

**358 Squadron RAF**

**January, 1945**

**Operation Orders and Sortie Reports**

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Robert Quirk

Winnipeg, Canada

March 24, 2013

## Appendix No. 4 to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.1

1. Target – as briefed.

2. Aircraft and Crews.

| A/c. | Crew.   | A/c. | Crew.  | A/c. | Crew.  | A/c. | Crew.   |
|------|---|------|--|------|--|------|---|
| L977 | W/C. Farr<br>F/S. Banks<br>F/L. Ryan<br>F/S. Jackman<br>F/O. Brace<br>Sgt. Thirkettle<br>Sgt. Sutcliffe<br>Sgt. Stanley<br>Sgt. Pepper<br>F/S. Wells<br>F/L. Kydd | C271 | S/L. Sharpe<br>F/O. Edwards<br>F/S. Kirby<br>W/O. Cross<br>W/O. Buchanan<br>F/S. Noble<br>Sgt. Manning<br>W/O. Fayle<br>Sgt. Parvin<br>Sgt. Fenbow<br>W/O. Seymour | D353 | F/O. Cloutier<br>F/O. Russell<br>F/S. Rose<br>P/O. Bostin<br>F/S. Vagg<br>F/S. Warner<br>Sgt. Milliken.<br>Sgt. Power<br>Sgt. Matthais<br>Sgt. Murphy<br>Sgt. Mount        | A167 | F/O. Smart<br>W/O. Martell<br>P/O. Johnson<br>Sgt. Simpson<br>Sgt. Robertson<br>Sgt. Gaskin<br>Sgt. Faircloth<br>Sgt. Kingstown<br>Sgt. Tracey<br>Sgt. Whitehouse<br>Sgt. Wallace |
| X.   | P/O. Jones<br>S/L. Pim<br>Sgt. Dunn<br>W/O. Ball<br>P/O. Talbot<br>F/S. Dawson<br>Sgt. Grey<br>W/O. Richards<br>Sgt. Snape<br>Sgt. Haughton<br>W/O. Rozee         | U.   | F/O. Wood<br>F/O. Murray<br>P/O. Hull<br>Sgt. Ely<br>Sgt. McLusky<br>Sgt. Spencer<br>Sgt. McSherry<br>Sgt. Hurley<br>Sgt. Parsons<br>Sgt. McInnes<br>F/S. Brogan   | W.   | P/O. Stuart<br>F/s. Drummond<br>Sgt. Wright<br>F/S. Bachelor<br>Sgt. Blackburn<br>Sgt. Vickers<br>Sgt. Taylor<br>W/O. Hendry<br>P/O. Edwards<br>Sgt. Cameron<br>Sgt. Brown | Q.   | P/O. Hedley<br>F/L. Mayhew<br>Sgt. Hounslow<br>W/O. Perkins<br>W/O. Tubb<br>W/O. Chalmers<br>P/O. Hopkins<br>W/O. Pepper<br>F/S. Blee<br>Sgt. Maiden<br>Sgt. Turner               |

3. Armament.

Bomb Load: A/c. 'D' – 'A' – 48 x M30 + 4 x M47. Remainder – 4 x 1000 GPs.  
'U' – 46 x M30 + 6 x M47. 8 x 500 lb. M17.

Ammunition: 5000 rounds.

Pyrotechnics:- Verey Lights Green 3. Verey Lights Red 3.  
Colours of Day 3.

4. Briefing: 1500 hours on 1.1.45. Crews to report Wing Ops. Room at 1430 hours.

5. Take-Off: As briefed.

6. Parachutes: Parachutes and flying kit to be drawn and in A/c by 1800 hours 12.1.45.

7. Fuel: Petrol 1500 gallons. Oil. 27 Gallons per engine.

8. M.T.: 3 three tonners at domestic site at 1415 hours.

9. Logs. Engineers logs to be handed to Eng. Officer at interrogation.

(P.G.D. Farr)

Wing Commander, Commanding,

No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Appendix No. 5 to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

To: H.Q., A.C., S.E.A. (Att. Ops. R. & A.) R.A.F., Ceylon  
 H.Q., Eastern Air Command.  
 22 S.C.U. at Eastern Air Command (Att. Lt. Tiffany)  
 H.Q., 231 Troup, Intelligence, 231 Group Statistics  
 H.Q., No. 184 Wing, R.A.F. No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Date: 13th January 1945 Ref.:- 185W/S/401/1/1/Int.

358 Squadron OPREP No. 10 for 13th January 1945.

Consolidated Sortie Report No. 5, for 13th January 1945.

Part A.

1. 8 Lib. VI, 358 Squadron, A/C A,C,D,L,Q,U,W,X.

2. Aircraft and Crews.

| A/c. | Crew.   | A/c. | Crew.  | A/c. | Crew.  | A/c. | Crew.   |
|------|---|------|--|------|--|------|---|
| L977 | W/C. Farr<br>F/S. Banks<br>F/L. Ryan<br>F/S. Jackman<br>F/O. Brace<br>Sgt. Thirkettle<br>Sgt. Sutcliffe<br>Sgt. Stanley<br>Sgt. Pepper<br>F/S. Wells<br>F/L. Kydd | C271 | S/L. Sharpe<br>F/O. Edwards<br>F/S. Kirby<br>W/O. Cross<br>W/O. Buchanan<br>F/S. Noble<br>Sgt. Manning<br>W/O. Fayle<br>Sgt. Parvin<br>Sgt. Fenbow<br>W/O. Seymour | D353 | F/O. Cloutier<br>F/O. Russell<br>F/S. Rose<br>P/O. Bostin<br>F/S. Vagg<br>F/S. Warner<br>Sgt. Milliken.<br>Sgt. Power<br>Sgt. Matthais<br>Sgt. Murphy<br>Sgt. Mount        | A167 | F/O. Smart<br>W/O. Martell<br>P/O. Johnson<br>Sgt. Simpson<br>Sgt. Robertson<br>Sgt. Gaskin<br>Sgt. Faircloth<br>Sgt. Kingstown<br>Sgt. Tracey<br>Sgt. Whitehouse<br>Sgt. Wallace |
| X.   | P/O. Jones<br>S/L. Pim<br>Sgt. Dunn<br>W/O. Ball<br>P/O. Talbot<br>F/S. Dawson<br>Sgt. Grey<br>W/O. Richards<br>Sgt. Snape<br>Sgt. Haughton<br>W/O. Rozee         | U.   | F/O. Wood<br>F/O. Murray<br>P/O. Hull<br>Sgt. Ely<br>Sgt. McLusky<br>Sgt. Spencer<br>Sgt. McSherry<br>Sgt. Hurley<br>Sgt. Parsons<br>Sgt. McInnes<br>F/S. Brogan   | W.   | P/O. Stuart<br>F/S. Drummond<br>Sgt. Wright<br>F/S. Bachelor<br>Sgt. Blackburn<br>Sgt. Vickers<br>Sgt. Taylor<br>W/O. Hendry<br>P/O. Edwards<br>Sgt. Cameron<br>Sgt. Brown | Q.   | P/O. Hedley<br>F/L. Mayhew<br>Sgt. Hounslow<br>W/O. Perkins<br>W/O. Tubb<br>W/O. Chalmers<br>P/O. Hopkins<br>W/O. Pepper<br>F/S. Blee<br>Sgt. Maiden<br>Sgt. Turner               |

3. Detailed to bomb Mandalay Southernmost third of area one as shown on marked photo mosaic 40 PR. 4 MUZ 45-LV-123 supplied by H.Q., Strategic Air Force.

4. Digri.

5. Weather over target good, no cloud, good light & visibility.

6. Digri, 0911 hours, 13th January 1945.  
 Note:- A/C "A" failed to take off due technical trouble.

7. Digri, 1653 hours – 13th January 1945.

Part B.

BA. Unescorted.

BB. Crews reported no difficulty in map reading to target: Mandalay – Hill and the Race course due East of target and the Moat proved useful landmarks.

BC. Crews report that two or three minutes before bombing, other A/C had successfully bombed the Northern portion of own target area, i.e. Area No. 1 on Mosaic. The dust and smoke from the above attack partially obscured own portion of the area at the time of bombing.

BD. The seven A/C bombed in formation, a vic of three and a box of four astern.  
No.1 Vic. Leader A/C L, No. 2 A/C X, No. 3 A/C Q.  
No.2 Box No.1 A/C C, No.2 A/C D, No.3 A/C U, No.4 A/C W.

A/C D carried 48 x 100 G.P. M30 Dem, 4 x 100lb M47 inc.

A/C U carried 46 x 100lb G.P. M30 Dem, 6 x 100lb M 47 Inc.

Remaining five A/C each carried 4 x 1000 lb G.P.N.I.T.I. and 8 x 500 M17 Cluster. Each bombed in one stick, level attacks, all aimed immediately east of Western edge of southernmost third of area 1 marked on mosaic supplied.

Time 1309 hrs., Height 8500', I.A. Speed 160, course Mag.105.

Note: A/C "U" brought back to base 24 x 100lb M.30 Dem. and 6 x 100lb M.47 Incend. which failed to release from stations

|               |     |     |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |     |    |    |
|---------------|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|----|----|
| Station.      | 11. | 12. | 13 | 14. | 15. | 17. | 18. | 19. | 20. | 9. | 10. | 4. | 5. |
| No. of Bombs. | 4.  | 3.  | 2. | 2.  | 2.  | 3.  | 2.  | 2.  | 2.  | 2. | 2.  | 2. | 2. |

BE. Precise pinpointing of own results was rendered difficult by the dust and smoke obscuring portions of target as a result of previous bombing by other A/C to the North.

A/C. Results

- L. Bombs fell from point in centre of own target area towards S.W. corner of Area No.1.
- X. Well into target, believed across centre.
- Q. Bombs fell right across target area.
- C. As A/C L.
- D. Own results not pinpointed but own formations bombing believed well in target area.
- U. As A/C Q.
- W. As for A/C L.

BF. A/C "D" 1348 hours, 10000', 2220N 94.28'E. jettisoned in open country 26 x 100lb U.P7 Dem. due to bombing gear trouble over target. Station 6 to 15.  
A/C "Q" 1311 hours, 8500', 5 miles N. of Mandalay, jettisoned, 1 x 500lb I.B Cluster in open ground. Not seen to ignite.

BG. Nil.

BH. The whole area No.1 was obscured by smoke and dust through which many fires were visible. Smoke rose to 4/5,000 feet above the target.

BJ. Over own target area only 2 bursts of heavy A.A. observed bursting 1,000' below the formation, accurate for direction. Several burst of heavy A.A. were observed fired at other formations bombing Sagaing and Mandalay South.

BK. Nil.

BL. A/C "L \* C" carried cameras F/L 8" in Overlaps were obtained showing the target area mainly obscured by smoke and dust.

BM. All crews reported a good deal of smoke seen rising from Sagaing Shore Area. 1313 hours, 8500 ft.

Nickels – Nil.

Route:- Base – 22.59'N. 94.42'E. – 22.04'N. 95.37'E. – Target – Base.

(for R. Exton) F/Lt.  
Senior Intelligence Officer,  
No. 185 Wing, R.A.F.

Appendix No. ??<sup>1</sup> to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.2

1. Duty Officer:- F/O. Smith.

2. Target – as briefed.

3. Aircraft and Crews.

A/c. 'A'. 167

Capt. W/C. P.G.D. Farr  
 2nd.P. F/S. P.K. Banks  
 Nav. F/L. P.L. Ryan  
 Eng. F/S. K.R. Wells  
 1.WOP. F/O. S.J. Brace  
 2.WOP. Sgt. G. Thirkettle  
 M.Up. Sgt. J. Stanley  
 Rear. F/Lt. P.J. Kydd  
 2.Nav. F/O. A. Fielding

A/c. 'C'.271

Capt. S/L. S.A. Sharpe  
 2nd.P. F/O. B.J. Edwards  
 Nav. F/S. C.F. Kirby  
 B/A. W/O. R.H. Cross  
 1.WOP. W/O. J.A. Buchanan  
 2.WOP. F/S. F.W. Noble  
 M.Up. W/O. J.W. Fayle  
 Rear. W/O. E.W. Seymour  
 F/Eng. Sgt. R.C. Fenbow

A/c. 'K'.216

Capt. F/L. K.H. Brailsford  
 2nd.P. F/O. W. Russell  
 Nav. W/O. G.A. O'Toole  
 B/A. P/O. L. Blick  
 1.WOP. W/O. J.R. Swain  
 2.WOP. Sgt. J.C. Gibbs  
 M.Up. W/O. W. Lear  
 Rear. P/O. R.J. Wilson

A/c. 'N'.365

Capt. F/L. H.H. Monks  
 2nd.P. Sgt. E.G. Goddard  
 Nav. W/O. F.D. Phillips  
 B/A. P/O. W. McDonald  
 1.WOP. F/S. G.M. Hill  
 2.WOP. F/S. D.G. Morris  
 M.Up. Sgt. V. Taylor  
 Rear. Sgt. H. Miles

A/c. 'G'.282

Capt. F/O. J.B. Smart  
 2nd.P. F/O. M.R. Davison  
 Nav. P/O. H. J. Johnson  
 B/A. Sgt. S.A. Simpson  
 1.WOP. Sgt. D.S. Gaskin  
 2.WOP. Sgt. A.W. Robertson  
 M.Up. Sgt. G.S. Whitehouse  
 Rear. Sgt. W. Wallace

A/c.'Z'.277

Capt. S/L. A.S.M. Pim  
 2nd.P. F/S. J.H. Holt  
 Nav. F/S. E.C. Hearn  
 B/A. F/O. W.J. Wallace  
 1.WOP. F/O. E. Clarke  
 2.WOP. Sgt. G. Gittins  
 M.Up. F/S. S.E. Sadler  
 Rear. Sgt. A. Robinson

A/c. 'W'.278

Capt. F/L. S.D. Mayhew  
 2nd.P. W/O. N.C. Eames  
 Nav. F/S. W.G. Roberts  
 B/A. P/O. J. Hughes  
 1.WOP. Sgt. V. Butt  
 2.WOP. F/O. J.A. Schmidt  
 M.Up. Sgt. J.R. Perry  
 Rear. Sgt. Moore

A/c. 'T'.350

Capt. F/O. R.W. Robinson  
 2nd.P. F/S. R.M. Bullen  
 Nav. P/O. W.H. Bull  
 B/A. Sgt. A.J. Sherwood  
 1.WOP. P/O. L.C. Bartlett  
 2.WOP. Sgt. E.H. Andrews  
 M.Up. Sgt. T.F. Clarke  
 Rear. Sgt. A. Burling

A/c. 'Q'.367

Capt. F/O. J.C. Murray  
 2nd.P. W/O. J.H. Jones  
 Nav. F/O. E.P. Field  
 B/A. P/O. T. Kay  
 1.WOP. F/S. J.E. Bateman  
 2.WOP. F/S. A.F. Ashby  
 M.Up. Sgt. Cosh  
 Rear. Sgt. H.G. Federick

A/c. 'X'.312

Capt. F/O. K.W. Jones  
 2nd.P. F/S. W.R. Mills  
 Nav. W/O. E.T. Ball  
 B/A. Sgt. H. Dunn  
 1.WOP. P/O. L.J. Talbot  
 2.WOP. F/S. H.T. Dawson  
 M.Up. W/O. E.A. Richards  
 Rear. W/O. F.W. Rozee

A/c. 'O'.253

Capt. P/O. J.C. Stuart  
 2nd.P. F/S. W. Drummond  
 Nav. F/S. J.H. Batchelor  
 B/A. Sgt. C.J. Wright  
 1.WOP. Sgt. S.P. Blackburn  
 2.WOP. Sgt. F.E. Vickers  
 M.Up. W/O. W. Hendry  
 Rear. P/O. F.S. Edwards

4. Load – 12 Containers.

<sup>1</sup> Top of document cut off on microfilm – this could be appendix No.



5. Ammunition: 1200 Rear. 800 M.U.
6. Pyrotechnics:- Verey Lights, Green 3. Colours of Day 3 Verey Lights Red 6.
7. Fuel: Petrol 2600 gallons. Oil. 27 Gallons per engine.
8. Briefing: 0900 hours in Wing Ops. Room.
9. Take-Off: As briefed.
10. Rations: Captains of aircraft to arrange collection of rations from 358 Sqdn Sergeants' Mess.

Date: 21st January 1945

(P.G.D. Farr)  
Wing Commander, Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Appendix No. 8a to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 38 Successful

To: H.Q., Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Q., Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Q., Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Q., No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From: \_-No. 358 Squadron.

Ref.: - 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 2, Dated 23th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 12 Refers

1. Lib. Mk.VI. "G" 282.
2. F/O. Smart. (Capt) Sgt. Gaskin (1st Wop)  
 F/O. Davison (2nd Pilot) Sgt. Robertson (2nd Wop)  
 P/O. Johnson (Nav) Sgt. Whitehouse (Mid Up)  
 Sgt. Simpson (B/A) Sgt. Wallace (Rear Gun)
3. Drop 9 containers for Operation Bazar 38.
4. Digri.
5. Weather clear at first – up to Shan Hills – from there cloudy with intermittent precipitation to N.W. of Target. cloud in layers base upper layer 10/11,000 ft. Top lower layer about 6,000 ft. Extremely clear view, Target Area.
6. 221450 hours at Digri.
7. 230610 hours at Digri.
8. S.D.A. Pak Sane Area.  
 S.D.B. (ii) 2990 lbs.

Arrived over Target Area at 2120 hours and found good reception "C" type and flashing light awaiting. Made dropping run as follows:-

Time 2120  
 Height 500  
 Speed 135  
 Heading 220  
 Load 9 Containers.

All parachutes were seen to open correctly and after leaving Target A/C flew S.W. for 3 minutes and set course for base at 2130 hours.

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
Intelligence Officer,  
No. 358 Squadron (S.D.)  
Royal Air Force

Appendix No. 8b to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 46 Successful

To: H.Q., Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Q., Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Q., Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Q., No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 3, Dated 23rd January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 12 Refers

1. Lib. Mk.VI. "A".167
2.
 

|                     |           |                     |             |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------|
| W/Cdr. P.G.D. Farr. | (Capt)    | F/Sgt. P.K. Banks.  | (2nd Pilot) |
| F/Lt. P.L. Ryan.    | (Nav)     | F/Sgt. K.R. Wells.  | (F/Eng)     |
| F/O. S.J. Brace     | (WOP)     | Sgt. G. Thirkettle. | (WOP)       |
| Sgt. J. Stanley.    | (M.U.Gnr) | F/Lt. P.J. Kydd.    | (Rear Gnr)  |
| F/O. A. Fielding.   | (2nd Nav) |                     |             |
3. Drop 9 containers and 2 packages for Operation Bazar 46.
4. Digri.
5. Mainly 10/10 cloud, tops 9/10,000 ft. on route with occasional showers. Broken cloud 5,000 ft. tops 8,000 ft. mainly to east of Chin hills. Visibility generally poor. At the target 10/10 cloud with precipitation, and very hazy viz.
6. 221515 hours at Digri.
7. 230450 hours at Digri.

S.D.A. Plain Des Tarres Area.

S.D.B. (ii) 3210 lbs.

Arrived over target area at 2105 hours and found good reception 'T' type. Flashing lights seen.

Made dropping runs as follows:-

|         |               |                           |
|---------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Time    | 2135 hours.   | 2145                      |
| Height  | 800/1000 ft.  | 200                       |
| Speed   | 145           | 140                       |
| Heading | 360           | 030                       |
| Load    | 3 containers. | 6 containers, 2 packages. |

Parachutes were seen to open correctly and after leaving target, A/C flew N.W., the West setting course for base at 2155 hours.

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
Intelligence Officer,  
No. 358 Squadron (S.D.)  
Royal Air Force

Appendix No. 8c to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 39 Unsuccessful – No Signal Seen

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 4, Dated 23rd January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 12 Refers

1. Lib. Mk.VI. "X" 312
2. F/O Jones. (Capt) P/O Talbot (1st Wop)  
 F/S Mills. (2nd Pilot) F/Sgt Dawson (2nd Wop)  
 W/O Ball (Nav) W/O Richards (Mid Up)  
 Sgt Dunn (B/A) W/O Rozee. (Rear Gnr)
3. Drop 10 containers for Operation Bazar 39.
4. Digri.
5. 10/10 cloud, base 6,000 ft. At the Target considerable ground haze. No moon visible through cloud.
6. 221510 hours at Digri.
7. 220510<sup>2</sup> hours at Digri.

S.D.A. Plain Des Japres Area.

S.D.B. (iv) No signal seen. Navigator was not certain if he had accurately located D.Z.  
 A/C flew around Area until 2150 hours when course was set for base.

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
 Intelligence Officer,  
 No. 358 S.D. Squadron  
 Royal Air Force

<sup>2</sup> Record gives the day of landing as 22nd, but it would have been the 23rd.

Appendix No. 8d to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 5 Unsuccessful  
Bad Weather on Route

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 5, Dated 23rd January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 12 Refers

1. Lib. Mk.VI. "C" 271
2.
 

|             |             |              |           |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| S/L Sharpe  | (Capt)      | W/O Buchanan | (1st Wop) |
| F/O Edwards | (2nd Pilot) | F/S Noble    | (2nd Wop) |
| F/S Kirby   | (Nav)       | W/O Fayle    | (Mid Upr) |
| W/O Cross   | (B/A)       | W/O Seymore  | (Rear)    |
|             |             | Sgt Fenbow   | (F/E)     |
3. Drop 11 containers for Operation Bazar 5.
4. Digri.
5. Over hills 8/10 cloud, tops to 9,000 ft. becoming 10/10 with continuous rain commencing East of 102°E. Very bumpy conditions.
6. 221421 hours at Digri.
7. 230320 hours at Digri.

S.D.A. Lang – Son Area.

S.D.B. (iv) Bad weather conditions forced A/C to turn back at position 22.24 N. 103.15 E. at 2215 hours.

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
Intelligence Officer,  
No. 358 S.D. Squadron  
Royal Air Force

Appendix No. 8e to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 6 Unsuccessful  
Bad Weather on Route

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 6, Dated 23rd January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 12 Refers

1. Lib. Mk.VI. "O" 253
2.
 

|               |             |               |           |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|
| P/O Stuart    | (Capt)      | Sgt Blackburn | (1st Wop) |
| F/S Drummond  | (2nd Pilot) | Sgt Vickers   | (2nd Wop) |
| F/S Batchelor | (Nav)       | W/O Hendry    | (Mid Upr) |
| Sgt Wright    | (B/A)       | P/O Edwards   | (Rear)    |
3. Drop 11 containers for Operation Bazar 36<sup>3</sup>.
4. Digri.
5. Cloudy conditions. 9/10 cloud with tops up to 8/9,000 ft on route. Occasional showers. Very poor visibility.
6. 221430 hours at Digri.
7. 230350 hours at Digri.

S.D.A. Lang – Son Area.

S.D.B. (iv) Bad weather conditions. A/C turned back at 1955 hours at position 22.15 N. 104.00 E.

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
Intelligence Officer,  
No. 358 S.D. Squadron  
Royal Air Force

<sup>3</sup> Here the record says 'Bazar 36', but the start of the report says 'Bazar 6'.



Appendix No. 8F to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 2 Unsuccessful  
Weather at D.Z.

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 7, Dated 23rd January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 12 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "D" 353
2.
 

|              |             |            |           |
|--------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| F/L Monks    | (Capt)      | F/S Hill   | (1st Wop) |
| Sgt Goddard  | (2nd Pilot) | F/S Morris | (2nd Wop) |
| W/O Phillips | (Nav)       | Sgt Taylor | (Mid Upr) |
| P/O McDonald | (B/A)       | Sgt Mills  | (Rear)    |
3. Drop 11 containers for Operation Bazar 2.
4. Digri.
5. Very cloudy conditions, increasing to 10/10 with tops 8,000 ft and showers. Considerable rain with 10/10 cloud in Target Area.
6. 221435 hours at Digri.
7. 230525 hours at Digri.

S.D.A. Thai – Ngu – Yen Area.

S.D.B. (iv) 10/10 cloud in D.Z. A/C arrived at 2045 hours. No signals or lights seen. A/C flew S.E. then N.W. and finally set course for Base at 2055 hours.

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
Intelligence Officer,  
No. 358 S.D. Squadron  
Royal Air Force

Appendix No. 8G to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 44 – Unsuccessful  
No Signal Seen – Bad Weather

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 8, Dated 23rd January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 12 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "Q" 367
2.
 

|            |             |              |           |
|------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| F/O Murray | (Capt)      | F/S Bateman  | (1st Wop) |
| W/O Jones  | (2nd Pilot) | F/S Ashby    | (2nd Wop) |
| F/O Field  | (Nav)       | Sgt Cosh     | (Mid Upr) |
| P/O Kay    | (B/A)       | Sgt Federick | (Rear)    |
3. Drop 10 containers for Operation Bazar 44.
4. Digri.
5. 10/10 cloud through out route – showers at intervals. Generally very poor conditions. D.Z. 10/10 cloud but A/C found a gap in which it circled without results.
6. 221438 hours at Digri.
7. 230530 hours at Jessore. 231030 hours at Digri.

S.D.A. Thai – Ngu – Yen Area.

S.D.B. (iv) Arrived at D.Z at 2110 hours but no signals seen. A/C circled for about 20 minutes and finally set course for Base at 2130 hours, landing at Jessore at 0530 hours due to fuel shortage.

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Intelligence Officer,  
No. 358 S.D. Squadron  
Royal Air Force

Appendix No. 8H to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 45 – Unsuccessful  
Due to Weather

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 9, Dated 23rd January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 12 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "T" 350
2.
 

|              |             |              |           |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| F/O Robinson | (Capt)      | P/O Bartlett | (1st Wop) |
| F/S Bullen   | (2nd Pilot) | Sgt Andrews  | (2nd Wop) |
| P/O Bull     | (Nav)       | Sgt Clarke   | (Mid Upr) |
| Sgt Sherwood | (B/A)       | Sgt Burling  | (Rear)    |
3. Drop 10 containers for Operation Bazar 45.
4. Digri.
5. Weather bad – 10/10 cloud throughout most of route. D.Z. found to be completely covered by 10/10 cloud.
6. 221432 hours at Digri.
7. 230540 hours at Jessore. 230945 hours at Digri.

S.D.A. Lang – Son Area.

S.D.B. (iv) Arrived at D.Z at 2100 hours and found Target cloud obscured. A/C flew around seeking a gap in the cloud without success and finally set course for Base at 2140 hours, landing at Jessore at 0540 hours, due to shortage of fuel.

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Intelligence Officer,  
No. 358 S.D. Squadron  
Royal Air Force

Appendix No. 8I to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 37 Result Unknown  
A/C Missing

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 10, Dated 23rd January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 12 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "K" 215
2.
 

|                |             |            |           |
|----------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| F/L Brailsford | (Capt)      | W/O Swain  | (1st Wop) |
| F/O Russell    | (2nd Pilot) | Sgt Gibbs  | (2nd Wop) |
| W/O O'Toole    | (Nav)       | W/O Lear   | (Mid Upr) |
| P/O Blick      | (B/A)       | P/O Wilson | (Rear)    |
3. Drop 10 containers for Operation Bazar 37.
4. Digri.
5. Not known
6. 221427 hours at Digri.
7. N/A

S.D.A. Lang – Son Area.

S.D.B. Nothing more was heard of this A/C from the time of leaving Base.

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Intelligence Officer,  
No. 358 S.D. Squadron  
Royal Air Force

Appendix No. 8J to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 4 Not Known  
A/C Missing

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 11, Dated 23rd January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 12 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "W" 278
2.
 

|             |             |             |           |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| F/L Mayhew  | (Capt)      | Sgt Butt    | (1st Wop) |
| W/O Eames   | (2nd Pilot) | F/O Schmidt | (2nd Wop) |
| F/S Roberts | (Nav)       | Sgt Perry   | (Mid Upr) |
| P/O Hughes  | (B/A)       | Sgt Moore   | (Rear)    |
3. Drop 10 containers for Operation Bazar 4.
4. Digri.
5. Not known
6. 221442 hours at Digri.
7. N/A

S.D.A. Thai – Ngu – Yen Area.

S.D.B. Nothing more was heard of this A/C from the time of leaving Base.

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Intelligence Officer,  
No. 358 S.D. Squadron  
Royal Air Force

Appendix No. 8K to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 3 Result Not Known  
A/C Missing

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 12, Dated 23rd January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 12 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "Z" 277
2. S/L Pim (Capt) F/O Clarke (1st Wop)  
F/S Holt (2nd Pilot) Sgt Gittins (2nd Wop)  
F/S Hearn (Nav) F/S Sadler (Mid Upr)  
F/O Wallace (B/A) Sgt Robinson (Rear)
3. Drop 10 containers for Operation Bazar 3.
4. Digri.
5. Not known
6. 221441 hours at Digri.
7. N/A

S.D.A. Thai – Ngu – Yen Area.

S.D.B. Nothing more was heard of this A/C from the time of leaving Base.

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
Intelligence Officer,  
No. 358 S.D. Squadron  
Royal Air Force

Appendix No. 8L to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar – Partly successful due to weather.

To: Air Command, Sothe East Asia (Attention S.D. Ops)  
H.Qs, Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops)  
H.Qs, No. 185 Wing

From: No. 358 Squadron.

Ref: 358S/

Sortie Report No. 2 dated 23rd January 1945.  
OPREP Serial No. 12 refers.

1. 11 Aircraft Liberator Mk. VI, A/c. A,C,G,K,D,O,Q,T,W,X,Z

2. Aircraft and Crews.

A/c. 'A'.167

Capt. W/C. P.G.D. Farr  
2nd.P. F/S. P.K. Banks  
Nav. F/L. P.L. Ryan  
Eng. F/S. K.R. Wells  
1.WOP. F/O. S.J. Brace  
2.WOP. Sgt. G. Thirkettle  
M.Up. Sgt. J. Stanley  
Rear. F/Lt. P.J. Kydd  
2.Nav. F/O. A. Fielding

A/c. 'C'.271

Capt. S/L. S.A. Sharpe  
2nd.P. F/O. B.J. Edwards  
Nav. F/S. C.F. Kirby  
B/A. W/O. R.H. Cross  
1.WOP. W/O. J.A. Buchanan  
2.WOP. F/S. F.W. Noble  
M.Up. W/O. J.W. Fayle  
Rear. W/O. E.W. Seymour  
F/Eng. Sgt. R.C. Fenbow

A/c. 'K'.216

Capt. F/L. K.H. Brailsford  
2nd.P. F/O. W. Russell  
Nav. W/O. G.A. O'Toole  
B/A. P/O. L. Blick  
1.WOP. W/O. J.R. Swain  
2.WOP. Sgt. J.C. Gibbs  
M.Up. W/O. W. Lear  
Rear. P/O. R.J. Wilson

A/c. 'N'.365

Capt. F/L. H.H. Monks  
2nd.P. Sgt. E.G. Goddard  
Nav. W/O. F.D. Phillips  
B/A. P/O. W. McDonald  
1.WOP. F/S. G.M. Hill  
2.WOP. F/S. D.G. Morris  
M.Up. Sgt. V. Taylor  
Rear. Sgt. H. Miles

A/c. 'G'.282

Capt. F/O. J.B. Smart  
2nd.P. F/O. M.R. Davison  
Nav. P/O. H. J. Johnson  
B/A. Sgt. S.A. Simpson  
1.WOP. Sgt. D.S. Gaskin  
2.WOP. Sgt. A.W. Robertson  
M.Up. Sgt. G.S. Whitehouse  
Rear. Sgt. W. Wallace

A/c.'Z'.277

Capt. S/L. A.S.M. Pim  
2nd.P. F/S. J.H. Holt  
Nav. F/S. E.C. Hearn  
B/A. F/O. W.J. Wallace  
1.WOP. F/O. E. Clarke  
2.WOP. Sgt. G. Gittins  
M.Up. F/S. S.E. Sadler  
Rear. Sgt. A. Robinson

A/c. 'W'.278

Capt. F/L. S.D. Mayhew  
2nd.P. W/O. N.C. Eames  
Nav. F/S. W.G. Roberts  
B/A. P/O. J. Hughes  
1.WOP. Sgt. V. Butt  
2.WOP. F/O. J.A. Schmidt  
M.Up. Sgt. J.R. Perry  
Rear. Sgt. Moore

A/c. 'T'.350

Capt. F/O. R.W. Robinson  
2nd.P. F/S. R.M. Bullen  
Nav. P/O. W.H. Bull  
B/A. Sgt. A.J. Sherwood  
1.WOP. P/O. L.C. Bartlett  
2.WOP. Sgt. E.H. Andrews  
M.Up. Sgt. T.F. Clarke  
Rear. Sgt. A. Burling

A/c. 'Q'.367

Capt. F/O. J.C. Murray  
2nd.P. W/O. J.H. Jones  
Nav. F/O. E.P. Field  
B/A. P/O. T. Kay  
1.WOP. F/S. J.E. Bateman  
2.WOP. F/S. A.F. Ashby  
M.Up. Sgt. Cosh  
Rear. Sgt. H.G. Federick

A/c. 'X'.312

Capt. F/O. K.W. Jones  
2nd.P. F/S. W.R. Mills

A/c. 'O'.253

Capt. P/O. J.C. Stuart  
2nd.P. F/S. W. Drummond

|        |                    |        |                     |
|--------|--------------------|--------|---------------------|
| Nav.   | W/O. E.T. Ball     | Nav.   | F/S. J.H. Batchelor |
| B/A.   | Sgt. H. Dunn       | B/A.   | Sgt. C.J. Wright    |
| 1.WOP. | P/O. L.J. Talbot   | 1.WOP. | Sgt. S.P. Blackburn |
| 2.WOP. | F/S. H.T. Dawson   | 2.WOP. | Sgt. F.E. Vickers   |
| M.Up.  | W/O. E.A. Richards | M.Up.  | W/O. W. Hendry      |
| Rear.  | W/O. F.W. Rozee    | Rear.  | P/O. F.S. Edwards   |

3. Drop 130 containers and 4 packages for operation Bazar, 2,3,4,5,36,37,38,39,44,45,46.

4. Digri.

5. In the Northern area 10/10 medium cloud, base 10-12,000 ft. with 8 – 10 cumulus beneath, tops to 10,000 feet and moderate rain.

Southern area, medium cloud lifting and breaking, low cloud becoming 10/10 base 2-3000 ft. tops 6-7000 ft. Weather fair.

6. 221421 Digri

7. 230610 Digri

D.S.A. Lang-So'n, B?ac-Mihn, Land-So'n and Plain Des Janres? Area.??

|             |           |           |        |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| S.D.B. (ii) | Bazar 46. | 3210 lbs. | A/c A. |
|             | Bazar 38  | 2999 lbs. | A/c G? |

A/c. A arrived over target area at 21.05 hours and found good reception. T and flashing light waiting. Ten droppings were made as follows.

|          |        |               |          |             |
|----------|--------|---------------|----------|-------------|
| Time     | 1.Run. | 2135          | 2nd Run. | 2145        |
| Height   |        | 800/1000 ft.  |          | 200         |
| Speed    |        | 145           |          | 140         |
| Heading. |        | 360           |          | 030         |
| Load.    |        | 9 containers. |          | 2 packages. |

All parachutes were seen to open correctly. After leaving target A/c. flew West, setting course for base at 2155 hours.

A/c. G arrived over target area at 2120 hours and found very good reception 'C?' and flashing light waiting. Dropping run was made as follows.

|         |               |
|---------|---------------|
| Time    | 2120          |
| Height  | 500           |
| Speed   | 135           |
| Heading | 220           |
| Load    | 9 containers. |

All parachutes were seen to open correctly and land in and within 100 yards of area. After leaving target area A/c. flew S.W. for 3 minutes then West for Five minutes setting course for base at 2130 hours.

A/c. C (Bazar 5) D (Bazar 2) O (Bazar 36) and X (Bazar 39) were unsuccessful due to weather conditions.

A/c. Q (Bazar 44) X? (Bazar 45) landed at Jessore. (These aircraft were also unsuccessful, due to weather conditions.)

A/c. K (Bazar 37) W (Bazar 4) and Z (Bazar 3) are missing from this operation.

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
Intelligence Officer,  
No. 358 S.D. Squadron



Appendix No. 10 to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.3

1. Duty Officer:- F/O. Murray.

2. Target – as briefed.

3. Aircraft and Crews.

A/c. 'H'.257

Capt. F/O. L.P. Cloutier.  
 2nd.P. F/S. R.G. Pryor.  
 Nav. F/O. B.C. Luther.  
 Eng. P/O. D.J. Boston.  
 1.WOP. F/S. M.R. Vagg.  
 2.WOP. F/S. E.F. Warmer.  
 M.U.G. Sgt. J.P. Power.  
 Rear. Sgt. G.W. Mount.

A/c. 'D'.353

Capt. W/O. H.S. Martel.  
 2nd.P. F/O. R.A. Carter.  
 Nav. F/S. G.C. Whale.  
 B/A. F/O. W. Mesher.  
 1.WOP. W/O. D.I. Graham.  
 2.WOP. F/S. D.C. Jolley.  
 M.U.G. Sgt. J.C. Attwood.  
 Rear. Sgt. W.F. Ayton.

A/c. 'L'.977

Capt. F/L. H.H. Monks.  
 2nd.P. Sgt. E.G. Goddard.  
 Nav. W/O. F.D. Phillips.  
 B/A. P/O. W. McDonald.  
 1.WOP. F/S. G.M. Hill.  
 2.WOP. F/S. D.G. Morris.  
 M.U.G. Sgt. V. Taylor.  
 Rear. Sgt. H. Miles.

A/c. 'A'.167

Capt. W/O. J.H. Jones.  
 2nd.P. F/L. S.W. Bridges.  
 Nav. F/S. H.C. Murphy.  
 B/A. F/O. P.M. Williams.  
 1.WOP. Sgt. W.J. Donnelly.  
 2.WOP. Sgt. C. Fletcher.  
 M.U.G. Sgt. A.P. Lock.  
 Rear. Sgt. A.J. Mansfield.

A/c. 'G'.282

Capt. F/O. J.B. Smart.  
 2nd.P. Sgt. E.V. Matthews.  
 Nav. P/O. A. J. Johnson.  
 B/A. Sgt. S.A. Simpson.  
 1.WOP. Sgt. D.S. Gaskin.  
 2.WOP. Sgt. A.W. Robertson.  
 M.U.G. Sgt. G. Whitehouse.  
 Rear. Sgt. W. Wallace.

A/c.'C'.271

Capt. S/L. S.A. Sharpe.  
 2nd.P. F/O. B.J.C. Edwards.  
 Nav. F/S. C.F. Kirby.  
 B/A. W/O. R.H. Cross.  
 1.WOP. W/O. J.A. Buchanan.  
 2.WOP. F/S. F.W. Noble.  
 M.U.G. W/O. J.W. Fayle.  
 Rear. W/O. E.W. Seymour.

A/c. 'N'.365

Capt. F/O. M.R. Davison.  
 2nd.P. F/S. D.R. Crammond.  
 Nav. P/O. D.T. Parham.  
 B/A. P/O. A.N. Woods.  
 1.WOP. W/O. S.J. Webb.  
 2.WOP. Sgt. G.B. Pollock.  
 M.U.G. Sgt. W.G. Barber.  
 Rear. W/O. C.E.T. White.

A/c. 'U'.925

Capt. F/O. K.W. Jones.  
 2nd.P. F/S. W.R. Mills.  
 Nav. W/O. E.T. Ball.  
 B/A. Sgt. H. Dunn.  
 1.WOP. P/O. L.J.H. Talbot.  
 2.WOP. F/S. H.T. Dawson.  
 M.U.G. W/O. E.A. Richards.  
 Rear. W/O. F.W. Rozee.

A/c. 'R'.287

Capt. P/O. C.H. Hedley.  
 2nd.P. F/S. R.M. Bullen.  
 Nav. W/O. J. H. Perkins.  
 B/A. Sgt. H.W. Hounslow.  
 1.WOP. W/O. J. E. Tube.  
 2.WOP. W/O. R.C. Chalmers.  
 M.U.G. W/O. B.S. Pepper.  
 Rear. P/O. S.W. Hopkins.  
 F/Eng. F/Sgt. W.H.P. Blee.

A/c. 'X'.312

Capt. F/O. R.W. Robinson.  
 2nd.P. F/O. J.G. Wood.  
 Nav. P/O. W.H. Bull.  
 B/A. Sgt. A.J. Sherwood.  
 1.WOP. P/O. L.C. Bartlett.  
 2.WOP. Sgt. E.H. Andrews.  
 M.U.G. Sgt. T.F. Clarke.  
 Rear. Sgt. A. Burling.

A/c. 'Q'.367

Capt. F/O. J.C. Murray  
 2nd.P. W/Cdr. J. Blackburn.  
 Nav. F/O. A. Fielding.  
 B/A. Sgt. J. H. Draper.  
 1.WOP. Sgt. R.S. Woods.  
 2.WOP. Sgt. W.A. Pugh.  
 M.U.G. Sgt. W.J. Pinckney.  
 Rear. Sgt. C. Copley.

A/c. 'D?'.253

Capt. P/O. J.C. Stuart.  
 2nd.P. F/S. W. Drummond.  
 Nav. F/S. J. Batchelor.  
 B/A. Sgt. C.J. Wright.  
 1.WOP. Sgt. S. Blackburn.  
 2.WOP. Sgt. F.E. Vickers.  
 M.U.G. W/O. W. Hendry.  
 Rear. Sgt. J.Mc. Brown.

4. Load. A/c. 'G', 'Q', 'O', 'H', 'C', 'X'. – 12 Containers.  
 A/c. 'U', 'R', 'A', 'L', 'N', 'D'. – Load as detailed.

5. Ammunition: 1200 rounds rear. 800 rounds Mid Upper.

6. Pyrotechnics:- Verey Lights, Green 3. Red 6, Colours of Day 3.
7. Fuel: A/c. 'G' 'X' – 1 Bomb Bay tank – 1500 galls.  
Remainder 2600 gallons. Oil. 27 Gallons per engine.
8. Briefing: F/O. Smart & Crew & F/O. Smith & Crew 1700 hrs 23.1.45.  
Remainder – 08.45 hours in Wing Ops. Room.
9. Take-Off: As briefed.
10. Rations: Captains of aircraft to arrange collection of rations from 358 Sqdn Sergeants' Mess.

Date: 23rd January 1945

(P.G.D. Farr)  
Wing Commander, Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Appendix No. 11A to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 47 Successful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 13, Dated 25th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 13 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "A" 167
2. F/O J.B. Smart (Capt) Sgt. E.V. Matthews (2nd Pilot)  
 P/O A.J. Johnson (Nav) Sgt S.A. Simpson (B/A)  
 Sgt D.O. Caskin (W.O.) Sgt A.V. Robertson (W.O.)  
 Sgt G. Whitehouse (M.U.Gnr) Sgt W. Wallace (Rear Gnr.)
3. Drop 10 containers and 2 packages for Operation Bazar 47.
4. Digri to Cox's Bazaar.
5. Weather mainly good throughout route, but cloudy at Martaban and 6/10 cumulous over hills. In the target area, fine, good visibility, with slight ground haze.
6. 240850 hours Digri. 241415 hours Cox's Bazaar.
7. 250715 hours Digri.

S.D.A. Kompong – Thom Area.

S.D.B. (ii) 3540 lbs.

Aircraft arrived over target area and found 'C' Type reception, and flashing letter clearly seen.

Dropping runs were made as follows:-

|         |             |                           |
|---------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Time    | 2207½ hours | 2210                      |
| Height  | 500 ft.     | 500                       |
| Speed   | 135         | 135                       |
| Heading | 360         | 360                       |
| Load    | 1 package.  | 1 package, 10 containers. |

All parachutes were seen to open except one container. After leaving target the aircraft flew North for two minutes and then West, and set course for Base at 2212 hours.

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
 Intelligence Officer,  
 No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Appendix No. 11B to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 51 Successful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 14, Dated 25th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 13 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "Q" 367
2.
 

|                    |           |                     |             |
|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------|
| F/O J.C. Murray    | (Capt)    | F/Sgt J.R. Larcombe | (2nd Pilot) |
| F/O. A. Fielding   | (Nav)     | F/O T. Kay          | (B.A.)      |
| F/Sgt J.E. Bateman | (WOP.)    | F/Sgt A.F. Ashby    | (WOP)       |
| Sgt J.F. Peters    | (M.U.Gnr) | Sgt H.D. Fedrick    | (Rear Gnr.) |
3. Drop 10 containers and 2 packages for Operation Bazar 51.
4. Digri to Cox's Bazaar.
5. Mainly fair on route out but cloudy conditions up to 6-7/10 cumulous over hills, fine in the target area but slight ground haze. Moonlight illuminated ground detail.
6. 240830 hours Digri.                      241405 hours Cox's Bazaar.
7. 250605 hours Digri.

S.D.A. Kompong – Thom Area.

S.D.B. (ii) 3540 lbs.

Aircraft arrived over target area and found good 'C' Type reception, lights switching on and off.

Signal clearly seen.

Dropping runs were made as follows:-

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Time 2129 hours                | 2140         |
| Height 500 ft.                 | 600          |
| Speed 130                      | 130          |
| Heading N.                     | N.           |
| Load 9 containers, 2 packages. | 1 container. |

All parachutes were seen to open except one container. After leaving target the aircraft flew N.W. for one minute and then due West, and set course for Base at 2142 hours.

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
 Intelligence Officer,  
 No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Appendix No. 11C to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 5 – Unsuccessful – No Signals Seen.

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 15, Dated 25th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 13 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "A" 167
2. P/O J.C. Stuart (Capt) F/Sgt W. Drummond (2nd Pilot)  
 F/Sgt J. Batchelor (Nav) Sgt. C.J. Wright (B.A.)  
 Sgt S. Blackburn (WOP.) Sgt F.E. Vickers (WOP)  
 Sgt F. Cameron (M.U.Gnr) Sgt J. McBrown (Rear Gnr.)
3. Drop 10 containers and 2 packages for Operation Bazar 5.
4. Digri to Cox's Bazaar.
5. Weather generally fair on outward and return journey, but 7/10 cloud over hills. Target area was fine with good visibility. Slight ground haze.
6. 240850 hours Digri. 241415 hours Cox's Bazaar.
7. 250425 hours Digri.

S.D.A. Kompong – Thom Area.

S.D.B. (iv) Aircraft arrived in target area at 2134 hours and although several scattered fires were seen, no signals or reception lights were visible.

Aircraft flew North for 10 minutes and then West, setting course for Base at 2238 hours.

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 Intelligence Officer,  
 No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

## Appendix No. 13 to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.4

1. Duty Officer:- P/O. Smith.

2. Target – as briefed.

3. Aircraft and Crews.

A/c. 'A'.167

Capt. W/C. P.G.D. Farr  
2nd.P. F/S. P.K. Banks  
Nav. F/L. P.L. Ryan  
B/A. F/S. R. J.Jackman  
Eng. F/S. K.K. Wells  
1.WOP. F/O. S.J. Brace  
2.WOP. Sgt. G. Thirkettle  
M.U.G. Sgt. J. Stanley  
Rear. F/Lt. P.J. Kydd

A/c. 'B?'.257

Capt. F/O. L.P. Cloutier.  
2nd.P. F/S. R.G. Pryor.  
Nav. F/O. B.C. Luther.  
B/A. P/O. D.J. Boston.  
1.WOP. F/S. M.R. Vagg.  
2.WOP. F/S. E.F. Warmer.  
M.U.G. Sgt. J.P. Power.  
Rear. Sgt. G. Mount.

A/c. 'D'.353

Capt. W/O. H.S. Martel.  
2nd.P. F/O. R.A. Carter.  
Nav. F/S. G.C. Whale.  
B/A. F/O. W. Meshier.  
1.WOP. W/O. D.I. Graham.  
2.WOP. F/S. D.C. Jolley.  
M.U.G. Sgt. J.C. Attwood.  
Rear. Sgt. W.F. Ayton.

A/c. 'L'.977

Capt. F/L. H.H. Monks.  
2nd.P. Sgt. E.G. Goddard.  
Nav. W/O. F.D. Phillips.  
B/A. P/O. W. McDonald.  
1.WOP. F/S. G.M. Hill.  
2.WOP. F/S. D.G. Morris.  
M.U.G. Sgt. V. Taylor.  
Rear. Sgt. H. Miles.

A/c. 'G'.282

Capt. W/O. J.H. Jones.  
2nd.P. F/L. S.W. Bridges.  
Nav. F/S. H.C. Murphy.  
B/A. F/O. P.M. Williams.  
1.WOP. Sgt. W.J. Donnelly.  
2.WOP. Sgt. C. Fletcher.  
M.U.G. Sgt. A.P. Lock.  
Rear. Sgt. A.J. Mansfield.

A/c.'C'.271

Capt. S/L. S.A. Sharpe.  
2nd.P. F/O. B.J.C. Edwards.  
Nav. F/S. C.F. Kirby.  
B/A. W/O. R.H. Cross.  
1.WOP. W/O. J.A. Buchanan.  
2.WOP. F/S. F.W. Noble.  
M.U.G. W/O. J.W. Faylor.  
Rear. W/O. E.W. Seymour.  
F/Eng. Sgt. R.C. Fenbow

A/c. 'T'.350

Capt. F/O. M.R. Davison.  
2nd.P. F/S. D.R. Crammond.  
Nav. P/O. D.T. Parham.  
B/A. P/O. A.N. Woods.  
1.WOP. W/O. S.J. Webb.  
2.WOP. Sgt. G.B. Pollock.  
M.U.G. Sgt. W.G. Barber.  
Rear. W/O. G.E.T. White.

A/c. 'U'.925

Capt. F/O. K.W. Jones.  
2nd.P. F/S. W.R. Mills.  
Nav. W/O. E.T. Ball.  
B/A. Sgt. H. Dunn.  
1.WOP. P/O. L.J. Talbot.  
2.WOP. F/S. H.T. Dawson.  
M.U.G. W/O. E.A. Richards.  
Rear. W/O. F.W. Rozee.

A/c. 'R'.287

Capt. P/O. C.H. Hedley.  
2nd.P. F/S. R.M. Bullen.  
Nav. W/O. J. H. Perkins.  
B/A. Sgt. H.W. Hounslow.  
1.WOP. W/O. J. E. Tubb.  
2.WOP. W/O. R.C. Chalmers.  
M.U.G. W/O. B.S. Pepper.  
Rear. P/O. S.W. Hopkins.  
F/Eng. F/Sgt. W.H.P. Blee.

A/c. 'H'.312

Capt. F/O. R.W. Robinson.  
2nd.P. F/O. J.G. Wood.  
Nav. P/O. W.H. Bull.  
B/A. Sgt. W.J. Sherwood.  
1.WOP. P/O. L.C. Bartlett.  
2.WOP. Sgt. E.H. Andrews.  
M.U.G. Sgt. T.F. Clarke.  
Rear. Sgt. A. Burling.

4. Load. A/c. 'G', 'C', 'O', 'H', 'L', 'N' 'A'. – 12 containers.  
A/c. 'U', 'R', 'D'. – Load as detailed.

5. Ammunition: 1200 rounds rear. 800 rounds Mid Upper.
6. Pyrotechnics:- Verey Lights, Green 3, Red 6, Colours of Day 3.
7. Fuel: 2600 gallons, Petrol. Oil. 27 Gallons per engine.
8. Briefing: 1000 hours.
9. Transport: 09.45 hours
10. Take-Off: As briefed.
11. Rations: Captains of aircraft to arrange collection of rations from 358 Sqdn Sergeants' Mess.
12. Logs: Engineers Logs to be handed to Eng. Officer at interrogation.

Date: 24th January 1945

(P.G.D. Farr)  
Wing Commander, Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Appendix No. 14A to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 29 – Unsuccessful..

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 16, Dated 26th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 14 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "A" 167
2.
 

|                    |             |                     |             |
|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| W/C P.G.D. Farr    | (Capt)      | F/Sgt P.K. Banks    | (2nd Pilot) |
| F/L P.L. Ryan      | (Nav)       | F/Sgt. R.J. Jackman | (B.A.)      |
| F/Sgt. K.K. W?ells | (Eng.)      | F/O. S.J. Brace     | (WOP)       |
| Sgt G. Thirkettle  | (WOP.)      | Sgt J. Stanley      | (M.U.Gnr)   |
| F/Lt. P.J. Kydd.   | (Rear Gnr.) |                     |             |
3. Drop 11 containers and two packages for Operation Bazar 29.
4. Digri.
5. Weather fine until ten minutes flying time from target area, then 10/10 cumulous cloud tops at 10,000 ft.
6. 251515 at Digri.
7. 260520 at Digri.

S.D.A. Plain Des Jarresaven

S.D.B. (iv) Aircraft arrived over target area at 2110 hours but no signals or lights were seen. Aircraft flew on diversional runs for a few minutes and finally set course for Base at 2135 hours.

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
 Intelligence Officer,  
 No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.



Appendix No. 14B to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 28 – Successful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 17, Dated 26th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 14 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "O" 253
2. F/O R.W. Robinson (Capt) F/O G.J. Wood (2nd Pilot)  
 P/O W.H. Bull (Nav) Sgt W.J. Sherwood (B/A)  
 P/O L. C. Bartlett (W.O.) Sgt K.H. Andrews (W.O.)  
 Sgt T.F. Clarke (M.U.Gnr) Sgt A. Burling (Rear Gnr.)
3. Drop 10 (ten) containers and 2 packages for Operation Bazar 28.
4. Digri.
5. Good weather conditions on route, electrical storms etc., South of target area. Target area clear with good visibility, slight ground haze. Ground detail clearly seen by moonlight.
6. 251423 hours at Digri.
7. 260613 hours at Digri.

S.D.A. Savvanaket area.

S.D.B. 3210 lbs.

Aircraft arrived over target area at 2156 hours and found 'C' type reception and flashing signal by torch light. Dropping runs were made as follows:-

|         |               |             |
|---------|---------------|-------------|
| Time    | 2204 hours    | 2209        |
| Height  | 4/500 ft.     | 4/500       |
| Speed   | 130           | 130         |
| Heading | 300           | 300         |
| Load    | 9 containers. | 2 packages. |

One container hung up and was brought back.

Parachutes were seen to open correctly. Aircraft flew east for two minutes, south for three minutes and set course for Base at 2220 hours.

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Intelligence Officer,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Appendix No. 14C to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 42 – Successful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 18, Dated 26th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 14 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "U" 925
2. F/O. K.W. Jones (Capt) F/Sgt. W.R. Mills (2nd Pilot)  
 W/O. E.T. Ball (Nav) Sgt H. Dunn (B/A)  
 P/O. L.J. Talbot (W.O.) F/Sgt. H.T. Dawson (W.O.)  
 W/O. E.A. Richards (M.U.Gnr) W/O. F.W. Rozee (Rear Gnr.)
3. Drop 7 containers and 2 packages for Operation Bazar 42.
4. Digri.
5. Weather good on route and over target area. 4-5/10 cumulous and strata cumulous over hills on the way back.
6. 250910 hours at Digri. 251420 hrs. Cox's Bazaar.
7. 260740 hours at Digri.

S.D.A. Pleiku area.

S.D.B. (ii) 2550 lbs.

Aircraft arrived over larger area at 2227 hrs. and found good 'C' type reception. Dropping run was made as follows:-

|         |                           |
|---------|---------------------------|
| Time    | 2229 hours                |
| Height  | 500 ft.                   |
| Speed   | 130                       |
| Heading | 068                       |
| Load    | 7 containers, 2 packages. |

Parachutes were seen to open correctly and aircraft after flying N.E. for five minutes, turned West and set course for Base at 2235 hrs.

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 Intelligence Officer,  
 No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Appendix No. 14D to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 30 – Unsuccessful  
Unsatisfactory Signals

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 19, Dated 26th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 14 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "N" 365
  2.
 

|                   |           |                    |             |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------|
| W/O. H.S. Martel  | (Capt)    | F/O. R.A. Carter   | (2nd Pilot) |
| F/Sgt. G.C. Whale | (Nav)     | F/O. W. Mesher     | (B/A)       |
| W/O. D.I. Graham  | (WOP)     | F/Sgt. D.C. Jolley | (WOP)       |
| Sgt. J.C. Attwood | (M.U.Gnr) | Sgt. W.F. Ayton    | (Rear Gnr.) |
  3. Drop 11 containers and 2 packages for Operation Bazar 30.
  4. Digri.
  5. Weather good on route until about 15 minutes from the D.Z. – 8/10 cumulous tops 13,000 ft. and down to ground level in patches.  
Over D.Z. slight ground haze but lights could be seen and ground features identified.
  6. 1500 hrs. at Digri.
  7. 0540 hrs. at Karagpore.  
0810 hrs at Digri. (Base)
- S.D.A. area.  
S.D.B. On first run up to D.Z., 'C' type reception was seen, torches flashing 'M' (Mother) then lights were switched off. Aircraft flew round D.Z. on different headings and saw all the required lights but on each occasion when the aircraft turned for the D.Z. the lights were extinguished. This occurred about 5 times, therefore the aircraft could not accurately locate the D.Z.

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No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Appendix No. 14E to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 42 – Unsuccessful  
Aircraft bogged on take-off.

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 19A, Dated 26th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 14 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "D" 353
2.
 

|                   |           |                    |             |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------|
| F/O. M.R. Davison | (Capt)    | F/S. D.R. Crammond | (2nd Pilot) |
| P/O. D.T. Parham  | (Nav)     | P/O. A.N. Woods    | (B/A)       |
| W/O. S.J. Webb    | (WOP)     | Sgt. G.B. Polock   | (WOP)       |
| Sgt. W.G. Barber  | (M.U.Gnr) | W/O. G.E.T. White  | (Rear Gnr.) |
| F/O. A. Fielding  | (Nav)     |                    |             |
3. Nil.
4. Digri.
5. Nil.
6. 1820 at Digri.
7. 2020 at Digri.

S.D.A.

S.D.B. Aircraft did not reach D.Z. area. Flew approximately 2 hrs as it bogged on take off, when tarmac gave way – aircraft held. Therefore, unable to get away on time. Aircraft free at 1820 hrs. No equipment C.B.

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No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Appendix No. 14F to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 40 – Unsuccessful  
(No reception lights visible.)

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 20, Dated 26th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 14 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "C" 271
2. S/L. S.A. Sharpe (Capt) F/O. B.J.C. Edwards (2nd Pilot)  
F/S. C.F. Kirby (Nav) W/O. R.M. Cross (B/A)  
W/O. J.A. Buchanan (WOP) F/Sgt. F. Noble (WOP)  
W/O. J.W. Fayle (M.U.Gnr) W/O. E.A. Seymour (Rear Gnr.)  
Sgt. R.C. Fenbow (R/Eng.)
- 3.
4. 0830 hrs. Digri.  
1410 hrs. Cox's Bazar.
5. Weather fair on route and D.Z area could be clearly seen and ground features identified despite slight ground haze.
6. Cox's Bazar 1410
7. Cox's Bazar 06 45 – Digri. 1120

S.D.A. area.

S.D.B. Despite continual searching of D.Z. area, reception lights were not seen. Aircraft set course for base at 2333 hrs. but owing to the shortage of fuel, jettisoned load at 0048 hrs. position 1500 N. 104.20E . at 1705 hrs. Height 500 ft. Two four engined flying boats were seen 20 miles South of the mouth of the Rangoon river heading South at a height of 2,500 ft. (approx 2,000 ft. higher than aircraft 'C')

On return to base the pilot definitely identified the above aircraft as on of the Emily type.

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Intelligence Officer,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Appendix No. 14G to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 54 – Successful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 21, Dated 26th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 14 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "G?" 282
2.
 

|                    |             |                     |           |
|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------|
| W/O. J.H. Jones    | (Capt)      | Sgt. W.J. Donnelly  | (1.Wop)   |
| F/L. S.W. Bridges  | (2nd Pilot) | Sgt. G. Fletcher    | (2nd Wop) |
| F/S. H?C. Murphy   | (Nav)       | Sgt. A.P. Lock?     | (M.U.G.)  |
| F/O. P.M. Williams | (B/A)       | Sgt. A.J. Mansfield | (Rear)    |
3. 11 Containers, 2 Packages
4. Digri.
5. On route the weather was fine with good visibility, but deteriorated on the last leg to 10/10 cloud. In the DZ area, however, the Target was clear.
6. Digri 1410.
7. Dhubulie 0520. Base 1025.

S.D.A. Area.

S.D.B. (ii) 2550 lbs.

"C" type reception system was identified with correct letter.

Dropping run:-

|         |      |       |
|---------|------|-------|
| Time    | 2122 | 2125  |
| Height  | 600  | 600   |
| Speed   | 130  | 130   |
| Heading | 120  | 120   |
| Load    | 11C  | 2Pks. |

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 Intelligence Officer,  
 No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Appendix No. 14H to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 52 – Unsuccessful  
(No Reception)

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 22, Dated 26th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 14 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "H" 257
2.
 

|                     |             |                    |         |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------|
| F/O. L.P. Cloutier  | (Capt)      | F/Sgt. M.R. Vagg?  | (1 Wop) |
| F/S. R?C. Pryer     | (2nd Pilot) | F/Sgt. E.F. Warner | (2 Wop) |
| F/O. B.C. Luther    | (Nav)       | Sgt. J.P. Power    | (M.U.G) |
| P/O. D. J. Boston?? | (B/A)       | Sgt. G. Mount      | (Rear)  |
3. 11 Containers, 2 Packages.
4. Digri.
5. On Route the weather was cloudy over hill areas – 10/10 in layers tops 13,000 to 11,000 ft.
6. Digri 1412.
7. Dhubalia 0600. Base 1140.

S.D.A. Area.

S.D.B. After leaving DZ area, the Aircraft became lost and jettisoned load at approx. position 22315N 8930E owing to fuel shortage. Jettison was made from height of 6,000 ft. at 0520 hrs.

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Intelligence Officer,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.



Appendix No. 14I to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 27 – Successful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 23, Dated 26th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 14 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "X???" 350
2. F/O. C.H. Hedley (Capt) P/O. J.E? Tubb (1.Wop)  
 F/S. R.M. Bullen (2nd Pilot) W/O. R.C. Chalmers (2nd Wop)  
 W/O. J.H. Perkins (Nav) W/O. D.S.T?upper (M.U.G.)  
 Sgt. ? W. Hounslow (B/A) P/O. ? W. H?erkings (Rear)  
 F/Sgt. W.H.P. Blee (F/Eng.)

(check name spelling against Op Order)

3. 11 Containers, 2 Packages
4. Digri.
5. On Route the weather was good and clear over DZ, but the Aircraft ran into violent thunderstorms on return trip.
6. Base 1415.
7. Base 0720.

S.D.A. Area.

S.D.B. The reception was clearly seen and identified, torches and fires being used. The aircraft made diversion before dropping load at:-

|         |         |                 |
|---------|---------|-----------------|
| Time    | 2241    | 2245            |
| Height  | 400     | 400             |
| Speed   | 130     | 130             |
| Heading | 080     | 080             |
| Load    | 5 Cnts. | 5 Cnts. 2 Paks. |

The Aircraft set course for base at 2247 hrs. At 0345, 10,000 ft., heading 267 4 widely spaced red flashes were seen.

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
 Intelligence Officer,  
 No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Appendix No. 14J to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 53 – Unsuccessful  
(did not reach DZ area)

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 24, Dated 26th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 14 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "L" 977
2. F/Lt. H?H. Monks (Capt) F/Sgt. G.M. Hill (1 Wop)  
Sgt. E.G. Goddard (2nd Pilot) F/Sgt. D.G. Morris (2 Wop)  
W/O. F.D. Phillips (Nav) Sgt. V. Taylor (M.U.G.)  
P/O. W. McDonald (B/A) Sgt. H. Miles (Rear)
3. 11 Containers, 2 Packages
4. Digri.
- 5.
6. Base 1515.
7. Base 2315.

S.D.A. Area.

S.D.B. Aircraft did not reach DZ area owing to fuel shortage.

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
Intelligence Officer,  
No. 358 Squadron,  
Royal Air Force.

Appendix No. 16 to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.5

1. Duty Officer:- F/O. Smith.
2. Target – as briefed.
3. Aircraft and Crews.
 

|                           |  |                          |                            |
|---------------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| A/c. 'R'.287              |  | A/c. 'X'.312             | A/c.T.B.D.L.               |
| Capt. F/O. J.C. Murray    |  | Capt. P/O. J.C. Stuart   | Capt. F/O. J.B. Smart      |
| 2nd.P. F/S. J.R. Larcombe |  | 2nd.P. F/S. W. Drummond  | 2nd.P. Sgt. E.V. Matthews  |
| Nav. F/O. A. Fielding     |  | Nav. F/S. J. Batchelor   | Nav. P/O. A.J. Johnson     |
| B/A. F?/O. T. Key         |  | B/A. Sgt. C.J. Wright    | B/A. Sgt. S.A. Simpson     |
| 1.WOP. F/S. J.E. Bateman  |  | 1.WOP. Sgt. S. Blackburn | 1.WOP. Sgt. D. G. Gaskin   |
| 2.WOP. F/S. A.F. Ashby    |  | 2.WOP. Sgt. F.E. Vickers | 2.WOP. Sgt. A.V. Robertson |
| M.U.G. Sgt. J.F. Peters   |  | M.U.G. Sgt. F. Cameron   | M.U.G. Sgt. G. Whitehouse  |
| Rear. Sgt. H.G. Fedrick   |  | Rear. Sgt. J. Mc. Brown  | Rear. Sgt. W. Wallace      |
4. Load. 12 containers.
5. Ammunition: 1200 rounds rear. 800 rounds Mid Upper.
6. Pyrotechnics:- Verey Lights, Green 3, Red 6, Colours of Day 3.
7. Fuel: 2600 gallons, Petrol. Oil. 27 Gallons per engine.
8. Briefing: 0900 hours.
9. Transport: 08.45 hours
10. Take-Off: As briefed.
11. Rations: Captains of aircraft to arrange collection of rations from 358 Squadron Sergeants' Mess.
12. Logs: Engineers Logs to be handed to Eng. Officer at interrogation.

Date: 25th January 1945

(W. Wood) F/Lt.  
for Wing Commander, Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Appendix No. 17a to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 16 – Successful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 25, Dated 26th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 14 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "X" 312
2. P/O. J.C. Stuart (Capt) Sgt. S. Blackburn (1. Wop)  
 F/S. J. McAllister (2nd Pilot) Sgt. F.E. Vickers (2. Wop)  
 F/S. J. Batchelor (Nav) Sgt. F. Cameron (M.U.G.)  
 Sgt. C.J. Wright (B/A) P/O. F.S. Edwards (Rear)
3. 10 Containers, 2 Packages
4. Digri.
5. On Route to area 18N 102E fair weather. On target area clear with slight ground haze.
6. Digri 1430.
7. Digri 0555.

S.D.A. Area – Don-Chen

S.D.B. The reception, which was the briefed "C" type, was easily seen and identified. The load was dropped around the lights and torches well in the area.

Dropping Run:-

|         |          |         |
|---------|----------|---------|
| Time    | 2202     | 2210    |
| Height  | 500      | 500     |
| Speed   | 135      | 135     |
| Heading | 030      | 060     |
| Load    | 10 Cnts. | 2 Pkts. |

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
 Intelligence Officer,  
 No. 358 Squadron,  
 Royal Air Force.

Appendix No. 17b to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 23 – Successful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 26, Dated 26th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 14 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "L" 977
2. F/O. J.B. Smart (Capt) Sgt. D.G. Gaskin (1. Wop)  
 Sgt. E.V. Matthews (2nd Pilot) Sgt. A.V. Robertson (2. Wop)  
 P/O. A.J. Johnson (Nav) Sgt. S.G. Whitehouse (M.U.G.)  
 Sgt. S.A. Simpson (B/A) Sgt. W. Wallace (Rear)
3. 10 Containers, 2 Packages
4. Digri.
5. On route the weather was fair. Good in DZ area.
6. Digri 1450.
7. Digri 0720.

S.D.A. Area

S.D.B. "C" type reception of lights and torches easily identified. Load dropped at :-

|         |                  |               |
|---------|------------------|---------------|
| Time    | 2238             | 2244          |
| Height  | 500              | 500           |
| Speed   | 135              | 135           |
| Heading | 050              | 050           |
| Load    | 4 Cnts.<br>1 Pk. | 6 Cnts. 1 Pk. |

On the first run the load was dropped about 400 yds. undershoot.

On return, L.A.A. at 0103 hrs. 1825N 10035E, 5,000 ft., 5/6ths bursts in air accurate for height, about 400 yds. behind.

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
 Intelligence Officer,  
 No. 358 Squadron,  
 Royal Air Force.

Appendix No. 17c to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 15 – Successful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 27, Dated 26th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 14 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "O" 253
2. F/O. J.C. Murray (Capt) Sgt. R?S. Woods (1. Wop)  
 W/Cdr. J. Blackburn (2nd Pilot) Sgt. W.A. Pugh (2. Wop)  
 F/O. A. Fielding (Nav) Sgt. W.J. Pickney (M.U.G.)  
 Sgt. J.H. Draper (B/A) Sgt. C. Copley (Rear)
3. 10 Containers, 2 Packages
4. Digri.
5. On route the weather was fair until about one hour from DZ. Then cloud over hills and electrical storms seen. Over DZ the weather was good and visibility good.
6. Digri 1435 26/1
7. Digri 0615 27/1

S.D.A. Area  
 S.D.B. "C" type reception as briefed clearly seen.

Load dropped at:-

|         |                  |
|---------|------------------|
| Time    | 2209             |
| Height  | 440              |
| Speed   | 135              |
| Heading | 100              |
| Load    | 10 Cnts. 2 Pkts. |

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
 Intelligence Officer,  
 No. 358 Squadron,  
 Royal Air Force.

## Appendix No. 19 to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.6

1. Duty Officer:<sup>4</sup>

2. Target – As briefed.

3. Aircraft and Crews.

A/c. 'C'.271.

Capt. S/L. S.A. Sharpe.  
 2nd.P. F/O. B.J.C. Edwards.  
 Nav. F/S. C.F. Kirby.  
 B/A. W/O. R.H. Cross.  
 1.WOP. W/O. J.A. Buchanan.  
 2.WOP. F/S. F. Noble.  
 M.U.G. W/O. J.W. Fayle.  
 Rear. W/O. E.A. Seymour.  
 F/Eng. Sgt. R.C. Fenbow

A/c. 'D'.353

Capt. W/O. H.S. Martel.  
 2nd.P. F/O. R.A. Carter.  
 Nav. F/S. G.C. Whale.  
 B/A. F/O. W. Mosher.  
 1.WOP. W/O. D.I. Graham.  
 2.WOP. F/S. D.C. Jolley.  
 M.U.G. Sgt. J.C. Attwood.  
 Rear. Sgt. W.T. Ayton.

A/c. 'L'.977.

Capt. W/O. J.H. Jones.  
 2nd.P. F/L. S.W. Bridges.  
 Nav. F/S. H.C. Murphy.  
 B/A. F/O. P.M. Williams.  
 1.WOP. Sgt. W.J. Donnelly.  
 2.WOP. Sgt. G. Fletcher.  
 M.U.G. Sgt. A.P. Lock.  
 Rear. Sgt. A.J. Mansfield.

A/c. 'K'.392.

Capt. F/O. M.R. Davison.  
 2nd.P. F/S. D.R. Crammond.  
 Nav. P/O. D.T. Parham.  
 B/A. P/O. A.N. Woods.  
 1.WOP. W/O. S.J. Webb.  
 2.WOP. Sgt. G.B. Pollock.  
 M.U.G. Sgt. W.G. Barber.  
 Rear. W/O. G.E.T. White.  
 Nav. F/O. A. Fielding.

A/c. 'O'.253.

Capt. F/O. R.W. Robinson.  
 2nd.P. P/O. I.N. Wilson  
 Nav. P/O. W.H. Bull.  
 B/A. Sgt. W.J. Sherwood.  
 1.WOP. P/O. L.C. Bartlett.  
 2.WOP. Sgt. E.H. Andrews.  
 M.U.G. Sgt. T.F. Clarke.  
 Rear. Sgt. A. Burling.

A/c.'R'.287.

Capt. P/O. C.H. Hedley.  
 2nd.P. F/S. K.E. Nicholson.  
 Nav. W/O. J. H. Perkins.  
 B/A. Sgt. H. Hounslow.  
 1.WOP. P/O. J. E. Tubb.  
 2.WOP. W/O. R.C. Chalmers.  
 M.U.G. W/O. B.S. Pepper.  
 Rear. P/O. S.W. Hopkins.  
 F/Eng. F/Sgt. W.H.P. Blee.

A/c. 'U'.925.

Capt. F/O. K.W. Jones.  
 2nd.P. F/S. K.R. Jukes.  
 Nav. W/O. E.T. Ball.  
 B/A. Sgt. H. Dunn.  
 1.WOP. P/O. L.J. Talbot.  
 2.WOP. F/S. H.T. Dawson.  
 M.U.G. W/O. E.A. Richards.  
 Rear. W/O. F.W. Rozee.

A/c. 'W'.394.

Capt. F/O. J.G. Wood.  
 2nd.P. F/S. C.E. Collins  
 Nav. Sgt. E.H. Ely  
 B/A. P/O. S.C. Hull.  
 1.WOP. Sgt. I. McLuskey  
 2.WOP. F/O. J. Wheatley  
 M.U.G. Sgt. D.C. Hurley  
 Rear. F/S. R.J. Brogan.

A/c. 'X'.312.

Capt. F/Lt. H.H. Monks.  
 2nd.P. Sgt. E.G. Goddard.  
 Nav. W/O. F.D. Phillips.  
 B/A. P/O. W. McDonald.  
 1.WOP. F/S. G.M. Hill.  
 2.WOP. F/S. D.G. Morris.  
 M.U.G. Sgt. V. Taylor.  
 Rear. Sgt. H. Miles.

A/c. 'H'.257.

Capt. F/O. L.P. Cloutier.  
 2nd.P. F/S. R.G. Pryor.  
 Nav. F/O. B.C. Luther.  
 B/A. P/O. D.J. Bostin<sup>5</sup>.  
 1.WOP. F/Sgt. M.R. Vagg.  
 2.WOP. F/S. E.F. Warmer.  
 M.U.G. Sgt. J.P. Power.  
 Rear. Sgt. G. Mount.

4. Load: Containers Packages<sup>6</sup><sup>4</sup> Not named in record.<sup>5</sup> Spelt "Boston" elsewhere in records.

5. Ammunition: 1200 rounds rear. 800 rounds Mid Upper.
6. Pyrotechnics:- Verey Lights, Green 3, Red 6, Colours of Day 3.
7. Fuel: Petrol – 2600 gallons, Oil – 27 galls per engine.
8. Briefing: A/c. 'C', 'D', 'U' – 1800 hrs 26.1.45. Remainder – 1000 hrs 27.1.45.
9. Transport: 1 Vehicle 0700hrs. Remainder – 09.45 hours.
10. Take-Off: As briefed.
11. Rations: Captains of aircraft to arrange collection of rations from 358 Sqdn Sergeants' Mess.
12. Logs: Engineers Logs to be handed to Eng. Officer at interrogation.

Date: 26.1.45.

(P.G.D. Farr)  
Wing Commander, Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

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<sup>6</sup>The number of containers and packages was hand written in the record and is unreadable.



Appendix No. 20a to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 50 – Unsuccessful  
(Did not take off from Cox's  
Bazar owing to engine trouble).

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 37, Dated 27th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 14 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "D?" 353
2.
 

|                   |         |                   |          |
|-------------------|---------|-------------------|----------|
| W/O. H?S. Martel  | (Capt)  | W/O. D.L. Graham  | (1 Wop)  |
| P/O. R?A. Carter  | (2nd P) | F/S. D.C. Jolley  | (2 Wop)  |
| F/S. G.C. Whale   | (Nav)   | Sgt. J.C. Attwood | (M.U.G.) |
| P/O. W? Heshher?? | (B/A)   | Sgt. W.F. Ayton   | (Rear)   |
3. to 7 Nil.  
  
S.D.A. Area – Nil.  
S.D.B. Nil.
4. Loc nish??<sup>7</sup>

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
Intelligence Officer,  
No. 358 Squadron,  
Royal Air Force.

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<sup>7</sup> This line very hard to read on copy.

Appendix No. 20b to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 40 – Successful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 28, Dated 27th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 15 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "U"<sup>8</sup>
2. F/O. Jones<sup>9</sup>
3. 7 Containers, 3 Packages
4. Digri.
5. Fair on route – Target Area clear up to 6,000 ft. vis. good.
6. Digri 0835; Cox's Bazar 1510
7. Cox's Bazar 0715 28/1  
Base 1120 28/1

S.D.A. Area

S.D.B. "C" type lights clearly seen and D.Z. identified. chutes seen to open (one hang-up).

Load:

|              |                           |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| Time         | 2307½                     |
| Height       | 400 ft                    |
| Speed        | 125                       |
| Heading      | 030                       |
| Load dropped | 6 Containers, 2 Packages. |

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
 Intelligence Officer,  
 No. 358 S.D. Squadron,  
 Royal Air Force.

<sup>8</sup> No serial number given in record.

<sup>9</sup> No other crew members listed in record.

Appendix No. 20c to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 31 – Successful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 29, Dated 27th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 15 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "W"<sup>10</sup>
2. F/O. Wood<sup>11</sup> (Capt)
3. 10 Containers, 2 Packages
4. Digri.
5. On way out fine until 101 E then odd patches of cloud 3/10 increasing to 10/10 up to 103 E; the to D.Z. 4/10 Alto Cu. at 1500 ft base. Target clear with good Vis.
6. Digri 1620
7. Digri 0845 28/1

S.D.A. Area  
 S.D.B. Good "C" type reception seen. Flashing signal clearly identified.

Load dropped (all chutes seen to open)

|         |                            |
|---------|----------------------------|
| Time    | 2356                       |
| Height  | 550 ft                     |
| Speed   | 125                        |
| Heading | 045                        |
| Load    | 10 Containers, 2 Packages. |

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
 Intelligence Officer,  
 No. 358 S.D. Squadron,  
 Royal Air Force.

<sup>10</sup> No serial number given in record.

<sup>11</sup> No other crew members listed in record.

Appendix No. 20d to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 48 – Successful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 30, Dated 27th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 15 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "C"<sup>12</sup>
2. F/O. Davison (Capt) W/O. Webb (1st Wop)  
 F/S. Crammond (2nd Pilot) Sgt. Pollock (2nd Wop)  
 P/O. Parham (Nav) Sgt. Barber (Mid Upr)  
 P/O. Woods (B/A) W/O. White (Rear)  
 F/O. Fielding (Nav)
3. 7 Containers, 3 Packages
4. Digri 0955
5. Weather fair on route but poor on Target.
6. Digri 0955 (to Cox's Bazar)
7. Digri 0930 28/1

S.D.A. Area

S.D.B. "C" type reception of lights, signal letter clearly seen. Load dropped (all chutes opening)

|         |                           |
|---------|---------------------------|
| Time    | 2327                      |
| Height  | 500 ft.                   |
| Speed   | 138                       |
| Heading | 010                       |
| Load    | 7 Containers, 2 Packages. |

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
 Intelligence Officer,  
 No. 358 S.D. Squadron,  
 Royal Air Force.

<sup>12</sup> No serial number given in record.

Appendix No. 20e to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 32 – Unsuccessful  
Load Hung Up

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 33, Dated 27th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 15 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "X" 312.
2. F/L. Monks (Capt) F/S. Hill (1st Wop)  
Sgt. Goddard (2nd Pilot) F/S. Morris (2nd Wop)  
W/O. Phillips (Nav) Sgt. Taylor (Mid Upr)  
P/O. McDonald (B/A) Sgt. Miles (Rear)
3. 10 Containers, 2 Packages
4. Digri
5. On outward trip good with Vis. 10 miles. No cloud. Over D.Z. good.
6. Digri 1610
7. Digri 0800

S.D.A. Area

S.D.B. All fires, lights and signal of "C" type reception clearly identified. But although 4 runs were made the whole load hung up.

|         |         |
|---------|---------|
| Time    | 2335    |
| Height  | 400 ft. |
| Speed   | 130     |
| Heading | 135     |

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
Intelligence Officer,  
No. 358 S.D. Squadron,  
Royal Air Force.

Appendix No. 20f to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 33 – Unsuccessful  
R.T.B. with load owing to weather out to 1000 N 103 E

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 34, Dated 27th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 15 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "O" 253.
2.
 

|                         |               |           |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| F/O. Robinson (Capt)    | P/O. Bartlett | (1st Wop) |
| P/O. Wilson (2nd Pilot) | Sgt. Andrews  | (2nd Wop) |
| P/O. Bull (Nav)         | Sgt. Clarke   | (Mid Upr) |
| Sgt. Sherwood (B/A)     | Sgt. Burling  | (Rear)    |
3. 10 Containers, 2 Packages
4. Digri
5. Fair, on route, until East of Irrawaddy, - then East of Salween Cu. with lightning tops up to 15,000 ft, base 4/500 ft. Electrical storms on return.
6. Digri 1614
7. Digri 0640

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
Intelligence Officer,  
No. 358 S.D. Squadron,  
Royal Air Force.

Appendix No. 20g to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 22? – Unsuccessful  
No Reception

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 35, Dated 27th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 15 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "L" 997.
2. W/O. Jones (Capt) Sgt. Donnelly (1st Wop)  
F/L. Bridges (2nd Pilot) Sgt. Fletcher (2nd Wop)  
F/S. Murphy (Nav) Sgt. Lock (Mid Upr)  
F/O. Williams (B/A) Sgt. Mansfield (Rear)
3. 14 Containers, 4 Packages
4. Digri
5. Good on route, fair on D.Z. Area, with slight haze.
6. Digri 1715
7. Digri 0715

S.D.A. Area

S.D.B. Despite searches no reception lights of any kind seen.

14 Containers were jettisoned in River Mekong – 102.53 E.

The 14<sup>13</sup> Packages were, however, R.T.B.

|         |         |
|---------|---------|
| Time    | 2335    |
| Height  | 400 ft. |
| Speed   | 130     |
| Heading | 135     |

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
Intelligence Officer,  
No. 358 S.D. Squadron,  
Royal Air Force.

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<sup>13</sup> Report says 14 Packages here, but 4 Packages above.

Appendix No. 20h to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 6 – Unsuccessful  
No Reception

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 36, Dated 27th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 15 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "Q" 367.
2. F/O. Smith (Capt) Sgt. Woods (1st Wop)  
W/C. Blackburn (2nd Pilot) Sgt. Pugh (2nd Wop)  
F/S. Brenchley (Nav) Sgt. Pinckney (Mid Upr)  
Sgt. Draper (B/A) Sgt. Copley (Rear)  
Sgt. Cosh (F/Eng)
3. 13 Containers, 2 Packages
4. Digri
5. Weather on route and D.Z. Area – Good.
6. Digri 271712
7. 280514 Cox's Bazar. Digri 280900.

S.D.A. Vientiane Area

S.D.B. Many runs made in D.Z. Area, but no reception or light seen.

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Royal Air Force.



Appendix No. 10I to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Ex – Lucifer

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 38, Dated 27th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 15 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "K" 392
2. S/L. Sharpte (Capt) W/O. Buchanan (1. Wop)  
 F/O. Edwards (2nd Pilot) F/S. Noble (2. Wop)  
 F/S. Kirby (Nav) W/O. Fayle (M.U.G.)  
 W/O. Cross (B/A) W/O. Seymour (Rear)  
 Sgt. Fnebow (F/Eng)
3. Nickels Gross dropped Free – 1,700 lbs.
4. Digri.
5. Outward trip good. No cloud over Target Area. 10/10 cloud over hills; isolated Electrical storms on return.
6. Digri 271714
7. Digri 270734<sup>14</sup>

S.D.A. Area (See below)

Dropping runs

Place Naung – Kai – Undunthani – Kaungean – Korat

|         |        |        |        |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| Time    | 2312   | 2334   | 0040   |
| Height  | 700 ft | 800 ft | 600 ft |
| Speed   | 155    | 150    | 155    |
| Heading | 180°   | 180°   | 270°   |
| Load    | 10%    | 20%    | 70%    |

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 No. 358 Squadron,  
 Royal Air Force.

<sup>14</sup> Record says "27", but probably should be "28".

Appendix No. 22 to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.7

1. Duty Officer:- P/O. King.

2. Target – as briefed.

3. Aircraft and Crews.

|              |                       |               |                   |              |                     |
|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| A/c. 'G'.282 |                       | A/c. 'O'.253. |                   | A/c. 'Q'.367 |                     |
| Capt.        | F/O. J.B. Smart       | Capt.         | P/O. J.C. Stuart  | Capt.        | F/S. W. Drummond    |
| 2nd.P.       | Sgt. E.V. Matthews    | 2nd.P.        | F/S. J. McAlister | 2nd.P.       | F/S. K.W. Tunbridge |
| Nav.         | P/O. H.J. Johnson     | Nav.          | F/S. J. Batchelor | Nav.         | F/S. F. Flynn       |
| B/A.         | Sgt. S.A. Simpson     | B/A.          | Sgt. C.J. Wright  | B/A.         | P/O. T.C. Winup     |
| 1.WOP.       | Sgt. D.S. Gaskin      | 1.WOP.        | Sgt. S. Blackburn | 1.WOP.       | F/S. C.H. Johnson   |
| 2.WOP.       | Sgt. A.W. Robertson   | 2.WOP.        | Sgt. F.E. Vickers | 2.WOP.       | F/S. J.K. Lyons     |
| M.U.G.       | Sgt. G.H. Kingston    | M.U.G.        | W/O. W. Hendry    | M.U.G.       | Sgt. G. Tozer       |
| Rear.        | Sgt. G. S. Whitehouse | Rear.         | Sgt. J. Mc. Brown | Rear.        | Sgt. A.F. Dickson   |

|              |                    |              |                    |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| A/c. 'W'.394 |                    | A/c. 'R'.287 |                    |
| Capt.        | F/O. J.C. Murray   | Capt.        | F/S. W.R. Mills    |
| 2nd.P.       | F/S. J.R. Larcombe | 2nd.P.       | Sgt. L.C. Loveless |
| Nav.         | F/O. E.P. Field    | Nav.         | W/O. S.E. Hencher  |
| B/A.         | P/O. T. Kay        | B/A.         | P/O. T.D. Taylor   |
| 1.WOP.       | F/S. J.E. Bateman  | 1.WOP.       | Sgt. G.D. Rowe     |
| 2.WOP.       | F/S. A.F. Ashby    | 2.WOP.       | Sgt. C.C. Young    |
| M.U.G.       | Sgt. J.F. Peters   | M.U.G.       | Sgt. D.S. Potter   |
| Rear.        | Sgt. H.G. Fedrick  | Rear.        | Sgt. J.F. Hawkins  |

4. Load. As detailed.

5. Ammunition: 1200 rounds rear. 800 rounds Mid Upper.

6. Pyrotechnics:- Verey Lights, Green 3, Red 6, Colours of Day 3.

7. Fuel: Petrol – 2600 gallons.. Oil – 27 Gallons per engine.

8. Briefing: 1000 hours.

9. Transport: 0945 hours

10. Take-Off: As briefed.

11. Rations: Captains of aircraft to arrange collection of rations from 358 Squadron Sergeant's Mess.

12. Logs: Engineers Logs to be handed to Eng. Officer at interrogation.

Date: 27th January 1945

(P.G.D. Farr)  
Wing Commander, Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Appendix to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

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It is believed to be Sortie Report 39  
From the position in the file, it is believed to be page 64 of Air 27/1766

Appendix No. 23b to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 3 Unsuccessful  
(No reception)

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 40, Dated 28th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 16 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "H?" 287
2. F/S. W.R. Mills (Capt) Sgt. ?D. Rowe (1. Wop)  
Sgt. L.c. Loveless (2nd Pilot) Sgt. G? C. Young (2. Wop)  
W/O. S.K? Hancher? (Nav) Sgt. B?S. Potter (M.U.G.)  
P/O. T.D. Taylor (B/A) Sgt. J.F. Hawkins (Rear)
3. 10 Containers, 2 Packages.
4. Digri.
5. Weather was good on route, but in DZ area fog and mist with patches of low cloud.
6. Digri 1627 28/1
7. Digri 0630 19<sup>15</sup>/1

S.D.A. Area

S.D.B. Arrived in wrong area and circled, searching for some time.  
No lights or signals seen in correct DZ area.

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Royal Air Force.

<sup>15</sup> Record says 19, but probably should be 29.

Appendix No. 23c to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 4 Unsuccessful  
(Low cloud over DZ)

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 41, Dated 28th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 16 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "R?" 365
2. P/O. J.C. Stuart (Capt) Sgt. S. Blackburn (1. Wop)  
F/S. J. McAlister (2nd Pilot) Sgt. F.E? Vickers (2. Wop)  
F/S. J. Batchelor (Nav) W/O. W. Hendry (M.U.G.)  
Sgt. C.J. Wright (B/A) Sgt. J. McBrown (Rear)
3. 10 Containers, 2 Packages.
4. Digri.
5. Fair conditions on route with good visibility, little cloud.  
At DZ fog and low cloud with very poor visibility.
6. 1430 Digri
7. 0640 Digri

S.D.A. Plain Des Jarres

S.D.B. Only one fire of signal system was seen through low cloud.

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No. 358 Squadron,  
Royal Air Force.

Appendix No. 23d to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 2 – Successful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 42, Dated 28th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 14 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "W" 394
2. F/O. J.C. Murray (Capt) F/S. J.E. Bateman (1. Wop)  
 F/S. J.R. Larcombe (2nd Pilot) F/S. A.S. Ashby (2. Wop)  
 F/O. K.P. Field (Nav) Sgt. A.F. Peters (M.U.G.)  
 P/O. T. Kay (B/A) Sgt. A.M. Cosh (F/Eng)  
 Sgt. H.G. Frederick (Rear)
3. 11 Containers, 2 Packages
4. Digri.
5. Weather good for whole of route, but small cn. over target area with ground mist.
6. 1620 Digri
7. 0605 Digri

S.D.A. Plain Des Jarres.

S.D.B. Good reception and signals seen. Chutes seen to open correctly.

|         |               |             |
|---------|---------------|-------------|
| Time    | 2312          | 2317        |
| Height  | 600           | 700         |
| Speed   | 130           | 130         |
| Heading | 210           | 235         |
| Load    | 11 Containers | 2 Packages. |

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 Royal Air Force.

## Appendix No. 25 to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.8

1. Duty Officer:- P/O. King.

2. Target – as briefed.

3. Aircraft and Crews.

A/c. 'C'.271

Capt. W/O. J.H. Jones.  
2nd.P. F/L. S.W. Bridges.  
Nav. F/S. H.C. Murphy.  
B/A. F/O. P.M. Williams.  
1.WOP. Sgt. W.J. Donnelly.  
2.WOP. Sgt. G. Fletcher.  
M.U.G. Sgt. A.P. Lock.  
Rear. Sgt. A.J. Mansfield.

A/c. 'G'.282

Capt. W/O. E.P. Adams  
2nd.P. F/S. A.J. Pearce  
Nav. F/S. S. Simpson  
B/A. Sgt. R.G. Stanton  
1.WOP. F/S. J.J. Costello  
2.WOP. F/S. R. McMaster  
M.U.G. Sgt. M.J. McGarry  
Rear. Sgt. D.W. Matthews

A/c. 'H'.257

Capt. F/O. L.P. Cloutier.  
2nd.P. F/S. R.G. Pryor.  
Nav. F/O. B.C. Luther.  
Nav. F/S. G.E. Foster  
B/A. P/O. D.J. Boston.  
1.WOP. F/S. M.R. Vagg.  
2.WOP. F/S. E.F. Warmer.  
M.U.G. Sgt. J.P. Power.  
Rear. Sgt. G.W. Mount.

A/c. 'K'.392

Capt. S/L. S.A. Sharpe.  
2nd.P. F/O. B.J.C. Edwards.  
Nav. F/S. C.F. Kirby.  
B/A. W/O. R.H. Cross.  
1.WOP. W/O. J.A. Buchanan.  
2.WOP. F/S. F.W. Noble.  
M.U.G. W/O. J.W. Fayle.  
Rear. W/O. E.W. Seymour.  
F/Eng. Sgt. R.C. Fenbow

A/c. 'L'.977

Capt. F/O. M.R. Davison.  
2nd.P. F/S. D.R. Crammond.  
Nav. P/O. D.T. Parham.  
B/A. P/O. A.N. Woods.  
1.WOP. W/O. S.J. Webb.  
2.WOP. Sgt. G.B. Pollock.  
M.U.G. Sgt. W.G. Barber.  
Rear. W/O. G.E.T. White.

A/c. 'N'.365

Capt. W/O. H.S. Martel.  
2nd.P. F/O. R.A. Carter.  
Nav. F/S. G.C. Whale.  
B/A. F/O. W.N. McStea.  
1.WOP. W/O. D.I. Graham.  
2.WOP. F/S. D.C. Jolley.  
M.U.G. Sgt. J.C. Attwood.  
Rear. Sgt. W.F. Ayton.

A/c. 'R'.287

Capt. F/S. R.M. Bullen.  
2nd.P. Sgt. R. Woodcock.  
Nav. F/S. C.L. Smith.  
B/A. Sgt. R.H. Weldrake  
1.WOP. F/S. A.W. Thomas  
2.WOP. Sgt. D.P. Tunnell  
M.U.G. Sgt. J.H. Clarke  
Rear. Sgt. A. Boyd.

A/c. 'T'.350

Capt. F/L. H.H. Monks.  
2nd.P. Sgt. E.G. Goddard.  
Nav. W/O. F.D. Phillips.  
B/A. P/O. W. McDonald.  
1.WOP. F/S. G.M. Hill.  
2.WOP. F/S. D.G. Morris.  
M.U.G. Sgt. V. Taylor.  
Rear. Sgt. H. Miles.

A/c. 'W'.394.

Capt. F/O. J.G. Wood.  
2nd.P. F/S. C.E. Collins.  
Nav. Sgt. E.H. Ely.  
B/A. P/O. S.C. Hull.  
1.WOP. P/O. J. Wheatley.  
2.WOP. Sgt. R.A. Spencer  
M.U.G. Sgt. D.C. Hurley.  
Rear. F/S. R.J. Brogan.

A/c. 'Z'.397.

Capt. P/O. C.H. Hedley.  
2nd.P. F/S. K.E. Nicholson.  
Nav. W/O. J. H. Perkins.  
B/A. Sgt. H. Hounslow.  
1.WOP. W/O. J. E. Tubb.  
2.WOP. W/O. R.C. Chalmers.  
M.U.G. W/O. B.S. Pepper.  
Rear. P/O. S.W. Hopkins.  
F/Eng. F/Sgt. W.H. Blee.

A/c. 'U'.925

Capt. F/O. R.W. Robinson.  
2nd.P. F/O. H.V. Smith.  
Nav. F/S. P.R. Brenchley  
B/A. Sgt. J.H. Draper  
1.WOP. Sgt. R.S. Woods  
2.WOP. Sgt. W.A. Pugh  
M.U.G. Sgt. W.J. Pinckney  
Rear. Sgt. C. Copley.  
F/Eng. Sgt. A.M. Cosh

4. Load. As detailed.

5. Ammunition: 1200 rounds rear. 800 rounds Mid Upper.

6. Pyrotechnics:- Verey Lights, Green 3, Red 6, Colours of Day 3.
7. Fuel: A/c. 'C', 'Z', 'U' – 2 bomb bay tanks full plus 1400 gallons.  
Remainder – 2600 gallons.
8. Briefing: 1000 hours.
9. Transport: As detailed.
10. Take-Off: As detailed.
11. Rations: Captains of aircraft to arrange collection of rations from Sq. Sgt's Mess.
12. Logs: Engineers Logs to be handed to Eng. Officer at interrogation.

Date: 28.1.45

(P.G.D. Farr)  
Wing Commander, Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.



Appendix No. 26A to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 8 – Successful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 42A, Dated 28th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 17 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "Z" 397
2. P/O. H. Hedley (Capt) P/O. J. E. Tubb (1. Wop)  
 F/S. K.E. Nicholson (2nd Pilot) W/O. R.C. Chalmers (2. Wop)  
 W/O. J.H. Perkins (Nav) W/O. B.S. Pepper (M.U.G.)  
 Sgt. H. Hounslow (B/A) F/O. S.W. Hopkins (Rear)  
 F/S. W.H. Blee (F/Eng)
3. 7 Containers, 1 Package
4. Digri 0922. Cox's Bazar 1635
5. On route the weather was fair. Ground haze over DZ area.
6. Digri 0922. Cox's Bazar 1635
7. Digri 1135

S.D.A. Budop.

S.D.B. "C" Type reception, fires hot lights. Letter "A" flashing. DZ area identified by plantation on western edge of clearing and road running N to S. 100 Yds. overshoot on first run, Chutes seen to open.

|         |               |         |
|---------|---------------|---------|
| Time    | 0105          | 0107    |
| Height  | 400           | 400     |
| Speed   | 135           | 135     |
| Heading | 050           | 035     |
| Load    | 5 Ctns. 1 Pk. | 2 Cnts. |

Single landing strip seen at position 1610N 9535E. No activity, but appeared to be a 'Fighter' strip. Aircraft "Z" at 5,000 ft. 3 miles south of strip when sighted.

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Appendix No. 26B to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 58 – Successful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 50, Dated 29th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 17 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "R" 287
2. F/S. R.M. Bullen (Capt) F/S. A.W. Thomas (1. Wop)  
 Sgt. R. Woodcock (2nd Pilot) Sgt. D.P. Tunnell (2. Wop)  
 F/S. C.L. Smith. (Nav) Sgt. J.H. Clarke (M.U.G.)  
 Sgt. R.H. Weldrake (B/A) Sgt. A. Boyd. (Rear)
3. 10 Containers, 2 Packages
4. Digri
5. Weather good throughout. Fog in villages. High cloud scattered over hills. Good visibility over DZ.
6. 1740
7. 0740

S.D.A. Vientiane

S.D.B. All reception seen and identified.

|         |         |        |        |
|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| Time    | 0027    | 0033   | 0038   |
| Height  | 600     | 600    | 600    |
| Speed   | 135     | 135    | 135    |
| Heading | 320     | 320    | 320    |
| Load    | 9 Cnts. | 2 Pxts | 1 Cnt. |

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 Royal Air Force.

Appendix No. 26C to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 50 (or 30?) – Successful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 49, Dated 29th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 17 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "N" 365
2. W/O. E.P. Adams (Capt) F/S. J.J. Costello (1. Wop)  
 F/S. A.J. Pearce (2nd Pilot) F/S. R. McMaster (2. Wop)  
 F/S. S. Simpson (Nav) Sgt. M.J. McGarry (M.U.G.)  
 Sgt. R.G. Stanton (B/A) Sgt. D.W. Matthews (Rear)
3. 11 Containers, 2 Packages
4. Digri
5. Weather fine on whole route and clear over DZ, but slight ground haze.
6. Digri. 1745
7. Digri. 0815

S.D.A. <sup>16</sup>

S.D.B. "C" Type reception and lights seen.

|         |          |        |
|---------|----------|--------|
| Time    | 0057     | 0102   |
| Height  | 700      | 600    |
| Speed   | 140      | 140    |
| Heading | 030      | 030    |
| Load    | 11 Cnts. | 2 Pkts |

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 No. 358 Squadron,  
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<sup>16</sup> No location given in record.

Appendix No. 26D to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 29 – Successful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 47, Dated 29th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 17 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "H" 257
2. F/O. L.P. Cloutier (Capt) P/O. D.J. Boston (B/A)  
 F/S. R.G. Pryor (2nd Pilot) F/S. M.R. Vagg (1. Wop)  
 F/O. B.C. Luther (S) (Nav) F/S. E.F. W?armer (2. Wop)  
 F/S. G.E. Foster. (Nav) Sgt. J.P. Power (M.U.G.)  
 Sgt. G.W. Mount (Rear)
3. 10 Containers, 2 Packages
4. Digri
5. Weather fine on route. Scattered status, base 10,000 ft. Fog in valleys. DZ clear with good visibility.
6. Digri. 1745
7. Digri. 0753

S.D.A. Hue Area

S.D.B. Good "C" type reception, letter seen flashing.

|         |          |        |
|---------|----------|--------|
| Time    | 0028     | 0030   |
| Height  | 500      | 500    |
| Speed   | 125      | 125    |
| Heading | 160      | 160    |
| Load    | 10 Ctns. | 2 Pkts |

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 No. 358 Squadron,  
 Royal Air Force.

Appendix No. 26E to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 11 – Unsuccessful  
(No Reception)

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 48, Dated 29th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 17 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "T" 350
2. F/L. H.H. Monks (Capt) F/S. G.M. Hill (1. Wop)  
Sgt. E.G. Goddard (2nd Pilot) F/S. D.G. Morris (2. Wop)  
W/O. F.D. Phillips (Nav) Sgt. V. Taylor (M.U.G.)  
P/O. W. McDonald (B/A) Sgt. H. Miles (Rear)
3. 11 Containers, Packages Nil.
4. Digri
5. As aircraft "K".
6. Digri. 1645
7. Digri. 0704

S.D.A. Muong? – Het?  
S.D.B. No reception seen. 10/10 cloud over DZ.

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No. 358 Squadron,  
Royal Air Force.

Appendix No. 26F to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 8 – Successful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 46, Dated 29th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 17 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "L" 977
2. F/O. M.R. Davison (Capt) W/O. S.J. Webb (1. Wop)  
 F/S. D.R. Crammond (2nd Pilot) Sgt. G.B. Pollock (2. Wop)  
 P/O. D.T. Parham (Nav) Sgt. W.G. Barber (M.U.G.)  
 P/O. A.N. Woods (B/A) W/O. G.E.T. White (Rear)
3. 13 Containers, 2 Packages
4. Digri
5. The weather fine on route; cloud in valleys; visibility poor; much ground haze, but ground below Aircraft illuminated by moonlight.
6. Digri.
7. 0435 Digri.

S.D.A. Runlong

S.D.B. Triangular lights and signal identified. Drop successful with the exception of one Packet which appeared to drop in tangled condition and fell unopened.

|         |                 |
|---------|-----------------|
| Time    | 2330            |
| Height  | 7/800           |
| Speed   | 135             |
| Heading | 230             |
| Load    | 13 Ctns. 2 Pkts |

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 Intelligence Officer,  
 No. 358 Squadron,  
 Royal Air Force.

Appendix No. 26G to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 10 – Unsuccessful  
(No reception. Bad weather over DZ area)

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 45, Dated 29th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 17 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "K" 392
2. S/L. S.A. Sharpe (Capt) W/O. J.A. Buchanan (1. Wop)  
F/O. B.J.C. Edwards (2nd Pilot) F/S. F.W. Noble (2. Wop)  
F/S. C.F. Kirby (Nav) W/O. J.W. Fayle (M.U.G.)  
W/O. R.H. Cross (B/A) W/O. E.W. Seymour (Rear)  
Sgt. R.C. Fenbow (F/Eng)
3. 10 Containers, 2 Packages
4. Digri
5. Weather was good until fifty miles off DZ. The 10/10 cloud, tops 3,500 ft.
6. Digri. 1635
7. Digri. 070?5

S.D.A. ???? - ??o? (may be the same as appdx 26 E?)

S.D.B. No reception seen, but cloud was completely covering the DZ area.

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Royal Air Force.

Appendix No. 26H to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 370 – Successful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 44, Dated 29th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 17 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "C" 271
2. W/O. J.H. Jones (Capt) Sgt. W.J. Donnelly (1. Wop)  
 F/L. S.W. Bridges (2nd Pilot) Sgt. G. Fletcher (2. Wop)  
 F/S. H.C. Murphy (Nav) Sgt. A.P. Lock (M.U.G.)  
 F/O. P.M. Williams (B/A) Sgt. A.J. Mansfield (Rear)
3. 7 Containers, 1 Package
4. Digri
5. Weather was good generally, but visibility 2/3,000 yds.
6. Digri. 0930. C. Bazar 1135
7. C. Bazar 1655 Digri. 0945

S.D.A. Budop

S.D.B. DZ found with correct reception. Load dropped complete with the exception of one load which became detached from parachute.

|         |               |
|---------|---------------|
| Time    | 0120          |
| Height  | 600           |
| Speed   | 130           |
| Heading | 060           |
| Load    | 7 Ctns. 1 Pkt |

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 No. 358 Squadron,  
 Royal Air Force.



Appendix No. 26I to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 36 – Unsuccessful  
(No reception)

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 43, Dated 30th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 18 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "W" 394
2. F/O. J.G. Wood (Capt) P/O. J. Wheatley (1. Wop)  
F/S. C.E. Collins (2nd Pilot) Sgt. R.A. Spencer (2. Wop)  
Sgt. E.H. Ely (Nav) Sgt. D.C. Hurley (M.U.G.)  
P/O. S.C. Hull (B/A) F/S. R.J. Brogan (Rear)
3. 10 Containers, 1 Packages Nil.
4. Digri
5. Weather good until fifty miles from DZ area with 10/10 cloud over DZ tops 4/5,000 ft.
6. Digri.1500
7. Digri. 1015

S.D.A. Mulung Pholane  
S.D.B. No signals seen. Weather bad over DZ.

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No. 358 Squadron,  
Royal Air Force.

Appendix No. 28 to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.9

1. Duty Officer:- F/O. Jones.

2. Target – as briefed.

3. Aircraft and Crews.

A/c. 'A'.167

Capt. W/C. P.G.D. Farr  
2nd.P. F/S. P.K. Banks  
Nav. F/L. P.L. Ryan  
B/A. F/S. R. J. Jackman  
Eng. F/S. K.K. Wells  
1.WOP. F/O. S.J. Brace  
2.WOP. Sgt. G. Thirkettle  
M.U.G. Sgt. J. Stanley  
Rear. F/Lt. P.J. Kydd

A/c. 'K'.392

Capt. F/O. J.B. Smart  
2nd.P. F/S. K.J. Steele  
Nav. P/O. H.J. Johnson  
B/A. Sgt. S.A. Simpson  
1.WOP. Sgt. D.S. Gaskin  
2.WOP. Sgt. A.W. Robertson  
M.U.G. Sgt. G.H. Kingston  
Rear. Sgt. G.S. Whitehouse

A/c. 'W'.394.

Capt. F/O. J.C. Murray  
2nd.P. F/S. J.R. Larcombe  
Nav. F/O. E.P. Field  
B/A. P/O. T. Kay  
1.WOP. F/S. J.E. Bateman  
2.WOP. F/S. A.F. Ashby  
M.U.G. Sgt. J.F. Peters  
Rear. Sgt. H.G. Fedrick

A/c. 'N' 365

Capt. P/O. J.C. Stuart  
2nd.P. F/S. J. McAlister  
Nav. F/S. J. Batchelor  
B/A. Sgt. C.J. Wright  
1.WOP. Sgt. S. Blackburn  
2.WOP. Sgt. F.E. Vickers  
M.U.G. W/O. W. Hendry  
Rear. Sgt. J. Mc. Brown

A/c. 'R'.287

Capt. F/S. W.R. Mills  
2nd.P. Sgt. L.C. Loveless  
Nav. W/O. S.E. Hencher  
B/A. P/O. T.D. Taylor  
1.WOP. Sgt. G.D. Rowe  
2.WOP. Sgt. C.C. Young  
M.U.G. Sgt. D.S. Potter  
Rear. Sgt. J.F. Hawkins

A/c. 'T'.350

Capt. F/S. W. Drummond  
2nd.P. F/S. K.W. Tunbridge  
Nav. F/S. F. Flynn  
B/A. P/O. T.C. Winup  
1.WOP. F/S. C.H. Johnson  
2.WOP. F/S. J.K. Lyons  
M.U.G. Sgt. G. Tozer  
Rear. Sgt. A.F. Dickson

4. Load. As detailed.

5. Ammunition: 1200 rounds Rear. 800 rounds Mid Upper.

6. Pyrotechnics:- Verey Lights, Green 3, Red 6, Colours of Day 3.

7. Fuel: Petrol – 2600 gallons. Oil – 27 galls. per engine.

8. Briefing: 1000 hours.

9. Transport: 0945 hours.

10. Take-Off: As detailed.

11. Rations: Captains of aircraft to arrange collection of rations from 358 Squadron Sergeants Mess.

12. Logs: Engineers Logs to be handed to Eng. Officer at interrogation.

Date: 29th. January, 1945.

(P.G.D. Farr)  
Wing Commander, Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Appendix No. 29A to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 45 – Unsuccessful  
(Did not reach target area. Instruments U/S.)

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 51, Dated 30th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 18 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "R" 287
2. Flt/Sgt. W.R. Mills (Capt) Sgt. G.V. Rowe (1. Wop)  
Sgt. L.C. Loveless (2nd Pilot) Sgt. C.C. Young (2. Wop)  
W/O. S.E. Hencher (Nav) Sgt. D.S. Potter (M.U.G.)  
P/O. T.D. Taylor (B/A) Sgt. J.F. Hawkins (Rear)
3. 10 Containers, 1 Package
4. Digri
5. Weather on route good throughout whole trip (overland as well as sea) Perfect Visibility.
6. Digri 1705
7. Digri 2248

S.D.A. Budop.

S.D.B. Aircraft hit coast at position 2053N 9215E then to 2048N 9442E when it turned for base at 1941 hrs.  
2 Ships not distinguishable but believed to be Destroyers, seen at approx. position 2050N 9130E heading  
315° aircraft "R" at 10,000, heading 119°. Time 20/50 hrs.

Rate of Climb Indicator U/S. – reading 400' low when level read descent of 400' p.m.

A.S.I. read 10 mile slower than Nav's.

Engines No. 1. mixture control stuck between anti-lean and the anti-rich position.

'George' & Artificial Horizon were also U/S.

Aircraft flying right wing low with full trim. Suction pump read:- 4 No. 1. 4¼ No. 2.

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
Intelligence Officer,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Appendix No. 29B to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 52 – Unsuccessful  
(All Targets Covered by Fog).

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 52, Dated 30th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 18 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "T" 350
2. F/S. Drummond (Capt) F/S. C.J. Johnson (1. Wop)  
F/S. K.W. Tunbridge (2nd Pilot) F/S. J.K. Lyons (2. Wop)  
F/S. F. Flynn (Nav) Sgt. G. Tozer (M.U.G.)  
P/O. T.C. Winup (B/A) Sgt. A.F. Dixon (Rear)
3. 10 Containers, 2 Packages
4. Digri
5. Weather on route – Fair with scattered cloud. Good Visibility. On DZ Areas; - 1st. and 2nd. targets closed in with ground fog, impossible to identify any ground features. Similar conditions for 3rd target area, but not sure if DZ reached.
6. 1635
7. 0840

S.D.A. Hue.

S.D.B.

First two target areas covered. Third DZ not found. On the Fourth which was definitely reached and identified, (by pin point on river) a single light was seen between two buildings but no reception system seen or any further lights. Over this DZ from 0058 to 0127 and then S/C base.

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No. 358 Squadron,  
Royal Air Force.

Appendix No. 29C to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 43 – Successful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 53, Dated 30th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 18 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "K" 392
2. F/O. J.B. Smart (Capt) Sgt. S.D. Gaskin (1. Wop)  
 Sgt. H.V. Matthews (2nd Pilot) Sgt. A.W. Robertson (2. Wop)  
 P/O. H.J. Johnson (Nav) Sgt. G.H. Kingston (M.U.G.)  
 Sgt. S.A. Simpson (B/A) Sgt. G.S. Whitehouse (Rear)
3. 10 Containers, Packages Nil.
4. Digri
5. On Route conditions and visibility good, but the first two DZ's were closed in by low valley fog and ground haze, cloud tops 3,000 feet. Good on return.
6. 1741 Digri
7. 0801 Digri

S.D.A. Hon-chen??

S.D.B. DZ was definitely identified visually. The reception system of 3 fires and 1 torch flashing "K". On the second run one Container Chute failed to open. Aircraft S/C base at 0101 hrs, - 070.

Drop:-

|         |           |      |
|---------|-----------|------|
| Time    | 0053 hrs. | 0057 |
| Height  | 500       | 500  |
| Speed   | 135       | 135  |
| Heading | 067       | 067  |
| Load    | 5C.       | 5C   |

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 No. 358 Squadron,  
 Royal Air Force.

Appendix No. 29D to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 18 – Successful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 54, Dated 30th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 18 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "A" 167
2.
 

|                    |             |                    |          |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|----------|
| W/C. P.G.D. Farr   | (Capt)      | F/S. K.K. Wells    | (Eng.)   |
| F/S. P.K. Banks    | (2nd Pilot) | F/O. S.J. Brace    | (1. Wop) |
| F/L. P.L. Ryan     | (Nav)       | Sgt. G. Thirkettle | (2. Wop) |
| F/S. R. J. Jackman | (B/A)       | Sgt. J. Stanley    | (M.U.G.) |
|                    |             | F/Lt. P.J. Kydd    | (Rear)   |
3. 10 Containers, 2 Packages
4. Digri
5. On Route fairly good. Ground haze, Scattered cloud. Visibility good. 10/10 cloud over 1st. and 2nd. Targets.
6. Digri 1715
7. Digri 0830

S.D.A. Muong – Het

S.D.B. Aircraft reached Third DZ at 0037 hrs. finding "C" reception system as briefed with letters "A" and "H" flashing. Seven Containers hung up on the first and second runs, but were jettisoned on the third. One parachute opened, but did not develop properly. All Container shutes opened. aircraft S/C base at 0117 hrs. after diversion North for 5 minutes.

Drop:-

|         |      |      |      |
|---------|------|------|------|
| Time    | 0045 | 0045 | 0100 |
| Height  | 400  | 400  | 600  |
| Speed   | 145  | 140  | 140  |
| Heading | 080  | 060  | 060  |
| Load    | 3C.  | 2P.  | 7C.  |

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 Intelligence Officer,  
 No. 358 Squadron,  
 Royal Air Force.

Appendix No. 29E to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 44 – Successful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F. (Attention Intelligence)

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 55, Dated 30th January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 18 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "Z" 397<sup>17</sup>
2. P/O. J.C. Stuart (Capt) Sgt. S. Blackburn (1. Wop)  
 F/S. J. McAllister (2nd Pilot) Sgt. F.E. Vickers (2. Wop)  
 F/S. J. Batchelor (Nav) W/O. W. Hendry (M.U.G.)  
 Sgt. C.J. Wright (B/A) P/O. F.S. Edwards (Rear)
3. 10 Containers, 2 Packages
4. Digri
5. On Route: Cloud-tops 7/8000 feet de??ating as Aircraft reached target area. Visibility fair. On DZ, Cloud base 700', ground covered by haze. Aircraft found break and dropped as weather rapidly closed in.
6. 1720 Digri
7. 0730 Digri

S.D.A. Plain Des Jarnes

S.D.B. Aircraft reached target area at 2303 hrs., leaving at 0005 hrs. (approx). Reception was good, 3 lights in line, one beacon fire, letter "A" flashing. Load had to be dropped in one run to beat the weather. Chutes were seen to open by R/G. S/C base at 0009 hrs. after flying South for fifteen minutes.

|         |            |
|---------|------------|
| Time    | 2352       |
| Height  | 700        |
| Speed   | 135        |
| Heading | 230        |
| Load    | 10C. 2pks. |

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 No. 358 Squadron,  
 Royal Air Force.

<sup>17</sup> Operations Order gives Stuart's a/c as "N 365. The Form 541 agrees with the Sortie Report.

Appendix No. 29 to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

To: H.Q., A.C., S.E.A. R.A.F. Ceylon (Att. Ops. R. & A.)  
 H.Q., Eastern Air Command.  
 22 S.C.U. at Eastern Air Command (Att. Lt. Tiffany)  
 H.Q., 231 Troup, Intelligence, 231 Group Statistics  
 H.Q., No. 184 Wing, R.A.F. No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Date: 31st. January 1945 Ref.:- 185W/S/401/1/1/Int.

358 Squadron OPREP No. 14 for 30th January 1945.

Consolidated Sortie Report No. 14, for 30th January 1945.

Part A.

1. 2 Liberators Mark VI, 358 Squadron, A/C W. N.

2.

A/C 'W' 394

A/C 'N' 365

|        |                      |        |                    |
|--------|----------------------|--------|--------------------|
| Capt.  | F/O. J.C. Murray     | Capt.  | P/O. J. C. Stuart  |
| 2nd.P. | F/S. J. R. Larcombe. | 2nd.P. | F/S. J. McAlister  |
| Nav.   | F/O. R.P. Field      | Nav.   | F/S. J. Batchelor  |
| B/A.   | P/O. T. Kay          | B/A.   | Sgt. C.J. Wright   |
| 1.Wop. | F/S. J.E. Bateman    | 1.Wop. | Sgt. S. Blackburn  |
| 2.Wop. | F/S. A.F. Ashby      | 2.Wop. | Sgt. F.E. Vickers  |
| M.U.G. | Sgt. J.F. Peters     | M.U.G. | W/O. W. Hendry     |
| Rear.  | Sgt. H.G. Fedrick    | Rear.  | Sgt. J. Mc. Brown. |

3. Detailed to attack hutted camp, at Vinh Yen.

4. Digri.

5. On route to the target, weather was mainly clear, but cloud formations were encountered about 300 miles to the west, becoming thicker and developing into 10/10 with only peaks of hills showing through. The target area itself was covered with 10/10 cloud and a large Cu. nim. up to about 30000 ft. was building up in the area.

6. 1645 hrs. Digri, 30th January 1945.

7. 0825 hrs. Digri, 31st January 1945.

Part B.

BA. Unescorted.

BB. Landmarks on route were map read until A/C reached area about 50 miles from the Target which was reached on a DR run from the last satisfactory pinpoint.

BC. 10/10 cloud completely obscured target.

BD. Due to weather conditions, A/C did not bomb.

BE. N/A.



- BF. To lighten load, both A/C jettisoned bombs as follows:-  
A/C 'W'. At. 0152 hrs. from 9000 ft. at position 2018N. 100 20E. full bomb load of 6 x 500 lb. M.C., 6 x 100 lb. demolition, 3 x 500 lb. I.B. Clusters.  
A/C 'N'. At 0130 hrs. from 11000 ft. at position 1850N 102 30E. (part load) 4 x 500 lb. M.C., 2 x 100 lb. demolition. at 0335 hrs. from 11000 ft. at position 2000N. 9700E. (part load) 2 x 500 lb. M.C., 2 x 100 lb. demolition. The rest of the bomb load:- 3 x 100 lb. demolition, 3 x 500 lb. I.B. Clusters., were brought back to Base.
- BG. Nil.
- BH. Cloud covered.
- BJ. Nil.
- BK. Nil.
- BL. Nil.
- BM. Route:- Base – 20.18'N. 92.42'E. – 21.19'N 105.35'E. – Target – 20.18'N 92.42'E. – Base.

(R. Exton) F/Lt.  
Senior Intelligence Officer,  
No. 185 Wing, R.A.F.

## Appendix No. 31 to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.10

1. Duty Officer:- P/O. Hedley.
2. Target – as briefed.
3. Aircraft and Crews.
 

|   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| A/c. 'K'.392.<br>Capt. S/L. S.A. Sharpe.<br>2nd.P. F/O. B.J.C. Edwards.<br>Nav. F/S. C.F. Kirby.<br>Eng. W/O. R.H. Cross.<br>1.WOP. W/O. J.A. Buchanan.<br>2.WOP. F/S. F.W. Noble.<br>M.U.G. W/O. J.W. Fayle.<br>Rear. W/O. E.W. Seymour.<br>F/Eng. Sgt. R.C. Fenbow. | A/c. 'L'.977.<br>Capt. F/O. L.P. Cloutier.<br>2nd.P. F/S. R.G. Pryor.<br>Nav. F/O. B.C. Luther.(S)<br>Nav. F/S. G.E. Foster<br>B/A. P/O. D.J. Boston.<br>1.WOP. F/S. M.R. Vagg.<br>2.WOP. F/S. E.F. Warmer.<br>M.U.G. Sgt. J.P. Power.<br>Rear. Sgt. G.W. Mount. | A/c. 'A'.167<br>Capt. W/O. J.H. Jones.<br>2nd.P. F/L. S.W. Bridges.<br>Nav. F/S. H.C. Murphy.<br>B/A. F/O. P.M. Williams.<br>1.WOP. Sgt. W.J. Donnelly.<br>2.WOP. Sgt. G. Fletcher.<br>M.U.G. Sgt. A.P. Lock.<br>Rear. Sgt. A.J. Mansfield. |
| A/c. 'H'.257<br>Capt. W/O. E.P. Adams.<br>2nd.P. F/S. A.J. Pearce.<br>Nav. F/S. S. Simpson.<br>B/A. Sgt. R.G. Stanton.<br>1.WOP. F/S. J.J. Costello<br>2.WOP. F/S. R. McMaster.<br>M.U.G. Sgt. M.J. McGarry.<br>Rear. Sgt. D.W. Matthews.                             | A/c. 'O'.253.<br>Capt. F/S. R.M. Bullen.<br>2nd.P. Sgt. R. Woodcock.<br>Nav. F/S. C.L. Smith.<br>B/A. Sgt. R.H. Weldrake.<br>1.WOP. F/S. A.W. Thomas.<br>2.WOP. Sgt. D.P. Tunnel.<br>M.U.G. Sgt. J.H. Clarke.<br>Rear. Sgt. A. Boyd.                             | A/c. 'X'.312<br>Capt. F/L. H.H. Monks.<br>2nd.P. Sgt. E.G. Goddard.<br>Nav. W/O. F.E. Phillips.<br>B/A. P/O. W. McDonald.<br>1.WOP. F/S. G.M. Hill.<br>2.WOP. F/S. D.G. Morris.<br>M.U.G. Sgt. V. Taylor.<br>Rear. Sgt. H. Miles.           |
| A/c. 'T'.350.<br>Capt. F/O. J.G. Wood.<br>2nd.P. F/S. C.E. Collins<br>Nav. Sgt. E.H. Ely.<br>B/A. P/O. S.C. Hull.<br>1.WOP. P/O. J. Wheatley<br>2.WOP. Sgt. R.A. Spencer.<br>M.U.G. Sgt. D.C. Hurley.<br>Rear. F/S. R.J. Brogan.                                      | A/c. 'Z'.397<br>Capt. F/O. K.W. Jones.<br>2nd.P. F/S. K.?. Jukes.<br>Nav. W/O. E.T. Ball.<br>B/A. Sgt. H. Dunn.<br>1.WOP. P/O. L.J. Talbot.<br>2.WOP. F/S. H.T. Dawson.<br>M.U.G. W/O. E.A. Richards.<br>Rear. W/O. F.W. Rozee.                                  | A/c. 'Q'.367<br>Capt. W/C. J. Blackburn.<br>2nd.P. F/S. G.R. Yeates<br>Nav. F/S. Rose.<br>B/A. P/O. D.C. Mees.<br>1.WOP. F/O. J. Wheatley.<br>2.WOP. Sgt. K. Holden.<br>M.U.G. Sgt. R.H. Walford.<br>Rear. Sgt. G.I. Davies.                |
4. Load: As detailed.
5. Ammunition: 1200 rounds Rear. 800 rounds Mid Upper.
6. Pyrotechnics:- Verey Lights, Green 3. Red 6, Colours of Day 3.
7. Fuel: Petrol – 2600 gallons. Oil – 27 galls per engine.
8. Briefing: 1000 hours.
9. Transport: 0945 hours.
10. Take-Off: As briefed.
11. Rations: Cpts of aircraft to arrange collection of rations from 358 Sqdn Sergeants' Mess.

12. Logs: Engineers Logs to be handed to Eng. Officer at interrogation.

Date: 30th January 1945

(P.G.D. Farr)  
Wing Commander, Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Appendix No. 32A to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 6 – Successful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F.

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 56, Dated 31st January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 19 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "Q"
2. W/C. J. Blackburn. (Capt) F/Sgt. G.R. Yeates (2nd Pilot)  
 F/Sgt. J. Rose (Nav) P/O. D.C. Mees. (B/Aim)  
 F/O. J. Wheatley. (1. Wop) Sgt. K. Holden. (2. Wop)  
 Sgt. R.H. Walford. (M.U.G.) Sgt. G.I. Davies. (Rear)
3. 14 Containers, 6 Packages
4. Digri
5. On route: weather perfect on whole route, slight mist in valleys.
6. 1840 Digri
7. 0730 Digri

S.D.A. Vientiane – Ban Keun.

S.D.B. Aircraft reached target 0054 hours leaving at 0150 hrs. Clearing very clear and easily identified but only 400 yards by 300 yards. 3 lights in line and flashing letter 'U'.

Load dropped in two dropping runs:-

|         |              |        |
|---------|--------------|--------|
| Time    | 0100         | 0104   |
| Height  | 600          | 600    |
| Speed   | 125          | 125    |
| Heading | 132          | 140    |
| Load    | 14Ctns 3Pks. | 3 Pks. |

All Chutes seen to open. 2/3rd. of 1st stick landed in clearing and 1/3rd. on same line in wood. Aircraft S/C base 0108 hrs.

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
 Intelligence Officer,  
 No. 358 Squadron, RAF.

Appendix No. 32B to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 32 – Successful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F.

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 57, Dated 31st January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 19 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "K"
2. S/Ldr. S.A. Sharpe (Capt) F/O. B.J.C. Edwards (2nd Pilot)  
 F/Sgt. E.F. Kirby (Nav) W/O. R.H. Cross (B/Aim)  
 W/O. J.A. Buchanan (1. Wop) F/Sgt. F.W. Noble (2. Wop)  
 W/O. J.W. Fayle (M.U.G.) W/O. E.W. Seymour (Rear)  
 Sgt. R.G. Fenbow (F/Eng.)
3. 11 Containers, 1 package
4. Digri
5. On route: weather perfect on whole route, slight mist in valleys.
6. 1720 Digri
7. 0805 Digri

S.D.A. Donghen.

S.D.B. Aircraft reached target 0014 hours leaving at 0021 hours. 2 fires and 2 torches. Letter "A" flashing.  
 Loads dropped in one run.

|         |                   |
|---------|-------------------|
| Time    | 0020              |
| Height  | 450               |
| Speed   | 130               |
| Heading | 175               |
| Load    | 11Cnts 1 Package. |

Chutes all opened. Package appeared to be streaming.

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
 Intelligence Officer,  
 No. 358 Squadron, RAF.

Appendix No. 32C to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 39 – Unsuccessful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 -ditto- (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F.

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 58, Dated 31st January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 19 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "X"
2. F/Lt. H.H. Monks (Capt) Sgt. E.G. Goddard (2nd Pilot)  
 W/O. E.E. Williams (Nav) P/O. W. McDonald (B/Aim)  
 F/S. G.M. Hill (1. Wop) F/S. D.G. Morris (2. Wop)  
 Sgt. V. Taylor (M.U.G.) Sgt. H. Miles (Rear)
3. 11 Containers, 1 Package
4. Digri
5. Good until 30 miles from DZ. Considerable mist from ground up to 5,000; peaks only showing through. Targets completely covered by fog.
6. 1740 Digri
7. 0835 Digri  
 S.D.A. Ninyen.  
 S.D.B. Targets covered with fog.

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
 Intelligence Officer,  
 No. 358 Squadron, RAF.

Appendix No. 32D to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 4 – Successful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F.

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 59, Dated 31st January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 19 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "T"
2. F/O. J.G. Wood (Capt) F/Sgt. C.E. Collins (2nd Pilot)  
 Sgt. E.H. Ely (Nav) P/O. S.C. Hull (B/Aim)  
 P/O. J. Wheatley (1. Wop) Sgt. R.A. Spencer (2. Wop)  
 Sgt. D.C. Hurley (M.U.G.) F/Sgt. R.J. Brogan (Rear)
3. 10 Containers, 2 Packages
4. Digri
5. Fine 3/10ths. cloud base 7,500 tops 10,000 feet, 3/4hr. from target. Good visibility over DZ. (Slight haze).
6. 1735 Digri
7. 0910 Digri

S.D.A. Dongiyen.

S.D.B. Aircraft reached target at 0037 hrs. Signal flashing 'A'. 'C' Type. Made Dropping runs:-

|         |         |          |
|---------|---------|----------|
| Time    | 0043    | 0047     |
| Height  | 450     | 450      |
| Speed   | 125/130 | 125/130  |
| Heading | 135     | 135      |
| Load    | 10Cnts. | 2 Pakts. |

All Chutes opened, dropping along line of lights. A/C S/c base 0102 hrs.

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 Intelligence Officer,  
 No. 358 Squadron, RAF.

Appendix No. 32E to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 35 – Unsuccessful

To: H.Qs., Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs., Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 -ditto- (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs., 185 Wing, R.A.F.

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 60, Dated 31st January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 19 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "O"
2. F/Sgt. R.M. Bullen (Capt) Sgt. R. Woodcock (2nd Pilot)  
 F/Sgt. C.L. Smith (Nav) Sgt. R.H. Weldrake (B/A)  
 F/Sgt. A.W. Thomas (1. Wop) Sgt. D.P. Tunnel (2. Wop)  
 Sgt. J.H. Clarke (M.U.G.) Sgt. A. Boyd (Rear G.)
3. 10 Containers, 1 package
4. Digri
5. Good until 30 miles from target, when valley mist covered the ground. 10 minutes from first target area  
 10/10ths tops 7/8000 base below 800 ft. Flew up river to Hanoi area, weather similar.
6. 1750 Digri
7. 0958 Digri  
 S.D.A. Vinhyen.  
 S.D.B. Nil.

(W.F. Beale) F/Lt.  
 Intelligence Officer,  
 No. 358 Squadron, RAF.



Appendix No. 32F to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar No. 32 – Unsuccessful

To: H.Qs., Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs., Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 -ditto- (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs., 185 Wing, R.A.F.

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 61, Dated 31st January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 19 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "H"
2.
 

|                      |          |                    |             |
|----------------------|----------|--------------------|-------------|
| W/O. E.P. Adams      | (Capt)   | F/Sgt. A.J. Pearce | (2nd Pilot) |
| F/Sgt. S. Simpson    | (Nav)    | Sgt. R.G. Stanton  | (B/A)       |
| F/Sgt. J.J. Costello | (1. Wop) | F/Sgt. R. McMaste  | (2. Wop)    |
| Sgt. M.J. McGarry    | (M.U.G.) | Sgt. D.W. Matthews | (Rear G.)   |
3. 11 Containers, 1 Package
4. Digri
5. Fair on route. Scattered cloud 11,00<sup>18</sup> ft. deteriorated to DZ. area. DZ's were covered by 10/10ths cloud. A/C went out to sea but ran into more cloud tops 12,000 ft.
6. 1945 Digri
7. 0925 Digri
 

S.D.A. Vinhyen.  
S.D.B. Nil.

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<sup>18</sup> 11,00 is what is in the record; the Form 541 for this month may give the correct figure.

Appendix No. 32G to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 3 – Successful

To: H.Qs., Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs., Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 -ditto- (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs., 185 Wing, R.A.F.

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 62, Dated 31st January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 19 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "Z"
2. F/O. K.W. Jones (Capt) F/Sgt. J.A. Jukes (2nd Pilot)  
 Sgt. E.H. Ely<sup>19</sup> (Nav) P/O. S.C. Hull (B/Aim)  
 P/O. J. Wheatley (1. Wop) Sgt. R.A. Spencer (2. Wop)  
 Sgt. D.C. Hurley (M.U.G.) F/Sgt. R.J. Brogan (Rear)
3. 11 Containers, 1 package
4. Digri
5. Good throughout, fine and clear.
6. 1745 Digri
7. 0830 Digri

S.D.A. Donghen.

S.D.B. 'C' Type reception. 3 lights (possible lines) flashing torches, one of began L reception, another in clearing 1 ½ miles.

Dropping run made:-

|         |                         |
|---------|-------------------------|
| Time    | 0029                    |
| Height  | 540                     |
| Speed   | 130                     |
| Heading | 135                     |
| Load    | 11Containers 1 Package. |

All chutes seen to open.

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 No. 358 Squadron, RAF.

<sup>19</sup> There appears to be a major error in the crew listing on this report. Jones and Jukes are in Jones's crew; the balance of the crew members listed are shown as being in Wood's crew on the Operation Order No. 10, and in Sortie Report No. 59.

Appendix No. 32H to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 7 – Successful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F.

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 63, Dated 31st January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 19 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "A"
2. W/O. J.H. Jones (Capt) F/Lt. S.W. Bridges (2nd Pilot)  
 F/S. H.C. Murphy (Nav) F/O. P.M. Williams (B/Aim)  
 Sgt. W.J. Donnelly (1. Wop) Sgt. G. Fletcher (2. Wop)  
 Sgt. A.P. Lock (M.U.G.) Sgt. A.J. Mansfield (Rear G.)
3. 11 Containers.
4. Digri
5. Weather fair whole route.
6. 1730 Digri
7. 0810 Digri

S.D.A. Dong Hen.

S.D.B. Small and large fires 2 torches 'A' flashing. Made Dropping run:-

|         |              |
|---------|--------------|
| Time    | 0020         |
| Height  | 500          |
| Speed   | 130          |
| Heading | 090          |
| Load    | 1Containers. |

All chutes seen to open dropping towards large fire.

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 No. 358 Squadron, RAF.

Appendix No. 32I to 358 Sdn F540 for January 1945

Bazar 11 – Successful

To: H.Qs Air Command, S.E.A. (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention S.D. Ops).  
 H.Qs Strategic Air Force (Attention Relative Sponsor)  
 H.Qs No. 185 Wing, R.A.F.

From:- No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

Ref.:- 358S/TS.151/3/AIR.

Sortie Report No. 64, Dated 31st January 1945.

OPREP Serial No. 19 Refers

1. Lib. Mk. VI. "L"
2. F/O. L.P. Cloutier (Capt) F/Sgt. R.G. Pryor (2nd Pilot)  
 F/O. B.C. Luther (Nav) F/Sgt. G.E. Foster (2 Nav)  
 P/O. J.D. Boston (B/Aim) F/Sgt. M.R. Vagg (1. Wop)  
 F/S. E.F. Warmer (2. Wop) Sgt. J.P. Power (M.U.G.)  
 Sgt. G.W. Mount (Rear G.)
3. 11 Containers 1 Package.
4. Digri
5. Hazy on route. DZ clear. 3rd covered late cloud return 2nd and 3rd DZ's.
6. 1730 Digri
7. 0900 Digri

S.D.A.<sup>20</sup>

S.D.B. Reception 'A' flashing 3 fires, 2 torches. Arrived over target 0053 hrs.  
 Dropping runs:-

|         |           |        |
|---------|-----------|--------|
| Time    | 0055      | 0057   |
| Height  | 500       | 400    |
| Speed   | 130       | 128    |
| Heading | 128       | 125    |
| Load    | 11 Conts. | 1 Pkt. |

Did not see chutes open, turret frosted.

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 Intelligence Officer,  
 No. 358 Squadron, RAF.

<sup>20</sup> Location not given in record.