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357 Squadron

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| Aircraft  | Crew                   | Duty       | Time up | Time Down  | Remarks   |
| type and  |                        |            |         |            |   |
| No.       |                        |            |         |            |   |
| Liberator | P/O. F. B. Cooke       | Desert 10  | 311850  | 010615     | This operation was successful. The  |
| VI "U"    |                        |            |         |            | aircraft arrived over the D.Z. at 2325                                      |
|           | NZ421489 W/O.          |            | Jessore | Jessore    | hours & found reception as briefed. 1                                       |
|           | C. R. Anderson         |            |         |            | run was made at 700 feet & 11   |
|           | Aus9183 F/L. G.        |            |         |            | containers were dropped. The rear   |
|           | Cashmore               |            |         |            | gunner reported that all chutes opened                                      |
|           | P/O. J. H.             |            |         |            | & could later be seen on the ground at                                      |
|           | Newberry               |            |         |            | the North end of the D.Z.:- The   |
|           |                        |            |         |            | weather was good throughout & there   |
|           |                        |            |         |            | was very little cloud.  |
|           | P/O. F. W. Pearce      |            |         |            |   |
|           | W/O. J. F. Bryden      |            |         |            |   |
|           | W/O. W. V.             |            |         |            |   |
|           | Robertson              |            |         |            |   |
|           | F/S. J. B. Nelson      |            |         |            |   |
|           | Sgt. J. Hatton         |            |         |            |   |
|           |                        |            |         |            |   |
| Liberator | W/O. S. H. Seed        | Desert III | 311905  | 010610     | This operation was successful. The  |
| VI "P"    |                        |            |         |            | aircraft arrived over the target area at                                    |
|           | Sgt. W. J. Surrage     |            | Jessore | Jessore    | 2358 hrs. & found a good reception of                                       |
|           | P/O. M. V. Douse       |            |         |            | fires on the D.Z. also "G" flashing. In                                     |
|           | Sgt. B. Elstub         |            |         |            | one run at 400 feet 8 containers & 5  |
|           | Sgt. R. C. H.          |            |         |            | packages weight 1905 lbs. were  |
|           | Harrell                |            |         |            | dropped. The Dispatcher reported that                                       |
|           | Sgt. W. E. Luck        |            |         |            | the drop was made without incident &  |
|           | Sgt. J. Archer         |            |         |            | that all the shutes opened & developed                                      |
|           | Sgt. W. L.             |            |         |            | normally. Weather was good & visibility                                     |
|           | Knowles                |            |         |            | was 8 – 10 miles.   |
|           | Sgt. A. Archibald      |            |         |            |   |
|           | ogi. A. Alcilibalu     |            |         |            |   |
| Dakota    | Aus421792 P/O.         | Ramrose    | 312030  | 010315     | This operation was carried out  |
| IV. "M"   |                        |            | 312030  | 010313     |   |
| IV. IVI   | T. A. Collister        | Fox III    | loogoro | locooro    | successfully. The area was reached at 2325 hrs. & search of radius 11 miles |
|           | F/S. L. Elliott        |            | Jessore | Jessore    |   |
|           | F/S. G. Thompson       | ĺ          |         | 1          | was made for the D.A. At 2340 hrs a   |

|                      | F/S. W. M.<br>McCormack           |                     |         |         | triangle of fires was seen approx. 2 miles form 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<br>VI "R"  | F/O. J. Churchill                 | Bazaar 17           | 311818  | 010730  | This operation was successful. Weather was good & aircraft arrived   |
| ļ                    | W/O. J. A. Taylor                 |                     | Jessore | Jessore | over the D.Z at 0002 hours & ground  |
|                      | F/O. D. H. Hulme                  |                     | 3000010 | 0000010 | good reception consisting of 3 fires &   |
|                      | W/O. W. Hough                     |                     |         |         | torch flashing "R" 2 runs were made at   |
|                      | W/O. W. E. N.                     |                     |         |         | 700 feet & the 2 men, 9 containers & 4   |
|                      | Smail                             |                     |         |         | packages left the aircraft successfully,   |
|                      | W/O. W. G.                        |                     |         |         | & the rear gunner reported that all the  |
|                      | Murray                            |                     |         |         | parachutes opened.   |
|                      | F/S. D. R. Webber                 |                     |         |         | At 2019 when in Posn 9610N 2130E. 20 or more M.T. vehicles were seen moving North.   |
|                      | Sgt. H. D. V.<br>Gould            |                     |         |         | , and the second |
| Liberator<br>VI. "X" | Aus.426330 W/O.<br>F. V. Exelby   | Future<br>Bison III | 312200  | 010425  | This operation was unsuccessful. The aircraft arrived over the target area at  |
|                      | Aus.430132 F/S.<br>G. C. Thompson |                     | Jessore | Jessore | 0044 hours & made 3 D.R. runs onto the D.Z. from an identified pinpoint  |
|                      | NZ.415285 W/O.<br>J. H. Boundy    |                     |         |         | without raising any response from the ground. As no reception was seen, the  |
|                      | F/S. J. A.<br>McArthur            |                     |         |         | aircraft returned to Base wit the 11 containers & 4 packages which had   |
|                      | Sgt. W. G.                        |                     |         |         | bee intended for the drop.   |
|                      | Robertson                         |                     |         |         | Weather was good throughout the  |
|                      | Sgt. L. C. Snell                  |                     |         |         | whole operation.   |
|                      | Sgt. R. C. Silly                  |                     |         |         |  |
|                      | Sgt. J. Gorrie                    |                     |         |         |  |
|                      | Sgt. T. E. Lockett                |                     |         |         |  |
| Dakota IV            | S/L. T. P. O'Brien                | Ramrose<br>Rhino II | 312101  | 010310  | This operation was successful. At 2351 a reception of a Δ of fires & "K"   |
|                      | F/O. R. Carter                    |                     | Jessore | Jessore | flashing was seen on the D.Z. & in 4   |
|                      | W/O. N. L.                        |                     |         |         | runs at 600 feet the 4 containers & 7  |
|                      | Woolsey                           |                     |         |         | packages were dropped & all  |

|                  | 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. |
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| Lib. VI 'Z'      | Aus.421387 W/O.<br>W. G. Petley<br>Aus.430461 F/S. | Dilwyn<br>Badger 4  | 012100<br>Jessore | 020500<br>Jessore | This operation was successful. A/C arrived over target at 0025 hrs. & circled area, in doing so passing over   |
|                  | E. P. Martindale                                   |                     | 0000010           | 0000010           | Lashio aerodrome. Finally a Δ of   |
|                  | F/S. F. P. Lowther                                 |                     |                   |                   | torches & a weak flashing "H" were   |
|                  | F/S. W. N. Kendall                                 |                     |                   |                   | seen, these only coming on when a/c passed directly over D.Z. 11 containers  |
|                  | Aus.419028 F/S.<br>C. W. J. Burgin                 |                     |                   |                   | & 1 package wt. 3706 lbs. were dropped in 1 run from 700' & al chutes were seen t develop normally.  |
|                  | Aus.426294 F/S.                                    |                     |                   |                   | Weather was good throughout fight.   |
|                  | A. F. Bird   |                     |                   |                   |  |
|                  | Sgt. G. E. Hillier                                 |                     |                   |                   |  |
|                  | Sgt. F. S. Canvin                                  |                     |                   |                   |  |
|                  | Sgt. A. Kidd                                       |                     |                   |                   |  |
| 1.11 1.11 1.11   | 40000 14/0   | D.11                | 040400            | 000445            | T1: (1.4/0   |
| Lib. VI 'Y'      | Aus.49836 W/O.<br>R. W. Bain                       | Dilwyn<br>Gazelle 4 | 012100            | 020415            | This operation was successful. A/C arrived over D.Z. at 0007 hrs. & a Δ of   |
|                  | Aus. 42?9749 F/S.<br>M. R. Simons                  |                     | Jessore           | Jessore           | fires & a torch flashing 'R' was seen in a small D.Z. on the top of a hill. 7  |
|                  | Aus.424296 P/O.                                    |                     |                   |                   | containers & 8 packages were dropped   |
|                  | F. C. Cutler                                       |                     |                   |                   | in 1 run from 1000' & the chutes   |
|                  | F/S. R. W. Skipper                                 |                     |                   |                   | developed correctly. On the return   |
|                  | Aus.437502 F/S.                                    |                     |                   |                   | flight 10 M.T. vehicles were seen  |
|                  | W. P. Criddle                                      |                     |                   |                   | moving N. on a road near Kotkai.   |
|                  |  |                     |                   |                   | Weather was generally good, with slight scattered SCu at 4000'.  |
|                  | Aus.436452 F/S.                                    |                     |                   |                   | Singifi Scattered God at 4000.   |
|                  | K. J. Duffy<br>Sgt. J. G.                          |                     |                   |                   |  |
|                  | Woodthorpe   |                     |                   |                   |  |
|                  | Sgt. P. V. Lloyd                                   |                     |                   |                   |  |
|                  | Sgt. W. J. B.<br>Richards                          |                     |                   |                   |  |
| Dakota IV<br>'O' | F/O. W. Kindred                                    | Bug                 | 012132            | 020656            | This operation was unsuccessful. It is thought a/c was over target area but  |
|                  | P/O. K. C. H.<br>Williams                          |                     | Jessore           | Jessore           | no definite pin points were visible nearer than Daga Bridge. Search was  |
|                  | F/O. G. H.   |                     |                   |                   | made at 700' after passing over Daga   |
|                  | Lawrence   |                     |                   |                   | Bridge a/c returned to the D.Z. &  |
|                  | W/O. R. Daglish                                    |                     |                   |                   | searched again at 200' & finally s/c   |

|                  | 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. |
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| Lib VI 'X'       | W/Cdr. L. M.                   | Label Rat  | 012140  | 020514  | This operation was unsuccessful. A/c   |
|                  | Hodges                         |            |         |         | arrived over target at 0020 hrs. & a   |
|                  | Aus.413286 F/O.<br>H. Seale    |            | Jessore | Jessore | complete search of the area was made & although several lights were seen,  |
|                  | W/O. H. R. Harvey              |            |         |         | no actual reception was observed.  |
|                  | Aus.410102 W/O.                |            |         |         | Weather was good throughout trip.  |
|                  | E. Williams                    |            |         |         | Intention was to drop 8 containers & 4   |
|                  | F/L. L. G. A. Reed             |            |         |         | packages. The Squadron Commander commented "A systematic search was made N to S & E to W with no result."  |
|                  | F/O. A. A. Morley              |            |         |         |  |
|                  | NZ.421063 W/O.<br>F. J. Keenan |            |         |         |  |
|                  | F/S. W. Farish                 |            |         |         |  |
|                  | Aus.428020 F/S.<br>M. J. Cox   |            |         |         |  |
|                  |                                |            |         |         |  |
| Dakota IV<br>'G' | W/O. E.<br>Wheelhouse          | Bittern II | 012010  | 021345  | This operation was unsuccessful. At 0010 hrs. target area was reached &  |
|                  | Can.J24042 F/O.<br>W. H. Caron |            | Jessore | Jessore | D.Z. was definitely identified both by map reading & visually by the   |
|                  | W/O. W. F.                     |            |         |         | conducting officer, but no reception   |
|                  | Learwood                       |            |         |         | was seen.  |
|                  | F/S. G. C.                     |            |         |         | A/c landed at Dohzari at 0615 hrs.   |
|                  | Longbottom                     |            |         |         | owing to shortage of fuel & although   |
|                  | Sgt. R. I. Wellings            |            |         |         | 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.   |
| Lib VI 'P'       | W/O. S. H. Seed                | Manual     | 012300  | 020438  | This operation was successful.   |
| LID VI P         |                                | Mouse 2    |         |         | Reception of 1 fire & 1 torch came on  |
|                  | F/S. W. J. V.                  |            | Jessore | Jessore | as a/c approached. Reception seemed to have been moved on to the side of a   |
|                  | Surrage                        |            |         |         |  |
|                  | P/O. M. V. Douse               |            |         |         | hill to clear valley mist. The dropping  |

|             | Sgt. B. Elstub        | 1        |         |         | runs could not be straight owing to the   |
|-------------|-----------------------|----------|---------|---------|---|
|             | Sgt. R. C. H.         |          |         |         | shape of the valley. 6 containers & 5     |
|             | Harrell               |          |         |         | packages were dropped in 2 runs at        |
|             | Sgt. W. E. Luck       |          |         |         | 600'. All the chutes opened correctly.    |
|             |                       |          |         |         | Weather was good, except for valley       |
|             | Sgt. J. Archer        |          |         |         | mist. The Squadron Commander              |
|             | Sgt. W. L.<br>Knowles |          |         |         | commented, "From pilot's report this      |
|             | Knowles               |          |         |         | operation seems a bit doubtful.           |
|             |                       |          |         |         | Reception not as briefed.                 |
|             | Sgt. A. Archibald     |          |         |         | Reception not as briefed.                 |
|             | Ogt. A. Alchibaid     |          |         |         |   |
| Dakota IV   | Aus.14407 F/L. P.     | Manual   | 012315  | 020530  | This operation was unsuccessful. A/c      |
| "D"         | W. Bowles             | Lion 2   | 012010  | 020000  | was over target area at 0145 hrs., but    |
|             | W/O. J. H.            | LIOTI Z  | Jessore | Jessore | when 5 miles away, 1 fire appeared        |
|             | Middleton             |          | 0033010 | 0033010 | followed by 4 others in a straight line.  |
|             | F/S. F. W. Giles      |          |         |         | After circling an 'L' was formed a/c      |
|             | Sgt. Owen             |          |         |         | went down to 400' 7 2 huts were seen      |
|             | ogi. Owen             |          |         |         | 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.                         |
|             |                       |          |         |         | Weather was good.                         |
| Lib. VI 'R' | Can.J6644 F/L. T.     | Grain    | 012312  | 020545  | This operation was successful. At 0140    |
|             | H. Lee                | Weasel 2 | 0.20.2  | 3233.3  | hrs. a/c arrived over target area & saw   |
|             | Can.J44365 P/O.       | 11000012 | Jessore | Jessore | very large bush fires to E. of target &   |
|             | A. G. Houghan         |          | 0000010 | 0000010 | later found D.Z. with 'T' of torches &    |
|             | Can.J16004 F/L.       |          |         |         | fires. A/c circled area until definitely  |
|             | Alverston             |          |         |         | identified. 11 containers were dropped    |
|             | Can.J45070 P/O.       |          |         |         | in 1 run from 1000' & all chutes          |
|             | H. Walling            |          |         |         | opened, but dropped short.                |
|             | Ti. Walling           |          |         |         | Weather was good.                         |
|             | Can.J49494 P/O.       | 1        |         |         | J. Jan.e. Had good.                       |
|             | W. Parslow            |          |         |         |   |
|             | Can.J44160 P/O.       | 1        |         |         |   |
|             | J. Tyson              |          |         |         |   |
|             | Can.R.187174          |          |         |         |   |
|             | Sgt. E. P.            |          |         |         |   |
|             | Zimmerman             |          |         |         |   |
|             | Sgt. T. H.            |          |         |         |   |
| 1           | Goodman               |          |         |         |   |
|             | Sgt. T. W. Alder      |          |         |         |   |
|             | ogi. I. W. Aluei      |          |         |         |   |
| Dakota IV   | F/S, F, F, Bush       | Grain    | 012225  | 020550  | This operation was unsuccessful. At       |
| 'K'         | .,                    | Weasel   |         | 3_3333  | 0122 hrs. pin-point was obtained on       |
| 1           | W/O. V. Lineham       |          | Jessore | Jessore | lake & D.R. run was made to target        |
|             | F/O. J. Williamson    | 1        |         | 00000.0 | area but no reception could be seen,      |
|             | F/S. G. Fordyce       |          | 1       |         | so returned to lake & made a further      |
|             | i , o. o. i olayoo    |          |         |         |   |

|                  | 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. |
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| Dakota IV<br>'K' | S/L. T. P. O'Brien                      | Grain<br>Weasel I  | 022254  | 030540  | This operation was unsuccessful. A/C arrived over target at 0155 hrs. & the   |
| - 1              | F/O. R. Carter                          | VVCasciii          | Jessore | Jessore | D.Z. was identified, but no reception   |
|                  | W/O. W. N.                              |                    | 00000.0 |         | was seen although numerous fires  |
|                  | Woolsey                                 |                    |         |         | 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.  |
|                  | Sgt. F. H. Burley                       |                    |         |         |   |
|                  | P/O. G. N. Gillin                       |                    |         |         |   |
| Lib VI "Z"       | Can.J6644 F/L. T.<br>H. Lee             | Future<br>Bison 3  | 032332  | 040545  | This operation was successful. At 0200 hrs. a/c arrived over target area &  |
|                  | Can.J44365 P/O.<br>A. G. Houghan        |                    | Jessore | Jessore | found reception of a line of lights & also letter 'F' flashing. 6 containers & 2  |
|                  | Can.J16004 F/L.                         |                    |         |         | packages were dropped in one run  |
|                  | Alverston                               |                    |         |         | from 1500'. A step climb is necessary   |
|                  | Can.J44160 P/O.<br>J. Tyson             |                    |         |         | to get out of the area owing to surrounding hills. All Chutes observed  |
|                  | Can.J45070 P/O.<br>H. Walling           |                    |         |         | by rear gunner to open correctly. At 0236 hrs. 6 packets of nickels were  |
|                  | Can.J49494 P/O.<br>W. Parslow           |                    |         |         | 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.R.187174<br>Sgt. E. P.<br>Zimmerman |                    |         |         |   |
|                  | Sgt. T. H.<br>Goodman                   |                    |         |         |   |
|                  | Sgt. T. W. Alder                        |                    |         |         |   |
|                  |   |                    |         |         |   |
| Dakota IV<br>'O' | W/O. E.<br>Wheelhouse                   | Bittern II         | 032200  | 040640  | This operation was successful. A/c arrived in target area at 0135 hrs. &  |
|                  | Can.J24042 F/O.<br>W. H. Caron          |                    | Jessore | Jessore | flew along river & identified 'T' of lights on the D.Z. at 0137 hrs. This D.Z. was  |
|                  | W/O. W. F.<br>Learwood                  |                    |         |         | approx. 1 mile S. W. of briefed D.Z. & is very small. 14 packages were  |
|                  | F/S. G. C.<br>Longbottom                |                    |         |         | dropped in 5 runs from 400' & 10 packages were later seen on ground. Weather was good throughout flight.  |
|                  | Sgt. R. I. Wellings                     |                    |         |         | Troduior Had good throughout hight.   |
|                  |   |                    |         |         |   |
| Lib VI 'W'       | Aus.408361 W/O.<br>R. W. Bain           | Burglar<br>Hippo 4 | 052359  | 060755  | This operation was successful. A/C arrived over target at 0300 hrs. & saw   |

|             | Aus.419749 F/S.    |            | Jessore | Jessore | line of lights with 'R' flashing. D.Z. was |
|-------------|--------------------|------------|---------|---------|--|
|             | M. R. Simons       |            | 1       |         | in a very steep valley & was difficult to  |
|             | Aus.424296 P/O.    |            |         |         | reach & several dummy runs were            |
|             | F. C. Cutler       |            |         |         | made before a drop was made. 5             |
|             | F/S. R. W. Skipper |            |         |         | containers & 3 packages were dropped       |
|             | Aus.437502 F/S.    |            |         |         | & all chutes opened O.K.                   |
|             | W. P. Criddle      |            |         |         | 15 packages of nickels were dropped        |
|             | Aus.436452 F/S.    |            |         |         | at 0352 hrs. over Mingon village.          |
|             | K. J. Duffy        |            |         |         | In Posn. 1950N. 9350E gun flashes          |
|             |                    |            |         |         | were sighted in the area.                  |
|             | 0 . 5              |            |         |         | Good weather throughout trip.              |
|             | Sgt. P. U. Lloyd   |            |         |         |  |
|             | Sgt. W. J. B.      |            |         |         |  |
|             | Rickards           |            |         |         |  |
|             | Sgt. J. G.         |            |         |         |  |
|             | Woodthorpe         |            |         |         |  |
|             |                    |            |         |         |  |
| Lib. VI 'V' | Can.J4415 F/L. J.  | Dilwyn     | 061453  | 062248  | This operation was unsuccessful. The       |
|             | D. Lamb            | Cheetah I. |         |         | last definite pin-point obtained was at    |
|             | Can.J39528 F/O.    |            | Jessore | Jessore | Posn. 2323N 9758E & the a/c then           |
|             | M. J. McFadyen     |            |         |         | flew on to the R. Salween, but no          |
|             | Aus.413286 F/O.    |            |         |         | further pin points were found & a          |
|             | H. Seale           |            |         |         | search was made over the target area       |
|             | Can.J45168 P/O.    |            |         |         | at 7000', but nothing was seen.            |
|             | D. A. Blad         |            |         |         | Intention was to drop 7 containers & 5     |
|             | Can.J46064 P/O.    |            |         |         | packages.                                  |
|             | S. V. Hillis       |            |         |         | Weather was good & cloud nil.              |
|             |                    |            |         |         | The Squadron commander                     |
|             |                    |            |         |         | commented – "Pin point on Salween          |
|             |                    |            |         |         | not seen & this can be regarded as a       |
|             |                    |            |         |         | Navigational failure."                     |
|             | 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.  | Dilwyn     | 061450  | 062225  | This operation was successful. A/C         |
|             | H. Lee             | Bear 1.    |         |         | arrived over target at 1745 hrs &          |
|             | Can.J44365 P/O.    |            | Jessore | Jessore | reception consisting of 3 white chutes     |
|             | A. G. Houghan      |            |         |         | with flashing torch in centre of each,     |
|             | Can.J16004 F/L.    |            |         |         | was seen awaiting. 11 containers were      |
|             | Alverston          |            |         |         | dropped in 2 runs from 800'. 4             |
|             | Can.J45070 P/O.    |            |         |         | containers hung up on 1sst run but         |
|             | H. Walling         |            |         |         | were jettisoned on 2nd run. Weather        |
|             | Can.J49494 P/O.    |            | 1       |         | was good. Numerous fires were seen         |
|             | W. Parslow         |            |         |         | along the R. Irrawaddy from Posn.          |
|             | Can.J44160 P/O.    |            | 1       |         | 2300N 9600E on return flight.              |
|             |                    |            |         |         | the Captain commented – "suitable for      |
|             | J. Tyson           |            |         |         | dusk drop, but impossible to be used       |
|             |                    |            |         |         | during non-Moon periods."                  |
|             | Can.R.187174       |            |         |         | Saming Horr Moore portions.                |
|             | Sgt. E. P.         |            |         |         |  |
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|                       | 7:                                  |         | 1       |          |  |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|--|
|                       | Zimmerman                           |         | 1       |          |  |
|                       | Sgt. T. H.<br>Goodman               |         |         |          |  |
|                       | Sgt. T. W. Alder                    |         |         |          | +  |
|                       | Sgt. 1. W. Aldel                    |         |         |          |  |
| Lib. VI 'V'           | Can.J4115 F/L. J.                   | Dilwyn  | 071420  | 072155   | This operation was successful. A/C                                       |
| LID. VI V             | D. Lamb                             | Cheetah | 07 1420 | 072133   | was over target at 1751 hrs. & 3 fires                                   |
|                       | Can.J39528 F/O.                     | Oncetan | Jessore | Jessore  | with torch in centre were seen. 7  |
|                       | M. J. McFadyen                      |         | 0000010 | 0000010  | containers & 5 packages were dropped                                     |
|                       | Aus.413286 F/O.                     |         |         |          | in 1 run from 400' & all chutes opened                                   |
|                       | H. Seale                            |         |         |          | & dropped on D.Z.  |
|                       |                                     |         |         |          | Weather was good – visibility 20 miles.                                  |
|                       | 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.<br>D. D. Bechthold |         |         |          |  |
|                       | D. D. Bechthold                     |         |         |          |  |
| Lib. VI. <sup>1</sup> | Aus.426330 W/O.                     | Manual  | 070110  | 070748   | This operation was successful. A/c                                       |
| LID. VI.              | E. V. E. Exelby                     | Mouse 3 | 070110  | 070740   | was over target at 0330 hrs., but no                                     |
|                       | Aus.430132 F/S.                     | 1010000 | Jessore | Dhubalia | reception could be seen. However   |
|                       | G. C. Thompson                      |         | 0000010 | Briddand | reception was seen to light up at 0340                                   |
|                       | F/O. R. D. Lister                   |         |         |          | hrs. D.Z. was said to be "reasonably                                     |
|                       | F/S. J. A.                          |         |         |          | good." 11 containers & 1 package   |
|                       | McArthur                            |         |         |          | were dropped in 1 run from 700'. Al                                      |
|                       | Sgt. W. G.                          |         |         |          | chutes opened O.K.   |
|                       | Robertson                           |         |         |          | On return to Base it was found that                                      |
|                       | Sgt. L. C. Snell                    |         |         |          | mist had closed in & a/c was diverted                                    |
|                       | Sgt. R. C. Silly                    |         |         |          | to Dhubalia by R/T. A/c's W/T was u/s                                    |
|                       | Sgt. J. Gorrie                      |         |         |          | & so diversion signal was not received.                                  |
|                       | Sgt. T. E. Lockett                  |         |         |          | 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.  |
|                       |                                     |         |         |          |  |
| Lib. VI 'R'           | P/O. F. C. Cooke                    | Globe   | 091245  | 100015   | This operation was unsuccessful. A/c                                     |
|                       | NZ.421489 W/O.                      |         | Kunming | Kunming  | arrived over target area at 1600 hrs. &                                  |
|                       | C. R. Anderson                      |         |         |          | searched, but no pin-points were   |
|                       | Aus.9183 F/L. G.                    |         |         |          | obtained. It is thought that a/c overshot                                |
|                       | Cashmore                            |         |         |          | D.Z. & finally turned back E. of target.                                 |
|                       | P/O. J. H.                          |         |         |          | O the return flight the R/T from a/c                                     |
|                       | Newberry                            |         |         |          | X/357 was heard.   |

<sup>1</sup> No code letter given.

|                  | P/O. F. W. Pearce<br>W/O. W. V.<br>Robertson<br>F/S. J. B. Nelson<br>F/S. J. F. Bryden<br>Sgt. Hammond  |       |                   |                   | 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.   |
|------------------|---|-------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| Dakota IV<br>'L' | F/S. F. F. Bush   | Cloak | 101525            | 102215            | This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target area at 1755 hrs &   |
|                  | W/O. V. Lineman<br>F/O. J. Williamson<br>F/S. G. Fordyce  |       | Jessore           | Jessore           | at 800' in 4 runs the load of 100 pevragons?? & 6 pin tails was released. A/c, prior to this had circled  |
|                  | Sgt. I. C. Watson   |       |                   |                   | 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.  |
| Lib. VI 'X'      | F/O. J. Churchill W/O. J. A. Taylor 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 | Globe | 091255<br>Kunming | 100210<br>Kunming | 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. |

| Lib. VI 'S'      | W/O. S. H. Seed     | Dilwyn<br>Cheetah 2 | 091427   | 091336   | This operation was successful a/c arrived over target at 1805 hrs & area |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|----------|--|
|                  | Sgt. W. J. Surrage  |                     | Jessore  | Jessore  | was searched until at 1834 hrs. a Δ of                                   |
|                  | Aus.424296 P/O.     |                     |          |          | bonfires with "J" flashing was seen. 11                                  |
|                  | F. C. Cutler        |                     |          |          | containers & 4 packages were dropped                                     |
|                  | P/O. M. V. Douse    |                     |          |          | 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.  |
|                  | 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<br>'D' | S/L. T. P. O'Brien  | Bloodhoun<br>d      | 101623   | 101945   | This operation was unsuccessful. A/C reached Posn. 2314N. 9844E at 1730  |
|                  | F/O. R. Carter      |                     | Myitkina | Myitkina | hrs, but the weather had grown   |
|                  | P/O. G. N. Gillin   |                     |          |          | progressively worse & no pin-points                                      |
|                  | W/O. N. L.          |                     |          |          | could be obtained. Visibility afterwards                                 |
|                  | Woolsey             |                     |          |          | lifted to ½ mile & showed that the a/c                                   |
|                  | Sgt. F. H. Burley   |                     |          |          | 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.  |
| Dakota IV        | W/O. E.             | Cloak               | 101525   | 102230   | This operation was successful. Target                                    |
| 'G'              | Wheelhouse          | Cloak               | 101323   | 102230   | area was easy to fine & drop   |
|                  | Can.J24042 F/O.     |                     | Jessore  |          | proceeded without incident at 1802                                       |
|                  | W. H. Caron         |                     | 0000010  | 0000010  | hrs. 3 boxes paragons & 5 pin tails in 4                                 |
|                  | W/O. W. F.          |                     |          |          | runs from 800'. One pintail started a                                    |
|                  | Learwood            |                     | 1        |          | healthy fire in the undergrowth.   |
|                  |                     |                     |          |          | Weather was generally fair, but very                                     |
|                  |                     |                     |          |          | bad over Chin Hills Cu. up to 15000'.                                    |
|                  | F/S. G. C.          |                     |          |          |  |
|                  | Longbottom          |                     |          |          |  |
|                  | Sgt. R. I. Wellings |                     |          |          |  |
|                  | S/Ldr. J. A. King   |                     |          |          |  |
|                  |                     |                     |          |          |  |
| Dakota IV        | Aus. 415673 P/O.    | Cloak               | 101529   | 102235   | This operation was successful. A/c                                       |
| 'M'              | P. A. Black         |                     |          |          | arrived over target early, so circled                                    |

|            | Can.J24346 F/O.<br>R. G. Stothers.<br>F/S. W. Allen<br>F/S. W. Richmond  |           | Jessore | Jessore            | away for 10 mins. & then made drop of 3 boxes paragons & 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.   |
|------------|--|-----------|---------|--------------------|--|
| Dakota IV  | Aus.421464 W/O. J. W. Reid W/O. J. Hartley (1534015) F/S. J. Longhurst (1395543) Aus.425109 W/O. J. Begg F/S. T. Nathaniel (2209199) | Cloak     | Jessore | 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 & lager 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. |
| Lib VI 'W' | Can.J4415 <sup>2</sup> F/L. T.<br>H. Lee   | Bazaar 56 | 121208  | 130010             | This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 1628 hrs. &  |
|            | Can.J44365 P/O.<br>A. G. Houghan<br>Can.J16004 F/L.<br>Alverston   |           | Jessore | Jessore            | 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   |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Different service number than given before.

|            | Aus.413286 F/O. H. Seale Can.R.187174 W/O. E. P. Zimmerman Can.J49494 P/O. W. Parslow  Can.J44160 P/O. J. Tyson |                       |         |            | 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." |
|------------|---|-----------------------|---------|------------|---|
|            | Sgt. T. W. Alder  |                       |         |            |   |
| Lib VI 'Q' | Aus.421387 W/O.<br>W. G. Petley   | Bazaar 57             | 121213  | 130143     | This operation was unsuccessful. A/c was over target at 1602 hrs., where  |
|            | Aus.430461 F/S.<br>E. P. Martindale<br>F/S. F. P. Lowther<br>F/S. W. N. Kendall                                 |                       | Jessore | Jessore    | two possible pin-points were obtained,<br>but all ground detail over D.Z. was<br>obscured by low cloud so load of 11<br>containers & 2 packages were brought  |
|            | Aus.419028 F/S.<br>C. W. J. Burgin  |                       |         |            | back to Base. Squadron Commander commented that this crew were unlucky in not finding a break in the cloud over the D.Z.  |
|            | Aus.426294 F/S.<br>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   |
|            | Sgt. W. J. Surrage  |                       | Jessore | Jessore    | 1642 hrs a pin-point was obtained –   |
|            | W/O. V. Lineham   |                       |         |            | 2210N 10324E & a/c flew down to D.Z.  |
|            | P/O. M. V. Douse  |                       |         |            | but 10/10 cloud was encountered over  |
|            | F/S. W. Farish  |                       |         |            | the whole area except for occasional  |
|            | Sgt. R. C. H.   |                       |         |            | hill-tops which protruded through the   |
|            | Harrell   |                       |         |            | cloud layer. The load of 11 containers & 2 packages were brought back.  |
|            | Sgt. W. E. Luck   |                       |         |            | Weather was better on the return  |
|            | Sgt. J. Archer  |                       |         |            | journey & at 2015 hrs. in Posn. 2208N   |
|            | Sgt. W. L.<br>Knowles   |                       |         |            | 9508E 20+ M.T. vehicles were seen   |
|            | Sgt. A. Archibald   |                       |         |            | moving N.W.   |
|            |   |                       | 100055  | 1.10.1.    |   |
| Lib VI 'P' | Can.J4115 F/L. J.<br>D. Lamb  | Hebrides<br>Trumpet 4 | 130928  | 140123     | This operation was unsuccessful. A/c arrived in the vicinity of Yala & as the   |
|            | Can.J39528 F/O.<br>M. J. McFadyen   |                       | Jessore | Chittagong | weather had deteriorated badly, the flight was abandoned & the a/c turned   |
|            | Can.J45168 P/O.   |                       |         |            | back & landed at Chittagong owing to  |
|            | D. A. Blad  |                       |         |            | shortage of fuel. Weather was fair until  |
|            | NZ.415285 W/O.  |                       |         |            | S. of 10°N & then cloud was 10/10 up to 30,000'.  |
|            | J. H. Boundy  |                       |         |            | On return flight at 1337 hrs when   |
|            | Can.J46064 P/O.<br>S. V. Hillis   |                       |         |            | bearing 335° & 30 miles distant from  |

|                  | Can.J42510 P/O.                            |                |          | 1        | Brother Island a yellow object was  |
|------------------|--|----------------|----------|----------|---|
|                  | D. Heller                                  |                |          |          | 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                           |                |          |          | This was reported on return to base.  |
|                  | Can.R160539 Sgt.                           |                |          |          |   |
|                  | D. D. Bechthold                            |                |          |          |   |
|                  | Sgt. R. P. G.                              |                |          |          |   |
|                  | Smith                                      |                |          |          |   |
| Lib. VI 'U'      | Aus.408361 <sup>3</sup> W/O.<br>R. W. Bain | Bazaar 59      | 131200   | 140020   | This operation was unsuccessful. A/C arrived over target area at 1629 hrs. &  |
|                  | Aus. 419749 F/S.                           |                |          |          | 10/10 cloud was experienced.  |
|                  | M. R. Simons                               |                |          |          | However, a pin point was obtained at  |
|                  | Aus.424296 P/O.                            |                |          |          | 1658 hrs. of 2112N 10350E & a D.R.  |
|                  | F. C. Cutler                               |                |          |          | run was made to D.Z., but cloud still   |
|                  | F/S. R. W. Skipper                         |                |          |          | obscured ground detail & no drop was  |
|                  | Aus.437502 F/S.                            |                |          |          | made. 11 containers & 2 packages  |
|                  | W. P. Criddle                              |                |          |          | were brought back. Group reported that a/c I.F.F. was not   |
|                  | Aus.436452 F/S.                            |                |          |          | showing but WOP/Ag stated that set  |
|                  | K. J. Duffy                                |                |          |          | was triggering correctly when checked   |
|                  |  |                |          |          | every 30 mins.  |
|                  | Sgt. P. O? Lloyd                           |                |          |          |   |
|                  | Sgt. W. J. B.                              |                |          |          |   |
|                  | Rickards                                   |                |          |          |   |
|                  | Sgt. J. G.<br>Woodthorpe                   |                |          |          |   |
| 5                | 5/0 M 16 1 1                               |                | 1=1100   | .=       |   |
| Dakota IV<br>'O' | F/O. W. Kindred                            | Bloodhoun<br>d | 151123   | 151444   | This operation was unsuccessful. A/c arrived over area at 1755 hrs. & the   |
|                  | P/O. K. C. H.<br>Williams                  |                | Jessore  | Myitkina | area was identified visually, but no reception was seen, so a/c s/c Base  |
|                  | F/O. G. H.<br>Lawrence                     |                | 15104    | 160054   | owing to the deterioration of weather & the approaching darkness. Intention   |
|                  | W/O. R. Daglish                            |                | Myitkina | Jessore  | was to drop 8 men & 20 packages.  |
|                  | Sgt. J. A. Green                           |                |          |          | 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.   |
| Lib. VI 'S'      | W/Cdr. L. M.                               | Nickels on     | 141725   | 150200   | This operation was successful. 14   |
| _ LID. VI G      | Hodges                                     | Rangoon        | 171723   | 130200   | packages of nickels were dropped over   |
|                  | , 10agos                                   | Area           |          |          | Henzada at 2120 hrs. from 12000'.   |
|                  | Aus.413286 F/O.                            | , 11 Ou        |          |          | Drops were also made between  |
|                  | H. Seale                                   |                |          |          | Rangoon and Maubin between 2130   |
|                  | F/S. W. N. Kendall                         |                |          |          | hrs. & 2215 hrs. & at 2230 over   |
|                  | F/L. L. G. A. Reed                         | T              | _        |          | Bassein are & 20 packages were left in  |

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|            | F/O. A. A. Morley      |           |            |           | a/c after finally s/c Base at 2231 hrs.   |
|------------|------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|---|
|            | F/S. W. Farish         |           |            |           | The Captain commented, - " The            |
|            | Sgt. G. E. Hillier     |           |            |           | difficulties of despatching were          |
|            | Sgt. F. S. Canvin      |           |            |           | enormous. With the nickels in sacks it    |
|            | Ogt. 1 . O. Garivin    |           |            |           | 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.                  |
|            |                        |           |            |           |   |
| Lib VI 'Q' | Aus.426330 W/O.        | Ramrose   | 141548     | 142202    | This operation was unsuccessful. A/c      |
|            | F. V. E. Exelby        | Fox       |            |           | was over target at 1826 hrs. & the area   |
|            | Aus.430132 F/S.        |           | Jessore    | Jessore   | was definitely identified, but no         |
|            | G. C. Thompson         |           |            |           | reception could be found in spite of a    |
|            | F/S. J. A.             |           |            |           | search at 1000.                           |
|            | McArthur               |           |            |           | 8 nickels were dropped in Hinynet area    |
|            | F/S. F. P. Lowther     |           |            |           | from 3000' at 1905 hrs.                   |
|            | Sgt. R. C. Silly       |           |            |           | Intention was to drop 4 containers & 6    |
|            | Sgt. L. C. Snell       |           |            |           | packages.                                 |
|            |                        |           |            |           | Weather was fair, but low cloud at        |
|            | Cat T T Lookott        |           |            |           | 4000'.                                    |
|            | Sgt. T. E. Lockett     |           |            |           |   |
|            | Sgt. J. Gorrie         |           |            |           |   |
| Dakota IV  | W/O. E.                | Bloodhoun | 171022     | 171347    | This operation was successful. A/c        |
| 'G'        | Wheelhouse             | d         | 17 1022    | 171347    | arrived over tgt. at 1722 hrs. & D.Z.     |
|            | Can.J24042 F/O.        | u         | Jessore    | Myitkina  | was identified by a 'T' of fires with     |
|            | W. H. Caron            |           | 0033010    | Wyttkiild | white strips in between fires.            |
|            | W/O. W.                |           | 171535     | 180003    | At 1729 hrs., 8 runs were made & 8        |
|            | Learwood               |           | 17 1000    | 100003    | men & 22 packages were dropped &          |
|            | F/S. G. C.             |           | Myitkina   | Jessore   | all chutes were seen to open correctly.   |
|            | Longbottom             |           | viyittiila | 0000010   | The D.Z. is very small & only suitable    |
|            | Sgt. R. I. Wellings    |           |            |           | for a daylight drop. On the return flight |
|            | gi. it. i. vv ciii igs |           |            |           | 10 packages of nickels were dropped       |
|            |                        |           |            |           | over the Lashio area at 1900 hrs.         |
|            |                        |           |            |           | Weather was good & visibility 10 miles.   |
|            |                        |           |            |           |   |
| Dakota IV  | Aus421792 P/O.         | Ramrose   | 181722     | 190025    | This operation was successful. A/c        |
| 'M"        | T. A. Collister        | Rhino 2   |            |           | arrived over target at 2008 hrs. &        |
|            | F/S. L. Elliott        |           |            |           | reception as briefed was found after 5    |
|            | F/S. G. Thompson       |           |            |           | mins search. The D.Z. is suitable for     |

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

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|                     | Sgt. A. Archibald                      |                      |         |         | encountered over Hsipaw approx. 500' below a/c which was at 11000'. No damage nor casualties were sustained. |
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| Liberator<br>VI 'Y' | Aus.49836 W/O.<br>R. W. Bain           | Dilwyn<br>Squirrel 8 | 191745  | 200140  | This operation was successful. The a/c arrived over the target at 2115 hrs.                                  |
|                     | Aus. 419749 F/S.<br>M. R. Simons       | - Equitor 6          | Jessore | Jessore | where a reception consisting of fires & the letter "K" flashing was found. At                                |
|                     | Aus.424296 P/O.<br>F. C. Cutler        |                      |         |         | 2119 hrs. 1 run was made at 800 ft. & 11 containers were dropped; one  |
|                     | F/S. R. W. Skipper<br>Aus.437502 F/S.  |                      |         |         | parachute did not open but the remainder were later seen lying on the  |
|                     | E. P. Criddle<br>Aus.436452 F/S.       |                      |         |         | D.Z. Weather was good throughout & 6 packages of nickels were dropped on                                     |
|                     | K. J. Duffy<br>Sgt. W. J. B.           |                      |         |         | Myipaw & 6 on Kyaukhe at 2201 hrs. on the return flight. The latter  |
|                     | Richards                               |                      |         |         | packages dropped unopened as static lines broke.   |
|                     | Sgt. J. G.<br>Woodthorpe               |                      |         |         |  |
|                     | Sgt. P. V. Lloyd                       |                      |         |         |  |
| Dakota IV           | F/O. C. Egerton-                       | Character            | 201838  | 210320  | This operation was unsuccessful. The   |
| 'L'                 | Eves                                   | Otter 2              |         |         | a/c arrived over the target at 2158 hrs.   |
|                     | Can.J27477 F/O.<br>W. B. Arnold        |                      | Jessore | Jessore | & the area was clearly identified but no reception was found. The 12 agents &                                |
|                     | F/S. J. Biggin                         |                      |         |         | 10 packages were brought back to   |
|                     | Sgt. T. Calder<br>P/O. S. G. Dove      |                      |         |         | Base. At 2046 hrs 20 packages of leaflets were dropped on  |
|                     | F/O. 3. G. Dove                        |                      |         |         | Kyaukpadaung from 10,000 feet.   |
| Lib. VI 'V'         | F/O. J. Churchill                      | Dilwyn<br>Squirrel 7 | 191755  | 200240  | This operation was successful. Reception was waiting when a/c  |
|                     | W/O. J. A. Taylor                      | Oquirer 7            | Jessore | Jessore | arrived at 2110 hrs & consisted of fires   |
|                     | F/O. D. H. Hulme                       |                      |         |         | in the form of a 'T' & 'K' flashing. 11  |
|                     | W/O. W. Hough                          |                      |         |         | containers were dropped in 2 runs,   |
|                     | W/O. W. E. N.                          |                      |         |         | which were made out of alignment with  |
|                     | Smail                                  |                      |         |         | the 'T' due to nearby hills. Chutes  |
|                     | W/O. W. G.                             |                      |         |         | opened correctly & as explained above fell just to the side of D.Z.  |
|                     | Murray<br>F/S. D. R. Webber            |                      |         |         | Weather was fine.  |
|                     | Sgt. H. D. V.                          |                      |         |         | 12 M.T. vehicles were sighted in   |
|                     | Gould                                  |                      |         |         | batches of 3 or 4 on the road 20 miles S. of Lashio.   |
| Lib. VI 'Q'         | Aus.421387 W/O.                        | Dilwyn               | 191758  | 200128  | This operation was successful. A/c   |
|                     | W. G. Petley Aus.480461 F/S.           | Bear 2               | Jessore | Jessore | arrived over target at 2108 hrs. & reception was found waiting as briefed.                                   |
|                     | E. P. Martindale<br>F/S. F. P. Lowther |                      | 0000010 | 0000010 | 11 containers & 3 packages were dropped in one run from 800' & after   |
|                     | F/S. W. N. Kendall                     |                      |         |         | drop 'T' of fires was extinguished. On   |
|                     | Aus.419028 F/S.                        |                      |         |         | return flight 6 packages of nickels were   |
|                     | C. W. J. Burgin                        |                      |         |         | dropped on Hsipaw at 2151 hrs. & 6 on  |
|                     | Aus.426294 F/S.                        |                      |         |         | Kyaukme at 2157 hrs. from 5000'.   |
|                     | A. F. Bird                             |                      |         |         | Weather was good.  |

|           | Cat C F Lillian    | T         |             | T                                   | At 2140 bro 1 M T vobiolo was seen                           |
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|           | Sgt. G. E. Hillier |           |             |                                     | At 2149 hrs. 1 M.T. vehicle was seen                         |
|           | Sgt. F. S. Canvin  |           |             |                                     | moving S. into Hsipaw.  At 2151 hrs. 1 M.T. vehicle was seen |
|           | Sgt. A. Kidd       |           |             |                                     | moving W. into Hsipaw.                                       |
|           |                    |           |             |                                     | At 2157 hrs. 8 M.T. vehicles were seen                       |
|           |                    |           |             |                                     |  |
|           |                    |           |             |                                     | moving S.W. out of Kyaukme.                                  |
| Dakota IV | F/S. F. F. Bush    | Character | 201744      | 210255                              | This operation was carried out                               |
| 'J'       | 170.1.1.20011      | Hyena II  | 201711      | 210200                              | successfully. The crew saw the                               |
|           | W/O. V. Lineham    | i iyona n | Jessore     | Chittagong                          | reception lights at 2152 hrs. after                          |
|           | Sgt. R. M.         |           | 210215      | 210435                              | second D.R. runs onto the area. Finally                      |
|           | Herdman            |           | 210210      | 210400                              | '5' lights plus 'Y' flashing was seen &                      |
|           | F/O. J. Williamson |           | Chittagong  | Jessore                             | 10 men & 9 packages were dropped in                          |
|           | F/S. G. Fordyce    |           | Crittagorig | 3633016                             | 5 runs. 1 package on 4th run broke the                       |
|           | 175. G. Foldyce    |           |             |                                     | 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.  |
|           |                    |           |             |                                     |  |
| Liberator | P/O. F. B. Cooke   | Burglar   | 201820      | 210230                              | This operation was unsuccessful. The                         |
| VI 'P'    |                    | Hippo 5   |             |                                     | a/c arrived over the target area at 2109                     |
|           | NZ.421489 W/O.     |           | Jessore     | Jessore                             | hrs. intending to drop 11 containers &                       |
|           | C. R. Anderson     |           |             |                                     | 2 packages at 3599 lbs. but no                               |
|           | Aus.9183 F/L. G.   |           |             |                                     | reception could be found & drop was                          |
|           | Cashmore           |           |             |                                     | not made. D.R. runs were made from                           |
|           | P/O. J. H.         |           |             |                                     | Pyiamana & other good pinpoints &                            |
|           | Newberry           |           |             |                                     | D.Z. could not be located. Numerous                          |
|           | P/O. F. W. Pearce  |           |             |                                     | bush fires were seen in the area but                         |
|           | W/O. J. F. Bryden  |           |             |                                     | not the "C" type reception as per                            |
|           | F/S. J. B. Nelson  |           |             |                                     | briefing.  |
|           | W/O. W. V.         |           |             |                                     | The captain remarked upon return that                        |
|           | Robertson          |           |             |                                     | torches should be used as receptions                         |
|           | Sgt. J. Hatton     |           |             |                                     | in future owing to the presence of so                        |
|           |                    |           |             |                                     | many bushfires.  |
| Liberator | Aus.408361 W/O.    | Dilwyn    | 201745      | 210120                              | This operation was successful. At 2058                       |
| VI 'S'    | R. W. Bain         | Monkey 9  |             |                                     | hrs. the a/c arrived over the target area                    |
|           | Aus.419749 F/S.    |           | Jessore     | Jessore                             | & the correct reception lights seen on                       |
|           | M. R. Simons       |           |             |                                     | the D.Z. with a torch flashing "K". In 2                     |
|           | Aus.424296 P/O.    |           |             |                                     | runs 8 containers & 18 packages were                         |
|           | F. C. Cutler       |           |             |                                     | dropped & these were later seen on                           |
|           | F/S. R. W. Skipper |           |             |                                     | the ground being collected in a motor                        |
|           | Aus.437512 F/S.    |           |             |                                     | car by the reception committee. The                          |
|           | W. P. Criddle      |           |             | captain commented "The D.Z. is in a |  |
|           | Aus.436452 F/S.    |           |             |                                     | good position in a valley with very flat                     |
|           | K. J. Duffy        |           |             |                                     | approaches & can be easily found as it                       |
|           | Sgt. W. J. B.      |           |             |                                     | is at the side of a road."                                   |
|           | Rickards           |           |             |                                     | Weather over the target area was good.                       |
|           | Sgt. J. G.         |           |             |                                     |  |
|           | Woodthorpe         |           |             |                                     |  |
|           | Sgt. P. V. Lloyd   |           |             |                                     |  |
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| Liberator        | Aus.421387 W/O.           | Future                | 201822     | 210051     | This operation was successful. The a/c   |
| VI 'R'           | W. G. Petley              | Bison 6               |            |            | approached the target area at 800 ft. &  |
|                  | Aus.430461 F/S.           |                       | Jessore    | Jessore    | found a reception of lights plus a   |
|                  | E. P. Martindale          |                       |            |            | flashing torch awaiting it. The D.Z. was   |
|                  | F/S. F. P. Lowther        |                       |            |            | not a cleared patch & there were many  |
|                  | F/S. K. W. Kendall        |                       |            |            | trees, however at 2113 hrs. 11   |
|                  | Aus.419028 F/S.           |                       |            |            | containers & 3 packages were dropped   |
|                  | C. W. Burgin              |                       |            |            | in 1 run & all chutes were observed to   |
|                  | Aus.426294 F/S.           |                       |            |            | open normally.   |
|                  | A. F. Bird                |                       |            |            | 30 miles S.W. of Mandalay a beacon was sighted flashing a letter in red.   |
|                  | Sgt. A. Kidd              |                       |            |            |  |
|                  | Sgt. G. E. Hillier        |                       |            |            |  |
|                  | Sgt. F. Canvin            |                       |            |            |  |
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| Dakota IV<br>'O' | P/O. W. Kindred           | Character<br>Ferret I | 201850     | 210240     | This operation was unsuccessful. The a/c arrived over the target area at 2215  |
|                  | P/O. K. C. H.<br>Williams |                       | Jessore    | Chittagong | hrs. but no ground party had been dropped by the leading a/c thus no   |
|                  | P/O. G. H.                |                       | 210355     | 210520     | reception was laid out.  |
|                  | Lawrence                  |                       | 210355     | 210320     | 11 men & 12 packages which   |
|                  | W/O. R. Daglish           |                       | Chittagang | Jessore    | comprised the load were brought back   |
|                  |                           |                       | Chittagong | Jessore    | to Base.   |
|                  | Sgt. J. A. Green          |                       |            |            | to Base.   |
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| Dakota IV        | Aus. 415670 P/O.          | Character             | 201905     | 210410     | This operation was unsuccessful. The   |
| 'F'              | P. Black                  | Ferret II             |            | 01.11      | a/c made 3 separate runs onto the  |
|                  | Can.J24346 F/O.           |                       | Jessore    | Chittagong | D.Z. from a known pin-point on the   |
|                  | R. G. Stothers.           |                       |            |            | Salween River but no reception could   |
|                  | F/S. G. N. Allen          |                       | 210509     | 210632     | be found & the a/c returned to Base via  |
|                  | F/S. W. Richmond          |                       | Chittagong | Jessore    | Thayetmyo where 20 packages of   |
|                  | Sgt. R. A. Hunt           |                       |            |            | leaflets were dropped. Intention was to  |
|                  |                           |                       |            |            | drop 11 men & 11 packages for  |
|                  |                           |                       |            |            | operation "Character/Ferret II".   |
| Dalat N          | A 4.407.5"                | Observed              | 004000     | 040455     | This against a second of the Access  |
| Dakota IV        | Aus.14407 F/L. P.         | Character             | 201620     | 210155     | This operation was successful. At 2030   |
| 'D'              | W. Bowles                 | Hyena I               |            |            | hrs. the a/c arrived over target & easily  |
|                  | W/O. J. H.                |                       | Jessore    | Jessore    | identified the D.Z. 12 men & 13  |
|                  | Middleton                 |                       |            |            | containers were dropped in a paddy   |
|                  | Sgt. D. C. Oram           |                       |            |            | field on the North side of the D.Z. 6  |
|                  | Sgt. I. C. Watson         |                       |            |            | 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.   |
|                  |                           |                       |            |            |  |
| Liberator        | Aus.426330 W/O.           | Bazaar 68             | 221618     | 222155     | This operation was unsuccessful,   |
| VI 'W'           | Exelby                    |                       |            |            | owing to technical trouble developing  |
|                  | Aus.430132 F/S.           |                       | Jessore    | Jessore    | on a/c. Intention was to drop 2 men 7  |
|                  | Thompson                  |                       | 35555.5    | 30000.0    | containers 6 packages for Bazaar 68  |
|                  | NZ.415285 W/O.            |                       |            |            | but when in Posn 2101N 9608E the   |
|                  | Boundy                    |                       |            |            | artificial horizon became u/s & the  |
|                  | F/S. McArthur             |                       |            |            | captain returned to Base where he  |
|                  | Sgt. Snell                |                       |            |            | landed at 2155 hrs.  |
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|                     | Sgt. Robertson            |            |         |  |  |
|                     | Sgt. Silly                |            |         |  |  |
|                     | Sgt. Gorrie               |            |         |  |  |
|                     | Sgt. Lockett              |            |         |  |  |
| Liberator           | W/Cdr Hodges              | Bazaar 81  | 211705  | 220835   | This operation was unsuccessful.   |
| VI 'R'              | W/Cur Houges              | Dazaai 01  | 211705  | 220033   | Intention was to drop 11 containers & 6  |
| VIK                 | F/O. Seale                |            | Jessore | Jessore  | packages wt 4350 lbs for "Bazaar 81"   |
|                     | F/O. Seale<br>F/O. Lister |            | Jessole | Jessoie  | but when the aircraft arrived over the   |
|                     |                           |            |         |  | target area at 0035 hrs. no reception  |
|                     | F/L. Reed                 |            |         |  | could be found & insufficient time was   |
|                     | F/O. Morley               |            |         |  | available to search the area properly &  |
|                     | F/O. Buchanan             |            |         |  | although numerous lights could be  |
|                     | F/S. Farish               |            |         |  | seen in the area the search was  |
|                     | Sgt. Bird                 |            |         |  |  |
|                     |                           |            |         |  | abandoned 12 packages of nickels were dropped in the target area.              |
|                     |                           |            |         |  | were dropped in the target area.   |
| Liberator           | Can.J6644 F/L. T.         | Burglar    | 211818  | 220040   | This operation was successful. The a/c   |
| VI 'Z'              |                           |            | 211010  | 220040   |  |
| VI Z                | H. Lee<br>Can.J44365 F/O. | Hippo 5    | loggers | loggers  | arrived over the target area at 20.54 hrs. & saw reception triangle of good    |
|                     |                           |            | Jessore | Jessore  | fires on the D.Z. also "C" was flashing  |
|                     | A. G. Houghan             |            |         |  |  |
|                     | Can.J16004 F/L.           |            |         |  | by a torch. This D.Z. was situated on a river bed in 100 ft. ravine & was      |
|                     | Alverston                 |            |         |  | difficult to see. One run was made up  |
|                     | Can.J45070 P/O.           |            |         |  | ·  |
|                     | J. Walling                |            |         |  | river & 11 containers & 2 packages wt 3599 lbs. were dropped & all chutes      |
|                     | Can.J44160 P/O.           |            |         |  |  |
|                     | Tyson                     |            |         |  | were observed to open correctly.   |
|                     | Can.J49494 P/O.           |            |         |  | Weather experienced was fair, but very good West of the Irrawaddy.             |
|                     | W. Parslow                |            |         |  | good west of the mawaddy.  |
|                     | Can.R.187174              |            |         |  |  |
|                     | W/O. E. P.                |            |         |  |  |
|                     | Zimmerman                 |            |         |  |  |
|                     | Sgt. T. H.                |            |         |  |  |
|                     | Goodman                   |            |         |  |  |
| Liborotor           | W/O. S. H. Seed           | Bazaar 82  | 211725  | 220005   | This eneration was successfully  |
| Liberator<br>VI 'S' | W/O. S. H. Seed           | Bazaar 82  | 211725  | 220905   | This operation was successfully  |
| VIS                 | Cot M   N                 |            | lananya | lanana   | carried out. A "C" type reception was  |
|                     | Sgt. W. J. N.             |            | Jessore | Jessore  | found with "U" being flashed on a  |
|                     | Surrage                   |            |         |  | torch. The D.Z. was in a clearing in the wood but was quite satisfactory & the |
|                     | P/O. M. V. Douse          |            |         |  |  |
|                     | Sgt. B. Elstub            |            |         |  | drop was made. At 0103 hrs. in 1 run at 500 feet 11 containers & 5 packages    |
|                     | Sgt. R. C. H.             |            |         |  | were dropped & all packages were   |
|                     | Harrell                   |            |         |  | seen to drop in the area. 12 packages  |
|                     | Sgt. W. E. Luck           |            |         | -  | of nickels were dropped along the road   |
|                     | Sgt. J. Archer            |            |         |  | West of the D.Z.   |
|                     | Sgt. W. L.                |            |         |  |  |
|                     | Knowles                   |            |         | In Posn 1235N 9434E on the return flight a 2000 ton vessel with 2 M.T.B. |  |
| Sgt. A. Archibald   |                           |            |         | escorts was seen & reported to group                                     |  |
|                     |                           |            |         |  | upon return to Base.   |
|                     |                           |            |         |  | upon return to base.   |
| Dakota IV           | Aus.14407 F/L. P.         | Heavy Wolf | 221455  | 221625   | This operation was successful. A/c   |
| "D"                 | W. Bowles                 | 5          | 221700  | 221023   | arrived on target at 2115 hrs. &   |
| <del>-</del>        | W/O. J. H.                |            | Jessore | Chittagong   | reception came up immediately  |
|                     | Middleton                 |            | 0000010 | Crittagorig  | consisting of a "T" of fires with "K"  |
| L                   | MIGGIOLOTI                | 1          | 1       |  | Josholoung of a 1 of filloo with It  |

|            | Sgt. D. C. Oram                     |           | 221755     | 230325     | flashing alongside. The D.Z. is in a   |
|------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|--|
|            | Sgt. I. C. Watson                   |           | Chittagong | Jessore    | 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.<br>D. Lamb        | Bazaar 96 | 221609     | 230809     | This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 2348 hrs. &  |
|            | Can.J39528 F/O.<br>M. J. McFadyen   |           | Jessore    | Chittagong | reception – 'C' type – lit up about 1 minute after a/c arrived. 'C' type of fires  |
|            | Can.J45168 P/O.                     |           |            |            | plus 'K' flashing. D.Z. is on airstrip 500   |
|            | D. A. Blad<br>P/O. J. Poulton       |           |            |            | yds x 75 – 100 yds & is easy to find,<br>near road & river pin-point. 7  |
|            | Can.J46064 P/O.<br>S. V. Hillis     |           |            |            | containers & 5 packages were dropped in one run from 600', all chutes opened   |
|            | P/O. W. R. Birch                    |           |            |            | correctly & were seen on ground. 12  |
|            | Can.J42510 P/O.<br>D. Heller        |           |            |            | packets of leaflets were dropped on<br>the Meho area from 13000'. Weather<br>was fairly good throughout trip.  |
|            | Sgt. R. P. G.<br>Smith              |           |            |            | , , ,  |
|            | Can.R160539 Sgt.<br>D. D. Bechthold |           |            |            |  |
| Lib VI 'R' | Aus.408361 W/O.<br>R. W. Bain       | Bazaar 76 | 221635     | 231030     | This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 0043 hrs. &  |
|            | Aus.419749 F/S.<br>M. R. Simons     |           | Jessore    | Jessore    | found 'C' type reception with 'R' flashing on Aldis. D.Z. is good. 7   |
|            | Aus.424296 P/O.<br>F. C. Cutler     |           |            |            | containers & 6 packages were dropped from 200' in one run. All chutes opened   |
|            | F/S. R. W. Skipper                  |           |            |            | O.K. & were seen on ground. Flew   |
|            | Aus.437502 F/S.<br>W. P. Criddle    |           |            |            | over Phnom Penh & saw, in centre o town, circular building with four radii,  |
|            | Aus.436452 F/S.                     |           |            |            | described as "like Iron Cross" in  |
|            | K. J. Duffy                         |           |            |            | shape. Lights shone from under roof. Weather was fine.   |
|            | Sgt. P. U. Lloyd                    |           |            |            |  |
|            | Sgt. W. J. B.<br>Rickards           |           |            |            |  |
|            | Sgt. J. G.                          |           |            |            |  |

|             | Woodthorpe                         |                               |         |              |   |
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|             |                                    |                               |         |              |   |
| Lib VI 'W'  | Aus.426330 W/O.                    | Bazaar 97                     | 221611  | 230255       | This operation was unsuccessful due                                     |
|             | F. V. E. Exelby<br>Aus.430132 F/S. |                               | lacacia | lanana       | to bad weather. Intention was to drop 7 containers & 6 packages. It was |
|             |                                    |                               | Jessore | Jessore      | attempted to fly under or over belt of                                  |
|             | G. C. Thompson<br>NZ.415285 W/O.   |                               |         |              | bad weather but by the time any pin-                                    |
|             |                                    |                               |         |              | point had been obtained, it was too                                     |
|             | J. H. Boundy<br>F/S. J. A.         |                               |         |              | late to have reached D.Z. by correct                                    |
|             |                                    |                               |         |              | time. S/c Base from 2043N 10055E at                                     |
|             | McArthur                           |                               |         |              | 2123 hrs. 12 packages of leaflets                                       |
|             | Sgt. R. C. Silly                   |                               |         |              | dropped in Meiktila area at 25.45 hrs.                                  |
|             | Sgt. W. G.                         |                               |         |              | from 10000'. The Sqdn Commander   |
|             | Robertson                          |                               |         |              | commented that captain was fully  |
|             | Sgt. L. C. Snell                   |                               |         |              | justified in returning early in this                                    |
|             | Sgt. T. E. Lockett                 |                               |         |              | instance.   |
|             | Sgt. J. Gorrie                     |                               |         |              |   |
| Lib VI 'U'  | P/O. F. C. Cooke                   | Bazaar 75                     | 221630  | 230935       | This operation was successful. A/c                                      |
| ]           | NZ.421489 W/O.                     |                               | Jessore | Jessore      | arrived over target at 0056 hrs. &                                      |
|             | C. R. Anderson                     |                               |         |              | reception at 0053 hrs. was seen,  |
|             | Aus.9183 F/L. G.                   |                               |         |              | consisting of "C" type fires with letter                                |
|             | Cashmore                           |                               |         |              | 'R' being flashed. 7 containers & 6                                     |
|             | P/O. J. H.                         |                               |         |              | packages were dropped in one run. All                                   |
|             | Newberry                           |                               |         |              | chutes opened correctly. Nickels were                                   |
|             | P/O. F. W. Pearce                  |                               |         |              | dropped on Ubon from 6500',   |
|             | W/O. J. F. Bryden                  |                               |         |              | Sakolunakora from 6500' & Ngaua   |
|             | Sgt. J. Hatton                     |                               |         |              | from 10000'. Weather was good.  |
|             | F/S. J. B. Nelson                  |                               |         |              | Weather was good.   |
|             | W/O. W. V.                         |                               |         |              |   |
|             | Robertson                          |                               |         |              |   |
| Lib. VI 'Q' | Aus.421387 W/O.                    | Bazaar 95                     | 221621  | 230920       | This operation was successful. A/c                                      |
|             | W. G. Petley                       |                               |         |              | arrived over the D.Z. at 0035 hrs &                                     |
|             | Aus.430461 F/S.                    |                               | Jessore | Chittagong   | found 'C' type reception awaiting with a                                |
|             | E. P. Martindale                   |                               |         | - Time gring | torch flashing letter 'K'. The area was                                 |
|             | F/S. F. P. Lowther                 |                               |         |              | flat, but partially obscured by clouds.                                 |
|             | F/S. W. N. Kendall                 |                               |         |              | Dropping run was made at 0042 hrs. &                                    |
|             | Aus.419028 F/S.                    |                               |         |              | 7 containers & 5 packages were  |
|             | C. W. J. Burgin                    |                               |         |              | dropped. All chutes were observed to                                    |
|             | Aus.426294 F/S.                    |                               |         |              | open & dropped through mist in the                                      |
|             | A. F. Bird                         |                               |         |              | direction of the target. 12 packages of                                 |
|             | Sgt. A. Kidd                       |                               |         |              | nickels were dropped at 1845 hrs. from                                  |
|             | Oqt. 7t. Mad                       | 10,000' in posn. 1950N 9552E. |         |              |   |
|             | Sgt. F. Canvin                     |                               |         |              | At 0635 hrs in posn. N.W. of airfield,                                  |
|             | - 3 24                             |                               |         |              | 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.   |
| Lib. VI 'V' | F/O. J. Churchill                  | Bazaar 74                     | 221623  | 230915       | This operation was successful. A/c                                      |
|             | W/O. J. A. Taylor                  |                               | Jessore | Jessore      | arrived over target at 2358 hrs. & 'C'                                  |

|           | W/O. W. Hough               |           |         |         | type reception with flashing 'R' was     |
|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|--|
|           | F/O. D. H. Hulme            |           |         |         | sighted. Very good reception. Area is    |
|           | Can.R187174                 |           |         |         | excellent, flat with large cleared       |
|           | W/O. E. P.                  |           |         |         | square. 7 containers & 6 packages        |
|           | Zimmerman                   |           |         |         | were dropped in 2 runs. The last chute   |
|           | Sgt. T. H.                  |           |         |         | candeled. All the other chutes opened    |
|           | Goodman                     |           |         |         | & although they were not seen on the     |
|           | W/O. D. R.                  |           |         |         | area, one of the ground party was        |
|           | Webber                      |           |         |         | seen to drop his torch & run             |
|           | Can.J44160 F/O.             |           |         |         | surprisingly fast as the load was        |
|           |                             |           |         |         | dropped. It is therefore assumed that    |
|           | J. Tyson<br>Can.J49494 F/O. |           |         |         | the supplies landed in the vicinity of   |
|           |                             |           |         |         | D.Z.                                     |
|           | W. Parslow                  |           |         |         | Ubon 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.                                    |
| Dakota IV | Aus. 415670 P/O.            | Character | 231755  | 240920  | This operation was successful. A/c       |
| 'F'       | P. A. Black                 | Otter 2   |         | - 100_0 | arrived over target at 2200 hrs. & saw   |
|           | Can.J24346 F/O.             |           | Jessore | Jessore | other a/c dropping in front, so broke    |
|           | R. G. Stothers.             |           |         |         | cloud & circled until area was clear. 12 |
|           | F/S. W. Allen               |           |         |         | agents & 9 packages were dropped in      |
|           | F/S. W. Richmond            |           |         |         | 4 runs on to a 'T' of fires. One chute   |
|           | 170. W. Riominona           |           |         |         | 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.  |
|           |                             |           |         |         | Theight of 300 diedra dii obottociona.   |
| Dakota IV | S/Ldr. T. P.                | Bug 3     | 221804  | 230336  | This operation was successful. A/c       |
| 'H'       | O'Brien                     |           |         |         | arrived over target at 2239 hrs. The     |
|           | F/O. R. Carter              |           | Jessore | Jessore | area was recognised & the package        |
|           | Can.J22139 F/O.             |           |         |         | was dropped approx 1 mile NNE. of        |
|           | J. S. Cooper                |           |         |         | the actual brief D.Z. on the advice of   |
|           | W/O. N. L.                  |           |         |         | the conducting office. The package       |
|           | Woolsey                     |           |         |         | cleared the a/c satisfactorily. Leaflets |
|           | Sgt. F. H. Burley           |           |         |         | were dropped on the following areas:-    |
|           | Ogt. 1 . 11. Duricy         |           |         |         | Bawmi; Villages between Bawmi &          |
|           |                             |           |         |         | Gonmin, Kyaunegon – Athok Road, S.       |
|           |                             |           |         |         | of Athok – Gwa Road – on villages,       |
|           |                             |           |         |         | Zigon, N. of Gwa & road between          |
|           |                             |           |         |         | Satthwa & 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.                        |
|           |                             |           |         | 1       |  |

| Lib VI 'Q' | Aus.421387 W/O.<br>W. G. Petley     | Hebrides<br>Trumpet 6 | 230814  | 240330     | This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target area at 1751 hrs. &   |
|------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|------------|--|
|            | Aus.430461 F/S.<br>E. P. Martindale |                       | Jessore | Jessore    | found reception of 'C' type fires. 7 containers & 4 packages were dropped  |
|            | F/S. F. P. Lowther                  |                       |         |            | from 900' in one run. Weather was  |
|            | F/S. W. N. Kendall                  |                       |         |            | good en route, but 7/10 Cu 3000' up to   |
|            | Aus.419028 F/S.                     |                       |         |            | unknown height.  |
|            |                                     |                       |         |            | In posn. 0910N. 9920E 2 ships each of  |
|            | C. W. J. Burgin<br>Aus.426294 F/S.  |                       |         |            | approx. 5000 tons were sighted, both   |
|            | Aus.426294 F/S.<br>A. F. Bird       |                       |         |            | well lit up & stationary. Lights   |
|            | A. F. DIIU                          |                       |         |            | extinguished on approach of a/c.   |
|            | Sgt. A. Kidd                        |                       |         |            |  |
|            | Sgt. G. E. Hillier                  |                       |         |            |  |
|            | Sgt. F. S. Canvin                   |                       |         |            |  |
| Lib VI 'P' | P/O. F. B. Cooke                    | Pontoon               | 240800  | 250305     | This operation was successful. A/c   |
|            |                                     | Piano I               |         |            | arrived over target area at 1720 hrs. &  |
|            | NZ.421489 W/O.                      |                       | Jessore | Chittagong | D.Z. was positively identified,  |
|            | C. R. Anderson                      |                       |         |            | consisting of two grass circles in the   |
|            | Aus.9183 F/L. G.                    |                       |         |            | form of a figure 8. There are high   |
|            | Cashmore                            |                       |         |            | limestone cliffs to the E. of D.Z. & a   |
|            | P/O. J. H.                          |                       |         |            | night drop would be most difficult &   |
|            | Newberry                            |                       |         |            | hazardous. A Blind Drop was made of  |
|            | P/O. F. W. Pearce                   |                       |         |            | 5 agents 4 containers & 5 packages.  |
|            | W/O. J. F. Bryden                   |                       |         |            | All the agents were seen on the  |
|            | W/O. W. V.                          |                       |         |            | ground in the target area & all chutes   |
|            | Robertson                           |                       |         |            | on containers & packages opened  |
|            | F/S. J. B. Nelson                   |                       |         |            | except for one package, which  |
|            | Sgt. J. Hatton                      |                       |         |            | candeled, 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.   |
|            |                                     |                       |         |            | anages appareinly conaposal  |
| Lib VI 'V' | Can.J4115 F/L. R.                   | Hebrides              | 230818  | 240348     | This operation was successful. A/c   |
|            | D. Lamb                             | Trumpet 5             | 1       | 1          | arrived over target at 1710 hrs., & at   |
|            | Can.J39528 F/O.                     |                       | Jessore | Jessore    | first no reception was seen. At 1750   |
|            | M. J. McFadyen                      |                       | 1       |            | hrs. 'C' type fires were seen with white   |
|            | Can.J45168 P/O.                     |                       |         |            | circles round each fire. A light was also  |
|            | D. A. Blad                          |                       |         |            | seen flashing but could not be   |
|            | P/O. J. Poulton                     |                       |         | _          | recognised. 7 containers & 4 packages  |
|            | Can.J46064 P/O                      |                       |         |            | were dropped in 2 runs from 600'.  |
|            | S. V. Hillis                        |                       |         |            | Weather was generally good. In posn. 0705N. 1017E a lime quarry was seen   |
|            | P/O. W. R. Birch                    |                       |         |            | with much work in progress. Large  |
|            | Can.J42510 P/O.                     |                       |         |            | dredge & galvanised iron workshop  |
|            | D. Heller                           |                       | 1       |            | buildings were observed. 1618 hrs a  |
|            | Sgt. R. P. G.                       |                       |         |            | fuselage, believed to be that of a 'Sally'   |
|            | Smith                               | j                     |         |            | The state of the s |

|            | Can.R160539 Sgt.<br>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  |
|            | Sgt. W. J. V.<br>Surrage            |           | Jessore | Jessore | arrived over target at 0013 hrs. Poor reception was found set amongst   |
|            | P/O. M. V. Douse                    |           |         |         | some bushes. Very ragged lay-out, 'U'   |
|            | Sgt. B. Elstub                      |           |         |         | flashing on torch was difficult to read,  |
|            | Sgt. R. C. H.                       |           |         |         | necessitating extra run to make   |
|            | Harrell                             |           |         |         | identification certain. D.Z. is in a  |
|            | Sgt. W. E. Luck                     |           |         |         | cleared oblong area amongst bushes.   |
|            | Sgt. J. Archer                      |           |         |         | Generally flat. 3 agents, 7 containers & 3 packages were dropped in 3 runs.   |
|            | Sgt. W. L.<br>Knowles               |           |         |         | The 3rd run overshot owing to failure   |
|            | Sgt. A. Archibald                   |           |         |         | of warning lights. One package was  |
|            | Ogt. A. Alonibaid                   |           |         |         | 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.   |
|            |                                     |           |         |         | 1.0 0.0 0.0   |
| Dakota IV  | Aus421792 P/O.                      | Dilwyn    | 241410  | 242320  | This operation was successful. A/c  |
| 'G'        | T. A. Collister                     | Gazelle 5 |         |         | arrived over target at 1806 hrs. &  |
|            | F/S. L. Elliott                     |           | Jessore | Jessore | reception consisting of 'T' strips with   |
|            | F/S. W. M.                          |           |         |         | smudge fires at one end was seen. 3   |
|            | McCormack                           |           |         |         | containers & 13 packages were dropped 4 runs. On the 2nd run 1  |
|            | F/S. G. Thompson                    |           |         |         | 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.   |
| Lib VI 'V' | W/Cdr. L. M.                        | Character | 231835  | 240005  | This operation was successful. A/c  |
|            | Hodges                              | Hyena 3   | 20.000  | 2.0000  | arrived over target at 2315 hrs. &  |
|            | Aus.413286 F/O.                     | ,         | Jessore | Jessore | reception was good, consisting of bright lights easily recognisable, with   |
|            | H. Seale                            |           |         |         |   |
|            | F/O. R. D. Lister                   |           |         |         | torch flashing 'Y'. Area is good, but   |
|            | F/L. L. G. A. Reed                  |           |         |         | steep approach necessary. 12 containers & 1 package were dropped in one run from 400'. cloud was  |
|            | F/O. A. A. Morley                   |           |         |         |   |
|            | F/S. W. Farish                      |           | 1       |         | experienced over D.Z. 2 containers  |
|            | Sgt. A. E. Bird                     |           |         |         | hung up & were brought back to Base.  |
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| Dakota IV<br>'D' | F/O. W. Kindred                          | Character<br>Otter 1 | 231740            | 240330  | This operation was successful. D.Z. consisted of smooth paddy with hills   |
|------------------|--|----------------------|-------------------|---------|--|
|                  | P/O. K. C. H.<br>Williams<br>P/O. G. H.  |                      | Jessore           | Jessore | around of 6000' & river running N-S. Target was pevilially (?) obscured by mist & without Rebecca, which worked  |
|                  | Lawrence                                 |                      |                   |         | satisfactorily, D.Z. might not have been   |
|                  | W/O. R. Daglish                          |                      |                   |         | found. Arrived at 2143 hrs. to find  |
|                  | Sgt. J. A. Green                         |                      |                   |         | 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.   |
|                  |  |                      |                   |         | D.Z. Overdast with broaks.   |
| Dakota IV<br>'J' | F/S. F. F. Bush                          | Manual<br>Mouse 4    | 232035            | 240405  | This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 0004 hrs. &  |
|                  | W/O. V. Lineham                          |                      | Jessore           | Jessore | reception was seen amongst hills   |
|                  | F/O. J. Williamson                       |                      |                   |         | together with a very weak flashing 'K'.  |
| Dakata IV        | F/S. G. Fordyce                          | Manual               | 222020            | 240220  | 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. |
| Dakota IV<br>'G' | W/O. E.<br>Wheelhouse<br>Can.J24042 F/O. | Manual<br>Mouse 5    | 232030<br>Jessore | Jessore | this operation was successful. Whilst a/c was still 1 mile from target, correct reception of a Δ of lights with a flashing   |
|                  | W. H. Caron                              |                      |                   |         | 'K' was seen. D.Z. is in a rough area &  |
|                  | W/O. W. F.                               |                      |                   |         | is well hidden. However there are no   |
|                  | Learwood                                 |                      |                   |         | particular 'snags' for moon Dakota   |
|                  | F/S. G. C.<br>Longbottom                 |                      |                   |         | 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.   |
| Lib VI 'X'       | F/O. J. Churchill                        | Pontoon<br>Piano 2   | 240800            | 250445  | This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 1820 hrs. & a line   |
|                  | W/O. J. A. Taylor                        |                      | Jessore           | Jessore | of 5 torches as arranged with  |
|                  | F/O. D. H. Hulme                         |                      |                   |         | personnel of Pontoon/Piano 1 was   |
|                  | W/O. W. Hough                            |                      |                   |         | seen. D.Z. is not considered suitable  |
|                  | Aus.418600 F/O.<br>K. Buchanan           |                      |                   |         | for night drop as there is a 7000' hill within 10 miles & a white limestone hill   |
|                  | F/S. J. B. Nelson                        |                      |                   |         | 1000 yds. from D.Z. in the dropping  |

|                  | W/O. D. R.<br>Webber<br>F/S. W. J. B.<br>Rickards |                       |         |            | 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. |
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| Dakota IV<br>'L' | S/L. T. P. O'Brien                                | Character<br>Ferret 1 | 241800  | 250235     | This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 2227 hrs. &  |
|                  | Can.J22139 F/O.                                   |                       | Jessore | Cox's      | found large 'T' type reception with  |
|                  | J. S. Cooper                                      |                       |         | Bazaar     | flashing torch from centre. Eureka was   |
|                  | F/O. R. Carter                                    |                       |         |            | working with 'W' characteristic as   |
|                  | W/O. N. L.  |                       |         |            | arranged. 11 men & 12 packages were  |
|                  | Woolsey   |                       |         |            | dropped in 7 runs from 800'. Second man hesitated at first jump, but jumped  |
|                  | Sgt. R. T. Wright                                 |                       |         |            |  |
|                  | Sgt. F. H. Burley                                 |                       |         |            | 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.  |
| Dakota IV        | F/S. F. F. Bush                                   | Character             | 251900  | 260305     | This operation was successful. As a/c  |
| 'F'              | 1, O. 1 . 1 . Dusii                               | Hyena II              | 201000  | 200000     | approached target at 2307 hrs. a good  |
|                  | W/O. V. Lineham                                   | , ,                   | Jessore | Chittagong | reception was seen waiting – a 'T' of  |
|                  | F/O. J. Williamson                                |                       |         |            | fires with a flashing 'W' & Rebecca  |

|                  | 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. |
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| Dakota IV<br>'F' | Aus. 415670 P/O. P. A. Black Can.J24346 F/O. R. G. Stothers. F/S. W. Allen F/S. W. Richmond | Character<br>Ferret 2 | 241822<br>Jessore | 250243<br>Cox's<br>Bazaar | 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.   |
| Dakota IV        | F/O. C. H.<br>Egerton-Eves  | Crusader I            | 241952            | 250515                    | This operation was unsuccessful. D.Z. was found at 2310 hrs. but the bush  |
|                  | Can.J27477 F/O.<br>W. B. Arnold<br>F/S. J. Biggin<br>Sgt. A. Calder                         |                       | Jessore           | Jessore                   | had completely grown up again. Pin-<br>points were obtained on bends of the<br>Kabaukig River & surrounding villages<br>together with the road & railway S. of   |
|                  | P/O. S. G. Dove   |                       |                   |                           | 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.  |
| Dakota IV<br>'D' | Aus.14407 F/L. P.<br>W. Bowles<br>W/O. J. H.<br>Middleton<br>Sgt. D. C. Oram                | Binge                 | 251445<br>Jessore | 252310<br>Jessore         | 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  |

|                  | 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.  |
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| Lib. VI 'Y'      | Can.J6644 F/L. T. H. Lee Can.J44365 F/O. A. G. Houghan 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   | Hebrides<br>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.J44160 F/O.<br>J. Tyson<br>Can.J49494 P/O.<br>W. Parslow   |                       |                   |                 |   |
| Lib. VI 'X'      | Can.J6644 F/L. T. H. Lee Can.J44365 F/O. A. G. Houghan 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 | Sargent<br>Cornet 1   | 261414  Jessore   | 270840  Jessore | 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'.  This operation was unsuccessful. A/c. |
| Dakota IV<br>'D' | Aus.14407 F/L. P.<br>W. Bowles<br>W/O. J. H.<br>Middleton  | Binge                 | 261430<br>Jessore | Jessore         | 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  |

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Location not given in record.

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|                  | 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.  |
| 5                | D/O T O II                        |                      |         | 000105  |   |
| Dakota IV<br>'M' | P/O. T. S. Hunter                 | Bulge                | 252035  | 260425  | This operation was unsuccessful.  Target area was identified at 2346 hrs.   |
|                  | P/O. G. N. Gillin                 |                      | Jessore | Jessore | by landmarks and nearby rivers.   |
|                  | F/S. G. A. Ripley                 |                      |         |         | Several D.R. runs were made on to   |
|                  | Sgt. Mowbray                      |                      |         |         | 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. |
| Lib VI 'R'       | Aus.421387 W/O.                   | Funnel               | 261505  | 271050  | This operation was successful. A/C  |
|                  | W. G. Petley                      | Cello I              |         |         | arrived over target at 0121 hrs. & 'T' of   |
|                  | Aus.430461 F/S.                   |                      | Jessore | Jessore | fires with torch flashing 'N' was seen.   |
|                  | E. P. Martindale                  |                      |         |         | The D.Z. is good – hills to E. & N. but   |
|                  | F/S. F. P. Lowther                |                      |         |         | generally well away from area. 4 men  |
|                  | F/S. W. N. Kendall                |                      |         |         | & 3 packages were dropped in two  |
|                  | Aus.419028 F/S.                   |                      |         |         | runs from 700'. All chutes opened, but  |
|                  | C. W. J. Burgin                   |                      |         |         | were not seen on ground.  |
|                  | Aus.426294 F/S.                   |                      |         |         | & packages of leaflets were dropped   |
|                  | A. F. Bird                        |                      |         |         | on Kampan, ht. 2000' at 0141 hrs.   |
|                  | Sgt. A. Kidd                      |                      |         |         | It was noticed that all the mines, etc  |
|                  | Sgt. G. E. Hillier                |                      |         |         | were well lit up & apparently in full production. Permanent metal buildings   |
|                  | Sgt. F. S. Canvin                 |                      |         |         | were noticed to be very well laid.  |
|                  |                                   |                      |         |         | Weather was generally good.   |
|                  |                                   |                      |         |         |   |
| Lib VI 'P'       | W/O. S. H. Seed                   | Fighter<br>Trumpet 8 | 260825  | 270325  | This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 1715 & 'C' type   |
|                  | Sgt. W. J. V.                     | 1                    | Jessore | Jessore | reception with flashing light, but no   |
|                  | Surrage                           |                      |         |         | letter 'K' as briefed. Wind was very  |
|                  | P/O. M. V. Douse                  |                      |         |         | light at 5 m.p.h. 3 men, 2 containers &   |
|                  | Sgt. B. Elstub                    |                      |         |         | 7 packages were dropped in 2 runs   |
|                  | Sgt. R. C. H.                     |                      |         |         | from 1500'. 5 agents were to be   |
|                  | Harrell                           |                      |         |         | dropped, but it was found that the  |
|                  | Sgt. W. E. Luck                   |                      |         |         | chutes of 2 were u/s, so these were   |
|                  | Sgt. J. Archer                    |                      |         |         | brought back. 7 packages of leaflets  |
|                  | Sgt. W. L.                        |                      |         |         | were dropped over Alor Star at 1840 hrs. from 6000'. Weather was fine en  |
|                  | Knowles                           |                      |         |         | 1113. HOLL OUGO. WEather was like ell   |

|                  | 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.   |
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| Dakota IV<br>'M' | Aus421792 P/O. T. A. Collister F/S. L. Elliott F/S. G. Thompson F/S. W. M. McCormack  | Governor I            | 261840<br>Jessore | 270220<br>Jessore         | 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.   |
| Lib VI 'Y'       | Aus.408361 W/O. R. W. Bain 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. U. Lloyd Sgt. W. J. B. Rickards Sgt. J. G. Woodthorpe | Mandate               | 260825  Jessore   | 270315  Jessore           | 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. |
| Dakota IV<br>'G' | P/O. W. Kindred  P/O. K. C. H. Williams  P/O. G. H. Lawrence  W/O. R. Daglish   | Character<br>Hyena 12 | 261850<br>Jessore | 270350<br>Cox's<br>Bazaar | 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   |

|                  | 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. |
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| Lib VI 'V'       | F/O. J. Churchill                   | Future<br>Bison 7 | 261930   | 270130   | This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 2205 hrs to find   |
|                  | W/O. J. A. Taylor                   | <b>D.</b> 00117   | Jessore  | Jessore  | 'C' type reception with flashing 'Q'   |
|                  | W/O. W. Hough                       |                   |          |          | seen, 5 miles E. of briefed D.Z. on top  |
|                  | F/O. D. H. Hulme                    |                   |          |          | of a small hill. The whole area was well   |
|                  | Can.J46064 P/O.                     |                   |          |          | wooded. Whilst circling in the vicinity of   |
|                  | S. V. Hillis                        |                   |          |          | D.Z. a bright light was seen on the  |
|                  | P/O W. R. Birch                     |                   |          |          | ground with another moving up the  |
|                  | W/O. D. R.                          |                   |          |          | side of a hill nearby. 14 containers & 5   |
|                  | Webber                              |                   |          |          | packages were dropped in 3 runs, & al  |
|                  | Sgt. R. P. G.                       |                   |          |          | chutes opened correctly. 12 packages   |
|                  | Smith                               |                   |          |          | of leaflets were dropped from 2500'  |
|                  | Can.R160539 Sgt.<br>D. D. Bechthold |                   |          |          | over S. side of Mandalay.<br>Weather was good, but very hazy.  |
| Data in the      | 0/1 T D 0/2                         | O a ti i i        | 004046   | 004000   | This could be a second   |
| Dakota IV<br>'H' | S/L. T. P. O'Brien                  | Satirist          | 261248   | 261603   | This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 2259 hrs. & 'C'  |
|                  | F/O. R. Carter                      |                   | Jessore  | Myitkina | type fires & a flickering light was seen   |
|                  | Can.J22139 F/O.<br>J. S. Cooper     |                   | 261832   | 270752   | 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'.  |
|                  | W/O. N. L.<br>Woolsey               |                   | Myitkina | Jessore  |  |
|                  | Sgt. F. H. Burley                   |                   |          |          | 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.  |
| Lib VI 'S'       | P/O. F. C. Cooke                    | Heavy Calf<br>2   | 262000   | 270400   | This operation was successful. A/c arrived over target at 2328 hrs. & 'T'  |
|                  | NZ.421489 W/O.<br>C. R. Anderson    |                   | Jessore  | Jessore  | type of torches with flashing 'B' or perhaps 'K' at first. 11 containers & 7   |
|                  | P/O. J. H.                          |                   |          |          | packages were dropped. The 7   |
| 1                | Newberry                            |                   |          |          | packages were dropped 'free' & fell 2  |

|                  | Aus.9183 F/L. G. Cashmore P/O. F. W. Pearce W/O. J. F. Bryden Sgt. J. Hatton F/S. J. B. Nelson W/O. W. V. Robertson |                     |                   |                   | 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.          |
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| Lib. VI          | W/Cdr. L. M.<br>Hodges<br>F/L. G. S. Smith<br>Aus.413286 F/O.<br>H. Seale   | 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  |
|                  | F/S. P.<br>Stephenson<br>F/L. L. G. A. Reed<br>F/O. A. A. Morley<br>Aus.418600 F/O.                                 |                     |                   |                   | 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   |
|                  | K. Buchanan F/S. W. Farish Sgt. A. E. Bird  |                     |                   |                   | 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.   |
|                  |   |                     |                   |                   |  |
| Dakota IV<br>'O' | Aus. 415678 P/O.<br>P. A. Black   | Governor            | 271756            | 280118            | This operation was unsuccessful.  Intention was to make a blind drop of  |
|                  | Can.J24346 F/O.<br>R. G. Stothers.  |                     | Jessore           | Cox's<br>Bazaar   | 14 men & 8 packages. Pin points were obtained on hills & rivers near the   |
|                  | F/S. W. Allen F/S. W. Richmond  |                     |                   |                   | 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' |
| Dakota IV<br>'G' | W/O. E.<br>Wheelhouse<br>Can.J24042 F/O.  | Nation<br>Terrier 2 | 271950<br>Jessore | 280400<br>Jessore | This operation was successful. A/c on target at 2357 & reception of 'T' of fires was seen at 0022. There is a road &   |
|                  | W. H. Caron<br>W/O. W. F.<br>Learwood   |                     |                   |                   | small clearing crossing N. of D.Z. & a hill 5 mls. to the N.W. 2 containers & 12 packages were   |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Location not given in record.

|                     | F/S. G. C.<br>Longbottom<br>Sgt. R. I. Wellings |                    |         |         | 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. |
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| Liberator<br>VI 'Z' | Can.J4115 F/L. J.<br>D. Lamb                    | Polka 33           | 311858  | 010553  | This operation was successful. The aircraft arrived over the target area at  |
|                     | Can.J39528 F/O.<br>M. J. McFadyen               |                    | Jessore | Jessore | 2344 hrs. & found a reception consisting of an "L" of fires & a torch  |
|                     | Can.J45168 P/O.<br>D. A. Blad                   |                    |         |         | flashing. One rune was made at 500 feet & the 9 containers & 4 packages  |
|                     | P/O. J.Poulton                                  |                    |         |         | were seen to land on the D.Z.  |
|                     | Can.J42510 P/O.<br>D. Heller                    |                    |         |         | The Captain commented upon return that the D.Z. is in an excellent position.   |
|                     | F/S. W. M. Farish                               |                    |         |         | Weather was good throughout the flight.  |
|                     | Sgt. R. P. G.<br>Smith                          |                    |         |         |  |
|                     | Can.R160539 Sgt.<br>D. D. Bechthold             |                    |         |         |  |
| Dakota IV<br>'K'    | P/O. T. S. Hunter                               | Future<br>Bison II | 312050  | 010415  | This operation was successful. The aircraft arrived over the target at 2359  |
|                     | P/O. G. N. Gillin                               |                    | Jessore | Jessore | hrs. & found reception consisting of a   |
|                     | F/S. G. A. Ripley                               |                    |         |         | line of torches & 'V' flashing. 6 runs   |
|                     | Sgt. Mowbray                                    |                    |         |         | were made at 800 feet & 12 men & 17  |
|                     | Group Cpt.<br>Wightman                          |                    |         |         | 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.   |