Da Costa, Sgt. Swain, F/Sgt. Irving.
	11.2.43	No flying.
	12.2.43	AL585 took off on test flight at 14.30 hrs. Landed 18.00. Crew: F/Sgt. Stuart, F/Sgt. Hutton, Sgt. Brown, A.C. Higgins, A.C. Hodgson, LAC Wren, LAC Lewis. AL581 "O" took off on Air Test at 10.00 Landed 10.30. Crew: F/O Muirhead, Sgt. Cox, Sgt. Blackburn, Sgt. O'Connor AL5444 "B" took off on Air Test at 16.55 hrs. Landed 17.30 hrs.
	13.2.43	AL526 "G" took off on test flight at 10.30 hrs. Landed 11.10 Crew: F/O Towell, F/Sgt. Davison, F/Sgt. Parr, F/Sgt. Hollingworth, Sgt. Gunn, Sgt. Read, Sgt. Major, A.C. Davis, Cpl Sawyer, AC Stevens. AL526 "G" took off on operations at 18.00 Landed 02.00 hrs. Crew: F/O Towell DFM, F/Sgt. Davison, F/Sgt. Coates D.F.M., F/Sgt. Parr D.F.M., F/Sgt. Hollingworth, Sgt. Read, Sgt. Major, Sgt. Gunn. AL585 "C" took off on operations at 19.25 hrs. Landed 03.25. Crew: F/O Stokes, F/Sgt. Stuart, F/Sgt. Hutton, Sgt. Brown, Sgt. Talbot, Sgt. Hendry, Sgt. Stokes, Sgt. Goodisson, F/Lt. Coates. AL544 "B" took off on operations at 18.10 Landed 02.10. Crew: F/O Sharpe, Sgt. Morris, Sgt. Webzell, Sgt. Buchanan, Sgt. King, Sgt. Fayle, Sgt Woodward, Sgt. Hopkins. AL581 "O" took off on operations at 18.06 hrs. Landed 02.20 hrs. Crew: F/O Muirhead, Sgt. Cox, W/O Bourque, Sgt. Blackburn, Sgt. Low, Sgt. Seymour, Sgt. Pisani, Sgt. O'Connor.
	14.2.43	AL544 "B" took off on Cross-country flight at 18.45, Landed 20.45. Crew: Sgt. Hall, Sgt. Barritt, F/Sgt. White, Sgt. Harrison <sup>3</sup> , Sgt. McLaughlin, F/Sgt. Barrell, Sgt. Black, Sgt. Edwards.
	15.2.43	AL526 "G" took off on practice bombing at 10.45 hrs. Landed 12.25. Crew: Sgt. Hall, Sgt. Barrit <sup>4</sup> , F/Sgt. White, Sgt. McLaughlin, Sgt. Black, Sgt. Harrison <sup>5</sup> , Sgt. Edwards, F/Sgt. Barrell.
	16.2.43	AL581 "O" took off on loop swing test at 08.10 Landed 8.40. Crew: F/O Evans, Sgt. Collins, F/Sgt. Pannell, Sgt. Fleming, F/Sgt. Templeton, Sgt. Rockett.
	15.2.43 <sup>6</sup>	AL544 "B" took off on flame damper test at 19.30 Landed 20.30. Crew: F/Lt.

<sup>2</sup> Typed Sebzell in original, but this is undoubtedly Webzell.

<sup>3</sup> Original has two "s", all other references in the records have one, so entry has been changed.

<sup>4</sup> Spelt with one "t" on original this time.

<sup>5</sup> Spelt with one "s" on original this time.

<sup>6</sup> This entry is out of sequence in the original.

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		Dyer, Sgt. Westmoreland, W/O Boteler, F/Sgt. Stanton, Sgt. McGregor, Sgt. Rochford, Sgt. Wadsworth, F/Sgt. Rich. AL526 "G" took off on local flying at 19.30 landed 20.20. Crew: F/O Musgrave, W/Cdr. Skinner, F/O Moffatt, Sgt. Sayers, Sgt. McRoberts, Sgt. Wallace.
	16.2.43	AL544 "B" Took off on operations at 17.10 Landed 23.20 Crew: F/Lt. Dyer, Sgt. Westmoreland, W/O Boteler, F/Sgt. Stanton, Sgt. McGregor, Sgt. Rochford, Sgt. Wadsworth, F/Sgt. Reid. AL581 "O" took off on operations at 17.10 hrs. Landed 00.15 Crew: F/O Evans, Sgt. Collins, Sgt. Rockett, Sgt Fleming, F/Sgt. Templeton, Sgt. Cheshire, Sgt Nightingale, Sgt Beatey. AL585 "C" took off on operations at 17.10 Landed 23.40 F/O Bettridge, F/Sgt. Jones, F/O Barton, F/Lt. Thompson, Sgt. Nixon, Sgt Forson, Sgt. Ridsdale, F/Sgt. Barber, Sgt Ercolani. AL526 "G" took off on operations at 17.10 Landed 00.50 Crew: Sgt. Hall, F/Sgt. Barritt, F/Sgt. White, F/Sgt. Barrell, Sgt. McLaughlin, Sgt. Black, Sgt. Harrison, Sgt. Edwards.
	17.2.43	AL581 "O" took off on flight to Cuttack at 12.10 Landed 13.25. Ditto 17.20 landed 18.20 Crew: F/O Musgrave, F/Sgt. Brailsford, Brig. Barlow, F/O Ashworth, F/Lt. Thompson, F/Sgt. Pannell, Sgt. Wardill, F/Sgt. Rich, Sgt. Hurring.
	18.2.43	AL581 "O" took off on incendiary container test at 14.55 hrs. Landed 16.35 Crew: W/Cdr. Skinner, F/O Kenwick-Cox, F/Lt. Humphries, F/Sgt. Warren, F/Sgt. McCreery, Sgt. Doak, S/Ldr. Beck. AL585 "C" took off on air test at 16.20 landed 17.20 Crew: F/O Musgrave, Sgt. Wallace, F/O Moffatt, F/Sgt. Fullerton, F/Sgt. Sayers, St. Wilson, Sgt. Kay, Sgt. McRoberts, A.C. Roberts, AC Dessatter.
	19.2.43	AL544 "B" took off on air test at 10.20 hrs. Landed 11.00 Crew: P/O Stevenson, F/Sgt. Brailsford, F/Lt. Humphries, F/Sgt. Rich, F/Sgt. Gwynn, F/Sgt. Pannell, Sgt. Wardill, Sgt. Hurring, AC Sidwell. AL526 "G" took off on air test at 10.30 hrs. Landed 11.00 hrs. Crew: F/O Muirhead, Sgt. Cox, AC Stanley, AC Banks, W/O Bourque, Sgt. Blackburn, Sgt. Low, Sgt. Seymour, Sgt. Pisani, Sgt. O'Connor, Cpl. Sawyer. AL550 "M" took off on air test 10.05 hrs. Landed 11.20 Crew: F/O Jenner, Sgt. Ellis, F/O Crapper, F/Sgt. Swain, F/Sgt. Palmer, F/Sgt. Da Costa, AC Cole. AL550 "M" took off on operations at 18.40 hrs. Landed 03.06. Crew: F/O Jenner, Sgt. Ellis, F/O Crapper, F/Sgt. Swain, F/Sgt. Da Costa, F/Sgt. Irvine, F/Sgt. Palmer, F/Sgt. Box D.F.M. AL526 "G" took off on operations at 19.00 hrs. Landed 02.50 hrs. Crew: F/O Muirhead, Sgt. Cox, W/O Bourque, Sgt. Blackburn, Sgt. Low, Sgt. Seymour, Sgt. Pisani, Sgt. O'Connor. AL585 "C" took off on operations at 18.50 hrs. Lande 02.50 Crew: F/O Musgrave, Sgt. Wallace, F/O Moffatt, F/Lt. Thompson, P/O Fullerton, F/Sgt. Sayers, Sgt. Wilson, Sgt. Kay, Sgt. McRoberts. AL544 "B" took off on operations at 18.40 landed 02.10 Crew: F/O Stevenson, F/Sgt. Brailsford, F/Lt. Humphries, F/Sgt. Pannell, Sgt. Wardill, F/Sgt. Rich, Sgt. Gwynn, Sgt. Hurring. AL581 "O" took off on operations at 18.40 landed 03.25. Crew: F/O Evans, Sgt. Collins, Sgt. Rockett, Sgt. Fleming, F/Sgt. Templeton, Sgt. Cheshire, Sgt. Nightingale, Sgt. Stout.
	21.2.43	AL585 "C" took off on air test at 11.30 hrs. Landed 12.10 Crew: Sgt. Hall, Sgt. Barritt, F/Sgt. White, F/Sgt. Barrell, AC Higgins, Sgt. McLaughlin, Sgt. Black, F/Sgt. Harrison, AC Lewis, Sgt. Edwards. AL550 "M" took off on air test at 15.45. Landed 16.30. Crew: F/O Stokes, F/Sgt. Stuart, F/Sgt. Hutton, Sgt. Goodisson, Sgt. Hendry, Sgt. Brown, AC Scott. AL581 "O" took off on air test at 11.30 hrs. Landed 12.00 Crew: F/Lt. Dyer, Sgt. Westmoreland, Sgt. McGregor, Sgt. Rochford.

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	22.2.43	<p>AL544 "B" took off on air test at 10.45 Landed 11.10. Crew: Sgt. Morris, F/O Sharpe, Sgt. Webzell, Sgt. Buchanan, Sgt. King, Sgt. Fayle, Sgt. Hopkins.</p> <p>AL581 "O" took off on air test at 10.00 landed 10.30. Crew: W/Cdr. Skinner, F/O Kenwick-Cox, F/Lt. Humphries, F/Lt. Coates, F/Sgt. McCreary, F/Sgt. Christmas, F/Sgt. Maul, F/O Ashworth, Sgt. Doak.</p> <p>AL585 "C" took off on air test at 16.00 landed 17.15 hrs. Crew: F/O Muirhead, Sgt. Cox, W/O Bourque, AC Smith, AC Gregor, AC Land, Sgt. Pisani.</p> <p>AL581 "O" took off on operations. Crew W/Cdr. Skinner, F/O Kenwick-Cox, F/Lt. Humphries, F/Lt. Coates, F/Lt. Thompson, F/Sgt. McCreary, Sgt. Christmas, F/Sgt. Maul, Sgt. Doak. This aircraft and crew failed to return.</p> <p>AL550 "M" took off on operations at 21.45 hrs. Landed 05.15 Crew: F/O Stokes, F/Sgt. Stuart, F/Sgt. Hutton, Sgt. Brown, Sgt. Hendry, Sgt. Stokoe, Sgt. Goodisson, F/O Ashworth, Sgt. Chalmers.</p> <p>AL544 "B" took off on operations at 20.55 hrs. Landed 05.25. Crew: Sgt. Morris, F/O Sharpe, Sgt. Webzell, Sgt. Buchanan, Sgt. King, Sgt. Fayle, Sgt. Woodward, Sgt. Hopkins, Sgt. Webb.</p> <p>AL585 "C" took off on ops at 21.45 landed 05.45. Crew: Sgt. Hall, Sgt. Barritt, F/Sgt. White, F/Sgt. Barrell, Sgt. McLaughlin, Sgt. Black, Sgt. Harrison, Sgt. Edwards, F/Sgt. Smith.</p>
	25.2.43 {section dark, hard to read}	<p>AL550 "M" took off on air test at 11.00 landed 12.15 hrs. Crew: F/O Jenner, Sgt. Ellis, F/O Crapper, Sgt. Harper, F/Sgt. Irving, F/Sgt. Palmer, F/Sgt. Da Costa, F/Sgt. Box, Sgt. Swain.</p> <p>AL544 "B" took off on air test at 10.15 hrs. Landed 10.35 hrs. Crew: F/Lt. Dyer, Sgt. Westmoreland, W.O. Boteler, F/Sgt. Stanton, Sgt. McGregor, Sgt. Rochford, Sgt. Wadsworth, F/Sgt. Reid.</p> <p>AL544 "B" took off on ops. at 19.15 Landed 04.00 hrs. Crew: F/Lt. Dyer, Sgt. Westmoreland, W/O. Boteler, F/Sgt. Stanton, Sgt. McGregor, Sgt. Rochford, Sgt. Wadsworth, F/Sgt. Reid.</p> <p>AL526 "G" took off on operations 19.15 hrs. Landed 04.30. Crew: F/O Musgrave, Sgt. Wallace. F/O Moffat, P/O Fullerton D.F.M., F/Sgt. Sayers D.F.M., Sgt. Wilson, Sgt. Kay, Sgt. McRoberts.</p> <p>AL585 "C" took off on operations at 19.15 hrs. Landed 04.40 hrs. Crew: F/O Muirhead, Sgt. Cox, W/O Bourque, F/Sgt. Smith, Sgt. Low, Sgt. Seymour, Sgt. Pisani, Sgt. O'Connor.</p> <p>AL550 "M" took off on ops. at 1915 landed 04.05 hrs. Crew: F/O Jenner, Sgt. Ellis, F/O Crapper, F/Sgt. Palmer, F/Sgt. Irving, Sgt. Swain, F/Sgt. Da Costa, F/Sgt. Box D.F.M.</p> <p>AL526 "G" took off on air test at 15.30 hrs. Landed 15.45. Crew: F/O Musgrave, Sgt. Wallace, P/O Fullerton, Sgt. Wilson, Sgt. King, Sgt. McRoberts.</p>
	27.2.43	<p>AL585 "G" took of on flight to Dum-Dum at 10.30 hrs. Landed 13.15. Crew: F/O Musgrave, Sgt. Wallace, F/O Boffatt, S/Ldr. Beck, F/Lt. Usher, F/Sgt. Sayers, Sgt. Kay, Sgt. Wilson Sgt. McRoberts, W/O Boteler, Sgt. Westmoreland, Sgt. Rochford, F/Sgt. Stanton, Sgt. McGregor, Sgt. Woodsworth, F/Sgt. Reid, F/Sgt. Williams, F/Sgt. Warron??</p> <p>AL600 "W" took of on air test at 12.35 hrs. Lande 13.20. Crew: Sgt. Cox, W/O Bourque, Sgt. Ellis, Sgt. Blackburn, Sgt. Law, Sgt. Pisani, Sgt. Saymour, Sgt. O'Connor, Cpl. Rust, Cpl. Cameron, AC Baines.</p> <p>AL526 "G" took off on air test 11.00 hrs. landed 11.45. Crew: F/O Stokes, F/Sgt. Stuart, Sgt. Talbot, Sgt. Goodisson, Sgt. Stokoe, Sgt. Hendry, AC Powell, AC Stanley.</p> <p>AL564 "D" took off on flight to Dum-Dum at 11.45 landed 12.45. ditto 12.45 – 13.45. Crew: Sgt. Hall, F/O Muirhead, F/Sgt. Coates, F/Sgt. Parrell, Sgt. McLaughlin, Sgt. Black, F/Sgt. Harrison, Sgt. Splaine.</p>
	28.2.43	<p>AL544 "B" took off on air test at 10.10 landed 10.40. Crew: Sgt. Morris, F/O Sharpe, Sgt. Webzell, Sgt. Buchanan, Sgt. King, Sgt. Hopkins, Sgt. Fayle, Sgt. Woodward.</p>

Place	Date	Summary of Events
		<p>AL585 "C" took off on air test at 09.30 hrs. landed 09.50. Crew: F/O Bettridge, F/Sgt. Jones, Sgt. Nixon, Sgt. Person, Sgt. Ridsdale, Sgt. Webb, Sgt. Ercolani, LAC. Drinkomter??.</p> <p>AL560 "N" took off on air test at 10.45 hrs. Landed 11.15 hrs. Crew: F/O Musgrave, Sgt. Wallace, F/O Moffatt, F/Sgt. Sayers, Sgt. McRoberts, Sgt. Lapworth.</p> <p>AL526 "G" took off on air test at 15.00 hrs. landed 15.30. Crew: F/O Stokes, F/Sgt. Stuart, Cpl. Berry.</p> <p>AL585 "C" took off on operations at 18.06. Landed Dum-Dum 05.55 hrs. took off Dum-Dum 1.3.43 09.30 hrs. Landed 10.15. Crew: F/O Bettridge, F/Sgt. Jones, F/O Barton, Sgt. Nixon, Sgt. Forson, F/Sgt. Ridsdale, Sgt. Webb, Sgt. Ercolani.</p> <p>AL526 "G" took off on operations at 18.08 landed 21.18 F/O Stokes, F/Sgt. Stuart, F/Sgt. Huttch, Sgt. Brown, Sgt. Talbot, Sgt. Hendry, Sgt. Stokoe, Sgt. Goodisson.</p> <p>AL544 "B" took off on operations at 18.10 Landed 05.30. Crew: Sgt. Morris, F/O Sharpe, Sgt. Webzell, Sgt. Buchanan, Sgt. King, Sgt. Fayle, Sgt. Woodward, Sgt. Hopkins.</p> <p>AL600 "W" took off on operations at 18.10 hrs. Landed 06.55. Crew: F/O Muirhead, Sgt. Cox, W/O Bourque, Sgt. Pryde, Sgt. Low, Sgt. Seymour, Sgt. Pisani, Sgt. O'Connor.</p> <p>AL560 "N" took off on operations at 19.05 hrs. Landed 06.30. Crew: F/O Musgrave, Sgt Wallace, F/O Moffatt, P/O Fullerton, F/Sgt. Sayers, Sgt. Wilson, Sgt. Kay, F/Sgt. McRoberts.</p>

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Date	Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
1.2.43	Liberator II AL581 "O"	S/Ldr. Beck, J. L. and crew	Air Test	0950	1050	
1.2.43	Liberator II AL581 "O"	S/Ldr. Beck, J. L. Sgt. Collins, F. F/Sgt. Culleton, J. N. Sgt. Fleming, G. J. F/Sgt. Templeton, J. Sgt. Cheshire, B. Sgt. Nightingale, G. Sgt. Beatey, T. A.	Bombing	1730	2335	Akyab Is. - Padali, Kywede, Kyanktan. Bomb Load: 4 x 1000 lb 5 x 500 lb 3 x 250 delay. 6 x 20 x 4 Lb. Incendiary. Bombed in 3 runs, height 5000 ft., 1000 lb bomb seen to burst in Padali, incendiaries started fire in Kywede; remaining bombs dropped on eastern fringe of Kyanktan, the resultant explosions being felt at 5000 ft.
1.2.43	Liberator II AL560 "N"	F/O Musgrave, J. R. Sgt. Wallace, E. D. F/O Moffatt, J. W. P/O Fullerton, J. R. C. F/Sgt. Sayers, E. J. Sgt. Kay, N. Sgt. McRoberts, C. H.	Bombing	1833	0043	Akyab Is. - Aungdaing, Kala-Yiva. Bombed in 6 runs, height 5000 ft. bursts seen on targets. Fire started by incendiaries and seen burning for half an hour. No other results observed.
1.2.43	Liberator II AL544 "B"	F/Lt. Dyer, J. M. O. Sgt. Westmoreland, F. W/O Boteler, W. F/Sgt. Stanton, J. Sgt. McGregor, J. A. Sgt. Rochford, E. W. F/Sgt. Reid, H. Sgt. Wadsworth, J. E. Mr. Stamford (Daily Mail)	Bombing	1645	2245	Akyab Is. Bume area. Height 5000 ft. All bombs seen to burst in target area. 2 fires started by incendiaries, one just south of target, and the other on the road leading N.W. from it. Both fires still burning one hour later and increasing in intensity as aircraft left target area.
1.2.43	Liberator II AL550 "M"	F/O Jenner, K. S. Sgt. Ellis, F. N. F/O Crapper, A. F. F/Sgt. Irving, R. J. Sgt. Swain, J. R. F/Sgt. Da Costa, N. F/Sgt. Palmer, C. W. F/Sgt. Box, A. R.	Bombing	0215	0815	Akyab Is. - Yagyanbyin, Khadinbaite. Height 5000 ft. - 3 runs. First stick on Ygyanbyin, 3 bursts seen across village, incendiaries burnt then went out. 2nd stick dropped over Khadabaite; bursts felt violently in the air and 3 flashes seen in village area. 3rd stick on Yegyanbyin, 3 bursts seen in south area of village.

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1.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Sharpe, J. A.	Bombing	1950	0140	Akyab Is. - Naugan, Thiubondan, Mawnubyin and Ywathithe. Height 5000 ft. Three sticks of bombs seen to burst in the area of the four villages, and the 4th stick, rather to the north, burst in the village of Sawganshe. No results seen.
	AL600 "W"	Sgt. Morris, H. S.				
		Sgt. Webzell, G. W.				
		Sgt. Buchanan, J. S.				
		Sgt. King, R.				
		Sgt. Fayle, J. W.				
		Sgt. Woodward, J. E.				
		Sgt. Hopkins, W. E.				
1.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Stokes, F. G.	Bombing	2200	0415	Akyab Is. - Ondaw, Yetthedan. Height 5000 ft. - 7 runs. All bombs seen to burst in or near the 2 villages, the great majority falling on the western edge of Yetthedan resulting in a brilliant white light from a point where a 1000 lb. Bomb had burst which increased rapidly in intensity and culminated in several violent explosions. Other results unobserved.
	AL526 "G"	F/Sgt. Stuart, J. C?				
		F/Sgt. Hutton, R. J.				
		Sgt. Brown, J.				
		Sgt. Stokes, N?				
		Sgt. Talbot, ? J.				
		Sgt. Goodison, J. P?				
		Sgt. Hendry, W.				
3.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Stevenson, J. C.	Air Test	1100	1155	
	AL550 "M"	and crew				
3.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Towell, T. S. and crew	Air Test	1500	1600	
	AL560 "N"					
3.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Bettridge, L. G.	Air Test	1530	1610	
	AL600 "W"	and crew				
4.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Muirhead, M. J. E.	Air Test	1000	1100	
	AL526 "G"	and crew				
4.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Jenner, K. S. and crew	Air Test	1030	1120	
	AL585 "C"					
4.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Evans, J. and crew	Air Test	0915	0945	
	AL581 "O"					
4.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Stevenson, J. C.	Air Test	1050	1125	
	AL550 "M"	and crew				
4.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Sharpe, J. A. and crew	Air Test	1000	1035	
	AL544 "B"					
4.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Towell, T. S.	Bombing	1700	0235	Rangoon - Ahlone Wharf. Bomb load - 7 x 1000 lbs GPTI 2 stick height 13500 and 12000. Identified target by flares which lit up end in river. 1st stick, 3 bombs, slightly overshoot, bursts only seen. 2nd stick dropped during violent evasive action, and fell just East of Keighly Street wharves. 4 bursts seen and fire started bright
	AL560 "N"	F/Sgt. Davidson, M. R.				
		F/Sgt. Coates, B. C.				
		F/Sgt. Parr, D.				
		F/Sgt. Hollingworth, J.				
		Sgt. Read, A. R.				
		Sgt. Major, F. C.				

Date	Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
		Sgt. Gunn, W. T.				orange coloured with much black smoke increasing rapidly in size and visible 60 mi. away. 2 photos taken.
4.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Bettridge, L. G.	Bombing	1700	0215	Rangoon - Ahlone Wharf. 1 run - height 11500. First on target. Identified it by Rangoon, Pegu and Pahlang Rivers and Swante Canal all of which stood out clearly. 3 or 4 bursts seen across building just N.E. of wharf. No other results except one possible small fire. Photo attempted while held by S/L.
	AL600 "W"	Sgt. Hall, W.				
		F/O Barton, K. P.				
		Sgt. Nixon, G.				
		F/Lt. Coates, J. W.				
		F/Sgt. Ridsdale, J. L.				
		Sgt. Talbot, L. J.				
		Sgt. Stokoe, D.				
		Sgt. Ercolani, A. B.				
4.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Stevenson, J. C.	Bombing	1710	0245	Rangoon - Ahlone Wharf. 1 stick. Bombed by light of W's flares. All bursts seen along E side of wharves. As a/c left target, a dull glow was seen which increased in size as a/c drew away.
	AL550 "M"	F/Sgt. Brailsford, K. H.				
		F/Sgt. Hutton, R. J.				
		F/Sgt. Pannell, S. F.				
		Sgt. Wardill, L. E.				
		F/Sgt. Rich, C. G.				
		Sgt. Gwynn, T. J.				
		Sgt. Hurring, G. S.				
		Sgt. Forson, A.				
4.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Evans, J.	Bombing	1700	0315	Rangoon - Ahlone Wharf 1 stick - height 12000 ft. Bombed on N's flare. Bursts seen across target. Fire sprang up immediately afterwards visible for over 60 miles. Photo taken.
	AL581 "O"	Sgt. Collins, F.				
		Sgt. Rockett, H. R.				
		Sgt. Fleming, G. J.				
		F/Sgt. Templeton, S.				
		Sgt. Cheshire, B.				
		Sgt. Nightingale, G.				
		Sgt. Beatey, T. A.				
		Sgt. Stout, A. E.				
4.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Jenner, K. S.	Bombing	1710	0250	Rangoon - Ahlone Warf. 1 stick - height 14000. Last on target. Bursts seen on E. bank of river just north of bend. Photo taken.
	AL585 "C"	Sgt. Ellis, F. N.				
		F/O Crapper, A. F.				
		F/Sgt. Irving, R. J.				
		Sgt. Swain, J. R.				
		F/Sgt. Da Costa, H.				
		F/Sgt. Palmer, G. W.				
		F/Sgt. Box, A. R.				
4.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Muirhead, M. J. E.	Bombing	1720	0245	Rangoon - Ahlone Wharf. 1 stick - height 14000 ft. Bombs seen to burst between docks and Kemmendine Station.
	AL526 "G"	Sgt. Cox, C. H.				
		W/O Bourque, A. S.				

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		Sgt. Blackburn, S.				
		Sgt. Low, J. M.				
		Sgt. Seymour, W. E.				
		Sgt. Pisani, A. P.				
		Sgt. O'Connor, E. J.				
5.2.43 <sup>7</sup>	Liberator II AL544 "B"	F/Lt. Dyer, J. M. O. And crew	Air test	1000	1035	
5.2.43	Liberator II AL544 "B"	F/Lt. Dyer, J. M. O. And crew	Air test	1600	1700	
6.2.43	Liberator II AL550 "M"	Sgt. Morris, H. S. And crew	Air test	1125	1155	
6.2.43	Liberator II AL581 "O"	F/O Evans, J. And crew	Air test	1100	1150	
6.2.43	Liberator II AL600 "W"	F/O Stokes, F. G. And crew	Air test	1110	1140	
6.2.43	Liberator II AL526 "G"	F/O Muirhead, M. J. E. And crew	Air test	1630	1730	
6.2.43	Liberator II AL585 "C"	F/O Musgrave, J. R. And crew	Air test	1530	1630	
6.2.43	Liberator II AL544 "B"	F/Lt. Dyer, J.M.O And crew	Test Flight	1630	1800	Flame Damper Test.
6.2.43	Liberator II AL600 "W"	F/O Stokes, F. G. And crew	Air Test	1945	2030	
6.2.43	Liberator II AL544 "B"	F/Lt. Dyer J. M. O. And crew	Test Flight	1945	2030	Flame Damper Test.
7.2.43	Liberator II AL585 "C"	F/O Bettridge, L. G. And crew	Air test	0900	0945	
7.2.43	Liberator II AL581 "O"	F/O Evans, J. Sgt. Collins, S. Sgt Rockett, H. R. Sgt. Fleming, G. J. Sgt. Nightingale, G. Sgt. Cheshire, B Sgt. Beatey, S. A. F/Sgt. Templeton, J. Sgt. Stout, A. E.	Bombing	1820	0455	Rangoon -Sule Pagoda Wharves. Height 12000. Bombs jettisoned after failures on 2 runs. No burst or other results seen.
7.2.43	Liberator II AL544 "B"	F/Lt. Dyer, J. M. O. Sgt. Westmoreland, F.	Bombing	1845	0445	Rangoon - Sule Pagoda Wharves. Bomb load: 8 x 1000 lb.

<sup>7</sup> Form 540 lists operations for this date, but Form 541 gives no details.

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		W/O Boteler, W.				1 stick - height 12000. No bursts seen but bombs believed to fall in wharves area. Photo taken.
		F/Sgt. Stanton, J.				
		Sgt. McGregor, J. A.				
		Sgt. Rochford, E. W.				
		Sgt. Wadsworth, J. E.				
		F/Sgt. Reid, A. R.				
7.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Stokes, F. G.	Bombing	1825	0340	Rangoon - Sule Pagoda Wharves, 1 stick - height 14000 ft. Bombs fell at east end of target and all were seen to burst on land. No other results seen.
	AL600 "W"	F/Sgt. Stuart, J. C.				
		F/Sgt. Hutton, R. J.				
		Sgt. Brown, J.				
		Sgt. Talbot, L. J.				
		Sgt. Hendry, W.				
		Sgt. Stokoe, D.				
		Sgt. Godisson, J. P.				
7.2.43	Liberator II	Sgt. Morris, H. S.	Bombing	1820	0340	Rangoon - Sule Pagoda Wharves. Attempted to bomb in a single stick. Results of this not observed as a/c was caught in 7 S/L's. immediately after bombing. 3 bombs found not released on check up. Released on 2nd run, and fell amongst S/L's. to N. of Rangoon presumed in Mingaladon area. No results seen.
	AL550 "M"	F/O Sharpe, J. A.				
		Sgt. Webzell, G. W.				
		Sgt. Buchanan, J. A.				
		Sgt. King, R.				
		Sgt. Fayle, J. W.				
		Sgt. Woodward, J. N?				
		Sgt. Hopkins, W. E.				
		Sgt. Webb, S. J.				
7.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Musgrave, J. N.	Bombing	1825	0405	Rangoon - Sule Pagoda Wharves. 1 stick - height 12000 ft. 8 bursts counted on a line from water on a heading of 060. No other results seen.
	AL560 "N"	Sgt. Wallace, E. D.				
		F/O Moffatt, J. W.				
		P/O Fullerton, J. R. C.				
		F/Sgt. Sayers, E. J.				
		Sgt. Wilson, A.				
		Sgt. Kay, N.				
		Sgt. McRoberts, C. H.				
7.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Muirhead, M. J. E.	Bombing	1820	0420	Rangoon - Sule Pagoda Wharves. 1 stick - height 14000 ft. 8 bursts seen in a stick across target, identified by aid of S/L. Photo taken.
	AL526 "G"	Sgt. Cox, G. H.				
		W/O Bourque, A. S.				
		Sgt. Blackburn, S.				
		Sgt. Black, D. M.				
		Sgt. Low, J. M.				
		Sgt. Seymour, W. E.				
		Sgt. Pisani, A. P.				
		Sgt. O'Connor, E. J.				

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7.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Bettridge, L. G.	Bombing	1825	0355	Rangoon - Sule Pagoda Wharves.
	AL585 "C"	F/Sgt. Jones, J. H.				1 stick - height 11700 ft. 7 bursts seen, first 2 slightly short, remaining 5 considered to be right on target.
		F/O Barton, K.P.				
		Sgt. Nixon, G.				
		F/Lt. Coates, J. W.				
		F/Sgt. Ridsdale, J. L.				
		Sgt. Ercolani, A. B.				
		Sgt. Major, F. C.				
		Sgt. Chalmers, R. C. M.				
8.2.43	Liberator II	S/Ldr Beck, J. L.	Air Test	1000	1045	
	AL581 "O"	And crew				
8.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Stokes, F. C?	Air Test	1600	1710	
	AL585 "C"	And crew				
10.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Muirhead, M. J. E.	Air Test	Cancelled		
	AL544 "B"	And crew				
10.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Jenner, K. S.	Air Test	0955	1048	
	AL550 "M"	And crew				
10.2.43	Liberator II	S/Ldr Beck, J. L.	Bombing	1710	0155	He-Ho aerodrome.
	AL581 "O"	Sgt. Barritt, J.				Bomb load - 4 x 1000 lb. 6 x 500 lb. 2 x 250 lb. 3 sticks, first stick believed to fall N.E. of intersection, 2nd and 3rd in vicinity of intersection but exact positions could not be pin pointed. 2 photos taken, do not show bursts.
		Sgt. Rockett, H. R.				
		F/Sgt. Barrell, D. R.				
		Sgt. McLaughlin, K. G.				
		Sgt. Black, D. M.				
		Sgt. Edwards, F. J.				
		F/Sgt. Harrison, C. C.				
		F/Sgt. Reid, H.				
10.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Jenner, K. S.	Bombing	1715	0120	He-Ho Aerodrome.
	AL550 "M"	Sgt. Ellis, F. N?				2 sticks, first stick 5 bursts seen parallel with N.E. - S.W. runway approx. 100 yds. E of it, and S. of intersection. 2nd stick bursts very close of N.E. - S. W. runway N. of intersection. No other results.
		F/O Crapper, A. F.				
		F/Sgt. Irving, R. J.				
		Sgt. Swain, J. H?				
		F/Sgt. Da Costa, H.				
		F/Sgt. Palmer, G. W?				
		F/Sgt. Box, A. R.				
10.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Musgrave, J. R.	Bombing	1820	0100	He-Ho Aerodrome.
	AL560 "N"	Sgt. Wallace, E. D.				2 sticks - height 6500 ft. Bursts of first stick seen between S. ends of runways. 2nd stick just N. of main runway, 200 yds. W. of railway and parallel. 2 photos taken.
		F/O Moffatt, J. W.				
		P/O Fullerton, J. R. C.				
		F/Sgt. Sayers, E. J.				

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		Sgt. Wilson, R. J.				
		Sgt. Kay, N.				
		Sgt. McRoberts, C. H.				
10.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Stevenson, J. C.	Bombing	1710	0210	He-Ho Aerodrome.
	AL585 "C"	F/Sgt. Brailsford, K. H.				When A/C making run up, all bombs except one 500 lbs.
		Sgt Webzell, G. W.				Fell away as soon as bomb doors opened, bursting just S. of
		F/Sgt. Pannell, S. F.				Rly. Last bomb was dropped on S. end of main runway. 2
		Sgt. Wardill, L. E.				Photos taken.
		F/Sgt. Rich, C. G.				
		Sgt. Gwynn, T. J.				
		Sgt. Hurring, G. S.				
		F/Lt. Barwood,				
		Sgt. Forson, A				
12.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Stokes, F. G.	Air Test	1430	1500	
	AL585 "C"	And crew				
12.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Sharpe, J. A.	Air Test	1655	1730	
	AL544 "B"	And crew				
13.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Towell, T. S.	Air Test	1030	1110	
	AL526 "G"	And crew				
13.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Towell, T. S.	Bombing	1800	0200	Toungoo Aerodrome.
	AL526 "G"	F/Sgt. Davidson, M. R..				Bomb load - 4 x 1000. 6 x 500. 2 x 250.
		F/Sgt. Coates, B. C.				1 stick - height 8000 ft. All bombs seen to burst in Eastern
		F/Sgt. Parr, D				dispersal area. Last bomb almost on NS. Runway. Photo
		F/Sgt. Hollingworth, J.				taken showing bursts in area stated.
		Sgt. Read, A. R.				
		Sgt. Major, F. C.				
		Sgt. Gunn, W. T.				
13.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Stokes, F. G.	Bombing	1925	0325	Toungoo Aerodrome.
	AL585 "C"	F/Sgt. Stuart, J. C?				1 stick - height 6000 ft. Bursts seen in Eastern dispersal
		F/Sgt. Hutton, R. J.				area parallel with N.S. runway and about 100 yds. East of it.
		Sgt. Brown, J.				One very large fire started, which spread over large area.
		Sgt. Talbot, L. J.				Small intermittent explosions in area of fire, which was still
		Sgt. Hendry, W.				burning when aircraft left target. Photo taken confirming
		Sgt. Stokoe, D.				above.
		Sgt. Goodinson, J. P.				
		F/Lt. Coates, J. W.				
13.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Sharpe, J. A.	Bombing	1810	0210	Toungoo Aerodrome
	AL544 "B"	Sgt. Morris, H. S.				2 sticks - height 6000 ft. 1st stick, bursts seen in E.
		Sgt. Webzell, G. W.				dispersal area east of N/S runway. 2nd stick fell near

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		Sgt. Buchanan, J. A.				intersection of runways on the western edge of N. E. runway. One T/E enemy fighter made one attack over target, and was then lost. 1 x 500 lb. Bomb hung-up, and would not be released. 2 photos taken showing direct hits on NE-SW runway.
		Sgt. King, R.				
		Sgt. Fayle, J. W.				
		Sgt. Woodward, J. E.				
		Sgt. Hopkins, W. E.				
13.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Muirhead, M. J. R?	Bombing	1805	0220	Toungoo Aerodrome. 2 sticks - height 6000 ft. All bombs seen to fall in target area just E. of N.S. runway. No other results seen. 2 Photos confirm.
	AL581 "O"	Sgt. Cox, C. H.				
		W/O Bourque, A. S.				
		Sgt. Blackburn, S.				
		Sgt. Low, J. M.				
		Sgt. Seymour, W. E.				
		Sgt. Pisani, A. P.				
		Sgt. O'Connor, E. J.				
14.2.43	Liberator II	Sgt. Hall, W.	X-Country Training flight	1845	2045	
	AL544 "B"	Sgt. Barritt, J.				
		F/Sgt. White, R.				
		Sgt. McLaughlin, K. G.				
		Sgt. Black, D. M.				
		Sgt. Harrison, C. G.				
		Sgt. Edwards, F. J.				
		F/Sgt. Barrell, D. P.				
15.2.43	Liberator II	Sgt. Hall, W. (C)	Practice Bombing	10.45	1525	Av. error for 6 bombs: 315 yrs.
	AL826 "G"	F/Sgt. White, R? (Nav) And crew				
15.2.43	Liberator II	F/Lt. Dyer, J. M. O.	Test Flight	1930	2030	Flame damper test.
	AL544 "B"	And crew				
15.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Musgrave, J. R.	Local Flying	1930	2020	
	AL526 "G"	And crew				
16.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Evans, J.	Test Flight	0810	0840	Loop swing carried out.
	AL581 "O"	And crew				
16.2.43	Liberator II	F/Lt. Dyer, J. M. O.	Bombing	1710	2320	Magwe Aerodrome. Bomb load - 4 x 1000 6 x 500 2 x 250 2 sticks - height 6500 ft. One stick seen to burst in dispersal area to S.W. of N.S. runway, the last bomb bursting on or just across the runway. No results observed. 2nd stick seen to burst on S.W. dispersal area with last two bombs straddling S. end of N.S. runway. No results seen. One photo taken showing bursts.
	AL544 "B"	Sgt. Westmoreland, F.				
		W/O Boteler W.				
		F/Sgt. Stanton, J.				
		Sgt. McGregor, J. A.				
		Sgt. Rochford, E. W.				
		Sgt. Wadsworth, J. E.				
		F/Sgt. Reid, N.				
16.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Evans, J.	Bombing	1710	0015	Magwe Aerodrome

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	AL581 "O"	Sgt. Collins, F.				2 sticks - height 6000 ft.
		Sgt. Rockett, H. R?				Photos show 1 stick bursting across Magwe - Yenangyaung road, about 1000 yds. N.N.W. of Magwe Sat. No. 1. The other photo shows bursts on S. end of Maida Vale landing strip.
		Sgt. Fleming, G. J.				
		F/Sgt. Templeton, J.				
		Sgt. Cheshire, B.				
		Sgt. Nightingale, G.				
		Sgt. Beatey, T. A.				
16.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Bettridge, L. G.	Bombing	1710	2340	Magwe Aerodrome
	AL585 "C"	F/Sgt. Jones, J. H.				1 stick - height 8500 ft.
		F/O Barton, P. K.				Seen to burst N. of Magwe-Yenangyaung road. Photo shows bursts on open ground.
		F/Lt. Thompson, G. N.				
		Sgt. Nixon, G.				
		Sgt. Forson, A.				
		Sgt. Ridsdale, J. L.				
		F/Sgt. Barber				
		Sgt. Ercolani, A. B.				
16.2.43	Liberator II	Sgt. Hall, W.	Bombing	1710	0050	Magwe aerodrome.
	AL526 "G"	F/Sgt. Barritt, J.				1 stick - height 8000 ft.
		F/Sgt. White, R.				Seen to burst almost parallel to main runway and to W. of it on outer fringe of dispersal area. Photo shows 10 bursts in an unidentified area.
		F/Sgt. Barrell, D. R.				
		Sgt. McLaughlin, K. G.				
		Sgt. Black, D. M.				
		Sgt. Harrison, C. C.				
		Sgt. Edwards, F. J.				
17.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Musgrave, J. R.	Duty Flight	1210	1325	To Cuttack and return.
	AL581 "O"	And crew		1720	1820	
18.2.43	Liberator II	W/Cdr. Skinner, C. G.	Test Flight	1455	1635	Incendiary container test.
	AL581 "O"	And crew				
18.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Musgrave, J. R.	Air Test	1630	1720	
	AL585 "C"	And crew				
19.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Stevenson, J. C.	Air Test	1030	1100	
	AL544 "B"	And crew				
19.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Muirhead, M. J. E.	Air Test	1030	1100	
	AL526 "G"	And crew				
19.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Jenner, K. S.	Air Test	1005	1120	
	AL550 "M"	And crew				
19.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Jenner, K. S.	Bombing	1840	0305	Toungoo Aerodrome
	AL550 "M"	Sgt. Ellis, F. N.				Bomb load: 10 x 500 lbs. G. P. 2 x 250 lbs. Long delay.
		F/O Crapper, A. F.				2 runs - height 5300 and 5100 ft.
		F/Sgt. Irving, R. J.				1 stick seen to burst in dispersal area at N. end of N.S.

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		F/Sgt. Da Costa, H.				runway. Photo shows bursts. 2nd stick dropped on Tennant, W. of runway along road. Confirmed by photo.
		F/Sgt. Palmer, G. W.				
		Sgt. Swain, J. R.				
		F/Sgt. Box, A. R.				
19.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Muirhead, M. J. E.	Bombing	1900	0250	Toungoo Aerodrome.
	AL526 "G"	Sgt. Cox, C. H.				3 only fell on 2nd run just N.E. of intersection of runways. No results seen. Remainder jettisoned on 5th run as aircraft approaching intersection. 3 Photos, 1 by flash from another a/c.
		W/O Bourque, A. S.				
		Sgt. Blackburn, S.				
		Sgt. Low, J. M.				
		Sgt. Seymour, W. E.				
		Sgt. Pisani, A. P.				
		Sgt. O'Connor, E. J.				
19.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Musgrave, J. R.	Bombing	1850	0250	Toungoo aerodrome
	AL585 "C"	Sgt. Wallace, E. D.				2 sticks - height 5200 ft. 1st stick in dispersal area W. of N/S runway, last bomb falling 100 yds. Short of runway. All bombs seen to burst in this area and large reddish fire resulted in double shelter W. of centre of runway. Second stick in same area. All bombs seen to burst, last one 100 yds. S. of fire started on first run, and starting another a/c shelter fire close to first one. 1 photo showing dispersal area.
		F/O Moffatt, J. W.				
		F/Lt. Thompson				
		P/O Fullerton, J. R. C.				
		F/Sgt. Sayers, E. J.				
		Sgt. Wilson, A.				
		Sgt. Kay, N.				
		Sgt. McRoberts, C. H.				
19.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Stevenson, J. C.	Bombing	1840	0310	Toungoo Aerodrome
	AL544 "B"	F/Sgt. Brailsford, K. H.				2 sticks - height 5300 ft. First stick seen to burst among dispersals E. of N. S. runway. Second stick aimed at living quarters and dispersal S. of runway. No bursts or results seen. 2 photos of dispersal area.
		F/Lt. Humphries, G. R.				
		F/Sgt. Pannell, S. F.				
		Sgt. Wardill, L. E.				
		F/Sgt. Rich, C. G.				
		Sgt. Gwynn, T. J.				
		Sgt. Hurring, G. S.				
19.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Evans, J.	Bombing	1840	0325	Toungoo Aerodrome
	AL581 "O"	Sgt. Collins, F.				Bomb load: 7 x 500 lbs G.P. 2 x 250 long delay. 441?? X 4 lb incendiaries. 2 sticks - height 5400 and 5100 ft. First stick seen to burst in area immediately adjacent and parallel to N.S. runway, ending with a canister of incendiaries which spread out from a point 2.3 along runway
		Sgt. Rockett, H. R.				
		Sgt. Fleming, G. J.				
		F/Sgt. Templeton, J.				
		Sgt. Cheshire, B.				
		Sgt. Nightingale, G.				

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		Sgt. Stout, A. E.				from N. and to the intersection, and including hanger. An orange coloured fire and several explosions seen to result. On second run 2 canisters of incendiaries on living quarters S. of runways intersection, resulting in whole area blazing, visible for 40 mi. One photo shows burst of 1st stick, other shows ground N. of N.S. runway.
21.2.43	Liberator II	Sgt. Hall, W.	Air Test	1130	1210	
	AL585 "C"	And crew				
21.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Stokes, F. G.	Air Test	1545	1630	
	AL550 "M"	And crew				
21.2.43	Liberator II	F/Lt. Dyer, J. M. O.	Air Test	1130	1200	
	AL581 "O"	And crew				
22.2.43	Liberator II	Sgt. Morris, H. S.	Air Test	1045	1110	
	AL544 "B"	And crew				
22.2.43	Liberator II	W/Cdr Skinner, C. G.	Air Test	1000	1030	
	AL581 "O"	And crew				
22.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Muirhead, M. J. E.	Air Test	1600	1715	
	AL585 "C"	And crew				
22.2.43	Liberator II	W/Cdr Skinner, C. G.	Bombing	2045	-----	Mingaladon Aerodrome.
	AL581 "O"	F/O Cox, C. D.				Bomb load: 10 x 500 2 x 250 L.D. 4 cans incendiaries.
		F/Lt. Humphries, G. R.				This aircraft and crew failed to return.
		F/Lt. Coates, J. W.				
		F/Lt. Thompson, G. N.				
		F/Sgt. McCreery, H. B.				
		Sgt. Christmas, F.				
		F/Sgt. Maul, N. H.				
		Sgt. Doak, D. P.				
22.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Stokes, F. G.	Bombing	2045	0515	Mingaladon Aerodrome.
	AL550 "M"	F/Sgt. Stuart, J. C.				Bomb load: 10 x 500. 2 x 250 L.D.
		F/Sgt. Hutton, F. J.				2 sticks - 10000 ft.
		Sgt. Brown, J.				First stick seen to burst in A/D area but believed to overshoot S. of N.S. runway. Second stick seen to burst in A/D area. Cloud prevented observation of results. 1 photo shows A/D area.
		Sgt. Hendry, W.				
		Sgt. Stokoe, D.				
		Sgt. Goodisson, J. D.				
		F/O Ashworth, F. E.				
		Sgt. Chalmers, R. C. M.				
22.2.43	Liberator II	Sgt. Morris, H. S.	Bombing	2055	0525	Mingaladon Aerodrome
	AL544 "B"	F/O Sharpe, J. A?				2 sticks - height 10000 ft. and 10500 ft.
		Sgt. Webzell, G. W.				First stick seen to burst parallel to and on E. side of N.S.

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		Sgt. Buchanan, J. A.				runway. No results seen. Second stick seen to burst in A/D area. Cloud prevented observation of bursts. 1 photo shows bursts near runway intersection.
		Sgt. King, R.				
		Sgt. Fayle, J. W.				
		Sgt. Woodward, J. E?				
		Sgt. Hopkins, W. E.				
		Sgt. Webb, S. J.				
22.2.43	Liberator II	Sgt. Hall, W.	Bombing	2045	0645	Mingaladon Aerodrome - Bombed Fakir Pt. Akyab Is. 1 stick - height 12000 ft. Seen to burst from point 150 yds N. Fakir Point to just short of runways intersection of Akyab Main A/D. No results seen.
	AL585 "C"	Sgt. Barritt, J.				
		F/Sgt White, R.				
		F/Sgt. Barrell, D. R.				
		Sgt. McLaughlin, N? G.				
		Sgt. Black, D. M.				
		Sgt. Harrison, G. C?				
		Sgt. Edwards, F. J.				
		F/Sgt. Smith, E.				
25.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Jenner, K. S.	Air Test	1100	1215	
	AL550 "M"	And crew				
25.2.43	Liberator II	F/Lt Dyer J. M. O	Air Test	1015	1035	
	AL544 "B"	And crew				
25.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Musgrave, J. R.	Air Test	1530	1545	
	AL526 "G"	And crew				
25.2.43	Liberator II	F/Lt. Dyer, J. M. O.	Bombing	1915	0400	Toungoo Aerodrome. Bombed Fakir Pt. Akyab Is. Bomb load: 10 x 500 lb G.P. 2 x 250 lb. L. D. 2 sticks - 5500 ft. 1st stick commenced just inland from the coast, 1/2 mile W. of Fakir Pt. All bombs seen to burst. No results observed. 2nd stick in same area, last bomb falling just E. of NNE-SSW runway of Akyab Main A/D. All bombs seen to burst. No results observed. 1 photo shows bursts in area stated.
	AL544 "B"	Sgt. Westmoreland, F.				
		W/O Boteler, W.				
		F/Sgt. Stanton, J.				
		Sgt. McGregor, J. A.				
		Sgt. Rochford, E. W?				
		Sgt. Wadsworth, J E.				
		F/Sgt. Reid, H.				
25.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Musgrave, J. R.	Bombing	1915	0430	Toungoo Aerodrome.
	AL526 "G"	Sgt. Wallace, E. D.				One stick - 6200 ft.
		F/O Moffatt, J? W.				All bombs seen to burst. Photo shows bursts W. of western dispersal area. 1 photo taken on separate run shows N. section of runway and dispersal areas.
		P/O Fullerton, J. R. C.				
		F/Sgt. Sayers, E. J.				
		Sgt. Wilson, R. J.				
		Sgt. Kay, N.				
		Sgt. McRoberts, C. H.				
25.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Muirhead, M. J. E.	Bombing	1915	0440	Toungoo Aerodrome,
	AL585 "C"	Sgt. Cox, C. H.				1 stick - 6000 ft.

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		W/O Bourque, A. S.				Seen to burst believed in dispersal area E. of N. end of N.S. runway. No results observed. Photo shows 1 burst S of S dispersal area beside Rly. line.
		F/Sgt. Smith, E.				
		Sgt. Low, J. M.				
		Sgt. Seymour, W. E.				
		Sgt. Pisani, A. P.				
		Sgt. O'Connor, E. J.				
25.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Jenner, K. S.	Bombing	1915	0405	Toungoo Aerodrome 1 stick - 6000 ft. Seen to burst in dispersal area S.W. of runways intersection. No.photo.
	AL550 "M"	Sgt. Ellis, F. N.				
		F/O Crapper, A. F.				
		F/Sgt. Palmer, G. W.				
		F/Sgt. Irving, R. J.				
		Sgt. Swain, J. R.				
		F/Sgt. Da Costa, H.				
		F/Sgt. Box, A. R.				
27.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Musgrave, J. r.	Duty Flight	1030	1315	To Dum-Dum
	AL585 "C"	And crew				
27.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Muirhead, M. J. E.	Air Test	1235	1320	
	AL600 "W"	And crew				
27.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Stokes, F. G.	Air Test	1100	1145	
	AL526 "G"	And crew				
27.2.43	Liberator II	Sgt. Hall, W.	Duty Flight	1145	1245	To Dum-Dum and return.
	AL564 "D"	And crew		1245	1345	
28.2.43	Liberator II	Sgt. Morris, W	Air Test	1010	1040	
	AL544 "B"	And crew				
28.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Bettridge, L. G.	Air Test	0930	0950	
	AL585	And crew				
28.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Musgrave, J. R.	Air Test	1045	1115	
	AL560 "N"	And crew				
28.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Stokes, F. G.	Air Test	1500	1530	
	AL526 "G"	And crew				
28.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Bettridge, L. G.	Bombing	1805	0555	Moulmein Railway Station and Yards. Bomb load: 10 x 500 lbs. 2 x 250 lbs. 1 stick - 3300 ft. Bombs seen to burst, no results seen. Photo shows bursts in open area. Landed at Dum-Dum due to thick cloud at base.
	AL585 "C"	F/Sgt. Jones, J. H.				
		F/O Barton, K. P.				
		Sgt. Nixon, G.				
		Sgt. Forson, A.				
		F/Sgt. Ridsdale, J. L.				
		Sgt. Webb, S. J.				
		Sgt. Ercolani, A. B.				
28.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Stokes, F. G.	Bombing	1808	2118	Moulmein Railway Station A/c U/S Did not bomb. Returned to base with bombs.
	AL526 "G"	F/Sgt. Stuart, J. C.				

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		Sgt. Hutton, R. J.				
		Sgt. Brown, J.				
		Sgt. Talbot, L. J.				
		Sgt. Hendry, W.				
		Sgt. Stokoe, D.				
		Sgt. Goodisson, J. P?				
28.2.43	Liberator II	Sgt. Morris, H. S.	Bombing	1810	0630?	Moulmein Railway Station and Yards.
	AL544 "B"	F/O Sharpe, J. A.				2 sticks - height 4000 ft.
		Sgt. Webzell, G. W.				First stick seen to burst but no results observed. Photo
		Sgt. Buchanan, J. A.				shows bursts on open ground. Second stick seen to burst in
		Sgt. King, R.				area S.E. of target. Confirmed by photo.
		Sgt. Fayle, J. W.				
		Sgt. Woodward, J. E.				
		Sgt. Hopkins, W. E.				
28.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Muirhead, M. J. E.	Bombing	1810	0505	Moulmein Railway Station and Yards.
	AL600 "W"	Sgt. Cox, C. H.				Unable to identify actual target. Bombs brought back to
		W/O Bourque, A. S.				base.
		Sgt. Pryde, R. H.				
		Sgt. Low, J. M.				
		Sgt. Seymour, W. E.				
		Sgt. Pisani, A. P.				
		Sgt. O'Connor, E. J.				
28.2.43	Liberator II	F/O Musgrave, J. R.	Bombing	1805	0530	Moulmein Railway Station and Yards.
	AL560 "N"	Sgt. Wallace, E. D.				2 sticks - 5000 ft. and 5200 ft.
		F/O Moffatt, J. W.				First stick seen to burst S. or S.E. of believed S. station
		P/O Fullerton, J. R. C.				area. No results observed. Second stick believed to fall
		F/Sgt. Sayers, E. J.				between Goods Yards, S. of S. Station and coast. 1 photo
		Sgt. Wilson, R. J.				shows area S.E. of target.
		Sgt. Kay, N.				
		F/Sgt. McRoberts, C. H.				

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Place	Date	Summary of Events
Salboni	7.3.43	Commanding Officer presented the Football cups to the winning teams during the season just ended.
	11.3.43	Flash storms experienced. High winds then calm with sunshine – violent hailstones of comparatively short duration. Hailstones were of an amazing size, and some holes were made in the fuselage of aircraft on the aerodrome.
	14.3.43	Church service held in Airmens' Dining Hall.
	15.3.43	Congratulatory message received from A.O.C. 221 Group, commenting on the 100% effort made on 6.3.43 (operations).
	17.3.43	A community lecture was held at 07.45 hours and 18.45 hours.
	20.3.43	Commanding Officer's Parade was held at 07.25 hours. The domestic site was also inspected. Issue of drinking water chatties was made to all sections to ensure adequate drinking water during the heat of the day. Instructions given on their care, upkeep and cleanliness.
	24.3.43	New hours of working come into force, in view of the excessive heat during the afternoons. Punkhas erected in all billets.
	26.3.43	B.S.S.A??. Concert held in No. 1 Airmens' Dining Hall.

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1.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Musgrave, J. R. (C)		0950	1030	Alipore- Base
	AL560	Sgt. Wallace, E. D.				
		F/O Moffatt, J. W.				
		P/O Fullerton, J. R. C.				
		F/Sgt. Sayers, E. J.				
		Sgt. Wilson, J. A.				
		Sgt. Kay W??				
		F/Sgt. McRoberts, C. H.				
1.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Towell, T. S. (C)		1300	1340	Agra - Retraction Test. Returned - U/S.
	AL564	F/Sgt. Davidson, M. R.				
		F/Sgt. Coates, B. C.				
		F/Sgt. Parr, D.				
		F/Sgt. Hollingworth, J.				
		Sgt. Gunn, W. T.				
		Sgt. Read, A. R.				
		Sgt. Splain, J. J.				
		AC Crookes, T.				
		AC Fowler, A. J. R.				
		AC Boote, W. N.				
		AC Edwards, T.				
		AC Dougdale, C. F.				
		AC Farrow, G. T.				
2.3.43	Liberator II	Sgt. Morris, H. (C)		0715	1230	Agra - Retraction Test.
	AL564	F/O Sharpe, J. A.		2100	0015	
		Sgt. Webzell, G. W.				
		Sgt. Buchanan, J. A.				
		Sgt. Splain, J. A.				
		AC Crookes, T. (FNA)				
		AC Fowler, A. J. R. (FIIA?)				
		AC Boote, W. N. (FIIA)				
		AC Edwards, T. (FIIA)				
		AC Dougdale, C. F.				

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		(Inst.)				
		AC Farrow, G. T. (Elec.)				
2.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Muirhead, M. J. C. (C)		1530	1645	Air Test
	AL560	Sgt. Cox, C. H.				
		AC Chapman, R. N?				
		AC Hughes, A. E.				
		Sgt. Pisani, A P.				
		Sgt. Pryde, R. H.				
		Sgt. O'Connor, E. J.				
		Sgt. Seymour, W. H.				
2.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Stokes, H? G. (C)		1600	1645	Air Test
	AL526	F/Sgt. Stuart, J. C.				
		F/Sgt. Hutton, R? J.				
		Sgt. Brown, J.				
		Sgt. Talbot, L. J.				
		Sgt. Goodisson, J. P.				
3.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Jenner, N. S. (C)		1015	1200	Air Test and Compass Swing
	AL550	Sgt. Ellis, F. N.				
		F/O Crapper, A. F.				
		Sgt. Swain, J. R.				
		F/Sgt. Palmer, G. W.				
		F/Sgt. Da Costa, H.				
		F/Sgt. Box, A. R.				
		F/Sgt. Irving, R. J.				
		Sgt. Moore, V. A.				
		AC Sidwell, M.				
3.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Towell, T. S. (C)		0945	1030	Test Flight
	AL544	F/Sgt. Davidson, M. R.				
		F/Sgt. Parr, D.				
		F/Sgt. Hollingworth, J.				
		Sgt. Read, A. R.				
		Sgt. Gunn, W. T.				
		Sgt. Major, F. C.				
		LAC Miller, N?				
		AC Fisher, H, G.				
		AC Ashton, B.				
3.3.43	Liberator II	Sgt. Hall, W. (C)		1100	1145	Air Test

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	AL600	Sgt. Barritt, J.				
		F/Sgt. Barrell, D. R.				
		Sgt. McLaughlin, K. G.				
		Sgt. Black, D. M.				
		Sgt. Edwards, F. J.				
		F/Sgt. Harrison, C. G?				
		AC Baldwin, C.				
		AC Spence, F. D.				
3.3.43	Liberator II	S/Ldr. Beck, J. L. (C)		1050	1135	Air Test
	AL585	Sgt. Collins, F.				
		Sgt. Rockett, N? R.				
		Sgt. Fleming, G. J.				
		F/Sgt. Templeton, J.				
		Sgt. Cheshire, B.				
		Sgt. Nightingale, G.				
		Sgt. Beatey, T. A.				
930	Liberator II	P/O Stokes, F. G. (C)		0930	1130	Air Firing
	AL526	F/Sgt. Stuart, J. C.				
		F/Sgt. Hutton, R. J.				
		Sgt. Brown, J.				
		F/Sgt. Da Costa, H?				
		F/Sgt. Box, A. R.				
5.3.43	Liberator II	Sgt. Hall, W. (C)		0930	1145	Air Firing
	AL600	Sgt. Barritt, J.				
		F/Sgt. Nicholas, N. J.				
		F/Sgt. Barrell, D. R.				
		Sgt. McLaughlin, K. G.				
		Sgt Black, D. M.				
		Sgt. Edwards F. J.				
		Sgt. Hendry, W.				
		Sgt. Stokoe, D.				
		Sgt. Goodisson, J. P.				
		AC Wellington, H. T.				
5.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Towell, T. S. (C)		1000	1100	Air Test and Bombing
	AL564	F/Sgt. Wallace, E. D.				
		F/Sgt. Coates, B. C.				
		F/Sgt. Parr, D.				
		F/Sgt. Hollingworth, J.				
		Sgt. Read, A. R.				

Date	Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
		Sgt. Gunn, W. T.				
		Sgt. Major, F. C.				
		AC Borden, C. S.				
		AC Davis, O. W.				
5.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Jenner, K. S. (C)		1030	1230	Practice Bombing
	AL560	Sgt. Ellis, F. N.				
		F/O Crapper, A. F.				
		Sgt. Swain, J. R.				
		F/Sgt. Irving, R. J.				
		AC Shaw				
		AC Wilson, A. E.				
6.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Sharpe, J. A. (C)		0930	0950	Air Test
	AL544	Sgt. Westmoreland, F.				
		Sgt. Webzell, G. W.				
		Sgt. Buchanan, J. A.				
		Sgt. King, R.				
		Sgt. Fayle, J. W.				
		Sgt. Hopkins, W. E.				
6.3.43	Liberator II	Sgt. Hall, W. (C)	Bombing	1830	0140	Mandalay
	AL600	Sgt. Barritt, J.				Two sticks across target, hits observed on first stick, second stick slightly W. of target. Inaccurate flak opposition, photo successful. Bomb load - 9 x 500 GP 2 x 250 ?? 1 x 250 Oil incendiaries.
		W/O Boteler, W. E.				
		F/Sgt. Barrell, D. R.				
		Sgt. Black, D. M.				
		Sgt. McLaughlin, K. G.				
		F/Sgt. Harrison, C. C.				
		Sgt. Edwards, F. J.				
6.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Towell, T. (C)	Bombing	1830	0145	Manadalay
	AL564	F/Sgt. Davison, M. R.				Weather clear but not moon; two sticks of six bombs each. All bombs seen to burst on target area. One Stick seen on S.E. town and second stick near miss South of Railway Marshalling Yard. Two photos taken. Bomb load as above.
		F/Sgt. Coates, B. C. DFM				
		F/Sgt. Parr, D. DFM				
		F/Sgt. Hollingworth, J.				
		Sgt. Read, A. R.				
		Sgt. Major, F. C.				
		Sgt. Gunn, T. J.				
6.3.43	Liberator II	S/Ldr Beck, F. L. (C)	Bombing	1830	0130	Mandalay
	AL585	Sgt. Collins, F.				Marshalling yards. Weather good no moon, two sticks of S.?W.? bombs. Bombed 9 x 500 rod., 1 x 250 oil bomb, 1 x 250 L. D. Both sticks seen to burst well in target area, Near miss
		F/O Moffatt, J. W.				
		Sgt. Fleming, G. J.				

Date	Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
		F/Sgt. Templeton, J. Sgt. Cheshire, B. Sgt. Nightingale, G. Sgt. Beatey, T. A.				north end of target and direct hits believed scored on south end of target. Flares dropped by other aircraft of help in bombing.
6.3.43	Liberator II AL544	F/O Sharpe, J. A. (C) Sgt. Westmoreland, F. Sgt. Webzell, G. W. Sgt. Buchanan, J. A. Sgt. King, R. Sgt. Fayle, J. W. Sgt. Woodward, J. E. Sgt. Hopkins, W. E.	Bombing	1830	0230	Mandalay Target, Marshalling yards and station. Good visibility, target identified. Two sticks dropped first stick short of goods yards but second stick believed to have straddled north of station. Several fires left. One good photograph. Bomb load as above.
6.3.43	Liberator II AL550	F/O Jenner, K? S. (C) Sgt. Ellis, F. N. F/O Crapper, A. F. F/Sgt. Irving, R. J. Sgt. Swain, J. R. F/Sgt. Da Costa, H. F/Sgt. Palmer, G. W. F/Sgt. Box, A. R. DFM	Bombing	1850	0205	Mandalay Marshalling Yard. 2 sticks of 6 bombs each. 1st stick undershot to east of target. 2nd stick directly across marshalling yards. Direct hit scored on Station. 2 Photographs taken.
6.3.43	Liberator II AL560	F/O Muirhead, M. J. C. (C) Sgt Cox, C? H. W/O Bourque, A. S. Sgt. Fryde, R. H. Sgt. Low, J. M. Sgt. Seymour, W E? Sgt. Pisani, A. P. Sgt. O'Connor, E. J.	Bombing	1850	0220	Mandalay Target Marshalling yards. Two sticks in target area. Four photos taken (by light of other aeroplanes' flashes) Bomb load as above.
6.3.43	Liberator II AL526?	F/O Stokes, F. G (C) F/Sgt. Stuart, J. C. F/Sgt. Hutton, R J. Sgt. Brown, J. Sgt. Talbot, L. J. Sgt. Hendry? W. Sgt. Stokoe, D. Sgt. Goodisson, J. P?	Bombing	1825	0155	Mandalay Target - Marshalling yards. Two sticks of bombs dropped across target. Two successful photographs taken. Bomb load as above.
8.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Musgrave, J. R. (C)		1500	1700	Air Test and Bombing

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	AL560	Sgt. Wallace, E. D.				
		F?/O Moffatt, J. W.				
		P/O Fullerton, J. R. C.				
		F/Sgt. Sayers, E. J.				
		Sgt. Wilson, R. J.				
		Sgt. Kay, N.				
		F/Sgt. McRoberts, C. N.				
		AC C?ross, W. R.				
		AC Caryer, F. A. P.				
8.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Stokes, F. G. (C)		1040	1110	Air Test
	(not given)	F/Sgt. Stuart, J. C.				
		Sgt. Stokoe, D.				
		Sgt. Brown, J.				
		AC Bates, G				
		AC Kellitt, J.				
8.3.43	Liberator II	P/O Sharpe, J. A. (C)		1450	1530	Air Test
	AL585	Sgt. Collins, F.				
		Sgt. Webzell, G. W.				
		Sgt. Buchanan, J. A.				
		Sgt. King, R.				
		Sgt. Fayle, J. W.				
		Sgt. Hopkins, W. E.				
		AC Hanford-Jones, V.				
8.3.43	Liberator II	F/Lt. Dyer, J. M. O. (C)		1455	1655	Practice Bombing
	AL544	Sgt. Westmoreland, F.				
		W/O Boteler, W. E.				
		F/Sgt. Stanton, J.				
		Sgt. McGregor, J. A.				
		Sgt. Rochford, E. W.				
		Sgt. Wadsworth, J. E.				
		F/Sgt. Reed, H.				
		F/Sgt. Grossey, C.				
		Cpl. Cooper				
8.3.43	Liberator II	Sgt. Hall, W. (C)		1635	1735	Air Test and Compass Swing
	AL600	Sgt. Barritt, J.				
		Sgt. Rockett, H R.				
		Sgt. McLaughlin, G.				
		Sgt. Edwards, F. J.				

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		AC Cooper, B.				
		AC Carey, C. A. D.				
9.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Musgrave, J. R. (C)		100	1700	Air Test and Photography
	AL560	Sgt. Wallace, E. D.		0845	0930	Landed Dum-Dum
		W/O Boteler, W. E.				
		F/Sgt. Sayers, E. J.				
		Sgt. Wilson, A.				
		Sgt. Kay, N.				
		F/Sgt. McRoberts, C. H.				
		Capt. Gascoyne				
		Capt. Austin				
		F/Lt. Bourne				
		AC Cole, A. C.				
		AC Durant				
9.3.43	Liberator II	F/Lt. Dyer, J. M. O. (C)		1000	1045	Air Test
	AL544	Sgt. Westmoreland, F.				
		Sgt. McGregor, J. A.				
		Sgt. Rochford, E. W.				
		Sgt. Cross				
		AC Davis				
9.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Jenner, K. S. (C)	Bombing	1805	0150	Japanese transit camp at Prome, on the Irrawaddy. Dark clear night. Target illuminated by flares and clearly visible. Bombing results good. Several photographs taken show the target and surrounding area. Weather thundery with much lightning and heavy rain from base to 91deg30 min E. Bomb load - 9 x 500 lb, 2 x 250 lb LD, 1 x 250 lb Oil Incendiary.
	AL550 "M"	Sgt. Ellis, F. N. (2nd P)	Ops. (Night)			
		F/O Crapper, A. F. (Nav/BA)				
		F/Sgt. Irving, R. J. (W/Op)				
		Sgt. Swain, J. R. (2nd W/Op)				
		F/Sgt. Palmer, G. W. (F/G)				
		F/Sgt. Da Costa, H. (M.Up)				
		F/Sgt. Box, A. R. DFM (Rear)				
9.3.43	Liberator II	F/Lt. Towell, T. (C)	Bombing	1755	0200	Japanese transit camp at Prome, on the Irrawaddy. Dark clear night. Target illuminated by flares and clearly visible. Bombing results good. Several photographs taken show the target and surrounding area. Weather thundery with much lightning and
	AL564 "D"	F/Sgt. Davidson, M. R.	Ops. (Night)			
		W/O Coates, B. C. DFM				

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		F/Sgt. Parr, D. DFM				heavy rain from base to 91deg31 min E. Bomb load as above.
		Sgt. Major, F. C.				
		F/Sgt. Hollingworth, J.				
		Sgt. Gunn, W. T.				
		Sgt. Read, A. R.				
9.3.43	Liberator II	F/Lt. Dyer, F. N? (C)	Bombing	1800	0140	Prome Camp Target - Prome Camp. Two sticks dropped at 4500 ft. and 5000 ft. four photographs. Weather clear. Bomb load as above.
	AL544	Sgt. Westmoreland, F.				
		W/O Boteler, W. E.				
		F/Sgt. Stanton, J.				
		Sgt. McGregor, J. A.				
		Sgt. Rochford, E. W.				
		Sgt. Wadsworth, J. E.				
		F/Sgt. Reid, H.				
		F/Sgt. Smith, E. W.				
9.3.43	Liberator II	Sgt. Hall, W. (C)	Bombing	1800	0230	Prome Camp. Target - Jetties. Two sticks. First stick started fire North of Jetty. Second overshoot two bursts seen in river. Believed on target. No flak opposition. One successful photograph. Bomb load as above.
	AL600	Sgt. Barritt, J.				
		Sgt. Rockett, H. R?				
		F/Sgt. Barrell, D. R.				
		Sgt. McLaughlin, K. G.				
		Sgt. Black, D. M.				
		F/Sgt. Harrison, C. C.				
		Sgt. Edwards, F. J.				
9.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Musgrave, J. R. (C)	Bombing	1800	0205	Prome Camp Target - station. Two runs make hits observed in target. Two successful photos taken. Low level machine gun attack made on large fire. No opposition. Weather clear. Bomb load as above.
	AL560	Sgt. Wallace, E. D.				
		F/O Moffatt, J. W.				
		P/O Fullerton, J. R. C.				
		F/Sgt. Sayers, E. J.				
		Sgt. Wilson, R. J.				
		Sgt. Kay, N.				
		F/Sgt. McRoberts, C. H.				
		F/Sgt. Nicholas, N. J.				
9.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Sharpe, J. A. (C)	Bombing	1800	0235	Prome Camp Target marshalling yards. Two sticks dropped after several dummy runs with light of flares. Results not easily observed but believed to be good. Two moderate photographs. Bomb load as above.
	AL585	Sgt. Collins, F.				
		Sgt. Webzell, G. W.				
		Sgt. Buchanan, J. A.				
		Sgt. King, R.				
		Sgt. Fayle, J. W.				

Date	Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
		Sgt. Woodward, J. N?				
		Sgt. Hopkins, W. E.				
9.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Stokes, F. G. (C)	Bombing	1800	0215	Prome Camp Target - Marshalling Yards. Two sticks dropped across target and very large fire started in vicinity of target. Weather thundery, no moon. Flares necessary for bombing. Bomb load as above.
	AL526	F/Sgt. Stuart, J. C.				
		F/Sgt. Hutton, R. J.				
		Sgt. Brown, J.				
		Sgt. Talbot, L. J.				
		Sgt. Hendry, W.				
		Sgt. Stokoe, D.				
		Sgt. Goodisson, J. P.				
12.3.43	Liberator II	Sgt. Hall, W. (C)		1400	1420	Air Test
	AL600	Sgt. Barritt, J.				
		F/Sgt. Barrell, D. R.				
		Cpl Pop, G. H.				
		AC McEwin, W.				
		Sgt. McLaughlin, K. G.				
		F/Sgt. Harrison, C. C.				
		Sgt. Edwards, F. J.				
14.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Stokes, F. G. (C)		1500	1630	Practice Bombing
	AL600	F/Sgt. Stuart, J. C.				
		F/Sgt. Hutton, R. J.				
		Sgt. Brown, J.				
		Sgt. Talbot, L. J.				
		Sgt. Hendry, W.				
		Sgt. Stokoe, D.				
		AC Baldwin, C.				
		P/O Rogers, J.				
15.3.43	Liberator II	F/Lt. Towell, T. (C)	Bombing	2025	0445	Tennant Aerodrome, near Toungoo, bombed in mistake for Toungoo main aerodrome. Direct hits on 4-gun heavy A.A. position. Shelters damaged and one excellent photo taken. Weather very hazy over the target. Bomb load: 10 x 500 lb. 2 x 250 lb.
	AL564 "D"	F/Sgt. Davison, M. R.	Ops. (Night)			
		W/O Coates, B. C.				
		F/Sgt. Parr, D.				
		F/Lt. Ashworth, F. E. (F/C)				
		Sgt. Major, F. C.				
		Sgt. Gunn, W. T.				
		Sgt. Read, A. R.				
15.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Jenner, K. R? (C)	Bombing	2025	0505	Toungoo main A/C. Bombed one stick across dispersal, several of which received direct hits. Photo clearly showed bursts in three A/C shelters.
	AL550 "M"	Sgt. Ellis, F. N.	Ops. (Night)			
		F/O Crapper, A. F.				

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		F/Sgt. Irving, R. J.				Weather very hazy. Bomb load as above.
		Sgt. Swain, J. R.				
		Sgt. Stout, A. E.				
		F/Sgt. Da Costa, H.				
		F/Sgt. Box, A. R.				
15.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Stevenson, J. C. (C)	Bombing Ops. (Night)	2036	0456	Bad visibility. Toungoo aerodrome bombed 6000 ft. Results uncertain. A/C shelters probably damaged. Bomb load as above.
	AL585 "C"	F/O Brailsford, K. H.				
		F/O Struthers, W. M.				
		F/Sgt. Pannell, S. F.				
		Sgt. Wardill (F/C)				
		F/Sgt. Rich, C. G.				
		F/Sgt. Gwynn, T. J.				
		Sgt. Ha?rring, G. S.				
15.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Muirhead, M. J. (C)	Bombing Ops. (Night)	2030	0450	Toungoo aerodrome. Bad visibility. Bombed in two sticks from 6500 ft. All bombs in target area. Bomb load as above.
	AL526 "S?"	Sgt. Cox, C. N. (2nd P)				
		W/O Bourque, A. S. (Nav)				
		Sgt. Fryde, R. H. (1st op)				
		Sgt. Low, J. M? (2nd W/Op)				
		Sgt. Seymor, W. E? (Beam)				
		Sgt. Pisani, A. P. (F/C)				
		Sgt. O'Conner, E. J. (Rear)				
15.3.43	Liberator II	S/Ldr. Dyer, E. J. W. (C)	Bombing	2025	0625	Toungoo Aerodrome. One run made over target at 6000 ft. Load 55000 and 2 cans incendiaries. Weather very hazy, one photograph taken. Bomb load as above.
	AL544	Sgt. Westmoreland, F.				
		F/Sgt. Culleton, J. N.				
		F/Sgt. Stanton, J.				
		Sgt. McGregor, J. A.				
		Sgt. Rochford, E. W.				
		F/Sgt. Barber				
		F/Sgt. McRoberts, C. H.				
15.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Sharpe, J. R. (C)		1025	1115	Local Flying

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	AL600	F/O Staneley, E. S. D. Sgt. Webzell, G. W. Sgt. Woodward, J. E. Sgt. Hopkins, W. E. Sgt. Buchanan, J. A. F/Lt. Massey F/O Spence				
18.3.43	Liberator II	S/Ldr. Beck, J. L. DFC (C)	Bombing (Night)	1820	0350	Primary target He-Ho not located due to bad weather (haze). Excellent stick of heavy bombs straight across Akyab Town, the last resort target. Bomb load 10 x 500 lbs. 2 x 250 lbs. 2 cans incendiaries.
	AL564 "D"	Sgt. Collins, F. (2nd P) Sgt. Hockett, H. R. (Nav) Sgt. Fleming, G. J. (W/Op) F/Sgt. Templeton, J. Sgt. Cheshire, B. Sgt. Nightingale, G. Sgt. Beatey, T. A. F/Lt. Ashworh, F. E. (F.C)				
18.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Muirhead, M. J. (C)	Bombing (Night)	1800	0325	He-Ho A/D not located due to haze. Bombed railway marshalling yards at Mandalay with good results. Bomb load as above.
	AL526 "G"	Sgt. Cox, C. H. (2ndP) W/O Bourque, A. B. (Nav) Sgt. Pryde, R H. (1st OP) Sgt. Low, J. M.(2nd W/Op) St. Seymour, W. E. (Beam) Sgt. Pisani, A. P. (F/C) Sgt. O'Connor, E. J. (Rear)				
18.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Jenner, K. B? (C)	Bombing (Night)	1800	0250	Ditto Bomb load as above.
	AL550 "M"	Sgt. Ellis, F. N. (2nd P) F/O Crapper, A. f.				

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		(Nav/BA)				
		F/Sgt. Irving, R. J. (W/Op)				
		Sgt. Swain, J. R. (2nd W/Op)				
		F/Sgt. Palmer, G. W. (F/C)				
		F/Sgt. Da Costa, H. (M. Up)				
		F/Sgt. Box, A. R. DFM (Rear)				
18.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Stevenson, J. C. (C)	Bombing (Night)	1800	0305	He-Ho A/D located in thick haze. This crew persevered for 1 1/2 hrs. found the target, and dropped an excellent stick of bombs across pens and runways. Very good photograph confirmed results. Bomb load as above.
	AL585 "C"	P/O Brailsford, K. H.				
		F/O Struthers, W. M.				
		F/Sgt. Parnell, S. F.				
		Sgt Wardill (F/C)				
		F/Sgt. Rich, C. G.				
		F/Sgt. Gwynn, T. J.				
		Sgt. H?urring, G. S.				
21.3.43	Liberator II	F/Lt. Towell, T. S. (C)	Bombing (Night)	1700	0120	Tennant A/D attacked from 6000 ft. with one stick of bombs. Results very good. First 5 bombs among dispersals, 6th on centre of runway, and remaining 6 bombs in shelters on the other side. No fires started. Weather hazy. Bomb load 10 x 500 lb, 2 x 250 lb. 2 cans incendiaries.
	AL564 "D"	F/Sgt. Davison, M? R.				
		W/O Coates, B. C. DFM				
		F/Sgt. Parr, D. DFM				
		Sgt. Major, F. C.				
		F/Sgt. Hollingworth, J.				
		Sgt. Gunn, W. T.				
		Sgt. Read. A. R.				
21.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Bettridge, L. (C)	Bombing (Night)	1700	0100	Weather hazy. Results unobserved. Autosyn instruments unserviceable. Bomb load as before.
	AL526 "G"	F/Sgt. Jones, J. H. (2nd P)				
		F/Sgt. Lewis, R. A. (N/BA)				
		Sgt. Chalmers, R. C. M.				
		Sgt. Talbot, L. J.				
		Sgt. Forson, A.				
		F/Sgt. Ridsdale, J. L.				
		Sgt. Ercolani, A. B.				

Date	Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
21.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Jenner, K. S. (C)	Bombing (Night)	1705	0115	Thick haze. Tennant A/D attacked from 6000 ft. Results good. All bombs in target area. Bomb load as before.
	AL550 "M"	Sgt. Ellis, F. N. (2nd P)				
		F/O Crapper, A. F. (N/BA)				
		F/Sgt. Irving, R. J. (W/Op)				
		Sgt. Swain, J. R. (2nd W/Op)				
		F/Sgt. Palmer, G. W. (F/C)				
		F/Sgt. Da Costa, H. (M.Up)				
		F/Sgt. Box, A. R. DFM (Rear)				
24.3.43	Liberator II	Sgt. Hall, W. (C)		1030	1105	Air Test
	AL571	Sgt. Barritt, J.				
		W/O Boteler, W. E.				
		F/Sgt. Barrell, D. R.				
		Sgt. McLaughlin, K. G.				
		Sgt. Black, D. M.				
		F/Sgt. Harrison, C. C.				
		Sgt. Edwards. F. J.				
		AC Miller, J.				
24.3.43	Liberator II	Sgt. Hall, W. (C)	Bombing	1845	0335	Toungoo Aerodrome. One stick of bombs dropped across dispersal area. Higher and heavy flak from target. Weather very hazy. Bomb load 10 x 500 lb. 2 x 250 lb. 2 cans incendiaries.
	AL571	Sgt. Barritt, J.				
		W/O Boteler, W. E.				
		F/Sgt. Barrell, D. R.				
		Sgt. McLaughlin, K. G.				
		Sgt. Black, D. M.				
		Sgt. Harrison, C. C.				
		Sgt. Edwards, F. J.				
24.3.43	Liberator II	S/Ldr. Beck, F. L. (C)	Bombing (Night)	1845	0330	Toungoo A/D located in hazy weather. Bombed in one stick from 6000 ft. Bombs in target area. Photo failed to develop. Top turret holed by flak from heavy position on A/D. Bomb load as before.
	AL564 "D"	Sgt. Collins, F.				
		F/O Barton, P. K. (Nav)				
		F/Sgt. Hollingworth, J. (F/C)				
		Sgt. Fleming, G. J.				
		Sgt. Major, F. C.				
		Sgt. Nightingale, G.				

Date	Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
		Sgt. Cheshire, B.				
		Sgt. Beatey, T. A.				
24.3.43	Liberator II	F/O Bettridge, L G. (C)	Bombing (Night)	1845	0315	Tennant A/D Very hazy. All bursts seen, two fires started. A.S.I. U/S. Photograph confirms bombs on aerodrome dispersal pens. Bomb load as before.
	AL526 "G"	F/Sgt. Jones, J. H. (2nd P)				
		F/Sgt. Lewis, R. A. (N/BA)				
		Sgt. Chalmers, R. C. M.				
		Sgt. Talbot, L. J.				
		Sgt. Forson, A.				
		F/Sgt. Ridsdale, J. L.				
		Sgt. Ercolani, A. B.				
		F/Sgt. Pou?rie (spare gunner)				
27.3.43	Liberator II	F/Lt. Towell, T. (C)	Bombing (Night)	2225	0655	Toungoo A/D. Weather fair over target; thundery en route with 10/10 cloud to the Irrawaddy. Bombed W to E. 8400 ft. Half the bombs in dispersal, remainder overshoot. Two fires started by incendiaries in dispersal area. Bomb load 10 x 500 lbs. 2 x 250 lbs. 2 cans incendiaries.
	AL564 "D"	F/Sgt. Davison, M. R.				
		W/O Coates, B. C. DFM				
		F/Sgt. Parr, D. DFM				
		F/Sgt. Hollingworth, J.				
		Sgt. Gunn, W. T.				
		Sgt. Read, A. R.				
27.3.43	Liberator II	W/Cdr. Boffee, N. M. (C)	Bombing (Night)	2140	0720	Toungoo A/D. Bombed form 8000 ft. N. to S. Bombs in target area. Weather 10/10 cloud to Irrawaddy en route. Bomb load as before.
	AL526 "G"	F/O Stevenson, J. C.				
		F/O Struthers, W. M.				
		F/Sgt. Pannell, S. F.				
		Sgt. Wardill				
		F/Sgt. Rich, C. G.				
		F/Sgt. Gwynn, T. J.				
		Sgt. Hurring, G. S.				
		Sgt. Tubb, J. W. F.				
27.3.43	Liberator II	S/Ldr. Dyer, J. W? (C)	Bombing	2250	0730	Toungoo Aerodrome. Two runs made over target at 8000 ft. Bright moon, weather good. One successful photograph taken. Flak light and heavy but inaccurate. Bomb load as before.
	AL544	Sgt. Westmoreland, F.				
		F/Sgt. Culleton, J. N.				
		F/Sgt. Stanton, J.				
		Sgt. McGregor, J. A.				
		Sgt. Wadsworth, J. E.				

Date	Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
		F/O Spence				
		Sgt. Rochford, E. W.				
27.3.43	Liberator II	F/Lt. Stokes, F. G. (C)		0820	0910	Air Test
	AL571	Sgt. King, R.				
		F/Sgt. Hutton, R. J.				
		Sgt Brown, J.				
		Sgt. Stokoe, D.				
		Sgt. Hendry, W.				
		Sgt. Talbot, L J.				
		Sgt Goodisson, J. P.				
27.3.43	Liberator II	S/Ldr. Dyer, J. M. O. (C)		1700	1745	Air Test and Compass Swing.
	AL544	Sgt. Westmoreland, P.				
		F/Sgt. Culleton, J. N.				
		F/Sgt. Stanton, J.				
		Sgt. McGregor, J. A.				
		Sgt. Wadsworth, J. E.				
		F/O Spence				
		Sgt. Rochford. E. W.				
28.3.43	Liberator II	F/Lt. Stokes, F. C. (C)		0820	0850	S/C Agra. Landed. Nose wheel u/s.
	AL544	F/Sgt. Stuart, J. C.		0925	1400	To Agra.
		Sgt. Denton, J.				
		F/Sgt. Ghent, C. R.				
		Sgt. Tringham, J. T.				
		F/Sgt. Powell, N. E.				
		F/Sgt. Barrell, D. R.				
		Sgt. McCaffrey, C. P.				
		Sgt. Smith, P.				
		Sgt. Lapworth, K.				
28.3.43	Liberator II	F/Lt. Stokes, F. G.		1950	2005	Agra - Salbani Landed back at Agra. No. 3 prop u/s.
	AL544	F/Sgt. Stuart, J. C.		0735	1110	To Salbani
		Sgt. Denton, J.				
		F/Sgt. Ghent, C. R.				
		Sgt. Tringham, J. T.				
		F/Sgt. Powell, N. E.				
		F/Sgt. Barrell, D. R.				
		Sgt. McCaffrey, C. P.				
		Sgt. Smith, P.				
		Sgt. Lapworth, K.				

Date	Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
30.3.43	Liberator II	Sgt. Hall, W. (C)		0930	1000	To Ondel and return.
	AL571	Sgt. Barritt, J.		1145	1230	
		W/O Boteler, W. E.				
		F/Sgt. Barrell, D. R.				
		Sgt. McLaughlin, K. G.				
		Sgt. Black, D. M.				
		F/Sgt. Harrison, C. C.				
		Sgt. Edwards, F. J.				
30.3.43	Liberator II	F/Lt. Stokes, F. G. (C)	Bombing	2359	0829	He-Ho Aerodrome.
	AL544	Sgt. King, R.				Weather very hazy. Target not located despite square search.
		F/Sgt. Hutton, R. J.				Unsuccessful runs made on Magwe, but owing to approach of dawn this was abandoned. Returned with bombs. Bomb load
		Sgt. Brown, J.				10 x 500 2 x 250 lb. 2 cans incendiaries.
		Sgt. Talbot, L. J.				
		Sgt. Hendry, W.				
		Sgt. Stokoe, D.				
		Sgt. Goodisson, J. P.				
30.3.43	Liberator II	Sgt. Hall, W. (C)	Bombing	2359	0749	He-Ho Aerodrome.
	AL571	Sgt. Barritt, J.				Weather very hazy. Bombs dropped in target area. No results
		W/O Boteler, W. E.				observed. Bomb load as before.
		F/Sgt. Barrell, D. R.				
		Sgt. McLaughlin, K. G.				
		Sgt. Black, D. M.				
		F/Sgt. Harrison, C. C.				
		Sgt. Edwards, F. J.				



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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events
Salbani	1.4.43		P/O J. D. A. Rogers assumed duties of officer i/c Airmen's Mess vice F/Lt. T. S. Towell D.F.M. Cross country and air firing carried out. Orders issued to the effect that all sections will provide themselves with fire fighting equipment, i.e. sand and water buckets - to be placed where they are available at a moment's notice.
	2.4.43	13.52	G/Capt. Wilson and S/Ldr. Dobson arrived in Pussmoth on way to Digri, departed 14.34. Purpose of visit, to inform F/O K. P. Barton of attachment to 215 Sqdn., Jessore, to leave 3.4.43.
	3.4.43	10.00	Court Martial held. Mosaic of aerodrome taken. F/O K. P. Barton left on attachment to 215 Squadron, Jessore.
	4.4.43		Nothing to record.
	5.4.43		Operations carried out. Orders issued to the effect that personnel are at all times to carry with them: (a) Identity discs. (b) Identity form 557 A, Form 1250 or Pay Book, Form 64.
	6.4.43		Operations by AL526 "G". Aircraft failed to return. Crew F/O J. C. Stevenson <sup>8</sup> , F/O W. M. Struthers <sup>9</sup> , 926857 F/Sgt. J. A. Beach, 535109 F/Sgt. C. G. Rich, 672985 F/Sgt. S. F. Pannell, 1305419 F/Sgt. L. E. Wardill, 1281616 F/Sgt. T. J. Gwynn, 1378543 F/Sgt. W. C. Tassell, NZ403027 F/Sgt. N. E. Powell.
	7.4.43		Search carried out for F/O Stevenson and crew.
	8.4.43		Operations cancelled.
	9.4.43		Practice bombing carried out.
	10.4.43		P/O J. D. A. Rogers left with hill party consisting of 18 airmen and 1 N.C.O. for Chakrata.
	11.4.43	06.40	Commanding Officer's parade and inspection. F/O M. J. C. Muirhead posted to A.H.Q. Bengal Communication Flight.
	12.4.43	08.30	S/Ldr. Beck & Crew left in aircraft 586 <sup>10</sup> "C" at 08.30 hours for U.K. via Delhi, Karachi.
	13.4.43		Practice bombing carried out.
	14.4.43		Operations carried out.
	15.4.43		Aircraft 564 "D" crashed beside runway as tyre burst on landing. Aircraft written complete write-off for flying purposes. None of crew injured.
	16.4.43		S/Ldr. J. M. O. Dyer posted to 22 Ferry Control.
	17.4.43		All aircrew attended lecture on night photography given by P/O Bond.
	18.4.43		The Bishop of Calcutta attended station and conducted a Church Service.
	19.4.43		Operations carried out.
	20.4.43		Nothing to record.
	21.4.43		Re-allocation of Squadron duties.
	22.4.43		Operations carried out.
	23.4.43	12.20	A.V.M. Hunter arrived by air. Departed 14.15 hrs.
	24.4.43	06.40	Commanding Officer's parade & inspection.
	25.4.43		Operations carried out.
	26.4.43		The following officers awarded the powers of subordinate commanders under K.R. & A.C.I. para. 1141. w.e.f. 24.4.43. S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg, F/Lt. L. P. Massey, D.F.C.
	27.4.43		Aircraft AL550 "M" crashed into shelter due to lack of brake pressure while

<sup>8</sup> Service number was 64282, RAFVR

<sup>9</sup> Service number was J/4784, RCAF

<sup>10</sup> This should be 585; see form 541 for April. AL586 never delivered to RAF.

Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events
			taxying, See 29.4.43, re Court of Enquiry.
	28.4.43		Operations carried out.
	29.4.43		Court of enquiry assembled at 09.00 hrs. to enquire into accident involving aircraft AL550 "M". President - F/Lt. T. S. Towell D.F.M. Member - F/O L. G. Bettridge. Aircraft guard consisting of 18 airmen and 1 corporal i/c to be posted on aircraft from 19.00 to 07.00 hrs. starting 29.4.43. Orders for guard issued.
	30.4.43		A/V/M Collier and 3 staff officers arrived by air. Departed 12.05.

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Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
0700 hrs 1/4/43 to 0700 hrs 2/4/43					
Liberator II					
AL526 "G"	P/O Brailsford, K. H. (Capt.)	X Country Ops. Practice	07.20	12.25	Route - Base - Bankura - 2307'N 83.12E - Agra (Landed)
	F/Lt. Massey D. F. DFC		2.4.43 07.45	11.00	Agra - Allahabad - Asansol - Base.
	F/Sgt. Nicholas H. J				
	F/S Nellingworth, J				
	Sgt. Stout, A. E.				
	F/S Barber C. S.				
	F/Sgt. Powrie R. A.				
	Sg. Major F. C.				
AL550 "M"	S/Ldr. J. L. Beck & Crew	Air Test	18.10	18.40	
AL560 "N"	P/O Musgrave J. H. & Crew	Air Test	18.30	19.00	
AL571 "F"	F/S G. T. Stuart (C)	Air Firing	00.40	11.30	
	F/Lt. Stokes F. G.				
	Sgt. Denton A. W.				
	Sgt Tassell W. C.				
	F/Sgt. Ghent C. R.				
	F/Sgt. Powell N. E.				
	F/Sgt. Bardell E. D.				
	Sgt. Tringham J. T.				
	Sgt. McCaffrey W.				
	Sgt. Smith F.				
0700 hrs 2/4/43 to 0700 hrs 3/4/43					
Liberator II					
AL564 "D"	F/Lt. Towell T. S. DFM & Crew	Air Test	16.00	16.40	
AL571 "F"	Sgt. Hall W. & Crew	Air Test	09.00	0930	
AL544 "B"	F/Lt. Stokes F. G. & Crew	Air Test	10.05	10.20	
0700 hrs 3/4/43 to 0700 hrs 4/4/43					
Liberator II					

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
AL526 "G"	F/Sgt. Davison M. R. (C)	Photography	10.00	13.15	Mosaic of Salboni Aerodrome. H.T. 9000' 2nd Pilot Drill for Sgt. Hedley.
	Sgt. Hedley C. H.				
	F/Sgt. Lewis R. A. (Nav)				
	F/Sgt. Parr D. DFM				
AL571 "F"	F/Lt. Stokes F. G. (C)	Circuits & Landings - Night	19.00	21.00	
	F/Sgt. Wallace E. D. (P)				
	F/Sgt. Stuart J. C. (P)				
	F/Sgt. Powell N. E.				
	Sgt. Tringham J. T.				
	Sgt. Ghent C. R.				
0700 hrs 4/4/43 to 0700 hrs 5/4/43					
Liberator II					
AL571 "F"	Sgt. Hall W. & Crew	Air Test	17.30	18.06	
0700 hrs 5/4/43 to 0700 hrs 6/4/43					
Liberator II					
AL544 "B"	F/Lt. Stokes F. G. & Crew	Air Test	10.15	11.00	
AL560 "N"	F/O Sharpe J. A. & Crew	Air Test	12.50	13.20	
AL564 "D"	F/O Stevenson J. C. DFC & Crew	Air Test	13.15	13.45	
AL571 "F"	Sgt. Hall W. (Capt)	Ops. Bombing	19.00	05.05	Target - Rangoon, Central Station. Bomb load - 4 x 1000, 5 x 500, 2 x 250, 2 Boxes 4 lb. Incendiaries. One stick of bombs on course, 340° ht. 9,500'. Seen to burst and believed to straddle target. No results observed except usual incendiary fires. One explosion from one of these just after leaving target. No photograph.
	Sgt. Barritt J.				
	W/O Boteler W.				
	F/Sgt. Barrell D. R.				
	Sgt McLaughlin K. G.				
	Sgt. Black D. M.				
	Sgt. Edwards F. J.				
	Sgt Harrison C. G.				
AL544 "B"	F/Lt. Stokes F. G. (C)	Ops. Bombing	19.00	05.05	Target & bomb load as above. One stick on course 80°. No bursts observed. Three small orange fires seen after bombing. No ground detail, except river, seen. A/C held in searchlights at time of bombing. No photograph.
	Sgt. King R.				
	F/Sgt. Hutton R. J.				
	Sgt. Talbot J. L.				
	Sgt. Hendry W.				
	Sgt. Brown J.				
	Sgt. Stokoe B.				

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	Sgt. Goodisson J. P.				
AL560 "N"	P/O Sharpe J. A. (C)	Ops. Bombing	19.00	03.05	Target - Akyab Town. Bomb load - as above. Due to loss of fuel pressure on No. 1 engine & ineffectiveness of Booster Pump, A/C set course for Taungup instead of carrying on to primary target at Rangoon. Bad weather conditions made it impossible to pinpoint Taungup so A/C then set course for, and bombed, Akyab town. One stick on course 230° not seen to burst because of thick haze. No photo.
	F/O Stanley E. S. D.				
	Sgt. Webzell G. W.				
	Sgt. King R.				
	Sgt. Buchanan J. A.				
	Sgt. Fayle J. W.				
	Sgt. Woodward J. E.				
	Sgt. Hopkins W. E.				
AL526 "G"	F/O Bettridge L. G. (C)	Ops. Bombing	18.55	04.55	Target - Rangoon Central Station. One stick on course 030° Ht. 12000'. Station area seen with 2 incid. fires burning to N. of it before bombing. Fires from own bombing (Orange Colour) seen 60 M. away but no bursts observed. 1 Photo shows stick of bombs on W. Bank and in river N. E. of target.
	F/Sgt. Jones J. H.				
	F/Sgt. Lewis R. A.				
	F/Sgt. Nixon G.				
	Sgt. Chalmers R. C. M.				
	Sgt. Ridsdale J. L.				
	Sgt. Forson A.				
	Sgt. Ercolani A. B.				
	F/Sgt. Powrie R. A.				
AL564 "D"	F/O Stevenson J. C. DFC (C)	Ops. Bombing	19.00	05.30	Target and bomb load as above. First stick on HDG. 230°, second stick on HDG 240° both at 12,000' seen to burst in Rangoon town area. More detail pin-pointing impossible. No results observed other than usual incendiary fires. 2 photos show town area in vicinity of target.
	F/Sgt. Beach J. A.				
	F/O Struthers W. M.				
	Sgt. Wardill L. E.				
	F/Sgt. Pannell S. F.				
	F/Sgt. Rich C. G.				
	F/Sgt. Powell N. E.				
	Sgt. Tassell W. C.				
	Sgt. Tubb J. W. F.				
AL550 "M"	S/Ldr. J. L. Beck DFC (C)	Ops. Bombing	18.50	04.50	Target and bomb load as above. First stick on HDG. 270°, Ht. 10,500' seen to burs in area believe to be immediately S? of target. No results observed. 2nd stick on HDG 010°, Ht. 10,5?00' seen to burst and believed to straddle target. One large fire orange in colour with clouds of gray-white smoke resulted. Explosions were later seen from immediate area, fire still visible 60 M. away. 2 photos show 4 bursts 200 yds W. of Dufferin Garden and 1 or two bursts to W. of Ratatung? Goods yard.
	F/Sgt. Davison M. R.				
	W/O Coates B? C. DFM				
	F/Sgt. Parr D. DFM				
	P/O Fullerton J. R? C. DFM				
	Sgt. Major F? C.				
	Sgt. Read A. R?				
	Sgt. Gunn W? T.				

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0700hrs 6/4/43 to 0700 hrs 7/4/43					
Liberator II					
AL526 "G"	F/O Stevenson J. C. DFC (C)	Ops.	01.00		Special operation, dropping flares along Arakan Coast. 40 flares carried. This aircraft failed to return.
	F/Sgt. Beach J. A.				
	F/O Stuthers W. M.				
	F/Sgt. Rich C. G.				
	F/Sgt. Pannell S. F.				
	F/Sgt. Wardill L. E.				
	F/Sgt. Gwynn T. J.				
	F/Sgt. Tassell W. C.				
	F/Sgt. Powell N. E.				
0700hrs 7/4/43 to 0700hrs 8/4/43					
Liberator II					
AL585 "C"	S/Ldr Beck J. L. DFC (Capt)	Search	11.25	15.55	Search carried out for F/O Stevenson & crew. Sunderbunds area covered completely but nothing seen.
	P/O Brailsford K. H.				
	Sgt. Cox E. H.				
	W/O Bourque A. S.				
	Sgt Pryde R. H.				
	Sgt. Seymour W. E.				
	Sgt. Pisani A. P.				
	Sgt. O'Connor E. J.				
AL550 "M"	F/O Bettridge L. G. & Crew	Air Test	18.25	19.05	
0700 8/4/43 to 0700 9/4/43					
Liberator II					
AL564 "D"	F/O Musgrave J. R. & Crew	Air Test	10.20	10.50	
AL560 "N"	F/Lt. Stokes & Crew	Air Test	10.30	10.45	
AL544	S/Ldr. J. M. C. Dyer & Crew	Air Test	10.00	10.45	
AL5?71 "F"	F/Lt. Stokes F G. & Crew	Air Test	16.30	17.00	
0700hrs 9/4/43 to 0700 hrs 10/4/43					
Liberator II					
AL564 "D"	F/Sgt. Davison M. R. (Capt)	Practice Bombing	10.00	13.25	Bombing at Damudar range. Ht. 6000' 11 1/2 lb practice bombs. F/Sgt. Nicholas - Average for 2 bombs, 98 yds. F/Sgt. Ghent - Average for 7 bombs 106 yards.
	Sgt. Hedley C. H.				

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	F/Sgt. Nicholas N. J. (Nav)				
	Sgt. Nicholls C.				
	F/S Hollingworth J.				
	Sgt. Tubb J. W. F.				
	Sgt. Major F. C.				
	F/Sgt. Ghent C. R. (Nav)				
AL560 "N"	F/O Musgrave J. R. & Crew	Air Test	11.30	12.30	
0700 hrs 10/4/43 to 0700 hrs 11/4/43					
Liberator II					
AL585 "C"	F/Sgt. Hall W. & Crew	Air Test	18.30	19.00	
AL564 "D"	F/O Sharpe S. A. & Crew	Air Test	11.10	12.10	
0700 hrs 11/4/43 to 0700 hrs 12/4/43					
Liberator II					
AL571 "F"	F/Sgt. Stuart J. C. & Crew	Air Test	09.30	10.00	
AL544 "B"	S/Ldr. J. M. O. Dyer & Crew	Air Test	10.00	10.30	
0700 hrs 12/4/43 to 0700 hrs 13/4/43					
Liberator II					
AL571 "F"	F/Sgt. Stuart J. C. (C)	Air Firing	10.45	13.00	
	Sgt. Denton A. W.				
	F/Sgt. Ghent C. R.				
	F/O Spence J. S.				
	Sgt. Woodward J.				
	Sgt. Fayle J. ?.				
	Sgt. Hopkins W. E.				
	Sgt. Smith E. F.				
	Sgt. Bardell E. D.				
	Sgt. McCaffrey W.				
AL560 "N"	F/O Sharpe S. A. & Crew	Drouge Towing	10.50	12.50	
AL585 "C"	S/Ldr J. D. Beck DFC (Capt.)		08.30		To England via Delhi, Karachi.
	Sgt. Collins F.				
	Sgt. Rockett H. R.				

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	F/S Hollingworth J. F.				
	Sgt. Nightingale G.				
	Sgt. Fleming G. J.				
	Sgt. Beatey J. R.				
	Sgt. Cheshire B.				
0700 hrs 13/4/43 to 0700 hrs 14/4/43					
Liberator II					
AL564 "B" <sup>11</sup>	F/Lt. Stokes F. G.	Solo Test	19.55	23.25	Circuits and landings
	P/O K. H. Brailsford				
	F/Lt. Massey D. P. DFC				
	F/Sgt. Stuart J. C.				
	Sgt. McCaffrey W.				
	F/Sgt. Smith E.				
AL571 "F"	F/S Stuart J. C. (C)	Practice Bombing	10.20	12.20	Target at Damudar range. Ht. 6,000' 11 1/2 lb practice bombs.
	Sgt. Denton A. W.				F/S Ghent - Average for 9 bombs 152 yds.
	F/S Ghent G. R. (Nav)				
	F/S Nicholas W. J. (Nav)				
	F/S Smith E.				
	Sgt. Tringham J. T.				
	F/Sgt. Bardell E. D.				
	Sgt. McCaffrey W?				
AL560 "N"	F/O Musgrave J. R. (C)	Practice Bombing	10.15	12.25	Target at Damudar range. Ht. 6000' 11 1/2 lb practice bombs.
	P/O Wallace E. D.				Sgt. Bell - average for 4 bombs 102 yards.
	Sgt. Bell J. E. (Nav)				F/Sgt Culleton - average for 5 bombs 136 yards.
	F/Sgt. Culleton J. N. (Nav)				
	F/Sgt. Sayers E. J.				
	P/O Fullerton J. R. C.				
	Sgt. Wilson R. J.				
	Sgt. Kay N.				
	F/S McRoberts C. H.				
0700 hrs 14/4/43 to 0700 hrs 15/4/43					
Lib II					
AL544 "B"	P/O Sharpe J. A. &	Air Test	12.40	13.10	

<sup>11</sup> Record shows "B", but AL564 was "D"; AL544 was "B".

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	Crew				
AL571 "F"	F/Lt. Stokes F. C. (C)	Ops. Bombing	23.59	07.20	Target - Magwe A/D. Bomb load - 10 x 500 lbs. 2 x 250 lbs. One stick on heading 060° 6/7000'. 2 Boxes Incendiary Second stick, heading 2710°, seen to burst, Western dispersal area - second stick causing 3 fires. 1 photo shows stick incendiaries on N. end Naida Vale L.G. 2, Photo. Burst W. of the W. end of Wetthaik L/G. Six bomb flames.
	F/Sgt. Stuart J. C.				
	Sgt. King R.				
	F/Sgt. Ghent C. R.				
	Sgt. Tringham J. T.				
	F/S Smith E.				
	F/Sgt. Bardell E. D.				
	Sgt Stokoe D.				
	Sgt. Smith F.				
AL560 "N"	F/O Musgrave J. R. (C)	Ops. Bombing	23.50	06.30	Target & Bomb load as above. One stick heading 340° N. E. Dispersal area, 2nd stick heading 1570° N. E. Dispersal area. No results observed. 1 photo, burst just E of N. end of Naida Vale L/G. 4 bomb flames, Poor ground detail makes photo impossible to plot.
	P/O Wallace E. D.				
	F/Sgt. Hutton B. J.				
	P/O Fullerton J. N. C. DFM				
	F/S Sayers E. J. DFM				
	Sgt. Wilson R. J.				
	Sgt. Kay N.				
	F/Sgt. McRoberts C. H.				
AL550 "M"	F/O Bettridge L. G. (C)	Ops. Bombing	23.50	07.00	Target & Bomb load as above. One stick bearing 120° in NW Dispersal area. Medium fires. Smokeless explosion. Second stick 120° overshot into paddy fields S of target. Photo shows (1) Naide Vale L/G. 2 bomb flames, 6 bursts 1600 yds. E. of (balance cut off on film)
	F/Sgt. Jones J. H.				
	F/Sgt. Lewis R. A.				
	F/Sgt. Nixon C.				
	Sgt. Chalmers R. C. N.				
	Sgt. Ridsdale J. L.				
	Sgt. Forson A.				
	Sgt. Ercolani A. B.				
	F/Sgt. Powrie R. A.				
AL554 "B"	F/O Sharpe J. A. (C)	Ops Bombing	23.55	05.15	Target & Bomb load as above. Ht. 6/7000'. One stick on heading 235° believed straddled runway diagonally. No results observed. Second heading 055°. Photo shows (1) Bombs E. of Naida Vale L/G. (2) Bombs W. of W. end Wetthaik L/G.
	F/O Stanley E. S. D.				
	Sgt. Webzell G. W.				
	Sgt. Buchanan J. A.				
	Sgt. King R.				
	Sgt. Fayle J. W.				
	Sgt. Woodward J. E.				
	Sgt. Hopkins W. E.				
0700 hrs 15/4/43 to 0700 hrs 16/4/43					
Lib II					
AL564 "D"	F/Lt. Towell, T. S.	Solo Check	19.30	20.05	Night Circuits and landings.

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	DFM.				Tyre burst on landing. Aircraft crashed – "Written off".
	F/S. Davison M. R.				
	Sgt. Hedley C. H.				
	Sgt Pryde R. H.				
AL571 "F"	S/Ldr. Dyer J. M. O. (C)	Dual	21.20	23.00	Night circuits and landings.
	P/O Wallace ? D. (P)				
	Sgt. McGregor J. A.				
	Sgt. Hendry W.				
0700 hrs 16/4/43 to 0700 hrs 17/4/43					
Lib II					
AL571 "F"	S/Ldr. Dyer J. M. O. & Crew.	Test Flight	18.20	19.15	Incendiary container test.
0700 hrs 18/4/43 to 0700 hrs 19/4/43					
Lib II					
AL560 "N"	P/O Wallace E. D. (C)	Practice Bombing.	09.40	11.40	Target at Damodar Range Ht. 6000'. 11 ½ lb. practice bombs.
	Sgt. Denton A. W.				
	F/Sgt. Ghent C. R. (Nav)				
	F/Sgt. Tringham J. T.				
	F/Sgt. Smith E.				
	Sgt. McCaffrey W.				
	Sgt. Smith P?				
	F/Sgt. Bardell E. D.				
AL571 "F"	F/O Sharpe S. A. (C)	Practice Bombing.	08.40	10.15	Average for 7 bombs – 165 yards.
	F/O Stanley E. S. D.				
	Sgt. Webzell F. W. (Nav)				
	Sgt. Buchanan J. A.				
	Sgt. Fayle J. W.				
	Sgt. King R.				
	Sgt. Woodward J. E.				
	Sgt. Hopkins W. E.				
AL571 "F"	F/Lt. Stokes F. G. (C)	Practice Bombing	10.30	11.55	Average for 8 bombs – 145 yards.
	Sgt. King R.				
	F/Sgt. Hutton R. J. (Nav)				
	Sgt. Talbot L. J.				
	Sgt. Brown J.				
	Sgt. Goodisson J. P.				

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	Sgt. Stokoe D.				
0700 hrs 19/4/43 to 0700 hrs 20/4/43					
Lib II					
AL544 "B"	P/O Sharpe S. A. (C)	Ops. Bombing	09.00 <sup>12</sup>	02.30	Target, Toungoo A/C. Bomb-load – 6 x 500 lb., 2 x 250 lb. Height 7,000'. 1 x 2000 lb. Incend. Container. attacked by fighters on bombing run. Incendiaries dropped. In all 5 enemy A/C made attacks. One claimed destroyed. Bombs jettisoned. Landed Chittagong. Crashed on landing. Damage: R. turret u/s. Bomb doors shot away. Front S/B petrol tanks holed, hydraulics u/s. Aircraft "written off" Crew Uninjured. No photos taken.
	F/Lt. Massey D. P. DFC				
	F/Sgt. Culleton J. N.				
	F/Sgt. Stanton J.				
	Sgt. McGregor J. A.				
	Sgt. Wadsworth J. E?				
	F/Sgt. Simpson A.				
	Sgt. Rochford E. W.				
AL571 "F"	F/Lt. Stokes F. G. (C)	Ops. Bombing	19.00	03.00	Target, Toungoo A/C. Bomb load – 10 x 500 lb. 2 x 250 lb. Height 8,000'. 2 Boxes incendiary. First stick heading 030° on N. E. dispersal area slightly overshooting. 3 small incend. fires. Second stick heading 120° in dispersal between runways just short N. E. of NE/SW runway. Attacked by E. A/C after 2nd run. 8 attacks – no damage. E. A/C claimed as damaged.
	Sgt. King R.				
	F/Sgt. Hutton R. J.				
	Sgt. Brown J.				
	Sgt. Talbot L. J.				
	Sgt. Hendry W.				
	Sgt. Stokoe D.				
	Sgt. Goodisson J. P.				
AL544 "B"	P?/O Sharpe S.A. & Crew.	Air Test	08.45	09.20	
AL560 "N"	S/Ldr. Dyer J. M. O.		10.00		Sent to Karachi to replace AL586 "C" which aircraft became u/s at Karachi.
	F/O Musgrave J. R.				
	F/Sgt. Stuart J. C.				
	P/O Coates B. C.				
	F/Sgt. Sayers E? J.				
	Sgt Wilson R. J.				
	Sgt. Kay N.				
	F/Sgt. McRoberts C. H.				
	F/Lt. Usher C.V.G.				
AL571 "F"	F/Lt. Stokes F. G. & Crew	Air Test	17.15	17.30	
0700 hrs 21/4/43 to 0700 hrs 22/4/43					
Lib II					
AL571	F/Lt. Stokes F. G. (C)	Local Flying	09.45	10.15	
	S/Ldr. Clegg C. G.				

<sup>12</sup> Original states 09.00, but probable time is 19.00.

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	Sgt. King R.				
0700 hrs 22/4/43 to 0700 hrs 23/4/43					
Lib II					
AL597 "R"	P/O Brailsford K. H. & Crew	Air Test	13.15	13.45	
AL597 "R"	P/O Brailsford K. H. (C)	Ops. Bombing	18.30	0630	Target, Rangoon Central Railway Station. Bomb load: - 3 x 1000 T.D., 10 x 500 T.D., 4 x 250 L.D. (1/2 hr. 6. 8. 12 hrs) 4 boxes 4 lb. incendiaries. Height 11,000'. One stick heading 000° No results observed Due to ground haze. 3 large reddish fires seen on approach.
	Sgt. Cox. C. H.				
	W/O Bourque A. S.				
	Sgt. Pryde R. H.				
	Sgt. Low J. M.				
	Sgt. Seymour W. E.				
	Sgt. Pisani A. P.				
	Sgt. O'Connor E. J.				
	F/Lt. Ashworth F. E.				
AL571 "F"	P/O Wallace E. D. (C)	Ops. Bombing	18.30	04.00	Height 12,000'. Target & bomb load as above. One stick heading 045°. No results observed owing to ground haze. Stick from another A/c seen to burst in target area.
	Sgt. Denton A. W.				
	F/Sgt. Ghert C. R.				
	Sgt. Tringham J. T.				
	P/O Fullerton J. R. C. DFM				
	F/Sgt. Smith K?				
	F/Sgt. Bardell E. D.				
	Sgt. McCaffrey W.				
	F/Sgt. Smith F?				
AL571 "F"	P/O Wallace E. D. & Crew	Air Test	08.25	09.10	
0700 hrs 24/4/43 to 0700 hrs 25/4/43					
Lib II					
AL597 "R"	F/O Jenner K. S. & Crew.	Air Test	17.40	17.55	
0700 hrs 25/4/43 to 0700 hrs 26/4/43					
AL571 "F"	F/Lt. Stokes F. G. & Crew.	Air Test	09.00	09.20	
AL571 "F"	F/Lt. Stokes F. G. (C)	Ops. Bombing	20.00	06.00	Rangoon Marshalling Yards. Bomb load: 4 x 1000 T.D. 5 x 500 T.D., 2 x 250 L.D. (1/2 hr. 8 hr.) 2 boxes 4 lib. Incendiaries. Ht. 12,400'. One stick heading 325° across and believed straddled S. end yards. One large fire one medium fire. No other results. Photos No. 1 Bomb flashes in target area. Photos No. 2 Target area – partly obscured by searchlight.
	Sgt. King R.				
	F/Sgt. Hutton R. J.				
	F/Sgt. Nicholas N. J.				
	Sgt. Brown J.				
	Sgt. Talbot L. J.				

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	Sgt. Hendry W.				
	Sgt. Stokoe D.				
	Sgt Goodisson J. P.				
0700 hrs 27/4/43 to 0700 hrs 28/4/43					
Lib II					
AL597 "R"	F/Sgt. Davison M. T. (C)	Local Flying	10.40	12.40	Fighter control & bombing runs practised.
	* (see below)				
AL550 "M"	F/Lt. Massey D. P. DFC & Crew,	Air Test	17.30	18.30	
	* Sgt. Hedley C. H.				
	F/Sgt. Nicholas N. J.				
	F/Sgt Templeton J.				
	Sgt Tubb J. W. F.				
	Sgt. Webb S. J.				
	Sgt White G. E. T.				
	Sgt. Major J. C.				
0700 hrs 28/4/43 to 0700 hrs 29/4/43					
Lib II					
AL571 "F"	F/O Sharpe S. A. & Crew.	Air Test	18.30	19.00	
AL571 "F"	F/O Sharpe S. A. (C)	Ops. Bombing	22.00	08.40	Target Rangoon, Sule Pagoda Wharves. Bomb load, 4 x 1000 T.D., 5 x 500 T.D., 2 x 250 L.D., 2 boxes 4 lb. incendiaries. Ht. 10,000'. On stick heading 070°. 6 seen to burst in target area. First 4 prob. Undershot into river. 1 Med. Orane fire explosion in target area. Photo plotted 9?1/2 M. S.E? Target. Bombs in river.
	F/O Stanley E? S. D.				
	Sgt. Webzell G. W.				
	Sgt. Buchanan J. A.				
	Sgt. Fayle J. W.				
	Sgt. King R.				
	Sgt. Woodward J. E?				
	Sgt. Hopkins W. E.				
0700 hrs 29/4/43 to 0700 hrs 30/4/43					
Lib II					
AL597 "R"	F/O Jenner K. S. (C)	Dual Practice	17.45	18.00	One landing only. Weather unsatisfactory.
	Sgt. Hedley C. H. (P)				
	Sgt. Ellis F. N. (P)				
	F/Sgt. Da Costa H.				
	F/Sgt. Box C. H. DFM				
	Sgt. Swain J. R.				
0700 hrs 30/4/43 to 0700 hrs 1/5/43					
Lib II					

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
AL597 "R"	F/O Jenner K. S. (C)	Dual Practice	10.30	12.15	Local flying & circuits and landings for both pilots.
	Sgt. Hedley C. H. (P)				
	Sgt. Ellis F. N. (P)				
	F/Sgt. Da Costa H.				
	F/Sgt. Box C. H. DFM				
	Sgt. Swain J. R.				
AL571 "F"	P/O Hall W?	Air Test	18.30	19.00	

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Place	Date	Summary of Events
Salboni	1.5.43	F/O J. Evans assumes the duties of officer i/c Sgts' Mess. Operations & air test carried out.
	2.5.43	S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg assumes command of Squadron vice W/Cdr. N. M. Boffee D.F.C.
	3.5.43	Commanding Officer regrets to announce death of 1445728 AC1 J. E. Brough at Midnapere Hospital. P/O L. K? Charlton appointed to commission w.e.f. 25.10.42.
	4.5.43	F/O J. S. Spence appointed Welfare Officer vice F/O J. M. Musgrave. Operations & air tests carried out.
	5.5.43	W/Cdr. N. M. Boffee D.F.C. assumes command of Squadron vice S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg. 20 men left on hill party for Chakrata. N.C.O. i/c F/Sgt. Templeton.
	6.5.43	P.O.W. lecture give to aircrew personnel by F/O. A. K. W. Coalbran, Intell. Officer. Air Test carried out.
	7.5.43	Lecture by F/Lt. R. F. Body, Sqdn. Adjutant, to officers on administration. Operations & air tests carried out.
	8.5.43	Nothing to record.
	9.5.43	Ground training carried out by aircrews.
	10.5.43	C.O's parade & inspection at 07?.40 hrs. Operations and air test carried out.
	11.5.43	F/Lt. J. B? Coltman (Med) posted to H.Q.225 Group.
	12.5.43	P/O K. W. Edwards appointed to commission w.e.f. 8.5.43. Squadron H.Q. moved to old 170 Wing block offices. Offices concerned, C.O., Adjt., Asst. Adjt., S.W.O., Orderly Room, Pay Accts. Nav. Office moved to office near "B" Flight. Eng. Office remained on Technical site. Old offices taken over by 82 Squadron. Air Tests carried out.
	13.5.43	Operations & air test carried out.
	14.5.43	Orders for aircraft guard changed. New guard to consist of 6 men and 1 Cpl. i/c. Roving patrol only to be carried out. This change became necessary as it was found impossible to provide the larger number of men who had been previously required without interfering with the regular work of the Squadron.
	15.5.43	Dual landing practice carried out.
	16.5.43	F/Lt. (A/S/Ldr) J. M? O. Dyer posted to 22 Ferry Control. Air Test carried out.
	17.5.43	Ground training carried out by aircrews.
	18.5.43	P/O G. A. Gowing appointed to commission w.e.f. 25.10.42. Practice bombing & air test carried out.
	19.5.43	Operations carried out.
	20.5.43	Nothing to record.
	21.5.43	Tunisia Day. Complete stand down for Squadron.
	22.5.43	W/Cdr. N. M. Boffee D.F.C. assumes command of Sqdn. vice S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg wef 21.5.43. S/Ldr. J. L. Beck D.F.C. posted to S?A.O? Poona. P/O G. W. Palmer appointed to commission w.e.f. 2.3.43. 3 U.S.A.A.F. Squadrons landed, bombed up and took off on operations from station. Operations and air tests carried out.
	23.5.43	Nothing to record.
	24.5.43	Air tests carried out
	25.5.43	Local flying carried out.

Place	Date	Summary of Events
	26.5.43	A.M. Garrod visited station. Local flying carried out
	27.5.43	Air tests carried out. Message received from A.O.C. Bengal by C.O. for information of all personnel:- "Please convey to 1219955 Sgt. E. W. Rochford my heartiest congratulations on the award of immediate D.F.C. <sup>13</sup> " Award given for action during sortie of 19.4.43 in aircraft AL544, F/O J. S. Sharpe (Capt.), when attacked by 5 enemy aircraft, 1 claimed destroyed.
	28.5.43	Operations carried out. Hill party of 30 airmen and N.C.O's with F/Sgt. N. A. Hughes i/c left for Chakrata.
	29.5.43	Nothing to record.
	30.5.43	C.O's parade and inspection at 06.40. Air test carried out.
	31.5.43	Following working hours brought into effect 06.00 hrs. – 11.30 hrs. 17.30 – 19.30 hrs. Local flying carried out.

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<sup>13</sup> Should this be a DFM?

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Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
0700 hrs 1/5/43 to 0700 hrs 2/5/43					
Lib II					
AL597	F/Sgt. Davison M. R. & Crew	Air Test	14.05	14.45	
AL597	F/Sgt. Davison M. R. (C)	Ops.	18.25	05.55	5 x 500 G. P.T.D. 2 x 250 L.D. Target: Akyab. Ht. 8000'. One stick heading 040° burst along and close to waterfront of South of Akyab town. No results observed. No photo taken.
	Sgt. Hedley C. H.				
	F/Sgt. Nicholas N. J.				
	F/Sgt. Templeton N. J.				
	Sgt. Tubb J. W. F.				
	Sgt Webb S. J.				
	Sgt. Pisani A.				
	Sgt. Hurring N. S.				
AL571	P/O Hall W. (C)	Ops.	18.30	05.15	5 x 500 lbs. 6? x 500 GP.N.I. 5 x 500 G.P.T.D. 2 x 250 L.D. <sup>14</sup> Target: Moulmein marshalling yards. Ht. 9500'. One stick heading 140°. All bursts seen on land. Red glow seen lasting 5/6 secs.
	Sgt. Barritt J.				
	W/O W. E. Boteler				
	F/Sgt. D. R. Barrell				
	Sgt. McLaughlin K. J.				
	Sgt. Black D. M.				
	Sgt. Harrison W.				
0700 hrs 4/5/43 to 0700 hrs 5/5/43					
Lib II					
AL597	F/O Jenner K. S. & Crew	Air Test	08.25	09.40	
AL571	P/O Wallace E. D. & Crew	Air Test	09.50	10.30	
AL597	F/O Jenner K. S. (C)	Ops.	18.30	04.30	4 x 1000 G.P. 5 x 500 G.P. 2 x 250 L.D. 60 x 4 lb. Incendiary. Target: Rangoon Marshalling yards. Ht. 10,000'. One stick heading 300°. No bursts or results seen owing to enemy action. No photos taken.
	Sgt. Ellis F. N.				
	F/O Crapper A. F.				
	F/O Hillyard H. J.				
	F/Sgt. Irving R? J.				
	Sgt. Swain J. R.				
	F/Sgt. Da Costa H.				
	F/Sgt. Palmer C? W.				

<sup>14</sup> This bomb load seems to be wrong.

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	F/Sgt. Box A. R. DFM.				
AL571	P/O Wallace E. D. (C)	Ops.	18.50	04.35	4 x 1000 G.P., 5 x 500 G.P., 2 x 250 L.D., 60 x 4 lb. incend. Target: Rangoon Marshalling yards. Ht. 8,000'. One stick heading 015°. All bursts seen on land, results unobserved. No photo taken.
	Sgt. Denton A. W.				
	F/Sgt. Ghent C. R.				
	Sgt. Tringham J. L.				
	F/Sgt. Smith C.				
	F/Sgt. Bardell E. D.				
	Sgt. Smith F.				
	Sgt. McCaffry W.				
0700 hrs 6/5/43 to 0700 hrs 7/5/43					
Lib II					
AL571	F/O Sharpe S. A. & Crew	Air Test	09.10	09.50	
0700 hrs 7/5/43 to 0700 hrs 8/5/43					
Lib II					
AL597	F/O Bettridge L. G. & Crew	Air Test	09.30	10.15	
AL571	F/O Sharpe S. A. & Crew	Air Test	09.40	10.20	
AL597	F/O Bettridge L. G. (C)	Ops.	18.25	02.55	10 x 500 G.P., 2 x 250 L.D., 40 x 4 lb. incendiaries. Target: Mandalay Marshalling yards. Ht. 9,000'. One stick, heading 150°. Bombs seen to burst. No results observed. Photo: obscured.
	F/Sgt. Jones J. H.				
	F/O Hillyard H. J.				
	F/O Crapper A. F.				
	F/Sgt. Nixon G.				
	Sgt. Chalmers R. C. M.				
	Sgt. Ridsdale J. L.				
	Sgt. Forson A.				
	Sgt. Ercolani A. B.				
AL571	F/O Sharpe S. A. (C)	Ops.	18.24	00.29	10 x 500 G.P., 2 x 250 L.D., 40 x 4 lb. incendiary. Target: Akyab Town Ht. 6,600'. One stick heading 285°. All bombs burst in line from coast. Photo shows 3 or 4 bursts between Kyawsared Road and tank road in the N. point Akyab town.
	P/O Stanley E. S. D.				
	Sgt. Webzell G. W.				
	Sgt. Buchanan J. A.				
	Sgt. King R.				
	F/Sgt. Edwards K. W.				
	Sgt. Fayle J?? W.				
	Sgt. Hopkins W. E.				
	Sgt. Bell J. W.				
0700 hrs 10/5/43 to 0700 hrs 11/5/43					
Lib II					

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
AL597	F/Lt. Massey L.P. DFC. & Crew.	Air Test	08.30	09.00	
AL571	P/O Hall W. & Crew	Air Test	16.45	17.15	
AL597	F/Lt. Massey L. P. DFC (C)	Ops.	18.30	02.30	10 x 500 G.P., 2 x 250 L.D., 40 x 4 lb. incendiaries. Target: Prome Marshalling yards. Ht. 6000' and 6100'. Two sticks. First stick heading 225° at 6,000'. Fwo fires on first stick. One large fire second stick. One photo: shows bombs burst in area 12,00 <sup>15</sup> yds. E.S.E. Rly. Station. 4 strong fires recorded.
	Sgt. Ellis F? H?				
	F/Sgt. Lewis R. A.				
	F/O Spence J. S.				
	F/Sgt. Simpson A.				
	Sgt. Wadsworth J. E?				
	F/O Rogers J. D. A.				
	F/Sgt. Powrie R. A.				
AL571	W/Cdr. Boffee N. M. DFC. (C)	Ops.	18.30	01.50	10 x 500 G.P., 2 x 250 L.D., 40 x 4 lb. incendiaries. Target: Prome Marshalling yards. First stick: heading 150° at 6,000'. Second stick heading 340°, third stick heading 120°. All bombs seen to burst. 3rd stick direct his on rly. station. 1st Photo: Four bomb flames, four bursts 1100 yds. N.E. Rly Stn. 2nd Photo: 6 bomb flames, 4 bursts across main Rly. Stn. 3rd Photo: One bomb flame, burst probably 16,00 <sup>16</sup> yds E.S.E. Railway Stn. Day cover shows one direct hit tracks at Rly. Stn. damage to one of Stn. Buildings, Area demolished 1,200 ENE. Rly. Stn. Area demolished 1,120 N.E. Rly Stn.
	P/O W. Hall				
	P/O Barton K. P.				
	F/Sgt. Barrell D. R.				
	Sgt. McLaughlin K. G.				
	Sgt. Harrison C. G?				
	Sgt. Black D. M?				
	Sgt. Edwards F. J.				
	F/O Ustick R.				
0700 hrs 12/5/43 to 0700 hrs 13/5/43					
Lib II					
AL597	P/O Evans J. (C)	Air Test & Mosaic of Salboni	09.50	12.00	
	F/O Hillyard ?? J. (Nav)				
	& Crew				
AL550	F/O K. S. Jenner & Crew	Air Test	18.15	18.45	
0700 hrs 13/5/43 to 0700 hrs 14/5/43					
Lib II					
AL571	F/Lt. Stokes F. G. & Crew	Air Test	10.30	11.00	
AL571	F/Lt. Stokes F. G. (C)	Ops.	18.30	02.45	10 x 500 G.P., 2 x 250 L.D., 40 x 4 lb. incendiaries. Target: He-Ho Aerodrome Ht. 6,300'. Two sticks, heading 280° and 340°. First stick: Heading 280° seen burst on eastern dispersal area N. E.
	Sgt. King R.				
	F/Sgt. Hutton R. J.				

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Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	Sgt. Brown J.				Runways and N. of intersection but undershooting. 2nd stick heading 340°. Burst S.W. of south turning circle believed straddled rly. line. Photos undeveloped.
	Sgt. Talbot L. J.				
	Sgt. Hendry W.				
	Sgt. Stokoe D.				
	Sgt. Goodisson J. P.				
	F/O Ustick R. W.				
AL597	P/O Evans J. (Capt.)	Ops.	18.18	02.38	10 x 500 G.P., 2 x 250 L.D., 40 x 4 lb. incendiaries. Target : He-Ho A/D. Ht. 6,300' Two sticks. First stick 028°. Bursts straddled N.W. arm of N.W./S.E. runway and dispersal S.W. of it. 2nd stick heading 200°. Dispersal area N. of intersection of runways. No results observed. Photos undeveloped.
	F/O Gauntlett J. R.				
	W/O Hartshorn H. J.				
	F/Lt. Moffatt J. W.				
	F/Sgt. Nixon G.				
	Sgt. Kirkness W. P.				
AL550	F/O Jenner K. S. (C)	Ops.	18.20	02.30	One stick. Heading 270° Straddled both runways S. of intersection. No other results observed. Photos undeveloped.
	Sgt. Ellis F. N.				
	F/Sgt. Lewis R. A.				
	F/Sgt. Irving R. J.				
	Sgt. Swain J. R.				
	F/Sgt. Palmer, G. W.				
	F/Sgt. Da Costa H.				
	F/Sgt. Box A. R. D.F.M.				
	F/Sgt. Simpson A.				
0700 hrs 15/5/43 to 0700 hrs 16/5/43					
Lib II					
AL550	F/O Evans J. (C)	Practice Bombing	09.35	12.05	F/O Hillyard 10 x 11 ½ lb. 5 runs 6,000' – 141 yards. W/O Hartshorn – 6 x 11 ½ lb. 5 runs 6,000' No photos.
	Sgt. Simmons R. H. (N)				
	F/O Hillyard H. J. (N)				
	W/O Hartshorn H. T. (N)				
	& Crew				
0700 hrs 16/5/43 to 0700 hrs 17/5/43					
AL597	S/Ldr. Beck J. L. DFC (Capt.) & Crew	Air Test	09.00	09.50	
0700 hrs 18/5/43 to 0700 hrs 19/5/43					
AL597	F/Lt. Massey L. P. DFC (Capt.)	Practice Bombing	10.15	12.45	10 x 11 ½ L.B. Ht. 6,600' 119X. 10 x 11 ½ L.B. Ht. 6,600' 154X.
	F/Sgt. Lewis R. A. (Nav)				
	W/O Hartshorn H. T. (Nav)				
AL550	F/O Jenner K.S. & Crew	Air Test	09.10	10.00	
AL571	P/O Wallace E. D. &	Air Test	10.40	12.00	

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	Crew				
0700 hrs 19/5/43 to 0700 hrs 20/5/43					
	Lib II				
AL571	P/O Wallace E. D. (C)	Ops.	20.00	04.50	10 x 500 N.I., 2 x 250 L.D., 120 x 4 lb. incendiaries. Target: Taungup, Kyaukpyu: Hts. 4,500', 2000', 2500'. Taungup 3 sticks: 1st 085 All bombs burst. 2nd 045 2 medium fires, several small. 3rd 236. Kyaukpyu, 2 sticks 1st 045. 2nd 115. All bombs burst in town. 1. Photos show Taungup, vicinity of town. No visible indications. 2. Photos show Kyaukpyu. 2 strong fire tracks recorded.
	Sgt. Denton J.				
	F/Sgt. Ghent C. R.				
	Sgt. Tringham ? ?				
	F/Sgt. Smith C.				
	Sgt. McCaffrey C. P?				
	F/Sgt. Bardell ? D.				
	Sgt. Smith F.				
AL597	S/Ldr. Beck J. L. DFC (C)	Ops.	17.25	03.25	474 x 4 lb. incendiaries, 7 x 500 N.I., 2 x 250 L.D.. Three sticks, First 4,500' heading 060. second and third 4,000' heading 030. 1st Bombs burst no results obtained. 2nd Bombs burst road junction S.W. corner town. Third Incen. Across town, 200 small fires, 15 medium explosions – 3 orange explosions. Photos. No. 1 1,500 yds N. of town. No. 2 – Open ground S. of by pass at S of town. No 3 Incends burning in centre of town.
	F/O Bettridge L. G.				
	F/O Hillyard H. J.				
	F/Sgt. Nixon G?				
	Sgt. Chalmers R. C. M.				
	Sgt. Ridsdale J. L.				
	Sgt. Forson A.				
	Sgt. Ercolani A. B?				
	Sgt. O'Connor E? J.				
AL550	P/O Jenner K. S. (C)		<sup>17</sup>		10 x 500 N.I., 2 x 250 L.D., 120 x 4 lb. incendiaries. Targets: Taungup, Delaba, Kyaukpyu. Ht., 4,000'. Taungup: One stick heading 270° S.W. part of town. No results observed. Delaba: One stick heading 030°. Bursts along road leading into town and also in town. Kyaukpyu: One stick bombs burst N.W. of town. Photos: No. 1 Kyaukpyu Open ground 150X S. E. High School. No. 2 Taungup 5 bursts in town S. of police lines. No. 3 Delaba S. side of town.
	Sgt. Ellis F. H?				
	F/O Crapper A. F.				
	F/Sgt. Irving ? J.				
	Sgt. Swain J. R.				
	F/Sgt. Da Costa H.				
	F/Sgt. Palmer G. W.				
	F/Sgt. Box A. H?, DFM				
	Sgt. Pisani A.				
0700 hrs 22/5/43 to 0700 hrs 22/5/43					
	Lib II				
AL550	F/Lt. Massey L. P. DFC & Crew	Air Test	10.00	10.40	
AL597	F/O Evans J. & Crew	Air Test	11.00	11.30	
AL571	F/O Sharpe S. A. & Crew	Air Test	13.40	14.00	

<sup>17</sup> Times not given.

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
AL571	P/O W. Hall & Crew	Air Test	18.00	18.15	
AL597	F/O Evans J. (C)	Ops.	19.20	05.30	5 x 500 N.I., 5 x 500 T.D., 2 x 250 L. D., Target: Rangoon. Target not located owing to bad weather. Bombed Posn. 18 15 N. 94 29 E. One stick 350 heading. Ht. 3000'. Burst adjacent to coastal road, S. of Sandowy Nr. Kyaukkyi.. No results observed. No Photo.
	F/O Gauntlett J. R.				
	W/O Hartshorn H. T.				
	Sgt. Kirkness W. A.				
	Sgt. Bridgman L. A.				
	Sgt. Rozee F. W.				
	Sgt. Kirby C.				
	F/Sgt. Hurring G. S?				
	F/Lt. Ashworth P? E.				
0700 hrs 24/5/43 to 0700 hrs 25/5/43					
AL550	F/Lt. Massey L. P. DFC. & Crew	Air Test	18.00	18.30	
AL597	F/O Bettridge L. G. & Crew	Air Test	08.40	09.25	
AL571	F/O Sharpe S. A. & Crew	Air Test	09.30	10.05	
0700 hrs 25/5/43 to 0700 hrs 26/5/43					
AL571	F/Lt. Stokes F. G	Local Flying	18.00	18.30	
	S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg & Crew				
0700 hrs 26/5/43 to 0700 hrs 27/5/43					
AL550	F/Sgt. Davidson M? R. (Capt) & Crew	Local Flying	09.00	11.00	Turret manipulation practice.
AL571	P/O Wallace E.	Duty Flight	10.50	11.25	To Armada Road & Return.
	S/Ldr. Clegg C. G. & Crew		11.35	12.15	
0700 hrs 27/5/43 to 0700 hrs 28/5/43					
Lib II					
AL550	F/O Jenner K. S. & Crew	Air Test	09.00	09.45	To Pandaveswar for spares & return.
			12.30	13.15	
AL597	F/Sgt. Davison M. R. & Crew	Training	<sup>18</sup>		Fire control practice.
AL571	F/O Sharpe S. A. & Crew	Air Test	10.50	11.20	
0700 hrs 28/5/43 to 0700 hrs 29/5/43					
AL571	F/O Sharpe S. A. (C)	Ops.	17.55	05.35	5 x 500 N.I., 5 x 500 T.D., 2 x 250 L.D., 40 x 4 lb. incends.

<sup>18</sup> Times not given.

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	F/O Stanley E. S. D.				Target: Mandalay Marshalling yards, Ht. 8,500'. Two sticks. First heading 270° bursts 800 yds. S. of Fort. No results observed. Second heading 292° burst E. of centre marshalling yds. No results observed. Photo shows area W. End Marshalling yards.
	F/Sgt. Culleton J. N.				
	P/O Edwards K.				
	Sgt. Buchanan J. A.				
	Sgt. Woodward J. E.				
	Sgt. Fayle J. W.				
	Sgt. Hopkins W. E.				
	F/O Ustick R. W.				
AL550	F/Lt. Jenner K. S. (C)	Ops.	18.00	04.30	5 x 500 N.I., 5 x 500 T.D., 2 x 250 L.D., 40 x 4 lb. incends. Target: Mandalay Marshalling yards, Ht. 8,000'. 4 runs. 1 stick heading 230°. Bursts seen S. of S. W. corner of fort. 2 medium red fires. Photo shows area S. end Marshalling yards.
	Sgt. Ellis F. N.				
	F/O Crapper A. F?				
	F/Sgt. Irving R. J.				
	Sgt. Swain J. R.				
	Sgt. Ridsdale J. L.				
	P/O Palmer C. W.				
	F/Sgt. Box D.F.M.				
0700 hrs 30/5/43 to 0700 hrs 31/5/43					
AL597	F/O Evans J. & Crew	Air Test	17.55	18.40	
0700 hrs 31/5/43 to 0700 hrs 1/6/43					
AL571	F/Lt. Stokes D. F.	Local Flying	08.15	08.50	
	S/Ldr. Clegg C. G.				
	F/O Stanley K? S. D.				

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Place	Date	Summary of Events
Salboni	1.6.43	Practice landings carried out. F/O T. K Neal (Elect.) posted from unit to 221 Group. P/O M. G. Roberts posted to unit from 221 Group. F/O J. R. Musgrave posted from unit to 31 Sqdn.
	2.6.43	Practice bombing and fighter control carried out.
	2.6.43	Air Tests carried out.
	5.6.43	C/O's Parade & Inspection. Air Test carried out. F/O A. E. W. Coalbran posted to 168 Wing and attached to this unit.
	6.6.43	Air Test and training flights carried out. P/O W. J. Charlton assumes duties of Unit Security Officer.
	7.6.43	Training flights carried out.
	9.6.43	Air Tests carried out. P/O P. Krishnashwany detached to C & M Party Radhaighamj.
	10.6.43	Training flights carried out.
	11.6.43	Ditto
	12.6.43	Air Tests and Operations carried out.
	14.6.43	F/O A. J. J. Kirk is appointed National Savings Officer for unit.
	15.6.43	Air Tests carried out.
	16.6.43	Operations carried out. F/O L. G? Bettridge posted to A.F.T.U. Armada Road.
	18.6.43	Hill party of 39 N.C.O's and airmen left for Chakrata.
	19.6.43	Commanding Officer's Parade & Inspection.
	20.6.43	Training flights carried out.
	21.6.43	Air Test and operations carried out.
	22.6.43	Local flying carried out. W/O A. S. Bourque takes over duties as C.M?C., Sergeants' Mess, vice W/O Keeling; Sgt. Jones takes over duties as Mess Caterer.
	23.6.43	Air Tests carried out.
	24.6.43	Training flights carried out.
	25.6.43	The following awards and decorations announced:- Bar to D.F.C.: S/Ldr. J. L. Beck D.F.C. D.F.C.: A/S/Ldr. J. M. O. Dyer, F/Lt. Towell D.F.M., P/O ? C. Coates D. F. M. D.F.M.: 615232 F/S. J. Stanton, 1064111 F/Sgt. H? Reid, NZ411214 Sgt. W. T. Gunn. Training flight carried out. Aircraft AL553 arrived as reinforcement from U.K., Capt: F/O R. L. K? McDougall, Crew: F/O G. Canning, F/O R. H? Copp, & 5 N.C.O's
	26.6.43	Air Test & training flight carried out.
	27.6.43	do.
	28.6.43	do.
	29.6.43	do.

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Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
0700 hrs 1/6/43 to 0700 hrs 2/6/43					
Lib II					
AL597	F/Lt. Jenner K. S.	Practice Landings	07.30	08.20	
	Sgt. Ellis F. N.				
	Sgt. Cox C. H.				
	Sgt. Belkin				
	Sgt. Webb S. J.				
	Sgt. Lear M.				
	Sgt. O'Keefe				
	P/O G. W. Palmer				
0700 hrs 2/6/43 to 0700 hrs 3/6/43					
AL597	P/O K. H. Brailsford	Training	9.40	11.20	Practice bombing runs and fighter control.
	Sgt. R. Pryde				
	P/O W. J. Charlton				
	F/Sgt. J. K? Bell				
	W/O A. S. Bourque				
	Sgt. S. J. Webb				
	Sgt. Lear				
	Sgt. P Belkin				
	F/Sgt. Box A. R. DFM				
0700 hrs 3/6/43 to 0700 hrs 4/6/43					
AL597	P/O Evans J. & Crew	Air Test	08.00	08.25	
AL550	F/Sgt. Davison E? R. & Crew	Air Test	08.05	09.00	
0700 hrs 5/6/43 to 0700 hrs 6/6/43					
AL597	S/Ldr. Massey L. P. DFC. & Crew	Air Test	18.15	19.00	
0700 hrs 6/6/43 to 0700 hrs 7/6/43					
AL550	P/O K. M. Brailsford & Crew	Air Test	09.20	09.50	
AL541	F/O S. A. Sharpe	Training	09.15	09.55	Circuits & Landings. Solo if fit.
	S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg		11.00	11.30	To Allipore & Return
	F/O E. S. Stanley		11.40	12.15	
	Sgt. King				
	F/Sgt. Bell				

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	Sgt. McGregor				
	Sgt. Webb				
0700 hrs 7/6/43 to 0700 hrs 8/6/43					
AL550	P/O Brailsford K. H.	Training	09.25	11.35	Local Flying. Fighter control & practice bombing runs.
	F/Sgt. M. R. Davison				
	Sgt. G. H. Hedley				
	F/Sgt. N. J. Nicholas				
	Sgt. J. E? Bell				
	F/Sgt. Morgan				
	Sgt. Lear				
	Sgt. P. Belkin				
	F/Sgt. A. R. Box DFM				
	W/O A. S. Bourque				
AL597	F/Lt. K. S. Jenner	Training	08.55	11.45	Local circuits and landings. Overshoot practice landing at Armada Road.
	Sgt. C. H. Cox				
	Sgt. F. N. Ellis				
	Sgt. J. R. Swain				
	Sgt. Tubb				
	Sgt. S. J. Webb				
	F/Sgt. H. Da Costa				
	F/Sgt. C? S. Hurring				
0700 hrs 7/6/43 to 0700 hrs 8/6/43 <sup>19</sup>					
AL597	Sgt. Cox C. N. (C)	Training	11.50	12.10	Local flying. Circuits & Landings.
	Sgt. F. N. Ellis				
	Sgt. J. R. Swain				
	Sgt. J. W. P. Tubb				
	Sgt. S. J. Webb				
	Sgt. F. C. Major				
AL597	Sgt. F. N. Ellis	Training	12.10	12.30	As above.
	Sgt. C. N. Cox				
	Sgt. J. R. Swain				
	Sgt. J. W. P. Tubb				
	Sgt. S. J. Webb				
	Sgt. F. C. Major				
AL541	P/O S. A. Sharpe	Training	10.00	10.50	Circuits and Landings.
	F/O K. S. Stanley				
	Sgt. King				

<sup>19</sup> This is the date in the record, even though it repeats the previous date.

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	Sgt. Brown				
	Sgt. Webb				
	F/O Ustick				
0700 hrs 9/6/43 to 0700 hrs 10/6/43					
AL597	S/L. Massey L. P. DFC & Crew	Air Test	09.00	09.45	
AL550	P/O Brailsford K. H? & Crew	Air Test	10.40	11.20	
0700 hrs 10/6/43 to 0700 hrs 11/6/43					
AL550	Sgt. Cox C. H.	Training	09.25	10.25	Local flying and fighter control practice.
	Sgt. Ellis F. N.				
	P/O W. J. Charlton				
	F/Sgt. Morgan				
	Sgt. Pryde R. M?				
	Sgt. Lear M?				
	Sgt. E. J. O'Connor				
	Sgt. A. P. Pisani				
AL550	Sgt. Ellis (C)	Training	10.25	11.10	As above.
	Sgt. Cox				
	Crew as above				
0700 hrs 11/6/43 to 0700 hrs 12/6/43					
AL597	Sgt. Cox C. H.	Training	09.45	10.05	Local flying. Circuits and landings, fighter control & practice bombing runs.
	Sgt. Ellis F. N.				
	W/O Bourque A. S.				
	Sgt. Pryde R. H.				
	F/Sgt. Morgan				
	Sgt P. Belkin				
	Sgt. Lear, N?				
AL550	F/Lt. K. S. Jenner	Training	11.10	11.40	To Allipore, land and return. Fighter control and turret manipulation practice.
	Sgt. Blue W? G?		15.10	15.40	
	P/O L. J. Charlton				
	Sgt. J. R. Swain				
	F/Lt. F. E. Ashworth				
	Sgt. C. Nicholls				
	F/Lt. C. V. G. Usher				

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	F/Sgt. R. J. Irving				
0700 hrs 12/6/43 to 0700 hrs 12/6/43 <sup>20</sup>					
AL597	F/O Evans J. & Crew	Air Test	08.30	09.30	
Wellington IC					
HE123	Sgt. Hedley C. H.				Ferry Flight to Jessore
	Sgt. Tubb				
Lib II					
AL550	F/Lt. K. S. Jenner	Ops. Bombing	18.00	02.40	Target – Mandalay Marshalling Yards. Bomb load:- 10 x 500 lb. 2 x 250, 40 x 4 lb. incend. 1st stick: Ht. 9000' Hdg. 020° seen to burst in close vicinity Marshalling yards. Last two overshooting on eastern side. 2nd stick: Nt. 9000' Hdg. 150°. Bombs seen to burst across target. 1 photo shows stick across S. end of Yards.
	Sgt. F. N. Ellis				
	F/O A. P. Crapper				
	F/Sgt. R. J. Irving				
	Sgt. J. R. Swain				
	Sgt. P. Belkin				
	P/O G. Palmer				
	F/Lt. F. E. Ashworth				
AL597	F/O J. Evans	Ops. Bombing	17.55	02.55	Target – as above. Bomb load: 6 x 500 lb., 2 x 250 lb., 474 x 4 lb. incend. 1 stick Ht. 2500' Hdg. 315°. Burst across S. end of yards starting many fires and few small explosions. Confirmed by photo.
	P/O J. Gauntlett				
	P/O W. J. Charlton				
	P/O K. R? Barton				
	Sgt. W. A. Kirkness				
	Sgt. L. ? Bridgman				
	Sgt. C. Nicholls				
	Sgt. C. Kirby				
	Sgt. W. E? T. Rozee				
AL541	F/Lt. Stokes & Crew	Air Test	07.45	09.15	
AL541	F/Lt. P. G. Stokes	Ops. Bombing	06.10 <sup>21</sup>	03.05	Target: Mandalay Marshalling Yards. Bomb load:- 10 x 500 lb., 2 x 250 lb., 40 x 4 lb. incend. 1st stick: Ht. 9000' Hdg. 110°. Bombs seen to burst in vicinity of target, 1 small red, 2 small white fires resulting from incendiaries.
	Sgt. King				
	F/Sgt. Bell				
	P/O Fullerton ? DFM				
	F/O Ustick				
	Sgt. Harris				
	Sgt. Edwards				
	Sgt. McGregor				
0700 hrs 15/6/43 to 0700 hrs 16/6/43					

<sup>20</sup> The 12th is typed in the original as the to and from date.

<sup>21</sup> This is what is typed in record; correct time may be 18.10.

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
AL597	F/Lt. Massey L. P. D.F.C. & Crew	Air Test	09.00	09.45	
AL550	F/Sgt. Davison ? R. & Crew	Air Test	08.20	09.30	
AL541	F/O S. A. Sharpe & Crew	Air Test	09.55	10.25	
0700 hrs 16/6/43 to 0700 hrs 17/6/43					
AL597	F/Sgt. Davison ? R. Sgt. C. H. Hedley F/O A. F. Crapper F/Sgt. J. Templeton Sgt. F. W. Tubb Sgt. S. J. Webb Sgt. W? Lear Sgt. P. C. Major	Ops. Bombing	21.00	06.10	Bomb Load – 9 x 500 lb., 2 x 250 40 x 4 lb. incend. Unable to bomb Toungoo A/D as briefed because of heavy cloud over whole area. Bombs dropped on Cmedurais?? and island off S/E coast of it. All seen to burst. No results observed.
AL550	F/O J. Evans F/O J. R. Gauntlett P/O W. J. Charlton F/Sgt. Irving R. J. Sgt. L. A. Bridgman Sgt. C. Nicholls Sgt. A. Webb? Sgt. F. W. T. Rozee	Ops. Bombing	21.00	06.25	Bomb Load 10 x 500, 2 x 250, 40 x 4 lb. incend. Unable to bomb Toungoo for above reasons. 1 stick on bearing 130° seen to burst and believed to straddle Myanaung Railway Station, resulting in one medium red fire at N. end and the usual incendiary fires.
AL541	F/O S. A. Sharpe F/Sgt. Jones K. W. Sgt. G. W. Webzell Sgt. R. King Sgt. ? A.. Buchanan Sgt. J. W. Fayle Sgt. D. Ryan Sgt. W. E? Hopkins	Ops. Bombing	20.55	06.40	Bombs brought back.
0700 hrs 20/6/43 to 0700 hrs 21/6/43					
AL597	P/O K. H. Brailsford F/Sgt. J. H. Jones P/O W. J. Charlton Sgt. A. R. Burn Sgt. L. A. Bridgman Sgt. R. C. ? Chalmers Sgt. F. W. T Rozee	Air Test Training	10.20	12.35	To Sager Is. Air Firing Range – Air to sea firing – B??alasore – Return to base.

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	Sgt. C. Nicholls				
	F/Lt. Ashworth F. K?				
0700 hrs 21/6/43 to 0700 hrs 22/6/43					
AL541	P/O W. Hall & Crew	Air Test	10.15	11.00	
AL541	P/O W. Hall	Ops.	22.55	04.55	Unable to reach Burma Coast because of intense cloud. Bombs brought back.
	Sgt Barritt J.	Bombing			
	F/Sgt. Culleton J. N.				
	F/Sgt. D. R. Barrell <sup>22</sup>				
	Sgt. K. J. McLaughlin				
	Sgt. D. M? Black				
	Sgt. F. J. Edwards				
	Sgt. D. Stokoe				
	P/O O'Donohue D.F.M.				
0700 hrs 22/6/43 to 0700 hrs 23/6/43					
AL541	F/Lt. F. G. Stokes & Crew		14.45	15.45	Test supply dropping.
AL541	P/O E. D. Wallace	Training	20.45	21.55	Circuits and landings.
	F/O K. S. Stanley				
	Sgt. King				
	F/Sgt. Ghent				
	Sgt. J. Tringham				
	Sgt. Smith				
AL541	P/O E. D. Wallace	Training	22.00	23.10	Circuits and landings.
	S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg				
	Sgt. King				
	F/Sgt. Ghent				
	Sgt. Tringham J. T				
	Sgt. Smith				
0700 hrs 23/6/43 to 0700 hrs 24/6/43					
AL597	P/O Brailsford & Crew	Air Test	19.05	19.35	
AL571	P/O Wallace W. & Crew	Air Test	17.55	18.30	
0700 hrs 24/6/43 to 0700 hrs 25/6/43					
AL597	F/Lt. K. S. Jenner	Training	20.00	23.20	Circuits and landings. Sgt. Cox solo.
	Sgt. Ellis F. N.				
	Sgt. C. H. Cox				

<sup>22</sup> Entry in the records appears to be F/S. R. J. Barrett; this is assumed to be in error and the name F/S. D. R. Barrell (often on Hall's crew) has been substituted. It should be noted that the name Barrett does not appear elsewhere in the records for 1943.

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	Sgt. L. A. Bridgman				
	Sgt. Nicholls C.				
	Sgt. Rozee F. W. T.				
	F/Sgt. Morgan				
AL541	F/Lt. F. G. Stokes	Training	08.45	11.25	Circuits and Landings.
	F/O E. S. D. Stanley				
	Sgt. King				
	F/Sgt. Hutton				
	Sgt. Brown				
AL541	Sgt King	Training	10.00	10.20	Circuits and Landings.
	F/O E. S. Stanley				
	F/Sgt. Hutton				
	Sgt. Brown				
AL541	F/Lt. F. G. Stokes	Training	14.55	15.35	Circuits and Landings.
	F/O E. Stanley				
	Sgt. Denton				
	P/O O'Donohue				
	F/Sgt. Westermark				
0700 hrs 24/6/43 to 0700 hrs 25/6/43 <sup>23</sup>					
AL571	Sgt. King	Training	15.00	18.20	Cross Country
	Sgt. Barritt				
	F/Sgt. Bell				
	Sgt. McGregor				
	Sgt. Edwards				
	Sgt. J. T. Tringham				
AL541	F/O E. Stanley	Training	15.35	15.55	Circuits and Landings.
	Sgt. Denton??				
	P/O O'Donohue				
	F/Sgt. Westermark				
0700 hrs 25/6/43 to 0700 hrs 26/6/43					
AL541	Sgt. King	Training	09.45	12.15	Practice Bombing at Rannagar Range.
	Sgt. Barritt				
	F/Sgt. Bell				
	Sgt. McGregor				
	Sgt. McLaughlin				
	Sgt. Harris				

<sup>23</sup> Note same date as entries above.

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	Sgt. Black				
	Sgt. Edwards				
0700 hrs 26/6/43 to 0700 hrs 27/6/43					
AL571	F/O E. Stanley	Training	10.30	14.35	Cross Country
	F/Sgt. Falconer				
	P/O O'Donohue				
	Sgt. Westermark				
	Sgt. Lomas				
	F/O Sier				
	Sgt. Ryan				
	Sgt. King				
AL541	F/Lt. F. G. Stokes & Crew	Air Test	18.00	18.20	
0700 hrs 27/6/43 to 0700 hrs 28/6/43					
AL597	P/O K. H. Brailsford & Crew	Air Test	08.30	09.30	
AL571	P/O E. D. Wallace & Crew	Air Test	25 mins.		
AL541	F/Lt. F. G. Stokes	Training	20.45	21.00	Circuits & Landings.
	F/O E. Stanley				
	Sgt. King				
	P/O O'Donohue				
	F/Sgt. Westermark				
	F/Sgt. King				
0700 hrs 28/6/43 to 0700 hrs 29/6/43					
AL597	F/O J. Gauntlett <sup>24</sup> ??	Training	09.15	11.20	Circuits & Landings, Compass swing. Assimilation bombing.
	F/Sgt. K. W. Jones				
	P/O H. J Hillyard				
	F/Sgt. Morgan				
	Sgt. W. E? Seymour				
	Sgt. Forson A.				
	Sgt. Lear W?				
AL541	F/O Stanley & Crew	Air Test	11.45	12.15	
AL541	F/Lt. F. G. Stokes	Training	<sup>25</sup>		Circuits & Landings.
	F/O E. Stanley				
	Sgt. King				

<sup>24</sup> This is typed in original as Fauntlett: Gauntlett is believed correct.

<sup>25</sup> Times not given.

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	P/O O'Donohue				
	F/Sgt. Westermark				
	F/Sgt. King				
0700 hrs 29/6/43 to 0700 hrs 30/6/43					
AL597	F/O ? Evans & Crew	Air Test	18.00	18.30	
AL571	P/O E. D. Wallace & Crew	Air Test	11.35	12.00	
AL541	F/Lt. F. G. Stokes	Training	20.30	21.30	Circuits & Landings.
	F/O E. Stanley				
	Sgt. King				
	F/Sgt. Bell				
	Sgt. McGregor				
AL541	F/O E. Stanley	Training	21.30	21.45	Circuits & Landings.
	Sgt. King				
	F/Sgt. Bell				
	Sgt. McGregor				

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events
Salboni	1.7.43		Training flights carried out.
	2.7.43		Fighter Affiliation exercises carried out.
	3.7.43		The following aircrew posted to 159 Sqdn from Ferry Pool Karachi: P/O G Canning, P/O L. W. Copp, P/O ? ? H. McDougall. Liberator II Aircraft AL553??? taken on strength of Sqdn. F/Lt. G. V Usher posted to Bengal Maint. Wing. Air test carried out. C.O's Parade & Inspection. S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg assumed command of Sqdn vice W/C N. M. Boffee D.F.C. P/O K. N? Brailsford assumes the duties of the Sports Officer Vice F/Lt. S. A. Sharpe.
	4.7.43		Training flight carried out.
	5.7.43		Training flight carried out. F/O N. H?awlinson attached to Sqdn. on posting to Met. Forecast Centre, Salboni.
	6.7.43		Training Flight Carried out.
	8.7.43		W/C. N. M. Boffee assumed command of Sqdn. vice S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg. Training Flights carried out.
	9.7.43		Air Test carried out.
	10.7.43		F/O A. J. J. K?irk posted from 159 Sqdn. to Assault Wing. 40? N.C.O's and airmen left on hill party for Chakrata. Fighter affiliation exercise carried out.
	13.7.43		Training flights carried out
	14.7.43		Training flights carried out.
	15.7.43		S/Ldr L. F? Massey DFC? Assumes command of Sqdn. vice W/Cdr. N. M. Boffee D.F.C.
	17.7.43		Following aircrews attached to Sqdn. from A.H.Q India. P/O S. L. Pettingale, F/O E. E. Smith, P/O McDermott, P/O Greengrass, Sgt. Chapman, F/Sgt. G?ristwood?, Sgt. Lawson? & F/Sgt. Simmons. Liberator II aircraft AL557? taken on strength of Sqdn. P/O B? Ercolani posted to squadron on first appmt. to commission.
	18.7.43		Air tests carried out
	19.7.43		Death of 1104569LAC W. H. Gent in 38 ?????? on 18.7.43 is regrettably announced.
	20.7.43		Fighter affiliation The following aircrew
	21.7.43		?????? ???? carried out.
	22.7.43		W/Cdr. N. M. Boffee F/? ? ? Barton assumed duties
	23.7.43		Training flights carried out.
	24.7.43		F/O. ???? over duties as officer
	25.7.43		F/O. ???? attached to
	26.7.43		The following
	28.7.43		Training flights carried out.
	29.7.43		Ditto. F/Lt.
	30.7.43		Air Test carried out. F?/O. H? ? Hillyard assumes duties of offices
	31.7.43		C.O's ?????? inspection, W/Cdr. N. M. Boffee F/Lt. P/O. B? G? Coates posted from sqdn. to ??? Group.



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Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
0700 hrs	1/7/43 to 0700 hrs 2/7/43				
Lib II					
AL571	F/O Stanley E. S. D. F/Sgt. Falconer J. P/O O'Donahue J. J. Sgt. Westermark J. F/Sgt. King. J. W. P?	Training	07.55	09.40	Assimilation Bombing.
AL597	F/Lt. K. S. Jenner Sgt. ? M. Ellis Sgt. C? M? Cox & Crew	Training	20.15	20.45	C & Landings and solo when fit. D.N.C.O. Brake bag u/s.
3?/7/43					
AL571	F/O Stanley E. S. D. Sgt. Lomas? J. D. F/Sgt. McGregor F/O R. ? Ustick F/Sgt. J. ? ? King Sgt. Fisher P/O Fullerton J. ? C?	Training	11.20	12?.00	Fighter Affiliation.
AL571	Sgt. King R? C. A. Sgt. Barritt J. F/Sgt. McGregor F/Sgt. Templeton J. Sgt. Talbot L. V. Sgt. Bridgeman L. ? Sgt. Black M? Sgt. Edwards F. J.	Training	09.20	10.50	Fighter Affiliation.
AL597	F/Sgt. Davison M? N? F/Sgt. Jones K. W. Sgt. Hedley C. H. F/Sgt. Nixon G? F/O K. W. Ustick P/O Fullerton J? Sgt. Webb G? J. Sgt. Major ? C.	Training	08?.40	10.00	Fighter Affiliation.
AL597	S/Ldr. D? ? Massey	Training	10.10	11.3?0	Fighter Affiliation.

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	DFC				
	P/O K. ? Brailsford				
	F/Sgt. King. J. W. F?				
	F/O Rogers J. D.				
	Sgt. J. ? Tringham				
	Sgt. Belkin?? P?				
	F/Sgt. R. A. ? Powrie				
	P/O G? ? Palmer				
3.7.43					
AL571	P/O E. D. Wallace & Crew	Air Test	11.15	11.35	
4.7.43					
AL597	Sgt. Cox K. N.	Training	10.00	13.25	Cross country and assimilation bombing.
	Sgt. Ellis P. H.				
	W/O Bourque A. S.				
	Sgt. Pryde ? ?				
	Sgt Low J. ?				
	Sgt. Seymour W. E?				
	Sgt. Pisani A. P.				
	Sgt. O'Connor E? J.				
5?.7.43					
AL571	F/O Stanley E. S? D.	Training	10.25	12.45	Practice bombing – Salboni Range.
	F/O O'Donohue J. J? DFM?				
	Sgt. Burn A. R.				
	F/Sgt. Westermarck J.				
	Sgt. Barritt ?				
	Sgt. Lomas? L. D?				
	Sgt. Ryan J?				
	F/Sgt. King J. W? ?				
AL597	P/O K. H? Brailsford	Training	09.00	10.3?0	Practice Bombing – Salboni Range
	F/Sgt. Simmons? R. H.				
	W/O Portch J. G.				
	W/O A. S. Bourque				
	F/Sgt. G. A. Morgan				
	Sgt. W? Lear				
	Sgt Richards E. A.				
AL597	Sgt. Cox C. N?	Training	11.00	12?.00	Assimilation Bombing
	Sgt. Ellis P? ?				

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	W/O Bourque A. S.				
	Sgt. Pryde ? ?				
	Sgt. Low J. ?				
	Sgt. ? ? Seymour				
	Sgt. ? J. O'Connor				
?7.43					
AL571	F/Lt. ? ? Stokes?	Training	?????	????	Practice Bombing
	Sgt. A. J. Johnstone				
	F/Sgt. Hutton ? J.				
	Sgt. ? Brown				
	P/O H? S. Stanley??				
	Sgt. ? Henry??				
	Sgt. ? Stokoe				
7.7.43					
AL571	F/O E. D. Wallace	Training	09.25	11.50	Practice bombing.
	Sgt. Denton A. H?				
	F/Sgt. G. R. Ghent				
	Sgt. Smith F?				
	P/O K. W. Edwards				
	P/O O'Donohue ? J.				
	Sgt. Tringham J. T?				
	F/Sgt. Smith G?				
	F/Sgt. Bardell E. D.				
AL597	S/Ldr L. P. Massey DFC	Training	09.15	11.00	Practice bombing – Salboni Range.
	Sgt. Blue?? W. O?				
	W/O Portch J. G.				
	F/Sgt. Simpson				
	F/O J. ? Rogers				
	Sgt. P. Belkin				
	Sgt. Richards S? A.				
	F/Sgt. Powrie R. A.				
AL597	F/Sgt. Davison M? R?	Training	11.10	12.40	Practice bombing – Salboni Range.
	F/Sgt. Simmons? R? N?				
	P/O Charlton W? J.				
	F/Sgt. Templeton J.				
	Sgt. Nicholls S?				
	F/Sgt. Major ? C.				
	Sgt. Kirby C.				
	Sgt. Rozee F. W? T.				

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
8.7.43					
<sup>26</sup>	P/O Wallace E. D.	Training	09?.35	12?.50	Assimilation bombing.
	Sgt. A. ? Denton				
	F/Sgt. Culleton ? ?				
	Sgt. J. T. Tringham				
	P/O Edwards K, W.				
	F/Sgt. Bardell E? ?				
	Sgt. Smith ?				
	F/O Stanley ? ? ?				
	F/O Sier E. C.				
AL571	Sgt. King C. A. & Crew	Trng.	11.10	11.30?	Practice bombing, D.N.C.O. Weather u/s.
AL553	F/O Evans J.	Trng.	09.30	12.00	Practice bombing.
	Sgt. Hedley C. M?				
	P/O Charlton L? P?				
	Sgt. Nicholls G?				
	F/Sgt. Tubb				
	Sgt. Lear W?				
	Sgt. Kirby C.				
	Sgt. Rozee F. W. T.				
9.7.43					
AL553	P/O Brailsford K. H? & Crew	Air Test	09.40	11.20?	
10.7.43					
AL571	F/Lt. Stokes F. G.	Trng.	09.25	11.25?	Fighter affiliation.
	Sgt. Johnstone A. J.				
	Sgt. Talbot L. J.				
	Sgt. McGregor J. A.				
	F/Sgt. Hutton R. J.				
	Sgt. Hendry W.				
	P/O Ustick R. ?				
	Sgt. Stokoe D?				
	Sgt Brown?? J.				
	Sgt. Goodisson				
AL571	P/O Wallace E. D.	Trng.	11.50?	12.50?	Fighter affiliation.
	Sgt. Denton A. W.				
	F/Sgt. Ghent C. R.				
	Sgt Tringham J T?				

<sup>26</sup> No A/C serial given.

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	P/O Fullerton J. ? C?				
	F/Sgt. Smith K?				
	P/O. K. W. Edwards				
	Sgt Webb A. D.				
AL597	S/Ldr. Massey L. P? DFC	Trng.	08?.45	10.20	Fighter affiliation.
	Sgt. Blue W G?				
	P/O L. ? Charlton				
	P/O C? Canning				
	F/Lt. F? S? Ashworth				
	P/O J. ? G? Fullerton				
	Sgt Belkin P.				
	F/Sgt. Powrie R. A.				
10?.7.43					
AL553	F/O Evans J.	Trng.	09?.50	10.20	Fighter affiliation.
	F/O J. Gauntlett				
	F/Sgt. G. Nixon				
	Sgt. Forson A.				
	Sgt. Nicholls C.				
	Sgt Kirby C.				
	Sgt. Rozee F? W. T.				
AL550	P/O Brailsford K. W.	Trng.	???.50	10.25	Fighter affiliation.
	Sgt. Hedley C M?				
	F/Sgt. Morgan, G A.				
	Sgt. Lear W.				
	Sgt. O'Keefe P. J. J.				
	F/Sgt. Major F? G?				
	F/Sgt. Simpson				
AL553	F/O Gauntlett J. R	Trng.	11.?.0	12.??	Fighter affiliation.
	Sgt. Blue W. G?				
	Sgt. Burn A. R.				
	F/Sgt. Nixon G.				
	F/Sgt. Morgan G? A.				
	Sgt Lear W.				
	Sgt. Forson A.				
	Sgt. Ercolani A ?				
	F/O Rogers J. D?				
13?.7.43					
AL553	F/O J. Evans	Trng.	10.00	12.??	Air Sea Firing – beyond A. A. Range at Rannagar.

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	Sgt. C. ? Hedley				
	P/O L. J. Charlton				
	F/Sgt. ? ? Morgan				
	Sgt P? Belkin				
	Sgt. C Nicholls				
	Sgt. C. Kirby				
	Sgt P? ? T. Rozee				
	F/Sgt. R. A. Powrie				
	F/Sgt. Simpson				
AL571	F/Lt. F. G. Stokes & Crew	Air Test	19.00	19.20	
AL597	F/S. ? R. Davison	Trng.	09.50	12.20	Air Sea firing – beyond A. A. Range at Rannagar?.
	F/O. J. Gauntlett				
	F/S. N. J. Nicholas				
	F/S. J. Templeton				
	F/Sgt. Forson				
	Sgt. D. ? Ercolani				
	Sgt. White				
	F/Sgt. F. C. Major				
	Sgt. O'Keefe P.				
14.7.43					
AL597	P/O. Brailsford K. M.	Trng.	09.45	11.15	Bombing Salboni Range.
	Sgt. W. G. Blue				
	F?/O. L? J. Charlton				
	F/Sgt. R. J. Irving				
	F/Sgt. C. A. Morgan				
	Sgt. W. Lear				
	Sgt. O'Keefe P.				
	Sgt. D. ? Ercolani				
AL597	F/O. J. Gauntlett	Trng.	11.25?	12.05?	do.
	Sgt. W. G. Blue				
	F/Sgt. N. J. Nichcolas <sup>27</sup>				
	Sgt. J ? ? Tubb				
	F/Sgt. ? ? Major				
	Sgt. White				
	Sgt. Belkin P.				
	F/Sgt. Templeton ?				

<sup>27</sup> As typed in Form 541; should this be Nicholas?

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
18? 7.43					
AL553	F/O K M? Brailsford & Crew	Air Test	11.05	11.45	Duty carried out.
AL571	F/Lt. F. G. Stokes & Crew	Air Test	09.45	10.15	Ditto
19.7.43					
Lib II					
AL553	F/O. J. Evans	Trng.	09.30	12.00	Wireless Calibration and Bombing.
	F/O. J. R. Gauntlett				
	P?/O L. J. Charlton				
	F/Sgt. N? J. Nicholas				
	P/O. J. ? Fullerton DFM				
	Sgt. L. A. Bridgman				
	F/O. Canning				
	F/Sgt. Clegg				
20?.7.43					
AL571	P/O. E. D. Wallace	Trng.	08.45	10.25	Fighter Affiliation – 3 A/C.
	Sgt. Denton A. ?				
	F/Sgt. C. R. Ghent				
	F/Sgt. Smith F.				
	Sgt. Tringham J. T.				
	Sgt. Smith G.				
	Sgt. Goodisson P?				
	Sgt. Talbot L. J.				
	P/O. K. Edwards.				
AL571	F/O. E. J. D. Stanley	do.	11.00	11.50	Ditto
	F/Sgt. Falconer J N?				
	Sgt. Webb ? J.				
	F/Sgt. King J. ?				
	P/O. Ustick ? W.				
do.	P/O. J Evans	do.	09.00	10.45	Ditto
	F/O. J. R. Gauntlett				
	W/O. Hartshorn?				
	P/O. J. Fullerton DFM				
	P?/O Canning??				
	F/Lt. F? ? Ashworth				
	Sgt. M? J. Nicholas				
	F/S. F? C. Major				
do.	P?/O. K. ? Brailsford	do.	09.10	10.??	Ditto

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	Sgt. C. M? Hedley				
	?/O ? J. Charlton				
	F/Sgt. ? J. Irving				
	Sgt. W? Lear				
	Sgt. P. O'Keefe				
	F/Sgt. Morgan				
AL571	P/O. J. R. Gauntlett	Trng.	11.00	12.00	Fighter Affiliation 2? aircraft.
	Sgt. W. G? Blue				
	F/Lt. F. S? Ashworth				
	W/O. Hartshorn?				
	P?/O J. Rogers				
	F?/O Canning				
	Sgt. C. Kirby				
	F/Sgt. Powrie				
21.7.43					
AL597	F/O. J. Gauntlett	N.F.T.	09.45	10.10	
	Sgt. W. G. Blue & Crew				
AL553	P/O. K? H? Brailsford	do.	12.00	12.40	
	Sgt. C. M. Hedley				
AL571	P/O E. D. Wallace & Crew	do.	10.45?	11.15	
AL571	P/O E. D. Wallace	Ops. Bombing	23.45	05.20?	Target Sagaing? (secondary) Bomb Load – 10 x 500, 2? x 250, 40 x 4 lb. incend. Engine? failure prevented aircraft reaching primary target. All bombs dropped in one stick on hdg. 150° between Bridge and jetty. Bursts seen, Results unobserved, Landed at Chittagong on return.
	Sgt. ? Denton				
	F/Sgt. C. R. Ghent				
	P/O. O'Donahue DFM?				
	Sgt. Tringham ? J.				
	Sgt. F? Smith				
	Sgt. Webb				
	F/Sgt. Smith				
	W/O Bardell?				
AL597	F/O J. Evans	do.	00.0?1	07.??	Target – B?edar? Bomb load as above. 2 sticks dropped from 5?000' on hdg. of 170° and 21?0°. Greenish white fire growing rapidly started in living quarters. No other results seen.
	F/O. J. R? Gauntlett				
	P/O L. J. Charlton				
	Sgt. L. A. Bridgman				
	F/L. F? S. Ashworth				
	Sgt. C? Nicholls				
	Sgt. Kirby				
	Sgt. Rozee				
AL553	F?/O K? H? Brailsford	do.	23.55	07.45	Target & bomb load as above One stick dropped on Hdg. 020°. No

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	Sgt. C. M. Hedley				reconnaissance? photos were obtained and results not accurately observed due to heavy ground haze and ???ily poor visibility.
	F/S. N. W? Nicholas?				
	F/S. ? J. Irving				
	F/Sgt. Morgan				
	Sgt. W. Lear				
	Sgt. P. O'Keefe				
	F/S. F? C? ?????? <sup>28</sup>				
22.7.43					
AL571	P/O E. D. Wallace & Crew	Ops.	08.40	11.00	Return from Chittagong.
AL541	F/Lt. K. S. Jenner & Crew	Air Test	10.10	11.00	
23.7.43					
Lib. V. <sup>29</sup>					
BZ833	P/O. Servos, F/Lt. K. S. Jenner & Crew	Trng.	18.35	19.10	Circuits & Landings.
AL550	F/S. N? R. Davison	Air Test	18.00	18.30	
	Sgt. Ellis				
AL553	P/O. J. Evans	Trng.	20.00	22.00	Circuits & Landings.
	P?/O J. R. Gauntlett				
	Sgt. C. Ellis				
	Sgt. Pryde?				
	Sgt. Low J.				
	Sgt. A. Pisani				
AL541	F?/O E. J. D. Stanley & Crew	Air Test	16.20	16.50	
AL579	F/Lt. K. S. Jenner & Crew	do.	19.25	19.55	Test after Major Repair.
AL541	P/O. E. D. Wallace	Trng.	23.20	23.45	Circuits & Landings.
	Sgt. C. King				
	F?/O E. J. D. Stanley				
24.7.43					
AL541	P/O E. D. Wallace		23.25	02.55	Returned – Weather u/s. Bombs and petrol brought back.
	F/O E? J. D. Stanley				
	P/O J. O'Donohue				
	F/Sgt. Westermarck, J.				

<sup>28</sup> This might be Clegg.

<sup>29</sup> Air Britain shows this as a Liberator Mk.III.

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	Sgt. Lomas, L. D.				
	Sgt. Ryan, J.				
	F/Sgt. King J. ?				
	P/O. Edwards				
AL541	F/O E. J. D. Stanley & Crew	Air Test	17.50	18.35	
AL550	F/O J. Evans	Trng.	09.05	10.35	Aircraft u/s at Kharekpur.
	Sgt. W? G? Blue & Crew				
AL553	F/Sgt. ? R? Davison & Crew	N.F.T.	13.00	13.40	
AL553	F/Sgt. ? R? Davison	Ops. Bombing	23.30	08.00	Target Bo,bed – Monyws – Bomb load 10 x 500, 3 x 250, 40 x 4 lb. incends. Bad weather prevented location of primary target of Segming. Severe icing conditions affected 2 engines, one of which cut completely for 20 mins. 2 sticks dropped on Hdg. 250° x 255°. Most of bombs undershot into river – one sudden medium greenish fire started on bank.
	P/O J. R. Gauntlett				
	F/S. W? J? Nicholas				
	W/O Portch				
	F/S. J. Templeton				
	Sgt. J. W? Tubb				
	Sgt. E? A. Richards				
	Sgt. White				
	F/Sgt. F? C? Major				
28.7.43					
AL541	Sgt. King G	Training	10.35	12.00	Practice bombing, Compass swings.
	Sgt. Barritt				
	F/S. Bell				
	Sgt. Black				
	Sgt. Edwards				
	Sgt. McCoughlin				
	Sgt. Stokoe				
	Sgt. McGregor				
Lib. V					
BZ833	F/Lt. K. S. Jenner & Crew	Air Test	09.15	10.15	
do.	W/Cdr. N. M. Boffee & Crew	do.	10.15	10.45	
do.	F/Lt. K. S. Jenner & Crew	Training	10.45	11.30	Digri – Saboni.
29.7.43					
AL541	F/O E. J. D. Stanley	do.	11.15	12.05	Simulation Bombing.
	Sgt. Johnstone				

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	P/O J. O'Donohue				
	Sgt. L. D. Lomas				
	F/Sgt. J. Westermarck				
	Sgt. J. Ryan				
	F/Sgt. King J.				
AL553	F?/O J. Evans	do.	10.30	12.15	Circuits and Landings.
	Sgt. ? Ellis				
	Sgt. L. A. Bridgman				
AL560	F/O J. ? Musgrave & Crew	Air Test	13.00	13.40	Digri to Salboni

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events
Salboni	3.8.43		F/O S. Canning assumed duties of Unit Security Officer vice P/O L. J. Charlton, and duties of Officer i/c Sgts. Mess vice F/O J. Evans w.e.f. 5.8.43.
	5.8.43		P/O J. R. C. Fullerton assumes duties of Station Signals Officer vice F/O A. J. J. Kirk in addition to duties of Squadron Signals Officer. Following awarded powers of punishment of subordinate commander, F/O E. J. D. Stanley, F/O J. S. Spence.
	6.8.42		W/Cdr. N. M. Boffee D.F.C. proceeded to Delhi for conference. S/Ldr. L. P. Massey D.F.C. assumes command of Squadron. Lecture on Burma by Mr. Dennison of Bengal Government was given to all personnel. Orders issued to the effect that "w.e.f. 7.8.43, all vehicles leaving camp area will take an armed guard of one person. An additional guard will be carried by vehicles on the Midnapore – Khargpur Rd. Officers and W/O's will carry side arms. Salboni, Khargpur, and Midnapore are placed out of bounds." These security precautions were taken as a safeguard against any disturbances liable to arise during the celebrations of the anniversary of Congress.
	8.8.43		F/Lt. C. V. Usher posted to Bengal (M) Wing (S/Ldr. Tech (Eng) Post).
	9.8.43		F/Lt. F. E? Ashworth assumes command of Squadron vice S/Ldr. L. P. Massey D.F.C. Commanding Officer regretfully announced the death of 1193821 LAC Bryant W. C. on 8th August in 29 C.G.H. Midhapore.
	11.8.43		S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg Assumed command of Squadron vice F/Lt. F. E? Ashworth.
	12.8.43		W/Cdr. N. M. Boffee D.F.C. assumes command of Squadron vice S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg D.F.C. The following deaths were caused by accidents in aircraft <sup>30</sup> at approximately 11.00 hrs:- P/O S. L. Pettingale <sup>31</sup> ; F/O E. E. Smith; F/O J. Greengrass; F/Sgt. J. Simmons, NZ.494100; F/Sgt. R. J. Hutton 1370274; Sgt. H. D. Chapman <sup>32</sup> 990569; LAC D. Cooper 1430704. The aircraft crashed while flying on 3 engines. An unsuccessful landing had been attempted and an effort was made to complete another circuit and come in again when the aircraft was seen to crash from a height of approx. 200 ft.
	14.8.43		C.O's parade and inspection was held.
	16.8.43		F/O K. ? Barton and Sgt A. Watson proceeded to Pandaveswar (W.S.A.A.F.) to collect information about Liberator Mk.III. Security Orders D.R.O's 139 cancelled. No disturbances were encountered.
	18.8.43		P/O J. A. McDermott Appointed Salvage Officer for Squadron.
	20.8.43		Orders issued for 15 mins drill to be carried out by Flights & Sections 3 mornings per week. P/O C. ? E? Morgan posted from this unit to 124 Wing. (F/Lt. Int. Post) and attached to this Unit. The following reinforcement aircraft and crew arrived on Squadron. Liberator Mk.III BZ841. P/O K. R? Henry, F/Sgt. S. R. M. Riddell, Sgt. George, Sgt. G. Freisen, Sgt. B? Wilkinson, Sgt. M? P? Morsley, Sgt. McCormack.
	21.8.43		C.O's parade and inspection. Officers' Mess entertained ground crew Srn.N.C.O's at a party in the Officers' Mess. The following reinforcement aircraft and crews arrived on the Squadron, Liberator Mk.III BZ840?, F/O? ? E. Banks, P/O H. H. Pedlar, P/O R. J? Kelleher, P/O W. A. Porterfield, Sgt. J. F. Clements, Sgt W. A. Baker; Liberator Mk.III BZ847, P/O G. J.

<sup>30</sup> AL560

<sup>31</sup> Initials are given as S. J. in record, but CWGC database gives S. L. which is correct.

<sup>32</sup> Initials are given as G. F. in record, but CWGC database gives H. D.

Place	Date	Time	Summary of Events
			Munday, P/O M. Batey, P/O C. W. Marshall, Sgt. G. V. Wolstenhome?, Sgt. L. Thomas, Sgt L. Scholl, Sgt. H? Tout, F/Sgt. M? A. Bott. <sup>33</sup>
	23.8.43		F/Lt. F. E? Ashworth proceeded to Pandaveswar (W.S.A.A.F.) to collect information on Mark III Liberator. P/O M. M. Hodgkinson posted to this unit from 221 Group pending employment as Assistant Adjutant on 355 Squadron on formation. The following reinforcement aircraft and crews arrived on the Squadron. Liberator Mk.III BZ835?. P/O D. K. Horner, P/O J H?esley, Sgt. D. S. Sinclair; Sgt. T. G. Mowatt, Sgt. J. E. Armstron, Sgt. Robinson. Liberator Mk.III BZ842. Sgt. G. M. Tomlinson, Sgt. G. Ibbotson, Sgt. E? N. Larssen, P?/O A. Jackson, F/Sgt. H. G? Whale, F/Sgt. S. L. M. Watson, F/Sgt. J. S. McGaughran? Sgt. J. J. Douglas.
	24.8.43		P/O Powell (Int) attached to this Unit from 184 Wing.
	26.8.43		W/Cdr. Leather (A.H.Q. India) lectured all aircrew and some ground personnel on tactics of N. African Campaign. G/Capt. Black, Sqdn. Commanders of 45 and 110 Sqdn.s and of 38? Sqdn. were present.
	27.8.43		P/O J. J. O'Donohue D.F.M. and P/O L. J. Charlton proceeded to Armada Road on Bombing Leaders' Course and F/O J. D. A. Rogers on Gunnery Leaders' Course.
	28.8.43		F/Lt. K. S. Jenner proceeded to Pandaveswar to collect information on Mk.III Liberator. F/O G. Canning promoted F/Lt. w.e.f. 24.6?.43. F/O (A/F/Lt) K. S. Jenner promoted F/Lt. w.e.f. 28.6.43. The following reinforcement aircraft and crew arrived on the Squadron. Liberator Mk.III BZ850. F/Sgt. E. Hawks, P/O H. V. Stinson?, Sgt. Tobin, Sgt. K. Barber, Sgt. C. C. Cliffe, Sgt. J. S. Ferguson, Sgt. L. C. Colborne, Sgt. B? S. Wiltshire.
	30.8.43		P/O D. B? Ercolani takes over duties of Unit Security Officer vice F/Lt. G? Canning.

<sup>33</sup> These crews may have been posted on to 354 Squadron – this requires further research.



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Date	Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
						Nil Operational Flying.

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Place	Date	Summary of Events
Salbani	1.9.43	F/O R. W. Ustick took over duties of Gunnery Leader vice F/Lt. F. E. Ashworth w.e.f. 31.8.43. W/O. W. J. Ware took over duties of C.M.C. Sergeants' Mess, 159 Squadron, from W/O. L. Keeling, for period 1.9.43 until 31.12.43.
	2.9.43	No. 184 Wing Salbani formed w.e.f. 20.8.43.
	3.9.43	S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg assumes control of 159 Squadron vice W/Cdr. N. M. Boffee D.F.C. w.e.f. 3.9.43.
	4.9.43	F/Lt. R. F. Body assumed duties of Adjutant of 159 Squadron, vice F/O J. S. Spence w.e.f. 3.9.43. F/O J. R. Musgrave assumed the duties of Officer i/c P.S.I. vice F/Lt. R. F. Body, w.e.f. 5.9.43.
	5.9.43	S/Ldr. J. M. O. Dyer – Officer commanding 1584 Conversion Flight, arrived Salbani.
	8.9.43	S/Ldr. R. F. Beddow, Intelligence Officer – posted Karachi 8.9.43.
	14.9.43	W/Cdr. N. M. Boffee, D.F.C., assumed command of 159 Squadron vice S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg w.e.f. 14.9.43.
	18.9.43	A Commanding Officer's Parade and Inspection was held.
	20.9.43	F/O. D. I. C. Boissier was appointed Officer i/c Education for the Squadron, with Sergeant A. E. Stout to act as his assistant.
	22.9.43	Visit of His Grace the Archbishop of Bombay. The Most Rev. T. D. Roberts, D.D. Bishopo Delegate to H. M. Forces in India visited the Station, and special services were held on the 22nd and 23rd. September for Roman Catholic personnel. P/O. Rockett took over duties of Welfare Officer vice F/O. J. S. Spence w.e.f. 20.9.43.
	23.9.43	S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg assumed Command of 159 Squadron vice W/Cdr. N. M. Boffee D.F.C. w.e.f. 23.9.43.
	24.9.43	King's Birthday Honours List. Mentions in Despatches: W.O. W. E? Boteler; Sgt. E? W. Rochford; F/Sgt. J. Stanton; F/Sgt. R. N. Erickson; Sgt. C. H. B? McRoberts.
	25.9.43	At. 00.55 hours aircraft BZ838 "O" crashed on landing at Salbani aerodrome. It appears that the aircraft made three circuits and attempts to land but finished wide of the runway. The pilot, F/Lt. F. G. Stokes, sustained a compound fracture of the left lower leg and was removed to Midnapur Hospital. Sgt. D. Stokoe received a simple fracture of the left hand, but the other four members of the crew escaped with cuts, abrasions and shock.
	27.9.43	Group Captain R. C. Wilson assumes command of No. 184 Wing Salbani, and R.A.F. Stations at Khargpur and Dhudkundi w.e.f. 2.8.43. King's Birthday Honours List: Mentioned in Despatches:- S/Ldr J. M. O. Dyer, D.F.C.; Sgt H. S. Morris and F/Sgt. H? Reid.
		Sports Notes:
		Soccer:
		The Squadron Soccer Team has had a very successful record during September. Matches were played against No. 5 Squadron, No. 31 Squadron, No. 45 Squadron, No. 110 Squadron, R. & S.S., No. 168 Wing and the Combined Digri Team. All these matches were won except one, the Combined Digri Team match. A Charity match was played versus the Combined Khargpur R.A.F. team and was won 4 goals to one. The Monsoon League Championship was won by "A" Flight Ground Staff.
		Baseball:
		The Canadians on the Squadron are extremely keen on introducing baseball, played with a soft ball. The game seems to be becoming quite popular.
		Cricket:
		A concrete strip has been laid and matting wicket obtained for covering same. It is hoped that play will be commenced at the end of the Monsoon.
		Darts:

Place	Date	Summary of Events
		W/Cdr. N. M. Boffee, D.F.C., kindly presented a cup and medals for the inter section darts competition. In the first competition the cup was won by the M.T. "A" Team.
		Postings:
Salbani	1.9.43	F/Lt. K. S. Jenner GD(P) Posted from this unit to 1584 H.B Conversion Flight w.e.f. 1.9.43.
	2.9.43	F/O. L. G. A. Muchanan A&SD (C&C) Posted to this unit as Cypher Officer.
	15.9.43	F/O. A. J. Almond Tech (Eng) Posted to this unit as Engineer Officer.
	1.9.43	F/O. W. Hall GD(P) Posted from this unit to 1584 H.B Conversion Flight w.e.f. 1.9.43.
	23.9.43	P/O. G. H?ettelley A&SD (Int) Posted to unit as Intelligence Officer.
		Promotions:
		F/O. D. I. C. Boissier: Promoted F/Lt. (W.S.) w.e.f. 15.8.43.
		P/O. K. W. Edwards: Promoted F/O. (Temp.) w.e.f. 8.11.42.
		P/O. L. J. Charlton: Promoted F/O. (Temp.) w.e.f. 25.4.43.
		F/O. J. Evans: Promoted F/Lt. (W.S.) w.e.f. 3.7.43
		P/O. J. R. C. Fullerton: DFM. Promoted F/O. (W.Sub) w.e.f. 1.11.42.
		P/O. W. Hall: Promoted F/O. (W.S.) w.e.f. 17.6.43.
		P/O. J. A. McDermott (RNZAF) Promoted F/O. (Temp.) w.e.f. 19.5.43.

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Place	Date	Summary of Events
Salbani	3.10.43	The Advance Party of 159 Squadron under F/Lt. J. R. Gauntlett moved to Dubhkundi?? In preparation for the move of the Squadron at a later date.
	4.10.43	F/O. E? J. D. Stanley assumed duties of Squadron Welfare officer vice P/O. R. H? Rockett w.e.f. 5.10.43 F/O. J. R. C. Fullerton, D.F.M. assumed duties of P.S.I. Officer vice P/O. J. R. Musgrave w.e.f. 5.10.43. F/O. J. A. McDermott assumed duties of Security Officer vice P/O. Ercolani w.e.f. 5.10.43.
	6.10.43	F/O. A. J. Almond, Squadron Engineer Officer assumed duties of M.T. Officer vice F/O. S. A. Sharpe, w.e.f. 6.10.43.
	6&7.10.43	The Military Band of the North Staffs. Regiment gave two evening performances in the camp Cinema. Both concerts were very well attended, and greatly appreciated.
	9.10.43	During Operations on the night 9/10th October one of our aircraft failed to return. The following personnel are reported as missing <sup>34</sup> :- S/Ldr. L. P. Massey, D.F.C. & Bar: (Captain) F/Sgt. W. G. Blue. (Co-Pilot): F/Sgt. R. A. Lewis. (Navigator): F/Sgt. A. Simpson. (1st W/op): Sgt. J. ? Wadsworth (2nd W/op): F/Sgt. J. L. Ridsdale (M.U.) (F.C.): F/Sgt. P? Belkin. (B.G.): F/Sgt. R. A. Powrie (R.G.):
	11.10.43	Wing Commander N. M. Boffee, D.F.C., assumed command of No. 159 Squadron, vice S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg. w.e.f. 10.10.43. F/O. H. C. Sier assumes the duties of Officer i/c Sergeants' Mess vice F/Lt. J. Evans w.e.f. 15.10.43. P/O. G. A. Gowing assumed the duties of Security Officer and Censorship Officer vice F/O. J. A. McDermott, w.e.f. 12.10.43.
	12.10.43	With effect from today, the working hours of the Squadron in the afternoon are to be as follows:- Commence work 14.00 hrs. Cease work 15.30 hrs. Dinner 17.30 to 18.30 hrs. F/O. J. R. Gauntlett was awarded the powers of a Subordinate Commander in accordance with K.R. & A.C.I. para 1139 w.e.f. 2.10.43, whilst Officer i/c Party at Dudhkundi.
	13.10.43	F/Lt. J. Evans assumed command of "B" Flight vice S/Ldr. L. P. Massey DFC. & Bar w.e.f. 12.10.43. The Security Film "Next of Kin" was shown to the personnel of 159 Squadron.
	14.10.43	P/O. G. A. Gowing promoted to the rank of Flying Officer.
	21.10.43	Instructions were received that the Squadron was to move to Digri, instead of Dudhkundi.
	22.10.43	The Advance Party of the Squadron moved from Dudhkundi to Digri under F/O. J. Rogers.
	23.10.43	The Main Party of the Squadron moved to Digri, all arrangements being carried out according to plan. The move was completed by 18.00 hours.
Digri	24.10.43	A great effort was made by all personnel of the Squadron in order to make a success of the first operation from Digri, with the result that on the first day at the new Station 100% serviceability was obtained for the night's operation. Unfortunately one aircraft failed to take off due to minor engine trouble. The remaining six aircraft took off at scheduled time to attack Rangoon.
	26.10.43	The Commanding Officer, Wing Commander N. M. Boffee, D.F.C., called a parade of all personnel in order to congratulate everyone concerned on the fine achievement in making a successful operation possible as soon after the move from Salbani.
	29.10.43	F/O. D. F. Chatt assumes duties of Officer i/c Sergeants' Mess vice F/O. R? C. Seir w.e.f. 1.11.43.
	30.10.43	S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg assumes command of No. 159 Squadron vice W/Cdr. N. M. Boffee,

<sup>34</sup> At least one of this crew (Ridsdale) is buried in a collective grave, Rangoon Cemetary – other names to be checked.

Place	Date	Summary of Events
		D.F.C., w.e.f. 29.10.43.
	31.10.43	With effect from today work on Sundays only will commence at 09.00 hours except on Operational Sundays, when work will commence at 09.00 hrs. Breakfast on non-operational Sundays will commence at 08.00-08.45 hrs.
		Sports Notes:
		The move to Digri hampered most sports events, nevertheless whilst at Salbani the return match with combined 110 Squadron and 168 Wing was played at home, when after extremely fine game we lost 2 – 1. The visiting team and spectators were afterwards entertained and practically filled the Cinema, almost to the exclusion of Squadron Personnel.
		A Sports Meeting was held shortly after arrival at Digri, and completely new officials, committees, etc., were elected. F/Lt. J. P. Kelly, the Squadron Medical Officer, who is an ex Queens' University Belfast "Blue" was one of the newcomers to the Football Committee.
		The Sergeants' Mess generously gave to P.S.I. Rs.100 for the purchase of footballs and a Challenge Shield for competition, eventually to be presented for Table Tennis.
		Postings:
		F/O. K. P. Barton: Posted to 355 Squadron w.e.f. 7.10.43.
		F/O. L B? Charlton.(RAAF): Posted to 355 Squadron w.e.f. 7.10.43.
		P/O. T. J. O'Donohue DFM: Re-posted to Bombing Leader Post, 159 Squadron w.e.f. 20.10.43.
		F/Lt. J. K? Morphett (RAAF) Posted to No. 159 Sqdn. w.e.f. 1.9.43 to F/Lt. Flying post: arrived 25.10.43.

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Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
2.10.43 to 3.10.43					
Lib III					
BZ842 "P"	F/O S. A. Sharpe. Capt.	Attacking ????? Village	17.02?	0120	Aircraft dropped all bombs which were seen to burst South of the Cha?ng and East of bridge in Tau???? Village. N.O.R.
	F/S. K. W. Jones Co-P				For full details see Sortie Report No. 1.
	F/S. S? W? Webzell (N)				
	Sgt. A. R. Burn (??)				
	Sgt. J. A. Buchanan (1wop)				
	P/O G. A. Gowing (2wop)				
	Sgt. J. ? Fayle (MU:FC)				
	F/S. J. K? Woodward (BG)				
	Sgt. ? K? Hopkins (RG)				
BZ??? "??"	S/Ldr. L. P Massey (C)	Attacking Taunuup? Village	18.02?	01.30	Saw all bombs burst South of the Chaong? in line N.E to S.W. believed either across or slightly west of town.
	F/S. J. H. Jones (C-P)				
	F/O. H? J. Hillyard (N)				
	F/S. J. W. Tubb (1wop)				
	Sgt. E? C. Chalmers (G)				
	F/S. J. L. Ridsdale (MU:FC)				
	F/S. P? Belkin (BG)				
	F/Lt. F? E? Ashworth (RG)				
BZ840 "R?"	F/Lt. J. Evans (C)				Aircraft bombed from West of Town towards position where Bridge supposed to have been. All bombs seen to burst. Four small white fires seen to burn for only five minutes in Town south of the Chaung. N.O.R.
	Sgt. C. H. Cox. (C-P)				
	F/O. K. P B?arton (??)				

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	W?/O J. G. Portan? (N)				
	Sgt. ? H? Boyle???(1wop)				
	Sgt. J. N? Low (2Wop)				
	Sgt. W. ? S?aymour? (MU;FC)				
	Sgt. ? P? Black??m (BG)				
	Sgt A. P?isani (RG)				
5.10.43 to 6.10.43					
BZ841 "O"	F/O K. H. Brailsford (C)	Attaching Promé Railway Station.	17.27	01.12	All bombs seen to burst on both runs. 1st run: Bombs dropped from river bank inland to south of Railway Station N.O.R. 2nd Run: Bombs dropped inland from jetty area towards Railway Station and believed to include the latter. A track of 4 or 5 small orange fires resulted in addition to usual incendiaries.
	Sgt. C? H. Hedley (C- p)				
	W/O. J. W? Portch (N)				
	F/S. C. A. Morgan (1wop)				
	Sgt. A. Forson (2wop)				
	Sgt. W? Lear (MU:FC)				
	F/S. P. J. J. O'Keefe (B?G)				
	F/S. G. W. Clegg (R?G)				
BZ843? "P?"	P/O. E. D. Wallace (C)	Attacking Promé Railway Station.	17.29	01.20	All bombs seen to burst on both runs. 1st run: Bombs dropped in area between Railway Station and river bank just north of engine sheds. 2nd run: Saw bombs drop parallel to river bank over engine sheds, the last one or two bombs believed to overshoot into the river.
	F/S. A. W? Denton (C- p)				
	F/S. C. R. Ghent (N)				
	F/L. D. I. C. Boissier (2N?)				
	F/S. J. T. Tringham (1wop)				
	Sgt. W. Lawson (2wop)				
	W/O. E. D. Bardell (MU:FC)				
	F/O. K. W. Edwards (BG)				

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	Sgt. F. Smith (R?G)				
9.10.43 to 10.10.43					
Lib III	F/O. K? J. D. Stanley (C)	Attacking Mingaladon Aerodrome	18.01	03.03	Several small red fires seen on arrival, believed to have been just South of East to West Runways intersection. Bursts of own aircraft seen just North of this area, where a few small fresh fires were started by incendiaries. Large red explosions seen on leaving target area in position estimated as just NW – SE Runway between intersection and N.W. Turning circle.
BZ842 "P"	F/S. J. W. Falconer (C-P)				
	W/O. J. N? Culleton (N)				
	F/S. W? Judd (2N?)				
	F/s. J. R. Fullerton DFM (1wop)				
	Sgt. J. D. Lomas? (2wop)				
	F/O. R? W. Ustick (?G)				
	F/S. J. W? F. King (??)				
	Sgt. D. J. Ryan (MU:FC)				
BZ840 "R?"	Sgt. C. H? Cox (P)	Attacking Mingaladon Aerodrome	18.02	02.40	
	Sgt. F? N? Ellis (C-P)				
	Sgt. A. R? Burn? (N)				
	Sgt. R? N? Fryde?? (1wop)				
	Sgt. J? N? Low (2wop)				
	Sgt. K? R? Seymour? (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. S? F? Blackburn (B?G)				
	Sgt. A. P. Pisani (R?G)				
BZ841 "O"	S/Ldr. L. P Massey DFC (C)	Attacking Mingaladon Aerodrome	18.00		Missing – not heard from after take off.
	F/S. W. G. Blue (C-P)				
	F/S. R. A. Lewis (N)				
	F/S. A. Simpson (1wop)				
	Sgt. J. E. Wadsworth (2wop)				
	F/S. J. L. Ridsdale (MU:FC)				

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	F/S. P. Belkin <sup>35</sup> (BG)				
	F/S. R. A. Powrie (RG)				
12.10.43 to 13.10.43					
BZ840?? "W??"	F/Lt. J. Evans (C)	Attaching Pyiramana Railway Station	18.20	01.58	Bombs seen to burst both runs. 1st. stick between lake and station last one or two believed on Station. Incendiaries caused 6 fires. Four West side, tow East side of Railway. One of latter fires on East side seem to develop into a medium sized orange fire. 2nd stick – In line from West side of Railway track, just North of Station, to Good Shed on East side. Debris seemed to rise.
	Sgt. F? K? Ellis (C-P)				
	W/O. ? T. Hartshorn(N)				
	F/S K? P? H?ar??? (screen)				
	Sgt. W? A. Kirkness (1W)				
	Sgt. C. V. Nicholls (2W)				
	Sgt. L. A. Bridgeman (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. G. Kirby (BG)				
	Sgt. F. W. T. Rozee (RG)				
BZ842 "P"	F/O. S. A. Sharpe (C)	Attaching Pyiramana Railway Station	18.35	02.15	All bombs seen to burst – the first two started fires in Station area East of Main line. Remaining bombs seen to burst among railway track. White smoke seen covering target area.
	F/S. K. W. Jones (C-P)				
	F/S. G? W. Webzell (N)				
	F/S. J. ? Woodward (BG?)				
	Sgt. ? W. Fayle (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. J. A. Buchanan (1wop)				
	P/O. G. A. Gowing (2wop)				
	Sgt. W. E. Hopkins (RG)				
21.10.43 to 22.10.43					
BZ836 "X"	F/O. E? J. Stanley (C)	Attacking He-Ho	23.41	08?.20	Did not observe Inle? Lake?. Saw and flew along runway on heading exactly 18?0° N. Observed northern end of runway appearing newly constructed. Reports one burst heavy A/A over target area. Experienced difficulty in
	S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg (C-P)				

<sup>35</sup> RCAF

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	W/O J. N? Cullston? (N)				identifying precise target because of clouds. All bombs dropped in one stick. Bombs seen to burst only incendiary first reported.
	F/O. J. R? Fulleton DFM (1wop)				
	F/O G. A. Gowing (2wop)				
	F/O ? W. Ustick (MU:FC)				
	W/O. A. ? Webb (BG)				
	Sgt J. Harris (RG)				
BZ898 "Y"	F/O. E. D. Wallace (P)	Attacking He-Ho Secondary Maikaila??	23.38	07.45	Secondary Attacked due to Inter-com trouble. Observed Searchlights and Runway. Aimed at Southern end of runway. Saw bomb burst flashes – searchlights prevented exact pinpointing of positions. Over target one flash seen – believed heavy A/A – close vicinity of Southern end of main runway.
	F/S. A. W. Denton (C-P)				
	F/S. C. R. Ghent (N)				
	F/S. J. T? Tringham (1wop)				
	Sgt. W. Lawson (2wop)				
	W/O E. D? Bardell (MU:FC)				
	F/O K. Edwards (BG)				
	Sgt. F. Smith (RG)				
BZ842 "P"	F/Lt. S. A. Sharpe (C)	Attacking He-Ho.	23.30	07.26	Observed Inle Lake? – runways below through clouds including two southern turning circles and two enemy aircraft taking off. Two white lights observed – one each end of N-S runway. Bombs aimed at point jus West of main runway intersection. Cloud prevented observations of results. Mud-upper and Beam gunner observed 4 explosions in a line immediately after bombing.
	F/S. K. W. Jones (C-P)				
	F/S. G. W. Webzell (N)				
	Sgt. J. A. Buchanan (1wop)				
	Sgt. J. McGregor (2wop)				
	Sgt. J. W. Fayle (MU:FC)				
	F/S. J. ? Woodward (BG)				
	Sgt. W? B? Hopkins (RG)				

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
BZ904 <sup>36</sup> "A"	F/Lt. J. R. Gauntlett (C)	Attacking He-Ho Secondary: Meiktila	23.34	08.10	Unable to locate Primary. Saw Meiktila Lake – Searchlights – River running NE/SW seen to North of runway. All bombs seen to burst. Last bomb up to and very near runway. Incendiary Bombs seen to fall on other side of runway. Small white fires started.
	Sgt. C. H. Hedley				
	W/O H? ? Hartshorn?				
	Sgt. W? A. Kirkness (1wop)				
	Sgt C. J. Nicholls (2wop)				
	Sgt ? A Bridgman? (WU:FC)				
	Sgt. G. Kirby (BG)				
	Sgt. F. W. Rozee (RG)				
BZ846? "?"	F/O K. N. Brailsford (C)	Attacking Primary: He-Ho Secondary: Meiktila	23.36?	08.3?0	Observed Ingle Lake but unable to locate primary. Returned to secondary target. Observed Meiktila Lake and southern part of two runways in Y shape. Aimed at centre of runway (believed possible East runway at (Mondaw) Six bombs seen to burst diagonally across South end of main runway.
	F/S? R? McDongall (C-P)				
	W/O. J. G? Portch? (N)				
	F/S. G Morgan (1wop)				
	Sgt. W? Etherington (2wop)				
	Sgt. W? Lear (MU:FC)				
	F/S. P? J. J. O'Keefe (BG)				
	F/S. G? W. Clegg? (RG)				
BZ897 "Z"	Sgt. F. M? Ellis (C)	Attacking Primary: He-Ho Secondary: Meiktila	23.32	08.35	Observed Inle Lake but unable to locate primary. Pinpointed three times and dropped 4 flares over estimated primary target area. Returned to Secondary target. Aimed just short of main runway. Bombs seen to burst alongside buildings West of runway.
	Sgt. C. H. Cox (C-P)				
	Sgt. A. R? Burn (N)				
	Sgt R. Pryde (1wop)				
	Sgt. J. Low (2wop)				
	Sgt W. ? Seymour (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. G? P. Blackburn (BG)				

<sup>36</sup> Original hard to read but appears to be BZ904 "A". BZ906 was "A" in November; Air Britain list BZ904 as being with 1584 CU and crashing in Nov. 43 at Salbani.

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	Sgt. A. P? Pisani (RG)				
BZ8??5? "F??"	F/S. J H. Jones (C)	Attacking Primary: He-Ho Secondary: Meiktila Last resort: Akyab Island	23.5?8 ?	06.20	Suffered from engine trouble – decided to abandon primary and attack last resort Saw distinctive shape of Akyab Island. Attacked shore installations immediately South of Saydosa Creek. N.O.R.
	F/S. R? H. Simmons (C-P)				
	F/S. H. J. Hillyard (N)				
	F/S. J ? Tubb (1wop)				
	Sgt. R. C. M? Chalmers (2wop)				
	Sgt. R. A. Richards (MU:FC)				
	F/S. R? B? Copp (BG)				
	F/S. M?? Reed (RG)				
24.10.43 to 25.10.43					
BZ836 "X"	S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg (C)	Attacking Rangoon Central Station.	22.10	06.45	On arrival at target saw stick of bombs fall across E. to W. and one small fire near H???wann?? yards. Bombs aimed at position of Station estimated by position of bombs dropped immediately before by other aircraft and by track of own aircraft parallel to Pak????ng Creek. Bombs seen to burst. N.O.R.
	Sgt F? Westmoreland (C-P)				
	W/O J. ? Culleton (N)				
	F/O J. R? Fullerton DFM (1wop)				
	F/O. G. A. Gowing (2wop)				
	W/O. D. M. Black (MU:FC)				
	W/O. A. B? Webb (HG)				
	Sgt. J. Harris (RG)				
BZ842? "P"	F/Lt. S. A. Sharpe (C)	Attacking Rangoon Central Station.	21.55	06.40	Bombs aimed at estimated position of Station. All seen to burst, thought to be in the southern vicinity of Station.
	F/S. K. W. Jones (C-P)				
	F/S. G. W? Webzell (N)				
	Sgt. J. A. Buchanan? (1wop)				
	Sgt. A. Forson (2wop)				
	Sgt. J. W? Fayle (MU:FC)				
	F/S. J. ? Woodward				

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	(BG)				
	Sgt. W. E? Hopkins (RG)				
BZ898? "Y?"	P/O E. D. Wallace (C)	Attacking Rangoon Central Station.	22.14	07.24	Aimed at position of Station estimated from the fork in the railroad just N of aiming point. Bombs seen to burst slightly S? of A/point. Large puffs of White smoke observed immediately afterwards.
	F/S. A. W. Denton (C-P)				
	F/S. C. R. Ghent (N)				
	F/S. J. T. Tringham (1wop)				
	Sgt. W? Lawson? (2wop)				
	W?/O ? ? Bardell (MU:FC)				
	P/O K. W. Edwards (B?G)				
	Sgt F. Smith (R?G)				
BZ843? "R??"	F/Lt. J. Evans (C)	Attacking Rangoon Central Station.	22.12	06.23	Bombs aimed at Central Station. Seen to burst. Incendiary bombs seen in line between Knightly St. Wharves and the Station. N.O.R.
	Sgt. C. H. Hedley (C-P)				
	Sgt A. R? Burn (N)				
	Sgt. H. Pryde (1wop)				
	Sgt J. Low (2wop)				
	Sgt. W? E? Seymour (MU:FC)				
	Sgt ? P. Blackburn (B?G)				
	F/Lt. F. ? Ashworth (R?G)				
BZ855? "B?"	F/Lt. J. R. Gauntlett (C)	Attacking Rangoon Central Station.	22.03	06.58	Aimed at estimated position of Central Station – did three runs to locate. Bombs seen to burst just S? of Station.
	F/S ? N. Simmons? (C-P)				
	W/O H. T. Hartshorn (N)				
	Sgt. W. A. Kirkness (1wop)				
	Sgt. C? J. Nicholls (2wop)				

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	Sgt. L. A. Bridgeman (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. G? Kirby (BG)				
	Sgt F. W. Rozee (RG)				
BZ8?3?6? "G?"	F/Sgt. J. H. Jones (C)	Attacking Rangoon Central Station.	22.22	07.12	Bombs dropped on timed run (1/2? min.) from A/A positions marked on target map 1??)1 3/4? min. South of Aiming point seen to burst in line across a railway thought to be W. of Aiming point.
	Sgt. F. N. Ellis (C-p)				
	F/O ? J. Hillyard (N)				
	Sgt. R. C? M? Chalmers (1wop)				
	S/S. J. W. Tubb (2wop)				
	Sgt K? A. Richards (MU:FC)				
	F/S. H? G? Copp? (BG)				
	Sgt. A. P. Pisani (RG)				
27.10.43 to 28.10.43					
BZ897 "Z"	F/O. R J. Stanley (C)	Attacking Rangoon Central Station.	18.05	02.35	Search D.R. Target Area but unable to see anything 9/10ths. layered cloud, rain, hail and bad static electrical conditions. Bombs brought back.
	F/S. J. W. Falconer (C-P)				
	P/O. T. J. O'Donahue DFM (N)				
	Sgt. J. A. Buchanan (1wop)				
	Sgt. J. D. Lomas (2wop)				
	Sgt. J. D? Ryan (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. J. H?andry (BG)				
	F/S. J. W. F. King (RG)				
BZ836 "X"	S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg (C)	Attacking Rangoon Central Station.	18.08	20.10	Returned early – electrical trouble. Jettisoned bombs in sea at 19.03 hrs. at position 31° 02' N. 89° 22' E.
	Sgt. F? Westmoreland (C-P)				
	W/O J N? Culleton (N)				
	F/O. J. R. Fullerton DFM (1wop)				
	F/O. G. A. Gowing				

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	(2wop)				
	Sgt. J. W? Fayle (MU:FC)				
	W/O A. R? Webb (BG)				
	Sgt. J. Harris (RG)				
27th to 28th?					
BZ842? "P?"	F/S. C. A. King (C)	Attacking Rangoon Central Station.	18.??	02.45	Turned S? at 18° 94' N. 95°? 02'E. owing to bad weather. Was able to pinpoint Ch?????a Island and headed inland Attacked Prome? as last resort. Recognised by experienced Navigator. Town on bulge in Irrawaddy bend and Nanlw?? Chang clearly seen Map read from coast. Aimed across town to jetty. Last two bombs and incendiary bombs fall in river. Bursts seen. N.O.R.
	Sgt. J. Barrit (C-P)				
	F/S. G? W. Webzell (N)				
	Sgt. J. McGregor? (1wop)				
	Sgt. ? Forson?? (2wop)				
	F/S F. J. Edwards (MU/FC)				
	F/S. J? ? Woodward? (BG)				
	F/S. D. ? Black (RG)				
BZ840 "S??"	P/O. K. N. Brailsford (C)	Attacking Rangoon Central Station.	18.07	03.15	Search D.R. Target area, but unable to see anything. 9/10ths. layered cloud, rain, hail and bad static electrical conditions. Bombs brought back.
	F/S. ? McDougall? (C-P)				
	F/S. ? ? Portch (N)				
	F/S. G. Morgan (1wop)				
	Sgt. ? Etherington (2wop)				
	Sgt. W. Lear (MU:FC)				
	F/S. P? J? O'Keefe (BG)				
	F/S. S. W. Clegg (RG)				
BZ??? "?"	Sgt. C. Cox (C)	Attacking Rangoon Central Station.	18.10	03.25	Searched D.R. Target area but unable to see anything 9/10ths. layered cloud, rain, hail and bad static electrical conditions. Bombs jettisoned in sea at 23.45 hrs. at position 03° 20' E 19° 00' N.
	F/S. F. Collins (C-p)				
	W/O. Bourque (N)				
	Sgt. R. Pryde (1wop)				
	Sgt. J. Low (2wop)				
	Sgt. W. E. Seymour (MU:FC)				

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	Sgt. A. P. Pisani (BG)				
	Sgt. E. J. O'Connor (RG)				

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Place	Date	Summary of Events
Digri	1.11.43	Wing Commander N. M. Boffee, D.F.C., assumed command of 159 Squadron, vice Squadron Leader C. G. Clegg, w.e.f. 1.11.43.
	8.11.43	Wing Commander Pape, the R.A.A?F. Liaison Officer visited the Squadron.
	10.11.43	The Squadron moved from their domestic site to a larger one, previously occupied by 168 Wing. The move commenced at 0800 hrs. and was completed by 12.30 hours.
	15.11.43	F/O. E. J. D. Stanley assumed the duties of Officer i/c Mail w.e.f. 15.11.43.
	20.11.43	The Commanding Officer's Parade was held.
	24.11.43	Air Marshal Sir. John Baldwin, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., paid a visit to the Station.
	30.11.43	F/O. D. F. Chatt assumed the duties of Unit Savings Officer vice F/O. H. J. Hillyard w.e.f. 1.12.43.
		Sports Notes.
		The main event of the month was the visit of Conversion Flight Football team from Salbani for a match versus the Squadron. The match ended in a draw and afterwards the Commanding Officer presented the football cup to "A" Flight Ground Crew (now Conversion Flight) as champions during the Monsoon League. Miniature cups were presented to each player in the team and medals to members of the runners-up, Maintenance Flight.
		The Darts Cup and Medals donated by the Commanding Officer were presented to M.T. "A" Team.
		A return football match with Conversion Flight at Salbani resulted in a win for the home team 2 – 1.
		Inter Section League Football matches have been played during the month.
		The concrete cricket wicket is in the process of being laid down and it is hoped that play will be possible very shortly. Practice Nets are being prepared and erected by the Domestic Site. A hockey pitch is also being prepared and plans have already been made to have tow tennis courts ready in a few weeks. It is anticipated that the price of tennis balls at RS. 90 per dozen will prove a considerable handicap.
		The Commanding Officer has generously offered to approach a higher Authority re the provision of an indoor gymnasium with provision for Badminton and boxing.

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Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
2/11/43 to 3/11/43					
BZ855 "B"	F/O. R. McDougall (C)	Attacking:- Primary Rangoon Central Stn. Secondary: Prome Rly. Yard. Last Resort: Akyab.	15.30	00.52	Could not penetrate cloud wall experienced just beyond enemy coast, set course for secondary where conditions clear. Bombs seen to burst believed from point jus N. of Station in line N – South.
	F/S. T. H. Morris (2P)				
	W/O. J. G. Portch (N)				
	F/S. C. A. Morgan (1w)				
	Sgt. W. Etherington (2w)				
	Sgt. W. Lear (M.U.)				
	F/S. P. J. O'Keefe (BG)				
	F/S. G W. Clegg (RG)				
BZ840 "E"	F/Lt. J. Evans (Capt)	As above	15.33	00.17	Was able to pass round southern end of cloud wall (See 855 "B") and was able to pinpoint at Elephant Point and find Rangoon. Bombs seen to burst estimated across target S.E. to N.W. two small white fires seen burning five minutes after leaving.
	F/S. F. Collins (2P)				
	Sgt. A. R. Burn (N)				
	P/O. B. Clifton (1W)				
	Sgt. A. Forson (2W)				
	Sgt. E. A. Richards (MU)				
	Sgt. S. P. Blackburn (BG)				
	F/Lt. F. E. Ashworth (RG)				
BZ836 "X"	S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg (C)	As above	15.37	00.09	On meeting severe cloud conditions decided to attack Secondary, but on turning inland to N.E. Conditions were even worse. Attacked last resort Akyab. Bombs seen to burst believed in centre of town.
	F/S. J. Falconer (2P)				
	W/O. J. Culleton (N)				
	F/O. J. R. Fullerton (1W)				
	F/O. G. A. Gowing (2W)				
	Sgt. J. W. Fayle (MU)				
	W/O. A. B. Webb (BG)				
	Sgt. J. Harris (RG)				
BZ898 "Y"	F/S. C. A. King (C)	Attacking:- Primary Rangoon Central Stn. Secondary:	15.35	00.45	Forced way through wall of cloud and food Rangoon. Observed Mingaladon Searchlights. Bombs seen to burst believed just south of Railway Station.
	Sgt. J. Barritt (2P)				
	W/O. A. S. Bourque (N)				
	Sgt J. Buchanan (1W)				

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	Sgt. J. D. Lomas (2W)	Promer Rly. Yard. Last Resort: Akyab.			
	Sgt. W. E. Hopkins (MU)				
	W/O. D. M. Black (BG)				
	F/S. F. J. Edwards (RG)				
BZ897 "Z"	F/Lt. S. A. Sharpe (C)	<sup>37</sup>	15.31	23.16	On meeting severe cloud conditions decided to attack Secondary, but on turning inland to N.E. conditions were even worse. Attacked last resort – Akyab. Bombs seen to burst in North part of town South of Satyoga Creek.
	F/S. J. C. Stuart (2P)				
	F/S. G. W. Webzell (screen) (Nav)				
	F/Lt. D. I. Boissier (N)				
	Sgt. J. Brown (1W)				
	Sgt. J. L. Talbot (2W)				
	Sgt. W. Hendry (MU)				
	F/S. E. V. Reed (BG)				
	Sgt. J. P. Goodison (RG)				
5/11/43 to 6/11/43					
BZ906 "A"	F/Lt. J. R. Gauntlett (C)	Attacking Akyab Town	18.27	23.59	No cloud over target. Bombs aimed at centre of town. First stick of bombs seen to burst parallel and E of a road running N.W. –S.E. Second stick seen to burst slightly E and parallel to first stick.
	F/S. R. H. Simmons (2P)				
	W/O. H. T. Hartshorn (N)				
	Sgt. W. A. Kirkness (1W)				
	Sgt. C. J. Nicholls (2W)				
	Sgt. L. A. Bridgeman (MU)				
	Sgt. C. Kirby (BG)				
	Sgt. F. W. Rozee (RG)				
BZ855 "B"	F/O. K. H. Brailsford (C)	As above	18.31	00.20	No cloud. First stick of bombs aimed at centre of Town. Seen to burst from Centre to S.W. Corner. Two small fires seen burning in that area when returning for second run. Believed to be from first stick of bombs. Second stick aimed to fall from N.E. to centre of Town. Seen to burst but N.O.R.
	F/S. T. H. Morris (2P)				
	W/O. J. G. Portch (N)				
	F/S. C. Morgan (1W)				
	Sgt. W. Etherington (2W)				
	Sgt. W. Lear (MU)				

<sup>37</sup> Not given, but assumed "as above".

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	F/S. P. J. O'Keefe (BG)				
	F/S. G. W. Clegg (RG)				
BZ842 "P"	F/O. E. J. Stanley (C)	As above	18.33	00.31	No Cloud. First run aimed at point 200 yards from Coast on Satyoga Creek. Bombs seen to burst from Creek Southwards. Second run aimed at coast N. of Jetty. All Bombs seen to undershoot into sea.
	F/S. F. Collins (2P)				
	P/O. T. J. O'Donohue DFM (N)				
	F/O. J. R. Fullerton DFM (1W)				
	Sgt. J. D. Lomas (2W)				
	Sgt. D. J. Ryan (MU)				
	W/O. A. B. Webb (BG)				
	F/S. J. W. F. King (RG)				
BZ893 <sup>38</sup> "Y"	F/S. C. A. King (C)	Attacking Akyab Town	18.29	00.38	No cloud. First run, faulty manipulation of selector switch. Aimed at centre of town. Bombs seen to burst. Second run. Aimed at light 200 yards inland W. of Jetty. Bombs seen to burst, last one in NW. corner of town.
	Sgt. J. Barritt (2P)				
	F/Lt. D. I. C. Boissier (N)				
	Sgt. J. Brown (1W)				
	Sgt. L. J. Talbot (2W)				
	W/O. D. M. Black (MU)				
	F/S. E. V. Reed (B.G.)				
	F/S. F. J. Edwards (RG)				
BZ897 "Z"	F/Lt. S. A. Sharpe (C)	As above	18.35	000.10	No cloud. First run – aimed at estimated centre of town. Bomb burst seen. I.B's observed burning on W. Side of town. Second run. Aimed at centre of town. Bombs seen to burst from point W. of Jetty to S.W. of town.
	F/S. K. W. Jones (2P)				
	F/S. G. W. Webzell (N)				
	Sgt. J. A. Buchanan (1W)				
	F/O. G. A. Gowing (2W)				
	Sgt. J. W. Fayle (MU:FC)				
	F/Lt. G. Canning (BG)				
	Sgt W. E. Hopkins (RG)				
8/11/43 to 9/11/43					
BZ906 "A"	F/S. J. H. Jones (C)	Attacking Primary: Mayayo Secondary: S??o	18.30	01.53	First run: Aimed at estimated position of railway Station. Bombs seen to burst but owing to concentration of fires, flares, photo flashes and other bomb bursts not possible to say where. Second run: Aimed at estimated
	Sgt. C. H? Hedley (2P)				
	F/O. H. J. Hillyard (N)				

<sup>38</sup> BZ893 is typed in record, but this is believed in error, and serial should be BZ898. BZ893 is listed as serving with 178 Squadron, M.E.

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	Sgt. R. C. M. Chalmers (1W)	?ops			position of station. N.O.R. Third run: Aimed at town area. N.O.R.
	F/S. J. W. F. Tubb (2W)				
	F/O. R. B? Copp (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. G. E? T. White (BG)				
	F/O. J. D. A. Rogers (RG)				
BZ900 "C"	Sgt. F. N. Ellis (C)	As above	18.26	01.45	First run: Aimed at fires believed close to railway Station. Burst seen among fires. Second run: Aimed at fires. N.O.R.
	Sgt. C. H. Cox (2P)				
	W/O. A. S. Bourque (N)				
	Sgt. R. H. Pryde (1W)				
	Sgt. J. M. Low (2W)				
	Sgt. A. P. Pisani (BG)				
	Sgt. W. E? Seymour (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. E? J. O'Connor (RG)				
	F/Lt. G. Lodge (2Nav)				
BZ840 "E"	F/Lt. J. Evans (C)	As above	18.24	01.27	First run: Aimed at Red fire which had just started. Bombs flashes seen. Second run: Aimed at fire as above N.O.R. Third run: Aimed at fire as above. N.O.R. Fourth run: Aimed at fire as above. Bombs seen to burst. N.O.R.
	F/S. F. Collins (2P)				
	Sgt. A. R. Burn (N)				
	P/O. H? Clifton DFM (1W)				
	Sgt. A. Forson (2W)				
	Sgt. S. P. Blackburn (BG)				
	Sgt K. A. Richards (MU:FC)				
	F/Lt. F. K? Ashworth (RG)				
BZ842 "P"	F/O. E. J. D. Stanley (C)	Attacking Maymyo Railway Station	18.28	02.31	Bombs aimed at centre of built up area. Bombs seen to burst and after the fourth a red conflagration was see, (Confirmed by all other aircraft), and believed to be in built up area half mile S.E. of aiming point. Second run: Bombs seen to burst believed S. of Railway Station.
	Sgt. J. Barritt (2P)				
	P/O. T. J. O'Donohue DFM <sup>39</sup>				

<sup>39</sup> No duty given, but should be Navigator.

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	Sgt. J. A. McGregor (1W)				
	Sgt. J. D. Lomas (2W)				
	F/S. E. V. Reed (BG)				
	Sgt. D. J. Ryan (MU:FC)				
	F/S. J. W. F. King (RG)				
BZ898 "Y"	F/O? R. L. H. McDougall (C)	As above	18.32	01.58	First run: Aimed at railway seen by light of other bomb flashes. Second run: Aimed as in first run. Bombs seen to burst. No location.
	F/S. T. H. Morris (2P)				
	F/Lt. D. I. C. Boissier (N)				
	Sgt. J. Brown (1W)				
	Sgt. L. J. Talbot (2W)				
	Sgt. W. McCaffrey (BG)				
	Sgt. W. Hendry (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. J. P. Goodison (RG)				
BZ897 "Z"	F/Lt. S. A. Sharpe (C)	As above	18.25	01.38	First run: Aimed just south of Station. Bombs seen to burst. N.O.R. Second run: Ran over fires and bombed railway. Saw all burst. N.O.R.
	F/S. K. W. Jones (2P)				
	F/S. G. W. Webzell (N)				
	Sgt. J. A. Buchanan (1W)				
	Sgt. W. Etherington (2W)				
	F/Lt. G. Canning (BG)				
	Sgt. J. W. Fayle (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. W. E. Hopkins (RG)				
	F/S. J. E. Woodward (2.BG)				
11/11/43 to 12/11/43					
BZ900 "C"	F/Lt. J. Gauntlett (C)	Primary: Attacking Insein Locomotive sheds. Secondary: Aunghan A/D	17.58	03.00	Aimed at railway line after running up on small 1 ½ miles W. of target. Bombs seen to burst beyond railway. Towards end of stick large yellow white flash observed followed immediately by red fire which quickly grew in intensity.
	F/S. F. Collins (2P)				
	W/O. H. T. Hartshorn (N)				
	Sgt. W. A. Kirkness (1W)				

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	Sgt. C. J. Nicholls (2W)				
	Sgt. C. Kirby (BG)				
	Sgt. L. A. Bridgeman (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. F. W. Rozee (RG)				
	Sgt. Woods u/t Gnr.				
BZ840 "E"	F/O K. H. Brailsford (C)	As above	17.54	02.12	Aimed at estimated position of target. Bombs seen to burst. Large orange flash caused by fourth bomb, lighted clouds above.
	F/S. J. Stuart (2P)				
	P/O. J. G. Portch (N)				
	F/S. C. A. Morgan (1W)				
	Sgt. W. Etherington (2W)				
	Sgt. W. Lear (MU:FC)				
	F/S. P. J. O'Keefe (BG)				
	F/S. G. W. Clegg (RG)				
BZ842 "P"	F/O. E. J. Stanley (C)	<sup>40</sup>	18.00	02.58	Attacked Prome. First run: Aimed at Goods sheds. Bursts seen along railway line from goods sheds to engine sheds. Small incendiary fires. Second Run: Aimed at large barge between sandbank and jetty. Direct hit claimed on barge which was not subsequently seen. Remainder of bombs in river.
	F/S. J. W. Falconer (2P)				
	P/O. O'Donohue (N)				
	Sgt. J. A. Buchanan (1W)				
	Sgt. J. D. Lomas (2W)				
	Sgt. D. J. Ryan (MU:FC)				
	F/S. E. V. Reed (BG)				
	F/S. J. W. F. King (RG)				
BZ836 "X"	S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg (C)	Primary:	17.56	02.34	Aimed at fire. Burst seen in area of fire, and to East.
	F/S. K. W. Jones (2P)	Attacking Insein			
	W/O. J. N. Culleton (N)	Locomotive sheds.			
	F/O. J. R. Fullerton DFM (1W)	Secondary:			
	F/S. J. W. F. Tubb (2W)	Aunghan A/D			
	Sgt. J. W. Fayle (MU:FC)				
	W/O. A. B. Webb (BG)				
	Sgt. J. Harris (RG)				
BZ898 "Y"	F/S. C. A. King (C)	As above	18.02	02.46	Aimed at fire estimated to be in position of locomotive shops. Burst seen across fire also five large explosions observed from fire area.
	Sgt. J. Barritt (2P)				

<sup>40</sup> Not given, but assumed "as above", or were they detailed to attack Prome?

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	F/Lt. Lodge (N)				
	F/S. G. W. Webzell (BA)				
	Sgt. J. A. McGregor (1W)				
	Sgt. R. C. M. Chalmers (2W)				
	W/O. D. M. Black (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. W. McCaffery (BG)				
	F/S. F. J. Edwards (RG)				
BZ987 "Z"	F/O. R. L. McDougall (C)	As above	18.04	02.43	Aimed at estimated target position. Two bombs seen to burst, second of which started big fire which was visible together with first fire 20 mins. after leaving target.
	F/S. T. H. Morris (2P)				
	F/L. D. I. C. Boissier (N)				
	Sgt. J. Brown (1W)				
	Sgt. L. J. Talbot (2W)				
	Sgt. J. Bendry (MU:FC)				
	F/S. J. E? Woodward (BG)				
	Sgt. Goodison (RG)				
15/11/43 to 16/11/43					
BZ906 "A"	Sgt. F. N. Ellis (C)	Attacking: Primary: Pegu Railway Stn. Secondary: Military Barracks. Last Resort: Semo Mopa.	22.50	08.20	Aimed at station which was clearly seen by light of incendiary fires. Stick undershot slightly but had 2 or three in railway yards. Immediate fire, with very red fierce flames, illuminated covered rolling stock – believed to be in S. end of yard. Grey smoke to approx. 2,000 feet seen on leaving target.
	F/S. J. H. Jones (2P)				
	F/O. H? J. Hillyard (N)				
	F/S. C. A. Morgan (1W)				
	Sgt. R. C. N. Chalmers (2W)				
	F/O. R. B. Copp (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. G. E? T. White (BG)				
	Sgt. E? J. O'Connor (RG)				
	Sgt. Wood u/t Gnr.				
BZ900 "C"	F/Lt. J. R. Gauntlett (C)	As above	22.50	07.50	Ran up on river (only visible landmark, due to cloud) and aimed at estimated position of railway station. Bursts seen ¼ mile S.S.E. of railway
	Sgt. C. H. Hedley (2P)				

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	W/O. H. T. Hartshorn <sup>41</sup>				station. N.O.R.
	Sgt. W. A. Kirkness (1W)				
	Sgt. W. Etherington (2W)				
	Sgt. L. A. Bridgeman (MU:FC)				
	F/S. P. J. O'Keefe (BG)				
	Sgt. F. W. Rozee (RG)				
BZ840 "E"	F/Lt. J. Evans (C)	As above	22.54	07.45	Aimed at locality of railway station. Bombs seen to burst on E. bank of river in bulge ¼ mile N.E. of railway station. N.O.R.
	F/S. F. Collins (2P)				
	Sgt. A. R. Burn (N)				
	P/O. B. Clifton DFM (1W)				
	Sgt. A. Forson (2W)				
	Sgt. K. A. Richards (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. S. P. Blackburn (BG)				
	F/Lt. F. E. Ashworth (RG)				
	Sgt. A. K? B? Stout Gnr.				
BZ842 "P"	F/O. E. J. Stanley (C)	Attacking: Primary: Pegu Railway Stn. Secondary: Military Barracks. Last Resort: Semo Mopa.	22.52	07.55	Arrived at station good aiming point just prior – but 10/10 cloud prevented observation of results.
	F/S. J. W. Falconer (2P)				
	P/O. T. J. O'Donohue DFM <sup>42</sup>				
	Sgt. J. A. McGregor (1W)				
	Sgt. J. D. Lomas (2W)				
	Sgt. D. J. Ryan (MU:FC)				
	F/S. E? W? Reed (BG)				
	P/O. J. W. F? King (R.G)				
BZ836 "X"	S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg (C)	As above	23.00	08.00	Aimed at station. Bombs seen to burst across station area. One bomb

<sup>41</sup> No duty given, but should be Navigator.

<sup>42</sup> No duty given, but should be Navigator.

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	Sgt. J. Barritt (2P)				caused yellowish flash larger than normal bomb flash. N.O.R.
	W/O. J. N. Culleton (N)				
	F/O. J. R. Fullerton DFM (1W)				
	F/O. G. A. Gowing (2W)				
	Sgt. J. Hendry (MU:FC)				
	W/O. A. B. Webb (BG)				
	Sgt. J. Harris (RG)				
BZ987 "Z"	F/Lt. S. A. Sharpe (C)	As above	22.57	08.05	
	F/S. K. W. Jones (2P)				
	F/S. G. W. Webzell (N)				
	Sgt. J. A. Buchanan (1W)				
	Sgt. L. J. Talbot (2W)				
	Sgt. J. W. Fayle (MU:FC)				
	F/S. J. E? Woodward (BG)				
	Sgt. W. E? Hopkins (RG)				
18/11/43 to 19/11/43					
BZ906 "A"	F/S. J. H. Jones (C)	Primary: He-Ho. Secondary: Paleik Last Resort: Semo Mopa.	23.17	07.32	Aimed at estimated position of intersection of runways. 1st. burst seen in middle of N.S. runway. Remainder overshoots.
	Sgt. F. N. Ellis (2P)				
	F/O. H. J. Hillyard (N)				
	Sgt. R. C. M. Chalmers (1W)				
	F/S. J. W. F. Tubb (2W)				
	F/O. R. B. Copp (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. G. E. T. White (BG)				
	Sgt. E. J. O'Connor (RG)				
	F/S. R. Wood (BG)				
BZ840 "E"	F/S. J. C. Stuart (C)	As above	23.15	07.47	Aimed at taxi-tracks to W. of main runway and estimated position of intersection. Bombs seen to burst in stick parallel to and slightly to E. of NW/SE runway. One overshoot on NW/SE runway, and I.B's lighted up in same direction as bombs. First flare dropped seen to burn on ground and start fire visible for 5 minutes.
	F/O. K. H. Brailsford (2P)				
	P/O. J. G. Portch (N)				
	F/S. C. A. Morgan (1W)				
	Sgt. W. Etherington				

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	(2W)				
	Sgt. W. Lear (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. L. A. Bridgeman (BG)				
	F/S. G? W. Clegg (RG)				
BZ842 "P"	F/O. E. J. Stanley (C)	As above	23.24	08.00	Aimed at intersection of runways. First bomb seen to burst believed slightly to N. of hanger, remainder in line across intersection of runways. Last two possibly overshoots. Saw incendiaries ignite.
	F/S. J. W. Falconer (2P)				
	P/O. T. J. O'Donohue DFM (N)				
	F/O. J. R. Fullerton DFM (1W)				
	Sgt. J. D. Lomas (2W)				
	Sgt. D. J. Ryan (MU:FC)				
	W/O. A. B. Webb (BG)				
	F/S. J. W. F. King (RG)				
BA842 "P"	F/S. C. A. King (C)	Primary: He-Ho. Secondary: Paleik Last Resort: Semo Mopa.	23.19	07.30	
	Sgt. J. Barritt (2P)				
	F/S. C. R. Ghent (N)				
	Sgt. J. A. McGregor (1W)				
	Sgt. W. Lawson (2W)				
	W/O. D. M. Black (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. W. McCaffery (BG)				
	F/S. F. J. Edwards (RG)				
	F/S. W. Judd (N.u/t)				
BZ836 "X"	F/O. R. L. McDougall (C)	As above	23.21	07.40	Aimed at centre of flare path, slightly to southern end. Bombs seen to burst estimated between bomb store and runway.
	F/S. T. H. Morris (2P)				
	F/L. D. I. C. Boissier (N)				
	Sgt. J. Brown (1W)				
	Sgt. L. J. Talbot (2W)				
	Sgt. J. Hendry (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. D. Stokoe (BG)				
	Sgt. J. Goodison (RG)				
21/11/43 to 22/11/43					
BZ906 "A"	F/O. K. H. Brailsford (C)	Primary Target:	16.31	23.40	1st stick: Aimed at fires in jetty area. Seen to fall diagonally across railway

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	F/S. J. C. Stuart (2P)	Sagaing Secondary: Semo Mopa			line – thought to be inside Area "A". 2nd. Stick: Aimed at fires in jetty area. Thought to burst slightly more inland. Started fire N.W. Station.
	P/O. J. G. Portch (N)				
	F/S. C. A. Morgan (1W)				
	Sgt. W. Etherington (2W)				
	Sgt. W. Lear (MU:FC)				
	F/S. P. J. O'Keefe (BG)				
	F/S. G. W. Clegg (RG)				
BZ840 "E"	F/Lt. J. Evans (C)	As above	16.35	23.20	First stick – aimed at jetty. Four bombs in water, remainder on land. 2nd. Stick: Aimed at jetty, no results seen.
	Sgt. C? H. Hedley (2P)				
	Sgt. A. R? Burn				
	P/O. B. Clifton DFM (1W)				
	Sgt. A. Forson (2W)				
	Sgt. E? A. Richards (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. S? P. Blackburn (BG)				
	Sgt. A. ? B? Stout (BG)				
	F/Lt. F? K? Ashworth (RG)				
BZ836 "X"	S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg (C)	Primary: Sagaing Secondary: Semo Mopa	16.33	23.50	1st. Stick: Ran up over Incendiaries burning at corner bridge and attempted to overshoot bridge and get into station area. Two bursts seen – no location. 2nd. Stick: Bombed large fire which was seen to start on run-up (Fire 1 ½ N.N.W. Station).
	Sgt. F. Westmoreland (2P)				
	W/O. J. N. Culleton (N)				
	F/Lt. G. Lodge (N)				
	F/O. J. R. Fullerton DFM (1W)				
	F/O. G. A. Gowing (2W)				
	W/O. E. D. Bardell (MU:FC)				
	W/O. A. B. Webb (BG)				
	Sgt. J. Harris (RG)				
BZ987 "Z"	F/Lt. S. A. Sharpe (C)	As above	16.38	23.32	1st. stick: Aimed at south end of railway yards. Bombs believed to fall W. of S.W. corner of Area "A" – i.e. across R.R. running from jetties to N.W. 2nd stick – aimed at fire in station area. Bombs seen to burst just of S.W. corner of Area "A" and immediately 2 fires started.
	F/S. K. W. Jones (2P)				
	F/S. G. W. Webzell (N)				
	Sgt. J. A. Buchanan (1W)				
	Sgt. W. Lawson (2W)				

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	F/S. J. W. Fayle (MU:FC)				
	F/S. J. E. Woodward (BG)				
	F/S. W? E. Hopkins (RG)				
27/11/43 to 28/11/43					
BZ906 "A"	Sgt. F. N. Ellis (C)	Primary: Rangoon Botataung Wharves and R.R. Depot. Secondary: Prome R/S & Yards	19.01	03.45	Aimed at believed position of Botataung Wharves. Bombs seen to burst and thought to be within target area.
	Sgt. C. H. Hedley (2P)				
	W/O. H. T. Hartshorn (N)				
	Sgt. W. A. Kirkness (1W)				
	Sgt. W. Etherington (2W)				
	Sgt. L. A. Bridgeman (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. C. Kirby (BG)				
	Sgt. F. W. Rozee (RG)				
BZ900 "C"	F/S. J. H. Jones (C)	As above	19.04	04.14	Aimed at estimated position of target judged by positions of Monkey Point and Chaung opposite Keighly Wharves. Bombs seen to burst from waterfront inland to N.W.
	F/S. J. C. Stuart (2P)				
	F/O. H. J. Hillyard (N)				
	F/S. J. W. F. Tubb (1W)				
	Sgt. R. C. M. Chalmers (2W)				
	F/O. R. B. Copp (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. G. E? T. White (BG)				
	F/S. R. Woods (BG)				
	F/S. E. J. O'Connor (RG)				
BZ842 "P"	F/O E. J. D. Stanley (C)	As above	19.06	04.22 <sup>43</sup>	Aimed at Keighly street Wharves owing to dazzle by searchlights. First bomb seen to burst in water just off centre of wharves and remainder inland.
	F/S. J. W. Falconer (2P)				
	P/O. T. J. O'Donohue DFM				
	F/S. J. T. Tringham				

<sup>43</sup> ORB show 14.22, but it is assumed this was 04.22.

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	(1W)					
	Sgt. J. D. Lomas (2W)					
	Sgt. W. Ryan (MU:FC)					
	F/S. E. V. Reed (BG)					
	F/S. J. W. F. King (RG)					
BZ840 "E"	F/Lt. J. Evans (C)	Primary: Rangoon Botataung Wharves and R.R. Depot. Secondary: Prome R/S & Yards	19.09	21.00	Petrol leak. Turned back at 21° 22' N - 20° 15' E. Jettisoned bombs at above position – height 9,000 feet. Time – 19.57 – jettisoned live.	
	F/S. F. Collins (2P)					
	Sgt. A. R. Burn (N)					
	P/O. B. Clifton DFM (1W)					
	Sgt. A. Forson (2W)					
	Sgt. E? A. Richards (MU:FC)					
	Sgt. S. P. Blackburn (BG)					
	Sgt. A. E? B. Stout (BG)					
	F/Lt. F. E? Ashworth (RG)					
BZ836 "X"	F/O. R. L. McDougall (C)	As above	19.12	03.40	Aimed at position of bomb flashes seen to be in Target area on run up to bomb. Precise target not seen when bombing owing to S/L. dazzle. Bursts seen.	
	F/S. A. W. Denton (2P)					
	F/L. D. I. C. Boissier (N)					
	Sgt. J. Brown (1W)					
	Sgt. L. J. Talbot (2W)					
	Sgt. W? Hendry (MU:FC)					
	Sgt. D. Stokoe (BG)					
	Sgt. J. P. Goodison (RG)					
BZ898 "Y"	S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg	Primary: Rangoon Botataung Wharves and R.R. Depot. Secondary: Prome R/S & Yards	19.17	04.08	Aimed at believed position of docks. Bombs seen to burst.	
	Sgt. F. Westmoreland (2P)					
	W/O. J. N. Culleton (N)					
	F?/O. J. R. Fullerton DFM (1W)					
	F/O. G. A. Gowing (2W)					
	F/S. J. W. Fayle (MU:FC)					

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	W/O. A. B. Webb (BG)				
	Sgt. J. Harris (RG)				
BZ897 "Z"	F/S. C. A. King (C)	As above	18.59	03.52	Aimed at "D" on target map: illuminated by other aircraft flares.
	F/S. J. Barritt (2P)				
	F/S. C. R. Ghent (N)				
	Sgt. J. A. McGregor (1W)				
	Sgt. K. G. McLaughlin (2W)				
	W/O. D. M. Black (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. W. McCaffery (BG)				
	F/S. F. J. Edwards (RG)				
29/11/43 to 30/11/43					
BZ906 "A"	F/Lt. J. Evans (C)	Primary: Rangoon Kennedine Railway Station Secondary: Prome R.R. and Yards	15.57	01.39	Attacked Secondary: Aimed at Railway Station, and believed to have fallen seven along Railway and three in river.
	F/S. F. Collins (2P)				
	Sgt. A. R. Burn (N)				
	P/O. B. Clifton DFM (1W)				
	Sgt. A. Forson (2W)				
	Sgt. E? A. Richards (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. S. P. Blackburn (BG)				
	F/Lt. F. K? Ashworth (RG)				
	Sgt. A. E. B. Stout (BG)				
BZ840 "E"	F/S. J. C. Stuart (C)	As above	16.00	01.33	Attacked secondary: 1st stick: Aimed at termination of railway by engine shed. First bomb in river just North of position marking a jetty on T.M. and the rest inland. 2nd Stick: Aimed at station and Railway yards seen by light of flare. The last bomb was seen to hit Railway line believed by station.
	F/O. K. H. Brailsford (2P)				
	P/O. J. G. Portch (N)				
	F/S. C. A. Morgan (1W)				
	Sgt. W. Etherington (2W)				
	Sgt. W. Lear (MU:FC)				
	F/S. P. J. O'Keefe (BG)				
	F/S. G. W. Clegg (RG)				
BZ842 "P"	S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg (C)	Primary:	15.56	01.00	Attacked Primary: Aimed at fire, estimated to N.W. of town. Bombs seen to

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	Sgt. F? Westmoreland (2P)	Rangoon Kennedine Railway Station Secondary: Prome R.R. and Yards			burst, the stick falling in line to the fire, slightly undershooting.
	W/O. J. N? Culleton (N)				
	F/O. J. R. Fullerton DFM (1W)				
	F/O. G. A. Gowing (2W)				
	W/O. E? D. Bardell (MU:FC)				
	W/O. A. B. Webb (BG)				
	Sgt. J. Harris (RG)				
BZ898 "Y"	F/S. C. A. King (C)	As above.	16.02	00.47	Attacked primary: Aimed at fire seen to port of S/L's which were thought to be from Town. Had observed Hosing and Panhlaing junction on run up. Seen to burst. No location due to cloud.
	F/S. J. Barritt (2P)				
	F/S. C. R. Ghent (N)				
	Sgt. J. A. McGregor (1W)				
	Sgt. K. G. McLaughlin (2W)				
	W/O. D. M. Black (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. W. McCaffery (BG)				
	F/S. F. J. Edwards (RG)				
BZ987 <sup>44</sup> "Z"	F/O. R. L. McDougall (C)	As above	15.59	01.20	Attacked secondary: 1st stick – Aimed at bulge in river bank, which later proved to be 4 ½ miles south of town. Bombs seen to burst from river bank inland. 2nd. stick – Aimed at railway station area. Bombs seen to burst inland from point 50 to 100 yards E. of river bank by engine shed.
	F/S. A. W. Denton (2P)				
	F/L. D. I. C. Boissier (N)				
	Sgt. J. Brown (1W)				
	Sgt. L. J. Talbot (2W)				
	Sgt. W? Hendry (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. D. Stokoe (BG)				
	Sgt. J. P. Goodison (RG)				

<sup>44</sup> BZ987 is the serial typed, but it is believed the numbers 8 and 9 have been transposed and the serial should be BZ897.

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Place	Date	Summary of Events
Digri	2.12.43	P/O. E. D. Wallace assumed the duties of Squadron Messing Officer, vice F/O. G. A. Gowing, w.e.f. 2.12.43.
	4.12.43	F/Lt. S. A. Sharpe assumed command of "A" Flight, No. 159 Squadron, with full powers of subordinate commander (vide K.R.&A.C.I. para. 1141) vice S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg w.e.f. 4.12.43.
	4.12.43	F/O. E. C. Sier took over duties of Squadron Security Officer vice F/O. G. A. Gowing, w.e.f. 4.12.43.
	6.12.43	F/Lt. J. Evans assumed command of No. 159 Squadron, vice W/Cdr. N. M. Boffee DFC w.e.f. 5.12.43.
	6.12.43	F/O. K. H. Brailsford assumed command of "B" Flight, No. 159 Squadron, vice F/Lt. J. Evans, w.e.f. 5.12.43
	11.12.43	W/Cdr. N. M. Boffee, DFC. assumed command of No. 159 Squadron vice F/Lt. J. Evans w.e.f. 9.12.43.
	12.12.43	A Commanding Officers' Parade was held for all personnel. Wing Commander N. M. Boffee DFC. informed the Squadron that he was leaving them and thanked everyone for the excellent way all had worked and co-operated with him during his term of duty as Officer Commanding, No. 159 Squadron.
	13.12.43	W/Cdr. J. P. Hopkins D.F.C. assumed command of No. 159 Squadron, vice W/Cdr. M. N. Boffee D.F.C., w.e.f. 13.12.43.
	15.12.43	A Commanding Officers' Parade and Inspection of all personnel was held.
	16.12.43	F/O. R. L. H. McDougall relinquished the duties of Aerodrome Control Officer w.e.f. 16.12.43
	17.12.43	The following message was received from A.O.C., Bengal, "I wish to congratulate No. 159 Squadron on their fine effort of putting out 6 Liberators on night 12/14 Dec."
	18.12.43	F/Lt. R. Body took over the duties of Officer i/c M.T. vice F/O. A. Almond w.e.f. 17.12.43.
	22.12.43	F/O. K. W. Edwards assumed the duties of Squadron Adjutant vice F/Lt. R. Body w.e.f. 21.12.43.
	25.12.43	There was a general stand-down for the Squadron today, Christmas Day. The Officers, Warrant Officers and Senior N.C.O.s kept up the tradition of serving the airmen with their Christ Tiffen.
	26.12.43	F/O. J. R. E. Fullerton D.F.M. assumed the duties of Officer i/c P.S.I. vice F/O. E. C. Sier w.e.f. 24.12.43.
	26.12.43	F/O. G. A. Gowing re-assumed the duties of Security Officer vice F/O. E. C. Sier w.e.f. 24.12.43.
	27.12.43	S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg assumed command of "A" Flight vice F/Lt. S. A. Sharpe, w.e.f. 26.12.43.
	27.12.43	F/Lt. S. A. Sharpe assumed the duties of Squadron Adjutant vice F/O. K. W. Edwards w.e.f. 26.12.43.
		159730 P/O. W. C. Leaver (Tech.E.E.) posted to No. 159 Squadron from No. 99 Squadron w.e.f. 1.12.43.
		37668 S/Ldr. (A/W/Cdr) J. P. Hopkins D.F.C. (G.D.-P-) posted to No. 159 Squadron from Air Headquarters (Bengal). W.e.f. 16.11.43.
		111168 F/O. P Rastall (Tech-a-) posted from No. 159 Squadron to H.Q. Air Command South East Asia, w.e.f. 27.11.43.
		63452 P/O. W. H. Powell (Tech-a-) posted to No. 159 Squadron from No. 76 Squadron w.e.f. 27.11.43.
		Aus.407391 P/O. R. F. Hocking (GD-G(s)) posted to No. 159 Squadron from No. 1584 (H) Conversion Unit w.e.f. 9.12.43.
		W/Cdr. N. M. Boffee, D.F.C. (GD-P-) posted from No. 159 Squadron to Air Headquarters (Bengal). w.e.f. 16.11.43.
		Sports Notes

Place	Date	Summary of Events
		<p>Football still goes with a swing and the League is drawing to a close. A suggestion was made by the Commanding Officer that instead of cups and medals for the winners, presents should be given. The voluntary sports subscription has enabled the purchase of more shirts, boots, balls etc. and financial assistance from a charitable society in Calcutta has been a great help in this direction. The Hockey pitch has been finished and posts erected. Many "nock abouts" have been played and the game has become quite popular.</p>
		<p>Entertainment Notes</p>
		<p>Within a month of formation, the 159 Squadron Concert Party gave two performances of a farcical review entitled "Jankers Away". Both evenings the show was very well received and obviously greatly appreciated by all. A few days later on New Years Eve the show was repeated successfully at Midnapore Hospital. At each performance the newly formed five-piece band proved a great attraction. It is hoped to stage a concert each month subject to operational necessities.</p>

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Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
Night of 1st/2nd.					
BZ906 "A"	F/S. J. H. Jones (C)	Attacking ?ayatkwini Aerodrome	22.00	06.58	Aimed at southern turning circle after making four preliminary circuits. Bombs seen to burst, slightly overshooting east of the S. turning circle.
	Sgt. C. H? Hedley (2P)				
	W/O. H? T. Hartshorn (N)				
	F/S. J. W. P? Tubb (1W)				
	Sgt. R. C. M. Chalmers (2W)				
	F/O. R. B. Copp (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. G. E. T. White (BG)				
	F/S. A. P. Pisani (RG)				
BZ855 "B"	F/O. K. H. Brailsford (C)	As above	22.11	07.10	Aimed at southern end of Runway. Bombs seen to burst. Results not observed.
	F/S. J. G? Stuart (2P)				
	P?/O. J. G? Portch (N)				
	F/S. C. A. Morgan (1W)				
	Sgt. W. Etherington (2W)				
	Sgt. W. Lear (MU:FC)				
	F/S. P. J. O'Keefe (BG)				
	F/S. G. W. Clegg (RG)				
BZ840 "R?"	F/L. J. Evans (C)	Attacking Mingaladon Aerodrome	22.05	06.42	Aimed at centre of searchlights estimated to be as Target map I. C. (1) 15 March 43. Bombs seen to burst but S/L dazzle and haze prevented accurate observation.
	F/S. F. Collins (2P)				
	F/O. H. J. Hillyard (N)				
	P/O. B. Clifton (1W)				
	Sgt. A. Forston (2W)				
	Sgt. K? A. Richards (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. ? P. Blackburn (BG)				
	F/Sgt. F. K? Ashworth (RG)				
	Sgt. A. R. Burn (2Nav)				

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BZ898 "Y"	F/O. E. J. D. Stanley (C)	As above	22.02	07.05	Aimed at Aerodrome judged by S/L. positions – no results observed.
	F/S. J. W. Falconer (2P)				
	P/O. T. J. O'Donohue DFM (N)				
	F/S. J. T. Tringham (1W)				
	Sgt. J. D. Lomas (2W)				
	Sgt. D. J. Ryan (MU:FC)				
	F/S. E? V. Reed (BG)				
	F/S. J. W. F. King (RG)				
BZ987 "X"	F/Lt. S. A. Sharpe (C)	Attacking	22.08	07.20	Aimed at buildings and taxi tracks S.E. of southern turning circle – burst
	F/S. K. W. Jones (2P)	Zakatwin			seen – haze prevented accurate observation of results.
	F/Lt. G. Lodge (N)	Aerodrome			
	Sgt. J. A. Buchanan (1W)				
	Sgt. W. Lawson (2W)				
	Sgt. J. W. Fayle (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. J. E? Woodward (BG)				
	Sgt. W. E. Hopkins (RF)				
Night of 3rd/4th					
BZ906 "A"	F/S. J. G? Stuart (C)	Attacking He-	16.30	00.36	Aimed at estimated position of N.E. dispersal judged by slight ground
	F/O. K. H. Brailsford (2P)	Ho A/D.			detail, seen by light of flares. Believed to burst from N.E. dispersal across
	P?/O. J. G. Portch (N)	Primary.			N/S Runway.
	F/S. C. A. Morgan (1W)	Attacking			
	Sgt. W. Etherington (2W)	Mandalay			
	Sgt. W. Lear (MU:FC)	Railway			
	F/S. P. J. O'Keefe (BG)	Station			
	F/S. G. W. Clegg (RG)	(secondary)			
BZ855 "B"	F/S. J. H. Jones (C)	As above	16.41	00.50	First stick: Bombed on estimated position of N.E. Dispersal area. Bombs
	Sgt. C. H. Hedley (2P)				seen to burst. No further details observed. Second stick: Aim at position of
	F/O. H. J. Hillyard (N)				first bombs. Seen to burst in same area as first stick.
	F/S. J W. F. Tubb (1W)				
	Sgt. R. C. M? Chalmers (2W)				
	F/O. R. B. Copp (MU:FC)				

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	Sgt. G. B? T. White (BG)				
	F/S. A. P. Pisani (RG)				
BZ900 "C"	Sgt. C. H. Cox (C)	As above	16.33	00.28	Aimed at North dispersals. Bombs seen to burst believed in desired area.
	Sgt. F. N. Ellis (2P)				
	W/O. A. S. Bourque (N)				
	Sgt. R. H. Pryde (1W)				
	Sgt. J. M? Low (2W)				
	F/Sgt. W. E. Seymour (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. C. Kirby (BG)				
	F/S. E. J. O'Connor (RG)				
BZ898 "Y"	P/O. E. D. Wallace (C)	As above	16.42	01.05	Aimed at just S. of intersection of runways. Bombs seen to burst – thought across runways just south of intersection.
	F/S. A. W. Denton (2P)				
	F/S. C. R. Ghent (N)				
	F/S. J. T. Tringham (1W)				
	Sgt. W. Lawson (2W)				
	Sgt. D. J. Ryan (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. F. Smith (BG)				
	F/S. J. E. Woodward (RG)				
Night of 7th/8th.					
BZ906 "A"	F?/O. K. H? Brailsford (C)	Moulemein: Jetties & Station, Points C, D?, O?, & K on T.M. 1C/S/16. Secondary: Pegu Railway Stn.	15.49	02.20	1st. stick: Aimed at point between two jetties. Burst seen, first two in river, remainder from position S. jetty and to station. 2nd. stick: Aimed at S. Jetty. Bursts seen from S. Jetty to G, on Target map I.C.(S)16. First two bombs believed possibly S. W. of south jetty – oil bomb believed in jetty area – Red fire started immediately. Seen 20 mins. after leaving.
	W/O. J. C? Stuart (2P)				
	P/O. J. G. Portch (N)				
	W/O. C. A. Morgan (1W)				
	F/S. W. Etherington (2W)				
	F/S. W. Lear (MU:FC)				
	F/S. P. J. O'Keefe (BG)				
	W/O. G? W. Clegg (RG)				
BZ840 "K?"	Sgt. F? N. Ellis (C)	As above	15.43	01.53	1st. stick. Aimed at S. railway station. Six bursts seen N. of good jetty. One Red fire seen just N. of this Jetty and two small red fires near area G. 2nd stick. Aimed at S. railway station. Four bursts and one bomb seen across Rly. Station.
	W/O. F. Collins (2P)				
	F/S. A. R. Burn (N)				
	P/O. B. Clifton DFM (1W)				
	F/S. A. Forson (2W)				

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	F/S. E. A. Richards (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. S? P. Blackburn (BG)				
	F/Lt. F? E? Ashworth (RG)				
BZ836 "X"	F/S. C. A. King (C)	As above	15.45	02.11	1st stick: Aimed at S. railway station. Bursts seen across goods yard. 2nd stick: Aimed at S. railway station. Three bursts seen right across railway station.
	F/S. J. Barritt (2P)				
	W/O. J. Bell (N)				
	F/S. J. A. McGregor (1W)				
	Sgt. K. G. McLaughlin (2W)				
	W/O. D. M? Black (MU:FC)				
	F/S. F. J. Edwards (RG)				
	Sgt. W McCaffrey (BG)				
BZ855? "B"	W/O. J. H. Jones (C)	As above	15.41	02.05	Full load dropped in one stick. Aimed at town area. Thought to be between Tavoy Jetty and area F. on target map, ¼ mile inland. Bursts seen Bombsight completely u/s due to electrical failure.
	F/S. C. N? Hedley (2P)				
	F/O. H. J. Hillyard (N)				
	W/O. J. W. F. Tubb (1W)				
	Sgt. R. C. M. Chalmers (2W)				
	F/O. R. B. Copp (MU:FC)				
	F/S. G. E. T. White (BG)				
	F/S. A. P. Pisani (RG)				
BZ900 "C"	Sgt. C. H? Cox (C)	As above	15.47	01.41	1st. stick. Aimed at area S. Jetty. Noticed after bombing that bombsight was tilted to one side. Bursts seen from point S. of S. Jetty towards station. 2nd stick: Aimed at S. Jetty. Bursts seen N. of 1st stick, but still slightly S. of target. Last bomb possibly hit station.
	W/O. J. W? Falconer (2P)				
	W/O. A. S. Bourque (N)				
	F/S. R? H? Pryde (1W)				
	Sgt. J. M? Low.				
	F/S. W. E? Seymour (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. J. Stokoe (BG)				
	F/S. E. J. O'Connor (RG)				
Night 10th/11th.					

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
BZ855 "B"	Sgt. F. N. Ellis (C)	Attacking He- Ho A/d. Secondary: Semo-Mopa	16.33	00.15	Aimed across N-S runway slightly north of intersection. Bombs seen to burst, believed from hanger across N-S runway. One small red fire started by beginning of stick and one slightly larger one appeared at end of stick.
	Sgt. C. H. Cox (2P)				
	W/O. A. S. Bourque (N)				
	F/S. R. H. Pryde (1W)				
	F/S. J. M. Low (2W)				
	F/S. W. E. Seymour (MU:FC)				
	F/S. P. J. O'Keefe (BG)				
	F/S. E. J. O'Connor (RG)				
	Sgt. A. H. Allanach				
BZ836 "X"	P/O. E. D. Wallace (C)	As above.	16.31	00.22	Aimed parallel to NW/SE runway and slightly to N. Bombs seen to burst parallel to runway – believed in desired position. Several explosions observed in same position after bomb explosions.
	W/O. A. W. Denton (2P)				
	F/S. C. R. Ghent (N)				
	F/S. J. T. Tringham (1W)				
	F/S. W. Lawson (2W)				
	F/S. W. Hendry (MU:FC)				
	F/O. K. W. Edwards (BG)				
	F/S. F? Smith (RG)				
BZ897 "Z"	F/Lt. S. A. Sharpe (C)	As above.	16.30	00.11	Aimed at centre of main N.S. runway. Bombs believed to have fallen from a point W of N/S. runway and slightly N. of intersection across NW/SE runway to dispersal area.
	W/O. K. W. Jones (2P)				
	W/O. G. W. Webzell (N)				
	F/S. J. A. Buchanan (1W)				
	F/S. L. J. Talbot (2W)				
	F/S. J. W. Fayle (MU:FC)				
	W/O. J. E? Woodward (BG)				
	F/S. W. E. Hopkins (RG)				
	F/Lt. G. Lodge				
Night 13th/14th					
BZ855 "B"	W/O. J. H. Jones (C)	Primary: Toungoo Dump Area. Secondary: Py??nana Rly. Junction.	18.37	03.04	1st Stick: Aimed at northern part of dump area enclosed "V" shape by intersecting roads. Bursts seen parallel to northerly road of intersection well in target area. 2nd Stick: Aimed at yellow fire in northerly part of dump area, estimated 3 ½ miles 063° from town railway station. Bursts seen from intersection parallel to southerly road. This aircraft was the last to bomb and claims that
	F/S. C. H. Hedley (2p)				
	F/O. H. J. Hillyard (N)				
	W/O. J. W. F. Tubb (1w)				
	F/S. R. C. M? Chalmers (2w)				

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	F/O. R. B. Copp (MU:FC)				immediately after second stick a red fire sprang up, estimated 200 – 300 yards South of yellow fire mentioned above. Red fire seen 20 minutes after leaving target.
	F/S. G. E. T. White (BG)				
	F/S. A. P. Pisani (RG)				
	Sgt. L. J. Foad				
BZ900 "C"	W/O. J. C. Stuart (C)	As above	18.30	02.17	1st stick: Aimed at road junction at N.E. Tip of dump area. Bombs seen to burst, thought to be between roads in northern part of target area.
	F/O. K. H. Brailsford (2p)				2nd. stick: Aimed just short of junction above. Bursts seen in same area as first stick.
	P/O. J. H. Portch (N)				
	W/O. C. A. Morgan (1w)				
	F/S. W. Etherington (2w)				
	F/S. W. Lear (MU:FC)				
	F/S. P. J. O'Keefe (BG)				
	W/O. G. W. Clegg (RG)				
	Sgt. A. F. Allanach				
BZ840 "E?"	F/Lt. J. Evans (C)	As above	18.23	02.25	1st. stick: Aimed at northern end of dump area. Bombs seen to burst across N. E. Portion all in target area. Last bomb bursting close to road on eastern side of dump.
	W/O. F. Collins (2p)				2nd. stick: Aimed as first stick, seen to burst slightly undershooting but last bomb inside target area.
	F/S. A. R? Burn (N)				
	P/O. B. Clifton DFM (1w)				
	F/S. A. Forson (2w)				
	F/S. E. A. Richards (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. S. P. Blackburn (BG)				
	F/Lt. F. K? Ashworth (RG)				
BZ836 "X"	F/O. ? J. D. Stanley (C)	Primary: Toungoo Dump Area. Secondary: Pyink?ana Rly. Junction.	18.30	02.52	1st stick: Aimed at northern end of dump. Seen to burst, first two on road bounding eastern side of dump and remainder on target.
	W/O. J. W. Falconer (2p)				2nd stick: Aimed at road junction. Seen to burst from point just South of junction into target area.
	P/O. T. J. O'Donohue DFM (N)				3rd stick: Aimed at engine shed "G" on target map. Seen to burst on a road, the northerly of two parallel roads.
	F/S. J. Westermarck (1w)				
	F/S. J. D. Lomas (2w)				
	Sgt. D. J. Ryan (MU:FC)				
	F/S. E? V. Reed (BG)				
	F/S. J. W. F. King (RG)				
	P/O. W. N. Judd				
BZ898 "Y"	F/S. C. A. King (C)	As above	18.34	02.40	1st stick: Aimed at road junction seen clearly. Bursts seen in northern end of target area.
	F/S. J. Barritt (2p)				

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	W/O. J. Bell (N)				2nd stick: Aimed across north end of dump area and seen to burst in desired position.
	F/S. J. A. McGregor (1w)				
	F/S. K. G. McLaughlin (2w)				
	W/O. D. M. Black (MU:FC)				
	F/S. W? McCaffrey (BG)				
	F/S. F. J. Edwards (RG)				
BZ987 "Z"	F/Lt. S. A. Sharpe (C)	As above	18.28	02.35	1st. stick: Aimed at road junction at north of target area. Seen to burst across northern end of target. 2nd stick: Aimed as first stick. Seen to burst across lower part of target area.
	W/O. K. W. Jones (2p)				
	W/O. G. W. Webzell (N)				
	F/S. J. A. Buchanan (1w)				
	F/S. L. J. Talbot (2w)				
	F/S. J. W. Fayle (MU:FC)				
	W/O. J. H? Woodward (BG)				
	F/S. W. K. Hopkins (RG)				
Night 16th/17th					
BZ900 "C"	Sgt. C. H. Cox (C)	Operation Wim?pole	18.44	03.48	Magwe: Aimed at one of two good red fires already slight in town. Slightly overshoot. Both fell in river. Allanmyd. Aimed at built up area clearly visible. Immediately after bombs had fallen small explosive fire with varied coloured flashes observed. Five small fires seen on departure. Thayetmo. Aimed at built up area. Seen to fall in town. No other results.
	Sgt. F. N. Ellis (2p)				
	W/O. A. S. Bourque (N)				
	F/S. R. H. Pryde (1w)				
	F/S. J. M. Low (2w)				
	F/S. W. E. Seymour (MU:FC)				
	F/O. R. B. Copp (BG)				
	F/S. E. J. O'Connor (RG)				
	W/Cndr. J. P. Hopkins D.F.C.				
BZ842 "P"	F/O. E. J. D. Stanley (C)	As above	22.47	04.03	Akyab. Attacked this target owing to engine failure. Aimed at waterfront S. of main jetty. Six bursts seen. One in water, and rest into town S. of jetty.
	W/O. J. W. Falconer (2p)				
	P/O. T. J. O'Donohue DFM (N)				
	F/S. J. Westermarck (1w)				
	F/S. J. D. Lomas (2w)				
	Sgt. D. J. Ryan (MU:FC)				

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	F/S. E. V. Reed (BG)				
	F/S. J. W. F. King (RG)				
BZ836 "X"	P/O. E. D. Wallace (C)	As above	16.45	02.14	Magwe. Aimed at waterfront and town built up area. Two bursts seen in built up area. Immediately after bombing large red fire sprung up. 2nd. visit. Aimed at previous fire. Believed to fall within town.
	W/O. A. W. Denton (2p)				Yenangyaung. Aimed at oil storage, area "A" on target map I.C.(4)10. Very dark unable to state location of bursts seen. One small white fire observed.
	F/S. C. R. Ghent (N)				Chauk. Aimed at Area "G" on Target map IC(4).5. Banking at time, unable to give location.
	F/S. J. T. Tringham (1w)				
	F/S. W. Lawson (2w)				
	W/O. D. M. Black (MU:FC)				
	F/O. K. W. Edwards (BG)				
	F/S. F. Smith (BG)				
	Sgt. C. A. Couch (spare W/op u/t.)				
BZ897 "Z"	F/O. R. L. McDougall (C)	As above	20.50	05.25	Magwe. Aimed at fire. Bombs seen to fall between fire and waterfront.
	F/S. T. H? Morris (2p)				Yenangyaung: Aimed at oil storage tanks seen clearly by aid of flare. Saw bomb burst in area "A" on Target map IC(4)10. One small red fire which burned for five minutes and two incendiary fires observed.
	F/Lt. D. I. C. Boissier (N)				Chauk: Aimed at area "G" on Target map IC(4)5. One burst observed in this area. One red fire seen burning inside area "G" on arrival and still burning on departure.
	F/S. J. Brown (1w)				Kyaukpadaung. Aimed at estimated position of railhead judged by road pattern. Bomb burst seen – no location.
	F/S. L. J. Talbot (2w)				Lanywa. Aimed at "C" on target map IC(4)5 and thought to have overshot slightly.
	F/S. N? Hendry (MU:FC)				
	F/S. D. Stokoe (BG)				
	F/S. J. P. Goodison (RG)				
Night 19th/20th					
BZ855 "B"	W/O. J. H. Jones (C)	Primary: Bangkok Bansuk Marshalling Yards. Secondary: Moulmein Town	14.22	03.20	Primary: Dropped in one stick aimed between two fires estimated to be in area E and F on target map IC(2)8. Seen to burst across on of fires. 4th bomb seen to cause large explosion.
	F/S. C. H. Hedley (2p)				
	F/O. H. J. Hillyard (N)				
	W/O. J. W. F. Tubb (1w)				
	F/S. R. C. M. Chalmers (2w)				
	F/S. G. E. T. White (MU:FC)				
	F/O. R. B. Copp (BG)				
	F/S. A. P. Pisani (RG)				
BZ840 "E"	F/Lt. J. Evans (C)	As above	17.12	03.14	Primary: Aimed at marshalling yards, position by large buildings presumed cement works and railway seen by light of two flares. Seen to burst slightly
	W/O. F. Collins (2p)				

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	F/S. A. R. Burn (N)				east of marshalling yards.
	P/O. B. Clifton DFM (1w)				
	F/S. A. Forson (2w)				
	F/S. E. A. Richards (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. S. P. Blackburn (BG)				
	F/Lt. F. E. Ashworth (RG)				
BZ832 "P"	F/O. R. L. McDougall (C)	As above	17.15	23.15	Prome: On journey to target instrument failure experienced so attacked Prome. Aimed at engine shed and seen to burst from that point across railway lines into northern part of town. One medium red fire seen on leaving target. Small incendiary fires.
	F/S. T. H. Morris (2p)				
	F/Lt. D. I. C. Boissier (N)				
	F/S. J. Brown (1w)				
	F/S. L. J. Talbot (2w)				
	F/S. W. Hendry (MU:FC)				
	F/S. D. Stokoe (BG)				
	F/S. J. P. Goodison (RG)				
BZ836 "X"	P/O. E. D. Wallace (C)	As above	17.12	02.32	Primary: Aimed at Barracks and Military arsenal. Position judged in relation to railway, road and river bend W. of target. Could see two blocks of built up area W. of road and railway. Seen to burst, believed in desired area, causing one medium red fire & one smaller fire alongside.
	W/O. A. W. Denton (2p)				
	W/O. C. Ghent (N)				
	F/S. J. T. Tringham (1w)				
	F/S. W. Lawson (2w)				
	Sgt. D. J. Ryan (MU:FC)				
	F/O. K. W. Edwards (BG)				
	F/S. F. Smith (RG)				
BZ897 "Z"	F/Lt. S. A. Sharpe (C)	As above	17.20	03.40	Primary: Aimed at Marshalling yard judged by bend in river due W. Bombs seen to burst, believed south of yards.
	W/O. K. W. Jones (2p)				
	W/O. G. W. Webzell (N)				
	F/S. J. A. Buchanan (1w)				
	F/S. J. D. Lomas (2w)				
	F/S. J. W? Fayle (MU:FC)				
	W/O. J. E. Woodward (BG)				

<sup>45</sup> Name cut off but could be F/S W ? Hopkins (RG) – check other listings of this crew.

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
Night 23rd/24th					
BZ9876 "A"	Sgt. F. N. Ellis (C)	Attacking Bankok <sup>46</sup> Marshalling Yards	17.38	04.30	Aimed at Marshalling yards. 1st Run: Bursts seen across S. end of yards. No other results. 2nd run: Overshot. Started one small fire which quickly went out.
	Sgt. W. Garrity (2p)				
	W/O. H. T. Hartshorn (N)				
	F/S. W. A. Kirkness (1w)				
	F/S. C. J. Nicholls (2w)				
	F/S. E. A. Richards (MU:FC)				
	F/S. C. Kirby (BG)				
	F/S. F. W. T. Rozee (RG)				
BZ855 "B"	W/O. J. H. Jones (C)	Bankok Terminus Station	17.44	04.20	1st. Run. Aimed across terminus station. One small fire started near station area. Grey smoke seen. 2nd run. Aimed as first stick. Two large fires started in waterfront area, between point "L" on T.M. IC(3)5
	W/O. A. W. Denton (2p)				
	F/O. H? J. Hillyard (N)				
	W/O. J. W. F. Tubb (1w)				
	F/S. R. C. M. Chalmers (2w)				
	Sgt. S? P. Blackburn (MU:FC)				
	F/S. G. E. T. White (BG)				
	F/S. A. P. Pisani (RG)				
	Sgt. L. J. Foad				
BZ900 "C"	Sgt. C. H. Cox (C)	Bangkok Military Arsenal	17.27	03.45	Aimed at estimated position of Arsenal. Bursts seen in target area. No results observed.
	Sgt. W. M? Heathwood (2p)				
	W/O. A. S. Bourque (N)				
	F/S. R. H. Pryde (1w)				
	F/S. J. M? Low (2w)				
	F/S. W. R. Seymour (MU:FC)				
	F/S. W. Davey (BG)				
	F/S. E. J. O'Connor (RG)				
	Sgt. A. H. Allenach				
BZ840 "K?"	F/O. K. H. Brailsford (C)	As above	17.34	04.30	Aimed at estimated position of Arsenal. Four bursts seen. One medium fire started in target area by last bomb. Fire developing as aircraft left target.

<sup>46</sup> Spelling in ORB is Bankok, but this is probably Bangkok. (also the next entry)

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	F/O. K. P. Alcorn (2p)				
	P/O. J. G. Portch (N)				
	W/O. C. A. Morgan (1w)				
	F/S. W. Etherington (2w)				
	F/S. W. Lear (MU:FC)				
	F/S. P? J. O'Keefe (BG)				
	F/S??? C? H? Clegg (RG)				
BZ842 "P"	F/O. E. J. D. Stanley (C)	Attacking Terminus Railway Station: Bangkok	17.50	03.55	1st run. Aimed at estimated position of Railway Stn. Bursts short of Rly. Station. N. E. of Thai Power Stn. Two large deep red fires with black smoke started.
	W/O. J. W? Falconer (2p)				
	P/O. T. J. O'Donohue DFM (N)				
	F/S. J. Westermarck (1w)				
	F/S. D. J. Lomas (2w)				
	Sgt. D. J. Ryan (MU:FC)				
	F/S. E. V. Reed (BG)				
	F/S. J. W. F. King (RG)				
BZ836 "X"	F/O. R. L. McDougall (C)	Marshalling Yards Bangkok	17.31	04.10	Aimed at centre of Marshalling Yards. Bursts seen believed centre of Marshalling Yards. One orange fire with black smoke started. No other results.
	F/S. T. H. Morris (2p)				
	F/Lt. D. I. C. Boissier (N)				
	F/S. J. Brown (1w)				
	F/S. L. J. Talbot (2w)				
	F/S. W. Hendry (MU:FC)				
	F/S. D. Stokoe (BG)				
	F/S. J. P. Goodison (RG)				
BZ897 "Z"	F/Lt. S. A. Sharpe (C)	Attacking Terminus Rly. Station Bangkok	17.41	03.45	1st. run: Aimed at Terminus Railway Station. Good fire started in Raily. Station area.
	W/O. K. W. Jones (2p)				
	W/O. G. W. Webzell (N)				
	F/S. J. A. Buchanan (1w)				
	F/S. W? Lawson? (2w)				
	F/S. J. W. Fayle (MU:FC)				
	W/O. J. E? Woodward (BG)				
	F/S. W. E. Hopkins (RG)				

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
Night 30/31st					
BZ842 "P"	F/O. E. J. Stanley (C)	Attacking: Mahlwagon Marshalling Yards Rangoon	17.55	02.55	Aimed at estimated position of Yards. Three bursts seen. Position not observed. Incendiary <sup>47</sup> burning in the northern area of the yards.
	W/O. J. W. Falconer (2p)				
	P/O. T. J. O'Donohue DFM (N)				
	F/S. J. Westermark (1w)				
	Sgt. J. D. Lomas (2w)				
	Sgt. D. J. Ryan (MU:FC)				
	F/S. H? V. Reed (BG) F/S. J. W. F. King (RG)				
BZ836 "X"	S/Ldr. C. G. Clegg (C)	As above	17.14	03.16	Aimed at estimated position of Yards. Six bursts seen and incendiaries seen to burst in estimated position of yards.
	W/O. K. W. Jones (2p)				
	W/O. J. N. Culleton (N)				
	F/O. J. R. Fullerton DRM (1w)				
	F/O. G. A. Gowing (2w)				
	W/O. D. M. Black (MU:FC)				
	W/O. A. B. Webb (BG) F/S. J. Harris (RG)				
BZ898 "Y"	P/O. E. D. Wallace (C)	As above	17.07	03.09	Aimed at estimated position of Yards. Bursts seen slightly undershot. First bomb landed in built up area between Yards and river bank and remainder appeared to be close to Engine Shed.
	W/O. A. W. Denton (2p)				
	W/O. C. R. Ghent (N)				
	F/S. J. T. Tringham (1W)				
	F/S. J. W. Lawson (2w)				
	W/O. E. D. Bardell (MU:FC)				
	F/O. K. W. Edwards (BG) F/S. F. Smith (RG)				
BZ897 "Z"	F/O. R. L. McDougall (C)	As above	17.19	02.10	Aimed at centre of yards. Bombs seen to burst and overshoot S. of the yards and across Pazaisung Chaung to Gort Dock Yard area
	F/S. T. H. Morris (2p)				
	P/O. W. N. Judd (N)				
	F/S. J. Brown (1w)				
	F/S. L. J. Talbot (2w) F/S. W. Hendry (MU:FC)				

<sup>47</sup> As in the record, should be Incendiaries.

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	F/S. D. Stokoe (BG)				
	F/S. J. P. Goodison (RG)				
BZ906 "A"	Sgt. F? N. Ellis (C)	Mahlwagon Marshalling Yards Rangoon	17.09	02.25	Aimed at Malwagon Yards. Seven bursts seen S. end of Yards. Medium size red fire in built up area to N. of Yards seen for 10 minutes.
	Sgt. W. Garrity (2p)				
	F/S. A. R. Burn (N)				
	P/O. R? Clifton DFM (1w)				
	F/S. A. F?orson (2w)				
	F/S. E. A. Richards (MU:FC)				
	Sgt. S. P. Blackburn (BG)				
	F/S. A. P. Pisani (RG)				
	Sgt. L. J. Foad.				
BZ855 "B?"	W/O. J. H. Jones (C)	As above	17.17	03.26	Aimed at centre of Yards. Bursts seen and appeared to be across S. end of Yards.
	F/S. Murphy (2p)				
	W/O. H. T. Hartshorn (N)				
	F/S. W. A. Kirkness (1w)				
	F/S. C. J. Nicholls (2w)				
	F/S. L. A. Bridgeman (MU:FC)				
	F/S. G? Kirby (BG)				
	F/S. F. W. T. Rozee (RG)				
	Sgt. A. P. Allanach				
BZ900 "C"	Sgt. C. N. Cox (C)	As above	17.07	02.30	Aimed at estimated position of Yards. Bursts seen in estimated position of yards. Four incendiary fires on W. bank of Pazundaug Chaung near Yards.
	F/S. W. M. Heathwood (2p)				
	W/O. A. S. Bourque (N)				
	F/S. R? H. Pryde (1w)				
	F/S. J. M. Low (2w)				
	F/S. W. K. Seymour (MU:FC)				
	F/S. W. Davey (BG)				
	F/S. K? J. O'Connor (RG)				

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	P/O. D. A. Lothian (2N)				
BZ840 "E?"	F/O. K. N? Brailsford (C)	As above	17.11	02.47	Aimed at estimated position of Yards. Seven bursts seen estimated in target area. Incendiary fires seen in the area of yards.
	F/O. K. P. Alcorn (2p)				
	P/O. J. G? Portch (N)				
	W/O. C. A. Morgan (1w)				
	F/S. W. Etherington (2w)				
	F/S. W. Lear (MU:FC)				
	F/S. P. J. O'Keefe (BG)				
	W/O. G. W. Clegg (RG)				



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