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1945**

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Dedicated to all those who served on 357 Squadron, RAF

Notes:

This is a preliminary transcription.

There are errors of transcription in it, especially where the microfilm was hard to read.

The '?' symbol is used where the film was unclear or the transcript is suspect.

Names and initials are always a problem in transcribing these records; in the case of 357 Squadron, there are also numerous inconsistencies in the original records. A review of the "Index of Names" will show the "variety" of spellings which were used for the same surname (but it is admitted, that the transcriber may be responsible for a few of the variations).

There are also notes throughout the transcription which are being used by the transcriber to help in working on the document. There are also notes indicating where the records were difficult to read.

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January 1945: Form 540

357 Squadron

Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
			Part I – Operations
Jessore			The month of January 1945 saw a great increase in the sorties flown by 357 (S.D.) Sqdn. In all 105 sorties were flown, which not only constituted a record of sorties flown by this Squadron since its formation in February 1944 but also constituted an advance of 34 sorties on our previous best month, December 1944. A proportionate increase of successful sorties was also effected during the month & the Squadron obtained a high peak of efficiency by successfully carrying out 75% of the total sorties flown. Actual figures show that of the 105 sorties, 78 were entirely successful, 10 were unsuccessful due to bad weather being encountered & 17 were unsuccessful due to no reception over the target area.
			The large number of sorties flown can be put down primarily to the increasing amount of operations laid on by the Sponsoring Forces & the exceptionally good weather experienced during the clandestine period, but mention must also be made of the very high standard of Maintenance Efficiency maintained during the month. The high percentage of successes was effected, once again by good weather & Maintenance Efficiency & also by efficient co-operation between the Sponsoring Forces & 357 (S.D.) Sqdn in respect to Times on Target, positions of Dropping Zones & details of reception committees, etc & in no small way, the keenness of the air-crews undertaking these operations contributed to the successes achieved.
			The work the Squadron performed was as usual an amalgamation of the requirements of the Sponsoring Forces, namely – I.S.L.D., Force 136, "Z" Force, "D" Division, O.S.S. & "E" Group.
			The requirements of these Forces described in brief are:-
			I.S.L.D. The dropping & supplying of agents behind enemy lines.
			Force 136 The dropping & supplying of saboteurs behind enemy lines.
			"Z" Force The dropping and supplying of Patrols in front of our own lines to pave the way for our main forces.
			"D" Division Faking parachute descents, etc for general deception purposes.
			"E" Group Maintaining arrangements for the escape of Prisoners of War in Japanese hands.
			O.S.S. The only American organisation for which the Squadron works, & fulfilling the same requirement as Force 136.
			The requirements of these Sponsoring Forces took the Squadron's aircraft over Burma, Siam, China & even as far-distant territories of French Indo-China & Malaya.
	Jan 25		It would be worthy to mention that operations over Malaya were only commenced during this month & on Jan 25th it fell to the lot of F/O Churchill D.F.C. & crew to perform the longest sortie yet attempted by this Squadron. The operation went under the code name of "Carpenter" & entailed a flight of 21 hrs 55 minutes endurance in a Liberator Mk VI "U" necessitating a landing

			at Chittagong on the return journey. It proved successful & the Squadron Commander – W/Cdr L. M. Hodges, D.S.O. D.F.C., commented:- "This is the longest sortie yet attempted & the crew put up a very fine show on this operation."
			Since that date, however, more sorties have been attempted of similar duration & the future months will see many more carried out, no doubt.
			Brief summaries of the operations carried out during the month are as follows:-
			Operations Over Burma
			Operation "Heavy"
			6 sorties carried out during month by 3 Liberators & 3 Dakotas. Two Dakotas & the three Liberators were successful.
			Operation "Bulge"
			One sortie made by a Dakota IV which was successful.
			Operation "Dilwyn"
			8 sorties made – 5 by Liberator VI's 7 3 by D.C.4 ¹ 's. 4 Liberators & the 3 Dakotas were successful.
			Operation "Rendez-vous"
			2 sorties made, both by Dakotas & both successful.
			Operation "Bottom"
			2 sorties made – one by a Liberator & one by a Dakota. Both were successful.
			Operation "Bullfinch"
			2 sorties made, both by Dakotas, one successful & one unsuccessful.
			Operation "Blast"
			One sortie made by a Dakota, which was successful.
			Operation "Broke"
			1 sortie was made by a Dakota, which was successful.
			Operation "Barge"
			3 sorties made, all by Dakotas, & all successful.
			Operation "Nation"
			3 sorties made, all by Dakotas & all successful.
			Operation "Binge"
			6 sorties made – 3 by Liberators & 3 by Dakotas. One Dakota & 2 Liberators were successful. There seemed to be some difficulty experienced on this operation & it was put down to incorrect pin-points being given from the field in conjunction with the fact that the D.Z. is in an extremely difficult position. It was suggested to move the D.Z. to a more level location.
			Operation "Ramrose"
			3 sorties were made, all by Dakotas & 2 of which were successful.
			Operation "Consequence"
			1 sortie made by a Dakota & was successful, although carried out in bad weather conditions.
			Operation "Manual"
			6 sorties made – 3 by Liberators & 3 by Dakota. All were successful.
			Operation "Hainton"
			1 sortie made by a Dakota, which was successful.
			Operation "Grain"
			1 sortie made by a Dakota, which was successful.
			Operation "Bittern".
			1 sortie made by a Liberator which was successful.
			Operation "Future"

¹ The record says D.C.4, but this obviously should be D.C.3.

			3 sorties were made by Dakotas of which 2 were successful & 1 was unsuccessful.					
			Operation "Label"					
			5 sorties were made by Dakotas, 1 of which was successful. It is					
			Operation "Juson".					
			2 sorties were mad by Liberators, 1 successful & 1 unsuccessful.					
			Operation "Ligurd".					
			2 sorties were made by Dakotas & both were successful.					
			Operation "Burglar".					
			2 sorties were made by a Liberator & a Dakota & both were successful.					
			Operation "Bandit".					
			2 sorties were made by Dakotas were unsuccessful, due to no reception.					
			Operation "Baag" – China -					
			1 sortie carried out by a Dakota was successful.					
			Operations over French Indo China					
			Operation "Polka"					
			10 sorties were made by Liberators of which 6 were successful & 4 unsuccessful, either due to no reception or bad weather.					
			Operation "Desert"					
			11 sorties were made by Liberators of which 7 were successful & 4 were unsuccessful.					
			Operation "Bazaar"					
			9 sorties made by Liberators 6 successful & 3 unsuccessful.					
			Operations over Malaya					
			Operation "Cairngorm"					
			1 sortie was made on this target by a Liberator & was unsuccessful.					
			Operation "Hebrides"					
			1 sortie was made by a Liberator & was successful.					
			Operation "Evidence"					
			1 sortie was made by a Liberator & was successful.					
			Operation "Beacon"					
			1 sortie was made by a Liberator & was successful.					
			Operation "Carpenter"					
			One sortie by a Liberator which was successful.					
			Operations over Siam					
			Operation "Brillig"					
			Operations over Siam					
			Operation "Brilling"					
			1 sortie made by a Liberator & was a success.					
			Operation "Candle"					
			1 sortie made by a Liberator which was successful.					
			Operation "Savanna"					
			1 sortie was made on this target by a Liberator & was successful.					
			Operation "Coupling"					
			1 sortie made by a Liberator which was successful.					
			Aircraft on the Station at the end of January 1945 consisted of:-					
			11 Liberator VI's		11 Dakota IV's		1 Harvard	1 Auster
			W	KH160	O	KJ914	FS794	MT351
			Z	KH216	F	KJ919		
			S	KH166	G	KJ920		
			Q	KH257	H	KJ921		
			R	KH273	J	KJ922		
			X	KH326	K	KJ924		
			V	KH313	L	KJ925		

	Jan 18		The first on Jan 18 was the Squadron's own Concert Party's presentation of "Something in the Air", which has been previously mentioned.
	Jan 31		There was also a R.A.F. Welfare Road Show "Airborne" presented on Jan 31 & Feb 1 at 2000 hrs in the Airmen's Canteen which proved a great success.
			Consternation reigned in the camp on the receipt of the news that after this show a pair of ladies pink French Knickers were found in the Sergeant's latrines cherchey la femme!!!
			Arrangements were made to maintain the following gramophone recitals throughout the month, in the Canteen Reading Room:-
			Every Friday at 8 p.m. – A Music Circle for the High-brow & cultured.
			Every Wednesday at 8 p.m. – A Rhythm Circle for the low-brow swing-cats & what-have-you.
			These recitals were actually sponsored by 292 Sqdn but were kindly made available to all personnel on R.A.F. Station, Jessore.
			The two local cinemas – the Bengal Talkies & the Madu-Chakon provided quite good entertainment in the way of films during the month, with very frequent changes of programmes. The popularity of this type of entertainment is borne out by the packed audience, to whom the films are played.
			During the month the C.O. decided to run his own Canteen & arrangements were being got under way to ensure that Canteen goods should be supplied to 357 Sqdn direct & not through the contractor as hitherto. This was being dealt with by H.Q., R.A.F., Bengal-Burma who were issuing instructions to the Controller Canteen Stores Dept in Calcutta.
			Efforts were made during the month to obtain Radios Amplifiers & Speakers & H.Q. R.A.F. Welfare were approached on this matter. Their reply however, was that Amplifiers & Speakers were almost impossible to obtain & that a fresh allocation of radios was being awaited from B.A.E.S.E.A.
			Enquiries were also made from R.A.F. Welfare as regards Table-Tennis Equipment, but once again our entreaties were met with no success. It appears that Balls, Nets, Posts & Bats are procurable, but we will have to make our own table!
	Jan 29		A letter was received from H.Q.R.A.F. Bengal/Burma on Jan 29 to the effect that no charge was to be made for admission to any Welfare Productions or Gang Shows.
			Part III – Personnel
	Jan 6		R.A.F. PORS Promotions
			88689 F/L T. P. O'Brien (GD-P) was promoted to the rank of Acting S/Ldr & granted post of Flight Commander wef 1-11-44.
	Jan 4		R.A.A.F. PORS Promotions
			Aus 420912 F/O F. G. Barlogie (GD-P) appointed to the rank of Acting F/L for F/L Flying Post wef. 1-10-44.
	Jan 19		R.C.A.F. PORS Promotions
			Can.J.39528 P/O H. J. McFadyen (GD-P) confirmed in appointment & promoted to Flying Officer (ws) wef 10-6-44.
			Can.J.44160 P/O J. Tyson (WAG) confirmed in appointment & promoted to Flying Officer (ws) wef 4-10-44
			Can.J.45070 P/O H. Walling (AB) confirmed in appointment & promoted to Flying Officer (ws) wef 5-11-44
			Postings.
	Jan 24		R.A.F. PORS
			186160 P/O F. S. Quinn (NavB) posted from No 357 Squadron to R.A.F. Station Poona for F/L vacancy wef. 1-2-45.
	Jan 15		R.A.A.F. PORS
			Aus 421561 F/O J. Brand (GD-P) posted from No. 357 Sqdn to HQ. B.A.F. S.E.A. Com. Sqdn. wef 35-1-45.

	Jan 12		R.C.A.F. PORS
			Can.J.13790 F/L J. W. Gibson (GD-N) posted from No. 231 Group to No 357 Sqdn wef. 13-1-45.
			Strength of Squadron Personnel
			Airmen Officers Total
			R.A.F. 547 51 598
			R.C.A.F. 5 18 23
			R.A.A.F. 21 10 31
			R.N.Z.A.F. 4 0 4
			Total 676
			Part IV Honours & Awards.
Jessore	20-1-45		His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the immediate award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to the under mentioned officer for duties carried out whilst serving with No. 357 S.D. Squadron:- A/S/Ldr K. P. Jones
	13-1-45		Information was received that the French Authorities have expressed their intentions of conferring their Croix De Guerre upon the following Officers & men of No 357 Squadron for duties carried out whilst serving with the Squadron:- 83720 F/L. H. Cast Aus423804 F/O E. T. Matley 656025 W/O. B. F. Paton NZ421063 W/O. T. S. Keenan Aus428020 F/S. M. J. Cox 1323115 F/S. H. M. Farish 113443 Sgt. D. Scobie New Years Honours List, 1945. The under mentioned has been awarded "Mention in Dispatches" for duties carried out on No 357 S.D. Sqdn:- CanR119899 W/O H. Deyvejonck & F/S Primmer.
			{to end of janp15sm.} 16 is cover note, 17(357jan45pg17) is repeat of 16, 18 is a graph. 19 starts 541.

January 1945: Form 541

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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
Lib. VI W	F/L H. Cast	Polka 2?1	011850	020750	This sortie was successful. Reception lights consisted of 3 fires in the form of an "L" & three torches flashing "J". 9 containers & 4 packages were dropped at 0032 hrs in one run. All the chutes opened correctly. The a/c upon leaving the target flew East for 30 miles and N for 40 miles & then s/c for Base at 0105 hrs. Weather was good.
	F/O E. T. Hatley		Jessore		
	W/O E. Williams				
	F/S H. R. Harvey				
	F/S F J Keenan				
	F/S H J Cox				
	F/S W. Farish				
	F/S K N Heilbron				
Lib III X	P/O F. C. Cooke	Polka 31	011845	020745	This operation was successful. Reception lights were good & a torch was seen flashing "K". 9 containers & 1 package wt 3102 lbs were dropped for Polka in the Savannaknet area. The a/c arrived over the target at 0031 hrs & upon leaving flew North & then East for deception purposes.
	W/O C L Anderson		Jessore		
	F/L G. Cashmore				
	P/O J H Newberry				
	P/O J W Pearce				
	W/O W Robertson				
	F/S J B. Nelson				
	F/S J. F. Bryde?n				
Liberator VI R	W/O T. O. Elliott	Polka 32	011915	020830	This operation was successful. The a/c arrived over the target at 0058 hrs & saw signals 5 miles north of briefed D.Z. consisting of lights in a cone. A/C then flew on to actual DZ where reception was waiting. Drop was made at 0103 hrs consisting of 9 containers & 1 package at 3140 lbs. All the chutes opened correctly – Weather was fair.
	F/S H. R. Simons		Jessore		
	P/O F. S. Quinn				
	F/S R. W. Skipper				
	F/S W. P. Criddle				
	F/S K. J. Duffy				
	Sgt. J. G. Woodthorpe				
	Sgt W. B. Rickards				
Liberator VI Q	W/O W. G. Petley	Polka 24	011925	020832	This operation was also successful. Crew found excellent reception over the target at 0235 hrs & the drop was made in one run. 9 containers & 8 packages wt. 3408 lbs being released. All parachutes were observed to open & a/c set course for Base upon diversionary tactics.
	F/S E. P. Martindale		Jessore		
	F/S E. P. Lowther				
	F/S W. N. Kendall				
	F/S W. J. Burgin				
	F/s A. F. Bird				
	Sgt F. Cavin				
	Sgt. G. E. Hillier				

Liberator VI Z	F/O J. Churchill	Polka 22	011908	020858	This operation was successful. A/C arrived over the DZ at 0103 hrs but no reception lights were seen so the pilot circled the DZ & at 0125 hrs & a light was seen flashing "K", Consequently the drop was made consisting of 9 containers & 2 packages wt. 3306 lbs. All the chutes opened correctly & later were seen on the ground. Diversionary tactics were carried out immediately after the drop.
	W/O J. A. Taylor		Jessore		
	F/O D. H. Hulme				
	W/O W. Houg?h				
	W/O W. E. N. Smail				
	F/S W. G. Ward				
	F/S D. R. Weber				
	F/S A. D. Harris				
	Sgt. H. D. V. Gould				
Dakota IV "K"	P/O J. R. Dodwell	Binge	012210	020650	Operation was successful. The weather was bad on the outward journey & 6 to 10/10 Scu was encountered however the dropping area was reached at 0200 hrs but the ground appeared to be very rough & so the alternative target was selected & the drop was made at 0220 hrs. The agents landed & formed a straight line & acted as reception committee for the packages to be dropped. In all 7 agents & 11 packages were dropped.
	F/S D. J. Howkins		Jessore		
	W/O R. Rigg				
	W/O P. Lindley				
	Sgt. I. V. Lloyd				
Dakota IV "O"	F/O F. Barlogie	Heavy	011430	020655	This sortie was unsuccessful as low cloud was encountered in the valley where the DZ was situated & thus the DZ could not be located. Aircraft was over the target at 0125 hrs. The 35 packages were brought back.
	F/O J. S. Cooper		Jessore		
	W/O J. Begg				
	F/S W. Richmond				
Dakota IV "K"	W/O T. A. Couister		022115	030615	The sortie was successful. Good weather was encountered throughout & on arrival at the DZ a good reception was seen. One agent & 35 packages were dropped in 6 runs at 0040 hrs.
	F/S L. Elliot		Chittagon	Jessore	
	F/S W. M. McCormack				
	Sgt. G. Thompson				
Liberator VI "S"	S/L K. P. Jones	Brillig	022002	030815	Sortie was successful. "Q" type reception with torch flashing "Q" was seen over DZ. & 4 containers & 7 packages were dropped in one run at 0203 hrs. All the chutes were seen to open & were seen on the ground after the drop. One parachute was seen in the water but in Captain's opinion could easily be recovered by ground forces.
	F/O J. Gardner		Jessore		
	F/L K. G. Booth				
	W/O W. B. Patton				
	W/O H. Edwards				
	W/O Q? Duyvejonck				
	W/O L. B. Laney				
	F/S A. D. Harris				
	F/S T. Williams				

D.C.4 ² . "N"	W/O E. Wheglhouse	Brain	022128	030400	This operation was successful. Aircraft arrived over the DZ at 0005 hrs & reception was seen so the 4 agents & 4 packages were dropped for "Brain" in the Mogaung area. All the chutes were seen to open & after the first run a torch was seen flashing from the ground. Weather was fair but hazy.
	F/O W. H. Caron		Jessore		
	Sgt. R. J. Wellings?				
	W/O W. F. Learwood				
	F/S G. C. Longbottom				
Lib VI "P"	P/O F. C. Cooke	Polka 37	042200	050945	This operation was unsuccessful. The aircraft arrived over the DZ. at 0250 hrs but it was not until 0414 hrs that the DZ was identified. As no reception was seen however the 9 containers were not dropped & the a/c returned to Base via Bhamo.
	W/O C. R. Andrson		Jessore		
	F/L G. Cashmore				
	P/O J. H. Newberry				
	F/L Lamb				
	P/O F. W. Pearce				
	P/O D. A. Blad				
	W/O W. V. Robertson				
	F/S T. B. Nelson				
	F/S F. J. Bryden				
Lib VI "L"(or R?)	W/O T. O. Elliott	Polka 38	042210	051025	This operation was unsuccessful. The a/c arrived over the target at 0319 hrs but low cloud was encountered which prevented the dropping of 9 containers for "Polka 38". At 0112 hrs in posn 2228N 9521E, 11 M.T. vehicles were sighted travelling North. The DZ was left at 0355 hrs.
	F/S M. R. Simons		Jessore		
	P/O F. S. Quinn				
	F/S R. W. Skipper				
	F/S W. P. Criddle				
	F/S K. J. Duffy				
	Sgt J. Woodthorpe				
	Sgt W. J. Rickards				
Liberator VI "Z"	F/O J. Churchill	Desert	042130	050930	This operation was also unsuccessful owing to 10/10 ths cloud coverage over the DZ. The aircraft was on the target at 0223 hrs but 10/10 ths cloud coverage of the ground prevented reception being seen. Hill tops however showed through the clouds & the navigators are sure that they were over the correct place but no drop was made. At 0445 hrs a very large fire was seen in Posn 2100N 10101E (Mong Sing)
	W/O J. A. Taylor		Jessore		
	F/O D. H. Hulme				
	W/O W. Hough				
	W/O W. E. N. Smail				
	F/S D. R. Webber				
	F/S W. G. Ward				
	Sgt H. D. V. Gould				
Dakota IV "J"	P/O W. Kindred	Rendez- vous 2B	050120	050730	This operation was successful. The a/c arrived on the target at 0344 hrs & a "T" of fires was found waiting there with lights flashing "K" alongside. Two runs were made
	P/O K. C. H. Williams		Jessore		

² As in the form 540, it calls this aircraft a DC4, but it is more probable that it was a DC3 (Dakota).

	F/S R. Daglilsh				& 7 packaged were dropped. As the result of the green release light in a/c not functioning correctly the first stick overshoot by approx. 1200 yds. At 0356 hrs the a/c set course for Honywa where leaflets were dropped at 0425 hrs in 2 runs. Weather throughout was good.
	F/S G. Daly				
Liberator VI "S"	S/L K. P. Jones	Manual 4	050200	050630	This operation was successful. The weather was good & the a/c arrived over the target at 0406 hrs. & found a "T" of lights & a flashing light a waiting them. 2 runs were made at 600 ft to drop 8 containers and 8 packages for Manual in the Kalledon area. All the chutes opened correctly but the static line on the first package did not break & the package hung under the a/c. It finally fell about 1000 yds N. of the DZ. After the 2nd run the a/c set course Mynbyao & at 0428 hrs straffed the village from 800 feet.
	F/O J. W. Gardiner		Jessore		
	F/L K. G. Booth				
	W/O B. F. Payton				
	W/O H. Edwards				
	W/O C. Duvyejonck				
	W/O C. B. Laney				
	F/S J. Williams				
Lib VI "P"	F/O J. Churchill	Manual 3	080245	080745	The operation was successful. The weather was good & the moonlight showed up the ground detail clearly. The a/c arrived over the DZ. at 0440 hrs & found a good reception of a "T" of lights of unusual brightness & 9 containers & 3 packages were dropped in one run. Whilst over the DZ a searchlight was seen approx 3 miles to the South on the river bend apparently searching the river surface. A launch was seen in the beam of the searchlight 2 two red pyrotechnics were fired from the vessel. The aircraft left the DZ & flew South to Baranoa Island as a diversion; then set course for Base at 0515 hrs.
	W/O J. A. Taylor		Jessore		
	F/O D. H. Hulme				
	W/O W. Hough				
	W/O W. G. Murray				
	W/O W. E? N. Smail				
	F/S D. R. Webber				
	Sgt H. D. V. Gould				
Liberator VI P	W/O W. G? Petley	Manual 3	080235	080710	This operation was successful. The a/c arrived over the target in good weather at 0442 hours & found a very good reception:- a "T" of fires & a flashing light. 12 containers were dropped for "Manual 3" in the Myohaung area in one run. All the chutes opened correctly. A searchlight was sighted approx. 3 miles from the DZ on the river bank apparently searching the river surface. After leaving the target area the a/c flew N & then W. setting course for Base at 0512 hours.
	F/S E. P. Martindale		Jessore		
	F/S E. P. Lowther				
	P/O M. V. Douse?				
	P/O D. A. Blad				
	F/S C. W. Buroin				
	F/S A. F. Bird				
	Sgt. F. Canvin				
	Sgt. G. E. Hillier				
Dakota IV "O"	P/O T. A. Collister	Rendez-vous 2c	100905	101440	This operation was successful. The a/c arrived over the target at 1136 hrs & found ground signals waiting. 3 runs were made & the drop consisted of 8 packages wt. 811 lbs. The last package overshoot slightly but all the others were in the target area & the sortie was considered very successful.
	F/S L. Elliott		Jessore		
	F/S W. M. McCormack				

	F/S G. Thompson				
Dakota IV F	F/S F. F. Bush	Barge III	100900	101800	This operation was successful. The aircraft arrived over the target at 1121 hrs & found ground signals waiting. 102 packages & 1 container weight 3000 lbs. were dropped for Barge III. & all were seen to drop in the target area. The weather was good throughout the trip.
	W/O V. Lineham		Jessore		
	F/S J. WilliamCon?				
	F/S G. Ford?vce				
	Sgt I. C. Watson				
Liberator VI "P"	W/O W. G. Petley	Binge	101505	102150	This operation was unsuccessful. The aircraft arrived over the target area at 1807 hours & searched the entire area thoroughly. 5 runs were made up & down the river at heights varying from 4 to 6000' but no reception could be seen. The ground detail could be clearly seen throughout the search. At 1835 hrs the DZ was left & a/c set course for Base with the 7 packages it had been detailed to drop.
	F/S E. P. Martindale		Jessore		
	P/O D. A. Blad				
	PF/S E. P. Lowther				
	F/S C. W. Burg?in				
	F/S A. F. Bird				
	Sgt. F. Canvin				
	Sgt. G. E. Hillier				
	F/L Lamb				
Liberator VI (a/c letter cut off on scan?)	F/O J. Churchill	Bittern II	111415	112125	This operation was successful. 4 Containers & 8 packages were dropped for "Bittern II" in the Monghawn area. The dropping run was made at 1724 hours after the DZ had been identified by a good "T" of fires. All the parachutes were seen to open O.K. But the wind made them drift towards the S.E. of the area & some may have landed up to ½ a mile from the D.Z. It was however considered that the ground party could see where the parachutes were falling & would be able to recover the supplies fairly easily. The D.Z. is not well placed were the comments of the captain & the load had to be released from 1000' because of the difficult terrain. The a/c set course for Base at 1730 hrs.
	W/O J. A. Taylor		Jessore		
	F/L Alverston Can.J.16004				
	F/O D. H. Hulme				
	F/L T. H. Lee Can.J.6644				
	W/O W? E. N. Smaile				
	F/S D. R. Webber Sgt H. D. V. Gould				
Dakota IV F	F/S F. F. Bush	Barge IV	110905	111735	This operation was successful The aircraft arrived over the D.Z. at 1130 & found ground signals as pre arranged. In 5 runs 63 packages also leaflets & all chutes opened.
	W/O W. Lineham		Jessore		
	F/S G. Fordyse?				
	Sgt. I. C. Watson				
Lib VI P	F/L Lamb Can.J.4115	Binge	111456	112150	This operation was successful weather was good & aircraft arrived over the target at 1749 hrs. But no reception could be seen a/c was then flown to next river south & finally a light was seen flashing the letter "B" just as the a/c was about to abandon the search. At 1836 hrs a dropping run was made of 7 packages and after acknowledgement of a
	F/O H? J. McFadyen Can.J.39528		Jessore		
	P/O D. A. Blad Can.J.347?68				
	P/O S. V. Hillis Can.J.46064				

	P/O D. H. Heller Can.J.42510				successful drop from ground the aircraft s/c Base via Foul Island at 1840 hrs.
	W/O F. J. Keenan N.Z.421063				
	Sgt. R. P. Smith				
	P/O J. Poulton				
	F/L Butters				
Lib VI "W"	F/L N. Cast	Binge	141425	142145	This operation was successful. Weather was good & A/C arrived over the D.Z. at 1732 hours. But it was not until 1812 hours that the ground signals were seen largely because of the position of fires in a river bed which could only be seen from directly ahead. After four circuits necessitated by the extremely difficult position of the D.Z. the dropping run was made at 1820 hrs. consisting of 7 packages wt. 850 lbs. All chutes were observed to open & were afterwards seen on the ground with a 3rd in a nearby tree. At 1658 in pos. 1845N 1932E two vessels were seen heading North. They were approx 75 feet long & both were wooden. This was refained?? to Group upon return.
	F/O E. T. Mailey Aus423804		Jessore		
	W/O E. Williams Aus410?102				
	W/O N. R. Harvey				
	W/O F. J. Keenan N.Z.421053				
	F/S M. J. Cox Aus.428?020				
	F/S W. Farish F/S K. N. Heilbron				
D.C. IV "N"	F/L P. W. Bowles Aus.14407	Ferry for "Heavy"	150400	152035	Ferry was successful. The aircraft landed at Myitkina at 0730 & was airborne again at 0930 hrs. At 1135 hours in posn 100°50'N 2158E over Kiulungkiank village. Flew due W along valley until Mengse was identified then N to landing strip 1155' landed Mengse from SW to NE. Strip has a rolled sand surface & very soft in places & is definitely US in bad weather. At 1205 took aboard 8 passengers & at 1420 landed Myitkina. 1515 airborne & 1945 landed Dum Dum & disembarked passengers. Landed Base at 2035 hrs.
	F/S F. W. Giles		Jessore		
	W/O J. H. Middleton				
	Sgt D. C. Oram				
D.C. IV "N"	P/O J. S. Hunter	Ferry for "Broke"	210635	211725	The aircraft landed at Dum Dum at 0710 & took on board 2000 lbs of stores & 2 army officers. At 1107 landed at Katha & unloaded stores & took on board 4 Burmese & 150 lbs of kit. At 1615 landed at Alipore & unloaded same & returned to Base. Weather was good & flight was successful & uneventful throughout.
	P/O G. W. Gullin		Jessore		
	F/S G. A. Ripley				
	Sgt Mowbray				
	Sgt R. I. Wellings				
Lib VI "Q"	W/O F. V. E. Exelby Aus.426830	Bottom	211753	220005	This operation was successful. D.Z. was finally found at 2045 hrs with reception of a "T" of lights & a flashing torch. The D.Z. was in a bad position as it could only be seen from directly above. 11 containers & 1 package wt. 3166 lbs were dropped in one run at 2054 hours & all chutes were seen to open correctly. On the return journey
	F/S G. C. Thompson AUS.430132		Jessore		
	W/O J.H. Boundry N.Z.415285				
	F/S J. A. McArthur				
	Sgt W. G. Robertson				

	Sgt R. C. Shey				Pakokko was strafed & leaflets were dropped on Pagan. One object was seen on the road near Pakokko & was thought to be a bullock cart. M.G. fire was seen from about 12 enemy positions but neither a/c or personnel were injured.
	Sgt L. C. Snell				
	Sgt T. E. Lockett				
	Sgt J. Gorrie				
Dakota IV "N"	F/S F. E. Bush	Future II	221810	230130	This operation was unsuccessful. A/C arrived over the target at 2136 hrs. No reception lights were seen although the crew were sure that they were over the right area. Many dummy runs were made but the weather was bad over the target with 10/10ths cloud so the 12 men & 11 packages were brought back to Base.
	W/O V. Lineham		Jessore		
	F/O J. Williamson				
	F/S G. Fordyce				
	Sgt I. C. Watson				
Dakota IV "O"	S/L T. P. O'Brien	Label	221747	230135	This operation was successful. The a/c arrived on the target at 2124 hrs & blind drop was made of 24 men & 7 packages between 2152 hrs & 2213 hrs. The DZ was sighted at 2150 hrs & after 1st dropping run torches were seen on the ground. All parachutes were seen to open correctly.
	F/O R. Carter		Jessore		
	W/O N. L. Woolsey				
	Sgt Busby				
	Army Despatcher				
DC.4. "D"	F/L P? W. Bowles	Future I	221730	230120	This operation was successful. 11 men & 11 packages were dropped in 5 runs between 2103 & 2126 hrs. It was a blind drop so there was no reception but torches were flashed after the 1st run. Weather was fair over the target. Nickels were dropped at 2150 hrs in Posn. 2215N 9625E from 5000 feet. Ground firing was seen from the Maymyo area.
	W/O J. H. Middleton		Jessore		
	F/S G. A. Ripley				
	F/S F. W. Giles				
	Sgt D. C. Oram				
Lib VI "Q"	W/O W. G. Petley	Desert VI	221600	230445	This operation was successful. A/C arrived over the target area at 2245 hrs & found "e" type reception of flares waiting with a light flashing "M". 5 men 6 containers & 3 packages were dropped in 4 runs. All chutes opened correctly. At 2210 hrs in approx. posn 1745N 104°35E, 50 plus M.T. vehicles were sighted moving North towards tin mine marked on map. Weather was good throughout the flight.
	F/S E. P. Martindale		Jessore	Chittagon	
	F/S F. P? Lowther		232645	230750	
	F/S W. N. Kendall		Chittagon	Jessore	
	F/S C. W. Buroin				
	F/S A. F. Bird				
	Sgt A. Kidd				
	Sgt G. E. Hillier				
	Sgt F. Canvin				
Liberator VI "U"	P/O F. C. Cooke	Desert VII	221720	230520	This operation was successful. The a/c arrived over the target at 2246 hrs. Reception was seen & also "M" flashing. 5 men & 11 containers were dropped in two runs from 650 ft. Weather was fair & all chutes were seen to open correctly.
	W/O C. R. Anderson		Jessore		
	F/L G. Cashmore				
	P/O J. H. Newberry				
	Sgt J. Hatton				
	P/O F. W. Pearce				
	W/O J. F. Bryden				

	W/O W. V. Robertson				
	F/S J. B. Nelson				
Liberator VI "X"	W/O F. V. Exelay	Desert 10	221637	230108	This operation was unsuccessful due to icing & extremely bad weather conditions. The intention was to drop 5 containers & 4 packages for "Desert 10" but as weather was adverse the Captain decided to turn back at 2020 hrs when in Posn. 2027N 100°16E. Yellowish red flashes were observed coming from the Mandalay area at 2210 hrs.
	F/S G. C. Thompson		Jessore		
	W/O T? N. Boundy				
	Sgt. T. A. McArthur				
	Sgt W. G. Robertson				
	Sgt L. C. Snell				
	Sgt J. Gorrie				
	Sgt T. E. Lockett				
	Sgt R. C. Silly				
Liberator VI "V"	F/O J. Churchill	Desert 1	221610	230340	This operation was unsuccessful due to low cloud over the DZ. The intention was to drop 5 men, 5 containers & 4 packages but although the crew considered that they were over the target area, no pinpoints could be obtained owing to the low cloud. The weather throughout the rest of the flight was generally fair. Several large bush fires were seen S of Mandalay. No. 1 engine torched over the target area & may account for the light seen by another a/c and reported elsewhere.
	W/O J. A. Taylor		Jessore		
	F/O D. H. Hulme				
	W/O W. Hough				
	F/S J. Williams				
	W/O W. G. Murray				
	W/O W. E. N. Smail				
	Sgt H. D. V. Gould				
Lib. VI "Y"	W/O L. W. Bain	Desert III	221630	230425	This operation was unsuccessful owing to visibility being nil over the target area due to 10/10 ths cloud. The only lights observed in the area being bush fires & no form of signal whatsoever was seen so after 4 minutes in the target area the Captain decided to return to Base & the 8 containers & 4 packages which comprised the load were brought back.
	F/S M. R. Simons		Jessore		
	P/O F. C?? Cutler				
	F/S R. W. Skipper				
	F/S K. J. Duffy				
	Sgt P. V. Lloyd				
	Sgt W. J. B. Rickards				
	Sgt J. G. Woodthorpe				
Liberator VI "W"	F/L Lamb	Desert IV	221609	230353	This operation was successful. The aircraft was on the target at 2133 hrs & commenced a search for the reception committee. This was sighted at 2140 hrs – a "e" type of lights & a letter being flashed. 12 containers & 2 packages were dropped in one run at 400' & all the chutes opened correctly. The weather was fair & visibility was approx. 4 miles.
	F/O H. J. McFadyen		Jessore		
	P/O D. A. Blad				
	P/O J. Poulton				
	P/O D. H. Heller				
	F?/O S. V. Hillis				
	F/S W. Farish				
	Sgt. R. P. G. Smith				
	Sgt D. D. Bac?nthold				
Dakota IV "H?"	P/O T. A. Collister	Ramrose	221840	230205	This operation was unsuccessful. A/C arrived over the target at 2200 hrs but only trees were seen below & there was no clearing or
	Sgt C. R. Tn?orne		Jessore		

	F/S L. Elliot				possible DZ so the a/c continued on to Minbo & at 2255 hrs dropped leaflets. At 2306 hrs at Pronbyn more leaflets were dropped & then a/c set course for Base. The load of 5 men 1 container & 4 packages were brought back. The Squadron commander commented that the a/c was probably over the wrong pinpoint as the visibility was bad.
	F/S W. M. McCormack				
	F/S B? Thompson				
Lib VI P	W/O S. H. Seed	Bazaar VI	221600	230734	This operation was unsuccessful. The a/c arrived North of the D.Z. at 2107 hrs & obtained a rough pin point on a mountain visible through the cloud tops & then flew South for a few moments but could not see the ground features for another pin pointing due to 10/10 ths cloud. A/C then returned to Base. The weather was very bad with visibility down to 1 mile. The intention was to drop 12 containers & 2 packages for Bazaar VI.
	Sgt W. J. V. Surrage		Jessore		
	P/O N. V. Dous?e				
	Sgt B. Elstub				
	Sgt W. E. Luck				
	Sgt R. C. H. Harrell				
	Sgt W. Knowles				
	Sgt A. Archibald				
	Sgt J. Archer				
Lib VI R	F/L T. H. Lee	Polka 33	221600	230235	This operation was unsuccessful due to 10/10 ths cloud over the D.Z. The intention was to drop 9 containers & 4 packages for "Polka 33". Another aircraft was sighted over the target area & appeared to have landing lights on.
	P/O A. G. Houbnan		Jessore		
	F/L Alverstow				
	P/O J. Walling				
	P/O W. Parslow				
	P/O N? J. Tyson				
	Sgt E. Zimmerman				
	Sgt J. H. Goodman				
	Sgt T. W. Alder				
Dakota IV N	S/L T. P. O'Brien	Ramrose	231709	240010	This sortie was successful. The a/c arrived over the target at 2111 hrs & 4 runs were made. After the 1st run torches were seen flashing from the ground but actual numbers could not be distinguished. 5 men 1 container & 4 packages were dropped. The weather was generally good & leaflets were dropped on the return flight.
	F/O R. C?arter		Jessore		
	W/O W. L. Woolsey				
	Sgt F. N. Burley				
	F/O B. Gibson				
Liberator VI "Z"	F/L Lamb	Judson	250910	252250	This operation was unsuccessful. The captain was briefed to land at Myithina & at 1205 hrs he landed there & picked up load & also American conducting Officer. At 1750 took off Myithing for operation "Judson" but at 1955 hrs when in Posn. 2032N 9450E No. 2 engine failed & captain abandoned sortie & set course for Chittagong. Aircraft landed at Jessore at 2250 hours. The weather was generally good throughout the whole journey.
	F/O H. J. McFadyen		Jessore		
	P/O D. A. Blad				
	P/O J. Poulton				
	P/O S. V. Hillis				
	P/O D. H. Heller				
	Sgt R. R. Smith				
	Sgt D. D. Bechtnow				
Liberator VI V	F/O J. Churchill	Carpelitor ?	241104	250859	This operation was successful. The a/c left Base at 1104 hrs & was over the target at 2155 hrs. Upon arrival one fire was seen burning on the DZ. but others were quickly lit
	W/O J. A. Taylor		Jessore	Chittagong	

	F/O D. H. Hulme				&"K" was flashed by torch. The DZ was in a very awkward position being surrounded by high trees & was only visible from directly above. 5 packages were dropped in one run & all chutes were seen to open correctly. At 2210 hrs from 1500 feet leaflets were dropped on Mersing. Weather was good in the whole but it was rather overcast over the target. At 2053 hrs an airfield was sighted at Telok Daton (not Merib Airfield) apparently under construction. The strip was approx. 2000 yds long & lights were flashed irregularly over the area as if work was in progress. A second airfield was sighted under construction at 2135 hrs in Posn 0220N 103°03E (Labis?) where runway appeared very wide, wide enough for 2 Libs side by side. The Squadron Commander commented that this was the longest sortie yet attempted & that crew put up an admirably fair show on this operation.
	W/O W. Houbn				
	W/O W. G. Murray				
	W/O W. F. W. Smaill				
	F/S? D. R. Wabber?				
	Sgt H. D. V. Gould				
Liberator VI "P"	F/O F. C. Cooke	Hebrides	241130	250600	This operation was a success. The aircraft arrived over the target area at 2030 hrs in good weather & 4 containers & 6 packages wt. 1665 lbs were dropped in one run. All parachutes were observed to open but it is thought that some packages may have fallen into the river owing to the position of the D.Z. being so close to the river ledge.
	F/O C. R. Anderson N.Z.431459		Jessore		
	F/L G. Cashmore Aus.9183				
	P/O J. H. Newberry				
	P/O F. W. Pearce				
	W/O W. V. Robertson				
	F/S J. F. Bryden				
	F/S J. B. Kelson				
Dakota IV "D"	P/O W. Kindred	Bruce	241840	250210	This operation was successful. The target area was in a very difficult position but a good reception of a "T" of fires was displayed. At 2230 hrs the load of 10 containers wt. 1100 lbs was dropped & all parachutes were observed to open & develop normally. On the return journey 4 M.T. vehicles were seen on the Lashio road.
	P/O K. C. H. Williame?		Jessore		
	P/O G. H. Lawrence				
	F/S R. Dagllish				
	Sgt J. A. Green				
Liberator VI "X"	W/O R. W. Bain Aus.408361	Evidence 24	241145	250725	The operation was a success. The weather throughout the whole trip was fairly good & the a/c arrived over the target at 2106 hrs & a blind drop of 8 men & 5 containers was made. The parachutes opened correctly and after the first run torches were seen flashing from the ground & the containers were then dropped.
	F/S M. R. Simons Aus.419749		Jessore		
	P/O F. C. Cutler Aus.424296				
	F/S R? W? Skipper				
	F/S W. P. Criddle Aus.437502				
	F/S K. J. Duffy				

	Aus.436352				
	Sgt J. C. Woodthorpe				
	Sgt. W. J. Rickards				
	Sgt P. V. Lloyd				
Dakota IV "K"	F/S F. F. Bush	Barge	250905	251625	This operation was successful. The aircraft arrived over the target at Kani & commenced searching for the reception. At 1142 hrs the reception signal was seen on a sand bank, the letters A. X. K. together with the word "T" had been formed on the ground. 6 runs were made at 1148 & the chutes on the containers were observed to open. Of the 109 packages dropped 3 containers that appeared to be flour and ???terial burst but dropped on the D.Z. AT 1255 a/c landed at Ye-O & picked up one person & landed at Base at 1625 hrs.
	W/O V. Lineham		Jessore		
	F/O J. Williamson				
	F/S G. Fordyce				
	Sgt J. C. Hatson				
Dakota IV H	P/O T. S. Hunter	Br?ag Ferry	220755	250515	This operation was a success. The a/c left Jessore at 0755 hrs & the Captain was briefed to land at Dinjan to take on 400 galls of petrol to ferry to Kunming. At 1200 hrs the a/c left Dinjan for Kunming which was reached at 1540 hrs. The petrol was successfully ferried & the journey was uneventful. At 1130 hrs on the 23rd the a/c left Kunming with 7 passengers & 3780 lbs of freight. At 1610 landed at Kanchow where freight & passengers were unloaded. 1725 hrs the a/c left Kanchow with 7 passengers & 500 lbs of kit for Kunming where it landed at 2330 hrs. At 1340 hrs on the 24th the aircraft left Kunming to return to Base but landed at Dinjan at 1755 hrs & stayed overnight. At 0155 hrs on the 25th the aircraft left Dinjan & landed at base at 0515 hours. This ferrying sortie was uneventful throughout & the weather over Chinese territory was generally good.
	P/O G. N. Gellan		Jessore		
	Sgt Mowbray				
	Sgt R. I? Wellings				
Dakota IV "O"	F/L F. Barlogle?	By?rolar Hippo I	251755	260155	This operation was successful. The a/c arrived on the target at 2122 hours & after the area had been identified as correct a blind drop was made. 16 men & 8 packages were dropped in 7 runs & all chutes were seen to open correctly. At 2210 hrs on the return journey nickels were dropped on Pyokkwe. Weather was generally good.
	F/O J. S. Cooper		Jessore		
	W/O J. Begg				
	F/S W. Richmond				
	Sgt A. R. Littlewood				
Dakota IV "L"	F/O C. Egerton-Eves	Label Rat II	251754	260213	This operation was unsuccessful. The aircraft arrived over the target area at 2158 hrs & searched for 40 minutes but no reception as prearranged was seen & no drop was made. The 16 packages weight 1718 lbs were
	Sgt R. A. Jones		Jessore		
	F/O W. B. Arnold				
	F/S J. Biggin?				

	F/S T. Nathavel Sgt T. Laird				brought back. Between the hours of 2232 & 2257 leaflets were dropped in the area from Taungdwingy to Kyaukpadaung from 500 feet. Weather was good throughout the whole sortie.
Lib VI "R"	F/L T. H. Lee Can.J.6644	Desert I	251655	260405	This operation was successful. At 2140 hours the a/c arrived in the target area & a good pinpoint was obtained on a road in the locality & the reception lights were then seen. It was a rather rugged reception but "M" was seen flashing thus obviating the possibility of some being brush fires. 5 men 4 containers & 5 packages were dropped in one run at a height of 800'. The chutes were observed to open & develop fully.
	P/O A. G. Houghan CanJ.44365		Jessore		
	F/L Alverston Can.J.16004				
	P/O J. Welling				
	P/O H. J. L. Tyson CanJ.64150				
	P/O W. Y. Parslow CanJ.49494				
	Sgt. E. R. Zimmerman Can.R.157124				
	Sgt T. H. Goodman				
	Sgt T. W. Alder				
Lib VI "Y"	W/O S. H. Seed	Polka 33	251625	260418	This operation was unsuccessful. The a/c reached the target area at 2120 hours and covered the whole area three times but no reception committee was seen & the Captain decided to bring the 9 containers & 4 packages back. At 0035 hrs on the return journey in the Posn 2054N 9745E an aerodrome was seen the runway running N.W., there being also 12 buildings in the locality. Weather was good.
	Sgt W. J. Surrage		Jessore		
	P/O M. V. Douse				
	Sgt B. Elsta?b				
	Sgt R. C. Harrell				
	Sgt W. E. Luck				
	Sgt J. Archer				
	Sgt W. L. Knowles Sgt A. Archibald				
Lib VI W	W/Com L. M. Hodges	Polka 27	271613	280833	This sortie was successful. The a/c arrived over the target at 2335 hrs & found that the reception was awaiting them. The load of 1 man & 8 packages was dropped in 2 runs & with the exception of the parachute on the last package, all opened successfully. No diversion was carried out as the fuel transfer pump had become U.S. & the a/c endurance was thereby curtailed.
	F/L H. Cast		Jessore		
	W/O H. R. Harvey				
	W/O E. Williams				
	F/L L. G. A. Reed				
	W/O F. J. Kefnan				
	F/O A. A. Horley				
	F/S M. J. Cox				
	F/S K. N. Heilbron				
Lib VI U	W/O F. V. E. Exelry	Dilwyn Squirrel 6	251836	260222	This operation was successful. When the aircraft arrived over the target area at 2149 hrs a triangle of reception fires were waiting them also a torch flashing "R". 11 containers & 3 packages were dropped in one run. 1 package however fell out in the target area as it was being attached near the door ready for the drop. 8 packets of nickels were
	F/S G. C. Thompson		Jessore		
	W/O J. H. Boundy				
	Sgt J. A. McAryhur				
	Sgt R. C. Gilly				
	Sgt W. G. Robertson Sgt L. C. Snell				

	Sgt J. Gorrie				dropped on the return journey between Nsenw & Lashio & strafing was carried out on H?onygaw with no visible results.
	Sgt T. E. Lockett				
Lib VI W	F/L H. Cast	Dilwyn Honket 7	251825	260151	This operation was successfully carried out. The aircraft arrived over the target at 2135 hrs where there was a reception consisting of a Δ of fires & a torch flashing "H". 3 agents and 11 packages were dropped for "Dilwyn" "Manby??" & all agents were seen to leave the a/c satisfactory & all chutes were seen to open & develop normally.
	W/Com L. M. Hodges		Jessore		
	W/O H. R. Harvey				
	W/O K? Williame?				
	F/L L. G. A. Reed				
	F/O A. A. Morley				
	W/O F. J. Keenan				
	F/S H. J. Cox				
	F/S K. N. Heilbrow				
	F/S W. Farish				
Dakota IV "D"	F/L. P. W. Bowles	Bullfinch	251720	260235	This operation was successful. One Mark V A container weight 150 lbs was dropped in one run at 2205 hrs. When the a/c reached the target area the prearranged reception was not seen but after the a/c had searched the area a torch flashed "T" & the conduction officer who accompanied the crew was satisfied & the drop was made. The chute on the container was observed to open & develop normally.
	W/O J. H. Middleton		Jessore		
	F/S F. W. Giles				
	Sgt R. A. Hunt				
	Sgt D. C. Oram				
Lib VI "Q"	W/O W. G. Petley	Beacon	251132	260625	The operation was successful. The a/c arrived over the target at 2118 hrs where a reception consisting of 3 bonfires & a torch flashing "K" was awaiting them. At 2131 hrs 4 runs were made & 5 men & 7 containers were dropped. All chutes on same being observed to open & develop correctly. Aft a/c left the target area 1 packet of nickels were dripped on Alor Star. At 1508 hrs when in posn. 1626N 9311E a large patch of yellowish stain was seen on the water & also some unidentified debris. The whole area seem too big for an a/c to distribute itself over. The information was passed on to Group upon return.
	F/S E. P. Martindale		Jessore		
	F/S F. P. Lowtner				
	F/S W. N. Kendall				
	F/S C. W. J. Buroin				
	F/S A? F. Bird				
	Sgt A. Kidd				
	Sgt G. E. Hillier				
	Sgt F. Canvin				
Dakota IV "F"	W/O P. A. Black	Manval House I	251859	260210	Operation was successful. A/C arrived over primary target but as no reception was seen, flew to secondary target & made drop in paddy field. 6 men 2 containers and 12 packages were dropped at 2234. The men had arranged to flash "K" if their drop was successful & then the containers were to be dropped. This was done & all chutes were observed to open successfully. Weather was generally good throughout the whole trip.
	F/O R. G. Stothers		Jessore		
	P/O K. B. Vounger?				
	F/S W. Allan				
	Sgt R. I. Wellings				

Dakota IV "J"	P/O F. A. Collister	Li??iqd?? I	251755	261215	This operation was successful. The a/c carrying 9 men & 5 packages wt 522? lbs arrived at this target at 2108 hrs & circled endeavouring to locate the actual D.Z which was identified at 2150 hrs & a blind drop consisting of 5 runs was made. The 1st man in the 2nd stick hesitated before making the jump & all 4 agents could have been dropped in one run had this not happened. All chutes opened & flashing lights were seen from ground after drop. Captain commented that briefing crews for operations laid on by independent organisations would be greatly facilitated if they could be coordinated & dealt with entirely by Force 136.
	F/S L. Elliott		Jessore		
	Sgt Hardman				
	F/S G. Thompson				
	F/S W. M. McCormack				
Liberator VI "W"	F/L Lamb CanJ.4115	Judson	261730	270055	This operation was successful. The a/c arrived on the target at 2044 hrs & at 2133 hrs when D.Z. was definitely identified, a blind drop of 2 men & 1 package was made. The dropping area is in a deep sided valley & it was impossible to get down below 1200 ft. for the drop. Flashes from the ground were seen after the drop. At 1936 hrs in posn. 2037N 9505E electric lights in clusters about 5 miles N of track went out as a/c passed. This operation a Judson was previously attempted by this crew on the 24.1.45 from Myithina but was abandoned owing to engine trouble.
	P/O H. J. McFadyen Can.J.39528		Jessore		
	P/O D. A. Blad Can.J.45168				
	P/O J. Poulton?				
	P/O S. V. Hillis CanJ46064				
	P/O D. H. Heller CanJ42510				
	Sgt R. G. Smith				
	Sgt D. D. Bechthold CanR160539				
Dakota IV "L"	F/O C. Ererton-Eves	Label Rat 2	261830	270230	This operation was unsuccessful as no reception was seen. The a/c arrived over the area at 2127 & despite an extensive search being made from definite pinpoints no reception lights were seen & the load consisting of 16 packages wt 1718 lbs was brought back. Leaflets were dropped on the return journey between Taungdwingyi & Kyaukpadaung at 2310 hrs from 400 ft. Weather was good for this operation.
	Sgt. R. A. Jones		Jessore		
	F/O W. B. Arnold Can.J.27477				
	F/S J. Biggin				
	F/S T. Nathaniel				
	Sgt T. Laird				
Liberator VI V	F/O J. Churchill	Desert V	261707	270522	This operation was successful. The aircraft arrived over the target area at 2205 hrs & in Posn 1820N 102°47E tow lights were seen but crew thought that this may have been a dummy or an incomplete signal put out by a ground party. At 2214 hours a "C" type reception was seen with "M" flashing. The light was dim & difficult to see as there were
	W/O J. A. Taylor		Jessore		
	F/O D. N. Hulme				
	W/O W. Hough				
	W/O W. G. Murray				
	W/O W. F. N. Smail				
	F/S D. R. Webber				

	Sgt. H. D. V. Gould				also about 15 torches being flashed at the a/c. The captain flew away from the DZ for deception purposes after the first run over & then returned & 5 men 8 containers & 4 packages were dropped in 2 runs at 700 feet. One container hung up thus preventing a Mark V A package from dropping but this was not observed until the a/c had left the area & it was then impossible to return. At 0117 hrs in Posn 2117N 9640E W/Op reported that the I.F.F. was being triggered. This continued for approx. 45 minutes & interference consisted of triggering for 8 seconds followed by a 70 second pause. This triggering affected the IFF through all ranges of frequency. The weather experienced during this sortie was fair.
Lib VI "U"	P/O F. C. Cooke	Desert VIII	261645	270425	This operation was successful. The a/c arrived on the target at 2129 hrs were a complete "C" type reception was awaiting it with letter "M" also being flashed by a torch. 5 men, 9 containers & 1 package were dropped in 2 runs at 1200 ft & all parachutes were seen to open & develop normally. The weather was fair & although there was a little cloud the moonlight penetrated same.
	W/O W. R. Anderson N.Z.421489		Jessore		
	F/L G. Cashmore Aus.9183				
	P/O J. H. Newberry				
	F/O F. W. Pearce				
	W/O J. F. Bryden				
	F/S J. B. Nelson				
	F/S W. G. Robertson				
	Sgt J. H?atton				
Lib VI "V"	W/O R. W. Bain Aus.408361	Dilywin Gazette III	261845	270220	This sortie was a success. 11 Containers wt 3443 lbs were dropped at 2146 hrs & all chutes were observed to open. The first reception lights were torches & the a triangle of fires were laid out & the letter "R" was flashed. On the return journey leaflets were dropped on the Hsenwi/Lashio road 20 M.T. vehicles were sighted moving South on the Monygin/Lashio road and were reported on return to Base. This operation was accomplished in very good weather.
	F/S M. R. Simons Aus.419749		Jessore		
	P/O F. C. Cutler Aus.424296				
	F/S R. W. Skipper				
	Sgt. W. P. Criddle Aus.437502				
	Sgt K. J. Duffy Aus.436452				
	Sgt P. V. Lloyd				
	Sgt. W. J. Rickards				
	Sgt J. G. Woodthorpe				
Lib VI "Y"	W/O S. H. Seed	Dilwyn Badger III	261854	270320	This operation was unsuccessful as no reception lights were seen in the target area. The intention was to drop 4 containers 6 packages for "Dilwyn Badger III" but as a/c approached target a triangle of fires was seen but these were extinguished as a/c
	Sgt H. J. Surrage		Jessore		
	P/O M. K. Douse				
	Sgt A. Kistur??				
	Sgt. R. C. H. Harrell				

	Sgt W. E. Luck				passed over. A search was made in this area but nothing was seen & the load was brought back.
	Sgt J. Archer				
	Sgt W. L. Knowles				
	Sgt A. Archibald				
Dakota IV "G"	P/O W. Kindred	Binge	261830	270330	This operation was unsuccessful. At 2210 hours the a/c arrived over the D.Z. But no reception lights were seen. The Navigator was confident that D.Z. was reached as he had pinpointed Prome before making D.R. run to the target. This was the 2nd night that no reception lights were seen evidently due to the fact that the D.Z. is in a very awkward place. 10 packages wt 1300 lbs were intended to be dropped to a reception committee.
	P/O K. C. H. Williams		Jessore		
	F/S R. Daghish				
	Sgt J. A. Green				
	P/O G. H. Lawrence				
Dakota IV "K"	P/O T. S. Hunter	Consequence	262015	270410	This operation was successful. At 2331 hrs the a/c arrived on the target. The D.Z. however, was very hard to see, as it was very small & also there was valley mist. After circling, the a/c D.Z. was identified & 1 run was made & the agent was dropped. The chute opened correctly & later he flashed a torch from the ground denoting that he had landed successfully. On the return journey at 0018 hrs two leaflet runs were made on Hgipaw. Weather was generally good throughout the trip.
	P/O G. N. Gillin		Jessore		
	F/S G. A. Ripley				
	Sgt Mowbray				
Lib VI "Q"	W/O F. V. Exelby Aus.426330	Bazaar 13	261635	270405	This operation was successful. The D.Z. was easily found & complete with reception as pre-arranged & with a torch flashing "M". At 2131 hrs two runs were made & 4 containers & 8 packages wt 2901 lbs were dropped. The rear gunner reported that all chutes opened & developed normally.
	F/S G. C. Thompson Aus.430132		Jessore		
	W/O J. H. Boudoy NZ.415285				
	Sgt J. A. McArthur				
	Sgt W. G. Robertson				
	Sgt R. C. Silly				
	Sgt L. E. Snell				
	Sgt J. Corrie				
	Sgt T. E. Lockett				
Lib VI "R"	F/L T. H. Lee CanJ.6644	Bazaar 12	261630	270435	This operation was a success. At 2120 hrs a/c arrived over the target area, but was before the time stated at briefing, so Captain flew away from area & returned at 2155 to find reception awaiting him. One dummy run was made as reception was obscured by trees. Two further runs were made at 2158 hrs & 4 containers & 8 packages wt. 2083 lbs were dropped & all chutes were seen to open. Weather was generally good
	P/O A. G. Houghan CanJ.44365		Jessore		
	F/L Alverston CanJ.16004				
	P/O W. G. Walling CanJ.45070				
	P/O H. J. L. Tyson CanJ.64160				

	P/O W. Y. Parslow CanJ.49494				throughout the operation.
	Sgt E. P. Zimmerman CanR.197124				
	Sgt T. H. Goodman				
	Sgt T. W. Alder				
Dakota IV "D"	F/L P. W. Bowles Aus.14407	Bandit	271900	280415	This operation was unsuccessful. A/C arrived on target at 2231 hrs & the area was definitely identified & thoroughly searched, but no reception was seen, so no drop was made. The intention was to drop 1 package wt. 150 lbs. Weather was very good for this operation.
	W/O J. H. Middleton		³		
	F/S F. W. Giles				
	Sgt D. C. Oram				
Dakota IV "L"	F/O C. Egerton- Eves	Binge	271854	280417	This operation was successful a/c arrived over target area at 2254 hrs & after circling found a reception of a "T" of fires & the letters "B.G." were flashed by torch from the ground. 10 containers wt. 1300 lbs were dropped in 2 runs from 600' & all packages were seen to open. The operation was combined with operation "Manual/Mouse".
	F/O W. B. Arnold J.27477		Jessore		
	F/S J. Biggin				
	F/S T. Nathaniel				
Lib VI "Y"	F/O J. Churchill	Candle (Chiffon I)	271740	280648	This operation was successful. When a/c arrived on target area at 2317 hrs. a "L" of fires was clearly seen with 2 marker bonfires 2 mls. to the S. "Q" was also flashed from the ground. 8 containers & 9 packages wt. 2018 lbs. were dropped in 3 runs & all chutes were observed to open & develop normally. A little difficulty was experienced as the dropping area was small & there was also considerable drift, but it is not thought that many chutes fell away from the D.Z. Good weather was experienced throughout the whole operation.
	F/O J. A. Taylor		Jessore		
	F/O D. H. Hulme				
	W/O W. Hough				
	W/O W. E. N. Smaile				
	F/S Bigg				
	Sgt A. Kidd				
	Sgt G. E. Hillier				
	Sgt F. Canvin				
Lib VI "Z"	F/L Lamb CanJ.4115	Heavy	271958	280358	This operation was a success. At 2303 hrs. a/c arrived over target area, where a reception consisting of a "T" of fires was awaiting them. 10 containers wt. 2636 lbs. were dropped in 1 run & the rear gunner reported that he observed all chutes open. On return flight, 2 bundles of leaflets were dropped on the Kentung Takaw Road.
	F/O M. J. McFadyen CanJ.39528		Jessore		
	P/O D. A. Blad CanJ.45168				
	P/O J. Poulton				
	P/O D. H. Hillier CanJ.42510				
	P/O A. A. Heller				
	Sgt R. P. G. Smith				
	Sgt D. D. Bechthold CanR.160539				

³ Location not listed in record.

Dakota IV "K"	W/O P. A. Black Aus.415673	Dilwyn Squirrel IV	271840	280420	This operation was carried out successfully. 10 men & 8 packages were dropped at 2301 hrs. & all chutes attached to the men were seen to open correctly. The captain stated that there was a good reception of a Δ of fires on the D.Z. with a torch flashing letter "R".
	F/O R. G. Stothers CanJ.24346		Jessore		
	P/O K. N. Younger Aus.410782				
	F/S W. Allen				
	F/S G. A. Ripley				
Dakota IV "J"	F/S F. F. Bush	Dilwyn Squirrel 3	271900	280305	This operation was successful. The weather was good & a/c arrived over target at 2302 hrs., where an excellent reception consisting of a Δ of fires & the letter "R" flashed on a torch, was awaiting them. 10 men & 8 containers wt. 895 lbs. were dropped very satisfactorily & the chutes were observed to open. The captain landed at Chittagong on the return flight owing to shortage of fuel & eventually reached Base at 280540 hrs.
	W/O V. Lineham		Jessore	Chittagong	
	F/O J. Williamson				
	F/S G. Fordyce				
	Sgt I. C. Watson				
Dakota IV "N"	W/O J. W. Reid Aus421464	Dilwyn Squirrel V	271819	280400	This operation, also on "Dilwyn" was successful. At 2305 hrs. over the target area a Δ of fires was seen & also a torch flashing "R" from the ground, 28 packages wt 3357 lbs were dropped at 2331 hrs. & all chutes opened correctly. Weather experienced during this sortie was good & a/c returned to Base at 0400 hrs.
	W/O J. Hartley		Jessore		
	F/S J. Longhurst				
	Sgt J Calder				
Lib VI "U"	W/O S. H. Seed	Dilwyn Badger 3	271930	280310	This operation was successful. A/C arrived over target in good weather at 2248 hrs, where a reception consisting of a fire & 2 torches, also a torch flashing the letter "H", was seen awaiting them. 4 containers & 6 packages wt 2218 lbs. were dropped & chutes were observed to open by the rear gunner. Weather was generally good.
	Sgt W. J. Surrage		Jessore		
	P/O M. V. Douse				
	Sgt. B. Elstub				
	Sgt R. C. H. Harrell				
	Sgt W. E. Luck				
	Sgt J. Archer				
	Sgt W. L. Knowles				
	Sgt A. Archibald				
Dakota IV "O"	P/O W. Kindred	Bull-Finch	271826	280321	This operation was unsuccessful. A/C arrived over the target area but could see no reception lights & after searching from heights varying from 100' to 300' the captain decided to return to Base & the 1 Container wt. 150 lbs was brought back.
	P/O K. C. H. Williams		Jessore		
	P/O G. H. Lawrence				
	F/S R. DGLISH				
	Sgt J. A. Green				
Dakota IV "G"	W/O E. Wheelhouse	Nation Terrier	271825	280355	This operation was successful. The a/c arrived over target area at 2218 hrs. & no reception lights were seen, so the Captain decided to make a blind drop on the
	F/O W. H. Caron CanJ.24042		Jessore		

	W/O W. Learwood				secondary target at 2220 hrs in 2 runs, 3 men, 4 containers & 1 package wt. 1019 lbs were dropped. "K" was flashed from the ground after 1st run, denoting that the men had landed safely. After leaving the D.Z., another system of lights, believed to be "T" shaped were seen 15 mls. to the E. of Posn 1838N 9508E. The weather was generally good throughout the operation & cloud were nil.
	F/S G. C. Longbottom				
	Sgt R. I Wellings				
Dakota IV "M"	P/O T. A. Collister	Ramrose	271850	280210	This operation was successful. The a/c at 2200 hrs circled what was thought to be the correct area, but finally pin-pointed Myothet & surrounding villages, so D.R. run was made on to D.Z. 14 men & 14 packages were dropped in 5 runs & after the men landed, torches were flashed from the area. Two containers were not dropped as the party decided they were not needed. Both of these, however fell off over the Chin Hills on the flight back to Base. Weather was consistently good.
	F/S L. Elliott		Jessore		
	F/S W. M. McCormack				
	F/S G. Thompson				
Lib VI "Q"	W/O W. G. Petley Aus.421387	Bazaar 20	271835	280655	This operation was unsuccessful. At 2347 hrs. the a/c arrived over the DZ & although weather was good, no reception could be seen. The captain decided to abandon the sortie & the 5 containers & 7 packages wt 2409 lbs. were brought back to Base.
	F/S E. P. Martindale Aus.430461		Jessore		
	F/S F. P. Lowther				
	F/S W. N. Kendall				
	F/S A. F. Bird Aus.416294				
	F/S C. W. J. Burgin Aus.419028				
	Sgt A. Kidd				
	Sgt G. E. Hillier				
	Sgt F. Canvin				
Lib VI "X"	W/O F. V. Exelby Aus.426330	Bazaar 21	271835	280620	This operation was, also, unsuccessful. A/C arrived over target area at 2314 hrs. & the Navigators & crew were positive that D.Z. was reached, but no reception lights were seen & the 5 containers & 6 packages which comprised the load were brought back. At 2212 hrs in Posn. 2110N. 9735E. 7 or 8 M.T. vehicles were sighted moving in a Northerly direction.
	F/S G. C. Thompson Aus.430132		Jessore		
	W/O J. H. Boundy NZ.415285				
	Sgt. J. A. McArthur				
	Sgt W. G. Robertson				
	Sgt R. C. Silly				
	Sgt L. C. Snell				
	Sgt J. Gorrie				
	Sgt T. E. Lockett				
Dakota IV "K"	P/O T. S. Hunter	Manual Camel	281315	281825	This operation was successful. A/C arrived over target area at 1515 hrs & reception consisted of a flashing heliograph. 5 runs
	P/O G. N. Gillin		Jessore		

	F/S G. A. Ripley				were made at 500' & 4 containers & 8 packages were dropped. On the 2nd and 3rd runs the containers hung up, but were jettisoned & dropped in the area. The captain circled the D.Z. after the drop & saw the chutes on the ground & villagers were seen assisting the ground party to collect the stores. Good weather was experienced during this sortie.
	Sgt R. T. Wright				
	Sgt Mowbray				
Dakota IV "L"	F/O C. Egerton-Eves	Manual Mousse I	271854	280417	This operation was successful. A/C arrived over target at 0048 hrs. after having dropped supplies for operation "Binge", which was embodied with this operation. The D.Z. was identified by ground detail & a reception of 4 torches was seen about 4 miles S.E. of the briefed D.Z. The drop consisting of 1 container was made & the chute was observed to open correctly. Weather was generally good.
	F/O W. B. Arnold		⁴		
	F/S J. Biggin				
	F/S T. Nathaniel				
Dakota IV "F"	W/O P. A. Black Aus.415673	Bandit	281935	290225	This operation was unsuccessful. A/C arrived over target area at 2303 hrs. & made a thorough search from 8000', but no reception lights were located, so no drop was made & the 1 container wt. 100 lbs. was brought back. At 2217 hrs. straffing was seen being carried out in Posn. 2050N 9508E. Weather was generally good.
	F/O R. G. Stothers CanJ.24346		Jessore		
	Sgt R. A. Jones				
	P/O K. B. Younger Aus.410782				
	F/S W. Allan				
Dakota IV "D"	F/L P. W. Bowles Aus.14407	Future Bison 5	281950	290335	This operation was successful. A/C arrived over briefed target area at 2248 hrs. but no reception was seen, so a search was made of the whole area, & finally a Δ of fires was seen approx. 8 miles N. of the original position. At 2330 hrs. 9 packages wt. 1004 lbs. were dropped in 2 runs & all chutes were observed to open O.K. Captain commented that this D.Z. was in an excellent position. Weather was good throughout whole operation.
	W/O J. H. Middleton		Jessore		
	Sgt R. M. Herdman				
	F/S F. W. Giles				
	Sgt. D. C. Oram				
Dakota IV "O"	S/L T. P. O'Brien	Label Rat II	281944	290444	This operation was unsuccessful. A/C arrived to the W? of the target area & so returned to pin-point on the river & then made D.R. run on to D.Z. which was reached at 2049 hrs. There was, however, no reception, so the
	F/O R. Carter		Jessore		
	W/O W? L. Woolsey				
	Sgt. T. Laird				

⁴ Location not listed in record.

	Sgt F. H. Burley				captain circled & then returned to Base via Chittagong, owing to possible fuel shortage. Intention was to drop 16 packages wt 1718 lbs. On the return flight in Posn. 2040N 9422E straffing was sighted in progress with what appeared to be return fire from the ground.
Lib VI "R"	W/O R. W. Bain Aus.408361	Cairngorn	281250	290950	This operation was unsuccessful owing to low cloud obscuring the D.Z. There were, however, 2 torches flashing in the area, but after staying & circling from 2154 hrs to 2324 hrs. the Captain decided that the drop could not be made & the load comprising of 3 agents, 7 containers & 3 packages was brought back.
	F/S M. R. Simons Aus.419749		Jessore		
	P/O F. C. Cutler Aus.424296				
	F/S R. W. Skipper				
	Sgt P. U. Lloyd				
	F/S W. P. Criddle Aus.437502				
	F/S K. J? Duffy Aus.436452				
	Sgt W. J. Rickards				
	Sgt J. G. Woodthorpe				
Dakota IV "J"	W/O E. Wheelhouse	Blast	281925	290500	This operation was successful. A/C arrived over target area at 2330 hrs. & circled the 1st D.Z. twice but no reception could be seen, so flew back to the R. Salween & then flew due W. to the secondary D.Z. After circling, the dispatcher reported seeing the reception fires through the mist, so the dropping run was made. 1 container wt. 102 lbs. was dropped from 400', but owing to the very high wind it dropped approx. 350 yds S. of the D.Z. The chute was observed to open & was later seen on the ground.
	Sgt. C. R. Thorne		Jessore		
	F/O W. H. Caron CanJ.24042				
	W/O W. Learwood				
	F/S C. G. Longbottom				
	Sgt R. B. Guest				
Dakota IV "H?"	W/O J. W. Reid	Nation Elk I	281925	290400	The operation was a success. The D.Z. was easy to find & at 2325 hrs a blind drop was made consisting of 3 runs – 2 men, 2 containers & 2 packages being dropped. After 1st run torches were seen flashing from the ground which denoted that men had landed safely. Upon leaving the area, the a/c flew S. & whilst gaining height dropped leaflets. The weather was generally good, but there was a slight ground haze.
	W/O J. Hariley		Jessore		
	F/S J. Longhurst				
	Sgt R. A. Hunt				
	Sgt A. R. Littlewood				
Dakota IV "L"	P/O T. A. Collister Aus.421792	Nation Donkey III	281935	290440	This sortie was successful. A reception of fires with a torch flashing was found at D.Z. when a/c arrived. 1 men, 4 containers & 3 packages wt. 1544 lbs. were dropped in 4 runs at 2345 hrs. & all chutes were seen to
	F/S L. Elliot		Jessore		
	F/S W. M. McCormack				

	Sgt G. Thompson				open. The last container hung up for some unknown reason in the first run, but was later released successfully. At 0015 hrs. 8 bundles of nickels were dropped 10 miles W. of Pegu, from 8999'. Weather was good throughout & wind was slight.
Dakota IV "H?"	P/O W. Kindred	Liquid II	291947	300407	This operation was successful. A/C arrived on target at 2253 hrs. & reception consisting of fires & a torch flashing "T" was seen. 20 packages wt. 1813 lbs. were dropped in 5 runs & all chutes opened correctly. The letter "R" was flashed from D.Z. after the drop. On the return flight 4 packages of nickels were dropped on Sagaing.
	P/O K. C. H. Williams		Jessore		
	P/O G. H. Lawrence				
	F/S R. Daghish				
	P/O S. G. Dove				
	Sgt J. A. Green				
Lib VI "Z"	F/L Lamb CanJ.4115	Savanna	291823	300648	This operation was a success. A/C arrived in target area at 2325 hrs. & found a good reception of bonfires awaiting. "Q" was also flashed by torch. 3 men, 8 containers & 4 packages wt. 1791 lbs. were dropped in 2 runs & all chutes were observed to open. On the return flight 4 packets of nickels were dropped between Bhejabon, Phichit & Pitsawncoke. At 0320 hrs whilst flying at 11,500' & when in Posn. 2050N 9730E an unidentified a/c passed underneath the a/c & went away in an Easterly direction. Believed to be a high wing monoplane.
	F/O M. J. McFadyen CanJ.39528		Jessore		
	P/O D. A. Blad CanJ.45168				
	P/O J. Poulton				
	Sgt S. V. Hillis CanJ.46064 ⁵				
	F/S W. Farish				
	P/O D. H. Hillier CanJ.42510				
	Sgt R. P. G. Smith				
	Sgt D. D. Bechthold CanR.160539				
Lib VI "P"	W/O S. H. Seed	Heavy	292018	300435	This operation was successful. A/C arrived over D.Z. at 2346 hrs. where a reception consisting of 5 fires in the form of arrows was found to be awaiting. 7 containers & 4 packages wt. 4633 lbs. were dropped in one run & the rear gunner reported that all chutes opened and developed normally.
	Sgt W. J. Surrage		Jessore		
	P/O M. V. Douse				
	Sgt. B. Elstub				
	Sgt R. C. H. Harrell				
	Sgt W. E. Luck				
	Sgt W. L. Knowles				
	Sgt J. Archer				
	Sgt A. Archibald				
Dakota IV "D"	F/S F. F. Bush	Heavy	291915	300445	This operation was successful. A reception consisting of an arrow of fires was seen on the D.Z. when a/c arrived & at 2308 hrs., 12 packages wt. 4633 lbs. were dropped in 2 runs. After the drop "K" was flashed from the ground & a/c s/c Base.
	W/O V. Lineham		Jessore		
	F/O J. Willimson				
	Sgt G. Fordyce				
	Sgt I. C. Watson				

⁵ If Hillis was a Sgt., his service number should be CanR.

Lib VI "W"	F/O J. Churchill	Heavy	292012	300420	This operation was successful. A/C arrived over target at 2320 hrs. & the D.Z. was very easily distinguished by the arrow of fires that were placed as a reception. At 2327 hrs., 7 containers & 5 packages wt. 4633 lbs were dropped in 2 runs & all chutes opened correctly being observed by rear gunner. The flight was uneventful & weather experienced good.
	W/O J. A. Taylor		Jessore		
	W/Cdr Verity				
	F/O D. H. Hulme				
	W/O W. Hough				
	W/O W. G. Murray				
	W/O W. E. N. Smail				
	F/S D. R. Webber				
	Sgt H. D. V. Gould				
Lib VI "Q"	W/O W. G. Petley Aus.421387	Coupling	291900	300740	This operation was carried out successfully. A good reception consisting of a "T" of fires was seen on the D.Z. upon the a/c's arrival & 11 containers & 1 package wt. 3010 lbs were dropped in 2 runs. Upon completion of the drop, a torch was being flashed by the reception committee. On the return flight, when in Posn. 2051N 9610E a beacon was seen flashing a red light. Weather for this sortie was generally good.
	F/S E. P. Martindale Aus.430461		Jessore		
	F/S E. P. Lowther				
	F/S W. N. Kendall				
	F/S W. J. Burgin Aus.419028				
	F/S A. F. Bird Aus.426294				
	Sgt A. Kidd				
	Sgt G. E. Hillier				
	Sgt F. Canvin				
Lib VI "X"	W/O F. V. Exelby Aus.426330	Bazaar 21	291835	300605	This operation was successful. At 2339 target area was reached & the D.Z. easily identified, owing to there being a good reception of fires. A letter was also flashed on a torch. Two runs were made at 2341 hrs. 5 containers & 6 packages were dropped. In Posn 2048N 9700E at 0255 hrs, 6 rockets were seen to be fired from the ground, also a red pundit was seen flashing in the area. At 0305 hrs. whilst at 11000 an a/c believed to be an 'Oscar' came in from ahead & passed 100' below a/c.
	F/S G. C. Thompson Aus.430132		Jessore		
	W/O J. H. Boundy NZ.415285				
	Sgt. J. A. McArthur				
	Sgt R. C. Silly				
	Sgt L. C. Snell				
	Sgt J. Gorrie				
	Sgt T. E. Lockett				
Lib VI "Y"	F/L T. H. Lee CanJ.6644	Bazaar 20	291830	300535	The operation was successful. At 2328 hrs. target area was reached & there was a good reception consisting of fires & a torch flashing letter "M". At 2338 hrs 2 runs were made at 800' & 5 containers & 7 packages were dropped, the chutes of which were all seen to open. On the return flight, when in Posn. 2105N 9604E at 0230 hrs. a very concentrated fire was seen on the railway with violent explosions.
	P/O A. G. Houghan CanJ.44365		Jessore		
	F/L Alverston CanJ.16004				
	P/O H. G. Walling CanJ.45070				
	P/O W. Y. Parslow CanJ.49494				
	P/O H. J. L. Tyson CanJ.64160				
	Sgt E. P. Zimmerman CanR.197124				
	Sgt T. H. Goodman				

	Sgt T. W. Alder				
Dakota IV "H"	W/O E. Wheelhouse	Label Rat II	302005	310445	This operation was unsuccessful as no reception could be found in the target area. A/C made D.R. run from Posn. on Ingle Lake & searched area from 1500', but could not find reception lights. Intention was to drop 2 containers & 17 packages wt. 2530 lbs. Weather was fair throughout the whole sortie & on return flight, 8 packages of nickels were dropped in the Thazi area.
	F/O W. H. Caron CanJ.24042		Jessore		
	F/O R. Carter				
	W/O W. Learwood				
	F/S G. C. Longbottom				
Lib VI "W"	W/Cdr L. M. Hodges	Burglar Hippo III	302150	310430	This operation was carried out successfully. The target area was reached at 0022 hrs. & a reception consisting of 4 fires in a line & a torch flashing was seen on D.Z. which appeared to be very small. 7 containers & 3 packages wt. 3943 lbs. were dropped in 1 run & all chutes appeared to open correctly. At 0039 hrs, 8 Packages of nickels were dropped in Pyinama & Taungup areas. Good weather was experienced throughout whole sortie.
	F/O A. A. Morley		Jessore		
	W/O E. Williams Aus.4101202				
	W/O H. R. Harvey				
	F/L G. A. Reed				
	F/S W. Farish				
	W/O F. J. Keenan NZ.421063				
	F/S M. J. Cox Aus.428020				
	F/S K. H? Heilbron				
Lib VI ⁶	P/O F. C. Cooke	Desert VIII	301826	310615	This operation was successful. A/C arrived on target at 2322 hrs. & immediately found a reception of fires awaiting. 11 Containers & 5 packages were dropped in 4 runs & all chutes were observed to open. Some packages of tyres stuck on the 3rd run & another run had to be made. The dispatcher remarked that the tyres only just clear the hatch & if they topple over they become wedged in the hatch. One dummy run was made as another a/c passed in front just as drop was to be made. Weather was good, but there was 3/10 to 5/10 Cu. at 5000'
	W/O C. R. Anderson NZ.431459		Jessore		
	P/O J. H. Newberry				
	F/L G. Cashmore Aus.9183				
	P/O F. W. Pearce				
	W/O J. F. Bryden				
	F/S J. B. Nelson				
	W/O W. G. Robertson				
	Sgt J. Hatton				
Dakota IV "O"	F/L P. W. Bowers	Bottom Ferry	311120	311730	This operation was successful. The captain was briefed to pick up 3 British Officers & 12 Asiatic?? O.Rs at Kan & transport them to Alipore. The flight was uneventful & the a/c landed on 1800 yds. airstrip at Kan & picked up the passengers at 1425 hrs & transported them to Alipore & returned to Base at 1920 hrs.
	W/O W. H. Middleton		Jessore		
	F/S R. Daghish				
	Sgt. D. C. Oram.				
Liberator VI "P"	W/O R. W. Bain Aus.408361	Bazaar 14	301830	310630	This operation was successful. At 2358 hrs. the target area was reached, visibility was good & the reception of fires on the DZ was soon found. "T" was also being flashed on a
	F/S M. R. Simons Aus.419749		Jessore		

⁶ No code letter given in record.

	P/O F. C. Cutler Aus.424296				torch by the reception committee. The rear gunner reported that parachutes were lying on the DZ. At 2355 hrs. 2 runs were made at 600 feet & 11 containers weight 3225 lbs. were dropped. One container hung up during the first run but was dropped during the second run. The weather was very good during the operation & the rear gunner was able to see all parachutes open & was able to see them later lying on the D.Z.
	F/S R. W. Skipper				
	F/S W. P. Criddle Aus.437502				
	F/S K. J. Duffy Aus.436452				
	Sgt P. V. Lloyd				
	Sgt J. G. Woodthorpe				
	Sgt W. J. B. Rickards				
Liberator VI "Q"	W/O W. G. Petley Aus.421387	Bazaar 25926	301825	310705	This operation was carried out successfully. At 2323 hrs the D.Z. was reached and a reception of fires was found with a torch flashing "V" to one side of the area. The drop was made in one run at 800 ft. & 11 containers & 6 packages all left the a/c successfully & the parachutes were observed by the rear gunner to open successfully. After the drop the aircraft few South down the valley away from the target area & then later set course for Base.
	F/S E. P. Martindale Aus.430461		Jessore		
	F/S E. P. Lowther				
	F/S W. N. Kendall				
	F/S W. J. Burgin Aus.419028				
	F/S A. F. Bird Aus.426294				
	Sgt A. Kidd				
	Sgt G. E. Hillier				
	Sgt F. Canvin				

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357 Squadron

Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Jessore	February	1945	Part I – Operations
			The month of February 1945 saw a further increase in the number of sorties flown by 357 (S.D.) Sqdn. However this was only to be expected due to the increasing requirements of the Sponsoring Forces & the almost daily expansion of the Squadron. An advance of 19 sorties was made on our previous best month January 1945; for in all 124 sorties were flown. The percentage of successes was very similar to last month, being 73% against 75% during January. No doubt this figure would have been higher, but for the fact that extremely bad weather was encountered over Dropping Zones in Burma & French Indo-China during the period Feb 11th to Feb 21st. This is easily shown by the number of unsuccessful sorties due to bad weather made on "Operation Bazaar" in French Indo-China. 10 sorties were made on this target during the period stated, & with the exception of one of these being unsuccessful due to technical trouble developing in the aircraft, all were unsuccessful due to the fact that 10/10 Cu cloud was encountered over the Dropping area. After Feb 21st however, all further sorties made on this target were successful, due to the solitary fact that the belt of bad weather, which had been covering this area, had lifted.
			Statistics show that of the 124 sorties flown, 90 were entirely successful, 19 were unsuccessful owing to no reception being seen over the target area, 13 were unsuccessful due to bad weather (mainly 10/10 ths cloud) being experienced over the D.Z., 1 was unsuccessful due to a Navigation failure & 1 was unsuccessful due to technical trouble developing in the aircraft.
			The work the Squadron performed was as hitherto, an amalgamation of the requirements of the Sponsoring Forces namely – I.S.L.D., Force 136, 'Z' Force, "D" Division, O.S.S., & 'E' Group. whose requirements were detailed in brief last month.
			The Squadron's aircraft operated mainly over Burma, but it would be noteworthy to add that there was a great increase of sortie flown over French Indo-China but these were on a smaller scale to those previously mentioned.
			The month was marred by the unfortunate crash of Aus.421464 W/O J. W. Reid & Crew who were operating in a Dakota KJ927 on "Cloak?" on a day light sortie on Feb 10th. The mission was carried out successfully, but extremely bad weather was encountered over the Chin Hills on the return flight & although no details are yet to hand, it is thought that the a/c must have become uncontrollable & crashed in the vicinity of Muint Victoria (10,018 ft.) There were three other Dakotas on this target at the same time as W/O. Reid & the other crews reported seeing W/O Reid leave the target & s/c Base, which is the last that was seen of him. The pilots of the other Dakotas reported that the only way they were able to return to Base was by flying at 15,000' & avoiding cloud patches at that height over the Chin Hills.
			Aus.421464 W/O J. W. Reid
			1534015 W/O J. Hartley
			1395542 F/S. J. Longhurst
			Aus.425109 W/O J. Begg
			2209199 F/S. T. Nathaniel
			Al posted as "Missing on Operations" Feb. 10, 1945.
			A synopsis of the work carried out by the Squadron during the month,

			showing (a) the code name of the operation, (c) & (b) the Country & approx. area in which the D.Z. was to be found, (d) successful & unsuccessful Liberator sorties (e) successful & unsuccessful Dakota sorties & (f) total sorties on each operation, is detailed overleaf. This of course, will form a condensation of the Forms 541 & for the complete details for each operation, & sortie, the Form 541 should be referred to.					
			Synopsis of Work Carried Out					
			Sorties					
			Liberators		Dakotas			
Code Name	Country	Area	S.	U.	S.	U.	Total Sorties	Remarks
Dilwyn	Burma	Hsenwi	9	1	1		11	
Future	Burma	Maymyo	3	2	1		6	The first two sorties were unsuccessful for the D.Z. was found eventually 5 miles E. of the briefed D.Z. on a well wooded hill.
Label	Burma	Hsamong hkam		1			1	Systematic search, but no reception.
Bittern	Burma	Hsenwi?			1	1	2	No reception on 1 sortie.
Grain	Burma	Meiktala	1			2	3	Both Dakotas saw no reception
Burglar	Burma	Yamethin	2	1			3	
Cloak	Burma	Chauk			4		4	Aus.421464 W/O J. W. Reid crashed
Ramrose	Burma	Yenang Yaung Coastal Area		1	5		6	
Blood hound	Burma	Wa States			1	2	3	Bad weather on 2 sorties.
Bug	Burma	Bassein			1	1	2	No reception seen on either sortie. Blind drop was made on 1st.
Manual	Burma	Kaledan	2		2	1	5	
Bulge	Burma	Hsipaw				1	1	Complete search, but no reception.
Nation	Burma	Pegu			1		1	
Governor	Burma	Mongkung				2	2	10/10 cloud over target on both sorties.
Character	Burma	Kemapyu	1		8	3	12	On 3 occasions nor reception seen.
Heavy	Burma	Kengtung	1		1		2	
Binge	Burma	Prome				2	2	No reception.
Crusader	Burma	Toungoo				1	1	No reception.
Barge	Burma	Lower Chindlon			19		19	
	Burma	Rangoon	1				1	Dropping Nickels on Rangoon area.
Hebrides	Malaya	Kelantan	3	1			4	
Sargent	Malaya	Patani	1				1	
Mandate	Malaya	Kelantan	1				1	
Evidence	Malaya	Perak	1				1	
Fighter	Malaya	Kelantan	1				1	
Funnel	Malaya	Perak	1				1	
Pontoon	Malaya	Kelantan	2				2	
Polka	French-Indo-China	Vientiane	1				1	

Bazaar	French-Indo-China		10	10			20	10/10 cloud over target Feb 12th – 21st.
Satirist	French-Indo-China	Vinh			1		{blank}	
Desert	French-Indo-China	Sieng Khong Ventiane	2				2	
Globe	China	Chianting	1	1			2	
			44	18	46	16	124	53% successful
			It would, no doubt, be of interest here to note the following information which has been received from the field indicating the success or otherwise of the drops. Of course, it will be appreciated that not many of the field positions have facilities to send back messages, but those messages that we have received are quoted below:-					
			Date	Operation	Remarks			Pilot
			19/2/45	Dilwyn/Squirrel 7	"All containers arrived safe. Only one plane flew down lights & dropped well. One flew across bottom of leg, but dropped near. One dropped in other paddy fields distant one mile."			F/O J. Churchill
				Dilwyn/Squirrel 8				Aus.408361 W/O R. W. Bain
				Dilwyn/Bear Squirrel 2				Aus.421387 W/O W. G. Petley
			19/2/45	Ramrose/Rhine 4	"First class drop. Four containers & thirteen packages collected."			Aus.421792 P/O J. R. Collister
			19/2/45	Future/Bison 6	"only aircraft heard was one near Maymyo at 2000 hrs & one moving S. to N. at 2300 hrs."			Can.J.4115 F/L J.D. Lamb
			20/2/45	Dilwyn/Monkey 9	"Good work R.A.F. Everything found."			Aus.408361 W/O R. W. Bain
			20/2/45	Burgler/Hippo 5	"Aircraft flew three times within one mile of D.Z. Break in clouds & good light over target. Level cloud at least three thousand feet."			P/O. F. C. Cooke
			20/2/45	Character/Hyena 1	"Very good drop of personnel. 16 chaps now present of which 9 fell into forest 8 from good height up to two miles from DZ. Little & 5 O.R's unlocated. Am combing forest for rest of stores widely scattered."			Aus.14407 F/L. P. W. Bowles F/S F. F. Bush

			22/2/45	Heavy/Wolfs'	"Considered main flare path hidden from view unless plane overhead. Fires alight till midnight. Plane made two runs & left area. Layout of lights revised.."	Aus.14407 F/L. P. W. Bowles
			25/2/45	Character/ Hyena 11 Hyena 7,8, 9,10	"Good drops Daks & last Lib. Others very high & inaccurate."	F/S. F. F. Bush
			26/2/45	Satiriste? I	"Well received. Congratulations on accuracy of drop."	S/Ldr. T. P. O'Brien
			26/2/45	Future/Bison	"Thanks for drop. One container opened mid-air. Suggest R.A.F. NOT switch on lights for dropping."	F/O J. Churchill
			24/2/45	Pontoon/ Reno 1 Reno 2.	"Safe & perfect landing on correct D.Z. All containers less 4 collected. Request congratulate crews of both a/c on perfect job."	P/O. F. C. Cooke F/O J. Churchill
			24/2/45	Character/ Ferret 1. Ferret 2. Hyena 3 & 4	"Group landed safely exception Guthrie fractured tibia. 22 containers received. Previous day 12 containers."	S/Ldr. T. P. O'Brien Aus.415670 P/O R. A. Black
			23/2/45	Manual/ Mouse 4 Mouse 5	"Acknowledge drop 24 packages 3 containers plus free drop"	F/S. F. F. Bush W/O. E. Wheelhouse
			24/2/45	Dilwyn/ Gazell 5	"Four containers & only 12 free drop packages received. One package missing."	Aus.421702 P/O. T. A. Collister
			24/2/45	Hebrides/ Trumpet 4. Trumpet 5. Trumpet 6.	"Two planes grand drop. Thank R.A.F."	Can.J.6644 F/L. T. H. Lee Can.J.4115 F/L. J. D. Lamb Aus.421387 W/O. A. G. Petley
			22/2/45	Bazaar 74 75 76 59	"We received 28 containers 4 small containers 1 cloth package 36 tyres."	F/O. J. Churchill P/O. F. C. Cooke Aus.408361 W/O. R. W. Bain

			21/2/45	Bazaar 82 83	"We received 22 containers & 9 packages & containers 2nd plane broke in flight. The A.O.P's in Cambodia signalled planes over numerous places & gave general alert in Cambodia. Jap suspicious very much aroused as planes circled round brick kiln for a long time."	W/O. S. H. Seed		
			26/2/45	Sargent/Corraet? 1	"Contact established with party."	Can.6644 F/L. T. H. Lee		
			4/2/45	Bittern II	"Received supply well total six containers but one chute didn't open."	W/O. F. Wheelhouse		
			26/2/45	Evidence	"Request Aircrew concerned should be thanked for their most successful drop"	W/Cdr. L. M. Hodges		
			Aircraft on the Squadron at the end of February 1945 consisted of:-					
			11 Liberators VI's		11 Dakota IV's	1 Harvard	1 Auster	
			"W"KH160	"Z"KH216	"O"KJ914	"F"KJ919	FS794	MJ341
			"S"KH166	"Q"KH257	"G"KJ920	"H"KJ921		
			"R"KH273	"X"KH326	"J"KJ922	"K"KJ924		
			"V"KH313	"U"KH323	"L"KJ925	"M"KJ926		
			"Y"KH391	"P"KH395	"D"KJ889	"N"KG490		
			KH325		KJ913			
			Total Operational Hours Flown – February 1945				1250.41	
			Total Operational Sorties Flown – February 1945				124	
			Part II - Administration					
Jessore	February	1945	The month opened with a concentrated security drive. It was circulated in D.R.O's that in view of the nature of this unit, as high a standard of security as possible must be maintained.					
	Feb. 3		Censorship was stressed to a very high degree.					
			the under-mentioned Officers were awarded full power of Subordinate Commanders under the provisions of K.R's & A.C.I's with immediate effect:-					
			W/Cdr. L. M. Hodges D.S.O., D.F.C.		O.C. 357 Sqdn.			
			W/Cdr. P. G. D. Farr D.F.C.		O.C. 358 Sqdn.			
			S/Ldr. E. C. Hucklebridge		136 R&S.U.			
			S/Ldr. J. Raven		S.A.O., S.H.Q. Jessore			
	Feb. 12		The posting of Aus.423804 F/O. E. T. Matley to take a Captains course in Canada caused a great upheaval in Officers' Duties on the Squadron, for it came to light that F/O. Matley had held the offices of Squadron Parachute Officer, Squadron Gas Officer & Squadron Unit Savings Officer. These duties were detailed respectively to Can.J27577 F/O. W. B. Arnold, F/O. D. H. Hulme & Aus.410782 P/O. K. Younger. P/O. Younger also assumed the duties of Jessore Safety Range Officer.					
			The glad tidings that Air Letters & Air Mail Letters under an ounce could be sent to the U.K. postage free was warmly welcomed on the Squadron, but it was accompanied by many 'bitches' from Canadian & Australian personnel.					
	Feb. 14		A Committee of Adjustment was appointed as under to safeguard &					

		administer the disposal of the effects of Aus.421464 W/O. J. W. Reid, W/O. J. Hartley, F/S. J. Longhurst, F/S. T. Nathaniel & Aus.425109 W/O. J. Begg who were posted "Missing" on 10/2/45.
		President Aus.410782 P/O. K. Younger
		Members W/O. J. H. Middleton Aus.421387 W/O. W. G. Petley.
		The 50 Rps prize for the best design for a Squadron Badge was awarded to 1188312 L.A.C. Hoad, A. Many interesting & novel designs were submitted.
		Welfare.
		The Wing Educational Officer stayed at Jessore for 1 week – 22/3/45 to 1/2/45 for the purpose of interviewing personnel wishing to see him.
	Feb. 14	The Station Welfare Committee held a meeting in the Educational Amenities Room at 1700 hrs on the 14th Feb.
		The following Members of the Committee were in attendance.
		S/Ldr. J. Scott – Station Welfare Officer.
		Sgt. Campbell – Station Signals Representative
		Aus.418600 F/O. K. Buchanan – 357 Sqdn. Welfare Officer
		Cpl. F. Winrle, S.H.Q. Representative
		P/O. T. Kay – 358 Sqdn. Welfare Officer
		L.A.C. Subsiam – I.A.F. Representative
		W/O. Barrisi – 136 R&S.U. Welfare Officer
		It was agreed to accept the offer of H.Q.R.A.F. Bengal/Burma to have a weekly ENSA show on the station. It was thought that the loss on the rebate from the Cinema on those nights when ENSA visited was insufficient reason for rejecting H.Q.'s offer.
		Other items on the agenda were as follows:-
		1. Reservation of Non-Reservation of seats for ENSA shows.
		2. Housing of visiting ENSA artists.
		3. Gramophone circuit & distribution of records.
		4. Welfare Amenities – General.
		The Meeting was closed at 1845 hrs.
	Feb. 28	H.Q.R.A.F. Bengal/Burma Welfare were approached for a consolidated list of leave Centres in India in order to aid personnel on the Squadron desirous of leave, but who have no address to which to apply.
		Recreation
		Hockey fixtures were arranged for the month of February as follows.
		Feb. 5 Maintenance v H.Q. & Signals
		Feb. 6 A.I.E's v M.T.
		Feb. 8 H.Q. & Sigs v Flights
		Feb. 9 Officers & A/Crew v A.I.E's
		Feb. 10 Flights v M.T.
		Feb. 12 Officers & A/Crew v Maintenance
		Feb. 13 M.T. v H.Q. & Sigs.
		Feb. 14 Flight v Officers & A/Crew
		Feb. 15 Maintenance v A.I.E's
		Also the Football knock-out Cup Competition commenced & much enthusiasm was displayed over these matches.
		Part III – Personnel
		P.O.R's R.A.F. dated 15/2/45
		Posted to 357 Squadron ex U.K. w/e/f 13/12/44

			116762 F/L. G. A. Turner
			124406 F/L. P. Arkell
			77370 F/L. J. Williams, D.F.C.
			49333 F/L. L. G. A. Reed, D.F.C.
			148804 F/O. A. A. Morley
			Posted to 357 Sqdn from No 6 R.F.U. wef 18/12/44
			163433 F/O. R. D. Lister
			165514 P/O. M. V. Douse wef 3/1/45
			183921 P/O. J. Poulton wef 2/1/45
			Posted from 357 Sqdn to R.A.F. Poona wef 7/2/45
			186160 P/O. F. S. Quinn
			Posted from 357 Sqdn to H.Q. 185 Wing wef 24/1/45
			186170 P/O. D. Manser, D.F.M.
			186225 P/O. G. C. Cowling
			Promotions
			131571 F/O. G. Smith promoted F/L wef 25/9/44
			158030 P/O. R. L. Rouse (Tech Radar) promoted to F/O (W.S.) wef 23/9/44
			165157 P/O. T. S. Hunter (G.D.(P) promoted F/O (W/S) wef 5/11/44
			137614 F/O. J. Irvine (G.D.N.) promoted to F/L (W.S) wef 20/11/44
			165369 P/O. G. N. Gillin (G.D.N.) promoted to F/O (W.S) wef 2/12/44
			190065 P/O. B. F. Payton (G.D.N) appointed to commissioned rank on probation in the G.D. Branch of R.A.F.V.R. wef 5/12/44
			188798 P/O. R. Rigg (G.D.W.G) appointed to commissioned rank on probation in the G.D. Branch of R.A.F.V.R. wef 11/11/44
			Part IV – Honours & Awards.
			His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the Distinguished Service Order to 159031 F/O. J. Churchill, D.F.C. for duties carried out whilst with No. 357 (S.D.) Sqdn.

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Compiling Officer – F/O. G. H. Lawrence

Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
Liberator VI "U"	P/O. F. B. Cooke	Desert 10	311850	010615	This operation was successful. The aircraft arrived over the D.Z. at 2325 hours & found reception as briefed. 1 run was made at 700 feet & 11 containers were dropped. The rear gunner reported that all chutes opened & could later be seen on the ground at the North end of the D.Z.: - The weather was good throughout & there was very little cloud.
	NZ421489 W/O. C. R. Anderson		Jessore	Jessore	
	Aus9183 F/L. G. Cashmore				
	P/O. J. H. Newberry				
	P/O. F. W. Pearce				
	W/O. J. F. Bryden				
	W/O. W. V. Robertson				
	F/S. J. B. Nelson Sgt. J. Hatton				
Liberator VI "P"	W/O. S. H. Seed	Desert III	311905	010610	This operation was successful. The aircraft arrived over the target area at 2358 hrs. & found a good reception of fires on the D.Z. also "G" flashing. In one run at 400 feet 8 containers & 5 packages weight 1905 lbs. were dropped. The Dispatcher reported that the drop was made without incident & that all the shutes opened & developed normally. Weather was good & visibility was 8 – 10 miles.
	Sgt. W. J. Surrage		Jessore	Jessore	
	P/O. M. V. Douse				
	Sgt. B. Elstub				
	Sgt. R. C. H. Harrell				
	Sgt. W. E. Luck				
	Sgt. J. Archer				
	Sgt. W. L. Knowles Sgt. A. Archibald				
Dakota IV. "M"	Aus421792 P/O. T. A. Collister	Ramrose Fox III	312030	010315	This operation was carried out successfully. The area was reached at 2325 hrs. & search of radius 11 miles was made for the D.A. At 2340 hrs a
	F/S. L. Elliott		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. G. Thompson				

	F/S. W. M. McCormack				triangle of fires was seen approx. 2 miles from the original briefed D.Z & as these were the only lights in the vicinity the drop was made. In one run at 500 feet 1 container & 3 packages weight 658 lbs were dropped & the parachutes was seen to open correctly on the container. The Sqdn Commander commented that the reception seemed a bit doubtful but the crew were briefed to drop on anything that looked like a reception in that area. Weather good.
Liberator VI "R"	F/O. J. Churchill	Bazaar 17	311818	010730	This operation was successful. Weather was good & aircraft arrived over the D.Z at 0002 hours & ground good reception consisting of 3 fires & torch flashing "R" 2 runs were made at 700 feet & the 2 men, 9 containers & 4 packages left the aircraft successfully, & the rear gunner reported that all the parachutes opened. At 2019 when in Posn 9610N 2130E. 20 or more M.T. vehicles were seen moving North.
	W/O. J. A. Taylor		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/O. D. H. Hulme				
	W/O. W. Hough				
	W/O. W. E. N. Smail				
	W/O. W. G. Murray				
	F/S. D. R. Webber				
	Sgt. H. D. V. Gould				
Liberator VI. "X"	Aus.426330 W/O. F. V. Exelby	Future Bison III	312200	010425	This operation was unsuccessful. The aircraft arrived over the target area at 0044 hours & made 3 D.R. runs onto the D.Z. from an identified pinpoint without raising any response from the ground. As no reception was seen, the aircraft returned to Base with the 11 containers & 4 packages which had been intended for the drop. Weather was good throughout the whole operation.
	Aus.430132 F/S. G. C. Thompson		Jessore	Jessore	
	NZ.415285 W/O. J. H. Boundy				
	F/S. J. A. McArthur				
	Sgt. W. G. Robertson				
	Sgt. L. C. Snell				
	Sgt. R. C. Silly				
	Sgt. J. Gorrie				
	Sgt. T. E. Lockett				
Dakota IV "G"	S/L. T. P. O'Brien	Ramrose Rhino II	312101	010310	This operation was successful. At 2351 a reception of a Δ of fires & "K" flashing was seen on the D.Z. & in 4 runs at 600 feet the 4 containers & 7 packages were dropped & all
	F/O. R. Carter		Jessore	Jessore	
	W/O. N. L. Woolsey				

	Sgt. F. H. Burley				parachutes were observed to open & develop normally. The captain commented upon return that the D.Z. is very small & hard to see unless the a/c passes directly over the area. Weather was very good for this operation.
Lib. VI 'Z'	Aus.421387 W/O. W. G. Petley	Dilwyn Badger 4	012100	020500	This operation was successful. A/C arrived over target at 0025 hrs. & circled area, in doing so passing over Lashio aerodrome. Finally a Δ of torches & a weak flashing "H" were seen, these only coming on when a/c passed directly over D.Z. 11 containers & 1 package wt. 3706 lbs. were dropped in 1 run from 700' & all chutes were seen to develop normally. Weather was good throughout flight.
	Aus.430461 F/S. E. P. Martindale		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. F. P. Lowther				
	F/S. W. N. Kendall				
	Aus.419028 F/S. C. W. J. Burgin				
	Aus.426294 F/S. A. F. Bird				
	Sgt. G. E. Hillier				
	Sgt. F. S. Canvin				
	Sgt. A. Kidd				
Lib. VI 'Y'	Aus.49836 W/O. R. W. Bain	Dilwyn Gazelle 4	012100	020415	This operation was successful. A/C arrived over D.Z. at 0007 hrs. & a Δ of fires & a torch flashing 'R' was seen in a small D.Z. on the top of a hill. 7 containers & 8 packages were dropped in 1 run from 1000' & the chutes developed correctly. On the return flight 10 M.T. vehicles were seen moving N. on a road near Kotkai. Weather was generally good, with slight scattered SCu at 4000'.
	Aus. 42?9749 F/S. M. R. Simons		Jessore	Jessore	
	Aus.424296 P/O. F. C. Cutler				
	F/S. R. W. Skipper				
	Aus.437502 F/S. W. P. Criddle				
	Aus.436452 F/S. K. J. Duffy				
	Sgt. J. G. Woodthorpe				
	Sgt. P. V. Lloyd				
	Sgt. W. J. B. Richards				
Dakota IV 'O'	F/O. W. Kindred	Bug	012132	020656	This operation was unsuccessful. It is thought a/c was over target area but no definite pin points were visible nearer than Daga Bridge. Search was made at 700' after passing over Daga Bridge a/c returned to the D.Z. & searched again at 200' & finally s/c
	P/O. K. C. H. Williams		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/O. G. H. Lawrence				
	W/O. R. Daghish				

	Sgt. J. A. Green				Base as no reception was observed. Intention was to drop 1 package. 12 packages of nickels were dropped between target area & west from 500' between 0242 hrs – 0248 hrs. On returning to Daga Bridge at 0210 hrs. for pin points, passing over at approx 200', L.M.G. fire was encountered from approx 5 posns surrounding the bridge. A/c was hit 5 or 6 times but there were no casualties. Fire was normal red tracer. Numerous hutted sites were sighted in area East of Bassein. Weather was generally good.
Lib VI 'X'	W/Cdr. L. M. Hodges	Label Rat	012140	020514	This operation was unsuccessful. A/c arrived over target at 0020 hrs. & a complete search of the area was made & although several lights were seen, no actual reception was observed. Weather was good throughout trip. Intention was to drop 8 containers & 4 packages. The Squadron Commander commented "A systematic search was made N to S & E to W with no result."
	Aus.413286 F/O. H. Seale		Jessore	Jessore	
	W/O. H. R. Harvey				
	Aus.410102 W/O. E. Williams				
	F/L. L. G. A. Reed				
	F/O. A. A. Morley				
	NZ.421063 W/O. F. J. Keenan				
	F/S. W. Farish				
	Aus.428020 F/S. M. J. Cox				
Dakota IV 'G'	W/O. E. Wheelhouse	Bittern II	012010	021345	This operation was unsuccessful. At 0010 hrs. target area was reached & D.Z. was definitely identified both by map reading & visually by the conducting officer, but no reception was seen. A/c landed at Dohzari at 0615 hrs. owing to shortage of fuel & although Chittagong was informed of the a/c's whereabouts by telephone from Dohzari at 0645 hrs. no action appears to have been taken to inform Jessore. Intention was to drop 11 packages. In Posn. 2359N 9721E straffing was seen in progress 3 miles to N. of track.
	Can.J24042 F/O. W. H. Caron		Jessore	Jessore	
	W/O. W. F. Learwood				
	F/S. G. C. Longbottom				
	Sgt. R. I. Wellings				
Lib VI 'P'	W/O. S. H. Seed	Manual Mouse 2	012300	020438	This operation was successful. Reception of 1 fire & 1 torch came on as a/c approached. Reception seemed to have been moved on to the side of a hill to clear valley mist. The dropping
	F/S. W. J. V. Surrage		Jessore	Jessore	
	P/O. M. V. Douse				

	Sgt. B. Elstub				runs could not be straight owing to the shape of the valley. 6 containers & 5 packages were dropped in 2 runs at 600'. All the chutes opened correctly. Weather was good, except for valley mist. The Squadron Commander commented, "From pilot's report this operation seems a bit doubtful. Reception not as briefed.
	Sgt. R. C. H. Harrell				
	Sgt. W. E. Luck				
	Sgt. J. Archer				
	Sgt. W. L. Knowles				
	Sgt. A. Archibald				
Dakota IV "D"	Aus.14407 F/L. P. W. Bowles	Manual Lion 2	012315	020530	This operation was unsuccessful. A/c was over target area at 0145 hrs., but when 5 miles away, 1 fire appeared followed by 4 others in a straight line. After circling an 'L' was formed a/c went down to 400' 7 huts were seen surrounded by trees near the fires. Went away & returned to find 'L' still in posn. flew away again & on returning found lights had been extinguished. No drop was made. The Squadron Commander commented that "an 'L' Type reception was used instead of 'T' type as briefed." Weather was good.
	W/O. J. H. Middleton		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. F. W. Giles				
	Sgt. Owen				
Lib. VI 'R'	Can.J6644 F/L. T. H. Lee	Grain Weasel 2	012312	020545	This operation was successful. At 0140 hrs. a/c arrived over target area & saw very large bush fires to E. of target & later found D.Z. with 'T' of torches & fires. A/c circled area until definitely identified. 11 containers were dropped in 1 run from 1000' & all chutes opened, but dropped short. Weather was good.
	Can.J44365 P/O. A. G. Houghan		Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J16004 F/L. Alverston				
	Can.J45070 P/O. H. Walling				
	Can.J49494 P/O. W. Parslow				
	Can.J44160 P/O. J. Tyson				
	Can.R.187174 Sgt. E. P. Zimmerman				
	Sgt. T. H. Goodman				
	Sgt. T. W. Alder				
Dakota IV 'K'	F/S. F. F. Bush	Grain Weasel	012225	020550	This operation was unsuccessful. At 0122 hrs. pin-point was obtained on lake & D.R. run was made to target area but no reception could be seen, so returned to lake & made a further
	W/O. V. Lineham		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/O. J. Williamson				
	F/S. G. Fordyce				

	Sgt. I. C. Watson				run. Several fires were seen in the neighbourhood, but were not considered to be a reception. Weather was god with slight haze. Intention was to drop 3 men, 3 containers & 5 packages.
Dakota IV 'K'	S/L. T. P. O'Brien	Grain Weasel I	022254	030540	This operation was unsuccessful. A/C arrived over target at 0155 hrs. & the D.Z. was identified, but no reception was seen although numerous fires were seen in vicinity. Drop of 3 men, 4 containers & 9 packages was not made. Weather was fair with 4/10 Cu. over target area.
	F/O. R. Carter		Jessore	Jessore	
	W/O. W. N. Woolsey				
	Sgt. F. H. Burley P/O. G. N. Gillin				
Lib VI "Z"	Can.J6644 F/L. T. H. Lee	Future Bison 3	032332	040545	This operation was successful. At 0200 hrs. a/c arrived over target area & found reception of a line of lights & also letter 'F' flashing. 6 containers & 2 packages were dropped in one run from 1500'. A step climb is necessary to get out of the area owing to surrounding hills. All Chutes observed by rear gunner to open correctly. At 0236 hrs. 6 packets of nickels were dropped from Kalagvie to the R. Irrawaddy from 8000'. The crew reported seeing numerous fires in the Mandalay area. Weather was good with no cloud.
	Can.J44365 P/O. A. G. Houghan		Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J16004 F/L. Alverston				
	Can.J44160 P/O. J. Tyson				
	Can.J45070 P/O. H. Walling				
	Can.J49494 P/O. W. Parslow				
	Can.R.187174 Sgt. E. P. Zimmerman				
	Sgt. T. H. Goodman				
	Sgt. T. W. Alder				
Dakota IV 'O'	W/O. E. Wheelhouse	Bittern II	032200	040640	This operation was successful. A/c arrived in target area at 0135 hrs. & flew along river & identified 'T' of lights on the D.Z. at 0137 hrs. This D.Z. was approx. 1 mile S. W. of briefed D.Z. & is very small. 14 packages were dropped in 5 runs from 400' & 10 packages were later seen on ground. Weather was good throughout flight.
	Can.J24042 F/O. W. H. Caron		Jessore	Jessore	
	W/O. W. F. Learwood				
	F/S. G. C. Longbottom				
	Sgt. R. I. Wellings				
Lib VI 'W'	Aus.408361 W/O. R. W. Bain	Burglar Hippo 4	052359	060755	This operation was successful. A/C arrived over target at 0300 hrs. & saw

	Aus.419749 F/S. M. R. Simons		Jessore	Jessore	line of lights with 'R' flashing. D.Z. was in a very steep valley & was difficult to reach & several dummy runs were made before a drop was made. 5 containers & 3 packages were dropped & all chutes opened O.K. 15 packages of nickels were dropped at 0352 hrs. over Mingon village. In Posn. 1950N. 9350E gun flashes were sighted in the area. Good weather throughout trip.
	Aus.424296 P/O. F. C. Cutler				
	F/S. R. W. Skipper				
	Aus.437502 F/S. W. P. Criddle				
	Aus.436452 F/S. K. J. Duffy				
	Sgt. P. U. Lloyd				
	Sgt. W. J. B. Rickards				
	Sgt. J. G. Woodthorpe				
Lib. VI 'V'	Can.J4415 F/L. J. D. Lamb	Dilwyn Cheetah I.	061453	062248	This operation was unsuccessful. The last definite pin-point obtained was at Posn. 2323N 9758E & the a/c then flew on to the R. Salween, but no further pin points were found & a search was made over the target area at 7000', but nothing was seen. Intention was to drop 7 containers & 5 packages. Weather was good & cloud nil. The Squadron commander commented – "Pin point on Salween not seen & this can be regarded as a Navigational failure."
	Can.J39528 F/O. M. J. McFadyen		Jessore	Jessore	
	Aus.413286 F/O. H. Seale				
	Can.J45168 P/O. D. A. Blad				
	Can.J46064 P/O. S. V. Hillis				
	P/O. W. R. Birch				
	Can.J42510 P/O. D. Heller				
	Sgt. R. P. G. Smith				
	Can.R160539 Sgt. D. D. Bechthold				
Lib VI	Can.J6644 F/L. T. H. Lee	Dilwyn Bear 1.	061450	062225	This operation was successful. A/C arrived over target at 1745 hrs & reception consisting of 3 white chutes with flashing torch in centre of each, was seen awaiting. 11 containers were dropped in 2 runs from 800'. 4 containers hung up on 1sst run but were jettisoned on 2nd run. Weather was good. Numerous fires were seen along the R. Irrawaddy from Posn. 2300N 9600E on return flight. the Captain commented – "suitable for dusk drop, but impossible to be used during non-Moon periods."
	Can.J44365 P/O. A. G. Houghan		Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J16004 F/L. Alverston				
	Can.J45070 P/O. H. Walling				
	Can.J49494 P/O. W. Parslow				
	Can.J44160 P/O. J. Tyson				
	Can.R.187174 Sgt. E. P.				

	Zimmerman				
	Sgt. T. H. Goodman				
	Sgt. T. W. Alder				
Lib. VI 'V'	Can.J4115 F/L. J. D. Lamb	Dilwyn Cheetah	071420	072155	This operation was successful. A/C was over target at 1751 hrs. & 3 fires with torch in centre were seen. 7 containers & 5 packages were dropped in 1 run from 400' & all chutes opened & dropped on D.Z. Weather was good – visibility 20 miles.
	Can.J39528 F/O. M. J. McFadyen		Jessore	Jessore	
	Aus.413286 F/O. H. Seale				
	Can.J45168 P/O. D. A. Blad				
	Can.J46064 P/O. S. V. Hillis				
	Can.J42510 P/O. D. Heller				
	P/O. W. R. Birch				
	Sgt. R. P. G. Smith				
	Can.R160539 Sgt. D. D. Bechthold				
Lib. VI. ⁷	Aus.426330 W/O. E. V. E. Exelby	Manual Mouse 3	070110	070748	This operation was successful. A/c was over target at 0330 hrs., but no reception could be seen. However reception was seen to light up at 0340 hrs. D.Z. was said to be "reasonably good." 11 containers & 1 package were dropped in 1 run from 700'. All chutes opened O.K. On return to Base it was found that mist had closed in & a/c was diverted to Dhubalia by R/T. A/c's W/T was u/s & so diversion signal was not received. On landing at Dhubalia Stbd. tyre burst, but there was no damage to a/c. Tyres were changed & a/c was airborne at 1624 hrs., landing at Jessore at 1649 hrs. Weather was fair on trip – low cloud & ground mist in valleys.
	Aus.430132 F/S. G. C. Thompson		Jessore	Dhubalia	
	F/O. R. D. Lister				
	F/S. J. A. McArthur				
	Sgt. W. G. Robertson				
	Sgt. L. C. Snell				
	Sgt. R. C. Silly				
	Sgt. J. Gorrie				
	Sgt. T. E. Lockett				
Lib. VI 'R'	P/O. F. C. Cooke	Globe	091245	100015	This operation was unsuccessful. A/c arrived over target area at 1600 hrs. & searched, but no pin-points were obtained. It is thought that a/c overshot D.Z. & finally turned back E. of target. On the return flight the R/T from a/c X/357 was heard.
	NZ.421489 W/O. C. R. Anderson		Kunming	Kunming	
	Aus.9183 F/L. G. Cashmore				
	P/O. J. H. Newberry				

⁷ No code letter given.

	F/L. Grey				The D.Z. was not identified & no drop was made. 8 containers & 4 packages were brought back. Weather was bad with 10/10 Cu up to 9000' with visibility up to 4 miles between layers.
	P/O. F. W. Pearce				
	W/O. W. V. Robertson				
	F/S. J. B. Nelson				
	F/S. J. F. Bryden				
	Sgt. Hammond				
Dakota IV 'L'	F/S. F. F. Bush	Cloak	101525	102215	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target area at 1755 hrs & at 800' in 4 runs the load of 100 pevragons?? & 6 pin tails was released. A/c, prior to this had circled Pagan for 20 mins. as D.Z. was reached too soon. All the paragons?? & pin-tails cleared the a/c satisfactorily & although a few stuck in the boxes, all were quickly cleared. Weather was generally fair, but 10/10 Cu. up to 15000' was encountered over Chin Hills.
	W/O. V. Lineman		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/O. J. Williamson				
	F/S. G. Fordyce				
	Sgt. I. C. Watson				
Lib. VI 'X'	F/O. J. Churchill	Globe	091255	100210	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target area at 1632 hrs. & 10/10 ths cloud was encountered. R/T control was established with the ground & 2 other a/c were heard weakly, apparently in difficulties. A/C was warned to keep away from area by Chinking, so captain flew away from area & re-established R/T control upon return at 1730 hrs. A request for reception was sent & at 1745 hrs. three lights were seen at side of a runway & drop of 8 containers & 4 packages, was made in 1 run from 3000' owing to nearby hills. After drop, the ground party called up & stated that 2 packages had been recovered & on return to Kunming, it was learned that the whole load had been recovered. At 2330 commenced search for Kunming as Radio Compass was u/s, & it was not until 0210 hrs. that a/c landed. weather was fair, but 8/10 Cu. at 4000' to 10000' was encountered over target area.
	W/O. J. A. Taylor		Kunming	Kunming	
	F/O. D. H. Hulme				
	W/O. W. Hough				
	W/O. W. G. Murray				
	W/O. W. E. N. Smaile				
	F/S. D. R. Webber				
	Sgt. H. D. V. Gould				
	F/O. Hastings				

Lib. VI 'S'	W/O. S. H. Seed	Dilwyn Cheetah 2	091427	091336	This operation was successful a/c arrived over target at 1805 hrs & area was searched until at 1834 hrs. a Δ of bonfires with "J" flashing was seen. 11 containers & 4 packages were dropped in 1 run from 600'. After drop "O.K" was flashed from ground. From 1555 hrs to 1650 hrs a/c stooged in Kalewa area & dropped leaflets, many of which blew back into a/c as the static lines were too short. Weather was good throughout flight.
	Sgt. W. J. Surrage		Jessore	Jessore	
	Aus.424296 P/O. F. C. Cutler				
	P/O. M. V. Douse				
	F/S. W. Farish				
	Sgt. R. C. H. Harrell				
	Sgt. W. E. Luck				
	Sgt. J. Archer				
	Sgt. W. L. Knowles				
	Sgt. A. Archibald				
Dakota IV 'D'	S/L. T. P. O'Brien	Bloodhound	101623	101945	This operation was unsuccessful. A/C reached Posn. 2314N. 9844E at 1730 hrs, but the weather had grown progressively worse & no pin-points could be obtained. Visibility afterwards lifted to ½ mile & showed that the a/c was being forced below the level of the hills by down-draughts. At 1751 hrs. the sortie was abandoned & the a/c s/c Myitkina via Bhamo as weather was too bad to fly back to base. The Sqdn. Commander commented "The crew showed great determination in trying to reach the D.Z through such bad weather. All the 'Joes' carried were sick." Intended to drop 8 men, & 16 packages.
	F/O. R. Carter		Myitkina	Myitkina	
	P/O. G. N. Gillin				
	W/O. N. L. Woolsey				
	Sgt. F. H. Burley				
Dakota IV 'G'	W/O. E. Wheelhouse	Cloak	101525	102230	This operation was successful. Target area was easy to fine & drop proceeded without incident at 1802 hrs. 3 boxes paragon & 5 pin tails in 4 runs from 800'. One pintail started a healthy fire in the undergrowth. Weather was generally fair, but very bad over Chin Hills Cu. up to 15000'.
	Can.J24042 F/O. W. H. Caron		Jessore	Jessore	
	W/O. W. F. Learwood				
	F/S. G. C. Longbottom				
	Sgt. R. I. Wellings				
	S/Ldr. J. A. King				
Dakota IV 'M'	Aus. 415673 P/O. P. A. Black	Cloak	101529	102235	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target early, so circled

	Can.J24346 F/O. R. G. Stothers.		Jessore	Jessore	away for 10 mins. & then made drop of 3 boxes paragon & 6 pin-tails at 1808 hrs. in 4 runs. All packages left a/c satisfactorily. As a/c left target a Mosquito was seen approaching target area. Weather generally fair, with 10/10 Cu. over Chin Hills.
	F/S. W. Allen				
	F/S. W. Richmond				
Dakota IV 'R'	Aus.421464 W/O. J. W. Reid	Cloak	101550	A/c did not return	This operation was completed successfully, but a/c did not return from the operation. A/C was seen over the target by the other a/c operating on same target & later a message was received from the a/c stating that the operation had been successful. This a/c was No. 4 of a sortie of four a/c & was seen over the target by other 3 a/c. All four a/c sent messages that sortie was successful & asking for bearings from Base. The weather over the Chin Hills, which lay between them & Base, was extremely bad; cumulus cloud tops were up to 15000' or more & base was generally about 6000', that is 4000' below the top of the highest hill. In cloud the turbulence was excessive & pilots report that 1/c were almost uncontrollable. The 3 pilots who returned reported that the only way they were able to get through was by flying at 15000' and avoiding cloud patches above this height. No information has as yet come to hand concerning the missing a/c & in the absence of dull details, it can only be assumed that the a/c got out of control whilst endeavouring to fly through the clouds & crashed in vicinity of Mount Victor (10,000 ft.). Further details will no doubt come in later regarding this a/c & they will be included in later Records. All the crew were posted as "Missing" on 10th Feb/45 & next of kin notified.
	W/O. J. Hartley (1534015)		Jessore		
	F/S. J. Longhurst (1395543)				
	Aus.425109 W/O. J. Begg				
	F/S. T. Nathaniel (2209199)				
Lib VI 'W'	Can.J4415 ⁸ F/L. T. H. Lee	Bazaar 56	121208	130010	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 1628 hrs. & 10/10 cloud was encountered, but a/c was able to descent through a break over the river about 5 miles E. & using tributary river as a pin-point a D.R. run
	Can.J44365 P/O. A. G. Houghan		Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J16004 F/L. Alverston				

⁸ Different service number than given before.

	Aus.413286 F/O. H. Seale				was made on to target where reception was found at 1708 hrs. One dummy run was made & then the 11 containers & 2 packages were dropped in 1 run. One chute candled, but others opened correctly. Captain commented – "D.Z. is suitable for daylight drops only, as numerous pyramid shaped hills are in the vicinity."
	Can.R.187174 W/O. E. P. Zimmerman				
	Can.J49494 P/O. W. Parslow				
	Can.J44160 P/O. J. Tyson				
	Sgt. T. W. Alder				
Lib VI 'Q'	Aus.421387 W/O. W. G. Petley	Bazaar 57	121213	130143	This operation was unsuccessful. A/c was over target at 1602 hrs., where two possible pin-points were obtained, but all ground detail over D.Z. was obscured by low cloud so load of 11 containers & 2 packages were brought back to Base. Squadron Commander commented that this crew were unlucky in not finding a break in the cloud over the D.Z.
	Aus.430461 F/S. E. P. Martindale		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. F. P. Lowther				
	F/S. W. N. Kendall				
	Aus.419028 F/S. C. W. J. Burgin				
	Aus.426294 F/S. A. F. Bird				
	Sgt. A. Kidd				
	Sgt. G. E. Hillier				
	Sgt. F. S. Canvin				
Lib VI 'V'	W/O. S. H. Seed	Bazaar 58	131220	132359	This operation was unsuccessful. At 1642 hrs a pin-point was obtained – 2210N 10324E & a/c flew down to D.Z. but 10/10 cloud was encountered over the whole area except for occasional hill-tops which protruded through the cloud layer. The load of 11 containers & 2 packages were brought back. Weather was better on the return journey & at 2015 hrs. in Posn. 2208N 9508E 20+ M.T. vehicles were seen moving N.W.
	Sgt. W. J. Surrage		Jessore	Jessore	
	W/O. V. Lineham				
	P/O. M. V. Douse				
	F/S. W. Farish				
	Sgt. R. C. H. Harrell				
	Sgt. W. E. Luck				
	Sgt. J. Archer				
	Sgt. W. L. Knowles				
	Sgt. A. Archibald				
Lib VI 'P'	Can.J4115 F/L. J. D. Lamb	Hebrides Trumpet 4	130928	140123	This operation was unsuccessful. A/c arrived in the vicinity of Yala & as the weather had deteriorated badly, the flight was abandoned & the a/c turned back & landed at Chittagong owing to shortage of fuel. Weather was fair until S. of 10°N & then cloud was 10/10 up to 30,000'. On return flight at 1337 hrs when bearing 335° & 30 miles distant from
	Can.J39528 F/O. M. J. McFadyen		Jessore	Chittagong	
	Can.J45168 P/O. D. A. Blad				
	NZ.415285 W/O. J. H. Boundy				
	Can.J46064 P/O. S. V. Hillis				

	Can.J42510 P/O. D. Heller				Brother Island a yellow object was seen in the water approx. 10 ft x 8 ft. & was apparently a life raft of some sort. This was reported on return to Base.
	P/O. W. R. Birch				
	Can.R160539 Sgt. D. D. Bechthold				
	Sgt. R. P. G. Smith				
Lib. VI 'U'	Aus.408361 ⁹ W/O. R. W. Bain	Bazaar 59	131200	140020	This operation was unsuccessful. A/C arrived over target area at 1629 hrs. & 10/10 cloud was experienced. However, a pin point was obtained at 1658 hrs. of 2112N 10350E & a D.R. run was made to D.Z., but cloud still obscured ground detail & no drop was made. 11 containers & 2 packages were brought back. Group reported that a/c I.F.F. was not showing but WOP/Ag stated that set was triggering correctly when checked every 30 mins.
	Aus. 419749 F/S. M. R. Simons				
	Aus.424296 P/O. F. C. Cutler				
	F/S. R. W. Skipper				
	Aus.437502 F/S. W. P. Criddle				
	Aus.436452 F/S. K. J. Duffy				
	Sgt. P. O? Lloyd				
	Sgt. W. J. B. Rickards				
	Sgt. J. G. Woodthorpe				
Dakota IV 'O'	F/O. W. Kindred	Bloodhound	151123	151444	This operation was unsuccessful. A/c arrived over area at 1755 hrs. & the area was identified visually, but no reception was seen, so a/c s/c Base owing to the deterioration of weather & the approaching darkness. Intention was to drop 8 men & 20 packages. Over the target weather was generally fair, but 7/10 to 10/10 Scu were encountered at 6000'. Squadron Commander commented that "No reception was reported but weather was such that it is quite likely D.Z. was not found." On return flight 20 M.T. vehicles were seen moving N on a road S. of Lashio.
	P/O. K. C. H. Williams		Jessore	Myitkina	
	F/O. G. H. Lawrence		15104	160054	
	W/O. R. Daglish		Myitkina	Jessore	
	Sgt. J. A. Green				
Lib. VI 'S'	W/Cdr. L. M. Hodges	Nickels on Rangoon Area	141725	150200	This operation was successful. 14 packages of nickels were dropped over Henzada at 2120 hrs. from 12000'. Drops were also made between Rangoon and Maubin between 2130 hrs. & 2215 hrs. & at 2230 over Bassein are & 20 packages were left in
	Aus.413286 F/O. H. Seale				
	F/S. W. N. Kendall				
	F/L. L. G. A. Reed				

⁹ Different service number than given before.

	F/O. A. A. Morley				a/c after finally s/c Base at 2231 hrs. The Captain commented, - " The difficulties of despatching were enormous. With the nickels in sacks it is more difficult than if they were tied with string. The static line method could not be used as there were too many packages & the nickels had to be shaken out of the sacks, through the bomb doors." Weather was good throughout & visibility was 12 miles.
	F/S. W. Farish				
	Sgt. G. E. Hillier				
	Sgt. F. S. Carvin				
Lib VI 'Q'	Aus.426330 W/O. F. V. E. Exelby	Ramrose Fox	141548	142202	This operation was unsuccessful. A/c was over target at 1826 hrs. & the area was definitely identified, but no reception could be found in spite of a search at 1000. 8 nickels were dropped in Hinynet area from 3000' at 1905 hrs. Intention was to drop 4 containers & 6 packages. Weather was fair, but low cloud at 4000'.
	Aus.430132 F/S. G. C. Thompson		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. J. A. McArthur				
	F/S. F. P. Lowther				
	Sgt. R. C. Silly				
	Sgt. L. C. Snell				
	Sgt. T. E. Lockett				
	Sgt. J. Gorrie				
Dakota IV 'G'	W/O. E. Wheelhouse	Bloodhound	171022	171347	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over tgt. at 1722 hrs. & D.Z. was identified by a 'T' of fires with white strips in between fires. At 1729 hrs., 8 runs were made & 8 men & 22 packages were dropped & all chutes were seen to open correctly. The D.Z. is very small & only suitable for a daylight drop. On the return flight 10 packages of nickels were dropped over the Lashio area at 1900 hrs. Weather was good & visibility 10 miles.
	Can.J24042 F/O. W. H. Caron		Jessore	Myitkina	
	W/O. W. Learwood		171535	180003	
	F/S. G. C. Longbottom		Myitkina	Jessore	
	Sgt. R. I. Wellings				
Dakota IV 'M'	Aus421792 P/O. T. A. Collister	Ramrose Rhino 2	181722	190025	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 2008 hrs. & reception as briefed was found after 5 mins search. The D.Z. is suitable for
	F/S. L. Elliott				
	F/S. G. Thompson				

	F/S. W. M. McCormack				good moonlight only & ground haze combined with smoke from bush fires made observation difficult. 4 containers & 17 packages were dropped in 6 runs from 600' & torch flashed after 1st run. 1 container hung up, but was jettisoned & fell in the area. at 2100 hrs. nickels were dropped over Minbu & also over Yenang Yaung at 2115 hrs from 7000'. Weather was good.
Liberator VI 'S'	Can.J6644 F/L. T. H. Lee	Bazaar 116	191525	200525	This operation was unsuccessful owing to bad weather being encountered. A peak at posn. 2136N 103.50E was the last pinpoint obtained until a ridge East of the target was sighted at 2110 hrs. The a/c descended but cloud base was below 1500 ft. so captain abandoned the sortie & set course for Base from Posn. 2026N 106.12E at 21.47 & the 11 containers & 6 packages were brought back. On the return flight 6 packages of leaflets were dropped on Yen-bay at 2156hrs. 10/10 ths cloud was experienced & the moon was obscured during the whole sortie.
	Can.J44365 F/O. A. G. Houghan		Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J16004 F/L. Alverston				
	Can.J45070 P/O. J. Walling				
	Can.R.187174 W/O. E. P. Zimmerman				
	Can.J44160 F/O. J. Tyson				
	Can.J49494 P/O. W. Parslow				
	Sgt. T. H. Goodman				
	Sgt. T. W. Alder				
Liberator VI 'Z'	Can.J4115 F/L. J. D. Lamb	Future Bison 6	191810	200210	This operation was unsuccessful. The a/c arrived over target area at 2029 hrs. & made a thorough search from heights varying from 3000 to 8000 ft, pinpoints were obtained & crew were certain that D.Z. was reached bur reception lights were not seen. The lights in Maymyo were extinguished as a/c approached & 12 packages of nickels were dropped over the town at 2155 hrs. Intention was to drop 11 containers & 3 packages. Upon leaving the target numerous M.T. vehicles were seen on the Maymyo – Mandalay road.
	Can.J39528 F/O. M. J. McFadyen		Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J45168 P/O. D. A. Blad				
	P/O. J. Poulton				
	P/O. W. R. Birch				
	Can.J42510 P/O. D. Heller				
	Sgt. R. P. G. Smith				
	Can.R160539 Sgt. D. D. Bechthold				
Lib. VI 'W'	W/Cdr. L. M. Hodges	Bazaar 115	191530	200315	This operation was unsuccessful. No pin-points were obtained in the area owing to 10/10 cloud at 2025 hrs. when a/c arrived.
	Aus.413286 F/O. H. Seale		Jessore	Jessore	

	F/O. R. D. Lister				6 packets of nickels were dropped i Posn 2120N. 10512E from 8000'. Weather was very bad with 10/10 Scu. up to 5000' W/OP reported that Radio station at Hanoi was being received on 285 Kcs., but signals were in morse & could not be understood. Intention was to drop 11 containers.
	F/L. L. G. A. Reed				
	Aus.418600 F/O. K. Buchanan				
	F/S. W. Farish				
	Sgt. A. E. Bird				
Lib. VI 'U'	Aus.426330 W/O. F. V. E. Exelby	Bazaar 103	191700	200540	This operation was unsuccessful. A pin-point was obtained at 2045 hrs. in Posn. 2158N 101.18E & no definite ground detail was seen after that time up to 2200 hrs. when a/c was over target area. At 2215 hrs., 6 packages of leaflets were dropped of which 2 static lines broke. Intention was to drop 11 packages. Weather was bad with 10/10 cloud up to 7500' with visibility of 6 miles.
	Aus.430132 F/S. G. C. Thompson		Jessore	Jessore	
	NZ.415285 W/O. J. H. Boundy				
	F/S. J. A. McArthur				
	Sgt. R. C. Silly				
	Sgt. L. C. Snell				
	Sgt. W. G. Robertson				
	Sgt. J. Gorrie				
	Sgt. T. E. Lockett				
Dakota IV 'M'	Aus421792 P/O. T. A. Collister	Ramrose Rhino 3	191740	200100	This operation was successful. Reception was seen & 4 containers & 13 packages were dropped in 5 runs at 2048 hrs. One container again hung up as on previous night, but was jettisoned O.K. All chutes were seen to open correctly. 8 packets of nickels were dropped over Magne area at 2130 hrs from 6000'. D.Z. is good says the Captain, as short D.R. run can be made from Minbu. Squadron Commander said "As the reception committee were using torches, there should be no doubt about it being correct D.Z." Weather good – visibility 10 miles.
	F/S. L. Elliott		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. G. Thompson				
	F/S. W. M. McCormack				
Lib. VI 'P'	W/O. S. H. Seed	Bazaar 104	191525	200355	This operation was unsuccessful. Pin point was obtained at 1948 hrs which entailed a D.R. run to the D.Z. of 25 mins duration. No other ground detail was seen although area was searched from 4000' due to 10/10 cloud. 6 packets of nickels were dropped at 2130 hrs on approx. area surrounding 2140N 10445E from 4000'. Intention was to drop 11 packages. At 1744 hrs medium A.A. fire was
	Sgt. W. J. V.Surrage		Jessore	Jessore	
	P/O. M. V. Douse				
	Sgt. B. Elstub				
	Sgt. R. C. H. Harrell				
	Sgt. W. E. Lo?ck				
	Sgt. J. Archer				
	Sgt. W. L. Knowles				

	Sgt. A. Archibald				encountered over Hsipaw approx. 500' below a/c which was at 11000'. No damage nor casualties were sustained.
Liberator VI 'Y'	Aus.49836 W/O. R. W. Bain	Dilwyn Squirrel 8	191745	200140	This operation was successful. The a/c arrived over the target at 2115 hrs. where a reception consisting of fires & the letter "K" flashing was found. At 2119 hrs. 1 run was made at 800 ft. & 11 containers were dropped; one parachute did not open but the remainder were later seen lying on the D.Z. Weather was good throughout & 6 packages of nickels were dropped on Myipaw & 6 on Kyaukhe at 2201 hrs. on the return flight. The latter packages dropped unopened as static lines broke.
	Aus. 419749 F/S. M. R. Simons		Jessore	Jessore	
	Aus.424296 P/O. F. C. Cutler				
	F/S. R. W. Skipper				
	Aus.437502 F/S. E. P. Criddle				
	Aus.436452 F/S. K. J. Duffy				
	Sgt. W. J. B. Richards				
	Sgt. J. G. Woodthorpe				
	Sgt. P. V. Lloyd				
Dakota IV 'L'	F/O. C. Egerton-Eves	Character Otter 2	201838	210320	This operation was unsuccessful. The a/c arrived over the target at 2158 hrs. & the area was clearly identified but no reception was found. The 12 agents & 10 packages were brought back to Base. At 2046 hrs 20 packages of leaflets were dropped on Kyaukpadaung from 10,000 feet.
	Can.J27477 F/O. W. B. Arnold		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. J. Biggin				
	Sgt. T. Calder				
	P/O. S. G. Dove				
Lib. VI 'V'	F/O. J. Churchill	Dilwyn Squirrel 7	191755	200240	This operation was successful. Reception was waiting when a/c arrived at 2110 hrs & consisted of fires in the form of a 'T' & 'K' flashing. 11 containers were dropped in 2 runs, which were made out of alignment with the 'T' due to nearby hills. Chutes opened correctly & as explained above fell just to the side of D.Z. Weather was fine. 12 M.T. vehicles were sighted in batches of 3 or 4 on the road 20 miles S. of Lashio.
	W/O. J. A. Taylor		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/O. D. H. Hulme				
	W/O. W. Hough				
	W/O. W. E. N. Smail				
	W/O. W. G. Murray				
	F/S. D. R. Webber				
	Sgt. H. D. V. Gould				
Lib. VI 'Q'	Aus.421387 W/O. W. G. Petley	Dilwyn Bear 2	191758	200128	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 2108 hrs. & reception was found waiting as briefed. 11 containers & 3 packages were dropped in one run from 800' & after drop 'T' of fires was extinguished. On return flight 6 packages of nickels were dropped on Hsipaw at 2151 hrs. & 6 on Kyaukme at 2157 hrs. from 5000'. Weather was good.
	Aus.480461 F/S. E. P. Martindale		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. F. P. Lowther				
	F/S. W. N. Kendall				
	Aus.419028 F/S. C. W. J. Burgin				
	Aus.426294 F/S. A. F. Bird				

	Sgt. G. E. Hillier				At 2149 hrs. 1 M.T. vehicle was seen moving S. into Hsipaw. At 2151 hrs. 1 M.T. vehicle was seen moving W. into Hsipaw. At 2157 hrs. 8 M.T. vehicles were seen moving S.W. out of Kyaukme.
	Sgt. F. S. Canvin				
	Sgt. A. Kidd				
Dakota IV 'J'	F/S. F. F. Bush	Character Hyena II	201744	210255	This operation was carried out successfully. The crew saw the reception lights at 2152 hrs. after second D.R. runs onto the area. Finally '5' lights plus 'Y' flashing was seen & 10 men & 9 packages were dropped in 5 runs. 1 package on 4th run broke the static line but all others opened correctly. At 2335 hrs. in Posn. 1858N 9820E 21 packages & leaflets were dropped. Weather was fair with 10/10 ths Scu at 8000 feet.
	W/O. V. Lineham		Jessore	Chittagong	
	Sgt. R. M. Herdman		210215	210435	
	F/O. J. Williamson		Chittagong	Jessore	
	F/S. G. Fordyce				
Liberator VI 'P'	P/O. F. B. Cooke	Burglar Hippo 5	201820	210230	This operation was unsuccessful. The a/c arrived over the target area at 2109 hrs. intending to drop 11 containers & 2 packages at 3599 lbs. but no reception could be found & drop was not made. D.R. runs were made from Pyiamana & other good pinpoints & D.Z. could not be located. Numerous bush fires were seen in the area but not the "C" type reception as per briefing. The captain remarked upon return that torches should be used as receptions in future owing to the presence of so many bushfires.
	NZ.421489 W/O. C. R. Anderson		Jessore	Jessore	
	Aus.9183 F/L. G. Cashmore				
	P/O. J. H. Newberry				
	P/O. F. W. Pearce				
	W/O. J. F. Bryden				
	F/S. J. B. Nelson				
	W/O. W. V. Robertson				
	Sgt. J. Hatton				
Liberator VI 'S'	Aus.408361 W/O. R. W. Bain	Dilwyn Monkey 9	201745	210120	This operation was successful. At 2058 hrs. the a/c arrived over the target area & the correct reception lights seen on the D.Z. with a torch flashing "K". In 2 runs 8 containers & 18 packages were dropped & these were later seen on the ground being collected in a motor car by the reception committee. The captain commented "The D.Z. is in a good position in a valley with very flat approaches & can be easily found as it is at the side of a road." Weather over the target area was good.
	Aus.419749 F/S. M. R. Simons		Jessore	Jessore	
	Aus.424296 P/O. F. C. Cutler				
	F/S. R. W. Skipper				
	Aus.437512 F/S. W. P. Criddle				
	Aus.436452 F/S. K. J. Duffy				
	Sgt. W. J. B. Rickards				
	Sgt. J. G. Woodthorpe				
	Sgt. P. V. Lloyd				

Liberator VI 'R'	Aus.421387 W/O. W. G. Petley	Future Bison 6	201822	210051	This operation was successful. The a/c approached the target area at 800 ft. & found a reception of lights plus a flashing torch awaiting it. The D.Z. was not a cleared patch & there were many trees, however at 2113 hrs. 11 containers & 3 packages were dropped in 1 run & all chutes were observed to open normally. 30 miles S.W. of Mandalay a beacon was sighted flashing a letter in red.
	Aus.430461 F/S. E. P. Martindale		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. F. P. Lowther				
	F/S. K. W. Kendall				
	Aus.419028 F/S. C. W. Burgin				
	Aus.426294 F/S. A. F. Bird				
	Sgt. A. Kidd				
	Sgt. G. E. Hillier				
	Sgt. F. Canvin				
Dakota IV 'O'	P/O. W. Kindred	Character Ferret I	201850	210240	This operation was unsuccessful. The a/c arrived over the target area at 2215 hrs. but no ground party had been dropped by the leading a/c thus no reception was laid out. 11 men & 12 packages which comprised the load were brought back to Base.
	P/O. K. C. H. Williams		Jessore	Chittagong	
	P/O. G. H. Lawrence		210355	210520	
	W/O. R. Daghish		Chittagong	Jessore	
	Sgt. J. A. Green				
Dakota IV 'F'	Aus. 415670 P/O. P. Black	Character Ferret II	201905	210410	This operation was unsuccessful. The a/c made 3 separate runs onto the D.Z. from a known pin-point on the Salween River but no reception could be found & the a/c returned to Base via Thayetmyo where 20 packages of leaflets were dropped. Intention was to drop 11 men & 11 packages for operation "Character/Ferret II".
	Can.J24346 F/O. R. G. Stothers.		Jessore	Chittagong	
	F/S. G. N. Allen		210509	210632	
	F/S. W. Richmond		Chittagong	Jessore	
	Sgt. R. A. Hunt				
Dakota IV 'D'	Aus.14407 F/L. P. W. Bowles	Character Hyena I	201620	210155	This operation was successful. At 2030 hrs. the a/c arrived over target & easily identified the D.Z. 12 men & 13 containers were dropped in a paddy field on the North side of the D.Z. 6 runs were made & all chutes were seen to open correctly. The 2nd man in the 2nd stick sat down prior to jumping & had to be pushed out, otherwise all jumped independently. Weather was fair with low stratus cloud.
	W/O. J. H. Middleton		Jessore	Jessore	
	Sgt. D. C. Oram				
	Sgt. I. C. Watson				
Liberator VI 'W'	Aus.426330 W/O. Exelby	Bazaar 68	221618	222155	This operation was unsuccessful, owing to technical trouble developing on a/c. Intention was to drop 2 men 7 containers 6 packages for Bazaar 68 but when in Posn 2101N 9608E the artificial horizon became u/s & the captain returned to Base where he landed at 2155 hrs.
	Aus.430132 F/S. Thompson		Jessore	Jessore	
	NZ.415285 W/O. Boundy				
	F/S. McArthur				
	Sgt. Snell				

	Sgt. Robertson				
	Sgt. Silly				
	Sgt. Gorrie				
	Sgt. Lockett				
Liberator VI 'R'	W/Cdr.. Hodges	Bazaar 81	211705	220835	This operation was unsuccessful. Intention was to drop 11 containers & 6 packages wt 4350 lbs for "Bazaar 81" but when the aircraft arrived over the target area at 0035 hrs. no reception could be found & insufficient time was available to search the area properly & although numerous lights could be seen in the area the search was abandoned 12 packages of nickels were dropped in the target area.
	F/O. Seale		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/O. Lister				
	F/L. Reed				
	F/O. Morley				
	F/O. Buchanan				
	F/S. Farish				
	Sgt. Bird				
Liberator VI 'Z'	Can.J6644 F/L. T. H. Lee	Burglar Hippo 5	211818	220040	This operation was successful. The a/c arrived over the target area at 20.54 hrs. & saw reception triangle of good fires on the D.Z. also "C" was flashing by a torch. This D.Z. was situated on a river bed in 100 ft. ravine & was difficult to see. One run was made up river & 11 containers & 2 packages wt 3599 lbs. were dropped & all chutes were observed to open correctly. Weather experienced was fair, but very good West of the Irrawaddy.
	Can.J44365 F/O. A. G. Houghan		Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J16004 F/L. Alverston				
	Can.J45070 P/O. J. Walling				
	Can.J44160 P/O. Tyson				
	Can.J49494 P/O. W. Parslow				
	Can.R.187174 W/O. E. P. Zimmerman				
	Sgt. T. H. Goodman				
Liberator VI 'S'	W/O. S. H. Seed	Bazaar 82	211725	220905	This operation was successfully carried out. A "C" type reception was found with "U" being flashed on a torch. The D.Z. was in a clearing in the wood but was quite satisfactory & the drop was made. At 0103 hrs. in 1 run at 500 feet 11 containers & 5 packages were dropped & all packages were seen to drop in the area. 12 packages of nickels were dropped along the road West of the D.Z. In Posn 1235N 9434E on the return flight a 2000 ton vessel with 2 M.T.B. escorts was seen & reported to group upon return to Base.
	Sgt. W. J. N. Surrage		Jessore	Jessore	
	P/O. M. V. Douse				
	Sgt. B. Elstub				
	Sgt. R. C. H. Harrell				
	Sgt. W. E. Luck				
	Sgt. J. Archer				
	Sgt. W. L. Knowles				
	Sgt. A. Archibald				
Dakota IV "D"	Aus.14407 F/L. P. W. Bowles	Heavy Wolf 5	221455	221625	This operation was successful. A/c arrived on target at 2115 hrs. & reception came up immediately consisting of a "T" of fires with "K"
	W/O. J. H. Middleton		Jessore	Chittagong	

	Sgt. D. C. Oram Sgt. I. C. Watson		221755 Chittagong	230325 Jessore	flashing alongside. The D.Z. is in a hollow & altitude approx 7000' A.S.L. After 2nd run, fires were extinguished & although a/c circled for ½ hr. not further lights were seen. In all 3 containers & 9 packages were dropped, although load consisted of 4 containers & 28 packages. One container hung up & fell off on runway on return to Base. 20 packets of leaflets were dropped from 5000' in posn. 2215N. 9629E. Weather was good. It would appear that the reception committee put the lights out too soon, & it was suggested that the field be asked to leave the lights till it is quite definite that the a/c has finished dropping. Weather was good.
Lib VI 'P'	Can.J4115 F/L. J. D. Lamb	Bazaar 96	221609	230809	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 2348 hrs. & reception – 'C' type – lit up about 1 minute after a/c arrived. 'C' type of fires plus 'K' flashing. D.Z. is on airstrip 500 yds x 75 – 100 yds & is easy to find, near road & river pin-point. 7 containers & 5 packages were dropped in one run from 600', all chutes opened correctly & were seen on ground. 12 packets of leaflets were dropped on the Meho area from 13000'. Weather was fairly good throughout trip.
	Can.J39528 F/O. M. J. McFadyen		Jessore	Chittagong	
	Can.J45168 P/O. D. A. Blad				
	P/O. J. Poulton				
	Can.J46064 P/O. S. V. Hillis				
	P/O. W. R. Birch				
	Can.J42510 P/O. D. Heller				
	Sgt. R. P. G. Smith				
	Can.R160539 Sgt. D. D. Bechthold				
Lib VI 'R'	Aus.408361 W/O. R. W. Bain	Bazaar 76	221635	231030	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 0043 hrs. & found 'C' type reception with 'R' flashing on Aldis. D.Z. is good. 7 containers & 6 packages were dropped from 200' in one run. All chutes opened O.K. & were seen on ground. Flew over Phnom Penh & saw, in centre of town, circular building with four radii, described as "like Iron Cross" in shape. Lights shone from under roof. Weather was fine.
	Aus.419749 F/S. M. R. Simons		Jessore	Jessore	
	Aus.424296 P/O. F. C. Cutler				
	F/S. R. W. Skipper				
	Aus.437502 F/S. W. P. Criddle				
	Aus.436452 F/S. K. J. Duffy				
	Sgt. P. U. Lloyd				
	Sgt. W. J. B. Rickards				
	Sgt. J. G.				

	Woodthorpe				
Lib VI 'W'	Aus.426330 W/O. F. V. E. Exelby	Bazaar 97	221611	230255	This operation was unsuccessful due to bad weather. Intention was to drop 7 containers & 6 packages. It was attempted to fly under or over belt of bad weather but by the time any pin-point had been obtained, it was too late to have reached D.Z. by correct time. S/c Base from 2043N 10055E at 2123 hrs. 12 packages of leaflets dropped in Meiktila area at 25.45 hrs. from 10000'. The Sqdn Commander commented that captain was fully justified in returning early in this instance.
	Aus.430132 F/S. G. C. Thompson		Jessore	Jessore	
	NZ.415285 W/O. J. H. Boundy				
	F/S. J. A. McArthur				
	Sgt. R. C. Silly				
	Sgt. W. G. Robertson				
	Sgt. L. C. Snell				
	Sgt. T. E. Lockett				
	Sgt. J. Gorrie				
Lib VI 'U'	P/O. F. C. Cooke	Bazaar 75	221630	230935	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 0056 hrs. & reception at 0053 hrs. was seen, consisting of "C" type fires with letter 'R' being flashed. 7 containers & 6 packages were dropped in one run. All chutes opened correctly. Nickels were dropped on Ubon from 6500', Sakolunakora from 6500' & Ngaua from 10000'. Weather was good.
	NZ.421489 W/O. C. R. Anderson		Jessore	Jessore	
	Aus.9183 F/L. G. Cashmore				
	P/O. J. H. Newberry				
	P/O. F. W. Pearce				
	W/O. J. F. Bryden				
	Sgt. J. Hatton				
	F/S. J. B. Nelson				
	W/O. W. V. Robertson				
Lib. VI 'Q'	Aus.421387 W/O. W. G. Petley	Bazaar 95	221621	230920	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over the D.Z. at 0035 hrs & found 'C' type reception awaiting with a torch flashing letter 'K'. The area was flat, but partially obscured by clouds. Dropping run was made at 0042 hrs. & 7 containers & 5 packages were dropped. All chutes were observed to open & dropped through mist in the direction of the target. 12 packages of nickels were dropped at 1845 hrs. from 10,000' in posn. 1950N 9552E. At 0635 hrs in posn. N.W. of airfield, L.A.A. & H.A.A. was encountered bursting at a/c height 10000'. Several bursts accurate for range. After evasive action no evidence of tracking was observed. Weather was fair.
	Aus.430461 F/S. E. P. Martindale		Jessore	Chittagong	
	F/S. F. P. Lowther				
	F/S. W. N. Kendall				
	Aus.419028 F/S. C. W. J. Burgin				
	Aus.426294 F/S. A. F. Bird				
	Sgt. A. Kidd				
	Sgt. G. E. Hillier				
	Sgt. F. Carvin				
Lib. VI 'V'	F/O. J. Churchill	Bazaar 74	221623	230915	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 2358 hrs. & 'C'
	W/O. J. A. Taylor		Jessore	Jessore	

	W/O. W. Hough				type reception with flashing 'R' was sighted. Very good reception. Area is excellent, flat with large cleared square. 7 containers & 6 packages were dropped in 2 runs. The last chute canceled. All the other chutes opened & although they were not seen on the area, one of the ground party was seen to drop his torch & run surprisingly fast as the load was dropped. It is therefore assumed that the supplies landed in the vicinity of D.Z. Ubun Raj Thani airfield 3 miles N.W. of town. Single strip NW/SE numerous taxi tracks, probable sandy face. Possible runway under construction nearby. Weather was good except for ground haze.
	F/O. D. H. Hulme				
	Can.R187174 W/O. E. P. Zimmerman				
	Sgt. T. H. Goodman				
	W/O. D. R. Webber				
	Can.J44160 F/O. J. Tyson				
	Can.J49494 F/O. W. Parslow				
Dakota IV 'F'	Aus. 415670 P/O. P. A. Black	Character Otter 2	231755	240920	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 2200 hrs. & saw other a/c dropping in front, so broke cloud & circled until area was clear. 12 agents & 9 packages were dropped in 4 runs on to a 'T' of fires. One chute opened in a/c & was brought back. 6 of previous drop was seen on ground. 16 packages of nickels were dropped on Toungoo from 8000'. D.Z. reasonable – runs must be made to N. or S. & a height of 900' clears all obstructions.
	Can.J24346 F/O. R. G. Stothers.		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. W. Allen				
	F/S. W. Richmond				
Dakota IV 'H'	S/Ldr. T. P. O'Brien	Bug 3	221804	230336	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 2239 hrs. The area was recognised & the package was dropped approx 1 mile NNE. of the actual brief D.Z. on the advice of the conducting office. The package cleared the a/c satisfactorily. Leaflets were dropped on the following areas:- Bawmi; Villages between Bawmi & Gonmin, Kyaunegon – Athok Road, S. of Athok – Gwa Road – on villages, Zigon, N. of Gwa & road between Sathwa & Kalabyin. The captain commented that dropping a package blind without an agent seemed to be nonsense. The I.S.L.D. operation mentioned an agent flying in the a/c. S.D. Ops. please check that this is in order as he considered it a gross waste of flying time. Weather was fair.
	F/O. R. Carter		Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J22139 F/O. J. S. Cooper				
	W/O. N. L. Woolsey				
	Sgt. F. H. Burley				

Lib VI 'Q'	Aus.421387 W/O. W. G. Petley	Hebrides Trumpet 6	230814	240330	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target area at 1751 hrs. & found reception of 'C' type fires. 7 containers & 4 packages were dropped from 900' in one run. Weather was good en route, but 7/10 Cu 3000' up to unknown height. In posn. 0910N. 9920E 2 ships each of approx. 5000 tons were sighted, both well lit up & stationary. Lights extinguished on approach of a/c.
	Aus.430461 F/S. E. P. Martindale		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. F. P. Lowther				
	F/S. W. N. Kendall				
	Aus.419028 F/S. C. W. J. Burgin				
	Aus.426294 F/S. A. F. Bird				
	Sgt. A. Kidd				
	Sgt. G. E. Hillier				
	Sgt. F. S. Canvin				
Lib VI 'P'	P/O. F. B. Cooke	Pontoon Piano I	240800	250305	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target area at 1720 hrs. & D.Z. was positively identified, consisting of two grass circles in the form of a figure 8. There are high limestone cliffs to the E. of D.Z. & a night drop would be most difficult & hazardous. A Blind Drop was made of 5 agents 4 containers & 5 packages. All the agents were seen on the ground in the target area & all chutes on containers & packages opened except for one package, which canceled, but dropped on target area. Weather was generally good. Railway line between Khota Bharu & Meapor appeared to be out of service, with the track overgrown & some of the bridges apparently collapsed.
	NZ.421489 W/O. C. R. Anderson		Jessore	Chittagong	
	Aus.9183 F/L. G. Cashmore				
	P/O. J. H. Newberry				
	P/O. F. W. Pearce				
	W/O. J. F. Bryden				
	W/O. W. V. Robertson				
	F/S. J. B. Nelson				
	Sgt. J. Hatton				
Lib VI 'V'	Can.J4115 F/L. R. D. Lamb	Hebrides Trumpet 5	230818	240348	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 1710 hrs., & at first no reception was seen. At 1750 hrs. 'C' type fires were seen with white circles round each fire. A light was also seen flashing but could not be recognised. 7 containers & 4 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 600'. Weather was generally good. In posn. 0705N. 1017E a lime quarry was seen with much work in progress. Large dredge & galvanised iron workshop buildings were observed. 1618 hrs a fuselage, believed to be that of a 'Sally'
	Can.J39528 F/O. M. J. McFadyen		Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J45168 P/O. D. A. Blad				
	P/O. J. Poulton				
	Can.J46064 P/O S. V. Hillis				
	P/O. W. R. Birch				
	Can.J42510 P/O. D. Heller				
	Sgt. R. P. G. Smith				

	Can.R160539 Sgt. D. D. Bechthold				a/c was seen on a flat car on a train, consisting of approx. 9 box cars & 1 flat car, pulling out Southwards from Haadyai into Alor-Star station. Captain was briefed to locate area 0529N 10128E with a view to possible D.Z. Area. Captain reported that area mentioned was not suitable as D.Z. due to hilly nature of ground.
Lib VI 'S'	W/O. S. H. Seed	Bazaar 71	231623	240923	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 0013 hrs. Poor reception was found set amongst some bushes. Very ragged lay-out, 'U' flashing on torch was difficult to read, necessitating extra run to make identification certain. D.Z. is in a cleared oblong area amongst bushes. Generally flat. 3 agents, 7 containers & 3 packages were dropped in 3 runs. The 3rd run overshot owing to failure of warning lights. One package was found in a/c after 6 had been dropped & this was brought back to Base. 12 packets of leaflets were dropped 20 mls. S. of Heho at 0600 hrs. from 8000'. Weather was generally good & no cloud.
	Sgt. W. J. V. Surrage		Jessore	Jessore	
	P/O. M. V. Douse				
	Sgt. B. Elstub				
	Sgt. R. C. H. Harrell				
	Sgt. W. E. Luck				
	Sgt. J. Archer				
	Sgt. W. L. Knowles				
	Sgt. A. Archibald				
Dakota IV 'G'	Aus421792 P/O. T. A. Collister	Dilwyn Gazelle 5	241410	242320	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 1806 hrs. & reception consisting of 'T' strips with smudge fires at one end was seen. 3 containers & 13 packages were dropped 4 runs. On the 2nd run 1 container hung up & a fourth run was made in an attempt to drop it, but to no avail & the container finally fell off on the runway on a/c's return. 20 packages of leaflets were dropped on Hsipaw – Kyaukme Road between 1902 & 1906 hrs. Weather was clear & good.
	F/S. L. Elliott		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. W. M. McCormack				
	F/S. G. Thompson				
Lib VI 'V'	W/Cdr. L. M. Hodges	Character Hyena 3	231835	240005	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 2315 hrs. & reception was good, consisting of bright lights easily recognisable, with torch flashing 'Y'. Area is good, but steep approach necessary. 12 containers & 1 package were dropped in one run from 400'. cloud was experienced over D.Z. 2 containers hung up & were brought back to Base.
	Aus.413286 F/O. H. Seale		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/O. R. D. Lister				
	F/L. L. G. A. Reed				
	F/O. A. A. Morley				
	F/S. W. Farish				
	Sgt. A. E. Bird				

Dakota IV 'D'	F/O. W. Kindred	Character Otter 1	231740	240330	This operation was successful. D.Z. consisted of smooth paddy with hills around of 6000' & river running N-S. Target was pevilially (?) obscured by mist & without Rebecca, which worked satisfactorily, D.Z. might not have been found. Arrived at 2143 hrs. to find correct 'T' of fires with 'Y' being flashed on a green aldis. 12 men & 13 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 750'. All chutes were seen to open correctly & were seen on D.Z. 20 packages of leaflets were dropped on Thayetmo area. Weather was mainly good en route. D.Z. overcast with breaks.
	P/O. K. C. H. Williams		Jessore	Jessore	
	P/O. G. H. Lawrence				
	W/O. R. Daghish				
	Sgt. J. A. Green				
Dakota IV 'J'	F/S. F. F. Bush	Manual Mouse 4	232035	240405	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 0004 hrs. & reception was seen amongst hills together with a very weak flashing 'K'. 4 containers & 24 packages were dropped in 5 runs from 600'. One package hung up on 1st. run & was jettisoned. 20 packages of leaflets were dropped N.W. then W. of D.Z. from 0038 hrs. to 0047 hrs. On run in towards the coast an unidentified enemy a/c approached from the starboard with headlights exposed. When the Dakota turned into it, it fell away. Weather was good throughout. It was comment that the static lines on the nickels were not long enough.
	W/O. V. Lineham		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/O. J. Williamson				
	F/S. G. Fordyce				
Dakota IV 'G'	W/O. E. Wheelhouse	Manual Mouse 5	232030	240320	this operation was successful. Whilst a/c was still 1 mile from target, correct reception of a Δ of lights with a flashing 'K' was seen. D.Z. is in a rough area & is well hidden. However there are no particular 'snags' for moon Dakota drops. 24 packages were dropped in 2 runs at 2337 & 2343 hrs. from 300'. 20 packages of leaflets were dropped over approx. posn. 2008N 9355E. Weather was clear with light wind.
	Can.J24042 F/O. W. H. Caron		Jessore	Jessore	
	W/O. W. F. Learwood				
	F/S. G. C. Longbottom				
Lib VI 'X'	F/O. J. Churchill	Pontoon Piano 2	240800	250445	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 1820 hrs. & a line of 5 torches as arranged with personnel of Pontoon/Piano 1 was seen. D.Z. is not considered suitable for night drop as there is a 7000' hill within 10 miles & a white limestone hill 1000 yds. from D.Z. in the dropping
	W/O. J. A. Taylor		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/O. D. H. Hulme				
	W/O. W. Hough				
	Aus.418600 F/O. K. Buchanan				
	F/S. J. B. Nelson				

	W/O. D. R. Webber				circuit area. Area is 4-500 yds long x 150-200 yds. wide & is oval in shape. 7 containers & 4 packages were dropped in 2 runs. The 3rd package jammed in hole making a 2nd run necessary. Packages were too wide for the slide. The last package of the 1st run is believed to have fallen in trees. Ground party flashed 'R' immediately drop was successful as arranged beforehand. Towering Cu & Cb was seen over Malaya. D.Z. was clear of cloud, but Cbs all around. At 1559 hrs 5 fishing smacks were sighted in a group, posn. 0700N. 30 miles from coast, less than 50' in length. Two other Liberators seen over Malaya, a/c 'Y' recognised, but the other was far astern. The Squadron Commander commented that the area would be unsuitable for a night drop.
	F/S. W. J. B. Rickards				
Dakota IV 'L'	S/L. T. P. O'Brien	Character Ferret 1	241800	250235	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 2227 hrs. & found large 'T' type reception with flashing torch from centre. Eureka was working with 'W' characteristic as arranged. 11 men & 12 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 800'. Second man hesitated at first jump, but jumped on next run. He reported to the Dispatcher that he had not jumped before. One package had a very short static line & opened just outside doorway. 20 packages of leaflets were dropped in Nammchek – Pasawng area between 2315 & 2330 hrs. Weather was clear throughout.
	Can.J22139 F/O. J. S. Cooper		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/O. R. Carter				
	W/O. N. L. Woolsey				
	Sgt. R. T. Wright Sgt. F. H. Burley				
Dakota IV 'F'	F/S. F. F. Bush	Character Hyena II	251900	260305	This operation was successful. As a/c approached target at 2307 hrs. a good reception was seen waiting – a 'T' of fires with a flashing 'W' & Rebecca
	W/O. V. Lineham		Jessore	Chittagong	
	F/O. J. Williamson				

	F/S. G. Fordyce				also worked very well. D.Z. is good for Dakotas but too small for Liberators. A hill to the N.W. being the main obstruction, other hills being easily "climbable". 25 packages were dropped in 5 runs, & all were seen in target area. 10 packets of nickels were dropped on Kyaukkyi, Kanyutkwin & Paungde, respectively. A possible airstrip was sighted at Kanyutkwin just N. of the village. Apparent taxi tracks leading from each end of strip, which was estimated to be 1500 yds. long & unusually wide.
Dakota IV 'F'	Aus. 415670 P/O. P. A. Black	Character Ferret 2	241822	250243	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 2217 hrs. & found 'T' of lights with letter 'W' flashing from middle of 'T' & flashing green light from base. 12 men & 11 packages were dropped in 5 runs from 3300' A.S.L. 20 packages of leaflets were dropped on the road leading W. from Thayetmyo. Slight haze was experienced en rout. Over the D.Z. weather was fine but ground mist tended to cover lights towards end of drop.
	Can.J24346 F/O. R. G. Stothers.		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. W. Allen				
	F/S. W. Richmond				
Dakota IV 'O'	F/O. C. H. Egerton-Eves	Crusader I	241952	250515	This operation was unsuccessful. D.Z. was found at 2310 hrs. but the bush had completely grown up again. Pin-points were obtained on bends of the Kabaukig River & surrounding villages together with the road & railway S. of Toungoo. Intention was to drop 10 men & 5 packages. The captain, being certain he was over correct area, asked men if they wished to bale out in the clearing N. of D.Z., but owing to the proximity of the river & villages, they answered "No". 20 packages of leaflets were dropped on the Ckshitpin Road area between Irawaddy & village at 0101 hrs. Weather was good throughout.
	Can.J27477 F/O. W. B. Arnold		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. J. Biggin				
	Sgt. A. Calder P/O. S. G. Dove				
Dakota IV 'D'	Aus.14407 F/L. P. W. Bowles	Binge	251445	252310	This operation was unsuccessful. A/c arrived over area at 1809 hrs & although whole area was searched in daylight for 30 mins. & continued in dusk/dark for further 45 mins. in a
	W/O. J. H. Middleton		Jessore	Jessore	
	Sgt. D. C. Oram				

	Sgt. I. C. Watson				triangular search from 500 to 2500' no sign of reception was seen. Intention was to drop 4 packages. Squadron Commander commented that "if people had been anywhere in area, they would have seen a/c" Weather was fine.
Lib. VI 'Y'	Can.J6644 F/L. T. H. Lee	Hebrides Trumpet 4	240810	250310	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over D.Z. at 1710 hrs. & found 'C' type smoke fires with circular disc around each fire. 7 containers & 4 packages were dropped in 1 run from 800'. Weather was good throughout trip. Baling – Newbok road noticed to be excellent road with metalled surface. One unidentified a/c followed right in after own a/c, ht. 2000', 2500 yds – 5 miles away.
	Can.J44365 F/O. A. G. Houghan		¹⁰		
	Can.J16004 F/L. J. Alverston				
	Can.J45070 P/O. H. Walling				
	Can.R.187174 W/O. E. P. Zimmerman				
	F/S. T. H. Goodman				
	Sgt. T. W. Alder				
	Can.J44160 F/O. J. Tyson				
	Can.J49494 P/O. W. Parslow				
Lib. VI 'X'	Can.J6644 F/L. T. H. Lee	Sargent Cornet 1	261414	270840	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 2310 hrs. & made a thorough search of the area, making certain of correct posn. of D.Z. It is not an easy D.Z. to get into & runs must be made from N. or S with a fairly speedy drop on to D.Z. on the S. approach. The area is about 100 x 200 yds & lies across the valley so that drops have to be made on the short length. As it was a blind drop nor reception was there & 6 men & 5 containers & r packages were dropped. One torch was seen from the ground to flash after the last run. All Chutes were seen to open with the possible exception of one package. 10 packets of nickels were dropped on Kalor from 5000'. Weather was good en rout & over D.Z.
	Can.J44365 F/O. A. G. Houghan		Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J16004 F/L. T. Alverston				
	Can.J45070 P/O. H. Walling				
	Can.R.187124 W/O. E. P. Zimmerman				
	Can.J49494 P/O. W. Parslow				
	Can.J44160 F/O. J. Tyson				
	F/S. T. H. Goodman				
	Sgt. T. W. Alder				
Dakota IV 'D'	Aus.14407 F/L. P. W. Bowles	Binge	261430	262245	This operation was unsuccessful. A/c made a search on 4 possible positions for D.Z. but no reception was seen on any position. Intention was to drop 4
	W/O. J. H. Middleton		Jessore	Jessore	

¹⁰ Location not given in record.

	Sgt. D. C. Oram Sgt. I. C. Watson				packages. 12 packets of leaflets were dropped in posn. 1835N 9510E. 28 packets of leaflets were dropped on Taungup Pass road, 20 miles from Irrawaddy. Weather was fine and clear.
Dakota IV 'M'	P/O. T. S. Hunter	Bulge	252035	260425	This operation was unsuccessful. Target area was identified at 2346 hrs. by landmarks and nearby rivers. Several D.R. runs were made on to target from a pin-point on the railway, but although it is certain that the a/c was over the briefed posn., no reception could be seen. 28 packages of leaflets were dropped from 3000' over an area including Kyaukme, Nawnkimo & Pyaungkoung. Weather was generally good. Intention was to drop 7 packages.
	P/O. G. N. Gillin		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. G. A. Ripley Sgt. Mowbray				
Lib VI 'R'	Aus.421387 W/O. W. G. Petley	Funnel Cello I	261505	271050	This operation was successful. A/C arrived over target at 0121 hrs. & 'T' of fires with torch flashing 'N' was seen. The D.Z. is good – hills to E. & N. but generally well away from area. 4 men & 3 packages were dropped in two runs from 700'. All chutes opened, but were not seen on ground. & packages of leaflets were dropped on Kampan, ht. 2000' at 0141 hrs. It was noticed that all the mines, etc were well lit up & apparently in full production. Permanent metal buildings were noticed to be very well laid. Weather was generally good.
	Aus.430461 F/S. E. P. Martindale		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. F. P. Lowther				
	F/S. W. N. Kendall				
	Aus.419028 F/S. C. W. J. Burgin				
	Aus.426294 F/S. A. F. Bird				
	Sgt. A. Kidd				
	Sgt. G. E. Hillier Sgt. F. S. Canvin				
Lib VI 'P'	W/O. S. H. Seed	Fighter Trumpet 8	260825	270325	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 1715 & 'C' type reception with flashing light, but no letter 'K' as briefed. Wind was very light at 5 m.p.h. 3 men, 2 containers & 7 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 1500'. 5 agents were to be dropped, but it was found that the chutes of 2 were u/s, so these were brought back. 7 packages of leaflets were dropped over Alor Star at 1840 hrs. from 6000'. Weather was fine en
	Sgt. W. J. V. Surrage		Jessore	Jessore	
	P/O. M. V. Douse				
	Sgt. B. Elstub				
	Sgt. R. C. H. Harrell				
	Sgt. W. E. Luck				
	Sgt. J. Archer Sgt. W. L. Knowles				

	Sgt. A. Archibald				route, but scattered thunder showers over D.Z. Fishing boats were seen anchored off Cocos Island. Native craft off Sale Island, might have been carrying timber. Yellow dinghy sighted at 1610 hrs. from 1800' in posn. 0722N. 9900E.
Dakota IV 'M'	Aus421792 P/O. T. A. Collister	Governor I	261840	270220	This operation was unsuccessful. A/c reached pos. 2140N 9614E then turned back as haze & mist prevented pin-points being made in Mandalay valley & pos, of Niekon. Intention was a blind drop of 12 men & 8 packages.
	F/S. L. Elliott		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. G. Thompson				
	F/S. W. M. McCormack				
Lib VI 'Y'	Aus.408361 W/O. R. W. Bain	Mandate	260825	270315	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target area at 1742 hrs. & found 'C' type fires with one smoke fire & canopies of 3 chutes in a row & one outside. Two men were seen by one chute. 5 men & 7 packages were dropped in 4 runs. A chute from a package in the 2nd run was not seen to open. Four of the five agents dropped were seen O.K. on ground. Few S for 5 mins. to Alor Star as a diversion & 6 packages of leaflets were dropped there at 1836 hrs. Weather was generally good. The Captain commented that D.Z. is clear & among scattered trees & very small. Only one direction for run being possible.
	Aus.419749 F/S. M. R. Simons		Jessore	Jessore	
	Aus.424296 P/O. F. C. Cutler				
	F/S. R. W. Skipper				
	Aus.437502 F/S. W. P. Criddle				
	Aus.436452 F/S. K. J. Duffy				
	Sgt. P. U. Lloyd				
	Sgt. W. J. B. Rickards				
	Sgt. J. G. Woodthorpe				
Dakota IV 'G'	F/O. W. Kindred	Character Hyena 12	261850	270350	this operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 2345 hrs & 'T' of fires together with a green aldis lamp flashing 'W' was seen. The D.Z. is reasonable, but nearby hills make a large amount of turning & climbing between runs necessary. 2 containers
	P/O. K. C. H. Williams		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	P/O. G. H. Lawrence				
	W/O. R. Daghish				

	Sgt. J. A. Green				& 25 packages were dropped in 8 runs. On of these was a dummy run & a further dummy run was made making 9 runs altogether. These dummy runs were made in an effort to release a further two containers which were thought t have hung up. On the first run, which was to drop 4 containers, only two parachutes were seen to open & on return it was found that the other two containers had fallen off, but it is not known where or when. Numerous chutes were seen on the D.Z. & the last run over shot by 100 yds. & the chutes were seen in another cleared patch. Ground party sent 'G.N' after drop. Weather was good, but very hazy. Returned to Cox's Bazaar due to fuel shortage.
Lib VI 'V'	F/O. J. Churchill	Future Bison 7	261930	270130	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 2205 hrs to find 'C' type reception with flashing 'Q' seen, 5 miles E. of briefed D.Z. on top of a small hill. The whole area was well wooded. Whilst circling in the vicinity of D.Z. a bright light was seen on the ground with another moving up the side of a hill nearby. 14 containers & 5 packages were dropped in 3 runs, & al chutes opened correctly. 12 packages of leaflets were dropped from 2500' over S. side of Mandalay. Weather was good, but very hazy.
	W/O. J. A. Taylor		Jessore	Jessore	
	W/O. W. Hough				
	F/O. D. H. Hulme				
	Can.J46064 P/O. S. V. Hillis				
	P/O W. R. Birch				
	W/O. D. R. Webber				
	Sgt. R. P. G. Smith				
	Can.R160539 Sgt. D. D. Bechthold				
Dakota IV 'H'	S/L. T. P. O'Brien	Satirist	261248	261603	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 2259 hrs. & 'C' type fires & a flickering light was seen on arrival. 'N' flashed after first stick of agents landed to indicate drop was successful. 6 men & 13 packages were dropped in 5 runs from 500'. 8 packages of leaflets were dropped towards coast after leaving D.Z. in Phu Lamgshlong area. Flew for 20 mins. on 134° & 359° as diversion. Weather was generally good.
	F/O. R. Carter		Jessore	Myitkina	
	Can.J22139 F/O. J. S. Cooper		261832	270752	
	W/O. N. L. Woolsey		Myitkina	Jessore	
	Sgt. F. H. Burley				
Lib VI 'S'	P/O. F. C. Cooke	Heavy Calf 2	262000	270400	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 2328 hrs. & 'T' type of torches with flashing 'B' or perhaps 'K' at first. 11 containers & 7 packages were dropped. The 7 packages were dropped 'free' & fell 2
	NZ.421489 W/O. C. R. Anderson		Jessore	Jessore	
	P/O. J. H. Newberry				

	Aus.9183 F/L. G. Cashmore				miles short of D.Z. 12 packages of leaflets were dropped over Wundwin & Mandalay from 10,000'. Over the D.Z. haze obscured the hills & reduced the visibility to 3 miles. Weather was clear en route. The Squadron Commander commented that the D.Z. is not considered fit for Liberators due to the hills & was also unsuitable fro 'free' drops.
	P/O. F. W. Pearce				
	W/O. J. F. Bryden				
	Sgt. J. Hatton				
	F/S. J. B. Nelson				
	W/O. W. V. Robertson				
Lib. VI 'W'	W/Cdr. L. M. Hodges	Evidence	261457	270913	This operation was successful. 'T' of fires waiting as a/c approached at 0005 hrs, & the letters 'JH' flashing alongside. The D.Z. is quite good, but could not be used for non-moon work owing to the presence of two mounds in the area & a high ridge to the S. of target area. 4 men & 8 packages were dropped at 800' in 3 runs. All chutes opened correctly & several chutes were seen on actual target area. Last 3 packages were seen to drop at side of D.Z. 6 packets of leaflets were dropped over Kuala Kangsar from 2000'. Cloud was encountered over target. A railway line passes near D.Z. & after drop, what appeared to be a train with a headlight was seen moving along the line.
	F/L. G. S. Smith		¹¹		
	Aus.413286 F/O. H. Seale				
	F/S. P. Stephenson				
	F/L. L. G. A. Reed				
	F/O. A. A. Morley				
	Aus.418600 F/O. K. Buchanan				
	F/S. W. Farish				
	Sgt. A. E. Bird				
Dakota IV 'O'	Aus. 415678 P/O. P. A. Black	Governor	271756	280118	This operation was unsuccessful. Intention was to make a blind drop of 14 men & 8 packages. Pin points were obtained on hills & rivers near the target area at 2103 hrs, but although a/c stooged around for 50 mins., visibility prevented definite pin-pointing of the D.Z. itself. Search ht. was 8000' & visibility was not good enough to allow a/c to descent any lower with safety because of the presence of high ground in the vicinity. 16 packages of leaflets were dropped on Mandalay from 8000'
	Can.J24346 F/O. R. G. Stothers.		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. W. Allen				
	F/S. W. Richmond				
Dakota IV 'G'	W/O. E. Wheelhouse	Nation Terrier 2	271950	280400	This operation was successful. A/c on target at 2357 & reception of 'T' of fires was seen at 0022. There is a road & small clearing crossing N. of D.Z. & a hill 5 mls. to the N.W. 2 containers & 12 packages were
	Can.J24042 F/O. W. H. Caron		Jessore	Jessore	
	W/O. W. F. Learwood				

¹¹ Location not given in record.

	F/S. G. C. Longbottom				dropped at 400' in 2 runs. 2 packets of leaflets dropped at 0036 hrs. on Pyu area in posn. 1830N 9623E & 10 packages on Padigon at 0105 hrs. posn. 1832N 6523E. 2105 hrs. in posn. 2121N 9501E. ship sighted 3 miles on Stbd. side completely lit up, single red & green light on stern. Believed to be Hospital Ship in any case our own. Quite a number of believed M.T., all unlighted, observed travelling S. on Toungoo – Pyu road.
	Sgt. R. I. Wellings				
Liberator VI 'Z'	Can.J4115 F/L. J. D. Lamb	Polka 33	311858	010553	This operation was successful. The aircraft arrived over the target area at 2344 hrs. & found a reception consisting of an "L" of fires & a torch flashing. One rune was made at 500 feet & the 9 containers & 4 packages were seen to land on the D.Z. The Captain commented upon return that the D.Z. is in an excellent position. Weather was good throughout the flight.
	Can.J39528 F/O. M. J. McFadyen		Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J45168 P/O. D. A. Blad				
	P/O. J.Poulton				
	Can.J42510 P/O. D. Heller				
	F/S. W. M. Farish				
	Sgt. R. P. G. Smith				
	Can.R160539 Sgt. D. D. Bechthold				
Dakota IV 'K'	P/O. T. S. Hunter	Future Bison II	312050	010415	This operation was successful. The aircraft arrived over the target at 2359 hrs. & found reception consisting of a line of torches & 'V' flashing. 6 runs were made at 800 feet & 12 men & 17 packages were dropped. All chutes opened correctly but owing to the D.Z. being so small some packages fell short. The Station Commander, Group Captain Wightman D.F.C. A.F.C. accompanied the crew on this operation. Weather was good & visibility was 5 miles.
	P/O. G. N. Gillin		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. G. A. Ripley				
	Sgt. Mowbray				
	Group Cpt. Wightman				

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357 Squadron

Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Jessore			Part I – Operations
			The month of March 1945 proved to be a record month in many respects for 357 (S.D.) Sqdn & a total of some 1474 operational hours were flown. This effort involved some 149 sorties of which only 38 or 26.8% were unsuccessful. In most cases the unsuccessful ones were due to weather, particularly over Burma, where considerable trouble was experienced with ground haze, which in some cases, had the effect of 10/10ths cloud & completely obscured the ground. Generally speaking the weather has been fair, & the increased number of dusk & dawn drops (particularly the former) has no doubt accounted for the percentage of successes being as high as it is.
			Over French-Indo-China the weather has been generally good, although during the last part of the month a certain amount of SCu. was experienced by day. Over the Hanoi area the weather was bad, & aircraft which were successful in this area broke cloud over the sea & then flew in under the cloud base, which in some cases was down to 700'. One of the Squadron's aircraft, namely Dakota KJ921 captained by P/O T. S. Hunter was engaged in operations over this area in conjunction with an aircraft from the 322Loop? Carrier Squadron (U.S.A.A.F.). KJ921 did not return from this operation & it was later learned that the Dakota had crashed into a hillside on Hoi Ling Island posn. 21°37'N, 111°52'E. More details of this crash will be found later in the summary. This was the only loss suffered by the Squadron during the month.
			In Southern F.I.C. – the Saigon area – ground haze has been present & has caused a certain amount of trouble, although there have not been a very large number of sorties to that area, so that the percentage of successes has not been unduly affected.
			Over Malaya isolated storms have been experienced, either in the form of Cb or as actual showers. The Malacca Straits have been affected in this way.
			The month started quite quietly with 9 aircraft out on the first night, of which 6 went to F.I.C. Only one of these – to the Phnom Denh area – was unsuccessful & that was due to 10/10ths cloud over the area. A Dakota operation on the same night (Brave & Brass combined for the I.S.L.D.) caused some confusion, as the I.S.L.D. party were dropped on to a Force 126 reception. Apparently the two D.Z.s were only a matter of 4 miles apart, & from the Captains description of the target, it seems possible that the Force 136 Party were out of position.
			Operations were continued throughout the first week & were punctuated at regular intervals by sorties for I.S.L.D's party "Bulge". These people were known to be on the run & were getting very short of food so several sorties were flown without success, until F/Sgt. Bush, F. F. carried out a dawn search on the morning of the 8th, & located the party near Goteik viaduct.
			Perhaps the most important feature of the month was a political one which had a considerable bearing on the S.D. effort of the month – the Japanese action in taking over control of French Indo-China. As a justification for this step it was claimed that the French had been in secret communication with Allied Forces, had received arms from U.S. aircraft, had not fired on them, & had sheltered U.S. airmen, amongst other charges. The Commanding Officer of the French forces – Vice-Admiral Jean Decorix – was placed under

			'protective custody' & Japanese troops commenced operations against French garrisons throughout the country. In the large towns – Hanoi & Saigon – French resistance was fairly quickly overcome, but in the interior, resistance is still taking place, & it seems probable that the French will eventually take to the hills & carry out harassing raids on lines of communication etc. aided by arms etc., dropped by the S.D. Squadrons and – according to the Japanese at least – the U.S.A.A.F.
			The news of the Japanese action was received by the evening of the 9th March & immediate action was taken by Force 136 & HQ., Strategic Air Force, - supply dropping sorties continuing from that date in increased volume. 357 Sqdn. were in a rather unfortunate position at the time of being in the middle of training some new crews, & thus the main weight of the first few drops fell on (or perhaps 'from') 358 Sqdn. aircraft. Before long however, 357 were in the fray as well, & several interesting sorties were carried out.
			Meanwhile, the 'Character' series of sorties in South Eastern Burma was being continued & on almost every operational night, some aircraft were operating on one or the other of the several pinpoints which this party operate. The Dakotas have carried out particularly good work in this area, whereas Liberators found several of the pin-points very difficult for good dropping for it was rather awkward for this less manouverable type of aircraft to descend low enough due to the rugged type of terrain which is a feature of the topography of this area.
			Nickels have now become a feature of most operations, & 16 to 20 packets of 25 lbs. each are carried on almost every sortie. These are dropped at convenient & strategic spots en route to the D.Zs. On the 16th of the month, some special nickelling flights were carried out for the P. W. division in connection with the 19th Division's fight for Mandalay. Each aircraft carried 3570 lbs. of leaflets, & as 7 aircraft unloaded into the same area, the Japanese should be almost ankle deep in paper. Somewhere around 10 million were dropped in this one operation, which was spread over two nights.
			Malaya did not come in for much attention until the second part of the month but the claim which it had upon 357 Sqdn's aircraft was mainly notable for some very long range operations, even for 357 Sqdn., for Force 136's 'Carpenter/Trombe?' series & I.S.L.D's 'Mint' party, these being only a few miles North of Singapore. They were the longest operational sorties made by Liberator aircraft in the theatre & averaged 3750 air miles. These operations, which were carried out W/Cdr. L. M. Hodges, D.S.O., D.F.C. & F/Lt. T. H. Lee, were both successful. It was realised that F/O W. Churchill's record sortie in January, 1945 of 21 hrs. 55 mins would, no doubt, be broken & much conjecture reigned within the Squadron as to which of the two crews would create the new record.
			The honour finally fell to F/L. Lee who clocked 22 hrs. 45 mins for his round trip to 'Carpenter/Trombone' while W/Cdr. L. M. Hodges clocked 21 hrs. for his sortie to 'Mint'.
			The Dakotas have also flown some outstanding sorties during the month & perhaps the most interesting was S/Ldr. T. D? O'Brien's sortie to Dein Bein Phu in French Indo-China. This operation consisted of landing at Dein Bein Phu & evacuating French personnel, some of whom were wounded. This was the first time that an R.C.F. Dakota had landed in F.I.C. behind the enemy lines. Two days later the operation was repeated & was also successful.
			In China only one operation was carried out – F/O C. N. Egerton-Eves in a Dakota on Operation 'Glob', which was completed satisfactorily.
			The only operation in Siam was for O.S.S. when a party were successfully put into the country for operation 'Siren 3b'.
			A detailed synopsis of the operations carried out by the Squadron's aircraft

			during the month is enlisted overleaf.						
			Synopsis of Operations						
			Liberators		Dakotas				
Code Name	Country	Area	S.	U.	S.	U.	Total Sorties	Remarks	
Character	Burma	Kemapyu	10	1	17	7	35	4 of the Dakota sorties were unsuccessful due to bad weather over the target area.	
Nation	"	Pegu	5	5	3		13	3 Liberator sorties were met with no reception	
Heavy	"	Kengtung	1		5	4	10	Bad weather was experienced over the target on the Dakota sorties.	
Dilwyn	"	Hsenwi	2		6		8		
Conifer	"				1		1		
Brave	"				2		2		
Bloodhound	"	WA States			2		2		
Dromedary	"				2		2		
Calcutta Re-Sop	"			2		1	3	Bad weather over the D.Z. was encountered on all the sorties attempted.	
Brest	"				2	1	3		
Nutshell	"				2		2		
Nickelling	"		3	1			4		
Triangle	"		2		2		4		
Review	"				1		1		
Future	"		1				1		
Bulge	"				1	1	2		
Burglar	"				1		1		
Bittern	"				1		1		
Bug	"					1	1	No Reception	
Bandit	"					1	1	No Reception	
Bazaar	F.I.C.		18	6	2		26	6 Lib sorties encountered bad weather over target area.	
Opponent	"				2		2		
Desert	"		5				5		
Satirist	"			1			1	Bad weather over target area.	
Barn Owl	Malaya		1	3			4	3 Lib sorties were met with bad weather over target area.	
Carpenter	"		1	2			3	One Liberator was re-called while another encountered cloud cover over target area.	
Hebrides	"		2				2		
Pontoon	"		1				1		
Mint	"		1				1		
Evidence	"		2				2		
Beacon	"			1			1		
Sergent	"		1	1			2		
Globe	China				1		1		
Siren	Siam		1				1		
			57	23	53	16	149		

			Total Liberator Sorties 80
			Total Dakota Sorties 69
			Operational Sorties Flown – March 1945 149
			Operational Hours Flown – March 1945 1474
			A detailed summary quoting messages from the field appertaining to the operations carried out by the Squadron during the month of March 1945 & in some cases, February 1945, is attached as an appendix to this Record Book.
			Aircraft on the Squadron as at 31/3/45
			Liberators Dakotas Lysanders Harvards
			KH160 W KJ889 D V9889 F FS794
			KH166 S KJ914 O V9494 A
			KH216 Z KJ919 F V9649 B
			KH257 Q KJ920 G V9295 D
			KH313 V KJ922 J V9808 C
			KH325 N KJ924 K V9495
			KH326 X KJ925 L T1688 E
			KH391 Y KJ 926 M
			KH395 P KJ913 B
			EW179 KN304 H
			KK180 A
Jessore	March	1945	Part II – Administration
	Mar. 6		The month of March opened with the marked event of the visit of the Allied Air Commander-in-Chief – Air Marshal Sir Keith R. Park K.C.B., K.B.E., M.C., D.F.C., who was conducting a tour of the Command.
	Mar. 10		An Order of the Day was received from Air Marshal Sir Goy Garrod, K.C.B., O.B.E., M.C., D.F.C. – quote –
			"On handing over to Air Marshal Sir Keith Park the command of the Allied Forces in South East Asia, I wish to send my best wishes to all ranks, men & women, from all parts of the British Empire, from the United States of America, and from the Netherlands, who have been serving under me. You are in the midst of great achievements. The battle in the air & on the ground is going well. The Japanese Air Force has been driven from the skies over Burma. The Japanese Army has suffered a heavy defeat. The Allied Air Command is in fine fettle & you have every reason to be proud & confident. Good luck to you all & a speedy victory."
	Mar. 10		F/O A. G. Fenwick was appointed Unit Fire Officer.
	Mar. 21		F/L P. Arkell assumed duties of Officer i/c Sgt. Mess vice F/O R. Carter.
	Mar. 26		F/L G. Cashmore (Aus.9183) assumed the duties of P.S.I. Officer vice F/L J. H. Copley.
			F/L J. E. Williams assumed the duties of Officer i/c Airmen's Mess vice Aus 51?0782 P/O K. Younger.
			W/O J. H. Middleton assumed the duties of Sgts. Mess Treasurer vice W/O R. W. Bain (Aus.408361)
	Mar. 30		The following Officers were detailed for attendance at all sitting of a General Court Martial to be held at R.A.F. Station, Jessore commencing 1000 hrs on Monday 2nd April
			F/O D. H. Hulme P/O F. C. Cooke P/O F. W. Pearce Aus.424296 P/O F. C. Co?tler
	Mar. 31		As far as administration is concerned the month closed on a note of great upheaval, for it was arranged for al the N.C.O.s (Aircrew) of 357 Sqdn. to be

			<p>moved from Jessore to Santola. A complete new military site had just been erected at Santola & the move was carried out on Mar. 20 & 31st under the supervision of F/L P. Arkell, W/O J. F. Bryden & W/O W. V. Robertson. It was originally intended for the Santola site to consist of a combined 357 & 358 Sqdn. Aircrew N.C.O's Mess & as such it was working out quite well, but with the advent of 200 Sqdn., whose entire Squadron were accommodated in Santola, 'libenstraum' was greatly diminished.</p>
			Santola is positioned approx. 4 miles North of Jessore.
			Thus the state of dispersal of personnel of 357 Sqdn is as follows.
			Officers & Ground Crews in the town of Jessore. Aircrew N.C.O's in the site of Santola.
			Welfare
	Mar. 8		The glad tidings of the arrival on the Squadron of the March allotment of Beer & Whisky was greeted with much delight & anticipation by all ranks. In all 158 ½ dozen quart bottle of beautiful beer & 106 bottles of 'soul-inspiring' whiskey were received.
			Recreation
	Mar. 11		The main recreational function of the month was, no doubt the Squadron Sports which took place on the 11th March. The usual track & field events were on the programme & in addition many novelty events, which put the Sports in the right spirit. Prizes were given to the winners & runners-up of the events. Amongst these prizes were 8 donated by S/L. C. R. O'Brien, I.S.L.D. & 60 Rubees each donated by Majors Warren & Thornton of Force 136 for the purpose of purchasing prizes.
			The day proved to be a great success & special mention should go to Aus.418600 F/O K. Buchanan, the Welfare Officer, for organising the whole affair.
	Mar. 9, 10 & 11		An R.A.F. Welfare Show – 'Lifeline' – visited Jessore & played very entertainingly to a packed house for 3 nights. The gist of the play, as the title suggests was the convoying of lease-lend goods across the Atlantic & a very human & significant topic was enacted with distinct skill. The play was staged in the R.A.F. Canteen at Jessore.
	Mar. 22		An E.N.S.A. show – 'Love in a Mist' – arrived in Jessore on the 22nd Mar. & for 3 nights entertained the personnel of R.A.F. Station Jessore with a very slick comedy. Jessore hardly looked the same place with a couple of white girls in its midst! This show was also staged in the R.A.F. Canteen, which is an ideal hall for such shows – if only cushioned chairs were available.
	Mar. 30		A 'Musical evening' was arranged to take place in the Squadron's own Canteen – consisting of a recording of Popular Classics. Quite a good attendance was drawn.
			The usual football & hockey fixtures were maintained during the month & keen interest is prevalent on the Squadron as to which Section will succeed in winning the Cup presented to the winners of the Inter-Section knock-out competition. The four teams left in at the moment are Squadron Headquarters & Signals Officers & Aircrew, Maintenance, and Armourers, Electricians, & Instruments. The final is due to be played off in April.
	Mar. 9 Mar. 14		A Squadron Soccer Trial Game was played off to select a Squadron XI & the chosen eleven represented 357 Sqdn. against 358 Sqdn. on the 14th March. This was a very evenly contested game & the winning goal was scored in the last few minutes of the game by F/O G. H. Lawrence of 357 Sqdn.
			Ecclesiastical
	Mar. 29		In addition to the usual Church Services held in Jessore, special Church Services were arranged for the Easter period by the English Church.
			Holy Communion was arranged for at 0630 hrs, 0715 hrs., 1200 hrs. & 1930 hrs. on Good Friday.

			Statement of Personnel Strength			
			As at 23/3/45			
			Officers	Airmen	Total	
			R.A.F.	42	600	642
			R.C.A.F.	45	22	67
			R.A.A.F.	7	16	23
			R.N.Z.A.F.		3	3
				Total		735
Jessore	March	1945	Part III – Personnel			
			R.A.F. P.O.R's 23/3/45			
			Postings			
			83720 F/L H. Cast G.D.(P)	posted from 357 Sqdn to H.Q. 231 Group (Supy pending reposting) w.e.f. 1/3/45.		
			152022 F/O J. W. Gardner G.D.(P)			
			115288 F/L L. G. Lewis, D.F.M. G.D. (P)	Posted to 357 Sqdn from U.K. w.e.f. 24/2/45.		
			165515 P/O A. W. Cumber G.D.(N)			
			151159 F/O S. F. Stevens D.F.C. G.D. (N)	Posted to 357 Sqdn from U.K. w.e.f. 23/2/45.		
			171179 F/O R. M. Ritchie D.F.M. G.D.(G)			
			Promotions			
			165395 P/O K. C. H. Williams G.D.(N)	Promoted to rank of Flying Officer (w.s.) w.e.f. 2/12/44.		
			Casualties			
			165151 P/O T. S. Hunter G.D.(P)	Killed on air operations on 1/3/45		
			165369 P/O G. N. Gillin G.D.(N)			
			Marriages			
			77370 F/L. J. E. M. Williams G.D.(P)	Married at St. John's Church, Calcutta to Marion Stella Leathersby (Spinster)		
			R.A.F. P.O.R's 15/2/45			
			Acting Ranks			
			88689 F/L T. P. O'Brien G.D.(P)	Granted the Acting Rank of Squadron Leader w/e/f 1/11/44.		
			33408 S/Ldr L. M. Hodges G.D.(P) D.S.O., D.F.C.	Granted the Acting Rank of Wing Commander w/e/f 24/11/44 on posting to W/Cdr. O.C. Post 357 Sqdn.		
			Postings			
			88689 F/L T. P. O'Brien G.D.(P) (A/S/Ldr)	Posted from 357 Sqdn (F/Lt Flying Post to 357 Sqdn (S/Ldr Flight Commander Post) w.e.f. 1/11/44.		
			190065 P/O. B. F. Payton G.D.(N)	Posted from 357 Sqdn to HQ. 231 Group w.e.f. 10/1/45.		
			Decorations			
			83720 F/L. H. Cast G.D.(P)	Provisionally awarded the Croix de Gueure by the French Authorities subject to approval.		
			190065 P/O. B. F. Payton G.D.(N)			
			88708 F/L K. P. Jones GD(P) (A/S/Ldr)	His majesty the King has approved the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to m/n Officer.		

		R.C.A.F. P.O.R's 12/3/45	
		Postings	
		Can.J.22963 F/L J. A. King	Posted from No. 3 R.F.U. to 357 Sqdn. w.e.f. 4/3/45.
		Can.J.23405 F/O A. B. Coy	
		Can.J.39146 F/O L. S. Stockwell	
		Can.J.44516 P/O J. B. Millar	
		Can.J.33938 P/O G. D. McGregor	
		Can.J.45828 P/O C. S. Campbell	
		Can.J.44466 P/O H. E. Jorgenson	
		Can.J.46765 P/O I. A. Palumbo	
		Can.J.46770 P/O C. M. Stearns	
		Can.J.44512 P/O K. M. Oddson	
		Can.J.45745? P/O J. W. Frieson	
		Can.J.23275 F/O W. J. Jackson	
		Can.J.45989 P/O K. M. Merriam	
		Can.J.45134 P/O G. F. McKelvie	
		Can.J.45350 P/O J. L. Beirn?es	
		Can.J.43348 P/O W. O. McDougald	
		Can.J.45844 P/O D. K. Jordan	
		Can.J.46053 P/O A. G. Diggins	
		Can.J.45921 P/O A. E. Duff	
		Can.J.45936 P/O H. G. Wagner	
		Can.J.45967 P/O W. E. Stevens	
		Can.J.44392 P/O E. H. Mercer	
		Can.J.46035 P/O R. W. Sanderson	
		Can.J.13790 F/L J. W. Gibson G.D.(N)	Posted from 357 Sqdn. to B.R.D. Worli w.e.f. 12/3/45
		Can.J.13790 F/L J. W. Gibson G.D.(N)	Posted to 357 Sqdn from HQ. 231 Group w.e.f. 13/1/45.
		Appointments & Promotions	
		Can.J.39528 P/O M. V. McFadyen GD(P)	Promoted Flying Officer (T) w.e.f. 10/6/44.
		Can.J.44365 P/O A. G. Houghan GD(P)	Promoted Flying Officer (T) w.e.f. 21/10/44.
		Can.J.44160 P/O J. Tyson GD(G)	Promoted Flying Officer (T) w.e.f. 7/10/44.
		Can.J.45070 P/O H. Walling GD(AB)	Promoted Flying Officer (T) w.e.f. 5/11/44.
		R.A.A.F. P.O.R's dated 15/2/45	
		Acting Ranks	
		Aus.420912 F/O F. G. Barlogie GD(P)	Appointed to Acting Rank of Flight Lieutenant on posting to F/Lt Flying Post w.e.f. 1/10/44.
		Aus.420912 F/O F. G. Barlogie GD(P) (A/F/Lt)	Posted from 357 Sqdn (Supy) to 357 Sqdn (F/Lt. Flying Post) w.e.f. 1/10/44
		Postings	
		Aus.408527 F/L O. S. Shave GD(P)	Posted as 'Killed' w.e.f. 1/11/44
		Aus.411553 F/L S. D. Titterington GD(N)	
		Aus.412179 F/L R. C. Powell GD(WG)	
		Aus.421390 F/L A. G. Carlton GD(WG)	

		Aus.421561 F/O J. Brand GD(P)	Posted from 357 Sqdn. to HQ. B.A.F. S.E.A. Comm Sqdn w.e.f. 25/1/45
		Aus.408745 P/O C. R. Tullon GD(WG)	Posted from 357 Sqdn. to BRD Worli (Supy pending embarkation) w.e.f. 14/2/45.
		Aus.420965 P/O L. B. T. Laney GD(WG)	
		Aus.423804 F/O E. T. Matley GD(P)	
		Aus.413266 F/O M. D. Seale GD(N)	Posted to 357 Sqdn from U.K. w.e.f. 30/1/45
		Appointments & Promotions	
		Aus.9183 F/O G. Cashmore GD(N)	Promoted to rank of Flight Lieutenant (T) w.e.f. 17/9/44.
		Aus.14407 F/O P. W. Bowles GD(P)	
		Aus.420965 P/O L. B. T Laney GD(WG)	Appointed to Commissioned Rank as P/O on probation in the R.A.A.F.
		Aus.415573 P/O P. A. Black GD(P)	
		Decorations	
		Aus. 423804 F/O E. T. Matley GD(P)	Provisionally awarded the Croix de Gueure by the French authorities subject to approval by Air Ministry.
		R.A.A.F. P.O.R's 14/3/45	
		Postings	
		Aus.410782 P/O K. Younger GD(WG)	Posted from 357 Sqdn. to H.Q. R.A.F. Bengal Burma (Airfield Inspection Duties) w.e.f. 24/2/45
		Aus.423804 F/O E. T. Matley GD(P)	Posted from 357 Sqdn. to BRD Worli (Supy pending embarkation) w.e.f. 21/2/45
		Honours & Awards	
		His Majesty the King has been most graciously pleased to award the Distinguished Service Order to the undermentioned officer.	
		F/O J. Churchill, D.F.C.	
		W/Cdr.	
		Commanding No. 357 (S.D.) Sqdn.	

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357 Squadron

Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
Liberator VI 'V'	W/Com. L. M. Hodges	Bazaar 121	281830	010730	This operation was successful. The aircraft arrived over the target at 0030 hrs. & found reception consisting of 3 fires which could be seen from a distance of 8 miles. The fires were in the shape of a "L" & also a torch flashing "U". Three runs were made & 3 agents & 14 packages were dropped & all parachutes were observed to open. The Captain commented "The D.Z. is in a very good position & there are no obstructions." Weather was fair throughout the operation.
	F/L. J. A. Powell		Jessore	Jessore	
	Aus.413286 F/O. N. Seale				
	F/L. L. G. A. Reed				
	F/O. A. A. Morley				
	Aus.418600 F/O. K. Buchanan				
	F/S. P. Stephenson				
	F/S. W. M. Farish				
	Sgt. A. E. Bird				
Sgt. C. C. Hood					
Dakota IV 'O'	F/O. W. Kindred	Bandit	281600	281730	This operation was unsuccessful. The a/c arrived in the target area & although definite pinpoints were obtained near each of the 3 dropping zones no reception could be seen at any of them. The flight was then abandoned & the one container weight 120 lbs was brought back. On the return flight 24 packages of leaflets were dropped in the Chruk area. Weather was fair throughout with visibility 5 miles.
	P/O. K. C. H. Williams		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/O. G. H. Lawrence		281930	010435	
	W/O. R. Daglish		Cox's Bazaar	Jessore	
	Sgt. J. A. Green				
Liberator VI 'S'	W/O. S. H. Seed	Bazaar 73	282015	011007	This operation was successful. The reception was waiting when the a/c arrived over the target & was correctly laid out as per briefing. At 0204 hrs i one run 8 containers & 9 packages were dropped & all chutes were observed to open & fall into the area between the fires. Men were later seen on the D.Z. collecting the containers. At 0607 hrs leaflets were dropped in Posn. 7°13'N 92°52'E from 6000 feet. The Captain reported considerable transport activity in the Meiktila area.
	Aus.419749 F/S. W. J. V. Surrage		Jessore	Jessore	
	P/O. M. V. Douse				
	Sgt. B. Elstob				
	Sgt. R. C. H. Harrell				
	Sgt. W. E. Luck				
	Sgt. J. Archer				
	Sgt. W. L. Knowles				
	Sgt. A. Archibald				
Liberator VI 'U'	P/O. F. B. Cooke	Bazaar	281855	010815	This operation was unsuccessful. The a/c arrived over the target area & found 10/10 ths cloud up to a height of
	F/L. G. Smith		Jessore	Comilla	

	Aus.9183 F/L. G. Cashmore				14000 feet & no pinpoints could be obtained & the 11 containers & 7 packages were brought back. At 2254 hrs. 12 packages of leaflets were dropped in the Prong Sally & Sonla district. On the return flight 2 MT vehicles were sighted moving S in posn. 22°25'W 96°58'E at 2127 hrs. Weather was good on this flight until the a/c was E of the Black River & then 10/10ths Cu. was encountered.
	P/O. J. H. Newberry				
	P/O. F. W. Pearce				
	W/O. W. G. Robertson				
	W/O. J. F. Bryden				
	F/S C. S. Smith				
	Sgt. J. Hatton				
Dak IV 'J'	Aus421792 P/O. T. A. Collister	Nation Vole 14	281905	010130	This operation was successful. A/c was over target at 2155 hrs & a search was made for 8 mins looking for reception, but apart from 4 fires in line which appeared nothing was seen. It was decided to make a blind drop & 2 agents & 8 packages were dropped on a paddy patch near river bend. Area is in a fairly steep valley, but fully practicable for Dakota's After 1st run, two circuits were made waiting for ground signals to see if agents had dropped O.K. Eventually letter 'G' was received & the first lot of parachutes were seen on the ground. Weather clear – visi. 10 miles.
	F/S. L. Elliott		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. W. M. McCormack				
	F/S. G. Thompson				
Lib VI 'Q'	Aus.421387 W/O. W. G. Petley	Bazaar 119	281855	010845	Successful. A/c was over target at 0058 hrs. & reception consisting of 3 fires only was seen, but flashing letter 'R' was seen so drop of 3 agents & 13 packages was made in 2 runs from 700'. The D.Z. is quite good & is situated in an oval-shaped clearing being approx. 500' A.S.L. All chutes were seen to open. 12 packets of leaflets were dropped from 3000' over Namkam. 15 M.T. were seen in the Heho area moving W & N.W. 17°40'30"N 104°05'30"E landing strip sighted lying E/W across a road length 100' – 1500', surface apparently rolled paddy. Weather good
	Aus.430461 F/S. E. P. Martindale		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. F. P. Lowther				
	F/S. W. N. Kendall				
	Aus.419028 F/S. C. W. J. Burgin				
	Aus.426294 F/S. A. F. Bird				
	Sgt. A. Kidd				
	Sgt. G. E. Hillier				
	Sgt. F. S. Canvin				
Dak IV 'D'	Aus.14407 F/L. P. W. Bowles	Brave Brass	281800	010225	Successful. This was a combination of two operations – 'Brave' & 'Brass'. A/c arrived over Brave pin-point at 2216 hrs. & found perfect reception contrary to blind drop as briefed. 'T' of lights,
	W/O. J. H. Middleton		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Sgt. D. C. Oram				

	Sgt. I. C. Watson				possibly lanterns, were lit as a/c approached. In the centre of the 'T' & also at the head was a torch flashing 'T' or 'M'. 1 dummy run was made & after the actual drop, a green light was seen on the ground as arranged with crew prior to jump. Others landed near leader & flashed torches. In all 8 men & 6 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 800'. Aircraft arrived at Brass D.Z. at 2242 hrs. & had great difficulty in finding same owing to terrain difficulties. D.Z. was finally found after D.R. run at 2321 hrs with a 'T' of lights plus flashing whit light at head. 1 package was dropped from 500'. 20 packets of leaflets were dropped on Letpadan area from 4000'. A small village near the Brave pin point was unusual in having no lights whatever showing, & the 'T' was the only set of lights in the area. Very slight ground haze – visi. 10 miles.
Lib. VI 'R'	Can.J6644 F/L. T. H. Lee	Bazaar 120	281910	010930	Successful. A/c arrived over target area at 0058 hrs. & correct reception was found waiting. The fires appeared to be burning oil Letter 'R' was seen flashing alongside. 3 men & 14 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 600' – 850'. All chutes were seen to open O.K. 12 packages of leaflets were dropped on Savannakhet from 10000' at 0150 hrs. Weather was good. Captain commented that it was a very good D.Z.
	Can.J44365 P/O. A. G. Houghan		Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J16004 F/L. Alverston				
	Can.J45070 P/O. H. Walling				
	Can.J44160 F/O. J. Tyson				
	Can.J49494 F/O. W. Parslow				
	Can.R.187174 W/O. E. P. Zimmerman				
	Sgt. T. H. Goodman				
	Sgt. T. W. Alder				
Lib VI 'Y'	Aus.408361 W/O. R. W. Bain	Bazaar 122	281930	010920	Successful. A/c arrived over D.Z. at 0142 hrs & found reception with letter 'R' flashing. The area is an oval-shaped clearing amongst trees. 3 men & 12 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 500'. All chutes opened O.K. 12 packages of leaflets were dropped on Sakol Makon at 0235 hrs., together
	Aus.419749 F/S. M. R. Simons		Jessore	Jessore	
	Aus.424296 P/O. F. C. Cutler				
	F/S. R. W. Skipper				
	Aus.437502 F/S. W. P. Criddle				

	Aus.436452 F/S. K. J. Duffy				with supplies of matches. Weather good.
	Sgt. P. V. Lloyd				Captain commented – good D.Z. with easy approach.
	Sgt. W. J. B. Rickards				
	Sgt. J. G. Woodthorpe				
Dak. IV 'F'	Aus. 415673 P/O. P. Black	Character Hyena 13	011806	020219	Successful. A/c arrived over target area at 2221 hrs. & reception was found waiting, - 'T' of flares & 2 torches with letter 'W' flashing alongside. 4 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 5 runs from 3300'. One container hung up. Weather was good over D.Z. Low cloud from Base to China. Captain commented – very good D.Z. for dropping.
	Can.J24346 F/O. R. G. Stothers.		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. W. Allen				
	F/S. W. Richmond				
Dak. IV 'L'	F/O. C. H. Egerton-Eves	Character Hyena 18	011945	020315	Successful. A/c arrived over target area at 2354 hrs. & reception of five flares with 'W' flashing was seen. 4 containers & 31 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 1300'. Weather was very good. Captain commented that D.Z. was laid out perfectly, especially in moonlight, but impossible for landing until trees are cleared.
	Can.J27477 F/O. W. B. Arnold		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. J. Biggin				
	Sgt. A. F. Calder				
	P/O. S. G. Dove				
Dak. IV 'O'	S/L. T. P. O'Brien	Breast	011740	020150	Unsuccessful. A/c arrived over target area at 2142 hrs. Area was searched from river, but except for one small clear patch, the area was covered in dense jungle with sheer hills up to 6000'. Weather was clear. The 4 men & 5 packages were brought back.
	Can.J22139 F/O. J. S. Cooper		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/O. R. Carter				
	W/O. N. L. Woolsey				
	Sgt. R. T. Wright				
	Sgt. F. H. Burley				
Dak. IV 'G'	W/O. E. Wheelhouse	Heavy Wolf 7	022300	030035	Unsuccessful. A/c was using Chittagong as an A.L.G., but on taxying along the grass strip parallel with the runway prior to taking off on the operation at 2000 hrs. at Chittagong, the port wheel became bogged just as the runway was reached. No assistance whatever was
	Can.J24042 F/O. W. H. Caron		Chittagong	Jessore	
	W/O. W. Learwood				
	F/S. G. C. Longbottom				

	Sgt. R. I. Wellings				<p>offered & after several R/T calls to the Watch Tower an Officer arrived in a Jeep after 30 mins. & asked what the trouble was. He was informed that the a/c was on 'ops', and then went off for a tractor & was not seen again. The a/c was against the concrete edge of the strip & could not be 'Jumped' out. After an hour of vain pulling on the part of the crew a bowser turned up & the driver asked whether the Dakota needed refuelling!</p> <p>After this, however, the driver proved to be very helpful, & acting on his own initiative, pulled out the a/c with his bowser. As it was then 2245 hrs it was useless to continue the operation & the a/c returned to Base.</p> <p>This operation was unsuccessful because of the complete lack of assistance & apparent lack of interest at Chittagong.</p>
Dak. IV 'O'	F/O. W. Kindred	Bug III	022055	030410	<p>Unsuccessful. Area was identified by pin-point on the river & lake at 0036 hrs, but nothing was seen on the ground. The area is shallow & saucer-like. The Squadron Commander commented that this operation was a complete waste of time & should not be tried again.</p> <p>Roads were observed to be under construction running parallel with the R. Irrawaddy & other roads in the area appeared to be being widened. Weather was fair.</p> <p>The 1 agent & 3 packages were brought back.</p>
	F/O. K. C. H. Williams		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/O. G. H. Lawrence				
	W/O. R. Daghish				
	Sgt. J. A. Green				
Lib VI 'S'	Aus.426330 W/O. F. V. E. Exelby	Flavia Mole I	021825	030650	<p>Unsuccessful. A/c arrived over D.Z. at 2317 hrs. & flew up the river at 3500' on search. D.Z. is in a valley & a/c must drop over low hill, fly up valley, & return either by the same route after a steep climbing turn, or return along W. side of ridge. Briefed D.Z. was at N. end of valley in patch of paddy * the run passes near to, or actually over a small town. There appears to be an alternative D.Z. about half way along the valley. No reception was observed. Drop of 5 men & 16 packages was not made.</p> <p>Weather clear.</p> <p>Saw white Verrey cartridge from Tavoy Point as a/c left area.</p>
	Aus.430132 F/S. G. C. Thompson		Jessore	Dhubalia	
	NZ.415285 W/O. J. H. Boundy				
	Sgt. W. G. Robertson				
	Sgt. R. C. Snell				
	Sgt. T. E. Lockett				
	Sgt. J. Gorrie				

Dak. IV 'F'	Aus. 415673 P/O. P. A. Black	Nation Dookey 4	021948	030359	Successful. A/c arrived over D.Z. at 0003 hrs & 'T' of flares & Flashing torch were seen. D.Z. is good – no obstructions or local snags. 2 men 4 containers & 13 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 500'. 16 packages of leaflets were dropped at 0112 hrs. in posn. 1820N 9514E from 5000'. Weather clear.
	Can.J24346 F/O. R. G. Stothers.		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. W. Allen				
	F/S. W. Richmond				
Dak. IV 'M'	Aus421792 P/O. T. A. Collister	Bittern II	031405	032305	Successful. Whilst 1 mile from the target at 1737 hrs. correct reception was seen together with various sheets, flags etc. being waved by the ground party. The D.Z. is on a pinnacle entirely surrounded by a valley & enclosed by rough country. Only one approach is possible & as this was across wind, runs had to be made to one side of the D.Z. in very bumpy conditions. 6 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 500'. Weather was fair – visi. 12 miles 5/10 to 8/10 Scu over Chin Hills. Captain suggested that another D.Z. be found as there appeared to be other more suitable places in the vicinity.
	F/S. L. Elliott		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. G. Thompson				
	F/S. W. M. McCormack				
Lib VI 'W'	Can.J6644 F/L. T. H. Lee	Bazaar 68	031719	040949	Successful. A/c arrived over target at 0032 & 'C' type reception was seen with letter 'R'. 2 men, 7 containers & 6 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 1000'. Weather en route was fine, but thick ground haze over D.Z.
	Can.J44365 F/O. A. G. Houghan		Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J16004 F/L. Alverston				
	Can.J45070 P/O. H. Walling				
	Can.R.187174 W/O. E. P. Zimmerman				
	Sgt. T. H. Goodman				
	Sgt. T. W. Alder				
	Can.J49494 P/O. W. Parslow				
	Can.J44160 F/O. J. Tyson				
Lib VI 'X'	P/O. F. C. Cooke	Bazaar 105	032025	040940	Unsuccessful. Over target at 0112 but no reception could be seen owing to thick low cloud over area – 10/10 low Scu. Area was searched for 40 mins. but cloud persisted.
	F/S. R. F. Taylor		Jessore	Jessore	
	Aus.9183 F/L. G. Cashmore				
	F/O. D. H. Hulme				

	P/O. F. W. Pearce				At 0612 hrs. in posn. 2224N 9645E Nawngkhio area, H.A.A. was encountered – 3 bursts accurate for height but 400 to 500 yds to port.
	W/O. J. F. Bryden				
	Sgt. J. Hatton				
	F/S J. B. Nelson				
	W/O. W. V. Robertson				
Lib. VI 'R'	W/Cdr. L. M. Hodges	Character Otter 5	032110	040510	Successful. A/c ws over D.Z. at 0035 hrs. & reception – 'T' of lights was seen. 11 containers & 3 packages were dropped in 1 run from 4750' A.S.L. All chutes opened. 11 packages leaflets dropped at Shwebanddaw from 10000'. Weather was generally clear. A dinghy was sighted in Bay of Bengal, reported by phone on return of a/c to Base. W/Cdr. Hodges commented that it was not a very good D.Z. Very difficult for Liberators necessitating a high drop owing to long narrow gorge. He thought it unlikely that this operation was successful as load was dropped 3000' above ground.
	F/O. A.G. Fenwick		Jessore	Dhubalia	
	Aus.413286 F/O. H. Seale				
	F/S. P. Stephenson				
	F/S. M. Rosendorf				
	F/L. L. G. A. Reed				
	F/O. A. A. Morley				
	Aus.418600 F/O. K. Buchanan				
	F/S. W. Farish				
	Sgt. A. E. Bird				
Lib. VI 'Y'	Aus.408361 W/O. R. W. Bain	Character Otter 6	032120	040540	Successful. A/c was over D.Z. at 0054 hrs. & correct reception was found waiting. D.Z. is large but drops must be made from 1000' above ground. It should not be attempted in non-moon period unless crew know area well & field are willing to risk drop from 2 – 3000' above ground. Unsuitable for dropping agents any time. 11 containers & 3 packages dropped in 1 run from 1300' above D.Z. 12 packets of leaflets dropped on Paungdi/Maudaing road from 1000 – 1500'. Weather was good – visi. 12 miles.
	Aus.419749 F/S. M. R. Simons		Jessore	Dhubalia	
	Aus.424296 P/O. F. C. Cutler				
	F/S. R. W. Skipper				
	Sgt. J. Tate				
	Aus.437502 F/S. W. P. Criddle				
	Aus.436452 F/S. K. J. Duffy				
	Sgt. P. U. Lloyd				
	Sgt. W. J. B. Rickards				
	Sgt. J. G. Woodthorpe				
Lib. VI 'P'	W/O. S. H. Seed	Character Otter 7	032215	040715	Successful. The aircraft arrived over the DZ & found reception consisting of 'T' of lights & 'W' flashing. The captain reported that 'T' was in wrong position as to run in b the "T' meant that a/c had to clear a low ridge & make a steep turn. In 3 runs 11 containers & 4 packages were dropped from 1000 feet & chutes
	F/S. W. J. Surrage		Jessore	Dhubalia	
	P/O. M. V. Douse				
	Sgt. B. Elstub				
	F/S. C. S. Smith				
	Sgt. R. C. H. Harrell				
	Sgt. W. E. Luck				

	Sgt. J. Archer				were observed by rear gunner to open correctly. At 0259 hrs 8 packets of leaflets were dropped on the Paungda – Schwedavng road. Weather was quite good with slight mist over DZ.
	Sgt. W. L. Knowles				
	Sgt. A. Archibald				
Dakota IV 'L'	P/O. C. H. Egerton-Eves	Bulge	032050	040825	Unsuccessful. The a/c arrived in the area & followed the river up t the DZ as briefed but no reception was seen. Weather was good & much activity was seen in the area including 1 MT vehicle on hill by DZ & this extinguished its lights as a/c approached. Intention was to drop 7 packages wt. 2000 lbs.
	Can.J27477 F/O. W. B. Arnold		Jessore	Dhubalia	
	P/O. S. G. Dove				
	F/S. J. Biggin				
	Sgt. A. F. Calder				
Dakota IV 'J'	F/S. F. F. Bush	Heavy Wolf 7	032005	040405	This operation was unsuccessful. The a/c arrived over the target area & identified the DZ at 2357 hours but no reception was seen. The captain reported that there were many bush-fires in the vicinity but that nothing looked like a reception so no drop was made & the load of 19 packages was brought back. Weather was good but mist over DZ.
	W/O. V. Lineham		Jessore	Myitkyina	
	F/O. J Williamson				
	F/S. G. Fordyce				
Liberator VI 'U'	W/O. S. H. Seed	Character Ferret 3	042155	050635	Successful. The a/c arrived over the DZ at 0205 hrs & found good reception awaiting them, the letter 'A' being flashed after the aircraft had circled twice. At 0215 hrs. in two runs at 2500 feet 11 containers & 5 packages were dropped & all chutes were observed to open & develop normally. On the return flight at 0316 hrs. 12 packets of leaflets were dropped in the Okshitpin area. Weather was good over DZ. Captain commented that best approach is from North end of the valley & then height can be lost as DZ is approached.
	F/S. W. J. Surrage		Jessore	Jessore	
	P/O. M. V. Douse				
	Sgt. B. Elstub				
	Sgt. R. C. H. Harrell				
	Sgt. W. E. Luck				
	Sgt. J. Archer				
	Sgt. W. L. Knowles				
	Sgt. A. Archibald				
Dakota IV 'F'	Aus. 415673 P/O. P. Black	Character Hyena 22	042225	050745	Operation successful. The aircraft arrived over the DZ at 0235 hrs. & found 'T' type reception instead of straight line as briefed. The crew were satisfied that this was correct DZ as
	Can.J24346 F/O. R. G. Stothers.		Cox's Bazaar	Jessore	
	F/S. W. Allen				

	F/S. W. Richmond				pinpoints were obtained on river in vicinity. At 0242 hrs. 30 packages wt. 3750 lbs. were dropped in 6 runs from 3700 feet & all chutes opened but appeared to drift N of DZ. At 0355 hrs on return flight 20 packets of leaflets were dropped on Tonbo from 6000 feet. Weather was fair with sight haze over Burma.
Liberator VI 'S'	Aus.426330 W/O. F. V. Exelby	Heavy Lynx I	041427	050130	Successful. At 1751 hrs. the aircraft arrived over the target & found correct reception waiting. Approach was made down valley S to N. & 4 runs were made at 800' A.G.L. & 2 agents 9 containers & 7 packages were dropped. Signal from ground after drop confirmed that agents had landed safely. In posn. 2210N 9815E at 1918 hrs 8 MT vehicles & camp fires etc. were seen alongside secondary road. 30 more MT vehicles were seen in Posn. 2022N 9727E & 20 vehicles were seen going North in Posn. 2220N 9658E. Reported to Base by W.T. Weather good throughout operation.
	Aus.430132 F/S. G. C. Thompson		Jessore	Jessore	
	NZ.415285 W/O. J. H. Boundy				
	F/S. J. A. McArthur				
	Sgt. W. G. Robertson				
	Sgt. R. C. Silly				
	Sgt. L. C. Snell				
	Sgt. J. Gorrie				
	Sgt. T. E. Lockett				
Lib VI 'Y'	Aus.408361 W/O. R. W. Bain	Dilwyn Squirrel 10	051455	052200	Successful. A/c was over target at 1806 hrs. after pin-point was obtained on bend of R. Saleveen?. The D.Z. was identified by 'T' of white patches & letter 'K'. 2 men, 11 containers & 1 package were dropped in 2 runs from 4000' A.S.L. On 2nd run 2 of the containers collided & 1 chute opened only just prior to landing, the other plunged to earth, & landed 100 yds. to the E. of the top of the 'T'. All the others landed on D.Z. itself. Leaflets were dropped at 1837 hrs. on Nawngnawam on Lashio/Haipaw Road. Weather was fair Cu. over Chins.
	Aus.419749 F/S. M. R. Simons		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. R. W. Skipper				
	Aus.424296 P/O. F. C. Cutler				
	Aus.437502 F/S. W. P. Criddle				
	Aus.436452 F/S. K. J. Duffy				
	Sgt. P. U. Lloyd				
	Sgt. W. J. B. Rickards				
	Sgt. J. G. Woodthorpe				
Dak IV 'D'	S/L. T. P. O'Brien	Burglar Hippo	052330	060740	Successful. A/c first arrived over primary D.Z. at 0250 hrs. but nothing was seen. A/c was 10 mins early so arrived over secondary D.Z. at 0308 where reception was seen, but no flashing letter. Returned to primary D.Z. at 0335 hrs & Δ of fires & letter 'K'
	W/O. J. H. Middleton		Jessore	Jessore	
	Sgt. F. H. Burley				
	W/O. N. L. Woolsey				

	Sgt. R. T. Wright Sgt. D. C. Oram				was seen. 4 Containers & 10 packages were dropped in 6 runs. All fell within 200 yds. of D.Z. 20 packages of leaflets were dropped in area 1955N 9602E. Weather was fine. Captain commented that reception was bad at primary D.Z. & did not feel completely happy about the operation.
Dak IV 'L'	F/O. C. H. Egerton-Eves	Breast Blind Drop	052307	060810	Successful. A/c was over D.Z. at 0330 hrs after following river up to D.Z. & pin-pointing on the approach. The D.Z. is very narrow & has slight curve so that any cross wind makes accurate dropping difficult. 4 men & 1 package were dropped in 1 run from 700' & the Conduction Officer was extremely satisfied with drop. Weather good – visi. 10 miles.
	Can.J27477 F/O. W. B. Arnold		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. J. Biggin				
	Sgt. A. F. Calder				
	P/O. S. G. Dove				
Dak IV 'O'	P/O. T. A. Collister	Character Hyena 19	052305	060735	Unsuccessful – no reception. A 35 mile D.R. run was made on to D.Z. & identified area by map-reading at 0348 hrs. No lights of any sort were seen in the area & it was said that mist would probably obscure lights in some places. Returned to R. Salween & made another D.R. run on to area, arriving at 0434 hrs to no avail. Intention was to drop 5 men & 21 packages. 10 packages of leaflets were dropped from 7000' in posn. 1910N 9456E. No cloud, but thick mist in valleys, visi. 3 – 4 miles.
	F/S. L. Elliott		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. G. Thompson				
	F/S. W. M. McCormack				
Dak IV 'F'	Aus. 415673 P/O. P. Black	Heavy Wolf 7	062322	070735	Successful. A/C arrived over D.Z. at 0324 hrs. & correct reception was found waiting with 'K' flashing. D.Z. is on a slope & a/c must descend over hill top on to it. Best approach from 300°. Approx. 7100' A.S.L. 19 packages were dropped in 4 rns from 700 – 900'. 3 static lines broke, others opened correctly & last 2 sticks seen on D.Z. Weather was fair, but hazy Visi. 5 – 6 miles.
	Can.J24346 F/O. R. G. Stothers.		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. W. Allen				
	F/S. W. Richmond				
Dak IV 'J'	F/S. F. F. Bush	Bulge	080315	081020	Successful A/c flew down river to road by Goteik Viaduct & then flew up river on to D.Z. at 0620 hrs. 3 parachutes & weak fires were seen, also one person
	W/O. V. Lineham		¹²		
	F/O. J Williamson				
	F/S. G. Fordyce				

	Sgt. I. C. Watson				standing on a chute & waving. 7 packages were dropped in 1 run from 700'. No. 6 parachute candled, otherwise O.K. At 0628 hrs. M.G. fire/tracer was directed at a/c which was then 1500' above ground, from N. of Goteik. Bofors was accurate after 2 ranging shots which were high. – Black, unpleasant looking bursts. A train was seen on Goteik Viaduct moving S. 2 encampments N.W. of Kalagive by a track, which appears to have been developed into a road. Weather was good – visi. 30 miles.
Lib. VI 'Q'	Can.J6644 F/L. T. H. Lee	Nation Hare	062212	071105	Unsuccessful – no reception. A/c was over target area at 0354 hrs. Low Stratus was laying in valleys but ground detail was not obscured entirely & if reception had been there, it would have been seen. Area was definitely identified & search ht was 2000'. Intention was to drop 5 men & 16 packages. Weather was good except for 6/10 stratus in valleys visi. 3 – 5 miles.
	Can.J44365 P/O. A. G. Houghan	Flavia Mole	Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J16004 F/L. Alverston				
	Can.J45070 P/O. H. Walling				
	Can.R.187174 W/O. E. P. Zimmerman				
	Sgt. T. H. Goodman				
	Sgt. T. W. Alder				
	Can.J44160 F/O. J. Tyson				
	Can.J49494 F/O. W. Parslow				
Lib. VI 'P'	Same crew as above.	Future Bison 8	111723	112345	Successful. A/c arrived over D.Z. at 1955 hrs. & the D.Z. was found on D.R. run from R. Irawaddy. Reception was 'T' of torches & flashing 'O'. 11 containers & 3 packages were dropped in 1 run from 4500' A.S.L. 15 rounds of tracer, possibly Bofors size passed across the bows of a/c – horizontally & well out of range. No shell bursts seen. Gun flashes seen on ground near D.Z. The whole of the D.Z. area was ringed by many fires, which stretched as far as the eye could see, amongst them being 3 or 4 very large ones. Weather fair – visi. 5 –6 miles.
			Jessore	Jessore	
Liberator VI 'R'	P/O. F. C. Cooke	Bazaar 132	120915	122145	This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target area & found 9/10

¹² Locations not given.

	F/S. R. F. Taylor		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	cloud with base 2000'. A break however was found i the clouds & D.Z. was identified by two white strips placed on the ground & also smoke fire. No 'C' type reception as briefed was found. † 1448 hrs. 11 containers & 6 packages were dropped in 1 run from 500 feet. E packets of leaflets were dropped on Son La en rout to target area. Captain commented that D.Z is only suitable for day drop but not for accurate night drop. Aircraft was diverted to Cox's Bazaar owing to electrical storm.
	Aus.9183 F/L. G. Cashmore				
	F/O. D. H. Hulme				
	P/O. F. W. Pearce				
	W/O. J. F. Bryden				
	Sgt. J. Hatton				
	F/S J. B. Nelson				
	W/O. W. V. Robertson				
Liberator VI 'W'	F/L. J. A. Powell	Character Otter 8	131357	132300	Successful. Over D.Z. at 1740 hrs & found reception consisting of 'T' of stripes & also fire. 11 containers & 3 packages were dropped in one run at 6000' A.S.L. & all chutes opened correctly. 17 packets of leaflets cropped on Oktwin from 8000'. Straffing carried out in Posn. 1820N 9706E with no visible results. Meagre Bofor type A.A. encountered at Schwedaung accurate for ht. & direction. Weather fair.
	F/O. A. G. Fenwick		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. C. C. Hood				
	F/S. M. Rosendorf				
	F/S. F. Osbon				
	F/S. Mardle				
	F/S. Netherway				
	Sgt. J. Williams				
Liberator VI 'Y'	F/L. G. Smith	Character Otter 10	131403	132305	Operation was successful. A/c arrived over target area & saw 'T' type reception with one fire at the bottom of T. 11 containers & 5 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 6000' A.S.L. & all chutes opened & fell to E. of 'T'. On return flight 14 packets of leaflets were dropped on Pasawng & woods in posn 1820N 9707E were straffed with no visible results. Captain commented DZ was in valley 3 miles South of briefed D.Z. & is difficult to find due to haze.
	F/S. R. F. Taylor		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. J. Tate				
	F/S. C. C. Smith				
	F/S. L. J. Powel				
	F/S. W. Parry				
	F/S. H. H. Smith				
	F/S. Mackie				
	Can.J45348 F/O. W. O. McDougall				
Lib. VI 'K?'	Aus.426330 W/O. F. V. Exelby	Character Otter 11	131405	132335	Successful. A/c arrived over D.Z. at 1737 hours & found reception of fires & white strips. In 2 runs 11 containers & 5 packages were dropped successfully. Captain ordered by Group during flight, to straff Posn. 1820N 9706E, 1822N 9407E & 1824N 9706E. This was carried out & people were seen running from the new bashers built in these areas.
	Aus.430132 F/S. G. C. Thompson		Jessore	Jessore	
	NZ.415285 W/O. J. H. Boundy				
	F/S. J. A. McArthur				
	Sgt. W. G. Robertson				
	Sgt. R. C. Silly				

	Sgt. L. C. Snell				18 packets of leaflets were dropped in Posn. 1843N 9500E from 10,000 feet. Weather was good but slight stratus was seen & visibility was 5 – 6 miles.
	Sgt. J. Gorrie				
	Sgt. T. E. Lockett				
Dak. IV 'J'	S/L. T. P. O'Brien	Review I	141502	142305	Successful. D.Z. was identified at 1754 hrs. by river bend, a/c flew away & returned twice as it was considered too light to drop. 9 men & 7 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 1600'. D.Z. is in a valley & not very good as it is lost sight of when a/c is on circuit as there are hills to the S. which have to be flown around. A light was seen from the ground after first stick of men. 24 packets of nickels were dropped on Pyinz from 5000'. Weather was good but hazy – visi. – 6 miles. The Captain commented that the D.Z. was unsuitable for non-moon operations.
	F/O. Stevens	Blind Drop	Jessore	Jessore	
	W/O. J. H. Middleton				
	Sgt. R. T. Wright				
	Sgt. F. H. Burley				
Lib. VI 'S'	F/L. J. A. Powell	Bazaar 145	150930	151855	Unsuccessful. – bad weather at 2143N 10127E encountered 10/10 CuNum, St. & haze & heavy rain. Turned back after trying to get around the weather in posn. 2155N 10135E at 1421 after repeated attempts from 1359 hrs. Intention was to drop 11 containers & 6 packages.
	F/O. A. G. Fenwick		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. C. C. Hood				
	F/S. M. Rosendorf				
	F/S. Mardie				
	F/S. F. Osbon				
	F/S. Netherway				
	Sgt. Williams				
Lib. VI 'Y'	Aus.408361 W/O. R. W. Bain	Dilwyn Squirrel II	151430	152135	Successful. D.R. run was made from R. Salween & D.Z. was identified at 1800 hrs. – reception of 'T' of strips with 1 fire at top of 'T'. 11 Containers & 2 packages were dropped at 1808 hrs. in 1 run from 3200' A.S.L. All were seen to drop on D.Z. 16 packages of leaflets were dropped in posn. 2205N 9801E to 2225N 9803E on the Nanket-Monfyia Road from 1820 to 1828 hrs. Little cloud at first building up to 8/10 over Shan States – base 9-10000 ft. Clear & hazy over D.Z.
	Aus.419749 F/S. M. R. Simons		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. R. W. Skipper				
	Aus.424296 P/O. F. C. Cutler				
	Aus.437502 F/S. W. P. Criddle				
	Aus.436452 F/S. K. J. Duffy				
	Sgt. P. U. Lloyd				
	Sgt. W. J. B. Rickards				
	Sgt. J. G. Woodthorpe				
Lib. VI 'P'	F/L. G. Smith	Bazaar 146	150932	152145	Unsuccessful. – bad weather. The weather was good until E. of 98°30E. & then deteriorated to 10/10 St.Cu. from ground level to 5000', with hail & rain – visi. nil. A/c was considered to be over target area at 1412 hrs., & through a
	F/S. R. F. Taylor		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. C. S. Smith				
	F/S. J. Tate				
	F/S. L. J. Powel				
	F/S. W. Parry				

	F/S. H. H. Smith				small break in the clouds a very small part of the river was seen, but nothing whatever of the D.Z. Area was searched for 2 hrs. to no avail. Intention was to drop 11 containers & 6 packages. 16 packages of nickels were dropped in posn. 2152N. 10033E to 2154N. 10039E from 13.16 to 1320 hrs.
	F/S. Mackie				
	Can.J45348 P/O. W. O. McDougall				
Dak IV 'G'	F/O. W. Kindred	Dilwyn Squirrel 12	151308	152128	Successful. D.Z. was identified at 1729 hrs. – reception of 'T' of fires as briefed plus whit sheet being waved. There is a river alongside & 1 right angled road & village of Morgawt. Hills on both sides. 33 packages were dropped in 8 runs from 2950' A.S.L. On the journey 9/10 – 10/10 Cu. 10,000 – 10,500' in parts was encountered, but weather over D.Z. was clear with neighbouring cloud. No movements were observed on the Lashio-Mankat Road. At 1500 hrs – Hsong-Kiai 2251N 9746E a corrugated roofed factory with half a dozen outbuildings was seen. 12 m.T. vehicles were seen moving E. on Hsong Kye – Mongyai Road in vicinity of factory. Group was advised by telephone on return of a/c.
	F/O. K. C. H. Williams		Jessore	Chittagong	
	F/O. G. H. Lawrence				
	W/O. R. Daghish				
	Sgt. J. A. Green				
Lib VI 'Q'	W/O. S. H. Seed	¹³	120925	122210	Successful. On arrival at D.Z. at 1458 hrs 1 fire was seen & others lit as a/c approached. 2 strips were seen with a tri-colour on the bottom of 1 strip & chutes dropped by another a/c were seen in the area. 11 containers & 5 packages were dropped in 1 run from 350' above ground. Chain of nickels were dropped from 1543 to 1550 hrs on Diem Diem Phu ht. 2000'.
	F/S. W. J. V. Surrage		Jessore	Chirlinga	
	P/O. M. V. Douse				
	Sgt. B. Elstub				
	Sgt. R. C. H. Harrell				
	Sgt. W. E. Luck				
	Sgt. J. Archer				
	Sgt. W. L. Knowles				

¹³ Not given in record.

	Sgt. A. Archibald				Weather was fair en route with 5/10 – 8/10 cloud over D.Z. at 6000'. 2 trucks were seen on road at D.Z. & private cars were near a building. A number of people were seen, some in civilian clothes, others in K.D. & battle green. Other trucks along road to D.Z. were stationary. In Posn. 2232N 9038E a possible old wreckage of an a/c was seen on a sand bank. One of the packages carried was lost through the open hatch when a/c dived & turned to get below cloud on approaching D.Z. The captain commented that if the area were used at night it would be advisable to move the fires closer to the hills for the approach & leave more room for climbing out dropping from 1500'. At 1000' there is almost no risk of loads going outside D.Z.
Dak IV 'L'	F/S. C. R. Thorne	Triangle	151910	160152	Successful. 150 Packages of leaflets were dropped in Posns 2113N 9536E, 2128N 9600E, 2113N, 9600E, 2101N 9546E from 10,500' from 2208 hrs. – 2255 hrs. Weather was fair.
	F/S. W. T. Watkins	P.W. Division	Jessore	Jessore	
	Sgt. T Laird				
	Sgt. A. R. Littlewood				
Lib VI 'W'	Can.J22963 F/L. J. A. King	Triangle	151925	160205	Successful. 150 Packages of leaflets were dropped in Posns 2120N 9530E – 2140N 9600E. 2135N. 9600E. – 2115N. 9530E. from 6000' between 2147 & 2335 hrs. 4/10 – 5/10 Cu. encountered – tops 8000' – 11000'. Visi. 3 – 4 miles.
	Can.J44512 P/O. K. M. Addson	P.W. Division	Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J45967 P/O. W. E. Stevens				
	Can.J45844 P/O. D. K. Jordan				
	Can.R267113 Sgt. R. O. K. Saunders				
	Can.R256795 Sgt. R. B. Tingley				
	Can.J45035 P/O. R. W. Sanderson				
	Can.J45936 P/O. H. F. Wagner				
	Can.R116324 Sgt. J. E. Johnson				
Lib. VI 'T'	Can.J6644 F/L. T. H. Lee	Triangle	151830	160013	Successful. 150 Packages of leaflets were dropped in Posns. 2150N 9522E., 2153N. 9601E., 2148N. 9605E., 2126N. 9525E. from 7500' – 10000' between 2055 hrs & 2129 hrs. 3/20 to 4/10 Alt. St. over hills with tops
	Can.J44365 F/O. A. G. Houghan	P.W. Division	Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J16004 F/L. Alverston				

	Can.J45070 P/O. H. Walling				at 10000' was observed, otherwise weather was fine.
	Can.R.187174 W/O. E. P. Zimmerman				
	Sgt. T. H. Goodman				
	Sgt. T. W. Alder				
	Can.J49494 P/O. W. Parslow				
	Can.J44160 P/O. J. Tyson				
Dak IV 'J'	Sgt. R. A. Jones	Triangle	151920	160300	Successful 149 packages of leaflets were dropped on the Railway line & Road – Mandalay – Thazi from 10,500' between 2231 & 2307 hrs on D.R. due to complete darkness. 1 packaged was accidentally covered by empty sacks & left in a/c. 7/10 – 9/10 Cu. observed over Chin Hills tops up to 11000'. Over area – clear, visi. 4 – 5 miles.
	F/S. R. M. Herdman	P.W. Division	Jessore	Jessore	
	Sgt. D. C. Oram				
	Sgt. R. B. Guest				
Dak IV 'O'	F/O. W. Kindred	Heavy Wolf 9	171245	172125	Successful. D. R. run was made from the Mekong River, but could not see D.Z. & after searching, finally found it at 1725 hrs on a hill-top & not in the valley as briefed. Actually it was located about 1 mile W. of D. Z. Correct reception seen – 'T' o strips with smudge fires 25 yds. above intersection of 'T'. 2 containers & 27 packages dropped in 8 runs from approx. 8000' A.S.L. All landed close to reception. The D.Z. area is good & quite easy to reach. Cu & Cb was observed during outward & return flight in patches. Otherwise fair. 16 packages of leaflets were dropped in posn. 2216N 9745E between 1628 & 1635 hrs.
	Can.J F/L. Blinkhorn		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/O. K. C. H. Williams				
	Can.J P/O Spence				
	W/O. R. DGLISH				
Liberator VI 'R'	Can.J23275 F/O. W. J. Jackson	Nickelling P.W. Div.	171930	180145	Unsuccessful. Aircraft arrived over the target area at 2231 hours but the whole area was obscured by low cloud & ground haze so sortie was abandoned. Intention was to drop 3750 lbs of nickels in the Maymyo - Hsipaw area. On return flight a fire was seen in Posn. 9153N 9545E & appeared to be an aircraft burning.
	Can.J44392 P/O. E. Mercer		Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J45134 P/O. G. McKelvie				
	Can.J45192 P/O. A. E. Duff				
	Can.J46053 P/O. A. G. Diggins				

	Can.J45340 P/O. J. L. Beirnes				Captain reported that visibility was ¼ mile due to haze & smoke.
	Can.R266024 Sgt. Bale				
	Can.R77617 Sgt. T. Patterson				
	Can.R28124 Sgt. P. F. Astle				
Dakota IV 'J'	Sgt. R. A. Jones	Dilwyn Squirrel 14	171305	172325	Successful. Pinpoint was obtained on the R. Salween & D.R. run was made onto target at 1720 hours. The correct reception was found waiting & 36 packages were dropped in 6 runs at 900'. One parachute opened inside a/c but was repacked by dispatcher & the package was released on last run & to the crews surprise opened and developed normally. Captain commented that DZ is in good position & is ideal for moon-drop.
	Can.R W/O. Smith		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can.J P/O. Sinclair				
	F/S. R. M. Herdman				
	F/S. D. C. Oram				
	Sgt. R. A. Hunt				
	Sgt. R. B. Guest				
Dakota IV 'K'	F/S. C. R. Thorne	Dilwyn Squirrel 15	171255	172344	This operation was successful. After obtaining a pinpoint on the River Salween a D.R. run was made onto the D.Z. where a reception consisting of panels & fires was found waiting. 38 packages were dropped in 6 mins from 300 feet & all parachutes were observed to open & drop on the D.Z. Weather was fair with patches of Cu up to 14000' over Bengal & also ground mist encountered upon return.
	Can.J P/O. Mackey		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. W. T. Watkins				
	Can.R W/O. Woodland				
	Sgt. L. Laird				
	Sgt. A. R. Littlewood				
	Sgt. I. C. Watson				
Dakota IV 'D'	S/L. T. P. O'Brien	Dilwyn Squirrel 13	171225	172202	Successful. The aircraft reached the target area at 1625 hours & the DZ was easily recognised by local topographical features. The correct reception was found on the D.Z. & the drop was made. 2 containers & 31 packages were dropped in 8 runs from 400' & all were seen to land in the target area. Captain commented – "A heading of 060° is best for the drop although area is quite good from most angles for Dakotas. Weather was generally fair throughout.
	F/O. Stevens		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	W/O. J. H. Middleton				
	Sgt. R. T. Wright				
	Sgt. Reeves				
	Sgt. F. H. Burley				
Lib. VI 'R'	Can.J23275 F/O. W. J. Jackson	Nickelling P.W. Div.	181827	190208	Operation successfully carried out. At 2135 hrs. after obtaining pinpoint on the Irrawaddy the crew map read onto the target area & at 2250 hrs 10 packets of nickels were dropped on villages South East of Maymyo & 140
	Can.J44392 P/O. E. Mercer		Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J45134 P/O. G. McKelvie				

	Can.J45192 P/O. A. E. Duff				<p>packets were dropped on the Haymyo Hsipaw Road from 8000 feet.</p> <p>At 2304 hrs. at Myingyan a searchlight espended?? onto aircraft & was followed by 6 L.A.A. bursts, though to be 40 MM. Aircraft was flying at 10000' & bursts were approx. 2000' low but accurate fro direction.</p> <p>An attempt was made to report this to group upon return but telephones were u/s & message was passed following day.</p> <p>Weather was generally fair with Cu in valleys & over Chin Hills.</p>
	Can.J46053 P/O. A. G. Diggins				
	Can.J45340 P/O. J. L. Beirnes				
	Can.R266024 Sgt. Bale				
	Can.R77617 Sgt. T. Patterson				
	Can.R28124 Sgt. P. F. Astle				
Liberator VI 'Y'	F/L. G. Smith	Desert Canal II	171034	172125	<p>Successful. Aircraft arrived over DZ at 1524 hours & reception consisting of 4 strips plus fires was seen. 6 agents 11 containers & 2 packages were dropped in 2 runs 500 feet A.G.L. & all were observed to drop in the target area. A large number of people were seen in the D.Z. area & after drop the agents were seen mixing with the ground party.</p> <p>Weather was fair with scattered Cu</p> <p>18 packets of nickels were dropped in the Bountai & Nuoilo areas on return flight.</p>
	F/S. R. F. Taylor		Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. H. H. Smith				
	F/S. C. S. Smith				
	F/S. J. Tate				
	F/S. L. J. Powel				
	F/S. W. Parry				
	Can.J45348 P/O. W. McDougal ¹⁴				
	F/S. Mackie				
Dakota IV 'M'	P/O. T. Collister	Dilwyn Gazelle 6	171300	172050	<p>Successful. D.Z. was identified by local landmarks & correct reception was found waiting when a/c arrived – 3 containers & 26 packages were dropped in 6 runs at 1150 feet & all parachutes opened & fell in the D.Z.</p> <p>As a/c left the area ground crews were seen waving as drop was apparently successful.</p> <p>Weather was fair but patches of Cu were encountered both on outward & return flights.</p>
	F/L. L. G. Lewis		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	P/O. A. W. Cumber				
	F/S. L. Elliott				
	F/S. G. Thompson				
	F/S. W. McCormack				
Lib. VI 'Q'	W/O. S. H. Seed	Desert Canal? I	171045	172135	<p>Successful. A/c ran straight on to target area & it was recognised visually at 1541hrs. Reception consisted of 4 white strips by the roadside together with a fire. There were numerous people in the target area 5 men, 6 packages & 7 containers were dropped in 2 runs. It was stated that the best dropping run by night would be on a</p>
	F/S. W. J. V. Surrage		Jessore	Jessore	
	P/O. M. V. Douse				
	Sgt. B. Elstub				
	Sgt. R. C. Harrell				
	Sgt. W. E. Luck				
	Sgt. J. Archer				

¹⁴ Note different spelling - McDougal

	Sgt. W. L. Knowles				heading of 180° owing to the presence of high ground to the N. of area.
	Sgt. A. Archibald				16 packages of nickels were dropped on Phong Saly & these appeared to cause much consternation on the ground & people were seen running about in all directions. Eventually a Tri-colour was seen being vigorously waved from the side of a house. At 1820 hrs. in posn. 2224N. 9857E M.T. vehicles were seen moving S. Reported to Group on return of a/c. 5/10 Cu was experienced on the outward & return flights, while fair over D.Z. with high cloud 8/10 ths. SCu 8000'
Dak. IV 'F'	Aus. 415673 P/O. P. A. Black	Heavy Wolf 10	181342	182154	Successful. A D.R. run was made from the Salween to the D.Z. arriving there at 1753 hrs. Correct reception was seen & 29 packages were dropped in 7 runs from approx. 700' above ground. One chute canceled on 4th run & one tore on the 7th run. Stated to be 'fair D.Z.'. 9 packages of leaflets dropped in posn. 2016N 9745E & 7 in posn. 2156N 9750E. Cu in patches up to 16000' – 7/10 ths. Over D.Z. no cloud but hazy.
	F/L. L. G. Lewis		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can.J24346 F/O. R. G. Stothers.				
	F/S. W. Allen				
	F/S. W. Richmond				
Lib. VI 'W'	Can.J39146 F/O. L. S. Stockwell	P.W. Division	171830	180030	Successful. D.R. run was made from the R. Irawaddy on to the target area at 2036 hrs. 112 packages of nickels were dropped on the Maymyo area at 2105 hrs between 2035N 9451E & 2035N 9545E from 13000'. Weather good, but hazy.
	Can.J44516 F/O. J. Millar		Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J45945 P/O. J. Freison				
	Can.J45989 P/O. K. Merriam				
	Can.R200886 Sgt. G. Storkey				
	Can.R255369 Sgt. J. Steventon				
	Can.R279295 Sgt. Rickert				
	Can.R283439 Sgt. A. Brett				
	Can.R287413 Sgt. R. Green				
Lib. VI 'U'	Can.J23405 F/O. A. B. Coy	P.W. Division	171834	180049	Successful. D.R. run was made from pin-point on the R. Iriawaddy & target area was reached at 2109 hrs. 150 packages of nickels were dropped on the Maymyo area from 8000'. Approx. 15 packets did not open correctly & it
	Can.J44466 P/O. R. E. Jorgensen		Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J45828 P/O. O. S. H. Campbell				

	Can.J44948 P/O. G. McGregor				is though that the static lines did not open the bags. Cu. in patches, but generally fine.
	Can.J46765 P/O. I. A. Palumbo				
	Can.J46770 P/O. C. M. Stearns				
	Can.R214096 Sgt. McDonald				
	Can.R154825 Sgt. O. Destres				
	Can.R284575 Sgt. A. Noble.				
Lib. VI 'S'	Aus.408361 W/O. R. W. Bain	Sergent Cornet 2	170855	180240	Unsuccessful. The River pin-point was indistinctly seen through the trees & although the island was seen, no lights were observed. Darkness fell before the position could be rechecked for ground detail. The target area was left at 1839 hrs. after 34 min search. The area was quite easy to find & to get into & is suitable for non-moon drops. The crew suggested that the T.O.T. be advanced by 30 mins so that area can be reached with a larger margin of daylight in had. As it was low cloud was responsible for an early darkness, which was complete by 1818 hrs. Intention to drop 7 containers 4 packs. 10/10 Scu at 3,000' Cb to S. of D.Z. Rain S. of 11°30' N.
	Aus.419749 F/S. M. R. Simons		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Aus.424296 P/O. F. C. Cutler				
	F/S. R. W. Skipper				
	Aus.437502 F/S. W. P. Criddle				
	Aus.436452 F/S. K. J. Duffy				
	Sgt. P. U. Lloyd				
	Sgt. W. J. B. Rickards				
	Sgt. J. G. Woodthorpe				
Lib. VI 'U'	Can.J39146 F/O. L. S. Stockwell	Bazaar 145	201048	202115	Successful. A/c was over D.Z. at 1500 hrs & reception was seen of 'T' & "Roman IV in ground strips plus 4 smoke fires. 11 containers & 6 packages were dropped in run from 700' A.G.L. They were all seen to drop in target area. Weather was fair – 5/10 Scu at 8000'.
	Can.J44516 F/O. J. Millar		Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J45945 P/O. J. Freison				
	Can.J45989 P/O. K. Merriam				
	Can.R200886 Sgt. G. Storkey				
	Can.R255369 Sgt. J. Steventon				
	Can.R279295 Sgt. Rickert				
	Can.R283439 Sgt. A. Brett				
	Can.R287413 Sgt. R. Green				
Lib. VI 'S'	Can.J22963 F/L. J. A. King	Bazaar 164	201020	202200	Successful. A/c map read on to D.Z. at 1517 hrs. & reception was seen of "C" type fires plus Roman IV & cross in ground strips. 11 containers & 6
	Can.J44512 P/O. K. M. Addson		Jessore	Jessore	

	Can.J45967 P/O. W. E. Stevens				packages were dropped in 2 runs from 600' A.G.L. & were all seen to drop on target area. The Captain commented "the D.Z. was easy to find, it was small but clear. 300° or reciprocal are best runs." In Posn. 21°00N 96°55'E, 2 landing strips were seen with several M.T. track marks. Weather was good but hazy – with nil cloud.
	Can.J45844 P/O. D. R. Jordan				
	Can.R267113 Sgt. R. O. K. Saunders				
	Can.R256795 Sgt. R. B. Tingley				
	Can.J45035 P/O. R. W. Sanderson				
	Can.J45936 P/O. H. F. Wagner				
	Can.R116324 Sgt. J. E. Johnson				
Lib. VI. ¹⁵	Can.J23275 F/O. W. J. Jackson	Bazaar 145	201045	202116	Successful. A/c was over D.Z. at 1502 hrs. & reception was seen of Roman IV in ground strips plus 'T' & smoke fires, a Cross was seen away from the reception. 6 containers & 11 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 450' A.G.L. 3 containers hung up & were jettisoned just short of the area on the 3rd run. A large number of people were seen on the D.A. An apparent fort & stockade with a tri-colour flying over it was seen at Phong Sally. Weather was good with 5/10 high cloud at 13000'.
	Can.J44392 P/O. E. Mercer		Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J45134 P/O. G. McKelvie				
	Can.J45192 P/O. A. E. Duff				
	Can.J46053 P/O. A. G. Diggins				
	Can.J45340 P/O. J. L. Beirnes				
	Can.R266024 Sgt. Bale				
	Can.R77617 Sgt. T. Patterson				
	Can.R24?124 Sgt. P. F. Astle				
Lib VI 'Y'	Can.J23405 F/O. A. B. Coy	Bazaar 163	201035	202225	Successful. The a/c passed over the Nam Sane river to the North of the target area & then returned to D.Z. & found the correct reception on the primary D.Z. as briefed. At 1600 hrs. 1 run was made at 700' A.G.L. & 11 containers & 6 packages were dropped, all parachutes being observed to open correctly & to fall in the target area. The captain commented that the area is good but if approached from the W trees obscure view.
	Can.J44466 P/O. R. E. Jorgensen		Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J45828 P/O. S. H. Campbell				
	Can.J44948 P/O. G. McGregor				
	Can.J46765 P/O. I. A. Palumbo				
	Can.J46770 P/O. C. M. Stearns				
	Can.R214096 Sgt. McDonald				
	Can.R284575 Sgt. A. Noble.				

¹⁵ No code given.

Lib. VI ¹⁶	Can.J4115 F/L. J. D. Lamb	Sergeant Cornet II	210840	220415	Successful. The D.Z. was identified by the ground features & reception consisting of 1 fire on a sandbank & 4 men with torches was seen. At 1742 hours the first drop was made, after which the reception lights were extinguished & the further 3 drops were made blind. & containers & 4 packages were dropped & were seen to drop on the sandbank & also some fell into the river. At 1643 hours in Posn. 0633N 100°26E 1 train with 36 closed trucks was seen proceeding N. At 1745 hrs 2 T.E. a/c were seen on Jitsu airfield.
	Can.J39528 F/O. M. McFadyen		Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J45168 P/O. D. Blad				
	P/O. T Poulton				
	Can.J46064 P/O. S. V. Hillis				
	F/O. W. R. Birch				
	Can.J42510 P/O. D. Heller				
	Can.R160539 F/S. D. Bechthold				
	Sgt. R. P. Smith				
Dak. IV 'O'	F/O. W. Kindred	Nation Weasel I	211650	22034	Successful. D.R. run was made from Sittang River & map-read on to D.Z. which was reached at 2100 hrs. The 'T' of fires was seen set across wind, with the centre light of 'T' flashing on * off. 4 agents & 2 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 500' A.S.L. All chutes opened correctly. Crew report that D.Z. was good. 40 packets of nickels were dropped at Pyu from 1000' between 2130 & 2133. Weather en route – Fair with occasional patches SCu. Weather at D.Z. – Fine but hazy.
	F/O. K. C. Williams		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/O. G. H. Lawrence				
	W/O. R. Daglish				
	Sgt. J. A. Green				
Dak. IV 'K'	F/S. C. R. Thorne	Character Otter 4	211651	220130	Unsuccessful. A/c arrived over D.Z. at 2114 hrs. & reception of 4 fires in a rectangle & green torch was recognised. However the drop of 30 packages could not be made as there were several Liberators from 358 Sqdn. in the circuit over D.Z., having arrived late. Liberators would not answer Dakota's R/T request to drop, owing to fuel shortage & finally sortie was abandoned at 2217 hrs. as only 160 galls remained. Libs should have given way to a/c with shorter endurance. Rebecca was picked up from 10,000' from dist. of 30 miles from D.Z. Weather fair & misty.
	F/S. W. T. Watkins		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Sgt. T Laird				
	Sgt. A. R. Littlewood				
	Can.R215107 Sgt. A. E. Giles				
Dak. IV 'L'	Aus. 415673 P/O. P. Black	Nutshell Antelope I	211705	220230	Successful. D.R. run was made from R. Salween & D.Z. was identified at 2050 by ground detail. 10 agents & 12 packages were dropped in 5 runs from
	F/L L. G. Lewis	Blind Drop	Cox's Bazaar	Cox's Bazaar	

¹⁶ No code given

	Can.J24346 F/O. R. G. Stothers.				600' – 800' A.G.L. Chutes opened. Agents flashed torches from ground after drops & approx. 7 were seen. Good area – W/E or E/W run recommended. 12 packets nickels dropped in posn. 1756N 9652E at 2236 hrs & 8 packets in posn. 1805N 9639E at 2243 hrs. Weather en route – fair – over D.Z. – misty.
	F/S. W. Allen				
	F/S. W. Richmond				
	Sgt. A. Kidd				
Dak. IV 'M'	Aus421792 P/O. T. A. Collister	Nutshell Antelope 2	211728	220223	Successful. A/c was over D.Z. at 2135 hrs. & torches were seen at first (from agents dropped by Dak 'L') & these were replaced by flares. 'K' was seen flashing. 10 agents & 8 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 1000 – 1500'. Good D.Z. 10 packets of nickels were dropped at Mesawt at 2207 from 8000' & 10 on Palu at 2212 from 8000'. Weather en route – fair – over D.Z. – good.
	F/L. B. G. Hewson		Cox's Bazaar	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. L. Elliott				
	F/S. G. Thompson				
	F/S. W. M. McCormack				
Dak. IV 'J'	Sgt. R. A. Jones	Character Otter 3	211635	220145	Successful. Passed over D.Z. at 2100 hrs. but only the rectangle of fires was seen, no flashing letter visible. Flew onto pin-point on R. Salween & Returned at 2115 hrs. to find correct reception. Rebecca was picked up 25 miles away. 30 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 900' A.G.L. & all chutes opened correctly. Crew reported that D.Z. is on side of a mountain & runs must be made E/W followed by left hand circuit. 358 Sqdn. Libs were over target & would give no priority to Dakota in spite of R.T. request for same due to fuel shortage & it was only by cutting in on a Lib. that drop would be made. Weather en route – fair – over D.Z. good, but hazy.
	F/S. R. M. Herdman	1846N 9704E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Sgt. R. A. Hunt				
	Sgt. R. B. Guest				
	Sgt. D. C. Oram				
Lib. VI 'P'	Aus.426330 W/O. F. V. Exelby	Nation Reindeer	211715	220140	Unsuccessful – not completed – engine trouble. Made pin-point on Pynmana & 4 runs were made into area at 2115 hrs. Entire D.Z. was a blaze of light & fires. The stores – 8 containers & 4 packages – were ditched in Posn. 1725N 9420E owing to engine trouble. Lanyards out on chutes to prevent opening. 15 packets nickels dropped in posn. 1655N 9425E. In posn. 1955N 9405E. – 20
	Aus.430132 F/S. G. C. Thompson		Jessore	Jessore	
	NZ.415285 W/O. J. H. Boundy				
	F/S. J. A. McArthur				
	Sgt. W. G. Robertson				
	Sgt. R. C. Silly				

	Sgt. L. C. Snell				H.A.A. bursts were encountered – from 9 guns – 200' below a/c at 7000' & slightly ahead for first burst. Accurate ht. but blind in following. Weather over D.Z. – hazy.
	Sgt. J. Gorrie				
	Sgt. T. E. Lockett				
Lib. VI 'Z'	W/O. S. H. Seed	Beacon Bugle 1	220725	221100	Unsuccessful – engine trouble. Engine trouble was encountered on way out & a/c returned to Base. The 5 containers & 3 packages were dropped on the local D.Z. at Base at 1050 hrs.
	F/S. W. J. Surrage	0453N	Jessore	Jessore	
	P/O. M. V. Dowse ¹⁷	10147E			
	Sgt. R. C. Harrell				
	Sgt. J. Archer				
	Sgt. A. Archibald				
	Sgt. B. Elstub				
	Sgt. W. E. Luck				
	Sgt. W. L. Knowles				
Lib. VI 'X'	Can.J23405 F/O. A. B. Coy	Desert Labour 2	221025	222203	Successful. D.R. Run was made from River & map-read on to tgt. at 1505 hrs. Reception of smoky fires, Roman IV & 'T' of white strips was seen & 6 agents, 10 Containers & 4 Packages were dropped in 2 runs from 900' A.G.L. & all were seen to land on area safely. The area is fair, but for night drops, suggested that D.Z. be moved further W to more open ground. Weather – en route – reasonable – at D.Z. – hazy visi. 5 mls.
	Can.J44466 P/O. R. E. Jorgensen	Prim. Tgt.	Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J45828 P/O. O. S. Campbell	2212N 10404E			
	Can.J46765 P/O. I. A. Palumbo	Sec. Tgt.			
	Can.R214096 Sgt. McDonald	2210N 10301E			
	Can.R284575 Sgt. A. Noble.				
	Can.J44948 P/O. G. McGregor				
	Can.J46770 P/O. C. M. Stearns				
	Can.R154825 Sgt, O. Despres				
Lib. VI 'T'	F/L. J. A. Powell	Desert Labour 2	221039	222230	Successful. D.A. was recognised at 1520 hrs & reception of Smoky fires, Roman IV & 'T' of white strips was seen. 5 Agents, 10 Containers & 5 packages were dropped in 5 runs. All landed in the area safely. D.Z. is excellent & good for night drops. Landing strip at Nong Lon in posn 2152N 10025E E-W West of town. Weather en route fair – trace of Cu. Weather at DZ – 2/10 Cu base 8,000' visi 1-2 miles.
	F/O. A. G. Fenwick	Prim. Tgt.	Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. C. C. Hood	2212N 10404E			
	F/S. M. Rosendorf	Sec. Tgt.			
	F/S. E. Wenham	2210N 10301E			
	F/S. Netherway				
	F/S. F. Osbon				
	F/S. Mardle				

¹⁷ Spelt Douse elsewhere?

Lib. VI 'Q'	F/L. G. Smith	Bazaar	221045	222230	Successful. A/C was over DZ at 1540 hrs & reception was being laid out then. The reception was laid out in a village & the load was dropped in a cleared area just outside the village. 11 containers & 6 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 500' A.G.L. & all chutes were seen to open correctly. The French tri-colour was seen laid out on the ground near Sch-La.
	F/S. R. F. Taylor	Primary Tgt	Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. C. S. Smith	2102N			
	F/S. Powell	10400E			
	Can.J45348 P/O. McDougall	Secondary Tgt.			
	F/S. H. H. Smith	2120N			
	F/S. Mackie	10301E			
	F/S. J. Tate				
	F/S. W. Parry				
Lib. VI 'S'	P/O. F. C. Cooke	Bazaar 158	221028	222128	Successful. Reception of Smoky fires, Roman IV & 'T' of strips seen at DZ (Prim) at 1510 hrs & 11 containers & 6 packages were dropped from 700' in 1 run. All chutes opened correctly & stores were seen to all drop on area but 3 which fell slightly to S. The DZ is an air-strip 1200 x 100 yds long E/W. It is not a good night area, but if pilot knows area it is fair. Hills surround area & there is a 4000' hill 6 miles E. Best run is from the W, drop, then turn quickly. Weather – en route – fair – at D.Z. 2/ to 3/10 Cu at 8000'
	NZ.421489 W/O. C. R. Anderson	Prim. Tgt.	Jessore	Jessore	
	Aus.9183 F/L. G. Cashmore	2108N 10409E			
	F/O. D. H. Hulme	Sec. Tgt.			
	F/S J. B. Nelson	2120N			
	Sgt. J. Hatton	10301E			
	P/O. F. W. Pearce				
	W/O. J. F. Bryden				
	W/O. W. V. Robertson				
Dakota IV 'K'	F/S. F. F. Bush	Breast	211700	220135	Successful. A Square search was made to find reception at 2120 hrs. 2 dummy runs were made before dropping. D.Z. is actually 4 miles away from briefed posn. Reception was 'T' of fires & weak torch flashing 'O.K.' as briefed. 5 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 800' A.G.L. Chutes all opened correctly. A large fire was observed S.E. of Toungoo. Weather en route – fair – at D.Z. Hazy – visi 2 miles.
	W/O. V. Lineham	1849N 9645E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/O. J. Williamson				
	F/S. G. Fordyce				
	Sgt. I. C. Watson				
	W/O. G. C. Longbottom				
Dakota IV 'O'	S/L. T. P. O'Brien	Opponent	230610	232230	Successful. 0914 landed Myitkina, refuelled & airborne 1045 hrs. 1415 hrs. landed Dein Bein Phu over the target area visibility was very limited owing to haze. Passed over target without seeing it & finally made pin-
	F/O. Stevens	(Pick-up)	Jessore	Jessore	
	W/O. J. H. Middleton				
	Sgt. R. T. Wright				

	Sgt. F. H. Burley				point on the junction of Nam Moua & Nam Mua Rivers, which is a very land mark. DR run was made from there which led right on to target 'T' was seen & a/c was landed on heading of 180°. Surface is rather soggy & about 1100 yds. long. Picked up 2 French Officers, two stretcher cases & 3 women. One extremely ancient plane was seen on strip. 1725 landed Myitkina. 1853 Airborne. 2230 hrs. landed Jessore.
Lib.VI. 'R'	Can.J6644 F/L. T. H. Lee	Hebrides	220730	230255	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 1649 hrs & it was recognised from previous trip. Reception consisted of T of white parachutes plus flashing letter at end of 'T' & smoking fires, as briefed. 7 containers & 4 packages were dropped in 1 run from 2100' A.S.L. All chutes opened & all but two which fell a little short were seen to fall in the area. ANDSC was sent by reception committee with a torch after drop. D.Z. ht. estimated at 1300'. 1559 hrs. at Klongngek, 6 M.T. vehicles were seen – 3 toners – they stopped & occupants fled into trees by roadside. An M.T. harbour was seen at posn. 0558N 10027E – at least 5 vehicles on concrete platform. 10 miles S. of Alor Star. Weather en route – good – at D.Z. 10/10 ths Cb Base 6000' – visi. 5-6 miles.
	Can.J44365 F/O. A. G. Houghan	0527N 10125E	Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J16004 F/L. J. Alverston				
	Sgt. T. H. Goodman				
	Can.J49494 P/O. W. Parslow				
	Can.R.187174 W/O. E. P. Zimmerman				
	Sgt. T. W. Alder				
	Can.J44160 F/O. J. Tyson				
Lib.VI. 'U'	Can.J39146 F/O. L. S. Stockwell	Character Otter 18	221845	230225	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 2135 hrs. & reception of 4 fires in a rectangle & a green torch near the fire was seen. 11 containers & 5 packages were dropped in 1 run from 3200' A.S.L. It was stated to be best to drop from w to E – an approach between 2 ridges 9000' hill is in proximity of DZ. 16 Packets of nickels were dropped in posn. 1842N. 9512E at 2248 hrs. Rebecca was picked up 2 miles from D.Z. Weather – en route – good – hazy – Scu over Bay of Bengal – at D.Z. – clear – visi. 5 miles.
	Can.J44516 F/O. J. Millar	1845N 9704E	Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J45945 P/O. J. Freison				
	Can.J45989 P/O. K. Merriam				
	Can.R255369 Sgt. J. Steventon				
	Can.R283439 Sgt. A. Brett				
	Can.R287413 Sgt. R. Green				
	Can.R200886 Sgt. G. Storkey				
	Can.R279295 Sgt. Rickert				

Dakota IV 'F'	Aus. 415673 P/O. P. A. Black	Character Otter 4	221745	230245	Successful. D.R. run was made from pin-point on R. Salween & reception of 4 fires in rectangle with green torch was recognised at 2220 hrs. 30 packages dropped in 6 runs from 550' A.G.L. All landed safely on D.Z. except for 1 overshoot of 200 yds. D.Z. is on a side of a hill & accurate dropping is necessary. 24 packets of nickels were dropped between pin points 1835N 9510E & 1850N 9510E at 2340 hrs. from 8000'. Weather – en route – fair – at D.Z. – hazy – visi. 5 miles.
	Can.R131090 W/O. H. W. Smith	1846N 9704E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can.J24346 F/O. R. G. Stothers.				
	F/S. W. Allen				
	F/S. W. Richmond				
Dakota IV 'G'	F/S. C. R. Thorne	Calcutta	221701	230130	Unsuccessful – mist over target area. A pin point was made on Inle Lake & D.R. run was made on to area, but mist in the valleys obscured all ground detail. the crew reported that either the hills in target area are badly mapped out or else a/c altimeter was u/s for a/c was continually having to climb up over hills when it was supposed to be at safe ht. With the visibility as it was, the search became a rather hazardous affair. 28 packages were brought back. 25 packets of Nickels dropped in Inle Lake & Heho area 2245 – 2300 hrs. from 9500'. Weather – en route – good as far as 97° E then thick haze. – at D.Z. – thick haze – visi. 3 – 4 miles.
	F/S. W. T. Watkins		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Sgt. T Laird				
	Sgt. A. R. Littlewood				
	Sgt. Giles				
Dakota IV 'J'	Sgt. R. A. Jones	Character Hyena 28	221715	230230	Successful. D.R. Run made from R. Salween & over target at 2220. Correct 'T' was seen with a green light flashing. 4 Containers & 30 packages dropped in 5 runs from 900' A.G.L. One chute did not open. D.Z. was considered 'fair'. Radar was picked up from 22 miles away, but no coding. 24 packets of leaflets dropped on Namehek-Mawchi at 2150 to 2202 hrs. from 10,000'. Weather – en route – fair – patches of Cu. and SCu. over coast – at D.Z. – good – no cloud, hazy.
	F/S. R. M. Herdman	1824N 9701E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Sgt. R. A. Hunt				
	Sgt. R. B. Guest				
	Sgt. D. C. Oram				
Dakota IV 'M'	Aus421792 P/O. T. A. Collister	Character Walrus I	221740	23205	Unsuccessful. Pinpoint was made on the Sittang & D.R. Run was made to the area, but haze prevented further pin pointing so a/c left D.Z. area & flew to R. Salween & made further D.R.
	Can.J12694 F/L. J. G. Blinkhorn	1921N 9649E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. L. Elliott				

	F/S. G. Thompson				run, but again was unsuccessful. A/C stayed in area from 2209 hrs to 2250 hrs, but visibility decreased to ½ mile, so pilot s/C Base & brought the 21 agents & 8 packages back. Weather en route – fair – over D.Z., hazy from smoke from bush fires in the vicinity.
	F/S. W. M. McCormack				
Dakota IV 'O'	F/O. W. Kindred	Character Otter 19	221705	230135	Successful. A/C arrived over tgt. area at 2145 hrs. & recognised D.Z. on the side of a hill with reception consisting of 4 fires in a rectangle & a green torch flashing. 4 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 7 runs at 2203 hrs. & some chutes were seen to fall slightly to S. of D.Z. D.A. is all bush and there is no clearing. Rebecca was picked up at distance of 20 miles. Weather en route & at D.Z. – clear – visi. 5 – 6 miles.
	F/O. K. C. Williams	1846N 9704E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	W/O. R. Daghish				
	Sgt. J. A. Green				
	F/O. G. H. Lawrence				
Dak IV 'D'	S/L. T. P. O'Brien	Character Walrus I	231350	232145	Successful. A/C arrived at original D.Z. as briefed, but it was not considered a safe area on which to make a blind drop, owing to the D.Z. being a very short & narrow strip. A/C flew on t Posn. 1934N 9708E on a bearing of 065° 21 miles from the original D.Z., & after consulting chief agent, it was decided to drop. 21 agents & 6 packages were dropped in 4 runs & all chutes were observed to open & fall on D.Z. Captain commented that this D.Z. would be ideal for building a strip for pick-up operations, but has no security value, owing to the nearness of villages. Area is approx. 1 ½ miles long & 800 yds wide. At 1910 hrs. leaflets were dropped in Posn. 1920N 9615E from 8000'. In Posn. 1852N 9720E at 1630 hrs one unidentified S/E a/c flying W turned in behind Dakota. At 1745 hrs in posn. 1858N 9719E a suspension bridge fully serviceable was observed & reported to S.A.F. upon return. Weather fair with slight ground haze – visi. 5 miles.
	F/O. Stevens	1925N 9650E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	W/O. J. H. Middleton				
	Sgt. R. T. Wright				
	Sgt. F. H. Burley				
Lib. VI. 'U'	Aus.426330 W/O. F. V. Exelby	Bazaar 159	231032	232125	Unsuccessful – Bad weather in target area. The last pin point obtained was

	Aus.430132 F/S. G. C. Thompson	2120N 10301E	Jessore	Jessore	on the Mekong River at 1431 hrs & D.R. run was made to D.Z. area which was reached at 1516 hrs. A/C flew on for 8 mins endeavouring to locate break in clouds, but 10/10 cloud existed & operation was abandoned & 11 containers & 6 packages were brought back. At 1826 hrs in Posn. 2225N 9758E a landing strip was observed with numerous huts in vicinity. Hutted camp in Posn. 2220N 9822E observed & information passed to S.A.F. on return. Weather 10/10 SCu over D.Z. with 3/10 Cu en route.
	NZ.415285 W/O. J. H. Boundy				
	F/S. J. A. McArthur				
	Sgt. W. G. Robertson				
	Sgt. L. C. Snell				
	Sgt. J. Gorrie				
	Sgt. T. E. Lockett Sgt. R. C. Silly				
Lib. VI. 'T'	Can.J23275 F/O. W. J. Jackson	Bazaar 160	231035	232137	Unsuccessful – bad weather over target area. Last pin-point was made in Posn. 2147N 10110E, but bad weather was encountered 80 miles from D.Z. A/C flew on to D.Z. by D.R. but there were no breaks in the clouds & load of 11 containers & 6 packages was brought back. 16 packets of nickels dropped in Posn. 2135N 10216E at 1625 hrs. from 10000'. Weather 10/10 Cu. up to 11000' in target area.
	Can.J44392 P/O. E. Mercer	2120N 10301E	Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J45192 P/O. A. E. Duff				
	Can.J45134 P/O. G. F. McKelvie				
	Can.J46053 P/O. A. G. Diggins				
	Can.J45340 P/O. J. L. Beirnes				
	Can.R266024 Sgt. Bale				
	Can.R77617 Sgt. T. Patterson				
	Can.R28124 Sgt. P. F. Astle				
Lib. VI. 'Q'	W/O. S. H. Seed	Character Walrus 3	241641	250111	Unsuccessful. A/C arrived over target area at 2022 hrs after making D.R. run from River Salween. No reception could be seen. A/C stayed in the area for 80 mins & made a search over an area of 25 miles, seeing numerous fires, but note i the form of the reception. The load of 11 containers & 5 packages, which it had been intended to drop was brought back. At 2143 hrs. leaflets were dropped in Posn. 2021N 9525E from 8000'. Weather throughout whole operation was clear except for slight ground haze.
	F/S. W. J. Surrage	1925N	Jessore	Jessore	
	P/O. M. V. Douse	9650E			
	Sgt. B. Elstub				
	Sgt. R. C. Harrell				
	Sgt. W. E. Luck				
	Sgt. J. Archer				
	Sgt. W. L. Knowles				
	Sgt. A. Archibald				
Lib. VI. 'W'	F/L. J. A. Powell	Calcutta Re-Sup	241746	250235	Unsuccessful. A/C arrived over the target area at 2135 hrs but was unable to locate D.Z. owing to the thick ground haze & cloud blotting out the moon.
	F/O. A. G. Fenwick	2047N	Jessore	Jessore	

	F/S. C. C. Hood	9857E			Intention was to drop 11 containers & 2 packages wt 3530 lbs., but no drop was made and a/c s/c Base at 2217 hrs. Weather – en route 8/10 t 10/10 SCu at 12-13000' – over D.Z. – 8/10 SCu & thick haze – visi. 2 –3 miles.
	F/S. M. Rosendorf				
	F/S. F. Osbon				
	F/S. E. Wenham				
	F/S. Mardle				
	F/S. Netherway				
	Sgt. Williams				
Lib. VI. 'S'	F/L. G. Smith	Calcutta Re-Sup	241810	250220	Unsuccessful. A/C arrived over target area at 2138 hrs., but was unable to locate D.Z. owing to the very thick ground haze. Left the area at 2226 hrs after making every effort to find D.Z. Intention was to drop 11 containers & 5 packages. Weather throughout flight was good with thick haze persisting in the valleys for the last 150 miles to D.Z. Rebecca was used over tgt. area, but nothing was picked up.
	F/S. R. F. Taylor	2047N	Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. C. S. Smith	9857E			
	F/S. J. Tate				
	F/S. W. Parry				
	F/S. L. J. Powel				
	F/S. H. H. Smith				
	Can.J45348 P/O. W. McDougall				
	F/S. Mackie				
Lib VI 'U'	P/O. F. C. Cooke	Character Walrus 7	241710	250045	Successful. A/C arrived over D.Z. at 2052 hrs. & recognised area by its topographical features. A reception consisting of 4 lights in a square with letter 'W' flashed by aldis lamp was seen. At 2055 hrs 11 containers & 5 packages were dropped 1 run from 8300' A.S.L. & all were seen to drop in required area. Weather – en route – 1/10 St. at 2000' over Cheduba area – over D.Z. – no cloud, but hazy – visi. 5 miles.
	NZ.421489 W/O. C. R. Anderson	2148N 9704E	Jessore	Jessore	
	F/O. D. H. Hulme				
	Aus.9183 F/L. G. Cashmore				
	P/O. F. W. Pearce				
	W/O. J. F. Bryden				
	F/S J. B. Nelson				
	W/O. W. V. Robertson				
	Sgt. J. Hatton				
Lib VI 'X'	Can.J22963 F/L. J. A. King	Nation Weasel II	241755	250140	Successful. D.Z. was recognised by a range of hills to the S. & a reception consisting of a 'T' of fires was seen with the letter 'M' being flashed. This reception was as briefed & at 2135 hrs. 7 containers & 8 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 1400'. All chutes opened & packages of 2nd run were seen to fall ½ mile W. of area in surrounding woods. Weather – en route – 4/10 SCu. over Arakan & Bengal. No cloud over D.Z. but visi. was down to 4 – 5 miles owing to smoke and haze.
	Can.J44512 P/O. K. M. Addson	1827N 9618E	Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J45967 P/O. W. E. Stevens				
	Can.J45844 P/O. D. K. Jordan				
	Can.R256795 Sgt. R. G. Tingley				
	Can.R267113 Sgt. R. K. Saunders				
	Can.J45035 P/O. R. W. Sanderson				
	Can.J45936 P/O. H. F. Wagner				
	Can.R116324 Sgt. J. E. Johnson				

Dak IV 'F'	Aus. 415673 P/O. D. A. Black	Blood- hound 1 & 3	241334	242209	Successful. A/C arrived over D.Z. at 1800 hrs. & found reception of 'T' of fires & white strips as briefed. 7 runs were made from 700' A.G.L. & 4 agents & 26 packages were dropped, the agents landing on the 'T' & the packages slightly to the W. The static line on the last agent caught a metal strip chute however opened correctly. Weather throughout trip – hazy – visi. 4 miles.
	Can.R131090 W/O. H. W. Smith	2234N 9925E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can.J24346 F/O. R. G. Stothers.				
	F/S. W. Allen				
	F/S. W. Richmond				
	Sgt. A. Kidd				
Dak IV 'J'	F/S. F. F. Bush	Dromedary I	241745	250205	Successful. A pin point was obtained on river in target area & DZ was found at 2154 hrs. 11 bodies & 9 packages were dropped in 4 runs, at 2211 hrs. & torches were seen flashing from the ground after drop. Cutes on the packages were observed to open & to fall on the D.Z. Captain commented – a good D.Z. – requiring W heading & left hand circuit for dropping. At 2233 hrs on return flight, 12 packets of nickels were dropped on Thayetmo & Allanyo area from 5000'. Weather was good – visi. 10 miles.
	W/O. V. Lineham	1909N	Jessore	Jessore	
	F/O. J Williamson	9541E			
	F/S. G. Fordyce	Blind drop			
	Sgt. I. C. Watson				
Dak IV 'K'	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	Blood- hound III	241336	250001	Successful. A/C arrived over the area & after circling a 'T' of fires was seen on the D.Z. which is on a ridge in a large valley. At 1751 hrs 2 runs were made at 4100' & 10 packages were dropped, chutes on same being observed to open & drop on D.Z. On return flight the colours of the day were seen being fired over the Chin Hills in Posn. 2221N 9400E at 2006 hrs. weather was good – visi 10 miles.
	Can.J45944 P/O. J. R. Tarzwell	2231N 9835E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can.J46764 P/O. R. Pomazon				
	Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 Sgt. McCartney				
Dak IV 'G'	Aus421792 P/O. T. A. Collister	Character Walrus II	241525	242125	Unsuccessful. No pin points were obtained owing to heavy ground haze & the target area was searched by D.R. only from 2139 hrs to 2253 hrs, but D.Z. could not be located. 24 packets of nickels were dropped at Pyinmana from 8000' on return flight. Weather very bad with visi 1 mile throughout. A/C was diverted by Group to Monywa owing to bad weather. Intention was to drop 9 agents & 12 packages.
	Can.J12694 F/L. J. G. Blinkhorn	1925N 9650E	Jessore	Monywa	
	F/S. L. Elliott				
	F/S. G. Thompson				
	F/S. W. M. McCormack				
Dak IV 'L'	Sgt. R. A. Jones	Character Walrus IV	241605	232250	Unsuccessful. Intention was to drop 4 containers & 30 packages, but when

	F/S. R. M. Herdman	1925N 9550E	Jessore	Monywa	a/c arrived over target area at 2121 hrs. it was impossible to recognise any ground features or reception owing to thick haze. No Rebecca contacts were picked up. At 1750 hrs. a/c was diverted by Group to Monywa where it landed at 2250 hrs. 24 packets of leaflets were carried but were not dropped as haze obscured the pin point where briefed to drop. Weather good – but thick haze.
	Sgt. R. A. Hunt				
	Sgt. D. C. Oram				
	Sgt. R. B. Guest				
Dak IV 'O'	F/O. W. Kindred	Character Hyena 27	241655	250205	Successful – pin point was obtained on the Salween & D.R. Run was commenced onto target, but Rebecca was the picked up & homed onto Reception of 'T' of fires. 7 bodies, 4 containers & 15 packages were dropped in 8 runs at 2155 hrs. & all chutes opened & landed in the area. Captain commented that D.Z. should be moved S. along valley to facilitate more accurate dropping. A/C diverted to Monywa by Group, but no RT contact could be made & a/c landed at Alon. Weather was good with slight ground haze.
	F/L. L. G. Lewis	1821N	Jessore	Alon	
	F/O. K. C. Williams	9657E			
	F/O. G. H. Lawrence				
	W/O. R. Daghish				
	Sgt. J. A. Green				
Lib VI 'R'	Can.J4115 F/L. J. D. Lamb	Satirist	240430	242130	Unsuccessful. A/C arrived in the target area at 1200 hrs. & although valley leading to D.Z. was seen, no D.Z. was observed owing to the low cloud encountered in the area. Cloud was 8/10 St. down to 2000'. Captain commented that had they arrived later the area would have been clear as weather was beginning to pick up. Intention was to drop 4 agents, 7 containers & 8 packages. At 1355 hrs. in posn. 12048N 9748E airfield with two strips was sighted. Weather hazy en route – 10/10 St. at D.Z.
	Can.J39528 F/O. M. J. McFadyen		Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J45168 P/O. D. A. Blad				
	P/O. J. Poulton				
	Can.J46064 P/O. S. V. Hillis				
	Can.J42510 P/O. D. H. Heller				
	F/O. W. R. Birch				
	Sgt. R. D. G. Smith				
	Can.R160539 F/S. D. D. Bechthold				
Lib VI 'Q'	Can.J23405 F/O. A. B. Coy	Desert I	261015	262222	Successful. Obtained pin point on the Mekong River & made D.R. Run on to target which was recognised visually. Reception was found waiting as briefed & at 1558 hrs. 4 agents, 11 containers & 6 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 700' A.G.L. & all chutes opened & landed in the vicinity of D.Z.
	Can.J44466 P/O. R. Jorgensen	1826N 10846E	Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J45828 P/O. O. S. Campbell				
	Can.J46770 P/O. C. H. Stearn				

	Can.J44948 F/O. G. McGregor				On return flight parachutists were seen being dropped in Nieiktila area. Weather was good throughout whole operation.
	Can.J46765 P/O. I. A. Dalumbo				
	Can.R214096 Sgt. McDonald				
	Can.R154325 Sgt. O. Despres				
	Can.R284575 Sgt. A. Noble.				
Lib VI 'J'	Can.J23275 F/O. W. J. Jackson	Bazaar 165	261047	262148	Successful. A good pin-point was obtained on the River Mekong in the target area & crew map-read on to D.Z. At 1540 hrs in 4 runs from 800' A.G.L. 1 agent, 11 containers & 11 packages were dropped – all chutes opened correctly & agent waved upon reaching the ground. The French tri-colour was seen flying on Luang Prabang landing strip which was about 3 miles from actual D.Z. Stores were dropped on this strip & a message was dropped to the agent informing him of the whereabouts of the stores. Cars were seen moving out from the landing strip to pick up the agent. The agent was very keen on take-off, but became very quiet as flight progressed & finally had to be pushed out of the a/c. 12 packets of nickels were dropped on Chienseng from 11000' on return flight. Weather en route – good with 6/10 SCu. at 8000' – slight ground haze.
	Can.J44392 P/O. E. Mercer	1956N 10216E	Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J45134 P/O. G. McKelvie				
	Can.J46053 P/O. A. G. Diggins				
	Can.J45192 P/O. A. E. Duff				
	Can.J45340 P/O. J. L. Beirnes				
	Can.R77617 Sgt. T. Patterson				
	Can.R266024 Sgt. W. Bale				
	Can.R28124 Sgt. P. F. Astle				
Lib VI 'W'	W/O. S. H. Seed	Evidence	261251	270800	Successful. At 2245 hrs. map read on to the target where a reception consisting of a 'T' of fires with a torch flashing P.W. 2 containers & 11 packages were dropped in 1 run from 750' A.G.L. & all were seen to land in the area. Captain commented that best approach is from S to N with gentle descent over low ridge to S. of DZ. Weather – fair on outward flight with scattered thunderstorms – over DZ 10/10 As at 11000'.
	F/S. W. J. V. Surrage	0448N 10108E	Jessore	Jessore	
	F/O. M. V. Douse				
	Sgt. B. Elstub				
	F/S. W. L. Knowles				
	Sgt. R. C. Harrell				
	Sgt. J. Archer				
	Sgt. W. E. Luck				
	Sgt. A. Archibald				
Lib VI 'T'	P/O. F. C. Cooke	Evidence	261248	270813	Successful. Map read on to target & identified DZ by its natural features. Found 'T' of fires & P.W. flashed by torch. In 1 run at 2238 hrs 2 containers & 12 packages were dropped, all chutes opening but not seen to fall on DZ. Captain commented that 'T' was
	NZ.431489 W/O. C. R. Anderson		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Aus.9183 F/L. G. Cashmore				
	F/O. D. H. Hulme				
	P/O. F. W. Pearce				

	W/O. J. F. Bryden				laid out at 180° out of wind resulting in approach over 1500' hill. DZ is approx. 1 mile by ¾ mile. In posn. 0450N 10107E 4 M.T. vehicles were seen moving N. towards lpor. Weather poor with scattered Cu. & Cb. throughout flight – over DZ 10/10 overcast & haze.
	W/O. W. V. Robertson				
	F/S J. B. Nelson				
	Sgt. J. Hatton				
Dak IV 'F'	Aus. 415673 P/O. P. A. Black	Character Walrus II	271751	280154	Unsuccessful. A/C arrived in the target area at 2326 hrs, but were unable to pin point owing to thick ground haze. No Eureka or reception was picked up & the a/c left the area at 2350 hrs after making a thorough search. Intention was to drop 7 agents & 12 packages. Weather – en route – 9/10 Cirrus at 12000' – over D.Z. – 8/10 Cirrus & thick ground haze.
	Can. J24346 F/O. R. G. Stothers.	1925N 9650E	Cox's Bazaar	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. W. Allen				
	Sgt. A. Kidd				
	F/S. W. Richmond				
Dak IV 'L'	Sgt. R. A. Jones	Character Walrus IV	271835	280335	Unsuccessful. No Reception – A 25 minute D.R. Run was made from Inle Lake & crew map-read onto the target area. There were many fires in the area & although a thorough search was made no reception lights could be seen. No Rebecca contacts were made. A/C left area at 2310 hrs & returned to Base via Cox's Bazaar. Load carried was 4 containers & 30 packages. Weather throughout – slight haze with ACu at 8/10 at 12000', this completely obscured moon light.
	F/S. R. M. Herdman	1925N 9650E	Cox's Bazaar	Cox's Bazaar	
	Sgt. R. A. Hunt				
	Sgt. D. C. Oram				
	Sgt. R. B. Guest				
Dak IV 'G'	F/S. F. F. Bush	Character Otter 31	261640	270245	Successful. The crew map read on to the target from a pin point on the R. Salween & when 21 miles from D.Z. homed on Rebecca. Reception consisting of 4 fires in a rectangle with 'W' flashing was seen at 2153 hrs. 4 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 6 runs from 400' A.G.L. & all chutes developed normally except the last one which candled. Captain commented – D.Z. is fair but not suitable for drops when there is a strong wind. Weather – en route – fair but hazy – over D.Z. 10/10 Cirrus at 15000' & slight ground haze.
	W/O. V. Lineham	1846N 9704E	Cox's Bazaar	Jessore	
	F/O. J. Williamson				
	W/O. G. C. Longbottom				
	F/S. G. Fordyce				
	Sgt. I. C. Watson				

Dak IV 'M'	Aus421792 P/O. T. A. Collister	Character Mongoose 6	261835	270250	Successful. D.R. Run was made from the R. Sittang & finally Rebecca was used for homing on to the D.Z. Reception of a 'T' of lights & flashing 'Y' was seen as briefed & at 2151 hrs. 14 agents & 12 packages were dropped in 6 runs from 700'. All chutes opened & some were later seen on the D.Z. One agent was brought back as ropes on his parachute were twisted & it was considered unsafe for him to jump.
	F/S. L. Elliott		Cox's Bazaar	Jessore	
	F/S. G. Thompson				
	F/S. W. M. McCormack				
	Sgt. P. U. Lloyd				
Dak IV 'O'	F/O. W. Kindred	Character Mongoose 7	261845	270315	Successful D.R. run was made from the R. Sittang with Rebecca assistance & D.Z. was located at 2202 hrs, reception of 'T' of fires plus flashing 'Y' being seen. 4 agents 7 15 packages were dropped in 7 runs at 700' A.G.L. & all chutes were seen to open & fall in the area, although they appeared to drift to one side of D.Z. Captain commented that D.Z. is god, but runs must be made u & down valley. Most of the agents were sick during the flight. Weather was fair with occasional ASt en route – over D.Z. hazy – visi 3 –5 miles.
	F/O. K. C. H. Williams	1821N 9657E	Cox's Bazaar	Jessore	
	W/O. R. Daghish				
	F/O. G. H. Lawrence				
	Sgt. J. A. Green				
Dak IV 'D'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Brave	261945	270330	Successful. A/C arrived over target area at 2241 hrs & map-read on to D.Z. where reception of a 'T' of fires was seen. 5 agents & 9 packages were dropped at 2248 hrs from 700' A.S.L. & chutes were observed to open. The packages landed just past the end of the D.Z., but in Captains opinion could be easily recovered. Area is good in general, but actual D.Z. is very small & narrow commented the Captain. Weather good with slight haze at D.Z.
	P/O. A. W. Cumber	1746N 9619E	Cox's Bazaar	Jessore	
	Sgt. A. A. Reeves				
	Can.R281747 Sgt. O'Shaugnessy, T.				
	Can.J24042 F/O. W. H. Caron				
	P/O. S. G. Dove				
Lib VI 'U'	Can.J39146 F/O. L. S. Stockwell	Nation Hare 1	261650	270515	Successful – pin point was obtained on the coast & run was made to D.Z. where reception consisting of an excellent 'T' of fires was found waiting. 2 agents & 8 packages were dropped in 2 runs at 2245 hrs. from 1300' A.G.L. & all were seen to drop near to reception. After 1st drop reception lights went out, but came on again a few moments later. Torches were seen
	Can.J44516 F/O. J. Millar	1358N 9810E	Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J45945 P/O. J. Freison				
	Can.J45989 P/O. K. Merriam				
	Can.R255369 Sgt. J. Steventon				

	Can.R200886 Sgt. G. Storkey				being flashed by agents after they had landed. Weather fair – cloudy hazy over D.Z.
	Can.R283439 Sgt. A. Brett				
	Can.R279295 Sgt. Rickert				
	Can.R227413 Sgt. R. Green				
Lib VI 'V'	W/Cdr. L. M. Hodges	Mint III	261330	271030	Successful. A/C map-read onto area at 0005 hrs & reception was seen at 0012 hrs, this consisted of a 'T' of lights & letter 'R' being flashed. 2 agents, 3 containers & 6 packages were dropped from 700' in 2 runs at 0020 hrs & all chutes were observed to open & to fall in the area. Captain commented D.Z. is small & surrounding trees make observation difficult. 12 packets of nickels were dropped on Alor Gajah? at 0115 hrs. from 4000'. At 1804 hrs in posn. 1150N 6505E 4 destroyers sighted on Course 060° A/C was challenged & replied. Weather fair with storms W. of Penang & 5/10 St. at 5000' over D.Z.
	F/O. A.G. Fenwick	0142N 10405E	Cox's Bazaar	Cox's Bazaar	
	Aus.413286 F/O. H. Seale				
	F/L. L. G. A. Reed				
	F/O. Ritchie				
	F/S. W. M. Farish				
	F/S. P Stephenson				
	F/O. A. A. Morley				
	Aus.418600 F/O. K. Buchanan				
Lib VI 'Y'	Can.J6644 F/L. T. H. Lee	Carpenter Trombone 5	261220	271105	Successful. A/C arrived over Jason Bay & having obtained pin point, made DR run onto the D.Z. which was easily recognised. First circled the area & made diversionary run & the a 'T'; of fires was seen on the D.Z. at 2306 hrs. 5 containers & 1 package were dropped from 300' A.G.L. & all chutes opened. Captain commented - a very good D.Z. – ideal for both day and night drops. On return flight leaflets were dropped on Kota Tingoi, Jonore & Banbar Bengearam. Weather en route – scattered thunderstorms to coast – over D.Z. – fair with scattered Cu – visi 10 miles
	Can.J44365 F/O. A. G. Houghan	0142N 10405E	Cox's Bazaar	Jessore	
	Can.J16004 F/L. J. Alverston				
	Can.J45070 P/O. H. Walling				
	Sgt. T. H. Goodman				
	Can.J49494 P/O. J. Parslow				
	Can.R.187174 W/O. E. P. Zimmerman				
	Can.J44180 P/O. J. Tyson				
	Sgt. T. W. Alder				
Lib VI 'X'	Aus.426330 W/O. F. V. Exelby	Nation Pig	271725	280325	Unsuccessful. A/C arrived in the target area at 2110 hrs & searched until 2255 hrs. Clearings in vicinity of wooded hill were seen to the S. of D.Z. & the village of Nyawglegin was pin pointed & although numerous fires were
	Aus.430132 F/S. G. C. Thompson	1807N 9630E	Jessore	Jessore	
	NZ.415285 W/O. J. H. Boundy				

	F/S. J. A. McArthur				observed in this area nothing in the shape of a 'T' was seen. Intention was to drop 4 agents, 9 containers & 8 packages. 16 packages of leaflets were dropped between Pegu & Drik-u from 2500' at 2315 hrs. Weather – good with no cloud.
	Sgt. W. V. Robertson				
	Sgt. J. Gorrie				
	Sgt. R. C. Silly				
	Sgt. L. C. Snell				
	Sgt. T. E. Lockett				
Lib VI 'Z'	Can.J23405 F/O. A. B. Coy	Barn Owl 2B	281712	290628	Operation not completed owing to bad weather. A/C arrived in the approaches to the target area at 2348 hrs & upon receipt of a recall message returned to base. Intention was to drop 6 agents & 4 packages. On return flight in Posn. 1432N 9158E two ships were sighted apparently signalling to each other. Small ship was also sighted at 0010 hrs between Tavoy Island & the mainland. Information passed on to Group on return. Weather fair – 10/10 ACu at 10000' but no cloud at 6000' – visi 10 miles.
	Can.J44466 P/O. R. Jorgensen	1227N 9905E	Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J45828 P/O. O. S. Campbell				
	Can.J44948 P/O. G. McGregor				
	Can.J46765 P/O. I. A. Palumbo				
	Can.J46770 P/O. C. N. Stearns				
	Can.R214096 Sgt. M. McDonald				
	Can.R284575 Sgt. A. Noble.				
	Can.R154825 Sgt, O. Despres				
Lib VI 'Q'	Can.J23275 F/O. W. J. Jackson	Barn Owl 2B	281605	290541	Operation not completed owing to bad weather. A/C arrived over the target at 2312 hrs & found 10/10 St & Cirrus above, fog & St on ground. D.Z. was not located & a/c left area at 2320 hrs bringing load of 6 bodies & 4 packages back to Base. Captain commented that he considered that there was a front developing in this area. Weather en route – clear.
	Can.J44392 P/O. E. Mercer	1227N 9905E	Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J45134 P/O. G. McKelvie				
	Can.J45192 P/O. A. E. Duff				
	Can.J46053 P/O. A. G. Diggins				
	Can.J45340 P/O. J. L. Beirnes				
	Can.R26624 Sgt. Bale				
	Can.R28124 Sgt. P. F. Astle				
	Can.R77617 Sgt. T. Patterson				
Lib VI 'T'	Can.J22963 F/L. J. A. King	Siren 3B	281940	290626	Successful. A/C arrived over target area at 0016 hrs. & recognised D.Z. which was in valley with hills to E. & W. Reception consisting of 'T' of fires &
	Can.J44512 P/O. K. M. Oddson ¹⁸		Jessore	Jessore	

	Can.J45967 P/O. W. E. Stevens				flashing red torch as briefed were seen & at 0027 hrs 1 agent, 5 containers & 8 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 2600' A.S.L. All chutes were seen to open & to drift towards D.Z. Crew commented – D.Z. is not particularly good & is not the big flat plateau as briefed. At 0315 hrs. leaflets were dropped on Saingaug. Weather good but slight haze over D.Z.
	Can.J45844 P/O. D. K. Jordan				
	Can.J45035 P/O. R. W. Sanderson				
	Can.J45936 P/O. H. F. Wagner				
	Can.R267113 Sgt. R. K. Saunders				
	Can.R116324 Sgt. J. E. Johnson				
	Can.R256795 Sgt. R. B. Tingley				
Lib VI 'W'	Can.J4115 F/L. J. D. Lamb	Pontoon Piano 3	280625	290255	Successful. Area was easily recognised by valley & river in the vicinity & at 1620 hrs a 'T' of white strips was seen. At 1638 hrs 1 agent, 7 containers & 4 packages were dropped, one package being observed to undershoot & one to overshoot but were recoverable. Two people were seen on the ground before the drop & were later seen collecting the packages. Agent flashed torch from the D.Z. as a/c was leaving the area. Weather good but hazy with 2/10 Cu. in D.Z. area, but visi was up to 40 miles.
	Can.J39528 F/O. M. J. McFadyen		Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J45168 P/O. D. A. Blad				
	P/O. J Poulton				
	Can.J46064 P/O. S. V. Hillis				
	Can.J42510 P/O. D. Heller				
	Can.R160539 F/S. D. Bechthold				
	P/O. W. R. Birch				
	Sgt. R. P. G. Smith				
Lib VI 'R'	F/L. G. Smith	Hebrides Trumpet 8	280653	290255	Successful. A pin point was obtained at Yala & a/c then ran down the river & mapread onto the target area. On both areas a 'T' of fires & chutes were seen but no Rebecca was picked up. Captain decided to drop on secondary D.Z. & at 1650 hrs, 2 agents, 7 containers & 4 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 800' A.G.L., all chutes opening correctly & falling in target area. After drop, ground party were
	F/S. R. F. Taylor	0557N 10120E	Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. J. Tate				
	F/S. C. S. Smith	Sec.			
	Can.J35348 P/O. W. O. McDougall	0527N 10125E			
	F/S. L. J. Powell				
	F/S. W. Parry				
	F/S. H. H. Smith				

¹⁸ Spelt Addson previously.

	Sgt. Mackie				seen waving. Captain commented primary D.Z is good & is easy to find owing to a river running close by. Secondary D.Z. is on the side of a hill & a run of 070° is necessary for good dropping. 6 packets of nickels were dropped on Yax?a at 1610 hrs. & 6 packets in posn. 0540N 100°56E at 1720 hrs. Crew reported 150 ft. merchant vessel at 0845N 9814E & 2 m/vs off Northern tip of Penang Island. One unidentified twin engined a/c also seen at sea level off Penang. Weather – en route – good with occasional storms over Malaya – over D.Z. 2/10 – 3/10 SCu at 6000' & slight ground haze.
Lib VI 'U'	F/L. J. A. Powell	Nation Reindeer	281835	290340	Unsuccessful. No Reception. Crew identified Otrwin & then mapread onto the target area & flew up & down the main railway line. Several D.R. runs were made on to the D.Z. from definite pin points at height of 5000' but no reception was seen. Intention was to drop 5 agents, 7 containers & 10 packages. On return flight 7 packets of leaflets were dropped on Posn. 2030N 3505E from 10000'. Weather throughout was good – visi 20 miles.
	F/O. A. G. Fenwick	1846N 9822E	Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. C. C. Hood				
	F/S. F. Osbon				
	F/S. H. Rosendorf				
	F/S. E. Wenham				
	F/S. H. Mardle				
	F/S. Netherway				
	Sgt. Williams				
Lib VI 'S'	Can.J39146 F/O. L. S. Stockwell	Bazaar 180	281658	290558	Successful. Made D.R. run from Posn 1636N 10446E & mapread on to the D.Z. where 'C' type reception was found waiting at 2300 hrs. 1 agent, 11 containers & 6 packages were dropped in 2 runs at 2310 hrs from 700' A.G.L. & all were seen to land in the target area. Crew reported that D.Z. was good and approaches for dropping could be made from any direction. Weather – en route – fair, but hazy – over D.Z. – 8/10 SCu at 10000' & ground haze.
	Can.J44516 F/O. J. Millar		Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J45989 P/O. K. Merriam				
	Can.J45945 P/O. J. Freison				
	Can.R255369 Sgt. J. Steventon				
	Can.R200886 Sgt. G. Storkey				
	Can.R287413 Sgt. R. Green				
	Can.R283439 Sgt. A. Brett				
	Can.R279295 Sgt. Rickert				
Dak IV 'F'	Aus. 415673 P/O. P. A. Black	Heavy Lynx 8	291230	292053	Successful. D.R. run was made from pinpoint on the R. Salween & crew

	Can.J24346 F/O. R. G. Stothers.	2047N 9857E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	finally map-read onto D.Z. where correct reception of 'T' of fires was found waiting at 1650 hrs. 13 agents, 3 containers & 16 packages were dropped in 6 runs at 1700 hrs. from 400' A.G.L. First run was made as a free drop & 6 packages slightly overshot, all others landed on the D.Z. & were seen being collected by ground party. Captain remarked – D.Z. good for day drops only. Weather hazy – visi. 5 miles.
	F/S. W. Allen				
	F/S. W. Richmond				
	Sgt. A. Kidd				
Dak IV 'O'	F/O. W. Kindred	Conifer I	281905	290320	Successful. Several D.R. runs were made on to the probable area from pin points on the Pegu R. & D.Z. was identified & checked before blind drop was made at 2202 hrs. 9 agents & 8 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 600' A.G.L. & all landed in target area. Captain commented D.Z. is in a paddy field in undulating country. 19 packets of nickels were dropped on Tairgy at 2246 hrs on return flight. Weather – en route – 5/10 SCu. at 5000' over coastal areas – over D.Z. – good with mil haze or cloud.
	P/O. K. C. Williams	1731N 9615E	Cox's Bazaar	Jessore	
	F/O. G. H. Lawrence				
	W/O. R. Daghish				
	Sgt. J. A. Green				
Dak IV 'G'	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	Heavy Lynx II	292240	292055	Successful. Made D.R. run from R. Salween & recognised D.Z. by ground signals & local topography. Reception consisted of 'T' of white strips as per briefing. At 1717 hrs. 33 packages were dropped in 6 runs from 800' A.G.L., chutes were seen to open, but posn. of landing could not be seen as ground crews chutes while a/c was in circuit. Captain commented – D.Z. is fair for day drops but is too narrow & is screened by too many hills for night dropping. Weather throughout flight – good but hazy.
	Can.J45944 P/O. J. R. Tarzwell	2047N 9857E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can.J46764 P/O. P. Pomazon				
	Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 Sgt. McCartney				
Dak IV 'J'	F/S. F. F. Bush	Heavy Wolf Red	291240	292045	Unsuccessful. Thick haze over target area. Pin-pointed on bend on river leading to D.Z. at 1700 hrs. & made through search of area, but owing to thick ground haze no reception was seen. Intention was to drop 3
	W/O. V. Lineham	2203N 9956E	Jessore	Myitkina	
	F/O. J. Williamson				
	F/S. G. Fordyce				

	Sgt. I. C. Watson				containers & 30 packages. Captain commented – Smoky fires useless as a reception as numerous bush fires in the area. Had reception of white chutes been used D.Z. would have been recognised. I.R.F. was u/s from take-off to Myitkina where new set was fitted. Weather – over D.Z. – thick haze, vis – nil.
Dak IV 'K'	Sgt. R. A. Jones	Dilwyn Squirrel 16	291240	292125	Successful. A/C arrived over D.Z. at 1720 hrs. & found reception consisting of 'T' of panels & smoke fire as briefed. At 1730 hrs. 35 packages were dropped in 5 runs from 4000' A.S.L., all chutes were observed to open & to fall on the area. Crew commented – D.Z. is impossible for night drops. Weather en rout – much ground haze E. of the Chins & patches of Cu. at 9-10,000'. Over D.Z. – ground haze & 6/10 Ac & CuSt at 8000'.
	F/S. R. M. Herdman		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Sgt. R. A. Hunt				
	Sgt. R. B. Guest				
	Sgt. D. C. Oram				
Dak IV 'M'	Aus421792 P/O. T. A. Collister	Character Walrus II	291755	300300	Successful. A/C arrived in target area, but no reception could be seen. A square search was commenced in the area & pin point was made on the Nam Pilu River & D.R. run was made onto the D.Z. at 2120 hrs. Reception of 'T' of fires & flashing 'N' was seen. 8 agents & 12 packages were dropped in 5 runs from 12000' A.G.L., all chutes opened correctly & agents were seen to drop on the D.Z., but the packages fell 200 yds. to the N. Captain commented – D.Z. is not good & is unsuitable for night dropping owing to the hills in the close vicinity of D.Z. Weather good. At 2237 hrs. 16 packets of nickels dropped in Posn. 1937N 9615E.
	F/S. L. Elliott	1933N 9700E	Cox's Bazaar	Jessore	
	F/S. G. Thompson				
	F/S. W. M. McCormack				
	Sgt. I. C. Watson				
Lib VI 'V'	W/O. S. H. Seed	Carpenter	300901	301041	Not completed as a/c was recalled by W/T from Group when in Posn. 2225N 9041E. Intention was to drop 2 containers & 6 packages wt. 1750 lbs.
	F/S. W. J. Surrage	Trombone 4	Jessore	Jessore	
	F/O. M. V. Douse				
	Sgt. B. Elstub				
	Sgt. R. C. Harrell				
	Sgt. J. Archer				
	Sgt. A. Archibald				
	Sgt. W. E. Luck				
	F/S. W. L. Knowles				

Dak IV 'D'	S/Ldr. T. P. O'Brien	Opponent	290958	291750	Successful. A/C took off from Jessore with 2 passengers & 52 packages for Operation 'Opponent'. After re-fuelling at Myitkina the operation commenced & the passengers & packages were transported to Dein Bein Bhu ¹⁹ where they were unloaded at 1258 hrs. At 1435 hrs. the 2 passengers & 20 others including wounded were unloaded ²⁰ & a/c left Dein Bein Bhu for Myitkina where it landed at 1750 hrs. Here one of the wounded was found to be very ill & after attention of a doctor – a nursing orderly flew with the wounded to Alipore where they landed at 2233 hrs. captain commented that strip of Dein Bein Bhu is very soggy & a/c should not take off from here with full load. Weather throughout – hazy with 8/10 SCu at 10,000'.
	F/O. S. F. Stevens	(Pick-up)	Myitkina	Myitkina	
	W/O. J. H. Middleton				
	Sgt. R. T. Wright				
	Sgt. J. H. Burley				
Dak IV 'H'	F/O. C. H. Egerton-Eves	Globe	210805	301833	Successful. 210805 – Took off from Jessore with 2,000 lbs of freight, 5, 358 Sqdn. Personnel & 2 I.S.L.D. members. 211125 - Landed Myitkina & refuelled.
	Can.J27477 F/O. W. B. Arnold				
	F/S. J. Biggin				

¹⁹ O'Brien in "The Moonlight War" (pg. 238) states this was Dein Bein Phu.

²⁰ The record says "unloaded", but should this be "loaded"?

					<p>211305 – Airborne Myitkina 211535 – Landed Kunming & unloaded all freight. 260825 – Airborne Kunming on operation 'Opponent' with 3000 lbs of stores. 261340– Landed Chihkiang & refuelled. 271055 – Chihkiang s/c Chiangting with 4 other American a/c & escort of 6 fighters. 271435 – Landed Chiangting & unloaded all stores & personnel, unloading 8 I.S.L.D. personnel & 1 U.S. Navy man. 271835 – Landed Chihkiang. 281020 – Airborne Chihkiang with an American Lt. Colonel & 5 U.S. aircrew as additional passengers. 281409 – Landed Kunming & unloaded all stores & passengers with the exception of the 6 I.S.L.D. personnel. 300920 – 6 I.S.L.D. personnel transported to Alipore where a/c landed at 1740 hrs. Weather over Hump – good – over China – generally overcast with low clouds & 10/10 SCu. at 6000'.</p>
Lib VI 'P'	F/L. J. A. Powell	Bazaar 181	301603	310605	<p>Successful. Pin point was obtained on the Westerly bend of the Mekong River & run was made onto the Secondary D.Z. where reception consisting of 'C' of fires was found waiting. 11 containers were dropped in one run at 2358 hrs. from 1300' & all chutes opened, but crew did not observe where containers landed. Crew reported small lake to E. of D.Z. Weather – en route – 4/10 – 10/10 StCu & Cu from ground up to 14000' – over target – considerable haze – visi. 5 – 10 miles.</p>
	F/O. A. G. Fenwick	1845N 10515E	Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. C. C. Hood	Sec.			
	F/S. M. Rosendorf	1827N 10348E			
	F/S. E. Wenham				
	F/S. H. Mardle				
	Sgt. Netherway				
	F/S. F. Osbon				
	Sgt. Williams				
Lib VI 'U'	F/L. G. Smith	Nation Pig I	301928	310410	<p>Successful. Target area was reached at 2355 hrs. & D.Z. was recognised by the bends in the River to the E. of railway. Reception of 'T' of torches as arranged was seen, but these were extinguished after each run resulting in crew being unable to see lights until almost on top of D.Z. again. 2 runs were made at 0005 hrs from 1500' & 4</p>
	F/S. R. W. Taylor	1841N	Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. C. S. Smith	9634E			
	F/S. J. Tate				
	F/S. L. J. Powel				
	F/S. W. Parry				
	Can.J45348 P/O. W. McDougall				
	F/S. H. H. Smith				

	Sgt. Mackie				agents, 8 containers & 8 packages were dropped, all being observed to drop on western edge of D.Z. At Posn. 2048N 9620E two runs were made at 6000' as green very light was seen to be shot. Weather – en route – good – over D.Z. – slight haze – visi 2 – 3 miles.
Lib VI 'R'	Can.J6604 F/L. T. H. Lee	Nation Reinder I	301954	310440	Successful. A/C arrived over target area & crew recognised D.Z. by small river to S. & a road & river to W. Reception consisting of a 'T' of torches was seen as per briefing & at 2357 hrs 3 runs were made & 5 agents, 7 containers & 12 packages were dropped. All chutes opened normally & were seen to fall on the actual D.Z. Captain remarked that reception torches were extinguished after each run & not switched on again until a/c was too close to alter course consequently an hour was taken for the complete drop. At 0133 hrs, 2 pintails were dropped in Pos. 2048N 9620E. Weather – fine, but slight ground haze – visi 4 – 5 miles.
	Can.J44365 F/O. A. G. Houghan	1845N 9622E	Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J10663 F/L. J. Alverston				
	Can.J45070 F/O. H. Walling				
	Can.J44180 P/O. J. Tyson				
	Can.J49494 P/O. W. Parslow				
	Can.R.187174 W/O. E. Zimmerman				
	Sgt. T. H. Goodman				
	Sgt. T. W. Alder				
Lib VI 'T'	Can.J39146 F/O. L. S. Stockwell	Nation Yam I	301855	310615	Successful. D.R. run was made onto secondary target from pin point in Posn. 1655N 9739E & D.Z. was recognised by river to the E & range of hills to the W. At 0058 hrs a blind drop was made, consisting of 3 agents & 2 packages & all chutes were observed to open & to fall in paddy field at foot of hill. On return flight leaflets were dropped in Posn. 1706N 9511E at 2200 hrs. Weather throughout – good with slight ground haze.
	Can.J44516 P/O. J. Millar	Prim	Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J45989 P/O. K. Merriam	1623N 9549E			
	Can.J45945 P/O. J. Freison	Sec.			
	Can.R255369 Sgt. J. Steventon	1655N 9751E			
	Can.R200886 Sgt. G. Storkey				
	Can.R287413 Sgt. R. Green				
	Can.R283439 Sgt. A. Brett				
	Can.R279295 Sgt. Rickert				
Dak IV 'G'	Sgt. R.A. Jones	Bazaar 183	311220	312000	Successful. Target area was reached at 1538 hrs. & reception consisting of smoke fires, Roman IV & white cross was found as per briefing. 1 container & 54 packages were dropped in 9 runs at 1549 hrs & all chutes opened with
	Sgt. R. M. Herdman	2120N 10301E	Myitkina	Myitkina	
	Sgt. R. A. Hunt				
	Sgt. R. B. Guest				

	Sgt. D. C. Oram				the exception of the first 4 packages which were 'free drop'. All packages fell on D.Z. in vicinity of the reception signals. Crew reported that D.Z. was very good & has a road to the W. & a football field 1 ½ miles to the E. Weather – over D.Z. – overcast above a/c – visi 10 miles.
Dak IV 'D'	W/Cdr. L. M. Hodges	Character Ferret 4	302110	310409	Successful. A/C was over target area at 2350 hrs & reception consisting of a 'T' of fires & green torch flashing was seen. 10 agents & 23 packages were dropped in 6 runs from 4600' A.S.L. & all were seen to land on the D.Z. Captain remarked 'D.Z. is only suitable for Dakotas & in moonlight'. At 0037 hrs 24 packets of leaflets were dropped on Yeshado from 8500'. Weather – en route – good – over D.Z. – thick haze.
	Aus.413286 F/O. H. Seale	1920N 9657E	Jessore	Jessore	
	F/L. L. G. A. Reed				
	F/O. A. A. Morley				
	F/S. W. M. Farish				
	Aus.418600 F/O. K. Buchanan				
Dak IV 'D'	Can.J12694 F/L. J. G. Blinkhorn	Bazaar 182	311235	312052	Successful. A/C arrived over target area at 1537 hrs & found reception of smoke fires & Roman IV & two white strips. 1 Container & 36 packages were dropped in 9 runs at 1600 hrs & then the word 'Land' was seen laid out on the D.Z. in white strips of chutes. Captain decided to land & at 1630 hrs a good landing was effected. 18 packages were unloaded upon landing & 10 wounded Frenchmen, 8 of whom were stretcher cases were taken on board. At 1700 hrs a/c took off successfully from D.Z. & flew to Myitkina where a medical orderly was taken on board to tend to the needs of the wounded during the flight to Alipore. At 0240 hrs. arrived Alipore where the wounded were unloaded into ambulances. Captain commented that D.Z. is just to W. of a town & river. Weather – en route – very hazy from Myitkina to D.Z. with slight Cu. & rain – over D.Z. – clear – no cloud – visi. 5 – 10 miles.
	Can.J45823 P/O. G. Mackey	2120N 10301E	Myitkina	Myitkina	
	Can.J46787 P/O. F. B. Spence				
	P/O. S. G. Dove				
	Can.R270537 Sgt. A. Dahlin				
Dak IV 'K'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Character Walrus 4	311945	010438	Successful. Crew arrived over target area at 2341 hrs. & found very good reception of 'T' of fires and 'N' being flashed by torch.
	P/O. A. W. Cumber	1933N 9703E	Cox's Bazaar	Jessore	

	Sgt. A. R. Reeves Can.R281747 Sgt. T. O'Shaugnessy				4 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 9 runs from 4700 A.S.L. between 2346 & 0023 hrs. All chutes were observed to open, but it was not observed where packages fell in relation to D.Z. Crew reported that reception was perfect, but D.Z. in very poor position, owing to hills in vicinity. 24 packets of nickels were dropped on Kyungg?on at 0048 hrs on the return flight. Weather en route – 3/10 SCu. at 3000' over Bengal & Arakan – over D.Z. – no cloud – slight ground haze – visi. 3 – 5 miles.
Dak IV 'M'	Aus421792 P/O. T. A. Collister	Character Walrus 17	312000	010435	Successful. D.R. run was made on to D.Z. from 5 miles S. of Toungoo & at 2328 hrs a 'T' of fires & letter 'N' being flashed was sighted. 4 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 5 runs from 4500' at 2332 hrs, all chutes opened, but some drifted to N. of D.Z. Crew reported that D.Z. is unsuitable for low dropping owing to surrounding hills. On return flight, 20 packets of nickels were dropped on Swedaung at 0045 hrs. Weather good – but slight haze over D.Z.
	F/S. L. Elliott	1933N 9702E	Cox's Bazaar	Jessore	
	F/S. G. Thompson				
	F/S. W. M. McCormack				
	Sgt. P. U. Lloyd				
Dak IV 'L'	Can.R131090 W/O. H. W. Smith	Heavy Wolf Red	311239	312037	Unsuccessful – weather over D.Z. – at 1731 hrs. a/c arrived over target area. A hill was seen to the W. of the D.Z. & the Nan river to the E., but no other ground details ere observed owing to the thick ground mist. Intention was to drop 3 containers & 30 packages, but those were brought back to Base. Weather en route – very thick ground haze – visi. 1 – 2 miles – very little cloud. Over D.Z. – thick ground haze – visi. – under 1 mile.
	Can.J46521 P/O. R. Sinclair	2203N 9956E	Jessore	Myitkina	
	Can.R170451 W/O. V. Woodward				
	Can.J24042 F/O. W. Caron				
	Can.R283336 Sgt. E. Shalla				
	Sgt. J. Hatton				
Lib VI ²¹	Can.J22963 F/L. J. A. King	Barn Owl I	311620	010625	Successful. Crew arrived over target area at 2300 hrs. & recognised D.Z. by the photographs obtained by crew at briefing. A blind drop was made at 2305 hrs & in 3 runs from 800' A.S.L. 6 agents & 4 containers were dropped.
	Can.J44512 P/O. K. M. Oddson ²²	1227N 9905E	Jessore	Jessore	
	Can.J45967 P/O. W. Stevens				

²¹ No code letter given in record.

	Can.J45844 P/O. D. K. Jordan				Last 2 agents hesitated & were helped out. All chutes opened correctly & later torches were seen flashing from ground. At 0030 hrs. on the return flight 16 packets of leaflets were dropped on Tavoy. No a/c or activity seen on the airfield. Weather – good with slight fog in river valleys – visi. 4 – 5 miles.
	Can.J45035 P/O. R. Sanderson				
	Can.J45936 P/O. H. Wagner				
	Can.R267113 Sgt. R. Saunders				
	Can.R116324 Sgt. J. Johnson				
	Can.R256795 Sgt. R. Tingley				
Lib VI 'Q'	Aus.426330 W/O. F. V. Exelby	Barn Owl II	311718	010730	Unsuccessful. Run of 065° was made from Posn. 1230N 9825E onto target area but bank of cloud 3 by 5 miles in extent was encountered over actual D.Z. Reception which was to consist of torches flashed by agents dropped from first a/c was not see & operation was abandoned after search of 70 mins. Intention was to drop 6 agents & 4 packages. 16 packets of leaflets were carried but were not dropped as Captain decided that too much time had been spent over D.Z. area & a/c's endurance had been curtailed. Weather – en route – thin St. at 3000' to Lat. 1930N & 5/10 to 10/10 SCu up to 4500' over approaches to target area. – over D.Z. – 10/10 SCu. from ground to 4500'.
	Aus.430132 F/S. G. C. Thompson	1227N 9905E	Jessore	Jessore	
	F/S. J. A. McArthur				
	NZ.415285 W/O. J. H. Boundy				
	Sgt. W. G. Robertson				
	Sgt. J. Gorrie				
	Sgt. R. C. Silly				
	Sgt. L. C. Snell				
	Sgt. T. E. Lockett				

²² Spelt Addson previously.

Appendix II to Form 540
 Reports from the Field Relative to 357 (S.D.) Sqdn.

3/3/45	Otter 5.6.7	Excellent drop last night, but only three Libs.	W/O Hodges W/O Bain W/O Seed
2/3/45	Donkey 4	Arrived safely two men 4 containers 13 packages. Second plane did not turn up.	P?/O Black
5/3/45	Squirrel 10	Personnel arrived O.K. Once container rifles dropped without chute and smashed. One container stores candled.	W/O Bain
6/3/45	Wolf 7	19 packages received. Thank R.A.F. 5 'chutes failed to open due to faulty static line tie ups. Both W/T sets completely smashed.	W/O Wheelhouse
5/3/45	Hippo 6	Perfect sortie perfectly dropped. All found. Thanks to all.	S/L O'Brien
23/2/45	Bazaar 71 80	The operations were disastrous from a security point of view, and from their results. Even though there was no reception c'tee the airmen dropped bodies, containers and packages on to native houses. The whole neighbourhood is in commotion over this event and it has led to the Japs. making an enquiry. We remind you that you must observe most meticulously the rules for dropping. The recognition letter is most important and so is the signalling system with an electric light. We repeat that wood fires lead to mistakes as the natives light many just like them.	W/O Seed and 358 Sqdn.
28/2/45	Bazaar 73 119 120 121 122	1. A/Cs 119, 120 carried out their dropping from too great a height, picking up was then disorganised because we detail one party per plane. 2. Nothing dropped above centre fire. 3. We found the dispersal far too widespread lengthwise. 10 packages land among trees in spite of D.Z's large dimensions. 4. Have the dropping carried out by one a/c after another. Drop at low altitude right on top of centre fire or Eureka, and if possible group the dropping at each flight.	W/O Seed W/O Petley F/L Lee W/O Hodges W/O Bain
26/2/45	Cello 1 2	All personnel and half stores received. It was a grand show thanks to you all and R.A.F. 4	W/O Petley and 358 Sqdn.

		packages missing (not on a/c)	
18/2/45	Rhino 3	Drop not received. Reception ready.	P/O Collister
17/3/45	Cornet 2	Plane came over target at 1140 G.M.T. By turning off ½ mile upstream could not see fires for high trees. Plane must follow river. Position now serious no food.	
20/3/45	Cornet 2	Good bombing R.A.F. we thank you only one in three (Cornet 1 dropped 3miles from D.A. and lost food as load hung in trees. Cornet 2 unsuccessful.) Dave considered renaming this operation Skeleton.	F/L Lamb
30/3/45	Mongoose 1	Wireless st out of action last few days. Now O.K.	F/O Smith
20/3/45	Antelope 1. 2.	5 packages lost. two slight leg injuries, otherwise everything O.K. Please convey thanks to crews.	P/O Black P/O Collister
23/3/45	Opponent 1.	Maj. Baume and Capt. Bluejob arrived safely. Ground good.	S/L O'Brien
22/3/45	Labour 1.2.	Arrived safely.	F/L Powell F/O Coy
24/3/45	Hyena 26. 27.	Party arrived here safely. Picked up 15 containers and 19 packages.	F/O Kindred and 358 Sqdn.
30/3/45	Ferret 4	All personnel down safely.	W/C Hodges
28/3/45	Piano 3. 4.	Successful.	F/L Lamb and 358 Sqdn.
30/2/45	Walrus 8. 11. 14. 4. 17.	What went wrong with droop – one Lib only dropped last night but 3 containers found 5 miles away. 2 Daks came, one dropped 5 packages only.	F/L Lewis P/O Collister and 358 Sqdn.
30/3/45	Yak 1.	Unable to show lights in race on Japs.	F/O Stockwell
28/3/45 30/3/45	Wolf Red 1.	Drop failed again. Flew in as before over point 6040 ie 2 miles S of D.Z. down ridge S of our valley. Plainly visible to us. The went up Nam Lam into China. Not heard again. D.Z. is 2 miles from Talam.	F/S Bush W/O Smith
28/3/45	Walrus 2. 3.	Bodies and one Lib arms arrived safely. Bods fell 300 yds short of D.Z.	P/O Collister and 358 Sqdn.
26/3/45	Hare 1	Arrived safely. One package missing	F/O Stockwell
26/3/45	Trombone 5.	Drop successful.	S/L Lee
20/3/45 22/3/45 24/3/45	Lynx 3. Lynx 2. Lynx 3. 4.	Have been standing by for 3 nights this week. As each plane fails so do levies spirits.	F/S Thorne F/L Powell F/L Smith and 358 Sqdn.
28/3/45	Lynx 3. 5.	Magnificent drop. All bodies safe. Thank pilot and all concerned. All stores found. Reckon lack of joy between Rebecca and Eureka my fault as situated in valley.	F/L Hewson P/O Black
30/3/45	Nation/Pig 1.	Both R.A.F. crews did well. One man	F/L Smith

	Nation/Reindeer 1	with broken leg.	S/L Lee
30/3/45	Nation/Rabbit 1	Both safe.	F/O Stockwell
27/3/45	Mint 3	Drop O.K. Bodies arrived safe.	W/C Hodges
27/3/45	Evidence	Drop colossal. R.A.F. did very fine job in very tricky weather. Thank them all.	W/O Seed P/O Cooke

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Report

WOO? Of No. 357 aircraft – KJ921

From R.A.F Liaison Officer, 14th U.S.A.A.F.

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Date: 19th March 1945

Ref: RAFIO/51/3/Air

Loss of No. 357 aircraft – KJ921

1. The above aircraft was on a supply dropping mission to the British Army Aid Group party at Yanping. (22 11 N 112 19E)
2. As this Headquarters Operations had successfully run this operation to drop half an hour before sunset making use of cloud cover and were again going to do so, RAFIO after consultation with P/O Hunter, on the evening of 28th February 1945 decided to despatch the aircraft in formation with the 14th Air Force C-47 the next day if cloud cover permitted.
3. The crew were briefed at 1000 hrs. on 1st March in 322 Troop Carrier Squadron (USA) Ops Room in conjunction with the crew of that Squadron who were also going to drop over the same D.A. This crew had previously carried a successful daylight drop over the Yanping D.Z. and were therefore familiar with the area. Full radio, navigational and alternative aerodrome information was given to the crew, they were shown a large scale sketch map of, and photographs of the D.Z. and they were particularly warned of the hills in the area.
4. At 0900 hrs. on the morning of March 1st the weather forecast was 'too good' for the area, insufficient cloud cover over the area being anticipated, but the briefing was carried out as stated in para 3 above with the intention of carrying out the operation on the evening of the 1st March although the 14th Air Force had definitely decided not to do it by night.
5. At 1100 hrs. on the morning of March 1st. further weather reports were received from the area concerned and the Met Officer amended his forecast for the D.Z. with a ceiling of 2500 feet and a route forecast of clear from Kunming to Poskh, broken to Nanming area and overcast from thereon to the target area. Kunming base was forecast as clear at the time the aircraft was due back. In view of this forecast the 14th Air Force decided to go and RAFIO despatched P/O Morten in formation with 322 Squadron's aircraft.
6. The Captain of 322 Squadron's aircraft reported on return as follows:-
The flight to the target area was uneventful although a solid overcast was not encountered until the target area itself was reached. The route followed was Base-Poskh-Nanming thence East to a point (approx 21 56 N 111 50 E) on the river north of Yeungkong. Here there was a break in the overcast the top of which was about 4500 feet and the aircraft went down.
As the bottom of the overcast was down on to the hills the aircraft followed the river down to the sea hoping to get out round the coast and up the estuary to Yanping. As they came out over the sea at about 40 feet and heading S.W. the overcast and fog went right down to the water and the USA aircraft, which was then being led by our aircraft, turned slightly to port and pulled up on top of the overcast. It did not see our aircraft again and after about 3 minutes heard our pilot say on the command set, 'I am out over an island'. Nothing more was heard and the USA aircraft after trying to find Yanpung (no contact was made with Eureka) turned for home.

Attached is a copy of letter received from BAAG and photographs have been taken of the crash which it is hoped to be able to get out in due course. It is regretted that duplicate copies of photographs and large scale drawing maps of the D.Z. are not available but the originals are available for briefing purposes in 322 Squadron's Ops Room. It may be of interest to note that 322 Squadron have since this date made two further successful drops over the D.Z. both in daylight.

Signed Waleran.

2 Copy of letter attached to the above report

Restricted

Headquarters British Army Aid Group
Kunming

Ref: JDm/SD/1
Dat 8th March, 1945

To:-
Wing Commander, Lord Waleran,
RAFLO,
14th USAAF, Kuming

Subject:- RAF Aircraft

1. The following is the gist of a message received from Yanping dated 8th March.
2. The aircraft, bearing on tail marks KJ921 with half blue and white rectangular mark and with RAF circle still visible was discovered at approximately 21 38N 111 51E. It has crashed into 1200' hill about 50' below crest.
3. Both engines were in valley 600' below with the tail of the machine which was practically intact, 50' above the engines.
4. Four bodies were recovered and buried on East side of the hill, the graves being marked with small cairns. They were charred beyond recognition.
5. No stores were recovered in serviceable condition.
6. Locals state that two aircraft were seen at dusk circling, then both came in from South in very low cloud. One plane was slightly above the other and to the East of it. This plane cleared the hill by a small margin but the westerly plane crashed into the hill.
7. Photographs have been taken of the main points.

(Signed) Col.
Commandant, British Army Aid Group,
Kunming

Copy to:- Lt. Col Rucker, O.S.S.

April 1945: Form 540

357 Squadron

Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Jessore	April	1945	Part I – Operations
			The month of April 1945 was not such a heavy one as March but with only 5 less operations it proved to be a very good one. The total of sorties being 144 giving some 1500 hrs flying time. Of these only 35 were unsuccessful, being 25.9%. This was a slight improvement & was due largely to the still increasing No. of Dawn & dusk drops. The sorties during the middle of the month met very bad weather & it was here most of the Unsuccessful flights were made. The weather on the whole was hazy with visibility down to 4 to 5 miles in places. Heavy Cu clouds are becoming more prominent as the Monsoon comes near. On 1.4.45 in KH323 Liberator Piloted by F/O. L. S. Stockwell (Can) J39146 crashed whilst on a dropping operation over Burma. All members of the crew were killed including 6 Force 136 personnel. This was the only casualty for April.
			In F.I.C. only one sortie was unsuccessful due to weather three being the total flown.
			Over Malaya only 2 sorties were unsuccessful due to no reception being found as briefed. The weather being generally bad in the South, but operations were carried out as usual.
			The Character area has had the biggest show for a/c were over the Dropping Area almost every night for the month, the Daks taking the greater weight but with more success than the Liberators. Again due to the fact that almost all the Libs flew in the middle of the month.
			The month started on an even tempo that seemed to carry? urgency of the Burma campaign, the weight of men & material being dropped to Character force.
			On the Heavy DZs in the north most of the operations were successful, but haze & Src? all very prevalent, making actual Pin Pointing very difficult. This only stopped 2 Libs however so the crews must have been on their toes.
			Several new areas were used this month mostly in F.I.C. but also some in Burma & Malaya.
			The most important feature of the month was the capture by the 14th Army of Mandalay and the subsequent race down the Salween & Irrawaddy. This stepping up of the war in Burma seems to indicate the Pre Monsoon race for Singapore. This feeling is supported by the weight of men & material dropped to the South. The Libs as usual found several of the Pin-Points hard to drop on, due to their smallness & situation, the Daks being slower & more manoeuvrable seemed to get in alright though. But even to them ruggedness of the terrain meant a considerable risk to low flying a/c.
			As regard to F.I.C. it appears that many of the groups of resistance have been eliminated which accounts for the drop in these sorties. The Liberators found the weather very unsuitable for navigation but succeeded in dropping
			There were not many a/c on the Malaya sorties though no reason is apparent for the fall off, unless the weather has effected the Policy of the Forcers down there. Carpenter was the busiest, but none of the trips succeeded in breaking the record set up last month. Though all these flights raise much speculation as to whether they will manage to do it.
			A detailed synopsis of the operations carried out by the Squadron's a/c during this month are listed below.

			Operations – Synopsis						
Code Name	Country	Area	Liberators		Dakotas		Total Sorties	Remarks	
			S	U	S	U			
Character	Burma	Kemapyn	18	6	43	12	79	Bad weather during middle of month.	
Heavy	"	Kentung	1	2	6	--	9	Bad vis due to low Stc at start of month	
Nation	"	Pegu	7	2	1	--	10	2 Libs got no reception	
Dilwyn	"	Hsenwy	--	--	3	--	3		
Bloodhound	"	W.A. States	--	--	3	1	4		
Conifer	"	Hsenwy	--	--	2	1	3		
Nutshell	"	W.A. States	--	--	1	2	3	Bad weather.	
Burgular	"		1	--	--	--	1		
Leveret	"		--	--	2	--	2		
Wineglass	"		--	--	1	--	1	Blind Drop.	
Vogue	"		--	--	1	--	1		
Conclavis	"		--	--	1	--	1		
Ramrose	"	Yenang	--	--	1	--			
Peacock	"		--	--	--	1	1		
	F.I.C.								
Saterist	"	Vihn	2	1	--	--	3		
Bazaar	"		3	2	--	--	5		
	Malaya								
Barnowl	"		1	--	--	--	1		
Carpenter	"		4	2	--	--	6		
Mint	"		2	--	--	--	2		
Multple	"		2	--	--	--	2		
Pirate	"		1	1	--	--	2		
	Burma								
Holder	"		--	--	--	1	1	Weather	
Chutney	"		1	--	--	--	1		
	F.I.C.								
Avenge	"		--	1	--	--	1	Weather	
							144		
			Total Liberator sorties for April					62.	
			Total Dakota sorties for April					82	
Aircraft on Sqd. as at 31.4.45			Liberators		Dakotas		Lysanders	Harvards	
			KH160		LN?304		V9818	FS794	
			KH166		KJ180		V9815	FS989	
			KH216		KJ889				
			KH257		KJ913				
			KH313		KJ914				
			KH325		KJ919				
			KH326		KJ920				
			KH395		KJ922				
			KH162		KJ924				
			KH114		KJ925				
					KJ926				
Jessore	April	1945	Part II Administration						
	Apr 22		Only one visit of interest was noted here this month, being that of the Technical "Loran" Advisors F/Lt. Bellringer who was accompanied by a Radar Officer F/O. Goodfellow and a Navigation Officer F/O. Rocket. They are						

		conducting a tour of the Command.
	Apr 12	A Squadron Commanders Conference was held to discuss:- Operations, Planning & Policy.
	Apr 7	An Order of the Day was received from the Prime Minister Mr. Wilson Churchill:- begins:- I send you & your gallantry congratulations on the recapture & liberation of Mandalay. This important success is due in part to the very hard fighting last year at Imphal and Kohima & for the rest of the audacious & vigorous movements of the British, Indian, & African troops under your Command, constantly supported & sustained by the untiring efforts of the British & American Bomber & Transport Air Forces as well as to the movements of the American & Chinese Forces in the North. All this has been aided & supported by the Royal & Royal Indian Navies. 2. The favourable progress of operations in the Burma Theatre has been achieved by you & those under your command in spite of the grievous disappointments you have had to sustain in regard to the approval of the strong reinforcements from Europe for which you had been led to hope. These were detained as diverted by the prolongation of the German resistance in Europe & by other causes. It is all the more creditable that the results achieved should be far ahead of the schedule proposed on the basis of these large reinforcements. (Ends)
		The Supreme Allied Commander has replied as follows:- (Begins) For Prime Minister from Mountbatten. I have just returned from Mandalay & received your telegram of congratulations on its fall. Thank you very much indeed, your message has given the greatest pleasure to all of us out here. 2. We have all realized that Germany must be finished first, but we have never suggested that as an excuse for not carrying the fight to the enemy. 3. We are delighted to know that our success in the face of our many disappointments has been fully appreciated & we look forward to having all of Burma in the near future. (Ends)
	Apr 9	F/O. W. M. Caron Can J24042 F/O. R. D. Lidster and F/O Lawrence were detailed to attend a General Court Martial to be held at R.A.F. Station Jessore at 1000 hrs 10th April 1945.
	Apr 9	F/O. Lidster, R. D. assumes duties of National Savings Officer, W.E.F. 9th April 1945.
	Apr 21st	S/Ldr. T. P. O'Brien assumes duties of Command of 357 (SD) Sqdn. W.E.F. 20th April 1945, vice W/Commander L. M. Hodges, DSO. DFC. (N/E Sick)
	Apr 29	F/Lt. F. Barlogie Aus420912 F/O. Poulton, J, assume duties as officers i/c Santola Aircrew Mess.
		Welfare
		As usual the Beer Ration evinced real joy in most hearts on the Sqd plus a few sore heads.
		Recreation
		All Football & Hockey fixtures were played with great keenness.
	Apr 6	The Music Club gave a program of Gramophone Records of (Beethoven's) "Pastoral Symphony".
	Apr 14	The "Cloak & Dagger" (P.S.I.) Canteen is branching out in special lines "Parker pen sets" to begin with.
	Apr 16	To be followed by "Vacuum Flasks & Alarm Clocks".
	Apr. 29	"Tombola" to be played this evening at 2100-2200 hrs.
	Apr. 29	The Grand Final Cup match was played today. Of course the A.E.I.'s won (from a competent commentator) of course.
		The Ensa Show "Riding-High" in the R.A.F. Canteen was received with open arms, & minds.
		Ecclesiastical

			A staff Chaplin for Jewish Personnel has been established in the Command.
			Part III Personnel
			R.A.F.
			Postings
		164774 F/O. R. R. Housby GD(?)	Posted from UK to 361 MU. Pending absorption?? to 357 Sqd. W.E.F. 31.12.44
		164804 F/O. R. D. Butler GD(N)	
		164670 F/O. B. A? Haynes GD(N)	
		156478 F/O. L. Nelson Tech/E	Posted to 357 Sqd from HQ Burma W.E.F. 15.3.45
		116726 F/Lt. G. A. Turner GD(P)	Posted to 357 Sqd 'Flight' Commander Post 29.1.45
		108042 F/Lt. E. F. French GD(N)	Posted to 357 Sqd Nav Leader Post W.E.F. 9.3.45
		46672 F/Lt. H. G. A. Scilley Tech/E	To HQ RAF Bengal/Burma W.E.F. 7.3.45
		88608 F/Lt. A/S/Ldr. K. P. Jones DFC GD(P)	To HQ ASEAC (Force 136) W.E.F. 2.3.45
		159404 F/O. P. C. Gane GD(P)	To 357 Sqd from 231 Group W.E.F. 8.4.45
		147845 F/O. A/F/Lt. J. H. Copley A&SD	To SHQ Jessore W.E.F. 6.3.45
		108042 F/Lt. E. F. French GD(N)	To 231 Group 14.3.45
		190065 P/O. B. E. Payton GD(N)	Amend posting to read 11.2.45
			Medals
		187363 P/O. F. C. Cook GS(P) W.E.F. 3.4.45	
		186420 P/O. J. M. Newbury GD(N) W.E.F. 13.4.45	
		186412 P/O. F. W. Pearce GD(?) W.E.F. 13.4.45	
		88089 F/Lt. A/S/Ldr. T. P. O'Brien GD(P) W.E.F. 24.4.45	
			The above mentioned officers were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.
			There were no Promotions this month.
			R.C.A.F.
			Postings
		J6644 F/Lt. T. R. Lee GD(P)	To 357 Sqd Flight Commander Post W.E.F. 2.3.45
		J46521 P/O. E. Sinclair GD(N)	Posted to 357 Sqn. ex UK W.E.F. 24.2.45
		J10334 F/Lt. B. G. Henson GD(P)	
		J12694 F/Lt. J. O. Blinkhorn GD(P)	
		J45823 P/O. G. A. MacKey GD(N)	
		J45944 P/O. J. A. Tarzwell GD(N)	
		J46764 P/O. R. Pomozan GD(WG)	Ex UK. W.E.F. 24.2.45
		J46787 P/O. F. B. Spence GD(WG)	Ex UK. W.E.F. 24.2.45
			Promotions
		J45768 P/O. D. A. Blad GD(N)	Promoted F/O. WEF 5.11.44
		J45210 P/O. D. M. Heller GD(N)	" " " 5.11.44
		J46064 P/O. S. V. Hillia GD(WG)	" " " 2.12.44
		J22139 F/O. J. F. Cooper GD(N)	" F/Lt. " 30.12.44
		J44512 P/O. K.M. Oddson GD(P)	" F/O. " 21.10.44
		J44392 P/O. E.H. Mercer GD(P)	" F/O. " 21.10.44
		J44466 P/O. R. F. Jorgenson GD(P)	" F/O. " 21.10.44

		J24042 F/O. W.M. Caron GD(N)	"	F/Lt.	"	19.2.45
		Causalities				
		J39146 F/O. L. S. Stockwell GD(P)	Killed whilst on active service 1.4.45			
		J44516 P/O. J. B. Millar GD(P)				
		J45945 P/O. J. N. Friesen GD(N)				
		J45989 P/O. K. M. Merriam GD(AB)				
		Decorations				
		His Majesty conferred the D.F.C. on this Officer.				
		J11769 F/Lt. K. G. Booth GD(N) 2.4.45.				
		R.A.A.F.				
		Postings				
		A.412910 F/O. E. G. Coulin GD(P)	Posted to 357 (DS) Sqdn from Ranchi W.E.F. 12.2.45.			
		A.428579 F/O. T. C. Seabrook GD(P)				
		A.409912 F/O. A. E. Graham GD(P)				
		A.422785 F/O. V. E. Willing GD(P)				
		A.427494 F/O. W. R. Anderson GD(P)				
		Promotions				
		A.409912 F/O. A. E. Graham GD(P)	Promoted to F/Lt. W.E.F. 4.12.44.			
		A.412910 F/O. E. G. Coulin GD(P)				
		Decorations				
		A.14407 F/Lt. P. W. Bonles GD(P)	Are authorised to wear the 1939-43 Star			
		A.420912 F/O. A. E. Barlogie GD(P)				
		Personnel Strength Statement				
			Officers	Airmen	Total	
		RAF	33	598	631	
		RCAF	48	28	76	
		RAAF	13	9	22	
		RNZAF	1	2	3	
					732	
		W/Command.				
		Commanding. No 357 (SD) Sqdn.				

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357 Squadron

Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
Lib VI 'U'	Can.J23275 F/O. W. J. Jackson	Barnowl II 1227N 9905E	31 1610	01 0542	Successful a/c was over target at 2236 hrs & area was recognised from mosaic. 6 agents & 4 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 1800' & agents showed lights after drop. Crew commented that D.Z. must be visited between 2215 & 2315 hrs, after which time the weather closes in. 16 Packets of nickels were dropped on Tavoy at 2201 hrs from 5000'. Weather – en route – good. at D.Z. – Low stratus – visi – 10 miles.
	Can.J44392 P/O. E. Mercer		Jessore		
	Can.J45134 P/O. G. McKelvie				
	Can.J45192 P/O. A. E. Duff				
	Can.R266024 Sgt. Bale				
	Can.R28124 Sgt. P. F. Astle				
	Can.J46053 P/O. A. G. Diggins				
	Can.J45340 P/O. J. L. Beirnes				
	Can.R77617 Sgt. T. Patterson				
Lib VI 'Q'	Can.J4115 F/L. J. D. Lamb	Satirist Lucrece? I 1622N 10520E	01 0813	01 2233	Successful. Over target at 1502 hrs after DR run from Mekong River – correct briefed reception was fund with about 30 people surrounding reception. 4 agents 8 containers & 9 packages were dropped in 3 runs & all landed on target area. Crew commented that D.Z. is excellent & with a little flattening would make a reasonable landing strip. 16 packets of nickels were dropped on Savannakhet at 1543 hrs from 6000'. At 1116 hrs in Posn. 2042N 9724E 3 possible supply dumps were sighted. Weather – en route – Hazy, cloud & rain. At DZ – Rain in area – 6000' 10/10 SCu.
	Can.J39528 F/O. M. J. McFadyen		Jessore		
	Can.J45168 F/O. D. A. Blad				
	F/O. J. Poulton				
	F/O. W. R. Birch				
	Can.J46064 P/O. S. V. Hillis				
	Can.J42510 P/O. D. Heller				
	Can.R160539 F/S. D. D. Bechthold				
	Sgt. R. P. G. Smith				
Dak IV 'J'	F/S. F. F. Bush	Character Otter 38 1846N 9704E	01 1320	01 2110	Successful. Ran straight on to the target area by map-reading at 1744 hrs. & D.Z. was recognised with 'T' of white strips & a circle on top of the 'T' as briefed. 4 containers & 30 packages were dropped
	W/O. V. Lineham		Jessore		
	F/O. J. Williamson				
	F/S. G. Fordyce				
	Sgt. I. C. Watson				

					in 7 runs from 300' A.G.L. & majority were seen to land on D.Z. The D.Z. is fair – best daylight run from S to N, but load must not overshoot as there are ravines in vicinity. Rebecca was picked up at 8500' from 10 miles distant coding 'W'. 24 packets of leaflets were dropped on Pynmana from 8000'. Weather – en route – hazy but fair. over D.Z. – good, but hazy.
Dak IV 'K'	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	Character Otter 40	01 1318	01 2115	Successful DR run was made from R. Salween & 'T' of ground strips, smoked fires & white circle were seen as briefed. 4 containers & 33 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 7500' ASL & all landed in area. DZ is not very good – hills to W & steep ravines making accurate dropping essential. 24 packets of nickels were dropped on Posn. 1922N 9505E at 1923 hrs from 10000'. Weather – en route – fine but hazy. over DZ – Very hazy – visi – 2 miles.
	Can.J45944 P/O. J. R. Tarzwell	1846N 9704E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can.J46764 P/O. R. Pomazon				
	Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 Sgt. McCartney				
Dak IV 'M'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Character Walrus 12	01 1330	01 2100	Successful. Over D.Z. at 1756 hrs & correct reception was found. 4 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 7 runs & all were seen to drop in close vicinity of 'T'. 24 packets of leaflets were dropped on Mindon at 1920 hrs. Weather – en route – very hazy. over DZ – Quite good – visi 2-5 miles.
	P/O. A. W. Cumber	1922N 9702E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can.J24042 F/O. W. H. Caron				
	Sgt. A. A. Reeves				
	Can.R281747 Sgt. T. O'Shaughnessy,				
Dak IV 'L'	Aus. 415673 P/O. P. A. Black	Character Otter 22	01 1302	01 2118	Successful. Over D.Z. at 1733 hrs after D.R. run from R. Salween with Rebecca as an additional aid. Correct reception was seen & 4 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 7 runs & all were seen to land in vicinity of reception. DZ is small & difficult for accurate dropping. 24 packets of nickels were dropped on Pynmana at 1824 hrs – 10000'. Rebecca was picked up 25 miles away from 10000' coding 'W'. Weather – en route – fine but hazy over D.Z. – thick haze.
	Can.J24346 F/O. R. G. Stothers.	1821N 9657E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. W. Allen				
	F/S. W. Richmond				
	Sgt. A. Kidd				
Lib VI 'X'	Can.J23405 F/O. A. B. Coy	Nutshell Antelope 4	01 1955	02 0535	Unsuccessful – no reception. D.R. run was made from R. Salween & area was recognised at 0009 hrs & a search was made for 1 hr. from 2-3000', but no reception was seen so sortie was abandoned. 4 packets of nickels were dropped from 6000' at 0224 hrs. 14 miles S of Prome.
	Can.J44466 P/O. R. E. Jorgensen	1648N 9810E	Jessore		
	Can.J45828 P/O. O. S. H. Campbell				
	Can.J44948 P/O. G. McGregor				

	Can.J46770 P/O. C. M. Stearns				Weather – en route – fine over D.Z. – Slight haze.
	Can.J46765 P/O. I. A. Palumbo				
	Can.R214096 Sgt. McDonald				
	Can.R284575 Sgt. A. Noble.				
	Can.R154825 Sgt. O. Despres				
Lib VI 'R'	Aus.426330 W/O. F. V. Exelby	Heavy Calf 3 2102N	01 2151	02 0625	Unsuccessful. A/c passed over R. Irrawaddy, but no definite pin point was obtained. The ground visibility over the target area which was reached at 0050 hrs was very low & no pin-points which could be relied upon were obtained, so sortie was abandoned.
	Aus.430132 F/S. G. C. Thompson	9937E	Jessore		
	NZ.415285 W/O. J. H. Boundy				
	F/S. J. A. McArthur				
	Sgt. W. G. Robertson				
	Sgt. J. Gorrie				
	Sgt. R. C. Silly				
	Sgt. L. C. Snell				
	Sgt. T. E. Lockett				
Lib VI 'P'	F/L. J. A. Powell	Nation Zebra I	01 2055	02 0555	Successful. A/C was over DZ at 0046 hrs & correct reception was seen – 't' of torches – 5 agents 6 containers & 6 packages were dropped in 4 runs & agents were seen to land on reception, but containers undershot slightly. The D.Z. is good but hill to N.W. is a local obstruction. a severe concussion was felt whilst at approx posn 1840N 9528E on return flight at 8000'. No flak or ground action was observed. 16 packets of nickels were dropped on Shwedaung at 0234 hrs 8000'. Weather – en route – hazy. over DZ – good – visi 15 miles.
	F/O. A. G. Fenwick	1845N	Jessore		
	F/S. C. C. Hood	9622E			
	F/S. M. Rosendorf				
	F/S. E. Wenham				
	F/S. Mardle				
	F/S. Tingley				
	Sgt. Williams				
	Sgt. Netherway				
Lib VI 'S'	Can.J22963 F/L. J. A. King	Nation Jackal I	01 2120	02 0730	Successful. Commenced searching for the area at 0115 hrs & made runs from R. Salween using R. Sittang as a check point at W end of DR run. Correct reception was found at 0200 hrs & 5 agents 6 containers & 8 packages were dropped in 5 runs from 700' A.G.L. & were seen to drop in area. The DZ is very good. 16 packets of nickels were dropped in Posn 1830N 9505E at 0030 hrs. – 6000'. Weather – en route – fine but hazy.
	Can.J44512 P/O. K. M. Oddson ²³	1845N 9622E	Jessore		
	Can.J45967 P/O. W. E. Stevens				
	Can.J45844 P/O. D. K. Jordan				
	Can.J45035 P/O. R. W. Sanderson				
	Can.J45936 P/O. H. F. Wagner				

	Can.R267113 Sgt. R. K. Saunders				over DZ – Hazy – visi 2-3 miles.
	Can.R116324 Sgt. J. E. Johnson				
	Can.R256795 Sgt. R. G. Tingley				
Dak IV 'G'	F/O. W. Kindred	Ramrose Rhino 6	01 2102	02 0437	Successful. DR run was made from pin-point on Baronga Island using map reading as additional aid. Arrived at D.Z. at 0050 & found correct reception – 'T' of torches & flashing 'D'. 4 containers & 16 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 600' AGL. – some possibly overshoot – others in area. Best run is S to N. Weather- en route – scattered Cu 2-3000' 5/10ths. over D.Z. – Hazy.
	F/O. K. C. Williams	2016N	Jessore		
	F/O. G. H. Lawrence	9428E			
	W/O. R. Daghish				
	Sgt. J. A. Green				
Dak IV 'O'	S/L. T. P. O'Brien	Character Mongoose 9	01 204?7	02 0505	Successful. 2 D.R. runs were made from R. Salween, reception being found on the 2nd attempt at 0025 hrs – 'T' of torches with flashing 'C'. 4 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 500' A.G.L. the D.Z. is on the side of a hill, about 3800' ASL. A quick pull out is necessary as DZ is very small. 24 packets of nickels were dropped in Posn 1845N 9500E at 2258 hrs – 7000'. Weather – en route – fine but hazy. over D.Z. – hazy – visi 3 miles.
	F/O. Stevens	1810N	Cox's Bazaar	Jessore	
	W/O. J. H. Middleton				
	Sgt. R. T. Wright				
	Sgt. F. H. Burley				
Dak IV 'D'	Sgt. R. A. Jones	Character Otter 23	01 1330	01 2135	Successful. DR run was made from Inle Lake & correct reception was found at 1810 hrs. – 'T' of white strips & smoked fires. 4 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 1100 AGL, & fell on or near DZ. The only dropping run is from S to N due to ravines in the area. Weather – en route – fine but hazy over D.Z. – good.
	F/S. R. M. Herdman	1920N	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Sgt. R. B. Guest	9657E			
	Sgt. D. C. Oram				
	Sgt. R. A. Hunt				
Lib VI KH?253	W/O. S. H. Seed	Character Mongoose 4	01 2110	02 0610	Unsuccessful – no reception. D.R. run was made from R. Sittang & flew on to area at 0100 hrs & saw 3 lights in line with 4th light offset. Flashing letter was also seen, but was unreadable. This was not considered correct reception & after further search, sortie was abandoned. 16 packets of nickels were dropped on Shwedaung at 0250 hrs – 7000'. Weather – hazy but fine.
	F/S. W. J. V. Surrage	1810N	Jessore		
	P/O. M. V. Dowse	9710E			
	Sgt. B. Elstub				
	Sgt. R. C. Harrell				
	Sgt. J. Archer				
	Sgt. W. E. Luck				
	Sgt. A. Archibald				
	Sgt. W. L. Knowles				

²³ Spelt "Addson" in March records?

Dak IV 'L'	F/O. C. H. Egerton-Eves	Conifer 2 1731N 9610E	02 2142	03 0529	Unsuccessful. Owing to cloud & thick ground haze a/c was unable to locate final pin-point on R. Irrawaddy before D.Z. Not one pin-point was obtained from time a/c left Cox's Bazaar until return to Base. Sortie was abandoned at 0111 hrs Posn. 1801N 9602E.
	Can.J27477 F/O. W. B. Arnold		Cox's Bazaar	Jessore	
	F/S. J. Biggin				
	Sgt. A. F. Calder				
	W/O. G. C. Longbottom				
Dak IV 'J'	F/S. F. F. Bush	Character Ferret 6 1913N 9700E	03 1315	03 2050	Unsuccessful. Pin-point was obtained on Inle Lake, where visi was low but satisfactory. When approx 10 miles from target 10/10ths St & low valley mist completely obscured ground detail, so sortie was abandoned at 1727 hrs. 16 packets of nickels were dropped between Yadashe – Baundok – Toungoo from 7000'.
	W/O. V. Lineham		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/O. J Williamson				
	F/S. G. Fordyce				
	Sgt. I. C. Watson				
Dak IV 'L'	Can.R131090 W/O. H. W. Smith	Character Otter 24 1846N 9704E	03 1300	03 2115	Unsuccessful. During whole flight thick haze was encountered completely obscuring ground detail. DZ was reached on E.T.A. at 1751 hrs. but no reception was seen in spite of search of ½ hr. Crew commented that T.O.T. was set too late as the sun was setting & even if a/c had found reception dropping would have had to be made in complete darkness. 20 packets of nickels were dropped in Posn. 1855N 9645E at 1830 hrs. Slight 'blip' was picked up on Rebecca after leaving area.
	Can.J46521 P/O. R. Sinclair		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. D. J. Howkins				
	Sgt. J. Hatton				
	Can.R170451 W/O. W. R. Woodward				
	Can.R283336 Sgt. E. Shalla				
Dak IV 'M'	Aus421792 P/O. T. A. Collister	Character Otter 39 1846N 9704E	03 1300	03 2100	Successful. 9 mile D.R. run was made from R. Salween & D.Z. was recognised at 1748 hrs by local features. Rebecca was used as an additional aid. Correct reception was seen – T of ground strips with a circle at the head & flashing 'W'. 4 containers & 33 packages were dropped in 10 runs from 500' A.G.L. & all landed in target area. The D.Z. is very small & dropping accurately is difficult. Weather – en route – fair but hazy. over D.Z. – 10/10 ths St at 8000' & ground haze.
	F/S. L. Elliott		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. G. Thompson				
	F/S. W. M. McCormack				
Lib VI 'R'	Can.J6644 F/L. T. H. Lee	Character Hyena 34 1828N 9656E	03 1332	03 2254	Successful. Two D.R. runs were made from Pyu & DZ was reached at 1715 hrs. No reception was seen. Rebecca was picked up at 1806 hrs from 26 miles distant & homing on this correct reception of T of panels with circle & flashing 'W'
	Can.J44365 P/O. A. G. Houghan		Jessore		
	Can.J16004 F/L. Alverston				

	Can.R.187174 W/O. E. P. Zimmerman				was found in Posn. 1843N 9704E. 11 containers & 5 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 7500' ASL & all were seen to drop within area. 12 packets of nickels were dropped on Kenyutkwyn at 1852 hrs – 6000'. Weather – en route – St. Cu. over sea, haze in valleys. over D.Z. – 6/10 ACu at 7000' – visi 4 miles.
	Can.J44160 F/O. J. Tyson				
	Can.J49494 F/O. W. Parslow				
	Sgt. T. H. Goodman				
	Can.J45070 P/O. H. Walling				
	Sgt. T. W. Alder				
Lib VI 'P'	W/Com. L. M. Hodges	Character Hyena 36	03 1330	03 2200	Unsuccessful – no reception. A D.R. run was made from R. Salween & DZ was reached at 1700 hrs. Despite 1 hr. search no reception was seen, although D.Z. was definitely identified, & sortie was abandoned. 3 packets of nickels dropped on Paungzeik at 1830 hrs. & 9 packets 20 miles S. of Toungoo at 1835 hrs. 6 bursts of heavy flak was encountered from Shandan at 1620 hrs – accurate for ht, but at least 100 yds to Port. Weather – en route – cloudy. over D.Z. – clear but hazy.
	Aus.413286 F/O. H. Seale	1828N 9656E	Jessore		
	F/S. P. Stevenson				
	F/L. L. G. A. Reed				
	Aus.418600 F/O. K. Buchanan				
	F/O. A. A. Morley				
	F/S. W. Farish				
	Sgt. A. E. Bird				
Lib VI 'X'	Aus.426330 W/O. F. V. Exelby	Character Hyena 38	03 1555	03 2245	Unsuccessful – no reception. A/C was over D.Z. from 1730 to 1848 hrs & it was definitely identified but no reception was seen so sortie was abandoned. Weather – en route – Cloudy. at D.Z. – hazy.
	Aus.430132 F/S. G. C. Thompson	1828N 9656E	Jessore		
	F/S. J. A. McArthur				
	NZ.415285 W/O. J. H. Boundy				
	Sgt. L. C. Snell				
	Sgt. T. E. Lockett				
	Sgt. W. G. Robertson				
	Sgt. J. Gorrie				
	Sgt. R. C. Silly				
Dak IV 'O'	F/O. C. H. Egerton- Eves	Pick-up for 'Op'	04 0600	04 2313	Unsuccessful – nor reception. Airborne Jessore 0600 – load 10 containers & 8 packages. 0931 landed Myitkina – refuelled & airborne Myitkina 1007. At 1342 D.R. run was made from river & D.Z. was identified by local features. However there was no sign of life whatever at Dein Bein Phu & the town
	Can.J27477 F/O. W. B. Arnold	Opponent	Jessore		
	W/O. G. C. Longbottom				
	F/S. J. Biggin				
	Sgt. A. F. Calder				

					was completely deserted. Two of the huts on the W side of the airstrip appeared to be freshly burned down. Certainly no T of fires was seen so a/c left Dein Bein Phu at 1409 hrs. & after staging at Myitkina once more landed Base at 2313 hrs. Weather – en route – hazy & Cb build-up at D.Z. – Very hazy.
Dak IV 'D'	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	Nation Weasel 7	03 2152	04 0640	Successful. A/C first reach Prim. D.Z. at 0153 hrs, but no reception was seen, then ran into secondary DZ but again – no reception. Finally a/c returned to Prim. D.Z. which was reached at 0320 hrs & after a few minutes – T of torches & flashing 'M' was seen as briefed. 4 containers & 24 packages were dropped in 6 runs from 600' AGL & all were seen on DZ. D.Z. is small & unsuitable for non-moon drops. 24 packets of leaflets were dropped in Posn. 1911N 9512E at 0413 hrs. Weather – en route – Scattered Cu. base 6000'. at D.Z. – 10/10 St. base 1500'. Visi 3-4 miles.
	Can.J45944 P/O. J. R. Tarzwell	Prim. 1827N 9618E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can.J46764 P/O. R. Pomazon	Second 1845N 9622E			
	Can.R281616 Sgt. McCartney				
	Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				
	Can.J24042 F/O. W. H. Caron				
Dak IV 'A'	S/L. T. P. O'Brien	Nutshell Antelope 4	03 2105	04 0703	Unsuccessful – weather over target. D.R. run was made from R. Sittang & target area was reached at 0142 hrs. Search was made, but no reception could be seen through cloud, so sortie was abandoned at 0203 hrs. 16 packets of nickels were dropped in Posn 1746N 9635E at 0250 hrs – 7000'. Weather – en route – hazy & patches of cloud. at D.Z. – 9/10 SCu at 4000'.
	W/O. J. H. Middleton	1648N 9801E	Jessore		
	Can.J45823 P/O. G. A. Mackey				
	Sgt. R. T. Wright				
	Sgt. F. H. Burley				
Lib VI 'V'	F/L. G. Smith	Nation Panda	03 2200	04 0708	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 0142 hrs & 'T' of torches & long flashes by aldis as briefed were seen. 5 agents, 7 containers & 7 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 700' – 800' AGL. The DZ is very good – suitable for non-moon drops. 16 packets of nickels were dropped on Kungyungon at 0245 hrs – 2000'. Weather – en route – slight haze. at D.Z. – slight haze – visi. 10 miles.
	F/S. R. F. Taylor	1623N 9549E			
	F/S. C. S. Smith				
	F/S. J. Tate				
	Sgt. Mackie				
	F/S. H. H. Smith				
	F/S. L. J. Powel				
	F/S. W. Parry				
	Can.J45348 F/O. W. O. McDougald				
Lib VI 'Z'	F/L. J. A. Powell	Heavy Calf 3	03 2137	04 0735	Unsuccessful. Ground detail completely obscured by mist & low cloud & no pin-points were obtained from Coast to target area & back. Sortie was abandoned at 0401 hrs.
	F/O. A. G. Fenwick	2102N 9937E	Jessore		
	F/S. C. C. Hood				
	F/S. M. Rosendorf				
	F/S. F. Osbon				

	F/S. Mardle				
	Sgt. Netherway				
	Sgt. J. Williams				
Lib VI 'X'	Can.J22963 F/L. J. A. King	Burglar Hippo 8	03 2310	04 0610	Successful. D.R. run was made from R. Irrawaddy & D.Z. was found at 0205 hrs. with correct reception of 'T' of fires & flashing 'Z'. 11 containers & 5 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 800' AGL & all were within area. D.Z. is very small & necessitated 3 runs. 16 packets of nickels were dropped on Posn. 1917N 9502E at 2252 hrs. from 2500'. Weather – en route – slight haze – low St. over coast. at D.Z. – slight haze – no cloud.
	Can.J44512 P/O. K. M. Oddson	1933N 9548E	Jessore		
	Can.J45967 P/O. W. E. Stevens				
	Can.J45844 P/O. D. K. Jordan				
	Can.J45035 P/O. R. O. K. Sanderson				
	Can.J45936 P/O. H. F. Wagner				
	Can.R256795 Sgt. R. G. Tingley				
	Can.R267113 Sgt. R. O. Saunders				
	Can.R116324 Sgt. J. E. Johnson				
Dak IV 'L'	F/O. W. Kindred	Bloodhound	04 1327	04 2137	Successful. DR run was made from R. Salween & on reaching D.Z. at 1716 hrs. reception of 3 red & 2 green flares were found in shape of 'T' as briefed. 13 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 700' AGL. & all were within area. D.Z. is good for day drops only. E. side is a sandy slope & on the W. side is a sheer drop. Weather – en route – very hazy. at DZ. – good.
	F/O. K. C. Williams		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/O. G. H. Lawrence				
	P/O. S. F. Dove				
	Sgt. J. A. Green				
Dak IV 'G'	Aus. 415673 P/O. P. A. Black	Conifer 2	05 0055	05 0859	Successful. DR run was made from R. Irrawaddy & target was reached at 0406 hrs where correct reception of 'T' of fires was seen. 17 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 400' AGL & all were seen to fall in area. The DZ is very small – but there are no local snags. 24 packets of leaflets were dropped between Thonze & Tharawaddy at 0435 hrs – 5000'. Weather – en route – SCu & Cu. at D.Z. – clear although St at 4000' in vicinity.
	Can.J24346 F/O. R. G. Stothers.	1731N 9610E	Cox's Bazaar	Jessore	
	F/S. W. Allen				
	F/S. W. Richmond				
	Sgt. A. Kidd				
Dak IV 'F'	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	Heavy Wolf Red 1	06 1050	06 2005	Successful. D.R. run was made from R. Salween & D.Z. was reached at 1526 hrs & correct reception of 'T' of ground strips was seen. 3 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 600' AGL & landed on target area. D.Z. is fair & steep
	Can.J45944 P/O. J. R. Tarzwell	2203N 9956E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can.J46764 P/O. R. Pomazon				

	Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				climb necessary. 24 packets of nickels dropped in Posn 2155N 9750E at 1654 hrs – 9000'. Weather – en route – Cu & Cb build up. at D.Z. – good – visi 10 miles.
	Can.R281616 Sgt. McCartney				
Lib VI 'X'	F/L. G. Smith	Character Walrus 21 1933N 9700E	06 1412	06 2120	Successful. D.R. run was made from Inle Lake & reception of triangle of fires & N? of ground strips was seen at DZ at 1717 hrs 11 containers & 5 packages were dropped in 1 run from 700' AGL & all landed in area. DZ is only fair for Liberators & no good for night drops. 1834 hrs H.A.A. encountered on dropping 16 packets of leaflets on Yenang Yaung. 9 bursts accurate for ht. from 6 gun positions. Weather – en route – rainy, occasional storms. at D.Z. – hazy but fair.
	F/S. R. F. Taylor		Jessore		
	F/S. C. S. Smith				
	F/S. J. Tate				
	Sgt. Mackie				
	Can.J45348 F/O. W. O. McDougald				
	F/S. L. J. Powel				
	F/S. W. Parry				
	F/S. H. H. Smith				
Lib VI 'P'	Can.J22963 F/L. J. A. King	Bazaar 161 1952N 10313E	06 1039	06 2205	
	Can.J44512 P/O. K. M. Oddson		Jessore		
	Can.J45844 P/O. D. K. Jordan				
	Can.J45967 P/O. W. E. Stevens				
	Can.J45035 P/O. R. W. Sanderson				
	Can.J45936 P/O. H. F. Wagner				
	Can.R116324 Sgt. J. E. Johnson				
	Can.R267113 Sgt. R. O. Saunders				
	Can.R256795 Sgt. R. B. Tingley				
Lib VI 'Z'	Aus.426330 W/O. F. V. Exelby	Bazaar 199 1827N 10348E	06 0920	06 2000	Unsuccessful. A pin-point was obtained at 1315 hrs at 1952N 10106E. A/C S/C DZ. but turned back at 1338 hrs when over 10/10 Cu at 14000'. At 1409 hrs turned S at posn 1953N 10045E to attempt to fly round cloud bank, but by 1454 hrs when D.R. posn was near Vientaine, it was decided to turn back as there was 10/10 Bu & Cb ahead. Reached R. Salween at 2044N 9636E. flew W & landed at Cox's Bazaar due to fuel shortage.
	Aus.430132 F/S. G. C. Thompson		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	NZ.415285 W/O. J. H. Boundy				
	F/S. J. A. MacArthur				
	Sgt. R. C. Silly				
	Sgt. W. G. Robertson				
	Sgt. T. E. Lockett				
	Sgt. L. C. Snell				
	Sgt. J. Gorrie				

Dak IV 'D'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Heavy Wolf 12 2159N 9919E	06 1217	06 2037	Successful D.R. was made from R. Salween & Rebecca was picked up 8 miles from D.Z. & homed on that. Correct reception of T of ground strips was seen & 4 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 8 runs from 6-800' AGL & all landed on target area. D.Z. is very good with no local snags. 24 packets of nickels were dropped on Posn. 2207N 9801E at 1729 hrs. from 8000'. Weather – en route – 8/10 Cu at 7-25000' at D.Z. – No haze – or cloud – visi. 10 miles.
	P/O. A. W. Cumber		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can.J24042 F/O. W. H. Caron				
	F/S. R. T. Wright				
	Can.R281747 Sgt. T. O'Shaughnessy,				
Dak IV 'O'	Aus421792 P/O. T. A. Collister	Character Ferret 6 1920N 9657E	06 1145	06 2010	Successful. Two pin points were obtained on Inle Lake & two D.R. runs were made to the D.Z. but each time was unable to get through a storm to N of target so finally pin-pointed at 1911N 9721E & flew up to D.Z. from there. Descended through break in cloud over valley in which D.Z. was situated & found U of panels & 3 smoked fires as briefed. 4 containers 7 30 packages were dropped in 8 runs from 5-800' AGL & all landed in D.Z. area. D.Z. is suitable for daylight drops by Dakotas only. Weather – en route – stormy – Cu & Cb in layers up to 18000'. at D.Z. – Cloud breaking up as a/c arrived – visi 15 miles.
	F/S. L. Elliott		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. G. Thompson				
	F/S. W. M. McCormack				
	Sgt. P. U. Lloyd				
Dak IV 'B'	Sgt. R. A. Jones	Character Walrus 20 1933N 9700E	06 1300	06 2035	Successful. D.Z. was reached at 1653 hrs & correct reception of N in white strips inside Δ of 3 fires was seen. 4 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 5 runs from 4800' ASL & fell in area. D.Z. is very small. 24 packets of nickels were dropped on posns. 2040N 9642E, 2040N 9638E, 1756N-1800N, from 8000'. Weather – en route – Cu over Chins at D.Z. – Rain, hail, 10/10 Cu base 8000'.
	F/S. R. M. Herdman		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Sgt. R. A. Hunt				
	Sgt. R. B. Guest				
	Sgt. D. C. Oram				
Dak IV 'G'	Can.J12694 F/L. J. G. Blinkhorn	Heavy Wolf 11 2159N 9919E	07 1220	07 2135	Successful. D.Z. was reached at 1700 hrs & correct reception of T of ground strips was seen. 11 agents, 4 containers & 12 packages were dropped in 6 runs from 5400' ASL. D.Z. is good – no local snags. 24 packets of nickels were dropped on Manzan at 1820 – 9000'. Weather – en route – 8-9/10 Cu 5-20,000'. A/C returned at 19000' but was still below cloud base. at D.Z. – good – visi 5-8 miles.
	Can.J45823 P/O. G. A. Mackey		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can.J46787 P/O. F. B. Spence				
	Can.R270837 Sgt. A. O. Dahlin				
	W/O. W. Learwood				

Dak IV 'J'	F/S. F. F. Bush	Character Ferret 7 1920N 9657E	07 1145	07 1825	Unsuccessful. Ground was obscured over D.Z. at 1538 hrs so sortie was abandoned. 24 packets of nickels were dropped on Yamekin area at 1624 hrs – 6000'. A/C landed at forward landing grounds due to fuel shortage. Weather – en route – Cu tops 15-16000'. at D.Z. – CuNim base 8000' – Visi nil.
	W/O. V. Lineham		Jessore	Shwebo	
	F/O. J. Williamson		08 0850	08 0925	
	F/S. G. Fordyce		Shwebo	Amdan	
	Sgt. I. C. Watson		08 1105	08 1430	
			Amdan	Jessore	
Lib VI 'W'	Can.J23275 F/O. W. J. Jackson	Nation Chimp 2010N 9600E	09 0700	09 1336	Successful. Flare lit up as a/c reached D.Z. at 1007 hrs. 5 agents, 8 containers & 6 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 16-1700' ASL. D.Z. is very good – no local snags but there are towns in vicinity from which S.D. Operations can be observed. Weather – en route – 10/10 SCu over Chins. at D.Z. – slight haze.
	Can.J44392 P/O. E. Mercer		Jessore		
	Can.J45134 P/O. G. F. McKelvie				
	Can.J45192 P/O. A. E. Duff				
	Can.J46053 P/O. A. G. Diggins				
	Can.R77617 Sgt. T. Patterson				
	Can.J45340 P/O. J. L. Beirnes				
	Can.R266024 Sgt. Bale				
	Can.R28124 Sgt. P. F. Astle				
Lib VI 'X'	F/L. J. A. Powell	Character Ferret 12 1920N 9657E	09 1359	09 2201	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 1751 hrs but no reception was seen, returned a little later & box of 4 fires was being lit by ground party. Each time a/c passed over a different type of reception was seen, but Captain decided to drop & 2 agents, 11 containers & 2 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 12-1300' AGL. D.Z. is on side of a ill. Weather en route – good. at D.Z. – hazy – visi 5 miles.
	F/L. Clarke		Jessore		
	F/O. Gane				
	F/S. C. C. Hood				
	F/S. M. Rosendorf				
	F/S. F. Osbon				
	Sgt. J. Williams				
	F/S. Mardle				
	Sgt. Netherway				
Lib VI 'P'	W/O. S. H. Seed	Character Mongoose 12 1756N 9715E	09 1325	09 2235	Successful. D.Z. was reached at 1750 hrs. & correct reception of 'H' of panels & smoked fires were seen. 2 agents, 11 Containers & 3 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 1200-1600 ft. A.S.L. Agents & 2 containers landed in trees to side of D.Z. D.Z. is fair, but unsuitable for moon drops – very difficult for Libs. 18 packets of nickels dropped on Papun at 1825 hrs – 8000'. Weather – en route – fair. over D.Z. – hazy – visi low.
	F/S. W. J. V. Surrage		Jessore		
	P/O. M. V. Dowse				
	F/S. B. Elstub				
	Sgt. R. C. H. Harrell				
	Sgt. J. Archer				
	Sgt. A. Archibald				
	Sgt. W. E. Luck				
	Sgt. W. L. Knowles				
Lib VI 'N'	W/Com. L. M. Hodges	Satirist Drogenes? 2	09 1000	09 2215	Unsuccessful. D.Z. was reached at 1500 hrs but 10/10 St over area so flew further

	Aus.413286 F/O. H. Seale	2111N 10453E	Jessore		E but no breaks in clud were seen so sortie was abandoned. Cloud tops 5,000' & only hill tops visible. Visi 5 miles. approx 2/3 of Dein Bein Phu was observed to be burnt out.
	F/O. A. A. Morley				
	F/L. L. G. A. Reed				
	F/S. W. Farish				
	F/S. P. Stevenson				
	Sgt. A. E. Bird				
Dak VI 'G'	F/S. F. F. Bush	Character Walrus 25 1933N 9700E	09 1145	09 1940	Successful. A/c was over D.Z. at 1531 hrs & correct reception of Δ of panels & smoke fires was seen. 4 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 4-5000' ASL. The D.Z. is a paddy field with surrounding hills almost vertical. 5 packets of nickels were dropped on Paraligza, Myaurgen, Pyaubye, & Shanyaun respectively. At Shanyaun, 70 vehicles on the road stopped on a/c's approach – heading N. Weather – en route – good over D.Z. – clear & good.
	W/O. V. Lineham		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/O. J. Williamson				
	F/S. G. Fordyce				
	Sgt. I. C. Watson				
Dak IV 'K'	Can.R131090 W/O. H. W. Smith	Character Ferret 7 1920N 9657E	09 1204	09 2025	Unsuccessful – no reception. A/c was over D.Z. at 1622 hrs & a complete search was made for 1 hr, but no reception was seen so sortie was abandoned. 24 packets of leaflets were dropped on Posn. 1917N 9619E at 1741 hrs – 10000'. Weather – en route – 5/10 SCu in patches. at DZ – hazy – visi 10 miles.
	Can.J46521 P/O. R. Sinclair		Jessore		
	F/S. D. J. Howkins				
	Can.R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodward				
	Can.R283336 Sgt. E. Shalla				
Dak VI 'B'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Character Otter 24 1846N 9704E	09 1129	09 1904	Successful. A/c was over D.Z. at 1547 hrs & correct reception of T of panels was seen. 4 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 8 runs from 400 –600' AGL. DZ is fair being surrounded by trees. Rebecca was picked up at 8900' 10 miles from D.Z. Weather – en route – fair – 4/10 Cu at 10-14000'. at D.Z. – fine, but 3/5/10 Cu at 8000' built up as time progressed.
	P/O. A. W. Cumber		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can.J24042 F/O. W. H. Caron				
	Sgt. A. A. Reeves				
	Can.R281747 Sgt. T. O'Shaughnessy,				
Dak IV 'M'	Can.J12694 F/L. J. G. Blinkhorn	Character Otter 30 1846N 9704E	09 1147	09 2023	Successful. D.R. run was made from R. Salween & Rebecca was picked up 25 miles away but was screened by the hills during approach to the target. DZ was reached at 1605 hrs & correct reception of 'T' of panels was seen 4 containers, & 34 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 500' AGL. The DZ is fair. 24 packets of nickels were dropped on Posn 2045N 9615E between 1720 & 1740 hrs. –
	Can.J45823 P/O. G. A. Mackey		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can.J46787 P/O. F. B. Spence				
	Can.R270837 Sgt. A. O. Dahlin				

	Sgt. R. I. Wellings				4000'. Weather – en route – fine, but hazy. at D.Z. – fine on arrival, cloud building up during drop.
Dak IV 'H'	F/O. C. H. Egerton- Eves	Character Hyena 32	09 1315	09 2320	Successful. Aided by Rebecca which was picked up at 9000' from 15 miles, D.Z. was reached at 1749 hrs. Correct reception was waiting – T of panels. 7 agents, & 16 packages were dropped in 8 runs. D.Z. is fair. It was noticed that Mongpai bridge was broken. Weather – en route – fair over DZ – hazy – visi 5 miles.
	Can.J27477 F/O. W. B. Arnold	1828N 9650E	Jessore		
	W/O. G. C. Longbottom				
	F/S. J. Biggin				
	Sgt. A. F. Calder				
Dak IV 'L'	F/O. W. Kindred	Levert I	09 1225	09 2105	Successful. A/C was over DZ at 1640 hrs & it was definitely identified. Blind drop was made of 12 agents & 10 packages in 7 runs from 6-700' AGL. D.Z. is very small surrounded by high trees – no local snags. 10 Packets of nickels on 1925N 9617E & 12 on 1918N 9505E from 500'. Weather – en route – fair. at D.Z. – good – visi 10 miles.
	F/O. K. C. Williams	1924N 9624E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/O. G. H. Lawrence				
	F/O. S. F. Dove				
	Sgt. J. A. Green				
Dak IV 'F'	Aus. 415673 P/O. P. A. Black	Peacock I	09 1208	09 2033	Unsuccessful – unsuitable area. D.Z. was identified at 1652 hrs. by the mosaic. It was to have been a blind drop of 8 agents & 7 packages, but as there was much activity in the area, with buildings in the vicinity & some actually on the DZ., captain decided that dropping would not be safe & S/C Base at 1722 hrs. 14 packets of nickels were dropped on Hsamonghk at 1522 hrs from 8000' & 10 on Pyu at 1730 hrs. At 1804 in Posn. 1840N 9511E at 6500' – A.A. was experienced – accurate for ht., but direction bad. Weather – en route – fair. at D.Z. – fair, visi 8-10 miles.
	Can.J24346 F/O. R. G. Stothers.	1835N 9642E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. W. Allen				
	F/S. W. Richmond				
	Sgt. A. Kidd				
Lib VI 'Z'	Aus.426330 W/O. F. V. Exelby	Multiple Harp I	09 0650	10 0255	Successful. D.R. run was made from Jelai River on to D.Z. where reception of 'C' Type was recognised at 1632 hrs. 4 agents, 5 containers & 5 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 700' AGL. D.Z. is very small, but best runs are E/W or N/S. Trees surround area. 10 Packets of nickels were dropped in Posn. Kuala Lipis at 1621 hrs. – 3500'. Weather – en route – fair. over D.Z. – Cu closing in all round D.Z.
	Can J4115 F/L. J. D. Lamb	0425N 10144E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can.J45168 P/O. D. A. Blad				
	NZ.415285 W/O. J. H. Boundy				
	F/S. J. A. McArthur				
	Sgt. W. G. Robertson				
	Sgt. L. C. Snell				
	Sgt. J. Gorrie				

	Sgt. T. E. Lockett				
	Sgt. R. C. Silly				
Lib VI 'V'	Can.J22963 F/L. J. A. King	Multiple Harp 2 0425N 10144E	09 0655	10 0300	Successful. D.Z. was reached at 1636 hrs. & correct reception of 'C' Type was found waiting. 5 agents, 4 containers & 5 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 5-700' AGL. D.Z. is a very small area surrounded by trees. 12 packets of nickels were dropped on Alor Star from 2500' at 1751 hrs. A small launch N of Puket Island was passed over at 500' & a person on the launch fired at a/c with a rifle & hit it – nil casualties. Weather – en route – fair – scattered Cu. at D.Z. – 5/10 Cu at 7000'.
	Can.J44512 P/O. K. M. Oddson		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can.J45967 P/O. W. E. Stevens				
	Can.J45844 P/O. D. K. Jordan				
	Can.J45035 P/O. R. W. Sanderson				
	Can.J45936 P/O. H. F. Wagner				
	Can.R116324 Sgt. J. E. Johnson				
	Can.R256795 Sgt. R. G. Tingley				
	Can.R267113 Sgt. R. O. K. Saunders				
Lib VI 'S'	W/O. S. H. Seed	Character Walrus 28 ²⁴	12 1200	12 2000	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 1552 hrs. & reception of triangle of panels was recognised as briefed. 11 Containers & 5 packages were dropped in 1 run from 800' AGL. Rebecca was picked up at 7000' from 8 miles distant. D.Z. is fair – hills all round. Weather – en route – scattered storms. at D.Z. – fair, but storms in vicinity. Visi – 10 miles.
	F/S. W. J. Surrage		Jessore		
	F/O. M. V. Dowse				
	F/S. B. Elstub				
	Sgt. R. C. Harrell				
	Sgt. J. Archer				
	Sgt. A. Archibald				
	Sgt. W. E. Luck				
	Sgt. W. L. Knowles				
Lib VI 'X'	Aus.426330 W/O. F. V. Exelby	Character Walrus 29 1920N 9657E	12 1154	12 1759	Unsuccessful. Turned back & abandoned sortie whilst just E of Taungup owing to oil leak in No. 2 Engine. The containers were jettisoned on local DZ before dropping, in order to reduce all up landing weight. Weather – en route – fair – scattered storms over the sea & apparent front over land behind Akyab & Cox's Bazaar.
	Aus.430132 F/S. G. C. Thompson		Jessore		
	NZ.415285 W/O. J. H. Boundy				
	F/S. J. A. McArthur				
	Sgt. R. C. Silly				
	Sgt. L. C. Snell				
	Sgt. W. G. Robertson				
	Sgt. J. Gorrie				
	Sgt. T. E. Lockett				
Lib VI 'V'	Can.J23405 F/O. A. B. Coy	Character Walrus 30 1290N 9657E	12 1307	12 2147	Successful. D.Z. was reached at 1706 hrs. & correct reception of Δ of panels was seen. 3 agents, 11 containers & 4 packages were dropped in 2 runs from
	Can.J44466 P/O. R. E. Jorgensen		Jessore		

²⁴ No coordinates given in record.

	Can.J45828 P/O. O. S. Campbell				4800' ASL. Weather – en route – 3-6/10 Cu 6-15000'. at D.Z. – 5-6/10 SCu. base 6500' visibility excellent.
	Can.J44948 P/O. G. McGregor				
	Can.J46770 P/O. C. M. Stearnes				
	Can.R214096 Sgt. McDonald				
	Can.R154825 Sgt. O. Despres				
	Can.J46765 P/O. I. A. Palumbo				
	Can.R284575 Sgt. A. Noble.				
Lib VI 'N'	Can.J6644 F/L. T. H. Lee	Character Ferret 15 1920N 9657E	12 1301	12 2113	Successful. D.R. run was made from R. Salween & DZ was reached at 1706 hrs. Correct reception of Δ of fires & N of ground strips was waiting. 11 Containers & 3 packages were dropped in 1 run from 700' AGL. The D.Z. is very fair for daylight drops but would be tricky for night work. 16 packets of nickels were dropped in Posn 1957N 9502E at 1810 hrs – 6000'.
	Can.J44365 P/O. A. G. Houghan		Jessore		
	Can.J16004 F/L. J. Alverston				
	Can.J44160 F/O. J. Tyson				
	F/O. M. Reilly				
	Can.J49494 F/O. W. Parslow				
	Can.R.187174 W/O. E. P. Zimmerman				
	Sgt. T. W. Alder				
	Sgt. T. H. Goodman				
Dak IV 'O'	Sgt. R. A. Jones	Bloodhound 2237N 9923E	12 1355	12 1715	Unsuccessful. Sortie was abandoned & a/c turned back at Posn 2230N 9130E because of Weather – 10/10 Cu 11500-17000 – 6-8/10 SCu hill tops 10,000' – 10/10 CuNim up to 25000' stretching for 2-300 miles.
	Sgt. R. M. Herdman		Jessore		
	Sgt. R. A. Hunt				
	Sgt. R. B. Guest				
	Sgt. D. C. Oram				
Dak IV 'D'	F/O. W. Kindred	Character Walrus 16 1920N 9657E	12 1150	12 1538	Unsuccessful. A/C turned back at posn. 2300N 9300E owing to towering Cu up to 25000'. No W/T contact with ground was possible owing to static, except one message. A/C climbed to 16000' but even at that height was nowhere near to top of cloud.
	F/O. K. C. Williams		Jessore		
	F/O. S. F. Dove				
	F/O. G. H. Lawrence				
	Sgt. J. A. Green				
Dak IV 'K'	Can.J12694 F/L. J. G. Blinkhorn	Character Walrus 26 1920N 9657E	12 1145	12 1920	Successful. D.R. run was made from Inle Lake & Rebecca, which was picked up 11 miles away, was homed on, reaching D.Z. at 1550 hrs. Correct reception of Δ
	Can.J45823 P/O. G. A. Mackey		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	

	Can.J46787 P/O. F. B. Spence				of fires & panels was seen & 33 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 5-600' AGL. D.Z. is good with no local snags, but non-moon would be tricky.
	Can.R270837 Sgt. A. O. Dahlin				Weather – en route – bad – storms from chins to Irrawaddy.
	Sgt. R. E? Wellings				at D.Z. – fair – scattered Cu.
Dak IV 'M'	Aus421792 P/O. T. A. Collister	Character Ferret 7	12 1207	12 1920	Successful. D.Z. was reached at 1608 hrs & correct reception of Δ of panels & smoke fires was recognised. 4 containers & 31 packages were dropped in 6 runs from 400' AGL. Rebecca was picked up 6 miles away. 24 packets of nickels were dropped on Thawatta at 1655 hrs. – 7000'. Weather – en route – a little cloudy. at D.Z. – 3/10 Cu. base 7000' – visi – excellent.
	F/S. L. Elliott	1920N 9657E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. G. Thompson				
	F/S. W. M. McCormack				
	Sgt. P. U. Lloyd				
Dak IV 'L'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Character Otter 41 1846N 9704E	12 1143	12 1503	Unsuccessful. A/C reached 96°E, but by that time the weather grew completely impassable. Flew below the cloud base over the Chins, but E of there the cloud was Cb for 10/10 from 4-30,000'. Turned back at 1410 hrs & landed at Monywa as weather appeared to have closed in on return route as well.
	P/O. A. W. Cumber		Jessore	Monywa	
	W/O. W. Learwood				
	Can.R281747 Sgt. T. O'Shaughnessy,				
Dak IV 'O'	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	Character Otter 29 1846N 9704E	12 1125	12 2020	Successful. D.R. run was made from R. Salween & Rebecca was picked up when 10 miles away. D.Z. was reached at 1636 hrs. & correct reception of T of strips was found waiting. 4 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 8 runs from 500' AGL. D.Z. is fair – suitable for moon drop, only if the area is known. Weather – en route – Bad over hill areas N of 20°N. at D.Z. – fair – scattered Cu.
	Can. R131090 W/O. H. W. Smith		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can.J45944 P/O. J. R. Tarzwell				
	Can.J46764 P/O. R. Pomazon				
	Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 Sgt. McCartney				
Dak IV 'F'	Aus. 415673 P/O. D? A. Black	Character Hyena 21 1820N 9707E	12 1130	12 1910	Successful. Mapread on to D.Z. & recognised it immediately. Correct reception was found at 1532 hrs – 'T' of strips & a 'W' & smoked fire. 35 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 500' AGL. D.Z. is fair. Weather – en route – scattered storms. over DZ – 8/10 SCu at 8000'.
	Can.J24346 F/O. R. G. Stothers.		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. W. Allen				
	F/S. W. Richmond				
	Sgt. A. Kidd				
Dak IV 'J'	F/S. F. F. Bush	Character Otter 42 1846N 9704E	13 1140	13 1855	Successful. DZ was reached at 1553 hrs & correct reception of 'T' of ground panels was recognised. 4 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 5 runs
	W/O. V. Lineham		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/O. J. Williamson				

	F/S. G. Fordyce				from 7300' ASL. The D.Z. is quite O.K. but not as good for night drops. A.A. was encountered from Yamethiai or Shweda inaccurate & there was a concentration of Jap trucks just S (500 yds square). Weather – en route – 10/10 Cb 3-18000' vis below good. at D.Z. – Cloud 500' above D.Z. – 5/10 Cu.
	Sgt. I. C. Watson				
Lib VI 'W'	Aus.426330 W/O. F. V. Exelby	Nation Reindeer 2	14 1330	14 2230	Unsuccessful. 7 or 8 runs were made from Pyu & R. Sittang & a few fires were seen in the area, but nothing resembling a reception was seen. At 1655 hrs. on what was thought to be the D.Z. at posn. 1841N 9626E a reception was laid out consisting of a T of white strips & tow smoked fires, but as the briefed reception was an 'X' of strips plus smoked fires captain considered it inadvisable to drop. 16 packets of nickels were dropped on Pyu & Prome at 1815 & 1840 hrs respectively. A/C received a diversion to Cox's Bazaar when 100 miles from Base, but as weather appeared bad behind a/c, requested & obtained permission to land at Digri. Weather – en route – Scattered medium Cu. at D.Z. – hazy, but no cloud – visi. – 6-8 miles.
	Aus.430132 F/S. G. C. Thompson	1845N 9622E	Jessore	Digri	
	NZ.415285 W/O. J. H. Boundy				
	F/S. J. A. McArthur				
	F/S. W. G. Robertson				
	F/S. R. C. Silly				
	F/S. T. E. Lockett				
	F/S. J. Gorrie				
	F/S. L. C. Snell				
Lib VI 'Z'	F/L. G. Smith	Nation Reindeer 3	14 1324	14 2204	
	F/S. R. F. Taylor	1845N 9266E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. C. S. Smith				
	F/S. J. Tate				
	Can.J45348 P/O. W. O. McDougald				
	F/S. L. J. Powel				
	F/S. H. H. Smith				
	F/S. W. Parry				
	Sgt. Mackie				
Dak IV 'F'	Aus. 415673 P/O. P. A. Black	Character Otter 43	15 0717	15 1520	Successful. Rebecca was picked up 9 miles away from D.Z. at 1144 hrs & homing on this D.Z. was reached at 1147 hrs. 'T' of strips & 'W' in strips was recognised as briefed & 30 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 350' AGL. D.Z. is O.K. for moon drops. 24 packets
	Can.J24346 F/O. R. G. Stothers.	1846N 9704E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. W. Allen				
	F/S. W. Richmond				
	Sgt. A. Kidd				

					of nickels were dropped in Posn. 1850N 9718E at 1212 hrs. Weather – en route – good. at D.Z. – 10/10 Cu base 7700' visi – 15 miles.
Dak IV 'K'	Can.J12694 F/L. J. G. Blinkhorn	Character Walrus 31 1920N 9657E	15 0721	15 1605	Successful. D.R. run was made from R. Salween & D.Z. was reached at 1232 hrs. Correct reception of Δ of panels & smoke fires was recognised & 4 containers & 78 packages were dropped in 5 runs from 4-5000' ASL. D.Z. is good. S/C Cox's 1259 hrs. A concentration of M.T. static on island S. of Prome was noticed – 60-80 vehicles. Weather – en route – fine – visi unlimited. at D.Z. – 3/10 Cu. base 7000'.
	Can.J45823 P/O. G. A. Mackey		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can.J46787 P/O. F. B. Spence				
	Can.R270837 Sgt. A. O. Dahlin				
	Sgt. R. I. Wellings				
Dak IV 'J'	F/S. F. F. Bush	Character Otter 41 1846N 9704E	15 0705	15 1445	Successful. D.Z. was reached at 1203 hrs. & reception of 'T' of panels with circle & smoked fires was recognised as briefed. 4 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 5 runs from 7200' ASL. D.Z. is good for daylight no use for night. S/C Base 1214 hrs. 8 packets of nickels on Kenapyn – 1148 hrs. – 8 on Nannehak – 1149 hrs. – 8 on Pasawng – 1150 hrs. Weather – en route – good – visi unlimited. at D.Z. – Cu Nim over hills.
	Can.J24042 F/O. W. H. Caron		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/O. J. Williamson				
	F/S. G. Fordyce				
	Sgt. I. C. Watson				
Dak IV 'O'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Character Walrus 32 1920N 9657E	15 0710	15 1510	Successful. Pin-pointed on Kempala Chaung River which led a/c to D.Z. at 1202 hrs. Correct reception of Δ of panels & smoke fires was recognised & 80 packages were 'free' dropped in 5 runs from 42-4300' above S.L. Pilot commented that D.Z. was not good for free drops as 250' hill 300 yds S. & 600' hill at N. although all landed on D.Z. Weather – en route – 7/10 Cu. hazy – visi 6 miles. at D.Z. – 7-10/10 Cu. tops 22000' base 10000' – visi 10-12 miles.
	P/O. A. W. Cumber		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	W/O. W. Learwood				
	Can.R281747 Sgt. T. O'Shaughnessy,				
Lib VI 'V'	Can.J23405 F/O. A. B. Coy	Bazaar 194 1600N 10543E	15 0915	15 2311	Unsuccessful – no reception. D.Z. was reached & identified at 1558 hrs & search was made until 1611 hrs when A/C S/C Base, but no reception was seen. The D.Z. is good – suitable for day or night drops. Weather – en route – cloudy – StCu 5-15000'. at D.Z. – clear – visi 10 miles.
	Can.J44466 P/O. R. E. Jorgensen		Jessore		
	Can.J45828 P/O. O. S. Campbell				
	Can.J44948 P/O. G. McGregor				
	Can.J46770 P/O. C. M. Stearnes				

	Can.R214096 Sgt. McDonald				
	Can.R154825 Sgt. O. Despres				
	Can.J46765 P/O. I. A. Palumbo				
	Can.R284575 Sgt. A. Noble.				
Dak IV 'D?'	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	Levert 2 1923N 9628E	15 1221	15 2052	Successful. D.Z. was reached at 1632 hrs & correct reception of 'X' of panels was recognised. 10 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 3500' ASL. DZ is O.K. for day & bright moon drops. S/c Base 1642 hrs. 20 packets of nickels were dropped on Posn 1908N 9511E at 1550 & 1717 hrs – 5-6000'. Weather – en route – scattered Cu. – flew under 2 storms. at DZ – Clear, visi – 8 miles.
	Can.J45944 P/O. J. R. Tarzwell		Jessore		
	Can.J46764 P/O. R. Pomazon				
	Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 Sgt. McCartney				
Dak IV 'M'	Aus421792 P/O. T. A. Collister	Dilwyn Badger 6 2102N 9749E	15 0640	15 1423	Successful. A/C arrived over target at 1044 hrs & correct reception of T of panels & smoked fire was recognised. 23 Packages were dropped in 6 runs from 300' AGL. D.Z. is fair with a hill to E of area. S/C Base 1059 hrs. Weather – en route – good – occasional Cu at 9000'. at DZ – good – visi – 15 miles.
	F/S. L. Elliott		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. W. M. McCormack				
	F/S. G. Thompson				
	Sgt. P. U. Lloyd				
Dak IV 'L'	F/O. C. H. Egerton-Eves	Heavy Lynx 6 2047N 9857E	15 0635	15 1459	Successful. D.Z. was reached at 1117 hrs & correct reception of 'T' of strips & smoked fire was recognised. 4 containers & 34 packages were dropped in 8 runs from 500' AGL. Fair DZ. S/C Base 1145 hrs. 24 packets of nickels dropped in Posn 2109N 9625E at 1250 hrs – 9000'. Weather – en route – good – 3/10 Cu over R. Irrawaddy at 9000'. at D.Z. – good – visi 10-15 miles.
	Can.J27477 F/O. W. B. Arnold		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	W/O. G. C. Longbottom				
	F/S. J. Biggin				
	Sgt. A. F. Calder				
Lib VI 'S'	Can.J22963 F/L. J. A. King	Bazaar 192 Prim 2138N 10153E	16 1050	16 2021	Successful. 16 minute D.R. run was made from R. Mekong & first DZ was reached at 1521 hrs. This was an airstrip with 6 a/c of uncertain vintage on it. From this DZ made DR run of 48 miles to secondary D.Z. & found there correct reception of Roman IV & a smoked fire. 2 agents, 11 containers & 4 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 6-700' AGL, all landing in area. 16 Packages of nickels dropped on Kentung at 1701 hrs from 11500'. S/C Base 1702.
	Can.J44512 P/O. K. M. Oddson	Sec 2103N 10127E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can.J45967 P/O. W. E. Stevens				
	Can.J45844 P/O. D. K. Jordan				
	Can.R267113 Sgt. R. O. Saunders				
	Can.R256795 Sgt. R. G. Tingley				

	Can.J45936 P/O. H. F. Wagner				Weather – en route – storms over hills. at DZ – Fair – visi – 10 miles.
	Can.J45035 P/O. R. W. Sanderson				
	Can.R116324 Sgt. J. E. Johnson				
Lib VI 'N'	F/L. J. A. Powell	Character Hyena 44 1828N 9656E	16 1205	16 2015	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 1556 hrs & correct reception of 'X' of panels & 2 smoke fires was recognised. 11 containers & 5 packages were dropped in 2 rns from 1100' AGL & all landed in vicinity of target area. The D.Z. is on the side of a slope & very inconspicuous from the air. Steep drop into the area is necessary & in the Captain's opinion night drops would be impossible. 16 Packs of nickels were dropped on Pyu at 1633 hrs – 6000'. S/C Base 1634 hrs. Weather – en route – storms over Arakan. at D.Z. – fair – Cu overcast – visi 15 miles.
	F/L. Clarke		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/O. Gane				
	F/S. F. Osbon				
	F/S. C. C. Hood				
	Sgt. M. Rosendorf				
	Sgt. J. Williams				
	Sgt. Mardle				
	Sgt. Netherway				
Lib VI 'Z'	Aus.426330 W/O. F. V. Exelby	Character Hyena 45 1756N 9725E	16 1155	16 2100	Successful. A/C reached DZ at 1542 hrs & correct reception of H of strips & 4 fires was recognised. 11 containers & 3 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 2000' AGL & landed in trees just S. of DZ. The area is good – in a large paddy field. S/C Base 1600 hrs. Weather – en route – cloud & storms over hills. at D.Z. – Cu – base 6000' 7/10ths – visi 5 miles.
	Aus.430132 F/S. G. C. Thompson		Jessore	Chiringa	
	NZ.415285 W/O. J. H. Boundy				
	F/S. J. A. McArthur				
	F/S. R. C. Silly				
	Sgt. W. G. Robertson				
	Sgt. T. E. Lockett				
	Sgt. L. C. Snell				
	Sgt. J. Gorrie				
Lib VI 'Q'	W/O. S. H. Seed	Character Mongoose 15 1742N 9707E	16 1207	16 1942	Successful. A/C was over DZ at 1554 hrs & correct reception of two 'U's of strips & smoked fires were recognised. 11 Containers & 6 packages were dropped in 1 run from 500' AGL & all landed on area. DZ consists of two small adjoining fields. Several hills in vicinity. 16 packets of nickels dropped on Papun at 1624 hrs – 4000'. S/C Base 1624 hrs. 1720 hrs – 1856N 9518E – No. 3 Engine went u/s, so landed at Cox's Bazaar where temporary repairs were effected. Weather – en route – storms over hills. at DZ. – clear – visi 8 miles.
	F/S. W. J. Surrage		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/O. M. V. Dowse				
	Sgt. B. Elstub				
	Sgt. R. C. H. Harrell				
	Sgt. J. Archer				
	Sgt. A. Archibald				
	Sgt. W. E. Luck				
	Sgt. W. L. Knowles				
Lib VI 'W'	F/L. G. Smith	Heavy Calf 5 1756N	16 1141	16 2022	Successful. A/C reached D.Z. at 1549 hrs & correct reception of 'H' of strips &
	F/S. R. F. Taylor		Jessore	Chiringa	

	F/S. C. S. Smith	9715E			smoked fires was recognised. 11 Containers & 5 packages were dropped in 1 run from 1100' AGL – slightly overshot. D.Z. is good – but hills at N. end of valley. After drop flew S. for 5 minutes for diversion purposes. Weather – en route – bad over Arakan hills – fair. at D.Z. – good, but overcast – visi 10 miles.
	Sgt. J. Tate				
	Can.J45348 P/O. W. O. McDougald				
	F/S. L. J. Powel				
	F/S. H. H. Smith				
	F/S. W. Parry				
	Sgt. Mackie				
Dak IV 'A'	F/O. W. Kindred	Bloodhound 2237N	16 1448	16 1955	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 1720 hrs & actual DZ was identified approx. 3 miles S.E. of the briefed posn. Correct 'T' type reception was recognised & 3 packages were dropped in 2 runs & landed on D.Z. D.Z. is in very rough country & heading of 300° only one possible. 16 packs of nickels dropped on Posn 2154N 9750E at 1840 hrs 9000'. S/C Base 1841 hrs. Weather – en route – fair. at DZ – Very good – visi 10 miles.
	F/O. K. C. Williams	9923E	Monywa		
	F/O. G. H. Lawrence				
	F/O. S. F. Dove				
	Sgt. J. A. Green				
Lib VI 'S'	Can.J23275 F/O. W. J. Jackson	Satirist Bucchus I 1616N	18 0806	18 2148	Successful. A/C arrived at D.Z. at 1432 hrs & correct 'C' Type reception was identified. 3 agents 5 containers 7 9 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 1200' ASL. 3 fell short way away. D.Z. is very good. 16 packs of nickels dropped on Lakhon at 1537 hrs – 6000'. S/C Base 1503 ½ hrs. Weather – en route – Cb 8/10ths at 3000'. at D.Z. – clear – visi 10 miles.
	Can.J44392 P/O. E. Mercer	10535E	Jessore		
	Can.J45134 P/O. G. F. McKelvie				
	Can.J45192 P/O. A. E. Duff				
	Can.J46053 P/O. A. G. Diggins				
	Can.R266024 Sgt. Bale				
	Can.J45340 P/O. J. L. Beirnes				
	Can.R28124 Sgt. P. F. Astle				
	Can.R77617 Sgt. T. Patterson				
Lib VI 'X'	Aus.426330 W/O. F. V. Exelby	Character Ferret 16 1920N	18 1517	18 2225	Successful. A/C reached D.Z. at 1711 hrs & correct reception of Δ of panels was recognised. 2 agents, 11 Containers & 3 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 6200' ASL & all dropped in area. S/C Base 1742 hrs. D.Z. is quite good. Weather – en route – clear – Cu over R. Irrawaddy. at D.Z. – 2/10 Cu. Base 8000' – visi – 15 miles.
	Aus.430132 F/S. G. C. Thompson	9657E	Jessore		
	F/S. J. A. McArthur				
	NZ.415285 W/O. J. H. Boundy				
	Sgt. W. G. Robertson				
	Sgt. L. C. Snell				
	Sgt. J. Gorrie				
	Sgt. T. E. Lockett				

	Sgt. R. C. Silly				
Lib VI 'Q'	F/L. J. A. Powell	Bazaar 194	18 0802	18 2330	Successful. A/C reached D.Z. at 1453 hrs & correct 'C' type reception was identified. 11 Containers & 6 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 800' & all fell within area. DZ is very good – O.K. for night use. S/C Base 1516 ½ hrs. Weather – en route – Cu. building up storms over F.I.C. at D.Z. – clear – visi 10-15 miles.
	F/O. Gane	1616N	Jessore		
	F/S. C. C. Hood	10535E			
	F/S. M. Rosendorf				
	F/S. E. Wenham				
	F/S. F. Osbon				
	F/S. Mardle				
	F/S. Netherway				
	Sgt. J. Williams				
Dak IV 'M'	S/L. T. P. O'Brien	Dilwyn Squirrel 17 ²⁵	18 0940	18 1820	Successful. DZ was reached at 1342 hrs & correct 'T' type reception was identified. 4 containers & 27 packages were dropped in 7 runs. DZ is good – suitable for Liberators making runs NW/SE. S/C Base at 1405 hrs. Weather – en route – 6/10 Cu base 8000' clearing in R. Irrawaddy valley. at DZ – fine – 4/10 Cu 7000' – vis 15 miles.
	W/O. J. H. Middleton		Jessore		
	Sgt. R. T. Wright				
	Sgt. F. H. Burley				
Dak IV 'D'	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	Dilwyn Bear 3	18 0634	18 1520	Successful. A/C was early on target at 1034 hrs so a/c circled & 'T' of ground strips was eventually laid. 4 containers & 26 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 500' AGL - & all landed in area. DZ is small – but quite good – no local snags. 20 packs of leaflets dropped on Posn. 2115N 9652E at 0955 hrs – 9000'. S/C Base 1110 hrs. Weather – en route – scattered Cu – occasional storms. at D.Z. – good – 2/10 Cu. – 7000' visi 10 miles.
	Can. R131090 W/O. H. W. Smith	2111N 9800E	Jessore		
	Can.J45944 P/O. J. R. Tarzwell				
	Can.J46764 P/O. R. Pomazon				
	Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 Sgt. McCartney				
Dak IV 'O'	F/O. W. Kindred	Character Walrus 16	18 0700	18 1530	Successful. A/C reached D.Z. at 1144 hrs. & correct reception of Δ of panels was laid out at 1150 hrs. 4 Containers & 30 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 45-4700' ASL. & all fell in area. D.Z. is good for daylight dropping, but not suitable for moonlight due to hills. 14 Packets of nickels were dropped on Thandaung 1225-29 hrs. – 9500'. S/C Base 1229 ½ hrs. at 1031 hrs. 40-50 bursts A.A. fire encountered from Shwedaung (S. of Prome). Small black bursts – accurate for height. – but nearest 200 yds away. A/C was at 6500'. Weather – en route – good. over D.Z. – good – visi 8-10 miles.
	F/O. K. C. Williams	1920N 9657E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/O. G. H. Lawrence				
	P/O. S. F. Dove				
	Sgt. J. A. Green				

²⁵ No coordinates given in record.

Dak IV 'F'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Character Walrus 36 1920N 9657E	18 0712	18 1512	Successful. A/C reached D.Z. at 1149 hrs & correct reception was being laid out. 4 Containers & 32 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 4200' ASL – all in area. D.Z. is good. 20 Packets of nickels dropped on Mawchi at 1125 hrs. – 7500'. S/C Base 1215 hrs. Weather – en route – good – visi 30 miles. at D.Z. – 6-9/10 Cu building up base 7500' visi – 10-15 miles.
	P/O. A. W. Cumber		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	W/O. W. Learwood				
	Can.R281747 Sgt. T. O'Shaughnessy,				
Dak IV 'J'	F/S. F. F. Bush	Character Otter 44 1846N 9704E	18 0705	18 1430	Successful. A/C over D.Z. at 1125 hrs & correct reception of 'T' of panels was recognised. 4 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 7300' ASL. – all fell on D.Z. D.Z. is good. 24 packets of nickels dropped on 1855N 9701E at 1150 hrs – 7000'. Weather – en route – good – 4/10 Cu. over Chins Base 7000'. at D.Z. – 6/10 Cu – visi good – 30 miles.
	Can.J24042 F/O. W. H. Caron		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/O. J. Williamson				
	F/S. G. Fordyce				
	Sgt. I. C. Watson				
Dak IV 'K'	Can.J12694 F/L. J. G. Blinkhorn	Character Otter 45 1846N 9704E	18 0651	18 1425	Successful. A/C arrived at D.Z. at 1145 hrs & correct reception of 'T' of panels was recognised. 4 containers & 32 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 7000' ASL. & all fell in D.Z. area. D.Z. is small, not suitable fro dropping agents. 24 packets of nickels were dropped on Karenne 1045-1105 hrs – 5000'. Weather –en route – clear – 5/10 Cu. past R. Irrawaddy. at D.Z. – 6/8/10 Cu. – visi – good.
	Can.J45823 P/O. G. A. Mackey		Jessore	Akyab	
	Can.J46787 P/O. F. B. Spence				
	Can.R270837 Sgt. A. O. Dahlin				
	Sgt. R. I. Wellings				
Dak IV 'L'	F/O. C. H. Egerton-Eves	Character Hyena 40 1828N 9656E	18 0720	18 1613	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 1143 hrs & correct reception of 'X' of panels was recognised. 4 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 8 runs from 2650' ASL. & all fell in area. D.Z. is difficult to enter – unsuitable for Libs. 24 packets of nickels on Nammehk at 1233 hrs. – 7500'. Rebecca was picked up 5 miles from D.Z. Weather – en route – good. at D.Z. Slight Cu.
	Can.J27477 F/O. W. B. Arnold		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. J. Biggin				
	Sgt. A. F. Calder				
	W/O. G. C. Longbottom				
Dak IV 'B'	F/S. R. A. Jones	Character Mongoose 11 1756N 9715E	18 1055	18 1935	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 1520 hrs & correct reception of 'H' of panels was recognised. 3 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 6 runs from 25-3000' ASL & all fell in area. High ridges to E. & N. of D.Z. S/C Base 1605 hrs. 12 packets nickels on 1757N 9648E
	F/S. R. M. Herdman		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. R. A. Hunt				
	F/S. R. B. Guest				
	F/S. D. C. Oram				

					at 1612 hrs – 7000' & 12 on 1755N 9652E at 1605 hrs – 7000'. Weather – en route – Cu & CuNim in patches. at DZ – Clear – slight Cu. – visi – 30-40 miles.
Lib VI 'W'	Can.J22963 F/L. J. A. King	Chutney Sittang/ Moulmein/ Tavoy	18 1305	19 0015	Successful. This was purely a nickelling operation for D.W. Division. Nickels were dropped on Mokdalin, Bilin, Paung, Moulmein, Mudon & the Coast. 80 packets all told. S/C Base 2003 hrs. Weather – en route – stormy. at D.Z – clear visi 5 miles.
	Can.J44512 P/O. K. M. Oddson		Jessore		
	Can.J45967 P/O. W. E. Stevens				
	Can.J45844 P/O. D. K. Jordan				
	Can.R267113 Sgt. R. O. K. Saunders				
	Can.J45936 P/O. H. F. Wagner				
	Can.R116324 Sgt. J. E. Johnson				
Lib VI 'Z'	Can.J23405 F/O. A. B. Coy	Nation Reindeer 2	18 1556	19 0001	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 1923 hrs. & correct reception of 'T' of fires was seen. 1 agent, 11 containers & 6 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 700-1000' ASL. S/C Base 2012 hrs. 16 Packets of nickels were dropped on Okshitpin at 2043 hrs from 5500'. Weather – en route – very good. at DZ. – clear – visi 10-20 miles.
	Can.J44466 P/O. R. E. Jorgensen	1839N 9626E	Jessore		
	Can.J45828 P/O. O. S. Campbell				
	Can.J44948 P/O. G. McGregor				
	Can.J46770 P/O. C. M. Stearns				
	Can.J46765 P/O. J. A. Palumbo				
	Can.R214096 Sgt. McDonald				
	Can.R284575 Sgt. A. Noble.				
	Can.R154825 Sgt. O. Despres				
Lib VI 'X'	W/O. S. H. Seed	Character	20 1317	20 2135	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 1709 hrs. & correct reception of 'H' of panels was recognised. 2 agents, 11 containers & 3 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 950-1200' & all fell in D.Z. area. D.Z. is quite good, being a 10 mile long valley. S/C Base 1727 hrs. 16 packs of nickels dropped on Papun at 1735 hrs. Weather – en route – scattered thunderstorms – 6/10 Cu. visi 6 miles. at D.Z. – 4/10 Cu. base 8000' – visi 8 miles.
	F/S. W. J. V. Surrage	Mongoose 17	Jessore		
	P/O. M. V. Dowse	1756N			
	F/S. B. Elstub	9715E			
	Sgt. R. C. H. Harrell				
	Sgt. J. Archer				
	Sgt. A. Archibald				
	Sgt. W. E. Luck				
	Sgt. W. L. Knowles				
Lib VI 'W'	F/L. J. A. Powell	Character	20 1325	20 2123	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 1704

	F/O. Gane	Hyena 50 1828N 9650E	Jessore		hrs & correct reception of 'X' of panels was recognised. 2 agents, 11 containers & 2 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 1500' ASL & all fell in D.Z. area. D.Z. is tricky. S/C Base 1730 hrs. 16 packs nickels dropped on Posn. 1835N 9516E at 1804 hrs – 5000'. Weather – en route – isolated showers – 9/10 CuNim base 7500' over hills. at D.Z. 10/10 AS, AC base 15000'.
	F/S. C. C. Hood				
	F/S. M. Rosendorf				
	F/S. E. Wenham				
	F/S. Mardle				
	F/S. Netherway				
	F/S. F. Osbon				
	Sgt. J. Williams				
Lib VI 'Q'	Can.J23275 F/O. W. J. Jackson	Character Ferret 17 1921N 9649E	20 0724	20 1612	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 1153 hrs & correct reception of 'N' of panels was recognised. 11 containers & 5 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 4300' ASL & all fell in D.Z. area. At 1040 hrs a Lelisgraph was seen flashing I.M.P. or S.O.S. at posn. 1833N 9459 ½ E. S/C Base 1215 hrs. Weather – en route – 3/10 Cu. at 8-9000'. at D.Z. – 3/10 Cu. base 8000' – visi – 10 miles.
	Can.J44392 P/O. E. Mercer		Jessore		
	Can.J45134 P/O. G. F. McKelvie				
	Can.J45192 P/O. A. E. Duff				
	Can.J46053 P/O. A. G. Diggins				
	Can.J45340 P/O. J. L. Beirnes				
	Can.R77617 Sgt. T. Patterson				
	Can.R266024 Sgt. Bale				
	Can.R28124 Sgt. P. F. Astle				
Dak IV 'D'	Can.J10354 F/L. Hewson, B. G.	Character Walrus 37 1920N 9657E	20 1315	20 2232	Successful. A/C was over DZ at 1751 hrs. & correct reception of Δ of panels was recognised. 1 agent, 2 containers & 29 packages were dropped in 10 runs from 4500' ASL. & all fell in D.Z. area. S/C Base 1823 hrs. Weather – 3n route – over hills 6/10 Cu. base 6500'. at D.Z. – 2/10 SCu at 8000' – visi – 5-10 miles.
	Can.J45944 P/O. J. R. Tarzwell		Jessore		
	Can.J46764 P/O. R. Pomazon				
	Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 Sgt. McCartney				
Dak IV 'B'	F/S. R. A. Jones	Character Walrus 43 1921N 9649E	20 0715	20 1520	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 1141 hrs & correct reception of Δ of panels was recognised. 4 containers & 20 packages were dropped in 6 runs from 1000' ASL & all fell in D.Z. area. D.Z. is good. S/C Base 1214 ½ hrs. Weather – en route – 5/10 SCu. over Arakan base 7-8000'. at D.Z. – same – visi- 10-15 miles – hazy.
	F/S. R. M. Herdman		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. R. A. Hunt				
	F/S. R. B. Guest				
	F/S. D. C. Oram				
Dak IV 'O'	F/O. W. Kindred	Character Mongoose 19 1756N	20 1053	20 2013	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 1549 ½ hrs & correct reception of 'H' of panels was recognised. 4 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 7 runs from
	F/O. K. C. Williams		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	

	F/O. G. H. Lawrence	9715E			11-1400' ASL & all fell in D.Z. area. D.Z. is in a valley with high hills at N. end. 24 packs of nickels dropped on Papun 1637-1640 hrs. Weather – en route – 8-9/10 Cu. 7000' – visi – 5-10 miles. At D.Z. – visi 5-6 miles, 6-7/10 Cu base 7000' tops 12000'.
	P/O. S. G. Dove				
	Sgt. J. A. Green				
Dak IV 'F'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Character Mongoose 20 1737N 9727E	20 1044	20 2014	Unsuccessful – no reception. D.R. run was made from Pyuntzazam to D.Z. area but no reception was seen. Pinpointed on a 3 river junction 7 miles S.E. of D.Z. & returned to D.Z. area. Square search of whole area was made at 1500' AGL. but not a sign of life was seen. 24 packets of leaflets dropped on Papun at 1639 hrs. S/C Base 1623 hrs. Weather – en route – cloudy 5/10 Cu base 8000'. at D.Z. – Visi 20-30 miles – 2/10 Cu. base 9000'.
	P/O. A. W. Cumber		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can.J24042 F/L. W. H. Caron				
	W/O. W. Learwood				
	Can.R281747 Sgt. T. O'Shaughnessy,				
Dak IV 'J'	F/S. F. F. Bush	Character Ferret 13 1903N 9658E	20 0715	20 1505	Successful. A/C reached DZ. at 1145 hrs & Δ of strips was seen. 4 containers & 33 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 4200' ASL. & all fell on D.Z. area. S/C Base 1213 hrs. Weather – en route – visi – 30 miles – 4/10 Cu. base 8000'. at D.Z. – clear – visi – 15-20 miles.
	W/O. V. Lineham		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/O. J. Williamson				
	F/S. G. Fordyce				
	Sgt. I. C. Watson				
Dak IV 'G'	Can.J12694 F/L. J. G. Blinkhorn	Character Otter 48 1846N 9704E	20 0718	20 1536	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 1211 hrs & correct reception of 'T' of panels was recognised. 4 containers & 50 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 7200' ASL. & all fell in D.Z. area. S/C Base 1240 hrs. Weather – en route – 4/10 Cu. tops 5000' – visi – 30 miles. at D.Z. – Rain, low cloud – 8-10/10 Cu base below D.Z. Visi – nil.
	Can.J45823 P/O. G. A. Mackey		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can.J46521 P/O. R. Sinclair				
	Can.R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodland				
	F/S. G. Fordyce ²⁶				
	Sgt. I. C. Watson				
Dak IV 'A'	S/L. T. P. O'Brien	Character Otter 49 1846N 9704E	20 0716	20 1545	Successful. A/C over D.Z. at 1134 hrs & correct reception of 'T' of panels was recognised. 80 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 7100' ASL & all fell in area. S/C Base 1154 hrs. Rebecca was tried on all channels commencing 30 miles
	W/O. J. H. Middleton		Jessore		
	Sgt. R. T. Wright				
	Sgt. F. H. Burley				

²⁶ The inclusion of Fordyce and Watson on this crew listing appears to be an error. Their names are included on the previous crew listing for the same date (F/S. Bush), and this is the crew they flew with at other times.

					from D.Z. but entirely unsuccessful. Weather – en route – 5-5/10 Cu 7000' – 5-10/10 AS 12000'. at D.Z. – In cloud, 10/10 Cu. base 7200' – visi 3-5 miles.
Dak IV 'L'	F/O. C. H. Egerton-Eves	Character Otter 50	20 0717	20 1548	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 1230 hrs. & correct reception of 'T' of panels was recognised. 4 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 5 runs from 7500' ASL. Rebecca was picked up when 5 miles away at 1225 hrs. Weather – en route – fair – visi 10 miles – 7-8/10 Cu. base 7-8000'. at D.Z. – visi – 10 miles – E. of D.Z. 7-8/10 Cu. base 7-8000'.
	Can.J27477 F/O. W. B. Arnold	1846N 9704E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. J. Biggin				
	Sgt. A. F. Calder				
	Sgt. A. E. Giles				
Lib VI 'V'	F/L. G. Smith	Mint 1	20 0922	21 0700	Successful. A/C made D.R. run from Jason Bay & D.Z was reached at 2010 hrs. found reception of T of fires was recognised & 11 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 5-800' ASL. The D.Z. is good with no local snags. At 18000 hrs a M/V was sighted S. of Sembilan Island approx. 4000 tons with 4 goal post masts & superstructure central. Approx 600' in length. Possible A.A. fire was encountered from oil tank areas of Gandar Maharani – very inaccurate & may not have been fired at a/c at all. Weather – en route – good over sea – storms over Malaya & along Malacca Straits. at D.Z. – good – 5/10 AS with St in valleys.
	F/S. R. F. Taylor	0142N	Cox's Bazaar		
	W/O. Tate ²⁷	10405E			
	F/S. J. Tate				
	Can.J45348 P/O. W. O. McDougald				
	F/S. L. J. Powel				
	F/S. H. H. Smith				
	F/S. W. Parry				
	Sgt. Mackie				
Lib VI 'P'	Can.J22963 F/L. J. A. King	Mint 2	20 0926	21 0720	successful. A/C made D.R. run from Jason Bay & D.Z. was reached at 2004 hrs & correct reception as above was recognised. 1 Container & 10 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 700' ASL. Good D.Z. with no local snags. M/V mentioned above was sighted at 1810 hrs apparently stationary. Weather – en route – good – storms over Malaya. at D.Z. – good – mist in valleys.
	Can.J44512 P/O. K. M. Oddson	0142N 10405E	Cox's Bazaar		
	Can.J45967 P/O. W. E. Stevens				
	Can.J45844 P/O. D. K. Jordan				
	Can.J45936 P/O. H. F. Wagner				
	Can.J45035 P/O. R. W. Sanderson				
	Can.R267113 Sgt. R. O. Saunders				
	Can.R116324 Sgt. J. E. Johnson				

²⁷ Tate is mentioned twice in this crew listing, an obvious error. F/S. C. S. Smith, who normally flew with the crew, is not mentioned.

	Can.R256795 Sgt. R. B. Tingley				
Dak IV 'D'	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	Character Otter 53	24 0510	24 1441	Unsuccessful – weather over target area. D.R. run was made from R. Salween on to target area which was reached at 0958 hrs, but cloud was down to hill tops & could not be penetrated. Sortie was abandoned & a/c s/c Base 1128 hrs. 24 packs nickels were dropped on Posn. 1840N 9700E at 1122 hrs – 8000'. Weather – en route – 8/10 Cu. over hills – 4/10 Cu. over valleys.
	Can.J45944 P/O. J. R. Tarzwell	1846N 9704E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can.J46764 P/O. R. Pomazon				
	Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 Sgt. McCartney				
Dak IV 'M'	F/O. C. H. Egerton- Eves	Character Hyena 52	24 0505	24 1345	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 0959 hrs. & correct reception of 'X' of panels was recognised. 3 agents, 4 containers & 28 packages were dropped in 9 runs from 400' AGL & all landed on target area. Good D.Z. with no local snags. 24 packets of leaflets dropped on Kyaukkyi at 1025 hrs – 5000'. S/C Base 1025 hrs. Weather – en route – 7-9/10 Cu. over Chins base 9000'. at DZ. – 7/10 Cu at 7000' – visi 10 miles.
	Can.J27477 F/O. W. B. Arnold	1828N 9650E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	W/O. G. C. Longbottom				
	F/S. J. Biggin				
	Can.R215107 Sgt. A. E. Giles				
	Sgt. A. F. Calder				
Lib VI 'Q'	Can.J22963 F/L. J. A. King	Character Otter 58	24 0615	24 1520	Unsuccessful – weather. D.R. run was made from R. Salween & area was reached at 1007 hrs. but cloud here was below hill tops & a blind descent was impossible. ?? A S/E A/C sighted at 1030 hrs Probable 'Oscar' patrolling D.Z. at 9500'. 16 packs nickels dropped at Kama at 1205 hrs – 5500'. Weather – en route – 5/10 Cu 3-5000'. at D.Z. – 10/10 Cu down to hill tops.
	Can.J44512 P/O. K. M. Oddson	1846N 9704E	Jessore		
	Can.J45967 P/O. W. E. Stevens				
	Can.J45844 P/O. D. K. Jordan				
	Can.J45936 P/O. H. F. Wagner				
	Can.J45035 P/O. R. W. Sanderson				
	Can.R267113 Sgt. R. O. Saunders				
	Can.R116324 Sgt. J. E. Johnson				
	Can.R256795 Sgt. R. G. Tingley ²⁸				
Dak IV 'F'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Character Otter 61 & Brave 1846N 9704E &	24 1825	25 0200	Successful. 'Character' D.Z. was reached at 2145 hrs. & correct reception was recognised. 33 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 7300' ASL. 'Brave' D.Z. was reached at 2248 hrs. & correct
	P/O. A. W. Cumber		Cox's Bazaar		
	Can.J24042 F/L. W. H. Caron				
	W/O. W. Learwood				

²⁸ Most of this name is "cut off" on the microfilm copy of the record. What can be seen suggest the name was Tingley, who was normally on this crew.

	Can.R281747 Sgt. T. O'Shaughnessy,	1733N 9614E			reception was found & 4 containers & 11 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 7000' ASL. Both drops fell in D.Z. areas. Weather – en route – Cu over hills. at D.Z. – 10/10 overcast at 7000' – visi 10 miles.
Lib VI 'V'	Can.J23275 F/O. W. J. Jackson	Carpenter Trombone 2 0146N 10345E	24 0924	25 0715	Successful. D.R. run was made from Jason Bay & D.Z. was reached at 2023 hrs. & correct reception of 'T' of torches was recognised. 3 containers & 3 packages were dropped in 1 run from 8000' ASL. 2 packets of nickels were dropped on Bandar Pengarram at 2058 hrs. – 3500'. Weather – en route – front of Cu & showers over Andaman Sea. at D.Z. – 7/10 SCu. 4000' – foggy.
	Can.J44392 P/O. E. Mercer		Cox's Bazaar		
	Can.J45134 P/O. G. McKelvie				
	Can.J45192 P/O. A. E. Duff				
	Can.R266024 Sgt. Bale				
	Can.R28124 Sgt. P. F. Aistle				
	Can.J46053 P/O. A. G. Diggins				
	Can.J45340 P/O. J. L. Beirnes				
	Can.R77617 Sgt. T. Patterson				
Lib VI 'P'	Can.J23405 F/O. A. B. Coy	Carpenter Trombone 3 0146N 10345E	24 0915	25 0732	Successful. D.R. run was made from Kota Tinggi on to DZ which was reached at 2000 hrs. Correct reception of 'T' of torches was recognised & 2 containers & 1 package were dropped in 3 runs from 500' ASL & fell on D.Z. D.Z. is small approx 250 yds square. 2 packets of nickels were dropped on Kota Tinggi at 1959 hrs. Weather – en route – front over Andaman Sea. at D.Z. – overcast & rain storm in vicinity – visi 5 miles.
	Can.J44466 P/O. R. E. Jorgensen		Cox's Bazaar		
	Can.J45828 P/O. O. S. Campbell				
	Can.J44948 P/O. G. McGregor				
	Can.J46765 P/O. I. A. Palumbo				
	Can.R284575 Sgt. A. Noble.				
	Can.J46770 P/O. C. M. Stearns				
	Can.R214096 Sgt. McDonald				
	Can.R154825 Sgt. O. Despres				
Lib VI 'Z'	Can.J4115 F/L. J. D. Lamb	Carpenter Trombone 4 0146N 10345E	24 0915	25 0820	Successful. Mapread onto DZ from Tanjong Tohor, & reached DZ at 1955 hrs & correct reception of T of fires as briefed was recognised. 4 containers & 1 package were dropped in 1 run from 600' ASL & landed on DZ. D.Z. is very fair. 2 packets of nickels were dropped on Kota Tinggi at 2020 hrs. Weather – en route – fair except for
	Can.J39528 F/O. M. J. McFadyen		Cox's Bazaar	Jessore	
	Can.J45168 F/O. D. A. Blad				
	F/O. J. Poulton				
	P/O. W. R. Birch				
	Sgt. R. P. G. Smith				

	Can.J46064 F/O. S. V. Hillis				considerable cloud over Andaman area. at D.Z. – 10/10 SCu. base 2000' – visi 5 miles.
	Can.R160539 F/S. D. D. Bechthold				
	Can.J42510 F/O. D. Heller				
Lib VI 'X'	F/L. J. A. Powell	Nation Dog 1 1626N 9538E	24 1714	25 0215	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 2115 hrs & correct reception of 'T' of fires was recognised. 4 agents, 10 containers & 5 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 800' ASL & all fell in area. D.Z. is good in flat area. S/C Base 2140 hrs. Weather – en route – good. at DZ – clear – visi 10-15 miles.
	F/O. Gane		Jessore		
	F/S. C. C. Hood				
	F/S. M. Rosendorf				
	F/S. E. Wenham				
	F/S. Mardle				
	F/S. Netherway				
	F/S. F. Osbon				
	Sgt. J. Williams				
Dak IV 'O'	F/O. W. Kindred	Character Walrus 44 1920N 9657E	24 1235	24 2120	Unsuccessful – no reception. D.R. run was made from 1927N 9711E & D.Z. was reached at 1656 hrs. D.Z. was recognised visually as crew knew area but no reception was seen. Agents carried stated that there was a secondary D.Z. at Yada so flew there but again no reception was seen, so sortie was abandoned at 1758 hrs. 24 packets of nickels were dropped on Posn. 1925N 9708E at 1810 & 1813 hrs. – 5000'. Weather – en route – 7-8/10 Cu. over Chins – showers. at D.Z. – 7-8/10 Cu base 8-9000' visi 6-8 miles.
	F/O. K. C. Williams		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/O. G. H. Lawrence				
	F/O. S. G. Dove				
	Sgt. J. A. Green				
Dak IV 'G'	W/O. F. F. Bush	Character Mongoose 20 1737N 9727E	24 1155	24 2025	Successful. A/C reached D.Z. at 1535 hrs & correct reception of 'Z' of panels was recognised. 4 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 6 runs from 900' ASL. & all fell on area. D.Z. is fair. 12 packets of nickels were dropped on Taungwindyi at 1738 hrs & 12 on Yenang Yaung at 1638 hrs. Weather – en route – overcast. at D.Z. – good – visi 30 miles.
	W/O. V. Lineham		Cox's Bazaar		
	F/O. J. Williamson				
	F/S. G. Fordyce				
	Sgt. I. C. Watson				
Dak IV 'K'	Can.J12694 F/L. J. G. Blinkhorn	Bloodhound 2 2135N 9856E	24 1315	24 2130	Successful. A/C reached D.Z. at 1656 hrs. & correct reception of 'T' of fires was recognised. 1 container & 19 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 400' AGL. & all fell on D.Z., which is rather small approx 150 yds square. Weather – en route – 7/10 Cu. at D.Z. – good & clear – visi 10-12 miles.
	Can.J45823 P/O. G. A. Mackey		Cox's Bazaar		
	Can.J46787 P/O. F. B. Spence				
	Can.R270837 Sgt. A. O. Dahlin				
	Sgt. R. I. Wellings				

Lib VI 'Q'	Aus.426330 W/O. F. V. Exelby	Character Otter 59 1846N 9704E	25 0705	25 1543	Unsuccessful – weather. A posn. 15 miles S. of D.Z. was reached & an attempt was made to go N. to D.Z. but 10/10 Cb completely blanketed area with base on hills & above that 9/10 Cu & Cb up to 20,000'. sortie was abandoned at 1144 hrs. 16 packets of nickels were dropped at Pyu at 1110 hrs – 2500'. Weather – en route – little cloud up to Pegu Yuma.
	Aus.430132 F/S. G. C. Thompson		Jessore		
	F/S. J. A. McArthur				
	NZ.415285 P/O. J. H. Boundy				
	Sgt. W. G. Robertson				
	Sgt. L. C. Snell				
	Sgt. A. E. Bird				
	Sgt. T. E. Lockett				
	F/S. R. C. Silly				
	F/O. Hastings				
Lib VI 'S'	F/L. G. Smith	Character Otter 60 1846N 9704E	25 1325	25 2215	Successful. A/C reached D.Z. at 1737 hrs. & one 'T' of panels was seen instead of 2 as briefed. Captain decided to drop & 11 containers & 10 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 7500' ASL. D.Z. is very good. 16 packets of nickels were dropped on Pyu-Toungoo Road at 1704 hrs. – 7500'. Weather – en route – overcast over hills. at D.Z. – cloudy in vicinity – actual D.Z. clear – visi 10 miles. At 1430 hrs. a Distress Message was picked up from a/c in Posn 2045N 9406E. Group acknowledged this message.
	F/S. R. F. Taylor		Jessore		
	W/O. C. S. Smith				
	F/S. J. Tate				
	W/O. L. J. Powel				
	W/O. H. H. Smith				
	F/S. W. Parry				
	Sgt. Mackie				
	Can.J45348 F/O. W. O. McDougald				
	Can.J F/O Timmermans				
	Can.J. P/O. Perron				
Dak IV 'F'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Conclave 2010N 9715E & 1853N 9720E	26 0245	26 1120	Successful. This was a deception operation for 'D' Division. 48 paragons were dropped on each D.Z. between the hours of 0529 & 0719 when a/c s/c Base. Weather – fair W. of Inle Lake & then 9/10 SCu at ground level.
	P/O. A. W. Cumber		Cox's Bazaar	Jessore	
	Can.J24042 F/L. W. H. Caron				
	W/O. W. Learwood				
	Can.R281747 Sgt. T. O'Shaughnessy,				
Dak IV 'K'	Can.J12694 F/L. J. G. Blinkhorn	Vouge I 2103N 10127E	26 0815	26 1150	Successful. A/C identified D.Z. with landing 'T' in white panels & single smoke fire. Captain landed as briefed & unloaded 8 x 40 galls petrol drums & took on board 11 men (2 wounded), 9 women, 11 children & F/L. Keno. The landing area was soggy it was believed that it would be in enemy hands by nightfall. 26
	Can.J45823 P/O. G. A. Mackey		Monywa	D.Z.	
	Can.J46787 P/O. F. B. Spence		26 1220	26 1710	
			D.Z.	Cox's Bazaar	

					<p>packets of nickels were dropped on Mongpu between 1340-1348 hrs – 6000' ASL.</p> <p>Weather – en route – 8-10/10 Cu. base hill tops – 15000'.</p> <p>at D.Z. – 5/10 Cu. base 6000' – vis up to 20 miles.</p>
Lib VI 'S'	Can.J4115 F/L. J. D. Lamb	Character Walrus 48 1920N 9657E	26 0855	26 1805	<p>Successful. D.R. run was made from R. Salween & D.Z. was reached at 1250 hrs. but no reception was seen so returned to Salween & made a 2nd run & eventually reception was found at posn. 1913N 9658E – triangle of panels as briefed. 11 Containers & 4 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 5700-6000' ASL. & all fell on area. D.Z. is in a steep valley & a/c must drop over ridge on to area.</p> <p>Weather – en route – 6/10 scattered Cu. at D.Z. – 7/10 Cu 6-8000' – vis 40 miles.</p>
	Can.J39528 F/O. M. J. McFadyen		Jessore		
	Can.J45168 F/O. D. A. Blad				
	F/O. J. Poulton				
	Can.J46064 F/O. S. V. Hillis				
	P/O. W. R. Birch				
	Can.R160539 F/S. D. D. Bechthold				
	Sgt. R. P. G. Smith				
	Can.J42510 F/O. D. Heller				
Lib VI 'W'	Can.J23405 F/O. A. B. Coy	Avenge 2050N 10538E	26 1805	27 0719	<p>Unsuccessful – weather. River Cleaire was recognised & followed up to Red River up to posn 2120N 10522E, where a/c was forced to abandon sortie due to 9/10 SCu. base 4-600' up to 5000'. S/c Base 0050 hrs. 16 packs of nickels were dropped on D.R. posn 2105N 10505E at 0105 hrs – 9000'.</p>
	Can.J44466 P/O. R. E. Jorgensen		Jessore		
	Can.J45828 P/O. O. S. Campbell				
	Can.J44948 P/O. G. McGregor				
	Can.J46765 P/O. I. A. Palumbo				
	Can.R284575 Sgt. A. Noble.				
	Can.J46770 P/O. C. M. Stearns				
	Can.R214096 Sgt. McDonald				
	Can.R154825 Sgt. O. Despres				
Dak IV 'G'	F/S. R. A. Jones	Character Walrus 46 1920N 9657E & 1921N 9649E	26 1235	26 2045	<p>Unsuccessful – no reception. D.R. run was made from 1905N 9626E on to primary arriving at 1710 hrs, but no reception was seen. flew on to secondary tgt & again no reception was seen. On both D.Z's all huts & other buildings had been burned to the ground & no lif or activity was seen. 24 packs leaflets on Posns 1930N 9630E & 1904N 9640E –</p>
	F/S. R. M. Herdman		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. R. A. Hunt				
	F/S. R. B. Guest				
	F/S. D. C. Oram				
	Can.R283336 Sgt. E. Shalla				

					1625-1650 hrs. – 8000'. S/C Base 1940 hrs. Weather – en route 5/10 Cu 8000'. at D.Z. 5/10 Cu 7-8000' vis 10 miles.
Dak IV 'L'	F/O. C. H. Egerton-Eves	Conifer 3 1732N	26 1440	26 2350	Successful. 'Spinster' D.Z. was reached at 1840 hrs. & D.Z. was identified. Blind drop was made of 10 agents & 8 packages in 6 runs from 1000' ASL. 'Conifer' DZ was reached at 2037 hrs & correct reception of 'T' of fires was recognised & 18 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 500' AGL. & were seen to fall in reception area. Left D.Z. at 2044 hrs & s/c Base. 24 packs nickels were dropped on Baw Bin – 1921-1931 hrs – 4000'. Weather – en route – 3-4/10 Cu. at 4-5000'. at 'Conifer' – Patch of 10/10 St 2000' base visi 10 miles. at 'Spinster' – No cloud – vis 10 miles.
	Can.J27477 F/O. W. B. Arnold	9615E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. J. Biggin	1826N			
	W/O. G. C. Longbottom	9550E			
	Sgt. A. F. Calder				
	Can.R215107 Sgt. A. E. Giles				
Lib VI 'V'	F/L. J. A. Powell	Carpenter	26 1414	27 1015	Unsuccessful. A/C experienced W/t failure due to blown fuses between Base & initial landing at Cox's Bazaar. They were replaced, but blew again. Cox's carried out improvised repairs, but a/c could not be re-fuelled until W/T repairs were completed. Estimated take-off of 1245 hrs. could not be effected, but Captain felt he could make D.Z. before reception committee departed. Airborne Cox's 1414 hrs. & a/c had to fly at 160 m.p.h. however & shortage of fuel & weather necessitated a/c returning from Posn. 0203N 10220E at 2352 hrs after endeavouring for 20 mins to get through weather which was 10/10 Cu above & below a/c. 16 packs of nickels were dropped on Lumut 0413N 10037E. Weather – en route – belts of showers – 8-10/10 Cu, As & Ac at 15-18000' – 6-10/10 Cu at 1000'-10000'.
	F/O. Gane	Trombone 6	Cox's Bazaar		
	F/S. C. C. Hood	0202N			
	F/S. M. Rosendorf	10402E			
	F/S. Mardle				
	F/S. F. Osbon				
	Sgt. Netherway				
Lib VI 'Z'	W/O. S. H. Seed	Carpenter	26 1305	27 1115	Unsuccessful – incorrect reception. A/C arrived over D.Z. at 2315 hrs & 'T' of one fire & burning torches with 'K' flashing on Aldis. as briefed reception was a flashing 'R'. Captain asked crew-member to flash "letter" on Aldis but ground party still persisted in flashing 'K'. Surrounding area was searched for other reception but none was found, so Captain abandoned sortie at 2350 hrs & s/c Base
	F/S. W. J. Surrage	Trombone 8	Cox's Bazaar	Jessore	
	P/O. M. V. Dowse	0202N			
	F/S. B. Elstub	10402E			
	Sgt. W. E. Luck				
	P/O. W. R. Birch				
	Sgt. R. C. H. Harrell				
	Sgt. W. L. Knowles				

					0050 hrs. 16 packs nickels were dropped on Kuala Lumpur at 0050 hrs – 10000'. At 1650 hrs unidentified a/c was sighted 45 miles S. of Narcondem. Weather – en route – fair – Cu. building up to 9/10 over Malaya. at D.Z. – clear – vis – 10 miles.
Lib VI 'P'	Can.J22963 F/L. J. A. King	Carpenter Trombone 9 0202N 10402E	26 1310	27 1127	Successful. A/C arrived over D.Z at 2322 hrs. & reception of 'T' of fires & flashing 'K' was seen. Briefed reception was flashing 'R', but Captain decided to drop & 4 containers & 1 package were dropped in 1 run from 600' ASL & were seen to fall on D.Z. Slight hill to W. of D.Z., but area is generally good. 16 packs nickels were dropped on Bandar Maharani at 0018 hrs. – 2000'. S/C Base 0020 hrs. Weather – en route – bad over land – thunder storms in Malacca Straits. at D.Z. – clear with slight ground mist.
	Can.J44512 P/O. K. M. Oddson		Cox's Bazaar	Jessore	
	Can.J45967 P/O. W. E. Stevens				
	Can.J45844 P/O. D. K. Jordan				
	Can.J45035 P/O. R. W. Sanderson				
	Can.R256795 Sgt. R. B. Tingley				
	Can.R267113 Sgt. R. O. K. Saunders				
Dak IV 'J'	W/O. F. F. Bush	Wineglass 1721N 9606E Workhouse 1656N 9437E Acrobat 1834N 9538E	26 2025	27 0525	Successful. 'Wineglass' D.Z. was reached at 2300 hrs. & D.Z. was identified & 4 agents & 2 packages were dropped in 1 run from 600' ASL. 'Workhouse' D.Z. was reached at 0015 hrs. & 4 agents, 1 container & 1 package were dropped in 1 run from 500' ASL. 'Acrobat' D.Z. was reached at 0128 hrs & 5 agents & 2 packages were dropped in 1 run from 700' ASL. All drops were seen to land in D.Z. areas. 8 packs leaflets were dropped on Bassein A/Fs at 2303 hrs, 8 on Onhnebin at 0015 hrs. & 8 on Paungde at 0128 hrs. A/C finally s/c Base 0216 hrs. Weather – en rout – low Cu & St – 1/10th. 'Wineglass' & 'Workhouse' – fine & clear. 'Acrobat' – low st.
	W/O. V. Lineham		Cox's Bazaar		
	F/O. J. Williamson				
	Can.R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodland				
	F/S. G. Fordyce		Blind	Drop	
	Sgt. I. C. Watson				
Dak IV 'D'	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	Character Otter 62 1846N 9704E	28 0519	28 1344	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 1008 hrs & correct reception of 'T' of panels was recognised. 4 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 8 runs from 7400' ASL. & all landed in a valley just E. of D.Z. 24 packets nickels were dropped on Posn 1850N 9720E at 1029 hrs – 9000'. S/C Base 1033 hrs. Weather – en route – StCu over Shans down to 6000'. at D.Z. – cloud overcast down to 8000' visi 5-10 miles.
	Can.J45944 P/O. J. R. Tarzwell		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can.J46764 P/O. R. Pomazon				
	Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 Sgt. McCartney				

Lib VI 'S'	Can.J6644 F/L. T. H. Lee	Character Otter 52 1846N 9704E	28 0552	28 1430	Successful. D.Z. was reached at 0941 hrs & correct reception of 'T' of panels was recognised. 11 containers & 5 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 5-800' AGL & all overshot slightly due to the difficulty of terrain around D.Z. D.Z. is bad being a long narrow ridge on top of a hill, almost always in cloud. 16 packs of nickels were dropped in Posn. 9720E 1853N at 1023 hrs. – 8500'. S/C Base 1014 hrs. Weather – en route – 5/10 Scattered Cu – base 2000' AGL. at D.Z. – 8/10 Cu. base 5000' AGL. visi – 6-7 miles.
	Can.J44365 F/O. A. G. Houghan		Jessore		
	Can.J16004 F/L. J. Alverston				
	Can.J44160 F/O. J. Tyson				
	Can.J45070 F/O. H. Walling				
	Can.J49494 F/O. W. Parslow				
	Can.R.187174 W/O. E. P. Zimmerman				
	Sgt. T. W. Alder				
	Sgt. T. H. Goodman				
Lib VI 'Q'	F/L. G. Smith	Pirate Banjo I 0409N 10118E	28 1740	28 2215	Unsuccessful. A/C landed at Cox's Bazaar on outward trip as scheduled to take on additional petrol, but could not be re-fuelled in time to reach target on T.O.T. & so sortie was abandoned & a/c returned to Base.
	F/S. R. F. Taylor		Cox's Bazaar	Jessore	
	W/O. C. S. Smith				
	Can.J F/O Timmermans				
	Can.J45348 F/O. W. O. McDougald				
	Can.J P/O. Perron				
	W/O. L. J. Powel				
	W/O. H. H. Smith				
	F/S. W. Parry				
	F/S. J. Tate				
	Sgt. Mackie				
Lib VI 'X'	Aus.426330 W/O. F. V. Exelby	Nation Panda 7 1631N 9554E	28 1800	29 0402	Successful. A/C reached D.Z. at 2314 hrs & correct reception of 'T' of fires was recognised. 1 agent & 11 containers were dropped in 2 runs from 450-750' AGL & were seen to fall on D.Z. The D.Z. is very good under any conditions. S/C Base 2335 hrs. At 2235 hrs. at 2200' – Ngayok Bay – lights on shipping in Bay were extinguished on a/c's approach. Weather – en route – patchy low cloud over Bay of Bengal – ACu – S. of Cheduba. at D.Z. – 3/10 high cloud – vis 6 miles.
	Aus.430132 F/S. G. C. Thompson		Jessore		
	NZ.415285 P/O. J. H. Boundy				
	F/S. J. A. McArthur				
	F/S. W. G. Robertson				
	F/S. L. C. Snell				
	F/S. T. E. Lockett				
	F/S. R. C. Silly				
Dak IV 'M'	F/O. C. H. Egerton-Eves	Nutshell Tiger I 1726N 9758E	28 2012	29 0655	Successful. A/C reached D.Z. at 0020 hrs & it was clearly identified from mosaics & also leader of agents knew & recognised DZ. 6 agents & 12 packages were
	Can.J47477 F/O. W. B. Arnold		Cox's Bazaar	Jessore	

	W/O. G. C. Longbottom		Blind	Drop	dropped in 5 runs from 600' AGL & all fell on D.Z. D.Z. is good. 24 packs nickels dropped on Posn 1839N 9507E at 0210 hrs – 8000'. S/C Base 0042 hrs. Weather – en route – scattered FCu at 5000'. at D.Z. – low st – vis – 10-15 miles.
	F/S. J. Biggin				
	Sgt. A. F. Calder				
	Can.R215107 Sgt. A. E. Giles				
Lib VI 'W'	Can.J23275 F/O. W. J. Jackson	Pirate Piccolo? I	28 1350	29 0823	Successful. 1st D.Z. was reached at 1315 hrs & correct reception of 'T' of torches was recognised & 4 agents were dropped in 1 run from 800' AGL. 2nd D.Z. was reached at 2327 hrs & reception of 'F' of torches was seen & 6 containers & 2 packages were dropped in 1 run from 800' AGL & both drops fell on D.Z. 2nd D.Z. was rather difficult for accurate dropping. 16 packs nickels were dropped in Posn 0411N 10111E at 2352 hrs. – 2500'. S/C Base 2339 hrs. At 2344 – 2355 hrs. – at 2500' a fair number of M.T. observed moving N. on Ipon-Bidor & Parit Buntar-Lumut roads. Weather – en route – up to 10/10 StCu & Cb 600' – unknown tops practically all way. at 1st D.Z.6-8/10 ASt base 7000' – vis 8 miles. at 2nd D.Z. – Nil cloud – vis 10 miles.
	Can.J44392 P/O. E. Mercer	(i) 0409N	Cox's Bazaar	Jessore	
	Can.J45134 P/O. G. F. McKelvie	10118E			
	Can.J45192 P/O. A. E. Duff	(ii) 0411N			
	Can.J46053 P/O. A. G. Diggins	10122E			
	Can.J45340 P/O. J. L. Beirnes				
	Can.R266024 Sgt. Bale				
	Can.R28124 Sgt. P. F. Astle				
	Can.R77617 Sgt. T. Patterson				
Dak IV 'B'	F/S. R. A. Jones	Character Otter 53	29 0510	29 1415	Unsuccessful – weather. D.Z. was reached at 0947 hrs but whole area was covered with 10/10 Cu below hills as base. 2 Dakotas & 2 Liberators were also in vicinity waiting for sufficient break in clouds to go down. On Dakota managed to drop 4 containers but did not complete dropping his load. All the other a/c did not drop. 24 packs nickels dropped on Mawchi at 1025 hrs – 1000'. S/C Base 1035 hrs. Weather – en route – 5/10 Cu base 3-4000' tops 9-10,000'. at D.Z. – 9-10/10 Cu. base covering all hills. A few breaks but too small to go down.
	F/S. R. M. Herdman	1846N	Cox's Bazaar	Jessore	
	F/S. R. A. Hunt	9704E			
	F/S. R. B. Guest				
	F/S. D. C. Oram				
Dak IV 'K'	Can.J12694 F/L. J. G. Blinkhorn	Heavy Wolf 14	29 0500	29 1345	Successful. D.Z. was reached at 0935 hrs. & correct reception of 'T' of ground strips was recognised. 33 packages were dropped in 9 runs from 3-500' AGL & all fell on DZ area. D.Z. is 2800' ASL & is excellent for both day & non-moon drops.
	Can.J45823 P/O. G. A. Mackey	2151N	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can.J46787 P/O. F. B. Spence	9942E			

	Can.R270837 Sgt. A. O. Dahlin				S/C Base 1005 hrs. Weather – en route – 7/10 Cu 5-20,000'. at D.Z. – 5/10 Cu 6-12000' – vis – very good.
Dak IV 'J'	F/S. F. F. Bush W/O. V. Lineham F/O. J. Williamson Can.R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodland F/S. G. Fordyce Sgt. I. C. Watson	Heavy Lynx 7 2048N 9859E	29 0515 Jessore	29 1430 Cox's Bazaar	Successful. D.Z. was reached at 0946 hrs & correct reception of 'T' of strips was recognised. 4 containers & 37 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 3000' ASL & load landed on DZ area. D.Z. was not in briefed posn but on a bearing of 310°, 5-6 miles away from briefed posn. Is not good for night drops as hills are 1000' higher than D.Z. on headings 280°-340°. S/C Base 1021 hrs. Weather – en route – 10/10 Cu 1000' – 25000' – vis nil all route. at D.Z. – 6/10 Cu base 6000' – vis 10 miles.
Lib VI 'P'	F/O. A. G. Fenwick F/S. Steel F/S. Whale F/O. McStea W/O. Graham F/S. Jolley Sgt. Attwood Sgt. Ayton Sgt. Simonite	Character Walrus (White 4) 1920N 9714E	29 0600 Jessore	29 1452	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 1023 hrs. & correct reception of Δ of panels was recognised. 11 Containers & 5 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 400' AGL & fell just to N.W. of target. D.Z. is excellent. S/C Base 1035 hrs. At 0909 hrs – 1842N 9513E – 9000' – light A.A. fire – moderate – accurate for height, poor for direction. 1130 hrs 1829N 9531E – 10500' – Paungde – whole town seen to be on fire – smoke up to 8000'. Weather – en route – clear in valleys – Cu Building up over hills. at D.Z. – 6-7/10 Cu base 4500' ASL.
Dak IV 'H'	S/L. T. P. O'Brien W/O. J. H. Middleton F/S. R. T. Wright Sgt. F. H. Burley	Character Walrus 46 1914N 9658E	29 0517 Jessore	29 1317 Cox's Bazaar	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 1006 hrs & correct reception of Δ of panels was recognised. 4 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 8 runs from 4300' ASL. & except for 2 packages in trees to N. of D.Z. all fell on D.Z. 20 packs nickels were dropped on Prome area at 0914 hrs – 8000'. S/c Base 1030 hrs. Weather – en route – fair to R. Irrawaddy – 9-0/10 Cu over Shans – at D.Z. – 9/10 Cu base 5000'.
Dak IV 'F'	F/L. L. G. Lewis Can.J24042 F/L. W. M. Caron P/O. A. W. Cumber W/O. W. Learwood	Character Otter 56 1846N 9704E	29 0505 Jessore	29 1315 Cox's Bazaar	Partially successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 0938 hrs. & correct reception of 'T' of panels was recognised. 6 containers were dropped in one run from 1000' AGL through a temporary break in cloud &

	Can.R281747 Sgt. T. O'Shaughnessy,				were seen to be falling towards area. Further load of 30 packages could not be dropped as cloud became 10/10 & D.Z could not be seen. S/C Base 1025 hrs. Weather – en route – 9/10 Cu. over Shans. at D.Z. – 9/10 Cu base 6000'+. The view was strongly expressed by captain that an earlier drop is essential in this area before morning Cu. has a chance to build up.
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Dak IV 'O'	F/O. W. Kindred	Character Walrus 44 1920N 9657E	30 1213	30 1953	Unsuccessful – weather en route. A/C S/C D.Z. from Baronga Islands but 10/10 cloud with heavy precipitation & turbulence was encountered base 6- 8000' with layers beneath down to ground over 70% of route. Vis poor occasionally down to 10/20 yds. Finally turned back 75 miles from D.Z. as weather continued to worsen. Cloud building up below made continuing impracticable. S/C Base 1604 hrs.
	F/O. K. C. Williams		Jessore		
	F/O. G. H. Lawrence				
	F/O. S. F. Dove				
	Sgt. J. A. Green				
Dak IV 'G'	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	Character Mongoose 22 1846N 9704E	30 0347	30 1131	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 0818 hrs & correct reception of 'T' of panels was recognised. 4 containers & 33 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 7400' ASL. & all fell on DZ area. 24 packs nickels dropped on Kyithe at 0726 hrs – 6000'. S/C Base 0840 hrs. Weather – en route – clear – SCu over sea – 9/10 ASt base 10000'. at D.Z. – clear – 5/10 ASt base 12000' – vis. 10 miles.
	Can.J45944 P/O. J. R. Tarzwell		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	P/O. Butler				
	Can.J46764 P/O. R. Pomazon				
	Can.R281616 Sgt. McCartney				
	Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				
Dak IV 'J'	F/S. F. F. Bush	Holder 1832N 9454E Blind Drop	30 1435	30 2220	Unsuccessful. D.Z. was reached at 1826 hrs & a/c's crew identified D.Z. A/c circled, but on return to make dropping run, weather had completely closed in & D.Z. was totally obscured by cloud, which filled valley from opposite end. Sortie was abandoned & a/c s/c Base 1840 hrs. Weather – en route – 10/10 Cu over Arakans base 3000' above hills. at D.Z. – CuNim over D.Z. to ground level – creeping over D.Z. on arrival.
	W/O. V. Lineham		Jessore		
	F/O. J. Williamson				
	F/S. G. Fordyce				
	Sgt. I. C. Watson				
Dak IV 'L'	F/O. C. H. Egerton- Eves	Character Otter 54 1846N 9704E	30 0346	30 1148	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 0812 hrs. & correct reception of 'T' of panels was recognised. 4 containers & 80 packages were dropped in 8 runs from 7000-7400' ASL. & all fell on D.Z. Steep sides of DZ made careful drop essential.
	Can.J27477 F/O. W. B. Arnold		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. J. Biggin				
	Sgt. J. Hatton				

	Sgt. A. F. Calder				24 packs nickels were dropped on Maudang. Weather – en route – good over Bay – 9/10-10/10 AS at 12000'. Over land – low St. & SCu. 3-5/10 at 4000'. at D.Z. – No low cloud – 7/10 As at 15000' vis good – 30 miles.

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357 Squadron

(note original hand written and difficult to read in places)

Place	Date	Time	Summary of events					
Jessore	May	1945	Part I – Operations					
			the month started with quite a rush, there being fourteen sorties on the first of May. Most of which went to Character, Heavy & Carpenter areas. In passing this month, 357 SD Sqdn. (based at Jessore only) a total of 138 sorties were flown, in a period of quite weather, the weather in general decreased as the month advanced bringing the Monsoon. Of these 156 were detailed, & a hundred & twenty nine (129) were successful. This gives us a percentage of success as 82.3% & 27.7% failures. Which considering the hazardous weather & positions of Dropping Zones, which were sometimes perilous because of it. This is a very out standing achievement. The Dakotas of course have the ??eent of the work as Liberators cannot drop on many of the D.Z.'s in Burma. 88 sorties were flown by the Dakotas against 50 of the Liberators. But not to be out done, the Liberators flew eleven long distance operations, which were the longest operational Liberator flights to be made in South Eastern Asia.					
			With all this, the total operational hours flown by 357 Sqdn was 1327.14 hours. During which time, we dropped 453,000 lbs of stores, 36,500 lbs. of leaflets. (It? exactly noted that 251 lbs is equal to 19,000 leaflets which meant about 1,000,000 of them).					
			On this month only one aircraft was lost, being Dakota KJ180, captained by F/Lt. C. Egerton-Eves, who was on detachment to China. The pilot & navigator were killed.					
			The month held many successes in the face of some of the worst weather yet encountered. From the 1st of the month to about the 5th, a cold Front extended over the Southern part of Burma, though clod & high winds found to be everywhere. From the South except for low Stratus, but becoming progressively worse to the North. After that date, all parts seemed to be affected in much the same way. Causing discomfort to the crews, but really ???? a ???? ????					
			On most of the ?????? Rebbecca was briefed as part of the reception, it was found impossible to pick it up, or when picked up, the DZ was already in sight, which it almost useless, as also the coding was mostly weak and indistinct. It is thought that by the crews that the mountains are cutting off the signal and it would be better to have them on a hill if possible.					
			During the month, there were 4 (four) Blind Drops. According to the crews report, all were successful and the parties all safely landed. As yet no reports from the field have been received.					
			The only thing of interest apart from the weather was a sortie on Dracula when the Dakota was met by a Mustang and a Mosquito, which proceeded to shoot up the village, whilst the Dakota dropped on the D.Z.					
			A Detailed Synopsis of Operations					
Code Name	Countr y	Area	Libs		Daks		Total	Remarks
			S	U	S	U		
Character	Burma	Kempayu	11	3	50	5	69	The Liberators were unsuccessful due to weather, 2 Dakotas found their DZ's without receptions. And 3 returned because of the

								weather on route & over DZs. With Eureka, out of 26 trips briefed for it, only 6 were successful in picking it up, 8 no report on it, & 12 no reception on Rebecca at all.	
Nation	"	Pegu	2	--	3	--	5	Fair weather	
Heavy	"	Kentung	--	--	6	3	9	All a/c experienced very bad weather in the area. Only one a/c failed due to this however.	
Dilwyn	"	Heseni	--	--	3	1	4	Weather fair. One a/c found no reception.	
Passage	"		--	--	1	--	1	Clouds? over DZ.	
Neronran? ?	"		1	1	--	--	2	One a/c had bad weather over DZ.	
Holder	Burma	--	--	--	1	--	1	This was a 'Blind Drop', & the leader of the party was satisfied with the identification.	
Wineglass	Burma	--	--	--	1	--	1		
Dracula	Burma	--	--	--	1	--	1	A Mustang and a Mosquito joined the A/C, & then bombed & strafed the nearest village whilst the Dak dropped.	
Cutter	Burma	--	1	--	--	--	1	Weather Fair.	
Outward	Burma	--	1	--	--	--	1	Good all round.	
Carpenter	Malaya	Kersing	6	3	--	--	9	For the most part, the weather was good down in S. Malaya. Only isolated thunder-storms were encountered. One A/C was recalled & one developed an A.P.U. fault at Akyab.	
Nutshell	Malaya	--	6	1	--	--	7	In N. Malaya the weather was good, but an extensive layer of St. Cu. was found to obscure most of the land & sea.	
Pontoon	Malaya	Helantan	2	1	--	--	3	Mostly Fair.	
Galvanic	Malaya	--	2	--	--	--	2	Isolated thunder storms.	
Pirate	Malaya	--	1	--	--	--	1	Had two DZs. Both found.	
Beacon	Malaya	Helantan	1	--	--	--	1	Fair weather.	
Funnel	Malaya	Helantan	1	--	--	--	1		
Gaingorn	Malaya	Mua-Hin	2	--	--	--	2	One A/C was recalled but due to atmospheric did not receive the message. Very bad storms.	
Bazaar	F.I.C.	--	--	2	--	--	2	No reception in both cases.	
Siren?	F.I.C.	--	2	--	--	--	2	--	
Catydle	Siam	Udorn	3	--	--	--	3	--	
Heberdes ?	Malaya	Caobang	1	1	--	--	2	Weather over DZ stopped one operation.	
Parterre	F.I.C.	--	1	--	--	--	1	The primary DZ not used. The secondary appeared to be an old installation. Airfield.	
Avenge	F.I.C.	--	1	--	--	--	1	--	
Sleeve	F.I.C.	Lakon Saron	1	--	--	--	1	--	
			Total Liberator sorties for May 50						
			Total Dakota sorties for May 86						
			Sqdn. A/C strength as of May 31st 1945						
			Liberators		Dakotas		Harvards	Sentinels	
			KH331		KJ889		FS794	--	
			KH273		KJ913		FS989	--	
			KH391		KJ919				
			EW119		KJ922				
			EW164		KJ924				
			BZ974		KJ925				

			KH166	KJ926		
			KH216	KN304		
			Part II Administration			
Jessore	May	1945	Visits & Staff Officers			
	May 11		The only visitor to this station during May was F/L. A. J. Brook who is conducting a tour of SD units & the Clandestine Organisations in Calcutta & Jessore. He will conduct a research into matters affecting S.D. operations. F/L. A. J. Brook is an officer of the Headquarters Operational Research Section. He is expected on the 19 May 45.			
	May 10		A signal was received that Major F. T. S. Jensen S.A.A.F. would tour the command during May & June. He is the South African Liaison Officer. It is not known when he will arrive.			
	May 16		An Order of the Day was received today from Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, Supreme Allied Commander:- Reads			
			"You have won the race for Rangoon, and beaten the Monsoon as well as the Japanese. The fall of the capital 10 days before the rains will be upon you, brings to an end the Battle of Burma, for although isolated pockets of the enemy remain, their doom is now sealed. From the Chinese Armies in the North, who fought their way with the American Brigade down to Lashio, to the British & Indian & East & West African divisions who have fought from Komima to Rangoon, you have covered in this great battle 4000 miles of the worst country in the world & under the worlds worst climate and conditions.			
			In the process you have killed 97,000 Japanese and inflicted a quarter of a million casualties. You have in fact given the enemy such a beating and harried them so hard, the vaulted Japanese army, about whose toughness and fanaticism we have heard so much, has in some cases pulled out rather than meet your final assault. Your victories have been a magnificent example of Inter-Service, Inter-Allied co-operation. To achieve them, the ground forces not only received the normal air support, but have had to be supplied by air on a scale never before achieved, and the American Air Forces have worked with the R.A.F. right through to the capture of Rangoon.			
			Meanwhile, the Royal Navy have cut the enemy's communications and have made possible a series of amphibious hooks round the coast of Arakan, culminating in a combined operation in which the 15th Corp assaulted Rangoon from the sea just as the 14th Army approached the town from the North.			
			The liberation of Burma, in which we have had the active assistance of the Burmese, makes not only the successful accomplishment of the first stage in your advance, it will also be your springboard for your further & greater Victories." Ends.			
	May 16		From Headquarters, Eastern Air Command. Begins:-			
			Quote SEAC from Mountbatten. I am happy to have received the Prime Ministers authorisation to announce that H.M. the king has commanded that a special decoration "The Burma Star" shall be struck. The ribbons are being flown out for all three services at the earliest moment. (Ends).			
Jessore	May 2		The "Cloak and Dagger" (P.S.I) is to be further improved with the profit gained in the past months.			
	May 3		A messing committee meeting was held at 1930 hrs to try & improve the airman's messing & to receive any complaints & suggestions.			
	May 9		Tombola was played from 1930 hrs to 2030 hrs. It attracted a goodly gathering.			
	May 10		Victory Celebrations --			
			Thursday 10 May 45 Stand Down			

		Sunday 13 May 45	Church Parade & Stand Down
		Monday 14 May 45	Sports. Stand Down
	May 30		Committee of Adjustment
			Can.J12694 F/L. J. G. Blinkhorn & Can.J46787 F/O. F. B. Spence authorised to form a Committee of Adjustment w.e.f. 23 May 1945 for:-
			F/L. C. H. Egerton-Eves, G.D.(P)
			Can.J27477 F/O. W. B. Arnold, G.D.(N)
Jessore	May		Welfare
			Several Welfare plays were forwarded to this station, to be used by the personnel, it is hoped that one will be enacted soon.
	May 6		For Canadian personnel a pamphlet called "The First Four Years" was received.
	May 8		Postal voting forms were received & distributed. Later collected & forwarded to H.Q. Burma.
	May 28		It is hoped to form a Station Brass Band on the advice of H.Q. Burma.
			Of course the beer ration arrived safely & 5 bottles per man were issued.
			The football & hockey games are being scheduled & played with the same enthusiasm.
			Ecclesiastical
			Pamphlets for Jewish personnel have been forwarded here.
			The Bishop of Calcutta Administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to several men.
			Part III Personnel
Jessore	May		R.A.F.
			Posting
		163736 F/O. N. N. McSter GD(A.B)	Posted to 357 Sqdn from 358 Sqdn W.E.F. 1.4.45.
		189923 P/O. R. A. Winby A.G.D. M.T.	Posted to 357 Sqdn Es. U.K. W.E.F. 31.3.45.
		164670 F/O. B. A. Haynes G.D.(N)	Posted to 357 Sqdn from 361 M.U. W.E.F. 27.4.45.
		164774 F/O. R.. B? Hougby G.D.(P)	
		164804 F/O. R. D. Butler G.D.(N)	
		164104 F/O. A. J. McAskill GD(NG)	Posted to 357 Sqdn from S.H.Q. Ratmalana W.E.F. 1.5.45.
		169728 F/O. W. R. Painter GD.(P)	
		139970 F/L. H. Deen GD(P)	Posted to 357 Sqdn from S.H.Q. Ratmalana W.E.F. 1.5.45.
		175368 F/O. M. G. H. King GD(F.E)	Posted to 357 Sqdn from 231 Group W.E.F. 18.4.45. Proceeded to 329 M.U. W.E.F. 23.4.45.
			Promotions
		198987 P/O. S. C. C. Hood GD(N)	Appointed to Commissioned Rank W.E.F. 6.12.44.
		196400 P/O. E. A. Wheelhouse GD(P)	Appointed to Commissioned Rank W.E.F. 2.3.45.
		163921 P/O. J. Poulton GD(AB)	Promoted F/O. W.E.F. 11.4.44
		164242 P/O. S. G. Dove GD(AG)	" " " 2.12.44
		186420 P/O. J. H. Newbury GD(N)	" " " 18.1.45
		186012 P/O. F. W. Pearce GD(AG)	" " " 18.1.45
		187363 P/O. F. C. Cook GD(P)	" " " 5.11.44

		161558 P/O D. B. Gibson A&S.D.	" " " 3.8.44	
		164107 P/O. G. H. Lawrence GD(A.B)	" " " 25.8.44	
		150072 F/O. A. G. Fenwick GD(P)	" F/L " 11.1.45	
		134082 F/O. G. H. Egerton-Eves GD(P)	" " " 10.2.45	
		Decorations		
		His Gracious Majesty has conferred the Distinguished Flying Cross to the undermentioned officers.		
		187363 P/O. F. C. Cook GD(P)	2.4.45	
		186420 P/O. J. H. Newbury GD(N)	13.4.45	
		186012 P/O. F. W. Pearce GD(AG)	13.4.45	
		88689 F/L (act S/Ldr) T. P. O'Brien GD(P)	24.4.45	
	May	R.C.A.F.		
		Promotions		
		J45828 P/O. O. S. H. Campbell GD(N) 2.12.44	Promoted to F/O W.E.F. the dates stated.	
		J45192 P/O. A. E. Duff GD(AB) 5.11.44		
		J45844 P/O. D. K. Jordan GD(AB) 2.12.44		
		J44948 P/O. G. d. McGregor GD(AB) 5.11.44		
		J46765 P/O. I. A. Palumbo GD(WG) 30.12.44		
		J47494 P/O. W. V. Parslon GD(AG) 4.2.45		
		J46035 P/O. R. W? Sanderson GD(AG) 2.11.44		
		J46770 P/O. C. M. Stearns GD(WG) 30.12.44		
		J45967 P/O. W. E. Stevens GD(N) 2.12.44		
		J45936 P/O. H. W. F. Wagner GD(AG) 2.12.44		
		J46521 P/O. R. Sinclair GD(N) 30.12.44		
		Casualties		
		The undermentioned officer was killed whilst flying in Dakota KH180, which crashed at Yuping on May 20, 1945		
		J27477 F/O. W. B. Arnold GD(N)		
		Postings		
		C4277 S/Ldr E. D. Nelson GD(N)	Posted from R.A.F. Station Poona W.E.F. 22.4.45	
		J12694 F/Lt. J. G. Blinkhorn GD(P)	Posted to 357 Sqdn. Ex. UK. W.E.F. 5.2.45	
		J45823 P/O G. A Mackey GD(N)		
		J46787 P/O. F. B. Spence GD(WG)		
		J35944 P/O. J. R.Tarzwell GD(N)	Posted to 357 Sqdn. Ex. UK. W.E.F. 31.1.45	
		J10354 F/Lt. B. G. Henson GD(P)		
		J46764 P/O. R. Pomezan GD(WG)	Posted to ACSEA Commn. Sqdn. W.E.F. 27.4.45	
		J25346 F/O. R. G. Stothers GD(P)		
		C.1490 S/ldr. O. H. Simms A.F.C. GD(P)		Posted from R.A.F. Station Poona W.E.F. 19.4.45
		J12779 F/O. A. F. Timmerman GD(P)		
		J47321 P/O. N. Reeve GD(N)		
		J471?53? P/O. L. N. Horsus GD(AG)		
		J47457 P/O. J. Flanagan? GD(AG)		
		J47869 F?/O. G. Faulkner GD(WG)		
		J47975? P/O. W. P. McLoed GD(WG)		

		J47344 P/O. J. J. P. Peron GD(N)	
		J45177 P/O. A. Fritz-Maurice GD(WG)	
		J48187 P/O. P. Drapper GD(WG)	
		Decorations	
		J15004 F/Lt. T. R. Alverson, GD(N)	
		Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross	
		R.A.A.F.	
		Postings	
		A.413268 F/O. M. Seale? GD(N)	To 357 Sqdn W.E.F. 30.1.45
		A.14407 F/Lt. P. W. Bowler? (DFC) GD(P)	To 357 Sqdn. (Adjutant Post) 6.3.45
		A.424296 P/O. F. C. Cutlar GD(N)	To R.A.F. Kolar W.E.F. 14.4.45
		A.415578 P/O. P. A. Black GD(P)	To ACSEA W.E.F. 27.4.45
		A.421792 P/O. T. A. Collister GD(P)	To BAFSEA W.E.F. 25.4.45
		Promotions	
		A.430912 F/O. F. G. Barlogie (DFC) GD(P) Promoted F/L. W.E.F. 30.12.44	
		Decorations	
		His Majesty the King, has graciously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross on the below mentioned Officers.	
		A.14407 P. W. Bowles GD(P)	
		A.420912 F. G. Barlogie GD(P)	
		Statement of Personnel Strength	
		Officers	Airmen
		R.A.F.	71 614
		R.C.A.F.	44 29
		R.A.A.F.	8 16
		R.N.Z.A.F.	1 1
		Total 784	
		Officer Commanding. 357 (SD) Sqdn.	

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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
Lib VI 'W'	F/L. G. Smith	Outward 1 Character Ferret Kumiry? 1733N 9614E Second 1913N 9659E	30 2023	01 0624	Successful on Outward 1. Unsuccessful on Character Ferret 26 – A/C over primary D.Z. at 0033 hrs where reception of T of fires and torch flashing "K" was recognised. 6 agents and 5 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 500' A.G.L., and all were seen to land in target area. Crew reported large number of M.T. going E & S along roads in area of Second D. Z. S/C Base 0243 hrs. Weather en route – good – at D.Z. clear Cu in valleys – at 2nd. D.Z. Cu built up on hills and filling in valleys – vis on both D.Z.s – 8-10 mls.
	F/S. R. F. Taylor		Jessore		
	W/O. C. S. Smith				
	F/S. J. Tate				
	W/O. L. J. Powell				
	W/O. H. H. Smith				
	F/S. W. Parry				
	Sgt. Mackie				
	Can J45345 P/O. W. O. McDougald				
Lib VI 'O'	Can J4115 F/L. Lamb	Outward 1 1733N 9614E Bazaar? Hippo 18? 1938N 9545E	30 2020	01 0505	Successful – A/C reached primary D.Z. at 2358 hrs where correct reception was seen consisting of 'T' of fires and torch flashing K.A. 6 agents and 6 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 10,000' ADL. and all were seen to fall on D.Z. A/C over second DZ at 0031 hrs where correct reception was recognised, consisting of 'T' of fires and flashing "O". 8 containers were dropped in 1 run from 1200' A.S.L. and were seen to fall on D.Z. S/C Base. Weather en route – 8-10/10ths AS. base 12000' – 2/10 ST. 0144 hrs. At Outward – cloud 2/10ths above Bu????/Hippo – Closing down 10/10ths AS. vis 15-20 mls.
	J39528 F/O. H. J. McFadyen		Jessore		
	J45168 F/O. D. A. Blad				
	P/O. T Poulton				
	J46064 F/O. S. V. Hillis				
	F/O. R. W. Birch				
	R160539 F/S. Bechthold				
	Sgt. R. P. C. Smith				
	J42510 F/O. D. Heller				
Lib VI 'P'	F/L. J. A. Powell	?????? Cotton 1	30 1915	01 0445	Unsuccessful. Weather bad over whole rout, heavy intermittent cloud, then solid over hills. Flew to D.Z. cloud formation from safety height up to 20000'. Crew reported cloud above and below, StR. & CuNim deteriorating forced early return, storms were encountered over whole track Captain decided to abandon sortie S/C Base 0001 hrs.
	F/O. Gane		Jessore		
	P/O. C. C. Hood				
	F/S. Rosendorf				
	F/S. F. Osbon				
	F/S. E. Wenham				
	F/S. Mardle				
	F/S. Netherway				
	Sgt. Williams				
Dak IV 'K'	Can.J12694 F/L. J. G. Blinkhorn	W?????? 2 P????ng? 1728N 9608E	30 1825?	01 0416	Successful – A/C over D.Z at 2306 on primary and 23.45 hrs on secondary. Primary D.Z. recognised by natural feature, and correct reception of a 'T' of
	Can.J45823 P/O. G. Mackey		Jessore		

	Can.J46787 P/O. F. B. Spence	Secondary 1703N 9541E			fires – 5 fires around perimeter of field. 13 agents 4 containers and 5 packages were dropped in 5 runs for 700' A.G.L. and dropped in target area. Crew report there are no local snags at D.Z. S/C Base 0005 hrs. Weather en route – ACu & AS from coast to Irrawaddy. At D.Z. – 5/10ths AC – vis 5-10 mls.
	Can.R270537 Sgt. A. Q. Dahlin				
Lib VI 'V'	Can.J23405 F/O. A. B. Coy	Carpenter Trombone 10 0202N 10402E	30 1352	01 1054	Successful – A/C made run in on target from coastal pin point and identified D.Z. from correct reception of T of fires and flashing K on Aldis, time over D.Z. 0102 hrs. 3 containers and 3 packages were dropped in 1 run from 550' ASL and all landed in D.Z. Good all weather D.Z. approachable from any direction. 215° was found to be very good. S/C Base 0109 hrs. Weather en route – Scattered heavy Cu. with ??en & storms over most of route. – At D.Z. clear good vis.
	Can.J44466 P/O. R. E. Jorgensen		Cox's Bazaar		
	Can.J45828 P/O. O. S. N. Campbell				
	Can.J44948 P/O. G. McGregor				
	Can.J46770 P/O. C. M. Stearns				
	Can.J46765 P/O. I. A. Palumbo				
	Can.R154825 Sgt, O. Despres				
Lib VI 'Z'	W/Cdr. L. M. Hodges	Carpenter Trombone 7 0146N 10345E	30 1350	01 1030	Successful – A/C over D.Z. at 0035 hrs, where correct reception of 'T' of fires and flashing "K" was recognised. 4 containers and 2 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 8?50' A.S.L. Containers were seen on D.Z. but packages had slightly undershot. Good D.Z. but seemed as though it would be affected by low stratus. S/C Base 0055 hrs. Weather en route - ??ays? of 7/10ths. low SCu – 8/10ths AS and scattered storms. At D.Z. Clear good vis.
	Can C1480? S/L. O. H. Simms		Cox's Bazaar		
	Aus.413286 F/O. H. Seale				
	F/S. E. Stephenson				
	F/L. L. G. A. Reed				
	F/O. A. A. Morley				
	Aus.418600 F/O. K. Buchanan				
	F/S. W. Farish				
Dak IV 'L'	F/O. C. H. Egerton- Eves	Heavy Lynx 8 2048N 9859E	01 500	01 1419	Unsuccessful – no reception. A/C was over DZ area at 0928 hrs but no reception was seen. Area was definitely recognised as all details of rivers & streams were seen. Sortie was abandoned & A/C S/C Base at 1057 hrs. DZ is good. OK for moonlight drops. Weather en route – 10/10 AS – 14000' – 7-8/10 SCu 5000'. At DZ – 10/10 AS 6-8/10 Cu base 3- 4000'.
	Can.J27477 F/O. W. B. Arnold		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. J. Biggin				
	Sgt. J. Hatton				
	Sgt. A. F. Calder				
Dak IV 'B'	F/S. R. A. Jones	Heavy Wolf 13 2151N 9942E	01 0450	01 1050	Unsuccessful. Weather. A/C reached posn 2230N 9430E at 0820 hrs but was forced to return to base due to the cold front after trying for 57 mins to get above,
	F/S. R. M. Herdman		Jessore		

	F/S. R. A. Hunt				below, or around with no success. S/C Base 0820 hrs.
	F/S. R. B. Guest				
	F/S. D. C. Oram				
Dak IV 'F'	F/O. Buckingham	Character Otter 53 1846N 9704E	01 0340	01 1100	Unsuccessful – Weather. A/C reached Akyab then flew out to sea for 20 miles, then due E to Myitche. ???ing front still impossible to get over or through so sortie was abandoned & A/C S/C for Hathazaka to re-fuel.
	F/O. Hinxman		Jessore	Hathaza ka	
	F/O. Rodrigues				
	W/O. Rose				
	F/S. Dampier				
Dak IV 'H'	P/O. Sharpe	Character Otter 67 1846N 9704E	01 0345	01 1130	Successful. A/C reached DZ at 0825 hrs & correct reception of T of ground panels & flashing of 'W' was recognised. 6 containers & 80 packages were free dropped in 8 runs from 100' AGL & all fell on DZ. S/C Base 0848 hrs. Weather en route – 8/10 SC off Akyab & 6/10 low Sc over Irrawaddy. Over DZ – 2/10 Cu Base 7000'.
	P/O. Flynn		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	P/O. Staines				
	F/S. Selves				
Dak IV 'G'	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	Character Otter 57 1858N 9707E	01 0440	01 1350	Successful. A/C reached DZ at 0927 hrs & correct reception of 'U' of panels & T of fires was seen 9 agents, 2 containers & 9 packages were dropped in 6 runs & agents were seen standing on DZ after drop. DZ is in a valley between 2 ridges & would not be easy to find in cloud. T.O.T. should be earlier or late afternoon. S/C Base 0950 hrs. Weather en route – Alto St mainly at 12000'. At DZ – 4/10 Cu 4000' & High Alt. St. at 12000'.
	Can.J45944 P/O. J. R. Tarzwell		Jessore		
	Can.J46764 P/O. R. Pomazon				
	Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 Sgt. McCartney				
Dak IV 'M'	S/Ldr. T. P. O'Brien	Character Otter 68 1846N 9704E	01 0415	01 1707	Successful – A/C reached DZ at 1058 hrs & correct reception of 'T' of panels was seen. 6 containers & 80 packages were free dropped in 12 runs & all fell on DZ except 9 which fell to W. Crew report no re-fuelling facilities at Monywa. Weather en route 8/10 Cu. Storm near Akyab & Baronga Island. Over DZ 9/10 SCu – base 7200'
	W/O. J. H. Middleton		Jessore	Monywa	
	Sgt. R. T. Wright				
	Sgt. F. H. Burley				
Dak IV 'F'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Dracula 1638N 9550E	01 0200	01 1110	Successful. A/C reached DZ at 0525 hrs & 120 packages were dropped in 5 runs from 1000-1500' ASL. At 0530 hrs over Yagyan L.A.A. was fired at A/C at 1500'. Also over 1631N 9552 E at 0540 hrs & 1628N 9548E at 0550 hrs. A/C was fired on by .5 or 20 mm cannon. A/C was not hit. A Mustang at 0605 hrs & a Mosquito
	P/O. A. W. Cumber		Cox's Bazaar	Jessore	
	Sgt. A. A. Reeves				
	Can.R281747 Sgt. O'Shaughnessy, T.				
	Can.J24042 F/O. W. H. Caron				

					at 0645 hrs joined A/C & Mosquito bombed & strafed villages as A/C was dropping on last run. S/C Base 0647 hrs. Weather en route – Thunderstorms over Bay. Cu & Cb to 15000'. Over DZ – 9/10 AISt – vis 30 miles.
Dak IV 'D'	F/O. Buckingham	Character Otter 68	02 0335	02 1040	Successful A/C reached DZ at 0800 hrs & correct reception of 'T' of panels & letter W was seen. 29 packages were dropped in 8 runs from 7200' ASL & all fell in area. At 0755 hrs Rebecca was picked up from 10 miles at 8000'. S/C Base 0815 hrs. Weather en route – Front from Ramree to S.E. & N.W. Rainstorms. Cloud down to 1000'. At DZ – Clear – 8/10 Cu tops 7000'. Valley mist.
	F/O. Hinxman	1846N 9704E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/O. Rodrigues				
	W/O. Rose				
	F/S. Dampier				
Dak IV 'H'	P/O. Sharpe	Character Otter 56	02 0345	02 1200	Successful.- A/C over D.Z. at 0822, when correct reception of T of panels & W was recognised. 15 packages were dropped in 6 runs from 300' A.G.L. and all landed in area. 15 packages were brought back to Base as cloud obscured D.Z. after sixth dropping run. 6 Dakotas with an escort of 4 Spitfires were also dropping on D.Z. S/C Base 0915 hrs. Weather en route – 8-10/10ths Scu – bae 2-5000'. 10/10ths AS as well. At DZ – 7/10 Cu & St tops 8000' – base 5000' – increasing to 10/10ths in ¼ hrs.
	P/O. Flynn	1846N 9704E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	P/O. Staines				
	F/S. Selves				
Dak IV 'J'	W/O. F. F. Bush	Character Walrus	02 0340	02 1210	Successful – A/C was over D.Z. at 0834 hrs, where correct reception of Δ of panels and letter "N" was recognised, also Rebecca which was coding wrong letter. 4 containers and 33 packages were dropped in 6 runs from 600' A.G.L. and all landed on D.Z. Weather en route 10/10ths Acu base 10,000' and Cb down to ground level in places At D.Z. clear. S/C Base 0900.
	W/O. V. Lineham	1920N 9657E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/O. J. Williamson				
	F/S. G. Fordyce				
Dak IV 'A'	F/O. W. Kindred	Character Mongoose 33	02 0523	02 1413	Successful. A/C over DZ at 1047 hrs, where correct reception of "T" of fires & F & T of torches was recognised, also red very cartridges were being thrown into fire. 4 containers and 33 packages were dropped in 8 runs form 900' A.G.L. and
	F/O. K. C. Williams	1800N 9701E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/O. G. Dove				
	Sgt. Green				

					except for first run which slightly undershot, all landed in D.Z. Good D.Z. S/C Base 1116 hrs. Weather en route fair. At DZ. 10/10ths overcast vis. 2-3 mls.
Dak IV 'F'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Carpenter Walrus (White) 6 1920N 9714E	02 0345	02 1155	Successful. A/C was over DZ at 0904 hrs. D.Z. was recognised by correct reception of Δ of panels & letter N. 4 containers & 33 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 400' A.G.L. All landed on D.Z. Very good D.Z. S/C Base 0925 hrs. Weather en route – Overcast whole way At D.Z. overcast – 9/10ths Scu base 3800'.
	Can.J24042 F/O. W. H. Caron		Base	Cox's Bazaar	
	P/O. A. W. Cumber				
	Sgt. A. A. Reeves				
	Can.R281747 Sgt. O'Shaughnessy, T.				
Dak IV 'B'	F/S. R. A. Jones	Character Ferrret 28? 1858N 9707E	02 0335	02 1145	Successful – A/C over D.Z at 0832 hrs. Correct reception of letter U & A in panels was recognised, 6 containers & 10 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 100' A.G.L. results of drop could not be observed due to cloud obscuring DZ. Sortie was abandoned after third run & 21 packages were brought back to Base. S/C Base 0943 hrs. Weather en route 10/10ths ACu & AS at 10000' 8/10 SCu over Burma valleys to D.Z. At D.Z. 9-10/10ths SCu 3-6000' – 10/10 ACu.
	F/S. R. M. Herdman		Jessore	Akyab	
	F/S. R. A. Hunt				
	F/S. R. B. Guest				
Dak IV 'K'	Can.J12694 F/L. J. G. Blinkhorn	Carpenter Walrus ?? 1920N 9714E	02 0340	02 1300	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 0841 hrs. & correct reception of Δ of panels and letter N, with 4 smoke fires was identified. 3 agents & 4 containers & 19 packages were dropped in 6 runs from 4,400' A.S.L. & all landed in target area. Hills an ??????on i ?????? A/C onto target. S/C Base – 0906 hrs. Weather en route – SCu base 3000'. ????? storms E. of Barnner. ?? at D.Z. – clear – vis 6 mls.
	Can.J45823 P/O. G. Mackey		Jessore		
	Can.J46787 P/O. F. B. Spence				
	Can.R270537 Sgt. A. Q. Dahlin				
Lib VI 'W'	Aus.426330 W/O. F. V. Exelby	Character Otter (Blue) 1 1849N 9645E	02 1330	02 1855	Unsuccessful – Weather. Over Bay of Bengal 8/10 Cu base 2000' – vis 15 miles. Over Arakan Cu building up as A/c flew south. S. of 20N front building up & moving S. Cu gong through 10/10 SCu 15000' tops not known – vis nil. A/C flew as far S as 18°N with no success & S/C Base 1618 hrs from 1930N 9445E.
	Aus.430132 F/S. G. C. Thompson		Jessore		
	NZ.415285 W/O. J. H. Boundy				
	F/S. J. A. McArthur				
	F/S. L. C. Snell				
	F/S. T. Lockett				
	F/S. W. G. Robertson				
	F/S. J. Gorrie				

	F/S. R. C. Silly				
Lib VI 'C'	Can.J23275 F/O. W. J. Jackson	Siren 4?J 1309'11"N 9941'10"E	02 1656	03 0655	Successful. A/C made DR run from Meelonng river to DZ & was over DZ at 0000 hrs where 'T' of fires & 3 'M's flashed by the ground party was seen through the fog. 9 containers & 3 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 500 AGL but results could not be seen owing to fog. DZ is in valley with 2000' hill at north end & if briefed run (030°) was flown A/C would fly straight into hill. S/C Base 0029. Weather en route – Bad 10/10 Cu tops 8000' base ground. Over DZ – Ground fog & ASt 12,000' – vis 10 miles.
	Can.J44392 P/O. E. Mercer				
	Can.J45134 P/O. G. F. McKelvie				
	Can.J45192 P/O. A. E. Duff				
	Can.J46053 P/O. A. G. Diggins				
	Can.J45340 P/O. J. L. Beirnes				
	Can.R266024 Sgt. Bale				
	Can.R28124 Sgt. P. F. Astle				
	Can.R77617 Sgt. T. Patterson				
Dak IV 'O'	F/O. W. Kindred	Heavy Lynx 8 2048N 9859E	03 1310	03 2335	Unsuccessful – weather over DZ. A/C made DR run from 2100N 9843E & was over DZ at 1756 hrs. But area was obscured by cloud. Obtained glimpses of fires which appeared to be dying out. No strips or panels. S/C Base 1806. 22 packs of nickels were dropped on 2100°N 9823E – 1736 hrs 9000'. Weather en route 9-10/10 ACu & AS over hills base 12000'. Over DZ – 10/10 cloud base 507000. Heavy rain vis 1-2 miles.
	F/O. K. C. Williams		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/O. G. H. Lawrence				
	F/O. S. G. Dove				
	Sgt. J. A. Green				
Lib VI 'N'	Can.J6644 S/L. T. H. Lee	Sken? 4 2?3°09'10"N 99°43'10"E	02 1700	03 0715	Successful. D.R. run was made for R. Makion Meelching 25 mls from D.Z. A/C reached D.Z. at 2352 hrs. where correct reception of T of fires & flashing K were identified. 10 containers & 3 packages were dropped in 1 run from 600' A.G.L. No results could be observed as D.Z. was covered in ground fog. S/C Base 0008 hrs. Weather en route – fair At D.Z. ground fog. vis 1,000 yrs.
	Can.J44365 F/O. A. G. Houghan		Jessore		
	Can.J16004 F/L. J. Alverston				
	Can.J45070 F/O. H. Walling				
	Can.J44180 F/O. J. Tyson				
	Can.J49494 F/O. W. Parslow				
	Can.R.187174 W/O. E. P. Zimmerman				
	Sgt. T. H. Goodman				
	Sgt. T. W. Alder				
Dak IV 'M'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Heavy Wolf 16	03 1305	03 2155	Successful – D.Z. easily recognisable as it is a disused airstrip on bend of river

	P/O. A. W. Cumber	2151N 0042E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	near Ma?neyang – A/c was over D.Z. at 1812 hrs but had to circle for 5 mins, while reception committee put out ground signals consisting of T of strips & smoke fire. 4 containers & 33 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 3300' A.S.L. and all landed in area. Excellent D.Z. suitable for night dropping. 9 pkts of nickels dropped on posn. 22.00N 9903E at 1753 hrs and 8 pkts of nickels on posn. 2159N 9907E at 1755 hrs and 3 pkts of nickels on posn 2155N 9920E at 1758 hrs. S/C base 1836 hrs. Weather en route – 10/10 ths AS & Cu base 7000' scattered rainstorms. At DZ – Similar weather over DZ. vis 10-15 mls.
	Sgt. A. A. Reeves				
	Can.R281747 Sgt. T. O'Shaughnessy				
Lib VI 'Q'	Can.J23405 F/O. A. B. Coy	Nutshell Tiger 2 1725N 9754E	03 2257	04 0950	Unsuccessful – Weather Heavy thick cloud prevented ground being seen over DZ. After leaving target area descended to 1000' over Gulf of Martaban & found very heavy rain – vis. practically nil. Sortie abandoned & A/C S/C Base 0430 hrs.
	Can.J44466 P/O. R. E. Jorgensen		Jessore		
	Can.J45828 P/O. O. S. N. Campbell				
	Can.J44948 P/O. G. McGregor				
	Can.J46770 P/O. C. M. Stearns				
	Can.J46765 P/O. I. A. Palumbo				
	Can.R214096 Sgt. M. McDonald				
	Can.R284575 Sgt. A. Noble.				
	Can.R154825 Sgt, O. Despres				
Dak IV 'J'	W/O. F. F. Bush	Dilwyn Bear 4 2057N 973?3E	03 1330	03 2115	Unsuccessful – no reception. Four DR runs were made to check posn of DZ & area was thoroughly searched but no reception was seen. It should be noted that A/C was 1 hr. 22 mins. after briefed T.O.T. at posn 2108N 9730E a village was seen on fire. DZ is in good area suitable for Moonlight. S/C Base 1753 hrs. Weather en route – clear – beyond Mandalay 10/10 Cu on hills. At DZ – 1/10 low Cu on ground – 10/10 Cu on hills.
	W/O. V. Lineham		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/O. J. Williamson				
	F/S. G. Fordyce				
	Sgt. I. C. Watson				
Lib VI 'Z'	F/L. G. Smith	Carpenter Trombone 6 0202N 10402E	03 1447	04 03?05	Uncompleted. Recalled to base. A/C reached posn. 0900N 9800E endeavouring to find break in weather when signal received recalling A/C at
	F/S. R. F. Taylor		Cox's Bazaar	Jessore	

	W/O. C. S. Smith				2146hrs.
	F/S. J. Tate				Weather en route – Front from 18°N to 14°N with one break. 10/10 Cb As 400' to 1500' from 13°N. Heavy lightening storms causing flashes from ???ng G?ks? heavy rain.
	Sgt. Mackie				
	W/O. H. H. Smith				
	F/S. W. Parry				
	W/O. L. J. Powell				
	Can J45345 P/O. W. O. McDougald				
Dak IV '?'	F/S. R. A. Jones	Heavy Wolf 13 2151N 9942E	03 1310	03 2100	Successful. Made DR. run from posn. 2202N, 9845E. 60 mls from DZ and mapread onto target despite heavy rainfall. A/C over DZ. at 1820 hrs. Reception of T of fires and 1 smoke fire was identified & 4 containers 105? packages were dropped in 4 runs from 800' A.G.L. & landed on D.Z. 24 pkts of nickels were dropped on posn. 2205N 9800E, 2203N 9823E, & 2202N 9836E at 1730 hrs, 1737 hrs, & 1740 hrs. respectively. S/C Myineyan 1844 hrs. Weather en route – 5/10ths. Cu At DZ – vis 10 mls 10/10ths ACu & St base 9000' – Rain.
	F/S. R. M. Herdman		Jessore	Myineyan	
	F/S. R. A. Hunt				
	F/S. R. B. Guest				
	F/S. D. C. Oram				
Lib VI 'V'	Can J4115 F/L. Lamb	Carpenter Trombone 6 0202N 10402E	05 1540	06 1650	Unsuccessful weather. Weather en route was 10/10ths Cu & some Cb. base 1200' tops 6000'. A/c flew for 11 hrs in 10/10ths cloud seeing nothing South of Narconsam Islands. Captain suggest that to meet with any success these drops should be made during moon period. Sortie was abandoned at 2315 hrs and crew set coarse Base at 2317 hrs from posn 0510N 9730E.
	J39528 F/O. H. J. McFadyen		Cox's Bazaar		
	J45168 F/O. D. A. Blad				
	J42510 F/O. D. Heller				
	J46064 F/O. S. V. Hillis				
	P/O. J. Poulton				
	P/O. R. W. Birch				
	R160539 F/S. D. D. Bechthold				
	Sgt. R. P. C. Smith				
Dak IV 'O'	F/O. W. Kindred	Character Otter 14 1858N 9707E	06 0350	06 1315	Successful. A/C made DR run from R. Salween & reached DZ at 0750 hrs where correct reception of U & A in panels was recognised. 10 agents, 4 containers, & 14 packages were dropped in 6 runs from 700' AGL & all fell on D.Z. DZ is good for daylight drops. A/C S/C Base 0844 hrs. Weather en route – good – vis 5-6 miles. At DZ – 10/10 SCu 5-8000' – vis 5-6 miles.
	F/O. K. C. Williams		Jessore		
	F/O. G. H. Lawrence				
	F/O. S. G. Dove				
	Sgt. J. A. Green				
Dak IV 'F'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Character Otter 75	06 0400	06 1230	Successful – A/C reached DZ at 0759 hrs & correct reception of 'U' & 'A' in panels
	P/O. A. W. Cumber		Jessore		

	F/O. Haines	1858N 9707E			was recognised. 9 agents, 4 containers, & 14 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 4650' to 4800' ASL & all fell in area. DZ is good & suitable for moon drops but tricky in bad weather. A/C S/C Base 0827 hrs. Weather en route – 3/10 Cu over most of route. at DZ – 3-7/10 cloud – base 5000' – vis 10-15 miles.
	Sgt. A. A. Reeves				
	Can.R281747 Sgt. O'Shaugnessy, T.				
Dak IV 'J'	W/Cdr. L. M. Hodges	Character Hyena 64	06 0330	06 0920	Successful. A/C reached DZ at 0719 hrs & correct reception of sanco?? & L in panels was recognised. 10 agents, 4? containers, & 14 packages were dropped in 6 runs – 3400' ASL & all but 2 packages fell in area. DZ is very good. Good for Daks in moonlight. S/C Base 0733 hrs. Weather en route – fair 2/10 SCu Base 4000' – vis 20 miles. At DZ – Clear – vis 15 miles.
	Aus.413286 F/O. H. Seale	1820N 9707E	Jessore	Meiktila	
	F/Lt. L. G. A. Reed				
	F/O. A. A. Morley				
	Aus.418600 F/O. K. Buchanan				
	F/S. W. Farish				
Dak IV 'D'	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	Character Otter 72	06 0400	06 1235	Successful. A/C reached DZ at 0747 hrs & correct reception of U & A in panels was recognised. 10 agents 4 containers, & 14 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 4700' ASL & all fell in Area. DZ is good for moonlight drops A/C S/C Base 0818 hrs. Weather en route – 2-5/10 SCu – vis 5-8 miles. Over DZ – 7/10 cu base 5000' – vis 5 miles.
	Can.J45944 P/O. J. R. Tarzwell	1858N 9707E	Jessore		
	Can.J46764 P/O. R. Pomazon				
	P/O. R. D. Butler				
	Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 Sgt. McCartney				
Lib VI 'Q?'	F/L. G. Smith	Character Ferret 31	06 0433	06 1230	Successful. A/C made DR run from R. Salween & reached DZ at 0800 hrs & correct reception of U & A of panels was seen. Dakotas were dropping when A/C arrived. 11 containers & 5 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 4600'AGL. DZ is bad, 8000' hill at N end of valley making N to S the only approach. S/C Base 0829 hrs. Weather en route – cloud over Arakan 4-6/10St 2-9000' Over DZ- 4-6/10 cloud in valleys.
	F/S. R. F. Taylor		Jessore		
	W/O. C. S. Smith				
	W/O. L. J. Powell				
	F/S. W. Parry				
	F/S. J. Tate				
	Sgt. Mackie				
	Can.R77617 Sgt. T. Patterson				
	Can J45345 P/O. W. O. McDougald				
	Can.J45340 P/O. J. L. Beirnes				
Lib VI 'W'	Can.J22963 F/L. J. A. King	Character Mongoose? (Blue) 8?	06 0430	06 1340	Unsuccessful – Weather. A/C made DR run from R Sittang to target area but ground could not be seen through cloud. Sortie abandoned & A/c S/C Base at
	Can.J44512 P/O. K. M. Addson	1733N			

	Can.J45967 P/O. W. E. Stevens	9909E			0982 hrs. 16 packs of nickels were dropped on posn. 1719N 9701E at 0850 hrs from 6000'. Weather en route – low cloud – vis 10 miles. Over DZ – 10/10 SCu base 1000' tops 6000' 9/10SCu layers on hills Vis poor.
	Can.J45844 P/O. D. R. Jordan				
	Can.R256795 Sgt. R. B. Tingley				
	Can.R267113 Sgt. R. O. K. Saunders				
	Can.J45936 P/O. H. F. Wagner				
	Can.J45035 P/O. R. W. Sanderson				
	Can.R116324 Sgt. J. E. Johnson				
Lib VI 'Z'	Can J21779 F/O. A. F. Timmermans	Carpenter Walrus (Red)	06 0445	06 1330	Successful. A/C over D.Z. at 0920 hrs. where correct reception of Δ of panels & letter N & three smoke fires was identified. 11 containers & 5 packages dropped in 6 runs form 500' A.S.L. & all landed in D.Z. area. D.Z. has no local snags. S/C Base 0945 hrs. Weather en route – 6-8/10ths Nel? Clus? base 2500'. At D.Z. – 6-8/10ths down to hilltops – vis 10-15 mls.
	Can R217478 Sgt. D. Dellis	6 1930N 9657E	Jessore		
	Can J47344 P/O. J. J. P. Perron				
	Can J47321 P/O. W. Reeve				
	Can J47871 P/O. W. P. McLeod				
	Can J47869 P/O. G. Faulkner				
	Can R287823 Sgt. A. F. Nenton				
	Can R279733 Sgt. H. Andrews				
	Can R278843 Sgt. A. Geisbrecht				
Dak IV 'B?'	F/S. R. A. Jones	Carpenter Otter 73	06 0418	06 1210?	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 0755 hrs, where correct reception of letters U & A & T in panels, with 1 smoke fire was identified. 9 agents, 4 containers and 15 packages were dropped in 6 runs from 600' A.G.L. Results of drop obscured by patches of low cloud. S/C Base 0858 hrs. Weather en route – 5- 6/10ths Scu over hills 9-1010ths Scu in valleys with 1-200' clearance between cloud & ridges which made location very difficult. At D.Z. 9/10ths Scu Base 4500'.
	F/S. R. M. Herdman	1858N 9707E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. R. A. Hunt				
	F/S. R. B. Guest				
	F/S. A. F. Calder				
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Lib VI 'X'	CanC147?0 S/Ldr. O.H. Sims	Character Walrus (Red)	06 0442	06 1316	Successful. A/C reached DZ at 0905 hrs & correct reception of Δ & N in panels was recognised. 11 containers & 5 packages were dropped in 5 runs from 4000' ASL & all fell in area. DZ is good. 10 packs of nickels were dropped on
	Can R195421 Sgt. W. A. Grey	5 1920N 9714E	Jessore		
	Can C4270 S/Ldr E. D. Wilson				

	F/S. D. J. Honkins				Loiraw at 0932 hrs – 9000'. A/C S/c Base 0935 hrs. Weather en route – Clear, with SCu. At DZ – Low cloud forming. 6/10 3-500' above DZ.
	Can J48181 P/O. P Draper				
	Can J47457 P/O. J.M. Flanagan				
	Can J48177 P/O. Fitzmaurice				
	Can J47374 P/O. C. M. Hercus				
	Sgt. Flynn				
Dak IV 'K'	W/O. E. A. Wheelhouse	Character Hyena 65	06 0335	06 1135	Successful. A/C reached DZ at 0800 hrs & correct reception of cross & L of panels was recognised. 9 agents, 4 containers & 13 packages were dropped in 6 runs from 4-700' AGL. One agent believed to have drifted in trees & one container was not observed during drop. Rebecca was picked up 40 miles from DZ at 10,000' but no contact was made. Weather en route – 3/10 SCu, tops 9000' over Chans. Over DZ – Clear, no cloud – vis. 6 miles.
	Can J46521 P/O. R. Sinclair	1820N 9709E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar.	
	F/O. R. D. Lister				
	Can R170450 W/O. V. R. Woodland				
	Sgt. R. I. Wellings				
Dak IV 'A'	S/Ldr. T. P. O'Brien	Nutshell Antelope 5	06 0822	06 1408	Successful. DZ was reached at 0944 hrs & correct reception of 'T' of panels was recognised. 4 agents, 6 containers & 13 packages were dropped in 7 runs – 3-500' ASL. 10 packs of nickels were dropped on posn 1725N 9744E – 1004 hrs. Weather en route – 8-10/10 SCu mainly over Chins. At DZ – 10/10 800' base – vis. 4 miles.
	W/O. J. H. Middleton	1725N 9754E	Jessore		
	Sgt. R. T. Wright				
	Sgt. F. H. Burley				
	Sgt. A. A. Osmaston				
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Lib VI 'N'	F/O. A. G. Finwick	Bazaar 211	06 0730	06 2036	Unsuccessful – Weather, 8/10ths. Cu over route which thickened to 10/10ths. over Shan States, & on reaching D.Z. it had descended to 10/10ths down to ground level, so Captain decided to abandon sortie. S/c Base 1307 hrs. 16 pkts of nickels were dropped on Borikhane at 1340 hrs. from 11,000'.
	F/S. Steel	1849N	Jessore		
	F/S. Whale	10359E			
	F/O. McStea				
	W/O. Graham				
	F/S. Jolley				
	Sgt. Attwood				
	Sgt. Ayton				
	Sgt. Simonite				
Dak IV 'Z'	F/O. C. Egerton-Eves	Holder 1832N	06 0055	06 1018	Successful – pinpointed on river in target area which runs N to E into Irrawaddy. Leader of party was satisfied with identification, and so blind drop of 8 agents & 7 packages was made in 4 runs from 750' A.G.L. at 0529 hrs. All landed on D.Z. 24 pkts of nickels were dropped on posn. 1830N 9531E from 5000' and
	Can.J27477 F/O. W. B. Arnold	9454E			
	F/O. Housey				
	F/O. Brooks				
	W/O. C. G. Longbottom				

	F/S. J. Biggin				from this posn along Prone Rangoon railway from 0601 hrs to 0610 hrs. S/C Base 0545 hrs. Weather en route – 5/10 Cu. At D.Z. – clear.
Dak IV 'L'	F/O. C. Egerton-Eves	Character Otter 78	09 0347	09 1347	Successful – A/C over Otter D.Z. at 0517 hrs where correct reception of T & W of strips was recognized – 22 packages were dropped in 6 runs from 350' A.G.L. & all landed in area, difficult D.Z. when cross wind is blowing. A/C over Panda D.Z. at 0942 hrs where correct reception of T of strips & smoke fires was ??fled 6 containers & 11 packages dropped from 350' A.G.L. in 5 runs. all ²⁹
	Can.J27477 F/O. W. B. Arnold	1846N 9704E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. J. Biggin	Nation Panda 6			
	W/O. C. G. Longbottom	1842N 9555E			
	Can R215107 Sgt. A. E. Giles				
Lib VI 'S'	F/L. J. A. Powell	Pontoon Piano 6	06 0820	07 0010	Unsuccessful – weather. Good weather until front was met at Brothers Island. A/C attempted to get above or below without success so sortie was abandoned & A/c S/c Base 1528 hrs posn. 0655N 9941E.
	F/O. Gane	0446N	Cox's Bazaar	Jessore	
	P/O. C. C. Hood	10156E			
	F/S. Rosendorf				
	F/S. E. Wenham				
	F/S. F. Osbon				
	F/S. Mardle				
	F/S. Netherway				
	Sgt. Williams				
Lib VI 'P'	Can.J23405 F/O. A. B. Coy	Pontoon Piano 7	06 0806	07 0316	Successful DZ was reached at 1630 hrs & correct reception – 'T' of strips, 3 smoke fires & flashing 'K' was recognised & 3 agents, 5 containers & 5 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 10-1200' ASL & all but one package fell in area. This landed in next field. DZ is good if no cloud, would be tricky at night. Many roads bridges were down to N of DZ. Weather en route – Cu & heavy rain. Over DZ – 1/10 above A/C – vis 20 miles.
	Can.J44466 P/O. R. E. Jorgensen	0446N 10156E	Cox's Bazaar	Jessore	
	Can.J45828 P/O. O. S. N. Campbell				
	Can.J44948 P/O. G. McGregor				
	Can.J46770 P/O. C. M. Stearns				
	Can.J46765 P/O. I. A. Palumbo				
	Can.R214096 Sgt. McDonald				
	Can.R284575 Sgt. A. Noble.				
	Can.R154825 Sgt. O. Despres				
Dak IV 'K'	F/O. R. R. Housby	Character Otter 49	09 0405	09 1223	Successful DZ was reached at 0840 hrs & reception of 'T' of panels was recognised. 6 containers & 60 packages were dropped in 7 runs – 65-7500' AS & all but 4 packages fell on DZ. DZ was difficult for accurate dropping owing t low
	P/O. R. D. Butler	1846N 9704E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Aus 434910 Sgt. O. S. Wright				

²⁹ Last two lines of this entry are "cut off" on microfilm due to binding of the original record.

	Can R283336 Sgt. J. Shalla				Cu. Weather en route – Layer of SCu with break over plains. Over DZ – 10/10 Cb down to hill tops.
Lib VI 'K'	F/L. J. A. Powell	Character Ferret 24 1905N 9858E	08 1251	08 2105	Successful. A/C reached DZ at 1720 hrs 1858N 9707E after an hours search & recognised reception of A of panels & smoke fires. Reception could not be seen sooner because of cloud. 11 containers & 5 packages were dropped in one run from 5400' ASL & fell in right hand corner of DZ. Bad DZ (not briefed DZ). Very high hills to SW & NW & A/C had to drop in 30° bank. After drop A/C had to fly 290° between hills. S/C Base 1822 hrs. A/C was left at Cox's – nose wheel u/s. Weather en route – 4-5/10 Cu base 4-500' – vis 10-20 mls. Over DZ – 7-10/10 Cu base 1000'. Vis 5 miles.
	F/O. Gane		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	P/O. C. C. Hood				
	F/S. M. Rosendorf				
	F/S. E. Wenham				
	F/S. Netherway				
	F/S. F. Osbon				
	F/S. Mardle				
	Sgt. Williams				
Lib VI 'V'	Can J21779 F/O. A. F. Timmermans	Bazaar 220 2142N 10412E	09 0730	09 2130	Unsuccessful – no reception. Two DR runs were made to DZ & 1 ½ hrs from 1320 hrs was spent searching area which was definitely recognised by land marks. No reception was seen & A/C S/c Base at 1527 hrs. 10 packs of nickels were dropped in posn. 2150N 9938E at 1140 hrs. – 10,000'. Weather en route – 10/10 St. tops 18000', base on hills. Over DZ – 6-8/10 St base on hills – vis 6 miles.
	Can R217478 Sgt. D. Dellis		Jessore		
	Can J47344 P/O. J. J. P. Perron				
	Can J47321 P/O. W. Reeve				
	Can J47871 P/O. W. P. McLeod				
	Can J47869 P/O. G. Faulkner				
	Can R287823 Sgt. A. F. Nenton				
	Can R279733 Sgt. H. R. Andrews				
	Can R278843 Sgt. A. Geisbrecht				
Dak IV 'E'	F/S. R. A. Jones	Heavy Lynx 8 2043N 9839E	09 1230	09 1915	Successful – A/C over D.Z. at 0934 hrs. where correct reception of 'T' of panels & 1 smoke fire was identified. 4 containers & 36 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 800' AGL & fell in area. Small D.Z. good only for fair weather. 20 pkts of nickels were dropped on posns. (8)
	F/S. R. M. Herdman		Bhamo	Jessore	
	F/S. R. B. Guest				
	F/S. R. A. Hunt				
	F/S. A. F. Calder				

					2059N 9732E, (6) 2053N 9734E & (6) 2055N 9739E, at 0845, 0850 & 0855 respectively from 8000'. S/C Base 1030 hrs. Weather en route – fair – scattered showers. At D.Z. 10/10ths Cu clearing to 5/10ths at Base – 5/10 op?
Lib VI 'R'	W/Cdr. L. M. Hodges	Nation Jack????	09 0535	09 1250	Successful – A/C arrived over D.Z. No. 3. at 0800 hrs where T of panels was identified as correct reception, 1 container & 5 packages were dropped in 1 run from 500' AGL & landed in area. A/C arrived over No. 2 D.Z. at 0905 hrs where correct reception of T of panels was identified & 2 containers & 10 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 600' A.G.L. & all landed in area. A/C arrived over No. 1. D.Z. at 0925 hrs. where correct reception of 'X' of panels was identified & 1 container & 3 packages were dropped in 1 run from 200' A.G.L. & fell on D.Z. All 3 DZ's are good for both day and moon drops although No 1 D.Z. is on the small side. 23 pkts of nickels dropped on posn 1754N 9542E Sitkwin from 100' at 0930 hrs. S/C Base 0936 hrs. Weather en route 3/10 SCu base 1000' at D.Z. good.
	F/O. A. A. Morley	1753N	Jessore		
	Aus.413286 F/O. H. Seale	9502E			
	F/S. E. Stephenson	1517N			
	F/L. L. G. A. Reed	983?0E			
	Aus.418600 F/O. K. Buchanan	Zebra Rhino			
	F/O. Ritchie	2009N			
	Sgt. A. E. Bird	9452E			
	F/S. W. Farish				
Dak IV 'F'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Character	09 0356	09 1216	Successful. A/C reached DZ at 0907 hrs & correct reception of 'U' & 'A' in panels was recognised & 11 agents, 4 containers & 7 packages were dropped in 6 runs from 650-800' AGL & all fell in area. DZ is good, has been used before. S/C Base 0830 hrs. Weather en route – Fair – Cu building up over Shans. Over DZ – 9/10 Cu 5-15000' – vis 10 miles.
	P/O. A. W. Cumber	Otter 80	Jessore		
	Sgt. A. A. Reeves	1858N			
	Can.R281747 Sgt. T. O'Shaugnessy,	9707E			
Dak IV 'D'	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	Character Hyena 6?7	09 0402	09 1255	Successful. DZ was reached at 0835 hrs & correct reception of 'X' & 'L' of panels was recognised. 6 containers & 35 packages were dropped in 6 runs & all landed on DZ. Weather en route – 8/10 Cu throughout. At DZ – Overcast 7-9/10 Cu 7-15000' – Vis 8 miles.
	Can.J45944 P/O. J. R. Tarzwell	1820N	Jessore		
	Can.J46764 P/O. R. Pomazon	9707E			
	Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R270837 Sgt. A. G. Dahlin				

Dak IV 'M'	W/O. E. A. Wheelhouse	Character Walrus 56 1920N 9657E	09 0355	09 1220	Successful. DZ was reached at 0856 hrs & reception of Δ & N in white strips was recognised. 2 agents, 6 containers & 20 packages were dropped in 5 runs from 5-800' AGL. One agent may have landed among trees. Clear weather is essential for correct dropping A/C S/C Base 0915 hrs. Weather en route – Scattered Cu. Over DZ – 8-9/10 cloud surrounding DZ at 5000' Vis 5 miles.
	Can J46521 P/O. R. Sinclair		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodland				
	Sgt. R. I. Wellings				
	F/O. Lister				
Dak IV 'J'	Sgt. A. S. Osmaston	Character Otter 70 1846N 9704E	09 0407	09 1135	Successful – Flew from pinpoint on R. Sittang to DZ A/C reached D.Z. at 0810 hrs where correct reception of 'T' & 'W' of strips was identified. 3 containers & 276 packages were dropped in 8 runs from 300' A.G.L. & were all thought to have landed in D.Z. area. D.Z. is only good for clear weather. S/C Base 0900 hrs. Weather en route – good At DZ. – 9/10ths AC? – at 7-12,000' – Vis 5 mls.
	F/O. B. A. Haynes		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Aus.436597 E. A. Hanlan				
	Sgt Hatton				
	R215107 Sgt. A. E. Giles				
Lib VI 'U'	Can.J23405 F/O. A. B. Coy	Candle Chifton 8 1702N 10417E	09 1118	10 0052	Successful – A/C arrived over D.Z at 1654 hrs, where correct reception of 'V' of panels and smoke fires was identified. 11 Containers & 6 packages dropped in 1 run from 800' A.G.L. & all fell in D.Z. area. DZ is suitable for moonlight drops. S/C Base 1759 hrs. 16 pkts of nickels were dropped on 1827N 10219E from 1600' at 1852 hrs. At 1357 hrs crew flew over an aerodrome at posn. 2103N 9652E. near Loitooone, which was deserted. Both Kutena? strips still cantered?. At 1404 hrs. 2053N 9731E crew observed S of Loizem? fairly large camp with new buildings & roads under construction. At 1411 hrs 2044N 9744E observed aerodrome with two airstrips with orderly pattern of slit trenches both on & off runways. Crew ???sed landing ground 25 mls from Sakoil Nakurin bearing 199° in centre of area. Weather en route Cu building up heavy rain. At. D.Z. – clear – vis. 15 mls.
	Can.J44466 P/O. R. E. Jorgensen		Jessore		
	Can.J45828 P/O. O. S. N. Campbell				
	Can.J44948 P/O. G. McGregor				
	Can.J46770 P/O. C. M. Stearne				
	Can.R214096 Sgt. McDonald				
	Can.R154825 Sgt, O. Despres				
	Can.J46765 P/O. I. A. Palumbo				
	Can.R284575 Sgt. A. Noble.				
	S/L. Lodge				
Lib VI 'P'	F/L. G. Smith	Beacon Bugle 0425N 10144E	09 0728	10 0305	Successful. A/C made DR run from 0415N 10155E & reached target at 1738 hrs & 'C' type reception with white parachutes by centre fire was recognised. 7 containers & 7 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 400' AGL &
	F/S. R. F. Taylor		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	W/O. C. S. Smith				
	F/S. J. Tate				
	W/O. L. J. Powell				
	Sgt. Mackie				

	Can.J45340 P/O. J. L. Beirnes				all fell in area. The DZ is fair, best run 250° a reciprocal, small hills to N & S. At 0422N 10045E a concrete runway was seen N/S 1800 yds. No activity noted. Rebecca was picked up from 7 miles but was not coding. Weather en route – Scattered Cu over sea & deteriorating. Over DZ – Good – Cloud & storms surrounding area.
	Can.J48177 Fitzmaurice				
	Can J45348 P/O. W. O. McDougald				
	Can.R77617 Sgt. T. Patterson				
Dak IV 'O'	F/O. W. Kindred	Passage 1 1706N	09 1150	09 2100	Successful. DZ was reached at 1709 hrs & correct reception of 'T' of panels & smoke fires was seen. 10 agents & 8 packages were dropped in 5 runs from 5-800 AGL. 3 agents fell in shallow water 70 yds from head of 'T', all safe. S/C Base 1734 hrs. 24 packs of nickels were dropped on 1656N 9723E – 1730 hrs. Weather en route – 3-4/10 Cu base 2000' tops 4-5000'. Over DZ – Clear – no cloud – vis 5-6 miles.
	F/O. K. C. Williams	9725E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/O. S. G. Dove				
	F/O. G. H. Lawrence				
	Sgt. J. A. Green				
Lib VI 'W'	Can.J22963 F/L. J. A. King	Neronion?? Cotton 1 1711N	09 1225	10 1025	Successful – A/C identified pin point at 1712N, 10002E and made DR run onto D.Z. & reached D.Z. at 1742 hrs. where correct reception of 'T' of panels & smoke fires was identified, where 2 agents, 2 containers & 9 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 800' A.G.L. & all landed in area. 13 pkts of nickels were dropped on Sacaeyi at 1550-1555 hrs from 5000'. S/C Base 1752 hrs. Weather en route Scattered cloud. At D.Z. Good Vis 10-15 mls.
	Can.J44512 P/O. K. M. Oddson	1711N 9953E	Jessore	Digri	
	Can.J45967 P/O. W. E. Stevens				
	Can.J45844 P/O. D. R. Jordan				
	Can.R267113 Sgt. R. O. K. Saunders				
	Can.J45035 P/O. R. W. Sanderson				
	Can.R256795 Sgt. R. B. Tingley				
	Can.J45936 P/O. H. F. Wagner				
	Can.R116324 Sgt. J. E. Johnson				
Dak IV ³⁰	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Henson	Character Mongoose 1752N	12 0556	12 1450	Successful – A/C arrived over Mongoose D.Z. at 0859 hrs. where correct reception of 'H' & 'X' of panels was identified – 4 containers & 16 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 650' A.G.L. & all fell on D.Z. A/C arrived over Leveret D.Z. at 1008? hrs where correct reception of 'X' of panels & smoke fires was identified. 13 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 600' A.G.L. & all fell on D.Z. area. Both
	Can.J185924 F/O. J. R. Tarzwell	9717E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can.J467462? F/O. R. Pomajon?	Leveretz? 1923N			
	Can.R2705?37 Sgt. A. Q. Dan?lin	9629E			
	Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				

³⁰ Code not given in record.

					D.Z's are good for moonlight drops. S/C Base 1019 hrs. Weather en route – 5/10ths scattered Cu Base 6000' at Mongoose – 3/10ths Cu Base 5000' at Leveret – 3/10ths Cu Base 5000'
Dak IV 'K'	Sgt. A. S. Osmaston	Character Mongoose (Blue) 3 1733N 9709E	12 0517	12 1424	Unsuccessful – no reception. A/c made DR run from 1735N 9653E on to DZ area at 1018 hrs. Thorough search of area was made but no reception seen so sortie was abandoned & A/C S/C Base at 1110 hrs. 24 packs of nickels were dropped on Mokpalin at 1116 – 1000'. Weather en route – Fair – scattered Cu. Over DZ – 3-5/10 Cu 3-7000' – vis 10 miles.
	F/O. B. A. Haynes		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Sgt Hatton				
	Aus.436597 E. A. Hanlan				
	R215107 Sgt. R?. E. Giles				
Dak IV 'O'	F/O. W. Kindred	Nutshell Antelope 9 1652N 9805E	12 1305	12 2100	Successful DZ was reached at 1655 hrs & correct reception of 'T' & 'K' in panels was recognised 6 containers & 33 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 550' AGL. First drop landed 300 yds 040° from 'T'. Rest on DZ. DZ is suitable for day or moonlight drops. 24 packs of nickels were dropped on posns 1710N 9705E, 1713N 9715E & 1703N 9718E 1628-1648 hrs. – 5000'. Weather en route – Mainly fine 7-8/10, base 4-10,000' up to 20,000'. Over DZ – Overcast 9-10/10 Cu – vis 3-4 miles.
	F/O. K. C. Williams		Cox's Bazaar		
	F/O. S. G. Dove				
	F/O. G. H. Lawrence				
	Sgt. J. A. Green				
Dak IV 'B'	F/S. R. A. Jones	Nutshell Antelope 8 1652N 9805E	12 1305	12 2310	Successful DZ was reached at 1705 hrs & reception of 'T' & 'K' in panels & 2 or 3 small fires was recognised. 6 containers & 33 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 350' AGL. 24 packs of nickels were dropped in posn. 1705N 9718E, 1654N 9737E, 1653N 9738E, 1650N 9745E from 3-5000' at 1640-1654 hrs. S/C Base – 1728 hrs. Weather en route – 6-8/10 Cu Base 3500' Over DZ – 10/10 Cu base 2000' – vis. 5-10 miles.
	F/S. R. M. Herdman		Cox's Bazaar	Jessore	
	F/S. R. A. Hunt				
	F/S. R. B. Guest				
	F/S. A. F. Calder				
Dak IV 'H'	S/L. T. P. O'Brien	Nutshell Thir? 4 1725N 9754E	12 0305	12 1215	Successful. A/C over D.Z. at 0826 hrs, where correct reception of T of strips & smoke fires was identified. 6 containers & 35 packages were dropped in 9 runs from 400' A.S.L. & all landed in area. D.Z. is only good for Dakota night drops. 20
	W/O. G. Middleton		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Sgt. R. T. Wright				
	Sgt. F. Burley				

					pkts. of nickels were dropped on Yanbaing Kamamung (1722N 9740E) from 5000' at 0845 hrs. S/C Base 0945 hrs. Weather en route – Good. At DZ. Clear.
Dak IV 'M'	W/O. E. A. Wheelhouse	Character Ferret 23	12 0350	12 1050	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 0832 hrs. where correct reception of 'U' & 'A' of white strips was identified. 4 containers & 33 packages were dropped in 9 runs from 400' A.G.L. & all fell on D.Z. S/C Base – 15 pkts of nickels dropped S of Taunguplaw? at 0749 hrs from 5000'. Weather en route – Scattered ACu. At DZ. clear – vis 10 mls.
	Can.J46521 P/O. R. Sinclair	1903N 9658E	Jessore	Meiktila	
	F/O. H. Lister				
	Can.R170450 W/O. V. R. Woodland				
	Sgt. R. Wellings				
Lib VI 'X'	Can.J23405 F/O. A. B. Coy	Character Ferret 27?	12 0421	12 1457	Successful. D.R. run was made from R. Salween onto D.Z. which was reached at 0851 hrs, and correct reception of U & A in strips was identified. 11 containers & 5 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 1000' A.G.L. and dropped rather haphazardly as it was rather a high drop. 16 pkts of nickels were dropped in area E. of Pegu from 7500'. S/C Base 0902 hrs. Weather en route – Good. At D.Z. – Patches of Cu – 4-6000' – 2-3/10 Cb Vis 10 mls.
	Can.J44466 P/O. R. E. Jorgensen	1903N 9658E	Jessore		
	Can.J45828 P/O. O. S. N. Campbell				
	Can.J46765 P/O. I. A. Palumbo				
	Can.J46770 P/O. C. M. Stearns				
	Can.J44948 P/O. G. McGregor				
	Can.R284575 Sgt. A. Noble.				
	Can.R154825 Sgt. O. Despres				
	Can.R214096 Sgt. McDonald				
Lib VI 'U'	W/Cdr. L. M. Hodges	Nation Giraffe 4	12 1200	12 2140	Successful. DZ & reception were found 5 miles S.W. of briefed posn. at 1615 hrs. Reception was T of white parachutes & fire at head of 'T'. 11 containers & 6 packages were dropped in 4 runs & all fell in ???? of 'T' – hgt 450'-750' ASL. 23 packs of nickels were dropped on Theinzeik (1704N 9719E) at 1735 hrs from 2000'. A/C S/C Base at 1738 hrs. Weather en route – 3/10 Cu at 3000' Over DZ – 2/10 Cu at 3000' – Vis 12 miles.
	Aus.413286 F/O. H. Seale	1708N 9728E	Jessore		
	F/O. A. A. Morley				
	F/S. E. Stephenson				
	F/L. L. G. A. Reed				
	Aus.418600 F/O. K. Buchanan				
	F/O. Ritchie				
	Sgt. A. E. Bird				
	F/S. W. Farish				
Dak IV 'J'	F/O. R. R. Housby	Character Ferret 30	12 0350	12 1123	Successful DR run was made from 1852N 9630E on to DZ at 0808 hrs & correct reception of T & J in panels & smoke fires was recognised. 4 containers
	P/O. R. D. Butler	1858N 9707E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Aus 434910 Sgt. O. S. Wright				

	Can R283336 Sgt. E. Shalla				& 33 packages were dropped in 8 runs from 600' AGL & all fell within the area. DZ is fair for daylight drops but ground ?unds are very variable making accurate dropping difficult. S/C Base 0845 hrs. Weather en route – good – light cloud E of R. Sittang. At DZ – Good – no cloud – vis. 15 miles.
Dak IV 'F'	F/L. L. G. Lewis P/O. A. W. Cumber Sgt. A. F. Reeves Sgt. Kent Can.R281747 Sgt. O'Shaughnessy, T.	Character Hyena (Red) 2? 1819N 9652E	12 0400 Jessore	12 1325	Successful. On second DR run from R. Sittang DZ was seen & reception of 'T' & 'Y' in panels recognised. 4 containers & 33 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 4-500' AGL & all fell in area. DZ is good & suitable for moon drops. A/C S/C Base at 0932 hrs.
Lib VI 'Z??'	CanC1490 S/Ldr. O.H. Sims Can R195421 Sgt. W. A. Grey Can C4277 S/Ldr E. D. Wilson F/S. D. J. Howkins Can J48181 P/O. P Draper Can J47457 P/O. J. M. Flanagan Can J48177 P/O. Fitzmaurice Can J47374 P/O. G. M. Hercus Sgt. King	Pirate Banjo 1 0409N 10118E (agent) 0411N 10122E (stores)	12 0729 ³¹	13 0346	Successful. First DZ was reached at 1710 hrs & reception of 'T' of white parachutes recognised. 5 agents were dropped in one run from 800' ASL. DZ considered by captain to be suitable for even non-moon drops. Best run being from W to E at 1000'. Second DZ was reached at 1727 hrs & 'C' type reception seen. 4 containers & 2 packages were dropped in one run from ?500' ASL. DZ not suitable fro night drop. At 1630 hrs from 100' 2 unidentified A/C were seen flying NE at 4000'. S/C Base 1732 hrs. Weather en route – 4-6/10 Cu base 15-1800' tops 4-8000'. At DZ – (1) Clear – no cloud – vis 15-20 miles. (2) 3-4/10 St. base 12-1500' – vis 5-6 miles.
Lib VI 'V'	F/L. G. Smith F/S. R. F. Taylor W/O. C. S. Smith F/S. J. Tate W/O. C. J. Powell Can.R77617 F/S. Patterson F/S. W. Parry Can J25368 P/O. W. O. McDougald	Sleeve 1712N 10408E	12 1133 Jessore	13 0036	Successful. A/C over D.Z. at 1731 hrs. D.Z. easily recognised by its natural features, it has ridge of hills 10-12 mls W. of D.Z. Reception consisting of T of smoke fires & L of white panels & red flashing letter was identified. 2 agents 4 containers & 12 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 600' A.S.L. & all landed in area. S/C Base 1759 hrs. 16 pkts of nickels dropped on posn 1710N 10404E

³¹ Base not given in record.

					at 1757 hrs. from 6-7000'. At 1804 hrs at 7000' 2-3 mile on port beam crew sighted on unidentified T/E A/C at 1000' heading S. approx. 15 mls N. of D.Z. Light coloured & not camouflaged. Believed transport type. Sighted in area 1730N 10410E. Weather en route – 5/10ths Cu 4-5000' isolated Thunderstorms. At D.Z. Clear – vis 10 mls.
Lib VI 'V'	Can J21779 F/O. A. F. Timmermans	Pontoon Piano 6	12 0700	13 0345	Successful. A/C was over D.Z. at 1730 hrs. and correct reception of T of white strips and Δ of smoke fires was identified. 3 agents 4 containers & 5 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 700' & 400' A.S.L. & all fell slightly W of reception. S/C Base 1202 hrs. Weather en route – Fairly good. At D.Z. – Cloud vis 8 mls.
	Can R217478 Sgt. D. Dellis	0426N 10156E	Jessore	Akyab	
	Can J47344 P/O. J. J. P. Perron				
	Can J47321 P/O. W. Reeve				
	Can J47871 P/O. W. P. McLeod				
	Can J47869 P/O. G. Faulkner				
	Can R278843 Sgt. Geisbrecht				
	Can R287823 Sgt. A. F. Nenton				
Dak IV 'B'	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	Character Mongoose 33	14 1015	14 1920	Brave Successful. Mongoose Unsuccessful. Weather. A/c arrived in Mongoose area at 1445 hrs to find very heavy Cb & base at 2800'. Unable to get within 3 miles of DZ & left area at 1500 hrs. At Brave DZ reception of T of fires was seen & 1 agent, 1 container & 9 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 5-6000' AGL & all fell in area. S/C Base 1522 hrs. Weather en route – Fair – 8/10 Cu base 8000' – vis 8 miles. At DZs (1) Heavy Cb rainstorms impossible to get in. (2) Fair – as per route.
	Can.J45944 P/O. J. R. Tarzwell	1737N 9721E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can.J46764 P/O. R. Pomazon	Brave 1729N 9617E			
	Can.R270837 Sgt. A. G. Dahlin				
	Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				
Lib VI 'N'	F/L. J. A. Powell ³²	Character Walrus (Skunk) 1 1913N 9711E	15 0505	15 1450	Successful. A/C made DR run from R. Salween & was over target at 0910 but reception of 'N' of panels & smoke fires was not laid out until 0925 hrs. 11 containers & 5 packages were dropped in one run from 1000' AGL & all landed in area. DZ is fair, but wide circuit is needed as valley cannot be turned in & A/C has to fly round the back of surrounding hills.
	F/O. Gane		Jessore		
	P/O. C. C. Hood				
	F/S. M. Rosendorf				
	F/S. E. Wenham				
	F/S. F. Osbon				
	F/S. Mardle				
	F/S. Netherway				
	Sgt. Williams				

³² For this entry the record spells the name "Ponell", believed in error.

					16 packs of nickels were dropped on Banlake at 0953 hrs. – 6500'. At 0920 hrs near Kamphe an unidentified twin engined A/C (possibly a Dinah) was seen heading S.E. at ground level. This may have been reason for reception not being laid out on time & being taken up after drops. Weather en route – Front over N of Bay – fair over land. At DZ – Good 6-8/10 ACu – slight rain – vis 15 miles.
Dak IV 'K'	Sgt. A. S. Osmaston	Character Otter 8?2	15 0453	15 1244	Successful. DZ was reached at 0937 hrs & reception of T of strips was recognised. 4 containers & 60 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 2-500' AGL & all fell on DZ. DZ is good. A/C S/C Base at 0955 hrs. Weather en route – 10/10 Cb 1-1500' up to 20,000' with rainstorms. At DZ – Clear 2-3/10 low St on hills – vis. 15 miles.
	F/O. B. A. Haynes	1846N 9704E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Aus.436597 E. A. Hanlan				
	Sgt. J. Hatton				
Dak IV 'O'	F/O. W. Kindred	Heavy Calf 7 2101N	15 0800	15 1235	Successful. DZ was reached at 1013 hrs with the aid of map reading & reception of 'T' of panels & smoke fires was recognised. 6 containers & 33 packages were dropped in 8 runs from 4300' ASL. One package on 2nd run fell 300 yds from DZ but remainder fell on area. 24 packs of nickels were dropped on Kengtong at 1055 hrs – 3,000'. S/C Base 1102 hrs. Weather en route – Fair – overcast ACu at 12,000'. Good over DZ – nil cloud – vis 15 miles.
	F/O. K. C. Williams	9934E	Monyna	Meiktila	
	F/O. G. H. Lawrence				
	F/O. S. G. Dove				
	Sgt. J. A. Green				
Dak IV 'J'	W/Cdr. L. M. Hodges	Character Otter (Blue) 6	15 0510	15 1150	Successful. Map read onto DZ & had to search for reception which was eventually found at 0904 hrs. Reception was T & B of panels. 6 containers ³³ were dropped in 7 runs from 1500' AGL & all fell in area. 14 packs of nickels were dropped in posn 1854N 9648E at 1045 hrs & DZ is very bad approx 150 x 200 yds surrounded by jungle & high ground & should not be used again. A/C S/C Base 1050 hrs. Weather en route – storms over sea but cloud cleared over Burma during day. At DZ – Fair – light cloud – vis 10 miles.
	Aus.413286 F/O. H. Seale	1850N 9655E	Jessore	Meiktila	
	F/S. E. Stephenson				
	F/L. L. G. A. Reed				
	F/O. A. A. Morley				
	F/S. W. Farish				

³³ No packages are mentioned in record, but in 7 runs more than 6 containers should have been dropped but this was a very bad DZ.

Dak IV 'L'	F/O. R. R. Housby	Character Otter 83 1846N 9704E	15 0450	15 1245	Successful. A/C was over DZ at 0943 hrs & correct reception of 'T' of panels was recognised. 4 containers & 87 packages were dropped in 5 runs from 700' AGL. The 4 containers fell off as result of ???sh being loose. Between DZ & Toungoo, 24 packs of nickels were dropped on Mawchi at 1008 hrs – 6500'. S/C Base 1010 hrs. Weather en route – Bad all the way. Cloud lifting over land. At DZ – Good – nil cloud – vis 10 miles.
	P/O. R. D. Butler		Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Aus 434910 Sgt. O. S. Wright				
	Can R283336 Sgt. E. Shalla				
	Sgt. Charchuk				
Dak IV 'F'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Character Ferret 29 1903N 9658E	15 0500	15 1355	Successful. A/C reached DZ at 0938 hrs & correct reception of 'U' & 'R' in panels was recognised. 4 containers & 64 packages were dropped in 6 runs from 30-3700' ASL & all fell on DZ. DZ is quite good, but very narrow valley for free drops when A/C is low. 24 packs of nickels were dropped in posns 1902'30"N 9644E, 1903N 9643E, 1904N 9641E at 1010 hrs. A/C S/C Base at 1011 hrs. Weather en route – Showers – 10/10 Cb 150' – tops unknown. Over sea – AS 12,000 overcast over land. At DZ – Good. 1/10 SCu at 8000' – vis 10 miles.
	P/O. A. W. Cumber		Jessore		
	Sgt. A. A. Reeves				
	Can.R281747 Sgt. T. O'Shaughnessy				
Lib VI 'P'	F/L. G. Smith	Funnel Oboe 3 0420N 10122E	15 0725	16 0350	Successful. DZ was reached at 1709 hrs & 'C' type reception was recognised. 7 containers & 5 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 3200' ASL & all fell on DZ. DZ is fair for day drops only, is on side of steep valley on W side & runs of 110° or reciprocal only are possible. Small boat observed on E coast of Preparis Island. Weather en route – Front near Preparis & S of Brothers Island. At DZ – Rain – 10/10 Cu at 4-5000' – vis 5 miles.
	F/S. R. F. Taylor		Jessore		
	W/O. C. S. Smith				
	F/S. J. Tate				
	W/O. L. J. Powell				
	Sgt. Mackie				
	Can.J45340 P/O. J. L. Beirnes				
	Can.J48177 Fitzmaurice				
	Can J45348 P/O. W. O. McDougald				
Lib VI 'U'	Can J21779 F/O. A. F. Timmermans	Cutter 1859N 9840E	15 1130	16 0020	Successful. A/C was over DZ at 1659 hrs but reception did not appear to be lit until 1804 hrs. Reception was T of 5 fires & flashing letter 'I'. 4 containers & 9 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 500' AGL & all fell in area although possibly slightly overshot. One container parachute failed to open correctly. 14 packs of nickels were dropped on Myitia & Twaystchang at 1732 & 1842 hrs. A/C S/C Base at 1828 hrs. Weather en route – Fair over sea. Front
	Can R217478 Sgt. D. Dellis		Jessore		
	Can J47344 P/O. J. J. P. Perron				
	Can J47321 P/O. W. Reeve				
	Can J47871 P/O. W. P. McLeod				
	Can J47869 P/O. G. Faulkner				

	Can R287823 Sgt. A. F. Nenton				in vicinity of Rangoon. At DZ – Clear – 8/10 Cu on hill tops – vis 10 miles.
	Can R279733 Sgt. H. R. Andrews				
	Can R278843 Sgt. Geisbrecht				
Lib VI 'E'	Can.J22963 F/L. J. A. King	Chirwsors? 0447N	15 0725	16 0356	Successful. A/C reached DZ at 1658 hrs & correct reception of 'T' of panels & Δ of fires was recognised. 7 containers & 5 packages were dropped in one run from 1100' ASL & all fell on DZ. DZ would be unsuitable for moonlight drops as valley is too short for Libs to turn in easily. S/C Base 1705 hrs. Weather en route – Fronts on 16°N & S of Brothers Island. At DZ – good with scattered high Cu – vis 10 miles.
	Can.J44512 P/O. K. M. Oddson	10155E	Jessore		
	Can.J45967 P/O. W. E. Stevens				
	Can.J45035 P/O. R. W. Sanderson				
	Can.J45936 P/O. H. F. Wagner				
	Can.J45844 P/O. D. K. Jordan				
	Can.R256795 Sgt. R. B. Tingley				
	Can.R267113 Sgt. R. Saunders				
	Can.R116324 Sgt. J. E. Johnson				
Dak IV 'K'	S/L. T. P. O'Brien	Character Ferret 43	16 1340	16 2110	Successful. As weather was closing in DZ(ii) was visited first & 2 packages were dropped from 7140' & 7250' ASL in 2 runs. DZ(i) was reached at 1823 hrs & reception of 'T' of panels & letter 'W' recognised. 20 packages were dropped in 5 runs from 5000' ASL. Owing to A/C having to make quick runs 5 packages fell over a cliff to E of DZ. DZ(i) (1858N 9707E) is no good for non moon drops as DZ is in a valley 1500' below ridge. Drops possible in good moon. A/C S/C Base 1832 hrs 24 packs of nickels were dropped 10 miles E of Toungoo at 1730 hrs. Weather en route – Vis 20-30 miles over Bay, over land 3 miles. ASt at 12,000' – Storms – Cu at varying hgts. At DZ – ASt tops unknown base 8000' – vis 5 miles.
	W/O. J. F. Middleton	1858N 9707E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. R. T. Wright	Character			
	Sgt. F. H. Burley	Otter 82			
		1846N 9704E			
Dak IV 'H'	F/S. R. A. Jones	Character Mongoose	15 0510	15 1440	Successful. DZ was reached at 1050 hrs & correct reception of 'U' of panels was recognised. 4 containers & 80 packages were dropped in 6 runs from 3400' AGL. DZ is fair, on top of a low hill. There seems to be better areas in surrounding fields. 24 packs of nickels were dropped
	F/S. R. M. Herdman	(Blue) 3 1733N 9709E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	F/S. R. B. Guest				
	F/S. A. E. Calder Sgt. Kent				

					in posn 1714N 9705E at 1047 hrs. 2000'. S/C Base 1110 hrs. A/C damaged port wingtip at Cox's & returned to base after being repaired by an R&SU. Weather en route – Heavy Cu & Cb over N.W. Burma. 5/10SCu over the central plain. At. DZ – 9-10/10 Cu 4-10,000' vis 5-10 miles.
Lib VI 'R'	F/L. A. G. Fennick	Character	18 0600	18 1515	Successful. Reception of dirty brown strips was found 1 ½ miles S of briefed posn at 1017 hrs. Reception was difficult to see against the earth. 11 containers & 6 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 750' AGL & overshoot DZ slightly. DZ is good when weather favourable, situated on a hillock in the centre of a valley. 13 packs of nickels were dropped on posn 1757N 9545E at 0946 hrs 6000'. S/C Base 1055 hrs. Weather en route – Over & undercast – front at 20° At DZ – St in valleys – overcast – vis 10 miles.
	Aus429674 F/S. K. J. Steele	Mongoose	Jessore		
	F/S. G. C. Whale	1717N			
	F/O. W? N. McStee	9709E			
	Aus413853 W/O. D. I. Graham				
	Aus436522 F/S. D. C. Jolley				
	Sgt. W. F. Ayton				
	Sgt. F. Simmonite				
	Sgt. J. C. Attwood				
Dak IV 'O'	F/O. W. Kindred	Heavy Calf 6	18 0420	18 1200	Successful. Surrounding area of DZ was searched & reception of 'T' of panels & smoke fire eventually found at posn. 2101N 9934E. 6 containers & 33 packages were dropped in 8 runs from 500' AGL. 2 packages overshoot & 2 undershot, may be difficult to recover as DZ is situated in a clearing on top of a hillock & packages which miss DZ will go down the side of the hill or into the jungle. DZ is good & suitable for moonlight drops but accurate dropping is essential. 24 packs of nickels were dropped in posn. 2116N 9843 E at 0915 – 9000'. A/C S/C Base 1010 hrs. Weather en route – Over & undercast – 10/10 Scu over Chins & cloud over most of route. At DZ – Fair – Cu overcast – vis 10 mls under cloud.
	F/O. K. C. Williams	2106N	Jessore	Meiktila	
	F/O. G. H. Lawrence	9937E			
	W/O. R. Daghish				
	Sgt. J. A. Green				
Dak IV 'F'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Character	18 0500	18 1345	Successful. DR run was made from R. Sittang but storms prevented A/C reaching DZ. DZ was reached at 1137 hrs by DR run from R. Salween & reception of 'Z' of panels was recognised. 4 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 5 runs from 500' AGL & all fell
	P/O. A. W. Cumber	Mongoose	Jessore	Meiktila	
	CanR170451 W/O. V. R. Woodland	(Red) 4			
	Sgt. A. A. Reeves	1737N			
	Can.R281747 Sgt. T. O'Shaugnessy,	9728E			

					on DZ. DZ is good. Rebecca was picked up at 0730 hrs – 7000' – 15 miles (Akyab). 24 packs of nickels were dropped on posn. 1804N 9609E at 0925 hrs – 6000'. S/C Base 1150 hrs. Weather en route – Overcast & 8/10 undercast. At DZ – cloud all round – was 5 miles out of cloud.
Dak IV 'J'	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	Character Walrus 57	18 0415	18 1215	Successful. DZ was reached at 0855 & correct reception of Δ of strips & letter 'A' was seen. 4 containers & 70 packages were dropped in 6 runs from 7-1000' AGL & all fell in area. DZ is in steep valley with down draughts its? making low runs very hazardous, & if high runs are made accurate dropping is almost impossible. 24 packs of nickels were dropped in posn. 1835N 9555E at 0805 hrs – 6000'. A/C S/C Base at 0910 hrs. Weather en route – 10/10 Overcast & front near Akyab. At DZ – 8/10 Cu at 4-11,000' – vis 10 miles.
	Can.J45944 F/O. J. R. Tarzwell	1916N 9710E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Can.J46764 F/O. R. Pomazon				
	Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 Sgt. McCartney				
Dak IV 'K'	Sgt. A. S. Osmaston	Character Ferret 42	18 0356	18 0935	Unsuccessful – weather. A/C reached 20°N but weather became impassable, so flew N up the coast attempted to fly inland. As this used up a considerable proportion of fuel carried sortie was abandoned at 0915 hrs. Weather – 9/10 St 7 10/10 ACu 500' up – vis 3 miles.
	F/O. B. A. Haynes	1903N 9658E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	
	Aus.436597 E. A. Hanlan				
	R215107 Sgt. A. E. Giles				
	Sgt J. Hatton				
Dak IV 'M'	F/O. R. R. Housby	Dilwyn Bear 4	18 0411	18 1135	Successful. First DR run from R. Sittang had to be abandoned owing to cloud. Another run was made from 2130N 9819E & by map reading along a river DZ was reached at 0910 hrs & reception of 'T' of panels recognised. 6 containers & 33 packages were dropped in 8 runs – 500' AGL. 24 packs of nickels were dropped on Laikha – 1012 hrs – 10,000'. Rebecca was picked up 40 miles Keistila? – 10,000' at 1012 hrs. S/C Base 1015 hrs. Weather en route – over & undercast At DZ – Fair – vis 10 miles.
	Can J46521 P/O. R. Sinclair	2122N 9805E	Jessore	Meiktila	
	Aus 434916 Sgt. O. S. Wright				
	Can R283336 Sgt. E. Shalla				
	Can R27226 Sgt. F. Charchuk				
Lib VI 'P'	Can.J22963 F/L. J. A. King	Cairngorm?	18 0720	19 0230	Successful. DZ was reached at 1707 hrs & correct reception of Δ of fires. T of panels, and letter 'K' was recognised. 4 agents, 5 containers, & 4 packages were
	F/O. K. E. Roberts	0447N 10156E	Jessore	Cox's Bazaar	

	Can.J44512 P/O. K. M. Oddson				dropped in 3 runs from 10-1100' ASL & all fell on DZ. One container parachute failed to open. DZ is in bowl amongst hills. Would not be very suitable for moon drops, except for crews who know area. Weather en route – Fair – occasional slight fronts. At DZ – ASt 10,000', 9/10 & 2/10 Cu at 5000' – vis 10 miles.	
	Can.J45967 P/O. W. E. Stevens					
	Can.J45844 P/O. D. K. Jordan					
	Can.R267113 Sgt. R. Saunders					
	Can.J45936 P/O. H. F. Wagner					
	Can.R116324 Sgt. J. E. Johnson					
	Can.R256795 Sgt. R. B. Tingley					
	Can.J45035 P/O. R. W. Sanderson					
Dak IV 'B'	F/S. R. A. Jones	Nation Chimp 5 (i) 1832N 9624E Passage 2 (ii) 1702N 9732E	18 1225	18 2055	Successful. DZ (i) was reached at 1501 hrs. & correct reception of 'T' of panels & smoke fires was recognised. 4 containers & 15 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 7-800' ASL. DZ (ii) was reached at 1657 hrs & reception of cross of panels and smoke fires recognised. 20 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 400' ASL. both DZ's are very good & suitable for night drops by Dakota or Libs. 24 packs of nickels were dropped between 1902N 9505e & 1913N 9436E – 1840-48 hrs. – 4000'. A/C S/C Base at 1705 hrs. In posn 1905N 9510 E at 1830 hrs 5,000', gunfire was seen & shortly afterwards a convoy of 10-12 trucks seen stationary on road heading South. Weather en route – 9-10/10 ASt at 9-10,000'. Cb cloud over Shans 5-10 miles E of DZ. At DZs – (1) Clear (2) One slight shower – 3/10 Cu & 10/10 AS above A/C.	
	F/S. R. M. Herdman		Cox's Bazaar			
	F/S. R. A. Hunt					
	F/S. R. B. Guest					
	F/S. D. C. Oram					
	F/S. A. F. Calder					
Lib VI 'Z'	Can.J23405 F/O. A. B. Coy	Carpenter Trombone 6 0203N 10401E	18 0942	19 0606	Successful. A/C made DR run from Jason Bay to DZ at 1942 hrs & saw personnel on ground preparing reception of 'T' of torches & flashing 'K'. A/C returned to DZ at 1953 hrs & 3 containers & 3 packages were dropped in one run from 400' AGL & all fell on area. At 0100 hrs 3 searchlights were seen over Singapore area. At 2122 hrs – 0300N 10120E two fires were seen which may have been oil fires. A/C S/C Base 2001 hrs. Weather en route – Good, except for front building up between Rangoon & Akyab.	
	F/O. A. F. Coker		Cox's Bazaar			
	Can.J44466 F/O. R. E. Jorgensen					
	Can.J45828 P/O. O. S. N. Campbell					
	Can.J44948 P/O. G. McGregor					
	Can.J46770 F/O. C. M. Stearns					
	Can.J46765 P/O. I. A. Palumbo					
	Can.R284575 Sgt. A. Noble.					

					At DZ – Fine – nil cloud – slight haze – vis. 12 miles.
Lib VI 'N'	F/L. J. A. Powell	Carpenter Trombone 8 0203N 10401E	18 0940	19 0642	Successful. DR run was made from Jason Bay to DZ at 2001 hrs where reception of 'T' of torches & flashing 'K' was recognised. 4 containers & 1 package was dropped in one run from 800' AGL & fell to E of DZ, probably in neighbouring trees. At posn 0150N 10240E a large red fire was seen. Two search lights were seen S of Jason Bay. A/C was diverted to Akyab & Rebecca was picked up at 0600 hrs 24 miles from Akyab – 1,000' Weather en route – Medium cloud. At DZ – Good with storms to N – vis 10 miles.
	F/O. Gane		Cox's	Akyab	
	P/O. C. C. Hood		Bazaar		
	F/S. M. Rosendorf				
	F/S. E. Wenham				
	F/S. F. Osbon				
	F/S. Mardle				
	Sgt. Williams				
Dak IV 'O'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Hyena 70 1857N 9642E Hyena 71 1828N 9650E	20 0400	21 1235	Successful A/C made DR run from R. Sittang & was over 2nd DZ at 0812 hrs where reception of 'X' & 'Y' in strips & 'T' of smoke fires was recognised. 4 containers & 19 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 2-600' AGL. One package dropped & floated in a stream running through DZ. A/C S/C for primary DZ & was over at 0837 hrs where reception as above (no fires) was seen. 2 containers & 10 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 2-550' AGL. Both DZ's are good & suitable for drops in clear moonlight. 24 packs of nickels were dropped in posn. 1844N 9645E – 0848 – 4000'. S/C Base 0850. Weather en route – Undercast in Irrawaddy valley which developed into Cu during day. At DZ – 10/10SCu 500' base over Character area & generally with gaps over DZ used. – vis 5-10 miles.
	P/O. A. W. Cumber		Jessore		
	Sgt. A. A. Reeves				
	Can.R281767 Sgt. T. O'Shaugnessy, CanR170451 W/O. V. R. Woodland				
³⁴	F/L. A. G. Fennick	Character Mongoose 36 1800N 9703E	20 0601	20 1431	Successful. A/C was over DZ at 1017 hrs & reception of 'T' of panels, figure I, Roman IV, & letter 'F' was seen. 11 containers & 5 packages were dropped in one run from 900' ASL & majority landed in belt of trees in middle of DZ. DZ is excellent & suitable for moonlight drops by Libs. 14 packs of nickels were dropped in posn 1804N 9609E at 1054 hrs – 10,500'. S/C Base 1030 hrs. Weather en route – 6/10 Cu & isolated
	Aus429674 F/S. K. J. Steele		Jessore		
	F/S. G. C. Whale				
	F/O. W? N. McStee				
	Aus413853 W/O. D. I. Graham				
	Aus436522 F/S. D. C. Jolley				
	F/S. W. F. Ayton F/S. F. Simmonite				

³⁴ Aircraft details not given in record, but would have been a Liberator.

	F/S. J. C. Attwood				Cb on return route. At DZ – 5/10 Cu base 2500'. Clear below, good vis.
Dak IV 'H'	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	Character Otter 85	20 0400	20 1255	Unsuccessful – weather. 10/10 undercast Cu 4-10,000' covered all the hills & valleys in DZ area. High cloud 2/10 As at 15,000' – vis 12 miles between layers of cloud. A/C made various runs in attempts to get under cloud base but with no success. Sortie was abandoned at 1037 hrs. Rebecca was picked up at 4-5 miles from DZ but was not suitable for homing onto. 24 packs of nickels were dropped on Manchi at 0841 hrs – 7000'. A/C landed at Akyab owing to fuel shortage caused by the long time spent over DZ area.
	Can.J45944 F/O. J. R. Tarzwell	1846N 9704E	Jessore	Akyab	
	Can.J46764 F/O. R. Pomazon				
	Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 Sgt. McCartney				
Dak IV 'M'	F/O. R. R. Housby	Character Hyena 72	20 0405	20 1210	Successful. A/C was over DZ at 1003 hrs & reception of 'X' of strips letter 'G' at side & several bonfires was seen. 6 containers & 29 packages were dropped in 8 runs from 2150-2500' ASL & all fell on DZ. DZ is not considered good for night drops as it is in the bottom of a valley with peaks on all sides. 24 packs of nickels were dropped on Kyaukhnyat at 1023 hrs. Weather en route – 10/10 – base 2,000' over S. Burma, clear to S & E.
	Can J46521 P/O. R. Sinclair	1817N 9725E	Jessore	Magne	
	Aus 434916 Sgt. O. S. Wright				
	Can R283336 Sgt. E. Shalla				
	Can R27226 Sgt. F. Charchuk				
Lib VI 'P'	W/Cdr. L. M. Hodges	Candle Chiffon 9	20 1110	21 0020	Successful. A/C made DR run from 1710N 10242E on to target area where reception of 'V' of panels & Δ of fires was found approx 1 mile W of briefed posn. 11 containers & 6 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 700' AGL & all landed in area. Two package parachutes tangled & landed very heavily. DZ is clearing in scrub with no real local snags. 8 packs of nickels were dropped in posn 1710N 10242E at 1732 hrs – 2000'. After the drop A/C made a DR run to the
	F/O. A. A. Morley	1704N 10409E	Jessore		
	Aus.413286 F/O. H. Seale	(Recce Area) 163°2'30"N 10352'30"E			
	F/L. L. G. A. Reed				
	Aus.418600 F/O. K. Buchanan				
	F/O. Ritchie				
	F/S. W. Farish				
	F/S. E. Stephenson				
	Sgt. A. E. Bird				

					Recce area, arriving there at 1758 hrs. The area is approx 60 x 400 yds with a cleared area at each end, running NW/SE. the approach is good & clear, but the strip is not yet completed, & as the surrounding area is flooded, the strip may be liable to inundation. A road runs N/S cutting the N.W. corner of the strip, & on the other Northern corner there is a camp. approx 11 MT were seen moving along the road, travelling S, & some bodies were seen in the camp area. There are low hills due E & W of the strip which should not cause any trouble in the approach. A/C S/C Base 1800 hrs.
Dak IV 'N'	S/Ldr. T. P. O'Brien	Character Mongoose 37, 38, 39 (i) 1727N 9725E (ii) 1727N 9709E (iii) 1702N 9732E	22 0450	22 1350	Successful. Map read onto Mongoose 38 DZ & found reception of 'U' of panels at 1010 hrs. 2 containers & 13 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 350' AGL. Mongoose 37 DZ was seen at 1039 hrs – reception Z & D in panels - & 4 containers & 7 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 200' AGL. DZ No3 (Mongoose 39) was reached at 1102 hrs & reception of X of panels & smoke fires recognised. One package was dropped from 200' AGL. All landed on DZ's. Rebecca was picked up at 5000' – 25 miles (Akyab), & again at 400' – 15 miles (Kaukpyn). 24 packs of nickels were dropped on Tanbington at 1200 hrs – 4000'. S/C Base 1200 hrs. Weather en route General overcast over Burma. At DZ's – Cu, base 12,000' 9-10/10. – vis 4 miles.
	F/O. Stevens		Jessore	Akyab	
	P/O. J. F. Middleton				
	F/S. R. T. Wright				
	F/S. F. H. Burley				
Dak IV 'F'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Character Walrus 58 & 59 1920N 9657E & 1936N 9656E	22 0400	22 1220	Successful. Walrus 59 DZ was reached at 0906 hrs by means of Rebecca homing. If Rebecca had not been working satisfactorily it is improbable that operation could have been carried out. 25 packages were dropped in 5 runs from 5-600' AGL. Walrus 58 DZ was reached at 1000 hrs. with the aid of map reading & reception of Δ & N in panels with a 'T' of smoke fires was seen. 6 containers & 12 packages were dropped in 2 runs – 2-400' AGL. 20 packs of nickels were dropped in posn. 1857N 9654E at 0817 hrs. – 7000'. Weather en route 10/10 SCu & Cu up to 7,000'. At DZ – 10/10 undercast – vis 2-3 mls.
	F/O. A. W. Cumber		Jessore	Akyab	
	Sgt. A. A. Reeves				
	Can.R281767 Sgt. T. O'Shaughnessy,				

Dak IV 'K'	Can.J12694 F/L. J. G. Blinkhorn	Character Ferret 42 1903N 9658E	22 0408	22 1320	Successful – A/C reached D.Z. at 0834 hrs, where correct reception of U & A in panels was identified. 4 containers & 78 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 50'-750' A.G.L. & all landed in area. 24 pkts of nickels were dropped on posn. 1913N 9457E from 2500' at 0950 hrs. S/C Base 0848 hrs. An unidentified S/E high wing monoplane was seen 1500' below a/c, immediately leaflets had been dropped. Dakota went into cloud, altered course & S/C A/C was not seen again. Weather en route – 10/10ths Scu over valleys. at D.Z. Clear.
	Can.J45823 F/O. G. A. Mackey		Jessore		
	F/O. R. D. Lister				
	F/S. T. Laird				
	Can.R270837 Sgt. A. Q. Dahlin				
Dak IV 'J'	F/O. R. R. Housby	Character Otter 87 1848N 9704E Nation Reindeer (S?) 1842N 9523E	22 0430	22 1200	Successful – A/C mapread onto Otter D.Z. and arrived there at 0842 hrs, where correct reception of T of panels was identified. 4 containers and 28 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 7000' A.S.L. & all fell in area. A/C then mapread onto Reindeer D.Z. and arrived at 0940 hrs where 'T' of panels was identified. 2 containers & 31 packages were dropped in 5 runs from 2-500' A.G.L. & all landed in area. both DZ's are good. 24 pkts of nickels were dropped on posn 1904N 9641E. from 5000' at 1005 hrs. A/C S/C Base 1009 hrs. Weather en route – Cu at 2-14000' – 9/10ths over most of route. At D.Z.(1) – Cloud to E & S of Otter DZ vis 10 mls. (2) – Clear.
	F/O. R. D. Butler		Jessore	Akyab	
	F/O. J. Williamson				
	Can R283336 Sgt. E. Shalla				
Dak IV 'M'	P/O. E. A. Wheelhouse	Heavy Wolf 17 2151N 9942E	22 0400	22 1115	Successful. A/C made DR run from 2203N 9845E & was over DZ at 0847 hrs & reception of 'T' of panels & smoke fires was recognised. 6 containers & 39 packages were dropped in 8 runs from 350' AGL & all fell on area. DZ is landing strip with no local snags. The strip is about 1000 yds long with T in centre. 4 packs of nickels were dropped on Moygkha at 0925 – 10,000'. S/C Base 0930 hrs. Weather en route – 4/10 Cu 2,000' – 7/10 AS & ACu at 14,000'. At DZ – 9-10/10 SCu 5-10,000' – vis 10 miles.
	Can J46521 P/O. R. Sinclair		Jessore	Meiktila	
	Can R170450 W/O. V. R. Woodland				
	Sgt. R. I. Wellings				
Dak IV 'D'	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	Character Walrus	24 0650	24 1133	Successful. A/C made DR from 1912N 9721E & was over first DZ at 1059 hrs

	Can.J45944 F/O. J. R. Tarzwell	(White) 16 1920N 9714E Character Walrus (Red) 12 1936N 9656E	Jessore	Kaukpyu	where reception of Δ & 'N' of panels was seen 2 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 3500' ASL & all landed in area. The 2nd DZ was passed over without being seen, but Rebecca was suddenly switched on & A/C homed on that. Reception of square of panels & letter 'W' was seen & 4 containers were dropped in one run from 4700' ASL. 24 packs of nickels were dropped in posn. 1928N 9708E at 1118 hrs – 3000'. Met observation was carried out during flight. S/C Base 1140 hrs. Weather en route – Undercast & overcast. At DZ – 10/10 SCu at 5000' – vis 8 miles.
	Can.J46764 F/O. R. Pomazon				
	Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 Sgt. McCartney				
Lib VI 'R'	F/L. A. G. Fennick	Hebrides 14 0549N 10131E	22 0723	23 0055	Unsuccessful – weather. A/C reached a position about 15 miles from DZ at 1704 hrs & attempted approaches from 2 directions – down a valley & along a railway line – but found it impassable owing to the thick cloud, the base of which was very low. Sortie was abandoned & A/C S/C Base at 1715 hrs. In posn 0701N 10028 E – 1645 hrs – 2700' – approx 20 heavy laden trucks were sighted in a train moving N towards Haad Yan. Weather – S of Cheduba Island 6-8/10 Cb base 400'. At DZ – 10/10 Cu, Cb.
	Aus429674 F/S. K. J. Steele		Jessore	Akyab	
	F/S. G. C. Whale				
	F/O. W. N. McStea				
	Aus413853 W/O. D. I. Graham				
	Aus436522 F/S. D. C. Jolley				
	F/S. J. C. Attwood				
	F/S. F. Simmonite				
	F/S. W. F. Ayton				
Lib VI 'Z'	Can.J23405 F/O. A. B. Coy	Carpenter 15 03?02N 10402E	22 0950	23 0846	Successful. DR run was made from Jason & DZ was seen at 2100 hrs. – reception 'T' of fires & flashing K. 1 agent, 4 containers, & 1 package were dropped in 2 runs from 600-775' AGL & all fell on area. DZ is quite good, a clearing in trees with no snags on any approach runs. A lit up camp was sighted near Klum?ng Air field which was not itself illuminated. in any way. At 1950 hrs when flying at 500' A/C passed over approx. 6 vessels, which appeared to be oil tankers or landing barges, of Roepat Island. S/C Base 2115 hrs. Weather en route – Belt of very bad weather between 11°N & 15°N & find from there Southwards. At DZ – 2/10 Cu 2-3000' – slight haze – vis 10 – 15 miles.
	F/O. A. F. Coker		Chittago ng	Jessore	
	Can.J44466 F/O. R. E. Jorgensen				
	Can.J45828 P/O. O. S. N. Campbell				
	Can.J46765 P/O. I. A. Palumbo				
	Can.J46770 P/O. C. M. Stearns				
	Can.J44948 P/O. G. McGregor				
	Can.R284575 Sgt. A. Noble.				
Dak IV 'F'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Dilwyn Squirrel 21	14 0825	24 1140	Successful. A/C made DR run from R. Salween & map read the last few miles.
	P/O. A. W. Cumber		Jessore	Akyab	

	Sgt. A. A. Reeves Can.R281747 Sgt. T. O'Shaughnessy F/S? H. Deen	2115N 9804E			DZ was reached at 0829 hrs & T of white parachutes, smoke fire, & Union Jack on flag pole were seen. 4 containers & 46 packages were dropped in 6 runs from 2950-3200' ASL & all fell on DZ. DZ is excellent, suitable for non moon drops. 23 packs of nickels were dropped on 2115N 9647E – 0726 hrs. – 8000'. Weather en route – 5-8/10 AS & SCu. Small build up. At DZ – 3-5/10 Cu at 5000' – vis 10-15 miles.
Dak IV 'M'	P/O. E. A. Wheelhouse Can J46521 P/O. R. Sinclair Can R170450 W/O. V. R. Woodland Sgt. R. I. Wellings	Character Ferret 43 1854N 9707E 46 1903N 9658E	24 0245 Jessore	24 1155 Akyab	Successful. A/C made DR run from R. Salween to DZ area, but it was only after dodging around cloud that reception of T & J in panels was seen at 0829 hrs. 14 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 4600' ASL & all fell in area. One parachute fell off a cylindrical package on second run. Second DZ was reached at 0910 hrs. & 'A' & 'U' in panels was seen. It appears those two DZ's have been mixed by force 136. 6 containers & 16 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 4100' ASL. DZ was half obscured by cloud so that load was dropped high & was scattered over DZ. 24 packs of nickels were dropped on 1855N 9648E – 0935 – 7000'. S/C Base 0935. Weather en route – AS & showers, clearing during day. At DZ – 9/10 SCu & Cy, base 3-4000' tops 75-8000' – vis 5 miles.
Dak IV 'H'	Sgt. A. S. Osmaston F/O. B. A. Haynes Aus.436597 E. A. Hanlan Can.R215107 Sgt. A. E. Giles	Character Otter 85 1856N 9704E	24 0401 Jessore	24 1243 Akyab	Unsuccessful – weather. A/C made DR run from R. Sitting & arrived over prominent hill in DZ area at 0814 hrs. which was partially visible through cloud. As it was thought St might clear a little later, A/C flew to posn. 1904N 9641E & dropped 24 packs of nickels, returning to

					DZ area at 0902 hrs. The DZ was seen at 0925 & 10 15 hrs but it was impossible to descend. Search height started at 7-9000' & ascended as cloud built up. No Rebecca was picked up over target area. 2 spitfires were seen in vicinity of DZ & remained with A/C about half an hour. A/C fired recognition signals & after the last of these had been fired, Spitfires cleared off. Rebecca equipment was switched on 40 miles from Akyab at 7,000' & strong signal was immediately picked up. Weather en rut – 8-9/10 undercast & 9/10 overcast.
Dak IV 'K'	F/S. R. A. Jones	Character Skunk 2 1918N 9711E	24 0653	24 1440	Successful. A/C was over DZ at 1130 hrs. & correct reception of Δ of panels & letter T was seen. 6 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 3000' ASL. 24 packs of nickels were dropped on 1911N 9720E at 1155 hrs – 3000'. S/C Akyab 1211 hrs. When airborne from Akyab A/C ran into CU Nim, and as Akyab had closed, landed at Cox's Bazaar. Weather en route – 5-7/10 St Cu & Cu base 2-3000'. 10/10 AS & Cu base 15,000'. At DZ – 9/10 Cu, base covering hills, tops 10-15,000' – vis. 15 miles.
	F/S. R. M. Herdman		Jessore	Akyab	
	F/S. R. A. Hunt				
	F/S. R. B. Guest				
	F/S. A. F. Calder				
Lib VI 'R'	F/O. K. E. Roberts	Character Mongoose 39 & 40 (i) 1729N 9725E (ii) 1817N 9725E	25 0555	25 1520	Successful 39. Unsuccessful 40 – no reception. DR run was made from R. Sittang to Mongoose 39 at 1006 hrs. Correct reception of 'Z' & 'D' of panels was seen & 8 containers & 4 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 500' ASL & all fell on DZ. DZ is good, suitable for moon drops. Second DZ area was reached at 1055 hrs & though area was thoroughly searched, no reception was seen. 24 packs of nickels were dropped along the Salween at 1030 – 1050 hrs – 6000'. Weather en route – Line squall over Pegu area. 10/10 overcast 12-15,000'. At DZ – SCu on hill tops – clear in valleys – vis. 10 miles.
	F/S. R. B. Swift		Jessore		
	P/O. E. F. Kirby				
	P/O. L. Samuel				
	Aus.434865 F/S. T. J. Pacey				
	Aus.426529 F/S. L. G. Richardson				
	Sgt. J. E. Sanders				
	Sgt. J. J. Reed				
Dak IV 'J'	Sgt. A. S. Osmaston	Character Walrus 60 1920N 9657E	28 0530	28 1350	Unsuccessful – No reception. A/C was over DZ at 1100 hrs. but no reception was seen. Area was recognised from natural features & map references. 24 packs of nickels were dropped on 1858N
	F/O. B. A. Haynes		Jessore	Kyauka?	
	Aus.436597 E. A. Hanlan				

	Sgt. Daly				9718E. S/C Base 1210 hrs.
	R215107 Sgt. A. E. Giles				Weather en route – Clear to coast – 8/10 Cu tops 10,000'.
					At DZ – 5-8/10 Cu, base 5000'.
Lib VI 'R'	Can.J22963 F/L. J. A. King	Bakterre? Muslin 6	25 2315	26 1205	Successful. A/c reached DZ area but found no reception. This was eventually found at 0525 hrs in posn. 1639N 10137E. Reception was 'T' of fires near a 'T' of panels, thought to be part of airfield equipment as it looked an old permanent installation. 2 agents, 8 containers, & 6 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 4-600' AGL & all fell round reception. The DZ is a landing strip heading 025°/205° with a clear space at N end, length app 800'. The area is clear & flat, but surrounding trees are high. The chief snag is that a very long DR run is necessary to reach target as there are no local pinpoints. The strip should be suitable for Daks but appears to be marshy. Several cart tracks were seen leading from strip to basha shelters in which a few small A/C could be seen. Thought to be aged bi-planes such as were to be seen in F.I.C. – 16 packs of nickels were dropped on 1804N 9652E at 0805 hrs. A/C S/C Base 0550 hrs. Weather en route – Cloud over hills but generally fine. At DZ – Very Good. AS 2/10 10,000' – vis 10 miles.
	Can.J44512 F/O. K. M. Oddson	1642N 10209E	Jessore		
	Can.J45967 F/O. W. E. Stevens				
	Can.J45844 F/O. D. R. Jordan				
	Can.J45936 F/O. H. F. Wagner				
	Can.J45035 F/O. R. W. Sanderson				
	Can.R256795 Sgt. R. B. Tingley				
Dak IV 'K'	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	Character Mongoose 41 & 42 1729N 9723?E	26 0450	26 1220	Successful. A/C map read from posn 1747N 9640E on R. Salween & arrived over DZ at 0912 hrs. where correct reception of Z & X of panels was seen. 1 agent, 6 containers, & 31 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 600' AGL & all landed in area. DZ is good for non moon drops. S/C Base 1250 hrs. 24 packs of nickels were dropped on 1752N 9717E at 0949 hrs – 1500'. Weather en route – 10/10 Cu over sea – fair over land. At DZ – 2-3/10 Cu at 1500' – vis. 10 miles.
	Can.J45944 F/O. J. R. Tarzwell		Jessore	Kaurpyu	
	Can.J46764 F/O. R. Pomazon				
	F/S. A. F. Calder				
	P/O. W. R. Paynter				
Lib VI 'S'	F/O. A. F. Coker	Character Otter 34 1846N 9704E Character	26 0436	26 1454	Unsuccessful – weather. A/C arrived at pin point on R. Salween & attempted DR runs to DZ area. The pin point was clear but the hills were covered by cloud. The peak near Otter DZ was visible but the
	Sgt. F. N. A.. Mellows		Jessore		
	P/O. D. E. Jack				
	P/O. R. Pryer				

	Aus.432541 F/S. C. M. Millar	Ferret 44 1858N 9707E			actual DZs could not be seen at all. Rebecca was not working. Weather en route – 10/10 Cu 1-15,000' over sea 7/10 Cu built up over land.
	Aus.420276 W/O. J. K. Delaney				
	Sgt. P. C. Halliday				
	Sgt. A. P. Game				
Dak IV 'M'	P/O. E. A. Wheelhouse	Nutshell Tiger 6 1715N 9656E	26 0300	26 1100	Successful. A/C was over DZ at 0914 hrs where correct reception of 'T' of yellow panels & smoke fire was seen. 4 containers & 45 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 4-600' AGL & all landed on area. DZ is good but badly positioned, very near hills to NW & if moved 4 miles to S would be perfect. 24 packs of nickels dropped on 1719N 9739E – 0945 hrs – 5500'. Weather en route – Bad over sea. At DZ – 8-9/10 SCu 7-9000' – vis 15 miles.
	Can J46521 P/O. R. Sinclair		Jessore	Minglodon	
	F/S. R. B. Guest				
	Sgt. R. I. Wellings				
	F/O. McAskill				
Dak IV 'F'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Character Otter 89, 90 (i) 1846N 9704E (ii) 1850N 9655E	26 0400	26 1300	Successful. A/C found first DZ cloud covered when first arrived so flew away to drop 24 packs of nickels on 1830N 9719E – 0815 hrs – 7500'. A/C then returned to DZ arriving at 0824 hrs, by this time cloud had broken up slightly & DZ was visible for limited periods. Some sort of parade appeared to be in progress all during drop, other personnel appeared to be waving flags etc, as A/C appeared overhead. Reception was 'T' of panels. 6 containers & 14 packages were dropped in 5 runs from 50'-450' AGL & all fell in area. A/C then map read to 2nd DZ & found correct reception of 'T' of panels & letter 'B' at 0903 hrs. 16 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 450' AGL. S/C Base 0912 hrs. Weather en route – Fair with heavy Cu over Bay of Bengal. At DZ – 9/10 Cu from 6-8500' – vis 2-3 miles.
	P/O. A. W. Cumber		Jessore		
	F/L. H. Deen				
	Sgt. A. A. Reeves				
	Can.R281747 Sgt. T. O'Shaughnessy				
Lib VI ³⁵	Can.J23405 F/O. A. B. Coy	Hebrides 13 0549N 10131E	26 0709	27 0249	Successful – A/C made DR from near Khota Bharu at posn. 0602N 10208E & arrived over DZ at 1656 hrs where large white 'T' of parachutes was seen. 7 containers & 11 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 600' AGL & all landed in area. DZ is very small & only E/W runs are possible, a low ridge to E of DZ
	Can.J44466 F/O. R. E. Jorgensen		Jessore	Chittagong	
	Can.J45828 P/O. O. S. N. Campbell				
	Can.J44948 F/O. G. McGregor				

³⁵ No code given in record.

	Can.J46770 F/O. C. M. Stearns				interferes with dropping run. At 1615 hrs 0633N 10118E approx 50 R/S sighted in Yala with a train of 11 trucks approaching the station from S.E. At 1720 hrs – 1800' – 0615N 10115E sighted smoke & what appeared to be some sort of industrial undertaking, near small town. Bridge near town was down? No details of building etc. noted. A/C S/C Base 1707 hrs. Weather en route. Good over sea – bad N of Akyab where I.T.F. is active. At DZ – 6/10 Cu Base 3,500' – vis 10 miles.
	Can.J46765 F/O. I. A. Palumbo				
	Can.R214096 Sgt. McDonald				
	Can.R284575 Sgt. A. Noble.				
Lib VI 'Z'	W/Cdr. L. M. Hodges	Carpenter 11 0145N	16 1200	27 0940	Successful. A/C was over DZ at 2212 hrs where correct reception of 'T' of fires & flashing 'K' was seen. 4 agents, 1 container, & 2 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 700' AGL & all fell on area. George went U/S soon after take off from Akyab, & at intervals during flight this was followed by rear turret, radio compass, & loran, all going U/S. A/C S/C Base 2222 hrs. Weather en route – Good over sea – except N of Akyab. At DZ – Good – vis 12 miles.
	F/L. A. G. Fennick	10345E	Akyab	Jessore	
	Aus.413826 F/O. H. Seale				
	F/L. L. G. A. Reed				
	F/O. A. A. Morley				
	Aus.418600 F/O. K. Buchanan				
	F/O. Ritchie				
	F/S. P. Stephenson				
	Sgt. A. E. Bird				
Dak IV 'F'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Nation Panda	28 1420	28 2205	Successful. A/C arrived over 1st DZ at 1616 hrs where correct reception of 'T' of strips was seen. 6 containers & 23 packages were dropped in 5 runs from 450' AGL & all fell in area. A/C arrived at 2nd DZ at 1646 hrs where reception as above was seen. 9 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 250 AGL & all fell in area. Both DZ's are good. 24 packs of nickels were dropped on 1618N 9540E – 1653 hrs – 3/5000'. S/C Base 1657 hrs. Weather en route – 8/10 overcast over sea – fine over land. At DZ's – Clear – vis 50 miles.
	P/O. A. W. Cumber	10	Akyab	Jessore	
	Sgt. A. A. Reeves	1617N			
	Can.R281747 Sgt. O'Shaughnessy, T.	9524E			
	F/L. H. Deen	Nation Dog 4 1616N			
		9544E			
Dak IV 'B'	F/S. R. A. Jones	Character Hyena 73	28 1200	28 2045	Successful. A/C was 4 hrs late over DZ because of bad weather over coast & over Shans, tried to get through for 2 hours but failed, so landed at Ramree & refuelled. Arrived over 1st DZ at 1438 hrs where reception of 'X' & 'N' in panels was seen. 6 containers & 19 packages were
	F/S. R. M. Herdman	1824N 9717E	Ramree	Jessore	
	F/S. R. A. Hunt	Hyena 74			
	F/S. R. B. Guest	1820N			
	F/S. A. F. Calder	0707E			

					dropped in 3 runs from 3,000' ASL & all fell in area. A/C was briefed to drop 2 containers on DZ 2, but navigator pressed jettison switch by mistake & all six containers fell on first DZ. A/C arrived over 2nd DZ at 1500 hrs where reception of 'X' & 'L' in panels was seen. 23 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 2900' ASL & all fell on area. 24 packs of nickels were dropped on 1833N 9707e – 1515 hrs – 5000'. S/C Base 1539 hrs. Weather en route – Cu Nim to Arakan coast – later 6/10 base 4000'. At DZ's – 6/10 Cu – base covering hills – vis 5 miles.
Lib VI 'S'	Can.J22963 F/L. J. A. King	Avenge 2050N 10538E	28 1805	29 0623	Successful. A/C was over DZ at 2353 hrs where correct reception was seen. Area was easily identified by natural features. 3 agents & 1 package were dropped in one run from 650' AGL & all fell on area. DZ is very good with no snags. S/C Base 2358 hrs 16 packs of nickels dropped on 2116N 10516E at 0015 hrs – 7,000'. Weather en route – Scattered storms. At DZ – Clear – vis. 7 miles.
	Can.J44512 F/O. K. M. Oddson		Jesore		
	Can.J45967 F/O. W. E. Stevens				
	Can.J45936 F/O. H. F. Wagner				
	Can.J45844 F/O. D. R. Jordan				
	Can.J45035 F/O. R. W. Sanderson				
	Can.R267113 Sgt. R. O. K. Saunders				
	Can.R116324 Sgt. J. E. Johnson				
	Can.R256795 Sgt. R. B. Tingley				
Dak IV 'H'	S/Ldr. T. P. O'Brien	Nutshell Antelope 12 1623N 9758E	28 2110	29 0450	Successful. A/C was over DZ at 0031 hrs where 'T' of lights & flashing 'A' was seen. 6 agents, 2 containers, & 15 packages were dropped in 6 runs from 5,000' ASL & all fell on area. S/C Base 0052 hrs. 24 packs of nickels dropped on 1650N 9728E – 0109 hrs – 8,500'. Weather en route – 10/10 AS 14,000' – patches of Cu & CB. At DZ – 5/10 SCu base 3-4000' – vis 5 miles.
	P/O. Stevens		Akyab	Cox's Bazaar	
	W/O. G. Middleton				
	Sgt. R. T. Wright				
	Sgt. F. H. Burley				
Dak IV 'M'	F/O. R. R. Housby	Character Otter 15 1846N 9704E	30 0325	30 0945	Successful. A/C made DR run from R. Sittang & DZ was reached at 0754 hrs & correct reception of 'T' & 'N' in panels was seen. 6 containers, & 71 packages were dropped in 6 runs from 300' AGL & all fell on area. 24 packs of nickels dropped on 1904N 9641E – 0823 hrs. – 8,000'. S/C Base 0825 hrs.
	P/O. R. D. Butler		Jessore	Kyaukpyu	
	Aus 434910 Sgt. O. S. Wright				
	Can R283336 Sgt. E. Shalla				

	Can.R272261 Sgt. Charchuk				Weather en route – Fair – storms over Sunderbands. At DZ – Clear, but Cu building up. Vis 10 miles.
Dak IV 'B'	F/S. R. A. Jones	Character Mongoose (Blue) 6 1727N 9709E	30 0445	30 1235	Successful. A/C mapread 20 mls from R. Sittang onto DZ which was reached at 1001 hrs & correct reception of 'U' & 'R' in panels was seen. 4 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 6 runs from 300' AGL & all landed in area. The DZ is small & tree studded. 24 packs of nickels dropped on 1810N 9551E – 0909 hrs – 5000'. S/C Base 1020 hrs. Weather en route – Good. At DZ – Good – 5/10 AS 10,000' – vis 10-15 miles.
	F/S. R. M. Herdman		Jessore	Kyaukpyu	
	F/S. R. A. Hunt				
	F/S. R. B. Guest				
	F/S. A. F. Calder				
Dak IV 'F'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Nation Tiger 3 1715N 9756E	30 0245	30 1050	Successful. Passed over Zebra DZ at 0815 hrs but no reception was seen, so flew on to Tiger DZ. Here weather was adverse so returned to Zebra DZ arriving at 0920? hrs & correct reception of 'T' of panels & smoke fires was seen. 5 containers & 13 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 1-500' AGL & all fell on area. A/C then flew to Rangoon to refuel & returned? to Tiger DZ arriving at 1250 hrs, & reception as per Zebra was seen. 1 container & 36 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 250-700' AGL & all landed in area. Both DZ's are excellent. 24 packs of nickels were dropped on 1721N 9738E – 0808 hrs. – 3500'. Weather en route – 6/10 Cu & scattered Cb. At DZ's – 10/10 Overcast, clearing to 6-8/10 Cu base 2-12,000'.
	P/O. A. W. Cumber	Nation Zebra 7 1807N 9541E	Jessore	Mingladon	
	Sgt. A. A. Reeves				
	Can.R281747 Sgt. T. O'Shaughnessy				
Dak IV 'J'	Sgt. A. S. Osmaston	Character Walrus (White) 17 1920N 9714E	30 0630	30 1400	Successful. A/C arrived over DZ at 1130 hrs & reception of Δ of panels & letter 'N' was seen. 4 containers & 65 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 3600' ASL & all fell on area. DZ is fair. 24 packs of nickels dropped on Mawchi – 1111hrs. – 7-9000'. Bridge over river at 1858N 9718E appears to be serviceable again. Weather en route 6/10 Cu 10-12,000' over most of route. At DZ – 6-8/10 Cu at 4,000' building up during drops.
	F/O. B. A. Haynes		Jessore	Kyaukpyu	
	Aus.436597 E. A. Hanlan				
	R215107 Sgt. A. E. Giles				
Dak IV 'D'	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Henson	Dilwyn Squirrel 23	30 0359	30 1219	Successful. A/C made DR run from 2111N 9813E (Small lake) onto DZ area

	Can.J459444 F/O. J. R. Tarznell	2115N 9804E	Jessore	Chittagong	& arrived at 0810 hrs. Correct reception of 'T' of panels & smoke fires were seen. 6 containers & 37 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 3-3500' ASL & all fell on DZ. A/C then S/C for leaflet posn – 2118N 9827E - & 24 packs were dropped from 5,000' – 0839 hrs & from there S/C for 2nd DZ arriving at 0900 hrs. Correct reception of 'T' of fires was seen, & 2 packages were dropped in one run from 2700' ASL. & both fell on area. Both DZ's are very good, & second is suitable for moon drops. Weather en route – Good – patches of Cu over sea & Chins. At DZ's – Good – 2/10 Cu.
	Can.J46764 F/O. R. Pomazon	Bloodhound 2124N			
	Can.R281616 Sgt. McCartney	9917E			
	Can.R270837 Sgt. A. Q. Damlin				
Lib VI 'S'	Can.J23405 F/O. A. B. Coy	Candle Chiffon 13 1704N	30 0045	30 1256	Successful. A/C made DR run from 1710N 10402E & arrived over target at 0546 hrs where correct reception of 'V' of panels & 'T' of smoke fires was seen. 4 agents, 8 containers & 9 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 4-700' AGL & all landed on area. DZ is very good but available maps are inaccurate & town & lake of Jakon, Lakon, do not appear to be correctly plotted, the town being nearer to the centre of the W side of lake. 2 packs of nickels dropped on DZ at request of leader of party. 6 packs dropped on towns in Siam along route. S/C Base 0621 hrs. Weather en route – Fair. At DZ. – Clear – vis. 10 miles.
	Can.J44466 F/O. R. E. Jorgensen	10409E	Jessore	Akyab	
	Can.J45828 P/O. O. S. N. Campbell				
	Can.J44948 F/O. G. McGregor				
	Can.J46770 F/O. C. M. Stearns				
	Can.J46765 F/O. I. A. Palumbo				
	Can.R214096 F/S. McDonald				
	Can.R284575 F/S. A. Noble.				
Lib VI 'Y'	F/L. A. G. Fenwick	Galvanic 1 0321N	30 1503	31 1103	Successful. A/C map read onto valley for which briefed but agents decided against it as valley was well wooded & clouded in mist, so they were dropped on 0328 ½ N 10147E. 4 agents, 2 containers & 7 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 900' AGL & all landed in area. DZ is suitable for moon drops. 16 packs of nickels dropped on Reang – 0008 hrs. – 6000'. Tented camp (about 16) near railway near DZ, exact posn not known. S/C Base 0001 hrs. Weather en route – 4-5/10 Cu base 6000 ³⁶ tops 2,500'. At DZ – Good – patches of ST.
	Aus.419574 F/S. K. J. Steele	10137E	Akyab	Jessore	
	F/S G. C. Whale				
	Aus.413853 W.O. D. I. Graham				
	Aus.436522 F/S. D. C. Jolley				
	F/S. J. C. Attwood				
	F/S. F. Simmonite				
	F/O. W. N. McStea				
Lib VI 'R'	F/O. K. E. Roberts	Galvanic 2 0321N	30 1500	31 1000	Successful. Blind drop. A/C arrived over area at 2328 hrs. & 3 agents, 3
	F/S. R. B. Swift		Akyab	Jessore	

³⁶ Record says "6000" but if top was at 2,500', one number is incorrect.

	P/O. E. F. Kirby	10127E			containers, & 6 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 900' AGL. & all fell on area. DZ only good for moon & daylight drops because of hills in circuit & L. H. turn is necessary immediately after drop. One hill 2,000' one mile S.W. of DZ, & another 1,000' hill 2 miles to S. Railway parallel to run in. At 0825N 9221E – 2020 hrs. A/C 8,000' on course of 175°, searchlight seen 15 miles to port which searched 5 mins for A/C unsuccessfully, rotating on arc of 200°-300°. 20 packs of nickels dropped on 0320N 10135E – 2350 hrs. – 2,000'. S/C Base 2348 hrs. Weather en route – isolated storms, 7-10/10 Cu. At DZ – Ground mist in valley, 5/10 ASt – vis 10-20 miles.
	P/O. L. Samuel				
	Aus.426529 F/S. L. G. Richardson				
	Aus.434865 F/S. T. J. Pacey				
	Sgt. J. E. Sanders				
	F/O. Ritchie				
Lib VI 'V'	F/L. J. A. Powell	Carpenter 13 0146N 10345E	30 1043	30 1003 ³⁷	Unsuccessful – A/C landed a Akyab as planned to refuel, but whilst taxiing A.P.U. caught fire, but defect could not be put right in time for operation to go forward, so sortie was abandoned & A/C returned to Base.
	F/O. Gane		Jessore	Akyab	
	P/O. C. C. Hood				
	F/S. F. Osbon				
	F/S. Mardle				
	Sgt. Williams				
	F/S. M. Rosendorf				
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		Herewith known details of operation Gauntlett, which was carried out by a Dakota of this sqdn during May. As the captain & navigator were killed in the crash occurring? after the sortie had been completed, all times etc. are approximate having been supplied from memory by the two survivors of the crash. both these persons are on sick leave, of courses, & no further information can be obtained at present.			
Dak.	F/O. C. Egerton-Eves	Gauntlett	12 0700	1050	
	Can.J27477 F/O. W. B. Arnold		Jessore	Dinjan	
	W/O. G. C. Longbottom		1205	1550	
	F/S. J. Biggin		Dinjan	Kunming	Bowser Run.
			14 0630	0930	
			Kunming	Chikiang	
			1200	1530	
			Chikiang	Kunming	On loaded Jeep & trailer at Chikiang, together with stores, making a total weight of approx. 5500 lbs. Offloaded stores at Chianting & unloaded 6
			15 0725	1030	
			Kunming	Chikiang	
			16 0530	0830	

³⁷ This is the time (and day) given in the record. From the account of the flight, the day is correct, but one of the times must be in error.

			Chikiang	Chianting	Chinese passengers & safe-hand mail.
			1040	1405	
			Chianting	Chikiang	
			1515	1840	
			Chikiang	Kunming	Bowser Run.
			18 0705	1010	
			Kunming	Chikiang	
			1210	1525	
			Chikiang	Kunming	
			19 0720	1035	Loaded with stores & 4 personnel, at Kunming, totalling approx. 5500 lbs.
			Kunming	Chikiang	
			20 0635	0925	
			Chikiang	Chianting	Unloaded stores at Chianting.
			1200		One passenger on board.
			Chianting		At 1700 hrs. A/C crash landed in posn 2700N 10630E after being diverted from Chikiang for weather. Bad weather was in front of the A/C which was heading for Kunming, & this, combined with shortage of fuel caused A/C to attempt landing in a paddy field at the bottom of a valley, as this was only flat ground to be seen. A/C hit paddy hard, turned on its nose & caught fire. The pilot & navigator were killed & two surviving members of crew thought if a Sutton harness had been available, they might have been saved. The passenger & two crew were helped away from wreckage by local peasants who were very helpful, & were carried to Yuping where a local doctor informed the Americans by phone & an ambulance was sent & took them back to Chikiang. From there they were flown back to Dum Dum by American A/C, & picked up there by a Dak of this sqdn.
			Total OP Flying Time		
			40 hrs. - 35 mins.		

Movement Order 357 Squadron

Information

(1) To supplement the operational efforts of No. 200 Squadron, four (4) Liberators, complete with aircrew and ground personnel will move to Minneriya (Ceylon) on 20th May, 1945. Details of personnel appear in Appendix "A"; details of air lift in Appendix "B".

(2) Command and Control – The Flight will be under the command of S/Ldr. O. A. H. Sims, of 357 Squadron, and will be directly responsible to the Officer Commanding; No. 200 Squadron.

(3) Maintenance – the NCO i/c detachment servicing party will be responsible to the Engineer Officer, 200 Squadron, who will supervise all maintenance.

(4) Air Movement – The whole detachment will move by air on 20th May, 1945; Liberators to fly direct to Minneriya, and Dakotas to stage through St. Thomas' Mount.

(5) Administration – Personnel are to take all personal kit with them, including bedding and mosquito nets. Officers to take camp kits.

Date: 17th May, 1945

Wing Commander,
Commanding 357 Squadron, R.A.F.

357 Detachment
Minneriya

Appendix "A"

Nominal Roll of Personnel

Officer in charge of Detachment – S/Ldr. O. A. H. Sims

(1) Aircrew

Crew No. 1		Crew No. 2	
C.1490	S/L. O. A. H. Sims	131571	F/Lt. G. Smith
R.195421	Sgt. Gray, N. A.	1599594	F/S. Taylor, R. F.
C.4277	S/L. D. D. Wilson	1396833	W/O. Smith, ? S.
1577877	F/S. Hopkins, D. J.	1301866	F/S. Tate, J.
J.48181	P/O. F. E. Draper	1217738	W/O. Powell, L. J.
J.48177	P/O. A? Fisk?maurice	658246	W/O. Smith, H. R.
J.47457	P/O. J. M. Flanagan	3041232	Sgt. Stott, J.
J.47453	P/O. G. D. Hercus	J.45348	P/O. MacDougald, P? O.
Crew No. 3		Crew No. 4	
J.12779	F/O. A. F. Timmermans	J.23275	F/O. W. J. C. Jackson
R.217478	Sgt. Dellis, D. L.	J.44392	F/O. E. H. Mercer
J.47344	P/O. J. J. P. Perron	J.45134	P/O. G. F. MacKelvie
J.47321	P/O. ? W? Reeve	J.45192	P/O. A. E. Duff
J.47871	P/O. W. P. McLeod	1342742	F/S. Laird, T.
J.27869	P/O. C. Faulkner	R.266024	Sgt. Bale, J. G?
R.279733	Sgt. Andrews, H. ?	J.45350	P/O. J. L. Beirnes?
R.278843	Sgt. Giesbrecht, R.	R.281231	Sgt. Astle, P. ?
		R?77617	Sgt. Patterson, ?

Total: 18 Officers
15 SNCOs

Total: 33

(2) Ground Personnel

NCO i/c Ground Personnel – 546463 Sgt. Langfield, F. H. (F.2A)

(i) "A" Flight

Fitter IIE		Fitter IIA	
541196	Sgt Goodson	546463	Sgt. Langfield
643585	Cpl. Eckford	1223508	Cpl. Rainbow
Flight Mechanic E.		Flight Mechanic A.	
1646046	LAC Trehane	1479008	LAC Burn
1450449	LAC Davey	1526726	LAC Robinson
1585486	LAC Harris	1891319	LAC Mills
1640016	LAC Gibbs	1900357	AC Byrne
1396430	LAC Folkard		
1402738	LAC Burley		
1237956	LAC Botten		
1636986	LAC Cooke		

1092318	AC Lyon		
3008021	AC Sharpe		
1860315	AC Taylor		
1615115	LAC Vials		

(ii) R. & I. Echelon

Fitters IIE.		Fitters IIE.		Fitters IIA.	
907404	Sgt Evans	1298191	Cpl Cavill	1175220	Sgt Blu??ell
957451	Cpl Hunn?	1345876	LAC Stitt	1052267	Cpl Hooley
1721694	LAC Nye	1636806	LAC Baxter	1351909	LAC Essam
1620717	AC. Hill	1711763	LAC Messenger	1375099	LAC Verg?uen
1276465	AC. Burley				
Electricians			Instrument Repairers		
1697047	LAC Greaves (E.I)		3001253		LAC Coiley (I.R.II)
1481825	LAC Thorpe II		1268252		LAC Haynes (I.R.II)
3021573	AC. Avery II				

(iii) H.Q.

14361751	LAC. Tyler (ACH/GD)	1656753	LAC. Platt (DMT)
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(iv) Wireless Section		(v) Armament Section	
1044926	Sgt. Dixon, H. J. (i/c)	1063708	Cpl Higgins (Fitt/Arm)
1570958	AC. Russell	1407910	LAC March (Fitt/Arm)
3005837	LAC Waldie	2213206	LAC Thorpe (Arm)
3005566	AC. Bland	1617124	LAC Duffield (Arm)
3208074	AC. Davis, A. E.	1484982	LAC Hoyle (Arm/Gun)
		1612404	LAC Tong (Arm)
		2209151	AC. Elson (Arm/Asst)

Summary: Ground Personnel
 S.N.C.Os ... 5
 Airmen ... 47 Total ... 52

 Aircrew
 Officers ... 18
 SNCOs ... 15 Total ... 33

June 1945: Form 540

357 Squadron

Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Jessore	June	1945	Operation Part 1
			<p>This month has seen the rapid dispersal of No. 357 (SD) Sqdn. as all the liberators were detached or posted except for one or two which are being used to transport crews equipment to the new base. Either to "Minneriya" or to the true base at "China Bay". Almost all the Liberators left between the 19/6/45 and the 26/6/45 and with them left the majority of the Squadron Staff. The detachment at "Minneriya" is to be continued at that station till all the A/C have been incorporated at "China Bay", and have started full operational sorties again. This is to ensure that no slackening of operations will be felt during the vital June moon period. Then the detached A/C will be sent to join the complete Liberator Flight at "China Bay". It is expected & indeed rumoured that the 'Dakotas' will be sent to either "Rangoon" or "Toungoo", preferably the former. This supposition is heightened by the fact that a detachment is already at "Toungoo" whilst some of the "Dakota" ground crews have been posted down to "Rangoon" to prepare for the move. Even with all those detachments & postings eight (8) sorties will be flown on the first night or should I say day of the month and seven (7) on the 8th of the month, with several in-between So that no slackening of the effort has been felt. Of the sorties flown by the detached force and Minneriya no word has been received and it is expected that they too have been steadily at work.</p>
			<p>"Toungoo" is being used as a refuelling depot for the Dakotas and of late several operations have been attempted & have proved successful due to the A/C being able to return & refuel & also collect briefing on new DZ's when the primary briefed ones have been found to be either u/s or the weather has been too bad to allow A/C to reach DZ. This added advantage has been to a great deal, compensation for the difficulties experienced by the crews due to the weather which to say the least is BAD. This bringing us to our old subject the weather in genial. According to the crews its mostly "all wet". At the beginning of the month the weather was not too bad, but there were plenty of storms over "Burma", though they have been fairly well weathered and the visibility has been about 8 to 10 miles in almost all cases. With the advent of these storms, and their severity, it has become much harder if not impossible to fly a true course and so there has been a great deal of map reading to be done to keep track on the A/C position. Around the 10th of June the weather became very bad and many of the A/C had to return without being able to drop their loads. This spell lasted until the 16th of June when the weather began to clear a little and from Toungoo the A/C made several successful sorties. From this time on the Liberators were being prepared to leave for "Ceylon"</p>
			<p>Due to the weather at Toungoo the airstrip has become u/s due to sinking so the "Dakota" detachment has returned here bringing its sortie reports. As of this month the historical records will have to be made up from the different stations. With the advent of the Toungoo detachment returning to take a considerable amount of news of their exploits have been produced. For this whole stay the monsoon had considerable to do with their flights as an extensive layer of Su & Cu lay over the land at all times. When short distance trips were on the whole successful. it should be noticed that the new crews who were sent down to be trained did quite well and may now be treated as veterans, for the conditions under which they flew would by the most</p>

			experienced crews be termed bad. It should also be understood that due to the increased activity of the 'Character' force a considerable improvement of DZ sites has been noticed which alone has made the dropping of supplies easier, and with almost 4 DZ to choose from on all sorties the A/C had much in its favour. It is hoped that as soon as the "Dakota" flight can move to its new base, more operations will be laid on, and the troops in the various DZ's will feel a lessening of their stress due to a great force backing					
			Operation Synopsis					
Code Name	Country	Area	Liberator		Dakota		Total	Remarks
			S	U	S	U		
								Jessore
Parterre?	Siam	Leur	--	--	1	--	1	Pick up operation. All O.K.
Dilwyn	Burma	Hesani	--	--	3	--	3	
								Jessore
Character	Burma	Shweybo	--	2	14	6	22	The weather was very bad at times preventing 8 A/C from dropping. Toungoo Detachment
Character	Burma	Shweybo	--	--	43	16	59	The only unsuccessful sorties were occasioned by an extensive layer of Su & Cu which lasted almost without a break in some parts of the area. Jessore
Nation	Burma	Kempayo	1	--	3	2	6	The two unsuccessful sorties were due to very bad weather.
Hebrides	Malaya	Coabang	1	--	--	--	1	
Carpenter	Malaya	Mersing	1	--	--	--	1	
Mint	Malay		1	--	--	--	1	
Nutshell	Burma		--	--	3	3	6	The unsuccessful sorties were again due to weather.
Appreciation	Siam		1	--	--	--	1	
Bazaar	F.I.C.		--	2	--	--	2	Engine trouble intervened on both flights.
Chalet	F.I.C.		--	2	--	--	2	No reception first trip incorrect reception on second occasion.
Desert	F.I.C.	Sieng Khong	1	--	--	--	1	
Heavy	Burma	Kientung	1	--	--	--	1	
Blast	Burma	Nyaun Glerin	--	--	1	1	2	Weather bad.
Pilot	Burma		--	1	--	--	1	
Neronian	Siam		--	1	1	--	2	
Diagram	Siam	Bk. Dokny	--	--	1	--	1	
Coupling	Siam		1	--	--	--	1	
Favour	Siam	Hon-He-Vom??	1	--	--	--	1	
Nuneral	Siam		--	--	1	--	1	
			Total Liberator Sorties 17					
			Total Dakota Sorties 99					
			Operational Sorties Flown June 1945. 116					

			Statement of A/C Strength
			For June, as of 30th June 1945
			Dakotas Liberators Harvards
			KJ913 KH166 FS989
			KJ914
			KJ919
			KJ920
			KJ922
			LJ924
			KJ925
			KJ926
			KN304
			KN263
Jessore	June	1945	Part II Administration
	2 June		Mepachrine has been ordered to be taken by all personnel and has been distributed to all sections.
	2 June		It is noted that air letter cards will be distributed on the pay parades.
	4 June		The Cloak-Dagger (PSI Canteen) open to all ranks. Program for tonight "Tambola". The snowball at the present time is 75 yrs for 60 members.
	6 June		An order of the day by Air Commodore F. J. Melleon, Air Commander, SEAAF reads:
			On the closing down of the fully integrated Eastern Air Command Headquarters, the Strategic Air Force has been disbanded with effect 1st June 1945. From this date the RAF heavy bomber squadrons of the Strategic Air Force will come under the contract of HQ231 Group RAF.
			I want to send most hearty thanks to all members of the USAAF squadrons of the 7th Bombardment Group and to the RAF squadrons, who have operated under my command in the Strategic Air Force. Their record has been magnificent and this contribution to the great Victory over the "Japanese" in the Burma Campaign has been considerable.
			On the departure of the 7th Bombardment Group from the Strategic Air Force I send them all my best wishes for their future success in whatever theatre of war they may be called upon to operate. It is with the deepest regret that I see them go but I know it is with increasing effect that they will continue the fine work which they have done in Burma. Good luck to them all.
			To the RAF squadrons of the Strategic Air Force who will now operate under 231 group I send my very best wishes. I know that they will continue to give great service and I wish them all the best of luck.
			End.
	16 June		The Jessore races for the Jessore Plate have been unavoidably cancelled. All ranks felt a very keen disappointment as the last races was a great success.
	20 June		A fair well party and the presentation of the soccer cups by the Commanding Officer, W/Comr. L. M. Hodges, D.S.O. D.F.C. to the Armament and Instrument bashers. A whole months supply of beer was put in hiding and several people were slightly intoxicated at the end of the party.
	16 June		An ENSA band show "Swing Time" was enacted in the RAF canteen & met with a tremendous ovation. Apparently the boys like that kind of hotness.
	20 June		The Sqdn Post office has been moved to Sqdn. H.Q. Blue letter cards will be available at the SWO's office on Thursday 28 June.
			Welfare.

	2 June		Broadcasts for the General Election were posted today for all men to see & (hear).
	4 June		All postal voting forms have to be in today.
	13 June		Welfare Producers are asking for talented artists for shows to be drawn from the services.
	13 June		The Welfare ½ hour from VVZZU has had to be disbanded.
	15 June		A catalogue of Dance music has been received for the Unit Dance band. But the band has gone to "China Bay".
	24 June		The ceiling fans are to be removed and forwarded to the new unit.
			Recreation.
			Many games of soccer & hockey have been played against 136 R.S.U. & 358 Sqdn. to wind up the Sqdn play at this station.
			Ecclesiastical
			A new padre has been attached to the station. Padre Couthard S/Ldr. OD and as S/Ldr. Scott has not yet returned it has been arranged that the D of E Padre from Dhvhalm will officiate Padre Couthard
			The C of E & RC churches held holy communion at 0750 hrs on the 10th June.
			The most important Administrational Function of this month is of course the Movement Order – which has completed the Liberator Detachment to Ceylon. The Libs at present stationed at Jessore, aircrews and advanced ground crews left on the 20th June 1945. and then the movement of the Liberators Detachment at present at Minneriya will leave about 1st July 1945.
Jessore	June	1945	Part III Personnel
			Postings RAF
			51457 F/O. W. G. P. Macche Tech(E) Posted from H.Q. RAF Burma to No.357 Sqdn W.E.F. 8/6/45
			177701 F/O. D. G. Jemnings GD(F/Eng) Posted from HQ 231 Group to 357 Sqdn W.E.F. 21/5/45
			165395 F/O. K. C. Williams GD(N) Posted to H.Q.A.C.S.E.A. from 357 Sqdn W.E.F. 30/5/45
			164242 P/O. S. G. Dove GD(WAG) Posted ex U.K. 9/11/44. Deplaned "Karachi" 2/11/45 Posted to 357 Sqdn W.E.F. 12/11/44 Arrived 28/1/45
			181732 P/O. P. L. Darlington GD(P) 1890464 P/O. H. V. Hallet GD(P) Posted ex UK 15/5/45 to 347 Sqdn W.E.F. 13/6/45 arrived 23/6/45.
			196638 P/O. G. H. Middleton GD(N) Posted to 357 Sqdn on appointment to commissioned rank WEF. 23/6/45
			159947 F/O. W. R? Birch GD(WG) Posted to No. 5 B.P.U. WEF. 20/6/45
			196769 P/O. W. J. V. Surrage GD(P) 197231 P/O. J. B. Nelson GD(WOM AG) Posted to 357 Sqdn on appointment to commissioned rank WEF 28/6/45.
			F/O. L. Nelson 156478 Tech(E) Acting F/Lt. paid WEF 15/3/45
			171425 F/O. D. V. Foster MED Promoted F/Lt. (WS) WEF 9/3/45
			139970 F/O. H. Deen GD(P) Promoted F/Lt. (WS) WEF 11/11/44
			196638 P/O. G. H. Middleton GD(N) Promoted to P/O. WEF 2/3/45
			196769 P/O. W. J. V Surrage GD(P) Promoted to P/O. WEF 10/3/45
			197831 P/O. J. B. Nelson GD(WOM/AG) Promoted to P/O. WEF 28/3/45

			RCAF Postings
		J26150 F/O. A. G. Buzza GD(P)	Posted from No. 231 Group to No. 357 Sqdn. WEF. 1/6/45
		J47311 P/O. A. Thombrat GD(A/G)	
		J47367 P/O. V. T. McNaughton GD(N)	
		J44824 P/O. W. H. Edwards GD(P)	
		J47452 P/O. J. Scott ³⁸ GD(A/G)	
		J47456 P/O. R. M. Cartman GD(A/G)	
		J12694 F/Lt. J. G. Blinkhorn GD(P)	Posted to HQ RAF Base Bombay (supy Non Effective sick) WEF 6/6/45.
		J24042 F/Lt. W. M. Caron GD(N)	Posted to BRD Worli Embarkation WEF 29/6/45
		J15002 F/Lt. J. R Alverson GD(N)	
		J4115 F/Lt. J. D. Lamb GD(P)	
		J45168 P/O. D. A. Blad GD(N)	
		J45210 P/O. D. H. Heller GD(AG)	
		J46064 P/O. S. V. Hillis GD(WG)	
		J44365 F/O. A. O. Hovgan GD(P)	
		J29528 F/O. H. J. McFadyen GD(P)	
		J47494 F/O. W. Parslow GD(AG)	
		J45070 F/O. H. G. Walling GD(AB)	
		J94581 P/O. E. P. Zinnerman GD(WG)	
			Promotions
		J44516 P/O. J. B. Millar GD(P) (Deceased)	Promoted to F/O WEF 21/10/44
		J46053 P/O. A. G. Diggings GD(WG)	Promoted F/O WEF 2/11/44
		J46787 P/O. F. B. Spence GD(WG)	Promoted F/O WEF 30/12/44
		J46744 P/O P. Pomazon GD(WG)	Promoted F/O WEF 30/12/44
		J23275 F/O. W. J. C. Jackson GD(P)	Promoted F/Lt WEF 5/2/45
		J45250 P/O J. L. Biernes GD(AG)	Promoted F/O WEF 5/11/44
		J45348 P/O W. O. McDongald GD(AG)	Promoted F/O WEF 5/11/44
		J45134 P/O. G. F. McKelvie GD(N)	Promoted F/O WEF 5/11/44
		J45945 P/O. J. N. Freison GD(N)	Promoted F/O WEF 2/12/44
			Casualties
		J47869 G. Faulkner GD(WAG)	Missing on Air Operations WEF. 6/6/45.
		J47891 W. P. McLoed GD(WAG)	
		J47444 J. J. P. Perron GD(N)	
		J47321 W. N. Reeve GD(AB)	
		J12779 A. F. Timmerman GD(P)	
			RAAF Postings
		A420912 F/Lt. F. G. Barlogie ³⁹ D.F.C. GD(P)	Posted to RAF Bhopal Repat 28/6/45
		A14407 F/Lt. T. W. Bowles D.F.C. GD (P)	
		A409912 F/Lt. E. Graham GD(P)	
		A412910 F/Lt. E. F. Coulin GD(P)	To 231 Group WEF 1/4/45
		A428311 P/O. H. R. Harvey GD (NB)	Posted to 357 Sqdn on grant of

³⁸ Record says "Scott", but this may be "Stott".

³⁹ Australian Nominal Roll gives Barlogie as the spelling.

				commission in RAAF WEF 16/4/45
			A410102 P/O. E. Williams GD(B)	Same WEF 10/4/45
			A408361 P/O. R. Bain GD(-)	To Kolar WEF 14/4/45
			Decorations RAAF	
			HM the King has graciously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross to A408361 P/O. R. Bain GD(P).	
			Statement of Personnel Strength as of July 1st.	
			Airmen	Officers
			Total	
			RAF	305
			21	326
			RCAF	25
			7	32
			RAAF	5
			3	8
			RNZAF	1
			1	2
			Total	368
			Note: Personnel on Strength consists of Dakota Flight only (Appendix I)	
			'B' Flight	
			Officer Commanding, No.347 (SD) Sqdn.	

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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
					Pick-up Operations
Dak IV 'F'	W/Cdr. L. M. Hodges	Parterre Muslim 7	01 0520	01 1330	Successful. after map reading from Mekong River to DZ area, found landing strips with smoke fire, 'N' in panels & landing 'T'. A/C landed & 2 personnel & 6 containers unloaded. A/C took off with 15 passengers. Landing area is fair – approx 1100 yds – but rather soggy. A/C took off with no difficulty but strip will be U/S if there is any more rain. Weather en route – storms over Rangoon. Cu & Cb building up over Arakan but generally fine. At Target – 3/10 Cu at 4,000' – vis 12 miles.
	F/O H. Seale	1728N	Kyaukpyu		
	F/L. A. A. Morley	10134E			
	F/L. L. G. A. Reed				
Dak IV 'H'	S/L. T. P. O'Brien	Dilwyn Squirrel 22	01 0357	01 1301	DZ was reached at 0800 hrs & correct reception of 'T' of panels & smoke fire was seen. 46 packages were dropped in 10 runs from 50' & 400' ASL. 24 packs of nickels were dropped on 2102N 9823E at 0753 hrs. A/C landed at strip at 0819 hrs & took off at 0847 with 15 passengers (& kit) on board. Strip should not be used if rain has fallen within preceding 36 hrs as ground is very heavy & A/C may become bogged. Suggest time of future landings 10-11 AM. A/C can land either way but should take off to South. Load should not exceed 2500 lbs. Weather – Good on outward route. Cu building up from 0900 hrs onwards. At DZ – Good.
	F/O. S. F. Stevens	2115N	Jessore	Alipore	
	P/O. G. F. Middleton	9804E (DZ)			
	F/S. R. T. Wright	2114N			
	F/S. F. H. Burley	9753E (Landing Strip)			
Lib VI 'S'	F/O. A. F. Coker	Character Ferret 49	01 1225	01 2359	A/C was over Ferret DZ area at 1554 hrs but could not reach or see actual DZ owing to cloud. DR run was made to Giraffe D.Z. & 'T' of strips & smoke fires were seen at 1745 hrs. 2 of the containers for Giraffe were in the 2 top posns in the bomb bay. Message requesting instructions was sent to base (per P/L for speed), & it was decided to drop two Ferret containers on Giraffe rather than return to base with complete
	Sgt. F. W. A.. Mellows	1903N	Jessore		
	P/O. D. E. Jack	9658E			
	P/O. R. Pryer	Nation			
	Aus.432841 F/S. C. M. Millar	Giraffe 7			
	Aus.420276 W/O. J. K. Delaney	1711N			
	Sgt. P. C. Halliday	9728E			
	Sgt. A. P. Game				

					load. Including these two, 8 containers & 2 packages were dropped in one run from 800' AGL. 2 of the containers dropped among the trees & the two packages slightly overshot – all accessible. Giraffe DZ is good with no major snags. The best run is 020° with either a turn through the valley to Stbd after the drop, or a climb over a hill to Port. 18 packs of nickels were dropped on 1736N 9732E at 1716 hrs – 1,500'. S/C Base 1831 hrs. Weather en route – SCu 8-10/10 med cloud over land. At DZ;s (i) SCu & Cu 7/10 base 3,000'. (ii) SCu base 2,000' – scattered showers. Vis – 1 mile in rain.
Dak IV 'M'	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	Character Otter (Blue)	01 1040	01 1148	Successful. On landing at Toungoo from Jessore crew were briefed by Major Beaumont Nesbit for Character Otter (Blue). Map read to DZ arriving at 1106 hrs where reception of 'T' of panels & letter 'B' was seen. 68 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 3-500' AGL. Surrounding trees were seen to be holding on or two parachutes. DZ is very small, situated in a valley which is rather too small to make a comfortable circuit in. A/C returned to Toungoo, reloaded & reached Walrus DZ at 1303 hrs. Reception of Δ of panels & letter N was waiting & 68 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 3-500' AGL. DZ is good. The rice bags broke on impact with ground. Suggest stronger packing should be used. On returning to Toungoo, 16 'Z' Force personnel were transported back to Jessore. Rebecca was picked up at 9000' – 60 miles Akyab. 24 packs of nickels dropped on 2020N 9430E at 0555 hrs – 8,000'. Weather en route – Fair only over Burma Cu etc? over hills, & SCu over land. At DZ – cu 4-5000' 6/10ths – occasional Cb – vis 10 miles.
	Can.J45944 P/O. J. R. Tarzwell	Walrus (White)	1226	1335	
	Can.J46764 P/O. R. Pomazon	1850N 9655E	Toungoo		
	Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 Sgt. McCartney				
	Can.R270837 Sgt. A. Q. Dahlin				
Dak IV 'J'	Sgt. A. S. Osmaston	Character Ferret 47 & 48	01 0415	01 1025	Successful. A/C arrived over Ferret 48 area at 0845 hrs. but as it was cloud covered flew to 1853N 9720E & dropped 24 packs of nickels, returning to DZ at 0915 to find 'T' & 'J' in strips waiting. 5 containers & 25 packages were dropped in 5 runs from 400' AGL. DZ is suitable
	F/O. B. A. Haynes		Jessore	Toungoo	
	Aus.436597 E. A. Hanlan	1903N 9658E			
	Can.R215107 Sgt. A. E. Giles	1858N 9707E			

					for normal drops but steep drops & climb out are necessary for free drops. Map read to Ferret 47 area arriving at 0942 hrs. where correct reception of 'U' & 'A' in panels was seen. One container & 7 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 180 & 360' AGL. & all fell on DZ. On returning to Toungoo, crew were directed by W/Cdr. Blackburn to do other Character drops.
	Crew as above	Character Otter & other	01 1155 Toungoo	011250	A/C arrived over Otter DZ at 1218 hrs. but Cb in vicinity prevented dropping. A/C returned to Toungoo for re-fuelling & set out again for 3 alternate DZ's. Reception of Δ of panels & smoke fire was seen at 1430 hrs. in posn 1913N 9711E & 68 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 100-400' AGL. DZ is good. S/C Base at 1450 hrs.
		Character DZ's	1355	1915	Weather en route – Cu & Cb, with 10/10 AS & SCu over Chins up to 20,000'. Fair over land only.
		(I) 1846N 9704E	Toungoo	Jessore	At DZ's – 7-8/10 Cu, Cb & SCu over Karenni Hills Vis generally 8-10 miles.
		(II) 1913N 9711E			
		(III) 1817N 9725E			
		(IV) 1727N 9709E			
Dak IV 'L'	F/O. R. R. Housby	Character	01 0430	01 1040	Map read to Walrus (Red) 13 area & homed on Rebecca from 4 miles – coding AA on frequency BZ. – arriving over DZ at 0853 hrs. where reception of square of panels & 'W' in strips was seen. 4 containers & 22 packages (including one package intended for Walrus 61) were dropped in 6 runs from 400' AGL & all fell on DZ. DZ is quite good & has been used before. A/C then flew to posn 1929N 9659E at 0924 hrs. & dropped 24 packs of nickels. Walrus 61 DZ was reached at 0946 hrs. & 6 packages were dropped in runs ⁴⁰ from ⁴¹ DZ is on side of hill, best run being 140°. A/C S/C Toungoo at 0959 hrs.
	F/O. R. D. Butler	Walrus	Jessore	Toungoo	Weather en route – Fair
	Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright	(Red) 13			At DZ – 5/10 Cu 3-10,000' – Vis 10 miles.
	Can R283336 Sgt. E. Shalla	9656E			
	Can. R270837 Sgt. A. Q. Dahlin	Walrus 61			
		1917N			
		9710E			
	Crew as above	Character	01 1145	01 1325	Otter unsuccessful – weather. Walrus Successful. Storms were seen over Otter
		Otter			

⁴⁰ The number of runs is not noted in the record.

⁴¹ The height of the drops is not noted in the record.

		1846N 9704E Walrus 1920N 9714E			DZ so A/c flew to Walrus DZ, arriving at 1234 hrs where correct reception of Δ of panels & letter 'N' was seen. 68 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 600' & 100' AGL. & several packages were seen to burst on impact with the ground. DZ is good – no snags. S/C Base 1250 hrs. Weather – 5/9/10 Cu 3-10,000' – vis 7 miles.
Dak IV 'L'	F/O. R. R. Housby	Character	01 1610	01 1900	Successful on Walrus – No reception at Hyena. A/C S/C for primary DZ but cloud forced a change of route & A/C arrived over Hyena DZ at 1650 hrs. The pilot knows this DZ but there was no reception or any signs of life anywhere, so flew onto Walrus DZ which was reached at 1730 hrs & reception of Δ & 'T' of panels was being laid out. 68 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 300' & 100' AGL. & all fell on area. A/C should have returned to Jessore but could not get over cloud even when flying at 19,500', so was forced to return to Toungoo for the night. Weather – Cu & Cb from hill tops to 20,000' – vis 5 miles. Cloud built up throughout afternoon.
	F/O. R. D. Butler	Walrus	Toungoo		
	Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright	1917N 9710E			
	Can R283336 Sgt. E. Shalla	Hyena 1817N			
	Can. R270837 Sgt. A. Q. Dahlin	9725E			
Lib VI 'R'	Can.J23405 F/O. A. B. Coy	Hebrides 14 0549N	01 0736	02 0357	Successful. A/C was over Hebrides DZ at 1654 hrs where reception of 'R' of parachutes & smoke fires was seen. 7 containers & 2 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 600' & 1100' AGL & all landed on area. Funnel DZ was reached at 1741 hrs & reception of 'T' of strips & smoke fires was seen. As also at Hebrides no letter was seen. 2 packages were dropped in one run from 300' AGL. 8 packs of nickels were dropped on Metang – 1759 hrs. S/C Base 1759. Weather en route – Good – scattered storms in patches over sea. At DZ's – 5-6/10 Cu & Cb, base 6000' above hills – showers in vicinity.
	Can.J44466 F/O. R. E. Jorgensen	10131E Funnel	Jessore		
	Can.J45828 P/O. O. S. H. Campbell	0452N 10112E			
	Can.J44948 F/O. G. McGregor				
	Can.J46770 F/O. C. M. Stearns				
	Can.J46765 F/O. I. A. Palumbo				
	Can.R284575 F/S. A. Noble.				
Lib VI 'Y'	Can.J22963 F/L. J. A. King	Carpenter 17	01 1705	02 1405	Successful. A/C made DR run from Roepat Island & arrived over DZ at 0239 hrs. where reception of 'T' of fires & flashing 'J' was seen. 3 containers & 3 packages were dropped in one run from 400' AGL. S/C Base 0244 hrs. 14 packs of nickels were dropped on posn 0245N 10157E at 0409 hrs from 5,000'.
	Can.J44512 F/O. K. M. Oddson	0145N 10344E	Akyab	Jessore	
	Can.J45967 F/O. W. E. Stevens				
	Can.J45844 F/O. D. K. Jordan				

	Can.J45035 P/O. R. W. Sanderson				Weather en route – Scattered storms. Cu building up over Malaya.
	Can.R267113 Sgt. R. O. K. Saunders				At DZ – Ground fog – Nil cloud – good vis above mist.
	Can.R256795 Sgt. R. B. Tingley				
Lib VI 'V'	F/L. J. A. Powell	Mint	01 1720	02 1255	Successful. A/C made 6 minute run from Jason Bay arriving over DZ at 0300 hrs where reception of 'T' & flashing letter 'R' was seen. 10 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 900' ASL & some were seen to land at top of 'T'. S/C Base 0311 hrs. 4 packs of nickels dropped on 0144N 10354E – 0315 – 2500'. Weather en route – Average 6/10 Cu tops 20-25,000'. 9-10/10 ASt & ACu at 10-15,000' – thunderstorms. At DZ – 10/10 ASt & ACu at 12,000' – vis hazy, 10 miles.
	F/O. P. C. Gane	0142N	Akyab	Akyab	
	P/O. C. C. Hood	10405E			
	F/S. M. Rosendorf				
	F/S. F. Osbon				
	F/S. D. A. Mardle				
	Sgt. E. Williams				
Dak IV 'M'	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	Nation Jackal 5	04 0325	04 1155	Successful. A/C map read to Jackal DZ arriving at 0716 hrs. where reception 'T' of panels & smoke fires was seen. 38 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 200' AGL. DZ is very flat & good area. A/C then flew to posn 1645N 9517E & dropped 24 packs of nickels from 1,000' at 0725 hrs. From there A/C map read to Panda DZ arriving at 0814 hrs. where reception as Jackal was seen. 4 containers & 5 packages were dropped in one run from 400' AGL. DZ is good – an old landing strip. S/C Base 0818 hrs. Rebecca was picked up 20 miles from Base – 1,000'. Weather en route – Generally fine – scattered Cu & Cb. At DZ's – Clear – 8/10 SCu at 2nd DZ base 300' – vis 5-7 miles.
	Can.J45944 F/O. J. R. Tarzwell	1747N 9545E	Jessore	Chitta-gong	
	Can.J46764 F/O. R. Pomazon	Panda II 1633N 9456E			
	Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 Sgt. S. McCartney				
Dak IV 'H'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Nutshell	04 0510	04 1300	Giraffe Successful. Tiger – No reception. On outward trip 24 packs of nickels were dropped on posn 1713N 9714E at 1049 hrs. – 500'. From there A/C mapread to Giraffe DZ arriving at 1113 hrs where reception of 'T' of strips & smoke fire was seen. 2 packages were dropped in one run from 500' AGL & fell 50 yds to right of
	P/O. A. W. Cumber	Tiger 8 1715N 9756E	Jessore	Mingaladon	
	Sgt. A. A. Reeves				
	Can.R281747 Sgt. T. O'Shaughnessy	Giraffe 8 1711N 9728E			
	Can.R280655 Sgt. G. Kent				

					DZ among trees. A/C reached Tiger area at 1055 hrs but though search was made, no reception was seen. Weather en route – Bad N of Cheduba – cleared during day. At DZ's – Clear at Giraffe but closing in to 8/10 Cu & Cb – vis 4-6 miles.
Lib VI 'Y'	F/O. A. F. Coker	Appreciation	04 0730	05 0215	Successful. A/C made DR run from Yala & was over DZ at 1638 hrs. where reception of 'T' op panels & fires was seen. 7 containers & 6 packages were dropped in one run from 700' AGL. & most of load slightly undershot, some landing in a part of DZ which was under water. The DZ is oblong with a "dumb bell" at N end, hills on three sides make dropping rather difficult. A small river runs to the S of the area. 12 packs of nickels were dropped on Yala at 1624 hrs. approx 30 small fishing vessels were seen in harbour at Kantang. Weather en route – Good over sea – Rainstorms S of Narcondam Is. At DZ – Good – overcast, & storms to N of area.
	Sgt. F. W. A.. Mellows	Ninon 1	Jessore		
	P/O. D. E. Jack	1605N			
	P/O. R. Pryer	10117E			
	Aus.432841 F/S. C. M. Millar				
	Aus.420276 W/O. J. K. Delaney				
	Sgt. P. C. Halliday				
	Sgt. A. P. Game				
Lib VI 'R'	F/L. J. A. Powell	Bazaar 253	05 0645	05 1610	Unsuccessful – petrol leaks. A/C reached posn 1947N 10102E at 1107 hrs but had to turn back as port inner wing tank was leaking, probably due to loose cap. Action of isolating tank was ineffective. Weather en route – Cu built up throughout day, overcasting in Cu & Cb over hills up to 20-25,000'.
	F/O. P. C. Gane	1624N	Jessore		
	P/O. C. C. Hood	10659E			
	F/S. M. Rosendorf				
	F/S. F. Osbon				
	F/S. E. Nenham				
	F/S. D. A. Mardle				
	F/S. E. Williams				
	F/S. R. V. Nethernay				
Dak IV 'L'	F/O. R. R. Housby	Character	06 0414	06 1235	Successful. A/C made DR run from 1801N 9645E & was over DZ at 0938 hrs. where reception of 'X', 'L', & Roman II in panels, together with T of fires was seen. 2 containers & 30 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 500' AGL & all fell on area. DZ is good, hill to NE is not an obstruction, & circuit is possible within the valley. Hyena 78 DZ was reached at
	F/O. R. D. Butler	Hyena	Jessore	Kyadkpyu	
	Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright	78 & 75			
	Can R283336 Sgt. E. Shalla	1817N			
	Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk	9725E			
		1822N			
		9708E			

					1028 hrs. & reception of 'X' & 'G' in panels & smoke fire was seen. 2 containers were dropped in one run from 6-700' AGL & fell on edge of DZ. DZ is in a very narrow valley & reception is difficult to see until A/C directly overhead. 24 packs of nickels dropped on 1902N 9506E from 2500' – 1144 hrs. S/C Base 1145 hrs. Rebecca was picked up at 4500' 45 miles from Akyab. Weather en route – Bad over sea & hills – 5/10 Cu 12-14,000'. At DZ – Good, cloud, Cu 3-6/10 at 3-6,000' – vis 10 miles.
Dak IV 'H'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Nation Panda 12	06 0340	06 1140	Successful. A/C made DR run from Danson Bay & arrived over Panda DZ at 0815 hrs where reception of 'T' of strips & smoke fire was seen. 17 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 50 & 100' AGL. Dog DZ was reached at 0846 hrs & reception as for Panda was seen. 21 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 1 & 500' AGL. Reception as above was found N of briefed Giraffe posn. at 1718N 9728E & 4 containers & 8 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 100 & 500' AGL. All DZ's are good, & all drops fell on areas. 24 packs of nickels dropped on 1708N 9708E from 4000' at 1053-56 hrs. 14 Force 136 personnel were ferried from Mingaladon to Alipore. Weather en route – Fair – 10/10 ASt at 14,000'. At DZ's – Good – 8/10 small Cu at 2,000' – vis 8 miles.
	F/O. A. W. Cumber	1633N	Jessore	Mingaladon	
	Sgt. A. A. Reeves	9456E			
	Can.R281747 Sgt. T. O'Shaughnessy	Dog 1616N			
	Can.R280655 Sgt. G. Kent	9541E Giraffe 9 1711N 9728E			
Dak IV 'M'	Sgt. A. S. Osmaston	Character Walrus 60	06 0410	06 1210	successful. 24 packs of nickels were dropped on 1920N 9720E at 0935 hrs. – 4,000'. From there A/C map read to DZ arriving at 0940 hrs. & reception of Δ of panels, lett N & 3 smoke fires was seen. 6 containers & 44 packages were dropped in 7 runs & all fell in vicinity. One plastic container cell slipped out of its harness. S/C Base 1005 hrs. Rebecca was picked up at 8000' – 60 miles Kyaukpyu. Weather – Bad over sea & hills – 10/10 AS 12,000'. At DZ – Good – vis 15 miles.
	F/O. B. A. Haynes	1917N	Jessore	Kyaukpyu	
	Aus.436597 E. A. Hanlon	9710E			
	Can.R215107 Sgt. A. E. Giles				
	Can.R278010 Sgt. L. E. Parsons				
Dak IV 'B'	F/S. R. A. Jones	Character Otter 88	06 0325	06 1140	Successful. First & third DZ's were seen to be cloud covered, so A/C map read along valleys to second DZ arriving at
	F/S. R. M. Herdman	1850N	Jessore	Toungoo	

	F/S. R. A. Hunt	9655E			1030 hrs. Reception of B & T in strips & smoke fires was seen & 5 containers & 33 packages were dropped in 7 runs from 500' AGL. The sixth container hung up & could not be released. DZ is very small & surrounded by ridges. Situated on a hillock on side of valley. No good for night drops. 24 packs of nickels dropped on 1852N 9705E at 1105 hrs – 5,000'. Weather en route – 5/10 St over Burma – best over Bay. At DZ – 5-7/10 Cu, base 4-8,000' – vis 5-10 miles.
	F/S. R. B. Guest				
	F/S. A. F. Calder				
	Crew as above	Character Otter (No not given) ⁴² 1850N 9655E	06 1345 Toungoo	06 1630 Kyaukpyu	successful. A/C map read to DZ visited (as above) 3 hrs previously & found same reception laid out. 65 packages were dropped in 6 runs from 4 & 500' AGL. S/C Base 1433 hrs. A/C had to land & spent the night at Kyaukpyu as weather was bad over Bay & Lower Bengal & there was insufficient fuel to allow any possible large deviations of route. It took nearly 6 hrs before the crew were provided with a meal & bed after landing at Kyaukpyu. Weather en route – 5-8/10 St over Burma. Very bad over Southern Bengal on return. At DZ – 5-7/10 Cu, base 4-8000' – vis 5-10 miles.
Dak IV 'B'	F/S. R. A. Jones	Character Otter 94 1846N 9704E	08 0500 Jessore	08 1310 Akyab	Unsuccessful – weather. A/C map read from Toungoo to within 4 miles of the 3 alternative DZ's but was unable to get to any of them. 24 packs of nickels were dropped on 1845N 9028E at 1040 hrs., after which A/C returned to DZ area, but weather was still inclement. S/C Akyab 1110 hrs. Rebecca was picked up at 7,000', 30 miles from Akyab. Weather en route – Fair. At DZ's – 8-10/10 Cu & Cb, base 2500'-3500' – tops 10-25,000'.
	F/S. R. M. Herdman				
	F/S. R. A. Hunt				
	F/S. R. B. Guest				
	F/S. A. F. Calder				
	F/S. N. E. Horney				
Dak IV 'K'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Character Walrus (White) 18 & 19 (I) 1919N 9719E (II) 1920N 9714E	08 0640 Jessore	08 1415 Kyaukpyu	Successful. A/C map read from R. Salween to Walrus 19 DZ, arriving at 1201 hrs where reception of Δ & O in panels & smoke fires was seen. 2 containers & 12 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 450 AGL. DZ is fair & has been used before. Walrus 18 DZ was reached at 1212 hrs & reception of Δ & N
	P/O. A. W. Cumber				
	Sgt. A. A. Reeves				
	Can.R281747 F/S. T. O'Shaughnessy				
	Can.R280655 Sgt. G. Kent				

⁴² This note is in the record.

	Aus.430269 F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe				in panels was seen. 2 containers & 27 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 100 & 300' AGL. DZ is good with no snags. 24 packs of nickels were dropped on 1920N 9619E at 1250 hrs – 1,000'. Rebecca was picked up at 6,000', 20 miles from Kyaukpyu. Weather en route – Broken SCu over valleys, Cu & Cb over hills, good over sea. At DZ's – 5/10 cu 4500'-10,000' – vis 10 miles.
Dak IV 'G'	F/L. H. Deen	Nutshell	08 0517	08 1305	Successful Tiger 8 – No reception at Rabbit 2. A/C pin pointed on R. Salween & found reception of T of panels & smoke fires approx 1 mile E of briefed posn at 1120 hrs. 6 containers & 28 packages were dropped in 5 runs from 400 & 600' AGL & all fell on DZ. Rabbit 2 DZ was reached at 1158 hrs. but there was no reception. Area was definitely recognised by ground detail. 20 packs of nickels were dropped on 1709N 9741E at 1100 hrs – 800'. S/C Base 1221 hrs. 10 "repat" personnel were brought from Rangoon to Alipore. Rebecca was picked up 25 miles Jessore. Weather en route – Bad over Chins, fair over sea. At DZ – 2/10 SCu at 2,500' – occasional showers – Vis 5-7 miles.
	F/S. W. T. Watkins	Tiger 8 1715N	Jessore	Mingaladon	
	F/O. H. A. McAskill	9656E Rabbit 2			
	Sgt. A. R. King	1647N			
	Sgt. A. F. Newton	9741E			
Dak IV 'M'	F/S. A. S. Osmaston	Character Otter 95	08 0500	08 1240	Unsuccessful – weather. A/c attempted to reach any of the 3 alternative DZ's but weather was impassable. Other Dak on same DZ (also unsuccessful) was seen dodging in & around the clouds. Sortie had to be abandoned & A/C S/C Base at 1100 hrs. 24 packs of nickels were dropped on 1846N 9612E at 0924 hrs from 7000'. Rebecca was picked up at 6000' – 60 mls Kyaukpyu. Weather en route – 8/10 SCu & Cu at 9-10,000' over valleys. Cb over Chins 0 clear over sea. At DZ – 9/10 SCu & Cu, AS 2-10,000' – vis 2-3 miles.
	F/O. B. A. Haynes	1846N 9704E	Jessore	Kyaukpyu	
	Aus.436597 E. A. Hanlon				
	Can.R215107 Sgt. A. E. Giles				
	Can.R278010 Sgt. L. E. Parsons				
Dak IV 'H'	S/L. T. P. O'Brien	Character Mongoose 49 & 50	08 0505	08 1300	Successful Mongoose 49 – No reception Mongoose 50. Two runs were made from R. Salween to Mongoose 50 area but no reception was seen, although a pile of wood was seen which appeared to be ready for lighting. Map read from there to
	F/O. S. F. Stevens	1752N 9717E	Jessore	Mingaladon	
	P/O. G. F. Middleton	1727N			
	F/S. R. T. Wright				

	Sgt. A. Hamill	9725E			Mongoose 49 DZ arriving at 1145 hrs where reception 'X' & 'F' was seen. As this reception was a mixture of briefed receptions for both DZ's, full load of 2 containers & 36 packages were dropped in 8 runs from 300' AGL & all fell on area, one stick narrowly missing a parked Lysander which promptly taxied to a safer position. 24 packs of nickels dropped on 1717N 9652E at 1215 hrs – 500'. S/C Base 1216 hrs. 11 service 7 5 Force 136 personnel were taken from Mingaladon to Alipore. Weather en route – Fair only, but good over sea. At DZ's – 9/10 SCu, base 1200' – vis 5-8 miles.
Lib VI 'S'	F/O. K. E. Roberts F/S. R. B. Swift P/O. E. F. Kirby F/O. T. B. Bostock P/O. L. Samuel W/O. S. A. Tuttenham Aus.426529 F/S. L. G. Richardson Sgt. J. E. Saunders	Chalet/Khaki 1624N 10659E 1615N 10656E	08 0300 Jessore	08 1745 Akyab	Unsuccessful – No reception primary – Weather secondary. Pin pointed at 1627N 10647E & made DR run onto primary DA. No reception was seen though area was definitely identified & searched. A/c made another DR run from 1640N 10724E to secondary DZ area but ground was obscured by cloud & no breaks were visible. A/c flew almost to the coast but it was still impossible to get under cloud. 16 packs of nickels were dropped on 1710N 10402E at 1030 & 1315 hrs – 7000'. At 1502 hrs – 7000' a landing ground was seen N.W. of Lampang with two parallel strips running N/S approx 6,000' long. Weather – Bad on outward trip – cleared slightly on return. At DZ – 10/10 St, base 500' – vis 4-8 mls – rain in valleys.
Lib VI 'P'	Can.J22963 F/L. J. A. King Can.J44512 F/O. K. M. Oddson Can.J45967 F/O. W. E. Stevens Can.J45844 F/O. D. K. Jordan Can.J45035 P/O. R. W. Sanderson Can. J26150 F/O. A.G. Buzza Can.J47367 P/O. V. T. McNaughton Can.R267113 Sgt. R. O. K. Saunders	Desert Mangoustan 1606N 10557E	08 0340 Jessore	08 1910	Successful. A/C pin pointed at 1617N 10547E & ran on to DZ arriving at 1214 hrs where reception of 'T' of panels with disc & smoke fire at top of T was seen. 5 containers & 16 packages were dropped in 2 runs from 400' & 550' AGL. First run overshot about 100 yds. DZ is small 75 x 100 yds & difficult to find. Rebecca would be useful. 16 packs nickels dropped on 1647N 10437E at 1312 hrs. – 4,000'. Weather – SCu & Cu building up E of Irrawaddy. At DZ – 3-4/10 SCu, base 1,000' – 9/10 cloud in vicinity.

	Can.R256795 Sgt. R. B. Tingley				
Lib VI 'P'	Can.J26150 F/O A. G. Buzza	Heavy Lynx 10	10 0633	10 1425	Successful. A/C made DR run from 2057N 9830E & arrived over DZ at 1022 hrs where reception of 'T' & 'L' of strips was seen. 11 containers & 8 packages were dropped in 3 runs from 400' AGL. Containers fell in centre of DZ but some packages slightly overshoot. DZ is very fair, best run 310° followed by L.H. circuit on which reception is lost to sight. Weather en route – 8/10 SCu & Cu over most of route. At DZ – 8/10 SCu & Cu at 1100' – vis 8-10 miles below cloud.
	Can.R080770? Sgt. R. R. Frame	2048N 9859E	Jessore		
	Can.J47367 P/O V. T. McNaughton				
	Can.J47311 P/O A. Thomaret				
	Can.R272141 Sgt. G. W. Skett				
	Can.J47456 P/O. R. M. Cartman				
	Can.R285059 Sgt. A. H. Bellamy				
	Can.R268217 Sgt D. F. Jackson				
	Can.J47452 P/O J. H. Stott				
	Can.R286616 Sgt. G. R. Manahan				
	Can.R271234 Sgt. G. D. Love				
Dak IV 'G'	F/O. R. R. Housby	Blast	10 0725	10 0950	Unsuccessful – weather. A/C pin pointed on R. Salween at 1818N 9730E but cloud became impassable so sortie had to be abandoned. Captain suggest very early take off from Mingaladon, so that if unsuccessful, further attempts can be made during the day. 10 packs of nickels were dropped on 1752N 9706E at 0906 hrs. At 0830 hrs – 2,000 in area 1818N 9730E on E bank of Salween a crashed Japanese S/C A/C. (Rising Sun seen on remains of wing). Weather – 10/10 cloud, base 500-1,000' – occasional showers. At DZ – 10/10 Cu & SCu, ground level to 8,000'.
	P/O. R. D. Butler	1818N	Mingaladon		
	Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright	9726E			
	Can R283336 Sgt. E. Shalla				
	Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk				
Lib VI 'Q'	F/L. J. A. Powell	Pilot I Gaelic	10 1223	11 0155	Unsuccessful – weather. Map read as far as 1517 ½ N 9800E but whole of DZ & surrounding area was impassable. 57 minutes were spent over area. 3 packs of nickels dropped on 1625N 9740E at 1946 hrs. – 2,000', & one pack on 1626N 9736E at 1935 hrs. – 2,000'. At 1800 hrs 1,000' in posn 1521 ½ N 9749E a 3 span
	F/O. Gane	1523N	Jessore		
	P/O. C. C. Hood	9806E			
	F/S. F. Osbon				
	F/S. E. Wenham				
	F/S. D. A. Mardle				
	Sgt. F. Williams				
	F/S. M. Rosendorf				

					railway bridge was seen, centre span seemed to be down. Weather – 10/10 SCu, St, Cu, Cb, lowest base 200' – highest tops 4,000'. At DZ – 8-9/10 St at deck level & severe thunderstorms.
Lib VI 'W'	Can.J23405 F/O. A. B. Coy	Chalet Renette 269	12 0551	12 1922	Unsuccessful – incorrect reception. Pin pointed at 1916N 10428E & reached DZ area at 1152 hrs, no reception was seen. A/c made another run over DZ at 1235 hrs. & again no reception. Finally a fire was lit & a few men seen waving & a very small 'T' was laid out. A/C did not drop as reception was incorrect & agent carried did not wish to. Maps all slightly inaccurate & river running by DZ is partially dried up. Weather – Bad throughout route – 8/10 Cu & ACu in general. Cu & Cb over F.I.C. At DZ – 5/10 SCu at 4-8000' – ACu overcast – vis 10 miles.
	Can.J44466 F/O. R. E. Jorgensen	1907N 10402E	Jessore		
	Can.J45828 P/O. O. S. H. Campbell				
	Can.J44948 F/O. G. McGregor				
	Can.J46770 F/O. C. M. Stearns				
	Can.J46765 F/O. I. A. Palumbo				
	F/O. G. H. March				
	P/O. W. W. Lewer F/S. J. McMurchie				
Lib VI 'Q'	F/O. K. E. Roberts	Neronian	12 0546	12 1745	Unsuccessful – No reception. A/C was over DZ area at 1115 hrs but no reception was seen. Various pin points & natural features were identified & area was thoroughly searched, but still no reception. Maps of the area are inaccurate & it is considered that ground party must have been out of position. 24 packs of nickels were dropped on Tak area at 1115 hrs. – 4,000'. Weather – SCu & Cu in layers 4-25,000'. Bad off Bay of Bengal. At DZ – Valleys clear – peaks covered – SCu & Cu at 3,000', base 9/10 – vis 5-10 miles.
	W/O. R. B. Swift	Cotton 2	Jessore		
	P/O. E. F. Kirby	1632N			
	P/O. L. Samuel	9856E			
	Aus.434865 F/S. T. J. Pacey				
	Aus.426529 F/S. L. G. Richardson				
	Sgt. J. E. Sanders				
	Sgt. J. J. Reid				
Dak IV 'G'	F/S. A. S. Osmaston	Character Otter 94	12 0500	12 0845	Unsuccessful – weather. A/C reached posn 2120N 9100E at 0630 hrs & although attempted to fly inland & around weather, it was of no avail. Weather – Cu, Cb & NSt from 300' & down to sea level in heavy showers, tops 20,000' plus. Front seems to run along 21° line to 91°E & then runs NW. Storms over Chittagong area & lower Bengal. S/C Base 0730 hrs.
	F/O. B. A. Haynes	1846N	Jessore		
	Aus.436597 F/S. E. A. Hanlon	9704E			
	Can.R215107 Sgt. A. E. Giles				
	Can.R278010 Sgt. L. E. Parsons				
Lib VI 'Q'	Can.R134124 W/O T. P. Brondum	Character Ferret 50	14 0544	14 1326	Unsuccessful – weather. A/C turned back at 0955 hrs from posn 1710N 9430E after trying for 50 mins to get past bad weather – Cu, Cb, St, & StCu, base sea level, tops 25-30,000'. Very heavy rain. Weather en route – 10/10 St, base 4-8,000' – 5/10 Cu tops 15,000'.
	Can.J44824 P/O W. H. Edwards	1903N 9658E	Jessore		
	Can.R168613 F/Sgt J. H. Upton				

	Can.R271246 Sgt L. Waddell				
	Can.R142238 Sgt. R. H. Bear				
	F/S. E. Wenham				
	Can.R269386 Sgt. J. T. Phillips				
	Sgt V. A. Chevalier				
Dak IV 'F'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Diagram 1624N 10209E	14 0505	14 0850	Successful. One body was taken from Toungoo to 1624N 10209E where A/C landed at 0850 hrs. Recognition was by 4 cloth panels laid out on each side of landing strip. 7 bodies (F/O. Smith, F/S. Copley, 358 Sqdn. 1 RAAF 1 USAAF, & 3 O.S.S. agents) were picked up & taken to Alipore. The landing ground is perfectly OK, on touching down & running forward at speed, but A/C became bogged at E End. 3600 ft. long 490 wide. N side of strip has the hardest ground. Weather – Toungoo – Salween. 10/10 Cu & St. up to unknown ht. Salween – DZ. 8/10 Cu, 9/10 ASt, base 10,000'. Cu tops 7500', base 2,000'. At DZ – 3/10 StCu, base 2,000'.
	P/O. A. W. Cumber		Toungoo	DZ	
	Sgt. A. A. Reeves		14 1000	14 1250	
	Can.R281747 Sgt. T. O'Shaughnessy		DZ	Mingalad on	
	Can.R280655 Sgt. G. Kent				
Lib VI 'W'	F/O. K. E. Roberts	Coupling Muslin II 1636N 10221E	14 0515	14 1945	Successful. A/C was over DZ at 1232 hrs. & correct reception of 'M' of strips & smoke fire was seen. Also a dirt track to SW of DZ was recognised. 11 containers & 6 packages were dropped in 4 runs from 5-600' AGL & all landed on area. Two container parachutes became entangled & one split, container falling heavily. 16 packs of nickels were dropped on Ban Nai Muang at 1253 hrs – 3,000'. S/c Base 1253 hrs. At 1215 hrs – 2,000' on W side of railway in area 1650N 10243E, approx 100 believed M.T. observed in 3 lines, all facing W & parallel to railway. Weather en route – From Akyab 809/10 Cu, Cb, ASt, & NSt. lowest base ground level, some tops to 30,000'. At DZ – 10/10 Cu & SCu, base 2,000' – vis 5-10 miles.
	W/O. R. B. Swift		Jessore		
	P/O. E. F. Kirby				
	P/O. L. Samuel				
	Aus.426529 F/S. L. G. Richardson				
	Aus.434865 F/S. T. J. Pacey				
	Sgt. J. J. Reid				
	Sgt. J. E. Saunders				
Lib VI 'S'	F/L. A. G. Fenwick	Bazaar 284 2142N 10412E	08 0730	08 1631	Unsuccessful – weather & engine trouble. A/C descended through gaps in cloud near DZ but although smoke was seen in the vicinity it was impossible to reach the actual DZ owing to cloud.
	Aus.419574 F/S. K. J. Steele		Jessore	Monywa	

	F/S G. C. Whale				Sortie was abandoned & A/c S/C Base, but found increasing amounts of Cu & Cb with icing & generally violent conditions. Trouble with No2 engine prevented A/C from climbing, so load was jettisoned in posn. 2155°N 10136E & A/C landed at Monywa. There No2 constant speed unit went u/s, & a/c was unable to take off, there being no ground or maintenance crew stationed there. the crew were therefore obliged to stay several days, some being evacuated by Dakota. 24 packs of Nickels were dropped at 2146N 9940E to 2209N 9803E. Weather – 8/10 Cu & Cb along most of route & over DZ.
	F/O. W. N. McStea				
	Aus.413853 W.O. D. I. Graham				
	Aus.436522 F/S. D. C. Jolley				
	F/S. W. F. Ayton				
	F/S. F. Simmonite				
	F/S. J. C. Attwood				
Dak IV 'J'	F/S. R. A. Jones	Nutshell Antelope 13 1623N 9758E	16 1420	16 2120	Unsuccessful – Unable to reach ALG due to bad weather. A/C reached posn 1853N 9328E at 1807 & decided to return to Akyab, owing to weather ahead. The weather might have been flown round, but that would have meant landing at Mingaladon after dark & as it was thought there were no night facilities available it was decided to turn back. the weather was Cu & Cb stretching west from the Akakan Toma out to sea, reaching from seat level to 20,000 ft with storms exb? in vicinity. Decided to land at Chittagong, as weather appeared to be unsettled. Flying control were asked for re-fuelling facilities & to send word to Jessore. No message was sent by Chittagong, & when asked for news of a/c said it had not landed. As a result overdue action was commenced by Ops. Jessore & 231 Group, & 2 Libs of this Sqdn were about to start a search when an E.T.A. base received from the Dakota. Weather 5-8/10 Cu & Cb base 800'-1000' tops 1-8000' 7 occasional showers, generally fair over the Bay.
	F/S. R. M. Herdman		Jessore	Chittagong	
	F/S. R. A. Hunt				
	F/S. R. B. Guest				
	F/S. A. F. Calder				
Dak IV 'G'	F/O. R. R. Housby	Blast	14 0515	14 0945	Successful – On the first attempt, the weather over the whole Karenni? Hills prohibited any attempt to reach the DZ, so the a/c landed at Mingaladon & made 2nd attempt from there the same day, but the weather still impassable. On the 15th an attempt in the morning was unsuccessful but in the afternoon operating from Toungoo & managed to reach the DZ. Ran up to the DZ from the Salween & found G in strips, & a smoke
	F/O. R. D. Butler		Jessore	Toungoo	
	Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright		14 1215	14 1500	
	Can R283336 F/S. E. Shalla		Toungoo	Mingaladon	
	Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk		14 1545	14 1745	
			Mingaladon	Mingala?	
			15 0745	15 1055	

			Mingala?	Toungoo	fire waiting.
			15 1455	15 1755	Weather – (on successful sortie) 10/10
			Toungoo	Toungoo	Cu base 2,500' vis 5-6 mils & scattered
			16 0815	16 1250	storms.
			Toungoo	Jessore	
Dak IV 'F'	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Character	17 0500	17 1220	Successful – Reached the K????? Hills at 7010 ⁴³ hrs 17th & pinpointed on the Sittang River, but as DZ could not be reached from the west, flew to the Salween & attempted to fly through from there. Cloud prevented? the DZ being reached. The sortie was attempted again in the afternoon, but the same conditions prevailed. Cloud reached the hill tops, & rain storms in which vis was nil were frequent. On the 18th, reached the Salween at 1820N 9730E, & although the primary was clouded over, managed to reach the secondary, where an X & N were waiting. No sings of life were seen during the drop and a smoke puff was seen, possibly fired from the DZ. Weather Bad over the hills, 8/10 Cu over Irrawaddy 8/10 Cu base 3,500' vis 4-5 miles.
	P/O. A. W. Cumber	Hyena 75	Jessore	Toungoo	
	Sgt. A. A. Reeves	1st 1826N	17 1510		
	Can.R280655 Sgt. G. Kent	9705E	Toungoo	Toungoo	
	Can.R281747 Sgt. T. O'Shaughnessy	2nd 1824N	18 08?45	18 0945	
		9717E	Toungoo	Toungoo	
			18 1120	18 1520	
			Toungoo	Jessore	
Detachment from Toungoo					
Dakota IV M	F/L. H. Deen ⁴⁴	Character	11 1207	11 1428	Successful (on Secondary) An extensive layer of Scu base 6000' was the only weather on the route and over the DZ. Weather Fair
	W. T. Watkins	Otter HQ	Toungoo	Toungoo	
	H. T. McAskill	Character			
	R 287823 A. F. Newton	Otter			
	R290229 A. R. King	1/ 1846N			
	Aus430291 E. S. Ratcliff	9704E			
	J. A. Hollington	2/ 1850N			
		9755E			
Dakota IV	F/O. W. R. Painter	Character	11 1200	11 1435	Successful (on Secondary) The same layers of 10/10 Stcu was seen, but did not hinder? the operations. Weather Fair
	Can J46521 P/O. R. Sinclair	Otter HQ	⁴⁵		
	W/O. V. R. Woodland	& Otter			
	F/O. R. D. Lister	Same			
	F/S. R. I. Wellings	Lat & Long			
	F/S. L. Horney?				

⁴³ Records says 7010, but 0710 is probably the correct time.

⁴⁴ Ranks not given for balance of crew for this sortie.

⁴⁵ Location not given in record.

Dakota IV D	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	Character Walrus Red	12 0747	12 1103	Successful. DZ was found to be on a ridge, running N/S & a solid Δ of panels with identification letter N. All packages were dropped. Some free drop parcels burst on the ground. Weather 10/10 altcu base 3000' vis good.
	Can.J45944 F/O. J. R. Tarzwell	Character Walrus	Toungoo	Toungoo	
	Can.J46764 P/O. R. Pomazon	1/ 1936N 9655E			
	Can.R281616 Sgt. McCartney	1919N 9719E			
	Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				
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Dakota IV B	F/S. N. E. Horny	Same as above	12 0755	12 1010	Unsuccessful. A/C unable to find the DZ. due to the stcu at 4000' over DZ. Weather 10/10 Stcu base 4000'.
	F/O. W. R. Painter				
	Sgt. G. Houghton				
	Sgt. W. Adams				
	Sgt. W. J. Rutledge				
	Sgt. G. A. McLean				
Dakota IV M	F/L. H. Deen	CH/ 1/Otter HQ	11 1203	11 1433	Successful (on the Secondary). Due to the cloud, drop was unsuccessful on the primary, but on the Secondary OK. It was on a ridge & crew report is too small. The briefed reception was found, & all stores dropped in the area. M.T. activity seen. Weather 10/10 Scu at 6000'.
	F/S. W. T. Watkins	2/Otter	Toungoo		
	F/O. J. MacAskill	Kempayu (Shwebo)			
	R 287823 Sgt.A. F. Newton				
	R290229 Sgt. A. R. King				
	Aus430291 P?/O. E. S. Ratcliff				
	Sgt. J. A. Hollington				
Dakota IV B	F/O. W. R. Painter	CH. 1/Otter HQ	11 1200	11 1435	Successful (on the Secondary). Again due to the cloud, the primary was not seen, but the stores were dropped on 2nd. The crew report it a bad DZ. Weather 10/10 Scu base 6000'.
	Can J46521 P/O. R. Sinclair	2/Otter	Toungoo		
	F/O. R. D. Lister				
	Can.R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodland				
	F/S. R. I. Wellings				
	F/S. N. E. Horney				
Dakota IV D	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	CH/ 1/Walrus	12 0747	12 1103	Successful. The D.Z. was found to be on a ridge running N & S & the briefed reception was seen. It is a good clear area. Due to cloud Nav had to map read from 18°53'N 97°20'E. Weather 10/10 Scu base 3000'.
	Can.J46787 F/O. J. B. Spence	Red 2/Walrus	Toungoo		
	Can.J45944 P/O. J. R. Tarzwell				
	Can.R276694 Sgt.				

⁴⁶ Dahlin's name appears as part of the crew on the record, but was stoked out.

	E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 Sgt. S. McCartney				
Dakota IV B	F/S. N. E. Horny	Ch/ 1/Walrus (Red) 2/Otter	12 0755	12/1010	Unsuccessful The DZ's were obscured by 10/10 Scu so the sortie had to be abandoned. Weather 10/10 Scu base 4000' top 8000'.
	F/O. W. R. Paynter		Toungoo		
	Sgt. G. Houghton				
	Sgt. W. Adams				
	Sgt. W. J. Rutledge				
	Sgt. G. A. McLean				
Dakota IV H	Aus.430269 F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Ch/ 1/Hyena 2/Hyena	12 0755	12 0859	Unsuccessful The area was obscured by cloud so the sortie was abandoned. Weather 10/10 Scu base 5000'
	F/L. H. Dean		Toungoo		
	Sgt. J. A. Hollington				
	Sgt. R. Sheppard				
	Sgt. R. Tucker				
	Can.R266969 Sgt. S. C. McGregor				
Dakota IV H	Aus.430269 F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Ch/ 1/Otter 2/Otter 17 3/Ferret 13 4 Skunk 14	12 1032	12 1305	Unsuccessful Due to cloud over the whole area. Weather 10/10 Scu over all areas base unknown.
	Sgt. J. A. Hollington		Toungoo		
	Sgt. R. Sheppard				
	Sgt. R. Tucker				
	Can.R266969 Sgt. S. C. McGregore				
Dakota IV B	F/S. N. E. Horney	CH 1/Otter 2/Otter 23 3/Walrus 15 4/Mongoose 19	12 1145	12 1350	Unsuccessful. Due to the extensive layers of 10/10 Scu. Weather 10/10 Scu base unknwn.
	Sgt. G. Houghton		Toungoo		
	Sgt. W. Adams				
	Sgt. W. J. Rutledge				
	Sgt. G. A. McLean				
Dakota IV D	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	CH 1/Otter 2/Otter 26 3/Mongoose 20 4/Hyena 21	12 1200	12 1340	Successful (on the secondary). This DZ was found on the Eastern side of a deep valley. It is small & has too many hills around it. Reception OK. All but 3 chutes in the area. Weather 10/10 Scu base 3,500'.
	Can.J46787 F/O. J. B. Spence		Toungoo		
	Can.J45944 P/O. J. R. Tarzwell				
	Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 Sgt. S. McCartney				
Dakota IV D	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	CH 1/Otter	13 0805	13 1003	Successful (on Otter 26) DZ was found west of a 5000' hill & a road was seen

	Can.J46787 F/O. J. B. Spence	2/Otter 26 3/Hyena 21	Toungoo		leading across the top. Reception OK. All chutes fell in the area. Weather 8/10 Scu base 5000'.
	Can.J45944 P/O. J. R. Tarzwell	4/Ferret 22			
	Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 Sgt. S. McCartney				
Dakota IV M	F/L. H. Dean	CH 1/Otter 27	13 1132	13 1357	Successful (on the secondary) Most of the Nav load was map reading. DZ to the East of a N/S ridge. All chutes & free drops in the area. Weather 10/10 Scu base 4000'
	F/S. W. T. Watkins	2/Otter 27	Toungoo		
	F/O. J. MacAskill	3/Mongoose 25			
	R 287823 Sgt. A. F. Newton	4/Hyena 44			
	R290229 Sgt. A. R. King				
Dakota IV D	F/O. W. R. Paynter	CH 1/Otter 16	13 0305	13 1005	Successful (Except on Otter 16 (2) The DZ was found to be in a hollow on the side of a ridge. All packages landed in the area. Weather 8/10 Scu base unknown.
	Can J46521 P/O. R. Sinclair	2/Otter 16 3/Hyena 45	Toungoo		
	F/O. R. D. Lister	4/Hyena 45			
	Can.R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodhead				
	F/S. E. I. Nellines				
Dakota IV DD ⁴⁷	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	CH 1/Otter	13 0642	13 0755	Unsuccessful due to weather. Weather 10/10 Scu base 500' tops 9000'
	Can.J46787 F/O. J. B. Spence	2/Otter	Toungoo		
	Can.J45944 P/O. R. R. Tarzwell	3/Hyena 4/Hyena			
	Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 Sgt. S. McCartney				
Dakota IV B	F/S. N. F. Horney	CH 1/Otter 23	13 1110	13 1405	Successful (on Walrus (Red)). the DZ is the one on the N/S Ridge. It has a peak 5000' just near. Good DZ on heading 240°. 2 chutes broke away from their packs. Weather 10/10 Scu base 5000'.
	Sgt. G. Houghton	2/Otter 23	Toungoo		
	Sgt. W. Adams	3/Walrus (Red)			
	Sgt. W. T. Rutledge	4/Ferret 13			
	Sgt. G. A. McLean				
Dakota IV B ⁴⁸	F/O. W. R. Painter	CH 1/Otter 28	13 1115	13 1447	Unsuccessful. Due to cloud. Weather 10/10 Scu.

⁴⁷ The record gives the code letter as "DD", not just "D".

⁴⁸ The record list "B" for this flight, but also for the previous one (which was at similar times). One entry must be in error.

	Can J46521 F/O. R. Sinclair	2/Otter 28 3/Walrus 20	Toungoo		
	F/O. R. D. Lidster	4/Mongoose 18			
	Can.R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodhead				
	F/S. E. I. Wellings				
Dakota IV H	F/L. H. Dean	CH 1/Otter 29	14 0655	14 0835	Unsuccessful. Due to cloud. Weather 10/10 Scu base 500' tops 5000'.
	F/S. W. T. Watkins	2/Otter 29	Toungoo		
	F/O. J. MacAskill	3/Walrus 15			
	R 287823 Sgt. A. F. Newton	4/Mongoose 19			
	R290229 Sgt. A. R. King				
Dakota IV B	F/S. N. E. Horney	CH 1/Walrus 23	14 1640	14 1805	Unsuccessful. Due to cloud. Weather 10/10 Scu base 4000'.
	Sgt. G. Houghton	2/Otter 30	Toungoo		
	Sgt. W. Adams	3/Otter 30			
	Sgt. W. J. Rutledge	4/Hyena 31			
	Sgt. G. D. McLean				
Dakota IV D	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	CH 1/Otter 10	14 1627	14 1753	Successful. The DZ was located on a ridge South of some mountains, The reception was waiting. All packages landed in the area. Weather 7/10 Scu base 5000' tops 7000'.
	Can.J46787 F/O. J. B. Spence		Toungoo		
	Can.J45944 P/O. R. R. Tarzwell				
	Can.R276694 F/S. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 F/S. S. McCartney				
Dakota IV M	F/L. H. Deen	CH 1/Mongoose 19	14 1628	14 1845	Partially Successful. The clouds rolled over the DZ during the drop, and it had to be abandoned. Weather 7/10 Scu tops 8000'.
	F/S. W. T. Watkins	2/Otter 32	Toungoo		
	F/O. J. MacAskill	3/Otter 32			
	R 287823 Sgt. A. F. Newton	4/ Walrus 44			
	R290229 Sgt. A. R. King				
Dakota IV M	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	CH 1/Walrus 12	15 0820	15 0950	Successful (on the primary). The DZ was found on a plateau beside a village, it is a good DZ. & the reception was waiting. All packages fell in the area. Weather. Scattered Cu High and east base 6000' tops 8000'.
	Can.J46787 F/O. J. B. Spence	2/Otter 3/Otter	Toungoo		
	Can.J45944 P/O. R. R. Tarzwell	4/Otter			
	Can.R276694 F/S. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 F/S.				

	S. McCartney				
Dakota IV B	F/O. W. R. Painter	CH 1/Mongoose	15 0805	15 1025	Successful (on the primary). The DZ was located in 3 paddy fields 2 mls south of Plehahta. The reception was laid out whilst a/c circled. 1 chute failed to develop. Weather 4/10 Scu base 5000'.
	Can J46521 F/O. R. Sinclair	20	Toungoo		
	F/O. R. D. Lidster	2/Otter 30			
	Can.R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodhead	3/Otter 30			
	F/S. E. I. Wellings	4/Otter 30			
Dakota IV H	F/L. H. Dean	CH 1/Mongoose	15 0847	15 1045	Successful (on the primary). The SZ was located besides a river. It is a good one. The reception was waiting. al packages landed OK. Weather 4/10 Scu at 3000' base.
	F/S. W. T. Watkins	2/Otter 30	Toungoo		
	F/O. J. MacAskill	3/Otter 30			
	R 287823 Sgt. A. F. Newton	4/Otter 30			
	R290229 Sgt. A. R. King				
Dakota IV D	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	CH 1/Mongoose	15 1050	15 1305	Successful (on the primary). The DZ was found to be fairly good, about 1 mile South of a Village. The reception was waiting, & all packages fell O.K. Weather 10/10 Scu base 1000'.
	Can.J46787 F/O. J. B. Spence	19	Toungoo		
	Can.J45944 P/O. R. R. Tarzwell	2/Otter 31			
	Can.R276694 F/S. E. Wiseman	3/Otter 31			
	Can.R281616 F/S. S. McCartney	4/Otter 31			
Dakota IV B	F/O. W. R. Painter	CH 1/Walrus 17	15 1130	15 1300	Successful. The a/c found the DZ on a plateau beside a village. It is a good DZ & all the packages fell in the area. Reception was waiting. Weather 4/10 Scu base 6000'.
	Can J46521 F/O. R. Sinclair	2/Otter 32	Toungoo		
	F/O. R. D. Lidster	3/Otter 32			
	Can.R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodhead	4/Otter 32			
	F/S. R. T. Wellings				
Dakota IV M ⁴⁹	F/L. H. Dean	CH 1/Otter 29	15 1150	15 1315	Successful (on the 3rd DZ). It was found to be 4 miles from a lines bridge. All but one package fell in the area. Weather 7/10 Scu base 4,500'
	F/S. W. T. Watkins	2/Otter 29	Toungoo		
	F/O. J. MacAskill	3/Otter 29			
	R 287823 Sgt. A. F. Newton	4/Otter 29			
	R290229 Sgt. A. R. King				

⁴⁹ This might be "H" rather than "M".

Dakota IV M ⁵⁰	Aus.430269 F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	CH 1/Otter 32	15 1718	15 1839	Successful (on the Secondary) DZ found on the N/S ridge, and all packages fell in the area. The reception was waiting. Weather 10/10 Scu base 5000'.
	Sgt. J. A. Hollington	2/Otter 32	Toungoo		
	Sgt. R. Sheppard	3/Otter 32			
	Sgt. R. Tucker	4/Otter 32			
	Can.R266969 Sgt. S. C. McGregor				
Dakota IV D	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	CH 1/Otter 34	15 1625	15 1740	Successful. Found the reception waiting on a ridge near a mountain. All packages fell in the area. Weather 6/10 Cu base 3000' to 6000'.
	Can.J46787 F/O. J. B. Spence	2/Otter 34	Toungoo		
	Can.J45944 P/O. R. R. Tarzwell	3/Otter 34			
	Can.R276694 F/S. E. Wiseman	4/ Otter 34			
	Can.R281616 F/S. S. McCartney				
Dakota IV B	F/S. N. E. Horney	CH 1/Otter 35	15 1714	15 1838	Successful (on the secondary). It was located between 2 mountains & on a ridge. One chute overshot ½ mile. rest were OK. Weather 6/10 Cu base 3000' tops 6000'.
	Sgt. G. Houghton	2/Otter 35	Toungoo		
	Sgt. W. Adams	3/Otter 35			
	Sgt. W. J. Rutledge	4/Otter 35			
	Sgt. G. A. McLean				
Dakota IV D	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	CH 1/Otter 28	16 0900	16 0934	Successful (on the primary) located on a ridge beside a mountain, the reception was waiting. All packages fell in the area. Weather 6/10 Cu base 6000' tops 8000'.
	Can.J46787 F/O. J. B. Spence	2/Otter 28	Toungoo		
	Can.J45944 P/O. R. R. Tarzwell	3/Otter 28			
	Can.R276694 F/S. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 F/S. S. McCartney				
Dakota IV B	F/O. W. R. Painter	CH 1/Otter 36	16 0850	16 1035	Successful (on the Secondary) The DZ was found 5 miles South of the Mawchi road and the reception was waiting. All the packages fell in the area. Weather 6/10 Scu base 4,500' showering.
	Can J46521 F/O. R. Sinclair	2/Otter 36	Toungoo		
	F/O. R. D. Lidster	3/Otter 36			
	Can.R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodhead				
	F/S. R. I. Wellings				
Dakota IV H	F/L. H. Dean	CH 1/Otter 37	16 0826	16 0947	Successful (on the Secondary) The DZ was the same as above. All packages again in the area.
	F/S. W. T. Watkins	2/Otter 37	Toungoo		

⁵⁰ This might be "H" rather than "M".

	F/O. J. MacAskill	3/Otter 37			Weather 8/10 Scu base 5000'.
	R 287823 Sgt. A. F. Newton				
	R290229 Sgt. A. R. King				
Dakota IV D	Aus.430269 F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	CH 1/Hyena 11	16 1035	16 1226	Successful (on the primary) The DZ was located in a valley between 2 mountains with a 2,800' hill in front. But it is a good DZ. All packages fell in the area. Weather 9/10 Scu base 5000'.
	Sgt. J. A. Hollings	2/Hyena 11	Toungoo		
	Sgt. R. Sheppard	3/Ferret			
	Sgt. R. Tucker	4/Walrus			
	Can.R266969 Sgt. S. C. McGregor				
Dakota IV H	F/L. H. Dean	CH 1/Hyena 21	16 1045	161215	Successful (on the primary) The DZ was located beside a river, it is a good one & all the packages fell in the area. Reception OK. Weather 5/10 Scu base 3000'.
	F/S. W. T. Watkins	2/Hyena 21	Toungoo		
	F/O. J. MacAskill	3/Ferret			
	R 287823 Sgt. A. F. Newton				
	R290229 Sgt. A. R. King				
Dakota IV H	F/S. N. E. Horney	CH 1/Otter 30	16 1635	16 1815	Successful (on the Secondary). The reception was found on a ridge running N/S just south of Mawchi road. All packages in area. Weather 10/10 Cu base 5000' tops 8000'.
	Sgt. G. Houghton	2/Otter 30	Toungoo		
	Sgt. W. Adams	3/Otter 30			
	Sgt. W. J. Rutledge				
	Sgt. G. D. McLean				
Dakota IV B	Aus.430269 F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	CH 1/Otter 1	17 07?14	17 1116	Unsuccessful Weather Weather 10/10 Scu in whole area.
	Sgt. J. A. Hollington	2/Otter 1	Toungoo		
	Sgt. R. Sheppard	3/Otter 1			
	Sgt. R. Tucker				
	Can.R266969 Sgt. S. C. McGregore				
Dakota IV D	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	Ch 1/Otter 4	17 1307	17 1628	Successful (on the 4th DZ) Found the reception on a plateau East of a river from Ran Lake. It is a good DZ. All packages in the area. Weather 9/10 Scu base 3,000'.
	Can.J46787 F/O. J. B. Spence	2/Otter 4	Toungoo		
	Can.J45944 P/O. R. Tarzwell	3/Otter 4			
	Can.R276694 F/S. E. Wiseman	4/Walrus 31			
	Can.R281616 F/S. S. McCartney				
Dakota IV H	F/S. N. E. Horney	CH 1/Otter	17/0810	17 1040	Unsuccessful Weather Weather 10/10 Scu base 4000' tops

	Sgt. G. Houghton	2/Otter	⁵¹		8000'.
	Sgt. W. Adams	3/Otter			
	Sgt. W. J. Rutledge				
	Sgt. G. D. McLean				
Dakota IV B	F/O. W. R. Painter	CH 1/Ferret	17 1250	17 1510	Successful (on the Ssecondary) DZ found on a plateau east of a river from San Lake. All packages in the area. Good DZ. Weather 7/10 Cu & Stratus 5000' base.
	Can J46521 F/O. R. Sinclair	2/Walrus 25 3/Otter	Toungoo		
	F/O. R. D. Lidster	4/Otter			
	Can.R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodhead				
	F/S. R. I. Wellings				
Dakota IV H	F/L. H. Dean	CH 1/Ferret	17 1550	17 1737	Unsuccessful 10/10 cloud base 1000'.
	F/S. W. T. Watkins	2/Hyena	Toungoo		
	F/O. J. MacAskill				
	R287823 Sgt. A. F. Newton				
	R290229 Sgt. A. R. King				
Dakota IV B	F/S. N. E. Horney	CH 1/Hyena	17 1650	17 1820	Unsuccessful 10/10 cloud & storms base 3000'.
	Sgt. G. Houghton	2/Hyena	Toungoo		
	Sgt. W. Adams				
	Sgt. W. J. Rutledge				
	Sgt. S. C. McLean				
Dakota IV N	F/L. H. Dean	Ch Ferret	19 0755	18 1144	Unsuccessful 10/10 Scu base 1500'.
	F/S. W. T. Watkins	Hyena	Toungoo		
	F/O. J. MacAskill				
	R 287823 Sgt. A. K. Newton				
	R290229 Sgt. A. R. King				
Dakota IV D	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	CH 1/Otter	18 0745	18 1025	Successful (on the 3rd DZ) the DZ was found on the North side of a valley. It is a good DZ & the reception was waiting. All packages fell in the area. Weather 9/10 Scu base 3000' tops 6000'.
	Can.J46787 F/O. J. B. Spence	2/Otter 3/Otter 23	Toungoo		
	Can.J45944 P/O. R. R. Tarzwell				
	Can.R276694 F/S. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 F/S. S. McCartney				

⁵¹ Not given in the record, but probably Toungoo.

Dakota IV B	F/O. W. R. Painter	CH 1/Otter	18 0755	18 1050	Successful (on the 3rd DZ) This was the same as above. Weather 9/10 Scu base 4000'.
	Can J46521 F/O. R. Sinclair	2/Otter 3/Otter 23	Toungoo		
	F/O. R. D. Lidster				
	Can.R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodhead				
	F/S. R. I. Wellings				
Dakota IV D	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	CH 1/Ferret	18 1200	18 1520	Successful (on the Secondary) Located in a valley beside a river. It was not a good DZ. All the packages dropped in the area. Reception was good. Weather 7/10 Scu base 2,500'.
	Can.J46787 F/O. J. B. Spence	2/Mongoose 38	Toungoo		
	Can.J45944 P/O. R. R. Tarzwell				
	Can.R276694 F/S. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 F/S. S. McCartney				
Dakota IV B	F/O. W. R. Painter	CH Mongoose 39	18 1225	18 1510	Successful This is a good DZ, located on a 1000' ridge beside a river, all packages fell in the area. The reception was waiting. Weather 6/10 Scu base 1,300'.
	Can J46521 F/O. R. Sinclair		Toungoo		
	F/O. R. D. Lidster				
	Can.R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodhead				
	F/S. R. I. Wellings				
Dakota IV H	F/L. H. Dean	CH 1/Mongoose	18 1648	18 1905	Unsuccessful 10/10 Scu at 800' Storms over the whole area up to 14,000'
	F/S. W. T. Watkins	2/Hyena	Toungoo		
	F/O. J. MacAskill	3/Hyena			
	R 287823 Sgt. A. F. Newton				
	R290229 Sgt. A. R. King				
Dakota IV D	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	CH 1/Ferret	10 0555	10 1030	Unsuccessful 10/10 Scu at 800' Storms over the whole area up to 14,000'
	Can.J46787 F/O. J. B. Spence	2/Mongoose	Toungoo		
	Can.J45944 P/O. R. R. Tarzwell				
	Can.R276694 F/S. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 F/S. S. McCartney				
Dakota IV H	F/L. H. Dean	CH 1/Ferret	19 0656	19 0850	Unsuccessful (As above)

	F/S. W. T. Watkins	2/Mongoose	Toungoo		
	F/O. J. MacAskill				
	R 287823 Sgt. A. K. Newton				
	R290229 Sgt. A. R. King				
Dakota IV B	F/O. W. R. Painter	CH 1/Otter 17	19 0705	19 0920	Partially Successful (on Primary) DZ located on a ridge beside a mountain. All packages fell in the area. Weather 10/10 Cu base 200'.
	Can J46521 F/O. R. Sinclair	2/Otter 17	Toungoo		
	F/O. R. D. Lidster	3/Otter 17			
	Can.R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodhead	4/Otter 17			
	F/S. R. I. Wellings				
Dakota IV D	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	CH 1/Ferret 13	19 1655	19 1850	Successful (on the primary) Found between two rigs & running N/S. (actual posn 2 mls N of the briefed posn). All the packages fell in the area. Weather 5/10 Cu base 5000'.
	Can.J46787 F/O. J. B. Spence	2/Mongoose	Toungoo		
	Can.J45944 P/O. R. R. Tarzwell				
	Can.R276694 F/S. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 F/S. S. McCartney				
Dakota IV H	F/L. H. Dean	CH 1/Ferret	19 1602	19 1835	Successful (on the Secondary) Found on a ridge on the side of a river before a junction. It is a good DZ. All packages in the area. Weather Route 3/10 Cu being sound? DZ 5/10 Cu base 3000'.
	F/S. W. T. Watkins	2/Mongoose	Toungoo		
	F/O. J. MacAskill				
	R 287823 Sgt. A. K. Newton				
	R290229 Sgt. A. R. King				
Dakota IV B	F/O. W. R. Painter	CH 1/Otter 17	19 1600	19 1750	Successful (on the Secondary) Found the DZ on a plateau on the hill side. all the packages recoverable. Reception waiting. Weather 6/10 Cu.
	Can J46521 F/O. R. Sinclair	2/Otter 17	Toungoo		
	F/O. R. D. Lidster	3/Otter 17			
	Can.R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodhead	4/Otter 17			
	F/S. R. I. Wellings				
Dakota IV D	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	CH 1/Ferret 22	20 0825	20 0928	Successful (on the primary) Located between 2 ridges running N.S. All the packages in the area. Reception waiting. Weather 4/10 Cu base 5000'.
	Can.J46787 F/O. J. B. Spence	2/Mongoose	Toungoo		
	Can.J45944 P/O. R. R. Tarzwell				
	Can.R276694 F/S.				

	E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 F/S. S. McCartney				
Dakota IV B	F/O. W. R. Painter	CH 1/Hyena 42	20 0805	20 1005	Successful. Reception, a T of panels & a letter W in one field & a T of panels & letters W & X in the next. DZ very good. Weather 9/10 Cu base 3000'.
	Can J46521 F/O. R. Sinclair		Toungoo		
	F/O. R. D. Lidster				
	Can.R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodhead				
	F/S. R. I. Wellings				
Dakota IV H	F/L. H. Dean	CH Ferret 45	20 0832	20 0933	Successful. DZ found between 2 ridges running N/S. all Chutes fell in the area. Weather 4/10 Cu base 5000'.
	F/S. W. T. Watkins		Toungoo		
	F/O. J. MacAskill				
	R 287823 Sgt. A. F. Newton				
	R290229 Sgt. A. R. King				
Dakota IV D	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	CH 1/Mongoose 40	20 1010	20 1200	Successful. DZ located in a Valley. The reception was waiting & all packages fell in the area. Weather 6/10 Scu base 2000'.
	Can.J46787 F/O. J. B. Spence		Toungoo		
	Can.J45944 P/O. R. R. Tarzwell				
	Can.R276694 F/S. E. Wiseman				
	Can.R281616 F/S. S. McCartney				
Dakota IV B	F/O. W. R. Painter	CH 1/Otter 43	20 1520	20 1750	Partially Successful (on the primary & secondary) Primary on a plateau covered by cloud. Secondary on a hillside 2 mls from Mawchi Road. All packages fell in the areas. Weather 7/10 cu base 1000'.
	Can J46521 F/O. R. Sinclair	2/Otter 43	Toungoo		
	F/O. R. D. Lidster	3/Otter 43			
	Can.R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodhead	4/Otter 43			
	F/S. R. I. Wellings				
Dakota IV H	F/L. H. Dean	CH 1/Otter	20 1537	20 1716	Successful (on the Secondary) The DZ was located 3 mls W of Mawchi Road. All the packages fell in the area. Weather 3/10 Cu base 6000'.
	F/S. W. T. Watkins	2/Otter 44	Toungoo		
	F/O. J. MacAskill	3/Otter 44			
	R 287823 Sgt. A. F. Newton	4/Otter 44			
	R290229 Sgt. A. R. King				

Dak IV F	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Character Hyena	17 0500	17 1200	Successful (at 3rd attempt) Reached Karenni Hills at 1010 on 17th but as DZ could not be reached from West flew to Salween river & flew through from there. Cloud however prohibited DZ from being reached. Sortie was attempted again in afternoon but same conditions prevailed. Cloud reached hill tops & heavy rain storms in which vis was nil were frequent. On 18th reached Salween river & although primary was still cloud covered managed to reach secondary where Y & N of bamboo strips waiting. No signs of life on DZ, throughout drops although after drop possible smoke puff was fired from DZ area. One Ainino??? package failed to open. Weather Bad over hills 8/10 Scu over Irrawaddy valley.
	P/O. A. W. Cumber		Jessore	Toungoo	
	Sgt. A. A. Reeves		17 1200	17 1700	
	Can.R280655 Sgt. G. Kent		Toungoo	Toungoo	
	Can.R281747 Sgt. T. O'Shaughnessy		18 ⁵² 0845	18 1520	
	(Primary) 1826'N 9705'E		Toungoo	Jessore	
	(Secondary) 1824'N 9717'E				
Dak "J"	F/S. A. S. Osmaston	Character Mongoose 51	19 0540	19 1325	Successful. Ran into Nation/Panda DZ from Dawson Bay where full reception was waiting. Good flat field no difficulty in recognising. Then A/c se course for Kayns? on Sittang river. From this pinpoint DR run to Kazingti then map read to DZ 742 area where full reception also waiting X of panels and a Z. after drop mapread to DZ688 ⁵³ which was found 5 miles N of briefed position. Reception as briefed. All loads dropped in DZ area. Weather at DZ 2/10 low st, base 1000' vis 15 miles other DZ vis 10 miles cloud base 1000 Showers at DZs Tops 12,000'
	F/O. B. A. Haynes		Jessore	Toungoo	
	Aus.436597 F/S. E. A. Hanlon	Character Mongoose 52	19 1455	19 1840	
	Can.R278010 Sgt. L. E. Parsons		Toungoo	Jessore	
	Can.R270837 Sgt. A. Q. Dahlin	Nation Panda 13			
	(1) DZ 742 1737N 9724E				
	(2) DZ 686 1756N 9715E				
	(3) DZ 979 1635N 9455E				
Dak IV M	F/O. R. R. Housby	Nutshell Antelope 13 1623'N 9758'E	19 0405	19 0925	Unsuccessful (A'c reception late over DZ.) Paddy field searched looked at smoke fire with result that 3 bursts of AA from 20mm. gun position 1635'N 9802'E. Considered late arrival reason for no reception as earlier Lysander dropped on T at 1030 hrs. Weather. Cloud from 200' base.
	P/O. R. D. Butler		Jessore	Mingaladon	
	Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright		19 0955	19 1250	
	Can R283336 Sgt. E. Shalla		Mingaladon		
	Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk				
Dak IV M	F/O. R. R. Housby	Nutshell Antelope 1623'N 9758'E	20 1040	20 1315	Successful. AS briefed plus union jack. One body 4 containers & 27 packages dropped in 8 runs from 500'-600'. All fell on DZ. Returned with 6 officers (Force 136) and two 357 ground crew. Weather. Cloud base 400 patches of low
	P/O. R. D. Butler		Mingaladon		
	Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright		20 1335	20 1805	
	Can R283336 Sgt. E. Shalla		Mingaladon	Jessore	

⁵² Record says "17", but obviously should be "18".

⁵³ Note that under the listing of coordinates, this is given as DZ 686.

	Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk				cloud.
Dak J	F/S. A. S. Osmaston	Character Hyena 77	21 0443	21 1251	Successful. On 21st 10/10 Sc covering DZ area base 1000' up to 12/13000'. A/C forced to return. A/C run m/r valley from Papun (1805'N 1927'E) On the 22nd the reception of T and W in white strips was laid out in surrounding fields. First run on one of these reception committee fired a green from one of others and rest of load dropped on this. 4 containers, 29 packages from 500 in 7 runs. All observed to land safely on DZ. Tertiary sighted at 220850. Reception laid out as briefed but A/C proceed to primary. 24 packs nickels dropped at 1737'N 9715'E at 211010 from 5000. Weather 10/10 Sc over hills. Tops 7500.
	F/O. B. A. Haynes	Primary	Jessore	Meiktila	
	Aus.436597 F/S. E. A. Hanlon	DZ 729 1826'N	22 0554	22 1407	
	Can.R278010 Sgt. L. E. Parsons	9705'E Secondary	Meiktila	Jessore	
	Can.R270837 Sgt. A. Q. Dahlin	DZ685 1824'N			
		9717'E Tertiary DZ 742 1822'N 9708'E			
Dak IV F	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Dilwyn Squirrel 24	20 8510 ⁵⁴	20 1415	Successful. 4 containers 33 packages dropped in 7 runs all on DZ covering up T. 2 static lines broke. 24 packs nickels dropped 2116'N 9704'E from 5500. Weather 9/10 Cu tops 12,000 base 4-5000 good flying weather.
	P/O. A. W. Cumber	DZ756 2115'N	Jessore		
	Sgt. A. A. Reeves	8904'E			
	Can.R280655 Sgt. G. Kent				
	Can.R281747 Sgt. T. O'Shaughnessy				
Dak F/913	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Character Ferret 52	23 0450	23 1125	Successful. 3 bodies, 2 containers, 22 packaged dropped in 6 runs all within DZ area. Joes not seen to land. believed OK as chutes opened. Weather 9/10 Su As & Sc over hills.
	P/O. A. W. Cumber	DZ717 1858'N	Jessore	Mingalad on	
	Sgt. A. A. Reeves	9707'E	23 125	23 1725	
	Can.R280655 Sgt. G. Kent		Mingalad on	Dum Dum	
	Can.R281747 Sgt. T. O'Shaughnessy		23 1750	23 1820	
			Dum Dum	Jessore	
Dak M	F/O. R. R. Housby	Neronian Cotton 6	23 0420	23 0920	Successful. A/C arrived over DZ at 1420 hrs on 23rd. Searched whole area for 55 min but no signs of rec. Weather over DZ at time 6/10 Cu. base 4000 tops 6000' scattered storms. On 24th reception of T white strips and one fire. Whitish brown cliffs recognised approx S of DZ. Crew this day was able to confirm that recp. was in exactly the same area as searched the previous day. 61 packages dropped on 7 runs. All on DZ. Only one
	P/O. R. D. Butler	DZ479 16 23'N	Jessore	Mingalad on	
	Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright	9856'E	23 1250	23 1705	
	Can R283336 Sgt. E. Shalla		Mingaladon		
	Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk		24 0955	24 1350	
			Mingaladon		
			25 0555	25 1350	

⁵⁴ Record says "8510" but time probably could be either "0510" or "0850".

			Mingaladon	Jessore	chute observed falling on DZ due to speed of recovery. Note 3000' 241115 Mesawt L/G 2 landed? Jap V/I T/E seen on airfield. The white crok? at side of it & letter N/T observed on ground. 9232'N 1642'E ⁵⁵ . Weather 4-8/10 Cb tops 7-8000' Base 600.
Dak J	Aus.430269 F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Character Hyena Green Briefed DZ's (A) 737 1807'N 9725'E (B) 625 1824'N 7717'E ⁵⁶ (C) 729 1806'N 9705'E Amended DZ (A) 777 (B) 729 (C)639	23 1350		Unsuccessful (Weather over target and change of DZ after A/C was airborne resulting in no reception) The DZs for these operations were changed by Force 136 after the A/C was airborne & the information was not available to it. Therefore only DZ 729 which could not be reached owing to cloud on 23rd and 24th would have had reception displayed. Weather 9/10 Cu & Sc base on hills generally.
	Sgt. T. A. Hollington			Mingaladon	
	Sgt. R. Sheppard		24 0723	24 1405	
	Sgt. R. Tucker		Mingaladon	Chittagon	
	Can.R266969 Sgt. S. C. McGregor		24 1440	24 1607	
			Chittagon	Jessore	
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Dak J 922	Aus.430269 F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Character Hyena Green Briefed DZ's (A) 737 1817'N 9725'E (B) 625 1824'N 9717'E	23 0725	23 1350	Unsuccessful (Weather and change of DZ after A/C was airborne resulting no reception) A/C reached general area of DZ's but could not get in to either owing to solid cloud. A/C remained at Mingaladon overnight and attempted again on 24th for which further report is sent. Weather 9/10 Cu & Sc generally 10/10 over Shans base 2000 tops 12000'.
	Sgt. T. A. Hollington		Jessore	Mingaladon	
	Sgt. R. Sheppard				
	Sgt. R. Tucker				
	Can.R266969 Sgt. S. C. McGregor				

⁵⁵ The "N" and "E" may be reversed in the record.

⁵⁶ Should this be 9717'E?

⁵⁷ The next entry appears to be a repeat of the entry above, with a slightly different description and some changes in the DZ coordinates.

		(C) 729 1826'N 9705'E Amended receive 241100 (too late to inform crew) (A) 777 1818'N 9725'E (B) 729 1826'N 9705'E (C)639 1812'N 9655'E			
Dak 'H'	F/L. H. Dean	Character Hyena Reds Primary DZ 723 1819N 9658E Secondary DZ 639 1828N 9708E Tertiary DZ 729 1826N 9703E	25 0532	25 1245	Successful. 1st DZ not seen. Secondary on E branch of river N of large mountain. It's a large field about 300' sq 2 containers 25 packages 20 free drops in 6 runs. All in DZ. All OK. 20 packs nickels dropped 10 Penashee 10 Sinca. Weather 10/10 Sc base 500' and with Showers.
	F/S. W. T. Watkins		Mingalad on	Ramree	
	F/O. J. MacAskill		25 1500	25 1715	
	W/O J. R. Milne		Ramree		
	Can.R290229 Sgt. A. R. King		26 0924	26 1020	
	Can.R 287823 Sgt. A. F. Newton		Ramree		
			27 0736	27 1020	
			Ramree	Alipore	
			27 1037	27 1102	
			Ramree	Jessore	
Dak J	F/S. A. S. Osmaston	Dilwyn Squirrel 25 DZ 756 2115'N 9804'E	25 0535	25 1405	Successful. 4 containers 30 packages dropped safely in DZ in vicinity of reception in 7 runs. 24 packs nickels dropped Ta-Hsai 9530'E 2058'N. Weather Occasional showers 9/10 Sc base 2000' tops 8000'.
	F/O. B. A. Haynes		Jessore	Chittago ng	
	Aus.436597 F/S. E. A. Hanlon		25 1455	25 1610	
	Can.R278010 Sgt. L. E. Parsons		Chittagon g	Jessore	
	Can.R270837 Sgt. A. Q. Dahlin				
Dak L	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Hewson	Favor A	25 1330	25 1830	Successful. 2 bodies 35 packages dropped in 7 runs. All on DZ. 7 packs matches dropped 1418'N 9913'E. Weather (en route) 9/10 As no low cloud.
	Can.J45944 F/O. J. R. Tongwell ⁵⁸		Jessore	Mingalad on	
	Can.J14784 F/O. J. B. Spence		25 2156	26 0456	
	Can.R276694 F/S. E. Wiseman		Mingaladon		
	Can.R281616 F/S.		26 1120	26 1545	

⁵⁸ Name is normally spelt Tarzwell

	S. McCartney				
			Mingaladon	Jessore	
Dak M925	F/O. R. R. Housby	(A) Nation	28 1324	28 1730	(A) Not completed. (B) Not completed. Weather prior to DZ. Weather 10/10 cloud base on deck from coast to 2030'N flying at 200. Continuous rain – turbulence at 2030N. R.T.B. at 1530 from 2010'N 9150'E.
	F/O. R. D. Butler	Hares	Jessore		
	Aus 434910 Sgt. O. S. Wright	(B) Character			
	Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk	Ferret 4			
	Can R283336 Sgt. E. Shalla	(A) 508 133352'N ⁵⁹ 9819'E (B) 776 1904'N 9630'E			
Dak F	F/L. L. G. Lewis	Numeral 819'N 100-06'E	28 1300	28 1750	Completed. T of fires one flashing R waiting. In centre of forest torches appear to be supported on poles. 26 packages dropped in 6 runs. All landed in trees around reception. One chute did not open. 6 packs nickels dropped 1706'N 9910'E. 18 packs along 1708'N between 9750 – 20'E. Weather 10/10 Cu & As Rain.
	F/O. A. W. Cumber		Jessore	Mingaladon	
	F/S. A. A. Reeves		29 0025	29 0700	
	Can.R281747 F/S. T. O'Shaughnessy		Mingaladon		
			29 1300	29 1745	
			Mingaladon	Jessore	
Dak B 913	F/S. A. S. Osmaston	Nutshell Antelope 14 DZ 219 1623N 9758E	28 1330	28 1810	Unsuccessful. 4 Attempts to drop (1) Weather (2) (3&4) No reception. Note. Briefed DZ position is good for drops but recognition signals would not be seen unless A/C was directly overhead as trees would obscure all reception. During night of 30th June 01 July info from Force 136 to crew suggested ground party might have linked up with E group at approx area 1615'N 9814'E SE of Tiruthan. Flew first to original DZ area to which party may have moved. Vis very bad. Thorough search both areas. No reception attraction marks or lights seen. 24 packs of nickels scattered on road between Thegon & Zingyalk. Weather (1) Returned to base owing to heavy rain. Cloud on ground level covering hills. Vis nil. (2) 4/10 Cu base below 500' Vis 10 miles. (3) Cloud base 200' 10/10 Cu showers vis 5 miles. (4) showers Vis 200 yds Cu base 500'.
	F/O. E. A. Haynes		Jessore	Mingaladon	
	Aus.436597 F/S. F. R. Hanlon		29 0315	29 0515	
	Can.R270837 Sgt. A. Q. Dahlin		Mingaladon		
	Can.R278010 Sgt. L. E. Parsons		30 0521	30 0810	
			Mingaladon		
			30 0930	30 1215	
			Mingaladon		
			01 0525	01 0735	
			Mingaladon		
		01 0940	01 1405		
		Mingaladon	Kidpore		
		01 1435	01 1510		
		Kidpore	Jessore		
Dak M	F/O. R. R. Housby	(A) Nation	29 1310	29 1835	(a) Not completed, weather at DZ utterly

⁵⁹ This is the coordinate given in the record.

	P/O. R. D. Butler	Hares (B) Character Ferret 54 (A) 508 1358'N 9819'E (B) 776 1904'N 9650'E	Jessore	Mingaladon	impassable. (b) Completed 90 free packages dropped in 7 runs. Very small DZ top of 1380' ridge 30 yds by 15 yds one or two huts 50 yds N of DZ. Captain feels DZ hopeless for chute packages. Packages believed to have landed safely on DZ. Weather S of Moulmein continuous storms.
	Sgt. R. Shepherd		30 0215	30 1115	
	Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk		Mingaladon		
			30 1340	30 1820	
			Mingaladon	Jessore	

Appendix June 1945

357 Squadron

From:- Officer Commanding, 357 S.D. Squadron, RAF

To:- Headquarters, Air Command, South East Asia – attention SD Ops.
Headquarters, 231 Group, - attention SD Ops.

Ref:- 357S/2112/50/Int

Date;- 18th June 1945.

Operation Gauntlet.

Herewith known details of Operation Gauntlet, which was carried out by a Dakota aircraft of this squadron during May. As the Captain and the Navigator were killed in the crash after the sortie had been completed, all times etc., are approximate, having been supplied from memory by the two survivors of the crash. Both these persons are on sick leave, of course, and no further information can be obtained at present.

(B. Gibson) F/O
for Wing Commander Commanding
357 S.D. Squadron, R.A.F.

Sortie Report No. 134.

May 12th	120700 Airborne Jessore 121205 Airborne Dinjan	121015 Landed Dinjan 121530 Landed Kunming.
May 14th	140630 Airborne Kunming 141200 " Chikiang	140930 Landed Chikiang) Bowser run 141530 " Kunming)
15/0725 hrs 1030	Airborne Kunming Landed Chikiang. On loaded Jeep and trailer together with stores, making a total weight of approximately 5500 lbs.	
16/0530 0830 1040 1405 1515 1840	Airborne Chikiang. Landed Chianting. Off loaded stores and unloaded 6 Chinese passengers and safe-hand mail. Airborne Chianking. Landed Chikiang. Airborne Chikiang. Landed Kunming.	
18/0705 1010 1210 1525	Airborne Kunming on bowser run. Landed Chikiang. Airborne Chikiang. Landed Kunming.	
19/0720 1035	Airborne Kunming – loaded with stores and 4 personnel, totaling approx: 5500 lbs. Landed Chikiang.	
20/0645 0925 1200 1700	Airborne Chikiang Landed Chanking, and unloaded stores. Airborne Chanting with 1 person as passenger. Crash landed at 28°.00'N 106.30'E after being diverted from Chikiang for weather reasons. Bad weather was in front of the aircraft which was heading for Kunming, and this, combined with shortage of fuel, caused the aircraft to attempt a landing in a paddy field at the bottom of a valley, as this was the only flat area to be seen. Aircraft hit paddy hard, turned on to it's nose and caught fire. The pilot and the navigator were killed, and the two surviving members of the crew thought that if a Sutton harness had been available, they might have been saved. The passenger and the two crew	

members were helped away from the wreckage by the local peasants who were very helpful, and were carried to Tuping where a local doctor informed the Americans by phone and an ambulance was sent. The ambulance took them back to Chikiang, and from there they were flown back to Dum-Dum by American aircraft, and were ferried from Dum-Dum to base by a Dakota of this sqdn.

Crew of aircraft:- F/Lt. Egerton-Eves (Capt); F/O Arnold (Nav); - both killed.
W/O. Longbottom; F/Sgt. Biggin.

40 hrs 34 mins Op
3 hrs 15 mins Non-Op.

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Appendix Precs

357 Squadron, R.A.F.

Note: this document was in the appendices for June 1945

Precis of Commanding Officer's Address to All Ground Personnel on 8th May 1945.

Burma Campaign

Capture of Rangoon.

We have all been working very hard for the past few weeks and the operational effort from this Squadron has been considerably intensified, and I feel that you all ought to know what we have been doing, and how the Squadron has greatly assisted and made possible the speedy capture of Rangoon with comparatively light losses, by the 14th Army.

Present disposition of our Forces.

You can see from the wall map the disposition of our forces in Burma. You will see that there still remains a considerable area under Jap control, but it is held mainly by isolated garrisons whose fighting efficiency has been greatly reduced by Allied bombing and strafing. All the main roads and railways have been captured by us, and our forcers are astride the road at Pegu, which provides an escape route out of Burma to Siam. However, a considerable amount of cleaning up of Jap forces in Burma still remains. Now for the job that we have been doing:

Drive on Rangoon

After the capture of Mandalay the main axis of advance of the 14th Army was obviously going to be down the road and railway to Toungoo, and then direct to Rangoon. In order to make the drive as quickly as possible so as to arrive at Rangoon before the monsoon, protection from the flanks to left and right of the valley running down to Rangoon was necessary. Without this protection, the Jap would have little difficulty in ambushing our armoured vehicles and transport columns as they moved south down the road to Rangoon.

To provide the necessary protection, the Army asked for airborne troops to be landed in strategic positions to harry the Jap forces and prevent them interfering with the advance of the main army.

Use of Guerrilla Forces – Supply Drops

Now on the map you will see the areas into which those airborne troops were parachuted. The country is very wild and mountainous, and it was a difficult job to put the men down in the right places without injury, and unfortunately casualties did occur. The men that were put in were British Officers commanding small parties of 10 to 15 Burmans, and their job was to organise the local Burmese living in the villages into guerrilla parties of considerable size. The parties were then armed with weapons dropped by Liberators in large quantities. Rifles, Sten guns, hand grenades, mines and many other gadgets were dropped, and, of course, food.

All this started in February, and as soon as the Japanese discovered what was happening, they despatched troops to the hills to destroy the parachutists. Unfortunately for the Japs, they did not realise what they were up against, and before very long they had committed large forces to attack the guerrillas in the hills, who were becoming more powerful every day.

while the Japs were thus engaged in a major battle with our forces, the 14th army started to advance with lightning speed down the road to Rangoon, and any Jap reinforcements which were brought north up the road from Rangoon were ambushed by the guerrillas and destroyed. A Jap Major-General was killed in his staff car in this way.

Squadron's Responsibility

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The entire responsibility for keeping these chaps supplied and reinforced has been ours, and of course, 358 and 200 as well. but I think we have played the biggest part in the operation, as the majority of the personnel was dropped by the Dakotas.

Praise from the 14th Army

General Slim, the Commander of the 14th Army, has said that, but for the work of the guerrillas, the capture of Rangoon before the monsoon would not have been possible.

The next stage in the Far East

Well, the next stage is Malaya and Singapore, and you can see on the map the operations we are doing in this area. Guerrilla forces are again being organised, so that when the army fights its way down the Malaya Peninsular, or if and when an amphibious landing is made on the coast, the Jap forces will be so weakened that resistance to any landing will be negligible.

Operations to French-Indo-China are still going on, but conditions are bad for organising resistance, as most of the Frenchmen have been rounded up by the Japs since they decided to occupy and administer the country completely.

Well, that is roughly the picture as it is today.

Termination of the War in Europe

The victory in Europe means that the war in the Far East can be intensified many times. Large amounts of material and aircraft will be coming out here, also large numbers of personnel.

We cannot in any way afford to relax our efforts, but I am sure that your tasks from now on will become much easier, and there would be every chance of more men returning home. There is one important thing to remember. Normally it will take 4 to 5 months for the manpower in Europe to be re-deployed out here. There will be a vast amount of sorting out to be done, so that you cannot expect any immediate releases. However, the A.O.C. has asked me to say that the fact that a man is serving in the Far East will have no effect on his release by groups, and when his group comes up, he will be returned home at once.

Victory Celebrations

I am hoping that we shall be able to have a holiday for Victory Celebrations as and when operations permit. About these celebrations, there is one most important thing to bear in mind: on no account must you get into any arguments or fights with the civil population. You will remember the unfortunate disturbance last Christmas.

The war in the Far East is not yet finished, and we cannot afford to slow up or relax in any way.

Movement Order

Completion of Liberator Flight Detachment To Ceylon (357 Squadron)

Information –

The remainder of the Liberator Flight of 357 (S.D.) Sqdn. will move to China Bay (Ceylon), commencing 20th June, 1945.

The move will take place in two parts:

- (A) Move of Liberators at present at Jessore, aircrews and an advance party of ground crew to China Bay, starting on 20th June, 1945. Note: 3 of these a/c will go to Minneriya until approx. 1st July, 1945.
- (B) Move of Liberator Detachment at present at Minneriya to China Bay, starting approx. 1st. July, 1945. This arrangement will allow a maximum operational effort to be maintained at Minneriya during the June Moon period, until the remainder of the Flight become established at China Bay.

Movement.

- (1) Personnel. The majority of ground personnel will move by air in stages, commencing with an advance party on 20/6/45. All aircrew will move by air. For this purpose two Liberators of 8 Squadron are being made available.
- (2) Equipment. Heavy ground equipment will be moved by rail as soon as rail arrangements can be made. A party of ground personnel, comprising 5 SNCOs and 35 airmen are to be detailed to travel with the equipment, as escort and to assist loading and unloading. Transshipment from India to Ceylon to be arranged by Movement Control
- (3) M.T. Vehicles will not be taken. A number of M.T. drivers will be flown as near as possible to 328 M.U. to collect transport from a point in Southern India for allotment to Ceylon, and will proceed by sea, as arranged by 328 M.U. (J. L. Haili, Mysore).
- (4) Administration. Personnel are to take all their kit with them, including bedding and mosquito nets. Each individual to ensure he is supplied with sufficient number of Mepacrine tablets.
- (5) Food Arrangements. No kitchen utensils or equipment to be taken from Jessore. Party travelling by rail will be supplied with dry rations for the trip, and fresh bread and hot water to be arranged by Movement Control en route.

Procedure of General Move:

19/6/45 F/L. Powell and crew, F/O. Buzza and crew to Minneriya by air.

Ground crew 20/6/45 (1000 hours) F/O Coy and crew with party of nine to Minneriya. Advance party to comprise of the following:- P/O. Carter, F/O. Gibson, P/O. Buchanan, W/O. Chapman (Discip) W/O Allwood (Clk&GD), w o?? M.T. drivers, 1 NCO Armament Section and Cpl. Pajter (Cook). F/O Coy and crew to Minneriya and the advance Party in another a/c to China Bay.

Approx. 22/6/45: Second advance party in two Liberators. Total 20 men and their kit. From this date onwards transport will be continued by air to transport 120 airmen, 9 SNCOs and 8 Enrolled Followers to Ceylon

Rail Party

35 airmen and 5 SNCOs to be detailed to escort equipment by rail. Date of rail journey to be advised later when confirmed by Movement Control Details of equipment tonnage and packing to be advised later.

F/Lt. for Wing Commander

Commanding 357 (S.D) Squadron, R.A.F.

357 (S.D.) Squadron, R.A.F.

Nominal Roll of Personnel Proceeding on Detachment to China Bay (Ceylon) – Liberator Flight.

(note: originals are difficult to read in places, so errors in the spelling of names and service numbers will occur)

"A" Flight

562923	F/S.	Coton	Fitt.I	1401234	AC.	Faulkner	FME
1172827	Sgt.	Cushion	Fitt.IIA	963733	LAC	Freaston	"
923709	Sgt.	Rootes	Fitt.IIE	1271242	"	Gane	"
570464	Sgt.	Kaye	Fitt.II	1585084	"	Laycock	FMA
1160344	Sgt.	Prett	Fitt.IIE	1567779	"	Litch?	"
530037	Sgt.	Wright	Fitt.IIA	1635479	"	Kenley?	FME
1546121	Cpl.	Duckworth	Fitt.IIE	1387282	"	Hill	"
1232979	"	Smith	Fitt.IIA	1864017	"	Hill	FME
628522	"	Kennedy	"	1099842	"	Hargreaves	"
1336087	"	Ursell	"	1498179	"	Jeffrey	"
1165264	"	Gooding	"	1139525	Cpl.	Stanier	Fitt.IIE
1376035	"	Montanjees	Fitt.IIE	1851193	AC.	Busby	Fitt.IIA
1725398	LAC	Johnson	FME	1180782	LAC.	Brindley	FME
1616635	"	Kent	"	811195	"	Bunn	"
1288927	"	Lister	"	1328803	"	Beckett	FMA
1848602	AC	Lancaster	"	1631306	AC.	Cannoc	FME
1592187	"	Lawton	FMA	1730896	LAC	Chambers	"
1553903	LAC	Miller	"	1061918	"	Collins	FMA
1315988	"	Morris	FME	2360367	AC	Escott	AC/F
3006374	AC	McGeachin	"	1416974	LAC	Evans	Fitt.IIE
1429418	LAC	Perry	"	1782213	AC	Reed	ACE/MA
1619083	"	Swain	"	1900663	LAC	Shanahan	FMA
1861315	"	Taylor	"	15?2956	"	Walker	"
1642456	"	Ward	"	644702	"	Wiltshire	"

Wireless & Radar Section

958959	F/S	Major	Rad/Mech	1717922	Cpl	Mitchell	Rad/Mech
1800048	LAC	West	"	1248690	AC	Coulter	"
1817045	AC	Wilson	"	2212208	"	Crossley	"
3013274	"	Davies	"	928426?	Cpl	Burccatt	W/Mech
1557772	LAC	Branston	W/Mech	1564643	LAC	McInnes	"
1619503	"	Parkin	"	693024	Cpl	Prescott	W/Op
1336096	"	Collins	W/Op	1090241	LAC	Davies	"
3024638	AC2	Miller	Rad/Mech				

Instrument Section

566976	F/S	Ware	Inst/M	1777520	Cpl	Baker	Inst/R.I
1027822	Cpl	McLeary	Inst/R.I	1237295	LAC	Runs?	Inst/R.II
1085008	LAC	Gilfillan	Inst/R.II	1819661	"	Broadhurst	"
14496??	"	Skinner	"	1739431	"	Whitaker	"
18710?5	AC	Watkinson	Inst/R.I	1859705	AC	Catt?	"
1634264	LAC	Dry	Inst/R.II	1500441	Sgt	Ball	Comp/Adjstr
1287142	AC	Farrell					

Electrical Section

62002??	F/S	Trovell?	Elect.I	1529163	Cpl.	Limbaart	Elect.I
?240460	Cpl	Frostich?	"	1411972	LAC	Edison	"
1042332?	LAC	Court	Elect.II	13?4219	"	Muir	Elect.II

1665634?	"	Wallace	Elect.I	1602428	"	Dodd?	"
1627581	"	Burrill	Elect.II	632977	"	Protheroe	"
1541486	AC	Mulligan	"	3041274	"	Leesoe	"
3009209	"	Ansell	"	1414419	"	Bryant	"

R.A.I. Section 156478 F/L. T. Nelson – Tech/Eng.

999192	Cpl	Judkins	Fitt/IIE	1??7873	Cpl	Ryan	Fitt/IIE
1170917	"	Milrood	"	1801166	"	Sprague	"
1679978	AC	Kehoe	"	16?6054	LAC	Emerson	"
1652124	"	Cushway	"	1661856	AC	Williams	"
1392132	"	Carr	"	1644442	"	Knowles	"
1421743	"	Murrell	"	1678947	LAC	Smith, E?	"
1628145	"	Kinna	"	1648589	"	Stibbon	"
1665?48	"	Dundord	"	1008153	Sgt	Lees	Fitt/IIA
1072145	Cpl	Brown	Fitt/IIA	1981190	Cpl	Jackson	"
1121473	"	Stead	"	1080246	AC	Bell	"
958?65	AC	Oakes	"	1663732	"	Brown	"
1666996	"	Brown	"	1271908	"	H?orell	"
1756551	"	?olland	"	1666846	"	Messing??	"
152146?	"	Masters	"	1448163	"	Perry	"
		⁶⁰	"	1346456	"	Thomson	"
1103821	"	Young	"	1180889	Cpl	Norton	C.Y.W.
1409307	LAC	Davies	C.M.W.	1620087	LAC	S?ant	F/Gen
1136265	AC	Tho?ns	?/S/Wldr	1860315	AC.	Taylor	FME
1461298	"	Cowland	FMA	1249410	Cpl.	?osnorth	Carp.
112508?	"	Otter	F/?er	?250160	AC	?i?lard	A/Fin.
3005435	"	Hall	A/Fin.	1722747	"	?ley	M/A.
1784042	"	Carruthers	M/A	3011720	"	Barrison	"
301016?	"	Davies	"	1361158	"	Ralpin	"
921760	Cpl.	Simmonds	S.E. W.	638328	"	???	S.E.W.
1521853	AC.	Holmes	S.E.A.	1646311	"	Blake	S.E.A.
103726?	"	Levi	Fitt/IIE	1234934	LAC.	Allan, L.	Fitt/IIA

Armament Section 52413 F/O. K? J. Reilly - Tech/Arm.

1617124	LAC	Duffield	Arm.	?11141	W/O.	?ideb	Fitt/Arm
1617?03	"	Reynolds	"	??6770	"	Chenery	"
1805495	"	Bridge	"	1651285	Cpl.	Gatfield	Arm
221326?	"	Thorpe	"	??63708	"	B?iggins	Fitt/Arm
10782?2	"	Herron	Arm/G	??82408	"	Jenkins	Fitt/Arm/G
1?81535	"	Steele	"	16?4982	LAC	Hoyle	Arm/G
629?45	Cpl.	Clarke	Arm	??01681	"	Ross	Arm/G
1631251	AC.	Law	Fitt/Arm	1234155	"	Leach	Arm/Asst
1400335	LAC	King	"	1315357	"	??dick	"
112478?	"	Lord	"	??09151	AC	?lson	"
1584864	LAC	North	"	30?1539	"	Wood	"
1625757	"	Bargard	"	1063599	"	S?lhes	"
1439947	AC.	Smith, ?	Fitt/Arm/G	??083?4	LAC	Moles	"
1070936	LAC	Gabrielson	Arm	??95423	"	Sinclair	Arm/G
1404918	"	March	Fitt/Arm	?312417	"	Wood	Arm
1578855	"	Fisher	Arm	1612404	"	?ang	"
1072633	F/S.	Doe?, ? ?	Fitt/Arm/G				

⁶⁰ Name crossed out.

M.T. Section

537494	Sgt.	McNalus, ?	F?MT	954511	Cpl.	Costley, G.	DMT
1166068	Cpl.	Pounton, K. R.	DMT	1692404	"	Davis, A.	"
1276147	"	B?awden, ?	"	1655244	LAC	Luckels?, A.	"
131753?	LAC	Day, A.	"	1371124	"	K?ing, T.	"
1660865	"	Libby, C.	"	1019052	"	???ell, L.	"
1045875	"	Mockford, T.	"	?861644	"	M?aylam, F.	"
1662920	"	Newstead, A.	"	997155	"	?evett, S.	"
1235192	"	Pilgrim, ?	"	1288711	"	???iall, ? ?	"
2257001	AC	Walsh, H	"	1226172	"	H?ana, T.	"
1042131	LAC	Sharp, J	Fitt.IIE?	1097248	Cpl	Sofiert, D	F?MT
1066523	"	Craig, R.	?MT				
1692472	LAC	Walker, D. D. S.	FMT				

Liberator Aircrews

Captain	182029	F/S. R? F? Roberts?	R.134124	W/O. Brondum, ? P.
2nd Pilot	976508	?? Swift, R. ?	J.4?4824	P/O. ? H. Edwards
Navigator	166699	P/O. E. F. Kirby	R.168613	F/S. Upton, J. S.
A/B	166965	P/O. L. L. Samuel	R.271246	Sgt. Waddell, L. A?
W.A.G	A.434865	F/S. Pacey, T. J.	R.142238	Sgt. Bear, R. R?
W.A.G.	A.436529	F/S. Richardson, ? G.	R.269875	Sgt. Phillips, J. T. (A/G)
A/G.	2223272	Sgt. Reid, J. J.	964100?	Sgt. Chevelier?, V. ? (F/E)
A/G.	1853839	Sgt. Sanders, J.	13?71742	F/S. Laird, ? (WOP/AG)
Captain	152551	F/O G. H. March	101552	P?/O. Tuddernem? S. A.
2nd P.	1050405	F/Sgt. McMurchie	166077	P/O. S. T. Smith
Navigator	166072?	F/O W. H. Lover?	166322	P/O. T. S? Bostock?
A/B	1664980	Sgt. Davies, G? R.	166390	P/O. Howell, J. ?
W.A.G	1670807	F/Sgt Simmonds, P.	1393748	Sgt. Grant, W. ? A?
W.A.G.	1555015	F/Sgt Dickson, J.	1586591	Sgt. Ford, ? E?
A/G.	1827774	Sgt. Thomson, J.	1882330	Sgt. Long, R.
A/G.	1369219	F/Sgt. Hamilton, D. M (F/E)	1823395	F/S. Johnston, T. ? (F/E)
Captain	J.26150	P?/O. A? G. Buzza	J.23405	F/O. A. B. Coy
2nd P.	R200770	Sgt. Frame, B? R.	J.44466	F/O. R. E. Jorgonsan?
Navigator	J.47367	P/O. McNaughton, ? T?	J.45818	F/O. C. S? Campbell
A/B	J.47311	P/O. A? Tho???let	J.44948	F/O. G. D? McGregor
W.A.G	R272141	P/O. G. ? Skett	J.46765	F/O. I. A. Palumbo?
W.A.G.	R263217	Sgt. Jackson, D. ?	J.46770	F/O. C. N. Stearns
A/G.	J.47452	P/O. J. Stott	R284575	F/S. Houle, J. R.
A/G.	1894550	F/S. Thrush, F. J. (F/E)	R214096	F/S. McDonald, ? C.
			R154825	F/S. Despret??, ? C?
Captain	138888	F/L. J. ? Powell	J.22963	F/L. J. ? King
2nd P.	159404	F/O. P. C. S?ene	J.44512	F/O. K. M. Oddson??
Navigator	195987	P/O. St. C. Hood	J.45967	F/O. ? E. Stevens
A/B	1544888	F/S. Rosendorf, M.	J.458?44	F/O. D. K. Jordan
W.A.G	1545457	F/S. Osbon, F?	R267115	F/S. Saunders, F. L. C.
W.A.G.	1592432?	F/S. Williams, E?	R256795	F/S. Tingley, ? ?
A/G.	1386829	F/S. Mardle?, D. A. (WAG)	R116324	F/S. Johnson, J. E?
A/G.	1594452	F/S. Williams, E?	J.459??	F/O. H. F. Wagner
	1437266	F/S ?enham, S. (W?/Air)	J.46035	F/O. K? ? Sanderson
Captain	??33408	W/C. L. M. Hodges	55085	F/O. D. Powall

2nd P.	148804?	F/L. ? ? Foley (F/E)	166554	P/O. J. ??hatrough??
Navigator	A.413266	F/O. M. D. Seale	303224	Sgt. Smith, D? C.
A/B		Blank?	16743??	F?/O J. S. Heaps
W.A.G	49335	??? L. G. ? Reed	1566998	Sgt. Bradley, J.
W.A.G.	A.418500	F/? R? ??chahan	⁶¹	Sgt. Hunter
A/G.	17?179	F/O. ? ? Ritch??	1672502	Sgt. Evans, C. ?
A/G.	1213328	F/S ?ard, A. E.	??5366	crossed out? or King?
			1609446	F/S. Roper, J. W. (F/E)
Captain	151707	F/O. R. N. Forrest		
2nd P.	53428	P?/O. G? W? Chapman		
Navigator	1678016	Sgt. Forshay, H?		
A/B	1589925	Sgt. A?she, D.		
W.A.G	1505228	Sgt. Johnson, A? E?		
W.A.G.	Blank?	P/O. Davies		
A/G.	Crossed	Out?		
A/G.	3051401	Sgt. Temperton, ? ?		
	175366?	F/O. F. ? ? King (F/E)		

Squadron Headquarters

Admin Staff	141???	F/O. H. Carter?	GD/?
	1666386	LAC ?ll?oad, F. G.	Clk/GD
	1903729	LAC Walsh, ? O.	ACH/GD
Intelligence	161558	F/O. B. D. Simson?	A?SD(I)
	1648452	LAC Allen, ? ? E.	FME
Discap?	51585?3	F/O. Champman, H? G.	ACE?/GD
	1235585	Cpl. Edgar, ? ?	"
Cooks	1282790	Cpl Psyter, ? S? J.	Cook
	1677630	LAC S?uras, J.	"
Medical	171?25	F/L. D. W? F??or	Med.
	1?80335	LAC Meldrus? G.	?/Ord.
Fire Fighter	927990	Cpt. Redington? A? W?	Fire Fighter
A.C.H.	633296	Cpl. Sullivac? T. D.	ACH/GD
Welfare	A.4185??	F/O. K. Buchanan	GD/AG
Enrolled Followers			
Cooks		Lascars?	
5696	Ramyam	5645	Auir Khan (Tindal)
8877	Sqad-Ud-Din	50262	Chidaun B?al
62498	Allah Lux?	8151	Munshai
65201	Naunu	8264	Gauda Singh

⁶¹ Service number not given in record.

??209	Salmdan	5721	J?ai Dad
Swe??ars		????? Carriers	
51118	?oshlar Singh	3?9271	Hyuss??
	(Speaker good English?)	59609	B?elari Singh
59663	Sha??ugan	58381	Rangoo?
6773	S??mera?		
Mess Waiter			
59226	??brananui??		
50441	?issna		

Summary of Liberator Flight Detachment.

Previously Detached							
	Ground Officers	Aircrew Officers	Aircrew NCOs	Ground NCOs	Airmen	Followers	Total
	--	16	17	6	48	--	87
Additional? Detachment (As pre roll attached.)							
	5	42	47	14	191	18	317
Total	5	58	64	20	239	18	404

End of Order

July 1945 Form 540

357 Squadron

Place	Date	Time	Summary of events				
Jessore	July	1945	Part I Operations				
			<p>Determination on the part of the crews to reach their objectives in face of typical heavy monsoon weather has been the keynote of this month's operations. On one occasion it required no less than seven attempts on the part of the crew before a sortie was successfully completed. With the dispersal of the Liberator Flight to China Bay; concluded last month, operational sorties by the Squadron on this station were confined to the Dakotas; 84 sorties were flown for the month, and average of over 2 a day for the whole of the month. Of these 54 were successful or partially so; the failure of the other 30 sorties was due in the main to weather conditions and only a very small proportion failed through lack of reception or other causes. With the almost complete termination of the campaign in Central Burma, the focus of objectives tended to shift to the East and South East, and apart from normal supply dropping in Burma the Squadron concentrated a considerable amount of its energy in long range trips over Siam. This entailed the use of advanced airfields in Burma on a much larger scale than was previously necessary, particularly Mingaladon; crews being briefed to stay there until their missions were completed. Our forces in the Character area were continuing to meet with stiff opposition from the Japanese all through the month thus demanding a constant delivery of supplies, the Squadron flying a total of 41 sorties for them alone. Losses sustained during the month amounted to one Dakota KJ922, crew 658498 W/O Milne, J. R., 1518745 Sgt. Clark, R? M., 15211725 Sgt. Francis, G. R., 1597461 Sgt. Mowat, D. and 1598599 Sgt. Binns, A., missing. The a/c took off from Base at 0630 hours on 30th July 1945. A further report was not received until 9th August 1945 when it was learnt that the a/c had crashed into the side of a valley down which it was flying; some 4 miles West of Biya; the crew of five were all killed. Another a/c operating on the same target was forced to turn back owing to impossible weather conditions and reported an operational failure, weather conditions along the route being reported as 8-10/10 CB. base 2-3000' (approx 7000' below the tops of the Chin Hills) & cloud tops up to 25-30000' with excessive turbulence causing a/c to be almost uncontrollable at times. Under these conditions it can be safely assumed that W/O Milne's crash was as a direct result of the weather over the area, in fact, weather over the Chin and Shan hills had during a month of already bad weather succeeded throughout in achieving a personal notoriety.</p>				
			Operational Synopsis				
			Jessore				
				Dakota			
Code Name	Country	Area	Pos.	S.	U.	Total	Remarks
Character	Burma	Shwebo		20	21	41	The unsuccessful sorties were in all but 2 cases due to bad weather; the other two failures were due to lack of reception.
Nutshell	Burma			5		5	
Heavy	Burma	Kientung		5	1	6	The one unsuccessful sortie was due to weather.

Pilot	Burma			3	3	6	The unsuccessful sorties were due in two cases to no reception; the third was a search.
Nation	Burma	Shwebo		1		1	
Dilwyn	Burma	Hesani		4	1	5	The one unsuccessful trip was in this case due to bad weather over the DZ area.
Coupling	Siam	Sawaan Hakorn		10	1	11	The unsuccessful trip was due to no reception.
Blast	Burma	Nyaun Glebin		1		1	
Cutter			1325N 9836E	1	1	2	The one unsuccessful sortie was due to weather.
Candle	Siam	Udorn		1	2	3	This sortie was in the nature of a long range pick up. The first attempt made the DZ could not be located and on the second attempt the a/c was forced to return because of bad weather over the area. Third attempt was fully successful.
Parterre	Siam	Leur		2		2	
DZ 728	Burma		1814 ½ N 8647 ½ E	1		1	7 separate attempts were made by the a/c to reach this force 136 DZ, but each time weather made the drop impossible. Only after the DZ had been moved to a new area was the last, and successful attempt made.
		Totals		54	30	84	
Total Dakota Sorties – 84							
Total Operational Sorties Flown July 1945 - 84							
Part II Administration							
	July 2nd			It is announce that: No stray dogs are to be shot on the Aerodrome or Domestic Sites without the permission of the Station Commander who will if necessary appoint an 'executioner' from the Unit concerned.			
	July 2nd			Owing to the abnormal number of casual payments which have been made by the Accountant Officer over an extended period it is quite obvious that many Personnel mainly Aircrew N.C.O's have been deliberately avoiding attendance at Pa Parades. Personnel was attending Pay parade will be paid on the Monday following Pay Parade, and must hand in their names and pay books to the Accounts Section, together with a chit from their Section Commander excusing them from Pay Parade; not later than Sunday at 10.10 hrs, otherwise they will not be payed.			
	July 3rd			With effect from the 3rd July 1945, the Curfew which was introduced on the 12th March 1945, is amended from 01.00 hrs to 23.30 hrs.			
	July 6th			All Personnel are notified that Air Marshal W. A. Coryton, C.B. M.V.O. DFC, Air Marshal Commanding Headquarters, RAF Burma, is visiting this Station on Sunday 8th July 1945, and an inspection of the entire Camp area including all Domestic Sites will be carried out.			
	July 7th			F/Lt. L. G. Lewis is appointed M.T. Officer w.e.f. 5th July 1945.			
	July 10th			F/Lt. A. J. Smith assumes the duties of M.T. officer with immediate effect.			
	July 13th			With immediate effect F/Lt. G. R. Thomas Officer Commanding No 55646 M.S.U. is granted the powers of a Subordinate Commander.			

	July 16th		F/Lt. D. E. Wakelin assumes the duties of Senior Intelligence Officer Station Security Officer and Officer i/c Station Police vice S/Ldr D. R. Chance.
	July 16th		Personnel detailed for Hill Parties are to report to the Station Orderly Room not later than 03.30 hours daily; failure to comply with this order will result in personnel being omitted from the Hill Party.
	July 19th		It is brought to the notice of all personnel that the surrounding villages and district of Santola Camp are out of bounds to all personnel, and severe disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.
	July 25th		Owing to a severe outbreak of Cholera among the civil population at Frenigar? All personnel proceeding there for either Courses or Leave must be protected by inoculation not less than 48 hrs prior to proceeding
	July 28th		All personnel are notified that His Excellency General Sir Claude Auchinleck, GCB, GCIF, CFI, DSO, OBE, ADC, C-in-C India is visiting this Station on Sunday next, the 29th July 1945 and an inspection of the entire Station will be carried out.
	July 30th		Personnel are reminded that Station Sick Quarters is closed to everyone, with the exception of Special Sick from 12.30 hrs to 16.00 hrs. daily.
Jessore	July 1945		Welfare
	July 2nd		Stacks of £2 Duty Free Labels are exhausted; only £4, £6 & £8 remaining notification will be made when new stock arrives.
	July 4th		Ballot papers and Election Addresses are now being received by Personnel who completed F2761 and F2762 from their constituencies.
	July 5th		The Ensa Show 'To your liking', will be presented in the Station Canteen and will run for three evenings, namely July 5th, 6th & 7th.
	July 7th		It is announced that a stock of Duty Free Labels value £2 is now on hand.
	July 9th		A Whist Drive was held in the Canteen Lounge tonight at 20.00 hrs.
	July 15th		A monsoon Race Meeting was held the afternoon on the Football Field behind Station Sick Quarters.
	July 16th		The Ensa Show 'Why Worry' is being presented at the Station Canteen commencing this evening and running for three days.
	July 21st		It has been brought to the notice of all Personnel that Air Mail Letter Cards are not to be used for inter-command correspondence, but are solely for addresses outside of India.
			Recreation
	July 11th		It is announced that the Squadron has obtained eight pairs of Football Boots of various sizes which will be loaned to personnel at the rate of four annas a game to cover the cost of repairs and replacement. Application for the loan of same should be made to L.A.C. White (Armament Section)
			A number of inter-section football matches were played during the course of the month.
			Church Services O.D.
	July 4th		It was announced today that an alteration has been made in the times of week day services as follows. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday Each service to commence at 19.45 hrs and not 19.30 hrs.
			Part III Personnel
Jessore	July	1945	R.A.F. Officer's POR's 5th, 23rd, 24th, and 31st July 1945
			Postings
			56237 P/O S. H. Seed GD(P) Posted to No 357 Squadron on grant of a commission in the GD Branch of the R.A.F.V.R. w.e.f. 16/5/45.
			164107 F/O G. H. Lawrence GD(BA) Posted from No. 357 Squadron (supernumerary) to No. 357 Sqdn (F/Lt Adjutant Post) w.e.f. 28/6/45.
			166322 F/O T. B. Bostock? GD(N) Posted from RAF Station Poona (for

		166390 F/O J. B. Howell GD(AB)	flying duties) w.e.f. 29/6/45
		166072 F/O W. H. Leeved?? GD(N)	
		152551 F/O G. H. March GD(P)	
		166071 F/O. S. W. Smith GD(P)	
		164242 F/O S. G. Dove GD(S)	Posted to H.Q. No. 908 Wing w.e.f. 11/7/45.
		54737 ⁶² P/O S. H. Seed GD(P)	Posted to B.R.D. Worli pending repatriation w.e.f. 29/6/45.
		53428 F/O G. W. F. Chapman GD(P)	Posted to this unit from R.A.F. Station Poona w.e.f. 17/6/45.
		151717 F/O R. N. Forrest GD(P)	
		55085 F/O D. Powell GD(P)	
		166554 P/O J. Walmough? GD(P)	
		167437 P/O G. S. Heaps GD(AB)	
		166364 P/O R. M. Davies WOP(AG)	Posted to this unit from R.A.F. Station Poona w.e.f. 25/6/45.
		63818 S/Ldr P. R. Ganbell? DFC GD(P) (A/W/Cdr)	Posted to 357 Sqdn. w.e.f. 27/7/45
		137614 F/Lt J. Irvine GD(NAV)	Posted from 357 Sqd. t H.Q. No. 231 Group. w.e.f. 1/3/45.
		Promotions and Appointments.	
		56237 P/O. S. Seed. GD(P)	Appointed to commissioned rank as P/O w.e.f. 2/3/45.
		141559 F/O D. H. Hulme GD(NB)	Promoted F/Lt w.e.f. 27/3/45 (w.s.)
		151159 F/O S. F. Stevens D.F.C. GD(NAV)	Promoted F/Lt (w.s.) w.e.f. 26/1/45.
		164804 P/O R. D. Butler GD(NAV)	Promoted to F/O (w.s.) w.e.f. 7/10/44.
		165515 P/O A. W. Cumber GD(NAV)	Promoted to F/O (w.s.) w.e.f. 16/12/44.
		166322 P/O T. B. Bostock? GD(N)	Promoted to F/O (w.s.) w.e.f. 8/3/45.
		Medals and Decorations.	
		115288 F/Lt. L. G. Lewis, D.F.M. (GD)P	Awarded the D.F.C. Auth: HQ. AC. SEA. airgram 725/25/2/P1 dated 23/7/45.
		RCAF Officers POR's 20th, 23rd & 31st July 1945	
		Postings	
		J.47869 P/O G. Faulkner GD(WAG)	Posted from no. 357 Squadron to B.P.O. non effective missing w.e.f. 6/6/45
		J.47871 P/O W. P. McLeod GD(WAG)	
		J.47344 P/O J. J. Perron GD (NAV)	
		J.47321 P/O W. W. Reeve GD(AB)	
		J.12779 F/O A. F. Timmermens GD(P)	
		Appointments and Promotions	
		Can.J.45124 P/O G. F. MacKelvin? GD (N)	Promoted to F/O (T) w.e.f. 5/11/44.
		Can.J.45945 P/O J. N. Friesen GD(N) (Deceased) 1/4/45	Promoted to F/O (T) w.e.f. 2/12/44.
		J.47321 P/O W. W. Reeve GD(AB) (Killed 6/6/45)	Promoted to F/O (T) w.e.f. 28/1/45.
		J.10354 F/O B. G. Hewson GD(P)	Promoted F/Lt (T) w.e.f. 1/11/43
		J.45989 P/O K. M. Merriam GD(AB) (Killed 1/4/45)	Promoted to F/O (T) w.e.f. 2/12/44

⁶² Note this service number is slightly different than the one given for Seed above.

		J.47457 P/O J. M. Flanagan GD(G)	Promoted to F/O (T) w.e.f. 28/1/45.		
		J.47453 P/O G. M. Hergus? GD(G)	Promoted to F/O (T) w.e.f. 28/1/45.		
		J.45823 P/O G. A. Mackey GD(NAV)	Promoted to F/O (T) w.e.f. 2/12/44.		
		J.23405 F/O A. B. Coy GD(P)	Promoted F/Lt (T) w.e.f. 28/4/45.		
		Medals and Decorations			
		J.6644 F/Lt T. R. Lee GD(P) (A/S/Ldr)	Awarded the D.F.C. auth HQ AC, SEA dated 28/6/45.		
		J.22963 F/Lt J. A. Ring GD(P)	Authorised to wear the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal. Auth A.M.O. A.73/44.		
		J.44512 F/O K. M. Oddson GD(P)			
		J45967 F/O W. E. Stevens GD(NAV)			
		J.45844 P/O D. K. Jordan GD(AB)			
		J.45936 F/O H. F. Wagnet GD(AG)			
		R.A.A.F. Officer's POR's 27th & 31st July '45			
		Postings			
		A.426876 P/O K. N. Heilbronn GD(WOP.AG)	Posted to No 357 Sqdn on grant of commission in RAAF w.e.f. 26/7/45.		
		A.413266 F/O M. D. Seale DFC GD(NAV)	Posted from the supernumerary Strength of 357 Sqdn to F/Lt Navigator Post of 357 Sqdn. Det. China Bay w.e.f. 20/5/45.		
		Appointments and Promotion			
		A.426876 P/O K. N. Heilbronn GD(WOP.AG)	Appointed to commissioned rank as P/O in RAAF w.e.f. 29/3/45.		
		R.N.Z.A.F. Officers POR's 29/7/45			
		Postings			
		N.Z.415285 P/O J. H. Boundy Nav.B.	Posted to No 357 Sqdn on grant of commission in RNZAF w.e.f. 24/4/45.		
		Appointments and Promotions.			
		N.Z.415285 P/O J. H. Boundy Nav.B.	Appointed to commissioned rank as P/O in GD Branch, of RNZAF w.e.f. 12/9/45.		
		357 (SD) Sqdn. Statement of Personnel Strength			
		As of July 31st 1945			
		Airmen	Officers	Total	
		R.A.F.	663	63	726
		R.C.A.F.	31	33	64
		R.A.A.F.	12	7	19
			Total		809
		Signed			
		For Wing Commander			
		Commanding No 357 (SD) Squadron R.A.F.			

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Date	Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
1/7/45	Dakota L925	F/L. H. Deen	Character Walrus Red	1/0538	1/1345	Unsuccessful due to weather over DZ. No drop.
		F/S. W. T. Watkins	14	Jessore	Meiktila	Weather: Bad on southern part of route improving over DZ area, although 8-9/10 Scu base 4000' remained making it quite impossible to locate DZ(s).
		F/O. H. A. McAskill	Primary			
		Sgt. A. R. King	DZ745			
		Sgt. A. F. Newton	1936N			
			9655E			
			Secondary			
			DZ			
			No 711			
			1936N			
			9656E			
2/7/45	Dakota L925	F/L. H. Deen	DZ's as above	2/0645	2/1251	Successful. DZ sighted okay, reception in the shape of a square of panels and W, also two smoke fires. Two containers and 33 packages were dropped in 6 runs. All packs landed on DZ clearing, but the 'chute of one of the packages dropped in the second run candled. The crew stated that Rebecca would be a big help on this DZ as a long DR run is necessary from the nearest good pinpoint, especially when heavy cloud is present. 24 packs of leaflets were dropped from 7000' at 0907 position Passaung, 1853N 9719E. Weather. Good. 4/10 Sc base 8000' vis 10-15 miles.
		F/S. W. T. Watkins		Meiktila	Jessore	
		F/O. H. A. McAskill				
		Sgt. A. R. King				
		Sgt. A. F. Newton				
2/7/45	Dakota 'A'	F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Pilot Search	2/0735	2/1027	Unsuccessful. Operations carried out following an Operational ferry trip from Alipore to Mingaladon. Left base 0659 – Alipore 0951. Left Alipore 1050, landed Mingaladon 1556. Note 1540N 9715E, 0925 800',
		Sgt. J. A. Hollington	Primary Area	Mingaladon		
		Sgt. T. R. Sheppard	1523N			
		Sgt. S. C. McGregor	9801E			
		Sgt. R. Tucker				

						two long streaks of oil; unidentified wreckage, seen approx. 10 miles W. of double island. Probably from a vessel. Weather. Good. Cloud base 5000' patches of low St.
2/7/45	Dakota 'M'	F/O. W. R. Painter	Dilwyn Squirrel 26 Primary DZ 756 2115N 9804E	2/0530	2/1400	Successful. As briefed. 6 bodies and 25 packages dropped in 7 runs; all landed on DZ. but 2 'chutes candled. All 'Joes' seem to land okay and recover their 'chutes. Weather. Good to Chin Hills over which there was 6/10 Cu & Sc. also scattered storms over DZ area while low cloud consisted of 2/10 Sc base 3,500'. Vis 10-15 miles in clear.
		F/O. R. Sinclair		Jessore	Chittagong	
		F/O. R. D. Lister		2/1545	2/1650	
		W/O. V. R. Woodland		Chittagong	Jessore	
		F/S. E. I. Wellings				
3/7/45	Dak F919	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Newson ⁶³	Heavy Lynx 12 DZ159 2036'N 9059'E	03/0450	03/1124	Completed as briefed. 4 containers & 8 packages dropped in 7 runs: 2 drops overshot into trees about 50' off D.Z. Rest on D.Z. 2 chutes failed to open (1 small con 1 package) 24 packs nickels dropped 2137'N 9732'E. Landing Strip & hangers seen in area of 2058N 9741E height 7000' Strip SE-NW 900-1000' long. 3 a/c similar to Daks seen on strip. Runway seemed to be covered with filled in bomb craters. One a/c taxiing. strip probably Namsang (probably Tesseg) Weather 5/10 AS 7/10 Sc.
		Can.J45944 P/O. J. R. Tarwell ⁶⁴		Jessore	Meiktila	
		Can.J14787 F/O. J. B. Spence		03/1210	03/1510	
		Can.R281616 Sgt. S. MacCartney		Meiktila	Jessore	
		Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				
5/7/45	Dak 913	Aus.430624 F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Character Walrus 69	05/0511	05/1225	Successful. Reception waiting but not as briefed. T of fires, square of panels & M in strips. One khaki clad white man & natives seen. T lit as a/c approached & smoke puff fired off. 6 containers 30 packages
		Sgt. J. R. Hollington		Jessore	Meiktila	
		Sgt. R. Sheppard		05/1410	05/1715	
		Can.R266965 Sgt. S. C. McGregor		Meiktila		
		Sgt. R. Tucker				

⁶³ Previously given as "Hewson"

⁶⁴ Previously given as "Tarzwell"

						dropped in 6 runs all chutes seen to open correctly & land in reception area. Weather 5/10 Cu & SC base 2000' tops 6000'. Vis very good.
3/7/45	Dak S913	F/S. N. E. Horney	Character	03/0615	03/1330	Completed. As briefed. 10 containers & 29 packages dropped in 8 runs. Chutes O.K. some undershot but all on T bearing. 24 packs nickels dropped in Mawoni area. Weather 10/10 Sc & Cu over Chins 4/10 over Irrawaddy.
		Sgt. G. Houghton	Hyena	Jessore	Meiktila	
		Sgt. W. Adams	Green 3	03/1530	03/1826	
		Sgt. W. J. Routledge	DZ777	Meiktila	Jessore	
		Sgt. G. A. McLean	(1) 1818'N 9725'E			
			(2) 1816'N 9726'E			
5/7/45	Dak M996	F/O. W. R. Painter	Character	05/0520	05/1235	Successful. DZ reception waiting for a/c was an arrow pointing to letter A (latter in white strips). Crew dropped note acting reception committee to change reception to correct one. Immediately arrowed was changed into letter V in strips. 4 containers 29 (+5 free) packages dropped in 11 runs on reception area. all chutes bar free drops opened. Weather. 6/10 Sc over Chins 10/10 Irrawaddy Base 3000' vis 12 miles.
		F/O. R. Sinclair	Ferret 53	Jessore	Mingaladon	
		R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodland	DZ776	05/1405	05/1845	
		F/S. R. I. Wellings	1904'N 9650'E	Mingaladon	Dum Dum	
		F/O. R. D. Lister		05/1910	05/1940	
				Dum Dum	Jessore	
3/7/45	Dak L925	F/L. L. E. Lewis	(1) Character	03/0550	03/1335	Completed. (1) Reception waiting (1) 1 container 37 packages (2 free drop) dropped in 8 runs. Most in D.Z. area. Several fell in surrounding jungle within a few hundred yards. chutes all O.K.. (1) ⁶⁵ 3 containers 2 packages dropped in 1 run on D.Z. Chutes O.K. 24 packs nickels dropped 1747'N 9704'E. Weather. 8-9/10 Cu Base from 2000'-15000'.
		P/O. A. W. Cumber	Mongoose	Jessore	Meiktila	
		Sgt. A. A. Reeves	Blog 7	03/1510	03/1810	
		R280653 Sgt. G. T. Kent	(2) Character	Meiktila	Jessore	
		R281747 Sgt. T. H. O'Shaughnessy	Mongoose			
		F/O. Mackey	58 (1) DZ746 1734'N 9709'E (2) DZ713 1759'N 9717'E			
5/7/45	Dak L?925	F/O. R. R. Housby	Parterre	04/1210	04/1805	Completed. 35 packages unloaded on D.Z. & 3 bodies 10 boxes (Siamese) from
		P/O. R. D. Butler	Panicle 4 1728'N	Jessore	Mingaladon	

⁶⁵ Record says "1" but perhaps should be "2".

		Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright	10134 E	05/0645	05/1255	strip carried to Alipore. 24 packs nickels scattered between Sittang & Salween (on track). Weather 7-8/10 Cu & St tops 12-13000' base approx 2000'. Vis 8 miles.
		Can R283336 Sgt. E. R. Shalla		Mingaladon		
		Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk		05/1405	05/1820	
				Mingaladon	Allipore	
				05/1845	05/1920	
				Alipore	Jessore	
5/7/45	Dak F919	F/S. A. S. Osmaston	Parterre Muslin 12	04/1325	04/1815	Completed. 27 packages unloaded on strip 1 wounded & 11 men brought out from strip. 24 packs nickels dropped 1705'N 1915'E between Bilin & Thaton. Weather 8-9/10 Sc & 9/10 Ac base 2000' thin layers to 5000'.
		F/O. B. A. Haynes	⁶⁶	Jessore	Min'don	
		A436597 F/S. E. A. Hanlon		05/0845	05/1130	
		R270837 Sgt. A. Q. Dahlin		Mingaladon		
		R278010 Sgt. L. E. Parsons		05/1305	05/1725	
				Min'don	Allipore	
				05/1740	05/1820	
				Alipore	Jessore	
7/7/45	Dak H304	F/L. H. Deen	Heavy Lynx 13 DZ 158 2118'N 9942'E	07/0514	07/1305	Successful. Reception T with cat head (not W) no smoke fires. 4 containers 37 packages (20 free drop) dropped in 6 runs all in area chutes all O.K. White men & Burmese girls & plenty of chutes on ground. One chute from Lib seen to land & disappeared in paddy close to reception. 24 packs nickels dropped at Yankang & Mospya. Weather 7/10 Cu base 4000'.
		F/S. W. T. Watkins		Jessore	Meiktila	
		F/O. J. MacAskill		07/1408	07/1710	
		Can R290229 Sgt. A. R. King		Meiktila	Jessore	
		Can R 287823 Sgt. A. F. Newton				
7/7/45	Dak B913	F/O. R. R. Housry ⁶⁷	Character Hyena Red 4 D.Z. 728 1819'N 9652'E	07/0530	07/1125	Unsuccessful. (weather over DZ & over whole valley area from Mingaladon which was close o/s from weather from 1100 hrs). although crew wished to make further attempt during afternoon weather at Mingaladon was complete clamp. Weather 10/10 Sc base not known tops 8000'. Vis out of cloud 8-10 miles.
		P/O. R. D. Butler		Jessore	Mingaladon	
		Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright				
		Can R283336 F/S. E. R. Shalla				
		Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk				

⁶⁶ Coordinates of strip not given in record.

⁶⁷ Spelt "Housby" elsewhere in records.

7/7/45	Dak C920	S/L. T. P. O'Brien	Cutter V 1327'N 9836'E	06/2125	07/0925	Unsuccessful. No reception. Weather Down to 021°N scattered cloud. Occasional wide spread showers over whole route.
		F/O. S. F. Stevens		Jessore	Min'don	
		F/S. R. T. Wright		07/1050	07/1320	
		F/S. F. H. Burley		Min'don	Jessore	
7/7/45	Dak F919	F/S. A. S. Osmaston	Character Otter 92	⁶⁸		Successful. 70 packages (47 free) dropped in 9 runs all within reach. Most around reception. All Chutes O.K. 24 packs nickels dropped at Nammahea 1850'N 974'E ⁶⁹ Weather 10/10 Sc base 1500'-2000' tops between 6-8000'.
		F/O. B. A. Haynes	(a) DZ677 1845'N 9704'E			
		R270837 F/S. A. Q. Dahlin	(b) DZ721 1850'N 9655'E			
		A436597 F/S. E. A. Hanlon				
		R278010 Sgt. L. E. Parsons				
7/7/45	Dak B	F/O. W. R. Painter	Character Walrus Red 17	07 05?0	07 1232?	Successful Walrus Red 17, Unsuccessful Walrus 63 (a) As briefed Rebecca dashes not in. 4 containers 15 packages dropped in 3 runs all landed OK. (b) Could not see DZ after search of 1 hours 17 min because of low cloud & another visit to area in afternoon when conditions were worse. Weather Sc over most of route 10/10 at Irrawaddy base 3000' tops 9000' building up at DZ (a) 10/10 Cu base 2500 (ht 3250) In afternoon whole area was covered.
		J46521 F/O. R. Sinclair	Character Walrus 63	Jessore	Meiktela	
		R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodhead	(a) 945 1926'N 9655'E	07 1230?	07 1940	
		F/S. E. I. Mollings?	71? 1936'N 9656'E	Meiktela		
		F/O. R. D. Lister	(b) 67 1923'N? 9648'E.			
7/7/45	Dak K/924	Aus 430269 F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Character Hyena 82	07 0520	07 12?30	Not Completed. Found DZ area but there was no reception (section "scribbled over" in original record) made extensive search (another "scribbled over section) reception from 747 a/C set was serviceable & used. Remained at Mingaladon & repeated sortie on 8th & 9th twice 10th 11th on DZ733. Successful on last attempt. Weather 10/10 Sc base 1500'-2000'.
		Sgt. J. A. Hollington	(a) DZ742 1822'N 970?2'E	Jessore		
		Sgt. T. R. Sheppard	(b) DZ747 1821'N 9797'E			
		Can.R266454? Sgt. S. C. McGregor				
		Sgt. R. Tucker				

⁶⁸ Times and location not given in record.⁶⁹ Coordinate in record obviously wrong.

8/7/45	Dak K/924	Aus 430269 F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Character Hyena 82 DZ733 1813'N 9727'E	08 0705	08 0945	Not completed (Weather in DZ area). Weather 10/10 cloud on hills base 2000'. Breaks over the Salween enabled pin-points to be seen but DZ could not be approached.
		Sgt. J. A. Hollington		Mingaladon		
		Sgt. T. R. Sheppard				
		Can.R266454? Sgt. S. C. McGregor ⁷⁰ Sgt. R. Tucker				
8/7/45	Dak B913	F/O. R. R. Housby	Character Hyena Red 4 D.Z. 728 1619'N 9652'E	08 1105	08 1240	Unsuccessful (Weather before DZ position) Weather again stopped search of area Weather exactly as earlier in the day (Sortie no. 2)
		P/O. R. D. Butler		Mingaladon		
		Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright				
		Can R283336 F/S. E. R. Shalla Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk				
8/7/45	Dak B913	Same Crew	D.Z. 728 1619'N 9652'E	08 0650	08 ⁷¹	Unsuccessful. Turned back just before reaching D.Z. about 5 miles from this position. Weather From Mingaladon to DZ area weather improved from previous day cloud base 500' 5/10 Cu tops approx 1500' Vis 6 miles. On approaching 10/10 cloud base was done to 200' crossing hills area could not be seen or reached.
				Mingaladon		
9/7/45	Dak B913	F/O. R. R. Housby	Character Hyena Red 4 D.Z. 758 ⁷² 1619'N 9652'E	09 0700	09 0850	Unsuccessful. (Weather DZ area) reached to 5 miles of DZ. Weather. Again same as for previous day attempt.
		P/O. R. D. Butler		Mingaladon		
		Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright				
		Can R283336 F/S. E. R. Shalla Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk				
9/7/45	Dak B913	Crew as above	Character Hyena Red 4 D.Z. 758 1619'N 9652'E	09 1250	09 1510	Unsuccessful (Weather on DZ although position was not reached) Crew was anxious & keen to make a further attempt that day – owing to a
				Mingaladon		

⁷⁰ In original record it is spelt McRegor, but this is considered an obvious error and has been changed.

⁷¹ Landing time not given in record.

⁷² DZ given as 358 in this and next entry; previous entries appeared to be 728.

						slight improvement. However strip was U/S as Dakota had crashed on runway. Weather same as previous to Western edge of hills 3-4 miles from DZ. Hills slightly penetrated but DZ was not reached.
10/7/45	Dak B913	Crew as above	DZ 758 1619'N 9652'E	10 0720 Mingaladon	10 0925	Unsuccessful. Weather over DZ area still U/S. Note. Before this sortie, Group was contacted and asked as A/C had already been away 2 days could further sorties be made. Group O.K. further sortie. After this sortie F/O Housby Major Tyesen? Force 136 who had returned from this DZ field. He agreed to remove DZ to already second place which would be far better. Weather As the previous day with cloud base 150. Heavy rain storms.
10/7/45	Dak M926	F/O. W. R. Painter	Nutshell Rabbit 3	08 ⁷³ 1230	09 1810	Successful. DZ Paddy about 100 yds square. T of panels and one very large smoke fire. T seen first and fire late as A/c approached. 26 packages dropped in 9 runs all on DZ except 2 which fell on trees on S edge of DZ, and one on N edge easily recoverable. Cutes OK except one which candled. Ground party appeared very elated. Note. Spitfire diversion A/C shot up road from Pa-an to Nanngion. Weather over Bay of Bengal hazy rain – low cloud base both on outward & return journey.
		J46521 F/O. R. Sinclair	Tiger 9 DZ 223	Jessore	Ming'don	
		R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodhead	1649'N 9745'E	10 0515	10 1225	
		F/S. E. I. Wellings		Ming'don	Jessore	
		F/O. R. D. Lister				
10/7/45	Dak N344?	F/L. L. E. Lewis	Coupling	⁷⁴		Successful. As briefed Placed on arrival. 39 packages dropped in 6 runs all landed OK.
		W/O. J. R. Hune??	Muslim 15			
		P/O. A. W. Cumber	DZ 656			
		Sgt. A. A. Reeves	1636'N			

⁷³ Record gives '08' as up time, but down time gives '09'.

⁷⁴ No times or locations given in record.

		R281747 Sgt. T. H. O'Shaughnessy	102-23'E			Note Possible Jap radar picked up on Group frequency 6235 Kcs at 08?35 hrs. grew in strength until 08?45 very strong Wonlon?. Difficulty 2 way communication, stopped 0930 hrs. Weather 2-9/10 layers of cloud Sc & Cu up to 16000.
		R280655 Sgt. G. T. Kent				
10/7/45	Dak L925	F/S. A. S. Osmaston	Coupling Muslim	09 1310	10 1520	Successful Reception as briefed put out on arrival 40 packages dropped in 8 runs, all on area all chutes OK 16 packs of nickels dropped Maung Dok 1719'N 101-04E. Weather. Good except on return 10/10 Cu & Ac at 18000'.
		F/S. J. F. Johnson	DZ 656	Jessore		
		F/O. B. A. Haynes	1636'N			
		A436597 F/S. E. A. Hanlon	102-20'E			
		R270837 Sgt. A. Q. Dahlin				
10/7/45	Dak G920	F/L. H. Deen	Candle Felt 4	09 1216	10 1315	Not-Completed (as DZ not located) Not found probably within 10 miles of it. Weather 7/10 St & cu over Shan-Hills clearing to 6/10.
		P/O. W. J. V. Savage??	(Long Range Pick-up)	Jessore	Ming'don	
		F/S. W. T. Watkins	1643'N			
		F/O. J. MacAskill	103-52E			
		Can R290229 Sgt. A. R. King	(3)S-DZ 531			
		Can R 287823 Sgt. A. F. Newton				
11/7/45	Dak G920	(Crew as above)	Candle Felt 4	11 0523	11 0845	Not Completed (Weather) 2 attempts to reach DZ but forced to return owing to weather. Weather 10/10 Cu & Sc over Shans from 700 ft up to 15,000'.
			(Long Range Pick-up)	Mingladon		
12/7/45	Dak G920	(Crew as above)	Candle Felt 4	12 0540	12 1420	Completed. Lake appearing on map at DZ is not on ground. DZ rather soft even
			(Long Range Pick-up)	Ming'don		

						after 2 rainless days not really suitable for Daks at this season. Dak sank up to hubs in soft area middle strip. 12 packs nickels dropped Daumakons? 1726'N 102-50'E ht 2000'. Airfield 2 strips form of X. Duamakong?. One all weather strip on grass large barrack block on edge 1647'N 102-02'E height 7000 short strip 600-800' long, No activity 1636N 101-42E Longer strip SE-NW. seen from 10 miles 1655N 9905 approx 11? fighter a/c seen at 12/030? at 10,000. Weather 6/10 Sc in valleys hills clear.
12/7/45	Dak F919	F/L. L. E. Lewis F/O. A. W. Cumber Sgt. A. A. Reeves R281749 Sgt. T. O'Shaughnessy R280655 Sgt. G. T. Kent	Cutter 5 1325N 9825'E	11 1450 ⁷⁵	12 1605	Completed. As briefed but wasn't ever seen by crew. Fires were far too small and were allowed to go out after first drop. White light flashed was very unsuitable red or green better. 2 bodies 32 packages dropped in 3 runs all in area. First Joe missed all obstructions 2nd Joe lost glasses in slipstream & landed in trees. Last packages containing Joes bag tore away from chute but landed. Chutes of 2 packages intertwined but landed OK. Static lines for duties (US containers) were too short. DZ very hazardous for Joes. Suggest T.O.T. about 0845 as DZ is covered with low cloud in morning. 24 pks nickels dropped 1331'N 9825'E. Weather. Fine to Mingaladon thence to DZ 10/10 Sc base 250' up. Raining all the way.
14/7/45	Dak M?926	F/O. W. R. Painter J46521 F/O. R. Sinclair R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodhead	(A) Nutshell Tiger 10 (B) Pilot (A) DZ 223 1649'N 974?5E	14 0710	14 1820	(A) Successful as briefed 2 containers 20 packs in 5 runs all in area. chute on one package in 1st drop candled but packaged did not burst. (B) Successful, party found

⁷⁵ Location not given in record.

		F/S. E. I. Wellings F/O. R. D. Lister	(B) 1523N 9811E			at 1520N 98??N after few minutes search flash seen then man waving white flag – no recognisable signal. A/C descended to tree-top height and American? conducting officer recognized flag waver as body dropped in by original party. More flag waving after drop. 2 containers 19 packages dropped in 10 runs all OK in area. One package candled on 3rd run. Party had not quite reached briefed DZ & was spotted in small clearing in scrub (100' x 75') on top of small mound. Weather Isolated Cu base 1000' tops 10000/20000.
12/7/45	Dak H304	F/S. A. S. Osmaston F/O. B. A. Haynes Aus.A436597 ⁷⁶ F/S. E. A. Hanlon Can.R270837 F/S. A. Q. Dahlin Can.R278010 Sgt. L. E. Parsons	Nutshell Antelope 14 DZ 725 1621'N 9214'E	12 0445 Jessore	12 1825	Completed. Briefed T & A of strips. 38 packages (23 picked up at Mingaladon) dropped in 11 runs 2 overshoots 200' but seen being recovered. Chutes all O.K. Load collected at Mingaladon very damp. None of the strings around nickels tied came to pieces on leaving. 24 packs nickels dropped Yinnyeim 1647'N 9723'E. Weather Continuous rain As Sc 10/10 base 500'-1000' & upwards.
13/7/45	Dak B913	F/O. R. R. Housby P/O. R. D. Butler Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright Can R283336 F/S. E. R. Shalla Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk	DZ 728 ⁷⁷ 1814 ½'N 9647 ½'E	13 0750 Ming'don	13 1255 Jessore	Successful. (7 attempts were made to complete this sortie) On the 7th try successful drop was made. Every other sortie failed owing to weather over D.Z. DZ was changed by Force 136 after 6 sorties to 1814 ½'N 9647 ½'E (8

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						miles S.W. of original DZ position). This report ????? 7th unsuccessful attempt. On arrival good easy to find reception of T & Y of strips with 2 smoke fires easy to identify. 2 containers 31 packages dropped in 7 runs. Good drop all necessary chutes opened. Note. Major Tyrell Force 136 Mingaladon says that their new D.Z. is Not to take any more drops until zone has been O.K.ed from Jap interference. Weather 8/10 Sc base 400' tops 1500' Vis 6-10 miles.
13/7/45	Dak M925	F/O. W. R. Paynter ⁷⁸	Pilot	13 1145	13 1805	Not Completed. No reception. All DZs. definitely reached & identified. Weather. 8/10 Sc on hills on outward trip lessening on return.
		J46521 F/O. R. Sinclair	1) 1528'N 9801'E		Mingaladon	
		Can.R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodhead	2)1526'N 9757'E			
		F/S. E. I. Hollings	3)1526'N 9822'E			
		F/O. I. Newton	4)1528'N 9819'E			
12/7/45	Dak M925	Same crew as above	Pilot Same DZs as above	12 0835	12 2045	Not Completed. No reception. All DZs. definitely identified but no reception at any of them. Note. this a/c remained at Mingaladon & repeated the operation unsuccessfully. On the 14th sortie was completed. Weather. Little cloud very good weather generally.
				Jessore	Mingaladon	
16/7/45	Dak F919	S/L. T. P. O'Brien	Blast	16 0750	16 2105	Completed as briefed. Fires supposed to be lighted at 1700 hrs but were lit at 1548 hrs when a/c sighted & ten put out as briefed. 14 packages dropped in 5 runs all on DZ all chutes O.K. Weather 5/10 Sc base 2500' tops 4-5000'.
		F/O. S. F. Stevens	1757'N	Jessore		
		F/S. R. T. Wright	9735'E			
		F/S. F. H. Burley				
16/7/45	Dak B913	W/O. J. R. Milne	Character	16 0420	16 1839	Completed as briefed 4 fires Also bamboo strips laid out
		Sgt. E. M. Clarke	Mongoose	Jessore		

⁷⁸ The spelling of Paynter and Hollings' names is different in this sortie than used elsewhere.

		Sgt. R. Francis	54			to read "run up here to drop" 2 containers 29 & 6 free packages in 12 runs. All O.K. except for one package (free) thrown out by mistake about 1 mile E. of D.Z. due to misunderstanding when testing lights. All chutes open. Picked up 8 wounded at Mingaladon & took them to Alipore. 24 packs nickels dropped Shanywa 1747'N 9704'E. Weather 8-10/10 Sc with scattered Cu Cb base 1000' & up. Vis 5-10 miles.
		Sgt. D. Mouat	DZ 713			
		Sgt. A. Binns	1752'N			
			9717'E			
16/7/45	Dak G920	F/L. H. Deen	Character	16 0516	16 1343	Completed as briefed. Triangle letter N, 2 smoke fires 2 containers 30 packages plus 4 free dropped in 8 runs all over D.Z. all chutes O.K. 24 packs nickels dropped 1845'N 9719'E along Mawchi road to 1850'N 9712'E. Weather 9/10 Sc in valleys 6-7/10 base 3000' tops 7500'. Vis 15 miles in Irrawaddy valley.
		Capt. M. P. L. Langor	Walrus 65	Jessore		
		F/S. W. T. Watkins	DZ 67			
		F/O. J. MacAskill	1921'N			
		Can R290229 Sgt. A. R. King	9649'E			
10/7/45	Dak 914	F/S. N. E. Horney	Character	10 0537	10 0745	Not Completed A/C U/S – trouble not yet known. A/C still at Patonga. DZ not reached. A/C damaged in taxiing accident at Chittagong & is being repaired A/C landed at Chittagong on outward journey owing to fault in fuel system not yet fully diagnosed. Weather. 6-7/10 Sc base 2000' tops 5000' Odd Cu up to 18000.
		Sgt. C. Houghton	Walrus 64	Jessore	Patonga	
		Sgt. W. Adams	DZ727			
		Sgt. W. J. Routledge	1922N			
		Sgt. J. A. McLean	9659E			
9/7/45	Dak K924	F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Character	09 0710	09 0945	Not Completed Weather en route. Weather 10/10 Cloud on hills base 9000.
		Sgt. J. R. Hollington	Hyena 82	Mingaladon		
		Sgt. R. Sheppard	DZ 732			
		Can.R266965 Sgt. S. C. McGregor	1818'N			
		Sgt. R. Tucker	9724'E			

9/7/45	Dak K924	(Same crew as above)	Character Hyena 82	09 1325	09 1625	Not Completed. Weather in DZ area. Weather 10/10 Cloud on hills base 9000. Better breaks over Salween. then in morning A/C was able to get very near DZ but could not get in to drop as all ways were tried.
			Same DZ as above	⁷⁹		
10/9/45	Dak M ⁸⁰ 924	F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Character Hyena 82	10 0730	10 1140	Not Completed. Weather en route. Weather 10/10 Cloud, base 1500 could not approach DZone. Note 16 packs nickels dropped 1840N 9718'E.
		Sgt. J. R. Hollington	DZ733 1813N 9727E	Mingaladon		
		Sgt. R. Sheppard				
		Can.R266965 Sgt. J. C. McGregor				
		Sgt. R. Tucker				
11/9/45	Dak M ⁸¹ 924	(Crew as above)	(Duty as above)	11 0745	11 1355	Completed, as briefed. 4 containers 40 packages dropped in 9 runs all on DZ or in trees close by. All chutes OK. Weather 10/10 Cu & Sc from Mingaladon to DZ base 1300.
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16/7/45	Dak L925	F/O. R. R. Housby	Coupling Muslim 23	15 1345	16 1420	Not Completed No reception though search lasted 1 ½ hrs. Spotted one smoke fire just S of briefed DZ but no letter one circuit only. A/C was forced to return to Mingaladon due to shortage of fuel. 23 packs nickels dropped Pitsonuloke 1650'N 10016'°E. Weather 10/10 Sc to 100° 7/10 Cu east of 101°.
		P/O. R. D. Butler	DZ656 1636N 10221'E	Jessore	Ming'yon	
		Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright				
		R278010 Sgt. L. E. Parsons				
		Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk				
17/9/45	Dak L925	F/O. R. R. Housby	Coupling Muslim 23	17 0550	17 1930	Completed. Reception of 1 smoke fire, M in white panels as briefed. Reception committee only lit fire after initial circuit. 40 packages dropped in 9 runs all on D.Z. first 2 chutes opened but became entangled. Rest no
		P/O. R. D. Butler	DZ656 1636'N 10221'E	Min'don	Jessore	
		Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright				
		R278010 Sgt. L. E. Parsons				
		Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk				

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						trouble. Crew feel first 2 chutes landed safely, however. 1 pack nickels dropped 1641'N 9915'E. 2 Force 136 bodies & freight picked up at Mingaladon & dropped off at Alipore. Weather. Dissipating CB tops 18-20000' 9/10 Sc tops 2500' base 1500'.
18/2/45	Dak M926	W/O. J. R. Milne	Coupling	17 1324	18 1900	Successful. As briefed. 39 (1 free drop) packages dropped in 9 runs all in D.Z. all chutes O.K. Had to wait for 'M' to come out 'H' set out in 4 strips. Smoke fire seen 1 mile from D.Z. Good run up. 12 packs nickels dropped 1726'N 10240E, 6 at 1721'N 10248E & 6 at 1659'N 10245E. Note 1659'N 10245E 180945 3500' 180° heading. On west side of railway tracks what appeared to be large lumber working. Weather clear on way out with 9/10 below Sc 6000' tops. Similar on return.
		Sgt. E. M. Clarke	Muslin 27	Jessore		
		Sgt. R. Francis	DZ656			
		Sgt. D. Mouat	1636'N			
		Sgt. A. Binns	10221E			
17/7/45	Dak F919	F/L. L. E. Lewis	Coupling	17 1340	17 1745 ⁸⁴	Completed. AS briefed put out as a/c within 1 mile. 40 packages dropped in 7 runs all in clearing except 1 in tree on edge all chutes O.K. 24 packs nickels dropped 1745'N 10120'E to 1728'N 10008'E at 7 minute intervals on towns en route. 2 nickel specials dropped (1) 1709'N 9726'E. Weather 10/10 AS base 1500' clear below Vis. 60 miles.
		F/O. A. W. Cumber	DZ	Jessore		
		Sgt. A. A. Reeves	1636'N			
		R281747 Sgt. T. H. O'Shaughnessy	1022'E ⁸³			
		R280655 Sgt. G. T. Kent				
18/7/45	Dak G920	F/L. H. Deen	Character	18 0528	18 1430	Completed. As briefed 'T' of white strips & 4 smoke fires, 'T' of strips. 49 packages (19 free) dropped in 7 runs all seen to land on D.Z. all
		F/S. W. T. Watkins	Ferret 56	Jessore		
		F/O. J. MacAskill	DZ 717			
		Can R290229 Sgt. A. R. King	1858'N 9707'E			

⁸³ The record gives 1022'N, but from previous drops, this should be 102 2X'N, X ranging from 0 to 2.

⁸⁴ Record gives landing time as on the 17th; however reference to Ratcliffe's sortie below suggest it should be the 18th.

		Can R 287823 Sgt. A. F. Newton				chutes open. 24 packs nickels dropped between 1850'N 9607'E & 1855'N 9701'E. Weather 7/10 Cu & Sc Base 4000' tops 7-8000'.
18/7/45	Dak B913	Aus.430629 F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Coupling Muslin 24	17 1510	18 1830	Successful. Briefed reception put out as a/c arrived. Ground party was picking up F/L Lewis's load when B arrived. 41 packages dropped in 8 runs all except 1 on DZ. this one caught in tree on edge of D.Z. all chutes open. 24 packs nickels dropped 4 at 1643'N 10212'E, 5 at 1632N 10206'E, 6 at 1631'N 1020'E ⁸⁶ , 5 at 1629'N 10252'E & 4 at 1620'N 10020'E. Weather 6-7/10 Scattered Sc Cu occasionally base 2000' tops 9000.
		Sgt. J. R. Hollington	DZ 656 1636'N	Jessore		
		Sgt. R. Sheppard	1022'E ⁸⁵			
		Can.R266968 Sgt. S. C. McGregor				
		Sgt. R. Tucker				
18/7/45	Dak D829?	F/S. A. S. Osmaston	Character Otter 99	18 1210	18 2055	Completed – (Secondary) 'T' in strips and a 'B' of strips (1) On arrival at first DZ nothing could be seen. Heavy shower at time, however may have obscured reception. (2) 6 containers 25 packages dropped in 8 runs all in D.Z. area all chutes believed to have opened. Weather Good 5/10 Cu & Sc Vis good and on return similar conditions.
		F/O. B. A. Haynes	(1) DZ 779	Jessore		
		A436597 F/S. E. A. Hanlon ⁸⁷	1847'N 9659'E			
		Sgt. C. V. Lenaerts	(2) DZ 721			
		Can.R278010 Sgt. L. E. Parsons	1850'N 9655'E			
20/7/45	Dak G920	F/L. M. Deen	Heavy Wolf 24	20 0501	21 1132	Successful. No smoke. T of panels letter W No bods seen on D.Z. until about 10 minutes after arrival. No whites at all. 26 packages plus 29 free dropped in 8 runs all on D.Z. all chutes
		F/O. J. MacAskill	DZ 164	Jessore		
		F/S. W. T. Watkins	9154'N			
		Can R 287823 Sgt. A. F. Newton	9942'E			
		Can R290229 Sgt. A. R. King				

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⁸⁶ Obvious error in this entry.

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						O.K. Petrol running short on return so altered course for Meiktila & was diverted from there to Toungoo. Weather. 7/10 Sc base 5000' tops 9000' return 21st 4/10 Sc base 2000 tops 5000.
20/7/45	Dak D889?	F/O. W. R. Painter	Dilwyn Squirrel 28	20 0530	20 1515	Completed As briefed T & one fire waiting. Union Jack displayed & considerable activity. 55 (F.D) packages dropped in 9 runs all in area one in village. All chutes O.K. 24 packs nickels dropped at 2121'N 9822'E. Weather 9/10 Cu base 2000'.
		B.J46521 F/O. R. Sinclair ⁸⁸	DZ 757	Jessore		
		Can.R170451	2100'N			
		W/O. V. R. Woodland	9802'E			
		F/S. E. I. Wellings				
		F/O. R. D. Lister				
20/7/45	Dak F919	F/O. R. R. Housby	Character Hyena 86 87	20 0540	20 1320	Successful Hyena 86. Unsuccessful Hyena 87, 88. Weather. Dropped Hyena 86 load on Secondary DZ 2004. Could not get in to primary DZ728 or 2nd or 3rd targets owing to cloud. Reception as briefed did not appear until 1047. Although A/C reached DZ at 1031. 31 (20 free drops) packages dropped in 7 runs all in DZ area all except one falling on dryland. One fell in Patty field beside DZ. A/C remained at Mingaladon. Hyena 87 & 88 were completed on 22nd and 21st respectively. Weather. 10/10 Cu & SC tops 8000'.
		P/O. R. D. Butler	88	Jessore	Ming'don	
		Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright	(1) 728			
		Can R283336 Sgt. E. R. Shalla	1819N			
		Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk	9652E			
			2004 1814N			
			9647E			
			(2) 733			
			1813'N			
			9727'E			
			739 1811'N			
			9725'E			
			(3) 742			
			1822N			
			9708E			
			7471821N			
			9707E			
20/7/45	Dak 913	Aus.430624 F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Character Hyena 85	20 0525	20 1755	Completed. T of panels 4 smoke fires & Z in panels. 2 containers 32 packages dropped in area all chutes O.K. in 6 runs. Weather. 10/10 Sc & Cu base 1000 breaking on approach to DZ.
		Sgt. J. R. Hollington	DZ 781	Jessore		
		Sgt. R. Sherner ⁸⁹	1814'N			
		Can.R266965 Sgt. S. C. McGregor	9640'E			
		Sgt. R. Tucker				
20/7/45	Dak M926	F/L. L. E. Lewis	Character Otter 100	20 0525	20 1500	Completed. T of panels & W 6 containers 71 packages dropped in 6 runs. most overshoot in trees. 100-200 yds beyond DZ. Chutes OK
		Cpt. M. P. L. Langer	(1) DZ 779	Jessore		
		F/O. A. W. Cumber	1847'N			
		Sgt. A. A. Reeves	9658'E			

⁸⁸ Record states B.J46521, but this probably should be Can.J46521.

⁸⁹ "Sheppard" in other entries for this crew.

		R281747 Sgt. T. O'Shaughnessy	(2) DZ 721 1850N 9655E			one packaged did not open. 24 packs nickels dropped at 1835N 9654E. Weather. 8-10/10 Cu base 2000 tops 8-10000'.
		R280655 Sgt. G. T. Kent				
20/7/45	Dak K924	F/S. N. E. Horney	Dilwyn Squirrel 27	20 0520	20 1502	Completed. T and one smoke fire waiting. 54 (29 free drop) packages dropped in 8 runs all within 200' of reception. all available chutes all O.K. 24 packs nickels dropped. Weather. Fair with showers Cu over Chins base 3000'.
		F/S. G. Houghton	DZ 727	Jessore		
		F/S. W. Adams	2100'N			
		F/S. W. J. Routlidge	9802'E			
		F/S. J. A. McLean				
22/7/45	Dak ⁹⁰	F/O. R. R. Housby	Character Hyena 87	22 0925	22 1540	Successful. As briefed X & G I of panels. Small smoke fire 2 packages dropped in 1 run on D.Z. one on edge among bushes al chutes O.K. Weather. 9/10 Sc undercast tops 7000' base 2000'.
		F/O. R. D. Butler	1) DZ 733	Ming'don	Jessore	
		Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright	1813'N			
		Can R283336 F/S. E. R. Shalla	9727'E			
		Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk	2) DZ 737 1817'N 9725'E			
22/7/45	Dak K924	F/S. N. E. Horney	Heavy Wolf 27	22 0430	22 2015	Successful. T with letter W No smoke fire. 6 containers 46 (29 free drop) dropped in 8 runs all in area of DZ except 1 which torn away and landed in trees ¼ mile from D.Z. All chutes O.K. except for the one which was pulled & torn away by the slipstream as dispatchers was waiting to push package out. Note. the FD containers were stowed internally & are shown as packages in this report. Wounded brought back to Mingaladon. Weather. 10/10 Cu & Sc above and below Sc with continuous heavy rain. San base tops 10-12000' Upper layers base 15000'.
		Sgt. G. Houghton	DZ 164	Jessore		
		Sgt. W. Adams	2154'N			
		Sgt. W. J. Routlidge	9943'E			
		Sgt. J. A. McLean				
21/7/45	Dak F919	F/O. R. R. Housby	Character Hyena 87 & 88	21 1145	21 1705	Successful. Hyena 88 DZ 742 Smoke fire & L I in panels. 2 packages dropped in 1 run all on DZ chutes
		F/O. R. D. Butler	1) DZ733	Jessore		
		Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright				

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		Can R283336 F/S. E. R. Shalla	1813'N 9727'E			O.K. Hyena 87 Unsuccessful. Unable to get in to 733 or 737 owing to low cloud base. Completed on 22 July. 24 packs nickels dropped at 1823'N 9703'E Simudo. Weather 9/10 Cu base 4000' tops 8000'.
		Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk	737 1817'N 9725'E			
			2) DZ 742 1827'N 9708'E 747 1821'N 9707'E			
22/7/45	Dak M926	F/O. W. R. Paynter J46521 F/O. R. Sinclair	Coupling Muslin 29 DZ 656 1636'N 102.21'E	22 0635	22 1435	Successful As briefed 40 packages dropped 7 runs 2 on edge 1 in trees on ridge easily recoverable next O.K. all chutes open Note Arrived just as F/S Osmaston was leaving D.Z. completely obscured by storms so stooged around for 1 hr until storm lifted sufficiently to drop. Weather 5/10 undercast Sc & Cu 10/10 As & Cu.
		Can.R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodhead		Jessore		
		F/S. E. I. Wellings				
		F/O. R. D. Lister				
22/7/45	Dak D889	F/S. Osmaston F/O. B. A. Haynes W/O. H. W. Smith Aus.A436597 ⁹¹ F/S. E. A. Hanlon	Coupling Muslin 29 DZ 656 1636'N 102.21'E	22 0636	22 1430	Partly Successful (Weather over target – A/C U/S) Reception as briefed put out as A/c recognized. 1 container 24 packages dropped in 5 runs all on DZ chutes OK except one package chute which failed to open. During dropping storm blew up over DZ & completely obscured. Searched for it unsuccessfully & about 15 mins hydraulic system burst so returned to Mingaladon. left a/c there & flew W/O Milnes back. Note 1523 1720'N 101.06'E at Dara junction seen from 10,000' 37 span steel bridge with train bridge 1 train wrecked. 24 packs nickels drop from 1647'N 101.00'E at Lamsak to 1653'N 101.09'E at Lomgad. Weather 5/10 undercast Sc & Cu 10/10 As & Cu.
		Sgt. Q. W. A. Lenaerts				
		Can.R278010 Sgt. L. E. Parsons				
22/7/45	Dak L9275	W/O. J. R. Milne	Heavy	22 0426	23 2037	Unsuccessful. (Weather over

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		Sgt. E. M. Clarke	Wolf 26	Jessore		DZ) Weather over D.Z. completely impossible & a/C returned to Mingaladon. A/C took off from Mingaladon afterwards for Base but had to return there for night owing to weather. Crew instructed to return to Bas by F/Lt. Commander. 24 packs nickels jettisoned through gap in cloud. Weather 9/10 Cu & Cb tops 12000' base unknown.
		Sgt. R. Francis	DZ 164			
		Sgt. D. Mouat	2154'N			
		Sgt. A. Binns	9942'E			
22/7/45	Dak O?914?	Aus.430624 F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Coupling Muslin 30	22 0646	23 1950	Successful. 'M' of white panels & 1 smoke fire. 37 packages dropped in 8 runs all observed to land safely on D.Z. all chutes OK. 14 packs nickels dropped 1720'N 100.000E. Weather 7/10 Sc base 9000' tops 8-9000' scattered Cu & CG base 2000' tops 15-20000'.
		Sgt. J. R. Hollington	DZ 656	⁹²		
		Sgt. R. Sheppard	1636'N			
		Can.R266965 Sgt. S. C. McGregor	102.21'E			
		Sgt. R. Tucker				
22/7/45	Dak G920	S/L. T. P. O'Brien	Coupling Muslin 25	22 0627	23 1450	Successful. As briefed. Landed 2 Joes & amount of freight (tyres etc) Picked up personal packages for Force 136. 24 packs nickels dropped 8 packs at 1718'N 9715E Bilin 16 dropped at random over Jap territory from Bilin to 1730'N 9930'E. Weather. 7/10 Sc base 2000' tops 6000' upwards to 100.00E then breaking up into small amounts. Sc en route & large build ups of Cb.
		F/O. S. F. Stevens	DZ 660	Jessore		
		F/S. R. T. Wright	1728'N			
		Sgt. F. H. Burley	101.33E			
22/7/45	Dak B913	F/S. N. B. Johnson	Character Walrus 64	22 0420	22 1256	Not Completed. Reception incorrect 4 chutes out on ground no particular pattern. 24 Packs nickels dropped 1849'N 9710'E 1850'N 9720'E. Weather 8/10 Cu cloud on hill up to 15000'.
		W/O. K. J. Sharpe	DZ 72??	Jessore	Toungoo	
		F/S. G. W. Harvey	1828'N			
		Sgt. J. Eden	9659'E			
		Sgt. E. Sullivan				
22/7/45	Dak 913	Same crew as above.	Same duty	22 1600	22 1730	Unsuccessful. Weather prior to reaching D.Z. turned back at 1650 from area of 1925'N
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⁹² Location not given in record.

						9640'E due to 10/10 Cu & Cb base below hills tops to unknown ht. Weather 10/10 Cu & Cb as above.
23/7/45	Dak 913	Same crew as above.	Same duty	23 1052	23 2022	Partially Completed (Weather over DZ) M of white panels triangle in chutes. Wall of 10/10 cu tops 10-15,000' base below hill tops closed in on D.Z. & made further drops impossible & 18 packages brought back. On instructions from Group returned to Base. 6 containers & 10 packages dropped in 4 runs. Containers seen to land on DZ. Unable to observe result from package drops. 4 chutes observed to open rest not observed. Weather 8-10/10 Cu & Sc base 3000' up to 10000.
				Toungoo	Jessore	
24/7/45	Dak L925	F/L. L. E. Lewis F/O. A. W. Cumber Sgt. A. A. Reeves R281747 F/S. T. H. O'Shaughnessy R280655 Sgt. G. T. Kent	Dilwyn Squirrel 29	24 0705 Jessore	24 1410 Meiktila	Not Completed (Weather – Thunderstorms – rain squalls over D.Z. area). D.Z. not seen owing to weather. Cruised round for 1 hour 39 mins but unable to locate D.Z. went back to Meiktila to refuel. On second attempt succeeded. Weather Chittagong to D.Z. 9/10 Cu & Cb base 4000' to 20000'.
24/7/45	Dak L925	Same crew as above	Same duty	24 1420 Meiktila	24 2005 Jessore	
24/7/45	Dak F 919	F/L. H. Deen F/S. W. T. Watkins F/O. J. MacAskill Can R290229 Sgt. A. R. King	Pilot II	24 1542 Jessore	25 0935 Mingaladon	Not Completed. Reception refused to accept Joes & packages except 2 packages. On arrival at D.Z. dropped a note & left for 20

⁹³ Location not given in record.

		Can R 287823 Sgt. A. F. Newton				mins. Then walkie-talkie dropped & left for 15 mins after seeing it land on D.Z. attempts made to make R/T contact & a/c could hear ground but ground could not hear a/c. Dropped 2nd package. Left when contact could not be made both landed on D.Z. both chutes O.K. 24 + 8 U.S. packs nickels dropped at Ya 1522'N 9751'E. Note This D.Z. position is about 1 mile from original D.Z. which was occupied by Japs. This information given by ground. Weather Quite good 6/10 Cu & Sc en route.
24/7/45	Dak G920	F/O. R. R. Housby P/O. R. D. Butler F/S. O. S. Wright F/S. E. R. Shalla Sgt. F. Charchuk	N/Cotton 14 1645'N 9905'E	24 1220 Jessore	26 1525	Successful. (There were 3 nights allotted for attempts. Sortie was successful on 2nd night. No? sortie on 24th July owing to weather). Reception was waiting. It seem to have been lighted as a/c started DR run. Signals were excellent visible from 5 miles & were as briefed. After drop further run was made all the load & bods seen on ground. 4 bodies 2 containers & 21 packages dropped in 7 runs. Whole load & bods were dropped exactly on signal reception. Some of the packages dropped on the "T". all chutes O.K. 24 packs nickels dropped at Bilin 1718'N 9713'E. Weather. 8-9/10 St & Sc base 2000' tops 8000'.
26/7/45	Dak F919	F/L. H. Deen F/S. W. T. Watkins F/O. J. McAskill Sgt. A. R. King Sgt. A. F. Newton	Pilot II Approx area 1500'N 9800'E	26 0515 Ming'don	26 1450 Jessore	Not Completed (except for 3 packages). Got into contact via a/c radio & walkie-talkie. Reception said Japs were hotly pursuing them & they

						wanted 50 rifles & bags of ammo. Also said not to drop any joes. Dropped 3 packages with arms in 2 runs all on D.Z. all chutes O.K. Weather. Very good 4/10 Cu & Sc.
26/7/45	Dakota B913	F/O. W. R. Paynter	Heavy Wolf 26	26 0425	26 1605	Completed. As Briefed 'T' of panels and Letter 'W' No fires. 6 containers 55 (29 free) packages dropped in 10 runs all on DZ. all chutes okay. Landed at Meiktila despite heavy barrage of reds as fuel was running low. Landed okay & c????? strip??? on point of being repaired. Landed just in time to avoid natives working on strip. Note Large number of types in town mainly with rifles who waved while plane was dropping leaflets at Law Sawk. Mainly came out of houses. 24 packs nickels dropped between 2115N 9605E Law Sawk and 2056N 9640E Pangtara along road. Weather. On way out 6/10 Cu base 6000' on return 10/10 Cu over Chins building up to 15,000' tops, base on hills.
		F/O. R. Sinclair	DZ 164	Jessore		
		W/O. W. R. Woodland	2154N 994?9E			
		F/O. R. D. Lister				
		F/S. E. I. Wellings				
28/7/45	Dakota 'L'	F/S. Osmaston	Nutshell	28 0410	28 1725	Successful. As briefed. Well laid out. Smoke visible for 5 miles. Bodies on ground appeared to be doing much gesticulating. 4 containers 5 packages dropped in 9 runs, all on DZ all chutes opened except 1 on second run. 24 packets nickels dropped 12 at 1655'N 9720'E 12 at 1707'N 9739'E. Weather Good. As & Ac 10/10 for half way breaking and 5/10 Cu all the way Similar on return.
		F/O. B. A. Haynes	Tiger II	Jessore		
		F/S. E. A. Hanlon	DZ 223			
		Sgt. L. E. Parsons	1648'N 9746'E			
		Sgt. G.V. A. Lenaerts				
26/7/45	Dak K	F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Character	26 0445	26 1225	Successful on 68 & Unsuccessful as briefed plus smoke fires & 3 chutes on ground in line. 2 containers
		Sgt. J. A. Hollington	Walrus 68 & 69	Ming'don	Jessore	
		Sgt. R. Sheppard	(1) DZ 71?5			

		Sgt. S. C. McGregor	1936'N 9653'E			13 packages dropped in 4 runs all on DZ all chutes OKay. 69 not located – Area searched for 20 mins but owing to cloud 10/10 St & Sc base on hills & no breaks occurring decided to leave. 24 packs nickels dropped 5 1900'N 9716'E 6 1909'N 9710'E 5 1915'N 9206'E 6 1925'N 9700'E & 2 1930'N 9657'E. Weather Over Chins 9/10 As 6/10 Cu, STCU tops 809000' Base on hills Irrawaddy valley broken 5/10 Sc.
		Sgt. R. Tucker	(2) DZ 67 1921'N 9649'E			
27/7/45	Dak K	F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Character Walrus 68 DZ 67 1921'N 9649'E	27 0730	27 1435	Unsuccessful. (Weather over DZ) DZ not located area reached but no breaks in cloud, so stayed around about ½ hour then left.
		Sgt. J. A. Hollington		Ming'don	Jessore	
		Sgt. R. Sheppard				
		Sgt. S. C. McGregor				
		Sgt. R. Tucker				
27/7/45	Dak G	F/L. B. G. Hewson	Character Walrus 70 DZ 727 1928'N 9659'E	27 0456	27 1331	Successful No triangle of panels; letter 'N' was present. Ground party seen collecting drop. A/C was 1 ½ hrs early which may account for incomplete reception. Very exceptional crew who are satisfied they found correct DZ. 6 containers 35 packages dropped in 7 runs all except 1 on DZ. 1 Free drop package fell out of a/c on circuit & fell into town Dawrahku all chutes okay. Note Nothing seen of any fighting though careful watch was kept. Weather 10/10 AS average of 8/10 SC base 1000' tops 8000'.
		F/O. R. R. Tarwell		Jessore		
		F/O. J. B. Spence				
		F/S. T. F. Wiseman				
		F/S. S. N. Cartney				
28/7/45	Dakota 'B'	F/S. H. A. Johnson	Nutshell Antelope 15 D.Z. 224 1621'N 9813'E	28 0350	28 1820	Successful. As briefed. Smoke seen on arrival and then fire allowed to go out. Small hut on side with several people one of whom
		W/O. K. J. Sharpe		Jessore		
		F/S. T. W. Harvey				
		Sgt. J. Eden				
		Sgt. E. Sullivan				

						waved & then hoisted Union Jack. 6 containers 59 packages dropped in 11 runs all practically on D.Z. One went just as A/C was passing D.Z. on circuit & dropped about 25' from D.Z. All chutes opened. 24 packs nickels dropped at 1718'N 9713'E. Weather. Good – broken cloud.
30/7/45	Dakota 'M'	Capt. M. P. L. Langer	Character Mongoose	29 1350	30 1824	Successful. DZ easily found, is a landing strip. Reception of 'Z' panels & letter 'X' waiting. Near landing strip a Lysander was parked in a dangerous place. If packages or containers were slightly mis-aimed they would have hit the Lysander. 4 containers 18 (13 free) packages dropped in 2 runs. Bods seen picking up full bag which landed on strip. 1 free drop package burst when it hit ground. All Chutes okay. Weather To Mingaladon cloud 6-8/10 Cu base 2000' Vis 15 miles. To D.Z. from Mingaladon. Vis 6 miles 8-10/10 Sc base 900 – 1000' tops 400' rain.
		F/O. G. A. Mackey	55	Jessore		
		F/O. F. B. Spence	1752'N			
		F/S. A. O. Dahlin	9717'E			
		Sgt. J. Coupland				

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events			
Section 1			Operational Flying			
R.A.F. China Bay	12/7/45		Operation Funnel 34	J.22963	F/Lt J. A. King	Successful.
	12/7/45		" Funnel 35		W/O T??idenham	Not Successful, incomplete reception.
	13/7/45		" Carpenter 27		F?/O A. Coker	Successful.
	15/7/45		" Funnel 52?	R.134124	W/O Brendum, T. P.	Successful.
	16/7/45		" Carpenter 25	J.26160	F/O K?uzza, A. G.	Successful.
	16/7/45		" Carpenter 33		W/Cdr L. M. Hodges	Not Successful, weather en route.
	18/7/45		" Beacon 6?		F/O Marsh	Not Successful, Fuel shortage
	18/7/45		" Beacon 7		F/O Forrest	Successful.
	19/7/45		" Carpenter 31		F/Lt Smith	Successful.
	19/7/45		" Carpenter 32		F/O Coker	Successful.
	19/7/45		" Sergeant 17		W/O Tud?denham	Successful.
	19/7/45		" Sergeant 18	R.134124	W/O Brendum, T. P.	Successful.
	21/7/45		" Galvanic 8	C.1490	S/Ldr Sims, O. A. H.	Successful.
	21/7/45		" Galvanic 9		F/Lt Fer?wick	Successful.
	21/7/45		" Galvanic 11		F/O Forrest	Successful.
	22/7/45		" Carpenter 36	J.22963	F/Lt King, J. A.	Not Successful (Aircraft recalled by 222 Group)
	22/7/45		" Carpenter 37		F/O Roberts	Not Successful (Aircraft recalled by 222 Group)
	22/7/45		" Carpenter 39?		F/O Comer??	Not Successful (Aircraft recalled by 222 Group)
	24/7/45		" Tunnel 55		F/O March	Not Successful, No reception.
	24/7/45		" Tunnel 56		F/O Powell	Not Successful, No reception.
	25/7/45		" Carpenter 40		F/Lt Smith	Successful
	25/7/45		" Carpenter 41		F/O Roberts	Successful
	27/7/45		" Fighter 8			Not Successful. weather over D.A.
	27/7/45		" Fighter 9			Not Successful. weather over D.A.
	28/7/45		" Carpenter 44			Successful
	28/7/45		" Carpenter 45			Not Successful. George U/S
	28/7/45		" Carpenter 47			Successful
	28/7/45		" Sergeant			Successful
	30/7/45		" Humour??	R.134124		Successful
	30/7/45		" Galvanic			Successful

Section 2		Non Operational Flying			
R.A.F. China Bay			Hrs.	Mins.	
	8/7/45	Local Flying	1	00	
	8/7/45	Cross country.	38	20	
	9/7/45	Cross country.	14	50	
	9/7/45	Local Flying	2	00	
	10/7/45	Cross country.	14	35	
	10/7/45	Air Test	1	00	
	11/7/45	Air Test	1	00	
	12/7/45	Cross country.	15	00	
	14/7/45	Loran exercise.	4	30	
	15/7/45	Loran check and practice drop.	3	05	
	19/7/45	Local Flying.	2	00	
	20/7/45	Circuits & Bumps.	1	30	
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Section 4		Commanding Officers Resume Continued			
		put into employment without the slightest delay. As the number of arrivals grow this function was easier to perform and the Squadron very rapidly got into stride. The good food, general cleanliness of the Camp and improved Climate conditions boosted the morale of the Squadron and helped to smooth over the minor difficulties inevitable with of move of this nature.			
		Movement order attached			
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Section 2		Non Operational Flying Continued			
			Hrs	Mins	
	23/7/45	Local Flying	1	55	
	24/7/45	Local Flying	2	15	
	26/7/45	Local Flying	1	45	
	28/7/45	Ferry to Colombo – return.	2	00	
	29/7/45	Local Flying	1	00	
	29/7/45	Ferry to Colombo	1	00	
	30/7/45	Air Test	1	00	
	31/7/45	Local Flying	1	00	
Section 3		(i) Welfare. Entertainments.			
		The Airmen's Canteen was started shortly after the arrival of the Advance Party and provides a comfortable meeting place, having a recreation room for table tennis and a splendid reading and writing room. A canteen is being built on the			

		<p>aerodrome to provide morning and afternoon tea at very cheap prices. This is being staffed by aircrew personnel. A representative of the Welfare Committee visited Trincomalee and contacted the Welfare Committee there, with the result that representative of this Squadron will be asked to attend the next Committee Meeting held in Trincomalee. A small party of musicians gave their services at a W.R.N.S. function and performed so successfully that several other minor engagements were made. Two M.T. vehicles on Wednesdays and Saturdays run into Trincomalee to take airmen to the Cinema and to the Combined Services Club. In addition the Cinema at China Bay which is relatively close by is well patronised. A library has been started and newspapers and periodicals are available.</p>
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Section 4		Tour Expired Aircrew Continued
		J.28962 F/L J. A. King. J.44512 F/O K. M. Oddson. J.45867 F/O W. E. Stevens?
		J.45884 P/O D. K. Jordan R.267112 F/S Saunders, R. K. R.258795 Tingley, R. R.
		R.116?324 F/S Johnson, J. D? J.45036? F/O H. K? Wagner J.46025 F/O R. W. Sanderson
		Wing Commander L. M. Hodges 49833 F/L L. G. Reed 148894 F/L A. A. Marley A.418500 F/O K. Buchanen A.413266 F/O M. D. Seale 171179 F/O R. W. Ritchie
		(iii) Visitors
		Wing Commander Park, F.P.M.O. visited the Squadron on the 24th July, 1945.
		(iv) Statement of Strength
		50 Officers plus 4 Attached. 80 S.N.C.Os plus 9 Attached.
		230 Airmen plus 11 Attached. 18 Enrolled Followers.
		(v) Commanding Officers Resume.
		An advance party arrived at China Bay on the 20th June, 1945, and took up residence at Chinawadi Camp 2 miles N. W. of China Bay. Their duties were to prepare the Camp for habitation by Squadron personnel who were to be ferried from Jessore (???) by Liberator and Dakota aircraft. A small party of No.10 Filter room and 5009? A. M. E. personnel were billeted on the Camp and gave every assistance. The water supply in the Camp was inadequate and it was not until 15th July, that anything like the quantity of water necessary for a Camp of this size was obtained. Our M.T. Vehicles from Bangalore have not yet arrived and the M.T. position is critical though improving slowly. The delay in arrival of this M.T. has put a severe strain on all services and sections ant has somewhat restricted our plans. During the move, arrangements were always in advance of arrivals, and personnel were
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Section 2		(i) Welfare Entertainments, Continued.
		Church services at China Bay are available to all. On the 17th July, the Rev. Gadstan (PMUB?) of Colombo visited us at 1915 hours and ia a very hurried rally a group of 8?0 Officers N.C.Os and airmen attended a short service given by him. The Classical Music evenings at Chi Bay are well patronised and the

			popularity of this function is increasing as it becomes better known. The sea bathing is thoroughly enjoyed and everyone is delighted with the situation of the Camp.
			(ii) Sports.
			We have made contacts in this area and have been given permission to use the soccer fields at China Bay and Trincomalee on certain afternoons each week. WE have a fine stock of sports equipment and enthusiasm is of a high standard.
			the results of matches are: 20.7.45 Trial soccer Match Squadron Team Possibles v Probables 2 – 1. 24.7.45 Intersection Match. Armourers v C & M Party 1 – 2. 30.7.45 Flight v C * M Party 2 – 3. Hockey trials were postponed on account of weather.
			(iii) Health
			The number of airmen and S.N.C.Os reporting sick for the month of July was 24%, which gives the average number reporting sick about 8.8 daily. The vast majority of these complaints were of a trivial character. There is a noticeable increase in Acute Otitis Externa amongst the personnel of this Detachment, this may be due to the facilities for swimming. However the morale building effect of good swimming is such that it would be senseless to stop swimming on this score.
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Section 4			(i) Movements In and Out Officers.
			date of arrival
			date of arrival
			F/O G? W. Chapman 3.7.45 F/O R. N. Forrest 3.7.45
			F/O M. H. King 3.7.45 A.410?268 F/L M? D. Seale 4.7.45
			F/L L. Nelson 4.7.45 F/O N. J. Reilly 4.7.45
			F/L L. G. Reed 4.7.45 F/O R. Ritchie 4.7.45
			F/O R. L. Reade? 4.7.45 F/L A. A. Morlay 4.7.45
			P/O C. C. Hood 4.7.45 F/O D. Powell? 4.7.45
			F/O T. B. Bostock 4.7.45 F/O J. B? Howell 4.7.45
			F/O S. W. Smith 4.7.45
			Wing Commander P. 27.7.45 R. Gaskell
			date of departure
			Wing Commander L. M. Hodges 19.7.45
			J.23275 F/L W. J. Jackson 19.7.45
			J.48052 F/O A. G. Diggins 19.7.45
			(ii) Tour Expired Aircrew
			The following personnel are operationally tour expired.
			J23405 F/O A. B. Coy. J. 46770 F/O C. M? Stearns. J. 44468? F/O R. E. Jorgans?
			J.45828 F/O C. S. Campbell. J.44?048 F/O G. D? McGregor. J.46765 F/O A? A. Palmme?
			R.214096 F/S McDonald, F. C. R.154826 F/S ?espres, A. C. R.284576 F/S Noble J.
			138888 F/Lt J. A. Powell. 152?404 F/O P. C. Gane. 195987 S. C. C. Hood.

		1544888 F/S Rosendorf, M 1545457 W/O Osbon, F? 1437268 W/O Wesham? E.
		13868?29 F/S Mardie, D. 1594456 F/S Williams. E.
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		(iii) Health Continued
		Thirty Officers reported sick during July, all these too were minor complaints, except in the case of two? Officers of the R.C.A.F. who were medically boarded ex India on account of Chronic Eastachian? Catarah. It is noted that members of the R.C.A.F. are more prone to diseases of the Ear Nose and Throat than are other personnel. Morale:- The morale of the airmen is fair only; as was expected, airmen leaving bad conditions of living for relatively good, lose any discipline that they may have had for a short while. Morale will sink a little, and then rise again in a month or so. Morale of Aircrew:- The morale of aircrew at this Detachment is moderate in quality. There have been no cases of lack of moral fibre during the last month. Amongst aircrews here the Liberator Aircraft are not well liked, the result of having taken away from the proximity of 358 Squadron who suffered from some fatal accidents was good. There has been a fair deal of criticism amongst aircrew on the extension of the operational tour from 300 Hrs. to 400 Hrs. The medical Officer is of the opinion that this increase demands a review of leave facilities for aircrew, and that as far as operational exigencies permit, aircrew should be sent on leave for at least ten days after completing 250 Hrs operational flying. Wing Commander Park, F.P.M.O. visited the Squadron during the last week of July and the question of reducing the tour for 'B?' and 'C' flight was raised. This question it is understood is now under consideration by Higher Authority. Medical Administration for the Squadron Detachment ran smoothly since the date of arrival at Chinnavadi. There have been only 12 admissions to hospital since Medical personnel arrived at this Camp. (24.6.45) about 75% of these admissions to Hospital would normally be treated in S.S.Q. if one were available.
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		(iii) Health Continued
		The absence of beds in the M.I. Room and the presence of the Combined Services Hospital Trincomalee seven miles away rules that they should be transferred to Hospital. There was a sharp decline in Malaria and Dysentery on this Detachment coming to Ceylon. The Venereal disease rate remains at a low level, sanitation and hygiene of the Camp was considered satisfactory.
		Generally speaking during the month of July, Medical administration, medical facilities, hygiene and sanitation presented no difficulty, but a watch must be kept on the medical side of the operational side of the flying done by this Detachment.
		(i) Movements. In and Out of Officers.
		Wing Commander L. M. Hodges., D.F.C., D.S.O., the Commanding Officer left us on posting on the 19th July, and his loss is regretted by all. His skill, energy, and drive had given a tremendous impetus to the Squadron and the standard of work and of flying had improved considerably. Wing Commander P. R. Goskell., D.F.C., arrived to take over duties as Station Commander on 26th July, 1945.

					date of arrival			date of arrival
				F/O R. Carter	20.6.45		F/O D? B. Gibson	20.6.45
		A.418500		F/O K. Buchanan	20.6.45		F/L D. V. Foster	25.6.45
				F/O Gane	27.6.45	J.44824	F/O W. R? Edwards	28.6.45
		J.26150		F/O A. Buzza	29.6.45	J.45844	F/O D. J. Jordan	29.6.45
		J.22963		F/L J. King	29.6.45	J.47267	P/O V. I. Mcnaughton	29.6.45
		J.44512		F/O K. Oddson?	29.6.45	J.46035	F/O R. W? Sanderson	29.6.45
		J.45967		F/O W. Stevens	29.6.45	J.47452	P/O J. Stott	29.6.45
		J.47311		P/O A. Thomarat	29.6.45	J.45935	F/O H. F. Wagner	29.6.45
				F/O G. March	2.7.45	J.47456?	P/O R. M. Cartman?	2.7.45
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NOTE: This is not even to the "rough draft level" – from the included notes, one can see these records are a "problem", especially in the order of the frames.

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357 Squadron

Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
			All times GMT		
Liberator Mark VI - KL602?? ? "R"	J?2962? F/Lt J. A. King (Capt)	Funnel 34	12th/03?00	12th/2115	This operation was the first to be completed by 357 Squadron detachment, China Bay, and was flown in conjunction with Funnel 35 (reported below) and some other aircraft operating from Minneriya. A rendezvous arranged with these aircraft failed to materialise, and R/357 flew to the DZ area alone, arriving at 1131 hrs after map-reading from the Malayan coast just north of the Perak River. The correct reception was found on the primary DZ (04.08'30"N 101.19'E) although the reception flashing letter was very gad, Dropped 7 agents in two dropping runs and after the drop, flew on to the secondary (04.10'N 101.22'E) where a T of five fires, a letter J in strips and a flashing J were found. This reception was correct and 5 containers were dropped. By the time it was to dark to continue dropping owing to the proximity of the hills, so the remaining four packages were dropped on the primary DZ, where a T of fires was put out for the drop. The weather over the target area was fair, with a considerable cumulous build-up over the hills and visibility reduced by a thick haze from bush fires to 2-3 miles. Left the DZ area at 1200 hrs, the return flight being uneventful. The aircraft was airborne for 18 hours 15 minutes, and flew 3128 air miles. Weight of load dropped:- 3684 lbs. No report from the field referring to this sortie has been received.
	J44512 F/O Oddson (2nd pilot)				
	J.45067? F/O Stevans (Nav)				
	J45844 F/O Jordan				
	J46025 F/O Sanderson				
	F/O Forrest				
	R256795 F/Sgt Tingley				
	F/Sgt Johnson				
	Sgt Johnson				
Liberator Mark VI - ??120? "D"	W/O Tuddenham (Capt)	Funnel 35?	12th/0310	12th/2140	The operation was uncompleted owing to what, in the Captain's Opinion, constituted an incorrect reception. The aircraft arrived at the primary DZ (04.08'20"N 101.19'E) at 1145 hrs after an uneventful flight, and found a T of 5 lights and a flashing T. A T of white strips was also seen, but the briefed red panels could not be seen although this may have been due to the gathering darkness. Circled the area for a
	F/O Smith (2nd pilot)				
	F/O Bosteak? (Nav)				
	F/O Howell				
	F/O Ritchie				
	F/Sgt Johnson				

	Sgt Ford				considerable time waiting for the correct letter ("K?") to be flashed, but this was not done and the reception was extinguished at 1155 hours. The secondary DZ (04.10'N 1010.22'E) was not visited as it was in the hills and the darkness and generally deteriorating weather inland made any attempt seem inadvisable. One agent sat on the floor and refused to budge on arrival at the DZ. He did not appear to be well, and even if the correct letter had been received and the drop been possible, he probably would not have jumped without some "persuasion". Left the area at 1204 hrs and returned to base. The aircraft was airborne for 18? hours 50 minutes and flew 3143? air miles.
	Sgt Grant				
	Sgt Long				
Liberator Mark VI – KH401 "V"	W/O Coker (Capt)	Carpenter	13th/02?0	14th/0110	This operation was completed successfully and the flight was uneventful. The aircraft arrived over the target area, which was ?1.??.??"N 104.05?'E after making a D.R run from Jason Bay, on the East coast of Malaya. The correct reception of a T of torches and a flashing A was waiting, and Rebecca was also picked up at a range of 9 miles at 2000 ft., although the keying was ba. The load of 4 containers and 3 packages was dropped in one run, and appeared to be a slight over-shoot. After the drop the aircraft set course for base, and the return flight was uneventful. No report from the field concerning this operation has been received. The aircraft was airborne for 21 hours 40 minutes and flew 3528 air miles. the weight of the load was 1646 lbs.
	Sgt Mallows (2nd P)				
	P/O Jack (Nav)				
	F/O R. W? J. Pryer				
	F/Sgt C. M. Millar, Aus422841				
	R29?5024 F/Sgt J. C. ?als				
	Sgt A. P Game				
	Sgt P. C. Halliday				
Liberator Mark VI – EW164 "Q"	R124124 W/O T. P Brendum (Capt)	Funnel 52?	15th/0104	15th/2015	This operation was completed successfully. Reached the rendezvous point (Perak Island) at 0836 hrs., and saw one other aircraft circling. It was learned by R/T that the other two aircraft had arrived considerably before ETA, and had continued on to the DA without waiting. After pin-pointing at 04.57'N 100.57'E, flew up the river valleys to the DZ area, and the reception of a T of fires and a letter H in panels was seen at 09?26 hrs. The two preceding aircraft were dropping when Q/357 arrived, and owing to the local topography did not start dropping until the other two aircraft
	J44824 P/O W. H. Edwards (2nd P)				
	R168612 F/Sgt. J. N. Upton (Nav)				
	F/Sgt T. Laird				
	R14?238 Sgt. R. H. Bear				
	Sgt. V. A. Chevaliar?				
	R289876? Sgt. J. T. Phillips				

	F/O C. Duff?				had finished. All their drops appeared to be satisfactory, and "Q" dropped it's load of 4? agents, 5 containers and 4 packages in 4 runs on the DZ (04.56'.30"N 101.17'E). It was rather small, but all the parachutes were seen on the ground in the vicinity of the reception. The weather was generally fair, with Cumulus forming on the surrounding hills. Left the DZ area at 1015 hours and returned to base. The aircraft was airborne for 19 hours 11 minutes, and flew 3126 air miles. The weight of the load dropped was 3404 lbs. No report from the field referring to this operation have been received.
Liberator Mark VI – KL???	W/O L. M. Hodges (Capt)	Carpenter ??	16/0355	16/1410	This operation was uncompleted due to adverse weather en route. The aircraft reached position 06.51'N 92.43'E, but the weather there was impassable, with cumulus and cumalo-nimbus reaching from sea level upwards, and rain storms etc., in the area. It might have been possible to have flown around the weather, but as the amount of fuel carried did not permit much deviation from the briefed route, it was decided to cancel the operation at 0835 hrs. The entire load – 4 containers and 4 packages – was returned to base. The aircraft was airborne for 10 hours 15 minutes, the distance flown being 172?0 air miles. The following report from the field was received:- 'No repeat No drop last night. Plane passed overhead, fires and signal were OK. If possible send plane tonight.'
	F/Lt J. Morley				
	Aus412255? F/O M. D. Seale (Nav)				
	Aus412?500? F/O K. Buchanan				
	F/O J. Ritchie				
	F/O D? Powell				
	P/O G. S. Heaps				
	F/Sgt V? Karshaw?				
Liberator Mark VI – K?W?210 – "Z"	J26150 F/O A. G. Bussa? (Capt)	Carpenter 25?	16th0358?	17th0200	This operation was successfully completed and both the outward and return flights were uneventful. The target area was reached at 1338? hrs and a pin-point obtained on the Johore River at 01.45'N 102.46'E. From there, a D.R. run was made to the actual D.Z. (position 01.46'20"N 102.45'26" E) where the correct reception of a T of fires and a flashing letter "F" was waiting, and the aircraft set course for base immediately after dropping the load of 4 containers and 3 packages. This was dropped in one run at 1450 hrs, an although they all appeared to be dropping correctly, the
	R200770 Sgt R. F. Frome? (2nd P)				
	J47267 P/O V. I. McNaughton (Nav)				
	J47311 P/O A. E. R. Thonarat?				
	J47452 P/O J. R. Scott				
	Sgt D. F. Jackson				
	F/Sgt F. J. Thrush				

	R272141 Sgt. G. W. Skett				parachutes were not actually seen on the ground owing to a thin ground mist which was forming during the drop. Weather over the DZ and Malaya generally was good, but between Sabang and the Nicobar Islands, there were storms and low cloud. No report concerning this drop has been received from the field. The total weight of stores dropped was 1582 lbs, the aircraft being airborne for 22 hours 2 minutes, during which period 3712 air miles were flown.
Liberator mark VI – KH320 – "D"	F/O G. H. March (Capt)	Beacon 6	18th0105	18th2010	This operation was unsuccessful owing to fuel shortages. The outward flight was uneventful, and the aircraft crossed the Malay coast at the mouth of the Bernham? River and flew to 03??23'N 10.39'E (near Kub?i Bahru) as it had been suggested at briefing that the aircraft should attempt to fly through a pass known as the "Gap", instead of flying up over the mountains. The Gap was reached at 0910 hrs, but it was found to be completely blocked by a very large forest fire. By the time attempts had been made to get through, the fuel remaining would not have permitted the aircraft to fly over the mountains to the target and return with any safe margin, so it was decided to abandon the sortie and the aircraft set course for base at 0957 hrs. The Gap was definitely identified by local topography and by bearings taken on coastal features such as river mouths which were visible over the coastal plain. Another aircraft on the same target (Beacon 7, reported below was successful, and it was very unfortunate that this particular aircraft happened to find their way blocked and then to have insufficient fuel to attempt to find another route in. The load was returned to base, and the aircraft was airborne for 19 hours 5 minutes, during which period 3184? air miles were flown. The relative field report is given under "Beacon 7" below.
	F/Sgt. J. McMurchie (2nd pilot)				
	F/O W. H. Lower? (Nav)				
	F/Sgt R. Simmonds				
	F/Sgt J. W. Dickson				
	F/Sgt. D. M Hamilton				
	Sgt. O? R. Davies				
	Sgt. J. Thompson				
Liberator KH401 – "V"	F/O R. N? Forrest (C)	Beacon 7	18th 0100	18th 2158	This operation was successfully completed. After an uneventful outward flight, the Gap at Kubu Bahr?? (03.33'N 101.39'E) was passed after some difficulty caused by a large forest fire which was centred in the pass. Arrived at
	F/O G. D. Chapman (2nd pilot)				

	Sgt. H. Forshaw (Nav)				Kuala Lipis at 0905 hrs and from there mad a DR run to the target area. On arrival the T of fires and letter H in panels was found in position, and although no Rebecca was briefed, the aircraft set was switched on prior to arrival at the target "just in case" there was anything to be picked up. Nothing was picked up, and the set caused some confusion by catching fire as the aircraft arrived at the target. No damage, however was caused to the aircraft. The DZ was very small, and as there were numerous bush fires in the vicinity, the actual reception was hard to see. The load of 6 containers and 5 packages was drooped in two dropping runs, and some of the load of 6 containers and 5 packages was dropped in two dropping runs, and some of the load was seen being picked up by the ground party. Finally set course for base from Kuala Lipis at 1019 hours and returned to China Bay, having been airborne for 20 hours 58 minutes. The air mileage was 3502 miles, and the weight of stores dropped 2482 lbs. The following message was later received from the field concerning this drop and "Beacon 6":- One plane only arrived. 7 containers, 4 packages. It is amazing how the RAF consistently drop everything right on this DA which is only the size of a pocket handkerchief. What a grand lot they are."
	F/O J. King				
	Sgt. D. Ache				
	Sgt. F. E. Johnson				
	Sgt A. R. Littlewood				
	Sgt. E. Temperton?				
Liberator mark VI - KH162 - "W"	W/O S. A.. Tuddenham	Sergeant 17	19th 025?0	19th 2040	This operation was successfully completed. After reaching the coast of Malaya north of track due to compass error, flew south along the coast, and finally reached Kangar, from where a DR run was made to the DZ area. This appeared to be further in to the hills than the briefed position, and was situated in a narrow river bed. The correct reception of a T of fires and a letter U in strips was waiting when the aircraft arrived ato 1030? hours. The load was dropped in three runs, 4 personnel going in the first
	F/O S. W. Smith (2nd pilot)				
	F/O T. B? Bestock?				
	F/O J. B. Howell				
	F/Sgt F. E. Johnson				
	Sgt. W. H. D. Grant				
	Sgt M. E. Ford				

	Sgt. R. E. Long				run and the remaining 4 containers and 7 packages going in the following two runs. The bodies were seen walking about after the drop, and the aircraft left the area (06.27'N 100.32'E) at 1055 hours. On the way out, the other 357 Squadron aircraft was seen heading towards the DZ and as the gathering cloud might have made DZ identification difficult, R/T silence was broken to inform the other aircraft that his target was straight ahead. The return flight was uneventful, and the aircraft was airborne for 17 hours 41 minutes, flying a total of 2798 air miles. The weight of the load dropped was 2892 lbs. The following report was received from the field concerning this drop and Sergeant 15, which is reported below:- "All arrived safely. Congratulations to pilot for perfect dropping. Worked 10 hours to get one body down from very high tree."
Liberator mark VI – KH210 ⁹⁴ – "Z"	J.26?15?0 F/O A. G. Buzza (Capt)	Carpenter 25	035?/?/16t h	0200?/?/17t h	This operation was successfully completed, and both the outward and return flights were uneventful. The target area was reached at 1338 hrs and a pinpoint obtained on the Johore River at 01.45'N 103.46'E. From there, a DR run was made to the actual DZ (position 01.46'N 103.45'?24"E) where the correct briefed reception of a T of fires and a flashing letter Y? was waiting. 4 containers and 3 packages were dropped in one run at 150 hrs, and although they all appeared to be dropping correctly, they were not actually seen on the ground owing to a thin ground mist which was forming during the drop. Weather over the DZ and Malaya generally was good, but between Sabang and ??????coba? Islands there were storms and low cloud. No report concerning this drop has been received from the field. The total weight of stores dropped was 1583?? lbs, the aircraft being airborne for 22 hours 2 minutes during which 3712 air miles were flown.
	R20?0770 Sgt. R? Frand? (2nd pilot)				
	J47367 P/O V. I. McNaughton? (Nav)				
	J47311 P/O A. E. R. Thomarar				
	J474582? P/O J. H. Scott				
	Sgt. D. F. Jackson				
	F/Sgt. F. J. Thrush				
	R272141 Sgt. G. W. Skatt?				
Liberator mark VI – KH320 – "D"	F/O G. H. Mars?h (Capt)	Beacon 6	0105/18th	2010/18th	This operation was unsuccessful owing to fuel shortage. The outward flight was uneventful, and the aircraft crossed the Malaya coast at the mouth of the

⁹⁴ KH210 did not serve with 357 – is this KH216? – but missing 8.7.45??(Oughton)

	F/Sgt. J. McMurchie (2nd pilot)				P??r?glan River and flew to 03.33'N 101.39'E (near Kunu Bahru?) as it had been suggested at briefing that the aircraft should attempt to fly through a pass known as The Gap, instead of flying over the mountains. The Gap was reached at 0210? hrs, but was found to be completely blocked by a very large forest fire. By the time attempts had been made to get through, fuel remaining would not have permitted the aircraft to fly over the mountains to the target, and return with any safe margin, so it was decided to abandon the sortie, and the aircraft set course for base at 0957 hrs. The Cap was definitely identified by local topography and by bearings taken on coastal features such as river mouths which were visible over the coast plains. Another aircraft on the same target (Beacon 7) reported below was successful, and it was very unfortunate that this particular aircraft happened to find their way blocked and then to have insufficient fuel to attempt to find another route in. The load was returned to base and the aircraft was airborne for 19 hours 5 minutes, during which period, 31??? air miles were flown. The relative field report is given under Beacon 7 below.
	F/O W. H. Lawer? (Nav)				
	F/Sgt. R. Simmonds				
	F/Sgt. J. W. Dickson?				
	F/Sgt. D. M. Hamilton				
	Sgt. G. R. Davies				
	Sgt. J. Thompson				
Liberator mark VI – KH401 – "V"	F/O R. M. Forrest (Capt)	Beacon 7	18?/010?0	18th /2158	This operation was successfully completed. After an uneventful outward flight, the Gap at Kubu Bahru (03.33'N 101.39'E) was passed after some difficulty caused by a large forest fire which was cantered in the target area. Arrived at Kuala Lipis at 0905 hrs and from there made a D.R. run to the target area. On arrival the T of fires and letter H? in panels was found as briefed, and although no Rebecca was briefed, the set was switched on prior to arrival at the
	F/O G. D. Chapman (2nd pilot)				
	F/O J. King				
	Sgt. H. Farshaw? (Nav)				
	Sgt D. Ashe?				
	Sgt F. E. Johnson				

	Sgt A. R. Littlewood				target "just in case" there was anything to be picked up. Nothing was picked up, and the set was the centre of some confusion as it caught fire at the same time as the aircraft arrived over the reception. The D.Z. was very small, and as there were numerous fires etc., in the vicinity, the actual reception was hard to see. The load of 6 containers and 5 packages was dropped in two dropping runs, and some of load was seen being picked up by the ground party. After the drop the aircraft left the D.Z. at 0955 hrs and set course for Kuala Lipis and from there set course for base at 1019 hrs. The aircraft was airborne for 20 hours 58 minutes during which 3484 air miles were flown. The following report has been received from the field "one plane only arrived 7 containers – 4 packages. It is amazing how R.A.F. consistently drop everything right on this D.Z. which is only a pocket handkerchief. What a grand lot they are". This report also refers to Beacon 6 above.
	Sgt E. Temperton				(this is a repeat of previous entry, very slightly different))
Liberator mark VI – K13?52 – "R"	R134124 W/O T. P. Broniam? (Capt)	Sergeant 15??	19th 0313	19th 2106	This operation was successfully completed, in spite of one or two anxious moments on the outward flight, when the aircraft reached position 08.04'N 93.30'E at 0753 hrs, LAA and MG fire was experienced from the area of Nan?cowery Harbour. The aircraft was flying at 1000 ft and the fire was from at least two miles to port, so that most of the tracer from the machine guns could be seen falling away short, but although only a comparatively few shots were fired, the aircraft was holed in four places, but continued with the sortie undeterred, as there were no casualties and the flying characteristics of the aircraft were unimpaired. The coast was
	J44824 P/O W. H. Edwards (2nd pilot)				
	R162613 F/Sgt J. H. Upton (Nav)				
	J45192 P/O A. E. Duff				
	F/Sgt T. Laird				
	R271246 Sgt L. A. Waddell				
	R142238 Sgt. R. H. Bear				
	R268376? Sgt. J. T. Phillips				

	Sgt V. A. Chevalier				finally crossed at Kangar after pin-pointing at Langkawi Island. The D.Z. (06.27'N 100.22'E) was finally reached at 1113 hrs after a short search necessitated by the cloud which was building up in the area, and the correct briefed reception was found. The load of 4 agents, 4 containers and 7 packages were dropped in four dropping runs, and the aircraft left the target at 1141 hrs. The return flight was uneventful, and the aircraft landed after having been airborne for 18 hours 53 minutes during which 2880 air miles were flown. The weight of stores dropped was 28?87 lbs. The following message has been received from the field concerning the drop:- "All arrived safely – congratulations to pilot for perfect dropping. Worked 10 hours to get one body down from very high tree. (This report also applies to Sergeant 17).
Liberator mark VI – K?391? – "K??"	F/Lt G. Smith (Capt)	Carpenter Mint 31	19th 0412	20th 0210	This operation was carried out for Inter-Services Liaison Department, although the reception and field arrangements were in the hands of the usual Force 136 ground party. The operation was successfully completed, and both the outward and return flights were uneventful. After making a D.R. run from Batu Pahat the correct reception of a T of fires and a flashing letter D ws found in the correct position (01.45'N 103.44'E) at 1414 hrs. The load of 5 agents and 6 packages were dropped successfully in 3 dropping runs, and the D.Z. was left at 1427 hrs, when the aircraft set course for base. The aircraft was airborne for 21 hours 58 minutes and covered 3620 air miles, the weight of the load dropped being 1571 lbs. The following report has been received from the field concerning this, and two other operations, on of which is reported below (the other aircraft was operating from Minneryia):- "3 planes OK last night. Than R.A.F. for stout effort."
	P/O R. F. Taylor (2nd pilot)				
	F/Sgt H. Smith (Nav)				
	J45248 F/O W. O. McDougald				
	F/Sgt L. J. Powell				
	F/Sgt G. Smith				
	R272141 Sgt G. W. Skett?				
Liberator mark VI – K??2?10 – "Z"	F/O A. F. Coker (Capt)	Carpenter Mint 32	19th 0430	20th 0237	This operation was successfully carried out for Inter-Services Liaison Department, although the reception were arranged by Force 136 ground party. The outward flight was uneventful, and the Malayan coast was crossed at 01.56'N 102.44'30"E) from that point. The correct reception of a T of fires and a flashing
	Sgt. F. W. A. H?ellows (2nd pilot)				

	P/O D. E. Jack (Nav)				letter P lit as the aircraft approached at 1439 hrs, and the load of 3 containers and 7 packages were dropped in two runs. The reception was turned off after each dropping run which made correct dropping difficult. The D.Z. was left directly after the 2nd dropping run at 1449? hrs and the return flight to Ceylon was again uneventful The aircraft was airborne for 22 hours 7 minutes during which 3620 air miles were flown, whilst the weight of the stores dropped was 1613 lbs. A report from the field concerning this drop has been received and was reported under the heading of operation Carpenter/Mint 31 above.
	F/O D. Powell				
	P/O R. W. J. Pryor				
	A4328?41 F/Sgt C. M. Miller				
	R268024 F/Sgt J. C. Bails				
	Sgt A. P. Game Sgt P. G. Halliday				
Liberator	C148?0 S/Ldr O. A. H. Sims (Capt)	Galvanic ??	21st/0624	22nd/014 0	This operation was completed successfully, and the outward and return flights were uneventful. The coast of Malay as crossed at 02.31'N 101.15'E and a D.R. run of 23 miles was made to the first D.Z. (02.21'2?0"N 101.37'.30"E) where the correct briefed reeption of a V of fires and a flashing letter X were found. The 6 agents were dropped in one run at 1537 hours, on this D.A., and the sotes (5 containers and 4 packages) were dropped on the secondary D.Z. at 03.22'N 101.33?E. The position of the stores relative to the D.Z. could not be seen as the parachutes were camouflaged, an d after the agents had been dropped, a confused flashing on torches was seen. The target was left at 1542 hrs, and the aircraft set course for base, landing after being airborne for 19 hours 6 minutes, during which 3130 air miles were flown. The weight of stores dropped was 3494 lbs, and no report has been received form the field concerning the drop.
	R19?5421 Sgt. N. A. Gray (2nd pilot)				
	C4277 S/Ldr E? D. Wilson (Nav)				
	F/Sgt. D. J. Hewkins? (2nd Nav)				
	J42121 P/O F. E. Drapier				
	J42?177 P/O A. Fit?????ries				
	J47457 P/O J. M. Flanagan				
	J47453 P/O G. M. Hera?us				
Liberator mark Vi – KH210 – "Z"	F/Lt. A. G. Fenwick (Capt)	Galvanic 9	21st 0655	22nd 0235	This operation was completed successfully, and after crossing the coast of Malay at 03.20'N 101.15'e a D.R. run was made to the D.Z. area. The reception on both D.Z's (primary: 03.21'?0"N 101.37'30"E, secondary 03.22'N 101.32?E) could be seen simultaneously, and after a survey of the area in order to decide which was the best dropping direction etc., the 6 agents were dropped at 1626 hrs, and the remaining load of 5 containers and 4
	F/Sgt G. C. Whale				
	F/O W. N. McStea (Nav)				
	F/Lt J. Reed				
	J48124 F/O G. F. MacKalvie				
	A436522 F/Sgt D. C. Jolley				

	Sgt. Simmonite?				packages (weight 3420 lbs) were dropped 8 minutes later. The parachutes were not seen on the ground, but the bodies were seen flashing torches after they had landed. The aircraft set course for base at 1635 hrs and landed after an uneventful return flight being airborne for 19 hours 40 minutes. The air miles covered were 3134 and no report has been received from the field concerning this drop.
Liberator mark VI – KH320 – "?"	F/O R. N. Forrest (Capt)	Galvanic 11	21st 0701	22nd 0234	This operation was successfully completed, and after crossing the Malay coast at 03.20'N 101.15'E a D.R. run was made to the target area. On arrival at the D.Z. (which was in the same position as the D.Z for Galvanic 8 & 9 reported above) the reception was not fully organised. After some milling around amongst the ground party, however, the correct reception of a V of lights and a flashing letter X was laid out on the primary target, and on the secondary, the correct T of fires and flashing letter Z could be seen. The 6 agents were dropped in two runs as the last man of the stick was sick at the critical moment, and a second run had to be made specially for him. The rest of the load – 5 containers and 4 packages weighting 3468 lbs, was dropped in a further two runs. Al the load appeared to be dropping correctly, although, the last stick of 3 packages was probably rather spread out, owing to a failure of the signal light in the aircraft. The aircraft left the target area at 1618 hrs, and returned to base. It was airborne for 19 hours 33 minutes, and flew 3277 air miles. No report from the field has been received concerning this drop
	F/O G. D. Chapman (2nd pilot)				
	Sgt H. Forshaw (Nav)				
	F/O M. King				
	Sgt. D. Ashe?				
	R26602?4 Sgt. J. C. Baile				
	Sgt. A. B. Littlewood				
	Sgt. E. Temperton				
Liberator mark VI – KH391? – "Y"	F/O A. F. Coker (Capt)	Carpenter 38?	22nd 0414	22nd 1725	At 10.22 hrs a W/T message was received from Headquarters 222 Group when in position 06.12'N 96.09'E recalling the aircraft. It was later learnt that this recall was sent out at the request of Force 136 who had received information from the field that the drop could not be accepted. This report is as follows:- "Sorry about last night. Two Libs. arrived but we could not accept. Panic caused by presence large body Jap troops in jungle South. Until located
	Sgt. F. W. A. ?ellows (2nd pilot)				
	P/O D. E. Jack (Nav)				
	P/O R. W. J. Pryer				
	A.420174 W/O J. Dalaney?				

	4228?41 F/Sgt C. K? Millar				such parties are our greatest menace for cannot repeat cannot tell where they will pop up next. Hence the pyramids complicated. Moving away and situation although still a bet tense is under control. Please apologise to R.A.F. Hope all got back safely. Can accept drops again if R.A.F. do not repeat not mind possibility of cancellations". This report also refers to Carpenter 36 & 37, also flown from China Bay, whilst the two aircraft referred to as having arrived are presumably from Minneryia, as all the 357 Squadron aircraft received the recall message.
	Sgt. A. P. Game?				
Liberator mark VI – KH114 "U"	F/O K. E. Roberts (Capt)	Carpenter 37	22nd 0400?	22nd 1744	A recall message was received from Headquarters 222 Group at 1037 hrs. when the aircraft was in position 05.22'N 97.09'E and the aircraft returned to China Bay with it's load. This recall message was sent on the advice of Force 136 who had received a message from the field. This message has already been reported under operation Carpenter 38 above.
	F/Sgt R. B. Swift (2nd pilot)				
	P/O E. F. Kirby (Nav)				
	A4342?65 F/Sgt T. Pacey				
	F/Sgt J. Richardson				
	Sgt J. Saunders				
	Sgt. J. J. Reid				
Liberator mark VI – KH?401 – "V"	J22963 F/Lt J. A. King (Capt)	Carpenter 36	22nd 0343	22nd 2158?	This aircraft was also recalled from it's operation, but for some reason, the first recall message was not picked up. they therefore flew down the Malacca Straits, and when in position 04.10?'N 98.58'E at 1100 hrs an enemy aircraft attacked from 90° flying at the same height as the Liberator (1000 ft), and tracer was seen passing below the latter aircraft, which descended to 500 ft. Whilst attention was engrossed in this aircraft two more fighters attacked from high frontal position but were not seen to fire. After these passes, the three fighters peeled away and flew off towards Sumatra. They were camouflaged deep blue with
	J44612 F/O J. Oddson? (2nd pilot)				
	J45987 F/O W. K? Stevens (Nav)				
	A413?590?? F/O K. Buchanan				
	J35244 P/O D. K. Jordan				
	J45936 P/O H. F. Wagner				

	R256795 F/Sgt R. B. Tingley				<p>unidentified yellow markings on the tails and cowlings, and did not have any Japanese roundels visible. The Liberator was not touched, and no claims were made by the rear gunner of the aircraft, who managed to fire off a few rounds. As the rear turret formed the only armament of the aircraft, it was just as well that the attacks were not pressed home, and it can only be assumed that the enemy aircraft were nearing their P.L.E. or else were only training aircraft. The aircraft were identified by the crew as 2 "Hamps" and a Zeke 52, but it seems more that they were actually Oscars. Hamps and Zekes are primarily Japanese Naval aircraft, and they have not been sighted before operating from North Sumatra, the nearest Naval – controlled area being Singapore.</p> <p>During this attack, another recall message was picked up, but was somewhat naturally missed during the confusion reigning inside the aircraft, and it was not until 1147 hrs that a recall message was finally picked up, by which time the aircraft was in position 03.07'N 100.13'E. It set course for base immediately and the return flight was uneventful. The aircraft was airborne for 19? hours 15 minutes, during which 2996 air miles were flown. The reason for the recall is the same as for Carpenter 37 and 38 reported previously.</p>
Liberator mark VI – KH114 – "U"	F/O D. Powell? (Capt)	Funnel 56	24th 0103	24th 1925	<p>After an uneventful flight over the Bay of Bengal and the Malacca Straits, crossed the coast of Malaya at 0927? hrs in position 04.25'N 100.35'E and map read from there to Tapah, which was reached at 0946 hrs. From Tapah (04.12'N 101.16'E) a D.R. run was made to the D.Z. area (briefed position 04.10?.30"N 101.22'E) but no reception was to be seen. The further D.R. runs were made on to the area from Bidor? (04.17'N 101.17'E) but although there was no doubt</p>
	P/O J. Whatnough? (2nd pilot)				
	Sgt D. Still (Nav)				
	P/O G. S. Heaps				
	F/Sgt J. W. Roper				
	Sgt J. Bradley				
	Sgt J. Hunter				

	Sgt G. M. Evans				that the area was definitely reached, no reception could be seen, and the aircraft finally set course for base at 1029 hrs. On the return flight, a sighting of some interest was made by the rear gunner – a type of railway engine shelter similar to those used by the Japanese in Burma in approximate position 04.075°N 101.16°E, camouflaged green and long enough to hold an engine and several coaches. It was solidly built, with thick sides and a roof which appeared to be formed of railway sleepers. This is the first time an engine shelter has been seen in Malaya, and if it is the first of several, it would point to some uneasiness on the part of the Japanese as to the safety of their rolling stock against Allied strafing attacks, an uneasiness born of bitter experience in Burma. The load of 7 containers and 4 packages was returned to base after the aircraft had been airborne for 18 hours 22 minutes, during which 2977 air miles were flown. A message was later received from Force 136 stating: "For your information, definitely no reception was present".
Liberator mark VI – E?W119 ? – "P??"	F/O G. H. March (Capt)	Funnel 55	24th 0110	24th 1940	After reaching the coast of Malaya at 04.25°N 100.37°E a D.R. run was made to Tapah, followed by another D.R. run to the D.Z. area (04.18'30"N 101.22°E), which was reached at 1038 hrs. The whole area was thoroughly searched, but no reception could be seen, and the area was finally left at 1053 hrs. The aircraft set course for base, and landed with its full load of 7 containers and 4 packages after having been airborne for 18 hours 30 minutes, during which 3022 air miles were flown. At a later date a message was received from Force 136 concerning this operation, stating "For your information, definitely no reception was present".
	F/Sgt J. McMurchie? (2nd pilot)				
	F/O W. H. Louer? (Nav)				
	F/Sgt R. Simmonds				
	F/Sgt J. W. Dickson				
	F/Sgt P. Karshaw?				
	F/Sgt D. M. Hamilton				
	Sgt G. R. Davies				
Liberator mark VI - ??310 "Z?"	F/Lt G. Smith (Capt)	Carpenter 49?	25th 0325	26th 00?55	This operation was completed successfully. After crossing the coast of Malaya at 02.03°N 102.34°E at 1417 a D.R. run was made to the D.Z. (01.58?°N 103.27°E) finding the correct reception of a T of fires and a letter A flashing as the
	Sgt. R. F. Taylor (2nd pilot)				

	F/O S. W. Smith (Nav)				aircraft arrived. The load of 4 containers and 4 packages (weighing 1634 lbs) was dropped in one run, and the aircraft set course for base at 1435 hrs. The return flight was uneventful, and the total airborne time was 21 hours 20 minutes, during which 3460 air miles were flown. A report concerning this operation has been received from the field and is given below under Carpenter 41.
	J45348? F/O W. O. Macdougald				
	F/Sgt L. J. Powell				
	F/Sgt H. Smith				
	Sgt J. Tate				
	Sgt J. Stott				
Liberator mark VI - KH2?91 - "Y"	F/O K. E. Roberts (Capt)	Carpenter 47?	25th 043?0	26th 0030?	This operation was successfully completed. The Malay coast was crossed at 02.03'N 102.34'E (Mauh?) where several rectangular buildings, apparently factories, were seen to be brilliantly lit, and a D.R. run made to the D.Z. (01.52'N 103.57'E). The reception was waiting for the aircraft and the load of 4 containers and 2 packages (1?50 lbs), was dropped in one run. The area was left immediately after the drop at 1430 hrs, and the return flight was uneventful. The aircraft was airborne for 20 hours 50 minutes and flew 3413 air miles. The following messages have been received from the field concerning this drop and Carpenter 40 reported above. The other two aircraft referred to were presumably operating from the Cocos Islands. The message was received in tow parts, and the connection between the two is not quite clear:- " 4 planes dropped successfully night 25th. All stores in jungle. Approx. 12 chutes not yet found. Search continues. (2nd report) Wizard navigation night 25th. Chutes well grouped. Out 250 yards to N.W. Better luck next time. All the best and good hunting".
	F/Sgt R. B. Swift (2nd pilot)				
	P/O E. F. Kirby (Nav)				
	P/O L. L. Sammel??				
	A4348?56 F/Sgt T. Pacay				
	F/Sgt Richardson				
	Sgt J. Saunders				
	Sgt J. J. Reid				
Liberator mark VI KH1?2 "W?"	F/O D. Powell (Capt)	Fighter 8	27th 0200?	27th 1910	This operation was uncompleted owing to adverse weather over the target area. The weather was good over most of the route except for scattered SCu, until latitude 99°E was reached, and at that point the weather deteriorated quickly into 10/10ths St, Cu and Cb down to 500
	P/O J Whatsough (2nd pilot)				
	Sgt. D. Still				

	{balance of crew not listed on original}				ft with heavy showers reducing visibility to under a mile in places. A Pin-point was, however, obtained on the Langkawi Islands and the Malay coast was crossed just North of Alor Star (06.07'N 100.22'E) in the vicinity of which was a clear patch of weather. Attempted to fly around the cloud and after searching for a way at cloud base level (1500 ft) for some time, it was finally decided to set course for base at 1024 hrs. The weather to the South appeared to be much clearer, but fuel shortage precluded any attempts to fly around the clouded area and approach the D.Z. from the South or East. The return flight was uneventful, and the aircraft was airborne for 17 hours 10 minutes, during which 2862 air miles were flown. The load of 3 agents 3 containers and 9 packages was returned to base.
Liberator mark VI – EW164 "Q"	W/O S. A. Tuddenham (Capt)	Fighter 8	27th 0155	27th 2056	This operation was uncompleted owing to weather over the target area. The bad weather commenced just West of the Langkawi Islands. A pin-point was obtained at 06.29'N 99.40'E and a D.R. run was made from there to the coast. At latitude 100.40'E however, cloud building up in the hills forced the aircraft to fly southwards. Weather at this point was Cu and Cb with St over the hills, down to 200 ft. in places, and showers reducing visibility to below a mile. The Muda river was reached, and the valley was flown up, but although the aircraft must have been within 5 miles of the D.Z. area, weather conditions proved to be impassable, and the sortie was abandoned at 1125 hrs. The load of 3 agents, 3 containers and 2 packages was returned to China Bay, and the aircraft was airborne for 19 hours 1 minute, 29'28 air miles were flown.
	F/O S. W. Smith (2nd pilot)				
	F/O T. B. Bostock (Nav)				
	F/O J. B. Howell				
	F/Sgt F. E. Johnson				
	Sgt W. D. H. Grant				
	Sgt M? E. Ford				
	Sgt R. E. Long				
Liberator mark VI – EW119 – "P??"	F/O F. Coker (Capt)	Sergeant 28	28th 0130	28th 1913	The operation was successfully completed. Pin-pointed on Bunting Island at 0930 hrs and flew North of track owing to bad weather on the coastline of Malaya. Recognised a village at 06.04'N 100.46'E visually as the Captain has been to this area before, and flew southwards from there to 05.50'N 100.53'E. From this pin-point a D.R. run
	Sgt. F. W. A. Mallows?? (2nd pilot)				
	P/O D. E. Jack (Nav)				

	P/O R? W. J. F?ryer				was made to the DZ (05.55'N 100.58'E) and the reception was found slightly out of position, the estimated position being 05.53'N 100.57'E. The load of 2 bodies, 5 containers and 4 packages were dropped in three dropping runs, and after the drop, the bodies were seen on the DZ waving. Left the DZ at 1026 hrs, and set course for base. The return flight was uneventful except for sighting a Thelma at 1041 hrs in position 06.52'N 100.20'E. This aircraft was flying due south, 5 miles to the West of the Liberator, and no action was taken by either aircraft. The aircraft was airborne for 17 hours 45 minutes, flying 2990 air miles. The weight of stores dropped was 1749? lbs. The following report has been received from the field concerning this droop – (1st report) "Bad visibility over target. We prayed mighty hard for that crew and trust that they got back safely. Report on drop tomorrow." (2nd report) " The two bodies safe. Sincere congratulations to the pilot and crew for first-class drop. They were lucky as flight of Jap Zero planes crossed the DZ while Lib was turning for un in."
	A420174 W/O J. Delaney				
	A43?2241 F/Sgt G? M. Millar				
	Sgt. A. P. Game?				
	Sgt. P. G. Halliday				
Liberator mark VI – KH114 – "U?"	F/O G. H. Marsh? (Capt)	Carpenter 45	28th 042?5	28th 0935	Immediately after take-off the automatic pilot went u/s, and after attempts had been made to repair it, it was decided to abandon the sortie. This decision was arrived at in view of the probable length of the sortie (21 hours 30 minutes estimated), a large part of which would have had to be flown at night. The load was therefore jettisoned on the load DZ at China Bay, and after the aircraft had flown around until sufficient fuel had been expended to reduce the all-up landing weight to a safe level, it landed at China Bay.
	F/Sgt J. McMurchie (2nd pilot)				
	F/O W. H. Lester? (Nav)				
	J47456 P/O Cart??n				
	F/Sgt J. W. Dickson				
	F/Sgt ? Simmonds				
	Sgt J. Thomson?				
	Sgt G. R. Davies				
Liberator mark VI – KH?2?91 – "Y?"	F/Lt A. G. Fenwick (C)	Carpenter 44	28th 0425	29th 0300?	This operation was successfully completed. The coast of Malay was crossed at Batu Pahat at 1512 hrs. and the Johome? River reached at 1553 hrs. at position 01.30?N 103.56'E and a D.R. run was made from this point to the DZ (01.44'N 103.42'E) and the correct reception of a V of fires and a flashing letter C recognised. This reception had
	A3429674? F/Sgt D. Still (Nav)				
	F/O W. W? McStan?				

	J45134 F/O G. F. McKelvis?				actually been seen on the run across from the coast, but as the letter had been unintelligible, no drop had been made, and it was decided to check the position of the target. The load of 3 containers and 4 packages was made in two dropping runs, one of the packages being free dropped. This DZ is situated amongst very high trees and if the aircraft descends to the correct height for free dropping, the reception is completely obscured by trees. Two other packages were inadvertently released approximately 3? miles East of the DZ owing to a failure of the signal light. The aircraft set course for base immediately after the drop at 1612? hrs., and landed at China Bay after having been airborne for 23 hours 25? minutes during which 3625 air miles were flown. The weight of stores dropped was 1672 lbs. A message has been received from the field, and reads as follow:- "one plane dropped 5 containers. Congratulations to crew for excellent drop. All chutes on DZ. Keep up this good dropping. Many thanks."
	A412853? W/O D. I Graham				
	A345522? F/Sgt D. C. Jolley				
	F/Sgt W. F. Ayto?n				
	Sgt. F. Simmonits				
Liberator mark VI – KH2?? "D??"	F/O. R. H? Forrest (Cap)	Carpenter	29th 04???	29th 0140??	The coast of Malaya was crossed at Batu Pahat and the aircraft set course for Jason Bay on the East coast. A DR run was made from Jason Bay to the DZ (02.03'N 104.01'30?"E) arriving there at 1451 hrs. On arrival, the ground party were seen running arrond getting the reception organised, and after one circuit had been made the correct reception of a T and 5? lights and a flashing letter K was completed. After one drop had been made, on which 4 containers had been released, the reception ⁹⁵ and another dummy run had to be made before the
	F/O G. D. Chapman (2nd pilot)				
	Sgt H. F?orshaw (Nav)				
	F/O M. King				
	Sgt D. Ashe?				
	Sgt. F. E? Johnson				
	Sgt A. E. Littlewood?				

⁹⁵ There may be a line missing from the record here.

	Sgt. E? Tamperton?				remaining 4 packages could be dropped. The practice of extinguishing receptions in between dropping runs has occurred several times on Carpenter operations, and whilst the security of the field is fully appreciated by aircrews, a continuous reception would enable the aircraft to dispense with making un-necessary runs over the area, and thus the props could be carried out more quickly and the security of the field increased. This suggestion was forwarded to Force 136 on their copy of the sortie report for this operation. After the drop, the aircraft set course for base, and landed after being airborne for 21 hours and 29 minutes during which 3550 air miles were flown. The weight of stores dropped was 1693 lbs. The following report has been received from the field concerning this operation, two other aircraft being on the same DZ and operating from Minneryia;- "Drop and security OK. One and two planes drop excellent. Third plane too high. Still looking for chutes from first plane. First drop two chutes failed to open. (2nd report) Chutes now found."
Liberator mark VI - K?????? ???	R124124? W/O T. P? Breadan? (Capt)	????? 14	30th 0102	30th 2140?	This operation was completed successfully. Pin-pointed on the Malay coast at 02.43?N 101.24'E and commenced flying towards Se?enban? (02.42?N 101.57'E) On the way, the aircraft passed over Imris?? Landing ground, sighting two possible "Zekes" on the ground. The arrival of the Liberator caused no little consternation on the ground, and people were seen pointing and running in all directions, which was perhaps understandable as the Liberator was flying at 100? ft. As the crew were enjoying the confusion they had caused, an aircraft was sighted one mile to the North, flying due West and probably
	P/O W. H. Edwards (2nd pilot)				
	R??? F/Sgt J. N? Uptok? (Nav)				
	P/O R. W. J. Pryer?				
	F/Sgt T. Loard??				
	R1422??8? Sgt. ? ? Bear?				
	R?????78? Sgt. J. T. Phillips				

	Sgt. V. A. Chevalier??				going to Morib. This was, however, identified as a Thelma and no action was taken by either aircraft. Seremban was reached at 1012 hours and the aircraft then flew up a valley in which the DZ was situated, and found the reception after a short search approximately 1 mile West of the briefed position (02.45'30"N 102.01'15"E). The load of 3 bodies, 3 containers and 5 packages was dropped in two dropping runs, although the aircraft was over the target area for nearly half an hour, owing to rain showers which put out the reception fires at one time. The DZ was left at 1104 hrs., and set course for base, the return flight being uneventful. The aircraft was airborne for 20 hours 38 minutes and flew 3130? air miles. The weight of stores dropped was 1872 lbs. The following report has been received from the field concerning this drop:- "Fair drop. First part in jungle. Second just off DZ. All stores OK except one which dropped several miles from DZ over road. Planes circled DZ for 50? minutes. Japs arrived soon after." (Two other aircraft were on the same target at approximately the same time on ??????? 12 and 13).
Liberator mark VI – EW189? ?? – "P"	F/O D. Powell (Capt)	Galvanic 18?	30th 0713	31st 0323	This operation was completed successfully. The coast of Malay was crossed at Kuala Selangor (03.20'N 101.15'E) at 1552 hrs and a DR run was made to the D.Z. area. On arrival at the D.Z. at 1605 hrs, 5 lights in no particular formation were seen, together with a flashing "C". In order to check the position, the aircraft flew to Kuala Lumpur and made a DR run from there back to the D.Z. but the reception remained unchanged. Made 3 further runs from the
	P/O Whatnough J. (2nd pilot)				
	Sgt D. Still (Nav)				
	P/O G. S. Heaps?				
	F/Sgt J. W. Hoper?				
	Sgt J. Bradley				
	Sgt. J. Hunter				

	Sgt G. M. Evans				same pin-point, but there was no change observed. It was decided, however, that the reception was acceptable, but as Stratus partially obscured the area by this time, the drops could not be made until a 4th DR run had been made from Kuala Lumpur. The load of 6 containers and 4 packages (weight 2275 lbs) was dropped in one run at 1648? hrs., and the aircraft set course for base at 1651 hrs., the return flight being uneventful. The aircraft was airborne for 20 hours 11? minutes, and 3252? air miles were flown. No report has been received from the field concerning this drop.
Liberator mark VI - "Z" ⁹⁶	F/O R. N? Farrett (Capt)	Carpenter 50	31st 0318?	1st 0127	This operation was partially successful. The coast of Malaya was crossed at 1222 hrs at Tohor?e Point (01.52'N 102.42'E) and a DR run made to the Briefed D.Z. position (1.45'N 103.44'20"E). No reception was seen so two check runs were made from 01.38'N 103.57'E, but still no reception could be seen. Another reception could be seen, however in position 01.42'N 103.44'E with a V of fires and a flashing letter "H", so it was decided to drop the load on to that reception. The load of 4 containers and 4 packages was dropped in two dropping runs, and a third run was made in order to release a free drop. This caused the reception to scatter very hurriedly! The D.Z. was left after this run, and the aircraft returned to base after being airborne for 22 hours 9 minutes, during which 3813 air miles were flown. The following report has been received concerning this drop and Carpenter 53 (reported below):- "Congratulations to both pilots and their crews on very good drooping. All chutes found and only three fell off the D.Z. First plane crew especially good. They came in on approximate bearing as given in my signal No 29. Please ask RAF to come in low on this bearing as gives best drop."
	F/O G. B? Chapman (2nd pilot)				
	Sgt. W. For???				
	F/O M. ???				
	Sgt. ???D. Ashe				
	Sgt. F. E. Johnson				
	Sgt A. ? Littlewood?				
	Sgt E?				
	{no more given on next frame}				

⁹⁶ No serial number given in the original record.

Liberator mark V – KH114 – "U"	J26150? F/O A. G. Buzza (Capt)	Carpenter 51	31st 0340	1st 0200?	This operation was unsuccessful as no reception was seen in briefed position. Tohor?e Point (01.52'N 102.42'E) was reached at 1247 hrs and a DR run was made to the D.Z. area. The position was checked with another DR run from the Johore River at 01.38'N 102?. 57'E. Another reception was seen in the vicinity (Note:- This is the reception that was seen and dropped by Carpenter 50 reported above), but as this was not the briefed reception for this sortie, it was not used. A few lights were seen in the approximate briefed position (o1.45'N 103.44'E) at 1236 hrs, but after investigation it was decided that it did not constitute a reception, and the aircraft set course for base at 1403? hrs. The entire load of 4 containers and 4 packages weighing 1627? lbs was returned to base after the aircraft had been airborne for 22 hours 20? minutes during which 3644 air miles were flown. No report has been received from the field concerning this sortie.
	R280?770 Sgt. H? R. Frame? (2nd pilot)				
	J47367 P/O V. I. MacNaughton (Nav)				
	J47311 P/O A. E. R. Thomarat?				
	J47452 P/O J. H. Stott				
	F/Sgt F. J. Thrush?				
	Sgt D. F. Jackson Sgt. J. Scott				
Liberator mark VI – KH401 – "V"	F/O K. E. Roberts (Capt)	Carpenter 52	31st 0349	1st 0145	This operation was unsuccessful, as no reception was seen in the briefed position (01.45'N 103.44'30?"E) Tohgre Point was reached at 1255 hrs, and a DR run made to the D.Z. area followed by two further DR runs from the Johore River at 01.38'N 103.57'E. This was followed in turn by a square search of the area, and although another reception of a V of fires was seen in position 01.42'N 103.44'E the briefed reception was not found. The aircraft left the area at 1421 hrs and returned to base with the load of 4 containers and 3 packages which weighed 1640? lbs. The aircraft was airborne for 21 hours 56 minutes and flew 3537 air miles. No report has been received from the field concerning this operation.
	F/Sgt R. B. Swift (2nd pilot)				
	P/O E. F. Kirby (Nav)				
	P/O L. L. Samual??				
	A424265 F/Sgt T. Dacey?				
	F/Sgt T. Richardson				
	Sgt J. Sanders Sgt J. J. Reid				
Liberator mark VI – KH200? – "D?"	W/O S. A. Tuddenham? (Capt)	Carpenter 53	31st 0425	1st 0245	This operation was completed successfully. After a DR run from Tohore Point, the DZ was reached at 1412? hrs, and the briefed reception of a V of fires and a flashing letter "C" was seen in position 01.42'N 103.44'E. The load of 4 containers and 5 packages (of which one
	F/O S. W. Smith (2nd pilot)				

	F/O T. B. Bosteck? (Nav)				was a free drop) was dropped in two dropping runs. The field had previously reported that there was no high ground within 6 miles of the DZ, so the Captain flew fairly low (400 ft) for the free drop and as a result missed a hill by approximately 40 ft which, owing to darkness, could not be seen until the aircraft was upon it. Free dropping at night does not seem to of much use, as an aircraft cannot be expected to descend to the correct height in darkness, and the chances of the field finding any package (or it's remains) after being dropped from 500 ft or more seem slight. The DZ area was left at 1430 hrs and the aircraft set course for base. The weight of stores dropped was 1678 lbs, and the aircraft was airborne for 22 hours 20 minutes, during which 3550 air miles were flown. A report has been received from the field and has been previously reproduced under Carpenter 50.
	F/O J. B. Howell				
	F/Sgt R. E. Long?				
	F/Sgt F. E. Johnson				
	Sgt M. E. Ford				
	Sgt. W. D. H. Grant				
		Unless otherwise stated, all operations have been carried out for Force 136.			
		All times given are G.M.T.			
		Summary of Operations for July			
	Total Number of operations attempted:- 34				
	Total Number of operations successful:- 21				
	Percentage of successes:- 61.7%				
	(Note:- Of the 34 sorties flown, three were recalled by Headquarters 222 Group at the request of Force 136, and two other operations – Funnel 55 & 56 – were unsuccessful as no reception was present, although the aircraft did reach the target area. The number of operations which could have been successful is therefore reduced to 27??, which gives a success percentage of 77.7%.)				
	Total weight of stores dropped:- 47,7781? lbs.				
	Total number of bodies dropped:- 57?				
	Total number of containers dropped:- ?0?				
	Total number of packages dropped:- 93?				
	Total operational hours flown:- 650? hours 38? minutes				
	Total air miles flown on operations:- 104,718?				
	Average duration of each sortie:- 19 hours 2? minutes.				
	Average length in air miles of each sortie:- 3079?.9				
	First operation was flown from China Bay on 12th July, and the figures quoted only refer to sorties flown by 357 Squadron detachment, China Bay between 12th and 31st July. Some crews and aircraft were still based at Minneryia when the flight commenced operating, and thus it has not been operating at full strength all the month.				
	Compiling Officer (B. Gibson) F/Lt. Squadron Intelligence Officer.				

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357 Squadron Jessore

Place	Date	Time	Summary of events				
Jessore	August	1945	Part I Operations.				
			During the month of August a total of 61 operational sorties were flown from Jessore by 357 Sqdn., all of these being carried out by the Dakota Flight. Out of these, 38 were successful; the failure of the remainder being due in all but one case to the extremely bad Monsoon weather, which on the average, was quite as notorious as that of the preceding month, July. The standard of reception lay out at the DZ's was very good, only one sortie failing as a result of reception, and the failure was not due to a faulty layout, but rather to briefing, as the code letters on the DZ were changed at the last moment; without the knowledge of the crew flying on the operation.				
			With the Far Eastern War rapidly nearing its termination, the majority of the remaining DZ's were extended well into Siam; Mingaladon being used almost exclusively as a forward Base. On the final surrender of the Japanese in Siam it was decided that a large part of the Flight's activity would consist of flying supplies in and bringing released P.O.W's out from Siam, notably the Bangkok area, and landing them at Mingaladon; the first of a series of these operations being commenced on August 28th. Owing to the large amount of flying time wasted by A/C based at Jessore, on August 30th the whole of the Dakota Flight that was then serviceable was detached to Mingaladon and has since operated exclusively from there. In the earlier part of the month a considerable part of the Flight's effort was devoted to the 'Character area', where adverse weather conditions gave considerable trouble; only 14 sorties being successful out of a total of 31.				
			A number of new DZ areas were used in Siam, later in the month, and some very successful pick ups were also carried out, although crews experienced considerable difficulty with landing strips made very soft by the heavy Monsoon rains.				
			The Squadron did not sustain any A/C losses during the month and, when the extremely bad monsoon weather and flying conditions are taken into account, undoubtedly the standard of flying and the number of operational sorties successfully completed during the month was very high.				
Code Name	Country	Area	Pos.	Dakota		Total	Remarks
				S	U		
Character	Burma	Chwebo		14	17	31	As in the previous month, the unsuccessful sorties were due to extremely heavy cloud build up over the DZ area.
Dilwyn	Burma	Hesani		1	-	1	
Coupling	Siam	Nakorn Jawaan		7	1	8	The one unsuccessful trip was due to weather in DZ area.
Nation	Burma	Shwebo		1	-	1	
Heavy	Burma	Kientung		4	3	7	The three unsuccessful sorties were in this case all due to bad weather.
Cutter			1325N 9836E	2	1	3	The one unsuccessful trip was on account of bad weather.
Pilot	Burma			1	-	1	

Panicle	Siam	Donma wk?		4	-	4	These sorties were the first of the P.O.W. pick ups carried out by the Squadron; all were very successful.
Neronian	Siam		1422N 10009 E	1	-	1	
Gantry	Siam	Thakhek Area		1	-	1	
Sungod			0856N 9942E			⁹⁷	
Farewell			1408N 9942E	1	1	2	The one unsuccessful sortie was in this case due to reception at the DZ which was changed at the last minute and without the crew's knowledge.
		Totals		38	23	61	Total Dakota Sorties – 61.
							Total Operational Sorties Flown in August 1945 :- 61.
Jessore	August	1945	Part II Administration				
	August 1st		It was announced that, in future M.T. vehicles are not to be driven over grassland or lawns surrounding billets and that personnel disobeying this order would be subject to disciplinary action.				
	August 6th		Today a quantity of unserviceable explosives was demolished approx. 1,200 yds N.W. of N end of the runway; a further quantity will be demolished on Tuesday & Wednesday, August 7th & 8th and Personnel are warned to keep well clear of the area affected.				
	August 8th		It was announced today in U.R.O's that a certain amount of laxity on this Unit in paying compliments to Officers will cease forthwith and saluting regulations will be strictly enforced.				
	August 11th		A statement was made to the effect that all Personnel who consider themselves clearly eligible for any of the new Campaign Stars should make application to the Orderly Room and obtain particulars.				
	August 13th		The station Dental Officer is absent from the Station Dental Centre and it will be closed until the 11th September 1945.				
	August 18th		When practice dropping is in progress all Drivers of M.T. Vehicles are to make sure that they obey the Airfield Controller's signal immediately. Of late drivers have been stopping to watch the 'fun'. this practice is highly dangerous and must cease.				
	August 25th		With effect from today F/O. F. G. Cooke assumes the duties of Squadron Postal Officer.				
	August 30th		F/Lt. B. G. Hewson assumes command of 357 Sqdn, Jessore, vice S/Ldr. O'Brien D.F.C. w.e.f. August 30th and is granted powers of Subordinate Commander.				
	August 30th		The under mentioned Officers are detailed to carry out an Audit of the Non-Public Accounts of 357 Sqdn. President F/Lt. D. H. Hulme Member P/O. F. Williams.				
Jessore	August	1945	Welfare				
	August 4th		It was announced that 55 Voluntary Help Parcels have been allotted to the Unit. Personnel desiring to purchase these should hand their names in at the Orderly Room not later than 10th August the cost per parcel is Rs 3 Ans 6.				
	August 8th		All personnel were notified that as a result of action taken by this HQ, re. the dis-arrangement and delay in receipt of Private Mail, a notification has been				

⁹⁷ Number of flights not given in record.

			received by this HQ, from B.P.U., that steps are being taken to remedy the delay.
	August 20th		It was announced today that the Squadron Gramophone and Records can be obtained on loan for 24 hours from Billet No. 27 at 18.00 hrs each day.
	August 25th		A V.J. dinner was held this evening for the airmen; the whole thing being declared a great success.
	August 30th		It was announced today that arrangements are in hand for the production of a series of films in the studio of the 'New Theatre' Calcutta during September. The films will be inter-services and on each film the R.A.F. has an allotment of 6 personnel. Personnel desirous of appearing in these 'Calling Blighty' greeting films are to hand their names in to the Orderly Room immediately.
Jessore	August	1945	Recreation
			A number of Station and inter-section football matches were played during the month, including one on August 26th between 357 Sqdn and C.R.F. C. on S.S.Q. ground for the Jessrewari Shield and another on August 27th for the Kotchandpur Memorial Shield.
			Church Services Catholic
	August 18th		It was announced today that every Sunday and Thursday there will be evening mass in the Catholic Church at 1930 hours, but no Sunday morning mass.
Jessore	August	1945	Part III Personnel
			R.A.F. Officers. POR's 6th, 17th, & 27th August 1945.
			Postings:
			199335 P/O. N. E. Horney GD(P) Posted to 357 Sqdn on grant of a commission in the GD Branch of the RAFVR.
			163921 F/O. J. Poulton GD(P) Posted from 357 Sqdn to HQ Air Command w.e.f. 10/7/45.
			106638 P/O. G. H. Middleton GD(N) Posted from 357 Sqdn to 231 Group Comm. Flight w.e.f. 26/7/45.
			116093 F/Lt. L. E. Phillips GD(P). Posted from HQ(Unit) RAF Burma to 357 Sqdn. w.e.f. 30/7/45.
			115288 F/Lt. L. G. Lewis, DFC, DFM. GD(P). Posted from 357 Sqdn to HQ No 231 Group (S/Ldr Post) w.e.f. 1/9/45.
			197878 P/O. R. F. Taylor GD(P). Posted to 357 Sqdn. on grant of commission in GD Branch of RAFVR w.e.f. 21.7.45.
			148804 F/O. A. A. Morley GD(F/E)
			171179 P/O. R. M. G. Ritchie GD(AG)
			Posted to HQ base Colombo (Supy). w.e.f. 1/8/45
			139970 F/O. (A F/Lt.) H. Deen GD(P) Posted to No 3 R.E.C. w.e.f. 28/8/45.
			150145 F/Lt. K. Emmott GD(P)
			165981 F/O. A. Coulson GD(P)
			151144 F/Lt. H. J. Richardson GD(AG)
			186744 P/O. E. S. Williams GD(P)
			190060 P/O. G. Hannah GD(WOP/Air)
Jessore	August	1945	Promotions and Appointments
			199335 P/O. N. E. Horney GD(P) Appointed to commissioned rank as P/O. on probation in the GD Branch of RAFVR. w.e.f. 12/11/44.
			197878 P/O. R. F. Taylor GD(P) Appointed to commissioned rank as P/O. on probation in the RAFVR. w.e.f. 16/4/45.

			RAAF Officers POR's 28th August 1945.
			Postings
			A413266 F/O. M. D. Seale GD(Nav) Posted to BHQ Colombo w.e.f. 1/8/45.
			RCAF Officers POR's 21st, 28th & 30th August 1945.
			Postings
			J23275 F/Lt. W. J. C. Jackson GD(P) Posted from 357 Sqdn to RAF Base Colombo (Supy N/E Sick, pending embarkation) w.e.f. 12/7/45. Ceased to be detached to 347 Sqdn. Det. China Bay w.e.f. 12/7/45.
			J46053 F/O. A. G. Diggins WOP/Air Posted from 357 Sqdn to R.A.F. Base Colombo (Supy N/E sick pending embarkation) w.e.f. 10/7/45. Ceased to be detached to 357 Sqdn Det w.e.f. 10/7/45.
			Promotions
			The under mentioned Officers are promoted to Temporary rank of Flying Officer w.e.f. dates stated against their names.
			J47456 P/O. R. M. Cartman A/G. 28/1/45.
			J47452 P/O. J. H. Stott A/G. 28/1/45.
			J47311 P/O. A. E. R. Thomaret A/B. 28/1/45.
			J44824 P/O. W. H. Edwards GD/P. 5/11/44.
			J47367 P/O. V. L. McNaughten Nav. 28/1/45.
			J48177 P/O. A. C. Fitzmaurice W.A.G. 25/2/45.
			J47871 P/O. W. P. McLeod W.A.G. 11/2/45. (Missing 6/6/45)
			J47869 P/O. G. Faulkner W.A.G. 11/2/45. (Missing 6/6/45)
			J47344 P/O. J. J. B. Perron Nav. 28/1/45. (Missing 6/6/45)
			J48181 P/O. F. E. Draper W.A.G. 25/2/45.
			357 (SD) Sqdn. Statement of Personnel Strength
			As on August 31st 1945
			Airmen Officers Total
			RAF 280 22 302
			RCAF 16 6 22
			RAAF 3 3 6
			Grand Total 299 ⁹⁸ 31 330
			Note. This is the effective personnel strength at Jessore and Mingaladon detachment only.
			F/Lt. For Wing Commander
			Commanding No. 357 (SD) Squadron R.A.F.

⁹⁸ Record says 229, but the math has been corrected on the transcription.

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Date	Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
1/8/45	Dakota M926	F/O. W. R. Painter	Dilwyn Squirrel	1/0725	1/740	Successful. Reception as briefed 'T' of panels and letter 'L' and words 'Land' in white strips. Also arrow in white strips showing direction for landing. Landing strip itself has white boundary marks and is approx 1,500' x 40' gravel and grass covered. A/C on ground at DZ from 1135 to 1305 hrs during which time 2 Bodies 4 containers and 51 packages were dropped. Weather – en route – 10/10 cu tops 10-15,000 ft. 10/10 AS base 15,000'. At DZ. 8/10 Stcu base 6-7,000' tops 12,000'. Vis 15 miles.
		F/O. R. Sinclair	30 Mesani Area	Jessore	Jessore	
		W/O. V. R. Woodland				
		F/S. R. T. Wellings				
		F/O. R. D. Lister				
1/8/45	Dakota B913	F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Character Ferret 55 Shwebo Area	1/0445	1/1100	Successful. DZ recognised after a DR run of 10 mins, reception as briefed 'U' of white panels and letter 'A' in white panels also Eureka. 2 containers, 36 packages and 18 free drops were dropped in 10 runs; a few of the packages landed in trees to the East of DZ but the majority land on DZ area. Weather – en route – 7-10/10 Al.St. base 15,000' 2/10 Cu base 3,000' tops 6,000'. At DZ 8/10 St. & St.Cu. base 2,000; tops 3,000' 9/10 Cu & St. base 5,000' tops 8,000' Vis 1 mile.
		Sgt. J. R. Hollington		Jessore	Toungoo	
		Sgt. R. Sheppard		1/1400	1/1810	
		Sgt. S. C. McGregor		Toungoo	Jessore	
		Sgt. R. Tucker				
1/8/45	Dakota G920	F/O. R. R. Housby	Coupling Muslin 31	1/0705	1/1135	Unsuccessful owing to weather, DZ area not reached. Heavy rain from take off; encountered cloud, base at 4,000' Cu and climbed to 8,000' in attempt to get out of it, flying conditions very bad A/c turned back at 1425 hrs.
		P/O. R. D. Butler	Nakorn Sawaan	Jessore	Mang'don	
		F/S. O. S. Wright		1/1355	1/1505	
		Sgt. E. R. Shalla		Mang'don	Mang'don	
		Sgt. F. Charchuk				
2/8/45	Dakota G920	Crew as above	DZ as above	2/0800	2/1405	Successful. A/C took off early in morning in hopes of weather being clearer. Reception on DZ
				Mang'don	Mang'don	

				2/1525	2/1955	was as briefed; 'T' and 2 smoke fires with 'L'. A/c landed okay. 4 bodies and 31 packages were disembarked and one Brigadier was brought back from field. Weather. Poor on way out with cloud up to 15-20,000' clearing to west of Tenasserim Hills apart from rain cloud base 500'. At DZ cloud base 3-4,000' tops 6,000' Vis 8-10 miles.
				Mang'don	Alipore	
				2/2005	2/2040	
				Alipore	Jessore	
3/8/45	Dakota M926	F/L. B. G. Hewson	Coupling Muslin 20 Nakorn Sawaan (Landing)	3/0647	3/1100	Successful. The briefed reception of strips was not layed out when the A/C arrived over DZ, but after circling exact briefed reception was laid down. A/C landed okay and load of 2795 lbs stores was removed. A/C has some difficulty at take off as centre of strip was soft; nobody was brought out. Weather – en route – 6/10 Cu base 4,000' tops 7-12,000' At DZ. 2/10 Cu base 4,000' tops 7,000' Vis. normal.
		F/O. R. R. Tarzwell		Jessore	Mang'don	
		F/O. R. Pomazon		3/1450	3/2000	
		F/Sgt. E. Wiseman		Mang'don	Mang'don	
		F/Sgt. S. McCartney		4/0748	4/1200	
				Mang'don	Alipore	
			4/1210	4/1246		
			Alipore	Jessore		
3/8/45	Dakota F919	F/L. L. E. Lewis	Heavy Lynx 19 Kientung Area	3/0540	3/1440	Successful Reception as briefed, 'T' of panels and smoke and letter 'L' the Barrack blocks flagpole etc. was also recognised. 42 packages and 14 free drops were dropped in eleven runs all chutes opening okay and all the packages dropping in the DZ area. Weather – en route – 9/10 Cu of all sizes, base about 2000' over Chins and tops to 15000. Returned over Chins at 21,300'. At DZ 8/10 Sc base 4000' tops 8000'.
		F/O. A. W. Cumbep		Jessore	Chit'gong	
		Sgt. A. A. Reeves		3/1510	3/1630	
		Sgt. T. H. O'Shaughnessy		Chit'gong	Jessore	
		Sgt. G. Kent				
3/8/45	Dakota B913	F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Heavy Wolf 25 Kientung Area	3/0510	3/1150	Successful. Reception as briefed 'T' of parachutes and 'W' of panels but no smoke fires. 26 packages and 20 Free drops were dropped in eleven? runs ?? All chutes opened okay, all packages landed on DZ. The crew stated that the DZ was
		Sgt. J. A. Hollington		Jessore	Meiktila	
		Sgt. R. Sheppard		3/1305	3/1515	
		Sgt. J. E. Wisman		Meiktila	Ming'don	
		Sgt. R. Tucker		3/1635	3/2045	
			Ming'don	Jessore		

						very good and that 2 Englishmen were seen waving as A/C left. Weather 4/10 Cu & StCu, base 4,000', 2/10 At.Cu. 8 At.St. 20,000'. At DZ. 9/10 StCu base 4,000', tops 10,000'.
5/8/45	Dakota F919	F/S. A. S. Osmaston	Heavy Lynx 20 Kientung Area	5/0510	5/1315	Successful. Reception as briefed 'T' of panels and letter 'L' also smoke fire. Barrack blocks etc were recognised. 67 packages (38 free) were dropped in eleven runs all chutes opening okay and all packages landing on the DZ area. Weather – en route – Over Chins, A/C flew through At. St. weather later improving to 9/10 overcast and 5/10 undercast. At DZ At. St. Base 400' up to 2,000' and 7,000' in layers, lower cloud 6/10; on return fair.
		F/O. B. A. Haynes		Jessore	Meiktila	
		F/S. E. A. Hanlon		A/C stayed at Meiktila with Engine Trouble		
		Sgt. C. V. A. Lenaerts		8/1145	8/1515	
		Sgt. J. Coupland		Meiktila	Jessore	
5/8/45	Dakota M926	F/O. W. R. Painter	Character Otter 104 Shwebo Area	5/0505	5/1245	Successful. on DZ 'C'. The main Otter DZ was obscured by solid mass of Cu up to 20,000'. But secondary DZ was recognised as briefed by letter 'W'. the DZ was a very small cup in between ridges recognised by the crew mainly because they'd used it before and knew where to look for it. 6 containers and 81 free drops were dropped in seven runs, all landed in area of DZ. Weather – en route – 10/10 At. Cu. especially over Shans & Chins. Base on deck, tops up t 16-17,000', At St above. At DZ. cloud cleared for short period.
		F/O. R. Sinclair		Jessore	Meiktila	
		W/O. V. R. Woodland		5/1400	5/1745	
		F/S. R. T. Wellings		Meiktila	Jessore	
		F/O. R. D. Lister				
7/8/45	Dakota M926	F/S. H. A. Johnson	Coupling Muslin 34	7/0650	7/1250	Successful. The DZ was covered in parachutes which obscured part of the 'V' (briefed recognition) but there could be no doubt about it being the correct DZ. 44 packages and 8 free drops were dropped, all
		W/O. K. J. Sharpe	Nakorn Sawaan Area	Jessore	Ming'don	
		F/S. G. W. Harvey		7/1355	7/2140	
		Sgt. J. Eden		Ming'don	Ming'don	
		Sgt. E. Sullivan		8/0855	8/1355	
				Ming'don	Jessore	

						'chutes opened okay and all packages landed on DZ. Weather – en route – Fair and showers to Ming'don over west of Tenasserim's and DZ area Cu up to 10,000' Vis 6-8 miles.
9/8/45	Dakota H904	S/Ldr. T. P. O'Brien	Character Otter 105	9/1340	9/1740	Successful. D.R. run was made from bridge over Mawghi? Road 5 miles N. of D.Z. DZ was mound in Basin with reception as briefed 'T' of panels and letter 'B', 6 packages and 71 free drops were dropped in 10 runs, all were believed to have landed okay on D.Z. but observation of the fall of some free drops was impossible. Weather en route 10/10 Cloud base 600' tops unknown. At DZ 4-5/10 CU & STCU. base 1,000' tops 6,000' 10/10 ATST base 10,000' .
		F/Lt. S. F. Stevens	Snuera? Area	Ming'don	Ming'don	
		F/S. R. T. Wright		10/0930	10/1335	
		F/S. F. H. Burley		Ming'don	Jessore	
9/8/45	Dakota H904	Crew as above	DZ as above	9/0415	9/0455	Unsuccessful. A/C had to return to base after initial take off owing to technical problems, but took off again at 0540 hrs. Weather was bad on whole of route and cloud obscured whole of DZ area making it impossible for A/C to get nearer than 10-15 miles from DZ. A/C landed at Mingaladon and a further successful attempt was made later in the day (Sortie report above) Weather en route 10/10 StCu base 900' over Bay A/C crossed Chins by Akyab where cloud was 5/10 base 2000' tops 5000'. At DZ 10/10 Cu & StCu base 400' tops unknown.
				Jessore	Jessore	
				9/0540	9/1210	
				Jessore	Ming'don	
7/8/45	Dakota G920	Capt. M. P. L. Langer	Coupling Muslin 32	7/0650	7/1145	Successful. Reception was 'V' of panels and 2 smoke fires as briefed; DZ was a clear patch surrounded by bush and scrub. 40 packages were dropped in six runs; all but one 'chute which was dropped on 4th run
		F/O. G. A. Mackey	Nakorn	Jessore	Ming'don	
		F/O. F. R. Spence	Sawaan	7/1455	7/2100	
		F/Sgt. A. Q. Dahlin	Area	Ming'don	Ming'don	
		Sgt. L. F. Parsons		8/0905	8/1350	
				Ming'don	Jessore	

						and candled, opened okay, and all packages landed on DZ. Weather – en route – 6-8/10 Cu, 8-10/10 At St. Cu base 2,000' up to 10,000'. At. St. base 10,000'. at DZ 10/10 At. St. base 10,000' Vis 8 miles.
7/8/45	Dakota H 304?	W/O. H. W. Smith	Coupling Muslin 43 Nakorn Sawaan Area	7/0645	7/1215	Successful. The DZ was recognised by a conspicuous flat topped plateau 3,000', 15 miles S.W. of DZ and by a track about 6 miles from DZ., running from N to S. The reception was a briefed, but the 'V' of panels was very small and the fires soon died down. (Note. reception as for sortie above.) 40 packages were dropped in ten runs; all but one 'chute opened, and all packages landed on the DZ area. Weather – en route – 5/10 – 8/10 Cu & ASt. Cu base on hills 2,000', tops 8-9000'. Returning from DZ 10/10 Cu over hills. At DZ 5/10 At. St. base 10-12,000'. thin patches of cloud, Vis 10-15 miles.
		F/S. R. M. Herdman		Jessore	Ming'don	
		F/S. R. A. Hunt		7/1420	7/2115	
		F/S. R. B. Guest		Ming'don	Ming'don	
		F/S. A. F. Calder		8/0900	8/1400	
				Ming'don	Jessore	
9/8/45	Dakota L925	F/O. R. R. Housby	Heavy Wolf 29 Kientung Area	9/0505	9/1515?	Unsuccessful. Due to bad weather the DZ could not be located. Weather – en route- 10/10 St.Cu & Cu above and below between? Shwe Bay ????? land of ??????
		P/O. R. D. Butler		Jessore	Ming'don	
		F/S. O. S. Wright				
		F/S. E. R. Shalla				
		Sgt. F. Charchuk				
10/8/45	Dakota L925	Crew as for above sortie.	DZ as above.	10/1125	10/1355	Unsuccessful. Again related to weather. Weather Broken Cu & ASt massed tops 20000' base below hill tops.
				Ming'don	Meiktila	
				10/1435	10/1800	
				Meiktila	Meiktila	
11/8/45	Dakota L925	Crew as for above sortie.	DZ as above.	11/1220	11/1710	Unsuccessful. Solid cloud encountered E of Meiktila; no breaks found so A/C turned South but weather equally bad course eventually set for Base. Weather – en route – 10/10 cloud base ground level to above 15,000 fts.
				Meiktila	Jessore	

9/8/45	Dakota G920	F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Character Otter 106 Shwebo Area	9/0340	9/1240	Unsuccessful. Due to weather. Valley found but DZ could not be seen. Weather – en route – 9-10/10 Cu & St Cu & St base 3,000'. At DZ 7/10 Cu & St. Cu. & St. base 8,000'.	
		Sgt. J. R. Hollington		Jessore	Ming'don		
		Sgt. R. Sheppard					
		Sgt. S. C. McGregor					
		Sgt. R. Tucker					
9/8/45	Dakota G920	As for previous sortie. F/S. Ratcliffe etc.	DZ as for previous sortie	9/1400	9/1835	Unsuccessful. Weather – 10/10 cloud over DZ Some breaks over large valleys.	
				Ming'don	Ming'don		
10/8/45	Dakota G920	As above	DZ as above	10/0925	10/1155	Unsuccessful. as above	
				Ming'don	Toungoo		
				10/1235	10/1655		
				Toungoo	Ming'don		
11/8/45	Dakota G920	As above	DZ as above	11/0905	11/1135	Unsuccessful. as above	
				Ming'don	Toungoo		
				11/1250	11/1600		
				Toungoo	Ming'don		
12/8/45	Dakota G920	As above	DZ as above	12/0810	12/1315	A/C returned to base with its load on 12th August as weather in DZ area still showed no improvement.	
				Ming'don	Jessore		
11/8/45	Dakota D889	F/Lt. B. G. Hewson	Character Hyena 90 Shwebo Area	11/0510	11/1140	Successful. The DZ consisted of a small ridge 60' by 15' wide, on hillside, which was very steep slope and trees on it. The reception was as briefed an 'X' of panels; there were also fires but very little smoke. 4 containers & 80 packages (70 free) were dropped. All 'chutes opening okay and all packages were thought to land on DZ; which the crew reported as a very poorly positioned dropping zone. Weather – en route – 8/10 At. St. about 8/10 St Cu. below base 9000'. At DZ 6/10 St. Cu.	
		F/O. R. R. Tarzwell		Jessore	Ming'don		
		F/O. R. Pomazon			11/1530		11/2010
		F/Sgt. E. Wiseman			Ming'don		Jessore
		F/Sgt. S. McCartney					
11/8/45	Dakota B304	F/S. A. S. Osmaston	Character Hyena 91 Primary 1820?N	11/0505	11/1205	Successful. On third attempt on secondary DZ. First attempt A/C reached ??? within 10 miles of DZ. ????????	
		F/O. B. R. Haynes		Jessore	Ming'don		
		F/S. E. A. Hanlon		12/0730	12/1000		

		Sgt. C. V. A. Lenaerts	9708E Sec.	Ming'don	Ming'don	Third attempt ??????????? The reception was as briefed an 'X' and ???? of panels; 3 containers and 37 packages were dropped in 8 runs. All 'chutes opened okay and all packages were believed to have dropped on DZ. Weather. – en route – 10/10 AlSt & Cu, through out, base on hills.
		Sgt. J. Coupland	1825N	12/1321	12/1700	
			9707E	Ming'don	Ming'don	
				13/0810	13/1240	
				Ming'don	Alipore	
				13/1300	13/1340	
				Alipore	Jessore	
15/8/45	Dakota K926	F/O. W. R. Painter	Panicle 6 DZ160?	13/1200	13/1230	Successful. Pick up landing. Reception as briefed 'T' of panels and 2 smoke fires, and letter 'L' indicating it was safe to land. The crew reported this strip was good at both ends but soft in the middle & about 1800' in length. 3 Bodies and 7 lbs of baggage were landed and 4 bodies & packs? brought out from the field. Weather – en route – 10/10 AtSt & 9/10 Cu 5,000' –9,000'. At DZ At. St. 10/10 – 3/10 Cu at 5,000'.
		F/O. R. Sinclair	Haarn ⁹⁹	Jessore	Alipore	
		W/O. V. R. Woodland		13/1245	13/1810	
		F/O. R. D. Lister		Alipore	Ming'don	
				15/0630	15/1300	
				Ming'don	Ming'don	
				15/1425	15/1930	
				Ming'don	Alipore	
				15/1945	15/2015	
				Alipore	Jessore	
14/8/45	Dakota L925	W/O. H. W. Smith	Cutter 1325N	14/0445	14/0920	Unsuccessful. Due to weather. A/C turned back when 5 miles from DZ area. Weather – en route – Entirely obscured, 10/10 ?-Cu and 10/10 Cu with heavy showers, At DZ as for route.
		F/S. R. M. Herdman	9835E	Ming'don	Ming'don	
		W/O. R. A. Hunt				
		F/S. R. B. Guest				
		F/S. A. F. Calder				
15/8/45	Dakota D889	F/L. B. G. Hewson	Heavy Wolf 29	15/0720	15/1720	Successful. The DZ was a well known one, near Mon Yang. A/C arrived an hour early, but reception of 'T' of panels and letter 'W' were out. One body was out on DZ and the rest were running up the hill to DZ. 3 bodies and 40 packages were dropped in 9 runs. The 'Joes' jumped and landed very well,
		F/O. R. R. Tarzwell	2154N	Jessore	Jessore	
		F/O. R. Pomazon	9942E			
		F/Sgt. J. E. Wiseman	Kientung Area			
		F/Sgt. S. McCartney				

⁹⁹ Could this be Nai Haarn, Siam?

¹⁰⁰ Record has "1,2000", but the last "0" is 'blacked out'.

						but one package 'chute failed to open; all landed on DZ. Weather – en route – 10/10 St.Cu. tops 9000', 10/10 St. 1,200 ¹⁰⁰ ft with rain over Chins. At DZ. 9/10 StCu base 6,000' No rain and good visibility.
16/8/45	Dakota L925	W/O. H. W. Smith	Cutter (Nickels Alien)	16/0315	16/1200	Successful. Nickels were dropped over the Korat and Bangkok areas. On the first three drops many people were easily seen picking up nickels. Some rifle fire was experienced over Bangkok airfield. Weather – en route – 5/10 St & 5/10 At.St. until return.
		F/S. R. M. Herdman		Ming'don	Ming'don	
		W/O. R. A. Hunt				
		F/Sgt. R. B. Guest				
		F/Sgt. A. F. Calder				
16/8/45	Dakota M926	F/S. H. A. Johnson	Coupling Muslin 40 (Pick up) 1728N 10133E ¹⁰¹	15/1405	15/1835	Successful. The strip was recognised as briefed but a 5,000' hill 10 miles to S.W. was not shown on the map. The reception consisted of 'T' of panels and 2 smoke fires and letter 'L'. The landing strip was still very soft in middle and the pilot did not consider it would be safe to take off with a loaded A/C. 7 Bodies and 3,000 lbs. of stores were landed, but nobody was brought out. Weather. Good on outward trip, but 10/10 low St with build up on hills on return. At DZ. good conditions.
		W/O. K. J. Sharpe		Jessore	Ming'don	
		F/S. G. W. Harvey		16/0655	16/0945	
		Sgt. J. Eden		Ming'don	DZ	
		Sgt. E. Sullivan		16/1035	16/1400	
				DZ	Ming'don	
			17/0810	17/1330		
			Ming'don	Jessore		
15/8/45	Dakota L925	W/O. H. W. Smith	Cutter 1325N 9836E	15/0320	15/0950	Successful. DZ was found in valley with 1,200' ridge on South side and two other ridges one, 2,000' & 3 miles west and the other 1,500' & 1 ½ miles East, altogether the DZ was very small and not good. The reception was as briefed; a 'T' of fires and an 'A' flashed by lamp. 21 packages were dropped in 6 runs, all 'chutes were seen to open and all packages landed on the DZ okay. Weather – en route 5-8/10 StCu & Cu 10/10 At St. At DZ. Low in valleys. 5-8/10 Cu base 1,500' tops 5,000'.
		F/S. R. M. Herdman		Ming'don	Ming'don	
		W/O. R. A. Hunt				
		F/S. R. B. Guest				
		F/S. A. F. Calder				

¹⁰¹ Writing poor on this entry in the record; might be '10153E'.

19/8/45	Dakota G920	F/S. N. E. Horney	Nation Reindeer 6, 7 & 8 Character Ferret 59 Both in Shoero? Area	19/0420	19/1230	Successful. All four DZ's were found without difficulty by map reading. Receptions at Reindeer 7 & 8 were as briefed a 'T' of panels, Ferret 59 was also correct, with a 'U' of panels and letter 'A'. On Reindeer 6 there was no reception but a large number of bodies on ground waving and pointing to ground to indicate A/C might drop. A/C was early on DZ but the crew dropped as they were certain of the identification. 6 free drops were made on Reindeer 6 & 7 respectively in on run each, 19 free drops on Reindeer 8 in two runs and 26 packages in 7 runs on Ferret 59. All 'chutes opened okay and all packages were seen to land on their respective DZ's. Weather – en route – 4/10 Cu & StCu base 4000' to Ramree. 6-7/10 Cu tops 6,000' over Chins at DZ's; rain on all at first, but clear later.
		Sgt. G. Houghton		Jessore	Ming'don	
		Sgt. W. Adams		19/1510	19/1920	
		Sgt. W. J. Routledge		Ming'don	Alipore	
		Sgt. G. A. McLean		19/1945	15/2015	
			Alipore	Jessore		
20/8/45	Dakota F919	F/S. A. S. Osmaston	Character Walrus 76 1921N 9649E	20/0420	20/1150	Unsuccessful. Due to weather over DZ area crew were forced to return without drop. Weather – en route – St & 10/10 Cu & StCu with showers. At DZ 5-8/10 cu & StCu with showers base 4,500' – 2,000'.
		F/O. B. A. Haynes		Jessore	Ming'don	
		F/S. E. A. Hanlon		21/0617	21/1045	
		Sgt. G. V. A. Lenaerts		Ming'don	Jessore	
		Sgt. J. Coupland				
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20/8/45	Dakota F919	F/S. A. S. Osmaston	Character Walrus 75 1928N 6959E ¹⁰² (b)	20/0420	20/1150	Successful. The main reception point for the DZ was a prominent church in a village ¼ mls NE. the DZ itself was on a small hillock surrounded by paddy in a shallow valley on a plateau, and the reception was as briefed, a Triangle & letter
		F/O. B. A. Haynes		Jessore	Ming'don	
		F/S. E. A. Hanlon		21/0817	21/1045	
		Sgt. C. V. A. Lenaerts		Ming'don	Jessore	
		Sgt. J. Coupland				

¹⁰² Record says 6959E, but should this be 9658E?

						'N'. 13 packages were dropped on the DZ in 4 runs, one 'chute failed to open. On return 12 packs of nickels were dropped at 1934N 9756E. Weather – en route- St & 10/10 overcast. At DZ, 5/10 – 8/10 Cu & St Cu. Some Showers Cloud base 4,500' – 2?000'.
20/8/45	Dakota F919	Crew as above	Character Walrus 74 1936N 9655E	20/0420 Jessore 21/0617 ¹⁰³ Ming'don	20/1150 Ming'don 21/1045 Jesore	Unsuccessful. This sortie was combined with the one above, but was unsuccessful owing to unbroken cloud over the DZ area. Weather As for the above sortie.
20/8/45	Dakota K924	Capt. M. P. L. Langer F/O. G. A. Mackey F/O. F. R. Spence Sgt. L. F. Parsons	Character Ferret 58 1858N 9707E	20/0410 Jessore 21/0610 Ming'don	20/1115 Ming'don 21/1045 Jesore	Unsuccessful owing to the weather in DZ area, which made it impossible for the crew to locate the DZ. 8 packs of nickels were dropped in the Mawchi Road area. Weather – en route – 8-9/10 St Cu with good breaks. Base 3,500' ??? tops ? 7,000'. At DZ. Hill tops in cloud – valleys clear.
22/8/45	Dakota F919	F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe Sgt. J. R. Hollington Sgt. R. Sheppard Sgt. S. C. McGregor Sgt. R. Tucker	Gantry 1 1728N 10453E	22/0525 Jessore 22/1155 Ming'don 23/1245 Ming'don	22/1030 Ming'don 22/2240 Ming'don 23/1450 Jessore	Successful. This was a Blind Drop with no reception. 2 Joes' and 6 packages were dropped on a paddy field – heart shape 250 to 200 yards, slightly to North (100 yds) of road and river from Thakher, there was a bridge ½ mile S.W. of DZ where road from Niakhek crosses River Nam Don. Weather – en route – 2/10 Cu & St. Cu. base 3,000 tops 10,000'. Layers of At. St. 6/10 at 12,000'. At DZ 2-3/10 Cu base 3,000' tops 10,000' Vis 7 miles. Note All 'chutes opened okay and Joes waved from DZ.
22/8/45	Dakota K924	F/S. H. A. Johnson W/O. K. J. Sharpe F/S. G. W. Harvey	Farewell 1408N 9942E	22/0950 Jessore 23/1750	22/1435 Ming'don 24/0015	Unsuccessful. The load was not dropped on the reception at the DZ (which was located) was not as briefed, being a square of 4

¹⁰³ 0617 is the time in the record. Since this sortie is "combined" with the one above, either this time or the 0817 for the previous sortie is in error.

		Sgt. J. Eden		Ming'don	Ming'don	fires with a letter 'L' of flames in the middle instead of a 'T' of fires with a letter 'U'. It was later stated by O.S.S. representative at Rangoon that the lat. and long. of DZ and also reception had been changed at the last moment and that the 'L' reception had been correct. 26 packs of nickels were dropped on return route. Weather – en route 8/10 Cu & AlSt over hills, tops 8,000' base hilltops. At DZ. Clear, vis 6 miles.
		Sgt. E. Sullivan				
22/8/45	Dakota D889	F/L. B. G. Hewson	Sungoo Gaberdine 1 0856N 9942E	22/0506	22/0850	Successful. DZ was located as a clearing beside river & hill of 1,200'. The reception was as briefed a 'T' of fires & letter 'L'; 3 bodies, 1 container and 22 packages were dropped in 7 runs; all of the chutes opened okay and the whole of the load landed on DZ. 25 packs of nickels were dropped on the route back to Mingaladon. Weather – en route – Showers 10/10 Al St & cu. Base 4-5,000'. At DZ, 10/10 Al St, 1, 500' – 2,000' base. Vis 10 miles.
		F/O. R. R. Tarzwell		Jessore	Ming'don	
		F/O. R. Pomazon		22/1100	22/2100	
		F/S.J. E. Wiseman		Ming'don	Ming'don	
		F/S. S. McCartney		23/0750	23/1250	
			Ming'don	Alipore		
			23/1300	23/1330		
			Alipore	Jessore		
22/8/45	Dakota H204?	W/O. H. W. Smith	Coupling Muslin 47 1725N 10133E (Landing)	21/1353	21/1804	Successful. DZ consisted of a strip in very wide (15 miles) valley. The strip was in good condition, although grass covered and somewhat bumpy; it was about 1,200 yds in length. The reception was a briefed 'T' and 'L' of panels also 1 fire. 2 Bodies, 40 gals of petrol and 6 packages were landed, all okay. 24 packs of nickels were dropped on the return route. Weather – en route – 10/10 Al. St. base 10,000' 8/10 Cu base 1,000', tops 7,000'. At DZ. Cu. base 15,000'. Vis 10-15 miles.
		F/S. R. M. Herdman		Jessore	Ming'don	
		F/S. R. A. Hunt		22/0900	22/1750	
		F/S. R. B. Guest		Ming'don	Ming'don	
		F/S. A. F. Calder		23/0745	23/1230	
			Ming'don	Alipore		
			23/1235	23/1310		
			Alipore	Jessore		
24/8/45	Dakota L925	F/S. A. S. Osmaston	Character Walrus 77 (DZ 67) 1921N 9649E Character	24/0520	24/1130	Unsuccessful: Weather endeavoured to approach DZ67 and DZ717 along valley. Got within 5 mls of first and very close to second but owing to low cloud and rain had to
		F/O. B. P. Haynes		Jessore	Toungoo	
		F/S. E. A. Hanlon				
		Sgt. G. V. A. Lenaerts				

		Sgt. J. Coupland	Ferret 60 (DZ717) 1858N 9707E			abandon operation. Weather – en route – Fair conditions over Chins. 10/10 undercast, 10/10 overcast and rain later.
25/8/45	Dakota L925	Crew as above	DZ's as above	25/0605	25/0730	Unsuccessful. On first attempt A/C reached foot of hill near DZ but cloud was too low, on second attempt there was 10/10 cloud at 6,000' base. It was hoped to make another attempt, but weather worsened throughout the day.
				Toungoo	Toungoo	
				25/1120	25/1220	
				Toungoo	Toungoo	
26/8/45	Dakota L925	Crew as above	DZ's as above	26/0720	26/1205	Unsuccessful. A/C went towards area but all hills were completely covered and weather hopeless. Therefore all packages for Ferret were brought back to Base.
				Toungoo	Jessore	
24/8/45	Dakota D889	Capt. M. P. L. Langer	Character Walrus 73	24/0525	24/1030	Unsuccessful. Owing to low cloud base, aircraft could not get in to target. Weather – en route – 8/10 St. Cu. base 3,000', tops 5-8,000'. 4/10 At.St. as above – in valleys, cloud base 1,000'. At DZ. 9/10 cloud, base 1,200' covering hills.
		F/O. G. A. Mackey	DZ982	Jessore	Toungoo	
		F/O. F. R. Spence	1920N			
		Sgt. L. F. Parsons	9631E			
		Sgt. A. F. Newton				
24/8/45	Dakota D889	Crew as above	DZ as above	24/1330	24/1530	Unsuccessful. DZ was found, and clearing was seen, but no reception was seen in spite of A/C spending 1 ½ hrs in vicinity; load was brought back to Toungoo. Weather – en route – 6/10 Cu & St. Cu. base 3,200' At DZ similar.
				Toungoo	Toungoo	
25/8/45	Dakota D889	Crew as above	DZ changed to DZ2014	25/0815	25/0930	Successful. After the second attempt of 24th on DZ982 when no reception was found, crew saw Major Tyce of force 136 and explained that on both previous attempts that day, they had seen a reception and party
			1923N	Toungoo	Toungoo	
			9631E	25/1040	25/1455	
				Toungoo	Alipore	
				25/1510	25/1540	
				Alipore	Jessore	

						waving on DZ2014. He then briefed them for five alternative DZ's and the crew again finding no reception on DZ982, dropped their load on DZ2014 where the reception of 'Δ' of panels, letter 'A' and smoke fires was as briefed. 100 packages (93 free) all landed on DZ and all 'chutes opened okay. Weather – en route – 10/10 St.Cu. base 4,000' lowering on hills. At DZ similar conditions.
24/8/45	Dakota K924	F/S. H. A. Johnson	Farewell 1 1408N	24/1750	24/2310	Successful. The DZ was located and reception was the same as on the previous night (see ref: Sortie of 22/8/45 Page 8). 2 'Joes' and 5 packages were dropped in 2 runs. All 'chutes were believed to have opened and load to have dropped on DZ okay. Weather – en route – 10/10 Al. cu. above 3/10 below between 7 and 4,000 ft. At DZ Clear 10/10 At. St. above (base 18,000')
		W/O. K. J. Sharpe	9942E	Ming'don	Hmawri	
		F/S. G. W. Harvey				
		Sgt. J. Eden				
		Sgt. E. Sullivan				
24/8/45	Dakota F919	F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Cutter & Pilot (Cutter) 1325N	24/1210	24/1640	Successful. Cutter DZ position as briefed. DZ very small, about 20 yards square, ½ mile to N of spot light. Small field with 2 tree stumps, reception as briefed 'T' of 5 fires, and letter 'A' flashed. 3 packages dropped in one run; all 'chutes opened okay and packages landed on DZ. Pilot DZ – once again the briefed means of recognition ??????????????????? Contacted by R/T was attempted but of doubtful success. No reception was briefed, 14 packages were dropped in 5 runs; one 'chute failed to open but all packages landed on DZ. Weather – en route – 9-10/10 Cu & St. Cu. base 2,000' tops 5,000'. At DZ Cutter 9-10/10 Cu., St. Cu. & St. base 2,000' tops 5,000'. Pilot 3/10 Cu & ST.Cu. base 3,000' tops 5,000' 5/10 AtSt at 15,000'.
		Sgt. J. R. Hollington	9836E	Jessore	Mang'don	
		Sgt. R. Sheppard	(Pilot) Area 15°N	25/0330	25/1045	
		Sgt. S. C. McGregor	9800E	Mang'don	Mang'don	
		Sgt. R. Tucker		25/1235	25/1725	
				Mang'don	Alipore	

26/8/45	Dakota J584	W/O. H. W. Smith	Character Otter 109 (DZ721) 1850N 9655E	26/0535	26/1220	Successful. The DZ was approached up a valley and the reception recognized as briefed 'T' of panels, letter 'B' and Eureka 'B'. 70 packages (30 free drops) were dropped in 12 runs, all chutes opened okay and all packages landed on DZ. 24 packs of nickels were dropped on return route Weather – en route – 7-8/10 Cu. & ST. Cu. 2/10 AlSt. on outward trip base 1,000' to 1,500', tops 8-9,000'. At DZ. similar but base 4,000' tops 6,000'.
		F/S. R. M. Herdman		Jessore	Ming'don	
		F/S. R. A. Hunt		26/1440	26/1925	
		F/S. R. B. Guest		Ming'don	Jessore	
		F/S. A. F. Calder				
26/8/45	Dakota L925	P/O. N. E. Horney	Character Ferret 58 1858N 9707E	26/0530	26/1155	Unsuccessful. A/C was unable to get through to the DZ owing to bad weather over the area. Weather – en route – Fair conditions across Bay 8/10 Cu, base 2,000', tops 8,000' over chins, clearing over Sittang Valley. At DZ. 8/10 Cu base 3,000' tops 8,000'.
		F/S. G. Houghton		Jessore	Toungoo	
		Sgt. W. Adams				
		Sgt. W. J. Routledge				
		Sgt. J. A. McLean				
26/8/45	Dakota L925	P/O. N. E. Horney	Character Ferret 58 1858N 9707E	26/1315	26/1545	Successful. This was the second attempt by the crew and this time there was a definite improvement in weather. DZ. is 4,000' ASL surrounded by hills generally 5,000', 1 peak 5,600', can only be seen when flying directly over at 6,000'. The reception was as briefed, 'T' of panels and letter 'J'. 79 packages (56 free drop) were dropped in 8 runs, all chutes opening okay but one package catching on a tree near village, close to DZ. all the rest on DZ. Weather – en route – 5/10 Cu base 5,000'. At DZ 5/10 Cu base 6,000' tops 9,000' building up to 20,000' later.
		F/S. G. Houghton		Toungoo	Toungoo	
		Sgt. W. Adams		27/0825	27/1205	
		Sgt. W. J. Routledge		Toungoo	Alipore	
		Sgt. J. A. McLean		27/1315	27/1350	
			Alipore	Jessore		
28/8/45	Dakota H304	F/L. B. G. Hewson	Panicle 7 1354N 10036E (POW pick up on	27/1340	27/1810	Successful. The runways were shorter than briefed, the Eastern one only being 1,200 yards of hard surface. There was no reception as briefed but
		F/O. R. R. Tarzwell		Jessore	Ming'don	
		F/O. R. Pomazon		28/0315	28/0535	

		F/S. J. E. Wiseman	Don Maung	Ming'don	Don Maung	an ordinary Airfield ?? was out. The A/F was under control of the Siamese Airforce who gave crews a hearty reception and good meal. 12 packages of nickels were dropped on the way out. 3,000 lbs of stores were landed and 20 POW's were brought back to Mingaladon. Weather – en route – 4/10 St.Cu. from 5-6,000' down to hills. At DZ. Clear.
		F/S. S. McCartney	A/F)	28/0900	28/1125	
				Don Maung	Ming'don	
				28/1335	28/1735	
				Ming'don	Jessore	
28/8/45	Dakota K924	Capt. M. P. L. Langer	Panicle 8 1354N	27/1315	27/1350	Successful. The reception was identical to that of F/Lt. Hewson on 28/8/45 (see previous sortie) 24 packs of nickels were dropped on way out. 953 lbs of stores and 7 bodies were landed. 10 POW's (P/O. Cook / 358 Sqdn) & 2 Siamese Officers were brought out to Mingaladon. Weather – en route – 7/10 St.Cu. over hills between Mingaladon and Bangkok. At DZ. clear.
		F/O. G. A. Mackey	10036E	Jessore	Alipore	
		F/O. F. B. Spence	(POW	27/1420	27/1835	
		Sgt. L. F. Parsons	pick up on	Alipore	Ming'don	
		Sgt. A. F. Newton	Don	28/0300	28/0520	
			Maung	Ming'don	Don	
			A/F)	Don	Maung	
				28/0900	28/1125	
				Don	Ming'don	
				28/1335	28/1800	
				Ming'don	Alipore	
				28/1820	28/1850	
				Alipore	Jessore	
28/8/45	Dakota L925	F/S. H. A. Johnson	(a) Character	28/0500	28/1040	Both drops Successful. On Character/Walrus 74; DZ was located as clearing on ridge in valley, reception as briefed, square of panels and 'U' 12 packages were dropped in 3 runs. All 'chutes opened okay with the exception of one which candled and all packages were in DZ area but two caught upon trees. At Walrus 76 DZ located on W side of hill in narrow valley running N-S. Reception as briefed 'Δ' and letter 'N'. 34 free drops and 24 packages dropped in 9 runs. 2 'chutes candled and some free drops on edge of DZ. otherwise all O.K. due to engine trouble A/C returned to Toungoo 55 mins after 1st take off. Weather – en route – 10/10 StCu over Chins from ¹⁰⁴
		W/O. K. J. Sharpe	Walrus 74	Jessore	Toungoo	
		F/S. G. W. Harvey	(b) Character	28/1145	28/1240	
		Sgt. J. Eden	Walrus 76	Toungoo	Toungoo	
		Sgt. E. Sullivan	(a) 1921N			
			9649E			
			(b) 1936N			
			9655E			

¹⁰⁴ Balance of remarks "cut off" on microfilm copy of record.

28/8/45	Dakota J584	F/O. R. R. Housby	Panicle 9 1354N 10036E (POW pick up on Don Maung A/F)	27/1345	27/1830	Successful. The reception at the landing field was as for the other two A/C (see notes). 2 m/cycles and 18 packages were landed at Dan Muang A/F and 17 POW's and 12 internees were brought to Mingaladon. 24 packs of nickels were dropped on the outward route over Siam. Weather – en route – 4/10 StCu to hills from 5-6,000'. At DZ. Clear.
		P/O. R. D. Butler		Jessore	Ming'don	
		F/S. O. S. Wright		28/0324	28/0542	
		F/S. E. R. Shalla		Ming'don	Don Maung	
		Sgt. F. Charchuk		28/0905	28/1135	
				Don Maung	Ming'don	
				28/1325	28/1735	
				Ming'don	Jessore	

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357 Squadron, China Bay Detachment

Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
Section 1			Operational Flying
R.A.F. China Bay	1.8.45	Operation	Carpenter 50 F/Lt. Forrest Successful.
"	1.8.45	"	Carpenter 51 J26160 F/O Buzza No reception.
"	1.8.45	"	Carpenter 52 P/O. Roberts No reception.
"	1.8.45	"	Carpenter 55? P/O Tuddemiam? Successful.
"	2.8.45	"	Fighter 9 C1490 S/Ldr. Sims Successful.
"	2.8.45	"	Sergeant F/Lt. March Successful.
"	4.8.45	"	Carpenter 56 F/Lt. Powell No reception.
"	4.8.45	"	Carpenter 57 J16160 F/O. Buzza Successful.
"	4.8.45	"	Carpenter 59 F/Lt. Coker No reception.
"	5?8.45	"	Tideway 15 F/O. Roberts Successful.
"	5?8.45	"	Tideway 19 F/Lt. Smith Successful.
"	5?8.45	"	Funnel 70 P/O. Tuddenham? Successful.
"	6.8.45	"	Humour 20? C1490 S/Ldr. Sims. Successful.
"	6.8.45	"	Humour 21? F/Lt. Forrest Successful.
"	8.8.45	"	Galvanic 22 F/Lt. Powell Successful.
"	8.8.45	"	Galvanic 25? F/Lt. March Successful.
"	8.8.45	"	Pontoon 29?? F/Lt. Coker Successful.
"	10.8.45	"	Carpenter 68 F/Lt. Smith Successful.
"	11.8.45	"	Fighter 10 P?/O. Roberts Successful.
"	11.8.45	"	Fighter 11 J16160 F/O Buzza Weather over D.Z.
"	12.8.45	"	Sergeant 27 F/Lt. Forrest Successful.
"	13.8.45	"	Carpenter 69? F/Lt. March. Successful.
"	13.8.45	"	Carpenter 70? P/O. Tuddenham? Successful.
"	13.8.45	"	Tideway 25 F/Lt. Coker Successful.
"	14.8.45	"	Sergeant 30 R.154124 W/O. Brondum? Successful.
"	14.8.45	"	Tideway 12 F/Lt. Powell Successful.
"	15.8.45	"	Carpenter 74 F/O. Roberts Successful.
"	16.8.45	"	Carpenter 75? C1490 S/Ldr. Sims. Successful.
"	17.8.45	"	Beacon 10/11 P/O. Tuddenham? Successful.
"	19.8.45	"	Carpenter 77 F/Lt. Forrest Successful.
"	19.8.45	"	Carpenter 79 J26160 F/O. Buzza. Successful.
"	19.8.45	"	Carpenter 88 R.134124 W/O. Brendum? Successful.
"	19.8.45	"	Humour 24 F/Lt. Coker. Successful.
"	20.8.45	"	Beacon 11 F/Lt. Powell Successful.
"	21.8.45	"	Carpenter 89 F/Lt. March Successful.
"	21.8.45	"	Carpenter 91 P/O. Tuddenham? Successful.
"	24.8.45	"	Carpenter 92 C1490 S/Ldr. Sims. Successful.
"	24.8.45	"	Carpenter 95? J26160 F/O. Buzza Successful.
"	24.8.45	"	Carpenter 94 F?/O. Roberts Successful.
"	24.8.45	"	Galvanic 42 R.134124 W/O. Brendum? Successful.
"	27.8.45	"	Hebrides 31 F/Lt. March Successful.
"	27.8.45	"	Beacon 12 P/O. Tuddenham? Successful.
"	27.8.45	"	Beacon 13 F/Lt. Powell Successful.
"	30?8.4	"	Carpenter 96 J26160 F/O. Buzza Successful.

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"	30.8.45	"	Mastiff/Sing4 F/Lt. Powell Successful.		
"	30.8.45	"	Mastiff/Tideway 29? F/Lt. Coker Half success		
"	30.8.45	"	Mastiff/Medan? 1 F/Lt. Banett? Successful.		
"	30.8.45	"	Mastiff/Mint R.134124 W/O. Brondam? Successful.		
"	31.8.45	"	Beacon 14? P/O. Tuddemham? Successful.		
Section 2			Non Operational Flying	Hrs.	Mins.
R.A.F. China Bay	1.8.45		Circuits & Bumps	1	00
"	1.8.45		Ferry to Ratmalana – Return	3	00
"	1.8.45		Ferry to Ratmalana	1	00
"	5.8.45		Ferry to Minneriya – Return.	1	00
"	7.8.45		Circuits & Bumps	1	00
"	7.8.45		Ferry to Ratmalana – Return	2	30
"	8.8.45		Air Test.	1	30
"	8.8.45		Local Flying	2	15
"	9.8.45		Local Flying	2	30
"	10.8.45		Air Test	2	00
"	10.8.45		Local Night Flying	3	00
"	11.8.45		Check Flights	4	15
"	11.8.45		Check Flight (Night)	3	00
"	12.8.45		Local Flying	5	5
"	12.8.45		Local Flying (Night)	6	00
"	13.8.45		Ferry to Ratmalana – Return	1	10
"	14.8.45		Air Test	1	00
"	14.8.45		Local Flying	5	45
"	17.8.45		Air Test		45
"	17.8.45		Ferry to Minneriya – Return.	1	30
"	18.8.45		Local Flying	2	55
"	18.8.45		Circuits & Bumps	2	30
"	19.8.45		Ferry to Ratmalana – Return	3	25
"	19.8.45		Ferry to Ratmalana – Return	3	30
"	20.8.45		Check Flight	1	15
"	20.8.45		Local Flying	2	00
"	20.8.45		Consumption Test	6	30(Day)
				6	30(Night)
"	20.8.45		Local Flying	2	05
"	20.8.45		Local Flying (3 Flights)	4	50
"	20.8.45		Air Test	1	00
"	21.8.45		Local Flying	5	30(Night)
"	22.8.45		Consumption Test	6	00(Day)
				6	00(Night)
"	22.8.45		Local Flying	1	30
"	23.8.45		Local Flying	2	00
"	23.8.45		Air Test	2	00
"	24.8.45		Local Flying	3	00
"	26.8.45		Air Test	1	30
"	26.8.45		Local Flying	3	00
"	29.8.45		Ferry to Minneriya – Return.		45
"	31.8.45		Consumption Test	6	20(Day)
				5	20(Night)

"	31.8.45		Air Test	2	10
Section 3			(i) Welfare Entertainments		
			Resulting from the Combined Services Welfare meeting held at Trincomalee on the 3rd August, this Squadron secured two places on the Committee. In addition F/L. Gibson was appointed in charge of the Dance tickets to R.A.F. Personnel of China Bay area. The Squadron Welfare Committee has instituted a scheme for the allocation of these tickets. A dance for airmen is held on Wednesdays and for Sergeants on Saturdays. The Squadron suffered a severe set-back on the night of the 4/5th August, when dance band instruments were lost in a fire. The band had been asked to play at a function held at the Yacht Club, China Bay. When the entertainment closed down for the evening, they were forced, by shortage of suitable transport, to leave their instruments in the building, intending to pick them up next morning. It appears that no blame can be attributed to any known person and the instruments must be considered a complete loss. The squadron Canteen "Carney? House" opened on the 6th August, 1945. It is staffed by Aircrew personnel who volunteered when available, for part time duties. This has proved to be a most useful service. It keeps the airmen close to their work and eliminates a great waste of time. At last we are reasonably certain of almost an adequate water supply. After much hard work we have had the D.C.R.E? open the cocks each morning and allow us to draw 4300 gallons of water (10 gallons per man) for cooking, washing and drinking purposes. For the present the system is working well and there is no hardship at all. We have has a reply from Group regarding No.7 Hill Depot Party and we have been made an allotment of 8 through China Bay, The section Commanders have notified 7 names for the 1st. party and we hope this will be a happy innovation.		
			The Church Parade on Sunday 19th August in connection with "V.J." celebrations was attended by all personnel other than those required for duty. the Officiating Chaplin, Rev. Withey, gave a short address. P/O Heaps is working on the formation of a Bible reading Class and a small Chapel. The Rev. Keen of P.M.U.B Trincomalee visited us and gave notice of the Devine Services held by him in Trincomalee and China Bay. We have not yet been able t allow personnel to have a full day's holiday to celebrate the Victory of the Allies in the East, but the Flight Commander and Section Officers have arranged for personnel to have an afternoon off. As soon as the Operational commitments slacken off we propose having a full days holiday with sports and entertainments. The Officers have expressed a wish t entertain the airmen, and on 23rd August a buffet diner and free beer was provided in the Airmens Canteen. The Officers fully appreciated the splendid work done by the Airmen of this Squadron and one and all have been glad to serve and help tem in every way possible. The transport to Trincomalee on two evenings a week is still very much appreciated and the number of personnel who make use of this privilege is high. It is however not necessary t supplement this in any way.		
			(ii) Sports		
			Results of Football matches are as follows.		
			4.8.45. Squadron Team v Trincomalee Rangers	2 - 0	
			5.8.45. Squadron Team v China Bay.	1 - 7	
			6.8.45. Armoury 1st v Armoury 2nd.	1 - 3	
			10.8.45 Flights v Armour	No Pitch.	
			12.8.45 Airmen v Aircrew	No Pitch.	
			12.8.45 Armoury v A.S.R.	2 - 4	

			14.8.45 Armoury Flts. v Armoury-Main	2 - 1
			15.8.45 Airmen v Aircrew	4 - 2
			21.8.45 N.C.Os v Airmen.	1 - 3
			27.8.45 Airmen v N.C.Os	3 - 1
			28.8.45 "A" Flts v Armoury	1 - 2
			Results of Hockey matches:	
			3.8.45 Squadron 1st Team v Squadron 2nd Team	2 - 1
			7.8.45 Blacks v Reds	2 - 2
			16.8.45 Squadron Team v R.A.F. China Bay.	2 - 1
			17.8.45 Squadron Team v Navy Stores China Bay	2 - 2
			(iii) Health	
			<p>During the Month of August sick parade attendance for airmen and N.C.Os averaged eleven per diem. for the same month the average for Officers reporting sick was 1.5 (one and a half) per diem. Officers to Airmen ratio of strength is about 1 : 5 so the difference in sickness rate between airmen and Officers will be about 15 : 22, showing that sickness is spread over with small differentiation between different ranks. The chief prevalent diseases affecting the personnel of "A" Flight Detachment were: Tines, in its various manifestations; Hot weather ear; Jungle sores and Impetiggo. It is to be noted that all these are in reality illnesses of the skin. It can be said that apart from high rate of annoying illnesses of the skin all the men enjoy good health at their present station. Admissions to Hospitals are high, this is due to the absence of beds on the Station for Sick Patients, therefore all sick patients had to be sent into Hospital. The daily rate of Hospital admissions is about 0.5 (one half) this means that 35 of personnel were Hospitalised during August. This is a fair rate under the circumstances, as many of the cases were of a minor character. Malaria and dysentery are not troublesome at this station at the moment. Morale among aircrew is very high, and the advent of peace made no appreciable difference that could be noted by the Unit Medical Officer. Morale amongst Ground Staff remains of the usual moderate order. Hygiene and sanitation presented no real problem during August. In general, for the month of August, no real problems faced the medical staff of the Squadron, and the health of all personnel was considered good taking into consideration Climate conditions, in other words we do no better and no worse than other Units similarly placed.</p>	
			Section 4	
			(i) Movements In and Out Officers.	
				Date of arrival.
			F/Lt. E? Enmott?	4.8.45
			F/Lt. E? J. Richardson	4.8.45
			F/O. A. Coulson	4.8.45
			P/O. E. S. Williams	4.8.45
			P/O. G. Hannah	4.8.45
				Date of Departure
			F/Lt. J. A. Powell	30.8.45
			F/O. A. A. Morley?	1.8.45
			F/O. R. M? Ritchie	1.8.45
			F/O. M? E? Seale	1.8.45
			(ii) Tour Expired Aircrew	
			The following personnel are operationally Tour Expired.	
			C.1420 S/Ldr. O. A. H. Sims. R195421 Sgt. Gray, N. A.	

			C.4277 S/Ldr. E? D. Wilson. 1577877 F/S. Howkins, D. J.
			J.48181 F/O. F. E? Draper. J.48177 F/O. A. Fitsmaurice?
			J.47453 F/O. G. M. Hercus? J.47457 F/O. J. M. Flanagan.
			J.3?6190 F/O. R. G. Buzza. R.200770 Sgt. Frame, R. R.
			J.47367 F/O. V. I. McNaughton. J.47311 P/O. A. R. Thomarat
			R.272141 Sgt. Skeet, G. W. R.268217 Sgt. Jackson, D. F.
			J.47452 P/O. J. H. Stott. 18?94550 F/S. Thrush, F. J.
			(iii) Visitors
			Nil.
			(iv) Statement of Strength
			55 Officers 117 S.N.C.Os plus 2 Attached.
			243? Airmen plus 21 Attached.
			(v) Commanding Officers Resume.
			The Squadron is now well settled in at the Camp and all is now proceeding smoothly. Living conditions, food and recreational facilities are good and the general morale of the Unit is of a fairly high order. Our M.T. has at long last arrived from Bangalore taking something over 2 ½ months for the journey and consequently the transport situation is considerably eased. Mail from the U.K. for all ranks arrived regularly and there are no complaints. The health of all Unit members is satisfactory and gives no cause for worry.

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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
			All times	GMT	
Liberator Mark VI KH391 "Y"	C1490 S/Ldr. O. A. H. Sims (Capt)	Fighter 9	2nd	2nd	This operation was successful. Pin-pointed at 06.29'N 99.49'E and made a DR run to the primary DZ (06.12'30"N 100.49'45"E) where a T of parachutes and a C of panels were found. 3 bodies were dropped on t this DZ, which was half under water. The stores were dropped on the secondary DZ which was at 06.10'30"N 100.49'E, and the 7 containers and 5 packages were dropped in two dropping runs. One of the container parachutes tore and tangled with another chute, although it is thought that they landed correctly. The target areas were left at 1044 hrs, and the return flight to China Bay was uneventful. The aircraft was airborne for 17 hours 57 minutes and flew 2538 air miles. The weight of stores dropped was 2565 lbs. The following report has been received from the field: "Bodies and stores all received in good order except container containing S-phone. On leaving plane this container opened and all contents scattered. Many thanks RAF for painstaking drop."
	R195421 Sgt. N. A. Gray (2nd pilot)		0234	2031	
	C4277 S/Ldr. E. D. Wilson (Nav)				
	F/Sgt. D. J. Howkins (2nd Nav)				
	J48177 P/O. A. Fitzmaurice				
	J47453 P/O. G. M. Hercus				
	P/O. Flanagan				
	F/Lt. J. Reed				
	F/Sgt. P. Kershaw				
	R285229 Sgt. A. M. Hutchinson				
Liberator Mark VI EW119 "P"	F/O. G. H. March (Capt)	Sergeant 23	2nd	3rd ¹⁰⁵	This operation was completed successfully. After pin-pointing at 06.29'N 99.49'E a DR run was made to the DZ (06.24'30"N 100.34'E) where a T of fires and a letter "A" in strips was found waiting for the aircraft. The load of 7 containers and 5 packages were dropped in three runs, and were seen to land near the reception. Several other Liberators were seen in the vicinity. The DZ area was left at 0938 hours, and the return flight was uneventful The aircraft was airborne for 17 hours 30 minutes, during which 2455 air miles were flown. The weight of stores dropped was 2697 lbs. No report has been received from the field concerning this operation.
	F/Sgt. J. McMurchie (2nd pilot)		0150	1920	
	F/O. W. H. Lewer (Nav)				
	F/Sgt. D. M. Hamiton				
	F/Sgt. R. Simmonds				
	F/Sgt. J. W. Dickson				
	Sgt. G. R. Davies				
	Sgt. J. Thompson				

¹⁰⁵ Record says "3rd", but more probably should be "2nd".

Liberator Mark VI KH401 "V"	F/O. D. Powell (Capt)	Carpenter 56	3rd	4th	This operation was uncompleted as no reception was seen. The coast of Malay was crossed at Batu Pahat (01.50'N 102.56'E) and a DR run was made to the DZ area (01.44'30"N 103.42'E). No reception was seen, so the position was checked by other DR runs from 01.39'N 103.56'E at a height of 1000 to 1700 ft. No reception of lights could be seen anywhere, however, and the sortie was abandoned at 1424 hrs. The load of 4 containers and 4 packages was returned to base after the aircraft had been airborne for 21 hours, 47 minutes during which 3050 air miles were flown. The weather over the target area was only fair with considerable low stratus and ground mist forming. As another aircraft was successful and a third one also unsuccessful at the same time, it must be assumed that rolling mist happened to obscure the reception whilst this aircraft was over it.
	P/O. J. Whatnough (2nd pilot)		0353	0140	
	Sgt. D. Still (Nav)				
	P/O. G. S. Heaps				
	F/Sgt. J. W. Roper				
	Sgt. J. Bradley				
	Sgt. J. Hunter				
	Sgt. G. M. Evans				
Liberator Mark VI KH114 "U"	J26150 F/O. A. G. Buzza (Capt)	Carpenter 57	3rd	4th	This operation was completed successfully. The coast of Malaya was crossed at the usual point – Batu Pahat – and after a DR run to the DZ (01.44'30"N 103.42E) the briefed reception of a V of fires and a flashing letter C was seen. The load of 4 containers and 4 packages was dropped in one run at 1349 hrs, and the target area left two minutes later. There were patches of ground fog all round the area, and it became partially obscured from time to time. The return flight was uneventful, and the aircraft landed after having been airborne for 21 hours and 50 minutes during which 3110 air miles were flown. The weight of stores dropped was 1677 lbs. The following report was received from the field concerning this sortie. (The other two sorties which were unsuccessful – Carpenter 56 and 59 – were over the target area at the same time) "One plane only on 3rd. Dropped 4 containers only. All OK on DZ."
	R200770 Sgt. R. R. Frame (2nd pilot)		0340	0130	
	J47367 P/O. V. I. MacNaughton (Nav)				
	J47311 A. E. R. Thomarat				
	J47452 P/O. J. H. Stott				
	F/Sgt. F. J. Thrush				
	Sgt. D. F. Jackson				
	Sgt. J. Scott				
Liberator Mark VI KH310 "Z"	F/O. F. Coker (Capt)	Carpenter 59	3rd	4th	This operation was uncompleted as no reception was seen. Jason Bay, on the East coast of Malaya, was reached at 1342 hrs, and a DR run made to the DZ (02.03'30"N 104.01'30"E). the whole area was searched and a second DR run made from the same pin-point after which the area to the North and West of the briefed position was
	Sgt. F. W. A. Mellows (2nd pilot)		0330	0133	
	F/O. D. E. Jack (Nav)				

	P/O. R. W. J. Pryor A420174 W/O. J. Delaney A432841 F/Sgt. C. M. Millar Sgt. A. P. Game Sgt. P. C. Halliday				searched. The Captain of the aircraft has been to this area before, and states that there was definitely no reception present. Whilst over the target area, considerable R/T interference was heard in Japanese on 6440 kc/s. The second pilot of the aircraft has a rough knowledge of the language as he had lived for a while in Japan and had travelled extensively before the war, and was able to pick up the general trend of the conversation, which was to the effect that 3 aircraft were in the area, and the lights of one of them could be seen over 'the Bay'. As the aircraft was over Jason Bay at the time, the 'lights' referred to might have been the turbos. It appeared that some ground station was trying to contact some other station which was not working satisfactorily. No bearings were taken to enable a fix to be made. The target area was left at 1416 hrs, and the aircraft landed at China Bay after being airborne for 22 hours 3 minutes, during which 3102 air miles were flown. The load was returned to base.
Liberator Mark VI KH114 "U"	F/O. K. E. Roberts (Capt)	Tideway 15	5th	5th	This operations was successfully completed. After making a run in from the coast of Malay, a pin-point was obtained at 02.30'N 103.47'E and a DR run made to the DZ (02.40'30"N 102.59'E) and the reception was found after a short search at 1020 hrs. The reception found consisted of a very indistinct T of flares and a letter H in panels with no flashing letter G, as briefed. However, the passengers were prepared to accept this reception, so the drop was made, the load of 2 bodies, 4 containers and 2 packages being dropped in two runs. Two of the container parachutes are thought to have tangled, but should have landed correctly. The DZ was rather small and oblong in shape, with trees on every side so that a circuit has to be made at 2000 ft at least, or else the reception is obscured by the foliage. The target area was left at 1042 hrs, and the aircraft returned to base after being airborne for 20 hours 47 minutes and flying 3420 air miles. The weight of stores dropped was 1270 lbs. No report has been received from the field concerning this operation.
	W/O. R. B. Swift (2nd pilot)		0053	2140	
	P/O. E. F. Kirby (Nav)				
	P/O. L. L. Samuel				
	A434865 F/Sgt. T. Pacey				
	F/Sgt. T. Richardson				
	Sgt. J. Sanders				
	Sgt. J. J. Reid				
Liberator Mark VI KH320 "D"	F/Lt. G. Smith (Capt)	Tideway 19	5th	5th	After map-reading from Cape Richardo to the DZ (02.40'30"N 102.59'E) a letter H in panels was seen with no fires. The surrounding area was searched, and on

	P/O. R. F. Taylor (2nd pilot)		0045	2240	returning at 1056 hrs a T of fires was seen in addition to the letter H. No flashing letter G, which had been given at the briefing, was seen but the passengers were quite willing to accept this reception, so the drop was made. Three dropping runs were made to release the load of 4 bodies, 1 container and 6 packages, and all the parachutes were seen on the DZ after the last run. The DZ was left at 1108 hrs, and the aircraft set course for base via Cape Richardo. On the outward flight a small patrol vessel had been sighted in position 02.33'N 101.58'E, apparently at anchor. It had been painted grey and 1 gun was visible on the bows. On the return flight, therefore, preparations were made to "shot it up" but by the time the aircraft had reached the original position, the vessel had moved on and could not be seen, much to the annoyance of the crew. The aircraft landed at China Bay after being airborne for 21 hours 54 minutes, during which 3392 air miles were flown. The weight of stores dropped was 920 lbs. No report has been received from the field concerning this operation.
	W/O. H. Smith (Nav)				
	J45348 F/O. W. O. McDougald				
	W/O. L. J. Powell				
	W/O. G. Smith				
	F/Sgt. J. Tate				
	F/Sgt. J. Stott				
Liberator Mark VI EW119 "P"	W/O. S. A. Tuddenham (Capt)	Funnel 70	5th	5th	After the coast of Malaya had been crossed at 0912 hrs at 04.25'N 100.36'E a DR run was made to a pin-point at 04.00'N 101.24'E past a very large fire. This had the appearance of being controlled, as though an area just to the North of a camp area was being cleared. About three miles further inland from this fire an unidentified structure was seen consisting of two brick buildings with red tile roofs, in the vicinity of which was a contraption, about 25-30 ft square, consisting of numerous silver metal tubes forming a square metal frame. To quote one member of the crew, 'it looked like a mixture
	F/O. S. W. Smith (2nd pilot)		0104	2035	
	F/O. T. B. Bostock (Nav)				
	F/O. J. B. Howell				
	F/Sgt. R. E. Long				
	F/Sgt. F. E. Johnson				
	Sgt. M. E. Ford				
	Sgt. W. D. H. Grant				

					of a Grid sub-station and a water cooling apparatus.' After the pin-point had been reached, an attempt was made to fly up a valley to the DZ, but owing to cloud, the area was eventually reached by fling over the hills to the North of the pin-point. The reception was easily found in the briefed position (04.05'N 101.26'15"E) and consisted of a T of fires and panels and a flashing T. No letter J was seen (as was briefed), but after a check of the position, this reception was accepted. Numerous natives and other people in jungle-green uniforms were seen in the area, waving their arms violently, and one person arrived in a rickshaw during the drop. The first run, in which 4 containers and 2 packages were dropped, undershot by about 100 yards due to a sudden change of wing, but the remaining load (3 containers and 2 packages) landed on the DZ, which was very small. All the load was picked up by the ground party. The DZ was left at 0955 hrs, and the aircraft returned to base, landing after being airborne for 19 hours 31 minutes, during which 2591 air miles were flown. The weight of stores dropped was 2415 lbs. No report has been received from the field concerning this operation.
Liberator Mark VI KH310 "Z"	C1490 S/Ldr. O. A. H. Sims (Capt)	Humour 20?	6th	6th	This operation was successfully completed. The coast of Malaya was crossed at 0945 hrs in position 02.25'N 101.56'E and after map-reading to Kuala Pilah (02.45'N 102.15'E) a DR run was made to the DZ (02.50'30"N 102.08'15"E). A very poor reception of fires in no special layout with a very small letter J in panels was found in a very small DZ which had a 3000 ft. hill immediately to the West, and in order to use the longest length of the DZ, it was necessary to fly down this hill, droop, and level out sharply. The load of 4 containers and 7 packages (including one free drop) was dropped in two runs, and the DZ was left at 1026 hrs. The return flight was uneventful, and the aircraft landed after
	R195421 Sgt. N. A. Grey (2nd pilot)		0039	2125	
	C4277 S/Ldr. E. D. Wilson (Nav)				
	F/Sgt. D. J. Howkins				
	F/Lt. J. Reed				
	J48177 P/O. A. Fitzmaurice				
	J47457 P/O. J. M. Flanagan				
	J47453 P/O. G. M. Hercus				

					being airborne for 20 hours 46 minutes during which 3063 air miles were flown. The weight of stores dropped was 1927 lbs, and the following report has been received from the field concerning this operation. It also refers to Humour 21, which is reported below, whilst the third plane referred to operated from Minneryia. "First plane arrived 0930 GMT. Too early for security but superb drop. All stores recovered. 2nd plane too high, some packages still missing. Saw third plane but he failed to find DZ."
Liberator Mark VI KH391 "Y"	F/O. R. N. Forrest (Capt)	Humour 21	6th	6th	The coast of Malaya was crossed at 0910 hrs at position 02.39'N 101.33'E, and a DR run was made to the DZ area after map-reading to Kuala Pilath (0245'N 102.15'E). The reception was found after a short search and consisted of a few fires in no particular shape and a J of strips which was very small and appeared to consist of a T of strips with a 'hook' at the base made out of a rather dirty cloth. The load of 4 containers and 7 packages was dropped in two runs on a North/South heading as this enabled a left-hand circuit to be made round a hill, although it necessitated drooping across the narrow length of the DZ. The DZ area (02.50'30"N 102.08'15"E) was left at 0925 hrs, and the aircraft set course for base, landing at China Bay after being airborne for 20 hours 13 minutes and flying 1926 air miles. The total weight of stores dropped was 2058 lbs. The field report given above under Humour 20 applies to this operation.
	F/O. G. D. Chapman (2nd pilot)		0035	2048	
	Sgt. H. Forshaw (Nav)				
	F/O. M. King				
	F/Sgt. A. R. Littlewood				
	Sgt. D. Ashe				
	Sgt. E. Temperton				
	Sgt. F. E. Johnson				
Liberator Mark VI KH401 "V"	F/O. D. Powell (Capt)	Galvanic 22	8th	8th	This operation was successfully completed. Landfall was made at 03.20'N 101.15'E, and this was followed by a DR run to the area of the DZs (03.21'30"N 101.38'45"E for the stores and 03.24'30"N 101.40'00"E for the bodies) where good and clear reception could be seen on both targets simultaneously. The load of 7 containers and 5 packages was dropped on the primary DZ in three dropping runs, and the 5 bodies were dropped in one run on the secondary. The area was left at 1125 hrs, and the return flight to China Bay was uneventful. The aircraft was airborne for 19 hours 21 minutes, and flew 2691 air miles. The weight of stores dropped was 2607 lbs. No report has been received from the field concerning this operation.
	P/O. J. Whatnough (2nd pilot)		0145	2106	
	Sgt. D. Still (Nav)				
	P/O. G. S. Heaps				
	F/Sgt. J. W. Roper				
	Sgt. J. Bradley				
	Sgt. J. Hunter				
	Sgt. G. M. Evans				
	R285229 F/Sgt. A. M. Hutchinson				
	R77617 F/Sgt. T. Patterson				

Liberator Mark VI KH320 "D"	F/O. G. H. March (Capt)	Galvanic 23	8th	8th	The coast of Malaya was crossed at Kuala Selangor and a DR run made to the DZ (03.21'30"N 101.38'45"E). Here the briefed reception of a T of lights, and the letter Y in strips and flashing was found waiting for the aircraft, and the load of y containers and 4 packages was dropped in one run at 1128 hrs. The DZ was left immediately after the droop, and the aircraft landed after being airborne for 19 hours 25 minutes, during which 2740 air miles were flown. The weight of stores dropped was 2535 lbs, and no report has been received from the field concerning this operation.
	F/Sgt. J. McMurchie (2nd pilot)		0150	2115	
	F/O. W. H. Lewer (Nav)				
	F/Sgt. D. M. Hamilton				
	F/Sgt. R. Simmonds				
	F/Sgt. J. W. Dickson				
	Sgt. G. R. Davies				
	Sgt. J. Thompson				
Liberator Mark VI ¹⁰⁶	F/O. F. Coker (Capt)	Pontoon 20	8th	8th	This operation was successfully completed, and after making a landfall at 93.48'N 100.48'E, mapread to 03.45'30"N 102.23'E, which is easily recognisable by a bend in the Pahang River, and made a DR run from that point to the DZ. Here the correct reception of a T of fires and a letter H in strips was found and the load of 2 bodies and 5 packages was dropped in three dropping runs. Owing to a misunderstanding, the 3 containers were released 1 ½ miles due North of the DZ, and a message attached to a flame float, was dropped on the DZ giving the position.
	Sgt. F. W. A. Mellows (2nd pilot)		0045	1945	
	F/O. D. E. Jack (Nav)				
	P/O. R. W. J. Pryor				
	A420174 W/O. J. Delaney				
	A432841 F/Sgt. C. M. Millar				
	Sgt. A. P. Game				
	Sgt. P. C. Halliday				

¹⁰⁶ No code or serial given in record.

					The target area was left at 1027 hrs, and the return flight was commenced. At 1251 hrs, when the aircraft was in position 05.32'N 96.48'E, flying at 2000 ft. on a course of 285°T the tail gunner sighted an unidentified aircraft at 9 o'clock flying low over the coast. It climbed up slowly and followed the Liberator for about 15 minutes, but took no action. The aircraft could not be identified, even though it approached to within 100 ft at one time, but was believed to be twin-engined. The weather at this time was fair with an overcast, and it was rapidly growing very dark. Eventually the aircraft broke away, and the remainder of the flight was uneventful. The aircraft landed at China Bay after flying the 2751 air miles in 19 hours and 5 minutes. The following report has been received from the field:- "One plane. Bodies & stores safe. One H type container had only one section attached to chute."
Liberator Mark VI KH114 "U"	F/Lt. G. Smith (Capt)	Carpenter 68	9th	10th	This operation was completed successfully. Landfall was made at Tohore Point, and then flew on to 01.38'N 103.56'E where a pin-point was obtained before flying on to Jason Bay. a DR run was made from the northern tip of the bay to the DZ (02.01'45"N 104.01'30'E) and the briefed reception of a T of fires and a flashing letter K was easily found. The load of 4 containers and 4 packages was dropped in one run at 1357 hrs, and the aircraft set course for base immediately after the drop, landing back at China Bay after being airborne for 22 hours 28 minutes. 3340 air miles were flown, and the weight of stores dropped was 1702 lbs. No report has been received from the field concerning this operation.
	P/O. R. F. Taylor (2nd pilot)		0247	0115	
	W/O. H. Smith (Nav)				
	J45348 F/O. W. O. McDougald				
	W/O. L. J. Powell				
	W/O. G. Smith				
	F/Sgt. J. Tate				
	F/Sgt. J. Stott				
Liberator Mark VI EW119 "P"	F/O. K. E. Roberts (Capt)	Fighter 10	11th	11th	This operation was successfully completed. The coast of Malaya was crossed at 06.23'N 99.50'E and a DR run was made to the primary DZ (06.12'30"N 100.49'45"E) where the correct reception of a T and V in strips was found. The 2 bodies were dropped on this DZ, and the stores were dropped in three dropping runs on the secondary DZ (06.10'30"N 100.49'E) which would be seen from the primary. The load consisted of 7 containers and 5 packages, of which all except 4 packages fell on the actual DZ which was rather small. The 4 packages fell about 400 yards from the
	W/O. R. B. Swift (2nd pilot)		0118	1913	
	P/O. E. F. Kirby (Nav)				
	P/O. L. L. Samuel				
	A434865 F/Sgt. T. Pacey				
	F/Sgt. T. Richardson				
	Sgt. J. Saunders				

	Sgt. J. J. Reid				target owing to a misunderstanding. The target area was left at 0932 hrs after the last drop, and the return flight to base and landed at China Bay after being airborne for 17 hours 55 minutes, during which 2578 air miles were flown. The weight of stores dropped was 2776 lbs. A report referring to Rebecca reception (which did not work) has been received from the field, but the actual drop was not mentioned.
Liberator Mark VI KL552 "R"	J26150 F/O. A. G. Buzza (Capt)	Fighter 11	11th	11th	This operation was unsuccessful owing to weather conditions prevailing over the target area. The Langkawi Islands were pinpointed and a DR run was made in to the approximate position of the DZ (06.10'30"N 100.49'E). On reaching position 06.20'N 100.20'E, however, the weather deteriorated and over the target area, there was 10/10ths Cu and SCu above the aircraft with 8/10ths Stratus below the aircraft at 2000 ft, with heavy rain. The aircraft left the target area at 0900hrs, (20 minutes before the second aircraft on Fighter 10, reported above, arrived. This aircraft also found similar weather conditions, but they were not quite so bad). The load was returned to base, and the aircraft landed after flying for 17 hours 1 minute. 2878 air miles were flown. No report has been received from the field concerning this operation.
	R200770 Sgt. R. R. Frame (2nd pilot)		0122	1823	
	J47367 P/O. V. I. MacNaughton (Nav)				
	J47311 A. E. R. Thomarat				
	J47452 P/O. J. H. Stott				
	F/Sgt. F. J. Thrush				
	Sgt. D. F. Jackson				
	Sgt. J. Scott				
Liberator Mark VI KH391 "Y"	F/O. R. N. Forrest (Capt)	Sergeant 27	12th	12th	This operation was successfully completed. The coast of Malay was crossed at Bunting Island (05.53'N 100.20'E) and a DR run made to the DZ (05.56'45"N 100.56'45"E). This was reached at 1015 hrs, and the correct reception of 2 fires and a letter X in strips was found waiting. The load of 3 bodies, 7 containers and 8 packages was dropped in 4 dropping runs, as it was not a good DZ, and the surrounding trees encroached upon the DZ clearing which was itself rather small. The target area was left at 1031 hrs, and the aircraft set course for base. The return flight was uneventful except for the sighting of an identified aircraft flying South-Westwards in the vicinity of Penang. The aircraft landed after flying for 19 hours and 4 minutes, during which 2780 air miles were flown. The total weight of stores dropped was 2572 lbs. No report has been received from the field concerning this operation.
	F/O. G. D. Chapman (2nd pilot)		0211	2115	
	Sgt. H. Forshaw (Nav)				
	F/O. M. King				
	F/Sgt. A. R. Littlewood				
	Sgt. D. Ashe				
	Sgt. E. Temperton				
	Sgt. F. E. Johnson				

Liberator Mark VI KH401 "V"	F/O. G. March (Capt)	Carpenter 69	12th	13th	This operation was successfully completed. The coast of Malaya was crossed at Batu Pahat, and a DR run was made to Jason Bay on the East coast. From here, another run was made to the DZ (02.01'45"N 104.01'30"E) where the briefed reception of a T of fires and a flashing letter K was found. The load of 4 containers and 3 packages was dropped in 2 runs, and the aircraft set course for base at 1320 hrs. The return flight was uneventful and the aircraft landed at China Bay after being airborne for 22 hours and 5 minutes. 3165 air miles were flown, and 1489 lbs of stores were dropped. No report has been received from the field concerning this operation.
	F/Sgt. J. McMurchie (2nd pilot)		0225	0030	
	F/O. W. H. Lewer (Nav)				
	F/Sgt. D. M. Hamiton				
	F/Sgt. R. Simmonds				
	A.436522 W/O. D. C. Jolley				
	Sgt. G. R. Davies				
	Sgt. J. Thompson				
Liberator Mark VI KH114 "U"	W/O. S. A. Tuddenham (Capt)	Carpenter 78	12th	13th	This operation was successfully completed. A DR run, in which the course was checked by map-reading, was made from Roepat Island to Tanjong Tenggara (02.16'N 103.58'E), from where another DR run was made southwards to the actual DZ (02.01'45"N 104.01.30"E). Here the briefed reception of a T of fires and a flashing letter K was found waiting, and the load of 4 containers and 4 packages was dropped in 2 dropping runs. The aircraft left the target area at 1333 hrs, and returned to base. It had been airborne for 22 hours 5 minutes, and had flown for 3115 air miles. The weight of stores dropped was 1489 lbs. No report has been received from the field concerning this operation.
	F/O. S. W. Smith (2nd pilot)		0245	0050	
	F/O. T. B. Bostock (Nav)				
	F/O. J. B. Howell				
	F/Sgt. R. E. Long				
	F/Sgt. F. E. Johnson				
	Sgt. M. E. Ford				
	Sgt. W. D. H. Grant				
Liberator Mark VI KL552 "R"	F/O. F. Coker (Capt)	Tideway 25	13th	13th	This operation was completed successfully. Landfall was made at Cape Richardo, and was followed by a DR run to 102.37'N ¹⁰⁷ 102.45'E. from this pin-point, another DR run took the aircraft to the DZ. The reception of a T of fires and the letter H in panels was found approximately 1 mile south of the briefed position (02.40'30"N 102.59'E) and surrounded by trees so that the approach has to be made at least at 2000 ft or the reception might be obscured. The load of 3 containers and 4 packages was dropped in two dropping runs, and the target area was left at 0959 hrs. The return flight was uneventful, and the aircraft landed
	Sgt. F. W. A. Mellows (2nd pilot)		¹⁰⁸		
	F/O. D. E. Jack (Nav)				
	P/O. R. W. J. Pryor				
	A420174 W/O. J. Delaney				
	A432841 F/Sgt. C. M. Millar				
	Sgt. A. P. Game				
	Sgt. P. C. Halliday				

¹⁰⁷ This is the coordinate given in the record, but is obviously wrong. perhaps it should be 02.37'N.

					at China Bay after flying 3049 air miles in 19 hours 50 minutes. The weight of stores dropped was 1303 lbs. The following report has been received from the field:- "Sortie on the 13th very good drop. Thanks."
Liberator Mark VI KH162 "W"	R134124 W/O. T. P. Brondum (Capt)	Sergeant 30	14th	14th	This operation was successfully completed. A DR run was made from the Northern tip of Langkawi Island to the DZ (06.24'20"N 100.34'E) where the reception of a T of fires and a letter "A" in strips was easily seen. The load consisted of 7 containers and 7 packages, and this was dropped in two runs. All the stores landed on the DZ except for one which landed slightly to the East of the area, and one other which landed on the DZ without its parachute which did not open correctly. The target area was left at 1100 hrs, and the aircraft set course for base which was reached after flying for 17 hours 40 minutes. A total of 1465 lbs of stores were dropped, and 2996 air miles flown. An aircraft from 8 Squadron was also on the same target and the following report from the field refers to both aircraft:- "Load in the jungle due to very limited visibility at T.O.T. We have got so far 14 containers and 8 packages. Four packages still missing."
	P/O. W. H. Edwards (2nd pilot)		0230	2010	
	R168813 F/Sgt. J. H. Upton (Nav)				
	P/O. R. M. Cartman				
	F/Sgt. T. Laird				
	R271246 Sgt. L. A. Wadell				
	R142231 Sgt. R. H. Bear				
	R269876 Sgt. J. T. Phillips				
	Sgt. V. A. Chevalier				
On August 14th the Japanese accepted the terms of the Potsdam Conference, and Allied Operations against the Japanese Ceased.					
Note:-	Although the Japanese technically accepted the terms of the Potsdam conference on 14th August, 1945, it was not until an appreciable time after that date, that any indication of the intentions of the Japanese in the South-East Asia theatre was given. Therefore, normal S.D. Operations continued and the field parties were asked to find ways and means of contacting the local Japanese commanders when the time came.				
Liberator Mark VI KH391 "Y"	F/O. D. Powell (Capt)	Tideway 12	14th	14th	This operation was successfully completed. The coast of Malaya was crossed at the mouth of the Linggi River (02.23'N 101.58'E) and the target was reached by map-reading. On arrival at the target area (02.40'30"N 102.59'E) a good reception of a T of smoking fires and the letter H in strips was found, although it was partially obscured by ground fog and Stratus and ASt which had formed over the DZ. The load of 3 bodies, 2 containers and 5 packages was dropped in 3 runs, and the
	P/O. Whatnough (2nd pilot)		0015	2145	
	Sgt. D. Still (Nav)				
	P/O. G. S. Heaps				
	F/Sgt. J. W. Roper				
	Sgt. J. Bradley				
	Sgt. J. Hunter				
	Sgt. G. M. Evans				

¹⁰⁸ No times given in the record.

					bodies were seen hauling in their parachutes and waving after they had landed. All the remaining load was also seen on the DZ except for 1 container and 1 package which hung in the trees at the South-East end of the DZ. The target was left at 1027 hrs, and the return flight was uneventful. The aircraft flew for 21 hours and 30 minutes and covered 3540 air miles. The weight of stores dropped was 1004 lbs. The following report has been received from the field concerning this operation, but it seems possible that there is some misunderstanding, as the crew report and the field report do not 'tie up' completely:- "Sortie 14th incredibly bad drop. All bodies and stores landed in jungle." As some of the bodies were seen pulling in their parachutes and waving, the reference to everything dropping off the DZ is not understood. A 'check and repeat' has been requested from the field, but no answer has been forwarded to this unit.
Liberator Mark VI KH114 "U"	F/O. K. E. Roberts (Capt)	Carpenter 74	15th	15th	This operation was completed successfully. After making a landfall at Tohore Point, the aircraft flew to Jason Bay, and then made a DR run to the DZ (02.01'45"N 104.01'30"E). The briefed reception of a T of fires and a flashing letter K was found waiting, and the load of 4 containers and 5 packages was dropped in two dropping runs. The target area was left at 1310 hrs, and the aircraft returned to base China Bay was reached after flying for 21 hours 14 minutes, during which 3590 air miles were covered. The weight of stores dropped was 1735 lbs. A report has been received from the field concerning this operation and Carpenter 73, and is given after the following report.
	W/O. R. B. Swift (2nd pilot)		¹⁰⁹		
	P/O. E. F. Kirby (Nav)				
	P/O. L. L. Samuel				
	F/Lt. J. Reed				
	F/Sgt. T. Richardson				
	Sgt. J. Sanders				
	Sgt. J. J. Reid				
Liberator Mark VI KH401 "V"	C1490 S/Ldr. O. A. H. Sims (Capt)	Carpenter 73	15th	16th	This operation was successfully completed. As with the previous aircraft, landfall was made at Tohore Point. After map-reading across Malaya to Jason Bay, a DR run was made to the DZ (02.01'45"N 104.01'30"E) where the briefed reception was waiting. The load of 4 containers and 4 packages was dropped in 2 runs, and the target was left after the last run at 1304 hours. The aircraft's return flight was uneventful, and it landed after being airborne for 21 hours 38 minutes, during which 3550 air miles were
	R195421 Sgt. N. A. Grey (2nd pilot)		0230	0010	
	C4277 S/Ldr. E. D. Wilson (Nav)				
	F/Sgt. D. J. Howkins				
	A418500 F/O. K. Buchanan				

¹⁰⁹ No times given in the record.

	J48181 P/O F. E. Draper				flown. The weight of stores dropped was 1620 lbs. The following report has been received from the field concerning Carpenter 73 & 74:- "Please thank RAF for super drop on 15th."
	J47457 P/O. J. M. Flanagan				
	J47453 P/O. G. M. Hercus				
	W/C. P Gaskell				
Liberator Mark VI EW119 "P"	W/O. S. A. Tuddenham (Capt)	Beacon 10	17th	17th	This operation was successfully completed. The coast of Malaya was reached at 0924 hrs, and was crossed at 09.47'N 100.48'E. Kubu Bahru (03.34'N 101.39'E) was reached, and the aircraft then flew through The Gap (03.42'N 101.45'E) to the Raub valley, and then along a secondary road running Northwards to the Lipis River Valley in which the DZ was situated. The reception was reached after map-reading along the valley to the DZ (04.01'N 101.42'30"E), which was situated across the valley, so that the dropping runs had to be made by dropping down a hill followed by a steep climbing turn after the drop. The load of 7 containers and 8 packages was dropped in three runs, and were all seen on the DZ except for 3 packages which were about 15 yards off the cleared area. The target area was left at 1020 hrs, and the aircraft set course for base. It landed after being airborne for 19 hours and 30 minutes, during which 3150 air miles were flown. The weight of stores dropped was 3009 lbs. The following report has been received from the field concerning this operation:- "Thank RAF for grand drop."
	F/O. S. W. Smith (2nd pilot)		0046	2016	
	F/O. T. B. Bostock (Nav)				
	F/O. J. B. Howell				
	W/O. C. Price				
	F/Sgt. R. E. Long				
	F/Sgt. F. E. Johnson				
	F/Sgt. B. Page				
	Sgt. M. E. Ford				
	Sgt. W. H. D. Grant				
Liberator Mark VI KH114 "U"	F/O. R. N. Forrest (Capt)	Carpenter 77	18th	19th	
	F/O. G. D. Chapman (2nd pilot)		0311	0007	
	Sgt. H. Forshaw (Nav)				
	F/O. M. King				
	F/Sgt. A. R. Littlewood				
	Sgt. D. Ashe				
	Sgt. E. Temperton				
	Sgt. F. E. Johnson				

Liberator Mark VI KH310 "Z"	J26150 F/O. A. G. Buzza (Capt)	Carpenter 79	18th	19th	This operation was successfully completed. The DZ (01.58'N 103.27'30"E) was reached after a DR run had been made to the area from Tohore Point and the briefed reception of a T of fires was found waiting. The load of 4 containers and 4 packages was dropped in 1 dropping run, and all except one package (which had not landed by the time the aircraft left) were seen in the DZ clearing. The DZ area was left at 1341 hrs and the aircraft landed at China Bay after having been airborne for 20 hours 29 minutes, during which 3640 air miles were flown. The weight of stores dropped was 1700 lbs. A report concerning this operation is given under Carpenter 88 below.
	R200770 Sgt. R. R. Frame (2nd pilot)		0331	0103	
	J47367 P/O. V. I. MacNaughton (Nav)				
	J47311 A. E. R. Thomarat				
	J47452 P/O. J. H. Stott				
	F/Sgt. F. J. Thrush				
	Sgt. D. F. Jackson				
	Sgt. J. Scott				
Liberator Mark VI KH320 "D"	R134124 W/O. T. P. Brondum (Capt)	Carpenter 88	18th	19th	A pin-point was obtained at Tohore Point (01.52'N 100.42'E) and a DR run made to the DZ (01.58'N 103.27'30"E) where the correct briefed reception was found. The lights were not visible, however, throughout the circuit partially as they were being switched on and off and partially due to trees obscuring the reception when the aircraft was at its furthest point from the DZ. The fact of the reception being obscured was responsible for three extra runs between the two dropping runs. This aircraft was the last to the over the target area, and it is possible that the field were wondering if there security might have been imperilled. It was pointed out to Force 136 that the practice of switching off the reception between drops was comparatively common in the 'Carpenter' area and that it only keeps the aircraft in the area for a longer time than necessary. The difficulties of the field, however, were fully appreciated by the aircrews. The load of 4 containers and 4 packages was dropped in two runs and the aircraft set course for base immediately after the last run at 1420 hrs. The Liberator landed after being airborne for 22 hours 25 minutes during which 3700 air miles were flown. The weight of stores dropped was 1610 lbs. The following report has been received from the field, and concerns this operation and also Carpenter 77 & 79:- "For R.A.F. Lovely dropping. Majority chutes on DZ some actually on fires. The reading matter dropped was the first for 2 months. Many thanks. Come and have a drink with us in Kluang soon."
	F/O. W. H. Edwards (2nd pilot)		0340	0205	
	R168813 F/Sgt. J. H. Upton (Nav)				
	F/Sgt. T. Laird				
	R271246 Sgt. L. A. Wadell				
	R142231 Sgt. R. H. Bear				
	R269876 Sgt. J. T. Phillips				
	Sgt. V. A. Chevalier				

Liberator Mark VI KL552 "R"	F/O. F. Coker (Capt)	Humour 24	18th	19th	This operation was successfully completed. The coast of Malaya was crossed at 02.13'N 102.10'E and a DR run made to the DZ (02.55'45"N 102.41'30"E) checking the track with known pin-points. The DZ was finally found after a short search in a position approximately 5 miles NW of the briefed position. A T of fires and a flashing letter D was found waiting, and the fires kept flaring up as though paraffin was being poured over them. This DZ is quite a good one, although there are a few trees on it, but has the disadvantage that it is a long way from any definite pin-point and requires a long DR run over country mainly noticeable for its absence of major features. The load of 4 containers and 4 packages was dropped in two runs at a rather high speed as the hydraulic system was faulty and the flaps could not be used. The aircraft left the DZ at 1434 hrs, and returned to base which was reached after having been airborne for 2 hours 40 minutes during which time, 3452 air miles were flown, The weight of stores dropped was 1558 lbs. The following report has been received from the field:- "Our thanks to pilot and crew for finding DZ under difficult conditions. Still searching for 2 packages, one of which believed smashed."
	Sgt. F. W. A. Mellows (2nd pilot)		0432	0112	
	F/O. D. E. Jack (Nav)				
	P/O. R. W. J. Pryor				
	A432841 F/Sgt. C. M. Millar				
	A420174 W/O. J. Delaney				
	Sgt. A. P. Game				
	Sgt. P. C. Halliday				
Liberator Mark VI KH391 "Y"	F/O. D. Powell (Capt)	Beacon 11	20th	20th	This operation was successfully completed. Landfall was made at 03.47'N 100.43'E followed by a DR run to Kubu Bahru where a dried-up river bed is conspicuous. Map-read through the Gap to Raub, and then Northwards to Kampong Batu Talam, followed by a DR run to the DZ which was easily found in an "S" bend in the river. A T of fires and a letter F in strips was found waiting as briefed, and the load of 1 body, 7 containers and 7 packages was dropped on 4 runs. The body was seen to land slightly to the north of the DZ, but after the drop, no parachutes were seen in the trees, and the aircraft left the area at 1005 hrs. It landed back at China Bay after being airborne for 20 hours 50 minutes, during which 3360 air miles were flown. The weight of stores dropped was 2938 lbs. The following report has been received from the field concerning this operation:- "Thank RAF for good drop." A later report stated:- "All stores recovered. Thanks."
	P/O. J. Whatnough (2nd pilot)		0025	2115	
	Sgt. D. Still (Nav)				
	P/O. G. S. Heaps				
	F/Sgt. J. W. Roper				
	Sgt. J. Bradley				
	Sgt. J. Hunter				
	Sgt. G. M. Evans				
	F/Lt. K. Emmott				
	F/Sgt. C. Knight (screened pilots)				

Liberator Mark VI KH401 "V"	F/O. G. A. March (Capt)	Carpenter 89	21st	21st	This operation was successfully completed. Tothore Point (01.52'N 102.42'E) was reached at 1215 hrs, and a DR run was made to the DZ (01.45'N 103.44'30"E) where the briefed reception of a T of fires and a flashing letter J was found waiting. Ground mist obscured the reception from some directions whilst on the circuit, but the load of 3 containers and 5 packages was dropped in one run without difficulty. The DZ area was left at 1249, and the aircraft landed at China Bay after it had been airborne for 21 hours 20 minutes during which 3480 air miles were flown. The weight of stores dropped was 1458 lbs, and the following message has been received from the field;_ "Thanks for drop. Will report later." No further report has, however, been received by this squadron.
	F/Sgt. J. McMurchie (2nd pilot)		0235	2355	
	F/O. W. H. Lewer (Nav)				
	F/Lt. J. Reed				
	F/Sgt. D. M. Hamiton				
	F/Sgt. R. Simminds				
	Sgt. G. R. Davies				
	Sgt. J. Thompson				
Liberator Mark VI KH310 "Z"	W/O. S. A. Tuddenham (Capt)	Carpenter 91	21st	22nd	This operation was successfully completed. The coast of Malaya was crossed at the usual point – Tohore Point – and a DR run made to the DZ area which was reached at 1304 hrs. As ground mist obscured the reception, another check DR run was made from Kota Tinggi (01.44'N 103.55'E) to the target, where the reception was seen in the briefed position (01.45'N 103.44'E). One dropping run was made and 1 container and 2 packages released, but ground mist again closed in and another DR run from the same pin-point was necessary before the reception could be relocated and the remainder of the load dropped. In all, 4 containers and 4 packages were dropped and the aircraft set course for base after the last drop at 1345 hrs. It landed after having been airborne for 22 hours and 22 minutes, during which 3640 air miles were flown. The weight of stores dropped was 1384 lbs. A message from the field which concerns this operation has been quoted above under operation 'Carpenter 89'.
	F/O. S. W. Smith (2nd pilot)		0303	0125	
	F/O. T. B. Bostock (Nav)				
	F/O. J. B. Howell				
	A436522 W/O. D. C. Jolley				
	F/Sgt. R. E. Long				
	F/Sgt. F. E. Johnson				
	Sgt. M. E. Ford				
Liberator Mark VI KH320 "D"	C1490 S/Ldr. O. A. H. Sims (Capt)	Carpenter 92	24th	25th	This operation was successfully completed. A pin-point was obtained as the aircraft crossed the coast of Malaya at Tohore Point, and a DR run was made to the DZ (01.44.30"N 103.42'E) where the briefed reception of a V of flares and a flashing letter C was waiting. The load of 4 bodies, 1 container and 5 packages was dropped in three runs, and although the bodies were not seen on the ground owing to the
	R195421 Sgt. N. A. Grey (2nd pilot)		0353	0138	
	C4277 S/Ldr. E. D. Wilson (Nav)				
	F/O. J. M. Flanagan				

	J48177 P/O. A. Fitzmaurice				darkness, two additional lights were seen flashing from the edge of the DZ after they had dropped. The Aircraft set course away from the target at 1414 hrs, and returned to base. It was airborne for 21 hours 45 minutes, and flew 3600 air miles. The weight of stores dropped was 788 lbs. The following message has been received from the field:- "Bodies OK. Some packages still not found, also some without chutes which were smashed."
	J48181 P/O F. E. Draper				
	J47453 P/O. G. M. Hercus				
	F/Sgt. D. J. Howkins				
Liberator Mark VI KL552 "R"	J26150 F/O. A. G. Buzza (Capt)	Carpenter 93	24th	25th	This operation was successfully completed. Reached the coast of Malaya south-west of Batu Pahat, and flew coastwise to Benut (01.37'N 103.16'E) and inland to Johore Inlet. A DR run was made to the DZ (01.42'15"N 104.05'E) from 01.38'N 103.57'E and the briefed reception of a T of 5 fires and a flashing letter A was found. The load of 4 containers and 5 packages was dropped in two runs, and all were seen to be dropping in the vicinity of the DZ except for one package in the first run which hung up and fell off about 2 ½ miles south-west of the DZ. The area was left at 1407 hrs, and the aircraft returned to base. It landed at China Bay after being airborne for 21 hours 8 minutes, during which 3540 air miles were flown. The weight of stores dropped was 1660 lbs. A report which has been received from the field is given after the summary of operation Carpenter 94, below.
	R200770 Sgt. R. R. Frame (2nd pilot)		0342	0050	
	J47367 P/O. V. I. MacNaughton (Nav)				
	J47311 A. E. R. Thomarat				
	J47452 P/O. J. H. Stott				
	F/Sgt. F. J. Thrush				
	Sgt. D. F. Jackson				
	Sgt. J. Scott				
Liberator Mark VI KH401 "V"	F/O. K. E. Roberts (Capt)	Carpenter 94	24th	25th	This operation was successfully completed. The coast of Malaya was crossed at the usual point – Tohore Point – and a DR run made to the Johore River. Another DR run was made from this river at 01.39'N 103.56'E to the DZ (01.42'15"N 104.05'E) where the correct reception was waiting. The drop was completed successfully although 3 containers hung up and were released by jettisoning them. It is thought that they landed on the DZ correctly. The actual load dropped consisted of 4 containers and 5 packages, and the aircraft set course for base immediately after the third dropping run at 1432 hrs. Over Malay several reddish fires were seen, including
	W/O. R. B. Swift (2nd pilot)		0358	0104	
	P/O. E. F. Kirby (Nav)				
	P/O. L. L. Samuel				
	J47456 F/O. R. M. Cartman				
	A418500 F/O K. Buchanan				
	F/Sgt. T. Richardson				
	Sgt. J. Saunders				

					two unusually large ones at 01.56'N 103.42'E and 01.37'N 103.33'E. They were definitely not bush fires, and it is possible that they were Japanese denial measures being taken before our troops took over the country. A similar large fire, apparently oil or petrol, was seen in Sumatra at 05.28'N 95.45'E (approx). The aircraft landed at China Bay after being airborne for 21 hours 6 minute, during which time some 3490 air miles were flown. The weight of stores dropped was 1710 lbs. The following report has been received from the field, and concerns both this operation and 'Carpenter 93' which was summarised on sheet 25:- "23 containers were dropped on the DZ and 2 found 2 miles away."
Liberator Mark VI KH114 "U"	R134124 W/O. T. P. Brondum (Capt)	Galvanic 42	24th	24th	This operation was successfully completed. Landfall was made at the lighthouse just North of Kuala Selangor and a DR run was made from there to the DZ (03.22'N 101.38'E) which was conspicuously situated in a yellow sandy area. The briefed letter F in strips was present, but no T of fires was visible, possibly because of a recent shower. The load of 7 containers and 8 packages was dropped in 3 runs, and were all seen to be on the DZ, including three packages which had been free-dropped. The aircraft set course for base at 1009 hrs, and returned to China Bay. It landed after being airborne for 19 hours 52 minutes, during which 3170 air miles were flown. 2761 lbs of stores were dropped. No report has been received from the field concerning this operation.
	F/O. W. H. Edwards (2nd pilot)		0040	2032	
	R168813 F/Sgt. J. H. Upton (Nav)				
	F/Sgt. T. Laird				
	R142231 Sgt. R. H. Bear				
	R271246 Sgt. L. A. Waddell				
	Sgt. V. A. Chevalier				
	R269876 Sgt. J. T. Phillips				
Liberator Mark VI EW119 "P"	F/O. G. A. March (Capt)	Hebrides 31	27th	27th	This operation was successfully completed. The coast of Malaya was crossed at Bunting Island (05.53'N 100.20'E) at 0825 hrs and flew to Baling, changing course several times on route in order to avoid cloud formations. The original route (through Kroh to Grik) could not be completed owing to this cloud, so the crew flew southwards to Chenderoh Lake (04.59'N 100.58'E) and made a DR run to the DZ from there. On arrival at Grik, various flags, including a Union Jack, were seen on housetops, and finally the reception was lit, consisting of a T of very weak fires, and five parachutes with a letter H in panels in the briefed position (05.24'N 101.09'E). The load of 1 body, 7 containers and 7
	F/Sgt. J. McMurchie (2nd pilot)		0113	1950	
	F/O. W. H. Lewer (Nav)				
	W/O. L. Raymor				
	F/Sgt. D. M. Hamiton				
	F/Sgt. R. Simminds				
	Sgt. G. R. Davies				
	Sgt. J. Thompson				
	Sgt. C. Jobson				
	Sgt. P. Schneider				

	Sgt. W. Curtis				packages was dropped in 5 runs, and were all seen on the DZ except for one package which stuck on the top of the slide on the 3rd run, and whilst the next circuit was being made, it was hung on to by the despatchers although it was half out of the aircraft, but was finally release about one mile south of the DZ. One other parachute on a package failed to open, and although the package hit the ground very hard, it did not burst. The DZ was left at 0937 hrs, and weather again forced the aircraft to fly south to Chenderoh Lake and out through the Taiping Pass before it could set course for base. China Bay was finally reached after the aircraft had been airborne for 18 hours 37 minutes, during which 3025 air miles were flown. the weight of stores dropped was 2926 lbs. The following report has been received from the field concerning this operation:- "Drop received on 27th August O.K."
Liberator Mark VI KH114 "U"	W/O. S. A. Tuddenham (Capt)	Beacon 12	27th	27th	This operation was successfully completed. The coast of Malaya was crossed at 03.47'N 100.48'E and the aircraft flew to Kabu Bahru. The pass through the hills (The Gap) was cloud-filled, but was eventually flown over at 5000 ft, and the Raub Valley was clear. Flew north to the Lipis River and then map-read along to the DZ, where the reception of a T of fires and a letter M in panels lit as the aircraft arrived. The load of 6 containers, 6 bodies and 3 packages was dropped in 4 runs, and apart from one container which came loose from its parachute and landed in a mud patch, and disappeared completely from view, all the load was seen in the vicinity of the DZ. The passengers were Gurkha support troops, and thoroughly enjoyed the flight. The act of dropping out flame floats pleased them greatly, and the only moment when their presence caused a mild panic amongst the crew was when one dropped a hand grenade out of his pocket, and it bounced along the floor toward the tail turret. The Dz was left at 0826 hrs, and the aircraft landed after being airborne for 19 hour 47 minutes. 1935 lbs of stores were dropped, and a report concerning this operation is given under 'Beacon 13' below.
	F/O. S. W. Smith (2nd pilot)		0028	2015	
	F/O. T. B. Bostock (Nav)				
	F/O. J. B. Howell				
	F/Sgt. R. E. Long				
	F/Sgt. F. E. Johnson				
	Sgt. M. E. Ford				
	Sgt. W. D. H. Grant				
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	R266024 F/Sgt. J. C. Bale				dropped in two runs, and the target area left at 1312 hrs. On the return flight to the coast, a certain amount of motor traffic was seen moving northwards along the Singapor/Ayer Hitam road, suggesting that the Japanese were undertaking considerable movement out of Singapore before the British occupation forces arrived. The aircraft landed at China Bay after flying 3600 air miles in 21 hours 11 minutes. The weight of stores dropped was 1560 lbs, and the following report has been received from the field concerning this operation"- "lousy drop. Most of comforts and W/T equipment smashed to pieces. God knows what went wrong but 5 chutes on first run dropped half a mile beyond DZ and all damaged. Did you free drop anything as many packages were found without chutes. (second message) W/T station and generator smashed on drop, both chutes failed to open." (Note:- The reference to 5 chutes on the first run is incorrect, as only 4 packages were dropped. There were no free drops.)
	F/Sgt. F. J. Thrush				
	R77617 F/Sgt. T. Patterson				
	Sgt. D. F. Jackson				
Liberator Mark VI KH320 "D"	F/O. D. Powell (Capt)	Mastiff Singapore 4	29th	30th	This Operation was the first drop of a medical team and stores to Allied prisoners of war in Japanese hands in Malaya. Curing the previous days, leaflets had been dropped giving instructions to the Japanese guards and prisoners, and this and all subsequent Mastiff operations followed on these instructions. After an uneventful flight to Malays, the DZ (Changi airfield 01.22'N 103.59'E) was reached but no reception was visible. After the first dropping run, however, lights came on in the station buildings near the intersection of the runways. In all, 6 bodies, and 5 packages were dropped, and after the drop, they were all seen waving and standing near a truck which was at one end of the runway. The POW camp at Changi Jail was brilliantly lit, and although the large mental hospital which was used as a camp was also seen, no signs of actual activity could be seen in either camp. The target area was left at 2252 hrs, and the aircraft returned to base after flying for 3745 air miles in 22.20 hours. The weight of store dropped was only 508 lbs, but this does not include the very considerable amount of personal kit carried by the six 'bodies'
	P/O. Whatnough (2nd pilot)		1235	1055	
	Sgt. D. Still (Nav)				
	P/O. G. S. Heaps				
	F/Sgt. J. W. Roper				
	Sgt. J. Bradley				
	Sgt. J. Hunter				
	Sgt. G. M. Evans				

Liberator Mark VI KH401 "V"	F/Lt. F. Coker (Capt)	Mastiff Tideway 29	29th	30th	This operation was partially completed as although the load was dropped on the primary DZ, the secondary was obscured by mist. The coast of Malaya was reached at 03.00'N 101.20'E at 2124 hrs, and as dawn was still some way off, the aircraft "stooged" along the coast and finally commenced a DR run to the primary target (02.09'45"N 102.57'E) from Batu Pahat. This target was reached at 2249 hrs, and a T of fires and letter H in panels found waiting. 2 bodies were dropped on this DZ, and after the drop the aircraft set course for the secondary DZ (02.0'45"N 103.01'E), but although a search of the area was made, ground mist surrounding the nearby hills obscured the reception. The captain flew back to the primary, but the reception there had been removed, and so the load of 2 containers and 4 packages was brought back to base. The DZ area was left at 2326 hrs, and the return flight to China Bay commenced. At 0134 hrs in position 04.05'N 98.41'E a possible dinghy and wreckage was seen from 1400 ft, and was immediately reported to Group by W/T. At 0204 hours, in position 04.40'N 97.55'E, whilst over Sumatra, 6 trucks full of people who had the appearance of troops were seen together with a considerable amount of other transport, all moving south. 3 trains one behind the other were also seen moving southwards along the nearby railway, all consisting of heavily-laden trucks. This is the route from Sabang down to the southern part of Sumatra, and seems to indicate withdrawal of Japanese forcers from places where occupying forces might be expected to land in the near future. The aircraft finally landed after being airborne for 21 hours 55 minutes during which 3570 air miles were flown. The following report has been received from the field:- "Bodies arrived safely. Plane flew over DZ1184 (The secondary DZ) but rain and fog made visibility nil."
	Sgt. F. W. A. Mellows (2nd pilot)		1240	1035	
	F/O. D. E. Jack (Nav)				
	P/O. R. W. J. Pryor				
	A432841 W/O. C. M. Millar				
	A420174 W/O. J. Delaney				
	Sgt. A. P. Game				
Liberator Mark VI KH118 "G"	F/Lt. K. Emmott (Capt)	Mastiff Medan 1	30th	30th	This operation was the first supply drop to prisoner of war camps in Sumatra, although during the previous few days aircraft of other squadrons had been over the area dropping leaflets giving instructions both to the Japanese and the internees. The aircraft pin-pointed at Diamond Point and map-read down to Medan town. The target
	F/O. A. Coulson (2nd pilot)		0048	1807	
	F/Sgt. P. Kershaw (Nav)				

	F/Lt. H. J. Richardson				was the POW camp situated on the outskirts of the actual town, and although no reception was laid out, the DZ was easily found and the load dropped either on the camp itself or on a playing field adjacent to the camp. 7 containers and 6 packages were dropped in 4 runs, and the aircraft finally left the target area at 0830 hours. Crowds of people were seen round the prison gates, and on Medan airfield more people were seen round the control tower, whilst some 22 probable Vals and numerous other S/E aircraft were seen dispersed around the runways. Between Medan town and the coast a Red Cross train was seen moving Eastwards. The aircraft landed at China Bay after being airborne for 17 hours 19 minutes during which 2900 air miles were flown. 2592 lbs of stores were dropped. No report has been received concerning this operation from Medan.
	F/Sgt. E. Knight				
	F/Sgt. A. R. Anstay				
	Sgt. J. D. Clare				
	Sgt. W. Sidebottom				
Liberator Mark VI KH970 ¹¹⁰ "X"	R134124 W/O. T. P. Brondum (Capt)	Mastiff Mint	30th	30th	This operation was successfully completed. A pin-point was obtained at Tohore Point, and a DR run made from there to the DZ (01.44'N 103.44'E) Here the correct reception of a T of fires and strips with the letter R flashing was found, and the load of 3 containers and 6 packages dropped in 2 runs. One parachute failed to open, but all the others were seen to land on the DZ. The aircraft set course for base at 1025 hrs and landed after flying for 21 hours 25 minutes. 1530 lbs of stores were dropped and 3540 air miles flown. No report has been received from the field.
	F/O. W. H. Edwards (2nd pilot)		0040	2205	
	R168813 F/Sgt. J. H. Upton (Nav)				
	F/Sgt. T. Laird				
	F/Sgt. V. A. Chevalier				
	R142231 Sgt. R. H. Bear				
	R271248 Sgt. L. A. Waddell				
	R269876 Sgt. J. T. Phillips				
Liberator Mark VI KL552 "R"	W/O. S. A. Tuddenham (Capt)	Beacon 15	31st	31st	This operation was successfully completed. After crossing the coast of Malaya at 03.53'N 100.44'E at 0827 hrs, the aircraft flew to Kubu Bahru and then through The Gap to Raub. From here, the aircraft flew northwards to the Lipis River, which was flown along until the DA was reached. The DZ (04.10'N 101.41'E) has been used before, and although it is situated in hilly country, it is quite good to use and stands out a light green against the surrounding jungle. The correct reception of a T of fires
	F/O. S. W. Smith (2nd pilot)		0050	1930	
	F/O. T. B. Bostock (Nav)				
	F/O. J. B. Howell				
	F/Sgt. R. E. Long				
	F/Sgt. F. E. Johnson				

¹¹⁰ Record gives serial as KH970; this is not a Liberator serial. This was probably KG970.

	Sgt. M. E. Ford				and the letter M was found and the 1 body, 4 containers and 6 packages were dropped in 3 runs, and were seen being picked up by the ground party after the drop. Set course for base at 0929 hrs, and landed after being airborne for 18 hours 40 minutes during which 3140 air miles were flown. The weight of stores dropped was 1953 lbs, and no report has been received from the field concerning this operation.
	Sgt. W. D. H. Grant				
Summary of Operations for August 1945					
This is the first month that the China Bay detachment of 357 S.D. Squadron has been operating for the full period, and when it is realised that there is only an established strength of 10 aircraft, the number of 45 sorties mounted represents a considerable effort. The official end of the war also caused a number of last-minute cancellations and changes which tended to reduce the actual number of sorties which could have been flown.					
Number of sorties attempted:- 45					
" " " successful:- 41 ½					
Percentage of success:- 92.2%					
Total weight of stores dropped:- 80,737 lbs or 40.3 short tons.					
Total hours flown on operations:- 919 hours 21 minutes					
Total air miles flown:- 144,219 = 3204.6 air miles per sortie					
Total number of containers dropped:- 197					
" " " packages " :- 214					
" " " passengers " :- 51					
(These figures include 'Mastiff' sorties.)					

September 1945: Form 540 China Bay

357 Squadron, China Bay Detachment

Place	Date	Time	Summary of events		
Section 1			Operational Flying		
R.A.F. China Bay	1.9.45	Operation	Evidence 1	F/O. Mercer	Successful
"	1.9.45	"	Humour 26	F/Lt. March	Successful
"	2.9.45	"	Fighter 12	W/O. Brondum	Successful
"	2.9.45	"	Hebrides 34	F/Lt. Emmott	Unsuccessful. Weather over D.Z.
"	3.9.45	"	Mastiff/Singapore	S/Ldr Sims	Successful
"	5.9.45	"	Mastiff/Penang	F/Lt. March	Successful
"	5.9.45	"	Sergeant 36	W/O. Raynor	Successful
"	5.9.45	"	Mastiff/Palembang	F/Lt. Powell	Successful
"	5.9.45	"	Mastiff/Benkoelen	P/O. Tuddenham	Successful
"	6.9.45	"	Mastiff/Medan	Mastiff/Rantauparapat	F/Lt. Emmott Successful
"	8.9.45	"	Mastiff/Bahau	F/O. Roberts	Successful
"	8.9.45	"	Mastiff/Papabita?	F/Lt. March	Successful
"	9.9.45	"	Mastiff/Rantauparapat	W/O. Raynor	Successful
"	9.9.45	"	Mastiff/Pakenbaroe	F/Lt. Powell	Successful
"	10.9.45	"	Mastiff/Bankinang 30	P/O. Tuddenham	Successful
"	10.9.45	"	Mastiff/Padang 32	F/Lt. Emmott	Successful
"	12.9.45	"	Mint 2	F/Lt. Forrest	Successful
"	12.9.45	"	Mastiff/Padang	F/Lt. March	Successful
"	12.9.45	"	Mastiff/Pakenbaroe	F/O Mercer	Successful
"	13.9.45	"	Status 4	W/O. Raynor	Successful
"	16.9.45	"	Mastiff/Pakenbaroe	F/Lt. Emmott	Successful
"	17.9.45	"	Fighter 16	W/O. Raynor	Successful
"	17.9.45	"	Fighter 17	F/Lt. March	Successful
"	19.9.45	"	Beacon 16	F/Lt. Forrest	Successful
"	20.9.45	"	Mastiff/Bahan 49	P/O. Tuddenham	Successful
"	21.9.45	"	Mastiff/Madan	F/Lt. Coker	Successful
"	23.9.45	"	Mastiff/Madan 58	W/O. Raynor	Successful
"	24.9.45	"	Pontoon	F/Lt. Emmott	Successful
"	23.9.45	"	Mastiff/Madan 57	W/Cdr Gaskell	Successful
"	27.9.45	"	Funnel 96	F/O. Williams	Successful
"	29.9.45	"	Galvanic 57	W/O. Raynor	Successful
"	29.9.45	"	Status 5	P/O Tuddenham	Successful
"	29.9.45	"	Tether 4	F/Lt. Forrest	Successful
"	30.9.45	"	Padang/Seal 4	F/Lt. Emmott	Successful
Section 2			Non Operational Flying		
R.A.F. China Bay	5.9.45		Transit Cocos Islands – Base	Hrs. 10	Mins. 20 (Night)
"	5.9.45		Transit Cocos Islands – Base	10	33 (Night)
"	8.9.45		Transit Cocos Islands – Base	10	11
"	11.9.45		Air Test	1	00
"	17.9.45		Base – Ratmalana – Minneriya – Base.	3	50
"	20.9.45		Consumption Test	7	35 (Day)
				3	50 (Night)

"	20.9.45		Base – Ratmalana – Base.	1	00 (Day) 50 (Night)
"	23.9.45		Air Test.	2	00
"	26.9.45		Base – Ratmalana – Base.	2	30
"	27.9.45		Base – Ratmalana – Base.	3	00
"	28.9.45		Base – Ratmalana – Base.	3	00
"	28.9.45		Air Test.	1	00
"	29.9.45		Base – Santa Cruz	6	15
"	30.9.45		Santa Cruz – Base.	6	15
"	30.9.45		Air Test.	1	00
"	30.9.45		Local Check and Practice Flights	5	00
Section 3			(i) Welfare Entertainments		
			<p>There has been little to report during the month of September. Social activity among personnel has been quiet, but every one has been content and the morale of the Detachment is high. Following slackening of operational effort airmen have had much more time for sport and this factor alone has helped considerably. There have been a number of good Ensa Shows in Trincomalee which upwards of 40 persons each evening from this Camp have been able to attend. The E.V.T Scheme at China Bay is well patronised and airmen are benefiting by the training. A special request from the C.S.H Trincomalee on the 20th to provide a aircraft to transport a patient to Colombo was approved by the Commanding Officer and within 30 minutes of receiving the call W/O. Raynor and crew were ready at the aircraft awaiting the arrival of the patient. This "mercy" mission was successfully carried out. Padre's of various denominations have called on personnel from time to time and established good contact resulting in most satisfactory relationships.</p>		
			(ii) Sports		
			Results of football matches are as follows:-		
			7.9.45	Armoury V "A" Flight.	1 – 2
			12.9.45	N.C.Os V Airmen	1 – 3
			15.9.45	Airmen V Trinco Rangers	0 – 0
			18.9.45	Airmen V Odds	0 – 2
			20.9.45	Squadron 1st V HMS Kinney	2 – 1
			24.9.45	Airmen V HMS ? ¹¹¹	1 – 1
			25.9.45	Squadron V HMS Kinney	1 – 1
			27.9.45	Sqdn 2nd V HMS Kinney	0 – 6
			30.9.45	Sqdn 1st V RAF China Bay	0 – 4
			Results of Hockey matches are as follows:-		
			5.9.45	Squadron V RAF China Bay.	2 – 1
			Results of Cricket matches are as follows:		
			11.9.45	Squadron V RAF China Bay.	Lost by 3 runs.
			28.9.45	Officers & Aircrew V Maintenance.	Officers & Aircrew won by 14 runs.
			(iii) Health		
			During the month of September 370 airmen reported sick, giving an approximate average of 12 per diem. The majority of these cases were		

¹¹¹ The "?" mark is in the original record.

		<p>simple skin diseases. the number of admissions to hospital during the month of September was 14 (fourteen). This figure includes Officers and airmen. Approximately one Officer reported sick per diem during the month. The sickness of the Squadron Detachment remains at a low level and as usual, the vast majority of the complaints suffered from are skin complaints. Malaria and Dysentery remain at a very low level, no case of Dysentery for this month was contracted on the Station, the personnel involved had either relapsed or returned from leave or duty elsewhere. There were no cases of flying fatigue or stress during the month. Conditions were satisfactory for the month of September, 1945.</p>
Section 4		<p>(i) Movements In and Out Officers.</p> <p>F/Lt. A. B. Coy. F/O. R. E. Jorgenson. F/O. C. S. Campbell F/O. G. McGregor. F/O. C. R. Stearns. F/O. I. A. Palumbo. F/O. J. A. King. F/O. K. M. Oddson. F/O. W. Stevens. F/O. D. K. Jordan. F/O. M. F. Wagner. F/O. R. Sanderson. F/O. W. O. MacDonald. The above named Officers departed on 16.9.1945.</p> <p>P/O. A. E. Thomarat. P/O. J. H. Stott. P/O. R. M. Cartman. P/O. E. E. Draper. P/O. J. M. Hercus. F/O. A. G. Buzza. P/O. A. Fitzmaurice. P/O. J. Flanagan. S/Ldr. E. D. Wilson. F/O. J. L. Beirnes. S/Ldr. O. A. H. Sims. F/O. A. E. Duff. P/O. G. F. MacKelvie. P/O. E. M. Mercer. P/O. W. H. Edwards. P/O. K? McNoughton. The above mentioned Officers departed on 20.9.1945.</p> <p>P/O. D. N. Floyd. P/O. D. J. K. Lycett. P/O. J. W. Rogers. P/O. D. C. Langley. P/O. R. G. Hughes. F/O. J. M. R. Jones. F/O. E. G. Reynard. F/Lt. E. A. Hames. F/O. R. J. Thomson. The above named Officers arrived on 18.9.1945.</p> <p>F/Lt. R. W. G. Vaughan. F/Lt. J. C. H. Cole. F/O. D. H. Chapman. F/O. H. C. Chapman. F/O. S. W. Hall. F/O. C. W. Huxley. the above named Officers arrived on 29.9.1945.</p>
		(ii) Tour Expired Aircrew. N/A.
		(iii) Visitors. Nil.
		(iv) Statement of Strength
		53 Officers 171 S.N.C.Os 230 Airmen
		(v) Commanding Officer's Resume
		<p>Morale and health on the Camp are of a high order and a direct result of this has been observed in the highly successful month of September from a flying point of view. Entertainments are reasonable and no complaints except of a very minor nature have come to my ear.</p>
		{Note: there is no Form 541 for September in the "Official Records". There are no further records of this detachment in the "Official Records of the Squadron"}

October, 1945: Form 540 Mingaladon

357 Squadron, Mingaladon Detachment

Place	Date	Time	Summary of events				
Mingaladon	October	1945	Part I, Operations				
			During the month of October a total of 125 trips were flown. A number of these consisting of individual sorties to two DZ's on one trip, resulting in the high aggregate of 145 individual sorties for the month, out of these only 1 trip was unsuccessful, and this was a result of engine trouble developing soon after take off. The aircraft began to lose height badly and the crew were forced to jettison their load before finally ending at Bangkok after being airborne for 2 hrs 50 mins. The flights' efforts during this month as in the month before were devoted almost entirely to flying medical supplies, personnel and food into SIAM and carrying out P.O.W's. the only difference being that during this month a much larger area was covered than previously (see operational synopsis). A small number of sorties were also flown to the old Character area in Burma for the purpose of dropping food supplies and a number of nickels were dropped over towns in Siam. The weather during the month was continually good as can be gathered from the fact no sorties failed from this cause. No losses were sustained by the unit during the month and altogether a very successful record of sorties was shown.				
			Operational Synopsis for October 1945				
Code Name	Place or Area	Country	Position in Lat. & Long	Number of Sorties Flown			Remarks
				Su	Uns	Total	
--	Kanchanaburi	Siam		15	--	15	
--	Saraburi	Siam		18	--	18	
--	Nakon Pathon	Siam		21	1	22	The one failure was due to engine trouble.
--	Petchaburi	Siam		15	--	15	
--	Tamungmaung	Siam		20	--	20	
--	Bangkok	Siam		20	--	20	
--	Chumphorn			1	--	1	
--	Mytkyina			1	--	1	
DZ		Burma	18.36N 92.29E	1	--	1	
DZ		Burma	17.53N 97.17E	1	--	1	
	Tavoy	Siam		1	--	1	
	Ubon	Siam	15.14N 104.54E	1	--	1	
	Pakse (A/F)		15.10N 100.45E	1	--	1	
Mongoose Character	Kyundaw	Burma		8	--	8	
Otter DZ.2037		Burma	18.36N 97.03E	1	--	1	
Hyena		Burma	18.24N 97.17E	4	--	4	

Heavy Wolf	Kengtung (A/F)	Burma		2	--	2		
	Namsang (A/F)			2	--	2		
	Moulmein	Siam		5	--	5		
	(Selcta A/F) Singapore			2	--	2		
	Port Blair (A/F)			1	--	1		
	Mergui			2	--	2		
Walrus Blue		Burma	19.34N 97.04E	1	--	1		
		Grand	Total	144	1	145		
			Total Number of sorties flown in October 1945: - 145					
Mingaladon	October	1945						
			Part II Administration					
	Oct. 1st		A new officers' mess was opened today.					
	Oct. 1st		The D.F.M. was awarded to 1338669 F/S. Nelson, J. R. (now commissioned) authority London Gazette of 8/5/45.					
	Oct. 5th		A Pay parade was held in the Admin. block at 1400 hrs with F/O. Cumber and F/O. MacKey as witnessing officers.					
	Oct. 5th		The 1939-45 and Burma Star were awarded to F/S Thorne (1652917), and 942386 Cpl. Carr (P.O.R 59/45 of 19/9/45)					
	Oct. 7th		S/Ldr Turner assumes command of detachment vic S/Ldr. O'Brien DFC, (absent on duty) w.e.f. 7/10/45.					
	Oct. 12th		The C.O. and S.M.O. inspected 357 Sqdn living quarters today					
	Oct. 14th		S/Ldr. T. P. O'Brien D.F.C. resumes command of 357 Sqdn. Detachment vic S/Ldr. C. A. Turner. w.e.f. 14/10/45					
	Oct. 14th		F/O. F. C. Cooke was awarded a bar to his D.F.C. and F/L. D. H. Hulme was awarded the D.F.C. Authority, London Gazette of 2/10/45					
	Oct. 23rd.		A clothing parade was held with F/O Hallett as witnessing officer.					
	Oct. 29th.		F/O. I. O. Hughes assumed duties as Education Officer w.e.f. 29/10/45/					
	October		Recreation					
			As in the previous month a certain number of inter-section and Squadron Football Matches were organised.					
Jessore	October	1945	RAF Officers POR's 6th, 20th, 21st, & 27th.					
			Postings					
			P/O. Floyd, D. M. 193017 Nav.				Posted to 357 Sqdn from RAF Poona w.e.f. 12/9/45	
			F/Lt. Hanes, E. A. 152121 GD.P.					
			F/O. Thompson, R. J. 167283 GD.P.					
			P/O. Lycett, D. J. K. 167626 A/B.					
			F/O. E. G. Reynard 164006 GD.P.					
			P/O. J. W. Rogers 167890 GD.P.					
			P/O. R. G. Hughes 167924 Nav.					
			P/O. D. C. Langley 167904 GD.A/B					
			F/O. J. M. R. Jones 57031 GD.W/Air					
			F/O. M. J. Reilly 52413 Tech/Arm				Posted to 357 Sqdn. 25/10/45.	
			P/O. P. Kershaw 197925 Nav.				Posted to 357 Sqdn. on grant of	

			commission in RAF VR wef 3/10/45
		P/O. C. C. Hood 915987 GD.NB.	Posted to 3.R.E.C. Worli wef 23/10/45
		P/O E. A. Wheelhouse 196400 GD/P.	Posted RAF Dalbungar wef 26/10/45
		Promotions	
		F/O. R. Carter SR141543 GD/NavB.	Promoted to F/Lt. w.e.f. 27/3/45.
		P/O. G. Hannah 190060 GD(W/Air)	Promoted to F/O w.e.f. 10/4/45
		P/O. R. M. Davies 166364 GD (WAG)	Promoted to F/O w.e.f. 8/3/45
		P/O. P. L. Dalington 181792 GD(P)	Promoted to F/O w.e.f. 11/5/45
		Metals and Decorations	
		F/O. F. C. Cooke, DFC 187366 GD/P Awarded bar to DFC Auth. C.R.O's 8/10/45.	
		F/Lt. D. H. Hulme 141559 GD/NB Awarded DFC Auth C.R.O's 8/10/45.	
		R.C.A.F. Officers POR's 23th October '45.	
		Postings	
		P/O. V. R. Woodland J95593 GD WAG	Posted from 357 Sqdn. to B.R.D. Worli wef 20/10/45.
		F/Lt. B. G. Hewson J10354 GD/P	
		F/O. G. A. Mackey J45823 GD/Nav	
		F/O. F. B. Spence J46787 GD/WAG	
		F/O. J. A. Tarzwell J45944 GD/Nav	
		F/O. R. Pomazon J40764 GD/WAG	
		F/O. R. Sinclair J46521 GD/Nav	
		P/O. V. R. Woodland J95593 GD/WAG	
		Appointments	
		P/O. V. R. Woodland J95593 GD/WAG	Appointed to commissioned Rank as P/O in GD Branch RCAF wef 26/7/45.
		357 SD Sqdn Statement of Personnel Strength as of October 31st 1945.	
		Airmen	Officers
		RAF	Total
		642	71
			713
		For Wing Commander,	
		Commanding 357 SD Squadron RAF	

November 1945: Form 540 Mingaladon

357 Squadron, Mingaladon Detachment

Place	Date	Time	Summary of events				
Mingaladon	November	1945	Part I Operations				
			During the month of November a total of 72 sorties were flown from Mingaladon by the 'Dakota' Flight. As in the previous month on some occasions, two sorties were completed in one trip from base?, a total of 66 trips being flown ?????? 15th November on which ??? the work of the "Dakota Flight" was disbanded; the air and ground personnel being posted??? to units in 202? Group. Out of the 72 sorties flown only one was unsuccessful, in this case the crew being ????? to return? to Base through? shortage of petrol before they had located? the DZ. The ??? efforts during this month ????? 3 returns? once again to the old D.Z. areas a total of 43 sorties being flown on the Character area ??????. A small? number of sorties were made to Bangkok and the surrounding areas and ?? ?? the dropping of supplies, the majority? of the P.O.W.s having been brought out during the previous month.				
			The Flight did not sustain any loses during this month of very good flying weather. Altogether, the record of successful sorties up to their date of disbandment, on November 15th, 1945 was very good.				
			Operational Synopsis for November 1945				
Code Name	Place or Area	Country	Position in Lat. & Long	Number of Sorties Flown			
				Suc	Uns	Total	
	Petchaburi	Siam		3	--	3	
	Saraburi	"		2	--	2	
	Nokm? Pathon	"		3	--	3	
	Bangkok	"		6	--	6	
	Jessore	Bengal		2	--	2	
	????iein	Siam		1	--	1	
	?? Maung	Siam		3	--	3	
	Alipore	Bengal		3	--	3	
	Idawn Thani	Siam		1	--	1	
Character Hyena		Burma	DZs 685 & 778	33	--	33	
Character Mongoose	Mewaing	Burma	DZ 713	9	1	10	The one failure was due to the crew being unable to locate the DZ on their first attempt.
	Dum Dum	Bengal		1	--	1	
	Myitkyina			1	--	1	
	Naung Kai			1	--	1	
	Saigon			2	--	2	
		Grand	Total	71	1	72	
Mingaladon	November	1945	Part II Administration				
	Nov. 10th		S/Ldr. C. A. Turner assumes command of 357 Sqdn. detachment vice S/Ldr. T. P. O'Brien w.e.f. 9/11/45.				
	Nov. 10th		W.e.f. 15/11/45 357 Sqdn detachment will be disbanded and personnel of the Dakota Flight, both air and ground crew will be posted to units on 232 Group.				

			Personnel of the Lysander Flight, air and ground crew will be attached to A.H.Q. Burma (comm.) until their work is completed. All M.T. and H? S. personnel will remain with the Lysander Flight.	
	Nov. 11th		Forty airmen arrived at 357 Sqdn. Mingaladon in transit for 62 Sqdn.	
	Nov. 15th		W.e.f. today 15/11/45 the Dakota Flight is officially disbanded and the Lysander Flight transferred to A.H.Q. Burma.	
Jessore	November	1945	Part III Personnel	
			RAF Officers POR's 11th, 10th & 23rd November 1945	
			Postings	
			F/O. A. H. Patmore 167700 GD.P.	Posted to AHQ.Ceylon? w.e.f. 25/9?/45.
			F/Lt. P. Arkell 124406 GD.P.	Transferred to U.K. on ???? grounds w.e.f. 2/11/45.
			F/O. R. W. H. G?oonkum 185228 GD.P	Posted to 357 Sqdn. Ex. U.K. w.e.f. 23/10/45. (for flying duties)
			P/O. L. G? Palmer 19?0736 GD Nav	
			F/O. M. V. Walden 185703 GD W/Air	
			F/Lt. R. ? Bolt (DFC?) 132702 GD.P	
			F/O. K. I?bbbs 179?219 GD.P	
			P/O. R. C. C?ary (DFC) 187112 GD Nav	
			F/O. G? C?ree? 188130 GD Nav	
			F/O. K. S. G. Hills (D.F.C.) 187314 GD WAG	
			F/Lt. R. H. Smith (DFC & Bar) 122748 GD/Nav.B.	Posted to 357 Sqdn. Ex. U.K. w.e.f. 29/10/45. (for flying duties)
			P/O. R. F. Taylor 197878 GD. P.	
			P/O. R. Ham??on 201264 GD Nav	Posted from 357 Sqdn to 3 R.E.C. Worli w.e.f. 15/11/45.
			F/O. ??????? 5??415 Tech Inst?	Posted to 357 Sqdn on grant of commission in RAF VR w.e.f. 15/11/45.
			F/O. H. ? L. Hallett 18??64 GD.P.	Cancel POR 21/10/45 in request? of the officer
			F/Lt. ? A. Powell 138883 GD P.	Posted to 3 R.E.C. Worli w.e.f. 8/11/45
			F/O. W. J ?r?uhart 1074??76 GD Nav	Posted to 3 R.E.C. Worli w.e.f. 8/11/45
			??? ? ???mmer? D.F.C. 72748?? GD ??	Posted to 357 Sqdn. ex U.K. w.e.f. 5/11/45
			???? ???? ?????? GD.P.	
			F/O. P. Mys??? 19????? GD. ???	
			Appointments and Promotions	

		P/O. ? Kershaw 197925 GD Nav.	Appointed to Commissioned Rank of P/O in RAF VR w.e.f.28/9/45.
		P/O. R. Hampton 201244 GD.Nav.	Appointed to Commissioned Rank of P/O in RAF VR w.e.f.3/8/45.
		Medals	
		F/Lt. (A/S/Ldr) T. P. O'Brien, DFC 88684 GD.P.	Awarded Bar to D.F.C. Auth: London Gazette 19/10/45.
		F/Lt. G. B. Egerton-Eves 104087 GD.P. (Deceased 20/5/45)	The ??? officers are awarded the D.F.C. Auth: London Gazette 19/10/45
		F/O. W. Kinurel 165150 GD.P.	
		Total Personnel Strength of 357 SD Sqdn. as of November 15th 1945.	
		Airmen	Officers
		RAF	Total
		633	79
			712
		For Wing Commander,	
		Commanding 357 SD Squadron RAF	

November 1945: Form 541 'C' Flight

357 Squadron, 'C' Flight
(Attached Burma Comm. Squadron)

Date	Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Time up	Time Down	Details of Sortie or Flight
7.11.45	Lysander V.9494	F/O. Darlington, P. L.	10.05	12.35	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to Kyaukkyi (QB.270241) "Hyena Red". Two personnel and kit and 150 lbs. food and clothing landed. One passenger and 250 lbs. radio equipment brought out. 3/10ths. Cu. at 3000 ft. Visibility excellent.
			(Op. Flying Hours 01.40)		
7.11.45	Lysander T.1538	F/Sgt. Hall, T. N.	09.15	14.00	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to (a) Kyaukkyi (QB.270241) "Hyena Red" (b) Kyeingon (QB.2056) "Hyena Purple". Two personnel and kit and 220 lbs. food and clothing landed at Kyaukkyi. Two personnel and kit and 350 lbs. radio and general equipment brought out from Kyeingon. 3/10ths Cu. at 3000 ft. Visibility excellent.
			(Op. Flying Hours 01.55)		
8.11.45	Lysander V.9494	F/S. Stubbings, S. H. A.	11.00	16.15	Pick-Up and Free Drop Sortie from Mingaladon to (1) Thaton (QM.9552) "Giraffe". (2) Kyowaing (QH.0216) "Mongoose Red". (3) Mewaing (QG.8566) "Mongoose H.Q." One Officer landed at Thaton. 30 lb. package dropped at Kyowaing, 140 lbs. food landed at Mewaing and 50 lbs. radio equipment picked up. 3/10ths. Cu. at 2500 ft. Visibility unlimited.
		Sgt. Bowler, W. N.	(Op. Flying Hours 02.35)		
9.11.45	Lysander V.9494	F/O. Darlington, P. L.	09.35	12.20	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to Metharoot (QH.034860) "Mongoose Crimson". 380 lbs. food and clothing landed. Cloudless in plains. Over mountains 3/10ths. cu. at 4000 ft. Visibility excellent.
			(Op. Flying Hours 02.00)		
9.11.45	Lysander T.1532	F/Sgt. Hall, T. N.	09.15	15.00	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to Bolo Auk (QG.5088) "Mongoose White". Three personnel and 185 lbs food and clothing landed. One passenger and 300 lbs. of electrical and wireless equipment brought out. 3/10ths. Cu. at 4000 ft. Visibility excellent.
			(Op. Flying Hours 01.30)		
10.11.45	Lysander V.9289	F/Sgt. Hall, T. N.	09.15	17.30	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to (1) Mewaing (QG.8566) "Mongoose H.Q." (2) Metharoot (QH.034860) "Mongoose Crimson". (3) Mewaing (4) Metharoot. Two British
			(Op. Flying Hours 02.40)		

					Officers flown from Base to Mewaing (for Conference), plus 40 lbs. food. Officer picked up from Metharoot and flown to Mewaing. after Conference latter Officer landed at Metharoot and aircraft returned direct to Base, with the other two British Officers. No cloud. Visibility unlimited.
11.11.45	Lysander T.1532	F/S. Stubbings, S. H. A.	09.40	14.35	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon t (1) Bolo Auk (QG.5088) "Mongoose White". (2) Toungoo Main A/F. (3) Bolo Auk. Landing made at Bolo Auk for one passenger for Toungoo, but passenger not present. Proceeded to Toungoo and picked up on Force 136 Officer and landed him at Bolo. Returned to Base. Cloudless. Visibility unlimited. Slight Cloud at Bolo (3000 ft).
			(Op. Flying Hours 02.45)		
12.11.45	Lysander T.1532	F/O. Darlington, P. L.	09.35	12.50	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to (1) Metharoot (QH.034860) "Mongoose Crimson" (2) Thaton (QM.9552) "Giraffe". Two personnel and kit landed at Metharoot. 80 lbs. food and ammunition landed at Thaton. One Officer and flt kit flown to Base from Thaton. 6/10ths Cirrus. Heat haze. Visibility 15 miles.
			(Op. Flying Hours 02.15)		
12.11.45	Lysander V.9818	F/S. Hall, T. N.	10.30	15.50	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to Lipyekhi (QB.605332) "Hyena H.Q". 350 lbs. food landed. Two personnel, with kit, exfiltrated. First landing to be made on this Strip, which had been constructed as an alternative to the Strip previously used. Very much more suitable for Lysanders – 420 X 50 yards of cleared paddy and scrub of rather rough surface. Approach South to North up slope. Facilities for over-shoot reasonable, if decision to go round again made in good time. Altitude 2,800 feet A.S.L. Nil Cloud. Visibility unlimited.
			(Op. Flying Hours 02.30)		
13.11.45	Lysander T.1532	F/S. Hall, T. N.	09.30	15.10	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to (1) Mewaing (QG.8566) "Mongoose H.Q." (2) Metharoot (QH.034860) (3) Lipyekhi (QB.605332) "Hyena H.Q." One passenger picked up at Mewaing and flown t Metharoot. One passenger and kit flown from Metharoot to Lipyekhi. Three personnel and kit picked up at Lipyekhi and flown to Base, plus 100 lbs. radio equipment. 5/10ths. Cu. at 5000 feet. Scattered showers.
			(Op. Flying Hours 02.30)		
14.11.45	Lysander T.1 532	F/O. Darlington, P. L.	09.40	12.25	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to Bolo Auk (QG.5088) "Mongoose White". Two personnel and kit brought back to Base. Visibility excellent. 3/10ths. Cu. Base 2500 feet.
			(Op. Flying Hours 01.35)		

14.11.45	Lysander V.9867	F/S. Hall, T. N.	09.30	12.35	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to Papun (Metharoot QN.034860) "Mongoose Crimson" (2) Mewaing (QG.8566) "Mongoose H.Q." One passenger and kit landed at Papun. Two passengers and kit flown to Mewaing from Papun. Two passengers and kit brought out from Papun and flown to Base. 3/10ths. Cu. base 5000 feet. Visibility unlimited. Showers in hills.
			(Op. Flying Hours 02.00)		
14.11.45	Lysander V.9867	F/S. Castledine	13.55	16.50	Pick-Up sortie from Mingaladon to (1) Metharoot (QN.034860) "Mongoose Crimson" (2) Bolo Auk (QG.5088) "Mongoose White" One passenger landed at Metharoot. One passenger and kit brought out from Bolo Auk and flown to Base. 4/10ths. Cu. 3000 feet. Local storms.
			(Op. Flying Hours 02.10)		
15.11.45	Lysander V.9494	F/S. Hall, T. N.	11.00	14.00	Pick-Up sortie from Mingaladon to Lipykehi (QB. 605332) "Hyena H.Q." Three personnel and kit brought out to Base. 3/10ths. Cu. 6000 ft.
			(Op. Flying Hours 02.00)		
16.11.45	Lysander V.9494	F/S. Castledine, R.	09.30	14.45	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to Lipykehi (QB. 605332) "Hyena H.Q." (2) Bolo Auk (QG.5088) "Mongoose White". One passenger and kit flown from Lipykehi to Base. 4/10ths. Cu. at 5000 feet. Visibility unlimited.
			(Op. Flying Hours 02.40)		
16.11.45	Lysander V.9818	F/S. Stubbings	09.25	1 6.35	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to (1) Moulmein (2) Kyowaing (QN.9552) "Mongoose Red" (3) Papun (Metharoot QN.034860), "Mongoose Crimson". One British Officer and One Karen landed at Moulmein. 50 lbs. food flown from Moulmein and landed at Kyowaing. Two Karens and one B.O.R. brought out from Papun and flown to Base. 3/10ths Cu. base 4000 ft. Visibility unlimited.
			(Op. Flying Hours 02.40)		
16.11.45	Lysander V9867	F/O. Darlington	0935	1415	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to Bolo Auk (QG.5088) "Mongoose White". One passenger and kit brought out and flown to Base. 3/10ths. Cu. over hills 4000 ft. Visibility excellent.
			(Op. Flying Hours 01.25)		
16.11.45	Lysander V.9289	F/S. Hall	1430	1710	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to (1) Metharoot (QH.034860) "Mongoose Crimson". (2) Mewaing (QG.8566) "Mongoose H.Q." Aircraft spares landed at Metharoot. Two personnel, kit and Wireless Equipment flown from Mewaing to Base. 3/10ths. Cu. 6000 ft. Vis. Good.
			(Op. Flying Hours 01.50)		
16.11.45	Lysander V9867	F/O. Darlington, P. L.	14.35	17.35	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to Kyaukkyi (QB.270341) "Hyena Red". Two personnel

			(Op. Flying Hours 01.53)		and kit brought out and flown to Base. Clear over plains. Visibility excellent.
17.11.45	Lysander T.1532	F/S. Hall, T. N.	09.10	11.00	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to Mewaing (QG.8566) "Mongoose H.Q." Two personnel and kit brought out and flown to Base. 6/10ths. Cu. at 5000 feet in the hills.
			(Op. Flying Hours 01.40)		
17.11.45	Lysander V9867	F/O. Darlington, P. L.	09.35	13.20	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to Kyowaing (QH.0216) "Mongoose Red". Two personnel and kit brought out and flown to Base. 3/10ths. Cu. at 3000 feet. Visibility 15 miles.
			(Op. Flying Hours 01.45)		
17.11.45	Lysander V.9289	F/S. Stubbings, S. H. A.	09.40	12.05	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to Kyaukkyi (QB.270341) "Hyena Red". Two personnel, kit and radio stores flown to Base. Visibility unlimited.
			(Op. Flying Hours 01.35)		
17.11.45	Lysander V.9494	F/S. Castledine	09.30	12.30	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to (1) Bolo Auk (QG.5088) "Mongoose White". (2) Lipykkhi (QB.605332) "Hyena HQ". One passenger landed at Bolo Auk. Two passengers brought out from Lipykkhi and flown to Base. 2/10ths. Cu. base 5000 feet – Visibility unlimited.
			(Op. Flying Hours 02.05)		
17.11.45	Lysander V.9289	F/S. Stubbings	15.05	18.05	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to (1) Metharoot (QH.034860) "Mongoose Crimson" (2) Kyaukkyi (QB.270241) "Hyena Red". One British Officer picked-up at Metharoot and 400 lbs. radio stores picked up at Kyaukkyi and flown to Base. 2/10ths Cu. base 2500 feet. Visibility Excellent.
			(Op. Flying Hours 02.20)		
17.11.45	Lysander T.1532	F/S. Hall	12.40	16.10	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to Kyowaing (QH.0216) "Mongoose Red". 500 lbs. kit and radio equipment flown to Base. 3/10ths. Cu. base 5000 feet. Visibility unlimited.
			(Op. Flying Hours 01.40)		
17.11.45	Lysander V.9494	F/S. Castledine	15.00	17.45	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to Bolo Auk (QG.5088) "Mongoose White". Two personnel and kit picked up and flown to base. 2/10ths. Cu. over hills base 5000 feet. Visibility Excellent.
			(Op. Flying Hours 01.35)		
18.11.45	Lysander V.3989	F/O. Darlington, P. L.	09.45	11.50	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to Kyowaing (QH.0216) "Mongoose Red". Two personnel and kit flown to Base. 4/10ths. Cu. Visibility 15 miles.
			(Op. Flying Hours 01.35)		
18.11.45	Lysander V.9494	F/S. Stubbings	09.50	11.45	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to Thaton – (QM.9552) "Giraffe". One Burmese Officer and kit picked up and flown to Base. 3/10ths. Cu. base 3000 feet. Visibility Excellent.
			(Op. Flying Hours 01.30)		

18.11.45	Lysander T.1532	F/S. Hall	14.15	16.50	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to Mewaing – (QG.8566) "Mongoose H.Q." One British Officer, one Karen and kit flown to Base. 3/10ths. Cu. at 6000 feet. Showery.
			(Op. Flying Hours 01.40)		
19.11.45	--	--	--	--	No Sorties flown
20.11.45	--	--	--	--	No Sorties flown
21.11.45	Lysander V.9494	F/S. Hall, T. N.	10.30	14.25	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to Kyaukkyi – (QB.270241) "Hyena Red". Two personnel landed and two personnel and wireless equipment brought out and landed at Base. 3/10ths. Cu. at 4000 ft. Visibility unlimited.
			(Op. Flying Hours 01.50)		
22.11.45	Lysander V.9494	F/O. Darlington	09.35	15.15	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to Papun – (Metharoot QH.034860) "Mongoose Crimson". Two personnel and kit landed. One passenger flown to Base. 3/10ths. Cu. at 3500 ft. Vis. Excellent.
			(Op. Flying Hours 01.45)		
23.11.45	Lysander T.1538	F/S. Stubbings.	11.15	13.15	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to Mewaing – (QG.8566) "Mongoose HQ". Two personnel landed. 6/10ths. Cu. at 3000 ft. Visibility 40 miles.
			(Op. Flying Hours 01.35)		
24.11.45	Lysander V.9818	F/S. Hall, T. N.	15.00	17.05	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to Kyaukkyi – (QB.270241) "Hyena Red". Three personnel and kit landed. 500 lbs. wireless equipment and explosives picked up and flown to Base. Visibility unlimited.
			(Op. Flying Hours 01.50)		
25.11.45	Lysander T.1538	F/S. Castledine	10.30	16.00	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to Bolo Auk (QG.5088) "Mongoose White". Two personnel and kit landed. Two personnel brought out and flown to Base. Visibility Excellent.
			(Op. Flying Hours 01.30)		
26.11.45	Lysander V.92789	F/O. Darlington	12.15	13.45	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to Thaton – (QM.9552) "Giraffe". Two personnel and kit landed. No Cloud. Visibility excellent.
			(Op. Flying Hours 01.20)		
27.11.45	Lysander V.92789	F/S. Hall, T. N.	09.30	14.40	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to (1) Kyaukkyi – (QB.270241) "Hyena Red" (2) Mewaing (QG.8566) "Mongoose HQ". Three personnel and kit landed at Kyaukkyi. One passenger and kit picked up at Mewaing and flown to Base. No cloud. Visibility excellent.
			(Op. Flying Hours 02.10)		
28.11.45	Lysander V.9818	F/S.. Stubbings	10.40	15.15	Pick-Up Sortie from Mingaladon to Kyowaing (QH.0216) "Mongoose Red". Three personnel landed. One passenger flown to Base. 4/10ths. Cu. Visibility unlimited.
			(Op. Flying Hours 01.35)		

29.11.45	--	--	--	--	No Sorties flown
30.11.45	Lysander T.1538	F/S. Hall, T. N. (Pilot)	¹¹²		Drop Sortie from Mingaladon to Patado – (QB.855325) "Hyena Orange". (2) Lipyekhi – (QB.605332) "Hyena H.Q." (3) Kekingon (QB.2056) – "Hyena Purple". 40 lbs. equipment and comforts dropped in each case. No cloud. Visibility unlimited.
		F/S. Maggar (Dispatcher)			
Conclusion of Operational Record of Lysander Flight for the Period 7th to 30th. November, 1945. (inclusive).					
					S/Ldr.
					Officer Commanding,
					Lysander Flight,
					(Attached Burma Comm. Squadron.)
					Mingaladon

¹¹² Times not given in record.

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