215 Squadron RAF

Forms 541

July 1944 - December 1944

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From hrs 1/7/44 to hrs 31/7/44

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
					No operational flights were undertaken by the squadron during the month of July,
					1944
					(signed)
					(A.H. Hinmen?)
					for Wing Commander, (Absent on duty), Commanding,
					No. 215 Squadron,
					R.A.F. India.

Form 541

From hrs 1/8/44 to hrs 31/8/44

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
					No operational flights were undertaken by the squadron during the month of August,
					1944
					(signed)
					(J.H. Sindall)
					Wing Commander, Commanding,
					No. 215 Squadron,
					R.A.F. India.

From hrs 1/9/44 to hrs 30/9/44

Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
					No operational flights were undertaken by the squadron during the month.
					(signed)
					(J.H. Sindall)
					Wing Commander, Commanding,
					No. 215 Squadron R.A.F.

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	s 1/10/44 to hrs 8/10/44				Page 77
Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
"C?'	S/Ldr. C.V. Beadon (Capt)	Weather Reconnaissanc e on route to, & Visual Reconnaissanc e of, Bentinck	0615	2005	Route flown at 500 – 4,000'. No other aircraft or shipping sighted. Weather good at base, but bad over Bay of Bengal, with dense cloud down to 2000 – 300' and heavy rain. Visibility ¹ / ₂ mile. Visual reconnaissance of Bentinck Island made at 200 feet.
	F/O. Waddington, W.F.	Island 1/10/44			
	(2nd.P)				
	W/O. Golding, D. (Nav)				
	F/S. Griffin (1st. Wop) Sgt. Bennett?, T. (2nd. Wop)				
	F/S. Hindson?, R. (F/Eng.)				
	F/S. Monton?, G.A. (B/A)				
	Sgt. Hill, R?C. (F.Gun)				
	Sgt. Cunningham, R. (M/U.G)				
	Sgt. M??can, D. (B.Gun)				
	Sgt. Harding, D. (R.Gun)				
"V"	F/Lt. N. Williams (Capt)	Weather Reconnaissanc e Base – Preparis Island – Pos'n 14°30'N. 97°0?0'E – Base.	0755	1815	Route flown at 8000'. Weather was good from base to furthest point reached, apart from purely local storm over Preparis Island. There were no sightings.
	W/O. A. Harvey (2nd.P)				
	Lt. Bendall?, G.D. (Nav)				
	F/S. Skinner, (1st.Wop)				
	Sgt. ?Ho?nix, D. (2nd.Wop)				
	F/S. Wright, A.A. (F/Eng)				

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Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
	F/O. Fai??s, H?C. (BA)	, i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	1		
	F/S. Stuart, (F/Gun)				
	P/O. G?o??er, V.				
	(M/U.G)				
	Sgt. Gaskin, A. (B/Gun)				
	Sgt. F?orson, A (R/Gun)				
"Q"	F/O. Clarke, S.R. (Capt)	6-7.10.44			Air Sea Rescue Search for survivors of missing Liberator, in Bay of Bengal. (For full
C.	- , - , (. . ,				details see 185 Wing Sortie Reports & 215 Sqdn. Opreps attached as appendices)
"V"	F/O. Shaw, H.A. (Capt)				
"Q"	W/O. Cameron, L.A.	7.10.44			-do-
C.	(Capt)				
"R"	F/O. Frazer, J. (Capt)	7-8.10.44			-do-
"V"	F?/O. Lanteke?, R.V.	8.10.44			-do-
	(Capt)				
From h	rs 9/10/44 to hrs 13/10/44	1			Page 78
Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
"P"	P?/O. Brodie, C.M.	9-10.10.44	r		Air Sea Rescue Search for survivors of missing Liberator, in Bay of Bengal. (For full
	(Capt)	,			details see 185 Wing Sortie Reports & 215 Sqdn. Opreps attached as appendices)
"R"	F/S. Ma???garb, M.	"			-do-
	(Capt)				
"G"	W/O. Tindall, W.E?	"			-do-
	(Capt)				
"V"	Sgt. Brooks, T.C. (Capt)	"			-do-
"Q"	F/O. Shaw, H.A. (Capt)	10.10.44			-do-
"F?"	Sgt. Miller, J.H. (Capt)	"			-do-
"R"	F/O. Fraser, J. (Capt)	"			-do-
"B"	F/L. Brouse, R.E? (Capt)	11.10.44			-do-
"Q"	W/O. McPhee, J.C.	"			-do-
τ.	(Capt)				
"S"	F/O. Lant?ke, R.V.	"			-do-
	(Capt)				
"P"	F/O. Do?win, S.T.F.	"			-do-
-	(Capt)				
"Q"	F/S. Mai??garb, M.	12.10.44			-do-
×.	(Capt)				
"S"	F/L. Williams, N. (Capt)	"			-do-
"F?"	P/O. Colson?, A.F.	"			-do-
- •	(Capt)				
"H"	S/L. Beadon, C?V.	13.10.44			-do-
	(Capt)				
"Q"	Sgt. Brooks, T.C. (Capt)	"		1	-do-
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Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
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From h	rs 30/10/44 to hrs 31/10/44				Page 79
"A"	F/L. Grouse, R.K. (Capt)	30.10.44			Carried out Exercise "Glaxo". Route: - Base – Krishnagar – Kesspre – Amarda Road – Madras – Base. (For full details see 185 Wing Sortie Report and 215 Sqdn. Oprep, attached as appendices to this report).
"C"	F/O. Clark, S.R. (Capt)	"			-do-
"F?"	P/O. Downie?, S.T.F. (Capt)	"			-do-
"H"	Sgt. Miller?, J.H? (Capt)	"			-do-
"P"	F/O. Fraser, J. (Capt)	"			-do-
"Q"	F/L. Shaw, H.A. (Capt)	"			-do-
"V"	F/O. Coulin, ?.F. (Capt)	31.10.44	0205	1105	Route flown at 1200' – 8000'. No other aircraft or shipping sighted. Weather moderate outwards – local storms. Widespread belt severe thunderstorms with extensive C.B. Between 19 and 20N. on return. Engine trouble forced a/c to return to base at position 1500 N 9400 E.
	F/L. Wallace, R.C. (2nd.P)		Digri	Digri	
	L?T. Sharratt, (Nav)				
	W/O. Wright, M. (B/A)				
	W/O. Sharp, D.C. (1.Wop)				
	F/S. Wharrier?, V. (2.Wop)				
	Sgt. Wilkinson, J.P? (F/Eng)				
	Sgt. R?aper, S?G. (M/U.G)				
	Sgt. Robinson, T. (B/Gun)				
	F/O. Raw?linson, (Pass.)			1	
				1	(signed)
					(J.H. Sindall)
					Wing Commander, Commanding
					No. 215 Squadron, R.A.F.

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Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
'R?'	W/C Sindall, J.H. (Cap)		Chittago ng	Digri	Night Bombing Attack on Vie?h A/D. (Secondary Target – Vie?h Shipyard) For full details see 185 Wing Sortie Report and 215 Sqdn. Oprep attached as appendices to Form 540 for November, 1944.
'G'	S/L Beadon, C.V. (Cap)		1818 hrs.	0745 hrs	
'V'	S/L O'Connor, P.R? (Cap)		2.11.44	3.11.44	
'S'	P/O Ross, J. (Cap)				
'B'	F/L Grouse, R.E. (Cap)		Digri	Digri	Day Bombing Attack on Insein? Railway Workshops. (Secondary Target – Taun??up Dumps). For full details see 185 Wing Sortie Report and 215 Sqdn. Oprep attached as appendices to Form 540 for November, 1944.
'C'	F/O Clarke, S.R. (Cap)		0635 hrs.	0745 hrs	
'D'	F/O Downie, S?T. (Cap)		4.11.44	4.11.44	
'O?'	F/L Williams, N. (Cap)				
'U'	W/O Cameron, L.A. (Cap)				
'P'	F/O Frazer, W.W. (Cap)				
'A'	W/C Sindall, J.H. (Cap)		Digri	Digri	Day Bombing Attack on Pyinmana Railway Station and Sidings. For full details see 185 Wing Sortie Report and 215 Sqdn. Oprep 26.11.44 attached as appendices to Form 540 for November, 1944.
'B'	F/L Grouse, R.E. (Cap)		0816 hrs	1719 hrs	
'C'	F/L Graham, A.E. (Cap)		26.11.44	26.11.44	
'F'	F/O Brodie, C.M. (Cap)				
Ή'	S/L Beadon C.V. (Cap)				
'0'	F/L Coulin, D.F. (Cap)				
'Q'	W/O McPhee, J.C. (Cap)				
'S'	W/O Cameron, L. (Cap)				
'T'	F/S Brooks, T.C. (Cap)				
'U'	F/L Williams, N. (Cap)				
'V'	S/L O'Connor, P. (D.F.C.) (Cap)				
'B'	F/L Williams, R. (Cap)		Jessore	Chittagong	Night Bombing Attack on Vig?h Shipyards and Japanese at Vim?h-Yen. (Secondary "Target, Cialam A/D and Japanese Camp at Cau-Lo). For full details see 185 Wing Sortie Report and 215 Sqdn. Oprep attached as appendices to Form 540 for November, 1944.
'D'	F/O Downie, B?T. (Cap)		1800 hrs.	0610 hrs	
'V'	F/L Williams, N. (Cap)		30.11.44	and	
'Q'	F/L Coulis?, E?R. (Cap)			0815 hrs	
				1.12.44	

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					(J.H. Sindall)
					Wing Commander, Commanding No. 215 Squadron, R.A.F.

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n	rs 1/12/44 to hrs 31/12/44				Page 81
	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
			1/12/44	1/12/44	
	W/O Hadaway, J	Capt.	0001	0001	Armed Shipping Reconnaissance for Convoy in the Mergui Area. Secondary target –
	S/L Beaden, C.D.	1	hours	hours	undamaged jetties, docks, and adjacent stores areas at Mergui. (For full details see 185
	F/L Shaw, H.A.				Wing Sortie Report and 215 Sqdn. Oprep attached as appendices to Form 540).
	W/O McPhee, J.C.				
	F/L Frazer, W.W.	Capt.	0650	2355	Air Sea Rescue Search for missing B.29 in Bay of Bengal. (For full details see 185
			hours	hours	Wing Sortie Report and 215 Sqdn. Oprep attached as appendices to Form 540).
			2/12/44	2/12/44	
	W/Cdr. Sindall, H.A.	Capt.	5/12/44	5/12/44	"Exercise Earthquake II" For full details see 215 Sqdn. Oprep attached to Form 540 as
	F/L. Crouse? R?E?	Capt.	1100	1830	an appendix.
	F/L. Brodie, C.M?	Capt.	hours	hours	
	Sgt. Miller, J.H?	Capt.			
	F/L. Graham, A.E.	Capt.			
	W/O Palmer, K.L.	Capt.			
	F/S. Brooks, T.C.	Capt.			
	W/O. McPhee, J.L.	Capt.			
	S/L. O'Connar? P.R.	Capt.			
	W/O. Masengarb? M.C.	Capt.			
	W/O. Cameron, L.A.	Capt.			
	F/L. Coulin. E.F?	Capt.			

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'S'	W/O. Cameron, L.A.	Capt.			
'U'	F/L. Coulin, E.F?	Capt.			
'A'	F/L. Williams, R.D.	Capt.	8/12/44	8/12/44	Day Bombing Attack on locos. and trains on Burma – Siam Railway between Ban Wang Yai, and Kanchanaburi. A secondary target – Kanchanaburi Railway Station and Jap. Stores Area to the South. (For full details see 185 Wing Sortie Report and 215 Sqdn. Oprep attached as appendices to Form 540).
'B'	W/O. Tindall, W.	Capt.	1002	2336	
'G'	F/L. Grahame? A, H?	Capt.	hours.	hours.	
'H'	S/L. Beadon, C.V.	Capt.			
'O'	F/S. Brooks, T.C.	Capt.			
'P'	F/L. Coulin, K.F.	Capt.			
'R'	W/O. McPhee, J.C.	Capt.			
'S'	W/O. Masengarb? M.C.	Capt.			
'U'	W/O. Cameron, L.A.	Capt.			
'V'	S/L. O'Connor?, P.R.	Capt.			
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'B'	F/L. Grouse, R.E.	Capt.	10/12/44	10/12/44	Day Bombing Attack on locos, trains and Track Repairing Equipment on Burma –

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'D'	Sgt. Miller, J.H.	Capt.	0832 hrs	2312 hrs	Siam Railway, between Ban Wang Yai and Kanchanaburi. Secondary target –
Ľ	W/C. Sindall, J.H.	Capt.	500 - 110		Kanchanaburi Railway Station and Jap. Stores Area to the South. (For full details see
'G'	W/O. Palmer, K.G?	Capt.			185 Wing Sortie Report and 215 Sqdn. Oprep attached as appendices to Form 540).
'P'	F/O. Frazer, W.W.	Capt.			
'O'	F/L. Shaw, H.	Capt.			
'U'	F/L. Williams, N.M.	Capt.			
'Q'	W/O. Cameron, L.A.	Capt.			
'V'	F/S. Brooks, P.C.	Capt.			
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'C'	F/L. Brodie, C.M.	Capt.	13/12/44	13/12/44	Day Bombing Attack on Bridge 286 (over Nakorn? Chaisri River) on Moulmein -
'D'	F/O. Downing, S.T?P.	Capt.	0932	2326	Bangkok Railway. (For full details see 185 Wing Sortie Report and 215 Sqdn. Oprep
'H'	S/L. Beadon, C.V.	Capt.	hours.	hours.	attached as appendices to Form 540).
'G'	F/L Grahame?, A.K?	Capt.			
'0'	W/O. Masengarb? M.C.	Capt.			
'P'	F/O. Frazer, W.W.	Capt.			
'Q'	W/O. McPhee, J.C.	Capt.			
<u>'U'</u>	F/L. Williams, N.M.	Capt.			
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'A'	W/O. Tindall, W.E.	Capt.	21/12/44	21/12/44	Day Bombing Attack on Tekngup? Dumps. Secondary target Royal Lake Dumps,
'B'	F/L. Grouse, R.K?	Capt.	0533 hrs	1317 hrs	Akyab. (For full details see 185 Wing Sortie Report and 215 Sqdn. Oprep attached as
'C'	W/O. Hadaway, J.	Capt.			appendices to Form 540).
'D'	F/O. Downie, S.T.F.	Capt.			
'G'	F/L. Brodie, C.M?	Capt.			
'K'	W/O. Palmer, K.C.	Capt.			
'M'	W/C. Sindall, J.H.	Capt.			
'P'	F/S. Brooks, T.C.	Capt.			
'Q'	W/O. Cameron, L.H.	Capt.			
T'	F/L. Wallace, R.C.	Capt.			
'U'	F/L. Shaw, H.A.	Capt.			
'V'	F/O. Gilbert, E.F.	Capt.	1		
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'A'	F/O Bingham, J.	Capt.	23/12/44	23/12/44	Day Bombing Attack on Tekngup? Dumps. Secondary target Royal Lake Dumps,

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Aircraft	Crew	Duty	Time Up	Time Down	Remarks
'C'	W/O Hadaway, J.	Capt.	0514 hrs	1326 hrs.	Akyab. (For full details see 185 Wing Sortie Report and 215 Sqdn. Oprep attached as
'D'	Sgt. Miller, J.H?	Capt.			appendices to Form 540).
'K'	W/O Harling, R.	Capt.			
'G'	F/O Neville, D.F.	Capt.			
'H'	S/L Beadon, C.V.	Capt.			
'T'	F/L Williams, N.M.	Capt.			
'V'	F/O Gilbert, D?F.	Capt.			
'P'	F/O Frazer, W.W.	Capt.			
'S'	W/O Cameron? L.A.	Capt.			
'O'	W/O Manengarb? M/G?	Capt.			
'Q'	W/O McPhee, J.C.	Capt.			
					(signed)
					(C.V. Beadon) S/Ldr.,
					for (J.H. Sindall)
					Wing Commander, Commanding,
					No. 215 Squadron, R.A.F.