

January 1945: Form 541358 Squadron¹

Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
13-1-45.					
Liberator VI KH312 "X"	P/O. K. W. Jones 175022	Capt.	09.10	16.55	This aircraft took off from Base as detailed and proceeded to the target as briefed. No opposition was encountered and target was successfully bombed in formation.
	S/L. A.S. M. Pim 60566	2nd. Pilot			
	Sgt. Dunn, H? 1549512	B/A			
	W/O. Ball, E. T.	Nav.			
	P/O. L. J. H. Talbot 186538	W/OP			
	Sgt. Grey, R. 1459192	A/G			
	W/O. E. A. Richards 1338958	A/G.			
	Sgt. Snape?, A. D. 1837305	A/G.			
	Sgt. Houghton, T. 2205840	A/G.			
	W/O. F. W. T. Rosee? 1332037	A/G.			
	F/S. Dawson, H. T. NZ.425624	W/OP			
Liberator VI KG925 "U"	F/O. J. G. Wood RCAF.J18271	Capt.	09.15	17.00	This aircraft took off from Base as detailed and in formation successfully attacked target and returned to base without incident.
	F/S. Collins, C. E. Aus42963?0	2nd. Pilot			
	P/O. S. C. Hull 163730	B/A			
	Sgt. Ely, E. H. S. 1577275	Nav.			
	Sgt. McLus?key, J. 1567157	W/OP			
	Sgt. Spencer, R. 1818353	W/OP			
	Sgt. McSherry, J. H. 1797834	A/G			
	Sgt. Hurley, D. C. 1609041	A/G.			
	Sgt. Parsons, L. S. E. 960606	A/G.			
	Sgt. McInnes, D. 1820363	A/G.			

¹ There is much inconsistency with the service numbers and initials given for the crews.

	F/Sgt. Bregan?, R. J. NZ.42718	A/G.			
Liberator VI KG977 "L"	W/Cdr. P. G. D. Farr DFC. 39936	Capt.	09.10	16.50	This aircraft successfully attacked target and carried out the operation without incident.
	F/S. Banks, P. K. 1603971	2nd. Pilot			
	F/L. P. L. Ryan 125641	B/A			
	F/S. Jackman, R. 967248	Nav.			
	F/O. S. J. Brace 162856	W/OP			
	Sgt. Thirkettle, C. 1025625	W/OP			
	Sgt. Sutcliffe, F 1227578	A/G			
	Sgt. Stanley, J. 1894296	A/G.			
	F/S. Wells, K. 1890474	FE/AG.			
	Sgt. Pepper, R. 2221769	A/G.			
	F/L. P. J. Kydd 82745	A/G.			
Date ²	Target- Mandalay	Route – Base—2258N/9443E-Target—Fenny Point—Base.			
12-1-45	Bomb Load	Aircraft D. & U. carried 52 X 100 lb.			
		Aircraft D.L.Q.W.X. carried 4 X 1000 GP. and 8 X 500 M17s (4 lb incy)			
		Nickels---Nil. Cameras in A/C. L. & C.			
		Opposition – No opposition was met on the route to and from the target and opposition over the target was negligible, two flak bursts only being seen. No enemy fighters were in evidence.			
13-1-45					
Liberator VI KH278 W	P/O. J. C. Stuart 184293	Capt.	09.15	16.50	Operation successfully carried out in formation.
	F/S. W. Drummond 629860	2nd. Pilot			
	Sgt. C. J. Wright 544422	B/A			
	F/S. J. H. Batchelor 1316082?	Nav.			
	Sgt. S. Blackburn 1020030	W/OP			
	Sgt. Vickers, F. 181743	W/OP			
	Sgt. V. Taylor 2219471	A/G			
	Sgt. F. Cameron 1762109	A/G.			

² This page is the second page in the record; it might have been intended as the first page when written.

	W/O. W. Hendry 1123732	A/G.			
	P/O. F. S. Edwards 185307	A/G.			
	Sgt. Brown, W. H. Mc. A.	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH367 "Q"	P/O. C. H. Hedley 56141	Capt.	09.10	16.40	Operation successfully carried out in formation.
	F/Lt. S. D. Mayhew 63404	2nd. Pilot			
	Sgt. Hounslow, H. W. 1320624	B/A			
	W/O. Perkins, J. H. 1215501	Nav.			
	W/O. Tubb, J. W. F. 919366	W/OP			
	W/O. Chalmers, J. 1152918	W/OP			
	P/O. W. E. Hopkins 186294	A/G			
	W/O. B. C. Pepper 631789	A/G.			
	F/S. Blee, W. H. PP. 577626	A/G.			
	Sgt. Maiden, R. G. E. 1880345	A/G.			
	Sgt. Turner, J. 2221298	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH271 "C"	S/L. S. A. Sharpe 45712	Capt.	09.15	16.55	This aircraft carried out the operation successfully.
	F/O. G. J. C. Edwards 157851	2nd. Pilot			
	F/S. Kirby C. F. 1391233	Nav.			
	W/O. Cross, C. F. 1337426	B/A			
	W/O. Buchanan, J. A. 1365057	W/OP			
	F/S. Noble, F. W. Aus.437539 (R.A.A.F.)	W/OP			
	W/O. Fayle, J. W. 1357609	A/G			
	Sgt. Manning, G. 2220479	A/G.			
	Sgt. Fenbow, R. C. 1672757	FE/AG.			
	Sgt. Parvin, H. 3025689	A/G.			
	W/O. Seymour. K? 1300922	A/G.			

Liberator VI KH353 "D"	F/O. L. P. Cloutier J.24817 (R.C.A.F.)	Capt.	09.10	16.50	Operation successfully carried out.
	F/O. W. Russell J. 27639 (R.C.A.F.)	2nd. Pilot			
	F/S. Rose, D. J 14??695	Nav.			
	P/O. D. J. Be?ston 164442	B/A			
	F/S. Bagg, M. R. Aus.430230 (R.A.A.F.)	W/OP			
	F/S. Warmer, E. Aus.419146 (R.A.A.F.)	W/OP			
	Sgt. Milliken, H 1785378	A/G			
	Sgt. Power, J. 1796476	A/G.			
	Sgt. Matthias?, W. f. 1819468	A/G.			
	Sgt. Mount, G. 934689	A/G.			
This operation was the first daylight formation bombing operation carried out by the Squadron and can be considered very successful, as the majority of the bombs fell in the target area. Bomb aiming was made difficult by smoke and dust from an adjacent bombed area drifting across the target.					
22/23 January 1945					
Route:-	A/C "G" and "A"	Base-2258N9442E-2203N9845E-2018N10010E-D.Z. -2018N10010E-2203N9845E-2258N9442E-Base.			
	A/C "Z" and "C"	Base-2258N9442E-2254N9840E-2234N10222E-D.Z. -.2258N9442E-Base. (A/C "C" Flight abandoned 2234N10222E).			
	A/C "X"	Base-2258N9443E-2203N9845E-2018N10010E-D.Z-2018N10010E-2203N9845E-2258N9443E-Base.			
	A/C "Q"	Base-2258N9443E-2147N10106E-D.Z.-2103N10519E-2138N10050E-2258N9443E-Base.			
	A/C "O"	Base-2258N9448E-2244N9840E-2234N10225E-D.Z.-2258N9442E-Base.			
Load:-	A/C. K. Z.? W. T. Q. X. O.	carried 10 Containers each.			
	A/C. C. & D.	carried 11 containers each.			
	A/C. "A"	carried 9 containers and 2 packages.			
	A/C. "G"	carried 9 containers.			
Opposition:- No opposition at all was encountered.					
Liberator VI KH215 "K"	F/L. K. H. Brailsford 139520	Capt.	14.45	-----	This plane took off but failed to return from operation.
	F/O. W. Russell J.27639 (R.C.A.F.)	2nd. Pilot			
	P/O. L. B?lick	Nav.			

	178370				
	W/O. O'Toole, G? A. 1550901	B/A			
	W/O. Swain, J. R. 1183127	W/OP			
	Sgt. Gibbs, J. C. 1538318	W/OP			
	W/O. Lear, W. 1339360	A/G			
	P/O. R. J. Wilson 54992	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH282 "G"	F/O. M. R. Davison 54090	Capt.	14.50	06.10	Weather was very poor on route with 10/10 ths cloud topped at 11,000 ft. DZ. was located at 21.20 hrs. with clear weather conditions. "C" type reception was observed. After dropping all parachutes were seen to open and fall in the target area after which aircraft flew SW. for three minutes then set course for Base at 21.30.
	F/O. J. B. Smart 171567	2nd. Pilot			
	P/O. H. J. A. Johnson 165517	Nav.			
	Sgt. Simpson, S. A. 1673688	B/A			
	Sgt. Gaskin, D. S. 605616	W/OP			
	Sgt. Robertson, A. W. 1800541	W/OP			
	Sgt. Whitehouse, G. S. 1567533	A/G			
	Sgt. Wallace, K? W? 1568323	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH353 "D"	F/L. H. H. Monks 120514	Capt.	14.35	05.25	Target was not located due to very bad weather conditions. 500 miles away from target 10/10 ths S. and S/C. cloud above and below aircraft was encountered. 50 miles from target Capt. descended below cloud only to find 10/10 ths valley fog covering target. Did not drop load.
	Sgt. Goddard, G. D. 1585900	2nd. Pilot			
	W/O. Philips, F. D. A.405603 (R.A.A.F.)	Nav.			
	P/O. W. MacDonald 164203	B/A			
	F/S. Hill, G. M. A.437419 (R.A.A.F.)	W/OP			
	F/S. Morris, E. G. A.437437 (R.A.A.F.)	W/OP			
	Sgt. Taylor, D. R. 1846508	A/G			
	Sgt. Miles, H. 1811869	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH277 "Z"	S/L. A. D. M. Pim. 60566	Capt.	14.30	-----	This plane took off but failed to return from operations. Subsequently reported found crashed in Chin Hills near Kalemyo. Nothing was observed by other aircraft.
	F/S. Holt, J. H. 1522039	2nd. Pilot			
	F/S. Hearne E. C. 1585199	Nav.			

	F/O. E. Clarke 149915	W/OP			
	F/O. W. J. Wallace 1499990	B/A			
	F/S. Sadler, S.E. NZ428267 (R.N.Z.A.F.)	A/G			
	Sgt. Gittins, G. 1458467	W/OP			
	Sgt. Robinson J. 976434	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH278 "W"	F/Lt. S. D. Mayhew 63404	Capt.	14.35	-----	This plane took off but failed to return from operations. Nothing observed by other aircraft.
	W/O. Eames, N. O? 1385263	2nd. Pilot			
	P/O. J. Hughes 164129	Nav.			
	F/S. Roberts, W. G. 6562?37	B/A			
	Sgt. Butt, V. 1800854	W/OP			
	P/O. J. A. Schmidt A434671 (R.A.A.F.)	W/OP			
	Sgt. Perry, J. R. 1636796	A/G			
	F/S. Moore, F. 1699152	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH312 "X"	F/O. K. W. Jones 175022	Capt.	15.10	05.00	Poor weather was encountered with 10/10ths cloud based at 6,000 ft. On arrival at D.Z. there was considerable ground haze and no moon was visible. No signal was seen and the Navigator was not certain if he had accurately located D.Z. Finally aircraft set course for Base at 21.15 hrs.
	F/S. Mills W. R. 1108628	2nd. Pilot			
	Sgt. Dunn, H. 1549512	Nav.			
	W/O. Ball, E? T. 581493	B/A			
	P/O. L. J. H. Talbot 186538	W/OP			
	F/S. Dawson, H. T. NZ.425654 (R.N.Z.A.F.)	W/OP			
	W/O. Richards, E. A. 1338958	A/G			
	W/O. Rozee, F. W. 1332037	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH167 "A"	W/Cdr. P. G. D. Farr DFC 39936	Capt.	15.15	04.45	Very bad weather was experienced on the route to the target, but a small gap in the clouds allowed a descent and a successful drop was made.
	F/S. Banks, P. K. 1603971	2nd. Pilot			
	F/L. P. L. Ryan	Nav.			

	125641				
	F/S. Jackman, R 967248	B/A			
	F/O. S. J. Brace 162856	W/OP			
	Sgt. Thirkettle, C. 1025625	W/OP			
	Sgt. Stanley, J. 1894296	A/G			
	F/S. Wells, K. 1890474	FE/AG			
	F/L. P. J. Kydd 82745	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH271 "C"	S/L. S. A. Sharpe 45712	Capt.	14.20	03.25	Target was not located owing to very bad weather conditions which necessitated turning back to Base at 22.15 hrs.
	F/O. B. J. C. Edwards 157851	2nd. Pilot			
	F/S. Kirby, C. S. 1391233	Nav.			
	W/O. Cross, R. H. 1337426	B/A			
	W/O. Buchanan, J. A. 1365057	W/OP			
	F/S. Noble, F. W. A.437539 (R.A.A.F.)	W/OP			
	W/O. Fayle, J. W. 1357609	A/G			
	W/O. Seymour, E. W. 1300922	A/G.			
	F/S. Fenbow, R. C. 1672757.	FE/AG			
Liberator VI KH253 "O"	P/O. J. C. Stuart 184239	Capt.	14.30	03.50	Poor weather conditions on route 9/10 ths cloud with tops 8/9000 ft. and poor visibility. At 19.55 hrs Capt. set course for Base after unsuccessfully trying to find D.Z.
	F/S. Drummond, S. W. 1133124	2nd. Pilot			
	Sgt. Wright, J. C. 544422	B/A			
	F/S. Batchelor, J. H. 1316082	Nav.			
	Sgt. Blackburn, S. P. 1020030	W/OP			
	Sgt. Vickers, F. E. 1817431	W/OP			
	W/O. Hendry, W 1123732	A/G			
	P/O. F. S. Edwards 185307	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH367 "Q"	F/O. J. C. Murray J27678	Capt.	14.40	05.40	10/10 ths cloud and showers were encountered over most of the route. On arrival at D.Z. at 21.10 hrs. Capt. found a

	W/O. Jones, J. H. 527725	S/Pilot			cap in cloud which he circled but no signals were seen. Finally aircraft set course Base at 21.30 hrs and had to land at Jessore at 05.30 hrs. due to shortage of fuel.
	P/O. T. Kay 164079	B/A			
	F/O. E. P. Field 146307	Nav.			
	F/S. Bateman, J. E. A.424944 (R.A.A.F.)	W/OP			
	F/S. Ashby, A. F. A.424012 (R.A.A.F.)	W/OP			
	Sgt. Cosh, A. 653388	A/G			
	Sgt. Frederick, H. G. 1853345	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH350 "T"	F/O. R. W. Robinson 51159	Capt.	14.30	05.40	Bad weather was encountered over most of the route. On arrival at D.Z. at 21.00 hrs. it was found that the target was covered by 10/10 ths cloud. Aircraft flew around seeking a gap in the cloud but was unsuccessful so set course for base at 21.40 hrs. landing at Jessore at 05.40 hrs. due to shortage of fuel.
	F/S. Bullen, R. M. NZ425880 (R.N.Z.A.F.)	2nd. Pilot			
	Sgt. Sherwood, A. J. 1583263	B/A			
	P/O. W. H. Bull 165575	Nav.			
	P/O. L. C. Bartlett 160606	W/OP			
	Sgt. Andrews, E. H. 1357596	W/OP			
	Sgt. Clarke, T. F. 636459	A/G			
	Sgt. Burling, A. 18877098	A/G.			
11 aircraft were detailed to carry out this operation which was the first S.D. operation allotted to the Squadron. Only 2 sorties were successful. Three aircraft failed to return and it is not known if they were successful in their missions. Bad weather interfered considerably and was the determining factor in the final results.					
24/25th January, 1945					
Route:-	A/C 'G' 'X' & 'Q'	Digri to Cox's Bazaar-Alguada Reef-1448N 9750E-1317N 10342E-D.Z.-1317N 10342E-1448N 9750E-Alguada Reef-Base			
Load:-	A/C 'G' 'X' & 'Q'	each carried 10 containers and 2 packages.			
Opposition:- No opposition at all was encountered.					
Liberator VI KH367 "Q"	F/O. Murray, J. C. (Can.J.27678)	Capt.	14.05	06.05	A/C took off from staging post at Cox's Bazaar. The weather on route was mainly fair but 7/10 cumulus was encountered over the hills. In the target area it was fine with slight ground haze. 'C' type reception was seen and all parachutes were seen to open. After dropping, A/C flew N.W. for one minute
	W/C. Blackburn, J.	2nd. Pilot			
	F/O. Fielding, A. 157931	Nav.			
	Sgt. Draper, J. H. 1802370	B/A			

	Sgt. Woods, R. ?? 139829	W/OP			then W. setting course for base at 2142 hrs.
	Sgt. Pugh, W. A. 2206912	W/OP			
	Sgt. Pinckney, W. J. 1805139	A/G			
	Sgt. Copley, C. 993351	A/G.			
	Sgt. Cosh, A. M. 653388	F/E.			
³	P/O. Stuart, J. C. 184239	Capt.	14.15	04.25	A/C took off from staging post at Cox's Bazaar. The weather on route was mainly fair but 7/10 Cumulus was encountered over the hills. Weather in the target area when the A/C arrived at 2134 hrs. was fine with good vis. Although many scattered fires were seen no 'C' type reception was recognised so A/C flew N for 10 minutes then W setting course for base at 2238 hrs. No drop was made.
	F/S. Drummond, W. 1133124	2nd. Pilot			
	F/S. Batchelor, J. 131608	Nav.			
	Sgt. Wright, C. J. 544422	B/A			
	Sgt. Blackburn, S? 1020030	W/OP			
	Sgt. Vickers, F. K? 1817431	W/OP			
	W/O. Hendry, W 1123732	A/G			
	Sgt. Brown, J. Mc. 1366043	A/G.			
⁴	F/O. Smart, J. B. 171567	Capt.	14.15	07.15	A/C took off from staging post at Cox's Bazaar. Weather en route was mainly good but occasional cumulus cloud was encountered over the hills. Over DZ weather was clear and 'C' type reception was observed. All parachutes were seen to open except one package. After dropping, Captain flew N. for 2 minutes and then W., finally setting course for base at 2212 hrs.
	Sgt. Mathews, E. V. 1604351	2nd. Pilot			
	P/O. Johnson, H. J. 165517	Nav.			
	Sgt. Simpson, S. A. 1673688	B/A			
	Sgt. Robertson, A? W. 1800541	W/OP			
	Sgt. Gaskin, D. S. 605616	W/OP			
	Sgt. Whitehouse, G. S? 1567533	A/G			
	Sgt. Wallace, W. 1568323	A/G.			
3 Aircraft were detailed to carry out S.D. Operations after landing at Cox's Bazaar to take maximum fuel load. 2 Aircraft were successful and on unsuccessful as no 'C' type reception was seen. 9 sorties cancelled as adverse weather reported.					
	25/1/45 and 26/1/45				

³ Details of aircraft not given in record.

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Route:-	A/C 'U' & 'C'.	Base-Cox's Bazaar-Alguada Reef-1530N 9746E-D.Z.-1852N 9344E-Cox's Bazaar.			
	A/C 'O', 'H', 'G', 'T' & 'A'.	Base-2258N 9442E-2203N 9845E-D.Z.-2203N 9845E-2258N 9442E-Base.			
	A/C 'N'.	Base-2259N 9443E-2203N 0945E-D.Z..-2203N 0945E-2259N 9433E-Base.			
	A/C 'D'.	Base-Cox's Bazaar-Base.			
	A/C 'L'	Base2258N 9443E-2204N 845E-2204N 0845E ⁵ -2258N 9442E-Base			
Load:-	A/C 'C' 'U' & 'D'	carried 7 containers and 2 packages.			
	A/C 'T' & 'O'	carried 10 containers and 2 packages.			
	A/C 'H', 'L', 'A', 'N', 'G'	carried 11 containers and 2 packages.			
Opposition:- No opposition at all was encountered but A/C 'C' reported 2 Emily flying boats on a Southerly heading but these did not attack.					
Lib. VI. KH271 'C'	S/L. Sharpe S. A. 45712	Capt.	1400	0905	1905 D.N.C.O. Staging to Cox's Bazaar 66,000 lb. take off. Weather on Route excellent. D.Z. area defined but no reception available. Loss of boost of No. 1 Engine. Load jettisoned in lake with parachutes removed. Landed at Cox's Bazaar. At 1705 posn. 15N 104 20E two Emily flying boats were seen heading south at 2500'.
	F/O. Edwards, B. J. C. 1157851	2nd. Pilot			
	F/S. Kirby, C. F. 1391233	Nav.			
	W/O. Cross, R. H. 1337426	B/A			
	W/O. Buchanan, J. A. 1365057	W/OP			
	F/S. Noble, F. W. A.437539 (R.A.A.F.)	W/OP			
	W/O. Fayle J. W? 1357609	A/G			
	F/S. Fenbow, R. C. 1672757	F/E.			
	W/O. Seymour E. W? 1300922	A/G.			
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Liberator VI KH167 'A'	W/Cdr. Farr, P. G. D. 39936	Capt.	1515	0520	1405 Weather out was fine until 10 minutes from target area then 10/10 cumulus topped at 10,000' was encountered. Target area was reached at 2110 but no signals were seen. A/C flew on diversionary runs for a few minutes and finally set course for base at 2135 hrs.
	F/S. Banks, P. R. 1603971	2nd. Pilot			
	F/L. Ryan, P. L. 125641	Nav.			
	F/S. Jackman, R 967248	B/A			
	F/O. Brace, S. J. 162856	W/OP			
	Sgt. Thirkettle, C. 1025625	W/OP			
	Sgt. Stanley, J. 1894296	A/G			
	F/S. Wells, J.	F/E.			

⁵ This coordinate is repeated in the original record.

⁶ On original records, the details of route, load and opposition were repeated here; they have not been transcribed for a second time.

	1890474				
	F/L.. Kydd, P. J 82745	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH257 'H'	F/O. Cloutier J.24817	Capt.	1410	0600	1550 En route weather was cloudy with 10/10 tops 13000' over hills. Target was not found and on return A/C got lost and at 0520 load was jettisoned due to fuel shortage at approx. 23 15N 89 30E. Finally A/C landed at Dhubalia at 0600 Hrs.
	F/O. Luther, B. J.24562	Nav.			
	F/S. Pryor, P. G. A.437058 (R.A.A.F.)	2nd. Pilot			
	P/O. Boston, D. J. 164443	B/A			
	F/S. Vagg, N. R. A.430230 (R.A.A.F.)	W/OP			
	F/S. W?armer, E? A.419146 (R.A.A.F.)	W/OP			
	Sgt. Power, J. 1796479	A/G			
	Sgt. Mount, G. 934689	A/G			
Liberator VI KG977 'L'	F/L. Monks, H. H. 120514	Capt.	1415	2315	9.00 Weather excellent but A/C returned due to suspected excessive fuel consumption. Load was brought back to base.
	Sgt. Goddard 15859005	2nd. Pilot			
	W/O. Philips A.403603 (R.A.A.F.)	Nav.			
	P/O. MacDonald, W. 164203	B/A			
	F/S. Hill, G. A.437419 (R.A.A.F.)	W/OP			
	F/S. Morris, D. A.437437 (R.A.A.F.)	W/OP			
	Sgt. Taylor, K? 18965085	A/G			
	Sgt. Miles, H. 1811869	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH365 'N?'	W/O. Martel H. S? A.421849 (R.A.A.F.)	Capt.	1500	0540	1440 Weather was good en route but over target area 8/10 Cu. tops 13000' were encountered. However, 'C' type reception was seen and recognised but when A/C made run lights were extinguished. This happened 5 times When A/C made runs on different headings so DZ could not accurately be located so no load was dropped. On return flight A/C landed at Karagpore due to shortage of fuel.
	F/O. Carter R. A.28286 (R.A.A.F.)	2nd. Pilot			
	F/S. Whale G. 1324510	Nav.			
	F/O. McStea W? 163736	B/A			
	W/O. Graham, D. A.413853 (R.A.A.F.)	W/OP			
	F/S. Jolley, D. A.436522 (R.A.A.F.)	W/OP			
	Sgt. Attwood G. 1869269	A/G			

	Sgt. Ayton, W F. 1091192	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH ⁷ '??'	W/O. Jones J. H. 527725	Capt.	1410	0520	Weather on route was fine with good vis. but this deteriorated over DZ to 10/10 Sc, however the target was clear 'C' type reception was seen and recognised at 2115 hrs. and all containers and packages were dropped in 2 mins. On return flight A/C landed at Dhubalia due to shortage of fuel.
	F/L. Bridges, S. H. J.212223	2nd. Pilot			
	F/S. Murphy, H. C. 922489	Nav.			
	F/O. Williams, P. M. 132806	B/A			
	Sgt. Donnelly, W. 1820082	W/OP			
	Sgt. Fletcher, G. 1589917	W/OP			
	Sgt. Lock, A. P. 659147	A/G			
	Sgt. Mansfield, A? J. 2213867	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH ⁸ 'D'	F/O. Davison, ? R. 50490	Capt.	1820	2020	A/C landed at staging post at Cox's Bazaar but was unable to take off due to becoming bogged on end of runway. However, was cleared 4 hours later so returned to base with load.
	F/S. Crammond 1458001	2nd. Pilot			
	P/O. Parham, T. 161025	Nav.			
	P/O. Woods, A. N. 164098	B/A			
	F/O. Fielding, A. 157931	Nav.			
	W/O. Webb, S. J. 1307031	W/OP			
	Sgt. Pollock, G. B. 1344598	W/OP			
	W/O. White, G. 1332279	A/G			
	Sgt. Barber, G. 1629944	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH253 'O'	F/O. Robinson, R. W. 51159	Capt.	1425	0640	Good weather conditions on route but electrical storms etc. S. of target area. Target area was clear with good visibility A/C arrived at DZ at 2156 and 'C' type reception was recognised so load was dropped. All parachutes were seen to open except one container which hung up and was brought back to base. After dropping A/C flew E for 2 mins. S. for 3 mins. and set course for base at 2220 hrs.
	F/O. Wood, J. G. (J.18271) (Can.)	2nd. Pilot			
	P/O. Bull, W. H. 165575	Nav.			
	Sgt. Sherwood, A. J. 1583263	B/A			
	P/O. Bartlett, L. C. 160606	W/OP			
	Sgt. Andrews, E. H. 1357596	W/OP			

⁷ Balance of serial number not given.

⁸ Balance of serial number not given.

	Sgt. Clarke, T. F. 636459	A/G			
	Sgt. Burling, A. 18877098	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH350 'T'	P/O. Hedley, C. H. (56141)	Capt.	1415	0720	On route and over DZ weather was good. At 2230 target was sighted and recognised but A/C did a diversion before dropping load at 2241 hrs. At 2247 hrs. A/C set course for base and on return flight violent thunderstorms were encountered.
	F/S. Bullen, R. M. (425880)	2nd. Pilot			
	W/O. Perkins, J. H. (1215501)	Nav.			
	Sgt. Hounslow, W. H. (1325624)	B/A			
	P/O. Tubb, J. E. (188532)	W/OP			
	W/O. Chalmers, R. C. (1152918)	W/OP			
	W/O. Pepper, B. S. (631789)	A/G			
	P/O. Hopkins, S. W. (18629??)	A/G.			
	?/O. Blee, W. H. P. (577626)	F/E			
Liberator VI KG925 'U'	F/O. Jones, K. W. 175022	Capt.	1415	0740	A/C took off from staging post at Cox's Bazaar. Weather en route was fair and clear over DZ. When A/C arrived at 2227 hrs. 'C' type reception was recognised and load was dropped all parachutes being observed to open. After dropping, A/C flew N. E. for 5 mins. then turned W. and set course for base at 2235 hrs.
	F/S. Mills W. R. 1108628	2nd. Pilot			
	W/O. Ball, E? T. 581493	Nav.			
	Sgt. Dunn, H. 1549512	B/A			
	P/O. Talbot, L. J. H. 186538	W/OP			
	F/S. Dawson, H. T. NZ.425654 (N.Z..)	W/OP			
	W/O. Richards, E. A. 1338958	A/G			
	W/O. Rozee, F. W. 1332037	A/G.			
25/1/45	10 A/C were detailed for S.D. Operations but only 4 were successful due to no reception in DZ area; one A/C returned to base because of high fuel consumption.				
26/27th January, 1945					
Route:-	A/C 'L' 'X' & 'O'	Base-1818N 9420E-1716N 10403E-DZ-1716N 10403E-Base.			
Load:-	A/C 'O' 'X' & 'L'	carried 10 containers and 2 packages.			
Opposition	No opposition at all was encountered except for one A/C reporting 5 or 6 bursts of L.A.A. which were accurate for height but about 400 yds. behind.				

Liberator VI. KH253 'O'	F/O. Murray, J. C. (J27678) (Can)	Capt.	1435	0625	Weather on route was fair until about 1 hour from DZ then cloud on hills and electrical storms were encountered. On arriving at DZ 'C' type reception was seen and recognised and all the load was dropped in one run at 2209 hrs.
	F/S. Larcombe, J. R. (436648) (R.A.A.F.)	2nd. P.			
	F/O. Field, E. P. (146307)	Nav.			
	P/O.. Kay, T (164079)	B/A			
	F/S. Bateman, J. E. (424944) (R.A.A.F.)	W/OP			
	F/S. Ashby, A. F. (424012) (R.A.A.F.)	W/OP			
	Sgt. Peters, J. F. (1853933)	A/G			
	Sgt. Frederick, H. G. (1853345)	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH312 'X'	P/O. Stuart, J. C. (184293)	Capt.	1430	0555	Weather for whole of trip was clear except for slight ground haze in target area. On arriving at DZ at 2155 hrs., 'C' type reception was seen and easily recognised. The load was dropped in 2 runs and all parachutes were seen to open and drop well within the area.
	F/S. McAlister, J. (1566861)	2nd. Pilot			
	F/S. Batchelor, J. H. (1316082)	Nav.			
	Sgt. Wright, J. C. (544422)	B/A			
	Sgt. Blackburns ⁹ . (1020030)	W/OP			
	Sgt. Vickers, F. E. (1817431)	W/OP			
	Sgt. Cameron, F. (1762109)	A/G			
	P/O. Edwards, F. S. (185307)	A/G.			
Liberator VI KG997 'L'	F/O. Smart, J. B. (171567)	Capt.	1450	0720	1630. Weather on route was fair and clear over Target where on arriving at 2230 hrs. 'C' type reception was seen and recognised. Load was dropped in 2 runs and on the 1st run parachutes were seen to undershoot about 400 yds. After diversionary courses had been flown course was set for base at 2250 hrs. On return flight at 0103 hrs. posn. 1825N 10035E LAA was encountered; 5/6 bursts at 5000' accurate for height but about 400 yds. behind A/C.
	Sgt. Matthews, E. (1604351)	2nd. Pilot			
	P/O. Johnson, H. J. (165517)	Nav.			
	Sgt. Simpson, S. A. (1673688)	B/A			
	Sgt. Robertson, A. (1800541)	W/OP			
	Sgt. Gaskin, D. S. (605616)	W/OP			
	Sgt. Whitehouse, G. (1567533)	A/G			
	Sgt. Wallace, W.	A/G.			

⁹ Note 's' on end of name?

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26/1/45.	3 A/C were sent on S.D. Operations and all three were successful in finding the DZ and dropped the loads in the area.				
27/28th January, 1945.					
Route:-	A/C 'X??'	Base-1814N 9420E-1718N 10403E-1616N 10507E-DZ-1616N 10507E-1718N 10403E-1814N 9420E-Base.			
	A/C 'G?'	Base-1818N 9423E-183?N 9525E-1810N 10009E-DZ-1803N 10140E-1829N 9440E-2102N 9258E-Base.			
	A/C 'H' 'R?' 'K'	Base-1814N 9420E-a750N 10235E-DZ-1750N 10235E-1814N 9420E-Base.			
	A/C 'L'	Base-1818N 9420E-DZ-1818N 9420E-Base.			
	A/C 'C' 'U'	Base-Cox's Bazaar-Algada? Reef-1445N 9755 E-1413N 10000E-1242N 10403E-DZ-1142N 10543E-1242N 10403E-1608N 9544E-1852N 9330E-Base.			
	A/C 'O'	Base-1815N 9420E-1750N 10240E-1712N 10407E-DZ-1750N 10240E-1815N 9420E-Base.			
	A/C 'W??'	Base-1819N 6420E-1717N 10404E-DZ-1717N 10404E-1819N 6420E-Base.			
Load:-	A/C 'H' 'R'	carried 9 x 500 incendiary clusters, 6 x 100 demolition.			
	A/C 'K'	carried Nickels.			
	A/C 'C' 'U'	carried 8 containers and 2 packages.			
	A/C 'W?' 'O'	carried 10 containers and 2 packages.			
	A/C 'G?'	carried 10 containers and 4 packages.			
	A/C 'L'	carried 13 containers and 4 packages.			
Opposition. No opposition at all was encountered					
Liberator VI KH271 'C'	F/O. Davison, M. R. 50490	Capt.	15.20	09.30	18.10 A/C took off from staging post at Cox's Bazaar. The weather en route was fair but poor visibility over DZ area. However, 'C' type reception was recognised and load was dropped. All chutes were observed to open.
	F/S. Crammond 145800 ¹⁰	2nd. Pilot			
	P/O. Parham, T. 161025	Nav.			
	P/O. Woods, A. N. 164098	B/A			
	F/O. Field, N. G. 157931 ¹¹	Nav.			
	W/O. Webb, S. J. 1307031	W/OP			
	Sgt. Pollock, G. B. 1344598	W/OP			
	W/O. White, G. 1332279	A/G			
	Sgt. Barber, G. 1629944	A/G.			
Liberator VI. KH392 'K'	S/L. Sharpe, S. A 45712	Capt.	15.05	07.30	14.225 Weather on outward trip was good with no cloud over the target area. Dropping runs were made in 3 different

¹⁰ Service number was given as 1458001 previously.

¹¹ This is the same service number given for 'Fielding' in prior entry.

	F/O. Edwards, B. J. 157851	2nd. Pilot			areas as briefed. On return flight 10/10 cloud was encountered over hills with isolated electrical storms.
	F/S. Kirby, C. S. 1391233	Nav.			
	W/O. Cross, R. H. 1337426	B/A			
	W/O. Buchanan, J. 1365057	W/OP			
	F/S. Noble, F. N. A.457539	W/OP			
	W/O. Fayle, J. W. 1357609	A/G			
	F/S. Fenbow, R. C. 1672757.	F/E			
	W/O. Seymour, E. W. 1300922	A/G.			
Liberator VI KG997 'L'	W/O. Jones J. H. 527725	Capt.	1715	0715	1400 weather en route and over DZ area was good except for slight haze in the DZ are. Despite continual searches no reception was seen. On return flight 14 containers were jettisoned in the river Mekong at 103 53E but the 14 packages were returned to base.
	F/L. Bridges, S. H. J.21223	2nd. Pilot			
	F/S. Murphy, H. C. 922489	Nav.			
	F/O. Williams, P. M. 132806	B/A			
	Sgt. Donnelly, W. 1820082	W/OP			
	Sgt. Fletcher, G. 1589917	W/OP			
	Sgt. Lock, A. P. 659147	A/G			
	Sgt. Mansfield, A. 2213867	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH257 'H'	F/O. Cloutier J.24817	Capt.	1655	0650	1355 Weather generally was good but the target area was covered with cloud so load could not be dropped and was brought back to base.
	F/S. Pryor, R. G. A.437058	2nd. Pilot			
	F/O. Luther, B. J.24562	Nav.			
	P/O. Boston, D. J. 164443	B/A			
	F/S. W?agg, M. R. A.430230	W/OP			
	F/S. Warmer, E. A.419146	W/OP			
	Sgt. Power, J. 1796479	A/G			
	Sgt. Mount, G. 934689	A/G			

Liberator VI KH312 'X'	F/L. Monks, H. H. (120514)	Capt.	1610	03?00	Due to 'Hang Up' of load, load brought back to base. Weather excellent ex weak front encountered 300 miles before target. Over DZ 'C' type reception was recognised but although 4 runs were made and every method attempted load hung up so was brought back to base.
	Sgt. Goddard E? G. (1585900)	2nd. Pilot			
	W/O. Philips, F. D. (A.405603)	Nav.			
	P/O. MacDonald, W. (164293)	B/A			
	F/S. Hill, G. M. (A.437419)	W/OP			
	F/S. Morris, D. G. (A.437437)	W/OP			
	Sgt. Taylor, V. (1896508)	A/G			
	Sgt. Miles, H. (1811869)	A/G.			
Liberator Vi KH367 'Q'	F/O. Smith, H. V. (J.27671)	Capt.	1710	0540	Weather on route and DZ area was good. Although many runs in the DZ area were made no reception of light was seen. On return flight A/C landed at Cox's Bazaar due to shortage of fuel.
	W/C. Blackburn	2nd. Pilot			
	F/S. Brenchly (1390490)	Nav.			
	Sgt. Woods, R. S. (1398294)	W/OP			
	Sgt. Draper, J. H. (1802370)	B/A			
	Sgt. Pugh, R. S? (2206912)	W/OP			
	Sgt. Cosh, A. (653388)	F/E			
	Sgt. Pinkney, W. J. (1805139)	A/G			
	Sgt. Copley, C. (993351)	A/G.			
Liberator VI KG925 'U'	F/O. Jones, K. (175022)	Capt.	1510	0715	A/C took off from staging post at Cox's Bazaar. Weather out was fair and over DZ area clear up to 6000'. 'C' type reception was clearly seen and load was dropped after one hang up. All parachutes were seen to open.
	F/S. Jukes, K. R. (428573) (Aus.)	2nd. Pilot			
	W/O. Ball, E. T. (581493)	Nav.			
	Sgt. Dunn, H. (1549512)	B/A			
	P/O. Talbot, L. J. (186538)	W/OP			
	F/S. Dawson, H. T. (425654) (N.Z..)	W/OP			
	W/O. Richards, E. A. (1338958)	A/G			
	W/O. Rozee, F. W. (1332037)	A/G.			

Liberator VI KH394 'W'	F/O. Wood, J. G. (J18271) (Can)	Capt.	1620	0845	Weather out was fine until E of 101E then deteriorated to 10/10 cloud. Over DZ area 4/10. A/C was encountered with base at 1500' but DZ was clear with good visibility. 'C' type reception was recognised and load was dropped. All parachutes were seen to open.
	F/S. Collins, C. E. (429650) (R.A.A.F.)	2nd. Pilot			
	Sgt. Ely, E. H. (1577275)	Nav.			
	F/O. Hull, S. C. (163730)	B/A			
	Sgt. McLuskey (1567157)	W/OP			
	F/O. Wheatly, J. (159976)	W/OP			
	Sgt. Hurley, D. C. (1609041)	A/G.			
	F/Sgt. Brogan, R. J. (42718) (NZ).	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH253 'O'	F/O. Robinson, R. W. (51159)	Capt.	1620	0640	Weather on route was fair until E of the Irrawaddy, then lightning and Cu with tops up to 15,000' were encountered. A/C returned to base due to bad weather and on return flight electrical storms were encountered.
	P/O. Wilson, I. N. (164419)	2nd. Pilot			
	P/O. Bull, W. H. (165575)	Nav.			
	Sgt. Sherwood, A. J. (1583263)	B/A			
	P/O. Bartlett, L. C. (160606)	W/OP			
	Sgt. Andrews, E. H. (1357596)	W/OP			
	Sgt. Clarke, T. F. (636459)	A/G			
	Sgt. Burling, A. (18877098)	A/G.			
Liberator VI E?287 'R'	P/O. Hedley, C. H. (56141)	Capt.	1700	0750	D.C.O. Weather en route was fair with occasional cloud. On arrival at DZ area 'C' reception was seen an easily recognised so load was dropped.
	F/S. Nicholson, K. E. (1801768)	2nd. Pilot			
	W/O. Perkins, J. H. (1215501)	Nav.			
	Sgt. Hounslow, W. H. (1320624)	B/A			
	P/O. Tubb, J. E. (198532)	W/OP			
	W/O. Chalmers, R. C. (1152918)	W/OP			
	W/O. Pepper, B. S. (631789)	A/G			
	P/O. Hopkins, W. E. (186294)	A/G.			
	F/S. Blee, W. H. P. (577626)	F/E			

	Sgt. Maiden, R. (1880343)	Dispatcher			
27.1.45	7 A/C were detailed for SD. duties of which 3 were successful. 2 A/C carried out diversionary bombing and 1 A/C carried Nickels. The failure of the 6 S.D. A/C was caused by the target area being covered by cloud.				
28/29th January, 1945					
Route:-	A/C 'G'	Base-DZ-returned-Fire in No. 4 Engine.			
	A/C 'R', 'T*', 'N' "W"	Base-1814N 9420E-1951N 10207E-DZ-1818N 9420E-Base.			
		*Secondary Target – 1826N 10315E			
Load ¹² :-	A/C 'R' & 'O'	carried 10 containers and 2 packages.			
	A/C 'G', 'W', & 'N'	carried 11 containers and 2 packages.			
Opposition. No opposition at all was encountered					
Liberator VI. 'G' KH282	F/O. Smart, J. B. (171567)	Capt.	1800	2330	5.30 A/C took off at 1800 hrs. as briefed but at 2045 hrs. when about 400 miles from base No.4 engine caught fire. This engine was feathered and the fire successfully extinguished. A/C then returned to base on 3 engines and brought load back to base. Weather encountered was excellent.
	Sgt. Matthews, E. (1604351)	2nd. Pilot			
	P/O. Johnson, H. J. (165517)	Nav.			
	Sgt. Simpson, S. (1673688)	B/A			
	Sgt. Robertson, A. (1800541)	W/OP			
	Sgt. Paskin ¹³ , D. S. (605616)	W/OP			
	Sgt. Whitehouse, G. (1567533)	A/G			
	Sgt. Wallace, W. (1568323)	A/G.			
Liberator VI. 'W' KH394	F/O. Murray, J. C. (J27678)	Capt.	1620	0605	Weather was good on route but small Cu and ground haze was encountered over DZ area on arrival at 2305 hrs. 'C' type reception was clearly seen and recognised so load was dropped in 2 mins. at 2312 hrs. and 2317 hrs. All parachutes were seen to open correctly.
	F/S. Larcombe, J. (A436648) (R.A.A.F.)	2nd. P.			
	F/O. Field, E. P. (146307)	Nav.			
	P/O.. Kay, T (164079)	B/A			
	F/S. Bateman, J. (424944) (R.A.A.F.)	W/OP			
	F/S. Ashby, A. F. (424012) (R.A.A.F.)	W/OP			
	Sgt. Peters, J. F.	A/G			

¹² Load for 'T' not given in record.

¹³ Given as "Gaskin" in other mentions.

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	Sgt. Frederick, H. G. (1853345)	A/G.			
	Sgt. Cosh, A. (653388)	F/E.			
Liberator VI. 'R' EW287	F/S. Mills, W. R. (1108628)	Capt.	1630	0630	D.C.O ¹⁴ . Weather on route was good but DZ area covered with fog and patches of low cloud. At first A/C arrived in wrong area and circled searching for some time. Later A/C proceeded to correct area but no lights or signals were seen.
	Sgt. Loveless, L. (1604264)	2nd. P.			
	W/O. Hencher, S. (?9?0615)	Nav.			
	P/O. Taylor, T. D. (163841)	B/A			
	Sgt. Rowe, G. D. (1795301)	W/OP			
	Sgt. Young, C. C. (1623858)	W/OP			
	Sgt. Potter, D? S. (1867623)	A/G			
	Sgt. Hawkins, J. F. (1301823)	A/G.			
Liberator VI. 'N' KH365	P/O. Stuart, J. C. (184293)	Capt.	1630	0640	Weather conditions on route were fair but in DZ area there was low cloud and fog with very poor visibility. Only one fire of reception was seen through a break in the clouds so load was not dropped.
	F/S. McAlister, J. (1566861)	2nd. P.			
	F/S. Batchelor, J. H. (1316082)	Nav.			
	Sgt. Wright, J. C. (544422)	B/A			
	Sgt. Blackburn. (1020030)	W/OP			
	Sgt. Vickers, F. E. (1817431)	W/OP			
	W/O. Hendry, W. (1123732)	A/G			
	Sgt. Brown, J. Mc. (1366043)	A/G.			
Liberator VI 'O' KH253	F/S. Drummond, W. (1133124)	Capt.	1620	0705	Weather conditions on route were fair but poor over DZ area as a result no reception was seen so load was brought back to base.
	F/S. Tunbridge, K. W. (434569) (R.A.A.F.)	2nd. P.			
	F/S. Flynn, F (1396358)	Nav.			
	P/O. Winup, T. C. (164104)	B/A			
	F/S. Johnson, C. H.	W/OP			

¹⁴ This is what is in the record, but perhaps it should be D.N.C.O.?

	(427708) (R.A.A.F.)				
	F/S. Lyons, J. K. (436606) (R.A.A.F.)	W/OP			
	Sgt. Tozer, G. (993603)	A/G			
	Sgt. Dickson, A. F. (1597378)	A/G.			
28/1/45	5 Aircraft were detailed for S.D. Operations but one had to return to base after approx. 2 ½ hrs. as No. 4 engine caught fire. Only 1 of the remaining 4 were successful due to no reception in the target area.				
Route:-	A/C 'K', 'W?'	Base-2134N 9154E-2054N 9447E-1952N 10208E-DZ-2133N 9518E-2220N 9150E.			
	A/C 'N', 'R'	Base-1816N 9425E-1727N 9647E-1810N 10304E-DZ-1820N 9425E-Base.			
	A/C 'H'	Base-1818N 9474E-1737N 9650E-1809N 10304N-DZ-1832N 10230E-1818N 9424E-Base.			
	A/C 'L'	Base-2254N 9127E-2258N 9443E-2334N 9601E-DZ-2344?N 9601E-2258N 9443E-2254N 9137E-Base.			
	A/C 'C', 'Z'	Base-Cox's Bazaar-Alguada Reef-1322N 10000E-1247N 10155E-1248N 10411E-DZ-1248N 10411E-1840N 9507E-1850N 9357E-Base.			
	A/C 'T'	Base-1814N 9420E-1950N 10207E-DZ-1950N 10207E-1950N 9201E-Base.			
Load:-	A/C 'U', 'C', 'Z'	carried 7 containers and 1 package.			
	A/C 'L', 'N'	carried 11 containers and 2 packages.			
	A/C 'H', 'K', 'R'	carried 10 containers and 2 packages.			
	A/C 'T', 'W?'	carried 10 containers.			
Opposition.	No opposition was encountered				
Liberator VI KH3792 'K'	S/L. Sharpe, S. A. 45712	Capt.	1630	0705	1435 Weather was good until 50 miles from DZ, then 10/10 tops 5,500' was encountered. No reception was seen as DZ area completely covered by cloud so load was returned to base.
	P/O. Edwards, G. J. C. 157851	2nd. Pilot			
	F/S. Kirby C. F. 1391233	Nav.			
	W/O. Cross, R. H. 1337426	B/A			
	W/O. Buchanan, J. 1365057	W/OP			
	F/S. Noble, F. W. A.437539	W/OP			
	W/O. Fayle, J. W. 1357609	A/G			
	Sgt. Fenbow, R. C. 1672757	FE/AG.			
	W/O. Seymour. K? 1300922	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH271 'C'	W/O. Jones J. H? 527725	Capt.	1635	0945	1710 Weather generally was good except for poor visibility over DZ area. However, 'C' type reception was seen and signals

	F/L. Bridges, G. W? J.212223	2nd. Pilot			recognised. Load was dropped and all parachutes were seen to open except in the case of one container which became detached from the parachute.
	F/S. Murphy, H. C. 922489	Nav.			
	F/O. Williams, P. M. 132806	B/A			
	Sgt. Donnelly, W. 1820882	W/OP			
	Sgt. Fletcher, G. 1589917	W/OP			
	Sgt. Lock, A. P. 1955147	A/G			
	Sgt. Mansfield, A. 2213867	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH257 'H'	F/O. Cloutier J.24817	Capt.	¹⁵		Weather generally was good except for scattered ST based at 10000 and fog in valleys. DZ was clear. On arriving at DZ 'C' type reception was seen and recognised so load was dropped at 0030 hrs. in 2 runs.
	F/S. Pryor, R. G. A.43758	2nd. Pilot			
	F/S. Foster, G. E. 657237	Nav.			
	F/O. Luther, B. J.24562	Nav.			
	P/O. Biston, D. T. 164443	B/A			
	F/S. Vagg, M. R. A.430230	W/OP			
	F/S. Warmer, E. A.419146	W/OP			
	Sgt. Power, T. 1796479	A/G			
	Sgt. Mount, G. 934689	A/G			
Liberator VI KG997 'L'	F/O. Davison, M. R. 50490	Capt.	1925	0435	9.10 Weather en route was fine with cloud in valleys. Vis. in target area was poor due to ground haze, but ground was easily discerned by moonlight. Reception seen and signals recognised. Load was dropped and all chutes seen to open except for one package which appeared to drop with the chute in a tangled condition.
	F/S. Crammond, D. 1458001	2nd. Pilot			
	P/O. Parham, T. 161025	Nav.			
	P/O. Woods, A. N. 164098	B/A			
	W/O. Webb, S. J. 1307031	W/OP			
	Sgt. Pollock, G. 1344598	W/OP			
	Sgt. Barber, G. 1629944	A/G.			
	W/O. White, G. 1332279	A/G			

¹⁵ Times not given in record.

Liberator VI KH365 'N'	W/O. Adams, D. P. N.Z.12165	Capt.	1745	0815	14.30 Weather for whole of trip was fine and clear over DZ except for slight ground haze. On arrival at DZ at 0050 hrs. 'C' type reception was seen and recognised so load dropped in 2 runs.
	F/S. Pearce, A. C. A.436273	2nd. Pilot			
	F/S. Simpson, S. 1457916	Nav.			
	Sgt. Stanton, R. 1582233	B/A			
	F/S. Costello, J. A42577?2	W/OP			
	F/S. McMaster, R. A432009	W/OP			
	Sgt. Mathews, D. 1862719	A/G.			
	Sgt. McGarry, M. 1880766	A/G			
Liberator VI KG925 'U'	W/O. Martel Aus.421849	Capt.			A/C was detailed but crew were stranded at Cox's Bazaar staging post from previous operation.
	F/O. Carter R. Aus.28286	2nd. Pilot			
	F/S. Whale G. 1324510	Nav.			
	F/O. McStea 163736	B/A			
	W/O. Graham, Aus.413853	W/OP			
	F/S. Jolley, Aus.436522	W/OP			
	Sgt. Attwood 1869269	A/G			
	Sgt. Ayton 1091192	A/G.			
Liberator VI EW287 'R'	F/S. Bullen, R. (N.Z.425880)	Capt.	1740	0740	Weather good throughout. Arrived at DZ at 0020 hrs. and target was seen and recognised so load was dropped in 3 runs at 0027 hrs. 0033 hrs. and 0038 hrs.
	Sgt. Woodcock, R. 1623084	2nd. Pilot			
	F/S. Smith, C. N.Z.429213	Nav.			
	Sgt. W?eldrake, R. 1684845	B/A			
	F/S. Thomas, A. W. 1256008	W/OP			
	Sgt. Tunnell, D. 1866334	W/OP			
	Sgt. Clarke, J. H. 1627355	A/G			
	Sgt. Wells, A. 1512309	A/G.			
Liberator VI. KH350 'T'	F/L. Monks, H. H. 120514	Capt.	16.45	07.05	Weather excellent but DZ covered by 10/10 valley fog and DZ was not seen so load was brought back to base.

	Sgt. Goddard, D. 158900	2nd. Pilot			
	W/O. Philips Aus.405603	Nav.			
	P/O. MacDonald, W. 164293	B/A			
	F/S. Hill, G. M. Aus.437419	W/OP			
	F/S. Morris, D. Aus.437437	W/OP			
	Sgt. Taylor, V? 1896508	A/G			
	Sgt. Miles, H. 1811869	A/G.			
	F/O. Bibby 161792	F/E.			
Liberator VI KH394 'W?'	F/O. Wood, J. G. Can.J18271	Capt.	17.00	06.20	Weather was good until 50 miles from target area, then 10/10 cloud topped 4/5000' was encountered. Over the target area weather was bad and no signals were seen so load was returned to base.
	F/S. Collins, C. Aus.429650	2nd. Pilot			
	Sgt. Ely, E. H. 1577275	Nav.			
	F/O. Hull, S. C. 163730	B/A			
	F/O. Wheatly, J. 159976	W/OP			
	Sgt. McLuskey 1567157	W/OP			
	Sgt. Hurley, D. C. 1609041	A/G.			
	F/Sgt. Brogan, R. J. N.Z 42718	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH397 'Z'	P/O. Hedley, C. H. 56141	Capt.	16.40	11.40	A/C took off from staging post at Cox's Bazaar. Weather en route was fair but slight ground haze was encountered over DZ area. 'C' type reception was recognised. Load was dropped and all parachutes were seen to open but overshot by 100 yds. on first run. On return trip a fighter strip was seen at posn. 1610N 9535E but no enemy A/C were seen.
	F/S. Nicholson, K. E. 1801768	2nd. Pilot			
	W/O. Perkins, J. H. 1215501	Nav.			
	Sgt. Hounslow, H. 1320624	B/A			
	P/O. Tubb, J. E. 188532	W/OP			
	W/O. Chalmers, R. 1152918	W/OP			
	W/O. Pepper, B. S. 631789	A/G			
	P/O. Hopkins, W. E. 186294	A/G.			
	F/S. Blee, W. H. 577626	F/E			

29/1/45	10 A/C were detailed but 1 did not take off due to crew being stranded at staging post from previous operation. Of the other 9, 6 were successful.				
30/31st January, 1945					
Route:-	A/C 'T' 'K', 'Z?'	Base-2047N 9220E-2003N 10213E-DZ-DZ-DZ-DZ-2047N 9220E-Base.			
	A/C 'W?' 'N'	Base-2050N 9217E-1954N 10207E-DZ-1954N 10207E-2050N 9217E-Base.			
	A/C 'R'	Base-2045N 9220E-Base. (Returned from Irrawaddy).			
	A/C 'A'	Base-2018N 9242E-1053N 10210E-DZ-DZ-DZ-DZ-2018N 9242E-Base.			
Load:-	A/C 'W?' 'N'	carried 3 x 500 incendiaries, 6 x 500 MC, 6 x 100 Demolition			
	A/C 'A'	carried containers 11, and 2 packages.			
	A/C 'K' 'Z' 'T'	carried 10 containers and 2 packages.			
	A/C 'R'	carried 10 containers and 1 package.			
Opposition. No opposition was encountered					
Liberator VI KH392 'K'	F/O. Smart, J. B. 1715767	Capt.	16.40	08.00	15.20 Weather was good and vis. good en route but the first 2 targets were covered with 10/10 cloud tops 3000'. Third target reached and identified at 0050 hrs. 'C' type reception was seen so load was dropped in two runs. All parachutes were seen to open except the chute of one container on second run, which, on striking the ground, caused a bright blue explosion. A/C set course for base at 0101 hrs. after doing diversionary runs.
	F/S. Steele, K. J. A429674	2nd. Pilot			
	P/O. Johnson, H. J. 165517	Nav.			
	Sgt. Simpson, S. A. 1673688	B/A			
	Sgt. Robertson, A. 1800541	W/OP			
	Sgt. Gaskin, S. 605616	W/OP			
	Sgt. Kingston, C. 2211518	A/G.			
	Sgt. Whitehouse 1567533	A/G			
Liberator VI KH167 'Z??'	W/Cdr. Farr, P. G. D. 39936	Capt.	17.15	08.25	15/1- Weather and vis. generally good en route except for scattered clouds and ground haze. The first 2 targets were covered with cloud 10/10. On reaching 3rd. DZ at 0037. 'C' Type reception was seen and recognised. On 1st & 2nd runs 7 containers hung up but were jettisoned on the 3rd run. All chutes were seen to open except 1 package, which did not develop properly. A/C set course for base at 0117 after doing diversionary runs.
	F/S. Banks, P. K. 1603971	2nd. Pilot			
	F/L. Ryan, P. L. 125641	Nav.			
	F/S. Jackman, R. 967248	B/A			
	F/O. Brace G. A. 162856	W/OP			
	Sgt. Thirkettle, C. 1025625	W/OP			
	Sgt. Stanley, J. 1894296	A/G.			
	F/L. Kydd, P. J. 82745	A/G.			
	F/S. Wells, K.	FE/AG.			

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Liberator VI KH365 'N'	F/O. Davison, R. 54090	Capt.	17.05	18.30	15.25. Weather generally good but target area was covered by 10/10 cloud so load was brought back to base. 6 x 500 MCs which were jettisoned.
	F/S. Smith 1458001	2nd. Pilot			
	P/O. Parham, T. 161025	Nav.			
	P/O. Mesher, W. 164454	B/A			
	W/O. McLaughlin 1024724	W/OP			
	F/S. Luke, A. A.4305279	W/OP			
	W/O. McCaffrey 642539	A/G.			
	P/O. Goodison 652211	A/G.			
Liberator VI Kh394 'W'	F/O. Murray, J. J27678	Capt.	16.45	07.30	Weather en route was poor and target area was covered with cloud so DZ was not seen. On return flight fuel shortage was suspected so the load was jettisoned.
	F/S. Larcombe, Aus.436648	2nd. P.			
	F/O. Field, E. P. 146307	Nav.			
	P/O.. Kay, T 164079	B/A			
	F/S. Bateman, J. Aus.424944	W/OP			
	F/S. Ashby, A. F. Aus.424012	W/OP			
	Sgt. Peters, J. F. 1853933	A/G			
	Sgt. Frederick, H. 1853345	A/G.			
	Sgt. Cosh, A. M. 653388	F/E.			
Liberator VI KH397 'Z'	P/O.. Stuart, J. C 184293	Capt.	17.20	07.30	D.C.O. Weather en route cloud tops 8000' deteriorating as A/C approached target area. A/C reached target area at 2323 hrs. 'C' type reception was seen and recognised through a gap in the cloud which was topped at 700'. Pilot rapidly let down dropping all the load in one run. All parachutes were seen to open and the weather closed in as A/C pulled away. After flying s for 15 mins. A/C set course base at 0009 hrs.
	F/S. McAlister, J. 1566861	2nd. Pilot			
	F/S. Batchelor, J. 1316082	Nav.			
	Sgt. Wright, J. C. 544422	B/A			
	Sgt. Blackburn, S. 1020030	W/OP			
	Sgt. Vickers, F. E. 1817431	W/OP			
	W/O. Hendry, W 1123732	A/G			
	P/O.. Edwards, F. S 185307	A/G.			

Liberator VI KH350 'T'	F/S. Drummond, W. 1133124	Capt.	16.55	08.40	Weather en route was fair with scattered cloud but visibility was good. The first 2 Target areas were covered with 10/10 cloud down to ground level. The fourth target, however, was reached but no reception was seen although A/c was over area from 0058 hrs. until 0127 hrs. when A/C set course for base so load was not dropped.
	F/S. Tunbridge, K. W. Aus.434569	2nd. P.			
	F/S. Flynn, F 1396358	Nav.			
	P/O. Winup, T. C. 164104	B/A			
	F/S. Johnson, C. H. Aus.427708	W/OP			
	F/S. Lyons, J. K. Aus.436605	W/OP			
	Sgt. Tozer, G. 993643	A/G			
	Sgt. Dickson, A. F. 1597378	A/G.			
Liberator VI EW287 'R'	F/S. Mills, W. R. 1108628	Capt.	17.05	22.50	Weather through whole trip was good and vis. was good. A/C returned to base after 2 ½ hrs. as auto-pilot, artificial horizon and pressure instruments were unserviceable. shipping believed to have been destroyers were sighted near the Burma coast.
	Sgt. Loveless, L. 1604264	2nd. P.			
	W/O. Hencher, S. Can.R.93615	Nav.			
	P/O. Taylor, T. D. 163841	B/A			
	Sgt. Rowe, G. D. 1795301	W/OP			
	Sgt. Young, G. L. 1623858	W/OP			
	Sgt. Potter, D. S. 1867623	A/G			
	Sgt. Hawkins, J. F. 1301823	A/G.			
30/1/45	5 Aircraft were detailed for S.D. Operations of which 3 were successful but one had to return to base due to unserviceability of instruments. 2 aircraft were detailed for diversionary bombing but were unsuccessful due to very low cloud.				
31/1/45 1/2/45					
Route:-	A/C 'K', 'Z', 'T', 'L', 'A', 'Q?'	Base-2044N 9221E-1748N 10243E-DZ-1748N 10243E-2010N 9455E-2044N 9221E-Base.			
	A/C 'H', 'O'	Base-2044N 9221E-2003N 10212E-DZ-2003N 10213E-3043N 9221E-Base.			
Load ¹⁶ :-	A/C 'O'	carried 10 containers and 1 package.			
	A/C 'T'	carried 11 containers and 2 packages.			
	A/C 'A'	carried 11 containers.			
	A/C 'Q?'	carried 14 containers and 6 packages.			
	A/C 'K', 'L', 'X', 'Z'	carried 11 containers and 1 package.			

¹⁶ No load given for aircraft 'H' in the record.

Opposition. No opposition was encountered					
Liberator VI KH392 'K'	S/L. Sharpe S. A. 45712	Capt.	17.20	0805	14.45 Take off from Digri. Weather excellent except for isolated Cumulus about one hour from DZ. Weather over DZ clear, visibility good. 'C' type reception seen and recognised. 11 containers and 1 packaged dispatched successfully. Weather on return flight good.
	F/O. Edwards, B. T. 1157851	2nd. Pilot			
	F/S. Kirby, C. F. 1391233	Nav.			
	W/O. Cross, R. H. 1337466	B/A			
	W/O. Buchanan, J. A. 1365057	W/OP			
	F/S. Noble, F. S. Aus.437539	W/OP			
	W/O. Fayle J. W. 1357609	A/G			
	F/S. Fenbow, R. C. 1672757	F/E.			
	W/O. Seymour E. W? 1309927	A/G.			
Liberator VI KG977 'L'	F/O. Cloutier, L. J.24817	Capt.	17.30	09.00	15.30 A/C took off from Digri. The weather en route was clear but cloud was encountered over the DZ area. 'C' type reception was seen and recognised and all load was dropped but the R/G could not verify if the chutes opened as his turret was frosted over.
	F/S. Pryor, R. G. A.437058	2nd. Pilot			
	F/S. Foster, G. E. 657237	Nav.			
	P/O. Bostin, D. J. 164443	B/A			
	F/S. Vagg, M. R. A.430230	W/OP			
	F/S. Warmer, F. W. A.419416	W/OP			
	Sgt. Power, J. 1796476	A/G			
	Sgt. Mount, G. 934689	A/G			
Liberator VI KH167 'A?'	W/O. Jones J. H. 527725	Capt.	17.30	08.10	14.40 Weather on route was good and DZ was easily found. 'C' type reception consisting of large fire and 2 torches flashing letter 'A'. Load was dropped and all chutes were seen to fall within the area.
	F/L. Bridges, J. W. 21223	2nd. Pilot			
	F/S. Murphy, H. C. 922489	Nav.			
	F/O. Williams, P. M. 132806	B/A			
	Sgt. Donnelly, W. J. 1820882	W/OP			
	Sgt. Fletcher, G. 1589917	W/OP			
	Sgt. Lock, A. P.	A/G			

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	Sgt. Mansfield, A. J. 2213867	A/G.			
Liberator VI EW257 'H'	W/O. Adams, E. NZ412165	Capt.	17.45	09.25	15.40 Weather on route was fair except for a few scattered clouds. The DZ area was covered with 10/10 cloud and although A/C went out to sea and tried to get underneath it was not successful, so load was brought back to base.
	F/S. Pearce, A. A.436273	2nd. Pilot			
	F/S. Simpson, S. 1457916	Nav.			
	Sgt. Stanton, R. 1582233	B/A			
	F/S. Costello, G. A421572	W/OP			
	F/S. McMaster, R. A432009	W/OP			
	Sgt. Mathews, D. 1862719	A/G.			
	Sgt. McGarry, M. 1880766	A/G			
Liberator VI KH253 'O'	F/S. Bullen, R. M. NZ.425880	Capt.	17.50	9.50	A/C took off from Digri and the weather on route was fair until 30 miles from target where valley fog covered the whole area. A/C flew around trying to find a break but was unsuccessful so load was brought back to base.
	Sgt. Woodcock, R. 1623084	2nd. Pilot			
	F/S. Smith, C. L. NZ.429213	Nav.			
	Sgt. Weldrake, R. 1684845	B/A			
	F/S. Thomas, A. W. 1256008	W/OP			
	Sgt. Tunnell, D. P. 1866334	W/OP			
	Sgt. Clarke, J. H. 1627355	A/G			
	Sgt. Wells, I. A? 1512309	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH312 'X'	F/L. Monks, H. H. 120514	Capt.	17.40	08.35	Weather to target excellent but both DZ areas covered by valley fog so load was brought back to base.
	Sgt. Goddard, K. G. 1585900	2nd. Pilot			
	W/O. Philips, F. K? Aus.405603	Nav.			
	P/O. MacDonald, W. 164293	B/A			
	F/S. Hill, G. M. Aus.437419	W/OP			
	F/S. Morris, D. G. Aus.437437	W/OP			
	Sgt. Taylor, V, 1896508	A/G			

	Sgt. Miles, H. 1811869	A/G.			
Liberator VI Kh350 'T'	F/O. Wood, J. G. Can.J18271	Capt.	17.35	09.10	Weather on route was good and was excellent over DZ. 'C' type reception was recognised and load was dropped in 2 runs at 0043 and 0047 hrs. All chutes were seen to open and fall in the area. After dropping, A/C flew S.W. for 13 minutes for a diversion and from there set course for base.
	F/S. Collins, C. E. Aus.429650	2nd. Pilot			
	Sgt. Ely, E. H. 1577275	Nav.			
	P/O. Hull, S. C. 163730	B/A			
	F/S. Jolly, D. C. A436522	W/OP			
	Sgt. McLuskey 1567157	W/OP			
	Sgt. Hurley, D. C. 1609041	A/G.			
	F/Sgt. Brogan, R. J. NZ.42718	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH397 'Z'	F/O. Jones, K. W. 175022	Capt.	17.45	08.30	D.C.O. Weather on route and over target was excellent. 'C' type reception was seen and the flashing letter 'A' was recognised. Load was dropped and all chutes were seen to fall within the area.
	F/S. Jukes, K. Aus.428573	2nd. Pilot			
	W/O. Ball, E. T. 581493	Nav.			
	Sgt. Dunn, H. 1549512	B/A			
	P/O. Talbot, L. J. 186538	W/OP			
	F/S. Dawson, H. T. NZ.425654) ()	W/OP			
	W/O. Richards, E. H. 1338958	A/G			
	W/O. Rozee, E. W. 1332037	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH367 'Q'	W/C. Blackburn	Capt.	18.45	07.35	D.C.O. Weather on whole route was excellent with a slight mist in the valleys. The DZ area was clearly seen being a clearing in the trees 400 x 300 yards, 3 fires and a torch formed the 'C' type reception. Load was dropped in 2 runs and all chutes were seen to open.
	F/S. Yates, G. R. Aus.437425	2nd. Pilot			
	F/S. Rose 1418696	Nav.			
	P/O. Mees, D. C. 164186	B/A			
	F/O. Wheatley, J. 159976	W/OP			
	Sgt. Holden, K. A430657	W/OP			
	Sgt. Walford, R. H. 2210274	A/G			
	Sgt. Davies, D. I. 1810745	A/G.			

31.1.45	9 Aircraft carried out this operation of which 5 were successful. The other sorties were abortive due to low cloud in the area.				