

**May 1945: Form 541**

358 Squadron

Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
	May 1st. 1945				
Route A/C:	N. Base – 1852N 9304E – 1839N 9506E – 1711N 9740E – DZ – and return.				
	F. Base – 1852N 9344E – 1839N 9507E – 1853N 9720E – DZ – 1917N 9512E – 2049N 9220E – Base.				
	R. Base – 1852N 9343E – 1839N 9506E – 1853N 9720E – DZ – 1948N 9545E – 2050N 9415E – Base.				
	Y. Base – 1917N 9406E – 1917N 9524E – DZ – 1917N 9524E – 2044N 9222E – Base.				
	Q. Base – 2246N 9126E – 2114N 9453E – 2017N 10009E – 2003N 10213E – 2013N 10310E & return.				
	G. Base – Ferry Pt – 2144N 9453E – 2017N 1009E – 2003N 10310E – and return.				
Load		Leaflets	Conts	Packs	Weight
	N.	16	11	6	4431
	F.	16	11	5	4907
	R.	16	11	6	4598
	Y.	16	14	6	4598
	Q.	16	11	7	4220
	G.	16	11	6	4220
Opposition.	Nil.				
Liberator Mk.VI. EV124 'N'	F/S. E. V. Matthews, 1604351	Capt.	2200	0730	Trip out uneventful through bad weather. Target identified on E.T.A. 11 conts. and 6 pkgs. dropped in 2 runs from 900' through 9/10ths. As cloud. Successful drops. Base made without incident.
	F/S. G. Yeates, Aus.437245	2nd.P.			
	F/O. A. Fielding, 157931	Nav.			
	Sgt. S. A. Simpson, 1673688	B/A.			
	Sgt. J. L. Nettleton, 1682204	1.WOP.			
	Sgt. D. S. Gaskin, 605616	2..WOP.			
	Sgt. G. S. Whitehouse, 1567533	A/G.			
	Sgt. J. J. Tracey, 1685317	Desp.			
	Sgt. W. W. Wallace, 1568323	A/G.			
Liberator KH258 'G'	W/O. E. P. Adams, NZ412165	Capt.	0825	1950	11.25. From Base to Irrawaddy was O.K. but from there ran into 9/10ths. Ct. below and 10/10ths above with heavy showers of hail and rain. Up and down draught
	F/O. A. J. C. Pearce Aus.436273	2nd.P.			

	F/S. S. Simpson 1457916	Nav.			very severe 2000 up and 1000 down. this lasted until near DZ, skirted Cub and found reception perfect. Made 4 runs but very difficult to get low. Hills 5-7000 around small valley with cleft as laid out. Ran into severe conditions including continuous rain until at Irrawaddy. Cloud again over Arakans. Base area good.
	Sgt. R. G. Stanton 1582233	B/A.			
	F/S. J. J. Costello Aus.421572	1.WOP.			
	W/O. R. McMaster, Aus.432009	2.WOP.			
	Sgt. M. McGarry. 1880766	A/G.			
	Sgt. J. R. Roe, 1592155	Desp.			
	Sgt. D. Mathews 1862719	A/G.			
Liberator EW274	F/O. E. G. Roe, Can.J.24255	Capt.	06.00	1345	7.45. Take off 10 mins late (no ground crew). Weather en route fair, light over Arakan, scattered stratus over DZ area. DZ located through break in st. and made a spiral let down through the break. Made two runs (11 conts. 5 pkgs.) All dropped within 50 yds. of reception. Very good DZ for Day dropping, on heading of 250M. Route back uneventful. (Spitfires were circling DZ).
	P/O. R. B. Jorgenson Can.J.44391	2nd.P.			
	P/O. D. MacDiarmid Can.J.45808	Nav.			
	P/O. G. P. Lord, Can.J.43618	B/A.			
	Sgt. V. E. Trudel, R.260781	1.WOP.			
	Sgt. W. H. Tracey, R.266344	2.WOP.			
	Sgt. J. Kajel, R.200188	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. J. Kadunuik, R.287435	Rear.			
	Sgt. G. M. Lund, R.285099	Desp.			
Liberator KH367 'Q'	F/O. C. H. Hedley 56141	Capt.	0830	2220	D.C.O. Weather fair up to Shan. St. over Shan Hills heavy rain and 10/10ths st. down to ground level, broke after 2 hrs. to about 7/10ths. with frequent rain and thunderstorms. Cloud clearance on Hills 500'. Located DZ 2 ½ hrs. late, reception still there; dropped successfully.
	F/S. W. H. Blee 577626	2nd. Pilot			
	W/O. J. H. Perkins, 1215501	Nav.			
	Sgt. H. Hounslow, 1320624	B/A			
	P/O. J. E. Tubb. 188532	1.WOP			
	W/O. R. C. Chalmers 1152918	2.WOP			
	W/O. B. S. Pepper, 631789	M.U.G.			
	P/O. W. E. Hopkins 186294	Rear.			
	Sgt. G. Maiden 1880343	Desp.			

Liberator EW287 'R'	F/O. J. C. Stuart 184293	Capt.	0550	1400	D.C.O. Weather en route out moderate with slight rain over Arakan coast but clearing slightly over Central Burma. All pinpoints recognised en route. DZ covered with 6/10ths. Cu. base 6000' but finally got down below cloud through gaps. Successful drop. All chutes seen to land within 50 yds. of reception. One chute did not open. Did not carry out full Met flight owing to No. 4 turbo blower going u/s also oil leak from nos. 1 and 3 engines.
	F/S. J. MacAlister 1566861	2nd.P.			
	W/O. J. Batchelor 1316082	Nav.			
	F/O. D. C. Mees, 164186	B/A			
	Sgt. S. Blackburn, 1020030	1.WOP			
	Sgt. F. E. Vickers, 1817431	2.WOP			
	W/O. W. Hendry, 1123732	M.U.G.			
	P/O. F. S. Edwards, 185307	Rear.			
	Sgt. V. Taylor, 2219471	Desp.			
Liberator EW215 'Y'	F/Lt. Mayger, C. D. 80087	Capt.	0640	1440	D.C.O. Weather encountered was generally as briefed, found break in clouds over hills south of turning point. Reached DZ and found it clear but clouds covered nearby hills. Load dropped and found to fall on DZ and in near vicinity. Landed base.
	F/S. C E. Collins, Aus.429650	2nd.P.			
	Sgt. Burgess	Nav.			
	F/O. S. C. Hull, 163730	B/A			
	F/O. J. Wheatly	1.WOP			
	Sgt. Spencer, 1818353	2.WOP			
	Sgt. D. C. Hurley, 1609041	M.U.G.			
	F/S. R. Brogan, NZ.42718	Rear.			
	Sgt Aire, 1574169	Desp.			
	6 aircraft detailed for S.D. Operations, 4 to Burma and 2 F.I.China. Weather 5/10ths to 8/10ths. Cu. 6 Successful.				
	2nd May, 1945				
Route A/C:	C. Base – Cheduba Island – D.Z. and return.				
	Y. Ditto.				
	T. Base – 2044N 9020E – 1942N 9509E – Toungoo – D.Z. – 1900N 9624E – Cheduba Island – Base.				
	F. Base – 2044N 9222E – 1853N 9720E – D.Z. and return same route.				
	A. Base – 2047N 9219E – D.Z. and return to Base.				
	P. Base – 1852N 9343E – 1839N 9507E – 1711N 9740E – D.Z. – 1852N 9343E – Base.				
Load	A/ C.	Leaflets	Conts	Packs	Weight
	C.	--	14	5	4098 lbs.
	Y.	--	11	6	4979 "
	T.	--	11	5	5414 "
	F.	--	11	5	4950 "
	A.	--	14	5	5080 "

	P.	20	14	6	4597 "	
Opposition.	Nil.					
Liberator VI. EV930 'C'	S/L. S. A. Sharpe, 45712	Capt.	05.05	14.05	DNCO (9.00) Weather on route out was perfect up to Ramree Is. There a front was encountered with cloud of all types, base in places almost at sea level. A diversion had to be made which caused a few mins. delay in reaching target. D.Z. area was identified and was searched for an hour. No reception was seen. 7/10-8/10ths. Cu. and Strato-Cu. covered D.Z. Aircraft returned to Base with load.	
	F/O. B. J. C. Edwards 157851	2nd.P.				
	F/S. C. F. Kirby, 131233	Nav.				
	P/O. R. H. Cross, 191892	B/A				
	P/O. J. A. Buchanan, 191893	1st W/OP				
	F/O. F. W. Noble, Aus.437539	2nd W/OP				
	W/O. E. W. Seymour, 1300922	A/G.				
	F/S. R. C. Fenbow, 1672757.	F/E.				
Liberator VI. KH167 'A'	F/O. E. G. Roe, Can.J.24255	Capt.	05.10	13.20	(8.10) DNCO. Take off was a little late. Weather on outward trip was good but 8/10ths. Stratus covered D.Z. Six 'Daks", with Spitfire escort were on the same D.Z. A/C circled until Daks had finished. D.Z. was located through small gaps in cloud but could not find a break large enough through which a drop could be made. A/C then set course for Base with load. Weather on return trip was fair with scattered storms.	
	P/O. R. B. Jorgenson Can.J.44391	2nd.P.				
	P/O. D. H. McDiarmid Can.J.45808	Nav.				
	P/O. G. P. Lord, Can.J.43618	B/A.				
	Sgt. V. E. Trudel, R.260781	1st W/OP.				
	Sgt. W. H. Tracey, R.266344	2nd W/OP.				
	Sgt. J. Kajel, R.200188	A/G.				
	Sgt. J. Kadynuik, R.287435	A/G.				
	Sgt. G. M. Lund, R.285099	Desp.				
Liberator VI. EW274 'F'	F/L. S. W. Bridges Can.21223	Capt.	05.00	13.50	(8.50) DNCO. A/C took off and set course as briefed. The outward trip was uneventful and D.Z. was reached on time. Here there was 9/10ths. stratus cloud but accurate pin-points were obtained through cloud breaks and position was definitely determined. Cloud base was down below the hill tops and it was impossible to make a drop. The	
	F/S. G. E. Smith 1622770	2nd. P.				
	Sgt. E. Urwin 1671892	Nav.				
	F/O. W. Mesher 164454	B/A				

	W/O. K. G. McLaughlin 1021724	1st W/OP			aircraft returned to Base with load.
	F/S. C. A. Luke Aus.430549	2nd W/OP			
	Sgt. W. F. Jaques 1597988	A/G.			
	Sgt. G. McCowan, 1826237	Desp.			
	P/O. J. P. Goodison 56361	A/G.			
Liberator VI. EW184 'P'	W/O. R. M. Bullen, NZ.425880	Capt.	22.00	07.45	(0945) Weather on outward route was as briefed with 7/10ths cumulus cloud in the D.Z. area. Heavy rain was encountered on the D.Z. run but D.Z. was located on time in clear weather. A successful drop was made. Nickels were dropped on Rangoon. A number of course alterations were made in the Rangoon region to avoid heavy cloud. The return trip to Base was uneventful.
	F/S. R. Woodcock 1623084	2nd.P.		3.5.45	
	W/O. C. L. Smith NZ.429312	Nav.			
	F/S. R. H. Weldrake. 1654845	B/A.			
	W/O. A. W. Thomas 1256009	1st W/OP.			
	Sgt. O. P Tunnell, 1866334	2nd W/OP.			
	Sgt. J. H. Clarke 1627353	A/G.			
	Sgt. A. Wells. 1512309	A/G.			
	Sgt. W. Patterson, 1301461	Desp.			
Liberator VI. EW214 'Y'	F/O. K. W. Jones 176022	Capt.	13.30	21.30	(0800) A fuel leak developed in this aircraft soon after take-off but was stopped after half an hour and the Capt. carried on. Weather was mainly fair with cloud and rain over Arakan and East Bay of Bengal. Extremely low cloud and rain over D.Z. area reduced visibility to almost nil. Several D.R. runs were made from known pin-points and the area was searched for 1¼ hrs. D.Z. was sighted several times but lost again in bad visibility and due to poor reception. On the last D.R. run D.Z. was sighted as cloud had lifted. The whole load was dropped in one run. Return was uneventful.
	F/S. K. R. Jukes Aus.428573	2nd.P.			
	S/L. L. C. McConnell, 81938	Nav.			
	P/O. L. J. H. Talbot. 186538	1st W/OP			
	F/S. H. T. Dawson NZ.425654	2nd W/OP			
	W/O. E. A Richards. 1338958	A/G.			
	W/O. E. W. Rozee, 1332037	A/G.			
Liberator VI. KH350 'T'	W/O. W. Drummond 1133124	Capt.	13.30	21.30	(0800) The weather was mainly fair on the outward trip but considerable cloud and rain was found over the Arakan. Visibility was reduced to a mile until Toungoo was reached after which conditions improved. Heavy cloud
	F/S. K. W. Tunbridge Aus.434569	2nd.P.			

	F/S. F. Flynn, 1396358	Nav.			obscured the D.Z. which was located in a valley already filled with low cloud. It was not possible to make a drop. The Capt. then set course for Base via Ramree Is. bringing back the load.
	F/O. A. N. Woods, 164098	B/A			
	F/S. C. H. Johnson Aus.427708	1st W/OP			
	F/S. J. K. Lyons Aus.436605	2nd.W/OP			
	Sgt. J. Salway, 932050	A/G.			
	Sgt. J. Copeland, 1595442	A/G.			
	Sgt. S. K. King, 1190238	A/G-Desp.			
	Six aircraft were detailed for Operations to targets in Burma. Two aircraft succeeded in dropping their loads but Four were unsuccessful. Weather conditions with generally 7/10-8/10ths cumulonimbus cloud at low altitudes and, in particular low cloud covering hills, greatly hampered the days operations, and reduced the number of successes.				
	May 3, 1945				
Route:-	A/C. 'Q' – Base – 1948N 9302E – 2022N 9427E – D.Z. – 1800N 9704E – 1831N 9539E – 1932N 9339E – Base.				
Load:-	11 Containers, 5 Packages, -- Weight 4,551 lbs.				
Opposition:-	Nil.				
Liberator VI. KH367 'Q'	F/Lt. C. D. Mayger, 80087	Capt.	06.20	14.50	(0830) DNCO. This A/C was ordered to proceed to D.Z. with load and later to carry out a met. Flight as briefed. Primary and secondary D.Z's were found but there was no reception. The area was searched for an hour and several D.R. runs were made from pin-points but without success. The Met. flight was then commenced and the A/C returned to Base with load.
	F/S. C E. Collins, Aus.429650	2nd.P.			
	Sgt. N. G. Burgess, 1626009	Nav.			
	F/O. S. C. Hull, 163730	B/A			
	F/O. J. Wheatly, 159976	1st W/OP			
	Sgt. R. A. Spencer, 1515353	2nd W/OP			
	Sgt. D. C. Hurley, 1609041	A/G.			
	F/S. R. Brogan, NZ.42718	A/G.			
	Sgt G. Aire, 1574169	Desp.			
Liberator VI. KH258 'G'	W/O. E. P. Adams, NZ412165	Capt.	----	----	This sortie was cancelled as the aircraft became u/s. It was found that one inverter was u/s and there was a "short" in the lighting circuit.
	F/O. A. J. C. Pearce Aus.436273	2nd.P.			
	F/S. S. Simpson 1457916	Nav.			

	Sgt. R. G. Stanton 1582233	B/A.			
	F/S. J. J. Costello Aus.421572	1st W/OP.			
	W/O. R. MacMaster, Aus.432009	2nd W/OP.			
	Sgt. M. McGarry. 1880766	A/G.			
	Sgt. J. R. Roe, 1592155	A/G./Desp.			
	Sgt. D. Mathews 1862719	A/G.			
	Two aircraft were detailed for operations but one sortie had to be cancelled as the aircraft became u/s. The other sortie was unsuccessful as no reception was found at D.Z. but carried out a successful Met. Flight. Weather was fair.				
	May 5, 1945				
Route:-	Base – 2043N 9221E – 1853N – 9720E – D.Z. 2043N 9221E – Base.				
Load:-	14 Containers, 5 Packages, -- Weight 4,473 lbs.				
Opposition:-	Nil.				
Liberator VI. EW174 'P'	F/O. C. H. Hedley 56141	Capt.	13.30	21.00	(0730) DCO. This aircraft encountered Cu. and Stratus cloud on the route with 5/10ths between Arakan Yomas and the D.Z. Visibility was good over the D.Z. area despite scattered showers. This is a good D.Z. and the load was accurately dropped in two runs. The return trip was uneventful.
	F/S. W. H. Blee 577662	2nd. Pilot			
	F/S. P. R. D. Brenchley, 1390490	Nav.			
	F/S. J. H. Draper, 1802370	B/A			
	P/O. J. E. Tubb. 188532	1st W/OP			
	W/O. R. C. Chalmers 1152918	2nd W/OP			
	W/O. B. S. Pepper, 631789	A/G.			
	P/O. W. H. Hopkins 186294	A/G.			
	Sgt. G. Maidan 1880343	A/G./Desp.			
	One aircraft was detailed for operations over Burma and successfully completed its mission. Weather was generally fair with 5/10ths Cu. on various parts of the route.				
	May 6, 1945				
Route A/C:	W. From Base as briefed – to D.Z. Returned – 2114N 9926E – 2228N 9411E – Cox's Bazar.				
	T. Base – 2259N 9422E – 1717N 10009E – 2003N 10210E – D.Z. – Base.				
	C. & G.. Base – 2044N 9221E – 1950N 9745E – 1810N 10305E – 1820N 10357E – DZ(1), DZ(2) – 2003N 10312E – 1950N 9745E – 2044N 9221E – Base.				
	A. Base – Nak Point – 1952N 9745E – 1810N 10306E – 1819N 10480E – D.Z. and return.				

	P. Base – Baronga Island – 1943N 9509E – D.Z. – and return.					
	Q. Base – 1853N 9344E – 1857N 9627E – D.Z. – and return.					
	H. Base – 2046N 9221E – 1852N 9720E – D.Z. – 1815N 9445E – and return.					
	F. Base – Beacon Island – 1800N 9345E – D.Z. – 1810N 9649E – and return.					
	Y. Base – Nak Point – Toungoo – D.Z. and return.					
Load	A/C.	Leaflets	Containers	Pkgs	Weight	
	T, G, A, & F.	16	11	6	T 3,396 lbs G 3,296 lbs A 2,991 lbs F 4,205 lbs	
	W, H, Y	16	11	5	W 3,396 lbs H 3,280 lbs Y 5,030 lbs.	
	P, Q	16	14	6	P 4,598 lbs Q 6,031 lbs	
	C.	16	11	8	2,696 lbs.	
Opposition.	Nil.					
Liberator VI EV930 'C'	W/O. J. H. Jones, 527728	Capt.	07.30	18.45	(11.15) DNCO. Very heavy weather was experienced on the trip and Capt could not get below cloud. 9-10/10ths cloud covered D.Z. but after a search lasting some time, a gap was found through which the Capt. Flew. Cloud base was 200 ft. AGL. From a pin-point on the Mekong R. course was set for D.Z. but after flying 35 mins., cloud was down to ground level. Capt. flew alongside hills which disappeared up into the clouds. Vis. decreased to about ½ mile and it was decided that a successful drop could not be made. Aircraft returned to Base with load.	
	F/S. G. Yeates, Aus.427245	2nd P.				
	F/S. H. C. Murray, 922489	Nav.				
	F/S. C. J. Wright, 544424	B/A.				
	F/S. W. J. Donnelly, 1820882	1st W/OP.				
	F/S. T. G. Fletcher, 1589917	2nd W/OP				
	Sgt. G. I. Davies, 1816745	A/G.				
	Sgt. G. Manning, 2220479	AG/Desp.				
Liberator VI. EW124 'H'	F/L. S. W. Bridges Can.21223	Capt.	04.20	14.00	(0940) DNCO. Heavy weather was encountered over the Burma Coast. On arrival at D.Z. 9/10th stratus cloud was covering the area. A/C circled for some time, then left the area to find a clear patch and descended to the cloud base. A/C then flew below cloud to D.Z. which was located but the wrong reception signal was given. The Captain decided not to drop his load and returned to Base. Seven weather reports were transmitted from the aircraft during the flight.	
	F/S. G. E. Smith 1622770	2nd. P.				
	Sgt. E. Urwin 1671892	Nav.				
	F/O. W. Mesher 164454	B/A				
	W/O. K. G. McLaughlin 1021724	1st W/OP				
	F/S. C. A. Luke Aus.430549	2nd W/OP				
	Sgt. W. F. Jaques 1597988	A/G.				
	Sgt. G. McCowan, 1826237	A/G.				
	P/O. J. P. Godisson 56361	A/G.				



Liberator VI. KH167 'A'	W/O. E. P. Adams, NZ412165	Capt.	0725	20.10	(12.45) DNCO. Base area was covered with cloud at take-off with tops to 4000 ft. Small Cu. was forming over the Arakan but clear over Central Burma Valley. Further East 8/10ths layer cloud at ground level up to 8,000ft., with layer stratus and rain above, was encountered. D.Z. was covered with 10/10ths cloud rising to 8/10,000 ft. Capt went down to 8,000 ft over hills but visibility was Nil. and no drop was made. A/C then set course for Base and dropped leaflets on return trip. Severe weather was encountered on return trip with heavy thunderstorms.
	F/O. A. J. C. Pearce Aus.436273	2nd.P.			
	F/S. S. Simpson 1457916	Nav.			
	Sgt. R. G. Stanton 1582233	B/A.			
	F/S. J. J. Costello Aus.421572	1st W/OP.			
	W/O. R. MacMaster, Aus.432009	2nd W/OP.			
	Sgt. M. McGarry. 1880766	A/G.			
	Sgt. J. R. Roe, 1592155	A/G-Desp.			
	Sgt. D. Matthews 1862719	A/G.			
Liberator KH258 'G'	F/O. E. G. Roe, Can.J.24255	Capt.	0735	2100	(13.25) DNCO. 10/10ths stratus cloud covered Base at take off but improved to fair until F.I.C border was reached. 10/10ths alto-stratus cloud covered D.Z. and no breaks could be found to make a descent. Capt. then flew to secondary D.Z. where there was 9/10ths Cu. and Stratus. He followed a valley in to the D.Z. but had to turn around as cloud base was too low for safety. This D.Z. could not be located through the small gaps in the cloud and A/C set course for Base with load. Leaflets were dropped over Siam on the return trip which was uneventful.
	F/O. R. B. Jorgenson Can.J.44391	2nd.P.			
	F/O. E. P. Field, 146307	Nav.			
	P/O. G. P. Lord, Can.J.43618	B/A.			
	Sgt. V. E. Trudel, R.260781	1st W/OP.			
	Sgt. W. H. Tracey, R.266344	2nd W/OP.			
	Sgt. J. Kajel, R.200188	A/G.			
	Sgt. J. Kadynuik, R.287435	A/G.			
	Sgt. G. M. Lund, R.285099	A/G-Desp.			
Liberator VI EW274 'F'	F/S. E. V. Matthews, 1604351	Capt.	04.30	13.30	(0900) DNCO. The outward trip was made without incident and the D.Z. area was identified on E.T.A. Cloud base was 500/1,000 ft above the hill tops. The aircraft circumnavigated the D.Z. and kept returning at intervals until T.O.T. plus 35 mins. No reception was seen and course was set for Base which was reached without incident.
	F/S. D. R. Cramond, 1458001	2nd.P.			
	W/O. E. T. Ball, 581493	Nav.			
	Sgt. S. A. Simpson, 1673688	B/A.			
	W/O. S. J. Webb, 1307031	1st W/OP.			
	F/S. D. S. Gaskin, 605616	2nd W/OP.			
	Sgt. G. S.	A/G.			

	Whitehouse, 1567533				
	Sgt. J. J. Tracey, 1685317	A/G-Desp.			
	Sgt. W. W. Wallace, 1568323	A/G.			
Liberator VI. KH367 'Q'	W/O. W. R. Drummond 1133124	Capt.	04.30	16.00	(11.30) D.N.C.O. Weather on the route out was fair with a considerable amount of Cu. cloud. The Target area was covered with low medium cloud. Course was then set for the Secondary D.Z. but no reception was seen. Course was then set for three pin-points in a search for American D.Z's. Each was circled in turn for 30 minutes as briefed but no reception was seen. Captain then set course for Base, bringing back the load.
	F/S. K. W. Tunbridge Aus.434569	2nd.P.			
	F/S. F. Flynn, 1396358	Nav.			
	W/O. R. J. Jackman, 967248	B/A			
	F/S. C. H. Johnson Aus.427708	1st W/OP			
	F/S. J. K. Lyons Aus.436605	2nd.W/OP			
	Sgt. J. S. Salway, 932050	A/G.			
	Sgt. H. Copeland, 1595442	A/G.			
	Sgt. S. K. King, 1190238	A/G.			
Liberator VI. KH350 'T'	F/O. J. C. Stuart 184293	Capt.	08.10	19.10	(11.00) DNCO. Weather on the route out was fair with a considerable amount of Cu. cloud, but all pin-points on the route were recognised. D.Z. area was covered with 10/10ths stratus cloud with base about 4000 ft. A.G.L. Weather conditions were generally deteriorating very quickly and no drop could be made. Course was then set for Base through similar conditions to the outward trip but some Cu.Nim. was forming over the Chin Hills and E. Bengal. Load was brought back to Base.
	F/S. J. McAlister 1566861	2nd.P.			
	W/O. J. Batchelor 1316082	Nav.			
	F/O. D. C. Mees, 164186	B/A			
	Sgt. S. P. Blackburn, 1020030	1st W/OP			
	Sgt. F. E. Vickers, 1817431	2nd W/OP			
	W/O. W. Hendry, 1123732	A/G.			
	F/O. F. S. J. Edwards, 185307	A/G.			
	Sgt. J. Taylor, 2219471	A/G.			
Liberator VI. EW174 'P'	W/O. R. K. Bullen, NZ.425880	Capt.	04.40	13.55	(09.15) DCO. Weather on the route out was fair with low stratus and strato-Cu. cloud. No reception was seen on arrival at D.Z. and the Capt. carried on to the Salween River from a pinpoint on which a D.R. run was made. On E.T.A. the reception was seen through a break in
	F/S. R. Woodcock 1623084	2nd.P.			
	W/O. C. L. Smith NZ.429213	Nav.			

	F/S. R. H. Welldrake. 1684845	B/A.			the clouds the tops of which were at 6,500 ft. and the Base at hilltop level. D.Z. area very quickly covered over. A second run was made from R. Salween and this time parachutes were observed falling on the D.Z. Yet a third run was made from the River and the whole load was dropped from 5,000 ft. A.S.L. Course was set for an area where "nickels" were dropped and the aircraft returned to Base.
	F/S. D. P Tunnell, 1866334	1st W/OP.			
	Sgt. R. S. Woods, 1398294	2nd W/OP.			
	Sgt. J. H. Clarke 1627355	A/G.			
	Sgt. A. W. Wells. 1512309	A/G.			
	Sgt. W. Patterson, 1301461	A/G.			
Liberator VI. EW215 'Y'	F/Lt. K. W. Jones 175022	Capt.	04.45	13.20	(08.35) DNCO. Weather on this trip was mainly fair but low stratus and strato-Cu. was encountered on Hills in the Target Area. An attempt was made to get below cloud following a river leading to the D.Z., but cloud was enveloping the hill tops. Capt. then turned back, climbed above the cloud and made a D.R. run from Toungoo. On E.T.A. a break in the clouds was circled and the D.Z. was sighted. The reception seen was not as briefed. After circling for an hour the aircraft returned with load to Base.
	F/S. K. R. Jukes Aus.428573	2nd.P.			
	S/L. L. C. McConnell, 81938	Nav.			
	Sgt. H. Dunn, 1549512	B/A.			
	P/O. L. J. H. Talbot. 186538	1st W/OP			
	F/S. H. T. Dawson NZ.425654	2nd W/OP			
	W/O. E. A Richards. 1338458	A/G.			
	W/O. E. W. Rozee, 1332037	A/G.			
Liberator VI. KH394 'W'	F/Lt. C. D. Mayger, 80087	Capt.	07.59	18.34	(10.35) DNCO. Weather on outward trip was as briefed with Cu. over the Chin Hills and Mandalay area clear. Aircraft arrived over target area 30 min. before T.O.T. and bound the whole area covered in heavy cloud. There were some small gaps which soon disappeared. Aircraft circled the area for an hour but could not drop the load. D.Z. was then left and course was set for Cox's Bazar as it was not thought that fuel gauges were reading correctly. Nickels were dropped on the way. Aircraft landed at Cox's Bazar and returned to Base next day.
	F/S. C E. Collins, Aus.429650	2nd.P.			
	Sgt. N. G. Burgess, 1626009	Nav.			
	F/O. S. C. Hull, 163730	B/A			
	F/O. J. Wheatly, 159976	1st W/OP			
	Sgt. R. A. Spencer, 1818353	2nd W/OP			
	Sgt. D. C. Hurley, 1609041	A/G.			
	F/S. R. Brogan, NZ.42718	A/G.			
	Sgt G. Aire, 1574169	A/G.			

	Ten aircraft were detailed for Operations today to five targets in Burma and five in French Indo-China. Weather conditions were very cloudy with 8-10/10ths Cu. nimbus and poor visibility and greatly detracted from the success of these operations. Only one sortie, out of ten mounted, was successful. Seven failures were due to adverse weather over D.Z.s., one due to wrong reception signals, and two due to no reception at all.					
	May 8, 1945					
Liberator VI. KH167 'A'	F/O. E. G. Roe, Can.J.24255	Capt.	04.40	13.40	(09.00) Meteorological reports were transmitted from this aircraft on the route. A fair amount of Cu. cloud was encountered with patches of Stratus and St.Cu. Leaflets were dropped on the way. The target was located on time and the load was successfully dropped. This is a very good D.Z. and good results should be reported. The return journey was made in good weather.	
	F/O. R. B. Jorgenson Can.J.44391	2nd.P.				
	W/O. E. T. Ball, 581493	Nav.				
	P/O. G. P. Lord, Can.J.43618	B/A.				
	F/S. V. E. Trudel, R.260781	1st W/OP.				
	F/S. W. H. Tracey, R.266344	2nd W/OP.				
	Sgt. J. Kajel, R.200188	A/G.				
	Sgt. J. Kadynuik, R.287435	A/G.				
	Sgt. G. M. Lund, R.285099	A/G-Desp.				
	Only one sortie was mounted to a target in Burma. Weather was good and a most successful drop was made.					
	May 9, 1945					
Route A/C:	"N" Base – 1453N 9342E – 0730N 9820E – 0617N 10105E – D.Z. – Return.					
	"G" Base – 2045N 9221E – 1853N 9720E – 1720N 10410E – D.Z. and Return.					
	"Y" Base – 1603N 9411E – 1306N 9820E – 1249N 9945E – DZ – Return.					
	"W" Base – 2044N 9221E – 1950N 9745E – 1810N 10305E – 1820N 1035 <sup>1</sup> E – D.Z. – and return.					
	"C" Base – 1603N 9411E – 1306N 9820E – 1249N 9945E – DZ – & Return.					
	"T" Base – 1851N 9343E – 1839N 9306E – 1757N 9648E – DZ – & Return.					
	"R" Base – 2044N 9221E – 2853N 9721E – D.Z. – and Return.					
	"B" Base – Cheduba Is. – 1838N 9506E – 1737N 9650E –DZ – & Return.					
	"F" Base – 1851N 9343E – 1853N 9720E – D.Z. – and Return.					
	"A" Base – 1851N 9343E – 1853N 9720E – 1737N 9650E – DZ – & Return.					
	"Q" Base – 2044N 9221E – 1950N 9745E – 1810N 10305E – 1820N 10357E – D.Z. – and Return.					
Load	A/C.	Leaflets	Cont'nrs	Pkges	Bodies	Weight
	(N)	--	6	6	--	2,213 lbs.
	(G)	--	11	6	--	4,178
	(Y)	16	11	6	--	4,451
	(W)	15	11	8	--	2,696
	(C)	--	11	6	1	4,535

1 Probably an error and might be 10357E. See 'Q's route.

	(T)	--	11	6	--	4,205	
	(R)	--	14	6	--	4,866	
	(B)	16	11	6	--	4,533	
	(F)	--	11	11	--	4,624	
	(A)	16	14	6	--	5,059	
	(Q)	16	9	8	--	2,991	
Opposition. Nil.							
Liberator VI. KH167 'A'	S/L. S. A. Sharpe 45712	Capt.	04.30	14.00	(09.30) Weather on route out to D.Z. was fair with low cloud over the land. Over primary D.Z. cloud was down to 1,500 ft. but Capt. searched the area at 1,000 ft. for an hour. There was no reception at the primary DZ. and course was set for secondary DZ which clearly identified on ETA as briefed. This was a tricky DZ situated in a "cup" in hills 1500-2000ft. high. Cloud was closing in quickly so one run was made at 1200 ft. (ind) i.e. 700ft. A.G.L. and the whole load was dropped. The rear gunner reported that the load fell in the DZ area. Return trip was uneventful except for storms over Sunderbands.		
	F/S. P? K. Banks 1603971	2nd.P.					
	F/S. P. R. D. Brenchley, 1390498	Nav.					
	W/O. R. Jackman, 967248	B/A.					
	F/Lt. S. J. Bry?ce, 162856	1st W/OP.					
	Sgt. C. Thirkettel, 1025625	2nd W/OP.					
	F/S. J. Stanley, 1894296	A/G.					
	F/S. K. Wells, 18904??4	F/Eng.					
	F/Lt. P. J. Kydd, 82745	A/G.					
Liberator VI. EV925 'B'	W/O. E. P. Adams, NZ412165	Capt.	04.40	13.55	(09.15) DCO. Base was cloudy at take off and continued to Cheduba Is. and the Arakan. Over DZ area 8/10th Cu. existed below with 6/10ths above up to 6000 ft. No reception was seen although other A/C were searching the area. Capt. did a square search and one DR run without success. Course was set for secondary DZ where reception was found as briefed. The load was dropped in one run from 800 ft AGL. Course was set for base		
	F/O. A. J. C. Pearce Aus.436273	2nd.P.					
	F/S. S. Simpson 1457916	Nav.					
	Sgt. R. G. Stanton 1582233	B/A.					
	F/S. J. J. Costello Aus.421572	1st W/OP.					
	W/O. R. McMaster, Aus.432009	2nd W/OP.					
	Sgt. M. McGarry. 1880766	A/G.					
	Sgt. J. R. Roe, 1592155	A/G-Desp.					
	<sup>2</sup>	A/G.					
Liberator VI. EW274 'F'	F/S. E. V. Matthews, 1604351	Capt.	04.35	13.10	(08.35) DCO. This aircraft took off and found and identified target on ETA. Descent was made through 9/10ths		

<sup>2</sup> Both crew listing and description of flight are cut off on the original.

	F/S. D. R. Cramond, 1458001	2nd.P.			Strato-Cu. into a valley to the West of DZ which was situated on a ridge between two valleys. Cloud base was 100/150 ft. A.G.L. 11 containers and 3 packages were successfully dropped in one run and 8 packages in free drops on the second run, both of which were from 100 ft. A.G.L. All chutes opened but one chute did not fully accept the weight before touching the ground. Aircraft returned to Base without incident.
	F/O. A. Fielding, 157931	Nav.			
	Sgt. S. Simpson, 1673688	B/A.			
	F/S. J. L. Nettleton, 1682204	1st W/OP.			
	F/S. D. S. Gaskin, 605616	2nd W/OP.			
	Sgt. G. S. Whitehouse, 1567533	A/G.			
	Sgt. J. J. Tracey, 1685316	A/G-Desp.			
	Sgt. W. Wallace, 1568323	A/G.			
Liberator VI. KH258 'G'	W/O. J. H. Jones, 527725	Capt.	11.00	15.00	(04.00) DNCO. When three flying hours away from Base, the Despatcher reported a mist coming from No. 4 engine. The second pilot went back and found that a bad oil leak had developed. Soon afterwards, the engine began to vibrate and the propeller was feathered. Aircraft then set on course for Base and shortly afterwards a further oil leak was reported from No. 3 engine. This proved to be slight. To prevent jettisoning the load course was set for Akyab, where the aircraft landed. No. 4 engine was totally u/s and No. 3 had an oil leak from the C.S.U. There was no damage.
	F/S. G. Yeates, Aus.427245	2nd P.			
	F/S. H. C. Murray, 922489	Nav.			
	F/S. C. J. Wright, 544424	B/A.			
	F/S. W. J. Donnelly, 1820882	1st W/OP.			
	F/S. G. Fletcher, 1589917	2nd W/OP			
	Sgt. G. I. Davies, 1810745	A/G.			
	Sgt. G. Manning, 2220479	A/G-Desp.			
	Sgt. O. Jeffreys, 1892235	A/G.			
Liberator VI. EV930 'C'	F/L. S. W. Bridges Can.J21223	Capt.	11.35	01.10	(13.35) DCO. This aircraft took off as briefed and successfully found D.Z. The load of one "body", 11 containers and 6 packages was dropped in three runs. On returning to Base aircraft ran into bad storms and was diverted to Cox's Bazar. Crew and aircraft returned to Base the following day.
	F/S. G. E. Smith 1622770	2nd. P.		10.5.45	
	Sgt. E. Urwin 1671892	Nav.			
	F/O. W. Mesher 164454	B/A			
	W/O. K. G. MacLaughlin 1021724	1st W/OP			
	F/S. C. A. Luke Aus.430549	2nd W/OP			
	Sgt. W. F. Jaques 1597988	A/G.			
	Sgt. G. McCowan, A/G.-Desp.	A/G.-Desp.			

	1826237				
	P/O. J. P. Goodisson 56361	A/G.			
Liberator VI. KH367 'Q'	W/O. R. M. Bullen, NZ.425880	Capt.	07.20	21.05	(13.45) Weather on the route out was as briefed with Cu. East of the Salween River. Capt. flew below and around this and found all turning points. D.Z. and reception was found as briefed and the load was dropped in two runs. by free drops. Course was then set for Base but had to be altered to avoid large Cu and Cu-nim. near the Irrawaddy. The atmosphere was very unstable, but Base was safely reached.
	F/S. R. Woodcock 1623084	2nd.P.			
	W/O. C. L. Smith NZ.429213	Nav.			
	F/S. R. H. Weldrake. 1684845	B/A.			
	W/O. A. W. Thomas 1256009	1st W/OP.			
	F/S. D. P Tunnell, 1866334	2nd W/OP.			
	F/S. J. H. Clarke 1627355	A/G.			
	F/S. I. W. Wells. 1512309	A/G.			
	F/S. W. Patterson, 1301461	AG/Desp.			
Liberator VI. KH394 'W'	W/O. W. R. Drummond 1133124	Capt.	0715	23.25	(16.10) DCO. Weather on outward trip was as briefed with large Cu. building up East of Salween R. Captain flew below cloud and found DZ. as briefed. Liberator "Q" was sighted and contacted and it was arranged for "Q" to drop first. Three runs were made and the load was dropped from indicated heights of 5,400 ft, 5,200 ft. and 5,200 ft. respectively. On the return trip large Cu. and Cu-nim had formed over the Irrawaddy R. and course was altered to South. Just before ETA base the A/C ran into heavy storm and course was again altered to East. A weather report favourable, was received from Base and course was set for Base. The storm was again encountered and although an emergency landing signal was recd. from Alipore, A/C landed at Cox's Bazar.
	F/S. K. W. Tunbridge Aus.434569	2nd.P.			
	F/S. F. Flynn, 1396358	Nav.			
	F/O. T. Kay, 160479	B/A			
	F/S. C. H. Johnson Aus.427708	1st W/OP			
	F/S. J. K. Lyons Aus.436605	2nd.W/OP			
	Sgt. J. S. Salway, 932050	A/G.			
	Sgt. H. W. Copeland, 2219375	A/G.			
	Sgt. S. H. King, 1190238	AG/Desp.			
Liberator KH350 'T'	F/Lt. K. W. Jones 175022	Capt.	04.45	14.25	(09.40) DNCO. Route as briefed was followed and the A/C encountered 8/10ths Cu. over Sittang R. and hills in the target area, with Base Nil and tops reaching up to 12,999 ft. A pinpoint was obtained on the Sittang R. and a D.R. run of 5 mins. was made for DZ. On ETA a valley was sighted below, but no reception was visible. The area was searched for 1 ½ hrs. and several DR
	F/S. K. R. Jukes Aus.428573	2nd.P.			
	S/L. L. C. McConnell, 81938	Nav.			
	Sgt. H. Dunn, 1549512	B/A.			
	P/O. L. J. H. Talbot. 186538	W/OP			

	F/S. H. T. Dawson NZ.425654	W/OP			runs made without success. By this time cloud had lifted to 5/700 ft AGL. and A/C descended and searched for 30 mins without result. No reception was seen and the aircraft returned to Base with load.
	F/S. T. Haughton, 2205840	A/G.			
	F/S. G. I. Davies, 1810745	A/G.			
Liberator VI. KH365 'N'	F/O. J. C. Stuart 184293	Capt.	07.40	02.00	(18.20) DCO. On the route out, the first pinpoint could not be found in very bad weather, and a run from another pinpoint was made which brought the aircraft over the D.Z. Two runs were made over the target and the load was seen to drop in the DZ area. On the return trip one enemy fighter was seen on the aerodrome at Alor Star but no attempt was made to intercept. Weather was moderate until the Sunderbands was reached where a severe front was met. The aircraft was landed at Cox's Bazar and returned to Base on 11th having been held up by bad weather on the 10th.
	F/S. J. McAlister 1566861	2nd.P.		10/5/45	
	W/O. J. Batchelor 1316082	Nav.			
	F/S. D. Rose, 1418696	Nav.			
	Sgt. S. P. Blackburn, 1020030	1st W/OP			
	Sgt. F. E. Vickers, 1817431	2nd W/OP			
	W/O. W. Hendry, 1123732	A/G.			
	P/O. F. S. J. Edwards, 185307	A/G.			
	Sgt. V. Taylor, 2219471	AG/Desp.			
Liberator VI. EW287 'R'	F/O. C. H. Hedley 56141	Capt.	04.45	12.30	(07.45) DCO. This aircraft took off as ordered and followed route as briefed. 5/10ths low cloud was met with over the DZ, with base at 500ft. AGL. The load was dropped in two runs and was seen to land very near to the reception signal. The return journey was uneventful
	F/S. W. H. P. Blee 577626	2nd. Pilot			
	W/O. J. H. Perkins, 1215501	Nav.			
	Sgt. H. Hounslow, 1320624	B/A			
	P/O. J. W. F. Tubb. 188532	1st W/OP			
	W/O. R. C. Chalmers 1152918	2nd W/OP			
	W/O. B. S. Pepper, 631789	A/G.			
	P/O. W. E. Hopkins 186294	A/G.			
	Sgt. G. Maidan 1880343	AG/Desp.			
Liberator VI EW215 'X'	F/Lt. C. D. Mayger, 80087	Capt.	11.20	00.56	(13.36) DCO. A small amount of low cloud was encountered on the route out but aircraft reached DZ. on time. The weather over DZ. was clear and the load was dropped successfully into the target. A heavy storm was encountered over the Sunderbands on the return trip and the
	F/S. C E. Collins, Aus.429650	2nd.P.		10/5/45	
	Sgt. N. G. Burgess, 1626009	Nav.			



	F/O. S. C. Hull, 163730	B/A			aircraft was landed at Cox's Bazar.
	F/O. J. Wheatly, 159976	1st W/OP			
	Sgt. R. A. Spencer, 1818353	2nd W/OP			
	Sgt. D. C. Hurley, 1609041	A/G.			
	F/S. R. Brogan, NZ.42718	A/G.			
	F/S. A. N. Cosh, 653388	F/Eng.			
	11 operational sorties were mounted as follows, Malaya (1), French Indo-China (2), Siam (3), and Burma (5). Weather generally was fair and good results were obtained. Aircraft "G" Capt. W/O. J. H. Jones turned back to Akyab after 4 hours with No. 4 engine u/c and a slight leak in the C.S.U. of No. 3. Out of the remaining 10 sorties 9 were successful and one A/C "T" (F/Lt. K. W. Jones) found no reception.				
	May 12, 1945				
Route:- A/C:	(F) Base – 2044N 9221E – 1950N 9745E – 1750N 10235E – 1717N 10247E – D.Z. – and Return..				
	(W) and (B) Do.				
	(Y) & (D). Base – 1603N 9411E – 1400N 9811E – 1322N 9958E – D.Z. – and Return.				
	(A) Base – 2044N 9221E – 2017N 9842E – 2054N 10038E – DZ – and Return.				
	(C) Base – 2044N 9221E – 2017N 9842E – 2054N 10038E – DZ – and Return.				
	(P) Base – 1851N 9343E – 1711N 9740E – DZ – Cox's Bazar.				
	(T) Base – 1603N 9411E – 0730N 9820E – 0400N 10045E – DZ and Return.				
Load:-	Aircraft	Leaflets	Cont'rs	P'kgs	Weight
	(F)	--	11	6	4,178 lbs
	(W)	15	11	6	4,178 "
	(B)	16	11	6	4,178 "
	(D)	16	---	15	1,744 "
	(A)	--	11	7	4,200 "
	(Y)	16	14	12	2,696 "
	(C)	16	11	9	4,180 "
	(P)	--	11	6	4,372 "
	(T)	--	6	6	2,502 "
Opposition:-	One aircraft "T" Capt. F/S. E. V. Matthews, at position 0420N 10025E 143 miles S. of Penang sighted 3 "Rufe" float planes in loose formation. Our aircraft was sighted and E.A. immediately got into "line astern" formation and the leader went into the attack in a shallow dive. The Liberator mid-upper gunner opened fire and the E.Z. turned away towards Penang without making any further attack. Three minutes from D.Z. the same Liberator sighted an enemy "Thelma", passing 200 ft. above it and the mid-upper gunner opened fire. No strikes were seen although the gunner claims a hit. The E.A. did not react to the fire and flew on without altering course or height.				
Liberator EW274 'F'	F/O. J. C. Stuart 184293	Capt.	11.15	13.00	(01.45) DNCO. Aircraft took off as briefed but developed loss of oil pressure in No. 4 engine and returned to Base with load.
	F/S. J. MacAlister 1566861	2nd.P.			
	W/O. J. H. Batchelor 1316082	Nav.			

	F/O. T. Kay, 164079	B/A			
	Sgt. S. P. Blackburn, 1020030	1st W/OP			
	Sgt. F. E. Vickers, 1817431	2nd W/OP			
	W/O. W. Hendry, 1123732	A/G.			
	F/O. F. S. J. Edwards, 185307	A/G.			
	Sgt. V. Taylor, 2219471	A/G.			
	Major Smylie (Passenger)				
Liberator VI. KH394 'W'	F/O. C. H. Hedley 56141	Capt.	11.20	23.45	(12.25) DCO. This aircraft took off and set course as briefed. Rain and storms were encountered over the Shan Hills with cloud base on hill tops. Cloud broke up east of Salween R. to 5/10ths. The DZ was located and the whole load was dropped into the target area in two runs. The load was seen to fall near the signal fires. The return trip was uneventful.
	F/S. B. R. Pool, 1434100	2nd. Pilot			
	F/S. P. R. D. Brenchley, 1390490	Nav.			
	Sgt. H. Hounslow, 1320624	B/A			
	P/O. J. W. F. Tubb. 188532	1st W/OP			
	W/O. R. C. Chalmers 1152918	2nd W/OP			
	W/O. B. S. Pepper, 631789	A/G.			
	P/O. W. E. Hopkins 186294	A/G.			
	Sgt. G. Maidan 1880343	AG/Desp.			
Liberator VI. EW174 'P'	F/Lt. C. D. Mayger, 80087	Capt.	12.40	20.45	(08.05) DCO. This aircraft took off and followed route as briefed. The DZ area was reached but was found to be encircled in storms. The load was dropped at a position estimated to be DZ. but later found to have been five miles out. The aircraft returned to Base without incident.
	F/S. C E. Collins, Aus.429650	2nd.P.			
	F/S. N. G. Burgess, 1626009	Nav.			
	F/O. S. C. Hull, 163730	B/A			
	F/O. J. Wheatly, 159976	1st W/OP			
	Sgt. R. A. Spencer, 1818353	2nd W/OP			
	Sgt. D. C. Hurley, 1609041	A/G.			
	F/S. R. Brogan, NZ.42718	A/G.			
	Sgt G. Aire, 1514169	AG/Desp.			

Liberator VI. EV925 'B'	W/O. J. H. Jones, 527725	Capt.	11.20	22.50	(11.30) DCO. This aircraft took off as detailed and after one hours flying ran into heavy Cu. cloud which extended to 14,000 ft. The Captain took the aircraft over this and obtained a good pinpoint on the Mekong River. On arrival over DZ. both weather and reception laid out were good. An excellent drop was made and the aircraft returned to Base.
	F/S. G. Yeates, Aus.427245	2nd P.			
	F/S. H. C. Murray, 922489	Nav.			
	F/S. C. J. Wright, 544422	B/A.			
	F/S. W. J. Donnelly, 1820882	1st W/OP.			
	F/S. G. Fletcher, 1589917	2nd W/OP			
	Sgt. G. I. Davies, 1810745	A/G.			
	Sgt. G. Manning, 2220479	A/G-Desp.			
	Sgt. G. Jeffreys, 1892235	A/G.			
Liberator VI. EW215 'Y'	F/O. E. G. Roe, Can.J.24255	Capt.	11.30	01.05	(13.35) DCO. This aircraft took off as detailed in fair weather. Thunderstorms were encountered over the DZ area and the Capt started a square search. The DZ was located through cloud gaps. The load was dropped in two runs over the target with good results. Leaflets were dropped on the return journey.
	F/O. R. B. Jorgenson Can.J.44391	2nd.P.			
	W/O. E. T. Ball, 581493	Nav.			
	P/O. G. P. Lord, Can.J.43618	B/A.			
	F/S. V. E. Trudel, R.260781	1st W/OP.			
	F/S. W. H. Tracey, R.266344	2nd W/OP.			
	Sgt. J. Kajel, R.200188	A/G.			
	Sgt. J. Kadynuik, R.287435	A/G.			
	Sgt. G. M. Lund, R.285099	AG/Desp.			
Liberator VI. KH350 'T'	F/S. E. V. Matthews, 1604351	Capt.	07.20	02.20	(10.00) <sup>3</sup> DNCO. The trip out was uneventful except for bad weather which was expected. When south of Penang the aircraft was attacked by 3 "Rufe" S/E fighters. Capt made a diving turn into the E/A and the mid-upper gunner fired a short burst at approx. 700 yds. The E.A. then broke off the engagement. When five minutes from D.Z. on the first DR run a "Thelma" twin engine fighter was sighted above and the mid-upper gunner
	F/S. D. R. Cramond, 1458001	2nd.P.		13/5/45	
	F/O. A. Fielding, 157931	Nav.			
	Sgt. S. A. Simpson, 1673688	B/A.			
	F/S. J. L. Nettleton, 1682204	1st W/OP.			

<sup>3</sup> The record says 10 hrs, but this does not correspond to the take off and landing times.

	Sgt. D. S. Gaskin, 605616	2nd W/OP.			claimed a hit. The whole load was successfully dropped on the target in two runs. The aircraft was followed by an enemy "Rufe" fighter on the way back but was successfully evaded and a landing was made at Cox's Bazar.
	Sgt. G. S. Whitehouse, 1567533	A/G.			
	Sgt. J. J. Tracey, 1685317	A/G-Desp.			
	Sgt. W. Wallace, 1568323	A/G.			
	F/S. A. M. Cosh, 6533888	F/Eng.			
Liberator VI. EV930 'C'	W/O. E. P. Adams, NZ412165	Capt.	08.30	19.10	(10.40) DCO. The trip out was satisfactory as far as E. Burma, where 6/10ths cloud up to 12,000 ft was met. Cloud base was low over the Mekong River and on the DR run to the target. The D.Z. was located and the reception was as briefed. Two runs at 600 ft. and 899 ft. A.G.L. were made and the load was successfully dropped. Later leaflets were dropped on six villages. Course was then set for Base below 6/10ths Cu. with base at 10,000 ft. Over the Shan Hills cloud increased to 10/10ths with base at 9,000 ft. but cleared over the Burma Central Valley and the Bay of Bengal. Base was reached without incident.
	F/O. A. J. C. Pearce Aus.436273	2nd.P.			
	F/S. S. Simpson 1457916	Nav.			
	Sgt. R. G. Stanton 1582233	B/A.			
	F/S. J. J. Costello Aus.421572	1st W/OP.			
	W/O. R. MacMaster, Aus.432009	2nd W/OP.			
	F/S. M. MacGarry. 1880766	A/G.			
	F/S. J. R. Roe, 1592155	A/G./Desp.			
	F/S. D. Mathews 1862719	A/G.			
Liberator VI. KH167 'A'	W/C. P. G. D. Farr, 39936	Capt.	08.30	19.00	(10.30) DCO. The weather was fair on the outward trip with occasional rainstorms. The D.Z. was located without difficulty and a good drop was made. The return trip was uneventful.
	F/S. P. K. Banks, 1603971	2nd.P.			
	F/O. E. P. Field, 146307	Nav.			
	W/O. R. Jackman, 967248	B/A.			
	F/Lt. S. J. Brace, 162856	1st W/OP			
	Sgt. C. Thirkettle, 1025625	2nd W/OP			
	Sgt. J. Stanley, 1894296	A/G.			
	F/Lt. P. J. Kydd, 82745	A/G.			
Liberator VI. KH353 'D'	F/L. S. W. Bridges Can.J21223	Capt.	11.30	01.00	(13.30) This aircraft took off and followed route as briefed. On reaching the coast of the Malay Peninsular 10/10ths cloud was found to the South and much Cu.Nim. to the North which had to be avoided and a
	F/S. C. E. Smith 1622770	2nd. P.		13/5/45	

	Sgt. E. Urwin 1671892	Nav.				pinpoint was obtained at Samudh Songgram. Here leaflets were dropped and the aircraft flew to the D.Z. This DZ was good and excellent load drops were made. The return journey was without incident.	
	F/O. W. Mesher 164454	B/A					
	W/O. K. McLaughlin 1021724	1st W/OP					
	F/S. C. A. Luke Aus.430549	2nd W/OP					
	Sgt. W. F. Jaques 1597988	A/G.					
	Sgt. G. McCowan, 1826237	A/G.-Desp.					
	P/O. J. P. Goodisson 56361	A/G.					
Nine sorties were mounted to targets as follows"- Burma (1), Siam (5), French Indo-China (2) and Malaya (1). All the sorties were successful with the exception of F/O Stuart in "F" which had to return to Base with engine trouble. F/S E. V. Matthews in "T" ran into the only enemy opposition during the days operations, but got away safely. Weather conditions were mainly fair with 5-8/10ths cu. over the hills.							
May 15, 1945							
Route A/C:	(X) Base – 2214N 9149E – Base.						
	(C) Base – 2044N 9221E – 2017N 9842E – 2054N 10033E – DZ – and Return.						
	(A) Base – 1853N 9720E – D.Z. – Cheduba Island – Base.						
	(P) Base – Cheduba Island – D.Z. – Base.						
	(W) Base – Preparis Island – Narcondan Is. – Brothers Is. – D.Z.						
	(F) Base – Cheduba Island – Pagoda Pt. – D.Z. – Base.						
	(Y) Base – 2203N 9018E – Base.						
Load	A/ C.	Leaflets	Cont'nrs	Pkges	Bodies	Weight	
	(X)	16	11	6	--	1,762 lbs.	
	(C)	--	9	8	5	3,840 lbs.	
	(A)	16	11	6	--	2,531 lbs.	
	(P)	16	11	8	--	3,823 lbs.	
	(W)	--	7	4	--	2,459 lbs.	
	(F)	16	11	6	--	3,763 lbs.	
	(Y)	16	11	6	--	4,240 lbs.	
Opposition. Nil.							
Liberator VI EW174 'P'	W/O. E. P. Adams, NZ412165	Capt.		12.30	21.35	(09.05) DCO. On the outward trip course was via Ramree island where 10/10ths Cu. with base at 4,000 feet was encountered and also later over the Hills breaking up to 4/10ths over the Central Burma Valley and the DZ. The load was dropped in two runs at 600ft. A.G.L. despite hills over 1,000ft in the circuit. Leaflets were also dropped in this area. Course was set for Base which was safely reached after having to negotiate	
	F/O. A. J. C. Pearce Aus.436273	2nd.P.					
	F/S. S. Simpson 1457916	Nav.					
	Sgt. R. G. Stanton 1582233	B/A.					
	F/S. J. J. Costello Aus.421572	1st W/OP.					

	W/O. R. MacMaster, Aus.432009	2nd W/OP.			sever thunderstorms which extended from over the Sunderbands to Base.
	Sgt. M. MacGarry. 1880766	A/G.			
	Sgt. J. R. Roe, 1592155	A/G./Desp.			
	Sgt. D. Mathews 1862719	A/G.			
Liberator VI. KH167 'A'	F/L. S. W. Bridges Can.21223	Capt.	11.35	21.55	(10.20) DCO. The aircraft took off as detailed and the trip out was uneventful. When over the southern part of Burma meteorological reports were sent out to Base. The aircraft arrived over the DZ area and found heavy thunderstorms. However, the load was successfully dropped and the aircraft returned to Base.
	F/S. G. E. Smith 1622770	2nd. P.			
	Sgt. E. Urwin 1671892	Nav.			
	F/O. W. Mesher 164454	B/A			
	W/O. K. G. McLaughlin 1021724	1st W/OP			
	F/S. C. A. Luke Aus.530549	2nd W/OP			
	Sgt. W. F. Jaques 1597988	A/G.			
	Sgt. G. McCowan, 1826237	AG/Desp.			
	P/O. J. P. Goodison 56361	A/G.			
Liberator VI EW124 'H' <sup>4</sup>	W/O. J. H. Jones, 527725	Capt.	---	---	This aircraft became u/s at the last moment with 600 R.P.M. drop developing in one of the engines, and the sortie was cancelled.
	F/S. G. Yeates, Aus.437245	2nd P.			
	F/S. H. C. Murray, 922489	Nav.			
	F/S. C. J. Wright, 544424	B/A.			
	F/S. W. J. Donnelly, 1820882	1st W/OP.			
	Sgt. G. Fletcher, 1589917	2nd W/OP			
	Sgt. A. P. Lock, 659147	A/G.			
	Sgt. G. Manning, 2220479	AG/Desp.			
	Sgt. A. J. Mansfield, 2213867	A/G.			
Liberator VI. EW124 'H'	F/S. E. V. Matthews, 1604351	Capt.	---	---	This aircraft became unserviceable and the sortie was cancelled.

<sup>4</sup> This is a repeat of the serial and code of the aircraft mentioned below; obviously one is in error.

	F/S. D. R. Cramond, 1458001	2nd.P.			
	F/O. A. Fielding, 157931	Nav.			
	Sgt. S. A. Simpson, 1673688	B/A.			
	F/S. J. L. Nettleton, 1682204	1st W/OP.			
	Sgt. D. S. Gaskin, 605616	2nd W/OP.			
	Sgt. G. S. Whitehouse, 1567533	A/G.			
	Sgt. J. J. Tracey, 1685317	AG/Desp.			
	Sgt. W. Wallace, 1568323	A/G.			
Liberator VI. EV930 'C'	W/C. P. G. D. Farr, 39936	Capt.	10.10	23.45	(10.55) <sup>5</sup> DCO. Some difficulty was experienced with weather over Shan Hills but cloudless conditions prevailed over the DZ. area. The "Bodies" and Stores were successfully dropped. The mission was completed without incident.
	F/S. P. K. Banks, 1603971	2nd.P.			
	F/O. E. P. Field, 146307	Nav.			
	W/O. R. Jackman, 967248	B/A.			
	F/Lt. S. J. Brace, 162856	1st W/OP			
	Sgt. C. Thirkettle, 1025625	2nd W/OP			
	Sgt. J. Stanley, 1894296	A/G.			
	F/S. K. Wells, 1890474	F/Eng.			
	F/Lt. P. J. Kydd, 82745	A/G.			
Liberator VI. EW274 'F'	F/O. E. G. Roe, Can.J.24255	Capt.	10.10	23.45	(13.35) DCO. Weather was fair on the outward trip. An inter tropical front was encountered but this did not prove to be violent. The first run into the DZ. was unsuccessful in locating the signals. A second run was made and a square search was began. The DZ was located on the fourth leg and reception was complete and waiting. A fair drop was made in two runs for this was a difficult DZ for night drops, lying in amongst 1,000 ft. hills. The weather on the return trip was fair.
	F/O. R. B. Jorgensen Can.J.44391	2nd.P.			
	P/O. D. H. MacDiarmid Can.J.45808	Nav.			
	P/O. G. P. Lord, Can.J.43618	B/A.			
	F/S. V. E. Trudel, R.260781	1st W/OP.			
	F/S. W. H. Tracey, 2nd W/OP.				

<sup>5</sup> This is the time in the record, but it does not match the times up and down (which may be in error as they are the same as the next entry)

	R.266344				
	F/S. J. Kajel, R.200188	A/G.			
	Sgt. J. Kadynuik, R.287435	A/G.			
	Sgt. G. M. Lund, R.285099	AG/Desp.			
Liberator VI EW215 'Y'	F/Lt. C. D. Mayger, 80087	Capt.	05.25	07.35	(02.10) DNCO. This aircraft took off as detailed but met an extensive front over the Sunderbands and failed to find a break over a hundred mile stretch. The sortie was abandoned and the load brought back to Base.
	F/S. C E. Collins, Aus.429650	2nd.P.			
	F/S. N. G. Burgess, 1626009	Nav.			
	F/O. S. C. Hull, 163730	B/A			
	F/O. J. Wheatly, 159976	1st W/OP			
	Sgt. R. A. Spencer, 1818353	2nd W/OP			
	Sgt. D. C. Hurley, 1609041	A/G.			
	F/S. R. J. Brogan, NZ.42718	A/G.			
	Sgt G. Aire, 1574169	AG/Desp.			
Liberator VI KH394 'W'	F/O. H. V. Smith Can.J.27671	Capt.	07.15	02.40	(19.25) DCO. The sortie was carried out as briefed. Weather o the whole of the trip was poor, and the aircraft was flown al the time between 500 and 700 ft. The weather over the DZ was poor with 9/10ths Cu. cloud covering the area. The reception was found correct and the load was successfully dropped. A landing was made at Cox's Bazar to refuel and took off for Base which was reached at 0410 hrs. next day.
	F/S. B. R. Pool, 1434100	2nd. P.		16/5/45	
	F/S. P. R. D. Brenchley, 1390490	Nav.			
	W/O. E. T. Ball, 581493	2nd. Nav.			
	F/S. J. H. Draper 1802370	B/A			
	Sgt. R. S. Woods 1398294	1st W/OP			
	F/S. W. A. Pugh 2206912	2nd W/OP			
	Sgt. W. J. Pinckney, 1805139	A/G.			
	F/S. C. Copley, 993351	A/G.			
	Sgt. F. J. Parsons, 1126922	AG/Desp.			
Liberator VI KH252 'X'	F/O. J. C. Stuart 184283	Capt.	07.35	10.45	(0310) DNCO. Aircraft took off as briefed but encountered severe storms over the Chin Hills. The sortie was abandoned and the aircraft returned to Base with the load.
	F/S. J. McAlister 1566861	2nd.P.			



	W/O. J. Batchelor 1316082	Nav.			
	F/O. D. C. Mees, 164186	B/A.			
	F/S. S. P. Blackburn, 1020030	1st W/OP			
	Sgt. F. E. Vickers, 1817431	2nd W/OP			
	F/O. F. S. J. Edwards, 185307	A/G.			
	Sgt. V. Taylor, 2219471	AG/Desp.			
	W/O. B. S. Pepper, 631789	A/G.			
	Seven sorties were finally mounted out of a total of nine originally detailed. Two aircraft became u/s at the last moment. The targets were as follows: - French Indo-China (2) Malaya (1), Burma (3) and Thailand (1). Weather was rather poor with rain and low cloud over the Arakan and thunderstorms over the Chin Hills but further East conditions were fair. Five Sorties were successful and two failed through adverse weather.				
	May 17, 1945				
Route:-	Base – 2046N 9221E – 1923N 9723E – DZ – 1750N 9630E – 1820N 9420E – Base.				
Load:-	Containers (14), Packages (5) – Weight 5,228 lbs.				
Opposition:-	Nil.				
Liberator VI. KH167 'A'	W/O. E. P. Adams, NZ412165	Capt.	13.20	22.45	(09.25) DNCO. On the outward trip weather was fair over the Bay of Bengal. The aircraft flew at 3,000 ft. over the Central Burma Valley, in rain showers and low cloud covered the hill tops to the DR position. The DZ was covered in 10/10ths cloud and another DR run was made. This time the reception was seen but before a circuit could be made, cloud had again closed in. Another attempt was made without success. Course was then set for Base in heavy rain and cloud until the Sittang River was reached. Cloud base was 8,000 ft to the Burma Coast and 7,000 ft over the Bay of Bengal. The load was brought back to Base.
	F/O. A. J. C. Pearce Aus.436273	2nd.P.			
	F/S. S. Simpson 1457916	Nav.			
	F/S. R. G. Stanton 1582233	B/A.			
	F/S. J. J. Costello Aus.421572	1st W/OP.			
	W/O. R. MacMaster, Aus.432009	2nd W/OP.			
	F/S. M. McGarry. 1880766	A/G.			
	F/S. J. R. Roe, 1592155	A/G-Desp.			
	F/S. D. Mathews 1862719	A/G.			
	May 18, 1945				
Route:- A/C:	(C) Base – 1948N 9302E – 1943N 9612E – DZ – and Return.				
	(R) Base – 1852N 9344E – 1855N 9730E – DZ – 2044N 9221E – Base.				
	(P) Base – 1852N 9344E – 1948N 99315E – 1856N 9626E – DZ – Return.				
	(B) Base – 1942N 9302E – 1950N 9745E – 1821N 10357E – DZ – Return.				

	(T) Base – 2044N 9221E – 1853N 9720E – 1750N 10242E – 1601N 10526E – DZ – and Return.					
	(Q) Base – 2055N 9449E – 2057N 9830E – DZ – and Return.					
	(F) Base – 2044N 9221E – 2005N 9459E – 1853N 9721E – DZ.1 – DZ.2 – and Return.					
	(X) Base – 1949N 9301E – 1853N 9720E – 1810N 10305E – DZ – Return.					
Load:-	A/C.	Leaflets	Cont'rs	P'kgs	Weight	
	(C)	16	11	6	5,134 lbs	
	(R)	16	14	6	4,934 lbs	
	(P)	--	13	6	4,563 lbs	
	(B)	16	8	9	2,824 lbs	
	(T)	--	11	6	3,043 lbs	
	(Q)	16	11	6	3,754 lbs	
	(F)	16	11	5	3,660 lbs	
	(X)	16	7	10	2,774 lbs	
Opposition:-	Nil.					
Liberator VI. EV925 'B'	W/O. J. H. Jones, 527725	Capt.	06.45	14.15	(07.30) DNCO. This aircraft took off as ordered but had to turn back due to lack of boost pressure on No. 2 engine. The load was brought back to Base.	
	W/O. G. Yeates, Aus.437245	2nd P.				
	F/S. H. C. Murray, 922489	Nav.				
	F/S. C. J. Wright, 544424	B/A.				
	Sgt. W. J. Donnelly, 1820882	1st W/OP.				
	Sgt. G. Fletcher, 1589917	2nd W/OP				
	Sgt. A. P. Lock, 659147	A/G.				
	Sgt. G. Manning, 2220479	AG/Disp.				
	Sgt. A. J. Mansfield, 2213867	A/G.				
Liberator VI. EW274 'F'	F/S. E. V. Matthews, 1604351	Capt.	04.50	13.55	(09.05) The trip out was in bad weather and many storms had to be avoided at low level. The Burma coast was crossed at 20 deg. N. 10/10ths Strat. Cu. and Cu.-nim. was encountered from then onwards. A pinpoint was obtained on a bend on the Salween R. and a DR run was made for the first DZ. This run was abandoned after 3 mins. as there was 10/10ths cloud from the "deck" up to 18,000ft. This DZ was on the south side of a mountain 8,670 ft. high. The Capt then went back to the Salween River and started a DR run for the second DZ. This run was also abandoned as there was 10/10ths Cu. and Cu.-Nim. over the DZ.	
	F/S. D. R. Cramond, 1458001	2nd.P.				
	F/O. A. Fielding, 157931	Nav.				
	Sgt. S. A. Simpson, 1673688	B/A.				
	F/S. J. L. Nettleton, 1682204	1st W/OP.				
	Sgt. D. S. Gaskin, 605616	2nd W/OP.				
	Sgt. G. S. Whitehouse, 1567533	A/G.				

	Sgt. J. J. Tracey, 1685317	AG/Desp.			The aircraft was then flown to the Salween R. and to the south on a Met. Flight returning to Base with load by way of Cheduba Island.
	Sgt. W. Wallace, 1568323	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH367 'Q'	F/Lt. S. W. Bridges, Can.J. 1604351	Capt.	04.50	13.44	(09.05) DNCO.(Cancelled – see previous page) <sup>6</sup>
	F/S. D. R. Cramond, 1458001	2nd.P.			
	F/O. A. Fielding, 157931	Nav.			
	Sgt. S. A. Simpson, 1673688	B/A.			
	F/S. J. L. Nettleton, 1682204	1st W/OP.			
	Sgt. D. S. Gaskin, 605616	2nd W/OP.			
	Sgt. G. S. Whitehouse, 1567533	A/G.			
	Sgt. J. J. Tracey, 1685317	AG/Desp.			
	Sgt. W. Wallace, 1568323	A/G.			
Liberator VI KH367 'Q'	F/L. S. W. Bridges Can.J.21223	Capt.	04.30	10.55	(06.25) DNCO. This aircraft took off as detailed and the trip out to the Burma Coast was uneventful. Extremely bad weather was encountered East of the Irrawaddy R. and the Captain turned back to Base with the load.
	F/S. C. E. Smith 1622770	2nd. P.			
	Sgt. E. Urwin 1671892	Nav.			
	F/O. W. Mesher 164454	B/A			
	W/O. K. MacLaughlin 1021724	1st W/OP			
	F/S. C. A. Luke Aus.530549	2nd W/OP			
	Sgt. W. F. Jaques 1597988	A/G.			
	Sgt. G. McCowan, 1826237	AG/Desp.			
	P/O. J. P. Goodison 56361	A/G.			
Liberator VI. EV930 'C'	W/Cdr. P. G. D. Farr, 39936	Capt.	0.450	13.05	(08.15) DNCO. This aircraft flew in good weather until the DZ was reached where 10/10ths cloud was encountered. Efforts

<sup>6</sup> This entry for 'Q' has Bridges as the Captain, and Matthews' crew, and the times for 'F' it was obviously noted as an error, and hence the "cancelled" refers to the entry in the Form 541, not the flight. The operation carried out by Bridges and crew in 'Q' is documented in the next entry.

	F/S. P. K. Banks, 1603971	2nd.P.			to get below the weather were of no avail and course was set for Base without dropping the load.
	S/L. L. C. McConnell 81936	Nav.			
	W/O. R. Jackman, 967248	B/A.			
	F/Lt. S. J. Brace, 162856	1st W/OP			
	Sgt. C. Thirkettle, 1025625	2nd W/OP			
	F/S. K. Wells, 1890474	F/Eng.			
	F/Lt. P. J. Kydd, 82745	A/G.			
	G/Capt. W. R. F. Wightman	(Pass'gr)			
Liberator VI. KH252 'Z'	F/O. H. V. Smith Can.J.27671	Capt.	06.40	20.25	(13.45) DCO. This sortie was carried out as briefed. Much Cu. cloud was encountered on the whole of the trip and scattered Cu.-nim cloud covered the hill tops. 4-7/10ths Strato-cu. covered the DZ area which was exceptionally small. The reception was found as briefed and the whole load was successfully dropped in two runs. Aircraft then set course for Base and arrived without incident.
	F/S. B. R. Pool, 1434100	2nd. P.			
	F/S. P. R. D. Brenchley, 1390490	Nav.			
	W/O. E. T. Ball, 581493	2nd. Nav.			
	F/S. J. H. Draper 1802370	B/A			
	Sgt. R. S. Woods 1398294	1st W/OP			
	F/S. W. A. Pugh 2206912	2nd W/OP			
	Sgt. W. J. Pinckney, 1805139	A/G.			
	F/S. C. Copley, 993351	A/G.			
	Sgt. F. J. Parsons, 1126922	AG/Desp.			
Liberator VI. KH394 'T'	F/O. J. C. Stuart 184283	Capt.	13.55	21.10	(07.15) DNCO. Take off was ten mins. late owing to the inter-comm. becoming u/s. An oil leak developed in No. 3 engine after three hours and it was found that the bomb-bay tanks fuel could not be transferred as the vent system was becoming blocked. The Captain decide to bring back the load to Base.
	F/S. J. McAlister 1566861	2nd.P.			
	W/O. J. Batchelor 1316082	Nav.			
	F/O. D. C. Mees, 164186	A /B.			
	F/S. S. P. Blackburn, 1020030	1st W/OP			
	Sgt. F. E. Vickers, 1817431	2nd W/OP			
	W/O. B. S. Pepper, 631789	A/G.			
	F/O. F. S. J.	A/G.			

	Edwards, 185307				
	Sgt. V. Taylor, 2219471	AG/Desp.			
Liberator VI. EW174 'P'	F/Lt. C. D. Mayger, 80087	Capt.	04.30	12.45	(08.15) DNCO. This aircraft took off as detailed but ran into bad weather south of Akyab. The Capt. then flew back up the coast to where a gap in the clouds had been seen and re-crossed the coast to the DZ area. This was found to be covered with heavy cloud and the target could not be located. The aircraft returned to Base with load.
	F/S. C E. Collins, Aus.429650	2nd.P.			
	F/O. S. C. Hull, 163730	B/A			
	Sgt. N. G. Burgess, 1626009	Nav.			
	F/O. J. Wheatly, 159976	1st W/OP			
	F/S. R. J. Brogan, NZ.42718	2nd W/OP			
	Sgt. D. C. Hurley, 1609041	A/G.			
	Sgt G. Aire, 1574169	AG/Desp.			
	Sgt. R. A. Spencer, 1818353	A/G.			
Liberator VI. EW287 'R'	F/O. C. H. Hedley, 56141	Capt.	04.20	12.40	(08.20) DCO. Low status cloud was encountered over the Bay of Bengal with base at 2,000 ft. An enormous Cu.Nim. cloud was met on crossing the Burma Coast. The Capt. flew north and climbed to 9,000 ft. through cum. and stratus cloud and the weather cleared over the hills. The DZ was covered with patches of all types of cloud and there was a solid wall of cum. cloud about 100 yds to the east of DZ on the opposite side of the ridge where the DZ was located. The load was dropped in two runs and, although two chutes became entangled, the whole load landed safely within 150 yds of the reception identification emblem. "Nickels" were dropped from 7,000 ft. over a briefed position. The aircraft returned to base north of the briefed track to avoid bad weather.
	F/O. I. N. Wilson 164419	1st. Pilot			
	F/S. J. R. Larcombe Aus.436648	2.P.			
	F/O. T. Kay 164074	A/B.			
	F/O. E. P. Field 146397	Nav.			
	F/S. J. E. Bateman Aus.42944	1st W/OP			
	F/S. A. F. Ashby Aus.424012	2nd W/OP.			
	F/S. A. M. Cosh. 653388	F/Eng.			
	F/S. H. G. Frederick 1853345	A/G.			
	F/S. J. F. Peters, 1853931	A/G.			
	8 Sorties were mounted to-day, 5 to Burma and 3 to French Indo-China. Particularly bad weather severely handicapped the successful delivery of our loads and only Two aircraft located DZs. and made drops. On aircraft returned through lack of boost pressure to No. 2 engine, Four returned with loads owing to bad weather and One returned with an oil leak and a faulty fuel transfer system.				
	May 19, 1945				
Route:-	Base – 2044N 9220E – 1943N 9612E – DZ – 1740N 9715E – 1815N 9445E – Base.				
Load:-	A/C (D) Leaflets (16), Contrs. (11), Packgs. (6), Weight – 4,312 lbs.				

Opposition:- Nil.						
Liberator VI KH353 'D'	F/O. E. G. Roe, Can.J.24255	Capt.	04.40	14.50	(10.10) DNCO. This aircraft took off and set course as briefed. The weather on the trip out was fair until the Burma Hills were reached, when 7-9/10ths Cu. Cloud was encountered. The DZ was covered with 10/10ths cloud. Three runs from different pinpoints were made to the DZ but it was not possible to find a break in the clouds. No drop was made, and the DZ was not located. The Capt. then made a meteorological survey on the return rout across Burma and returned to Base with load.	
	F/O. R. B. Jorgensen Can.J.44391	2nd.P.				
	F/O. D. H. MacDiarmid, Can.J.45808	Nav.				
	P/O. G. P. Lord, Can.J.43618	B/A.				
	F/S. V. E. Trudel, R.260781	1st W/OP.				
	F/S. W. H. Tracey, R.266344	2nd W/OP.				
	Sgt. J. Kajel, R.200188	A/G.				
	Sgt. J. Kadynuik, R.287435	A/G.				
	Sgt. G. M. Lund, R.285099	AG/Desp.				
Only one sortie was mounted to a target in Burma. This was unsuccessful owing to adverse weather.						
May 20, 1945						
Route:- A/C:	(D) Base – 2044N 9221E – 2056N 9450E – 2103N 9448E – 2107N 9434E – 2100N 9845E – 2018N 9854E – 2044N 9221E – Base.					
	(R) Base – 2044N 9221E – 1941N 9410E – 1856N 9626E – 1853N 9720E – 1944N 9221E – Chiringa – Base.					
	(B) Base – 2246N 9126E – 2252N 9422E – 2203N 9845E – 2147N 10106E – 2202N 10316E – DZ – and Return.					
	(Q) Base – 2044N 9221E – 2017N 9842E – 2003N 10213E – DZ – & Return.					
	(F) Base – 2044N 9221E – 1950N 9740E – 1744N 10403E – DZ – & Return.					
	(W) Base – 2044N 9221E – 1853N 9720E – 1750N 10242E – 1601N 10526E – DZ – & Return.					
	(A) Base – 1719N 9432E – 1727N 9746E – 1853N 9720E – DZ – 2036N 9447E – 2044N 9222E – Base.					
Load:-	A/C.	Leaflets	Contnrs	Packages	Weight	
	(D)	14	11	8	3,240 lbs	
	(R)	16	14	6	5,116 lbs	
	(B)	--	11	6	3,002 lbs	
	(Q)	16	9	8	2,820 lbs	
	(F)	--	11	6	4,176 lbs	
	(W)	8	11	5	3,843 lbs	
	(A)	--	14	5	5,104 lbs	
Opposition:- Nil.						
Liberator VI. KH394 'W'	F/O. E. G. Roe, Can.J.24255	Capt.	13.55	04.40	(14.45) DCO. The weather on route was fair. The DZ was located on time and reception signals were complete and	

	F/O. R. B. Jorgensen Can.J.44391	2nd.P.		21/5/45	ready. Four runs had to be made as the aircraft had "free drops" in the bomb bays. The load was successfully dropped and results should be good. The return trip was uneventful From reports this appears to be a good DZ for both day and night drops, and it is hoped that it is not compromised too soon.
	F/O. D. H. MacDiarmid, Can.J.45808	Nav.			
	P/O. G. P. Lord, Can.J.43618	B/A.			
	F/S. V. E. Trudel, R.260781	1st W/OP.			
	F/S. W. H. Tracey, R.266344	2nd W/OP.			
	Sgt. J. Kajel, R.200188	A/G.			
	Sgt. J. Kadynuik, R.287435	A/G.			
	Sgt. G. M. Lund, R.285099	AG/Desp.			
Liberator VI. KH353 'D'	F/S. E. V. Matthews, 1604351	Capt.	04.50	14.50	(10.00) The outward trip was good but 10/10ths Strato-Cu. cloud covered the DZ on E.T.A. The aircraft broke cloud at 7,000 ft and position was confirmed on a tributary of the Salween River. The DZ was circled for 20 minutes but no reception was seen. The aircraft then proceeded on a Met. survey and brought back the load via Cheduba Island to Base.
	F/S. D. R. Cramond, 1458001	2nd.P.			
	F/O. A. Fielding, 157931	Nav.			
	Sgt. S. A. Simpson, 1673688	B/A.			
	F/S. J. L. Nettleton, 1682204	1st W/OP.			
	Sgt. D. S. Gaskin, 605616	2nd W/OP.			
	Sgt. G. S. Whitehouse, 1567533	A/G.			
	Sgt. J. J. Tracey, 1685317	AG/Desp.			
	Sgt. W. Wallace, 1568323	A/G.			
Liberator VI. KH167 'A'	F/Lt. S. W. Bridges Can.21223	Capt.	13.10	22.10	(09.00) DCO. On the outward trip this aircraft ran into Cu. and Cu-Nim. cloud at the Arakan Coast. The aircraft flew in low over the hills and arrived over Toungoo for the run in to the target. Heavy Cu.Nim. cloud on the track made a diversion necessary. The DZ was found successfully and the load was dropped. It was not a good drop but the containers and packages were all recovered. The aircraft then conducted a Met. Survey and returned to Base.
	F/S. C. E. Smith 1622770	2nd. P.			
	F/S. E. Urwin 1671892	Nav.			
	F/O. W. Mesher 164454	B/A			
	W/O. K. G. McLaughlin 1021724	1st W/OP			
	F/S. C. A. Luke Aus.53549	2nd W/OP			
	Sgt. W. F. Jaques	A/G.			

	1597988				
	Sgt. G. McCowan, 1826237	AG/Desp.			
	P/O. J. P. Goodisson 56361	A/G.			
Liberator VI. EV925 'B'	W/O. J. H. Jones, 527725	Capt.	08.15	19.20	(11.05) DNCO. Weather all the way to the DZ was bad but navigable. Over the DZ the cloud extended right down into the valleys and no gaps could be found, through which to descent into better visibility. The sortie was abandoned and the load was brought back to Base.
	F/S. G. Yeates, Aus.437245	2nd P.			
	F/S. H. C. Murray, 922489	Nav.			
	F/S. C. J. Wright, 544424	B/A.			
	F/S. W. J. Donnelly, 1820882	1st W/OP.			
	Sgt. G. Fletcher, 1589917	2nd W/OP			
	Sgt. A. P. Lock, 659147	A/G.			
	Sgt. G. Manning, 2220479	AG/Desp.			
	Sgt. A. J. Mansfield, 2213867	A/G.			
Liberator VI. EW274 'F'	F/O. H. V. Smith Can.J.27671	Capt.	10.25	22.55	(12.30) DCO. This sortie was carried out as briefed. Weather on the outward trip was poor with 7/10ths CU. and Cu-Nim. cloud covering the hills, with base at 3,000 ft. over the plains. The DZ. was found and the reception was correct. One run was made and all the stores were seen to be received. Weather was closing in as the aircraft left the DZ. and large concentrations of Cu. cloud were met overt the Mekong River. The aircraft returned to Base without incident.
	F/S. B. R. Pool, 1434100	2nd. P.			
	F/S. P. R. D. Brenchley, 1390490	Nav.			
	F/S. J. H. Draper 1802370	B/A			
	Sgt. R. S. Woods 1398294	1st W/OP			
	F/S. W. A. Pugh 2206912	2nd W/OP			
	Sgt. W. J. Pinckney, 1805139	A/G.			
	F/S. C. Copley, 993351	A/G.			
	Sgt. F. J. Parsons, 1126922	FE/Desp.			
Liberator VI. EW287 'R'	F/O. I. N. Wilson 164419	Capt.	04.25	11.35	(07.10) DNCO. This aircraft took off and set course as ordered. Weather was good in the valleys but cloud had built up to 10,000 ft. over the hills. The Salween River valley was clear and a descent was being made when oil was seen coming from Nos. 3 and 4 engines. No. 3 engine had over-boosted on take-off. The sortie
	F/S. J. R. Larcombe Aus.436648	2.P.			
	F/O. E. P. Field 146307	Nav.			
	F/O. T. Kay 164079	A/B.			



	F/S. J. E. Bateman Aus.428944	1st W/OP			was abandoned and the aircraft landed at Chiringa, returning to Base with load.
	F/S. A. F. Ashby Aus.424012	2nd W/OP.			
	F/S. J. F. Peters, 1853931	A/G.			
	F/S. H. G. Frederick 1853345	A/G.			
	F/S. A. M. Cosh. 653388	F/Eng.			
Liberator VI. KH367 'Q'	F/O. J. C. Stuart 184293	Capt.	07.55	19.10	(11.15) DCO. The outward trip was uneventful with fair weather. The DZ was found to be most awkwardly situated in a river valley with hills up to 7,000 ft. on the N.E. and a ridge rising to 6,000 ft. on the West bank. This is a most difficult DZ for night drops. The load was successfully dropped and the aircraft returned to Base without incident.
	F/S. J. McAlister 1566861	2nd.P.			
	F/S. J. Batchelor 1316082	Nav.			
	F/O. D. C. Mees, 164186	B/A.			
	F/S. S. P. Blackburn, 1020030	1st W/OP			
	Sgt. F. E. Vickers, 1817431	2nd W/OP			
	W/O. B. S. Pepper, 631789	A/G.			
	P/O. F. S. J. Edwards, 185307	A/G.			
	Sgt. V. Taylor, 2219471	AG/Desp.			
	Seven Sorties were mounted to-day to 3 targets in Burma, 3 in French Indo-China and 1 to Thailand. Weather again was responsible for most of the unsuccessful sorties, being 10/10ths Strato-cu. as far East as 103 deg. E. although fairly good conditions obtained as far as the Irrawaddy River. Four aircraft successfully dropped their loads as briefed and Three were unsuccessful.				
	May 21, 1945				
Route:-	A/C (F) Base – 2044N 9221E – 1853N 9720E – 1853N 9730E – 1740N 9715E – 1821N 9421E – Base.				
Load:-	A/C (F) 11 Containers, 6 Packages – Weight:- 4,300 lbs.				
Opposition:-	Nil.				
Liberator EW274 'F'	F/S. E. V. Matthews, 1604351	Capt.	13.00	22.25	(09.25) DCO. The trip out was uneventful in moderate weather. Turning point for the DR run could not be found as briefed but a pinpoint was obtained on a tributary of the Salween River and the DR run was made over 9/10ths Strato-Cu. and Cu. cloud. The DZ was spotted through a gap in the cloud on E.T.A. The aircraft circled and made two runs at 5,000ft AGL. Of the 11 containers and 6 packages
	F/S. D. R. Cramond, 1458001	2nd.P.			
	F/O. A. Fielding, 157931	Nav.			
	Sgt. S. A. Simpson, 1673688	B/A.			
	F/S. J. L. Nettleton, 1682204	1st W/OP.			

	Sgt. D. S. Gaskin, 605616	2nd W/OP.				comprising the load, one container "Roman-candled" and one went down on a torn chute. All the containers overshot. The return trip was without event of note.
	Sgt. G. S. Whitehouse, 1567533	A/G.				
	Sgt. W. Wallace, 1568323	A/G.				
	May 22, 1945					
Route:- A/C:	(G) Base – 2044N 9221E – 1932N 9615E 0 DZ 0 1933N 9708E – Baranga – Base.					
	(D) Base – 2044N 9221E – 1950N 9745E – 1810N 10305E – 1820N 10359E – DZ – R.S.R. – Cox's Bazar – Base.					
	(N) Base – 1603N 9411E – 1128N 9625E – R.S.R. – Base.					
	(X) Base – Chittagong – Base.					
	(Y) Base – 2044N 9221E – 2045N 9247E – and Return Base.					
	(P) Base – 2044N 9221E – 2048N 9830E – DZ – 2030N 9752E – 2044N 9221E – Base.					
Load:-	A/C.	Leaflets	Contn'rs	Pack'gs	Weight	
	(G)	16	14	6	4,240 lbs	
	(D)	16	11	8	2,560 lbs	
	(N)	--	7	11	2,209 lbs	
	(X)	--	4	7	1,362 lbs	
	(Y)	16	8	9	2,540 lbs	
	(P)	16	11	6	2,754 lbs	
Opposition:-	Nil.					
Liberator VI. KH353 'D'	F/O. E. G. Roe, Can.J.24255	Capt.	07.00	20.45		(13.45) DCO. This aircraft took off as briefed. The weather on the trip was only moderate with 7-8/10ths. CU. and Cu-Nim. cloud. Leaflets were dropped on the way to DZ. 10/10ths Cu. was covering DZ when the aircraft arrived and a square search was begun to find cloud breaks. On the 7th leg of the search, the DZ.{sic} The Capt. made a spiral descent and carried out two runs. The drops were accurately made but one container "candled". Course was set for Base through 8/10ths. Cu. and Cu-Nim. On arrival over Base it was found that the hydraulic pressure was almost Nil. and was instructed to make an emergency landing with all the crew in the rear of the aircraft to hold the fuselage down on the runway surface as a brake, and to throw out parachutes from the beam hatches. The parachutes were torn away on opening. The rear underside fuselage was slightly damaged and with what little brake pressure was left a safe landing was made.
	F/O. R. B. Jorgensen Can.J.44391	2nd.P.				
	F/O. D. H. MacDiarmid, Can.J.45808	Nav.				
	F/O. G. P. Lord, Can.J.43618	B/A.				
	F/S. V. E. Trudel, R.260781	1st W/OP.				
	F/S. W. H. Tracey, R.266344	2nd W/OP.				
	F/S. J. Kajel, R.200188	A/G.				
	Sgt. J. Kadynuik, R.287435	A/G.				
	Sgt. G. M. Lund, R.285099	AG/Desp.				

Liberator VI. KH365 'N'	W/O. J. H. Jones, 527725	Capt.	07.15	19.25	(12.10) DNCO. This aircraft took off as detailed but ran into a succession of fronts on the outward trip. Three of these were overcome but the fourth was impenetrable. The aircraft returned to Base with load.
	W/O. G. Yeates, Aus.437245	2nd P.			
	F/S. H. C. Murray, 922489	Nav.			
	F/S. C. J. Wright, 544424	B/A.			
	Sgt. W. J. Donnelly, 1820882	1st W/OP.			
	Sgt. G. Fletcher, 1589917	2nd W/OP			
	Sgt. A. P. Lock, 659147	A/G.			
	Sgt. G. Manning, 2220479	AG/Desp.			
	Sgt. A. J. Mansfield, 2213867	A/G.			
Liberator VI. KL473 'G'	W/Cdr. P. G. D. Farr, 399361	Capt.	04.50	14.10	(09.20) DCO. The weather on the outward trip was good until the DZ was reached where there was much cloud. After circling the area for an hour a gap was found and the Captain was able to get the aircraft underneath it. A successful drop was made. The weather on the return was poor.
	F/S. P. K. Banks, 1603971	2nd.P.			
	S/Ldr. L. C. McConnell, 81936	Nav.			
	W/O. R. Jackman, 967248	B/A.			
	F/Lt. S. J. Brace, 162856	1st W/OP			
	Sgt. C. Thirkettle, 1025625	2nd W/OP			
	F/Lt. P. J. Kydd, 82745	A/G.			
	F/S. J. Stanley, 1894296	A/G.			
	F/S. K. Wells, 1890474	F/Eng.			
Liberator VI. KH252 'X'	F/O. J. C. Stuart 184293	Capt.	06.10	07.30	(01.20) DNCO. This aircraft was detailed to fly to Chittagong so as to have the maximum fuel load for this operation. On landing there the fuelling facilities asked for, had not been prepared and so much time was lost that it was useless to attempt to reach the DZ on T.O.T. The load was brought back to Base.
	F/S. J. MacAllister 1566861	2nd.P.			
	F/S. J. H. Batchelor 1316082	1st. Nav.			
	W/O. E. T. Ball, 581493	2nd Nav.			
	F/S. S. P. Blackburn, 1020030	1st W/OP			
	Sgt. F. E. Vickers, 1817431	2nd W/OP			
	F/O. F. S. J. Edwards, 185307	A/G.			

Liberator VI. EW215 'Y'	F/O. H. V. Smith Can.J.27671	Capt.	07.00	11.00	(04.00) DNCO. This aircraft took off as detailed and after setting course from the turning point on the coast, No. 4 engine began to misfire when climbing. The Captain noticed that the carburettor air temp. was reading "off the Clock". The engine performance became very low and it began to "cut" frequently. No. 4 propeller was feathered and course was set for Base. On arrival, the load was jettisoned ant the N. end of the runway and the aircraft landed on three engines. The cause of this failure was definitely "Finger Trouble" as it had not been noticed that the intercooler switch had been accidentally switched to the "Closed" position.
	F/S. B. R. Pool, 1434100	2nd. P.			
	F/S. P. R. D. Brenchley, 1390490	Nav.			
	F/O. D. C. Mees, 164186	B/A			
	F/S. W. A. Pugh 2206912	1st W/OP			
	Sgt. R. S. Woods 1398294	2nd W/OP			
	Sgt. W. J. Pinckney, 1805139	A/G.			
	F/S. C. Copley, 993351	A/G.			
	Sgt. F. J. Parsons, 1126922	FE/Desp.			
Liberator VI. EW174 'P'	F/O. I. N. Wilson 164419	Capt.	04.20	14.00	(09.40) DCO. The outward trip to the DZ was uneventful but 7/10ths. Cu. over the target area made the DZ. difficult to locate. The aircraft flew down the Salween River and turned up a tributary to locate the DZ. after circling for half an hour the DZ was finally located and the whole load was dropped close to the "T". All the parachutes opened correctly and the stores landed safely. "nickels" were dropped on the return trip.
	F/S. J. R. Larcombe Aus.436648	2.P.			
	F/O. E. P. Field 146307	Nav.			
	F/O. T. Kay 164079	B/A.			
	F/S. J. E. Bateman Aus.424944	1st W/OP			
	F/S. A. F. Ashby Aus.424112	2nd W/OP.			
	F/S. J. F. Peters, 1853933	A/G.			
	F/S. H. G. Frederick 1853345	A/G.			
	Six sorties were mounted to-day to targets as follows – Burma, 2. French Indo-China, 2. and 2 to Malaya. Weather conditions were generally fair. One aircraft staging from Chittagong was forced to abandon its mission owing to inadequate refuelling preparations having been made there. Three sorties were successful.				
	May 23, 1945				
Route:-	A/C (F) Base – 2044N 9221E – 2005N 9458E – 1853N 9721E – DZ(i) – DZ(ii) – 1740N 9715E – 1821N 9421E – Base.				
Load:-	(F) 14 Containers, 7 Packages – Weight:- 4,076 lbs.				

<sup>7</sup> The record only lists 7 crew members for this operation, rather than the normal 9.

Opposition:-	Eight enemy S.E. "Oscar" fighters were sighted at the DZ on the Salween River. There was a large cloud at 11 O'clock and the E.A. were on the starboard side of it. At first the E.A. were lost as they turned round the cloud but soon afterward 5 E.A. appeared on the port side of the Liberator and the other 3 on the starboard side. They were altering formation to line-astern, stepped up. The Liberator at once dived for cloud cover and the E.A. were lost. The E.A. appeared to be have been heading for Chengmai.					
Liberator VI. EW274 'F'	F/S. E. V. Matthews, 1604351	Capt.	06.00	14.05	(08.05) DNCO. Weather was good on the outward trip was good as far as the Burma coast, but was cloudy from there on. When making DR run to the DZ, 8. S.E. enemy fighters were sighted and recognised as "Oscars". The E.A. lined up for the attack but the Captain flew his aircraft into cloud cover and did not see the E.A. again. The aircraft did not return to the DZ and returned to Base with the load.	
	Sgt. H. V. Hancock, 1816403	2nd.P.				
	F/O. A. Fielding, 157931	Nav.				
	Sgt. S. Simpson, 1673608	B/A.				
	F/S. J. L. Nettleton, 1682204	1st W/OP.				
	Sgt. D. S. Gaskin, 605616	2nd W/OP.				
	Sgt. G. S. Whitehouse, 1567533	A/G.				
	Sgt. W. Wallace,					
Only one aircraft was detailed to-day for Operations to Burma. Weather was good to the Burma coast and 6/10ths St. Cu. over the Arakan and 8/10ths Cu. further East. The sortie was abandoned after an attack by 3 enemy "Oscars".						
May 24, 1945						
Route:- A/C:	(G) Base – 1605N 9411E – 0730N 9820E – 0400N 10045E – DZ – & Return.					
	(C) Base – Tavoy Island – DZ – & Return.					
	(S) Base – 2303N 9038E – and Return to Base.					
	(N) Returned after 4.25 hrs. flying.					
Load:-	A/C.	Leaflets	Cont'nrs	Packages	Bodies	Weight
	(G)	---	7	4	---	2,868 lbs
	(S)	---	8	2	---	3,010 lbs
	(C)	16	---	10	1	3,200 lbs
Opposition:-	Nil.					
Liberator VI KL473? 'G'	F/O. E. G. Roes <sup>8</sup> , Can.J.24255	Capt.	07.07	02.48	(19.41) DCO. The weather on the outward trip was excellent and on arrival at the DZ area 7-8/10ths cu. cloud was met on the final "run in". On reaching the DZ it was seen that the reception had not been completed. The aircraft then flew on a square search to give time for this to be done. The aircraft then returned to the DZ and the whole load was dropped in	
	F/O. R. B. Jorgensen Can.J.44391	2nd.P.		25/5/45		
	F/O. D. H. MacDiarmid Can.J.45808	Nav.				

<sup>8</sup> The record has "Roes" rather than "Roe" in this entry.

	F/O. G. P. Lord, Can.J.43618	B/A.			one run. One chute failed to open and the remainder undershot. The weather on return to Base was good.
	F/S. V. E. Trudel, R.260781	1st W/OP.			
	F/S. W. H. Tracey, R.266344	2nd W/OP.			
	F/S. J. Kajel, R.200188	A/G.			
	Sgt. G. M. Lund, R.285099	AG/Desp.			
	Sgt. J. Kadyniuk, R.287435	A/G.			
Liberator VI. KH365 'N'	W/O. J. H. Jones, 527725	Capt.	07.00	11.25	(04.25) DNCO. Very soon after this aircraft took off it was seen that the compass was u/s. The Capt. decided to abandon the sortie as he did not consider that the No.316 compass would be accurate enough to navigate on a long distance flight. The aircraft returned to Base with the load and was ordered to remain airborne for some time to reduce his fuel load and to avoid having to jettison the load to make a safe night landing.
	W/O. G. Yeates, Aus.437245	2nd P.			
	F/S. H. C. Murray, 922489	Nav.			
	F/S. C. J. Wright, 544424	B/A.			
	Sgt. W. J. Donnelly, 1820882	1st W/OP.			
	Sgt. G. Fletcher, 1589917	2nd W/OP			
	Sgt. A. P. Lock, 659147	A/G.			
	Sgt. G. Manning, 2220479	AG/Desp.			
	Sgt. A. J. Mansfield, 2213867	A/G.			
Liberator VI. EV930 'C'	W/O. E. P. Adams, NZ412165	Capt.	13.45	02.50	(13.05) DCO. The outward trip was excellent and was made under 8/10ths Cu. Over S. Burma the weather was clear and leaflets were dropped. No difficulty was experienced in finding the island in a bay of which the DZ was located. Reception was good although the boat was rather far out in the bay. The one "body" was dropped on the first run and the stores on the second. The "Body" and the stores fell in the middle of the bay as briefed. The return trip was uneventful although some storms were encountered.
	F/O. A. J. C. Pearce Aus.436273	2nd.P.		25/5/45	
	F/S. S. Simpson 1457916	Nav.			
	F/S. R. G. Stanton 1582233	B/A.			
	F/S. J. J. Costello Aus.421572	1st W/OP.			
	W/O. R. MacMaster, Aus.432009	2nd W/OP.			
	Sgt. M. McGarry. 1880766	A/G.			
	Sgt. J. R. Roe, 1592155	A/G./Desp.			
	F/S. D. Mathews 1862719	A/G.			

Liberator VI. KH394 'T'	F/O. I. N. Wilson 164419	Capt.	07.35	08.30	(1.55) <sup>9</sup> DNCO. This aircraft returned to base very soon after take off and jettisoned the load at the N. end of the runway. There was a run-away propeller on No. 4 engine.
	F/S. J. R. Larcombe Aus.436648	2.P.			
	F/O. E. P. Field 146307	Nav.			
	F/O. T. Kay 164079	A/B.			
	F/S. J. E. Bateman Aus.428944	1st W/OP			
	F/S. A. F. Ashby Aus.424012	2nd W/OP.			
	F/S. J. F. Peters, 1853933	A/G.			
	F/S. H. F. Frederick 1853345	A/G.			
	F/S. A. N. Cosh. 653388	F/Eng.			
Liberator VI. KH166 'S'	F/O. J. C. Stuart 184293	Capt.	15.50	17.20	(01.30) This aircraft reached position 2303N 9033E at approx. 16.30 hrs. and the Captain decided to abandon the sortie due to the weather. 10/10ths Cu. and Cu-Nim. lay ahead at 1-25,000 ft and stretched to the North and South as far as could be seen, and appeared to thicken to the South. The load was brought back to Base.
	F/S. J. MacAlister 1566861	2nd.P.			
	W/O. J. H. Batchelor 1316082	Nav.			
	F/O. D. C. Mees, 134186	A /B.			
	F/S. S. P. Blackburn, 1020030	1st W/OP			
	Sgt. F. E. Vickers, 1817431	2nd W/OP			
	W/O. W. Hendry, 1123732	A/G.			
	P/O. F. S. J. Edwards, 185307	A/G.			
	Sgt. V. Taylor, 2219471	AG/Desp.			
	Five aircraft were detailed for Operations to targets as follows Burma-2, Malaya-3. The weather was 10/10ths Cu. and Cu-Nim. with base at 1,000 ft over the Chin Hills and extending up to 25,000 ft. 3/10ths existed over other areas. Only Two sorties were successful. Failures were due to (i) u/s compass (ii) runaway propeller, (iii) adverse weather.				
	May 26, 1945				
Route:- A/C:	(G) Base – 1803N 9401E – 0730N 9820E – 0611N 9949E – DZ – & Return Same Route – 1603N 9411E – Meiktila.				
	(P) Base – Pagoda Point – DZ – and Return Same Route.				
	(T) Base – 2115N 9207E – 1950N 9745E – 1810N 10305E – 1822N 10340E – DZ – 1950N 9745E – 2052N 9410E – Meiktila – Base.				
	(X) Base – Akyab – Puriad Point – Malacca – DZ – & Return Same Route.				
	(B) Base – Fenny Point – 2114N 9453E – 2057N 9830E – 2003N 9830E – 2003N 10212E – DZ – & Return Same Route.				

<sup>9</sup> Time does not match up and down times.

(Y) Base – Cox's Bazar – Mandalay – 2030N 10000E – 1810N 10305E – 1820N 10357E – 1827N 10326E – Meiktila – Base.							
Load:-	A/C.	Leaflets	Cont'nrs	Pakgs	Bodies	Weight	
	(G)	---	---	21	---	2,478 lbs	
	(P)	16	10	6	3	2,945 lbs	
	(T)	16	8	9	---	2,824 lbs	
	(X)	16	4	2	---	1,340 lbs	
	(B)	16	11	5	---	3,300 lbs	
	(Y)	16	5	13	---	2,593 lbs	
Opposition:- Nil.							
Liberator VI. KH252 'X'	F/O. H. V. Smith Can.J.27671	Capt.	11.55	07.25	(19.30) DCO. This sortie was staged forward from Akyab. Weather from Base to A.L.G. was poor with 9/10ths Cu.Nim. cloud with base at 500ft., but cleared when Ramree Island was reached, and remained clear to the DZ. The reception was found correct as briefed and the load was dropped in two runs. Nickels were dropped on the return flight as briefed. The aircraft landed at Akyab to refuel and to pick up a ground crew, and returned to Base.		
	F/S. B. R. Pool, 1434100	2nd. P.		27/5/45			
	F/S. P. R. D. Brenchley, 1390490	Nav.					
	Sgt. D. Burton, 1566999	2nd Nav.					
	F/S. W. A. Pugh 2206912	1st W/OP					
	Sgt. R. S. Woods 1398294	2nd W/OP					
	F/S. C. Copley, 993351	A/G.					
	Sgt. F. J. Parsons, 1126922	F/Eng-Desp.					
Liberator VI. KH350 'T'	F/O. I. N. Wilson 164419	Capt.	07.15	19.40	(12.25) DCO. Much Cu. cloud was experienced over the Hill Ranges and isolated patches of Cu.nim. at the target. There were no fires put out when the aircraft first ran over the DZ but on the run in reception was complete. The load was successfully dropped and landed near other chutes from previous drops. "Nickels" were dropped on enemy occupied territory on the return trip. The aircraft landed at Meiktila as detailed by diversion signal.		
	F/S. J. R. Larcombe Aus.436648	2.P.					
	F/O. E. P. Field 146307	Nav.					
	F/O. T. Kay 164079	B/A.					
	F/S. J. E. Bateman Aus.424944	1st W/OP					
	F/S. A. F. Ashby Aus.424012	2nd W/OP.					
	F/S. J. F. Peters, 1853933	A/G.					
	F/S. H. G. Frederick 1853345	A/G.					
	F/S. A. N. Cosh. 653388	F/Eng.					
Liberator VI. EW174 'P'	F/O. J. C. Stuart 184293	Capt.	16.40	04.40	(12.00) DCO. Weather on the route was fair with isolated thunderstorms. Over the DZ perfect conditions prevailed and the		



	F/S. J. McAlister 1566861	2nd.P.		27/5/45	Capt. found a perfect DZ with reception very clear. Three runs were made and the load was successfully and correctly dropped. The aircraft was diverted to Meiktila owing to bad weather on the route back to base.
	W/O. E. T. Ball, 581493	Nav.			
	F/O. D. C. Mees, 134186	B/A.			
	F/S. S. P. Blackburn, 1020030	1st W/OP			
	Sgt. F. E. Vickers, 1817431	2nd W/OP			
	W/O. B. S. Pepper, 631789	A/G.			
	F/O. F. S. J. Edwards, 185307	A/G.			
	Sgt. V. Taylor, 2219471	AG/Desp.			
	F/Lt. P. J. Kydd 82745	(Screen-AG)			
	Lt. Moore	(Conducting Officer)			
Liberator VI. KL473 'G'	W/O. J. H. Jones, 527725	Capt.	08.45	03.25	(18.35) DNCO. Take off was as briefed and the weather to the DZ was quite good. The DZ area was reached and the aircraft circled the area for 25 minutes but no reception was seen. Bad weather was quickly building up and the aircraft set course for Base but was diverted to Meiktila. Returned to Base the next Day.
	W/O. G. Yeates, Aus.437245	2nd P.		27/5/45	
	F/S. H. C. Murray, 922489	Nav.			
	F/S. C. J. Wright, 544424	B/A.			
	F/S. W. J. Donnelly, 1820882	1st W/OP.			
	F/S. G. Fletcher, 1589917	2nd W/OP			
	F/S. A. P. Lock, 659147	A/G.			
	Sgt. G. Manning, 2220479	AG/Desp.			
	F/S. A. J. Mansfield, 2213867	A/G.			
	F/S. C. H. Johnson Aus.427709	2nd. Nav.			
Liberator VI. EW925 'B'	F/O. C. H. Hedley, 56141	(Screen) Capt.	08.05	29.45	(12.40) DCO. Take off and route was as briefed. The weather was moderate with 5/10ths broken Cumulus cloud. On reaching the DZ a severe rainstorm was encountered and it was necessary to fly around for a while to let the storm move on. This duly happened and two runs were made over the DZ and the whole load was successfully dropped. The aircraft returned to Base without incident.
	F/S. D. J. McCulloch, 1322931	Capt.			
	Sgt. D. Robinson, 1820787	2nd. Nav.			
	F/O. A. Fielding, 157931	1st. Nav.			
	Sgt. M. Bridley, 1446070	1st W/OP			
	Sgt. P. F. Barlow,	2nd W/OP			

	1455201				
	F/O J. Wheatley, 159976	Screen W/OP			
	F/O. S. A. Coxall, 166278	AG/Desp.			
	Sgt. W. F. Jaques, 1597988	Screen/Desp			
	F/O. R. G. Kensett, 166167	B/A.			
Liberator VI. KH251 'Y'	F/O. E. G. Roe, Can.J.24255	Capt.	07.15	20.30	(13.15) DCO. This aircraft experienced fair weather as far as the Burma Coast where heavy Cu. and Strato Cu. cloud was met. The pinpoint for the final run in was made and on the run a large cu-nimbus cloud had to be circumnavigated. While on the altered course the DZ was located at a position about 4 miles from that briefed. The DZ lay in a valley completely surrounded by peaks ranging from 7,000ft to 9,000ft A.S.L. The DZ was about 100 yds by 150 yds. wide and lay in paddy land. One run over the target was made and the whole load was accurately dropped. The aircraft then climbed out of the valley and set course for Base. No. 4. engine began to cut on the return trip and power was reduced to one half. Base was safely reached.
	F/O. R. B. Jorgensen Can.J.44391	2nd.P.			
	F/O. D. H. MacDiarmid Can.J.45808	Nav.			
	F/O. G. P. Lord, Can.J.43618	B/A.			
	F/S. V. E. Trudel, R.260781	1st W/OP.			
	F/S. W. H. Tracey, R.266344	2nd W/OP.			
	F/S. J. Kajel, R.200188	A/G.			
	F/S. G. M. Lund, R.285099	AG/Desp.			
	F/S. J. Kadynuik, R.287435	A/G.			
	Six sorties were mounted for to-days Operations. – One to Thailand, Three to French Indo-China and Two to Malaya. The weather was kinder on this occasion and five aircraft successfully dropped their loads as briefed. The sixth sortie would have been successful too, had the reception been laid out.				
	May 27, 1945				
Route:-	A/C (N) Base – 1818N 9240E – 1727N 9746E – DZ – 1800N 9700E – 1725N 9733E – 2044N 9221E – Base.				
Load:-	A/C (N) Containers 11, Pakgs. 6. – Weight:- 3,438 lbs.				
Opposition:-	Nil.				
Liberator VI. EW365 'N'	W/O. E. P. Adams, NZ412165	Screen Capt.	06.05	15.50	(09.45) DCO. Weather on the way out was good over the Bay of Bengal but Cu. Cloud had to be avoided over the Hills. Central Burma was clear at 5,000ft. 6/10 the low cu. cloud was met over the DZ. DZ was found as briefed and the load was dropped in four runs. This is an excellent DZ and it was possible to descend to 100 ft. for drops. This crew was carrying out its first operation with the Squadron and made an excellent
	F/S. D. O. Gwinnell, 1542488	Capt.			
	F/S. A. J. C. Pearce, Aus.436273	2nd. P.			
	F/S. S. A. Simpson, 1673688	A/B			
	F/O. J. A. McBeath, 165931	Nav.			

	F/O. D. L. Petherbridge, 166159	A/B.				drop. A front was encountered over the North part of the Bay of Bengal but Base was clear.
	W/O. R. MacMaster, Aus.432009	1st. W/OP				
	Sgt. D. Quinn, 1685063	2nd. W/OP				
	Sgt. S. Williams, 1595989	A/G.				
	Sgt. A. W. Webb, 1339774	A/G.				
This was the first operation carried out by this crew on the Squadron with W/O. E. P. Adams as screened Captain. Very good results were achieved. The weather was moderate.						
May 28, 1945						
Route:- A/C:	(G) Base – Proparis Island – Narcondem Is. – Brothers Is. – 0657N 10117E – D.Z. – 0657N 10117E – Brothers Is. – Narcondem Is. – Preparis Is. – Base.					
	(P) Base – 1852N 9329E – 1839N 9705E – 1542N 10009E – 1509N 10106E – DZ – and Return Same Route.					
	(F) Base – 2000N 9000E – Bluff Point – 1853N 9720E – DZ – Bluff Point – Base.					
	(W) Base – 2120N 8928E – 1927N 9333E – 1853N 9720E – DZ – 1958N 9302E 2223N 9132E – Base.					
Load:-	A/C.	Leaflets	Cont'nrs	Pkgs	Bodies	Weight
	(G)	16	7	6	Nil	-----
	(P)	---	---	---	4	3,015 lbs
	(F)	16	11	5	---	3,900 lbs
	(W)	16	11	4	---	3,416 lbs
Opposition:-	One aircraft "P" Capt. F/O. H. V. Smith was attacked by 9 E/A "Oscars" when over Siam, and on the way to the DZ. Four engines were shot out of action and the second pilot the navigator and the mid-upper gunner were killed in the attack which was concentrated. Fire was returned and the crew claim one "Oscar" probably destroyed. F/O Smith made a most skillful landing in the jungle and six of the crew and three of the four passengers emerged alive. F/Sgt. Draper (B/A) and one of the passengers were killed in the crash landing.					
Liberator VI. KH394 'W'	F/O. I. N. Wilson 164419	Capt.	05.40	15.00	(09.20) DCO. On the outward trip an intense tropical front had to be avoided and the aircraft flew South to Akyab and crossed the coast there. The weather was good in the Irrawaddy Valley but 7-8/10 Cu. and Cu-Nim. was found over the target, extending from 13,000 ft to the hilltops. Tight turns had to be made to avoid cloud on the run over the target, but the load was successfully dropped. "Nickels" were dropped as a diversion. An uneventful return to Base was made over the N. coast of the Bay of Bengal.	
	F/S. J. R. Larcombe Aus.436648	2.P.				
	F/O. E. P. Field 146307	Nav.				
	F/O. T. Kay 164079	B/A.				
	F/S. A. F. Ashby Aus.424012	1st W/OP				
	F/S. J. E. Bateman Aus.424944	2nd W/OP.				
	F/S. J. F. Peters, 1853345 <sup>10</sup>	A/G.				
	F/S. H. G. Frederick 1853345	A/G.				

<sup>10</sup> This is the same service number given for Frederick and is probably in error.

Liberator VI. EW274 'F'	F/S. D. J. McCulloch, 1322931	Capt.	12.30	23.10	(10.40) DNCO. On the outward trip 10/10ths cloud covered the sea with an I.T.F. along the coast for 300 miles. The aircraft flew underneath the cloud. Cloud covered the DZ area. The weather cleared slightly and the aircraft circled the area for 45 minutes but no reception was seen. Course was then set for Base with the load, flying the direct route. Nickels were dropped as briefed.
	Sgt. R. P. S. Newmah, 1608533	2nd. P.			
	Sgt. D. Robinson, 1820787	Nav.			
	F/O. R. G. Kehsett, 166167	B/A.			
	Sgt. M. Bridley, 1446070	1st W/OP			
	F/S. J. L. Nettleton, 1682204	2nd W/OP			
	F/O. S. A. Coxall, 166278	A/G			
	Sgt. G. W. Jeffereys, 18933254	A/G			
Liberator VI. KL473 'G'	W/O. J. H. Jones, 527725	Capt.	14.20	06.50	(16.30) This aircraft took off 10 minutes late due to a slight technical hitch. A violent storm was encountered 140 miles south of Base, and only negotiated with difficulty but good weather extended to the DA area. Here cloud extended down into the valleys and a large electrical storm was in progress over the DZ itself. Several attempts were made to get through the cloud and sight the DZ but were unsuccessful. This had so reduced the fuel reserves that the load had to be jettisoned. The Aircraft was landed at Akyab, at 06.50 hrs on 29/5/45 where it refuelled and then returned to Base.
	W/O. G. Yeates, Aus.437245	2nd P.		29/5/45	
	F/S. H. C. Murray, 922489	Nav.			
	F/S. C. J. Wright, 544424	A/B.			
	F/S. W. J. Donnelly, 1820882	1st W/OP.			
	F/S. G. Fletcher, 1589917	2nd W/OP			
	F/S. A. P. Lock, 659147	A/G.			
	F/S. A. J. Mansfield, 2213867	A/G.			
	Sgt. G. Manning, 2220479	AG/Desp.			
Liberator VI. EW174 'P'	F/O. H. V. Smith Can.J.27671	Capt.	00.04	-----	(Missing) This aircraft took off as ordered and when nearing the DZ in Siam, was intercepted by 9 enemy S/E "Oscars". A concentrated attack was made by the E/A and the 2nd Pilot, the navigator, and the mid-upper gunner were killed in the air. The four engines were also put out of action. F/O Smith, the Captain, however, made a remarkable landing in the jungle. The Bomb Aimer, unfortunately, was killed in the crash landing but six of the crew and three of the four passengers got out alive. The five dead were buried by the wreck. The crew claims one Oscar probably destroyed. The W/Ops. F/S.
	F/S. B. R. Pool, 1434100	2nd. P.			
	F/S. P. R. D. Brenchley, 1390490	Nav.			
	F/S. J. H. Draper, 1802379	B/A			
	Sgt. R. S. Woods 1398294	1st W/OP			
	F/S. W. A. Pugh 2206912	2nd W/OP			
	Sgt. W. J. Pinckney, 1805139	A/G.			

	F/S. C. Copley, 993351	A/G.				Pugh and Sgt. Woods and F/Sgt. Parsons and F/S Roe (Gunners) were interned by the Siamese authorities to cover the escape of the others.	
	F/S. F. J. Parsons, 1126922	FE/AG.					
	F/S. J. R. Roe, 1592155	A/G.					
	Four sorties were mounted today to targets in Burma(2), Thailand (1) and Malaya (1). Weather was generally good but considerable cloud existed over the Bay of Bengal and over DZ area which caused tow unsuccessful sorties. "P" F/O H. V. Smith was shot down over Siam. The relevant sortie report for this flight has been amplified by reports from the Field and from the survivors. This is the first aircraft to be lost by enemy action, although several skirmishes have taken place. Only one sortie was successful.						
	May 30, 1945						
Route:- A/C:	(X) Base – Preparis Island – Narcondem Islands – Brothers Island – 0300N 10115E – 020N <sup>11</sup> . 10232E – 0154N 10409E & Return Same Route.						
	(W) Base – 1940N 9310E – 1845N 9720E – DZ – & Return Same Route.						
	(R) Base – Cheduba Island – DZ – & Return Same Route.						
	(C) Base – 1800N 9426E – 1751N 9743E – 1708N 9903E – DZ – and Return Same Route.						
	(T) Base –. Preparis Island – Narcondem Islands – 0730N 0920E – 0611N 9950E – DZ – and Return Via Cape Negrais – Akyab – Base.						
Load:-	A/C.	Leaflets	Cont'nrs	Pkgs	Bodies	Weight	
	(X)	---	3	3	---	750 lbs.	
	(W)	16	11	4	---	2,839 lbs	
	(R)	16	11	6	---	-----	
	(C)	---	4	18	3	3,010 lbs	
	(T)	16	---	21	---	2,478 lbs	
Opposition:-	Nil.						
Liberator VI. EW350 'T'	F/Lt. C. D. Mayger, 80087	Capt.		08.58	02.26	(17.28) DCO. Weather on the outward trip was fair with 2-8/10ths Cu. cloud. The DZ was recognised by the reception signals and natural features as briefed. One run was made over the target and all the load with the exception of 4 packages was dropped. It was not possible to make an accurate drop for the packages as 10/10ths cloud and rain had covered the DZ. The weather on the return trip was fair. The aircraft landed at Akyab to refuel and returned without incident to Base.	
	F/S. C E. Collins, Aus.429650	2nd.P.			31/5/45		
	F/O. S. C. Hull, 163730	B/A					
	F/O. J. Wheatly, 150076	1st W/OP					
	Sgt. R. A. Spencer, 1818353	2nd W/OP					
	F/S. N. G. Burgess, 1626009	Nav.					
	Sgt. D. C. Hurley, 1609041	A/G.					
	Sgt G. Aire, 1574169	AG/Desp.					
	F/S. R. J. Brogan, NZ.42718	A/G.					

<sup>11</sup> This should probably be 0200N.

Liberator VI. EW252 'X'	F/O. E. G. Roe, Can.J.24255	Capt.	13.00	12.50	(23.50) DCO. Weather on the route out was fair but visibility decreased towards the evening. Isolated thunderstorms and Cu. cloud were encountered over the Malay Peninsular. Weather and visibility were perfect over the DZ. Only one run was made and the load was dropped successfully. The aircraft returned to Base after being airborne for 23.50 hrs. which is a record for A.C.S.E.A.
	F/Lt. M. E. Castle, 128470	2nd.P.		31/5/45	
	F/O. D. H. MacDiarmid Can.J.45808	Nav.			
	F/O. J. Smith, 165753	2nd Nav.			
	Sgt. V. E. Trudel, R.260781	1st W/OP.			
	Sgt. G. Smith, 1672616	2nd W/OP.			
	F/O. R. B. Jorgenson Can.J.44391	Pilot-Desp.			
	Sgt. J. Kadynuik, R.287435	A/G.			
Liberator VI. KH394 'W'	F/S. D. O. Gwinnell, 1542488	Capt.	04.40	13.00	(08.20) DCO. On the outward trip weather was fair but 7/8/10ths Cu. cloud covered the DZ. The first drop was successfully made but on the second run cloud was rapidly closing over the DZ and a hurried drop had to be made. The four remaining containers jammed on the bomb doors which were only partially open when they were released. The return trip was without incident although there was 7/10ths cu. cloud off Akyab.
	Sgt. E. Evans-Hughes, 1522067	2nd. P.			
	F/O. J. A. McBeath, 165931	Nav.			
	F/O. D. L. Petherbridge, 166159	B/A.			
	Sgt. D. Quinn, 1685063	1st. W/OP			
	Sgt. J. H. Clarke, 1627355	2nd. W/OP			
	Sgt. S. Williams, 1595989	A/G.			
	Sgt. J. J. Tracey, 1685317	AG/Desp.			
	Sgt. A. W. Webb, 1339774	A/G.			
Liberator VI. EW287 'R'	F/S. D. J. McCulloch, 1322931	Capt.	04.20	14.10	(09.50) DCO. The weather out was clear with few scattered rain clouds. Scattered Cumulus cloud covered the route to the Irrawaddy Valley beyond which 10/10ths cumulus cloud with base at 2,000 ft. was met with. This cleared when the DZ was reached. The target area was clear and the load was dropped. The return trip was uneventful.
	Sgt. R. P. S. Newman, 1608533				
	Sgt. D. Robinson, 1820787	Nav.			
	F/O. R. G. Kensett, 166167	B/A.			
	Sgt. M. Brindley, 1446070	1st W/OP			
	Sgt. A. W. Robertson, 1800541	2nd W/OP			
	Sgt. W. F. Jaques,	A/G.			

	1597988				
	Sgt. G. W. Jefferys 1893325	A/G.			
Liberator VI. EV930 'C'	F/O. J. C. Stuart 184293	Capt.	00.15	11.15	(11.00) DNCO. Weather on the outward route was fair with isolated storms over the Bay of Bengal. From the Burma coast onwards, 10/10ths cloud was encountered. The target area was also covered, and it was not possible to locate the DZ and make a drop. The return trip was in similar weather and the load was brought back to Base.
	F/S. G. E. Staines, 1541974	2nd.P.			
	W/O. E. Ball, 581493	Nav.			
	F/O. D. C. Mees, 164186	B/A			
	F/O. N. E. Cooke, 165721	2nd. Nav.			
	Sgt. S. P. Blackburn, 1020030	1st W/OP			
	Sgt. S. A. Simpson, 1673688	B/A.			
	W/O. B. S. Pepper, 631789	A/G.			
	F/O. F. S. J. Edwards, 185307	A/G.			
	Sgt. K. Taylor, 3012206	AG/Desp.			
	Five sorties were mounted to-day to 2. targets in Malaya, 2. in Burma and one in Thailand. 9/10ths Stratao-Cu. covered the Burma Valleys and this increased to 10/10ths extending up to 8,000 ft. over the hills. Storms were met over the Bay of Bengal and around the Malay Peninsular. Four sorties were successful and the other failed to locate the DZ owing to weather conditions.				