

# **358 Squadron RAF**

**March 1945**

## **Operation Orders and Sortie Reports**

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Spelling is not always consistent in the records. One example is that "Bazaar", the code name for a number of operations, is at times spelt "Bazar".

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Robert Quirk

Winnipeg, Canada

November, 2012.

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.22

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

A/c 'A'.167.	A/c. 'G'.282.	A/c 'X'.312.
Capt. W/C. P.G.D. Farr	Capt. F/L. S.W. Bridges	Capt. F/O. K.W. Jones.
2nd.P. F/S. P.K. Banks	2nd.P. F/S. G.E. Smith	2nd.P. F/S. K. Jukes. 1
Nav. F/L. P.L. Ryan	Nav. F/O. B.C. Luther	Nav. Sgt. H. Dunn.
B/A. W/O. R.J. Jackman	B/A. P/O. W. Mesher	B/A. P/O. L.J. Talbot.
1.WOP. F/O. S.J. Brace	1.WOP. W/O. K.G. McLaughlan	1.WOP. F/S. H.G. Dawson.
2.WOP. Sgt. G. Thirkettle	2.WOP. F/S. C.A. Jukes	2.WOP. W/O. E.A. Richards.
M.U.G. F/S.. J. Stanley	M.U.G. W/O. W.C. McCaffrey	M.U.G. W/O. E.W. Rozee.
Rear. F/Lt. P.J. Kydd	Rear. P/O. J.C. Goodisson	Rear.
	F/Eng. Sgt. K.R. Banks	
A/c 'U'.925.	A/c. 'R'.287.	A/c. 'W'.394.
Capt. F/S. W.R. Mills	Capt. W/O. R.M. Bullen	Capt. F/O. J.C. Murray
2nd.P. Sgt. L.C. Loveless	2nd.P. Sgt. R. Woodcock	2nd.P. F/S. J. Larcombe
Nav. W/O. S.E. Hencher	Nav. W/O. C.L. Smith	Nav. F/O. E.P. Field
B/A. P/O. T.D. Taylor	B/A. Sgt. R. Weldrake	B/A. P/O. T. Kay
1.WOP. Sgt. G.C. Rowe	1.WOP. F/S. E.A. Thomas	1.WOP. F/S. J. Bateman
2.WOP. Sgt. G.C. Young	2.WOP. Sgt. D. Tunnel	2.WOP. F/S. A. Ashby
M.U.G. Sgt. D.S. Potter	M.U.G. Sgt. J.H. Clarke	M.U.G. Sgt. J.F. Peters
Rear. Sgt. J.F. Hawkins	Rear. Sgt. A. Boyd	Rear. Sgt. C. Collins
		F/Eng. Sgt. A.H. Cosh
4. Load: 'X' – 7 containers, 6 packages.  
'A', 'G', 'U', 'R', 'W' – 11 containers 6 packages.
5. Pyrotechnics:- Verey Lights, Green 3. Red 6, Colours of Day 3.
6. Ammunition: 1200 rounds Rear. 800 rounds Mid Upper.
7. Fuel: 'X'. 2600 galls. ) Petrol Oil. – 27 gals per engine.  
Remainder 1800 galls.)
8. Briefing: 1045 hours.
9. Transport: As detailed.
10. Take-Off: 'X'. 1300 hrs. 'A'. 1830 hrs. 'G'. 1850 hours.  
'U'. 1900 hrs. 'R'. 1930 hrs. 'W'. 1950 hrs.
11. Rations: Captains of A/C to arrange collection of rations from 358 Squadron Sergeants' Mess.
12. Logs: Engineers Logs to be handed to Eng. Officer at interrogation.

Date: 1st March 1945.

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<sup>1</sup> Not given in record.

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



Dropping Run:           1st.   2nd.   3rd.   4th.

Time:                    0031

Height: (Pressure alt. 7/6000'  
          (Radio alt.

Speed:                  155

Heading:                330

Load: (Personnel)  
      (Leaflets)  
      (Container)    nil  
      (Packages)

Position on ground

Chutes open

Pilot's Report on DZ.:   Area risky for Lib crew in good weather. W was flashed too close to reception fires.

Pilot's Remarks         I did not feel fit enough to make a second run from 8000'.

Nickels

Intelligence

Part III

Enemy Defence:

A/C Sightings:

Combats:                                Nil

Sightings beacons flares, etc.

Reasons if A/C not reported in or landed away from base:

I.O's Name

Signature

T.O.O.







Dropping Run:           1st.   2nd.   3rd.   4th.

Time:                    2303

Height: (Pressure alt.   3400  
          (Radio alt.

Speed:                  135

Heading:                030

Load: (Personnel)  
      (Leaflets)  
      (Container)       11  
      (Packages)        5

Position on ground

Chutes open            All opened and drifted toward fires.

Pilot's Report on DZ:: Risky for Libs owing to close proximity of hills.

Pilot's Remarks

Nickels

Intelligence

Part III

Enemy Defence:

A/C Sightings:

Combats:

Sightings beacons flares, etc.   Ground firing near Toungoo airfield.

Reasons if A/C not reported in or landed away from base:

I.O's Name

Signature

T.O.O.

Top Secret.

S.D. Operations

Part I

Date: 1/2 Mar. Oprep No. 33  
 Squadron: 358 S.R. No. 134<sup>2</sup>  
 Code Name: Character Hyena  
 Result: 'S'  
 (Reason for Non-Delivery):

Target: (a) Primary: Arena 80 (1820N – 9702E)  
 (b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 93 N

A/c Type &amp; Number: Lib. Mk. VI. 'U' 242

Captain: W/O Bullen Nav. W/O Smith  
 B/A. Sgt Weldrake Despatcher:

	Personnel	Containers.	Packages.	Wt. of Stores.
Load Carried:		7	5	
Load Dropped:		7	5	
Jettisoned:				
(Position)				
Hang-ups:				
If so, what station				
Briefed Reception (lights etc.)	'T' of five lights Letter 'W'			

## Part II

Flying Times	Out	ALG	Return	Total Time
T/O	1923	Digri	0935	
T/D	1030	“ “	0575 <sup>3</sup>	
Time	1704			

Route: (To include pin-points and diversions from DZ)  
 Base – 2048N – 9220E – 1853N – 9720E – Tgt. – Diversion (099° for 22 miles & 344° for 44 miles)

S/C Base: 2348 Hrs.

Met: (1) On route: Good – Slight haze.  
 (2) At. DZ. Slight haze. Vis 4/6 mls.

Times at DZ: Primary: From 2302 to 2348 Hrs.  
 Secondary: From

How did you recognise the DZ? (Visual features). Paddy on bank of Slnuri?? and twin? high hills.

Type of Reception (lights etc.) 'T' fires 'W' flashed too close to centre fire

<sup>2</sup> This is the first of two reports marked "134".

<sup>3</sup> Record gives time 0575, obviously incorrect.

Dropping Run:           1st.   2nd.   3rd.   4th.

Time:                    2338

Height: (Pressure alt.   3800  
          (Radio alt.

Speed:                  135

Heading:                000?

Load: (Personnel)  
      (Leaflets)  
      (Container)        7  
      (Packages)        5

Position on ground     Not Seen

Chutes open            Yes

Pilot's Report on DZ.:   Dangerous in bad weather for Liberators – full moon necessary.

Pilot's Remarks

Nickels

Intelligence

Part III

Enemy Defence:

A/C Sightings:

Combats:

Sightings beacons flares, etc.

Reasons if A/C not reported in or landed away from base:

I.O's Name

Signature

T.O.O.

Top Secret.

S.D. Operations

Part I

Date: Oprep No. 33  
S.R. No. 134  
Squadron: Code Name: Caringham??  
Result: U  
(Reason for Non-Delivery): No reception

Target: (a) Primary: Arena 'O' (0443N – 10152E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 93 N

A/c Type &amp; Number: Lib. Mk. VI. 'X' 312

Captain: F/O Jones Nav. F/O Fielding  
B/A. Sgt Dunn Despatcher:

	Personnel	Containers.	Packages.	Wt. of Stores.
Load Carried:		7	6	
Load Dropped:				
Jettisoned:		7		
(Position)				
Hang-ups:				
If so, what station				
Briefed Reception (lights etc.) 'T' type letter D O or A				

Part II

Flying Times	Out	ALG	Return	Total Time
T/O	1010			
T/D	2039?			
Time				

Route: (To include pin-points and diversions from DZ)  
Base – 0457N 9415E – 0745N 9818E – 042?0N 9445E – DZ – Base.

S/C Base: 2357? Hrs.

Met: (1) On route: Good to Pagoda Point were Cu started? to build up.  
(2) At. DZ. St Cu in valleys & peaks showing through

Times at DZ: Primary: From 2313 to 2357 Hrs.  
Secondary: From

How did you recognise the DZ? (Visual features). Railway track up valley. Jellaicy?? Recognized by O.S.S. representative ( Capt. ??????)

Type of Reception (lights etc.) Nil

Dropping Run:            1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.

Time:

Height: (Pressure alt.  
          (Radio alt.

Speed:

Heading:

Load: (Personnel)  
      (Leaflets)  
      (Containers)  
      (Packages)

Position on ground

Chutes open

Pilot's Report on DZ:: Patch of cloud over primary, clear one secondary? ??? further south. Had fires been there, would have ??? seen through clouds.

Pilot's Remarks        DZ fair for Libs if weather clear.

Nickels

Intelligence

Part III

Enemy Defence:

A/C Sightings:

Combats:

Sightings beacons flares, etc.

Reasons if A/C not reported in or landed away from base:

I.O's Name

Signature

T.O.O.

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.23

1. Duty Officer:- F/Lt. Bridges

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. W/O. Jackman  
1.WOP. F/O. S.J. Brace  
2.WOP. Sgt. J. Thirkettle  
M.U.G. F/S.. J. Stanley  
Rear. F/Lt. P.J. Kydd  
F/Eng. F/S. K.K. Wells

A/c. 'K'.392.

Capt. S/Ldr. 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.H. Buchanan.  
2.WOP. F/S. F.W. Noble  
M.U.G. W/O. J.W. Fayle.  
Rear. W/O. E.A? Seymour  
F/Eng. Sgt. R.C. Fenbow

A/c 'G'.282.

Capt. W/O. J.H. Jones.  
2nd.P. F/S. G.R. Yeates  
Nav. F/S. H.C. Murphy.  
B/A. F/L. P.N. 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 'U'.925.

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

A/c. 'Z'.397.

Capt. F/O. H.V. Smith.  
2nd.P. F/S. Poole  
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. F.S. Parsons

4. Load: 7 containers, 6 packages.

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

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

7. Fuel: A/c 'A' & 'K'. 2000 galls. ) Oil. – 27 gals per engine.  
A/c 'G' 2600 galls. )

8. Briefing: 1400 hours.

9. Transport: As detailed.

10. Take-Off: As briefed.

11. Rations: Captains of A/C to arrange collection of rations from 358 Squadron Sergeants' Mess.

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

Date: 2nd<sup>4</sup> March 1945.

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

<sup>4</sup> Date cut off on microfilm copy of record.

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S.D. Operations

Part I

Date: 2/3 Mar.

Oprep No. 34

S.R. No. 135

Squadron: 358

Code Name: Heavy Wolf 6

Result: 'S'uccessful

(Reason for Non-Delivery):

Target: (a) Primary: 146 (2205N – 9924E)

(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 93 N

A/c Type &amp; Number: Lib. Mk. VI. 'K' 392

Captain: S/L Sharpe

Nav. W/O Kirby

B/A. W/O Cross

Despatcher:

	Personnel	Containers.	Packages.	Wt. of Stores.
Load Carried:		11		4000
Load Dropped:		11		
Jettisoned:				
(Position)				
Hang-ups:				
If so, what station				
Briefed Reception (lights etc.) 'T' fires Letter 'K'				

## Part II

Flying Times	Out	ALG	Return	Total Time
T/O	2005	DL	0930	
T/D	0955	DH	0540	
Time	1325			

Route: (To include pin-points and diversions from DZ)

Base – 2245N – 9443E – 2230N – 9568E – T/A – Base.

S/C Base: Hrs.

Met: (1) On route: Clear on way – return layer of St. Cu.

(2) At. DZ. Clear Slight haze. Vis. 7-8 miles. Wind 275/20.

Times at DZ: Primary: From 0010 to 0030 Hrs.

Secondary: From

How did you recognise the DZ? (Visual features). S Plagnus?? by hill opened? ??? ridge

Type of Reception (lights etc.) 'T' of fires K by Aldis.

Dropping Run:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.
Time:	0030			
Height: (Pressure alt. (Radio alt.	9000			
Speed:	135			
Heading:	310			
Load: (Personnel) (Leaflets) (Containers) (Packages)	11			
Position on ground	Not seen			
Chutes open	Yes			
Pilot's Report on DZ::	Tricky D.Z. many Thermo currents made air rough. Never approach N – S.			
Pilot's Remarks				
Nickels				

Intelligence

Part III

Enemy Defence:

A/C Sightings:

Combats:

Sightings beacons flares, etc.

Reasons if A/C not reported in or landed away from base:

I.O's Name

Signature

T.O.O.

Top Secret.  
S.D. Operations                      Part I

Date: 2/3 Mar.                      Oprep No. 34  
Squadron: 358                      S.R. No. 136  
Code Name: Taffel ??  
Result: 'S'  
(Reason for Non-Delivery):

Target: (a) Primary: 233 (1213N – 10001E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 95 P

A/c Type & Number:    Lib. Mk. VI. '??' 215

Captain: W/O Jones                      Nav.    F/S Murphy  
B/A.      F/L Williams                      Despatcher:

	Personnel	Containers.	Packages.	Wt. of Stores.
Load Carried:		9	6	4000 lbs
Load Dropped:		9	6	
Jettisoned:				
(Position)				
Hang-ups:				
If so, what station				
Briefed Reception (lights etc.)	1 fire 4 torches shape L Letter Q			

Part II

Flying Times	Out	ALG	Return	Total Time
T/O	1825	Digri	1030	
T/D	1115		0855	
Time	1650			

Route: (To include pin-points and diversions from DZ)  
Base – 1545N – 94°12E – 1253N – 9824E – 1222N – 9908E – D.Z. – diversion S for 15 miles – Base.

S/C Base: 0108? Hrs.

Met: (1) On route: Good.  
(2) At. DZ. Good slight haze. Vis. 5-8 miles.

Times at DZ: Primary: From 0047?<sup>5</sup> to 0104? Hrs.  
Secondary: From

How did you recognise the DZ? (Visual features). Small island off coast.

Type of Reception (lights etc.) Reception L type & Q flashed one torch – good.

<sup>5</sup> The "top half" of the numbers on this time and the following time have been "cut off" on the record, so times shown may be incorrect.

Dropping Run:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.
Time:	0104			
Height: (Pressure alt. (Radio alt.	600			
Speed:	135			
Heading:	180			
Load: (Personnel)				
(Leaflets)				
(Containers)	9			
(Packages)	5			
Position on ground	not seen			
Chutes open	all opened			
Pilot's Report on DZ::	Risky DZ for Libs even in good weather.			
Pilot's Remarks				
Nickels				

Intelligence

Part III

Enemy Defence:

A/C Sightings:

Combats:

Sightings beacons flares, etc.

Reasons if A/C not reported in or landed away from base:

I.O's Name

Signature

T.O.O.

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.24

1. Duty Officer:- F/O Wood.

2. Target – as briefed.

3. Aircraft and Crews.

A/c 'A'.167.

Capt. W/C. P.G.D. Farr  
2nd.P. F/O. J.C. Murray  
Nav. F/O. E.P. Field  
B/A. P/O. T. Kay  
1.WOP. F/S. J. Bateman  
2.WOP. F/S. A. Ashby  
M.U.G. Sgt. J.F. Peters  
Rear. Sgt. C. Collins  
F/Eng. Sgt. A.H. Cosh

A/c.'C'.271

Capt. F/O. H.V. Smith.  
2nd.P. F/S. Poole  
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. F.S. Parsons

A/c.'D'<sup>6</sup>

Capt. W/O. H.S. Martel.  
2nd.P. F/O. R.A. Carter.  
Nav. F/S. J.C. Whale.  
B/A. F/O. J.H. 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.  
Des. Sgt. F. Simmonite

A/c 'G'.282.

Capt. F/L. S.W. Bridges  
2nd.P. F/S. G. E. Smith  
Nav. F/O. B.C. Luther  
B/A. P/O. W. Meshor  
1.WOP. W/O. K. McLaughlin  
2.WOP. F/S. C.A. Jukes  
M.U.G. W/O. W. McCaffrey  
Rear. P/O. J. Goodisson  
F/Eng. Sgt. K.R. Banks

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. F/O. A.N. Woods.  
1.WOP. W/O. S.J. Webb.  
2.WOP. Sgt. G.S. Pollock.  
M.U.G. Sgt. W.J. Barber.  
Rear. W/O. G.E.T. White.  
F/Eng. Sgt. T. Ainsworth

A/c.'T'.350

Capt. F/O. R.W. Robinson.  
2nd.P. F/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. R. Burling

A/c.'X'.312

Capt. P/O. C.H. Hedley.  
2nd.P. F/S. L. Nicholson  
Nav. W/O. J.H. Perkins.  
B/A. F/O. Mees?  
1.WOP. P/O. J.E. Tubb.  
2.WOP. W/O. R.C. Chalmers.  
M.U.G. W/O. H.S. Pepper.  
Rear.<sup>7</sup>  
F/Eng. F/Sgt. W.H. Blee.

A/c.'W'.394

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

A/c. 'Z'.397.

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

4. Load: 'C', 'K', 'X', 'W' – ?? containers, 6 packages.  
'A', 'D', 'G', 'Z', 'T' – 11 containers 6 packages

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

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

7. Fuel: 'C', 'K', 'X', 'W' – 2900 galls. ) Oil. – 27 galls per engine.  
'A', 'D', 'G', 'Z', 'T' – 2600 galls. )

8. Briefing: 1100 hours.

<sup>6</sup> No serial number given in record.

<sup>7</sup> No name listed in record for Rear Gunner.

9. Transport: As detailed.
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 after completion of flight as possible.

Date: 3rd March 1945.

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

Top Secret.  
S.D. Operations                      Part I

Date: 3/4 Mar.                      Oprep No. 35  
Squadron: 358                      S.R. No. 137  
Code Name: Candle Chiffon 2  
Result: 'S'  
(Reason for Non-Delivery):

Target: (a) Primary: 526 (1705N – 10400E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 526

A/c Type & Number:    Lib. Mk. VI. 'Z' 397

Captain: F/S Mills                      Nav.    W/O Hencher  
B/A.    F/O Taylor                      Despatcher:

	Personnel	Containers.	Packages.	Wt. of Stores.
Load Carried:		11	5	
Load Dropped:		11	5	
Jettisoned:				
(Position)				
Hang-ups:				
If so, what station				
Briefed Reception (lights etc.)	Fire in each corner of field Letter Q			

Part II

Flying Times	Out	ALG	Return	Total Time
T/O	1845			
T/D	0835			
Time	1350			

Route: (To include pin-points and diversions from DZ)

Base – 2044N – 9221E – 1853N – 9702E – 1750N – 10129E – 1714N – 10403E – 1702N – 10443E – Tgt – Base  
Same Route.

S/C Base: 0121 Hrs.

Met: (1) On route: Good little low cloud over bay on Return.  
(2) At. DZ. Clear. Vis. 7 ml. Wind 205°/30. 11/6000'

Times at DZ: Primary: From 0101 to 021<sup>8</sup> Hrs.  
Secondary: From

How did you recognise the DZ? (Visual features). Found T at foot of 1000' hill.

Type of Reception (lights etc.) 4 fires ??among?? haze each corner of field. Letter Q flashed by Aladis.

<sup>8</sup> Report states 021, but 0121 is more probable time.

Dropping Run:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.
Time:	0113			
Height: (Pressure alt. (Radio alt.	1300			
Speed:	135			
Heading:	140			
Load: (Personnel)				
(Leaflets)				
(Containers)	11			
(Packages)	5			
Position on ground	Yes			
Chutes open	1 drifted toward?? Target Area.			
Pilot's Report on DZ::	Very good DZ			
Pilot's Remarks	Dropped 12 packs nickels N.E. of DZ. wind to 250 15/20 per 7000'			
Nickels	12 Packs DWA Makeny? 11000'			

Intelligence

Part III

Enemy Defence:

A/C Sightings:

Combats:

Sightings beacons flares, etc.

Reasons if A/C not reported in or landed away from base:

I.O's Name

Signature

T.O.O.

Top Secret.

S.D. Operations

Part I

Date: 3/4 Mar.

Oprep No. 35

S.R. No. 138

Squadron: 358

Code Name: Bazaar 107

Result: 'U'

(Reason for Non-Delivery): Weather

Target: (a) Primary: Orme 282 (2112N – 10522E)

(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 37 W

A/c Type &amp; Number: Lib. Mk. VI. 'A' 167

Captain: W/C Farr

Nav. F/O Field

B/A. P/O Kay

Despatcher:

	Personnel	Containers.	Packages.	Wt. of Stores.
Load Carried:				
Load Dropped:				
Jettisoned:				
(Position)				
Hang-ups:				
If so, what station				
Briefed Reception (lights etc.) 'C' type letter 'G'				

Part II

Flying Times	Out	ALG	Return	Total Time
T/O	2000			
T/D	0830			
Time	1230			

Route: (To include pin-points and diversions from DZ)

Base – 2300N – 9422E – 2203N – 9845E – 2102N – 10512E – Target – 2120N – 9840E – Base.

S/C Base: 0112 Hrs.

Met: (1) On route: Fine until 18 mins before Target – ground Fog.

(2) At. DZ. Obscured by Low Stratus 10/10.

Times at DZ: Primary: From 0103 to 0110 Hrs.

Secondary: From

How did you recognise the DZ? (Visual features). Observed 'G' 10/10 Cloud

Type of Reception (lights etc.)

Dropping Run:           1st.   2nd.   3rd.   4th.

Time:

Height: (Pressure alt.  
          (Radio alt.

Speed:

Heading:

Load: (Personnel)  
      (Leaflets)  
      (Containers)  
      (Packages)

Position on ground

Chutes open

Pilot's Report on DZ:: Perhaps the DZ could be seen earlier in Evening. Dusk? before cloud arriving over the Area.

Pilot's Remarks       Dropped 12 packs nickels N.E. of DZ. wind to 250 15/20 per 7000'

Intelligence

Part III

Enemy Defence:

A/C Sightings:

Combats:

Sightings beacons flares, etc.

Reasons if A/C not reported in or landed away from base:

I.O's Name

Signature

T.O.O.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.

Date: 3/4 Mar.

Sponsor:

Sortie Report No. 139  
Oprep No. 35 refersResult: Unsuccessful  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery) Weather

Code Name: Bazaar 111

Target: (a) Primary: Orme 262 (2112N – 10522E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A.: 37W

Aircraft: Lib. Mk. VI. 'N'

Crew: F/L Bridges P/O Mesher F/O Luther

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	7	
Dropped:				
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'C' Letter 'G' Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 2012 hrs. landed 0931 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 1243

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2300N – 9422E – 2203N – 9845E – 2100N 9844E – 1915N 10543E – 1918N 9846E – 1950N 9506E  
– 2117N 9204E – Base.Met: (i) On route: Fog below & haze.  
(iia) At. DZ:  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: ° / M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From hrs. to hrs.  
Secondary: From

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features:

Reception details:

Dropping Runs:            1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:

Height: ASL.

Speed:

Course:

Load:

(Bodies)  
(Containers)  
(Packages)

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base:    hrs.

Pilot's Reports: (a) at DZ:

(b) General Owing to bad visibility error made in pin pointing and course laid away from target.

Nickels 0246 1850N 10450E – 10,000 ft.

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 12	nil		
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No.    Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.

Date: 3/4 Mar.

Sponsor:

Sortie Report No. 140  
Oprep No. 35 refersResult: Unsuccessful  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery) High fuel  
consumption

Code Name: Bazaar 108

Target: (a) Primary: Orme 282 (2112N – 10522E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A.: 37W

Aircraft: Lib. MkVI. 'D'

Crew: W/O Martel, Captain F/S Whale, Navigator F/O McStea, B/A

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	
Dropped:				
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'C' Letter 'G' Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 2000 hrs. landed 1020 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 1420  
ANG Kanchrapara landed 1050 hrs. airborne 1150 hrs.  
ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2203N – 9845E – 2120N – 10512E – 2302N 9038E – 2804N – 9408E - time of D.R. – 2111N – 10037E

Met: (i) On route: Very hazy, ground fog.  
(iia) At. DZ: Pinpoint Difficulty.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: ° / M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From hrs. to hrs.  
Secondary: From

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features:

Reception details:

Dropping Runs:            1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:

Height: ASL.

Speed:

Course:

Load:

(Bodies)  
(Containers)  
(Packages)

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base: 0011 hrs.

Pilot's Reports: (a) at DZ: Off? Route fix DZ, then not enough Petrol to reach DZ so returned – Set course base 0930 hrs @ 96°88 all Astro fixes.

(b) General Returned steering Menltrack?? courses all the way.

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 12	nil		
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.

Rebecca:  
S/Phone:

A/C Not Returned to Base:

(signed) S/L  
for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.

Date: 3/4 Mar.

Sponsor:

Sortie Report No. 141  
Oprep No. 35 refers

Result: 'S'  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery)

Code Name: Bazaar 85

Target: (a) Primary: Tango 836 (1125N – 10628E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A.: 210E

Aircraft: Lib. MkVI. 'W' 394

Crew: Captain: F/L Monks. – Nav. W/O Phillips – B/A. P/O McDonald

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		7	6	
Dropped:		7	6	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'C' Letter 'A?' Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1730 hrs. landed 1030 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 1700  
ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.  
ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2044N – 9221E – 1917N – 9513E – 1541N 100.30E – 1314N – 10341E – 1200N – 10524E – Tgt.  
Diversion 015° 15 mins (Rlyls?) Base Ret.

Met: (i) On route: Good. – slight haze.  
(iia) At. DZ: S of D.Z. Slight Cu.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 270° / 15 M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 0129 ½ hrs. to 0130 hrs.  
Secondary: From

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: 8000' hill 3 miles op?. Hill W of road on East Side.

Reception details: 'C' type – torches 'R' flash & Car headlamps.

Dropping Runs:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
Time:	0125	0130					
Height: ASL.	1000	1500					
Speed:	145	145					
Course:	250	240					
Load:							
	(Bodies)						
	(Containers)	7					
	(Packages)	4	2				

Where Landed: Some seen on ground near lights.

Chutes Open: Yes

Set Course For Base: 0323?? hrs.

Pilot's Reports: (a) at DZ: Unmapped Hills N.W. of target

(b) General

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 14	14	10259E	1335 <sup>9</sup>
	2.			
	3.			

Rebecca:	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
S/Phone:			

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No.        Squadron, R.A.F.

<sup>9</sup> Based on flight times in the report, this time appears incorrect.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.

Date: 3/4 Mar.

Sponsor:

Sortie Report No. 142

Result: 'U

(inc. Reason for non-delivery) No Reception Seen.

Code Name: Bazar 70  
Oprep No. 35 refers

Target: (a) Primary: Tango 836 (1125N – 10628E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 210E

Aircraft: Lib. MkVI. 'C' 271

Crew: Captain: F/O. Smith    Nav. F/S. Brenchley    B/A. Sgt. Draper

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		7	6	
Dropped:				
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'C' Letter 'A' Eureka    Coded    .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1715 hrs. landed    hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 1705  
ANG landed    hrs. airborne 1020 hrs.  
ANG landed    hrs. airborne    hrs.

Route: Base – 2044N – 9221E – 1917N – 9513E – 1541N 10003E – 1314N – 10341E – 1200N – 10529E – Tgt – Base.

Met: (i) On route: Fair  
(iia) At. DZ: 2000' strato cu 4-5/10 Vis 2 mls.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 347° / 22 M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 0045 hrs. to 0130 hrs.  
Secondary: From

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Identified area by nearby town – no lights on in Area in spite of intensive search at 3000'.

Reception details: Lights CAM – KE.

Dropping Runs:            1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:

Height: ASL.

Speed:

Course:

Load:

(Bodies)  
(Containers)  
(Packages)

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base:        hrs.

Pilot's Reports: (a) at DZ:

(b) General

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 12	12	1024N 10527E	
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.        Range first picked up.    Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No.        Squadron, R.A.F.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.

Date: 3/4 Mar.

Sponsor:

Sortie Report No. 143

Result: 'S'  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery)Code Name: Bazar 77  
Oprep No. 35 refersTarget: (a) Primary: Tango 836 (1125N – 10628E)  
(b) Secondary:

C.I.A. 210E

Aircraft: Lib. MkVI. 'K' 392

Crew: Captain: F/O. Davidson Nav. P/O. Padham B/A. F/O. Wood

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		7	6	
Dropped:		7	6	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'C' Letter 'R' Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1715 hrs. landed 1145 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 1830

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2044N – 9221E – 1917N – 9513E – 1541N 10003E – 1314N – 10341E – 1200N – 10529E – Target  
Diversion S.W. 10 min.Met: (i) On route: Vis Poor  
(iia) At. DZ: 7/10 cloud – this in places extended 7 mls. N of DZ. well covered Regional tops 700' very hazy – low cloud.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 055° / 14 M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 0120 hrs. to 0223 hrs.  
Secondary: From

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Reception Waiting

Reception details: 'C' type fires – torch flashing 'R'

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    0220

Height: ASL.            850

Speed:                   155

Course:                  190°

Load:

(Bodies)	
(Containers)	7
(Packages)	6

Where Landed:        Not seen

Chutes Open:         All opened except 1 package which candled.

Set Course For Base:  0230 hrs.

Pilot's Reports: (a) at DZ: Arrived over D.Z. found many derorgnend?? (some reflecting in water) with chute & containers on ground and none ???<sup>10</sup> had possibly been attacked A/C returned to last P.P. & after 6 flying checked courses and found Reception waiting a few miles N. Above deserted lighted Area.

(b) General

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 12	12	As briefed	2111
	2.			
	3.			

	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
Rebecca:			
S/Phone:			

Rebecca:  
S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

U/I A/C with lights passed A/C 'K' while near first Tgt. Area at 2000'.

6 miles from DZ on course 200 barrack like with roof lights & flashing lights.

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No.        Squadron, R.A.F.

<sup>10</sup> This page has part of the left side "cut off", probably by incorrect positioning of the carbon paper when the original was written. It is obvious words are missing from this and other paragraphs.

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.25

1. Duty Officer:- F/Lt. R.W? Robinson

2. Target – as briefed.

3. Aircraft and Crews.

A/C. 'N'.365

Capt. S/Ldr. 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.H. Buchanan.  
2.WOP. F/S. F.W. Noble  
M.U.G. W/O. J.W. Fayle.  
Rear. W/O. E.A. Seymour  
F/Eng. Sgt. R.C. Fenbow

A/C. 'T'.350.

Capt. F/O. K.W. Jones.  
2nd.P. F/S. K. 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. E.W. Rozee.

A/C 'A'.167.

Capt. W/O. J.H. Jones.  
2nd.P. F/S. G.R. Yeates  
Nav. F/S. H.C. Murphy.  
B/A. F/L. P.N. 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 'U'.242<sup>11</sup>.

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

A/C. 'R'.287.

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

4. Load: As briefed

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

6. Ammunition: 1200 rounds per Rear. 800 rounds Mid Upper.

7. Fuel: 2200 galls.  
Oil. – 27 Galls per engine.

8. Briefing: 14.00 hrs. 4.3.45

9. Transport: As detailed.

10. Take-Off: 'N' 21.40. 'T' 22.00. 'A' 22.20. 'U' 22.15. 'R' 2235. hrs.

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 as soon after completion of Flight as possible.

3/3/45

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

<sup>11</sup> Record says 'U' 242, but is this correct?

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.

Date: 4/5 Mar.

Sponsor:

Sortie Report No. 144

Result: Successful.  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery)Oprep No. 36 refers  
Code Name: Hyena 14Target: (a) Primary: 64 (1825N 9704E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94F

Aircraft: Lib. VI. T 350

Crew: F/O. Jones (Pilot)

F/S Dumm (BA)

S/L McConnell (Nav)

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	5	
Dropped:		11	5	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type T Letter W Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 2220 hrs. landed 0650 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 8.30

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2099<sup>12</sup>N – 9221E – 1853N – 9720E – DZ. – Shwegyin – Base.Met: (i) On route: Fair  
(iia) At. DZ: Very hazy. Vis 2-3 miles.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: ° / M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 0206 hrs. to 0230 hrs.  
Secondary: From

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Lights came on as a/c approached.

Reception details: T of fires – letter W.

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<sup>12</sup> Record states 2099, but location was probably 2044.



S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.

Date: 4/5 Mar.

Sponsor:

Sortie Report No. 145

Result: 'S'  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery)

Oprep No. 36 refers  
Code Name: Hyena 14

Target: (a) Primary: 83 (1838N 9703E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94F

Aircraft: Lib. Mk VI. 'A'

Crew: W/O. Jones Captain

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		9	3	3950
Dropped:		9	3	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'T' Letter 'W' Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 2225 hrs. landed 0640 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 0815

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2099<sup>13</sup>N – 9221E – 1853N – 9720E – Tgt. – Base.

Met: (i) On route: Practically no cloud. Heavy ground haze.  
(iia) At. DZ: No cloud thick ground haze Vis 1 ½ - 2 Mi. Deteriorating.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 330° / 15 M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 0152 hrs. to 0234 hrs.  
Secondary: From

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Bend in the river on Salwean..

Reception details: 'T' reception – Leter W flashed once to South of 'T'.

<sup>13</sup> Record states 2099, but location was probably 2044.

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    0231

Height: ASL.            5250

Speed:                    130

Course:                   350

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers)            9

(Packages)                3

Where Landed:        behind straddled 'T' Area NW – SE

Chutes Open:         Yes

Set Course For Base: 0309 hrs.

Pilot's Reports: (a) at DZ: Suitable for Black Opps.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 12	12	1910N 9622E	
	2.			
	3.			

Rebecca:	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
S/Phone:			

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No.        Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.

Date: 4/5 Mar.

Sponsor:

Sortie Report No. 146

Result: Unsuccessful  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery)Oprep No. 36 refers  
Code Name: Hyena 23Target: (a) Primary: 84 (1800N 9711E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94F

Aircraft: Lib. Mk VI. 'U' 242

Crew: W/O. Bullen (Pilot)

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	5	4200 lbs.
Dropped:				
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 45 Letter G Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 2230 hrs. landed 0755 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 9.25

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2099<sup>14</sup>N – 9221E – 1853N – 9720E – DZ. – Base.Met: (i) On route: Good. But hazy.  
(iia) At. DZ: Hazy. 10/10 St/Cu to E of DZ.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 330° / 15 M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 0202 hrs. to 0315 hrs.  
Secondary: From

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Made 2 DR runs onto target but no reception seen in correct place. T seen on other target, 6 mls to N.W. but definitely no lights over correct D.Z. Search 7000'.

Reception details:

<sup>14</sup> Record states 2099, but location was probably 2044.

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:

Height: ASL.

Speed:

Course:

Load:

(Bodies)  
(Containers)  
(Packages)

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base:    hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ:

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 12	12	Ywathit from 10000'	
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.        Range first picked up.    Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No.        Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.

Date: 4/5 Mar.

Sponsor:

Sortie Report No. 148

Result: U

(inc. Reason for non-delivery) Wrong reception .

Oprep No. 36 refers

Code Name: Hyena 23

Target: (a) Primary: 84 (1820N 9711E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94F

Aircraft: Lib. VI. R 287

Crew: W/O. Drummond (Pilot) P/O Winup (B.A). F/S Flynn Nav

Load:	Leaflet	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:	12	11	5	4200 lbs.
Dropped:	12	--	--	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)	1851N 9712E Nannahek			
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type line of 4-5 lights Letter G Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 2242 hrs. landed 0700 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 8.18

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2099<sup>15</sup>N – 9221E – 1853N – 9720E – DZ. – Base.Met: (i) On route: Slight St/Cu in long patches @ 2/3000'  
(iia) At. DZ: No cloud. Thick gr. Haze – Vis up to 2 miles.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: °/ M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 0212 hrs. to 0238 hrs.  
Secondary: From

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: 2 Bends in Salween River.

Reception details: Not correct reception. Crew looking for straight line reception, but only found T type and flashing letter.

<sup>15</sup> Record states 2099, but location was probably 2044.

Dropping Runs:            1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:

Height: ASL.

Speed:

Course:

Load:

- (Bodies)
- (Containers)
- (Packages)

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base: 0239 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Unsuitable for dark drop.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 12	12	Ywathit from 10000'	
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
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Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

????????????????? Toungoo – Kenchyu Rd (1855N 1700E) lead M.T. kept lights on others extinguished.

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No.            Squadron, R.A.F.

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.26 (for 5.3.45)

1. Duty Officer:- F/O Smith, H. V.
2. Target – as briefed.
3. Aircraft and Crews.  
A/C. 'R'.287.  
Capt. P/O. C.H. Hedley.  
2nd.P. F/S. L. Nicholson  
Nav. W/O. J.H. Perkins.  
B/A. F/O. Mees  
1.WOP. P/O. J.E. Tubb.  
2.WOP. W/O. R.C. Chalmers.  
M.U.G. W/O. H.S. Pepper.  
Rear. P/O. E. Hopkins  
F/Eng. F/Sgt. W.H. Blee.
4. Load: 11 containers and 6 packages.
5. Pyrotechnics:- Verey Lights, Green 3. Red 6, Colours of Day 3.
6. Ammunition: 1200 rounds Rear. 800 rounds Mid Upper.
7. Fuel: 2600 galls.  
Oil. – 27 Galls per engine.
8. Briefing: 14.30 hrs. 5.3.45
9. Transport: As detailed.
10. Take-Off: 21.30 hrs.
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 as soon after completion of Flight as possible.

4/3/45

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

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.

Date: 5-6 Mar.

Sponsor:

Sortie Report No. 148<sup>16</sup>

Result: Uncompleted  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery) Weather .

Oprep No. 37 refers  
Code Name: Candle Chiffon 5

Target: (a) Primary: 526 (1705N – 10400E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. NE 48

Aircraft: Lib. Mk VI.

Crew: Captain P/O Hedley – Nav: W/O Perkins – P/O Mees

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11		3240 lbs.
Dropped:				
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type Corner Fires Letter Q Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 2220 hrs. landed 1125 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 1345

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2044N – 9221E – 1853N – 9720E – 1758N 10130E – 1713N – 10403E – Tgt – 1541N 10001E – Algnunda? Reef – Base.

Met: (i) On route: Fair with 4 6/10 low Stratus  
(iia) At. DZ: 5 6/10 stratus 3000' tops down to ground.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: °/ M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 0255 hrs. to 0320 hrs.  
Secondary: From

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features:

Reception details:

<sup>16</sup> This is the second Sortie Report numbered 148 in the record.

Dropping Runs:            1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:

Height: ASL.

Speed:

Course:

Load:

(Bodies)  
(Containers)  
(Packages)

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base: 0322 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Cloud partly obscured D.Z.  
One odd light seen.  
No Reception observed.

(b) General: Containers leaking petrol unsafe flown in sp.

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 12	12	??nel Jakso?	
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.      Range first picked up.      Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.27

9.3.45

1. Duty Officer:- T.B.D.L.
2. Target – as briefed.
3. Aircraft and Crews.
 

A/c.'K'.392		A/c.'A'.167	
Capt.	F/O. M.R. Davison.	Capt.	W/O. H.S. Martel.
2nd.P.	F/S. D.R. Crammond.	2nd.P.	F/O. R.A. Carter.
Nav.	P/O. D.T. Parham.	Nav.	F/S. J.C. Whale.
B/A.	F/O. A.N. Woods.	B/A.	F/O. J.H. McStea.
1.WOP.	W/O. S.J. Webb.	1.WOP.	W/O. D.I. Graham.
2.WOP.	Sgt. G.S. Pollock.	2.WOP.	F/S. D.C. Jolley.
M.U.G.	Sgt. W.J. Barber.	M.U.G.	Sgt. J.C. Attwood.
Rear.	W/O. G.E.T. White.	Rear.	Sgt. W.F. Ayton.
F/Eng.	Sgt. T. Ainsworth	Desp.	Sgt. F. Simmonite
4. Load: A/c. 'K' – 11 containers, 4 packages.  
A/c 'A' – 4 packages
5. Pyrotechnics:- Verey Lights, Green 3. Red 6, Colours of Day 3.
6. Ammunition: 1200 rounds Rear. 800 rounds Mid Upper.
7. Fuel: A/c 'K'. 1800 galls. Petrol ) Oil. – 27 Galls per engine.  
A/c 'A'. 2300 galls. Petrol )
8. Briefing: 1130 hrs.
9. Transport: As detailed.
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 as soon after completion of Flight as possible.

9/3/45

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

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.

Date: 9/10 Mar.

Sponsor:

Sortie Report No. 149

Result: U

(inc. Reason for non-delivery) No reception .

Oprep No. 38 refers

Code Name: Ranchose? ??

Target: (a) Primary: 526 (1705N – 10400E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A.

Aircraft: Lib. VI. 'K' 392

Crew: F/O Davison (Pilot) F/O Woods (RA) F/O Parham (Nav)

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	4	3240 lbs.
Dropped:		No	Drop	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)			Nil.	
Hang-ups: (Station)			Nil.	

Briefed Reception: Type T Letter K Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1550 hrs. landed 2205 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 6.15

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2044N – 9221E – 1925N – 9335E – DZ – 1910N 9336E – 2044N – 9221E – Base. (No diversions made two searches of DZ. area.

Met: (i) On route: No cloud. Vis 20 mls. till dark.  
(iia) At. DZ: Suine? On DZ., then Ins? Valley fog covering hills E of DZ.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: °/ M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1810 hrs. to ???? hrs.  
returned: From 1830 hrs. to 1905 hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Despite continual ?? ?? of area before & after dusk, no definite light, fire or signals were seen. a/c from pin-point on Ramree, made further search of area but no reception of any kind

Reception details: Nil.

Dropping Runs:            1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:

Height: ASL.

Speed:

Course:

Load:

(Bodies)  
(Containers)  
(Packages)

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base: 1905 hrs. Area briefed is 'O.K.' for dropping.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ:

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):  
Nil.

A/C Not Returned to Base: Nil.

for Officer Commanding,  
No.            Squadron, R.A.F.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.

Date: 9/10 Mar.

Sponsor:

Sortie Report No. 150

Result: Unsuccessful

(inc. Reason for non-delivery) No reception .

Oprep No. 38 refers  
Code Name: Breast

Target: (a) Primary:

(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 9AB

Aircraft: Lib. Mk VI. 'A' 167

Crew: Capt: W/O Martel./ B/A: F/O McStea Nav: F/S Whale/ Dis: F/S Jolley

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:			4	552 lbs.
Dropped:				
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'T' Letter OK Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1415 hrs. landed 2244 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 8.29

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2043N – 9224E – 1942½N – 9509E – 1852N – 9720E – DZ – Areu – (used Basic? Diagram from 1855N – 9604E for run to find D.Z. then followed River Valley to Second DZ Area 1942?N 9519E – RSR – Base.

Met: (i) On route: Perfect on way out noticed 3/10 15000.

(iia) At. DZ: 7/10 Cu base 7/8000 ??? seen to East haze developed over ground

(iib) Ground wind at DZ: °/ M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1758 hrs. to hrs.

returned: From hrs. to 1850 hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: No actual light – fires – signals seen on either. Area dropping? Whole of searching time. Nothing W

Rutern? seen by daylight or after dark. Areas were definitely reached.

Reception details:

Dropping Runs:            1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:

Height: ASL.

Speed:

Course:

Load:

(Bodies)  
(Containers)  
(Packages)

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base: 1850 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Area O.K. for Dusk drop but not for Night drop

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
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Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base: Nil.

for Officer Commanding,  
No.            Squadron, R.A.F.

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.27 (10.3.45)

1. Duty Officer:- F/O. Murray
2. Target – as briefed.
3. Aircraft and Crews.  
A/c.'A'.167  
Capt. F/L. S.W. Bridges  
2nd.P. F/S. G. E. Smith  
Nav. F/O. B.C. Luther  
B/A. P/O. W. Mesher  
1.WOP. W/O. K. McLaughlin  
2.WOP. F/S. C.A. Jukes  
M.U.G. W/O. W. McCaffrey  
Rear. P/O. J. Goodisson  
Desp. Sgt. K.R. Banks
4. Load: 11 containers, 6 packages.
5. Pyrotechnics:- Veray Lights, Green 3. Red 6, Colours of Day 3.
6. Ammunition: 1200 rounds Rear. 800 rounds Mid Upper.
7. Fuel: 2000 gallons.
8. Briefing: 1130 hours.
9. Transport: As detailed.
10. Take-Off: 1430 hours
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 as soon as possible after completion of Flight.

10/3/45

(N.W. Pemberton) F/O.  
for Wing Commander, Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.

Date: 10/3/45

Sponsor:

Sortie Report No. 152

Result: 'U'

(inc. Reason for non-delivery) No reception .

Oprep No. 39 refers  
Code Name: Breast

Target: (a) Primary: Briefed Areas  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94B

Aircraft: Lib. Mk VI. 'A' 167

Crew: Captain F/Lt. Bridges : Nav F/O Luther

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:			4	552 lbs.
Dropped:				
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'T' (Fires) Letter (O.K. Flashed) Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1419 hrs. landed hrs. Total hrs. airborne:  
ANG landed hrs. airborne 2259 hrs.  
ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 9220 – 2044/1853N – 9720 1840 9721E Tgt. – Return – Base.

Met: (i) On route: Good.  
(iia) At. DZ: AS - 8-10 10-1600 Vis: 3 mls.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 276° / 15 M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1755 hrs. to 1853 hrs.  
returned: From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Obtained pin point on River? and made DR run on to D.Z. this was definitely Identified but apart from the usual odd fires, nothing Resembling a Reception was seen except for 1 occasion when 4 fires were seen in a line. Investigated but found these to be purely chance. Search at 8000'.

Reception details:

Dropping Runs:            1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:

Height: ASL.

Speed:

Course:

Load:

(Bodies)  
(Containers)  
(Packages)

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base:    hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: In very hilly country suitable for dusk or dawn drops. full moon Operations may be feasible.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base: Nil.

for Officer Commanding,  
No.            Squadron, R.A.F.

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.29

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

<p>A/c.'C'.271</p> <p>Capt. S/L. S.A. Sharpe.</p> <p>2nd.P. F/O. B.J.C. Edwards.</p> <p>Nav. W/O. C.F. Kirby.</p> <p>B/A. W/O. R.H. Cross.</p> <p>1.WOP. W/O. J.H. Buchanan.</p> <p>2.WOP. F/S. F.W. Noble</p> <p>M.U.G. W/O. J.W. Fayle.</p> <p>Rear. W/O. E.W. Seymour</p> <p>F/Eng. Sgt. R.C. Fenbow</p>	<p>A/c.'N'.365</p> <p>Capt. F/O. K.W. Jones.</p> <p>2nd.P. F/S. K. Jukes.</p> <p>Nav. F/O. A Fielding</p> <p>B/A. F/S. H. Dunn.</p> <p>1.WOP. P/O. L.J. Talbot.</p> <p>2.WOP. F/S. H.T. Dawson.</p> <p>M.U.G. W/O. E.A. Richards.</p> <p>Rear. W/O. F.W. Rozee.</p> <p>Desp. F/S. J.H. McSherry</p>
<p>A/c 'R'.287</p> <p>Capt. W/O. R.M. Bullen</p> <p>2nd.P. F/S. R. Woodcock</p> <p>Nav. F/S. C.L. Smith</p> <p>B/A. Sgt. R.H. Weldrake</p> <p>1.WOP. F/S. A.W. Thomas</p> <p>2.WOP. Sgt. D.P. Tunnel</p> <p>M.U.G. F/S. J.H. Clarke</p> <p>Rear. Sgt. I.W. Wells</p> <p>Desp. Sgt. W.T. Patterson</p>	<p>A/c.'T'.350</p> <p>Capt. W/O. H.S. Martel.</p> <p>2nd.P. F/S. R.J. Steele</p> <p>Nav. F/S. G.C. Whale.</p> <p>B/A. F/O. W.N. McStea.</p> <p>1.WOP. W/O. D.I. Graham.</p> <p>2.WOP. F/S. D.C. Jolley.</p> <p>M.U.G. Sgt. J.C. Attwood.</p> <p>Rear. Sgt. W.F. Ayton.</p> <p>Desp. Sgt. F. Simmonite</p>
<p>A/c.'X'.312</p> <p>Capt. F/Lt. S.W. Bridges</p> <p>2nd.P. F/S. G.E. Smith</p> <p>Nav. F/O. B.C. Luther</p> <p>B/A. P/O. W. Meshier</p> <p>1.WOP. W/O. K. McLaughlan</p> <p>2.WOP. F/S. K.G. Luke</p> <p>M.U.G. W/O. W. McCaffrey</p> <p>Rear. P/O. J.P. Goodisson</p> <p>Desp. Sgt. K.R. Banks</p>	<p>A/c 'A'.167.</p> <p>Capt. F/O. M.R. Davison.</p> <p>2nd.P. F/S. D.R. Crammond.</p> <p>Nav. F/O. D.J. Parham.</p> <p>B/A. F/O. A.N. Woods.</p> <p>1.WOP. W/O. S.J. Webb.</p> <p>2.WOP. Sgt. G.B. Pollock.</p> <p>M.U.G. Sgt. W.G. Barber.</p> <p>Rear. W/O. G.E.T. White.</p> <p>Desp. Sgt. K.R. Jaques</p>
4. Load: A/c. 'C', 'N', 'R', 'T' – 11 containers 6 packages.  
 A/c. 'X' – 4 packages  
 A/c. 'A' – 11 containers 6 packages
5. Pyrotechnics:- Verey Lights, Green 3. Red 6, Colours of Day 3.
6. Ammunition: 1200 rounds Rear. 800 rounds Mid Upper.
7. Fuel: A/c 'C', 'N', 'R', 'T' – 2600 galls. petrol ) Oil. – 27 gals per engine.  
 A/c 'X', 'A' – 2600 galls. )
8. Briefing: 0800 hours.
9. Transport: As detailed.

10. Take-Off: A/c 'C', 'N', 'R', 'T' – 1000 hours.  
A/c 'X', 'A' – 1500 hours.
11. Rations: Captains of aircraft to arrange collection of rations from No. 358 Squadron Sergeants' Mess.
12. Logs: Engineers Logs to be handed to Eng. Officer as soon as possible after completion of flight.

11.3.45

(N.W. Pemberton) F/O.  
for Wing Commander, Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.

Date: 10.3.45

Sponsor:

Sortie Report No. 153

Result: S

(inc. Reason for non-delivery)

Oprep No. 40 refers

Code Name: Ranboys?? Two?

Target: (a) Primary:

(b) Secondary:

S.D.A.

Aircraft: Lib. Mk VI. 'A' 167

Crew: F/O Davison (Pilot) F/O Wood (BA) F/O Parham (Nav)

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	4	
Dropped:		11	4	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)		2 lg ????? and Std. racks		

Briefed Reception: Type Letter Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1520 hrs. landed 2130 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 6.10

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2044N9221E – 1925N9330E – DZ – Base RSR

Met: (i) On route: Very good.

(iia) At. DZ: Good. Vis: 10 mls.

(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 250° / 9 M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1806 hrs. to 1824 hrs.

returned: From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Saw white T from 5000' when found? T changed to Y in strips Lights (torches) was in T shape.

Reception details: K. flashed very definitely ?Aldis

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    1820

Height: ASL.            1250

Speed:                    155

Course:                    300°

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers            9

(Packages)            4

Where Landed:        9 Ca & 4 Pks in area. 2 ca ?????? bomb doors and fell search 4.5 rear o shoot due to hang up.

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base: 1824 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: On side of hill, but much smaller than briefed. Best approach from SE – NW. Would have missed DZ but for white strip.

(b) General: Landmarks – pinpoints 12 mls 100 from DZ.

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base: Nil.

for Officer Commanding,  
No.        Squadron, R.A.F.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.

Date: 10/3/45

Sponsor:

Sortie Report No. 154

Result: U

(inc. Reason for non-delivery). No reception .

Oprep No. 40 refers  
Code Name: BreastTarget: (a) Primary: Briefed over S.E. of Toungoo.  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A.

Aircraft: Lib. Mk VI. 'X?' 312

Crew: F/L Bridges. (Pilot). P/O Mecher (B/A.) P/O Luther

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:			4	502
Dropped:				
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type Letter Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1432 hrs. landed 2310 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 8.38

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2044N 9221E – 1853N 9720E – DZ – Base RSR

Met: (i) On route: Fairly good.  
(iia) At. DZ: 8/10 st cu 11000' tops 14000' Vis 3 miles in the patches.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: °/ M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1802 hrs. to 1844 hrs.  
returned: From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Junction of river.

Reception details:

Dropping Runs:            1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:

Height: ASL.

Speed:

Course:

Load:

(Bodies)  
(Containers)  
(Packages)

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base: 1844 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Possibilities in main valley.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
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Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):  
Lights & ground activity Soy Youkitharoa

A/C Not Returned to Base: Nil.

for Officer Commanding,  
No.            Squadron, R.A.F.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.

Date: 11/45

Sponsor:

Sortie Report No. 154

Result: 'S'  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery).Oprep No. refers  
Code Name:Target: (a) Primary: (2141N – 10523E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A.

Aircraft: Lib. Mk VI. N 305

Crew: Captain – F/O Jones Nav. S/L McConnel B/A – W/O Batchelor

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	
Dropped:				
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type Letter Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1050 hrs. landed 2320 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 1230

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2259N – 9422E – 2203N – 9845E – 2147N 10106E – 2143N – 10450E - Tgt – Base RSR

Met: (i) On route: Good.  
(iia) At. DZ: Fine – hazy – Vis 2 – 3 mls.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 045° / 10 M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1618 hrs. to 1653 hrs.  
returned: From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Picked up Rive &amp; found D.Z. in fork of roads.

Reception details: French flag &amp; white Arrow 3 balls? of flag near MT Vehicle.

Dropping Runs:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
Time:	1638	1645					
Height: ASL.	1500	1250					
Speed:	135	135					
Course:	210	280					
Load:							
(Bodies)							
(Containers)							
(Packages)	6	11					

Where Landed: Containers within 30 yds

Chutes Open: 1 not opened

Set Course For Base: 1653 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Plenty of transport inconus(?)  
 Very good for day drop not safe from 5/600' at night.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			
	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.	

Rebecca:  
S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No. Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.

Date: 11.3.45

Sponsor: F136

Sortie Report No. 156

Result: S

(inc. Reason for non-delivery).

Oprep No. 40 refers

Code Name: Bazaar 202

Target: (a) Primary: Between Thaimguyen 2132N 10550E & Twyen Quanb 2145N 10511E  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A.

Aircraft: Lib. Mk VI. R 287

Crew: W/O Bullen (Pilot) Sgt. Weldrake (BA) W/O Smith (Nav)

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	4250 lbs
Dropped:		11	6	"
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type Letter Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1055 hrs. landed 0035 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 1339

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route:

Met: (i) On route: Fair ??????. 5/10 cu tops 15000' Base 8/10 10'000.  
(iia) At. DZ: 10/10 with 4000' tops 3000' base str  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: °/ M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1618 hrs. to 1738 hrs.  
returned: From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Road identified by map reading.

Reception details: White T &amp; French Tricolor with V &amp; road junction @ Son Duang.

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    1736

Height: ASL.            2200

Speed:                    135

Course:                   020°

Load:

(Bodies)	
(Containers)	11
(Packages)	6

Where Landed: Seen falling to DZ

Chutes Open: Did not open on 3 pks

Set Course For Base: 1738 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Several M.T. and about 200 people on road and in rectangular area wherein reception located  
 Along road to N a lone stream of M.T. waiting to cross over at ferry. (Facing north Much activity along redestright??, Bullock carts drawn by hand and MT. 2-3 huts on fire in two villages in area. Possible refugees.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
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Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

Four bamboo hangeretts on Kutche strip (approx. 60?) at Tyen Quarry. No a/c.  
 2 rolling stocks (trucln?) in siding in Ha Hoe

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
 No.        Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.

Date: 11.3.45

Sponsor: Force 136

Sortie Report No. 157

Result: Completed  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery).Oprep No. 40 refers  
Code Name: Bazaar 200Target: (a) Primary: 2139N 10537E  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. FICS

Aircraft: Lib. Mk VI. 'C' 271

Crew: S/L Sharpe (Pilot) W/O Cross (BA) W/O Kirby (Nav)

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	
Dropped:		11	6	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type Letter Eureka Coded .

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 1037 hrs. landed 0235 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 1600  
 ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.  
 ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base 2259N 9622E – 2203 9845 – 2147N 10106E – 2143N 10452E – DZ – Base.

Met: (i) On route: 5-7/10 cloud 900' from Irrawaddy.  
 (iia) At. DZ: Cloud down to 3000' 10/10.  
 (iib) Ground wind at DZ: °/ M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1601 hrs. to 1657 hrs.  
 returned: From hrs. to hrs.

## Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Hill road one hill 6000'

Reception details: approx. 16 mls E of Huang Sop

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    1657

Height: ASL.            1200

Speed:                    138

Course:                   120

Load:

(Bodies)  
(Containers)  
(Packages)

Where Landed: All in town

Chutes Open: One Pkt chute failed.

Set Course For Base: 1705 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) Flew down rad empty of troops. Activity in village

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
Rebecca:			
S/Phone:			

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

(initialled)  
for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.

Date: 11/Mar

Sponsor:

Sortie Report No. 157 (second report with this number)

Result: Not Completed

(inc. Reason for non-delivery). Engine failure .

Oprep No. 40 refers  
Code Name: Bazaar 201Target: (a) Primary: 2141N 10523E  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A.

Aircraft: Lib. Mk VI. 'T' 350

Crew: Capt. W/O Martel – B/A F/O McStea. Nav: F/S Whale

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	
Dropped:				
Jettisoned: (Station & position)		11	6	2138N – 10428 at 1630 hrs.
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type Letter Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1051 hrs. landed 1810 hrs. Kumming Total hrs. airborne: 8.29

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base 2259N 9422E – 2203N – 9845E – 2147N 1010<sup>17</sup>E – 2143N 10450E – tgt – Kumming. Altered course for Kumming 1715 hrs.Met: (i) On route: 5/10 cu nim patches E – Salween.  
(iia) At. DZ: 10/10 with tops at 6,000'.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: °/ M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1551 1/2 hrs. to 1615 hrs.  
returned: From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: N/A Cloud obscured.

Reception details: N/A

<sup>17</sup> An obvious error, may have been 10106E

Dropping Runs:            1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:

Height: ASL.

Speed:

Course:

Load:

(Bodies)  
(Containers)  
(Packages)

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base:

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: We were looking for a patch in cloud over DZ to get down through when one Engine went U/S. We turned west with intention of dropping at dropping ground at Sonla then at 6,000 we were unable to get over hills so load was jettisoned with static lines cut as we were under the impression that Japanese were possibly in that area. On jettisoning 13,000 was obtained at 17.15 hrs. I decided to set course for Kumming and shortly doing so W/T was U/S so unable to contact.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
Rebecca:			
S/Phone:			

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

(initialled)

for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.30 (12/3/45)

1. Duty Officer:- F/Lt. Konks<sup>18</sup>.
2. Target – as briefed.
3. Aircraft and Crews.
 

A/c.'H'.188	A/c.'R'.287
Capt. F/O. J.C. Murray	Capt. W/O. 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.K. 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
F/Eng. Sgt. A.K. Cosh	F/Eng. Sgt. K.L. Hulse
	Desp. Sgt. G. Aire
4. Load: 11 containers, 6 packages.
5. Pyrotechnics:- Verey Lights, Green 3. Red 6, Colours of Day 3.
6. Ammunition: 1200 rounds Rear. 800 rounds Mid Upper.
7. Fuel: 2600 galls. Petrol Oil. – 27 Galls per engine.
8. Briefing: 1700 hours 11.3.45
9. Take-Off: 0900 hours.
10. Transport: As detailed.
11. Rations: Captains of aircraft to arrange collection of rations from No. 358 Squadron Sergeants' Mess.
12. Logs: Engineers Logs to be handed to Eng. Officer as soon as possible after completion of Flight.

11.3.45

(N.W. Pemberton) F/O  
for Wing Commander, Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

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<sup>18</sup> Record says 'Konks', but probably should be 'Monks'.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.

Date: 12 Mar

Sponsor:

Sortie Report No. 158

Result: Not Completed  
(Inc. Reason for. No Reception  
non-delivery) at briefed areaOprep No. 41 refers  
Code Name: Bazaar 134Target: (a) Primary: Pigeon 827 (2127N 10701E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 39E

Aircraft: Lib. Mk VI. 'R' 287

Crew: Capt. W/O Mills Nav.: W/O Mencher – B/A F/O Taylor Disp: Sgt. Young

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	
Dropped:				
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'C' Letter Eureka Coded .  
Fires & 2 White Strips N-S

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne	0950 hrs.	landed	2230 hrs.	Total hrs. airborne:	1240
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.	
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.	

Route: Base – 2259N – 9422E – 2203N – 9845E – 2148N 10106E – 2143N 10325E – Yenyan – Tgt – Base RsR

Met: (i) On route: Vis good to Irrawaddy 7/10 Cu at 7000 base to layered Area 5 mils No of DZ cu to Au(?) at 7/9/10 down to ground base approx. 4000 covering All hills.

(iia) At. DZ:

(iib) Ground wind at DZ: ° / M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1528 hrs. to 1545 hrs.  
returned: From 1600 hrs. to 1601 hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Field Identified definitely at Primary Pinpoint at Van Yen on River Poine but no signs of light signals obs. No reception at secondary where timed run was made from pinpoint on River Poine.

Reception details:

Dropping Runs:            1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:

Height: ASL.

Speed:

Course:

Load:

(Bodies)  
(Containers)  
(Packages)

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base: 1601 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Not recommended for accurate night drop.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
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Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base: Undercart damaged on take off. A/C diverted to Cox's Bazaar (electrical storm over base) changed to Chittagong Crew returned to base in A/C 'H'.

for Officer Commanding,  
No.    Squadron, R.A.F.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.

Date: 12 Mar

Sponsor:

Sortie Report No. 159

Result: Uncompleted  
(Inc. Reason for. No Reception  
non-delivery)Oprep No. 41 refers  
Code Name: Bazaar 133Target: (a) Primary: Pigeon 827 (2127N 10701E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 39E

Aircraft: Lib. Mk VI. 'H' 188

Crew: Capt. F/O Murray – Nav: F/O Field – B/A P/O Kay.

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	
Dropped:		Nil	6 on dump area	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)		11		

Briefed Reception: Type 'C' Letter Eureka Coded .  
(Fires) 2 white strips N-S

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1010 hrs. landed 1155 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 12.00  
ANG Chittagong landed 2210 hrs. airborne 1040 hrs.  
ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2259N – 9422E – 2203N – 9845E – 2148N 10106E – 2104N 10432E – Tgt – Base

Met: (i) On route: Between 96E – 100E 6/10 Cu (top 15,000) (base 9,000)  
(iia) At. DZ: Scattered str cu. Vis 9-10 mls.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: °/ M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1539 hrs. to 1550 hrs.  
returned: From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Identified by track of river in large valley.

Reception details: Nil.

Dropping Runs:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
Time:	1615	1617					
Height: ASL.	5,550	5,550					
Speed:	135	135					
Course:	135	270					
Load:							
	(Bodies)						
	(Containers)						
	(Packages)	6					

Where Landed: Between Junction of Rd & River

Chutes Open: Yes

Set Course For Base: 1618 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Searched road & River but no reception seen. Proceeded to 2111N 10405E and dropped packages. Containers hung up but did not jettison as we were not sure about dropping load without any reception we were not briefed to drop under any circumstances in that territory. Four S/E unidentified A/C, probably French ones seen on strip at Sonl(?) near dumping Area

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
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Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No. Squadron, R.A.F.

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No. 31 (12.3.45)

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

<p>A/c 'A'.167.</p> <p>Capt. W/C. P.G.D. Farr</p> <p>2nd.P. F/S. P.K. Banks</p> <p>Nav. F/L. P.L. Ryan</p> <p>B/A. W/O. R.J. Jackman</p> <p>1.WOP. F/O. S.J. Brace</p> <p>2.WOP. Sgt. G. Thirkettle</p> <p>M.U.G. F/S. J. Stanley</p> <p>Rear. F/Lt. P.J. Kydd</p> <p>Desp. F/S. K.R. Wells</p>	<p>A/c. 'N'.365.</p> <p>Capt. F/Lt. R.W. Robinson.</p> <p>2nd.P. F/O. I.N. Wilson</p> <p>Nav. P/O. W.H. Bull</p> <p>B/A. Sgt. W.J. Sherwood</p> <p>1.WOP. P/O L.O. Bartlett</p> <p>2.WOP. Sgt. E.H. Andrews</p> <p>M.U.G. Sgt. T. F. Clarke</p> <p>Rear. Sgt. R. Burling</p> <p>Desp. Sgt. R. Bell</p>
<p>A/c. 'C'.271.</p> <p>Capt. F/O. M.R. Davison.</p> <p>2nd.P. F/S. D.R. Crammond.</p> <p>Nav. P/O. D.T. Parham.</p> <p>B/A. F/O. A.N. Woods.</p> <p>1.WOP. W/O. S.J. Webb.</p> <p>2.WOP. Sgt. G.B. Pollock.</p> <p>M.U.G. Sgt. W.G. Barber.</p> <p>Rear. W/O. G.E.T. White.</p> <p>Desp.. Sgt. W.F. Jacques</p>	<p>A/c 'X'.271.</p> <p>Capt. P/O. C.H. Hedley.</p> <p>2nd.P. F/S. K.E. Nicholson</p> <p>Nav. W/O. J.H. Perkins.</p> <p>B/A. Sgt. H.W. Hounslow</p> <p>1.WOP. P/O. J.E. Tubb.</p> <p>2.WOP. W/O. R.S. Chalmers.</p> <p>M.U.G. Sgt. R.G. Haiden</p> <p>Rear. P/O. W.E. Hopkins</p> <p>Eng. F/S. W.H. Blee.</p>
4. Load: 11 containers, 6 packages.
5. Pyrotechnics:- Verey Lights, Green 3. Red 6, Colours of Day 6.
6. Ammunition: 1200 rounds Rear. 800 rounds Mid Upper.
7. Fuel: 2600 galls. Petrol. Oil. – 27 gals per engine.
8. Briefing: 1600 hours 12.3.45
9. Transport: As detailed.
10. Take-Off: 0900 hours.
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 as soon as possible after completion of flight.

12.3.45.  
 (N.W. Pemberton) F/O.  
 for Wing Commander, Commanding,  
 No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.

Date: 13 Mar

Sponsor:

Sortie Report No. 160

Result: Uncompleted  
(Inc. Reason for. No Reception  
non-delivery)Oprep No. refers  
Code Name: Bazaar 136Target: (a) Primary: T Pyle(?) 833  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 35E

Aircraft: Lib. Mk VI. C - 271

Crew: Capt. Davison – Nav: P/O Parnam – B/S: F/O Woods

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	
Dropped:		11	6	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'C' Letter Eureka Coded .  
With a Lite Cross

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne	920 hrs.	landed	2050 hrs.	Total hrs. airborne:	1130
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.	
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.	

Route: Base – 2259N – 9422E – 2203N – 9845E – 2147N 10106E – 2182N 10350E – Tgt – Base

Met: (i) On route: Cu over Chans 4/5-10<sup>th</sup> most of route being Cu. Over Arakan.  
(iia) At. DZ: C C (??) Vis 10 ml..  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 0° / M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1429 hrs. to 1433 hrs.  
returned: From hrs. to hrs.

## Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Road from Son La Reception two mls S.E. of Son La strip.  
Reception details: 'C' type smoke fires & white cross of strips.

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    1429

Height: ASL.            4000

Speed:                    135

Course:                   300

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers            11

(Packages)              6

Where Landed: Well within target area

Chutes Open: Yes

Set Course For Base: 1433 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Very good – Two M/T seen by Fork near A/F – 8-12 people near DZ – fires lit as A/C approached and extinguished on departure.

(b) General: 30/40 MT parted on Base 10 miles from Son La.

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 16	16	Son La 3 Towns to East	
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

Two A/C on Son La – 1 biplane – 1 Monoplane believed to be French.

12 Tents at 2148N 10127E.

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No. Squadron, R.A.F.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.

Date: 13 Mar

Sponsor:

Sortie Report No. 161

Result: Completed on Secondary.  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)Oprep No. 42 refers  
Code Name: Bazaar 137Target: (a) Primary: Manonniu (?) 838 (2115N 10426E)  
(b) Secondary: Frejle 833 (2112N – 10404N)S.D.A. 36W  
35E

Aircraft: Lib. Mk VI. 312 'X'

Crew: Capt: P/O Hedley – Nav: W/O Perkins – B/A – P/O Mees.

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	
Dropped:		11	6	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'C' Letter Eureka Coded .  
Fires – white cross (strips)

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne	915 hrs.	landed	2145 hrs.	Total hrs. airborne:	1230
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.	
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.	

Route: Base – 2259N – 9422E – 2203N – 9845E – 2147N 10106E – 2132N 10350E – Tgt – Base

Met: (i) On route: Cu & St. Cu over Chins – two layer beyond Salween.  
(iia) At. DZ: Primary Low cloud on hills  
Secondary Clear – Vis 4-5 mls  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: Nil ° / Nil M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1425 hrs. to 1435 hrs.  
returned: From 1510 hrs. to 1514 hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Secondary Identified by road and river.

Reception details: 'C' type fires and white cross

Dropping Runs:      1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    1530

Height: ASL.            2500

Speed:                    135

Course:                    300

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers            11

(Packages)              5

Where Landed: All in area

Chutes Open:    Yes

Set Course For Base: 1514 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Secondary DZ is O.K.

Primary obscured by low cloud below tops of hills.

(b) General: One package fell out over Primary due to bumpy weather.

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 16	16	Mhunien Hung	
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.      Range first picked up.    Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

Two strips observed at (2156N – 10008E) (concrete, 1 A/C) (2156N 10021E)

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No.      Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor:

Date: 13 Mar

Sortie Report No. 162

Result: Successful On Secondary.  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)Oprep No. 42 refers  
Code Name:Target: (a) Primary: Maronniu (?) 838 (2115N 10426E)  
(b) Secondary: Freple 833S.D.A. 36W  
35E

Aircraft: Lib. Mk VI.'N' 365

Crew: Capt: F/L Robinson – Nav: P/O Bull – B/A Sgt Sheanood Disp. Sgt. Bell

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	
Dropped:		11	6	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'C' Letter Eureka Coded .  
Fires White Cross of Strips.

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 0910 hrs. landed 2245 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 1335  
ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.  
ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2259N – 9422E – 2203N – 9845E – 2147N 10106E – 2132N 10350E – Tgt – Base

Met: (i) On route: Heavy cloud over chins broken cloud through route in varying densities(?).  
(iia) At. DZ: Primary 7-8/10 below hill peaks.  
Secondary Clear – Vis 4-5 mls  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: Nil ° / Nil M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1415 hrs. to 1450 hrs.  
Secondary From 1510 hrs. to 1523 hrs.

## Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Identified by road and river.

Reception details: Poor 'C' type smoke fires – white cross

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    1618<sup>19</sup>

Height: ASL.            2500

Speed:                    125

Course:                   330

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers)            11

(Packages)                6

Where Landed: All seen within area

Chutes Open: Yes

Set Course For Base: 1523 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Good DZ Suitable for Night dropping in Moonlight.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 16	16	Plang Saty	
	2.			
	3.			

Rebecca:	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
S/Phone:			

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):  
Two A/C seen on Son La strip.

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No.      Squadron, R.A.F.

<sup>19</sup> Record states 1618 as dropping time, but a/c had left DZ at 1523.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.

Date: 13 Mar

H.Q. S.A.F.

Sponsor:

Sortie Report No. 163

Result: Completed

Oprep No. refers

(Inc. Reason for.

Code Name: Bazaar 135

non-delivery)

Target: (a) Primary: Freple 833 (2112N 1040<sup>20</sup>E)

(b) Secondary:

S.D.A.

Aircraft: Lib: A - 167

Crew: Capt: W/C Farr. – Nav – F/L Ryan – B/A W/O Jackman

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	
Dropped:		11	6	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'C' Letter Eureka Coded .  
Cross of White strips.

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 0925 hrs. landed 2100 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 1125

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2259N – 9422E – 2203N – 9845E – 2147N 10106E – 2132N 10350E – Tgt – Base

Met: (i) On route: cu – sta in positions(?) over Chins from Salween two layers of Riv(?)

(iia) At. DZ: Clear vis 10 mls.

(iib) Ground wind at DZ: ° / M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1435 hrs. to 1445 hrs.

Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features:

Reception details:

<sup>20</sup> Record states 1040, but should be greater than 10400.

Dropping Runs:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
Time:	1443						
Height: ASL.	4,800						
Speed:	130						
Course:	300						
Load:							
	(Bodies)						
	(Containers)	11					
	(Packages)	6					

Where Landed: All within reach of reception committee except one which Roman Canded.

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base: 1445 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Good – suitable for night dropping if previously visited by day.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 16	16	Phongsaly	1535
	2.			
	3.			

Rebecca:	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
S/Phone:			

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):  
 Two A/C on Son La (one similar to a Sentinel)  
 Two strips seen at 2235N 9755E East-West, Earth  
 At 2126N – 10301E Concrete of Two strips.

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
 No. Squadron, R.A.F.

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.32

1. Duty Officer:- T.B.D.L.
2. Target – as briefed.
3. Aircraft and Crews.
 

A/c.'X'.312.	A/c.'H'.188
Capt. F/O. K.W. Jones.	Capt. S/Ldr. S.A. Sharpe.
2nd.P. F/S. K.R. Jukes.	2nd.P. F/O. B.J.C. Edwards.
Nav. S/Ldr. L.C. McConnell	Nav. F/S. C.F. Kirby.
B/A. Sgt. K. Dunn.	B/A. W/O. R.H. Cross.
1.WOP. P/O. L.J. Talbot.	1.WOP. W/O. J.W. Buchanan.
2.WOP. F/S. H.G. Dawson.	2.WOP. F/S. F.W. Noble
M.U.G. W/O. E.A. Richards.	M.U.G. W/O. J.W. Fayle.
Rear. W/O. E.W. Rozee.	Rear. W/O. E.W. Seymour
Desp. F/S. J.H. McSherry	F/Eng. Sgt. R.C. Fenbow
4. Load: 11 containers, 6 packages.
5. Pyrotechnics:- Verey Lights, Green 3. Red 6, Colours of Day 3.
6. Ammunition: 1200 rounds Rear. 800 rounds Mid Upper.
7. Fuel: 2600 galls. Petrol Oil. – 27 Galls per engine.
8. Briefing: As detailed
9. Transport: As detailed.
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 as soon as possible after Flight.

13.3.45

(N.W. Pemberton) F/O  
for Wing Commander, Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

S.D. Operations<sup>21</sup>

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor:

Date: Mar 14

Sortie Report No. 164

Result: Not Completed  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)Oprep No. 43 refers  
Code Name: Bazaar 139Target: (a) Primary: Pintude 839 (2138N – 10731E)  
(b) Secondary: Violette P (2120N – 103301<sup>22</sup>E)

S.D.A. 29E

Aircraft: Lib: VI X 312

Crew: Captain F/O Jones      Nav S/Ldr McConnell      B/A F/S Dunn

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	
Dropped:		--	--	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)		11	6	
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'C' Letter      Eureka      Coded  
Smoke – 2 white strips.

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 0925 hrs. landed 0205 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 1639

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2246N – 9126E – 2259N – 9422E – 2147N 10106E – 2120N 10511E – Tgt – Base

S/C Base: 1936 hrs.

Met: (i) On route: 5/10ths S'Cu en Route  
(iia) At. DZ: 10/10 under overcast in Area Vis inland ½ mls.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: ° / M.P.H.<sup>21</sup> Form for this report had slightly different layout than normal, but normal template was used in transcription.<sup>22</sup> Record states 103301, but probably either 10330 or 10331?

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1645 hrs. to 1732 hrs.  
 Secondary From 1934 hrs. to 1936 hrs.

Recognition of DZ. (Visual features) went out to sea to break cloud could not do this Probably over area but no actual P.P. obtained. Cloud had not formed further inland to North of hills and DZ flew to second D.Z. but as it was dusk when A/C arrived nothing was dropped. Dropped load minus chutes east of Kentung owing to fuel.

Reception details:

Dropping Runs: 1st. 2nd. 3rd. 4th. 5th. 6th. 7th.

Time:

Height: ASL.

Speed:

Course:

Load:

(Bodies)  
 (Containers)  
 (Packages)

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Good –

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			1535
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up. Range first picked up. Time.

Rebecca:  
 S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
 No. Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor:

Date: 14 Mar

Sortie Report No. 165

Result: Successful Load dropped  
(Inc. Reason for. to no reception at  
non-delivery) Primary D.Z.Oprep No. 43 refers  
Code Name: Bazaar 140Target: (a) Primary: Pintude 839 (2138N 10751E)  
(b) Secondary: Nikolett P U (?) (2120N 10301E)

S.D.A.

Aircraft: Lib: MK VI 'D' 353

Crew: Capt: S/Ldr Sharpe – Nav: W/O Kirby – B/A W/O Cross

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	4240 lb
Dropped:		11	6	“ “
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'C' Letter Eureka Coded .  
Smoke 2 White strips N-S.

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 0930 hrs. landed 0045 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 1514  
ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.  
ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2246N – 9126E – 2259N – 9422E – 2147N 10106E – 2120N 10511E – Tgt – Base

Met: (i) On route: 5/10  
(iia) At. DZ: 10/10 AS. 10/10 Acu around D.Z. Area  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 253° / 26 M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1557 hrs. to 1710 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

## Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Attempted to get under cloud by going out to sea and obtained P.P. on mountain 20 mls S.W. of  
D.Z. found DZ Area clear free from cloud – but could see no reception so dropped blind into approx.  
Area. Saw fire near DZ – but no local signs of life.

## Reception details:

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    1707

Height: ASL.            1500

Speed:                    135

Course:                    110°

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers)            11

(Packages)                5

Where Landed: In Area.

Chutes Open: One package failed to open chute ripped

Set Course For Base: 1710 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: D.Z. on clnolate (?) Valley

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			1535
	2.			
	3.			

Rebecca:	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
S/Phone:			

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No.      Squadron, R.A.F.

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No. 33

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

<p>A/c. 'C'.271.</p> <p>Capt. F/O. M.R. Davison.</p> <p>2nd.P. F/S. D.R. Crammond.</p> <p>Nav. F/O. D.T. Parham.</p> <p>B/A. F/O. A.N. Woods.</p> <p>1.WOP. W/O. S.J. Webb.</p> <p>2.WOP. Sgt. G.B. Pollock.</p> <p>M.U.G. Sgt. W.G. Barber.</p> <p>Rear. W/O. G.E.T. White.</p> <p>Desp. Sgt. W.F. Jacques</p>	<p>A/c.'H?'.188.</p> <p>Capt. F/Lt. S.W. Bridges</p> <p>2nd.P. F/Sgt. G.E. Smith</p> <p>Nav. F/O. B.C. Luther</p> <p>B/A. P/O. W. Mesher</p> <p>1.WOP. W/O. K.G. McLaughlan</p> <p>2.WOP. F/S. K.G. Luke</p> <p>M.U.G. W/O. W.C. McCaffrey</p> <p>Rear. P/O. J.C. Goodisson</p> <p>Desp. Sgt. K.R. Banks</p>
<p>A/c.'G'.282..</p> <p>Capt. W/O. H.S. Martel.</p> <p>2nd.P. F/O. R.J. Steele</p> <p>Nav. F/S. G.D. Whale.</p> <p>B/A. F/O. W.H. McStea.</p> <p>1.WOP. W/O. D.I. Graham.</p> <p>2.WOP. F/S. D.C. Jolley.</p> <p>M.U.G. Sgt. J.C. Attwood.</p> <p>Rear. Sgt. W.F. Ayton.</p> <p>Desp.. Sgt. F. Simmonite</p>	<p>A/c. 'N'.365.</p> <p>Capt. F/Lt. H.H. Monks.</p> <p>2nd.P. Sgt. E.G. Goddard.</p> <p>Nav. W/O. F.E. Phillips.</p> <p>B/A. F/S. C.J. Johnson</p> <p>1.WOP. P/O. T.C. Winup.</p> <p>2.WOP. F/S. J.K. Lyons</p> <p>M.U.G. Sgt. J.S. Salway.</p> <p>Rear. Sgt. A.F. Dickson.</p> <p>Eng. Sgt.. G.W. Mills.</p>
4. Load: 11 containers, 6 packages.
5. Pyrotechnics:- Verey Lights, Green 3. Red 6, Colours of Day 6.
6. Ammunition: 1200 rounds Rear. 800 rounds Mid Upper.
7. Fuel: 2600 galls. Petrol. Oil. – 27 gals per engine.
8. Briefing: 1600 hours 15.3.45
9. Transport: As detailed.
10. Take-Off: 0930 hours.
11. Rations: Captains of aircraft to arrange collection of rations from No. 358 Squadron Sergeants' Mess.
12. Logs: Engineers Logs to be handed to Eng. Officer as soon as possible after flight.

15.3.45.  
 (N.W. Pemberton) F/O.  
 for Wing Commander, Commanding,  
 No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor:

Date: 15 Mar

Sortie Report No. 166

Result: Successful Load dropped  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)Oprep No. 44 refers  
Code Name: Bazaar 144Target: (a) Primary: Violette P.U. 2 (2120N – 10301E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. N.F. 48

Aircraft: Lib: MK VI 'N' 365

Crew: Capt: F/Lt. Monks – Nav: W/O Phillips – B/A P/O MacDonald Disp Sgt. Mills

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	
Dropped:		11	6	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'C' Letter Eureka Coded .  
Smoke 2 White strips N-S. inline

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 0940 hrs. landed 2040 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 11.00

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base –2259N – 9422E – 2203N – 9845E – 2131N 10320E – Tgt – Base

Met: (i) On route: Fair to 100°E 22°N then onto D.Z. 7-10/10 Cu & sta cu top up to 18,000.  
(iia) At. DZ: Cloud base 50000 – 100000 6/10 Sta Cu 10/10 At(?) Cu above and Cunim all above from 10000.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 170° / 12 M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1447 hrs. to 1509 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Road running up from SW Creek by side of road. Also the Air strip.

Reception details: Two lots of 2 white strips – 1 smoke candle. Cluster of fires to N-W.

Dropping Runs:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
Time:	1458	1503					
Height: ASL.	2800	2800					
Speed:	135	135					
Course:	150°	150°					
Load:							
	(Bodies)						
	(Containers)	11					
	(Packages)	4	2				

Where Landed: In centre of Reception Area

Chutes Open:           yes    yes

Set Course For Base: 1509 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: 1 container chute opened just Prior to reaching the ground but seen to be picked up 200 yds S E from.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
Rebecca:			
S/Phone:			

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No.    Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor:

Date: 15 Mar

Sortie Report No. 167

Result: Successful  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)Oprep No. 44 refers  
Code Name:Target: (a) Primary: Treple 8333 (2112N – 10404E)  
(b) Secondary: Violette P16 (2120N – 10301E)

S.D.A. 33E / N.F. 48

Aircraft: Lib: MK VI 'G' 215

Crew: Capt: F/Lt. Bridges. – Nav: F/O Luther – B/A: P/O Mesher – Disp: Sgt. Banks

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	
Dropped:		11	6	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'C' Letter Eureka Coded .  
Smoke 2 White strips N-S. in line

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 0922(?) hrs. landed 2125 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 1153  
ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.  
ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base –2259N – 9422E – 2203N – 9845E – 2131N – 10320E – Tgt – Base

Met: (i) On route: A little cu on way out over hills until 102° E of D.Z. Area.  
(iia) At. DZ: Cold front from hill tops to within Tgt. Cu & Cu nim – St 10/10's till over DZ down to 4-5000  
abs(?) to 500' base ground Vis ½ ml.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 240° / 20 M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1448 hrs. to 1513 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

## Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: River two roads &amp; A/F.

Reception details: 1 smoke puff &amp; strips of white at 310°.

Dropping Runs:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
Time:	1453	1504					
Height: ASL.	2500	2600					
Speed:	130	150					
Course:	272	088					
Load:							
	(Bodies)						
	(Containers)	11					
	(Packages)	4	2				

Where Landed: 60 yds from strips.

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base: 1513 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: One container talls(?) and one package chut himl(?) on opening container 1<sup>st</sup> Run. Package 2 Run.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 10	10	2136N 10218E	1557
	2.			
	3.			

Rebecca:	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
S/Phone:			

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

Sin La A/F 103°97E – 2117N Two A/C high wing S/E Cabin Monoplanes parked off strip French markings Possibly Potez 25

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No. Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor:

Date: 15 Mar

Sortie Report No. 168

Result: Unsuccessful  
(Inc. Reason for: Weather  
non-delivery)Oprep No. 44 refers  
Code Name: Bazaar 141Target: (a) Primary: Treple 833 (2112N – 10404E)  
(b) Secondary: Violette PU (2100N – 10301E)

S.D.A. 34E – N.F. 48

Aircraft: Lib: MK VI 'C' 271

Crew: Capt: F/O Davison – Nav: F/O Parham – B/A: F/O Wood – Disp: Sgt Jacques.

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	
Dropped:				
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'C' Letter Eureka Coded .  
Smoke 2 White strips N-S. in line

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 0930 hrs. landed 2050 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 1120  
ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.  
ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base –2259N – 9422E – 2203N – 9845E – 2131N – 10320E – Tgt – Base

Met: (i) On route: Very Good / extremely hazy on return.  
(iia) At. DZ: 10/10 Cu Nim – Cu top unknown Base down to hills unable to get nearer Primary than 2140N – 10250E believed reached secondary Area but still bad weather.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: ° / M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From hrs. to hrs.  
Secondary From 1450 hrs. to 1520 hrs.

## Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Cloud obscured.

## Reception details:

Dropping Runs:            1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:

Height: ASL.

Speed:

Course:

Load:

(Bodies)  
(Containers)  
(Packages)

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base: 1520 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ:

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

2208 Line(?) Hutted compound 2222N – 9724E laid out in Parallel lines Approx 6 Wooden Huts

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No.      Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor:

Date: 15 Mar

Sortie Report No. 169

Result: Unsuccessful  
(Inc. Reason for. Weather  
non-delivery)Oprep No. 44 refers  
Code Name:Target: (a) Primary: Treple 833 (2112N – 10404E)  
(b) Secondary: Violette PU (2120N – 10301E)

S.D.A. 35E – N.F. 48

Aircraft: Lib: MK VI 'H' 188

Crew: Capt: W/O Martel – Nav: F/S Whale – B/A: F/O McStea – Disp:F/S Jolley

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	
Dropped:				
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'C' Letter Eureka Coded .  
Smoke 2 White strips N-S.

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 0931 hrs. landed 2038 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 11.07  
ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.  
ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base –2259N – 9422E – 2203N – 9845E – 2131N – 10320E – Tgt – Base

Met: (i) On route: No cloud at first broken CU.  
(iia) At. DZ: Both C.Z. 10/10 Cu Lim  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: °/ M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1450 hrs. to 1455 hrs.  
Secondary From 1510 hrs. to 1512 hrs.

## Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Cloud obscured.

## Reception details:

Dropping Runs:            1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:

Height: ASL.

Speed:

Course:

Load:

(Bodies)  
(Containers)  
(Packages)

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base: 1512 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ:

(b) General: Turned back 2120N – 10301E not able to observe any lunny(?) (???) in FIC.

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
Rebecca:			
S/Phone:			

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No.    Squadron, R.A.F.

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.34

1. Duty Officer:- F/O. Carter

2. Target – as briefed.

3. Aircraft and Crews.

A/c. 'C'.271.

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.N. Hill.  
2.WOP. F/S. D.G. Morris.  
M.U.G. Sgt. V. Taylor.  
Rear. Sgt. H. Miles.  
Desp. Sgt. G.W. Mills.

A/c. 'H'.124.

Capt. F/Lt. S.W. Bridges  
2nd.P. F/S. G.E. Smith  
Nav. F/O. B.C. Luther  
B/A. P/O. W. Mesher  
1.WOP. W/O. K. McLaughlan  
2.WOP. F/S. C.A. Luke  
M.U.G. W/O. W.C. McCaffrey  
Rear. P/O. J.P. Goodisson  
Desp. Sgt. K.R. Banks

A/c 'D'.353.

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

A/c. 'T'.174.

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

A/c. 'X'.312.

Capt. W/O. R.M. Bullen  
2nd.P. Sgt. R. Woodcock  
Nav. F/Sgt. C.L. Smith  
B/A. Sgt. R.H. Weldrake  
1.WOP. Sgt. D.S. Gaskin  
2.WOP. Sgt. D.P. Tunnel  
M.U.G. Sgt. J.H. Clarke  
Rear. Sgt. I.W. Wells  
Desp. Sgt. W.T. Patterson

4. Load: 11 containers, 6 packages.

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

6. Ammunition: 1200 rounds per Rear. 800 rounds Mid Upper.

7. Fuel: A/C. 'C', 'H', 'D' - 2600 galls. petrol) 27 gallons oil per engine.  
A/c. 'T', 'X' – 2000 galls. petrol. )

8. Briefing: 16.00 hrs. 16.3.45

9. Transport: As detailed.

10. Take-Off: A/c. 'C', 'H', 'D' – 1015 hrs. A/c. 'T', 'X' – 1300 hours.

17.3.45

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

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.

Date: 17 Mar

H.Q. S.A.F.

Sponsor:

Sortie Report No. 170

Result: Successful

Oprep No. 45 refers

(Inc. Reason for

Code Name: Heavy Wolf 8

non-delivery)

Target: (a) Primary: 146 (2205N – 9924E)

(b) Secondary:

S.D.A.

Aircraft: Lib: MK VI 'T' 350

Crew: Capt: W/O Bullen – Nav: W/O Smith – B/S Sgt Weldrake

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	2	3760 lbs
Dropped:		11	2	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type Letter Eureka Coded .  
'T' of strips smudge 25 yds above

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1311 hrs. landed 2144 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 8.00

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base –2259N – 9422E – 2203N – 9845E –Tgt – 2259N – 9422E – Base

Met: (i) On route: Cu throughout Route.

(iia) At. DZ: Fair – cloud forming over Area. Vis 8-10 mls.

(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 180° / 12 M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1642 hrs. to 1654 hrs.

Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Made 13min DR from River and saw reception waiting. Difficult to see unless A/C passes overhead.

Reception details: 'T' of strips faces(?) up/wind and into hill + smudge fires.

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    1652

Height: ASL.            8000(?)

Speed:                    135

Course:                    090°

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers            11

(Packages)              2

Where Landed: All landed 300 yds N of reception – Easily accessible.

Chutes Open: 3 containers landed heavily as the chutes did not open correctly should be O.K. however.

Set Course For Base: 1654 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Recommended run 080° whatever the wind dropping one Ridges to D.Z

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 16	16	Manpan	1737-38
	2.			
	3.			

Rebecca:	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
S/Phone:			

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No.      Squadron, R.A.F.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor:

Date: 17 Mar

Sortie Report No. 171

Result: Successful  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)

Oprep No. 45 refers  
Code Name: Bazaar 147

Target: (a) Primary: Grur(?) (1826N – 10346E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A.

Aircraft: Lib: MK VI 'C' 271

Crew: Capt: F/Lt. Monks – Nav: W/O Phillips – B/A: F/S Johnson<sup>23</sup>

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	4240 lbs
Dropped:		11	6	"
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'C' Letter Eureka Coded .  
2 white strips

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 0917 hrs. landed 2145 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 12.30  
ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.  
ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2044N – 9221E – 2027N – 10012E – 2002N – 10213E – 2044N – 10357E – Tgt. – 2002N – 10213E  
– 2044N – 9221E – Base

Met: (i) On route: Cu over Burma.  
(iia) At. DZ: Very Good – Nil cloud – vis 12 mls.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 189° / 17 M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1524 hrs. to 1528 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Made D.R. run from Mekong and finally found D.Z. about 4 mls. north of briefed position.

Reception details: 'C' type of weak fires & white ground strips.

<sup>23</sup> Name is partially cut off in record which states "Johnso".

Dropping Runs:      1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    1525

Height: ASL.            600ASL 1000ASL<sup>24</sup>

Speed:                    135

Course:                   340

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers)            11

(Packages)                6

Where Landed: In vicinity of DZ.

Chutes Open: Yes

Set Course For Base: 11530 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) Best run 120°/300° as there is a ridge ½ mls to one side of D.Z.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 16	16	1952N 9949E	One static line broke and one packet went down unopened.
	2.			
	3.			

	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
Rebecca:			
S/Phone:			

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):  
30 Stationary seen at Payangazu

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No.      Squadron, R.A.F.

<sup>24</sup> The record gives two heights; one may actually be the height above ground level.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.

Date: 17 Mar

H.Q. S.A.F.

Sponsor:

Sortie Report No. 172

Result: Successful

Oprep No. 45 refers

(Inc. Reason for

Code Name: Bazaar 148

non-delivery)

Target: (a) Primary: Grue 840 (1826N – 10346E)

(b) Secondary:

S.D.A.

Aircraft: Lib: MK VI 'D' 353

Crew: Capt: P/O Hedley – Nav: W/O Perkins – B/S Sgt Hounslow

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	4240 lbs
Dropped:		11	6	"
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'C' Letter Eureka Coded .  
2 white strips

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 0920 hrs. landed 2220 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 12.00

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2044N – 9221E – 2027N – 10017E – 2002N – 10213E – 1921N - 10357E – Tgt. – 2002N – 10213E – 2027N – 10012E – 2044N – 9221E – Base

Met: (i) On route: Cu on Route in patches.  
(iia) At. DZ: Nil cloud  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 210° / 14 M.P.H. at 10,000

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1532 hrs. to 1550 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Flew straight on to D.Z. Area by map reading. Reception 2 mls N.E. of briefed DZ.

Reception details: 1 weak fire & two parallel strips and few people seen on ground by reception.

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    1540

Height: ASL.            800 ASL

Speed:                    130

Course:                    300°

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers)            11

(Packages)                6

Where Landed: Near reception

Chutes Open:    yes

Set Course For Base: 1550 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Weak fires and area was difficult to see – particularly as reception was not in correct position.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
Rebecca:			
S/Phone:			

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No.    Squadron, R.A.F.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.

Date: 17 Mar

H.Q. S.A.F.

Sponsor:

Sortie Report No. 173

Result: Successful

Oprep No. 45 refers

(Inc. Reason for

Code Name: Bazaar 149

non-delivery)

Target: (a) Primary: Ritaville 841 (1923N – 10246E)

(b) Secondary: Grue 840 (1826N – 10346)

S.D.A.

Aircraft: Lib: MK VI 'H' 188

Crew: Capt:F/Lt. Bridges – Nav: F/O Mesher – B/A: F/O Luther

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	4240 lbs
Dropped:		11	6	"
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'C' Letter Eureka Coded .  
2 white strips

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 0914 hrs. landed 2213 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 13.00

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2044N – 9221E – 2027N – 10012E – 2002N – 10213E – 1921N - 10357E – Tgt. – 2002N – 10213E – 2027N – 10012E – 2044N – 9221E – Base

Met: (i) On route: Cu in patches.  
(iia) At. DZ: 8/10 Cu & cl north  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 045° / 15 M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1525 hrs. to hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Map read from? last ?????? and pr??lly identified by road hills etc.

Reception details: No reception was seen so after positive identification of area, dropped blind, about 1 ml south of DZ as briefed.

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    1547

Height: ASL.            450 ASL 2400 ASL<sup>25</sup>

Speed:                    125

Course:                   124

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers            11

(Packages)              6

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:    panel came out of container chute – but landed satisfactory.

Set Course For Base: 1551 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: All area is quite good in shallow basin Libs(?) could get in, but very tricky for Dakotas as stream runs across basin.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
Rebecca:			
S/Phone:			

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No.    Squadron, R.A.F.

<sup>25</sup> Record gives two heights "ASL" one is probably the height above land.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor:

Date: 17 Mar

Sortie Report No. 174

Result: Successful  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)Oprep No. 45 refers  
Code Name: Badger 15Target: (a) Primary: 845 (2203N – 9823E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A.

Aircraft: Lib: MK VI 'X' 312

Crew: Capt: F/Lt. Robinson – Nav: P/O Bull – B/A: Sgt Sherwood

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	1	3640 lbs
Dropped:				"
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'T' Letter Eureka Coded .  
of strips smoke 25 yds above.

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 1312 hrs. landed 2011 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 07.04  
ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.  
ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2259N – 9422E – 2203N – 9845E – Tgt. – 2259N – 9422E – Base

Met: (i) On route: Good.  
(iia) At. DZ: hazy – high cloud – 8/10 Cu 10,000  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 250° / 15 M.P.H. at 8000Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1647 hrs. to 1658 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

## Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Found D.Z after DR run from Salween. D.Z. is reasonable and could be used on a moonlight night, steep pull out necessary and West/East run as a/c turns on G/R circuit into hills run on reciprocal.

Reception details: Correct reception found waiting of 'T' of strips with a smoky fire 25 yds. from its head.

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    1653

Height: ASL.            400 ASL 2300 ASL<sup>26</sup>

Speed:                    130

Course:                   070

Load:

(Bodies)	
(Containers)	11
(Packages)	1

Where Landed: Near D.Z.

Chutes Open: Yes

Set Course For Base: 1658 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Dakota dropped before Lib: made its run and all chutes from this A/C were seen in the Tgt Area.

(b) General: 2303N – 9402E saw crashed Liberator no signs of life but reasonably near strip.

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
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Rebecca:  
S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):  
Possible camp Area on hilltop 2203N – 9345E  
Several Sampans on Salween River near Turning Point

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No.    Squadron, R.A.F.

<sup>26</sup> Record gives two heights "ASL" one is probably the height above land.

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.35

1. Duty Officer:- F/O Smith.
2. Target – as briefed.
3. Aircraft and Crews.  
A/c. 'C'.167.  
Capt. S/L. S.A. Sharpe.  
2nd.P. F/O. B.J.C. Edwards.  
Nav. W/O. C.F. Kirby.  
B/A. W/O. R.G. 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. S.W. Seymour.  
Desp. Sgt. Fenbow. (F/Eng).
4. Load: As detailed.
5. Pyrotechnics:- Verey Lights, Green 3. Red 6, Colours of Day 6.
6. Ammunition: 1200 rounds Rear. 800 rounds Mid Upper.
7. Fuel: 2600 galls. Petrol. 27 galls Oil per engine.
8. Briefing: As detailed.
9. Transport: As detailed.
10. Take-Off: 1015 hrs. 18.3.45

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

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: O.S.S.

Date: 17 Mar

Sortie Report No. 175

Result: Successful  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)

Oprep No. 46 refers  
Code Name: Balmoral

Target: (a) Primary: Chance Island  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A.

Aircraft: Lib: MK VI 'A' 167

Crew: Capt: S/Ldr Sharpe – Nav: W/O Kirby – B/A W/O Cross

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	8201 lbs
Dropped:		11	6	"
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'T' Letter Eureka Coded .  
No lights or flashing letter to be expected.

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1007 hrs. landed 0025 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 14.18  
ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.  
ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 1454N – 9342E – 1052N – 9754E – Tgt. – Base

Met: (i) On route: 3/10 str cu tops 15000 at the south end.  
(iia) At. DZ: 4/10 cu. Tops 9000 clear no cloud Vis 15 mls  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 090° / 10 M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1702 hrs. to 1737 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features:

Reception details: None expected but at least 8 people observed and small white cross spread out on the ground in the cave on the front of the sea side.

Dropping Runs:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
Time:	1707	1715	1724				
Height: ASL.	800	900	900				
Speed:	137	135	135				
Course:	055	055	055				
Load:							
(Bodies)							
(Containers)	1	7	3				
(Packages)		2	4				

Where Landed: In shallow water majority on beach in cave. Most in shallow water rescued by dingy

Chutes Open: Yes

Set Course For Base: 1737 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Spot heights. Almost impossible for Lib to get down to cave at less than 800' better D.Z's seen at other places on Island especially on the NE

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			
	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.	
Rebecca:				
S/Phone:				

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No. Squadron, R.A.F.

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.36

1. Duty Officer:- S/Ldr. S.A. Sharpe.

2. Target – as briefed.

3. Aircraft and Crews.

A/c.'C'.271

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

A/c. 'K'.392.

Capt. F/O. M.R. Davison.  
2nd.P. F/S. D.R. Crammond.  
Nav. P/O. D.J. Parham.  
B/A. F/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.  
Desp. Sgt. W.F. Jacques.

A/c.'W'.394

Capt. W/O. E.P. Adams.  
2nd.P. F/S. A.J. Pearce.  
Nav. F/S. S. Simpson.  
B/A. F/L. P.M. Williams.  
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.  
Desp. Sgt. R. Roe.

A/c 'R'.287.

Capt. W/O. W.R. Mills  
2nd.P. Sgt. L.. 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  
Desp. Sgt. G. Aire

A/c.'T'.174.

Capt. W/O. W. Drummond  
2nd.P. F/S. K. 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. J.S. Salway  
Rear. Sgt. A.F. Dickson  
Desp. Sgt. M.W. Copeland.

A/c.'D'.353.

Capt. W/O. H.S. Martel.  
2nd.P. F/S. R.J. Steele.  
Nav. F/S. 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.  
Desp. Sgt. F. Simmonite

A/c.'H'.124.

Capt. F/L. H.H. Monks.  
2nd.P. Sgt. E. Goddard.  
Nav. W/O. F.D. Phillips.  
B/A. F/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.  
Desp. Sgt. G.W. Mills

A/c.'O'.253

Capt. F/O. H.V. Smith.  
2nd.P. F/S. B.R. Pool<sup>27</sup>  
Nav. F/S. P. 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.

A/c. 'Q'.367.

Capt. F/O. K.W. Jones.  
2nd.P. F/S. K.R. Jukes.  
Nav. S/L. L.C. McConnell.  
B/A. F/S. 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.  
Desp. F/S. J.H. McSherry.

A/c.'U'.242.

Capt. P/O. C.H. Hedley.  
2nd.P. F/S. W.H. Blee.  
Nav. W/O. J.H. Perkins.  
B/A. F/O. Mees.?  
1.WOP. P/O. J.E. Tubb.  
2.WOP. W/O. R.C. Chalmers.  
M.U.G. W/O. W. Hendry.  
Rear. P/O. W.E. Hopkins.  
Desp. Sgt. R.G. Maiden.

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. Bateman  
2.WOP. F/S. A.F. Ashby  
M.U.G. Sgt. J.F. Peters  
Rear. Sgt. S. Collins  
F/Eng. Sgt. A.M. Cosh

A/c.'L'.925.

Capt. W/O. J.H. Jones.  
2nd.P. F/O. E.G. Roe.  
Nav. P/O. D.H. McDairmid  
B/A. P/O. P.G. Lord.  
1.WOP. W/O. K.R. McLaughlin  
2.WOP. Sgt. V.E. Trudel.  
M.U.G. Sgt. J. Kajel.  
Rear. Sgt. J. Kadyrvik.  
Desp. Sgt. G.M. Lund.  
S.Gnr. P/O. J. Goodisson.

<sup>27</sup> Usually spelt "Poole".

4. Load: 11 containers, 6 packages.
  5. Fuel: Petrol – A/c. 'K', 'N', 'R', 'T' – 2660 galls.) Oil. – 27 gals per engine.  
Remainder – 2000 galls.)
  6. Pyrotechnics:- Verey Lights, Green 3. Red 6, Colours of Day 6.
  7. Ammunition: 1200 rounds Rear. 800 rounds Mid Upper.
  8. Briefing: A/c. 'K', 'N', 'R', 'T' – 1600 hrs 19.3.45.  
Remainder – 1100 hrs 20.3.45.
  9. Transport: As detailed.
  10. Take-Off: As briefed.
- ??3.45.

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

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: F.136

Date: 20 Mar

Sortie Report No. 176

Result: Successful  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery) PrimaryOprep No. 46 refers  
Code Name: Bazaar 143Target: (a) Primary: (2112N – 10404E)  
(b) Secondary: (2120N – 10301E)

S.D.A.

Aircraft: Lib: MK VI 'R' 287

Crew: Capt: W/O Mills – Nav: W/O Hencher – B/A P/O Taylor

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	4240 lbs.
Dropped:		11	6	"
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'C' Letter Eureka Coded .  
'Smoke' 2 white strips op. s. Roman 4

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 0955 hrs. landed 2205 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 12.10  
ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.  
ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.Route: Base – 2259N – 9423E – 2203N – 9845E – 2148N – 10106E – 2132N – 10350E – D.Z. – 2148N – 10106E –  
Base – rsr.Met: (i) On route: 6/10 cu tops to 15000  
(iia) At. DZ: 1/10 cu 8000 Vis: good.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 120° / 15 M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1453 hrs. to 1516 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: picked up Son La A/F and road to East of D.Z.

Reception details: As briefed – 2 M.T. seen waiting at D.Z.

Dropping Runs:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
Time:	1500						
Height: ASL.	2800						
Speed:	130						
Course:	315						
Load:							
	(Bodies)						
	(Containers)	11					
	(Packages)	6					

Where Landed: In reception area.

Chutes Open: One package chute partially opened. – seen to land O.K. and picked up.

Set Course For Base: 1516 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ:

(b) General: After dropping No. 4 engine cut Prop was feathered. A/C climbed to 6,000' and Engine restarted. 1 a/c (believed to be Potez 25) parked on road west side of A/F. Water seen on Runway- west of A/F appeared Waterlogged 1450 hrs @ 5,000 ft.

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 15	15	@ Longaly (2140N	1555 – 1605 hrs.
	2.		1025 <sup>28</sup> E)	
	3.			

	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
Rebecca:			
S/Phone:			

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No. Squadron, R.A.F.

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<sup>28</sup> Obvious error

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 20 Mar

Sortie Report No. 177

Result: 'Completed'  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)Oprep No. 47 refers  
Code Name: Bazaar 147Target: (a) Primary: Treple 833 (2112N – 10404E)  
(b) Secondary: Violette P.U.2 (2120N – 10301E)  
S.D.A. 35E – (FICS)

Aircraft: Lib: MK VI 'N' 365

Crew: Capt: W/O Adams – Nav: F/S Simpson – B/A: F/Lt. Williams

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	4240 lbs.
Dropped:		11	6	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'C' Letter Eureka Coded .  
Of smoke fires Roman IV & 2 strips N-S.

Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 1155 hrs. landed 2147 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 09.52  
ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.  
ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.Route: Base<sup>29</sup>Met: (i) On route: 10/10 cu 20 miles east of Tgt.  
(iia) At. DZ: Good. Clear over D.Z. but hazy  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 275° / 29 M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1445 hrs. to 1510 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: D.R. Run from 2130N – 104008E<sup>30</sup>

Reception details: None seen at first A/C returned to P.P. Reception seen as A/C passed – Reception as briefed.

<sup>29</sup> The route is not given in this report.<sup>30</sup> Location probably 10408E.

Dropping Runs:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
Time:	1506	1516					
Height: ASL.	2500	2500					
Speed:	130	135					
Course:	315	310					
Load:							
(Bodies)							
(Containers)	11						
(Packages)		6					

Where Landed: Near D.Z.

Chutes Open: All O.K.

Set Course For Base: 1516 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Few waymarks read neaby apparently was Road ? ? ? as ??? but surrounded by hills requires fairly step drop and pull away.<sup>31</sup>

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 16	16	2215N – 10332E <sup>32</sup>	
	2.			
	3.			

	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
Rebecca:			
S/Phone:			

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No. Squadron, R.A.F.

<sup>31</sup> This section very hard to read on original.

<sup>32</sup> Location difficult to read on original.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor:

Date: 20 Mar

Sortie Report No. 178

Result: 'Completed'  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)Oprep No. 47 refers  
Code Name: Bazaar 176Target: (a) Primary: (2131N – 10750E)  
(b) Secondary: (2020N – 10301E)

S.D.A. 35E – (FICS)

Aircraft: Lib: MK VI 'K?' 392

Crew: Capt: F/O Davison – Nav: F/O Parham – B/A: F/O Woods

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	4240 lbs.
Dropped:				" "
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'C' Letter Eureka Coded .  
Of smoke fires Roman IV & 2 strips N-S.

Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 0845 hrs. landed 0030 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 1545

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: <sup>33</sup>Met: (i) On route: Very good low str over Mandi and u.  
(iia) At. DZ: Cloud acopt(?) base at(?) 6-7/10  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 130° / 12 M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 155?0 hrs. to 1553 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

## Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Flew out to sea and flew in under cloud. reaching area by Map reading from coast 1517 hrs.

Reception details: Briefed reception not seen and it is thought that the ground party was not ready or not expecting A/C due to low cloud base various fires were lit and people were seen waving French Flag etc as A/C ????? made second dummy Runs waiting for reception to be laid out and finally dropped before this was done, as available time was limited..

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<sup>33</sup> The route is not given in this report.

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    1545

Height: ASL.            250    1700? ASL

Speed:                   135

Course:                  250

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers        11

(Packages)         6

Where Landed: On Area

Chutes Open: Yes

Set Course For Base: 1553 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Good area of landing strip and is near coast height is approx. 50 ft A.S.L. All load is dropped on Tgt. Area and were seen on dummy Runs. After Drop.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 18	2	2150 10321	About 6 static Line
	2.	2	2138 10441	broke 2 dropped did
	3.	10	0145 10510	not open.

	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
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Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):  
Junks sank in River near DZ

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No.     Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.

Date: 20 Mar

H.Q. S.A.F.

Sponsor: F136

Sortie Report No. 179

Result: (Successful.)

Oprep No. 47 refers

(Inc. Reason for

Code Name: Bazaar 177

non-delivery)

Target: (a) Primary: (2131N – 10758E)

(b) Secondary: (2020N – 10301E)

S.D.A.

Aircraft: Lib: MK VI 'T' 340

Crew: Capt: W/O Drumond – Nav: F/S Flynn – B/A: P/O Winur

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	4240 lbs.
Dropped:				“ “
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type Letter Eureka Coded .

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 0850 hrs. landed 0035 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 1545

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: <sup>34</sup>

Met: (i) On route: Fair

(iia) At. DZ: Sc base 500 ft – 6/10th

(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 120° / 10 M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1615 hrs. to 1619 hrs.

Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

## Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Went out to sea and descended through cloud, then flew up and down coast until P.P. was obtained.

Reception details: Found Roman IV – X – two fires – parallel strips &amp; numerous people seen in area.

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<sup>34</sup> The route is not given in this report.

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    1618

Height: ASL.            350 ASL

Speed:                   120

Course:                  235

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers)        11

(Packages)            6

Where Landed: On Area

Chutes Open: Yes

Set Course For Base: 1619 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Good on old landing strip – no local obstructions.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 12	12	Tienyen	6000 ft.
	2.			3 static lines broke
	3.			

Rebecca:	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
S/Phone:			

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):  
Junks sank in River near DZ

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No.     Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor:

Date: 20 Mar

Sortie Report No. 180

Result: Successful  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)Oprep No. 47 refers  
Code Name: Character Oth 15Target: (a) Primary: 677  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 91F

Aircraft: Lib: MK VI 'D?' 367

Crew: Capt: F/O Jones – Nav: S/Ldr McConnel – B/A: F/S Dunn

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	5	4120 lbs.
Dropped:		11	5	“ “
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 4 fires in Rectangle Letter Eureka Coded .  
green Torch

Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 1713 hrs. landed 0135 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 6.20<sup>35</sup>

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: <sup>36</sup>Met: (i) On route: Fair  
(iia) At. DZ: Nil cloud slight haze  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 090° / 20 M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2053 hrs. to 2121 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

## Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Made DR run onto Area from Salween and recognised by reception &amp; ground detail

Reception details: Found briefed Reception. flashing 'W' on torch.

<sup>35</sup> Record states 6.20 but take off and landing times would suggest 8.20 is correct figure.<sup>36</sup> The route is not given in this report.

Dropping Runs:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
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Time:	2104	2113	2120
	300)		300

Height: ASL.	7900)ASL	7900
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Speed:	130	Dummy	130
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Course:	040°	Run	070°
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Load:

(Bodies)		
(Containers		11
(Packages)	5	

Where Landed: Not Seen.

Chutes Open:	Yes	Yes
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Set Course For Base: 2121 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Fair – E/W – W/E run is recommended as ground at N.

(b) General: Containers hung up on first two runs on Bomb doors not completely correct electrical circuit.

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
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Rebecca:  
S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.

Date: 20 Mar

H.Q. S.A.F.

Sponsor: F.136

Sortie Report No. 181

Result: Successful

Oprep No. 47 refers

(Inc. Reason for

Code Name: Burglar Hippo

non-delivery)

Target: (a) Primary: R 607 (19°13'N - 95°50'E)

(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 85M

Aircraft: Lib: MK VI 'D' 353

Crew: Capt: W/O Martel? – Nav: F/S? Whale – B/A: F/O McStea

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		6	4	2200 lbs.
Dropped:		6	4	“ “
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Free drop packages 19°55'N - 95°45'E

Briefed Reception: Triangle of fires Letter 'K' Eureka Coded .

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 1812 hrs. landed 0045 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 6.33

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: <sup>37</sup>

Met: (i) On route: Fair

(iia) At. DZ: Good – Nil cloud

(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 285° / 20 M.P.H. at 1000 ft.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2047 hrs. to 2106 hrs.

Secondary: From 2120 hrs. to 2125 hrs.

## Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Map Read from Irrawaddy.

Reception details: Found Δ of fires and flashing 'Z' at first D.Z. Flew to second D.Z. and Identified by river bend Δ of fires difficult to see. Numerous people on ground near large bush fire by reception.

<sup>37</sup> The route is not given in this report.

Dropping Runs:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
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Time:	2103	2123
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	350	400
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Height: ASL.	1150	1400
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Speed:	135	145
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Course:	100°	090°
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Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers) 6

(Packages) 1 freedrop 3 freedrops

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base: 2125 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: DZ's are good

(b) General: Containers hung up on first two runs on Bomb doors not completely correct electrical circuit.

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
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Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: F.136

Date: 20 Mar

Sortie Report No. 182

Result: Successful  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)Oprep No. 47 refers  
Code Name: Character Otter 13Target: (a) Primary: 677 (18°46'N - 97°04'E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94F

Aircraft: Lib: MK VI 'H' 188

Crew: Capt: F/Lt Monks – Nav: W/O Phillips – B/A: F/O MacDonald

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	5	4120 lbs.
Dropped:		11	5	“ “
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: 4 fires in a rectangle Letter T Eureka Coded .  
Green Torch

Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 1647 hrs. landed 0130 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 8.43

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: <sup>38</sup>Met: (i) On route: Fair  
(iia) At. DZ: Nil cloud – slightly hazy vis 5 mls.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 325° / 13 M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2006 hrs. to 2026 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Map Reading straight to DZ.

Reception details: Found 4 fires in rectangle – 2 torches flashing 'W'

<sup>38</sup> The route is not given in this report.

Dropping Runs:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
Time:	2020	2025					
	600						
Height: ASL.	3150	8100					
Speed:	135	130					
Course:	270°	270°					

## Load:

(Bodies)		
(Containers)		11
(Packages)	1	5

Where Landed: Not seen

Chutes Open: Yes Yes

Set Course For Base: 2026 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Good area but hills to North other area good

(b) General: Containers hung up on first two runs on Bomb doors not completely correct electrical circuit.

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 22	22	Pagoda P.T.	8500 ft.
	2.			
	3.			

Rebecca:	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
S/Phone:			

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: F.136

Date: 20 Mar

Sortie Report No. 183

Result: Not completed  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)

Oprep No. 47 refers  
Code Name: Character Otter 14

Target: (a) Primary: 677  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94F

Aircraft: Lib: MK VI 'L' 358

Crew: Capt: W/O Jones – Nav: P/O MacDirmid – B/A: P/O Lord

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	5	
Dropped:			4	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)		All containers		

Briefed Reception: 4 fires in a Rectangle Letter Eureka Yes Coded W .  
Green Torch

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1700 hrs. landed 1925/21st hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 2105  
ANG Digri landed 0510 hrs. airborne 1835 hrs. 21st  
ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2044N – 9221E – 1853N – 9720E – DZ – Flangacla – Bamien – 2044N – 9221E – base.

Met: (i) On route: 7-9/10 St – 8000 ft top.  
(iia) At. DZ: No cloud. – thick ground haze – 2 ½ - 3 mls vis.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 210° / 25 M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2006 hrs. to 2026 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Bend in Salween 19 mls E.N.E. of DZ. High hill 3 mls N.N.W. of D.Z.

Reception details: As briefed

Dropping Runs:            1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                        2217

Height: ASL.              8100

Speed:                      135

Course:                     090°

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers)

(Packages)                4

Where Landed: In rectangle

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base: 2224 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: All 11 containers hung up on first run & ???? no 2 Engine trouble unable to get more than 30  
??? ?????? for climbing re lipt? DZ area and set course base prob???ly but able to drop  
leaflets after? AU.

(b) General: Containers hung up on first two runs on Bomb doors not completely correct electrical  
circuit.

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
(750lb)	1. 27	27	Along Renelong?	2324
	2.		Hengada? Bamesne	2338
	3.			

Height picked up.      Range first picked up.    Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: F.136

Date: 20 Mar

Sortie Report No. 184

Result: 'Completed'  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)Oprep No. 47 refers  
Code Name: Character Otter 12Target: (a) Primary: 677 (18°46'N - 97°04'E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94F

Aircraft: Lib: MK VI 'C' 271

Crew: Capt: W/C Farr – F/L Ryan – Nav: – B/A: W/O Jackman.

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	5	4120 lbs.
Dropped:		11	5	“ “
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: 4 fires in a rectangle Letter Eureka Coded  
Green Torch

Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 1630 hrs. landed hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 7-15  
ANG Cox's landed 2345 hrs. airborne hrs.  
ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.Route: <sup>39</sup>Met: (i) On route: Fair  
(iia) At. DZ: Fair – nil cloud but hazy Very dark  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 011° / 22 M.P.H. at 9000Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2002 hrs. to 2049 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: D.R. Run to Target from Salween.

Reception details: Rectangle of fires &amp; flashing green lights

<sup>39</sup> The route is not given in this report.

Dropping Runs:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
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Time:

Height: ASL.	8400	8300	8300
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Speed:	140	140	140
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Course:	130	150	150
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Load:

(Bodies)			
(Containers)	11		
(Packages)	2	1	2

Where Landed: Not seen

Chutes Open:	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Set Course For Base: 2026 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Hill to N.W. of area cuts shadow? Into valley makes dropping difficult. No sufficient moon for this type of D.Z. Very difficult to make out ground features and impossible to see where load fell. It is suggested that this tgt is done? Later in Moon Period.

(b) General: No. 1 engine went U/S after leaving D.Z. A/C landed at Cox's Bazaar.

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			ft.
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
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Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.

Date: 20 Mar.

Sponsor:

Sortie Report No. 185

Result: Successful  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery)

Oprep No. 47 refers

Code Name: Mongoose.

Target: (a) Primary: 676 (18° 10'N - 97° 10'E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94F.

Aircraft: Lib. MkVI. 'O' 253

Crew: Captain: F/O. Smith    Nav. F/S. Brenchley    B/A. Sgt. Draper

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	5	4,250 lb.
Dropped:		11	5	"
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'T' Letter 'C' Eureka    Coded    .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1711 hrs. landed 0120 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:

ANG    landed    hrs.    airborne    hrs.

ANG    landed    hrs.    airborne    hrs.

Route: <sup>40</sup>Met: (i) On route: 9/10 Ac from coast of Burma base 1500 – 5000 ft.  
(iia) At. DZ: hazy nil cloud  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 024° / 24 M.P.H. at 10,000 ft.Time Over DZ: Primary:    From 2055 hrs. to 2113 hrs.  
Secondary: From

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Map read from Salween onto area &amp; ????

Reception details: Found briefed reception &amp; flashing Green Aldis letter 'C'.

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<sup>40</sup> Route not given in record.

Dropping Runs:      1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    2112

Height: ASL.            800 Asl

Speed:                    140

Course:                   230

Load:

Bodies:  
Containers:      11  
Packages:         5

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base: 2131 hrs.

Pilot's Reports: (a) at DZ: Flew 190° for 5 mins then 280° for 8 mins after drop as DZ surrounded by hills and is rather ????? unless it is known.

(b) General

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
Rebecca:			
S/Phone:			

Rebecca:  
S/Phone:

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: F.136

Date: 20 Mar

Sortie Report No. 186

Result: Successful  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)

Oprep No. 47 refers  
Code Name: Character Otter 9

Target: (a) Primary: 677  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94F

Aircraft: Lib: MK VI 'H?' 842?

Crew: Capt: P/O Hedley – Nav: W/O Perkins — B/A: P/O Mees

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	5	3880 lbs.
Dropped:		11	5	“ “
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: 4 fires in a Rectangle Letter Eureka Coded .  
Green Torch

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1730 hrs. landed 0230 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 9.00 h

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: <sup>41</sup>

Met: (i) On route: Fair  
(iia) At. DZ: Fair – light haze  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 210° / 20 M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2110 hrs. to 2140 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Made D.R. run from Salween.

Reception details: Found briefed reception waiting.

<sup>41</sup> The route is not given in this report.

Dropping Runs:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
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Time:	2130	2140
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	250?
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Height: ASL.	3000	1350
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Speed:	135	130
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Course:	090°	090°
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Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers 11

(Packages) 2 1

Where Landed: Not seen

Chutes Open: Yes Yes

Set Course For Base: 2140 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Good D.Z.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 27	27	Henzada	at 4132?
	2.			
	3.			

	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
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Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: F.136

Date: 20 Mar

Sortie Report No. 187

Result: Uncompleted  
(Inc. Reason for. Captain ill  
non-delivery)Oprep No. 47 refers  
Code Name: Heavy Lynoc?Target: (a) Primary: 149 ( 20°47'N - 98°57'E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 93L

Aircraft: Lib: MK VI 'W' 394

Crew: Capt: F/O Murray – Nav: F/O Field — B/A: P/O Kay.

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	2	4000 lbs.
Dropped:				
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'T' Letter 'U?' Eureka Coded .

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 1726 hrs. landed 1835 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 01.09

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

## Route:

Met: (i) On route:  
(iia) At. DZ:  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: ° / M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From hrs. to hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

## Recognition of DZ.

Natural features:

Reception details:

Dropping Runs:            1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:

Height: ASL.

Speed:

Course:

Load:

(Bodies)  
(Containers)  
(Packages)

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base:    hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ:

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.

Rebecca:  
S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.37

1. Duty Officer:- P/O. J.C. Murray.

2. Target – as briefed.

3. Aircraft and Crews.

A/c.'H'.124.

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

A/c. 'K'.392.

Capt. F/O. M.R. Davison.  
2nd.P. F/S. D.R. Crammond.  
Nav. F/O. J. D. Parham.  
B/A. F/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.  
Desp. Sgt. W.F. Jacques.

A/c.'D'.353.

Capt. W/O. H.S. Martel.  
2nd.P. F/S. R.J. Steele.  
Nav. F/S. 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.  
Desp. Sgt. F. Simmonite

A/c. 'Q'.367.

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

A/C 'Z' <sup>42</sup>

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

A/c.'O'.253.

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. A.M. Hill.  
2.WOP. F/S. D.G. Morris.  
M.U.G. Sgt. V. Taylor.  
Rear. Sgt. H. Miles.  
Desp. Sgt. G.W. Mills

A/c 'R'.287.

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

A/c.'W'.394

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

A/c.'U'.242.

Capt. F/O. H.V. Smith.  
2nd.P. F/S. B.R. Pool<sup>43</sup>  
Nav. F/S. A.R.D. Brenchley  
B/A. Sgt. J.H. Draper  
1.WOP. Sgt. P.E. Woods  
2.WOP. Sgt. W.A. Pugh  
M.U.G. Sgt. W.J. Pinckney  
Rear. F/S. C. Copley.  
Desp. Sgt. F.J. Parsons

A/c.'X'.312.

Capt. F/O. K.W. Jones.  
2nd.P. F/S. K.R. Jukes.  
Nav. W/O. E.T. Ball.  
B/A. F/S. 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. E.W.T. Rozee.  
Desp. F/S. J.H. McSherry.

A/c.'A'.167.

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

A/c.'L'.925.

Capt. W/O. J.H. Jones.  
2nd.P. F/S. G.R. Yeates  
Nav. F/S. H.C. Murphy.  
B/A. F/Lt. 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.  
Desp. Sgt. G. Manning.

<sup>42</sup> No serial given.

<sup>43</sup> Usually spelt "Poole".

4. Load: As Detailed.
5. Fuel: A/c. "Z" 2960 gallons.  
" "K", "D", "Q", "O", "W", "H". 2600 gallons.  
" "R", "U", "X", "A", "L". 2000 gallons.
6. Pyrotechnics:- Verey Lights, Green 3. Red 6, Colours of Day 6.
7. Ammunition: 1200 Rounds Rear. 800 Rounds Mid Upper.
8. Briefing: 10.00 hours.
9. Transport: As detailed.
10. Take-Off: As briefed.

23.3.45.

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

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 22nd/23rd March.

Sortie Report No. 185

Result:  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery)

Oprep No. 48 refers

Code Name: Hyena 6

Target: (a) Primary: 677 (1846N - 9704E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94F.

Aircraft: Lib. MkVI. 'U' 242

Crew: F/O. Smith (Capt); F/S. Brenchley (Nav.); Sgt. Draper (B/A)

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11		
Dropped:		11		
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'T' of lights Letter 'G' Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne	1810 hrs.	landed	0225 hrs.	Total hrs. airborne:	8 hrs. 15 mins.
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.	
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.	

Route: Base – 2044N 9221E – 1853N 9720E – target –

Met: (i) On route: Good, little valley fog.  
(iia) At. DZ: hazy Vis. 10 miles.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: ° / M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2131 hrs. to 2219 hrs.  
Secondary: From

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: D.R. run from Salween.

Reception details: Found lights, one green flashing A.

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    2219

Height: ASL.            7,700

Speed:                   140

Course:                 060

Load:

    Bodies:

    Containers:        11

    Packages:

Where Landed: Seen travelling toward reception.

Chutes Open: All opened O.K.

Set Course For Base: 2220 hrs.

Pilot's Reports: (a) at DZ: Circled DZ lost sighting of reception then found it again after other A/C had dropped. Fair D.Z. considered right hand circuit best in order to keep on D.Z. side of hill.

(b) General: Overheard a/c letter 'F' and 'O' while over DZ.

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 5	5	18°51N 9714E	2126
	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.	

Rebecca:  
S/Phone:

Intelligence: (Enemy A.A. A/C; Movement; Communications Lights etc. 12 M.T. on Tonuagoo Rd. travelling West 1855N – 9700E.

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 22/23rd Mar

Sortie Report No. 189

Result:  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)Oprep No. 48 refers  
Code Name: Fighter TambourineTarget: (a) Primary: 265 ( 0527N – 10125E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. NB 47

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI Z-397

Crew: P/O Hedley (Capt) W/O Perkins (Nav) P/O Mees (B/A)

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		7	2	4000 lbs.
Dropped:				
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type T of smoke fires Letter R Eureka Coded .  
& white chutes

Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 0735 hrs. landed 0305 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 19 hrs 40

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 1452N 9342E – 0810N 9818E - target

Met: (i) On route: Clear  
(iia) At. DZ: 10/10 cu base 5000' Some showers.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 060° / 10 M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1645 hrs. to 1653 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

## Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Clearing on river bank

Reception details: As briefed, waiting on arrival.

Dropping Runs:           1st.   2nd.   3rd.   4th.   5th.   6th.   7th.

Time:                       1647

Height: ASL.             2,000

Speed:                    130

Course:                   240

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers            7

(Packages)             2

Where Landed: All around reception

Chutes Open: One chute did not open.

Set Course For Base: 1653 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Not good for night drops. Hills too high and too close.

(b) General: 0701 – 9920 and 0037 – 10015. Small river & coasting streamer seen at 1545 hrs towing landing Barges

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
Rebecca:			
S/Phone:			

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

(initialled)

for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.

Date: 22/23rd Mar

H.Q. S.A.F.

Sponsor: Force 136

Sortie Report No. 190

Result: Completed

Oprep No. 48 refers

(Inc. Reason for

Code Name: Otter 16

non-delivery)

Target: (a) Primary: 677 (1846N 9704E)

(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 93L

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: X-312

Crew: F/O Jones (Capt) S/L McConnell (Nav); F/S Dunn (B/A)

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	5	4,250 lbs.
Dropped:		11	5	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type Rectangle 4 fires Letter A Eureka Coded .  
flashing green light

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1802 hrs. landed 0140 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 7.40

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2044N 9221E – 1853N 9702E – target – base (2043N 1925N 9610E)

Met: (i) On route: Good.

(iia) At. DZ: Clear but hazy Vis: 2 – 3 miles

(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 315° / 20 M.P.H. 7,000'

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2128 hrs. to 2138 hrs.

Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Recognised by hill to NNW. DR run from Salween

Reception details: As briefed two green torches flashing A

Dropping Runs:           1st.   2nd.   3rd.   4th.   5th.   6th.   7th.

Time:                       2135

Height: ASL.             8000

Speed:                    130

Course:                   260

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers)            11

(Packages)               5

Where Landed: Not seen

Chutes Open: All opened O.K.

Set Course For Base: 2152 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: DZ Good for moon dropping or at dusk.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 25	25	1925N – 9610E	2043 hrs
	2.			
	3.			

	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
Rebecca:			
S/Phone:			

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

(initialled)

for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: F.136

Date: 22 Mar

Sortie Report No. 196?

Result: 'Completed'  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)

Oprep No. 48 refers  
Code Name: Bazaar 154

Target: (a) Primary: Jasmin 809 (2108N – 10409E)  
(b) Secondary: Violette P.U.2 (2120N – 10301E)  
S.D.A. 46E

Aircraft: Lib: MK VI Q – 367

Crew: Capt: W/O Bullen – Nav: W/O Smith — B/A: F/S Weldrake.

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	
Dropped:		11	6	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'C' Roman IV Letter Eureka Coded .  
'T' of Strips

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1015 hrs. landed 2235 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 12.20

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2239N – 9422E – 2203N – 9845E – 2148N – 10106E – 2132N – 10350E – Tgt – Base rsr

Met: (i) On route: Cu in patches  
(iia) At. DZ: Very hazy nil cloud  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 205° / 18 1/2 M.P.H. at 10,500

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1517 hrs. to 1557 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: DR run from 2127N – 10403E for 8 ½ mins to area

Reception details: Identified area – Roman IV and T were seen but no fires. Made dummy Run Saw reception gone then saw it being carried into village where it was seen laid out on next run appeared to be made up of dainear??

Dropping Runs:           1st.   2nd.   3rd.   4th.   5th.   6th.   7th.

Time:                    1555

Height: ASL.           2,500

Speed:                  135

Course:                 070

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers            11

(Packages)             6

Where Landed: In area to West of village

Chutes Open: All O.K.

Set Course For Base: 1555 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Fair must be approached along length of Valley. Only practical for night dropping if full moon conditions and area are known.

(b) General: Small Monoplane landed on nearby strip.

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

(Signed, F/L)

for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 22nd Mar

Sortie Report No. 191

Result: Not Completed  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)

Oprep No. 48 refers  
Code Name: Hyena 26

Target: (a) Primary: 679 (1824N – 9701E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94F

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: L – 977

Crew: W/O Jones (Capt) P/O McDairmid (Nav) P/O Lord (B/A)

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	5	
Dropped:				
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type T of fires Letter G Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1800 hrs. landed 0200 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 7 hrs 40 min.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2044N 9221E – 1853N 9720E - target

Met: (i) On route: Fine but hazy  
(iia) At. DZ: Very hazy. Vis 1 – 2 miles.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: °/ M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2126 hrs. to 2204 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: DR run from Salween

Reception details: T of torches flashed G

Dropping Runs:            1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:

Height: ASL.

Speed:

Course:

Load:

(Bodies)  
(Containers)  
(Packages)

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base: 2204 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Circled D.Z. at 6000. One package prepared for dropping fell out during a bank –  
condered(?) to have fallen a mile of D.Z.

(b) General: "I didn't have the confidence to go clear(?) and make a dropping run" Capt.

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 14	14	Than Daung	2055 at 10,000
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

(signed F/L)  
for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 22nd Mar

Sortie Report No. 192

Result: Completed  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)

Oprep No. refers  
Code Name: Bazaar 157

Target: (a) Primary: Jasmin 803 (2108N 10409E)  
(b) Secondary: Violette PU 2 (2120N 10301E)

S.D.A. 46E

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: H – 124

Crew: S/L Sharpe (Capt) W/O Kirby (Nav) W/O Cross (B/A)

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		10	6	
Dropped:		10	6	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type C; Roman IV; Letter Eureka Coded .  
T of white strips

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1020 hrs. landed 2200 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 11 hrs 40

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2239N 9422E – 2203N 9845E – 2148N 10106E – 2132N 10350E – target – base

Met: (i) On route: Excellent  
(iia) At. DZ: Clear Vis: 4 – 7 miles.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 200° / 10 M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1517 hrs. to 1537 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: on road in between hills

Reception details: Waiting, no T of strips seen 3 fires and IV

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    1533

Height: ASL.            3,500

Speed:                   127

Course:                  270

Load:

(Bodies)	
(Containers)	10
(Packages)	6

Where Landed: On north edge of road

Chutes Open: all OK

Set Course For Base: 1537 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: One truck seen on road leading to DZ and number of horses. Load from another a/c seen on DZ 7-8 miles NW.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
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Rebecca:  
S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

(signed F/L)  
for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 22nd Mar

Sortie Report No. 193

Result: Completed  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)Oprep No. 48 refers  
Code Name: Bazaar 156Target: (a) Primary: Jasmin 803 (2108N 10409E)  
(b) Secondary: Violette PU 2 (2120N 10301E)

S.D.A.

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: O – 253

Crew: F/L Monks (Capt)

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	
Dropped:		11	6	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type C; Roman IV; Letter Eureka Coded .  
T of white strips

Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 1015 hrs. landed 2220 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2239N 9422E – 2203N 9845E – 2148N 10106E – 2132N 10350E – target – base rsr

Met: (i) On route: Good  
(iia) At. DZ: Good Vis: 10 miles.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 090° / 12 M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1525 hrs. to 1600 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

## Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Road down valley with village near reception Chieng Dang

Reception details: Three smoke fires, among houses with IV and T on other side of adjacent road. Chutes on house tops when a/c arrived.

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    1546

Height: ASL.            2100

Speed:                    130

Course:                   275

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers        11

(Packages)         6

Where Landed: In village (among roofs) ten yards north of DZ

Chutes Open: All OK

Set Course For Base: 1600 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Correct DZ identified four mile away from where dropped, on bearing 110°, but no reception..

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

(signed F/L)

for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 22nd Mar

Sortie Report No. 194

Result: Completed  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)Oprep No. 48 refers  
Code Name: Bazaar 153Target: (a) Primary: Trefia 833 (2112N 10404E)  
(b) Secondary: Violette PU 2 (2120N 10301E)

S.D.A. 35E

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: D – 353

Crew: W/O Martel (Capt) F/S Whale (Nav) F/O McStea (B/A)

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	
Dropped:		11	6	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)		1 DZ		
Hang-ups: (Station)		1		

Briefed Reception: Type C; Roman IV; T of strips Letter Eureka Coded .

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 1002 hrs. landed 2213 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 12 hrs 11

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2239N 9422E – 2203N 9845E – 2148N 10106E – 2132N 10350E – target – base rsr

Met: (i) On route: Trace of cu  
(iia) At. DZ: clear Vis: 6-10 miles  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 240° / 40 M.P.H. @ 10,000'Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1512 hrs. to 1546 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

## Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Near river – road junction

Reception details: C type with Roman IV no T of strips

Dropping Runs:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
Time:	1535	1545					
Height: ASL.	2,800	3,300					
Speed:	140	145					
Course:	232	300					
Load:							
(Bodies)							
(Containers)	11						
(Packages)	3	3					

Where Landed: All except two packages fell on DZ; packages fell approx. 75 yards away to the west.

Chutes Open: All except one; shrouds tangled with another; two fell under one chute.

Set Course For Base: 1552 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: French a/c landed at DZ. Two P-38s seen circling near River Noire.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

Rebecca:	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
S/Phone:			

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

(signed F/L)  
for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 22nd Mar

Sortie Report No. 195

Result: Completed  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)Oprep No. 48 refers  
Code Name: Bazaar 152Target: (a) Primary: Trefle 833 (2112N 10404E)  
(b) Secondary: Violette PU 2 (2120N 10301E)

S.D.A. 35E

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: K – 392

Crew: Davison (Capt)

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	
Dropped:		11	6	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type C; Roman IV; T of strips Letter Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1215 hrs. landed 2305 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2239N 9422E – 2203N 9845E – 2148N 10106E – 2132N 10350E – target – base rsr

Met: (i) On route: Excellent  
(iia) At. DZ: Clear Vis: 10-15 miles  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 250° / 5-10 M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1634 hrs. to 1644 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: In valley 2,00<sup>44</sup> ft above sea level hills to 4-5,000'Reception details: V<sup>45</sup> and T seen and other containers on deck. No smoke<sup>44</sup> Record states 2,00 but perhaps this should be 2,000.<sup>45</sup> Record states V, but probably should be IV.

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    1644

Height: ASL.            2,200

Speed:                    130

Course:                   300

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers)        11

(Packages)            6

Where Landed: All within area

Chutes Open: All OK

Set Course For Base: 1644 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Good DZ but not considered suitable for night drops. Up to one mile away on course 230° many chutes and containers seen. People collecting containers.

(b) General: Another small DZ seen in small village near Son La.

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

(signed F/L)

for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 22nd Mar

Sortie Report No. 196

Result: 'Completed'  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)

Oprep No. 48 refers  
Code Name: Bazaar 154

Target: (a) Primary: Jasmin 809 (2108N 10409E)  
(b) Secondary: Violette PU 2 (2120N 10301E)

S.D.A. 46E

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: Q – 367

Crew: Capt: W/O Bullen – Nav: W/O Smith – B/A: F/S Weldrake

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	
Dropped:		11	6	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'C'; Roman IV; Letter Eureka Coded .  
'T' of strips

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1015 hrs. landed 2235 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 12.20

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2239N 9422E – 2203N 9845E – 2148N 10106E – 2132N 10350E – target – Base rsr

Met: (i) On route: Fair – Cu in patches  
(iia) At. DZ: Very hazy nil cloud  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 205° / 18 1/2 M.P.H. at 10,500

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1517 hrs. to 1537 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: DR run from 2127N – 10403# for 8 ½ mins to area.

Reception details: Identified area. – Roman IV and T were seen but no fires. Made dummy Run – saw reception gine? Then saw it being carried into village where it was seen laid out – on next run appeared to be made up of sarrces?

Dropping Runs:           1st.   2nd.   3rd.   4th.   5th.   6th.   7th.

Time:                    1555

Height: ASL.            2,500

Speed:                   135

Course:                 070

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers        11

(Packages)         6

Where Landed: In area to West of village

Chutes Open: All OK

Set Course For Base: 1555 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Fair must be approached along length of Valley. Only practicable for night dropping if full moon – conditions and area are known.

(b) General: Small Monoplane landed on nearby strip.

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

(signed F/L)

for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: F. 136

Date: 22nd Mar

Sortie Report No. 197

Result: 'Completed'  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)Oprep No. 48 refers  
Code Name: Bazaar 151Target: (a) Primary: Treple 84?3 (2112N 10404E)  
(b) Secondary: Violette P.U 2 (2120N 10301E)

S.D.A. 35E

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: W – 394

Crew: Capt: W/O Drummond – Nav: F/S Flynn – B/A: P/O Winup

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	
Dropped:		11	6	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'C' Roman IV T of strips Letter Eureka Coded .

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 1010 hrs. landed 2205 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 1155

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2239N 9422E – 2203N 9845E – 2148N 10106E – 2132N 10350E – target – Base

Met: (i) On route: Good  
(iia) At. DZ: Very hazy nil cloud  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 242° / 20 M.P.H. at 7000Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1509 hrs. to 1538 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

## Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Map read straight on to DZ.

Reception details: Found Roman IV &amp; fires lit as A/C made runs. T also been prepared as A/C was in area.

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    1523

Height: ASL.            3,600

Speed:                    125

Course:                   110

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers)        11

(Packages)            2<sup>46</sup>

Where Landed: In area

Chutes Open: All OK

Set Course For Base: 1531 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Fair but hills nearby to east. .

(b) General: Small biplane landed during drop – Unidentified P.38's sighted in vicinity of D.Z.

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 1	1	Phong Saly	1625 @ 9,000
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

(signed F/L)

for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

<sup>46</sup> The first page of the report indicates 6 packages dropped, but the number on the second page appears to be "2".

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.

Date: 22nd Mar

H.Q. S.A.F.

Sponsor: F. 136

Sortie Report No. 198

Result: Not Completed

(Inc. Reason for: Weather (Fog)  
non-delivery)Oprep No. 48 refers  
Code Name: Nation Weasel? 2

Target: (a) Primary:

(b) Secondary:

S.D.A.

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: <sup>47</sup>

Crew: Capt: W/O Adams – Nav: F/S Simpson – B/A: F/S Stanton

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		8	7	
Dropped:				
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type Letter Eureka Coded .

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 1845 hrs. landed 0310 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 1155

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: <sup>48</sup>

Met: (i) On route: Good except for valley fog &amp; haze.

(iia) At. DZ: Ground haze Vis 2 mls

(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 090° / 5 M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1509 hrs. to 1538 hrs.

Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

## Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Picked up hill due East – D.R. run to area.

Reception details: Good Reception as briefed.

<sup>47</sup> A/C code letter and serial not given in record.<sup>48</sup> Route not given in record.

Dropping Runs:            1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:

Height: ASL.

Speed:

Course:

Load:

(Bodies)  
(Containers)  
(Packages)

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base: 2300 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Sighted reception composed of lights, made one dummy run – to late and to high to drop; went round again but lost sight of reception – returned to river but despite another run still could not locate reception. Later, R. gunner said lights were extinguished..

(b) General: Patch haze and hills make this D.Z. difficult for night dropping; without haze, considered a good DZ

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 17	17	Thayetno	2115
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.      Range first picked up.      Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

(signed F/L)  
for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: F. 136

Date: 22/23 Mar

Sortie Report No. 199

Result: 'Completed'  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)Oprep No. 48 refers  
Code Name: Otter 17Target: (a) Primary: 677 (1846N – 9704E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94 F

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: - R – 287

Crew: Capt: W/O Mills – Nav: W/O Hencher – B/A: P/O Taylor

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	5	4,250 lbs
Dropped:		11	5	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type Rectangle of lights Letter 'A' Eureka Coded .  
(green)

Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 1755 hrs. landed 0205 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 8.9

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2044N – 0221E<sup>49</sup> – 1853N – 9720E – Tgt – Base - RsrMet: (i) On route: Good.  
(iia) At. DZ: Good – vis 4 mls (lights through haze)  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: ° / M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2132 hrs. to 2153 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

## Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: DR run from Salween One peak 3 mls n of DZ

Reception details: Four lights in rectangle one green light flashed 'A'.

<sup>49</sup> Record state "0221E" but this is an obvious error.

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    2133

Height: ASL.            8300

Speed:                    135

Course:                    070

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers)        11

(Packages)            5

Where Landed: Not seen

Chutes Open: One chute did not open.

Set Course For Base: 2153 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Fair D.Z. made rather awkward by ridge running N-S across line of approach & drop.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 15	15	5	2237-47
	2.			
	3.			

	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
Rebecca:			
S/Phone:			

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.38

1. Duty Officer:- F/Lt. Magyer.

2. Target – as briefed.

3. Aircraft and Crews.

A/c.'T'.174.

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

A/c.'A'.167.

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

A/c.'D'.353.

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.  
 Desp. Sgt. G.W. Mills

. A/c.'X'.312.

Capt. F/O. K.W. Jones.  
 2nd.P. F/S. K.R. Jukes.  
 Nav. S/L. L.C. McConnell  
 B/A. F/S. 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. E.W. Rozee.  
 Desp. F/S. J. McSherry.

A/c. 'Q'.367

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

A/c.'U'.242.

Capt. F/O. H.V. Smith.  
 2nd.P. F/S. B.R. Pool<sup>50</sup>  
 Nav. F/S. R. Brenchley  
 B/A. Sgt. J.H. Draper  
 1.WOP. Sgt. W.S. Woods  
 2.WOP. Sgt. W.A. Pugh  
 M.U.G. Sgt. W. Pinckney  
 Rear. F/S. C. Copley.

A/c.'H'.124.

Capt. W/O. H.S. Martel.  
 2nd.P. F/S. R.J. Steele.  
 Nav. F/S. C. Whale.  
 B/A. F/O. W. 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.  
 Desp. Sgt. F. Simmonite

A/c.'W'.394

Capt. W/O. 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. Johnston  
 2.WOP. F/S. J.K. Lyons  
 M.U.G. Sgt. J.S. Salway  
 Rear. Sgt. A.F. Dickson  
 Desp. Sgt. M.W. Copeland.

A/c. 'K'.392.

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

A/c.'N'.365

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

A/c.'Z'.397

Capt. W/O. W.R. Mills  
 2nd.P. F/S. 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  
 Rear. Sgt. D.S. Potter  
 Desp. F/S. J.F. Hawkins  
 M.U.G. Sgt. G. Aire  
 F/Eng. Sgt. J.L.J. Hulse.

<sup>50</sup> Usually spelt "Poole".

4. Load: A/c. 'N', 'Z' – 7 containers, 6 packages.  
Remainder, 14 containers, 6 packages.
5. Pyrotechnics:- Verey Lights, Green 3. Red 6, Colours of Day 6.
6. Ammunition: 1200 rounds Rear. 800 rounds Mid Upper.
7. Fuel: A/c. 'N', 'Z' 2850 galls petrol ) 27 galls per engine of oil.  
Remainder – 1950 gallons. )
8. Briefing: 1100 hrs. 24.3.45. A/c. 'N', 'Z' – 1600 hrs.
9. Transport: As detailed.
10. Take-Off: As briefed.
11. Logs: Engineers logs to be handed to Eng. Officer as soon as possible after flight.

24/3/45.

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

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 24/25 March.

Sortie Report No. 200

Result: Completed  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery)

Oprep No. 50 refers

Code Name:

Target: (a) Primary: 677 (1846N - 9704E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A.

Aircraft: <sup>51</sup>

Crew:	A/c. 'T' 174
	Capt. P/O. C.H. Hedley
	2nd.P. F/S. R.C. Nichols
	Nav. W/O. J.H. Perkins
	B/A. F/S. W.H. Hounslow
	1.WOP. P/O. J.E. Tubb
	2.WOP. W/O. R.C. Chalmer
	M.U.G. W/O. B.S. Pepper
	Rear. P/O. W.E. Hopkins
	Desp. Sgt. R.G. Maiden
	F/Eng. F/S. W.H. Blee

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	5	4120
Dropped:		11	5	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type Rectangle of fires Letter Eureka Coded .  
green torches

Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne	1657 hrs.	landed	0150 hrs.	Total hrs. airborne:
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.

Route: Base – 2044N 9221E – 1853N 9720E – Tgt – Base Rsr.

Met: (i) On route: Fair 9/10 thermostratus mainly on N Bay of Bengal 500.200A  
(iia) At. DZ: Fine, no cloud slight haze. Vis 5 mls.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 125 ° / 17 M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2044 hrs. to 2055 hrs.

<sup>51</sup> Entry not visible on record copy due to covering by aircrew list.

Secondary: From        hrs. to        hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Plateau with large hill to N.W.

Reception details: As briefed with torches flashing 'W'.

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    2048    2053

Height: ASL.            8000    8000

Speed:                    130     130

Course:                  270     270

Load:

Bodies:

Containers:            7        4

Packages:              2        2

Where Landed: Between Rectangle of fires.

Chutes Open: All O.K.

Set Course For Base: 2054 hrs.

Pilot's Reports: (a) at DZ:

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 16	16	1921N 9456E	2150

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence: (Enemy A.A. A/C; Movement; Communications Lights etc.).

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
 H.Q. S.A.F.  
 Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 24 March.

Sortie Report No. 201

Result: Completed  
 (inc. Reason for non-delivery)

Oprep No. 50 refers

Code Name: Mongoose 3

Target: (a) Primary: 677 (1846N - 9704E)  
 (b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94F.

Aircraft: Lib. MkVI. 'O' 253

Crew: F/O. Smith (Capt); F/S. Brenchley (Nav.); Sgt. Draper (B/A)

Crew: A/c.'U'.242.<sup>52</sup>  
 Capt. F/O. H.V. Smith.  
 2nd.P. F/S. B.R. Pool  
 Nav. F/S. R. Brenchley  
 B/A. Sgt. J.H. Draper  
 1.WOP. Sgt. W.S. Woods  
 2.WOP. Sgt. W.A. Pugh  
 M.U.G. Sgt. W. Pinckney  
 Rear. F/S. C. Copley.

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	5	4120
Dropped:			5	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)		11 over D.Z.		
Hang-ups: (Station)		11		

Briefed Reception: Type Rectangle of Lines Green Torch Letter Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1820 hrs. landed 0210 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:  
 ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.  
 ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2044N 9221E – 1853N 9720E – Tgt – base Rsr.

Met: (i) On route: Haze.  
 (iia) At. DZ: Haze in Valley – Vis. 10 miles.

<sup>52</sup> On the original record, this section is obviously a copy of the information on the Operation Order; the A/c letter and number do not agree with the information above.

(iib) Ground wind at DZ: ° / M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2148 hrs. to 2211 hrs. ETOT: 2145  
Secondary: From

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Identified by hill to N.W.

Reception details: Reception Green light flashed 'W'.

Dropping Runs:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
Time:	2255	2202	2211				
Height: ASL.	8000	7800	7800				
Speed:	130	130					
Course:	065	073	090				
Load:	hang up						
Bodies:							
Containers:	11						
Packages:	2 3						

Where Landed: In Area

Chutes Open: All O.K.

Set Course For Base: 2319 hrs.

Pilot's Reports: (a) at DZ: Good D.Z. right hand circuit required ????? were 8-400 ft above ground at 7-899 indicated.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 16	16	1925N 9522E	2303

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
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Rebecca:  
S/Phone:

Intelligence: (Enemy A.A. A/C; Movement; Communications Lights etc.).

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: F.136

Date: 24/25 March.

Sortie Report No. 203

Result: Completed  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery)

Oprep No. 50 refers

Code Name: Otter 20

Target: (a) Primary: 677 (1846N - 9704E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94F

Aircraft: Lib. MK VI – A – 167

Crew: A/C.'H' 124<sup>53</sup>  
 Capt. S/Ldr. S.A. Sharpe  
 2nd.P. P/O. B.J.C. Edwards  
 Nav. W/O. C.F. Kirby  
 B/A. W/O. R.G. Cross  
 1.WOP. W/O. J. Buchanan  
 2.WOP. F/S. F.W. Noble.  
 M.U.G. W/O. J.W. Fayle  
 Rear. W/O. S.W. Seymour  
 Desp. F/S. R.C. Fenbow.

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	5	4120
Dropped:		11	5	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type Rectangle of fires Letter Eureka Coded .  
Green torches

Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 1711 hrs. landed 0105 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:  
 ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.  
 ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2044N 9221E – 1853N 9720E – Tgt – Diversion to Pyalo – Base RSR.

Met: (i) On route: Perfect Slight haze in hills.  
 (iia) At. DZ: Clear Vis 10 mls  
 (iib) Ground wind at DZ: 110° / 5-7 M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2045 hrs. to 2115 hrs.

<sup>53</sup> On the original record, this section is obviously a copy of the information on the Operation Order; the A/C letter and number do not agree with the information above.

Secondary: From        hrs. to        hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Like a billard table on side of hill, very plateau.

Reception details: Four fires as briefed two green torches.

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    2103    2115

Height: ASL.         8000    7900

Speed:                 135     133

Course:                065     060

Load:

Bodies:

Containers:         6        5

Packages:            3        2

Where Landed: Too hazy to see

Chutes Open:         yes     yes

Set Course For Base: 2118 hrs.

Pilot's Reports: (a) at DZ: Good – Rectangle E to W South side of hill Height given considered as correct 7,500  
Large? Byhb? Probably lotick? On top of hill near DZ

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 15	15	Pyayo	2208

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence: (Enemy A.A. A/C; Movement; Communications Lights etc.).

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: F.136

Date: 24/25 March.

Sortie Report No. 202

Result: Completed  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery)

Oprep No. 50 refers

Code Name: Otter 26

Target: (a) Primary: 677 (1846N - <sup>54</sup>  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94F

Aircraft: Lib. MK VI – Q – 367

Crew:	A/C.'Q' 367	
	Capt.	W/O. R.K. Bullen
	2nd.P.	F/S. R. Woodcock
	Nav.	F/S. C.L. Smith
	B/A.	F/S. R.H. Weldrake
	1.WOP.	W/O. A.W. Thomas
	2.WOP.	Sgt. D. Tuinioll???
	M.U.G.	F/S. J.H. Clarke
	Rear.	Sgt. I.W. Wells
	Desp.	Sgt. W. Patterson

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	5	4120
Dropped:		11	5	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type Rectangle of fires Letter Eureka Coded .  
Green torches

Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne	1904 hrs.	landed	0300 hrs.	Total hrs. airborne:
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.

Route: Base – 2044N 9221E – 1853N 9720E – Tgt – Base

Met: (i) On route: Good some haze  
(iia) At. DZ: Very Good – Vis 5-6 mls  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 270° / 10 M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2143 hrs. to 2240 hrs.  
Secondary: From hrs. to hrs.<sup>54</sup> Only one coordinate given in record.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Main hill on NW of DZ Time Run.

Reception details: As briefed two green torches flashed 'W'.

Dropping Runs:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
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Time:	2132?	2334?
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Height: ASL.	7,900	7,600
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Speed:	132	135
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Course:	060	060
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Load:

Bodies:

Containers:	11
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Packages:	3	2
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Where Landed:

Chutes Open:	yes	yes
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Set Course For Base: 2240 hrs.

Pilot's Reports: (a) at DZ: Very good

(b) General: During last run saw containers with open chutes falling 30 mi? to Starboard. Just before found drop 2227 hrs Lib flashed past ??? starboard 50 ?? below on course approx. 090 Had contacted 4 A/C 358? Sqdn on DZ by R/T.

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 16	16	Alloanye?	2342

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
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Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence: (Enemy A.A. A/C; Movement; Communications Lights etc.).

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: F.136

Date: 24/25 March.

Sortie Report No. 204

Result: Completed  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery)

Oprep No. 50 refers

Code Name: Otter 25

Target: (a) Primary: 677 (1846N - 9704E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94F

Aircraft: <sup>55</sup>

Crew:	A/C.'X' 312
	Capt. ??????? Jones
	2nd.P. ??????? Jukes
	Nav. S/??? C.McConnell
	B/A. F/S. 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. Rozoo??
	Desp. F/S. J. McSharry

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	5	4120
Dropped:		11	5	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type Rectangle of fires Letter Eureka Coded .  
Green torch

Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne	1740 hrs.	landed	0140 hrs.	Total hrs. airborne:
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.

Route: Base – 2044N 9221E – 1853N 9720E – Tgt – Base RSR.

Met: (i) On route: Good slight haze  
(iia) At. DZ: Clear Vis 4 mls  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 240° / 10 M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2128 hrs. to 2152 hrs. (ETOT 2115)  
Secondary: From hrs. to hrs.<sup>55</sup> No aircraft code or serial given on main form.

## Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: On ridge running 130° Hill to N.W.

Reception details: Reception Flashing 'W'

Dropping Runs:           1st.   2nd.   3rd.   4th.   5th.   6th.   7th.

Time:                       2150

Height: ASL.             7900

Speed:                    135

Course:                   070

## Load:

Bodies:

Containers:           11

Packages:               4

Where Landed: Not Seen

Chutes Open:            yes

Set Course For Base: 2151 hrs.

Pilot's Reports: (a) at DZ: Good – Moved further East along ridge since previous visit two days before.

(b) General: One package fell out of A/C 18 mls from D.Z. on bearing 060°

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
1.	20	20	1920N 9500E 10mls up wind Thoyetmo	2249

Rebecca:	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
S/Phone:			

Intelligence: (Enemy A.A. A/C; Movement; Communications Lights etc.).

1848 hrs (2126N – 9135E) vessel on course 360 at 28 knots appeared to be escort vessel not commanded?  
Japanese.

2117N – 9133E - 030° group of lights

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: F.136

Date: 24-25 March.

Sortie Report No. 205

Result: Completed  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery)

Oprep No. 50 refers

Code Name: Mongoose 5

Target: (a) Primary: 677 (1846N - 9704E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94F

Aircraft: Lib: Mk VI – H – 124

Crew:	A/C.'H' 124
	Capt. W/O. H.S. Martel
	2nd.P. F/S.R. J. Steel
	Nav. F/S. C. Whale
	B/A. F/O. W. 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.P. Ayton
	Desp. Sgt. F. Simmouite

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	5	4120
Dropped:		11	5	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type Rectangle of fires Letter Eureka Coded .  
Green torch

Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne	1832 hrs.	landed	0256 hrs.	Total hrs. airborne:
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.

Route: Base – 2044N 9221E – 1853N 9720E – Tgt – Base

Met: (i) On route: Very good  
(iia) At. DZ: No cloud slight haze Vis 10 mls  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 175° / 5 M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2217½ hrs. to 2242 hrs. (ETOT 2200)  
Secondary: From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: D.R. run from bend on Salween

Reception details: Reception as briefed flashing 'W' in green.

Dropping Runs:           1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    1240<sup>56</sup>

Height: ASL.           8200

Speed:                   140

Course:                 070

Load:

Bodies:

Containers:           11

Packages:             5

Where Landed: Not Seen

Chutes Open:           yes

Set Course For Base: 2242 hrs.

Pilot's Reports: (a) at DZ: O.k.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 17	16	Suibangwe & Naungbinitha	2243½

	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
Rebecca:			
S/Phone:			

Intelligence: (Enemy A.A. A/C; Movement; Communications Lights etc.).

1848 hrs (2126N – 9135E) vessel on course 360 at 28 knots appeared to be escort vessel not commanded?  
Japanese.

2117N – 9133E - 030° group of lights

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

<sup>56</sup> Record states "1240" but time is of 2240 is more probable.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: F.136

Date: 24/25 March.

Sortie Report No. 206

Result: 'Completed'  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery)

Oprep No. 50 refers

Code Name: Hyena 26

Target: (a) Primary: N<sup>1</sup> 62 (1821N - 9657E)  
(b) Secondary: N<sup>3</sup> 63 (1821N - 9655E)

S.D.A. 94B

Aircraft: Lib: Mk VI - K - 392

Crew:	A/C.'K' 392
	Capt. F/L. N.R. Davison
	2nd.P. F/S. D.F. Grammond?
	Nav. F/O. D.J. Purham
	B/A. F/O. A.N. Woods
	1.WOP. W/O. S.J. Webb
	2.WOP. Sgt. Holdon
	M.U.G. Sgt. W.G. Barber
	Rear. W/O. G.M?T. White
	Desp. Sgt. K. Jaques

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	5	4120
Dropped:		11	5	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type 'T' of Torches Letter G or Y Eureka Coded .

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne	1815 hrs.	landed	0245 hrs.	Total hrs. airborne:
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.

Route: Base - 2044N 9221E - 1853N 9720E - Tgt - Base - Rsr

Met: (i) On route: Very good  
(iia) At. DZ: Hazy Vis 2-3 mls  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: °/ M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2223 hrs. to 2251 hrs. (ETOT 2115)  
Secondary: From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Surrounding hills

Reception details: As briefed G & Y rec. by torches.

Dropping Runs:           1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                       2240

Height: ASL.             3300

Speed:                    135

Course:                   340

Load:

Bodies:

Containers:            11

Packages:               5

Where Landed: Not Seen

Chutes Open:            yes

Set Course For Base: 2251 hrs.

Pilot's Reports: (a) at DZ: After dropping went round again and got rec. signal from ground. Area considered excellent DA, its length makes dropping easy.

(b) General: A/C landed immediately after take off due to fault in Engine Cowling. Actual take off made 30 mins later.

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 16	16	1850N – 9718E	2108

	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
Rebecca:			
S/Phone:			

Intelligence: (Enemy A.A. A/C; Movement; Communications Lights etc.).

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
 H.Q. S.A.F.  
 Sponsor: F.136

Date: 24/25th March.

Sortie Report No. 207

Result: Completed  
 (inc. Reason for non-delivery)

Oprep No. 50 refers

Code Name: Otter 21

Target: (a) Primary: 6?77 (1846N - 9704E)  
 (b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94F

Aircraft: Lib: Mk VI – D – 353

## Crew F/L Monks

Crew: A/C.'D' 353  
 Capt. F/L? H.H? Monks  
 2nd.P. F/S. E. 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  
 Desp. Sgt. G.W. Mills

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	5	4120
Dropped:		11	5	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type Rectangle of fires Letter Eureka Coded .  
 Green torches

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 1727 hrs. landed 0120 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:  
 ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.  
 ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2044N 9221E – 1853N 9720E – Tgt – Base – RSR

Met: (i) On route: Good, ground haze up to 7,000'  
 (iia) At. DZ: Clear, with smoke from bush fires. Vis: 10 miles  
 (iib) Ground wind at DZ: nil ° / M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2057 hrs. to 2130 hrs. (ETOT 2100)  
 Secondary: From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Tall peak to NW of DZ.

Reception details: Rectangle of fires two green torches.

Dropping Runs:           1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                       2125   2130

Height: ASL.                 8100

Speed:                       125

Course:                      035

Load:

Bodies:

Containers:                 11

Packages:                   5

Where Landed:            Seen dropping towards reception Area

Chutes Open:                yes

Set Course For Base: 2130 hrs.

Pilot's Reports: (a) at DZ: Must be approached by at least 8,500 to be able to see all lights. Good D.Z.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 16	16	1914N – 9510E	2218

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence: (Enemy A.A. A/C; Movement; Communications Lights etc.).

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force136

Date: 24/25th March.

Sortie Report No. 208

Result: Completed  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery)

Oprep No. 50 refers

Code Name: Hyena 24?

Target: (a) Primary: 677 (1846N - 9704E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94F

Aircraft: Lib: Mk VI – W – 394

## Crew W/O Drummond

Crew:	A/C.'W' 394	
	Capt.	W/O. 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. Johnston
	2.WOP.	F/S. K?K. Lyons
	M.U.G.	Sgt. J.S. Salway
	Rear.	Sgt. A.F. Dickson
	Desp.	Sgt. M.W. Copeland

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	5	2965
Dropped:		11	5	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type Rectangle of fires Letter W Eureka Coded .  
Green torches

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne	1840 hrs.	landed	0310 hrs.	Total hrs. airborne:	8 hrs 29mins
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.	
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.	

Route: Base – 2044N 9221E – 1853N 9720E – Tgt – Base – RSR

Met: (i) On route: No cloud.  
(iia) At. DZ: Fair with medium haze Vis: 2-3 miles  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: nil ° / M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2234 hrs. to 2312 hrs. (19 mins late)  
Secondary: From hrs. to hrs.

## Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: On plateau with mountain three miles NNW.

Reception details: As briefed with green Aldis lamp.

Dropping Runs:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
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Time:	2257	2305
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Height: ASL.	8300	7900
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Speed:	125	125
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Course:	060	070
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## Load:

Bodies:

Containers:	6	5
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Packages:	2	3
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Where Landed: Within rectangle of DZ

Chutes Open: All OK.

Set Course For Base: 2312 hrs.

Pilot's Reports: (a) at DZ:

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 12	12	1851N – 9636E	2322

	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
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Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence: (Enemy A.A. A/C; Movement; Communications Lights etc.).

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.39

1. Duty Officer:- F/O. R.P. Field.

2. Target – as briefed.

3. Aircraft and Crews.

A/C.'R'.287.

Capt. W/O. 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. Johnston  
 2.WOP. F/S. J.K. Lyons  
 M.U.G. Sgt. J.S. Salway  
 Rear. Sgt. A.F. Dickson  
 Desp. Sgt. M.W. Copeland.

A/C.'X'.312.

Capt. P/O. C.H. Hedley.  
 2nd.P. F/S. R.C. Nicholson.  
 Nav. W/O. J.H. Perkins.  
 B/A. F/S. W.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. W.E. Hopkins.  
 Desp. Sgt. R.G. Maiden.  
 F/Eng. F/S. W.H. Blee.

A/C.'W'.394

Capt. F/O. H.V. Smith.  
 2nd.P. F/S. B.R. Pool<sup>57</sup>  
 Nav. F/S. R. Brenchley  
 B/A. Sgt. J.H. Draper  
 1.WOP. Sgt. W.S. Woods  
 2.WOP. Sgt. W.A. Pugh  
 M.U.G. Sgt. W. Pinckney  
 Rear. F/S. C. Copley.  
 Desp. Sgt. F.J. Parsons.

. A/C.'L'.925.

Capt. W/O. H.S. Martel.  
 2nd.P. F/S. R.J. Steele.  
 Nav. F/S. C. Whale.  
 B/A. F/O. W. McStea.  
 1.WOP. F/S. K. Holden.  
 2.WOP. F/S. D.C. Jolley.  
 M.U.G. Sgt. J.C. Attwood.  
 Rear. Sgt. W.F. Ayton.  
 Desp. Sgt. F. Simmonite

A/C. 'K'.392.

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

A/C.'N'.365

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

A/C.'D'.353.

Capt. F/Lt. S.W. Bridges  
 2nd.P. F/S. R.C. Smith  
 Nav. F/O. B.C. Luther  
 B/A. P/O. W. Meshier  
 1.WOP. W/O. K.G. McLaughlin  
 2.WOP. F/S. C.A. Luke  
 M.U.G. W/O. W.C. McCaffrey  
 Rear. P/O. J.C. Goodison  
 Desp. Sgt. K.R. Banks

A/C.'G'.925<sup>58</sup>

Capt. F/O. K.W. Jones.  
 2nd.P. F/S. K.R. Jukes.  
 Nav. W/O. E.T. Ball.  
 B/A. F/S. 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.T. Rozee.  
 Desp. F/S. J.H. McSherry.

A/C.'U'.242.

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

A/C.'H'.124.

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. R.M. Hill.  
 2.WOP. F/S. D.G. Morris.  
 M.U.G. Sgt. V. Taylor.  
 Rear. Sgt. H. Miles.  
 Desp. Sgt. G.W. Mills

A/C.'T'.174

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

A/C. 'A'.167

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

<sup>57</sup> Usually spelt "Poole".<sup>58</sup> Same serial as given for A/C 'L'.

4. Load: 11 Containers, 6 Packages.
5. Pyrotechnics:- Verey Lights, Green 3. Red 6, Colours of Day 6.
6. Ammunition: 1200 rounds Rear. 800 rounds Mid Upper.
7. Fuel: A/C "L" 2600 gallons.  
A/C "R", "X", "W", "K", 2300 gallons. Oil: 27 galls per engine.  
A/C "A", "D", "G", "U", 1950 gallons.
8. Briefing: 08.00 hours and 11.00 hours.
9. Transport: As detailed.
10. Take-Off: As briefed.
11. Logs: Engineers logs to be handed to Eng. Officer as soon as possible after flight.

26th March, 1945.

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

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.

Date: 26th March, 1945

H.Q. S.A.F.

Sponsor: Force 136

Sortie Report No. 210

Result: Completed

Oprep No. 60? refers

(Inc. Reason for.

Code Name: Bazaar 166

non-delivery)

Target: (a) Primary: Chowwhite 8?47 (19,56'N. 106,16'E)

(b) Secondary: )

S.D.A. NE? 48

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: 'Q'

Crew: W/O Drummond

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	4240
Dropped:		11	6	4240
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type C of smoke fires T of strips Letter Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1046 hrs. landed 2110 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 20.44'N. 92.2?1'E – 20.17'N, 100.08'E – 20.03?N. 108.10'E – DZ – return same route.

Met: (i) On route: Fair to 100° then grew cloudy.

(iia) At. DZ: 8/10 Str. Wind 136/15 at 10,000ft.

(iib) Ground wind at DZ: ° / M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1618 hrs. to 1632 hrs.

Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Pinpoint from Mekong and DR run to target. Found area on E. side of hill (all others dropped on path to W. of hill.

Reception details:

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    1620? 1628?

Height: ASL.            3000ASL 2800?ASL

Speed:                    125    126?

Course:                   060    060

Load:

(Bodies)	
(Containers)	11
(Packages)	6

Where Landed: On area

Chutes Open: All OK

Set Course For Base: 1633 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: No good for night drops. High ground in vicinity.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1. 16	16	Lnog Pranang?	1625 @ 9,000
	2.			
	3.			

Rebecca:	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
S/Phone:			

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):  
 ?0?.11'N 99.50'E 4 trucks stationary facing N.

A/C Not Returned to Base:

for Officer Commanding,  
 No. 358 Squadron, R.A.F.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 26th March, 1945

Sortie Report No. 211

Result: Completed  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)

Oprep No. 61 refers  
Code Name: Bazaar 166

Target: (a) Primary: Chowwhite 847 (19,56'N. 102,16'E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. NE 48

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: 'X'

Crew: P/O Hedley

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		14	6	4240
Dropped:		14	6	4240
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type Letter Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1036 hrs. landed 2145 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 20.44'N. 92.21'E – 20.17'N, 100.08'E – 20.03'N. 102.13'E – DZ – Return same route.

Met: (i) On route: Fair but cloudy, especially around 99°

(iia) At. DZ: 8/10 Str., 4900 ft., haze, wind 180/9

(iib) Ground wind at DZ: ° / M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1547 hrs. to 1600 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Made DR run on to DZ from Mekong.

Reception details: Blind drop. Recognised DZ by map reading

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    1554

Height: ASL.            2300ASL

Speed:                   135

Course:                 180°

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers)        14

(Packages)           6

Where Landed: Seen going down towards area.

Chutes Open: One tore, but went down O.K.

Set Course For Base: 1600 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Difficult for night drop owing to nearness of surrounding hills.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.	Height
	1. 16	16	20.25'N 96.07'E		3000 ft.
	2.				
	3.				

Rebecca:	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
S/Phone:			

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks:.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 26th March, 1945.

Sortie Report No. 212

Result: Completed  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery)

Oprep No. 51 refers

Code Name: Bazaar 1678

Target: (a) Primary: Chowerre? 847 (19.56'N – 103.16'E)  
(b) Secondary: S.D.A. NE? 48

Aircraft: Lib. Mk. VI. 'W'

Crew: F/O. Smith

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	4240
Dropped:		11	6	4240
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type C of smoke fires – T of strips. Letter Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1035 hrs. landed 2150 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 20.44'N 92.21'E – 20.17'N 100.08'E – 20.08'N 102.13'E – DZ – Returned same route.

Met: (i) On route:  
(iia) At. DZ:  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: ° / M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1531 hrs. to 1600 hrs.  
Secondary: From

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Saw bend in Mekong and dropped on DZ area. Other A/C seen to drop body at paddy field, 3 miles N. of air strip, so dropped on there as well. Truck seen moving up to this area.

Reception details:

Dropping Runs:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
Time:	1541	1550					
Height: ASL.	1750	1700					
Speed:	130	130					
Course:	035	050					
Load:							
Bodies:							
Containers:		11					
Packages:		2	4				

Where Landed: At North edge of paddy field.

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base:

Crew Reports: (a) at DZ: Reception of fires and flag seen on strip at town. Few N. and saw other A/C dropping on paddy field by road, 3 miles to N so dropped afterwards. DZ bad for night dropping

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	12	12	Yenang Yaung	
	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.	

Rebecca:  
S/Phone:

Intelligence: (Enemy A.A. A/C; Movement; Communications Lights etc.).  
Yenang Yaung, 1254 hrs. 3 burst of L.A.A. at 9000 ft. Black puffs accurate.

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 26th March, 1945

Sortie Report No. 213

Result: Not Completed  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)Oprep No. 61 refers  
Code Name: H?/ Antelope 3Target: (a) Primary: 211 (16.47N. 96.275'E)  
(b) Secondary: 212 (16.51'N. 98.19'E)

S.D.A. 94 L

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: 'K'

Crew: F/L Davison

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		6	2	
Dropped:				
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type T of fires Letter K Eureka Coded .

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 1716 hrs. landed 0435 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 20.44'N. 92.21'E – 18.18'N, 97.30'E – DZ – Return same route.

Met: (i) On route: Fair

(iia) At. DZ: Nil cloud, but very hazy. Ci. and Alto st. 15,000 ft. moonlight obscured, vis. 4 miles.

(iib) Ground wind at DZ: ° / M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2131 hrs. to 2344 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

## Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: DR run from Sittang several times. Pinpoints used 17.03'N. 98.21'E and 16.43'N 98.31E.

Reception details: A few lights in area, but no reception seen. Searched at 4 – 5000 ft.

Dropping Runs:            1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:

Height: ASL.

Speed:

Course:

Load:

(Bodies)  
(Containers)  
(Packages)

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base:    hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ:

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks:.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 26th March, 1945

Sortie Report No. 214

Result: Completed  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)

Oprep No. 61 refers  
Code Name: Otter 38

Target: (a) Primary: (18.46'N. 97.04'E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A.

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: 'U'

Crew: W/O Bullen

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	3480?
Dropped:		11	6	3480?
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type Rectangle of fires Letter W Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1712 hrs. landed 003?0 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 20.44'N. 92.21'E – 18.5?2'N, 97.20'E – DZ – Return same route.

Met: (i) On route: Good but hazy  
(iia) At. DZ: Thick haze, otherwise good. Wing 122/6 in target area.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: ° / M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2044 hrs. to 2058 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Made DR run from Salween.

Reception details: Found correct reception waiting (rectangle of fires) and 'W' flashing on aldis.

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    2050  
                              8?00

Height: ASL.            8000

Speed:                    135

Course:                    066

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers        11

(Packages)         6

Where Landed: Not seen.

Chutes Open: One failed to develop, others O.K.

Set Course For Base: 2125 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Good DZ.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.	Height
	1. 16	16	Yedashe?		10,000 ft.
	2.		18?.11'N 96.21'E		
	3.				

Rebecca:	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
S/Phone:			

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks:.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 26th March, 1945

Sortie Report No. 215

Result: Completed  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)

Oprep No. 61 refers  
Code Name: Otter 33

Target: (a) Primary: 677 (18.46'N. 97.04'E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94 F.

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: 'D'

Crew: F/L Bridges

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	2480
Dropped:		11	6	2480
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type Rectangle of fires Letter W Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1730 hrs. landed 0220 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 20.44'N. 92.21'E – 18.58'N, 97.20'E – DZ – Return same route.

Met: (i) On route:

(iia) At. DZ: Hazy, Ci. 10/10 very thin. Wind 090/15 at 9000 ft.

(iib) Ground wind at DZ: ° / M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2236 hrs. to 2244 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: DR run from Salween after an hour's search for pinpoint. Visibility over river 1 mile.

Reception details: Found reception of rectangle + 2 flashing lights ('W').

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    2043<sup>59</sup>

Height: ASL.            8100 ASL

Speed:                    130

Course:                    040

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers)        11

(Packages)            6

Where Landed: Not seen.

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base: 2308 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Fair at DZ. Best run is W – E.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.	Height
	1. 16	16	96.18'E 19.10'N	2806	9000 ft.
	2.				
	3.				

Height picked up.        Range first picked up.    Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks:.

<sup>59</sup> This time does not correspond with the time over the DZ.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor:

Date: 26th March, 1945

Sortie Report No. 216

Result: Completed  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)

Oprep No. refers  
Code Name: Otter 34

Target: (a) Primary: 677 (18.46'N. 97.04'E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A.

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: 'N'

Crew: F/L Jones

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	2480
Dropped:		11	6	2480
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type Rectangle of fires Letter W Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1735 hrs. landed 0145 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 30.44'N. 98.21'E – 18.53'N, 97.20'E – DZ – Return same route.

Met: (i) On route: Fair but hazy.  
(ii) At. DZ: Very hazy, but fair – wind 278/20 at 9000 ft.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: ° / M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2117 hrs. to 2142 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: DR run from Salween.

Reception details: 4 fires in rectangle + green torch flashing 'W'.

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    2130?

Height: ASL.            7800 ASL

Speed:                   135

Course:                  070

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers)        11

(Packages)            6

Where Landed: Not seen.

Chutes Open: Thought to open, but one possibly failed to open.

Set Course For Base: 2150 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Fair. Been used several times before.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.	Height
	1. 10	18?	HWA		8000 ft.
	2.				
	3.				

Height picked up.        Range first picked up.    Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks:.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 26th March, 1945

Sortie Report No. 221

Result: Not Completed  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery) Weather.

Oprep No. 61 refers  
Code Name: Bazaar 169

Target: (a) Primary: Flathe 832 (16.08'N. 107.20'E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. NE 48

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: 'L'

Crew: W/O Martel? (Capt) F/S Whale (Nav) F/O McStea (B/A)

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		8	11	
Dropped:				
Jettisoned: (Station & position)		8		
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type ?? of smoke – cross of white stripes. Letter Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 0615? hrs. landed hrs. Total hrs. airborne:  
ANG ????? landed 1107 hrs. airborne 1207 hrs. 27th  
ANG ????? landed 1220 hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 30.44'N. 98.21'E – 18.53'N, 97.20'E – 1810'N 103.05'E – DZ – Return same route – Cox's Bazaar..

Met: (i) On route: Fine to 104°E. Cu. And St. Cu. 10/10, tips 6/7000 ft.  
(iia) At. DZ: 10/10 St. Cu. 6/7000 ft. to ground level – 600' over sea.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: °/ M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1319 hrs. to 1443 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Obscured by cloud. A/C flew out to sea and broke cloud near Hue & Fkifu on coast.

Reception details: Hills noted on coast line up to 2000 ft., not marked on chart. Raining in Turam Area.

Dropping Runs:            1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:

Height: ASL.

Speed:

Course:

Load:

(Bodies)  
(Containers)  
(Packages)

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base: 1444 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Fair.

(b) General: Attempted to take off at Cox's after refuelling, but No.1 engine u/s Took off next morning, but engine wen u/s again. Jettisoned containers approx.. 7 miles off coast. B/S? returned to area in Sea Otter, but searched unsuccessfully for containers.

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.	Height
	1. 16	16	Tnakhsk?	1540-1543	10,000 ft.
	2.				Some static lines too
	3.				short.

Height picked up.      Range first picked up.      Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

Near Fuifu on coast, about 100 troops in light khaki, believed Jap. troops on roads of town.

Emergency L/G had earth strip outlined in white – cross strip N. of Lakroe – opposite Thakhuk?.

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks:.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 26th March, 1945

Sortie Report No. 218

Result: Completed  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)

Oprep No. refers  
Code Name: Heavy Lynx 3A

Target: (a) Primary: 149 (20.47'N. 98.57'E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 93L

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: 'H'

Crew: W/O Adams

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		7	1	2360
Dropped:		7	1	2460
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type T of fires Letter Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1231 hrs. landed 2232 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2?2.59'N. 94.22?'E – 21.04'N, 98.27'E – DZ – Return same route.

Met: (i) On route: Good. Vis. Bad due to some haze. 3/10 Cu. at 10,000 ft. near DZ.

(iia) At. DZ: No cloud. Very thick haze. Vis. 1 ½ miles.

(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 333° / 5-10 M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1705 hrs. to 1817 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: River and hill to the east of DZ. The basin type DZ.

Reception details: T of white strips. Flashing torches.

Dropping Runs:        1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    1816

Height: ASL.            8200

Speed:                  125-130

Course:                 345

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers)         7

(Packages)            1

Where Landed: To the east and just south of the T.

Chutes Open: 1 package 'chute opened but spilled and package fell to ground to the south of the 'T'. in the bush, 2-300 yds. away.

Set Course For Base: 1817 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ:

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.	Height
	1. 16	16	21.17N. 97.52E	1851	10,000 ft.
	2.				
	3.				

Height picked up.        Range first picked up.    Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):  
Nothing to report.

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks:.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.

Date: 26th March, 1945

H.Q. S.A.F.

Sponsor: Force 136

Sortie Report No. 217

Result: Not Completed

Oprep No. 61 refers

(Inc. Reason for.

Code Name: Walrus 3,

non-delivery) No reception

Target: (a) Primary: 681 (19.42'N. 96.59'E)

(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94 A

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: 'A'

Crew: W/C Farr

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	8	
Dropped:				
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type T of fires Letter N? Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1725 hrs. landed 0210 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 8.45

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 20.44'N. 92.21'E – 18.53'N, 97.20'E – DZ – Return same route.

Met: (i) On route: Hazy.

(iia) At. DZ: Visibility 4-5 miles, slight haze. wind 049/18 at 5000'

(iib) Ground wind at DZ: °/ M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2132 hrs. to 2345 hrs.

Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: From pinpoint on Salween made DR run to area, followed by further search. Made 2<sup>nd</sup> run in at 2214. Apart from a possible line of 2 torches, nothing could be clearly distinguished from the bush fires & other lights which covered area.

Reception details:

Dropping Runs:            1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:

Height: ASL.

Speed:

Course:

Load:

(Bodies)  
(Containers)  
(Packages)

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base: hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ:

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.	Height
	1.				
	2.				
	3.				

Height picked up.      Range first picked up.      Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks:.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 26th March, 1945

Sortie Report No. 219

Result: Completed  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)

Oprep No. 61 refers  
Code Name: Heavy Lynx 3B

Target: (a) Primary: 149 (20.47'N. 98.57'E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 93 L

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: 'U'

Crew: F/L Monks

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		7	1	2360
Dropped:		7		2360
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type T of fires Letter Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1330 hrs. landed 2210 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 23.59'N. 94.22'E – 21.04'N, 98.27'E – DZ – Return same route.

Met: (i) On route: Good. Smoke haze. 5/10 Cirrus Strat.at 25?,000 ft.

(iia) At. DZ: No cloud.

(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 180° / 5-6 M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1715 hrs. to 1748 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: River running N-S in narrow valley to west of DZ. Creek running E-W to west of this river.

Reception details: T of fires and T of white strips.

Dropping Runs:      1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    1740

Height: ASL.            3500

Speed:                    135

Course:                   350

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers            7

(Packages)             1

Where Landed: Slightly to east of T.

Chutes Open:      1 container 'chute failed to open and container landed on a ??? slope of a hill 100 yds. to the east of the DZ.

Set Course For Base: 1741 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: 1 container which had a broken clasp prior to take off but which was repaired with cord, seen to break open again and some of the contents seen to fall out prior to reaching the ground.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.	Height
	1. 16	16	21.05N. 97.06E	1815	10,000 ft.
	2.				
	3.				

Height picked up.      Range first picked up.      Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks:.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 26th March, 1945

Sortie Report No. 220

Result: Completed  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)

Oprep No. refers  
Code Name: Heavy Lynx 4

Target: (a) Primary: 149 (20.47'N. 98.57'E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 93 L

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: 'T'

Crew: S/L Sharpe

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	5	2240
Dropped:		11	5	2240
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type T of strips Letter Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1314 hrs. landed 2129 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 22.59'N. 94.22'E – 21.04'N, 98.37'E – DZ – Return same route.

Met: (i) On route: Very good throughout flight. Vis. 10 miles.

(iia) At. DZ:

(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 330° / 21 M.P.H. at 10,000 ft.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1646 hrs. to 1702 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Made DR run from river and map read to target.

Reception details: White T on ground and fires in area at head of T of white strips. Could not have identified DZ without T, as there were fires everywhere in the area.

Dropping Runs:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
Time:	1651						
Height: ASL.	4000						
Speed:	135						
Course:	045						
Load:							
	(Bodies)						
	(Containers)	7					
	(Packages)						

Where Landed: South of DZ, but accessible.

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base: 1737 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Very small and very tricky for night dropping, but run of 050° in 'U' shaped valley, and suggest that T be moved further away from the end, down valley slightly as it can only be seen when A/C almost overhead at present.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.	Height
	1. 16	16	Kaikha		9000 ft.
	2.				
	3.				

	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
Rebecca:			
S/Phone:			

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks:.

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.40.

1. Duty Officer:- F/Lt. C.D. Mayger.

2. Target – as briefed.

3. Aircraft and Crews.

## A/C.'H'.124

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 Rear. P/O. J.P. Goodison  
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 Rear. Sgt. D.W. Matthews.  
 Desp. Sgt. J.R. Roe.

## A/C.'Q'.367.

Capt. W/O. W. Drummond  
 2nd.P. F/S. K.W. Tunbridge  
 Nav. F/S. F. Flynn  
 B/A. P/O. T.C.H. Winup  
 1.WOP. F/S. C.H. Johnston  
 2.WOP. F/S. J.K. Lyons  
 M.U.G. Sgt. J.S. Salway  
 Rear. Sgt. A.F. Dickinson  
 Desp. Sgt. M.W. Copeland.

## A/C.'W'.394.

Capt. P/O. C.H. Hedley.  
 2nd.P. F/S. K.E. Nicholson.  
 Nav. W/O. J.H. Perkins.  
 B/A. F/S. W.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. W.E. Hopkins.  
 Desp. Sgt. R.C. Maiden.  
 F/Eng. F/S. W.H. Blee.

## A/C.'X'.312.

Capt. F/Lt. K.W. Jones.  
 2nd.P. F/S. K.R. Jukes.  
 Nav. <sup>60</sup>  
 B/A. F/S. 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.T. Rozee.  
 Desp. F/S. J.H. McSherry.

## A/C.'O'.253.

Capt. F/O. H.V. Smith.  
 2nd.P. F/S. B.R. Pool<sup>61</sup>  
 Nav. F/S. P.R.D. 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. Pickney<sup>62</sup>  
 Rear. F/S. C. Copley.  
 Desp. Sgt. F.J. Parsons.

## A/C.'G'.925.

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

## A/C.'K'.392.

Capt. F/Lt. M.R. Davison.  
 2nd.P. F/S. D.R. Crammond.  
 Nav. F/O. D.J. Parham.  
 B/A. F/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.  
 Desp. Sgt. R. Jacques.

<sup>60</sup> Name crossed out in record.<sup>61</sup> Usually spelt "Poole".<sup>62</sup> Usually spelt "Pinckney"

A/C. 'A'.167.		A/C.'R'.287.		A/C.'D'.353.	
Capt.	S/Ldr. S.A. Sharpe.	Capt.	F/S. E.V. Matthews.	Capt.	F/Lt. H.H. Monks.
2nd.P.	F/O. B.J.C. Edwards.	2nd.P.	Sgt. N.H.V. Hancock.	2nd.P.	Sgt. E.G. Goddard.
Nav.	W/O. C.F. Kirby.	Nav.	F/S. E.H.S. Ely.	Nav.	W/O. F.D. Phillips.
B/A.	W/O. R.H. Cross.	B/A.	Sgt. S.A. Simpson.	B/A.	P/O. W. McDonald.
1.WOP.	W/O. J.A. Buchanan.	1.WOP.	Sgt. D.S. Gaskin.	1.WOP.	F/S. R.M. Hill.
2.WOP.	F/S. F.W. Noble	2.WOP.	Sgt. J.R. Nettleton.	2.WOP.	F/S. D.G. Morris.
M.U.G.	W/O. J.W. Fayle.	M.U.G.	Sgt. G.S. Whitehouse.	M.U.G.	Sgt. V. Taylor.
Rear.	W/O. E.W. Seymour	Rear.	Sgt. W. Wallace.	Rear.	Sgt. H. Miles.
Desp.	F/S. R.C. Fenbow	Desp.	Sgt. J.J. Tracey.	Desp.	Sgt. G.W. Mills

4. Load: As detailed
5. Pyrotechnics:- Verey Lights, Green 3. Red 6, Colours of Day 6.
6. Ammunition: 1200 rounds Rear. 800 rounds Mid Upper.
7. Fuel: A/C "H", "T", "N". – 3,000 gallons.  
" "A", "R", "D", "Q" – 2,300 gallons. Oil: 27 galls per engine.  
Remainder: – 1950 gallons.
8. Briefing: 11.30 hours.
9. Transport: As detailed.
10. Take-Off: As briefed.
11. Logs: Engineers logs to be handed to Eng. Officer as soon as possible after flight.

29th March, 1945.<sup>63</sup>

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

<sup>63</sup> Date on record is March 29th, but Form 540 states Operation Order No. 40 was carried out on the 28th.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 28th March, 1945.

Sortie Report No. 222

Result: Completed  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery)

Oprep No. 54 refers

Code Name: Otter 36

Target: (a) Primary: 677  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94H?

Aircraft: Lib. Mark VI: X 312

Crew: F/L Jones (Capt)

## A/C "X" 312

Capt.	F/Lt. K.W. Jones
2nd.P.	F/S. K.R. Jukes
Nav.	W/O. E.T. Ball
B/A.	F/S. 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.T. Rozee
Desp.	F/S. McSherry, J. H.

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	4240
Dropped:		11	6	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: 4 fires forming L? Letter Eureka Coded .

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne	1330 hrs.	landed	2055 hrs.	Total hrs. airborne:
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.

Route: Base – 2045'N 9220'E – 1853'N 9721'E – DZ – Base – return direct

Met: (i) On route: Fine but very hazy.  
(iia) At. DZ: Sun obscured by haze. Vis 1 -2 miles  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 345° / 7 M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1657 hrs. to 1710 hrs.

Secondary: From

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Exactly on 9704E 1846N on ridge as briefed small clearing among trees

Reception details: White T with ball at top & smoke fire.

Dropping Runs:           1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                       1710

Height: ASL.             7800

Speed:                    135

Course:                   060

Load:

Bodies:

Containers:            11

Packages:               6

Where Landed: Overshot 30 yards from clearing. One package down valley.

Chutes Open: All Ok except one: static line broke

Set Course For Base: 1710 ½

Crew Reports: (a) at DZ: 2 – 4 Mustangs seen low down over area; appeared to be shooting up DZ. Last seen on northerly heading. DZ described as good.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	Nil			

	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
Rebecca:			
S/Phone:			

Intelligence: (Enemy A.A. A/C; Movement; Communications Lights etc.).

A/C Not Returned to Base:

For Officer Commanding

No.       Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 28th March, 1945.

Sortie Report No. 223

Result: Completed  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery)

Oprep No. 54 refers

Code Name: Bazaar 188

Target: (a) Primary: Muguet 850 (2113N 103.25E)  
(b) Secondary: Violette PU 2 (2120N 10301E) S.D.A. NF 48

Aircraft: Lib. Mark VI -A - 167

Crew: S/L Sharpe (Capt) ;

## A/C "A" 167

Capt.	S/L. S.A. Sharpe
2nd.P.	P/O. B.J.C. Edwards
Nav.	W/O. 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
Desp.	F/S. R.C. Fenbow

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	4240 lbs
Dropped:		11	6	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: G type smoke IV Letter Eureka Coded .  
1 white strip NS

Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne	1014 hrs.	landed	2108 hrs.	Total hrs. airborne:
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.

Route: Base - 22.59N 9422E - 2203N 9845E - 2147N 10106E -base RSR

Met: (i) On route: Fair generally, but very hazy.  
(iia) At. DZ: 3-4/10 st. cu. layer at 7000'; building up as aircraft left  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: ° / M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1503 hrs. to 1517 hrs.

Secondary: From

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: DR run from Dien Bien Phu.

Reception details: As briefed, waiting.

Dropping Runs:           1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    1514

Height: ASL.            4500

Speed:                   130

Course:                 060

Load:

Bodies:

Containers:            11

Packages:              6

Where Landed: Between reception and village; i.e. within 100 yards.

Chutes Open: All O.K. except 2 parachutes which canceled.

Set Course For Base: 15.17

Crew Reports: (a) at DZ: In deep valley where 90° turn necessary after dropping. Unsuitable for night dropping. Green patch appeared to be situated alongside village.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.	
	12	12	Maymyo area		10,000'
	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.		

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence: (Enemy A.A. A/C; Movement; Communications Lights etc.).

A/C Not Returned to Base:

For Officer Commanding

No.       Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 28th March, 1945.

Sortie Report No. 224

Result: Not Completed  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery) Weather

Oprep No. 54 refers

Code Name: Bazaar 189

Target: (a) Primary: Muguet 850 (2113N 10325E)  
(b) Secondary: Violette PU 2 (2120N 10301E) S.D.A. <sup>64</sup>

Aircraft: Lib. Mark VI: R 237

Crew: F/S Matthews (Capt)

Capt.	F/S. E.V. Matthews
2nd.P.	Sgt. N.H.V. Hancock
Nav.	F/S. E.H.S. Ely
B/A.	Sgt. S.A. Simpson
1.WOP.	Sgt. D.S. Gaskin
2.WOP.	Sgt. J.R. Nettleton
M.U.G.	Sgt. G.S. Whitehouse
Rear.	Sgt. W. Wallace
Desp.	Sgt. J.J. Tracey

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	
Dropped:				
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: C, smoke IV Letter Eureka Coded .  
1 white strip NS

Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne	1045 hrs.	landed	2300 hrs.	Total hrs. airborne:	13 hrs
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.	
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.	

Route: Base – 2259N 9422E – 2203N 9845E – 2147N 10106E – DZ – Base

Met: (i) On route: Very hazy, wisps of scattered cu.  
(iia) At. DZ:  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: ° / M.P.H.<sup>64</sup> Covered by crew listing on original.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1540 hrs. to 1607 hrs. (OTOT:1530)  
 Secondary: From

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: not seen

Reception details:

Dropping Runs: 1st. 2nd. 3rd. 4th. 5th. 6th. 7th.

Time:

Height: ASL.

Speed:

Course:

Load:

Bodies:

Containers:

Packages:

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base: 1607

Crew Reports: (a) at DZ: Haze covered most of route; 2/3rd flown blind. Last definite pinpoint made on Irrawaddy. Mekong R reached but no satisfactory pinpoint made. No signs of DZ area so course set for base west of Black River; also for fuel reasons.

(b) General: Went down to 5000' – lowest safety level, but still hazy and no pinpoints made.

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.	
	16	16 (2 not open)	NE of Maymyo	1334	10,000'

Height picked up. Range first picked up. Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence: (Enemy A.A. A/C; Movement; Communications Lights etc.).

A/C Not Returned to Base:

For Officer Commanding

No. Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 28th March, 1945.

Sortie Report No. 225

Result: Not Completed  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery) Weather

Oprep No. 54 refers

Code Name: Bazaar 178

Target: (a) Primary: Hyacinthe 844 (2203N 10309E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. NF 48

Aircraft: Lib. Mark VI: D-353

Crew: F/L Monks (Capt)

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

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	4240 lbs
Dropped:		11	6	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: C smoke IV Letter Eureka Coded  
White cross

Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 1038 hrs. landed 2123 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2240N 9539E – 2148N 10113E– DZ – return same route

Met: (i) On route: Good, with haze to 10,000 ft  
(iia) At. DZ: Clear; 2/10 cu, Vis: 10 miles  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 270° / 10 M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1530 hrs. to 1545 hrs. (OTOT:1530)  
Secondary: From

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: 3 miles S of town in valley (Laichai)

Reception details: XIV in white strips; four fires in rectangle.

Dropping Runs:           1st.   2nd.   3rd.   4th.   5th.   6th.   7th.

Time:                       1543

Height: ASL.             3,900

Speed:                    120

Course:                  180

Load:

Bodies:

Containers:           11

Packages:             6

Where Landed: Not seen

Chutes Open: All opened OK

Set Course For Base: 1545

Crew Reports: (a) at DZ: In field two one miles with white corner strips. Considerable activity on the ground.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	16	16	Maymyo – Kyaukse area	1213

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence: (Enemy A.A. A/C; Movement; Communications Lights etc.).

A/C Not Returned to Base:

For Officer Commanding

No.       Squadron, R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
 H.Q. S.A.F.  
 Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 28th March, 1945.

Sortie Report No. 226

Result: Completed  
 (inc. Reason for non-delivery)

Oprep No. 54 refers

Code Name: Walrus 3.

Target: (a) Primary: 683 (1933'N 9700'E)  
 (b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94

Aircraft: Lib. Mark VI – 'G??' 315

Crew: F/L Robinson (Capt)

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

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	5	4120
Dropped:		11	5	4120
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: T of 5 lights Letter N Eureka Coded .

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 1737 hrs. landed 02?20 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2044'N 9211'E – 1853'N 9720'E– DZ – base RSR.

Met: (i) On route: En route vis. Bad.  
 (iia) At. DZ: More haze, vis. ½ mile.  
 (iib) Ground wind at DZ: ° / M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2152 hrs. to 2230 hrs. (OTOT:2130)  
 Secondary: From

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Not distinguishable owing to haze.

Reception details: T of 5 lights (top slightly off) N flashed well

Dropping Runs:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
Time:	2210	2220					
Height: ASL.	4500	4500					
Speed:	130	130					
Course:	300	240					

Load:

Bodies:

Containers: 1 10

Packages: 2 3

Where Landed: All landed on DZ.

Chutes Open: All O.K.

Set Course For Base: 2320?

Crew Reports: (a) at DZ: Impossible in bad weather. Reception good when close up.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.	Height
	16	16	Within 5 miles Pyale	2318	8000 ft.

Height picked up. Range first picked up. Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence: (Enemy A.A. A/C; Movement; Communications Lights etc.).

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 28/29th March, 1945.

Sortie Report No. 227

Result: Not Completed  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery)

Oprep No. 54 refers

Code Name: Walrus 9.

Target: (a) Primary: 683 (1933'N 9700'E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94

Aircraft: Lib. Mark VI – 'K' 392

Crew: F/L Davison

Capt.	F/Lt. M.R. Davison.
2nd.P.	F/S. D.R. Crammond.
Nav.	F/O. D.J. Parham.
B/A.	F/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.
Desp.	Sgt. R. Jacques.

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	5	
Dropped:				
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type T of 5 lights Letter N Eureka Coded .

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne	1725 hrs.	landed	0235 hrs.	Total hrs. airborne:
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.

Route: Base – 2044'N 1992'N – 1853'N 9720'E– DZ – base RSR.

Met: (i) On route: Hazy  
(iia) At. DZ: Very hazy. Vis. Very poor.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: ° / M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2130 hrs. to 2300 hrs.  
Secondary: From

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Not identified

Reception details: No reception seen

Dropping Runs:           1st.   2nd.   3rd.   4th.   5th.   6th.   7th.

Time:

Height: ASL.

Speed:

Course:

Load:

Bodies:

Containers:

Packages:

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base: 2300

Crew Reports: (a) at DZ: Many lights in area. Square search made, then returned to pinpoint and area searched again.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.	Height
	16	16	Yuataung	2010	8000 ft.

Height picked up.      Range first picked up.      Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence: (Enemy A.A. A/C; Movement; Communications Lights etc.).  
Nothing to report.

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 28/29th March, 1945.

Sortie Report No. 228

Result: Completed  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery)

Oprep No. 54 refers

Code Name: Nation/Weasel 5

Target: (a) Primary: 506 (1841'N – 965?4'E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94H?

Aircraft: Lib. Mk. VI. 'O' - 253

Crew: F/O. Smith

Capt.	F/O. H.V. Smith.
2nd.P.	F/S. B.R. Pool
Nav.	F/S. P.R.D. 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.	F/S. C. Copley.
Desp.	Sgt. F. J. Parsons

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11		4000
Dropped:		11		4000
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: 'T' of fires. Letter N Eureka Coded .

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 1810 hrs. landed 0210 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2044'N 9221'E – 1853'N 9720'E – DZ – Base – RSR

Met: (i) On route: Hazy over coast  
(iia) At. DZ: Clear. Vis. 10 miles  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: ° / M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2154 hrs. to 2229 hrs. (OTOT 2200)  
Secondary: From

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: One hill to NE of DZ.

Reception details: Weak white lights in T form among bushes. N flashed.

Dropping Runs:           1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                       2227

Height: ASL.               700

Speed:                     120

Course:                    135

Load:

Bodies:

Containers:               11

Packages:

Where Landed: To left of DZ.

Chutes Open: All O.K.

Set Course For Base: 2241

Crew Reports: (a) at DZ: Many fires in area and dim lights of reception lost in circuits.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.	Height
	12	12	1907'N 9505'E	2310/12	8000 ft.

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence: (Enemy A.A. A/C; Movement; Communications Lights etc.).

Nothing to report.

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 28/29th March, 1945.

Sortie Report No. 229

Result: Completed  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery)

Oprep No. 54 refers

Code Name: Nation/Weasel 3..

Target: (a) Primary: 513 (1845'N 9622'E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94

Aircraft: Lib. Mark VI – 'W' 394

Crew: P/O Hedley (Capt)

## A/C "W" 394

Capt.	P/O. C.H. Hedley.
2nd.P.	F/S. K.E. Nicholson.
Nav.	W/O. J.H. Perkins.
B/A.	F/S. W.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. W.E. Hopkins.
Desp.	Sgt. R.C. Maiden.
F/Eng.	F/S. W.H. Blee.

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	4	4000
Dropped:		11	4	4000
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type T Letter N Eureka Coded .

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 1810 hrs. landed 0205 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 2044'N 9221'E – 1853'N 9720'E– DZ – Base RSR.

Met: (i) On route: Very hazy  
(iia) At. DZ: More haze. Vis. 3-4 miles.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: ° / M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2214 hrs. to 2224 hrs. (OTOT 2200)  
 Secondary: From

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Small river running N part of DZ.

Reception details: As briefed, but sketchy flash. Could have been 'N'.

Dropping Runs:           1st.   2nd.   3rd.   4th.   5th.   6th.   7th.

Time:                       2223

Height: ASL.             650

Speed:                    130

Course:                  180

Load:

Bodies:

Containers:           11

Packages:             4

Where Landed: In centre of DZ.

Chutes Open: All open.

Set Course For Base: 2231

Crew Reports: (a) at DZ: Very good. Reception waiting O.K.

(b) General: (IFF triggering O.K.)

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.	Height
	16	16	swa?	2117	10,000 ft.

Height picked up.       Range first picked up.   Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence: (Enemy A.A. A/C; Movement; Communications Lights etc.).

Nothing to report.

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 28/29th March, 1945.

Sortie Report No. 230

Result: Not Completed  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery) No reception

Op. Rep No. 54 refers

Code Name: Coupling/Muslin 5

Target: (a) Primary: 655 (1636'N 10200'E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 103 H &amp; L.

Aircraft: Lib. Mark VI Q – 367

Crew: W/O Drummond (Capt)

Capt.	W/O. W. Drummond
2nd.P.	F/S. K.W. Tunbridge
Nav.	F/S. F. Flynn
B/A.	P/O. T.C.H. Winup
1.WOP.	F/S. C.H. Johnston
2.WOP.	F/S. J.K. Lyons
M.U.G.	Sgt. J.S. Salway
Rear.	Sgt. A.F. Dickinson
Desp.	Sgt. M.W. Copeland.

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	
Dropped:				
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type T Letter Z Eureka Coded .

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 1855 hrs. landed 0730 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 1916'N 9622'E – 1820'N 9733'E– DZ – Return same route.

Met: (i) On route: Very hazy  
(iia) At. DZ: Very hazy. Vis. 1 mile.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: ° / M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 0040 hrs. to 0123 hrs. (OTOT 2359)  
Secondary: From

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Not identified.

Reception details: Position established at town east of DZ. (twice)

Dropping Runs:           1st.   2nd.   3rd.   4th.   5th.   6th.   7th.

Time:

Height: ASL.

Speed:

Course:

Load:

Bodies:

Containers:

Packages:

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base: 0123

Crew Reports: (a) at DZ: Crew confident that they were over the area, but no definite pinpoints in area. Searched but no reception seen.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.	Height
	16	16	Lampang	0228	8000 ft.

Height picked up.      Range first picked up.      Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence: (Enemy A.A. A/C; Movement; Communications Lights etc.).  
Nothing to report.

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 28/29th March, 1945.

Sortie Report No. 231

Result: Completed  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery)

Op. Rep No. refers

Code Name: N/Trumpet 10

Target: (a) Primary: 266 (0527'N 10125'E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. ND 47

Aircraft: Lib. Mark VI N – 365

Crew: W/O Adams (Capt)

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

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		7	4	2720
Dropped:		7	4	2720
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type T Letter R Eureka Coded .

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne	0725 hrs.	landed	0250 hrs.	Total hrs. airborne:
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.
ANG	landed	hrs.	airborne	hrs.

Route: Base – 1453'N 9310'E – 0920'N 9956'E – 0859'N 10117'E – DZ – Base by same route.

Met: (i) On route: Clear until approaching DZ then 10/10 Cu.  
(iia) At. DZ: 10/10 Cu down to 6000 ft. Vis. 10 miles.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 080° / 5 M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1640 hrs. to 1700 hrs.  
Secondary: From

## Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Clearing in bush 100 yds. long. Hills up to 5000 ft. all round.

Reception details: T laid out in chutes.

Dropping Runs:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
Time:	1649	1656					
Height: ASL.	3000	3000					
Speed:	130	130					
Course:	273	290					

## Load:

Bodies:		
Containers:	2	5
Packages:	4	

Where Landed: All landed on and side of clearing.

Chutes Open: All O.K.

Set Course For Base: 1700

Crew Reports: (a) at DZ: Similar DZ about ¼ mile away. Hopeless at night. O.K. by day while good vis.

(b) General: Beat heavy cloud to entrance to valley.

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.	Height
	12	12	Pasir Mas 0603 10208	1726	7000 ft.

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
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Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence: (Enemy A.A. A/C; Movement; Communications Lights etc.).

Junk on SE side of Preparis Island. Bridge u/s on western railway on Kra Isthmus at Ban Yai Hua.

In estuary near Kota, small coaster and several junks

28 goods wagons in siding at Yala.

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
 H.Q. S.A.F.  
 Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 28/29th March, 1945.

Sortie Report No. 232

Result: Completed  
 (inc. Reason for non-delivery)

Op. Rep No. 54 refers

Code Name: N/Trumpet 9

Target: (a) Primary: 266 (0527'N 10125'E)  
 (b) Secondary:

S.D.A. ND 47

Aircraft: Lib. Mark VI T – 350

Crew: W/O Bullen (Capt)

Capt. W/O. R.M. Bullen  
 2nd.P. F/S. R. Woodcock  
 Nav. F/S. C.L. Smith  
 B/A. F/S. R.H. Weldrake  
 1.WOP. W/O. A.W.R. Thomas  
 2.WOP. Sgt. D.P. Tunnell  
 M.U.G. F/S. J.H. Clarke  
 Rear. Sgt. I.W. Wells  
 Desp. Sgt. W.T. Patterson  
 A/C "W" 394<sup>65</sup>

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		7	4	2720
Dropped:		7	4	2720
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type T Letter R?? Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 0727 hrs. landed 0230 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:  
 ANG Cox's landed 0230 hrs. airborne 0810 hrs.  
 ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 1453'N 9310'E – 0920'N 9956'E – 0659'N 10117'E – DZ – Base.

Met: (i) On route: Fair with Cu. building S. of Puket, base 6000 ft.  
 (ii) At. DZ: Clear, but Cu. closing in as A/C left.

<sup>65</sup> This a/c code and serial appears after the crew listing on the original. It is not the a/c used, but that for the crew listed below Bullen's crew on Operation Order No. 40.

(iib) Ground wind at DZ: 160° / 9 M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1719 hrs. to 1732 hrs.  
Secondary: From

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Made run from Perak, at river fork, then map read to target area. Just on ETA, smoke fires seen to within 1 mile of track.

Reception details: Correct reception as briefed. Parachute by fires. Made another run after drop, and saw some chutes in the area, and also 3 in trees, 150 yds. from T of 165°.

Dropping Runs:           1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    1726  
                              600 AGL  
Height: ASL.            2900ASL

Speed:                   135

Course:                 270

Load:

Bodies:  
Containers:            7  
Packages:               4

Where Landed: All landed on and side of clearing.

Chutes Open: All O.K.

Set Course For Base: 1745

Crew Reports: (a) at DZ: DZ in clearing in valley, and is best done when area is known. Hill nearby makes careful approach necessary, but is not an actual obstruction.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.	Height
	10	10	Balluge	1744	6000 ft.

Height picked up.       Range first picked up.   Time.

Rebecca:  
S/Phone:

Intelligence: (Enemy A.A. A/C; Movement; Communications Lights etc.).  
Nothing to report.

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 28/29th March, 1945.

Sortie Report No. 233

Result: Completed  
(inc. Reason for non-delivery)

Op. Rep No. 54 refers

Code Name: Pontoon Piano 4

Target: (a) Primary: 271 (0438'N 10206'E)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. ND 48

Aircraft: Lib. Mark VI H – 124

Crew: F/L Bridges. (Capt)

Capt.	F/Lt. S.W. Bridges
2nd.P.	F/S. R.C. Smith
Nav.	F/O. B.C. Luther
B/A.	P/O. W. Mesher
1.WOP.	W/O. K.C. McLaughlin
2.WOP.	F/S. C.A. Luke
M.U.G.	W/O. W.C. McCaffrey
Rear.	P/O. J.P. Goodison
Desp.	Sgt. K.R. Banks

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		6	5	2520
Dropped:		6	5	2520
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type T Letter K Eureka Coded .

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 0700 hrs. landed 0925 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:  
 ANG Cox's landed 0230 hrs. airborne 0800 hrs.  
 ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 1453'N 9342'E – 0900'N 9956'E – 0610'N 10213'E – DZ – Base by same route.

Met: (i) On route: Quite good. Patches of 6/10 Cu. 2000 – 15,000 ft.  
 (iia) At. DZ: Clear. No cloud. Vis. 8 – 10 miles.  
 (iib) Ground wind at DZ: 085° / 15 M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1711 hrs. to 1721 hrs.  
 Secondary: From

## Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: 2 clearings surrounded by thick jungle. Mountains to east and two small hills to the south.  
Limestone outcrop to the south.

Reception details: T of white strips (no flashing letter) in southern most clearing. Two possibly three men seen at DZ.

Dropping Runs:           1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                       1718

Height: ASL.             1500

Speed:                    130

Course:                  009

## Load:

Bodies:

Containers:            6

Packages:              5

Where Landed: On edge of DZ 25/30 yards east of T.

Chutes Open: All OK.

Set Course For Base: 1721

Crew Reports: (a) at DZ: Considered to be dangerous for night dropping; 2,000 ft. limestone outcrop to south.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.	Height
	nil				

	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
Rebecca:			
S/Phone:			

Intelligence: (Enemy A.A. A/C; Movement; Communications Lights etc.).

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.41

1. Duty Officer:- F/O. L?M? Wilson
2. Target – as briefed.
3. Aircraft and Crews.
 

A/C. 'A'.167	A/C.'G'.825 <sup>66</sup>	A/C.'X'.312.
Capt. W/Cdr. P.G.D. Farr	Capt. W/O. H.S. Martel.	Capt. F/Lt. K.W. Jones.
2nd.P. F/Sgt. P.K. Banks	2nd.P. F/S. R.J. Steele.	2nd.P. F/Sgt. K.R. Jukes.
Nav. F/Lt. P.L. Ryan	Nav. F/S. C.C. Whale.	Nav. W/O. E.T. Ball.
B/A. W/O. R.J. Jackman	B/A. F/O. W.H. McStea.	B/A. F/Sgt. H. Dunn.
1.WOP. F/Lt. S.J. Brace	1.WOP. W/O. D.I. Graham.	1.WOP. P/O. L.J.H. Talbot.
2.WOP. Sgt. G. Thirkettle	2.WOP. F/S. D.C. Jolley.	2.WOP. F/Sgt. H.T. Dawson.
M.U.G. F/S.. J. Stanley	M.U.G. Sgt. J.C. Attwood.	M.U.G. W/O. E.A. Richards.
Rear. F/Lt. P.J. Kydd	Rear. Sgt. W.F. Ayton.	Rear. W/O. F.W.T. Rozee.
Desp. F/S. R.R. Wells	Desp. Sgt. F. Simmonite	Desp. F/S. J.H. McSherry.
4. Load: A/C "A", "X". – 14 containers, 6 packages.  
"G". – 11 containers, 6 packages.
5. Fuel: 1950 gallons. Oil: - 27 galls. per engine.
6. Pyrotechnics:- Verey Lights, Green 3. Red 6, Colours of Day 6.
7. Ammunition: 1200 rounds Rear; 800 rounds Mid Upper.
8. Briefing: 11.30 hours.
9. Take-Off: A/C "X" – 17.15 hours.  
" "G" – 17.30 hours.  
" "A" – 17:45 hours.
10. Transport: As detailed.
11. Logs: Engineers logs to be handed to Eng. Officer as soon as possible after flight.

29th March, 1945.

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

<sup>66</sup> This serial may be in error.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 29th March, 1945

Sortie Report No. 234

Result: Completed  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)

Oprep No. 55 refers  
Code Name: Character/Hyena 33

Target: (a) Primary: (18.21'N. 96.57'E)  
(b) Secondary: (18.21'N. 96.55'E)

S.D.A.

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: 'X'

Crew: F/LT. Jones

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		14	5	5100
Dropped:		14	5	5100
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type T of 5 lights Letter Y Eureka Coded W .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1705 hrs. landed 0220 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 9 hr. 15 min.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 20.44'N. 92.21'E – 18.53'N, 97.20'E – Target – Return by same route.

Met: (i) On route: Fine but hazy.

(iia) At. DZ: Very hazy, vis. 1 – ½ mile. Salween almost completely obscured. Wind 300/5 at 4000 ft.

(iib) Ground wind at DZ: ° / M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2147 hrs. to 2232 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Made DR run from Salween and Sittang rivers, and found DZ visually at 2150 hrs.

Reception details: T of 5 lights and flashing U. Other torches in area made recognition difficult. Other Lib. In area (W/C Farr) so allowed it to drop before following on.

Dropping Runs:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
Time:	2220	2225					
Height: ASL.	4500ASL	4500ASL					
Speed:	135	135					
Course:	130	130					
Load:							
	(Bodies)						
	(Containers)	14					
	(Packages)	1	4				

Where Landed: Not seen on ground.

Chutes Open: O.K.

Set Course For Base: 2232 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Rivine which is unsuitable for night drop except when vis. is perfect and drop from 2-3000 ft. is acceptable to ground party. Surrounded by 5000 ft. hills. Maps very inaccurate.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	2.			
	3.			
	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.	

Rebecca:  
S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

Bluish white flash seen in front of starboard wing. Crack heard but no damage or jar to A/C experienced. No ground action seen. Occurred 2 miles north of DZ as A/C was leaving.

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks:.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 29th March, 1945

Sortie Report No. 235

Result: Not Completed  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery) No reception seen.

Oprep No. 55 refers  
Code Name: Character/Hyena 34

Target: (a) Primary: (18.21'N. 96.57'E)  
(b) Secondary: (18.21'N. 96.55'E)

S.D.A.

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: 'G?'

Crew: W/O. Martel

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	5	4120
Dropped:		11		
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type T of 5 lights Letter Y Eureka Yes Coded Y .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1812 hrs. landed 0312 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 20.44'N. 93.21'E – 18.53'N, 97.20'E – Target – Return by same route.

Met: (i) On route: Fine but hazy.  
(iia) At. DZ: Hazy – vis. 5-10 miles in al directions. Wind 046/12 at 10,000 ft.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: ° / M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2310 hrs. to 2330 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Obtaining definite pinpoint on Salween twice, followed by DR run to area. Made thorough search of area, but reception could not be seen. Search height 9000 ft. Numerous fires in area. Possible C type reception seen, but nothing definitely identified.

Reception details: A/C apparently in area in DZ valley, and checked over R/T with W/Cdr Farr, but although searched definitely in area, nothing resembling a T could be seen.

Dropping Runs:            1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:

Height: ASL.

Speed:

Course:

Load:

(Bodies)  
(Containers)  
(Packages)

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base: 2339 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ:

(b) General: Gills would not close and A/C took off 1 hour late as a result. Over the Target area at the same time as other A/C however.

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.

Rebecca:  
S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks:.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 29th March, 1945

Sortie Report No. 236

Result: Completed  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)

Oprep No. 55 refers  
Code Name: Character/Hyena 34

Target: (a) Primary: (18.21'N. 96.57'E)  
(b) Secondary: (18.21'N. 96.55'E)

S.D.A.

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: 'A'

Crew: W/CDR. Farr

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		14	5	5100
Dropped:		14	5	5100
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type T of 5 lights Letter Y Eureka Yes Coded Y .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1735 hrs. landed 0150 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 20.44'N. 93?.21'E – 18.53'N, 97.20'E – Target – Return by same route.

Met: (i) On route: Fine but hazy.  
(ii) At. DZ: Very hazy but no cloud – wind 074/12 at 9500 ft.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: U/K. ° / M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2117 hrs. to 2206 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: After pinpointing on the Salween, made DR run to approximate area, but could see no reception. Carried out search without success, and eventually returned to the Salween and made 2nd DR run onto area which was finally seen at 2145, and identified visually with reception waiting.

Reception details: Found correct reception as briefed waiting. Rebecca not used.

Dropping Runs:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
Time:	2204						
Height: ASL.	7000 ASL						
Speed:	150						
Course:	240						
Load:							
	(Bodies)						
	(Containers)	14					
	(Packages)	5					

Where Landed: Not seen on ground but appeared to be dropping O.K. Probably off area owing to height of drop, but should be accessible.

Chutes Open: Static line broke on one package, but others O.K.

Set Course For Base: 2206? hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: DZ is in ravine, and is very difficult to get into, being almost impossible for night drips when haze is present. There appears to be several cleared patches on ground, and load was probably distributed over this area.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
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Rebecca:  
S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks:.

## No. 358 Squadron – Operation Order No.42 (30/3/45.)

1. Duty Officer:- F/Lt. M.R. Davison.

2. Target – as briefed.

3. Aircraft and Crews.

A/C.'O'.253.

Capt. F/O. H.V. Smith.  
2nd.P. F/S. B.R. Pool<sup>67</sup>  
Nav. F/S. P. Brenchley  
B/A. Sgt. J.H. Draper  
1.WOP. Sgt. R.S. Woods  
2.WOP. Sgt. W.A. Pugh  
M.U.G. Sgt. W. Pinckney  
Rear. F/S. C. Copley.  
Desp. Sgt. F.J. Parsons.

A/C.'R'.287.

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

A/C.'T'.174.

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

A/C.'N'.365

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

A/C.'Q'.367.

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

A/C.'D'.353.

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. R.M. Hill.  
2.WOP. F/S. D.G. Morris.  
M.U.G. Sgt. V. Taylor.  
Rear. Sgt. H. Miles.  
Desp. Sgt. G.W. Mills

A/C.'A'.167.

Capt. S/Ldr. S.A. Sharpe.  
2nd.P. F/O. B.J.C. Edwards.  
Nav. W/O. 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  
Desp. F/S. R.C. Fenbow

A/C.'P'.<sup>68</sup>

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

A/C.'G'.925.

Capt. F/Lt. S.W. Bridges  
2nd.P. F/S. R.C. Smith  
Nav. F/O. B.C. Luther  
B/A. P/O. W. Mesher  
1.WOP. W/O. K.C. McLaughlin  
2.WOP. F/S. C.A. Luke  
M.U.G. W/O. W.C. McCaffrey  
Rear. P/O. J.P. Goodison  
Desp. Sgt. K.R. Banks

4. Load: As detailed

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

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

7. Fuel: A/C "O", "T", "R", "N", "Q". – 2300 gallons.  
Remainder – 1950 gallons. Oil: 27 galls per engine.

8. Briefing: 11.30 hours.

<sup>67</sup> Usually spelt "Poole".

<sup>68</sup> No serial number given.

9. Take-Off: As briefed.
10. Transport: As detailed.
11. Logs: Engineers logs to be handed to Eng. Officer as soon as possible after flight.

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

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
 H.Q. S.A.F.  
 Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 30th March, 1945.

Sortie Report No. 237

Result: Not Completed  
 (inc. Reason for non-delivery)  
 No reception and weather

Oprep No. refers

Code Name: Bazaar 161

Target: (a) Primary: Phon? (19.30'N – 103.23'E)  
 (b) Secondary: Violette P.U.Z.  
 21.20'N. 103.01E.

S.D.A. 77E  
 NF41

Aircraft: Lib. Mk. VI. 'O'

Crew:

Capt. F/O. H.V. Smith.  
 2nd.P. F/S. B.R. Pool  
 Nav. F/S. P. 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. F/S. C. Copley.  
 Desp. Sgt. F. J. Parsons

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	
Dropped:				
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: C fires – 2 strips NS. Letter Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 0955 hrs. landed 2220 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:  
 ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.  
 ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 22.03'N 98.43'E – 21.32'N 103.08'E – DZ – Return same route to base.

Met: (i) On route: Patches of Cu. base 7000 ft.  
 (iia) At. DZ: 7-8/10 Cu. 6500 ft. base covering hills. Vis. 8-10 miles.  
 (iib) Ground wind at DZ: °/ M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1511 hrs. to 1543 hrs.

Secondary: From 1630 hrs. to 1632 hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Road from Ban Pen. D.R. run t Secondary, 10/10 St. Cu.

Reception details: Nil.

Dropping Runs:           1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:

Height: ASL.

Speed:

Course:

Load:

Bodies:

Containers:

Packages:

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base: 1633

Crew Reports: (a) at DZ: Definitely found primary DZ., but secondary obscured.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	Nil			

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence: (Enemy A.A. A/C; Movement; Communications Lights etc.).

4 air strips 21.46'N. 96.43'E. 5 lorries towing trailers.

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A. Date: 30th March, 1945  
 H.Q. S.A.F.  
 Sponsor: Force 136 Sortie Report No. 238

Result: Completed, on Oprep No. refers  
 (Inc. Reason for. Secondary, no reception Code Name: Bazaar 16?2  
 non-delivery) on primary.

Target: (a) Primary: Paon? (19, 39'N. 103.23'E.)  
 (b) Secondary: Violette PU2 (21.20'N. 103.01'E)  
 S.D.A. 77E NP48

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: 'R'

Crew:

A/C "R" 287

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

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	
Dropped:		11	6	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type T of fires – 8? Strips. Letter Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1010 hrs. landed 2200 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 22.03'N. 98.45'E – 21.48'N, 101.06'E – DZ – Base. (from Secondary target)

Met: (i) On route: Rough, Cu. in patches, hazy, vis. bad.  
 (iia) At. DZ: Thick haze, clear over secondary, vis 8-10 miles.  
 (iib) Ground wind at DZ: U/K. 030° / 5 M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1532 hrs. to 1606 hrs.

Secondary From 1718 hrs. to 1725 hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Nothing seen after three runs from town.

Reception details: At Secondary, Roman IV, white cross.

Dropping Runs:           1st.   2nd.   3rd.   4th.   5th.   6th.   7th.

Time:                       1724

Height: ASL.             3000

Speed:                    135

Course:                   010

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers            11

(Packages)             6

Where Landed: On edge of field where reception was laid.

Chutes Open: All O.K.

Set Course For Base: 1725 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: 2 A/C and people at Secondary. 2 twin tailed and one twin engined A/C at Secondary, also.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	Nil.	1.		
		2.		
		3.		

	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
Rebecca:			
S/Phone:			

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

20.02'N. 102.03'E. 5 pontoon bridges on land in Mekong River.

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks:.

for Officer Commanding,  
No. Squadron R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.

Date: 30th March, 1945

H.Q. S.A.F.

Sponsor: Force 136

Sortie Report No. 239

Result: Completed

Oprep No. refers

(Inc. Reason for

Code Name: Otter 37

non-delivery)

Target: (a) Primary: 677 (18.46'N. 97.04'E.)

(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94F

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: 'A'

## Crew:

A/C "A" 167

Capt. S/Ldr. S.A. Sharpe.  
 2nd.P. F/O. B.J.C. Edwards.  
 Nav. W/O. 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  
 Desp. F/S. R.C. Fenbow

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		14	5	
Dropped:		14	5	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type Rectangle of 4 lights Letter W Eureka Coded .  
 from torches.

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 1316 hrs. landed 2115 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 22.44'N. 92.21'E – 18.53'N, 97.20'E – DZ – North 12 return same route.

Met: (i) On route: Clear. Hazy, bush fires.  
 (iia) At. DZ: Slight haze, visibility 4 – 5 miles.  
 (iib) Ground wind at DZ: U/K. 098° / 9 M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 1656 hrs. to 1716 hrs.

Secondary From      hrs. to      hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Cleared area 100 x 600 yds. amongst woods on ridge.

Reception details: 4 lights (fires) and white T and ball. About 8 people in area, one flashing letter.

Dropping Runs:      1st.    2nd.    3rd.    4th.    5th.    6th.    7th.

Time:                    1705    1714

Height: ASL.            7700    7700

Speed:                    135      135

Course:                    080      120

Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers            7        7

(Packages)              3        2

Where Landed: 3 containers and 1 package overshot to E. in wood.

Chutes Open: 1 package and 1 container 'chutes didn't open. (Package landed centre of DZ.)

Set Course For Base: 1735 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Very small. Probably only found by existence of T. Surrounded by dense jungle and steep hills.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
	Nil.	1.		
		2.		
		3.		

Height picked up.      Range first picked up.      Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks:.

for Officer Commanding,  
No.      Squadron R.A.F.

S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
 H.Q. S.A.F.  
 Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 30th March, 1945

Sortie Report No. 240

Result: Completed  
 (Inc. Reason for  
 non-delivery)

Oprep No. 55 refers  
 Code Name: Mublin 5.

Target: (a) Primary: 655 (1636'N. 10200'E.)  
 (b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 103 H &amp; L

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: 'X 312'

Crew: W/O Drummond. (Capt)

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

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	4240
Dropped:		11	6	4240
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type T of fires. Letter Z Eureka Coded .

Casualties:

Flying Times:

Base airborne 1815 hrs. landed 0635 hrs. Total hrs. airborne: 12 hrs 19 min

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 1950'N. 9745'E – 1750'N, 10129'E – DZ –return same route.

Met: (i) On route: Fine. Thick ground haze.  
 (iia) At. DZ: Fairly clear. Vis. 4 miles, deteriorating rapidly due to ground haze.  
 (iib) Ground wind at DZ: U/K. °/ M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 0021 hrs. to 0035 hrs.  
 Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: No natural features to help.

Reception details: As briefed. Flashing letter exceptionally good.

Dropping Runs:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.
Time:	0028	0033					
Height: ASL.	1400	1400					
Speed:	125	125					
Course:	320	290					

Load:

(Bodies)		
(Containers)	1	10
(Packages)	6	

Where Landed: In vicinity of reception.

Chutes Open: All OK

Set Course For Base: 0036 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Considered to be 1,000 ft above sea level rather than the briefed 500 ft. approach.

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
		1.		
		2.		
		3.		

	Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
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Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks:.

for Officer Commanding,  
No. Squadron R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 30th March, 1945

Sortie Report No. 241

Result: Completed  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)Oprep No. refers  
Code Name: Walrus 8.Target: (a) Primary: 680 (19.25'N. 96.50'E.)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94 A

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: 'P'

## Crew:

A/C "P".

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

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		7	5	
Dropped:		7	5	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type T Letter N Eureka Coded .  
5 lights

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 1955 hrs. landed 0420 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 20.15'N. 96.24'E – DZ – Return same route.

Met: (i) On route: Clear of cloud, hazy.  
(iia) At. DZ: Hazy, vis. 3 – 4 miles.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: U/K. 085° / 10 M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2339 hrs. to 0022 hrs.  
 Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: On side of ridge, not as briefed. Hill to south at 19.27'N. 97.02'E.

Reception details: T of 5 fires. 'N' signalled by green light.

Dropping Runs: 1st. 2nd. 3rd. 4th. 5th. 6th. 7th.

Time: 0018

Height: ASL. 5650

Speed: 138

Course: 240

Load:

(Bodies)	
(Containers)	7
(Packages)	5

Where Landed: Seen heading for southern part of DZ.

Chutes Open: All except one container static line pulled off hook.

Set Course For Base: 0022 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: T appeared to lead into hill, so flew across it. South of briefed area.

(b) General: Dropped 2

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.
		1.		
		2.		
		3.		

Height picked up.	Range first picked up.	Time.
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Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks:.

for Officer Commanding,  
 No. Squadron R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 30th March, 1945

Sortie Report No. 242

Result: Completed  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery) .Oprep No. refers  
Code Name: Character/Walrus 11.Target: (a) Primary: 680 (19.25'N. 96.50'E.)  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. 94 A

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: 'D'

## Crew:

A/C "D". 353,

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. R.M. Hill.
2.WOP.	F/S. D.G. Morris.
M.U.G.	Sgt. V. Taylor.
Rear.	Sgt. H. Miles.
Desp.	Sgt. G.W. Mills

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		14	5	4250
Dropped:		14	5	4250
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type T Letter N Eureka Coded .  
5 lights

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 1945 hrs. landed 0445 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 19.50'N. 97.45'E – DZ – 10.48'N. 96.20'E. – Base.

Met: (i) On route: Hazy.  
(iia) At. DZ: Slight haze. Vis. 5 miles.  
(iib) Ground<sup>69</sup> wind at DZ: U/K. 290° / 11 M.P.H.<sup>69</sup> On the original the word "Ground" is overtaped with a series of x's.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2345 hrs. to 2425 hrs.  
 Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Valley with hills at south.

Reception details: T of 5 lights waiting. Letter flashed by green torch could have been 'N'.

Dropping Runs: 1st. 2nd. 3rd. 4th. 5th. 6th. 7th.

Time: 0025

Height: ASL. 6500

Speed: 130

Course: 120

Load:

(Bodies)	
(Containers)	14
(Packages)	5

Where Landed: Not seen.

Chutes Open: All O.K.

Set Course For Base: 0025 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Followed 2 other A/C into drop ( Bridges & Hedley)

(b) General: Dropped pintails at DR position 20.48'N. 96.20'E. 2 runs 0133 hrs. 9000 ft. 155 m.p.h. 306°.

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.	Height.
	15	1. 15	19.45'N. 96.13'E	2256	9000 ft.
		2. 12 lines broke.			
		3.			

Height picked up. Range first picked up. Time.

Rebecca:  
S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks:.

for Officer Commanding,  
No. Squadron R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.  
H.Q. S.A.F.  
Sponsor: Force 136

Date: 30th March, 1945

Sortie Report No. 243

Result: Completed  
(Inc. Reason for  
non-delivery)Oprep No. refers  
Code Name: Walrus 14.Target: (a) Primary: 19.33'N. 97.02'E.  
(b) Secondary:

S.D.A.

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: 'G'

## Crew:

A/C "G". 925.

Capt.	F/Lt. S.W. Bridges
2nd.P.	F/S. R.C. Smith
Nav.	F/O. B.C. Luther
B/A.	P/O. W. Mesher
1.WOP.	W/O. K.C. McLaughlin
2.WOP.	F/S. C.A. Luke
M.U.G.	W/O. W.C. McCaffrey
Rear.	P/O. J.P. Goodison
Desp.	Sgt. K.R. Banks

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	5	
Dropped:		11	4	
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type T Letter N Eureka Coded .

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 1941 hrs. landed 0500 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 18.52'N. 97.21'E – DZ – 19.23'N. 97.34'E. – 20.48'N. 96.20'E. – Base.

Met: (i) On route: Very hazy.  
(iia) At. DZ: Very hazy, vis. 1 mile. Wind 060/13 at 7000 ft.  
(iib) Ground wind at DZ: U/K. ° / M.P.H.Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2345 hrs. to 0010 hrs.  
Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

## Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Range of hills on side of swamp, 100 yds. off DZ.

Reception details: T of fires waiting. 'N' flashed twice from both sides of 'T'.

Dropping Runs:           1st.   2nd.   3rd.   4th.   5th.   6th.   7th.

Time:                    0006

Height: ASL.           5200

Speed:                  130

Course:                 350

## Load:

(Bodies)

(Containers        11

(Packages)         4

Where Landed: Not seen on ground. One package opened in A/C – no static line.

Chutes Open: All opened O.K.

Set Course For Base: 0010 hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ: Dropped from approx. 600 ft. Good drop should be done in daylight. Split turns necessary at night.

## (b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.	Height.
	16	1. 16	20.46'N. 96.20'E	0014	6000 ft.
		2.			
		3.			

Height picked up.       Range first picked up.   Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

M.T. activity on road at Payamsans, just S.E. of Thazi.

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks:.

for Officer Commanding,  
No.   Squadron R.A.F.

## S.D. Operations

From: 358 Squadron.

To: H.Q. Air Command, S.E.A.

Date: 30th March, 1945

H.Q. S.A.F.

Sponsor: Force 136

Sortie Report No. 244

Result: Not Completed

Oprep No. 58? refers

(Inc. Reason for.

Code Name: Chiffon 6.

non-delivery) No reception.

Target: (a) Primary: 526 (17.05'N. 104.00'E.

(b) Secondary:

S.D.A. NE 48

Aircraft: Lib: Mark VI: 'N'

## Crew:

A/C "N". 365.

Capt. W/O. F.P. Adams.

2nd.P. F/S. A.J.C. Pearce.

Nav. F/S. S. Simpson.

B/A. F/S. R.G. Stanton.

1.WOP. F/S. J.J. Costello

2.WOP. W/O. R. McMaster.

M.U.G. Sgt. J.M. McGarry.

Rear. Sgt. D.W. Matthews.

Desp. Sgt. J.R. Roe.

Load:	Bodies	Containers	Packages	Total Weight (stores)
Carried:		11	6	
Dropped:				
Jettisoned: (Station & position)				
Hang-ups: (Station)				

Briefed Reception: Type L Letter K Eureka Coded .

## Casualties:

## Flying Times:

Base airborne 1745 hrs. landed 1025 hrs. Total hrs. airborne:

ANG Cox's landed 0635 hrs. airborne 0845 hrs.

ANG landed hrs. airborne hrs.

Route: Base – 19.50'N. 97.45'E – 17.50'N. 101.29'E – 17.14'N. 104.03'E. – DZ. – return same route..

Met: (i) On route: Hazy and cloudy east of Mekong.

(iia) At. DZ: Very hazy. Alt. Cu. 12,000 ft. 9/10. Moonlight seen occasionally, wind 336/7 at 9000 ft.

(iib) Ground wind at DZ: U/K. ° / M.P.H.

Time Over DZ: Primary: From 2359 hrs. to 0131 hrs.

Secondary From hrs. to hrs.

## Recognition of DZ.

Natural features: Made run from Mekong to Nung Lahan lake, made 2 DR runs of 3 min. from there to DZ area, but no reception seen in spite of thorough search each time. Local details in area of DZ (roads etc.) recognised. No torches seen, but numerous fires seen in surrounding areas. Search light<sup>70</sup> 5000 ft.

## Reception details:

Dropping Runs:           1st.   2nd.   3rd.   4th.   5th.   6th.   7th.

Time:

Height: ASL.

Speed:

Course:

Load:

(Bodies)  
(Containers)  
(Packages)

Where Landed:

Chutes Open:

Set Course For Base:    hrs.

Crew Reports: (a) DZ:

(b) General:

Nickels:	Packs carried.	Packs dropped.	Position.	Time.	Height.
	16	1. 16	20.20'N. 94.23'E	0539	10,000 ft.
		2.			
		3.			

Height picked up.       Range first picked up.   Time.

Rebecca:

S/Phone:

Intelligence (Enemy A.A.; A/C; movement; communications; lights etc.):

A/C Not Returned to Base:

CO's Remarks:.

for Officer Commanding,  
No.   Squadron R.A.F.

<sup>70</sup> Record says 'light' but probably should be 'height'.