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 From 2335 hrs 6/4/43 to 0530 hrs 7/4/43

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
Wellington I.C. H?B? 472 "Y"	S/Ldr James	Army Co-op.	2335	0415	Illuminate coastline below Alethangian? (20° 32?' N to 20° 39?'N) from 0130 - 0215 on 7.4.43. Twenty Flares used. Operation successful.
	F/S Eustace				
	F/O Judd				
	F/S Jefcoats				
	Sgt. Barnes				
	F/S Er?wington				
H?B? 507 "U"	F/Lt Fardall	Army Co-op	0010	0530	Illuminate coastline as above from 0215 - 0300 on 7.4.43. Twenty Flares Used. Operation successful.
	F/O Bear				
	F/O Rogers F/S Graham				
	F/S Uffleman?				
	Sgt. Brown 096				

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From hrs 16/4/43 to hrs 17/4 /43

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
Wellington I.C. HF8875 "X?"	W/C Webster	Night Bombing	02:00	0720	Target Padilali on Akyab Island. Found 10/10 low cloud at 3000' over estimated target area. Searched unsuccessfully from 0453 – 0520. Brought bombs back.
	F/S Butt				
	F/L Ryan				
	F/O Logan				
	F/S Vanner?				
	F/S Brown		2342	0451	Target Kywey?? by Kywei?? R. Mangan? Chai?ng & Inlet. Target? identified Bombs burst in 1m???? iats vicinity of village. No results.
H? 773	S/L Clough				
	P/O Leight?				
	F/S Walker				
	Sgt. Treece?				
	F/S Ari??rlg??t				
	F/L Woodruff				
H?? 456 "D"	F/Lt Guest		0221	0640	Target Kya??lan on Min?gan Ch?ang. Target identified. Bombs burst on Northern edge of village. No results.
	F/S Wilmore				
	W/O Edwards				
	Sgt Why?te				
	F/S Barnes				
	F/S Cross				
HE134 "B?"	W/O Parsons		0233	0571	(Camera) Target Pai??li. Target identified and bombed. Bomb Bursts seen and large clouds of smoke seen when leaving target. Photographs ½? mile east of Paim?li with bursts S.E. of village.
	P/O Sutton				
	F?/O Dow				
	Sgt Knight				
	Sgt Beard				
	F/S Pe?ntcoost?				
??985 "C"	F/S Dowling		0228	0648	Target Kyw???. Target identified by Kyw??e R. Mangan? Chuang and Inlet. Bomb bursts seen in immediate vicinity of village. No results.
	F/S Ringer				
	F/S Skinner				
	Sgt. Cisborne?				
	Sgt. Foster?				
	Sgt. Hair				

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 From hrs 22/4/43 to hrs 23/4/43

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
Wellington I.C. ??474 "A"	P/O Sutton	Night Bombing	2340	0657	Target Kanguang A/C Dispersals. Pinpointed Meitkila, set course 315° and bombed estimated target in two sticks, course 315 and recipocal. All bursts seen. No results.
	Sgt Maddox				
	P/O Mellefont?				
	Sgt Abson				
	P/O Dobson				
	Sgt Painger?				
H? 136? "B?"	F/S Jones		2230	0645	(Camera) Targets as above. Identified road S of target. Bombed in one stick on course 135°. All bursts seen on target area. Trail of smoke seen and possibly small fire.
	F/S Young				
	P/O Phillips				
	Sgt. O'Crady				
	Sgt Baldry				
	Sgt Daniel				
H?456 "D"	F/Lt Guest?		2320	0613	(Camera) Target as above. Bombed in single stick on course 180° bursts seen on target area but no results.
	F/S Wilmore				
	W/O Edwards				
	Sgt Whyte				
	Sgt Barnes				
	Sgt Cross				
??&?85 "K?"	S/L Jones		1715	0042	Target believed Zayetkon Village (20° 45' N 95° 35' E) Bomb jettisoned and bursts seen outskirts of village. No results. Almost complete loss of power in starboard engine and compelled to return.
	F/S Eustace				
	F/O Judd				
	F/S Jefocate?				
	Sgt Burns				
	F/S Errington?				
LB141 "P?"	W/O Parsons		2316	0655	Target Akyab town. Five bombs hung up but later jettisoned safe in swamp at pos. 23° 05' N 89° 47' E
	Sgt Loake?				
	F/O Dow				
	Sgt. Knight				
	Sgt Beard?				
	Sgt Pentecost				
DV549 "H"	F/S Ringer		2340	0745	Target as above (Kanguang) Believed saw lake and bombed in one stick course 319 on E.T.A. without seeing target. Eight bursts seen but no result.
	Sgt Clarke				
	Sgt Yaw				
	Sgt Singleton				

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	Sgt Stevens, H.				
	Sgt Pritchard				
HF7857 "J"	F/S Kearns		2341	0700	Target as above. Bombed in single stick on course 135° Bursts seen to straddle road near some buildings W. of runway but no results observed.
	F/S Jetton?				
	F?/O Grant				
	F/S Clarke				
	Sgt. O'Conna?ll				
	Sgt Car				
HF890 "P"	F/S Dowling, KPO?		¹		(Camera) Target as above. Identified road south of target and bombed E.P.T. in single stick on course 150° Bombs believed to fall slightly S.W. of runway but no results.
	?/O Bear				
	Sgt Thomas				
	Sgt Ovenden?				
	P/O Messer				
	Sgt. Hyde				

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Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
HX567 "Q"	F/S Valentine	Night Bombing	2333 ½	0637	(Camera) Target Kangaung A/D Dispersals. Bombed E.P.T. in single stick. Busts seen but no results.
	Sgt Lentake?				
	P/O Hillyard				
	Sgt Stoner				
	Sgt Mather				
	Sgt. Larder				
AD961 "S?"	P/O Enright?		2338	0616	Target as above. Bombed E.P.T. in Single stick course 110°. 4 bursts seen but no results. Buildings believed seen in light of bursts.
	Sgt Johnson				
	F/O Starr				
	Sgt Sadler				
	Sgt Rowe?				
	F/S Meech?				
HX773 "W?"	F/S Williams		2325	0655	Target as above, Bombed E.P.T. in two sticks, Course, 320 and reciprocal. All burst seen but no results.
	F/S Crosswall?				
	F?/O Fallows?				
	Sgt Richardson				
	Sgt Dillon				
	Sgt Kershaw				
LA988 "V"	W/O Clarke		¹		Target Neitkila? A/D Dispersals. Ground haze on main target. Bombed in single stick. Bombs seen to bursts W of main runway but no results observed.
	F/S Standford				
	W/O Ising?				
	Sgt Murray				
	Sgt Smithson				
	Sgt Nice				
??472 "X"	F/S Gillis		2311	0645	Target Neitkila? A/D Dispersals. Ground Haze on Main target. Bombed in single stick on course 125°. Bursts seen diagonally across new runway but no results observed.
	Sgt Devine				
	Sgt Whitehead				
	F/S Rodgers				
	F/S H?olcombe?				
	F/S Pattison				

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From hrs 24/4/43 to hrs 25/4/43

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
Wellington I.C. BB474 "A"	F/S Dowling, P.	Night Bombing	2220	0451	Target Yena??aung. Bombed estimated position of town in one stick on course 045° after pin pointing large Is in middle of Irrawndy. 4 bursts seen and one small fire (inter com failure)
	F/S Ringer				
	F/S? Skinner				
	Sgt. Gisborne?				
	Sgt Foster				
	F/S Hair				
HE134 "B"	F/O Skyes		2225	0625	Camera. Excessive consumption and inability to maintain height due to port petrol flap coming open. Jettisoned at 20° 38 'N 94° 27 'E
	F/O Dowding?				
	F/S Baxter				
	Sgt Watling				
	Sgt Riddle				
	Sgt Robson				
BB456 "D"	S/Ldr James		1605	2338	(Camera) Target He Ho A/D Bombed H?P.T. in one stick (360°) on E.T.A. from I??le Lake. 3 Bomb Bursts seen and incendiaries 3 mins later yellow fires seen amongst incendiaries followed by small explosives.
	F/S E?ustace				
	F/O Judd				
	P/O Jefooate?				
	Sgt Burns				
	F/S Errington				
HF890 "A"	F/L Fardell?		2228	0718	(Camera) Target Yenanguang Oil Field. Bombed in single stick on 36?0° after pin pointing confluence of Pin and Irrawady rivers 4 bursts 1 ¾ miles N. of workshops. Large fire from incendiaries spreading E (200 x 50 yds.)
	Sgt Lantake?				
	F/O Rogers				
	F/S Graham				
	F/S Uffleman?				
	Sgt. Brown 096				
HX773 "U"	F/S Gillis		2244	063?5	(Camera) Starboard engine overheated and excessive oil consumption. Bombs jettisoned 3 at pos. 20° 25 'N 94° 45 'E approx to maintain height and remainder in sea.
	Sgt Devine				
	Sgt Whitehead				
	F/S Rogers				
	F/S Holcombe?				
	F/S Pattison				

