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Note:

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There will be errors in it, especially where the digital copy of the records was hard to read.

The "?" symbol is used where the film was unclear or where the transcript is suspect.

Names and initials are always a problem; not only are the records themselves inconsistent, but at time discerning between characters such as "F" and "P" is neigh impossible.

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			Part III. Movements.
			On the 21st of the month the Squadron at Jessore commenced a move to Minneriya, Ceylon, on authority of BARSEA Signal 0.105 dated 10.5.45. The St. Thomas Mount Madras detachment on the same authority commenced to move on the 25th. The majority of the personnel and a large proportion of the Squadron equipment at Minneriya were flown in the Unit's aircraft, all of which made return trips. By the 29th of the month all Squadron personnel and equipment (including the S.T.M. detail) had arrived at Minneriya. Owing to the shortage of accommodation and aircraft dispersals at Minneriya, all aircraft and maintenance personnel were accommodated at Sigiriya, all aircrew personnel remained at Minneriya. The Squadron Headquarters was established at Minneriya.
			Changes of Command.
			On the 12th the Commanding Officer W/C. G. McKenzie was posted to the Command of 160 Squadron. S/L. J.M. Milburn, Flight Commander with the Unit, was posted w.e.f. 12th May to the Command of the Unit.
			Change of Squadron Number.
			Authority was received during the month for the Squadron to take over the number plate 8 w.e.f. 15th May and to receive from the old 8 Squadron, Aden Command, Crest, Trophies, Squadron History etc.
			Personnel.
			F/L. D. F. Redrup was posted to the vacant S/L Flight Commander post on the 12th of the month.
			F/L. M. McKellar and crew arrived on posting from 354 Squadron on the 27th May.
			F/O. R. Camm was reposted to the F/L. Gunner G Gunnery leader post, w.e.f. 13.3.45.
			F/O. K.C. Price left the Unit on 13 May for posting to H.Q. ACSEA.
			S/L. R.C. Wescombe was posted to R.A.F. Element, SACSEA w.e.f. 17th.
			Decorations.
			Information was received during the month from Command H.Q. that F/O. F.W.T. Andrews who was with the Squadron in West Africa and who left the Unit (from India) in August 1944 had been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.
			Commissioning.
			W/O. L.F. Willis was commissioned in the rank of P/O w.e.f. 2nd December 1944.
			Short Leave to U.K.
			The remaining three airmen for the period of April to June F/S. Speake, Cpl. Groarke, and LAC. Matthews left for short leave in U.K. on the 6th June 1945.
			Part IV. General.
			Operations have continued very successfully throughout the month. Evidence of this is furnished by the following extract from the Air Commanders notes in the May 1945 issue of the Strat Air Force Monthly Bulletin.
			"The S.D. Squadrons have continued to operate at high pressure and with considerable success. During this last month they have completed a record number of missions. and have also had a record number of successes. No. 200 Squadron has been attached temporarily to the Strategic Air Force for S.D. Operations. I am afraid they will not be remaining with us very long, but they have already shown they are a first class Squadron, and during the past few weeks, have produced some very successful results."
			Squadron morale remains very satisfactory and the general impression that conditions and amenities at the new location of the Squadron would prove much superior to those obtained at its previous location has been borne out by experience.
			Wing Commander, Commanding,
			No. 8 Squadron R.A.F.

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Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
			All time F.G.		
Lib. VI. Y.200 KG990	F/O. A.W. Craighead (Capt) (J.37584)	Operation Character Hyena 53.	010605	011412	In spite of somewhat difficult weather conditions over the target area, all supplies were dropped on the target area which was situated in mountain country east of Tougoo.
	F/O. H.T. Cluff (Nav) (J.83701)				
	F/O. C. Wild				
	F/O. L. Smith (J.41963)				
	P/O. R.F. Nickson (J.48159)				
	F/S. G.W. Franklin				
	F/S. E.W. Ferguson (R.209471)				
	F/S. J. Koury (R.131460)				
Lib. VI. F.200 KG912	S/L. D.F. Redrup (Capt)	Operation Character Otter 66.	010350	011248	The drop was a difficult one, the target being situated on a ridge of a 8600 ft mountain, but supplies were dropped successfully.
	F/O. H.J. Weeden (Nav) (J.26419)				
	F/S. J. Ingilis (A.434638)				
	W/O. J.J. Smith (R.13371)				
	W/O. H.E. Black (R.151153)				
	W/O. G.W. White (R.113931)				
	F/S. D. Bates				
Lib. VI. L.200 KG854	F/O. G.W. Jackson (Capt)	Character Hyena 60.	010616	011426	Both these operations were carried out over the same target as Hyena 53 above. Similar conditions were experienced and the operations were both successful.
	F/O. D.J. McKee (Nav) (J.36845)				
	F/O. F.A. Pettus (J.39553)				
	F/S. H.R. Melvin				
	F/S. M.W. Tapsell				
	F/S. H.S. Claymore				
	Sgt. B.S. McDermott				
Lib. VI. C.200 KH141	F/O. M. Batey (Capt) (A.410207)	Character Hyena 61.	010605	011505	{see above}
	F/O. D.P. Newport (Nav)				
	F/S. K.J. Zimmerle (A.429412)				
	F/S. T.A. Rowney (A.428441)				
	F/S. W.F. Edwards				
	Sgt. J. Birkett				
	Sgt. H.O. Normington				

	Sgt. L.A. Scott (R.1211768)				
Lib. VI. B.200 KH127	F/O. F.F.H. Charlton (Capt)	Character Walrus Red 4	010603	011530	This operation was completed in mountain country east of the Sittang river. No reception was available at the primary D.Z. The area was thoroughly searched but no target could be located. The aircraft then proceeded to the secondary target and supplies were dropped there.
	F/O. C.D.G. Davidson (Nav) (NZ.424551)				
	F/O. R. Camm (NZ.422985)				
	F/S. K.J. Lock				
	F/S. P.J.F. Martin				
	F/S. D.B. Deeley				
	W/O. J.J. Belanger (R.164516)				
	W/O. G.J. Dick (R.201072)				
Lib. VI. C.200 KH141	F/L. R.M.L. Bowdery (Capt) (J.21445)	Character Walrus 62	020420	021403	Another successful sortie in rather more favourable weather conditions than usual.
	F/L. W.H. Dray (Nav) (J.12953)				
	F/O. G.L. Roldan (J.41094)				
	F/S. K.J. Foley				
	W/O. C.R. Spence (R.223540)				
	F/S. J.P. Bowers				
	F/S. L.H. Jarratt ¹ (R.203114)				
	Sgt. R.F. Harrison				
Lib. VI. Y.200 KG990	F/L. C.G. Burridge (Capt)	Character Walrus 38	020430	021240	A successful mission carried out in normal (i.e. indifferent) weather. Cumulus cloud (7/10) in target area caused difficulty.
	Sgt. C. H. Harper (Nav)				
	F/S. D.J. Sindery ² (A.434884)				
	F/S. R.D. Maddock (A.434891)				
	Sgt. A.R. Flynn				
	Sgt. J.M. Parry				
Lib. VI. L.200 KG854	W/O. L.F. Willis (Capt)	Character Ferret 27	020430	021250	The D.Z was located in a small valley, the surrounding hilltops being covered in cloud. All supplies were dropped in one run over the target and were last seen descending on the D.Z. Aircraft flew over target again and all parachutes had been removed.
	F/O. J.C. Simpson (Nav)				
	W/O. G.J. Dick (R.201072)				
	W/O. P. Bozowsky (R.196497)				
	W/O. H.E. Black (R.151153)				
	F/S. J.H. Mitchell				
	F/S. F. Round				
	F/S. D. Colton				

¹ Name is also spelt Jarrett in records. Entries have not been changed in transcript.

² Name is also spelt Sindrey in records. The Australian Nominal Roll gives Sindrey as the correct spelling and 434884 as the service number. Neither have been changed in the transcript.

Lib. VI. Z.200 KG.992	F/O. T.E. Elden (Capt) (J.21383)	Character Ferret 20 & Panda 8	020435	021345	Heavy rain was experienced over the D.Z. and four runs had to be made in bad visibility before the target could be located. No reception was available but the crew had been briefed to drop blind in these circumstances. All containers fell in the area.
	F/S. W.A. Tufford (Nav) (R.244734)				
	F/S. J.A. Sterns (R.213373)				
	F/S. G.M. Hannah (R.213350)				
	F/S. J.V. Willis				
	F/S. J. Lodge				
Lib. VI. T.200 KH142	F/O. W.R. Hickman (Capt) (J.26667)	Character Mongoose Blue 11	020520	021310	Heavy rain from stratus cloud with a base of 1000 ft was encountered in the target area but the aircraft flew up a river valley and dropped all supplies on the D.Z.
	F/O. P.S. Turner (Nav) (J.27449)				
	F/O. F.S. Rae (A.428932)				
	F/L. J.R. Tremblay (J.20670)				
	P/O. H.D. Hoobin (J.89927)				
	P/O. I.D.R. Smith				
	Sgt. S.L. Parsons				
	F/S. D.W. Mitchell				
Lib. VI. U.200 KH144	F/O. R.H. Cook (Capt) (J.26768)	Character Otter 65	021255	021946 ³	Every effort was made to complete this operation but after flying through very bad weather on the route, the target area in hill country east of Toungoo was found to be completely obscured in rain and heavy cloud.
	F/O. K.H. Ramsden				
	F/S. P.H. Blake (Nav)				
	P/O. E.O. Norman (J.93413)				
	F/S. T.C. McEwan				
	W/O. G.D. Lawrence (R.99611)				
	W/O. R.E. Neil (R.95509)				
Lib. VI. W.200 KH331	F/O. R.A. Hobbs (Capt)	Sergeant Cornet 3	020456	020630	An eighteen hour sortie to the Malay Coast. Aircraft had to fly through considerable bad weather but the D.Z. was located and all stores were dropped.
	F/O. J.M.W. Lakin (Nav)		020830	(Cox's)	
	F/S. H.L. Loughlin		(Cox's)	030215	
	F/S. C.K. Ewers				
	F/S. E.W. Spiller				
	F/S. J.A. Roantree				
	F/S. B. Harvey				
Lib. VI. T.200 KN142	F/O. G.W. Jackson (Capt)	Character Otter 55 & Met Flt.	030941	031819	This operation was unable to be carried out successfully owing to severe weather conditions over a mountainous target area.
	F/O. D.J. McKee (Nav) (J.36845)				
	F/O. F.A. Pettus (J.39553)				
	F/S. H.R. Melvin				
	F/S. M.W. Tapsell				
	F/S. H.S. Claymore				
	Sgt. B.S. McDermott				

³ 021946 is the time in the original record; however the "19" has been crossed out but not replaced.

Lib. VI. Z.200 KG992	F/L. R.A. Colleaux (Capt) (J.6808)	Heavy Lynx 9	031215	032000	A successful operation. Some difficulty was presented by Cumulus cloud in the target area.
	F/O. G.L. Roldan (Nav) (J.41094)				
	F/L. R.M.L. Bowdery (J.21445)				
	F/L. W.H. Dray (J.12953)				
	W/O. C. Kane (R.219140)				
	F/S. S.B. Cole				
	F/S. W. Doherty ⁴ (R.216547)				
	F/S. J. Robinson				
	Sgt. C.E. Picker				
Lib. VI. A.200 KH139	F/L. G. Banner (Capt)	Hebrides Trumpet 11	050510	050635	A successful operation carried out on the Malay Peninsular. Aircraft had to fly through bad weather and No. 4 engine failed in a position 120 miles S.E. of Akyab. Aircraft landed at Akyab and returned to base the following day.
	F/S. K. Bentley (Nav)			(Cox's)	
	F/S. J.H. Tindle		050640	060105	
	F/S. F. Stearn		(Cox's)	(Akyab)	
	F/S. D.J. Claircourt		061115	061310	
	F/S. J.P. Griffiths		(Akyab)		
	F/S. K.G. Rose				
	Sgt. J. Taylor				
Lib. VI. L.200 KG854	W/O. L.F. Willis (Capt)	Char Nation Jackal 4 Zebra 4 Rhino 8	060425	061215	This operation was unsuccessful as no reception could be seen in the target area. The aircraft remained searching for one hour.
	F/O. J.C. Simpson (Nav)				
	W/O. G.J. Dick (R.201072)				
	W/O. P. Bozowsky (R.196597)				
	W/O. H.E. Black (R.151153)				
	F/S. J.H. Mitchell				
	F/S. F. Round				
	F/S. D. Bates				
Lib. VI. Y.200 KG990	F/O. R.A. Hobbs (Capt)	Nation China 4	060450	061220	A successful operation with no complications.
	F/O. J.H.W. Lakin (Nav)				
	F/S. H.L. Loughlin				
	F/S. C.E. Ewers				
	F/S. E.W. Spiller				
	F/S. J.A. Roantree				
	F/S. B. Harvey				
	F/S. J.A. Inglis (A.434638)				
Lib. VI. F.200 KG912	F/O. T.E. Elden (Capt) (J.21383)	Character Ferret 32	060424	061340	A successful operation. Some weather difficulties.
	F/L. V.C. Aylett (J.5213)				
	F/S. H.W. Filling				

⁴ Later entries spell this name "Docherty".

	F/S. W.A. Tufford (R.244734)				
	F/S. J.A. Sterns (R.213373)				
	F/S. J. Dodge				
	Sgt. C. Parr				
Lib. VI. J.200 KH137	F/L. T.E. Wade (Capt) (A.400162)	Nutshell Tiger 2	060450	061405	On this operation, the aircraft had to return to base with its load as the target was completely blotted out by low clouds.
	F/O. D. McIntyre (Nav) (A.426373)				
	P/O. E. Bergstrom (J.44393)				
	P/O. R.C. Heron (J.48141)				
	F/S. P.V. Travell				
	F/S. A.G. Royce (A.419675)				
	F/S. B.A. Charters (A.423523)				
	Sgt. D.W. Bunkell				
Lib. VI. U.200 KH144	F/O. R.H. Cook (Capt) (J.26768)	Nutshell Antelope 6	060503	061352	This operation was carried out on the same D.Z. as Nutshell Tiger 2 and was unsuccessful for the same reason.
	F/O. K.H. Ramsden				
	F/S. P.H. Blake (Nav)				
	P/O. E.O. Norman (J.93413)				
	F/S. T.C. McEwan				
	W/O. G.D. Lawrence (R.99611)				
	W/O. R.E. Neil (R.95509)				
	W/O. J.J. Smith (R.133371)				
Lib. VI. B.200 KH127	F/O. M. Batey (Capt) (A.410207)	Nation Cow 2	061220	06150	This operation was carried out over country near Moulmein and all stores were dropped on the target.
	F/O. D.P. Newport (Nav)				
	F/O. F.S. Rae (A.428932)				
	F/S. K.J. Zimmerle (A.429412)				
	F/S. W.F. Edwards				
	Sgt. L.A. Scott (R.211768)				
	Sgt. H.R. Nash				
	Sgt. H.O. Normington				
Lib. VI. W.200 KH331	F/L. R.M.L. Bowdery (Capt) (J.21445)	Pontoon Piano 8	060312	060502 (Cox's)	The target was in the hills on the Malay Peninsular. In spite of weather difficulties it was located and all supplies were dropped.
	F/L. W.H. Dray (Nav) (J.12953)		060810 (Cox's)	070255 (Cox's)	
	P/O. E. McGregor (J.46506)		071203 (Cox's)	071318	
	F/S. D.J. Foley				
	W/O. C.R. Spence				

	(R.223540)				
	F/S. J.P. Bowers				
	F/S. L.H. Jarratt (R.203114)				
	Sgt. R.F. Harrison				
Lib. VI. T.200 KH142	F/L. G. Banner (Capt)	Character Otter Blue 1	091018	091810	The target which was in the hill country east of Tougoo was located and all supplies were dropped.
	F/S. K. Bentley (Nav)				
	F/S. J.H. Tindle				
	F/S. D.J. Claircourt				
	F/S. J.P. Griffiths				
	F/S. K.G. Rose				
	Sgt. J. Taylor				
Lib. VI. L.200 KG854	F/O. G.W. Jackson (Capt)	Character Otter Blue 3	090530	091405	The supplies could not be dropped as D.Z. was covered with Cumulus Cloud.
	F/O. D.J. McKee (Nav) (J.36845)				
	F/O. F.A. Pettus (J.39553)				
	F/S. H.R. Melvin				
	F/S. M.W. Tapsell				
	F/S. H.S. Claymore				
	Sgt. B.S. McDermott				
	F/S. G. Godin				
Lib. VI. C.200 KH141	S/L. J.M. Milburn (Capt)	Character Ferret 35	090410	091315	A successful mission with some weather difficulties.
	F/O. H.J. Weeden (Nav) (J.26419)				
	P/O. J. Irvine				
	W/O. H.E. Black (R.151153)				
	W/O. J. J. Smith ⁵ (R.133371)				
	W/O. G.W. White (R.113931)				
	F/S. J.A. Inglis (A.434638)				
	F/S. D. Bates				
Lib. VI. Y.200 KG990	F/O. A.W. Craighead (Capt) (J.37584)	Character Ferret 34	090445	091227	A successful sortie carried out in hill country near the Salween River.
	F/O. H.T. Cluff (Nav) (J.38701)				
	F/O. C. Wild				
	F/S. G.W. Franklin				
	F/S. E.W. Ferguson (R.209471)				
	F/S. D.F. Lot (R.208775)				
	F/S. M. O'Calaghan				
	F/S. T. Longbottom				
Lib. VI. Z.200 KG992	F/L. R.A. Colleaux (Capt) (J.6808)	Character Walrus Red 8	090427	091236	All stores dropped on the target. Crew reported a church spire one mile east of D.Z.
	F/O. G.L. Roldan (Nav) (J.41064)				

⁵ Error in original gives name as "Smithr".

	F/L. R.M.L. Bowdery (J.21445)				
	F/S. S.B. Cole				
	F/S. J. Robinson				
	F/S. H.W. Filling				
	F/S. W. Doherty (R.216547)				
	Sgt. C.E. Picker				
Lib. VI. U.200 KH144	F/L. V.C.R. Aylett (Capt) (J.5213)	Character Ferret 25 Wineglass 5	091250	092130	Two targets were assigned on this operation. Both were located and stores were dropped.
	P/O. A.B. McGregor (Nav) (J.46506)				
	Sgt. J. Macauley (A.432406)				
	F/O. T.E. Elden (J.21383)				
	P/O. R.C. Heron (J.48141)				
	P/O. A.E. Robinson (J.48279)				
	Sgt. R. Brackenbridge				
	Sgt. G. Parr				
Lib. VI. B.200 KH127	F/O. F.F.H. Charlton (Capt)	Nutshell Tiger 2	091202	092035	A successful operation near the Salween river.
	F/O. C.D.G. Davidson (Nav) (NZ.424551)				
	F/O. R. Camm (NZ.422985)				
	F/S. K.J. Lock				
	F/S. P.J.F. Martin				
	F/S. D.B. Deeley				
	W/O. J.J. Belanger (R.164516)				
	F/S. J.G. Richardson				
Lib. VI. W.200 KH331	F/O. W.R. Hickman (Capt) (J.26667)	Beacon Bugle 3	090329	090501	A Malay Coast operation, taking over 19 hours. There was considerable bad weather en route but the D.Z. was located and stores were dropped.
	F/L. W.H. Dray (Nav) (J.12953)			(Cox's)	
	F/S. R.F. Stearn		090745	100253	
	F/O. F.S. Rae (A.428932)		(Cox's)	(Cox's)	
	F/L. J.R. Tremblay (J.20670)		101007	101127	
	P/O. I.D.R. Smith		(Cox's)		
	P/O. H.D. Hoobin (J.89927)				
	F/S. J.P. Bowers				
	F/S. D.W. Mitchell				
Lib. VI. A.200 KH.139	F/L. C.G. Burrige (Capt)	Multiple Harp 3	090342	090515	The target was situated in the hill ranges of the Malay Peninsular. Bad weather was encountered but the mission was carried out successfully.
	Sgt. C.H. Harper (Nav)			(Cox's)	
	F/S. D.J. Sindery (A.434884)		090745	100145	
	F/S. R.D. Maddock		(Cox's)	(Cox's)	

	(A.434891)				
	Sgt. A.R. Flynn		110947	111100	
	Sgt. J.M. Parry		(Cox's)		
	Sgt. J.R. Speirs				
	F/S. D. Colton				
Lib. VI. L.200 KG854	F/O. G.W. Jackson (Capt)	Character Otter Blue 3	111321	112327	The D.Z. was in the mountains East of Toungoo. Weather did not present the usual difficulties. All stores were dropped on the target.
	F/O. D.J. McKee (Nav) (J.36845)			(Cox's)	
	F/O. F.A. Pettus (J.39553)		120925	121050	
	F/S. H.R. Melvin		(Cox's)		
	F/S. M.W. Tapsell				
	F/S. H.S. Claymore				
	Sgt. B.S. McDermott				
	F/S. G. Godin				
Lib. VI. T.200 KH142	F/L. R.M.L. Bowdery (Capt) (J.21445)	Character Hyena 69	120217	121130	This operation involved dropping on two D.Zs. in the Toungoo area. Both were located and all stores were dropped.
	F/L. W.H. Dray (Nav) (J.12953)				
	F/O. G.L. Roldan (J.41094)				
	F/S. D. J. Foley				
	W/O. C. R. Spence (R.233540)				
	F/S. J.P. Bowers				
	F/S. L.H. Jarratt (R.203114)				
	Sgt. R.F. Harrison				
	F/O. N.H. Chandler				
Lib. VI. U.200 KH144	F/O. R.H. Cook (Capt) (J.26768)	Character Walrus Red 7	120424	121226	The D.Z. Was in the Toungoo area. Low Cumulus cloud over the target gave trouble but all stores were dropped.
	F/O. K.H. Ramsden				
	F/S. P.H. Blake (Nav)				
	P/O. E.O. Norman (J.93413)				
	W/O. G.D. Lawrence (R.99611)				
	W/O. R.E. Neil (R.95509)				
	F/S. T.C. McEwan				
	F/S. B.W. Emery				
	F/S. W. Duffy				
Lib. VI. J.200 KH137	P/O. L.F. Willis (Capt)	Nutshell Tiger 3	120411	121254	A successful mission carried out in hill country east of Toungoo.
	F/O. J.C. Simpson (Nav)				
	W/O. G.J. Dick (R.201072)				
	W/O. P. Bozowsky (R.196597)				
	F/S. J.H. Mitchell				
	F/S. F. Round				
	F/S. D. Colton				
	W/O. J.J. Smith				

	(R.133371)				
	F/S. J.G. Richardson				
Lib. VI. Y.200 KG990	F/O. R.A. Hobbs (Capt)	Character Walrus Red 10	120445	121305	A successful mission. The target was located but the aircraft remained circling for nearly an hour before correct reception was shown.
	F/O. J.M.W. Lakin (Nav)				
	F/S. H. L. Loughlin				
	F/S. C.K. Ewers				
	F/S. E.W. Spiller				
	F/S. J.A. Roantree				
	F/S. B. Harvey				
Lib. VI. B.200 KH127	F/O. M. Batey (Capt) (A.410207)	Character Hyena 66 Acrobat 2 Workhouse 3	120430	121400	A successful operation carried out over four targets – two British and two American. The British D.Zs. were in hill country east of Toungoo: one American D.Z. was east of Promé and the other close to Bassein. Some searching had to be carried out for the last named D.Z. as the site was inadequately marked.
	F/O. D.P. Newport (Nav)				
	F/O. F.S. Rae (A.428932)				
	F/S. K.J. Zimmerle (A.429412)				
	F/S. W.F. Edwards				
	Sgt. L.A. Scott (R.1211768)				
	Sgt. H.O. Normington				
Lib. VI. C.200 KH141	F/O. T.E. Elden (Capt) (J.21383)	Character Hyena Green 1	120425	121400	This operation was not successful as no reception was available over the target. The aircraft remained searching in the vicinity for one hour but no sign of activity could be seen.
	F/S. H.W. Filling (Nav)				
	F/S. J.H. Tindle				
	F/S. J. Lodge				
	F/S. J.A. Stearns				
	F/S. W.A. Tufford (R.244734)				
	F/S. J.V. Willis				
		W.E.F. 15th May 1945, No. 200 Squadron now known as No. 8 Squadron R.A.F.			
Lib. VI. W.200 KH331	F/O. M. Batey (Capt) (A.410207)	Funnel Banjo 6	150540	150751	Take off time had been delayed two hours owing to severe thunderstorms over base. Further heavy storms were encountered on the way to Cox's Bazaar and the aircraft returned to Base. the target was in Malaya.
	F/O. D.P. Newport (Nav)				
	F/O. J.C. Simpson				
	F/S. K.J. Zimmerle (A.429412)				
	F/S. W.F. Edwards				
	F/S. D. Colton				
	Sgt. H.O. Normington				
	Sgt. L.A. Scott (R.1211768)				
	Sgt. J. Birkett				
Lib. VI. J.200 KH137	F/L. T.E. Wade (Capt) (A.400162)	Character Mongoose 35	150640	151524	Very bad weather was encountered on route but weather at D.Z. was good and all stores were dropped successfully.
	F/L. A.D. McIntyre (Nav) (A.426373)				
	F/S. P.V. Travell				
	F/S. A.G. Royce (A.419675)				
	F/S. B.A. Charters (A.423523)				

	Sgt. D.W. Bunkell				
Lib. VI. Z.200 KG992	F/L. R.A. Colleaux (Capt) (J.6808)	Character Mongoose 27	150638	151523	A successful mission, the target and weather conditions being similar to Mongoose 35 above.
	F/O. G.L. Roldan (Nav) (J.41094)				
	F/L. R.M.L. Bowdery (J.21445)				
	F/O. J. Duthoit				
	F/S. S.B. Cole				
	F/S. W. Doherty (R.216547)				
	F/S. J. Robinson				
	Sgt. C.E. Picker				
	F/S. G. Godin				
Lib. VI. A.200 KH139	F/O. A.W. Craighead (Capt) (J.37584)	Funnel Banjo 7	150540	150730	This operation was a duplicate to Funnel Banjo 6. After flying through very severe weather, the aircraft reached Cos's Bazaar where refuelling was refused owing to heavy rain. The aircraft returned to base later.
	F/O. H.T. Cluff (Nav) (J.38701)			(Cox's)	
	F/O. C. Wild		151100	151225	
	F/S. E.W. Ferguson (R.209471)		(Cox's)		
	F/S. D.F. Lot (R.208775)				
	F/S. A. Longbottom				
	Sgt. M. O'Calaghan				
	Sgt. J.S. Chapman				
	F/S. T. Duffy				
Lib. VI. Y.200 KG990	F/L. V.C.R. Aylett (Capt) (J.5213)	Character Hyena Red 1	150710	151530	Bad weather was encountered en route but the aircraft reached the D.Z. No reception was available so all stores were dropped on the secondary target.
	P/O. A.B. McGregor (Nav) (J.46506)				
	P/O. E. Bergstrom (J.44293)				
	Sgt. J. Macauley				
	P/O. R.C. Heron (J.48141)				
	P/O. A.E. Robinson				
	Sgt. G. Parr				
	Sgt. R. Brackenbridge				
Lib. VI. C.200 KH141	F/O. W.R. Hickman (Capt) (J.26667)	Character Hyena Green 1	150640	151655	A successful mission after flying through weather similar to that encountered by all aircraft flying that day.
	F/O. D.J. McKee (Nav) (J.36845)				
	F/S. R.F. Stearn				
	F/L. J.R. Tremblay (J.20670)				
	P/O. H.D. Hoobin (J.89927)				
	P/O. I.D.R. Smith				
	F/S. D.W. Mitchell				
	F/S. J. Black				
	Sgt. S.L. Parsons				
Lib. VI. L.200	F/L. C. G. Burrige (Capt)	Character Walrus Red 9	150700	151010	A non successful mission. The aircraft ran into very severe thunderstorms and was

KG854	Sgt. C. Harper (Nav)				forced to return to base.
	F/S. B.W. Emery				
	F/S. H. King				
	F/S. R.D. Maddock (A.434891)				
	Sgt. A.R. Flynn				
	Sgt. J.R. Speers				
	Sgt. J.M. Parry				
Lib. VI. U.200 KH144	F/O. F.F.H. Charlton (Capt)	Character Mongoose Blue 4	150629	151535	A successful mission carried out through difficult weather conditions.
	F/O. C.D.G. Davidson (Nav) (NZ.424551)				
	F/O. R. Camm (NZ.422985)				
	F/S. K.J. Lock				
	F/S. P.J.F. Martin				
	F/S. D.B. Deeley				
	W/O. J.J. Belanger (R.164516)				
	F/S. J.G. Richardson				
Lib. VI. F.200 KG912	F/O. T.E. Elden (Capt) (J.21383)	Nutshell Antelope 10	150625	151536	Difficult weather but a successful mission with all stores dropped on the target.
	F/S. H.W. Filling (Nav)				
	F/O. N.H. Chandler				
	F/S. J. Lodge				
	F/S. J.A. Stearns				
	F/S. W.A. Tufford (R.244734)				
	F/S. J.V. Willis				
					Wing Commander, Commanding,
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			administrative staff, all of whom were and are still recovering from the effect of the two recent moves of the Squadron in April and May.
			At the cost of frequent periods of illness amongst the clerical staff, the administrative machinery has been kept moving so that for all practical purposes, the Squadron though in two pieces is working as a whole.
			Welfare. The Squadron welcomes the change of location and the varied amenities provided here. Film shows, ENSA shows, football matches etc., are all well patronised at Minneriya. Similarly at Sigiriya film shows are well attended, and there is keen interest in the sports league which functions there. The presence of NAAFI at both places is still a novelty to the Unit, and is considered a great boon. It is hoped that Sigiriya will soon be placed on the ENSA show itinerary.
			Morale: This is good, particularly at Sigiriya, which is a very happy Station. The morale of the personnel at Minneriya (nearly all aircrew) is high, chiefly as a result of the very satisfactory living conditions and the success achieved on operations.
			Leave: This was commenced for the first time for nearly six months, half way through the month. Unfortunately only a few ground personnel can be released at one time and this fact, naturally, was not greeted with enthusiasm. It has been possible to release two or three crews at one time for leave, and this has been much appreciated. In connection with Ground personnel leave, advantage was taken of the Hill Depot scheme and the Unit has been despatching 7 men every ten days to Redalla. This detachment leave has proved unpopular and difficulty is now being experienced in finding the required number every 10 days. In view of the fact, that at the present rate of progress, personnel may be able to take ten days leave only this year, they resent – when that leave comes along (for leave it is to them) to be forced to engage in small arms lectures for 2 ½ hours each morning.
			It is considered that in view of the shortage of leave accommodation on the Island, such Hill Depots should be "demilitarised" immediately. this Unit has been working at top pressure now for six months without a break, and it is felt that the resentment referred to above will be appreciated.
			Movements of Personnel.
			By the middle of the month 357 Squadron Detachment has grown to 8 crews.
			During the month F/Lt. R.G.I. Gardiner, the Squadron new Medical Officer arrived, and he took up his quarters at Sigiriya.
			F/O. R.A. Hobbs and Crew, after completing a tour, left on the 16th. for 185 Wing for D.D.T. spraying duties.
			F/O. R.H. Cook and Crew left on tour expiry, for U.K. on the 11th.
			F/O. J.C. Simpson (Nav.B.) left on the 21st for Special "N" Course at Shawbury, U.K.
			F/Lt. A.R. McAra (Unit Staff Navigator), left the Unit on the 21st. for a Post Graduate & Visitors Course at E.A.N.S. Shawbury, U.K.
			Commissions. Authority for the granting of commissioned ranks of P/O. to the undermentioned was received during the month.
			Aus.484638 F/S. J.A. Inglis
			Can.R.216547 F/Sgt. Doherty W.F.
			1569180 F/Sgt. J.A. Mitchell
			Can.R.196597 F/Sgt. Bozowsky P.
			Wing Commander, Commanding,
			No. 8 Squadron, R.A.F.

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Date	Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
4/6/45	Lib. Mk. VI. J/8 KH137	F/Lt. T.E. Wade (Cap) (Aus.400162)	Consumption Test	040847	050249	On the removal of 8 Squadron, from Jessore to Minneriya it was considered necessary to carry out consumption tests in view of the very long flights involved in carrying out S.D. operations. The nine consumption test flights listed on Page One & Page Two were made prior to actual S.D. Operations which began on June 10th, 1945.
		F/O. A.D. McIntyre (Nav) (Aus.26373)				
		F/S. P.V. Travell				
		F/S. D.W. Bunkell				
		F/S. B.A. Charters (Aus.423523)				
		F/S. A.G. Royce (Aus.419675)				
		Sgt. R.M. Riddell				
		Sgt. M.F. McGonigle				
	Lib. Mk. VI. A/8 KH139	F/Lt. T.E. Elden (Cap) (J.21383)	Consumption Test	041000	050410	
		F/O. E. Stokes (Nav) (C.8734)				
		F/S. H. King				
		F/S. H.W. Filling				
		F/S. T. Lodge				
		F/S. J.A. Sterns (Can.R.213373)				
		W/O. C.R. Spence (Can.R.223540)				
	Lib. Mk. VI. Z/8 KG992	F/Lt. R.A. Colleaux (Cap) (Can.J.6808)	Consumption Test	040929	050341	
		F/O. G.L. Roldan (Nav) (Can.J.40194)				
		F/O. R.J. Duithoit				
		F/S. W. Doherty (R.216547)				
		F/S. S.B. Cole				
		F/S. J. Robinson				
		W/O. S.S. Carpenter (C.10808)				
		Sgt. C.E. Picker				
		Sgt. W. Longbottom				
	Lib. Mk. VI. C/8 KH141	F/O. G.W. Jackson (Cap)	Consumption Test	041023	050523	
		F/O. D.J. McKee (Nav) (J.36845)				
		F/S. H.R. Melvin				
		F/S. M.W. Tapsell				
		F/S. H.S. Claymore				
		F/S. C. Godin				
		F/O. F.A. Pettus				

		(J.39553)				
		F/O. A.H. Beamer (J.39814)				
		Sgt. B.S. McDermott				
5/6/45	Lib. Mk. VI. F/8 KG912	F/L. R.M.L. Bowdery (Cap) (Can.J.21445)	Consumption Test	051018	051848	
		F/L. W.H. Dray (Nav) (J.12953)				
		F/S. D.S. Foley				
		F/S. J.P. Bowers				
		F/S. R.F. Harrison				
		F/S. L.H. Jarratt (R.203114)				
		W/O. C.R. Spence (R.223540)				
	Lib. Mk. VI. L/8 KG854	P/O. L.F. Willis (Cap)	Consumption Test	050940	060315	
		F/O. J.C. Simpson (Nav)				
		W/O. G.J. Dick (R.201072)				
		W/O. P. Bozowsky (R.19697)				
		F/S. J.H. Mitchell				
		F/S. D. Colton				
		F/S. F. Round				
		F/S. J.G. Richardson				
	Lib. Mk. VI. Y/8 KG990	F/O. R.A. Hobbs (Capt)	Consumption Test	051002	060403	
		F/O. H.J. Weeden (Nav) (Can.J.26419)				
		F/S. B.L. Harvey				
		F/S. H.L. Loughlin				
		F/S. J.A. Roantree				
		F/S. E.W. Spiller				
		Sgt. G. Cunningham ⁶				
		Sgt. D. Mackie				
	Lib. Mk. VI. T/8 KH142	F/L. G. Banner (Cap)	Consumption Test	061200	061255	
		F/S. J.H. Tindle (Nav)				
		F/S. K. Bentley				
		F/S. R.F. Stearn				
		F/S. J.P. Griffiths				
		F/S. K.G. Rose				
		F/S. D.J. Claircourt				
		Sgt. J. Taylor				

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		Sgt. D.B. Miller				
	Lib. Mk. VI. B/8 KH127	F/L. M. Batey (Cap) (Aus.A10207)	Consumption Test	061146	061500	
		F/O. D. Newport (Nav)				
		F/S. W.T. Stacey (Nav)				
		F/Sgt. K.J. Zimmerle (A.429412)				
		F/S. W.T. Edwards				
		F/S. L.A. Scott (R.211768)				
		Sgt. J. Birkett				
		Sgt. H.O. Normington				
10/6/45	Lib. Mk. VI. A/8 KH139	F/Lt. T.E. Elden (Cap) (J.21383)	Pirate 11	100143	101250	Duty not carried out owing to insufficient fuel. A/c R.T.B. being airborne 11 hours 07 mins.
		F/O. E. Stokes (Nav) (C.8734)				
		F/O. K.H. Ramsden				
		F/S. J.A. Stearns (Can.R.213373)				
		F/S. W.A. Tufford (R.244734)				
		F/S. T. Lodge				
		Sgt. G. Parr				
	Lib. Mk. VI. C/8 KH141	F/O. G.W. Jackson (Cap)	Pirate 12	100136	102028	The operation was successful. The "Field" later reported a perfect drop. A/c slightly damaged by light flak from Engcor Rail Bridge. No casualties.
		F/O. D.J. McKee (J.36845)				
		F/O. F.A. Pettus (J.39553)				
		F/O. A.H. Beamer (J.39814)				
		F/S. H.R. Melvin				
		F/S. G. Godin				
		F/S. M.W. Tapsell				
		F/S. H.S. Claymore				
		Sgt. B.S. McDermott				
	Lib. Mk. VI. Z/8 KG992	F/L. R.A. Colleaux (Cap) (Can.J.6808)	Sergeant 14	100907	110303	After flying through a "front" in the Perak Island area, a/c continued to D.Z. to complete the operation. One Container chute failed to open.
		F/O. G.L. Roldan (Can.J.40194)				
		F/O. R.J. Duithoit				
		F/S. J. Robinson				
		F/S. W. Doherty (R.216547)				
		Sgt. W. Longbottom				
		Sgt. C.E. Picker				
		Sgt. G. Cunningham				

	Lib. Mk. VI. T/8 KH142	F/L. G. Banner (Cap)	Sergeant 9	120253	122059	Aircraft encountered showers east of the Nicobars, but continued to the D.Z. to drop successfully.
		F/S. K. Bentley				
		F/S. J. H. Tindle				
		F/S. D.J. Claircourt				
		F/S. R.F. Stearn				
		F/S. K.G. Rose				
		Sgt. J. Taylor				
	Lib. Mk. VI. J/8 KH137	F/Lt. T.E. Wade (Cap) (Aus.400162)	Sergeant 10	120248	122121	Good weather conditions experienced en route to D.Z. At D.Z. weather perfect and successful drop was made.
		F/S. B.A. Charters (Aus.423523)				
		F/O. A.D. McIntyre (Aus.26373)				
		F/S. P.V. Travell				
		F/S. A.G. Royce (Aus.419675)				
		F/S. F.R. Borchard				
		Sgt. F.M. McGonigle				
12/6/45	Lib. Mk. VI. Y/8 KG990	F/O. R.A. Hobbs (Cap)	Sergeant 12	120254	22053(sic)	Occasional showers encountered en route to D.Z. east of Nichobars. Aircraft continued uneventfully to D.Z., where successful drop was made.
		F/S. H.L. Loughlin				
		F/O. H.J. Weeden (Can.J.26419)				
		F/O. E. Bergstrom (J.44293)				
		F/S. B.L. Harvey				
		F/S. E.W. Spiller				
		F/S. J.A. Roantree				
		Sgt. A. Cunningham				
		Sgt. D. Mackie				
13/6/45	Lib. Mk. VI. F/8 KG912	F/L. R.M.L. Bowdery (Cap) (Can.J.21445)	Consumption Test	131140	140430	Flight completed without incident. Aircraft being tested for range prior to S.D. Operations.
		F/L. W.H. Dray (J.12955)				
		F/O. G.L. Roldan (J.40194)				
		F/S. D.S. Foley				
		F/S. J. Bowers				
		W/O. C.R. Spence (R.423540)				
		F/S. L.H. Jarratt (R.203114)				
		Sgt. Brackenbridge ⁷ R.				
14/5/45	Lib. Mk. VI. B/8 KH127	F/L. C.G. Burrige (Cap) (J.132786)	Pirate 2	140257	141152	This aircraft was expected to receive the advantage of strong following winds on way out to D.Z.
		Sgt. C. Harper				

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		F/S. D.J. Sindrey (A.4334884)				Winds were not up to expectation and continuation of flight would have resulted in aircraft R.T.B. with considerably less fuel than that allowed for in the Safety margin. In accordance with briefing instructions aircraft returned to base duty not completed.
		F/S. B.W. Emery				
		F/S. R.D. Maddock (A.434891)				
		F/S. J.R. Speers				
		Sgt. A.R. Flynn				
		Sgt. J.H. Parry				
	Lib. Mk. VI. A/8 KH139	F/Lt. T.E. Elden (Cap) (J.21383)	Operation Pirate	140307	142104	Aircraft encountered unfavourable weather conditions at Nicobars but continued on meeting good conditions at D.Z. where load was dropped successfully.
		F/O. F. Stokes (C.8734)				
		F/O. K.H. Ramsden				
		F/S. W.A. Tufford (R.244734)				
		F/S. J. Lodge				
		F/S. J.A. Stearns (Can.R.213373)				
15/6/45	Lib. Mk. VI. Y/8 KG990	Sgt. G. Parr				Flight completed in fairly good weather. Successful drop made on D.Z.
		F/L. M. Batey (Cap) (Aus.A10207)	Operation Sergeant 11	150207	151955	
		F/O. D. Newport				
		F/S. W.T. Stacey				
		F/S. L.A. Scott (R.211768)				
		F/Sgt. K.J. Zimmerle (A.429412)				
		F/S. W.F. Edwards				Poor weather encountered west of Nicobars but good conditions at D.Z. enabled successful drop to be made.
		Sgt. H. Normington				
	Lib. Mk. VI. Z/8 KG992	P/O. L.F. Willis (Cap)	Sergeant 8	150210	151920	
		F/O. J.C. Simpson				
		P/O. C. J. Dick (J.94732)				
		P/O. P. Bozowsky (J.94731)				
		F/S. J. H. Mitchell				This was the longest sortie made. Aircraft continued in good weather to D.Z. which was easily identified – perfect drop being made.
		F/S. F. Round				
		F/S. D. Colton				
		F/S. J. G. Richardson				
	Lib. Mk. VI. W/8 KH331	F/O. F.F.H. Charlton (Cap)	Pontoon 18	150122	152010	
		F/O. C.D.G. Davidson (NZ.424551)				
		F/S. K.J. Lock				
		F/L. R. Camm (NZ.433985)				
		F/S. P.F. Martin				
		W/O. J.J. Smith (R.133371)				
		F/S. D.B. Deeley				

	Lib. Mk. VI U/8 KH144.	F/O. H.W. Harrison (Cap) J.24956	Consumption Test	151145	151614	Aircraft set course for base 15.45 hrs., position 0837N. 8511E. owing to failure of W.T. generators while hydraulics and 2 invertors went U/S also. Unfused bombs jettisoned.
		F/O. H.T. Cluff (J.38701)				
		F/O N.H. Chandler				
		F/S. B.W. Emery				
		F/S. T. Duffey				
		Sgt. J.F. Lord				
		Sgt. F.J. Rush				
		Sgt. M.R. Ranger				
17/6/45	Lib. Mk. VI B/8 KH127	F/L. R.A. Colleaux (Cap) (Can.J.6808)	Hebrides 16	170210	172030	After flying through fair weather aircraft found slight haze at D.Z. but dropped successfully.
		F/O. G.L. Roldan (Can.J.40194)				
		F/O. R.J. Duthoit				
		F/O. T. Cluff (J.38701)				
		F/S. W. Doherty (R.216547)				
		F/S. S.B. Cole				
		F/S. T. Robinson				
		Sgt. G. Cunningham				
		Sgt. C.E. Picker				
18/6/45	Lib. Mk. VI W/8 KH331	F/L. R.M.L. Bowdery (Cap) (J.21445)	Humour 2 & 3	180146	181835	Aircraft encountered front which was cleared at the Nicobars. No reception at D.Z. so aircraft continued to alternative D.Z. Again no reception. Aircraft R.T.B bringing load.
		F/L. W.H. Dray (J.12955)				
		F/S. R.F. Harrison				
		F/S. L.H. Jarratt (R.203114)				
		F/S. D.J. Foley				
		F/O. H.J. Weeden (J.26419)				
		F/S. J. Bowers				
		W/O. C.R. Spence (R.423540)				
20/6/45	Lib. Mk. VI. C/8 KH141	F/O. G.W. Jackson (Cap)	Cairmore?? 51	200120	201543	Aircraft reached position 0659N 9659E in good weather when forced to R.T.B. owing to failure of fuel transfer system.
		F/O. D.J. McKee (J.36845)				
		F/O. A.H. Beamer (J.39814)				
		F/O. F.A. Pettus (J.39553)				
		F/S. M.W. Tapsell				
		F/S. H.R. Melvin				
		F/S. G. Godin				
		F/S.D.P. Mackie				
		Sgt. B.S. McDermott				

16/6/45 ⁸	Lib. Mk. VI. U/8 KH144	F/O. H.W. Harrison (Cap) J.24956	Consumption test	181436 (Z)	190518 (Z)	This flight was made prior to aircraft proceeding on operations. Good weather was experienced and 6 250 lb. D.C.'s were dropped in accordance with instructions.
		P/O. A.B. McGregor J.46506				
		F/O N.H. Chandler				
		P/O. R.C. Heron (J.48191)				
		F/S. T. Duffey				
		Sgt. F.J. Rush				
		Sgt. J.F. Lord				
		Sgt. M.R. Ranger				
21/6/45	Lib. Mk. VI. Z/8 KG992	F/L. G. Banner (Cap)	Pirate 2	210200 (Z)	212114 (Z)	Duty completed successfully without incident good weather encountered throughout trip.
		F/S. K. Bentley				
		F/S. J.H. Tindle				
		F/S. R.F. Stearn				
		F/S. D.J. Claircourt				
		F/S. J.R. Griffiths				
		F/S. K.G. Rose				
		Sgt. J. Taylor				
		Sgt. D.B. Miller				
	Lib. Mk. VI. Y/8 KG990	F/L. C.G. Burrige (Cap) (J.132786)	Fighter 6	210342 (Z)	212010 (Z)	Successful drop made although weather conditions at D.Z. were poor being hazy with broken low Cumulus.
		Sgt. C. Harper				
		F/S. D.J. Sindrey (A.434584)				
		F/S. B. W. Emery				
		F/S. R.D. Maddock (A.434891)				
		F/S. J.R. Speers				
		Sgt. A.R. Flynn				
		Sgt. J.H. Parry				
22/6/45	Lib. Mk. VI. A/8 KH139	S/L. D.F. Redrup (Cap)	Funnel 24	220227 (Z)	222042 (Z)	Uneventful successful trip in very good weather.
		F/O. H.W. Harrison J.24956				
		F/O. H.J. Weeden (J.26419)				
		P/O. A.B. McGregor (J.46506)				
		F/S. T. Duffey				
		Sgt. J.F. Lord ⁹				
23/6/45	Lib. Mk. VI. W/8 KH331	P/O. L.F. Willis (Cap)	Pirate 6	220208 (Z)	222055 (Z)	Good weather experienced throughout flight expect for trough at Pygmalion Point. Low stratus in valleys in D.Z. area. Low drop successful.
		P/O. J.H. Mitchell				
		W/O. W.T. Stacey				
		F/S. J.G. Richardson				
		P/O. G.J. Dick (J.94732)				

⁸ Here the date is given as the 16th; the time up and down indicate the 18th and 19th.

⁹ The original page is "cut off", perhaps a problem with the "carbon paper" placement. Only 6 names are listed for this crew.

		W/O. J.J. Smith (R.133371)				
		F/S. D. Colton				
		F/S. F. Round				
24/6/45	Lib. Mk. VI. Z/8 KG992	F/L. R.A. Colleaux (Cap) .J.6808	Pirate 9	240105 (Z)	241838 (Z)	Much stratus en route. At D.Z. low covered hill tops but low drop successfully. Aircraft identified two Dinahs, 1 Betty and 1 Oscar at Taiping aerodrome. 1 Dinah seen near Gula. – No incidents.
		F/S. H.L. Loughlin				
		F/O. G.L. Roldan (J.40194)				
		F/O. H.T. Cluff (J.38701)				
		F/S. T. Robinson				
		F/S. S.B. Cole				
		F/S. G.T. Gibson				
		Sgt. G. Cunningham				
		Sgt. C.E. Picker				
23/6/45	Lib. Mk. VI. C/8 KH141	F/Lt. T.E. Elden (Cap) (J.21383)	Funnel 12	230255 (Z)	232000	Poor weather encountered throughout flight. Successful drop made despite poor weather and bad visibility at D.Z.
		F/O. K.H. Ramsden				
		F/O. F. Stokes (C.8734)				
		F/S. J. Lodge				
		F/S. J.A. Stearns (Can.R.213373)				
		F/S. W.A. Tufford (R.244734)				
		F/S. H.W. Filling				
		Sgt. G. Parr				
	Lib. Mk. VI. Y/8 KG990	F/O. F.F.H. Charlton (Cap)	Pirate 11	230108 (Z)	231850 (Z)	Successful drop made although low cloud covered hilltops. Aircraft flew over Ipori aerodrome – No aircraft seen.
		F/S. K.J. Lock				
		F/O. C.D.G. Davidson (NZ.424551)				
		F/L. R. Camm (NZ.433985)				
		F/S. D.B. Deeley				
		W/O. J.J. Smith (R.133371)				
		F/S. P.J.F. Martin				
28/6/45	Lib. Mk. VI. C/8 KH141	W/O. J.M. Milburn (Cap)	Tether 1	280745 (Z)	290424 (Z)	This operation was the first in a new area. Weather conditions were good throughout. Drop successful.
		F/O. H.J. Weeden (J.26419)				
		P/O. J.A. Inglis (A.484638)				
		P/O. J.T. Irvine				
		W/O. J.J. Smith (R.133371)				
		W/O. H.E. Black (R.151153)				
		F/S. D. Bates				

26/6/45	Lib. Mk. VI. W/8 KH331	F/L. G. Banner (Cap)	Tiseway ¹⁰ 4	260736 (Z)	270428 (Z)	Weather conditions at D.Z. area poor – very hazy. No drop owing to no reception.
		F/S. K. Bentley				
		F/S. J.H. Tindle				
		F/S. R.F. Stearn				
		F/S. D. Claircourt				
		F/S. J.P. Griffiths				
		Sgt. J. Taylor				
28/6/45	Lib. Mk. VI. J/8 KH137	F/L. M. Batey (Cap) (Aus.A10207)	Consumption Test	281123 (Z)	290405 (Z)	This flight was made in accordance with policy for operational aircraft.
		F/O. W. Newport				
		F/Sgt. K.J. Zimmerle (A.429412)				
		F/S. G. Godin				
		F/S. L.A. Scott (R.211768)				
		F/S. J. Birkett				
		F/S. W.T. Edwards				
		F/S. H. Normington				
		Sgt. D.P. Mackie				
						Wing Commander, Commanding
						No. 8 Squadron, R.A.F.

¹⁰ Record says "Tiseway", but it probably was "Tideway"

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
			Minneriya: July 1945: Compiled by F/O. J. E. Sergeant.
			Part One – Operations.
			The Squadron operations reached a peak in July, 54 Sorties being made, 3 to Sumatra and the remainder to Malaya. Of these 38 were successful, many in poor weather, cloud covering hills which almost invariably surrounded the DZ's, and visibility in some cases from 0 – 2 miles. Of the sixteen unsuccessful missions, four were due to mechanical trouble, nine to bad weather at DZ or en route, but mainly at DZ as in only one instance did an aircraft return to base because of bad weather before DZ was reached, and three unsuccessful sorties were due to lack of reception at DZ. Altogether during July 108,172 lbs. of stores were lifted and of this amount 75332 lbs., were dropped, nearly all the remainder being brought back to base and 1577000 nickels were also dropped. In addition to this 30 bodies and 1 dog were dropped on Malayan DZ's. In only two case were stores jettisoned on unsuccessful trips, and one of these was due to the failure of one engine immediately after take off, and stores were jettisoned 3 miles from base. At the end of the month 8 new G.R. crews arrived from U.K., and the aircraft strength was increased to 13.
			Summary of Flying for July 1945
			Hours for Period: Day Night Total
			Operations: 54 Sorties 605.38 407.32 1013.10
			Training & Non Op Flights 73.14 1.11 74.25
			678.52 408.43 1087.35
			Part Two – Administration
			General. During the month there was put into operation the Servicing Echelon scheme (taking effect officially from 13/6/45) whereby this Unit lost all but a few of its Maintenance personnel to the newly formed No. 7008 Servicing Echelon and the remainder of its ground personnel (domestic trades etc.) to RAF Minneriya. This 'split' raised new difficulties and in no small measure inconvenienced a Unit still recovering from two important moves in six weeks. The administrative Section, for instance, reduced as it was under the new Establishment to 1 Cpl. Clerk G.D., became even more overworked. The unit as a whole, while appreciating the principles of the Servicing Echelon scheme, did not welcome it. Since arriving at Minneriya the Unit owing to accommodation difficulties has been segregated into aircrew and Maintenance personnel – and it became necessary, therefore, to strive at all times to keep a proper liaison between the two to ensure the maximum unity of effort. The S.E. scheme, it was felt, could only result in an aggravation of the problem causing the Echelon personnel to take an even more impersonal interest in the aircraft they were servicing, and the crews who were flying them. Innumerable small annoying difficulties of this nature did arise in actual fact, but it says much for the fine spirit which existed on the Squadron that these were not allowed to interfere with the general organization, the very satisfactory maintenance of the aircraft, and the creditable success achieved by them and their crews.
			Morale: Morale of the Unit no doubt inspired by the increased success of operations by the Allies against the enemy remained good. (Not to mention our own successes)
			Welfare: The amenities on the Camp are considered quite satisfactory, frequent ENSA and GANG shows, with the normal cinema shows, being as always very popular.
			Sports: Sports facilities are adequate in view of the small amount of time available to personnel. The Squadron provided several entrants and winners for the successful Station Sports held during the month.
			E.V.T.: The Squadron does not now possess many devotees though a large number are

			taking correspondence courses. The advent of a Station Education Officer has proved very helpful and the E.V.T. scheme is now being put into effect.
			Mail: apart from the occasional 'lapse' or longish delay, mail is received mostly in short time from U.K. etc. and the mail position is considered to be satisfactory.
			Part Three
			Personnel – Movements: On 31st. of the month eight new crews ex U.K. (with Captains as under), arrived as replacements :-
			153110 F/O. H.J. Markley, 136210 F/Lt. E. Liddle, 153246 F/O. A.W. Walker, 152451 F/O. M. Mays, 177652 F/O. A.G. McCallum, 107220 F/Lt. J.P. Dunlop, 186657 F/O. T.H. Neilson.
			2 replacement Liberator crews arrived from 292 Squadron.
			F/O. J.S. Elliott (GD"S") left during the month for a Signals Leader's Course.
			F/O. W. Williams (GD AD) was attached to the Unit for non-flying F/Engineer duties.
			P/O. J.T. Irvine (F/Eng) left for Flight Engineers Leaders Course at No. 4 S. of T.T. U.K.
			Part Four.
			General. S.D. operations have continued very successfully throughout the month showing an average of just over 70% successful sorties. Frequent bad weather and some rather difficult DZ's have been successfully overcome in many cases, and on several occasions crews have spent some considerable time trying to locate DZ's before being forced to return to Base because of relatively small fuel safety margin.
			The arrival of the eight new crews was met with satisfaction by the present crews, as each individual will have more time off between trips, a major consideration in view of the duration of the present sorties.
			Squadron Strength & Establishment
			Officers S.N.C.O.'s Airmen
			Establishment 54 104 3
			Strength
			R.A.F. 63 153 14
			R.C.A.F. 24 11 Nil
			R.N.Z.A.F. 2 3 Nil
			R.A.A.F. 9 9 Nil
			R.I.A.F. Nil Nil 3
			Wing Commander, Commanding
			No. 8 Squadron, R.A.F.

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Date	Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
1.7.45	Lib. VI. T.8	F/L. R.M.L. Bowdery (Capt) (J.21445)	Character Consumption Test	010957	020415	Airborne 18 hours 18 minutes.
		F/L. W.H. Dray (Nav) (J.12953)				
		W/O. C.R. Spence (R.223540)				
		F/S. J. Bowers				
		F/S. L. Jarrett (R.203114)				
		F/S. R. Harrison				
		F/S. D.J. Foley				
1.7.45	Lib. VI. C.8.	F/O. G.W. Jackson (Capt)	Character Sweep 1	011749	020907	A successful blind drop carried out in perfect weather.
		F/O. D.J. McKee (Nav) (J.36845)				
		F/O. R.A. Pettus (J.39553)				
		F/O. A.H. Beamer (J.39814)				
		F/S. C. Patterson				
		F/S. H.R. Melvin				
		F/S. M.W. Tapsell				
3.7.45	Lib. VI. U.8.	F/O. H.W. Harrison (Capt) (J.24956)	Character Hebrides 20	030723	040316	An unsuccessful mission. No reception at either primary or secondary D.Z. and all stores were brought back to base. Aircraft remained over primary D.Z. 25 mins and secondary D.Z. 15 mins.
		F/O. N.H. Chandler				
		F/O. E. Bergstrom (Nav) (J.44293)				
		F/O. H.D. Cluff (J.38701)				
		F/S. T. Duffy				
		Sgt. J. Lord				
		Sgt. J.S. Chapman				
		Sgt. M. Ranger				
4.7.45	Lib. VI. Y.8.	F/L. M. McKellar (Capt) (J.20844)	Character Funnel 23	040826	050253	A successful mission in good weather.
		F/O. W. Frey (A.430762)				
		F/O. R. Carter (A.4009291)				
		F/S. M. Ramsey ¹¹ (A.435501)				
		F/S. S.R. Borchard				
		F/S. D.P. Mackie				

¹¹ Name is also spelt Ramsay in records. The Australian Nominal Roll gives Ramsay as the correct spelling and 435501 as the service number. Neither have been changed in the transcript.

		F/S. R.A. Feather				
4.7.45	Lib. VI. B.8	P/O. L.F. Willis (Capt)	Character Funnel 24	040830	050305	A successful mission. D.Z. not in position given at briefing, but 2 ½ miles N.E. of Copeng.
		W/O. W.T. Stacey				
		P/O. J. Mitchell				
		P/O. C.J. Dick (J.94732)				
		P/O. P. Bozowsky (J.94731)				
		F/S. J.C. Richardson				
		F/S. D. Colton				
		F/S. F. Round				
		F/S. J. Peace				
4.7.45	Lib. VI. T.8.	F/L. R.M.L. Bowdery (J.21445) (Capt)	Character Funnel 22	040823	050315	A successful drop on a difficult D.Z situated in a pocket, making a good dropping run difficult or impossible. D.Z. again not where briefed, but about six miles east of briefed position.
		F/L. W.H. Dray (Nav) (J.12953)				
		F/S. D.J. Foley				
		F/O. H.J. Weeden (J.26419)				
		F/S. R. Harrison				
		F/S. J. Bowers				
		W/O. C.R. Spence (R.223540)				
		F/S. L. Jarrett (R.203114)				
6.7.45	Lib. VI. W.8.	F/O. F.H. Charlton (Capt)	Character Funnel 17	060835	070330	A successful mission with rather poor visibility at D.Z.
		F/O. C.D.G. Davidson (NZ.424551) (Nav)				
		F/L. R. Camm (NZ.422985)				
		F/S. P.J. Martin				
		F/S. K.J. Lock				
		F/S. D.B. Deeley				
		F/S. E.W. Pearson				
		W/O. J.J. Smith (R.133371)				
6.7.45	Lib. VI. C.8.	F/L. R.A. Colleaux (Capt) (J.6808)	Character Funnel 14	060810	070320	A successful drop on a good number one D.Z. Number two D.Z. difficult to get to.
		F/O. G.L. Roldan (J.401194) (Nav)				
		F/O. R. Silvester				
		W/O. C. Kane (R.219140)				
		F/S. S.B. Cole				
		F/S. J.T. Robinson				
		F/S. M.W. Tapsell				
		Sgt. G. Cuningham				
7.7.45	Lib. VI. U.8	F/L. M. Batey (Capt) (A.410207)	Character Funnel 29	070820	080122	An unsuccessful mission due to insufficient fuel. All stores brought back to base.
		F/O. D. Newport (Nav)				

		F/S. K.J. Zimmerle (A.429412)				
		F/S. J. Birkett				
		F/S. L.A. Scott (R.211768)				
		F/S. G. Godin				
		F/S. H.O. Normington				
		Sgt. Hastie				
7/7/45	Lib. VI. K/8	S/L. D.F. Redrup (Capt)	Character Funnel 28	070832	080306	A successful drop on a difficult D.Z. in poor visibility.
		F/O. H.T. Cluff J.38701				
		F/O. H.J. Weeden J.26419				
		W/O. S.S. Carpenter Can.10808				
		W/O. D.F. Lot				
		W/O. E.W. Ferguson R.209471				
		F/S. G. Franklin				
		F/O. C. Wild				
7/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. T/8	F/L. C. Banner (Capt)	Character Funnel 30	070835	080315	A successful drop on a good D.Z. in reasonable weather. 1 container chute failed to open.
		F/S. K. Bentley				
		F/S. J. E. Tindle				
		F/S. R.F. Stearn				
		F/S. D.J. Claircourt				
		F/S. D.S. Mackie				
		F/S. A.V. Dear				
		Sgt. J. Taylor				
9/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. M/8	S/Ldr. P.H. Stembridge (Capt)	Character Consumption Test	091330	100728	Airborne 17 hours 58 mins.
		F/O. J. Charles				
		F/O. W. Hale				
		P/O. J. Elliot				
		F/S. W.A. Wakefield				
		F/S. W.J. Thomas				
		Sgt. D.R. Holloway				
		Sgt. G.J. Gibson				
9/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. A/8	F/O. G.W. Jackson (Capt)	Character Tideway 7	090801	100446	A successful drop, but with no reception at DZ which was difficult to locate except by means of a high approach. Once located DZ was good.
		F/O. D.J. McKee (J.36845)				
		F/O. R.A. Pettus (J.39553)				
		F/O. A.H. Beamer (J.39814)				
		F/O. H.J. Weedon (J.26419)				
		F/S. H.R. Melvin				
		F/S. H.S. Claymore				
		F/S. R. Brackenridge				
		Sgt. B.S. McDermott				

9/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. J/8	F/Lt. H.W. Harrison (Capt) (J.24956)	Character Tideway 9	090758	100425	A successful drop, but with no reception at DZ which was difficult to locate except by means of a high approach. Once located DX was good.
		F/O. N.H. Chandler				
		F/O. E. Bergstrom (J.44293)				
		F/O. A. Chernick (J.46281)				
		F/O. A.B. McGregor (J.46506)				
		F/S. T. Duffey				
		Sgt. M.R. Ranger				
10/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. Y/8	F/O. F.H. Charlton (Capt)	Character Funnel 33	100845	110255	A successful drop carried out on a good DZ in good weather.
		F/O. C.D.G. Davidson (NZ.424551)				
		F/S. K.J. Lock				
		F/L. R. Camm (NZ.422985)				
		F/S. P.J.Martin				
		F/S. D.B. Deeley				
		F/S. A.W. Pearson				
		F/S. D.F. Lot (R.208775)				
10/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. B/8	F/L. R.M. Bowdery (Cap) (J.21445)	Character Funnel 31	100830	110315	A successful drop on a good DZ in good weather.
		F/L. W.H. Dray (J.12953)				
		F/S. D.J. Foley				
		F/O. H.T. Cluff (J.38701)				
		F/O. R.C. Heron (J.48191)				
		F/S. R.S. Harrison				
		F/S. J. Bowers				
		F/S. L.H. Jarrett (R.203114)				
		F/S. C. Parr				
10/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. K/8	F/L. R.A. Colleaux (Capt) (J.6808)	Character Funnel 32	100842	110248	A successful drop. Some clouds on hill tops around DZ but conditions otherwise fair.
		F/O. R. Silvester				
		F/O. G.L. Roldan (J.401194)				
		W/O. W. Longbottom				
		F/S. S.B.Cole				
		W/O. C. Kane (R.219140)				
		F/S. C.E. Picker				
		F/S. J.T. Robinson				
		Sgt. G. Cuninghame				
10/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. C/8	F/L. M. McKellar (Capt) (J.2844) ¹²	Character Funnel 47	100838	110353	A successful drop on a good day. DZ in excellent weather 1 package

¹² Correct service number may be J.20844

		F/O. W.S. Frey (A.430762)				chute failed to open.
		F/O. R. Carter (A.409291)				
		F/S. R.F. Borchard				
		F/S. M.M. Ramsey (A.435501)				
		F/S. D.F. Mackie				
		F/S. R.A. Feather				
		F/S. R.E. Ewens (A.116328)				
12/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. A/8	F/L. M. Batey (Cap) (A.410207)	Character Tether 2	120840	130310	An unsuccessful mission with no DZ located despite 38 mins. search. Load brought back to base.
		F/O. D.F. Newport				
		P/O. J.A. Inglis (A.484638)				
		F/S. G. Godin				
		F/S. W. Edwards				
		F/S. L.A. Scott (R.211768)				
		F/S. H.O. Normington				
		F/S. J. Birkett				
		Sgt. A. Hastie				
12/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. K/8	F/L. C. Banner (Capt)	Character Funnel 39	120834	130321	An unsuccessful mission. Low cloud in DZ area made drop impossible and load was brought back to base.
		F/S. K. Bentley				
		F/S. J. H. Tindle				
		F/O. F.T. Dodding				
		F/S. R.S. Stearn				
		F/S. J.P. Griffiths				
		F/S. D.J. Claircourt				
		F/S. D.A. Miller				
		Sgt. J. Taylor				
12/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. W/8	S/Ldr. P.H. Stembridge (Capt)	Character Funnel 38	120827	120329 ¹³	A successful drop, 2 runs being necessary due to low cloud.
		F/O. J. Charles				
		F/O. W. Hale				
		F/O. J.S. Elliot				
		F/S. W.J. Thomas				
		F/S. W.J. Wakefield				
		Sgt. G.T. Gibson				
		Sgt. D.R. Holloway				
13/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. Y/8	F/O. G.W. Jackson (Capt)	Character Sergeant 19	130835	140154	A Successful drop in Nil visibility and 10/10 cloud. One chute failed to open.
		F/O. D.J. McKee (J.36845)				
		F/O. R.A. Pettus (J.39553)				
		F/O. A. W. Beamer (J.39814)				
		F/S. H.R. Melvin				

¹³ Record says 120329 as the time but the correct time is probably 130329

		F/S. H.S. Claymore				
		F/S. M.W. Tapsell				
		F/S. H.W. Marnie				
13/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. B/8	F/Lt. H.W. Harrison (Cap) (J.24956)	Character Sergeant 16	130840	140237	A successful drop in 10/10 cloud, 3000. All chutes opened except one which split. DZ rather small.
		F/O. N.H. Chandler				
		F/O. E. Bergstrom (J.44293)				
		F/O. A.B. McGregor (J.46506)				
		F/O. A. Chernick (J.46281)				
		F/S. T. Duffey				
		Sgt. M.R. Ranger				
		Sgt. G.S. Chapman				
15/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. W/8	F/L. R.M.L. Bowdery (Cap) (J.21445)	Character Funnel 45	150805	160224	A successful drop on a good DZ in good weather. DZ was ½ mile west of briefed position, West of river Pias, not East as briefed.
		F/L. W.H. Dray (J.12953)				
		F/O. H.J. Weeden (J.26419)				
		P/O. R.C. Heron (J.48191)				
		F/S. R.F. Harrison				
		F/S. L.H. Jarrett (R.203114)				
		F/S. G. Parr				
		F/S. D.J. Foley				
15/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. J/8	F/L. M. McKellar (Cap) (J.20844)	Character Funnel 44	150802	160208	A successful drop on a good DZ in good weather. One package chute split, all others O.K.
		F/O. W. Frey (A.430762)				
		F/O. R. Carter (A.409291)				
		F/S. S. Williams (A.120421)				
		F/S. M.M. Ramsey (A.435501)				
		F/S. B.T. Glazebrook (A.432667)				
		F/S. D. Mackie				
		F/S. F.R. Borchard ¹⁴				
15/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. M??/8	F/L. R.A. Colleaux (Capt) (J.6808)	Character Funnel 27	150717	160156	A successful drop. D.Z. half mile west of briefed position. D.Z. not good for dropping bodies.
		F/O. R. Silvester				
		F/O. G.L. Roldan (J.401194)				
		W/O. W. Longbottom				
		W/O. C. Kane (R.219140)				
		Sgt. G. Cuninghame				
		F/S. S.B.Cole				

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		F/S. J. Robinson				
		F/S. C.E. Picker				
16/7/45	Lib. VI. ??8	F/L. M. Batey (Cap) (A.410207)	Character Funnel 29	160827	170322	A successful drop. Load not seen to land, but seemed to be about to drop on DZ.
		F/O. D.F. Newport				
		F/S. K. Zimmerle (A.429412)				
		F/S. G. Godin				
		F/S. W. Edwards				
		F/S. L.A. Scott (R.211768)				
		F/S. H.O. Normington				
		F/S. J. Birkett				
		Sgt. A. Hastie				
16.7.45	Lib. VI. A.8	S/L. D.F. Redrup (Capt)	Character Tether 2	160881	170316	A excellent drop on a good D.Z. in perfect weather.
		F/O. H.T. Cluff (J.38701)				
		F/O. C. Wild				
		W/O. D.F. Lot (R.208775)				
		W/O. E.W. Ferguson R.209471				
		F/S. G. Franklin				
		Sgt. ¹⁵				
		Sgt. A.J.				
18.7.45	Lib. VI. W??8	F/Lt. H.W. Harrison (Cap) (J.24956)	Character Funnel 30?	180728	190216	A successful drop on a good D.Z. in good weather.
		F/O. N.H. Chandler				
		F/O. A.B. McGregor (J.46506)				
		F/O. E. Bergstrom (J.44293)				
		F/O. A. Chernick (J.46281)				
		F/S. T. Duffey				
		Sgt. ? ? Lord ¹⁶				
		Sgt. P?L? Rush?				
		Sgt. M. Ranger				
16.7.45	Lib. VI. K.8	S/Ldr. P.H. Stembridge (Capt)	Character Funnel 40	160803	170330	A successful drop on a poor D.Z. in reasonable weather.
		F/O. W. Hale				
		F/O. J. Charles				
		F/O. J.S. Elliot				
		F/S. W.J. Thomas				
		F/S. W.J. Wakefield				
		Sgt. G.T. Gibson				
		Sgt. D.R. Holloway				

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¹⁶ This name and the next may not be correct as the copy of the record was difficult to read.

18.7.45	Lib. VI. F.8	F/O. G.W. Jackson (Capt)	Character Funnel 49	180732	182330	This mission was not completed owing to high fuel consumption. All load was brought back to base.
		F/O. D.J. McKee (J.36845)				
		F/O. A. H. Beamer (J.39814)				
		F/O. R.A. Pettus (J.39553)				
		F/S. H.R. Melvin				
		F/S. H.S. Claymore				
		F/S. M.W. Tapsell				
		F/S. H.W. Marnie				
18/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. Y/8	F/L. T.E. Wade (Capt)	Character Funnel 46	180729	190200	A very successful drop on perfect DZ.
		F/O. A.D. McIntyre (Aus.26373)				
		F/S. R.M. Riddell ¹⁷				
		F/S. B.A. Charters (Aus.423523)				
		F/S. P.V. Travell				
		F/S. D.W. Bunkell				
		P/O. A. Robinson (J.48279)				
		Sgt. J. Chapman				
19/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. C/8	F/L. M. McKellar (Cap) (J.20844)	Character Tideway 3	191056	200834	A very successful drop, on a good DZ in perfect weather. Crew reported ground party flashed O.K. to aircraft, when flying over DZ after the dropping run.
		F/O. W. Frey (A.430762)				
		F/O. R. Carter (A.409291)				
		F/S. S. Williams (A.420421)				
		F/S. B.T. Glazebrook (A.432667)				
		F/S. F.R. Borchard				
		F/S. D.P. Mackie				
		F/S. M.M. Ramsey (A.435501)				
22/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. K?/8	F/L. V.H. James (Cap)	Character Galvanic 12	220852	230359	An unsuccessful mission due to adverse weather in DZ area all stores were brought back to base.
		F/O. H.J. Weedon (J.26419)				
		P/O. R.G. Redmayne (A.421546)				
		W/O. A. Carson				
		W/O. F. Gannon				
		W/O. J. Reilly				
		F/S. A.C. Swan				
		F/S. D. Hackleton				
22/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. A/8	F/Lt. T.E. Elden (Cap) (J.21383)	Character Tideway 5	221105	230656	A successful drop in very poor weather. Chutes were not seen to

¹⁷ This name is very hard to read on the record; it may not be Riddell

		F/O. K.H. Ramsden				land but all opened. DZ was good and easy to find.
		F/O. F. Stokes (C.8734)				
		F/S. R. Brackenridge				
		F/S. W.A. Tufford (R.244734)				
		F/S. J.A. Stearns				
		Sgt. G. Parr				
22/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. J/8	F/L. T.E. Wade (Capt)	Character Tideway 9	221115	230758	An unsuccessful drop due to low stratus in vicinity of DZ covering hills. All stores were brought back to base.
		F/O. A.D. McIntyre (Aus.26373)				
		F/S. P.V. Travell				
		F/S. D.W. Bunkell				
		P/O. A. Robinson (J.48279)				
		F/S. B.A. Charters (Aus.423523)				
		F/S. M.F. McGonigle				
		Sgt. G.F. Cantwell				
22/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. K/8	S/Ldr. P.H. Stembridge (Cap)	Character Tideway 10	221120	230755	A successful drop on an indifferent DZ with some fairly low cloud in the area. All stores landed on DZ. DZ was lost to view when making a circuit.
		F/O. C.J. Charles				
		F/O. W. Hale				
		F/S. W.J. Wakefield				
		P/O. J.S. Elliot				
		F/S. W.J. Thomas				
		Sgt. D.R. Holloway				
22/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. W/8	F/L. C.G. Burridge (Cap)	Character Tideway 11	221125	230825	An unsuccessful mission due to storms at DZ. obscuring same. All stores were brought back to base.
		F/O.P.W. Nelson				
		F/S. D.J. Sindrey (A.434884)				
		Sgt. C. Harper				
		F/S. J.R. Speers				
		F/S. R. Moore				
		Sgt. A.R. Flynn				
		Sgt. J. Dobinson				
22/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. H/8	F/L. R.A. Colleaux (Ca) (J.6808)	Character Galvanic 13	221315	221820	An unsuccessful mission as the suction instruments became U/S., causing him to set course for base 45 mins. after take off. All stores brought back to base.
		F/O. G.L. Roldan (J.401194)				
		F/O. R. Silvester				
		F/O. H.T. Cluff (J.38701)				
		F/S. D.J. Claircourt				
		F/S. J. Robinson				
		F/S. G. Cunningham				
		F/S. C.E. Picker				
		F/S. D.P. Mackie				
24/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. X??/8	F/Lt. H.W. Harrison (Cap) (J.24956)	Character Hebrides 23	240731	250022	A successful drop on a small DZ, enclosed on three sides by hills. Visibility was four in clear but nil in rain. All stores on or within 50
		F/O. E. Bergstrom (J.44293)				

		F/O. N.H. Chandler				yards of DZ with the exception of one package possibly in trees S.E. of DZ.
		F/O. A. Chernick (J.46281)				
		F/O. A.B. McGregor (J.46506)				
		F/S. T. Duffey				
		Sgt. J.K. Lord				
		Sgt. M.R. Ranger				
		Sgt. J.S. Chapman				
24/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. H/8	F/L. R.A. Colleaux (Cap) (J.6808)	Character Galvanic 13	241422	251322	A successful drop on a good DZ in fair weather. All stores and bodies on DZ except first two packages which overshot 50 yards. One package fell out at 0318N and 10146E.
		F/O. G.L. Roldan (J.401194)				
		F/O. R. Silvester				
		F/S. J. Robinson				
		F/S. C.E. Picker				
		F/O. H.T. Cluff (J.38701)				
		F/S. S.B. Cole				
		F/S. G. Cunningham				
		F/S. A.J. Hicken				
25/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. W/8	P/O. L.F. Willis (Capt)	Character Cairngoem? 6	250707	260205	A successful drop on a good DZ in perfect weather. One package failed to leave the aircraft and was brought back to base as deteriorating weather prevented another run over the D.Z.
		W/O. W.T. Stacey				
		P/O. P. Bozowsky (J.94731)				
		F/S. D. Colton				
		F/S. Peace				
		P/O. J.H. Mitchell				
		P/O. G.J. Dick (J.93732)				
		F/S. C.J. Richardson				
		F/S. F. Round				
25/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. H/8	F/L. S. Smith (Cap) (J.25300)	Character Multipule ¹⁸ 6	250724	260447	A successful drop on a perfect DZ in good weather. One package chute failed to open, but all others opened and landed on DZ.
		F/O. G.W. Jackson				
		W/O. W.H. Filling				
		Sgt. A.E. Bricnall				
		F/S. R.E. Ewens (A.116328)				
		W/O. W. Longbottom				
		F/O. F.D. Dodding				
		Sgt. A. Hastie				
25/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. U/8	F/L. M. McKellar (Capt) (J.20844)	Character Multipule 7	250740	260257	A successful drop on a good DZ in good weather. One chute failed to open Another Liberator was seen dropping on DZ.
		F/O. W. Frey (A.430762)				
		F/O. R. Carter (A.4009291)				
		F/S. B.T. Glazebrook (A.432667)				

¹⁸ This most probably should be "Multiple"

		F/S. S.R. Borchard				
		F/S. R.A. Feather				
		F/S. S.W. Williams (A.120421)				
		F/S. M. Ramsey (A.435501)				
		F/S. D.P. Mackie				
25/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. Y/8	F/L. C. Burrridge (Cap)	Character Galvanic 14	251322	260820	No drop was made due to there being no reception at the DZ. Stores were jettisoned at 03.45N. and 10035E. and 0020 FG. but two parachutes were brought back.
		F/S. G. Harper				
		F/S. Maddock R.D. (A.434891)				
		F/S. R. Moore				
		F/S. D.J. Sindrey (A.454884)				
		F/S. J.R. Speers				
		Sgt. A.R. Flynn				
27/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. K/8	S/Ldr. P.H. Stenbridge (Cap)	Character Funnell 62	270552	280117	All but two packages dropped in bad weather, rain Vis. 100 to 200 yards. DZ would be good in good weather. Two packages brought back to base.
		F/O. W. Hale				
		F/S. G. Thomas				
		Sgt. Gibson G.T.				
		F/O. C.J. Charles				
		F/O. J.S. Elliot				
		Sgt. D.R. Holloway				
		F/S. W.J. Wakefield				
27/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. J/8	S/Ldr. D.F. Redrup (Cap)	Character Funnell 61	270650	280159	No stores dropped due to bad weather at DZ, cloud on deck with heavy rain. Searched area for 35 mins., and tried from Slim? River and Trolak with no success. All stores brought back to base.
		F/O. H.T. Cluff (J.38701)				
		F/O. G.L. Roldan (J.40194)				
		W/O. C.R. ¹⁹ . Ferguson R.209471				
		W/O. D.F. Lot (R.208775)				
		F/S. L.A. Scott (R.211768)				
		F/O. J. Wild				
		Sgt. K.R. Ramsdale				
		F/S. G. Franklin				
27/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. S?/8	F/L. V.H. James (Cap)	Character Fighter	270823	280134	No stores were dropped due to bad weather. Cloud from deck to 10,000 ft rain, Viz. Nil, lightning ol cu rim. Two attempts were made to get into DZ but the weather was too bad. All stores brought back to base.
		P/O. R.G. Redmayne (A.421546)				
		W/O. F. Gannon				
		F/S. A.C. Swan				
		F/S. P. Smith				
		W/O. A. Carson				
		F/O. T. Helson				
		W/O. J. Reilly				

¹⁹ Normal initials given for Ferguson are "E.W."

		F/S. D. Hackleton				
27/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. Y/8	W/Comdr. J.M. Milburn (Cap)	Character Steel 2	271302	280750	A successful night drop, although load appeared to land 2 – 300 yards N.W. of fires at DZ and due to the darkness it was impossible to see whether or not the chutes opened. Crews reported a good clearing 2 miles South of the DZ which might be utilized as a DZ.
		F/O. H.J. Weeden (J.26419)				
		W/O. G.W. White (R.113931)				
		F/S. J.T. Raoch				
		P/O. J.A. Inglis (A.484638)				
		F/O. R.C. Neron (J.48191)				
		F/S. D. Bates				
		F/S. J. Wilson				
28/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. ?/8	F/Lt. T.E. Wade (Cap) (A.400162)	Character Hebrides 24	280704	281755	An unsuccessful mission due to failure of fuel transfer system. All stores were brought back to base.
		F/O. A.D. McIntyre (Aus.26373)				
		Sgt. G.F. Cantwell				
		P/O. A. Robinson (J.48279)				
		F/S. P.V. Travell				
		F/S. Riddell R.				
		F/S. R.A. Charters (Aus.423523)				
		F/S. D.W. Bunkell				
28/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. H/8	F/Lt. H.W. Harrison (Cap) (J.24956)	Character Galvanic 16	281445	290933	The aircraft found most primary and secondary DZ's, and dropped the stores on the primary. The chutes were seen to open, but not seen to land. Both DZ's were good for night dropping and reception was good in both cases, as was the weather.
		F/O. E. Bergstrom (J.44293)				
		F/S. T. Duffey				
		Sgt. J.K. Lord				
		F/O. N.H. Chandler				
		F/O. A.B. McGregor (J.46506)				
		Sgt. D. Scobie				
		Sgt. M.R. Ranger				
28/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. C/8	F/Lt. T.E. Elden (Cap) (J.21383)	Character Galvanic 7	281542	290957	A successful drop on a good DZ in good weather at night. Bodies and dog landed on DZ but stores slightly to West of DZ. All chutes opened. Crew reported that it was difficult to lose height on secondary DZ.
		F/O. F. Stokes (C.8734)				
		F/S. J.A. Stearns				
		F/O. K.H. Ramsden				
		F/S. W.A. Tufford (R.244734)				
		F/S. M. Tapsell				
		Sgt. J. Dobinson				
30/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. B/8	P/O. L.F. Willis (Cap)	Character Sergeant 20	300742	310200	An unsuccessful mission due to bad weather at DZ. All stores were brought back to base.
		W/O. W.T. Stacey				
		P/O. G.J. Dick (J.94732)				
		F/S. F. Round				
		F/S. J. Peace				
		P/O. J.H. Mitchell				

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²⁰ Name is also spelt Matthews in records. Neither have been changed in the transcript.

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(note: First two pages of the 540 appear to be missing from the Squadron's records)

Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
			28th of the month.
			Morale. It goes without saying, that the unconditional surrender of Japan, coming as suddenly as it did has done far more to merely boost morale to unprecedented heights. After six years of unceasing efforts, the goal has at last been reached and for the part that all have played, Victory is the reward. But as gratifying as victories of arms most certainly are, a further aspect arises which should not pass unrecorded. It is the fundamental lesson which, sub consciously, all have learned – that though the medium of combined effort and co-operation, co-ordinated by understanding and mutual feelings, any task can be accomplished, no matter how great or formidable it may be. This lesson if remembered, should so much to solve our reconstruction problems, and if fully exploited will form the keystone to resuscitation of our National life. The result of the General Election was, to many, highly satisfactory. Fresh hope and greater confidence has been instilled into that large percentage of the Squadron, particularly among the other ranks, who will eventually return to civil life under the Release Scheme. A point which undoubtedly deserves mention, from the aspect of morale.
			Sports. Play, as well as work, has continued with an equal amount of vigour and full advantage has been taken of the facilities available.
			Part Three.: Personnel.
			The following postings were effected during the month of August.
			F/Lt. M. Batey (Aus.410207) F/O. S.S. Rae (Aus.428932) S/Ldr. T.E. Wade (Aus.400162) F/O. W.S. Frey (Aus.430762) P/O. J.A. Inglis (Aus.484638) Pilots and F/O. A.D. McIntyre (Aus.426373), F/O. R.P. Carter (Aus.409291), F/O. R.G. Redmayne (Aus.421546) Nav.B.'s, & F/O. M.M. Ramsay (Aus.435501) Wop/Air left this unit on attachment to 45 E.U. (pending embarkation on repat. to Australia) on 28/8/45.
			F/S. Sindery (Aus.434994) & F/S. McCauley J. (Aus.432406) Pilots, & W/O. Charters B.A. (Aus.423525), F/S. Glazebrook B. (Aus.432667), F/S. Williams S.A. (Aus.120421), F/S. Maddock R.D. (Aus.434891) & F/S. Ewens R.E. (Aus.116328) Wop/Air's left this unit on attachment to 45 E.U. wef. 25/8/45 (Pending embarkation to Australia on Repat)
			The following Royal New Zealand Airforce airmen were posted to RAF base HQ. Colombo (Pending embarkation on repat) wef. 15/8/45.
			NZ.422668 W/O. Cammock J.A., NZ.422730 W/O. Sorenson J.C., NZ.422732 W/O. Suddary G. T., Wop/Ag's.
			The following R.C.A.F. Personnel were posted to B.R.D. Worli wef. 4/8/45 (supny., pending embarkation) wef. 4/8/45 (left unit 3/8/45) Can.C.10808 W/O. Carpenter S.S. Wop/Ag.
			The following R.C.A.F. Airmen left this unit on posting to B.R.D. Worli (Supny pending Embarkation) wef 31/8/45.
			Can. R.113931 W/O. G.W. White & Can.R.133371 W/O. J. J. Smith Wop/Ag's.
			F/O. (A.F/Lt) E.F. Ward (109298) A/SD Squadron Adjutant) left unit on posting to RAF Koggala wef. 28/8/45 for S/Ldr. "A" duties after spending 2 years with the Squadron.
			F/Lt. P.C. Leggett (86329) GD(AD) was posted to the unit from HQ. No. 222 Group (Supny) for F/Lt. Admin duties.
			F/O. G.W. Jackson (55082) GD(P) was promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant wef. 16/4/45. and was posted to A.S.W.D. wef. 1/8/45.
			F/O. J.S. Mathers (164866) proceeded to Amarda Road for Bombing Leader Course wef. 9/8/45.
			P/O. R.G. Huie (57324) was posted this unit on Commissioning wef. 15/8/45 (Date arrived as an officer)
			F/Lt. K.C. Stevens (110605) GD(P) was posted to this unit wef. 15/8/45 from HQ. No. 222 Group (Supny).

			F/Lt. C. Banner (126142) GD(P) attended No. 1 Junior Commander's Course at No. 3 O.A.T.S. from 23/7/45 to 17/8/45.
			F/O. R.J. Duthoit (164939) GD(P) was posted to RAF Poona wef 12/8/45.
			F/O. P.W. Nelson (164745) GD(P) & R/O. D. H. Mathews (164735) GD(P) were posted to this unit from HQ. No. 222 Group (Supny) for flying duties wef. 15/7/45.
			F/O. J.S. Mathers (164866) GD(Nav.B.) was posted to this unit wef. 3/8/45 from HQ. No. 222 Gp.
			P/O. R.J. Leach (196595) G(Wop/Air) left this unit on attachment to No. 16 Radio School for No. 5 Radar Leaders Course on 28/8/45.
			P/O. J.H. Mitchell (197950) GD(P), 1147567 F/Sgt. Loughlin & 15565248 F/Sgt. Melvin H.R. Pilots left this unit on posting to U.K. for Lib Cap. Course.
			1231312 F/Sgt. Williss Wom/Air was posted to No. 203 Squadron wef. 16/8/45.
			1216127 F/Sgt. Claircourt D.J. F/Eng. was posted to HQ. No. 222 Group wef. 28/8/45.
			Part IV. General.
			To a Squadron which has played such a prominent part in the Japanese Campaign, the 15th August 1945, was indeed a historic occasion. As vague as the true position may have been on that date, the fact that the Japanese Emperor had accepted the Allied surrender terms was one of the greatest significance. Even so, though Victory had technically been achieved, commitments would permit no slackening of effort; nor was any slackening sought, for one and all are deeply suspicious of further trickery. Not until the last Jap., has been relieved of his arms or means of continuing resistance will it be felt that the fighting is over. Moreover, all are fully aware that even when the last shot has been fired a great volume of work remains to be done. It is not without a measure of pride that this Squadron looks forward its share of these responsibilities.
			Wing Commander, Commanding
			No. 8 Squadron, R.A.F.

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Date	Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
31/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. C/8	F/L. C. Burrige (Cap)	Funnell 59	310650	010140	A successful drop on a good D.Z. All chutes opened and all landed on D.Z., apart from one which was not seen to land but may have undershot slightly.
		F/S. G. Harper				
		F/S. R.D. Maddock (A.434891)				
		F/S. R. Moore				
		F/S. D.J. Sindrey (A.454884)				
		F/S. J.R. Speers				
		Sgt. A.E. Flynn				
31/7/45	Lib. Mk. VI. Z/8	F/L. V. James (Cap)	Funnell 49	310655	010123	A successful drop on a small D.Z. All containers fell in D.Z. but two packages fell in trees 160 yds N. of D.Z. All chutes opened.
		P/O. R.G. Redmayne (A.421546)				
		W/O. F. Gannon				
		F/S. A.C. Swan				
		F/S. J.P. Smyth				
		W/O. A. Carson				
		F/O. T. Helson				
		W/O. J. Reilly				
		F/S. D. Hackleton				
1/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. H/8	F/O. F.F. Charlton	Tideway 12	010748	020502	The mission was not completed due to incomplete reception at D.Z. All stores were brought back to base.
		F/S. J.H. Tindle				
		F/S. R.F. Stearn				
		F/S. K.J. Lock				
		W/O. J.J. Smith (R.135371)				
		F/S. D. Deeley				
		F/S. J.R. Wilson				
		Sgt. M. Ranger				
2/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. K/8	S/Ldr. D.F. Redrup (Capt)	Sergeant 25	020817	030150	A successful drop on a very good D.Z. in indifferent weather. All stores landed on D.Z. but one package chute did not appear to open.
		F/O. H. Cluff (J.38701)				
		F/O. G. Wild				
		F/S. D.F. Lot (R.208775)				
		F/S. E.W. Ferguson (R.209471)				
		F/S. G. Franklin				
		F/S. K. Ramsdale				
		F/S. P.D. Skett				
2/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. A/8	F/Lt. T.E. Elden (Capt)	Sergeant 26	020830	030128	A successful drop in good weather on a good D.Z. All stores landed on D.Z. except for two packages which overshot slightly but were easily accessible from D.Z. Two
		F/O. F. Stokes (C.8734)				
		F/O. K.H. Ramsden				

		F/S. W.A. Tufford (R.244734)				packages chutes did not open completely, and landed rather heavily in D.Z.
		F/S. J.A. Stearns (R213375)				
		F/S. R. Brackenridge				
		F/S. G. Parr				
		Sgt. J.A. Dobinson				
2/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. T/8	F/Lt. H.W. Harrison (Cap) (J.24956)	Hebrides 27	020736	030233	A successful drop on a good D.Z. in fair weather. All stores apart from one package landed on D.Z. All chutes opened.
		F/O. N.H. Chandler				
		F/O. E. Bergstrom (J.44293)				
		F/O. A.B. McGregor (J.46506)				
		F/O. A. Chernick (J.46281)				
		F/S. T. Duffey				
		Sgt. J.S. Chapman				
		Sgt. J.K. Lord				
3/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. B/8	P/O. L.F. Willis (Cap)	Tideway 13	030839	040610	An unsuccessful mission due to bad weather at D.Z. 8/10 low cloud tops 500 ft. All stores were brought back to base.
		P/O. J.H. Mitchell				
		W/O. W.T. Stacey				
		P/O. P. Bozowsky (J.94731)				
		P/O. G.J. Dick (J.94732)				
		F/S. D. Colton				
		F/S. F. Round				
		F/S. J.C. Richardson				
3/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. J/8	F/L. T.E. Wade (Cap) A.400162	Tideway 14	030837	040618	A successful drop on a good D.Z. in appalling weather conditions. All stores on D.Z. Chutes were not observed to open due to poor visibility. Cloud was 6/10 from the deck up to 500 ft. Crew recommended that drops on this D.Z. be made before 1700 due to cloud formation on hills after that time. 031744 0223N 10158E Jap freighter 5000 tons aground (confirmed by B/8)
		F/O. A.D. McIntyre A.426373				
		P/O. A. Robinson J.48279				
		F/S. P.V. Travell				
		F/S. B.A. Charters A.423523				
		F/S. M.F. McGonigle				
		F/S. D.W. Bunkell				
		Sgt. G.F. Cantwell				
4/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. W/8	S/Ldr. P.H. Stembridge (Cap)	Funnel 68	040657	050215	An unsuccessful mission due to bad weather at D.Z. All stores were brought back to base.
		F/O. W. Hale				
		F/O. J. Charles				
		F/S. W.J. Thomas				
		F/S. W.L. Stubbs				
		Sgt. G.T. Gibson				
		Sgt. D.R. Holloway				
6/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. J/8	F/L. V.H. James (Capt)	Galvanic 25	060802	070330	A successful drop on a rather difficult D.Z. in good weather. First four packages undershot D.Z. remainder landed on it. All chutes opened. The approach to this D.Z.
		W/O. A. Carson				
		P/O. R.G. Redmayne A.421546				

		F/O. P. Helson				has to be made over a ridge which hides D.Z. until very near it.
		W/O. J. Riley				
		F/S. A.C. Swan				
		F/S. D. Hackleton				
		F/S. P. Smith				
		F/S. J.P. Smyth				
7/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. U/8	F/Lt. H.W. Harrison (Cap) J.24956	Galvanic 25	070805	071916	This mission was not completed as aircraft was recalled after five hours. All stores were brought back to base.
		F/O. E. Bergstrom J.44293				
		F/O. N.H. Chandler				
		F/O. A. Chernick J.46261				
		F/O. A.B. McGregor J.46506				
		Sgt. J.S. Chapman				
		Sgt. J.K. Lord				
		F/S. T. Duffey				
		Sgt. M.R. Ranger				
7/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. A/8	F/L. T.E. Wade (Cap) A.400162	Oatmeal 2	070955	080325	A very successful drop on a good D.Z. in good weather. All stores on D.Z. and all chutes opened.
		F/O. A.D. McIntyre A.426373				
		F/S. A.B. Charters A.423523				
		P/O. A. Robinson J.48279				
		F/S. P. Travell				
		F/S. D.W. Bunkell				
		F/S. R.M. Riddell				
		Sgt. G.F. Cantwell				
8/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. B/8	F/Lt. T.E. Elden (Cap)	Funnel 78	080823	09021 ²¹	A fairly successful drop on a good D.Z. in good weather. All stores overshot D.Z. by 200 yds. landing in trees to the North. All chutes opened. A. S.E. aircraft was sighted 081645 0452N 100.55E at 4000 ft. on W'ly course. 4 miles distant EA appeared to dive to screen himself behind some mountains. 081413 0620N 9540E believed two subs dist. 7-10 miles line ahead on W'ly course.
		F/O. F. Stokes C.8734				
		F/O. R.H. Ramsden				
		F/S. J.A. Stearns R213373				
		F/S. W.A. Tufford R.244734				
		F/S. G. Parr				
		F/S. G.W. Franklin Sgt. J.A. Dobinson				
8/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. W/8	F/L. R.M. Bowdery (Cap) J.21445	Pontoon 21	080747	090002	An unsuccessful mission due to high fuel consumption. All load brought back to base.
		F/O. H.T. Cluff J.38701				
		W/O. D.J. Foley				
		W/O. L.H. Jarrett R.203114				
		F/S. J.P. Bowers				
		W/O. C.K. Spence R.233540				

²¹ This is the time in the record, and obvious error.

		F/S. R.S. Harrison				
9/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. G?/8	P/O. L.F. Willis (Cap)	Beacon 8	090740	100304	A successful drop on a good D.Z. in good weather. All stores thought to have dropped on D.Z. but actual landing not seen. All chutes opened.
		P/O. J.H. Mitchell				
		P/O. J. Dick J.94732				
		P/O. P. Bozowsky J.94731				
		W/O. W.T. Stacey				
		F/S. J.C. Richardson				
		F/S. T. Duffy				
		F/S. F. Round				
		Sgt. M.R. Ranger				
9/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. A/8	F/L. M. Batey (Cap) A.410207	Funnel 68	090720	100122	A successful drop on a small D.Z. in fair weather. Stores straddled D.Z. All chutes opened though one delayed and package overshot D.Z. by about 50 yds.
		F/O. D.F. Newport				
		F/S. K. Zimmerle A.429412				
		F/S. G. Godin				
		F/S. L.A. Scott R.211768				
		F/S. J. Birkett				
		F/S. W.L. Stubbs				
		F/S. C.D. Hewitt				
10/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. Z/8	F/L. S. Smith (Cap) J.25300	Funnel 76	100653	110143	An unsuccessful mission due to bad weather at the D.Z. All stores were brought back to base.
		W/O. H.W. Filling				
		W/O. W. Longbottom				
		F/S. A.G. Brignall				
		F/O. T.D. Dodding J.46975				
		F/S. R.E. Ewens A.116328				
		Sgt. A. Hicken				
		Sgt. A. Hastie				
		F/O. D.H. Mathews				
11/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. J/8	F/L. M. McKellar (Cap) J.20844	Galvanic 33	110724	120121	An unsuccessful mission, aircraft being recalled after 8 hours.
		F/O. W. Frey A.430762				
		F/O. R. Carter A.409291				
		P/O. M. Ramsey A.435501				
		F/S. S. Williams A.420421				
		F/S. B.T. Glazebrook A.432667				
		F/S. F.R. Borchard				
		F/S. D.P. Mackie				
		F/S. R. Feather				
11/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. Y/8	P/O. J.A. Inglis (Cap) A.484638	Fighter 8	110740	120131	A successful drop in bad weather. Only one run could be made so one package had to be brought back to base. All stores dropped
		F/O. A.B. McGregor J.46506				

		F/O. R.C. Heron J.28191				landed in D.Z. area, and all chutes opened.
		F/O. A.E. Robinson J.48279				
		F/S. R. Brackenridge				
		F/S. J. Macauley A.432406				
		F/S. S.J. Bullivant				
		F/S. G. Parr				
11/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. B/8	S/Ldr. P.H. Stembridge (Cap)	Fighter 7	110727	120206	A successful drop in poor weather. All stores landed on D.Z. with the exception of one package whose chute failed to open.
		F/O. W. Hale				
		F/O. J. Charles				
		F/S. W.J. Thomas				
		F/S. W.L. Stubbs				
		F/S. W.J. Wakefield				
		Sgt. G.T. Gibson				
		Sgt. D.R. Holloway				
12/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. W/8	F/O. F. Charlton	Sergeant 28	120803	130156	A successful drop on a poor D.Z. in good weather. All chutes opened. The one free drop was right on the D.Z.
		F/S. K.J. Lock				
		F/S. J.H. Tindle				
		F/S. R.F. Stearn				
		W/O. J.J. Smith R.133371				
		F/S. J.S. Chapman				
		F/S. E.W. Pearson				
		F/S. K. Bentley				
12/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. Z/8	F/L. T.E. Wade (Cap) A.400162	Sergeant 29	120807	130147	A successful drop on a small D.Z. in good weather. All chutes opened.
		F/O. A.D. McIntyre A.426373				
		P/O. G.J. Dick J.94732				
		P/O. P. Bozowsky J.94732				
		F/S. P. Travell				
		W/O. B.A. Charters A.423523				
		F/S. D.W. Bunkell				
		Sgt. G.F. Cantwell				
13/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. K/8	F/Lt. H.W. Harrison J.24956 (Cap)	Hebrides 26	120653	130146	A successful drop on a good D.Z. in good weather. All chutes opened. On the second run, bodies were seen to be removing containers dropped on first run.
		F/O. E. Bergstrom J.44293				
		F/O. N.H. Chandler				
		F/O. A. Chernick J.46281				
		F/L. H.W. Matthews				
		F/S. G.W. Franklin				
		F/S. M.R. Ranger				
		Sgt. J.K. Lord				

13/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. J/8	F/L. V.H. James (Capt)	Funnel 76	130652	140126	A fairly successful drop on a moderate D.Z. in good weather. All stores on D.Z. except four which overshot 3-500 yards and one whose chute failed to opened. 131442 0407N 10036E possible Val, fixed undercart, 1000 ft. above J/8. on course 180. Camouflage black. 131547 0400N 10112E one probable Oscar, 4 miles distant same height as J/8. on course 090. It appeared to sight U ²² /8. and altered course to parallel track for 5 minutes, 2000 yards to starboard. J/8. flying just below cloud turned towards E/A which then turned behind J/8. into cloud and was not seen again. 131657 0520N 9820E sighted one sub. from 500 ft. Course 115/10 kts.
		W/O. A. Carson				
		P/O. R.G. Redmayne A.421546				
		F/O. P. Helson				
		W/O. F. Gannon				
		W/O. J. Riley				
		F/S. A.C. Swan				
		F/S. D. Hackleton				
		F/S. P. Smith				
13/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. A/8	F/L. C. Burridge (Cap)	Galvanic 24	130806	140306	Very successful drop on long, narrow D.Z. in moderate weather. All stores on D.Z. and all chutes opened.
		F/S. J. Sindrey A.454884				
		F/S. G. Harper				
		F/S. R.D. Maddock A.434891				
		F/S. A.E. Flynn				
		F/S. J.R. Speers				
		F/S. Parry J.M.				
		F/S. Shelf				
14/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. T/8	F/Lt. T.E. Elden (Capt)	Sergeant 32	140830	150200	A successful drop on a good D.Z. in bad weather. All stores on or near D.Z. and all chutes opened.
		F/O. F. Stokes C.8734				
		F/O. K.H. Ramsden				
		F/S. W.A. Tufford R.244734				
		F/S. J.A. Stearns R.213375				
		F/S. R.J. Winstone				
		F/S. G.W. Franklin				
		Sgt. J.A. Dobinson				
14/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. H/8	F/L. R.M. Bowdery (Cap) J.21445	Pontoon 23	140642	150310	A successful drop on a good D.Z. in good weather. All chutes opened.
		F/L. H.W. Dray J.12953				
		F/L. J.R. Willis				
		W/O. D.J. Foley				
		W/O. J.P. Bowers				
		W/O. G.R. Spence R.233540				
		W/O. L.H. Jarratt				

²² Record says "U", but should this be "J"?

		R.203114				
		F/S. R.F. Harrison				
15/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. K/8	F/L. M. McKellar (Cap) J.20844	Funnel 75	150751	151257	An unsuccessful mission due to failure of 'George'. All stores brought back to base.
		F/O. W. Frey A.430762				
		F/O. R.P. Carter A.409291				
		F/O. A. Chernick J.46261				
		F/S. B.T. Glazebrook A.432667				
		F/S. F.R. Borchard				
		P/O. M.M. Ramsay A.432667				
		F/S. A.W. McNaught				
15/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. A/8	P/O. J.A. Inglis (Cap) A.484638	Funnel 74	150718	160151	A successful drop on a fair D.Z. in reasonable weather. All Stores in D.Z. except free drops which were not observed. All chutes opened. 151622 0529N 10032E 9000 U/I T/E aircraft on course 060 aprox. 20 miles from Georgetown
		F/O. A.B. McGregor J.46506				
		F/O. R.C. Heron J.28191				
		F/O. A.E. Robinson J.48279				
		F/S. J. Macauley A.432406				
		F/S. R. Brackenridge				
		F/S. G. Parr				
		Sgt. G. Bennett				
15/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. Z/8	F/L. S. Smith (Cap) J.25300	Funnel 58	150702	160136	Very successful drop on a good D.Z. in moderate weather. All chutes opened.
		W/O. H.W. Filling				
		F/O. D.H. Mathews				
		W/O. W. Longbottom				
		F/O. F.D. Dodding J.46975				
		F/S. R.E. Ewens A.116328				
		F/S. A.G. Brignall				
		F/S. A. Hicken				
		F/S. N. Berstein				
15/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. C/8	F/L. M. Batey (Cap) A.410207	Funnel 73	150711	160126	Very successful drop on a good D.Z. in good weather. All stores on D.Z. and all chutes opened.
		F/O. D.F. Newport				
		W/O. G. Godin				
		F/S. J. Birkett				
		F/S. A. Hastie				
		F/S. C.D. Hewitt				
		W/O. K.J. Zimmerle A.429412				
		Sgt. H. Hall				
16/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. H/8	F/L. R.A. Colleaux (Capt) J.6808	Funnel 42	160802	170130	Successful drop on a difficult D.Z. in good weather. Hills surrounding D.Z. made it difficult to lose height
		F/O. R. Silvester				

		F/O. G.L. Roldan J.40194				for free drops. Free drop overshoot but others fell on D.Z. All chutes opened.
		F/O. H.T. Cluff J.38701				
		P/O. W. Doherty J.94733				
		F/S. S.B.Cole				
		F/S. J.T. Robinson				
		F/S. G. Cuninghame				
16/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. B/8	F/L. T.E. Wade (Cap) A.400162	Funnel 41	160759	170152	Successful drop on a difficult D.Z. in good weather. Hills surrounding D.Z made dropping difficult. Free drop overshoot slightly. One chute only partially opened.
		F/O. A.D. McIntyre A.426373				
		F/S. P. Travell				
		W/O. B.A. Charters A.423523				
		F/S. D.W. Bunkell				
		F/O. J.A. D'Alpuget				
		F/S. P.D. Skett				
		Sgt. G.A. Cantwell				
16/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. W/8	F/O. F. Charlton	Funnel 79	160810	170239	Very successful drop on a fair D.Z. in good weather. All stores landed on D.Z. and all chutes opened.
		F/S. K.J. Lock				
		F/S. J.H. Tindle				
		F/S. R.F. Stearn				
		F/S. D.B. Deeley				
		W/O. J.J. Smith				
		F/S. J.S. Chapman				
		F/S. J. Wilson				
17/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. J/8	F/L. V. James (Capt)	Cairncorm 7	170720	180435	Very successful drop on good D.Z. in good weather. All stores on D.Z. and all chutes opened.
		P/O. R.G. Redmayne A.421546				
		W/O. F. Gannon				
		W/O. A. Carson				
		F/O. P. Helson				
		W/O. J. Riley				
		F/S. A.C. Swan				
		F/S. D. Hackleton				
		F/S. J.P. Smyth				
17/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. A/8	F/Lt. H.W. Harrison (Cap) J.24956	Galvanic 41	171111	180653	Chutes not seen to land but believed to be right on D.Z. Weather was good all the way and at D.Z. All chutes opened.
		F/O. E. Bergstrom J.44293				
		F/O. N.A. Chandler				
		F/O. A. Chernick J.46261				
		F/L. H.W. Matthews				
		F/S. T. Duffey				
		Sgt. M.R. Ranger				
		Sgt. J.K. Lord				
18/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. G/8	F/L. C. Burrige (Cap)	Galvanic 31 & Souty	180823	190352	A successful drop on a good D.Z. in good weather. All stores landed
		F/S. G. Harper				

		F/S. R.D. ²³ Sindrey A.454884				either on D.Z. or on places easily accessible from same. All chutes opened.
		F/S. J. Maddock A.434891				
		F/S. J. Speers				
		Sgt. A.R. Flynn				
		F/S. P.D. Skett				
		F/S. W.H. Geran				
18/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. Z/8	P/O. L.F. Willis (Cap)	Galvanic 30	180914	190416	A very successful drop on a good D.Z. in fair weather. Some low stratus tended to obscure D.Z. on dropping run. All chutes opened and all stores landed on D.Z.
		P/O. J.H. Mitchell				
		W/O. W.T. Stacey				
		W/O. J.C. Richardson				
		P/O. G.J. Dick J.94732				
		P/O. P. Bozowsky J.94731				
		F/S. F. Round				
		F/S. D. Colton				
		F/S. J. Birkett				
19/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. H/8	S/Ldr. P.H. Stembridge (Capt)	Funnel/Herts 80	190856	200148	An unsuccessful mission. D.Z. was located but no reception observed. All stores were brought back to base.
		F/O. W. Hale				
		F/O. J. Charles				
		W/O. W.J. Wakefield				
		F/S. W.L. Stubbs				
		F/S. D.R. Holloway				
		F/S. G.T. Gibson				
		F/S. W.J. Thomas				
20/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. B/8	F/Lt. T.E. Elden (Cap) J.21383	Range 1	200737	210050	A successful drop on a good D.Z. Weather was indifferent, showers being encountered en route and at the D.Z. All chutes opened and all stores landed on D.Z.
		F/O. F. Stokes C.8734				
		F/O. K.H. Ramsden				
		F/O. H.J. O'Brien				
		P/O. G.J. Dick J.94732				
		W/O. J.A. Stearns R.213375				
		F/S. R.J. Winstone				
		F/S. G.W. Franklin				
21/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. K/8	F/L. R.M. Bowdery (Cap) J.21445	Humour 21	210733	220432	Containers landed on D.Z. but packages overshoot into clearing across the stream. Weather and D.Z. were good. All chutes opened.
		W/O. D.J. Foley				
		F/L. H.W. Dray J.12953				
		F/O. G.L. Roldan J.40194				
		W/O. G.R. Spence R.233540				
		W/O. J.P. Bowers				
		W/O. L.H. Jarrett R.203114				

²³ this may be a typo and should be D.J. – R.D. are Maddock's initials

		F/S. R.F. Harrison				
21/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. J/8	P/O. J.A. Inglis (Cap) A.484638	Galvanic 40	210730	220257	A successful drop on a good though rather small D.Z. in perfect weather. All chutes opened and all stores on D.Z.
		F/S. J. Macauley A.432406				
		F/O. A.B. McGregor J.46506				
		F/O. R.C. Heron J.28191				
		F/O. H.T. Cluff J.38701				
		F/O. A.E. Robinson J.48279				
		F/S. G. Parr				
		F/S. R. Brackenridge				
		Sgt. G. Bennett				
23/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. J/8	F/L. M. McKellar (Cap) J.20844	Humour 20	230745	230336 ²⁴	A successful drop on a good D.Z. in good weather All stores landed on D.Z. and all chutes opened.
		F/O. W. Frey A.430762				
		P/O. M.M. Ramsey A.435501				
		F/O. R.P. Carter A.409291				
		F/S. S.S. Williams A.420421				
		F/S. B.T. Glazebrook A.432667				
		F/S. R. Borchard				
23/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. H/8	F/L. R.A. Colleaux (Cap) J.6808	Sweep 3	231639	240551	A successful drop on a good D.Z. in good weather. All stores on D.Z. and all chutes opened.
		F/O. R.J. Silvester				
		F/O. G.L. Roldan J.40194				
		P/O. W. Doherty J.94733				
		F/S. S.B.Cole				
		F/S. G. Cuningham				
		F/S. J. Robinson				
		Sgt. C.E. Picker				
		G/C. L.B.B. King				
24/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. B/8	F/L. J. Dunlop (Capt)	Funnel 81	240645	250154	A successful drop on a good D.Z. in moderate visibility. All stores on D.Z. including free drop, and all chutes opened.
		F/L. M. Batey A.410207				
		F/L. D.W. Squires				
		F/O. G. Heslop				
		W/O. J. Huddle				
		Sgt. A.B. Paton				
		F/S. P.B. Baxter				
		Sgt. A. Morrison				
		Sgt. G. Knowles				

²⁴ This is time listed, but obvious error.

24/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. C/8	F/L. T.E. Wade (Cap) A.400162	Funnel 75	240649	250034	A successful drop on a very good D.Z. in good weather. All stores landed on D.Z. but one chute was not observed to open.
		F/O. A.D. McIntyre A.426373				
		F/L. W.H. Dray J.12953				
		F/S. P. Travell				
		W/O. B.A. Charters A.423523				
		F/S. D. Bunkell				
		F/S. G. Cantwell				
		F/O. A. Chernick J.46261				
24/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. K/8	F/O. F.H. Charlton (Capt)	Galvanic 43	240700	250145	A successful drop on a good D.Z. in moderate weather – some rain restricted vis. All stores landed on D.Z. and all chutes opened.
		F/S. K.J. Lock				
		F/S. J.H. Tindle				
		F/S. R.F. Stearn				
		F/S. S. Chapman				
		F/S. D.B. Deeley				
		W/O. J.J. Smith				
		F/S. J. Wilson				
26/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. K/8	S/Ldr. P.H. Stembridge (Capt)	Funnel 84	260714	271210	An unsuccessful mission due to failure of fuel transfer system.
		F/O. W. Hale				
		F/O. J. Charles				
		W/O. W.J. Wakefield				
		F/S. W.J. Thomas				
		Sgt. D.R. Holloway				
		F/S. W.L. Stubbs				
		F/S. G.T. Gibson				
27/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. G/8	F/L. R.A. Colleaux (Cap) J.6808	Stratus 1	271425	280823	A successful blind drop. Bodies landed in clearing, stores not observed to land. D.Z. good weather fair, stores chutes not observed to open, but may have done so.
		W/C. J.M. Milburn				
		F/O. G.L. Roldan J.40194				
		F/L. W.H. Dray J.12953				
		P/O. W. Doherty J.94733				
		F/S. S.B.Cole				
		F/S. C.E. Picker				
		F/S. J.T. Robinson				
		F/S. G. Cunningham				
28/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. H?/8	F/L. R.M. Bowdery (Cap) J.21445	Birdcage "D"	280646	290052	A successful drop of packages of nickels to P.O.Ws' involving a stay of just over two hours in the general area. Crews reported many Jap aircraft lined up as if for review and others apparently doing circuits. A general air of excitement prevailed among the bodies on ground. Five packages
		F/O. H.T. Cluff J.38701				
		F/O. S.W. Craighead J.37548				
		F/S. D.J. Foley				
		W/O. C.R. Spence R.233540				

		W/O. L.H. Jarrett R.203114				were brought back.
		W/O. J.P. Bowers				
		F/S. D. Woolfrey				
		F/S. D.W. Bunkell				
28/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. J/8	F/L. F. Smith (Cap) J.25300	Evidence 3 & Sooty	280704	290341	An unsuccessful mission due to bad weather at D.Z. All stores brought back to base.
		F/O. D.H. Mathews				
		W/O. W. Longbottom				
		W/O. H.W. Filling				
		F/O. F.D. Dodding J.46975				
		F/S. C.W. Franklin				
		Sgt. A. Hicken				
		F/S. N. Bernstein				
29/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. G?/8	F/L. H. W. Harrison (Cap) J.24956	Beacon 14	290710	300231	A very successful drop on a good D.Z. in light rain. All stores landed on D.Z. and all chutes opened.
		F/L. W.H. Dray J.12953				
		F/O. H.C. Spackman				
		F/O. J.A. Wall				
		F/L. T. O'Gorman				
		F/O. A. Maudsley				
		W/O. A.R. Sadler				
		Sgt. C.S. Tukeman				
		F/S. M.R. Ranger				
29/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. B/8	F/Lt. T.E. Elden (Capt) J.21383	Tideway 28	290710	300231	An unsuccessful mission due to failure of fuel transfer system.
		F/O. F. Stokes C.8734				
		F/O. K.H. Ramsden				
		F/S. J.A. Stearns R213375				
		F/S. W.A. Tufford R.244734				
		Sgt. J.A. Dobinson				
		F/S. G. Parr				
		F/S. F. Round				
		F/O. G.L. Roldan J.40194				
30/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. W/8	F/O. M. Mays (Capt)	Mastiff	300702	310004	A successful drop on a good D.Z. in excellent weather. All stores on D.Z. and all chutes opened.
		F/O. F.F. Charlton				
		F/O. K.T. Stubbs				
		F/O. N.J. Leach				
		F/O. B.H. Rees				
		F/O. G.L. Bakes				
		F/S. J.H. Tindle				
		Sgt. W. Birt				
30/8/45	Lib. Mk. VI. K/8	F/O. A. McCallum (Capt)	Mastiff	300700	302351	A successful drop on a good D.Z. in good weather. All stores on or near D.Z. All chutes opened.
		F/L. R. Colleaux				
		F/O. D.P. Newport				
		F/O. P.G. Yaranton				
		F/O. D.G. Hughes				

		W/O. Muir				
		Sgt. G. Hunt				
		Sgt. E. Ingram				
		F/S. L. Cook				
		F/S. S.B. Cole				
30/8/45	Lib. Mk.	F/L. J. Dunlop (Capt)	Pontoon 25	300643	310250	An unsuccessful mission due to low cloud at D.Z. All stores brought back to base.
	VI. J/8	F/L. D. Squires				
		Sgt. S. Ellis				
		F/O. G. Heslop				
		F/S. P.B. Baxter				
		W/O. J. Huddle				
		Sgt. G. Knowles				
		Sgt. A. Morrison				
					Sqdn Leader, Commanding	
					No. 8 Squadron. R.A.F.	

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
			September 1945. Operations. (Compiled by F/O. L. P. Ball)
			The cessation of hostilities had little or no effect on the operational duties of the squadron during the month of September, when the vitally important work of dropping men, food and medical supplies on P.O.W. Camps and other reception areas was continued.
			A total of 58 operational sorties (49 to Malaya and 9 to Sumatra) were carried out and 1019 hours flown. Of these missions, many of which were successfully completed in poor weather both at the dropping zone and en route, 54 were successful and 4 unsuccessful, the latter due to (1) U/S Automatic pilot. (2) Engine trouble. (3) Excessive cylinder head temperatures in 1 and 4 engines. (4) Fuel syphoning port bomb bay tank.
			In no instance did aircraft turn back because of bad weather.
			The percentage of successful sorties flown (93.1%) constitutes a new record.
			the process of education by Leaflets was intensified, and comprehensive cover of Malaya and Sumatra achieved, by the dropping of appropriate leaflets on all sizeable towns and villages within range.
			Summary of Operations for September 1945
			Sorties Flown 58 Successful 54 Unsuccessful 4 Percentage 93.1
			Hours Flown (Operations) Day 649 hrs. Night 370 hrs. Total 1019 hrs.
			Hours Flown (Non-Ops) Day 61.30hrs. Night 4.06 hrs. Total 65.36 hrs.
			Supplies Lifted 324 Containers 428 Packages Total Weight 141,723 lbs.
			Supplies Dropped 303 " 394 " " " 131.363 lbs.
			Bodies Lifted 28. Bodies Dropped 28.
			Leaflets Lifted 442,500 Leaflets Dropped 402,500.
			Part. II
			Administrative.
			There have been few points from the purely administrative aspect which deserve comment further than has been noted in previous summaries; although the increase in paper work has thrown heavier commitments on the already understaffed Orderly Room.
			With the slackening of operational flying a certain slackening in Service and Personal discipline made itself manifest among the N.C.O. aircrew. Immediate action was taken to rectify this and in order to keep the N.C.O's occupied, extensive training and Sports programme have been organised and when running properly should do much to short-circuit the decline.
			Quite probably, this has been brought about by a number of rather discouraging reports brought back by crews returning from operations. These showed that although drops were still being made, transport aircraft and other sources of supply were in the near vicinity of dropping zones. Furthermore, a crew returning from Singapore reported large numbers of full containers still left lying about the aerodrome a considerable time after their delivery.
			However, in spite of all this, discipline must be maintained and steps are being taken to meet that end.
			Movements etc.
			F/O. R.J. Leach (196595) GD "S" : Attached to No. 16 Radar School, M.E. wef. 5/9/45 for Radar Leader's Course.
			P/O. J.H. Mitchell (197950) GD (Pilot) Posted to U.K. for Lib. Captains' Course wef. 17/9/45.
			F/O. E.R. Illingworth (54610) GD (Nav.B.) Posted from S.H.Q.K.K.S. wef. 5/9/45.
			F/O. F.F.H. Charlton (152384) GD (Pilot) Promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant (w.s.) wef. 11/6/45.
			F/O. L.P. Ball (148335) A&SD (Int) Posted from HQ. No. 222 Group (Supny) to this unit (Supny) for Intell. duties.
			F/O. W.J.H. Scarpello (150685) GF(P) posted from HQ. No. 222 Group wef. 4/9/45.
			F/Lt. G. Banner (126142) GD(P) attached to K.K.S. wef. 17/9/45 pending posting to S/Ldr.

			"A" post.
			F/O. C. Coleman (158272) A&SD (Int) attached to Transit Camp R.A.F. Base Colombo wef. 12/9/45 pending embarkn. to U.K. tour ex.
			F/O. H. Thomas (165868) GD(Nav.B.) Posted from HQ. No. 222 Group (Unit) (supny) to this Unit (F/O. Nav.B. post) wef. 21/9/45.
			F/O. A.R. Digby-Ovens (153508) GC (Pilot) Posted from R.A.F. Poona wef. 15/9/45 (supny. for flying duties).
			F/Lt. W.H. Pulleyn (152107) GD(P) Posted from R.A.F. Poona wef. 15/9/45 (supny for flying duties).
			F/O. K. Broome (187043) Wop/Air Posted from R.A.F. Poona wef 15/9/45 (Supny for flying duties).
			F/O. A. Maudsley (164045) GD(Nav.B.) Posted to No. 3 R.E.C. Worli wef. 30/9/45 for Class "B" Release action.
			F/O. C. Coleman (158272) A&SD(Int) Embarked for U.K. on 16/9/45 (Tour expired).
			F/Lt. G. Banner (126142) GD(P) Granted Acting Rank of S/Ldr. wef. 26/9/45 on posting to K.K.S.
			F/Lt. G. Banner (126142) GD(P) Posted to K.K.S. wef 26/9/45 for S/Ldr "A" duties.
			F/O. D.J. McKee (Can.J.36845) GD(Nav.B.) R.C.A.F. Posted to B.R.D. Worli (supny) pending embarkn. wef. 1/9/45.
			F/O. F.A. Pettus (Can.J.39553) GD (W/AG) R.C.A.F. Posted to B.R.D. Worli (supny. pending embarkn. wef. 1/9/45).
			F/Lt. F.J. Smith (Can.J.25300) GD (Pilot) R.C.A.F. Posted to B.R.D. Worli (supny. pending embarkn.) wef. 15/9/45.
			F/O. (A/F/Lt) A.H. Beamer (Can.J.39814) GD/W/AG R.C.A.F. retains Acting Rank of F/Lt. on posting to B.R.D. Worli wef. 15/9/45.
			F/Lt. V.C.R. Aylett (J.5213) GD (Pilot) R.C.A.F.
			F/Lt. T.E. Elden (J.21383) GD(P) R.C.A.F.
			F/Lt. A.H. Beamer (J.39814) GD(W/AG) R.C.A.F.
			F/Lt. H.W. Harrison (J.39814) GD(P) R.C.A.F.
			P/O. E. Bergstrom (J.44293) GD(Nav.B.) R.C.A.F.
			P/O. R.C. Heron (J.48141) GD(W/AG) R.C.A.F.
			F/Lt. R.M. Bowdery (J.21445) GD(P) R.C.A.F.
			P/O. A.V. McGregor (J.46506) GD(Nav.B.) R.C.A.F.
			P/O. P. Bozowsky (J.94731) GD(W/AG) R.C.A.F.
			F/Lt. M. McKellar (J.20844) GD(P) R.C.A.F.
			F/O. A.B. Robinson (J.48279) GD(W/AG) R.C.A.F.
			F/O. G. Roldan (J.40194) GD(W/AG) R.C.A.F.
			P/O. Chernick (J.46261) GD(W/AG) R.C.A.F.
			F/O. H.T. Cluff (J.38701) GD(W/AG) R.C.A.F.
			F/Lt. R.A. Colleaux (J.6808) GD(P) R.C.A.F.
			F/O. A.W. Craighead (J.37584) GD(P) R.C.A.F.
			P/O. G.J. Dick (J.94732) GD(W/AG) R.C.A.F.
			P/O. W.J. Docherty (J.94733) GD(W/AG) R.C.A.F.
			F/Lt. W.H. Dray (J.12953) GD(Nav.B.) R.C.A.F.
			F/O. F. Stokes (C.8734) GD(Nav.B.) R.C.A.F.
			F/O. F.D. Dodding (J.46975) GD(W/AG) R.C.A.F.
			F/Lt. R. Camm (NZ.422985) GD(S) R.N.Z.A.F. Attached to 45 E.U. pending embarkn. to Calcutta for repat. to New Zealand wef. 2/9/45.
			F/O. C.G. Davidson (NZ.424551) GD(S) R.N.Z.A.F. Promoted to the rank of F/Lt. wef. 25/6/45.
			578664 Sgt. Wom/Air Broad F.N. Posted to 8 Squadron wef. 1/9/45 from HQ. No. 222 Group (Supny)

Posted to B.R.D. Worli wef. 15/9/45 supernumerary pending embarkation.

			900191 F/S. Wop/Air Smith G. Posted to HQ. R.A.F. Base Colombo wef 21/8/45 (N.E. Sick)	
			1158237 W/O. Nav.B. Blake P.	Posted to B.R.D. Worli wef. 4/8/45. Left Unit 9/9/45.
			1583046 F/S. F/Eng. Edwards W.F.	
			1600417 F/S. Wom/Air Rose K.	
			1702069 W/O. F/Eng. Martin P.	
			975110 F/S. F/Eng. Lodge J. Posted to HQ. R.A.F. Base Colombo (Transit Camp) wef. 4/9/45 (N.E. Sick)	
			1587435 F/S. Pilot Shearman D.G. Posted from HQ. No. 222 Group (supny. wef. 4/9/45)	
			903651 F/S. Nav.W. White G.E.	Posted from R.A.F. Poona to 8 Squadron (Supny. for flying duties) wef. 15/9/45
			1581434 F/S. Nav.W. Wright W.N.	
			1825111 Sgt. F/Eng. Allison R.B.	
			573025 Sgt. Wom/Air Johnson J.A.	
			1587828 Sgt. Nav.B. Bartin W.J.	Posted from H.Q. No. 222 Group (Supny) wef. 16/9/45.
			1805052 Sgt. Nav.B. Ayres F.R.	
			946668 F/S. A/G. Bullivant S.J. Posted to No. 3 R.E.C. Worli wef. 26/8/45 for Class "A" Release.	
			Wing Commander, Commanding	
			No. 8 Squadron, R.A.F.	

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Compiled by F/O. L.P. Ball (Intelligence)

Date	Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
1/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. A/8	F/O. A.W. Walker (Capt)	Mastiff 9	310703	010216	Operation successfully completed. All chutes opened and supplies dropped on southern end of D.Z. Weather good.
		Sgt. S.H. Jenkins				
		W/O. W.T. Stacey				
		F/O. H. Lloyd				
		F/Sgt. R. Brackenridge				
		Sgt. E.T. Dussion				
		Sgt. J.D. Ridler				
		Sgt. K.A. Elliott				
		Sgt. A.S. Logie				
1/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. Y/8	F/Lt. E. Liddle (Capt)	Mastiff 8	310700	010210	A successful drop in D.Z. All chutes seen to open. Weather good throughout trip.
		F/Lt. J.W. Stone				
		F/Lt. V.W. Whitten				
		F/Sgt. B.P. Brogan				
		Sgt. K.T. Corcoran				
		Sgt. A.C. Betts				
		Sgt. E.F. Lees				
		Sgt. S. Bradshaw				
2/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. J/8	S/Ldr. P.H. Stembridge (Capt)	Funnel 83	010648	020004	A successful drop on a difficult D.Z. First run six (6) containers dropped on eastern end of D.Z. 2nd. run four (4) packages at S. end and on 3rd. run, free drop of four (4) packages on middle of D.Z. All chutes opened. Weather good at D.Z. Slight showers en route.
		F/O. J. Charles				
		F/O. W. Hale				
		F/Sgt. D.R. Holloway				
		W/O. W.J. Wakefield				
		F/Sgt. W.J. Thomas				
		F/Sgt. W.L. Stubbs				
		F/Sgt. G.T. Gibson				
3/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. H/8	F/Lt. C.G. Burridge (Capt)	Arrest 1	020735	030035	Drop Successfully completed Four runs made and all supplies landed on N. side of D.Z. by reception. All chutes opened. Weather fair – good.
		W/O. E.W. Emberton				
		F/Sgt. C. Harper				
		W/O. B.W. Emery				
		F/Sgt. A.R. Flynn				
		F/Sgt. J. Birkett				
		F/Sgt. J.R. Speers				
		F/Sgt. M.R. Ranger				
3/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. G/8	S/Ldr. D.F. Redrup (Capt)	Mastiff 12	020848	030320	Successful drop made in excellent weather. Load dropped on northern end of D.Z. at reception point. Two runs made. No chutes failures.
		F/O. T.H. Neilson				
		F/O. J.A. Menzies				
		F/O. H.J. O'Brien				
		F/O. F. Smith				
		Sgt. A.S. Gibbins				
		Sgt. J. Buckland				
		F/Sgt. C.D. Hewitt				

		Sgt. G.J. Clevedon				
3/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. Y/8	F/O. H.J. Markley (Capt)	Multiple 9	020652	030122	Successful drop carried out in two runs. All supplies landed in D.Z. All chutes opened. Weather good apart from haze at D.Z.
		F/O. S.G. Anslow				
		F/O. S.B. Langford				
		F/O. F. J. Lacy				
		F/Sgt. S. Dixon				
		F/Sgt. S. Simpson				
		Sgt. W. Robb				
		Sgt. G. Jellis				
5/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. W/8	F/Lt. F.F. Charlton (Capt)	Sooty	040659	050142	Successful drop carried. All supplies landing on D.Z. D.Z. was a very good one, and was located in perfect weather. No chute failures.
		F/Sgt. K.J. Lock				
		F/sgt. J.H. Tindle				
		W/O. R.F. Stearn				
		F/Sgt. D.B. Deeley				
		F/Sgt. J.S. Chapman				
		F/Sgt. G. Cunningham				
		F/Sgt. J. Wilson				
6/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. K/8	P/O. L.F. Willis (Capt)	Funnel 87	050657	060122	Successful drop carried out in excellent weather. Two runs made and whole load landed on D.Z. all chutes opened.
		F/O. N.H. Chandler				
		W/O. W.T. Stacey				
		W/O. J.S. Richardson				
		F/O. J.E. Sergeant				
		W/O. J.P. Bowers				
		F/Sgt. D. Colton				
		F/Sgt. F. Round				
		F/Sgt. G. Parr				
6/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. A/8	F/O. H.C. Spackman (Capt)	Funnel 88	050702	060125	A successful drop made in three runs All in D.Z. with exception of four packages (free drop) which believed dropped in pond nearby. No chute failures. Weather very good throughout.
		F/O. J.A. Wall				
		F/O. P.R. West				
		F/Lt. T Gorman				
		F/O. A. Maudsley				
		W/O. A.R. Sales				
		Sgt. B. Kelly				
		Sgt. C.S. Tukeman				
6/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. T/8	F/Lt. E. Liddle (Capt)	Mastiff 20	050724	060210	A successful drop carried out in cloudy weather. Whole load landed in D.Z. All chutes with exception of one (one container) opened. Two runs made.
		F/Lt. V.W. Whitten				
		Sgt. K. Corcoran				
		Sgt. C.E. Marrison				
		F/Lt. J.W. Stone				
		Sgt. G. Bradshaw				
		Sgt. A.C. Betts				
		F/Sgt. B.P. Brogan				
6/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. H/8	F/Lt. V.H. James (Capt)	Mastiff 18	050658	060207	Load successfully dropped on a very good D.Z. Five runs were made and all supplies landed on D.Z. No chute failures. Weather, good.
		F/O. D.P. Newport				
		W/O. A. Carson				
		W/O. F. Gannon				
		W/O. J. Riley				
		F/Sgt. S.B. Cole				
		F/Sgt. A.C. Swan				
		W/O. W. Longbottom				

		F/Sgt. D. Mackelton				
6/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. B/8	F/O. A.J. McCallum (Capt)	Pontoon 25	050647	060347	Drop successfully completed in two runs. All supplies landed on D.Z. with exception of one package which due to slight overshoot, fell on marshy ground. All chutes opened. Weather – very good.
		F/Lt. J.R. Willis				
		W/O. A.W. Muir				
		Sgt. G.D. Ladbrook				
		F/O. P.G. Yarranton				
		F/O. D.G. Hughes				
		Sgt. L.D. Cooke				
		Sgt. E. Ingram				
6/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. J/8	F/Lt. J.P. Dunlop ²⁵ (Capt)	Hebrides 32	050744	060150	Good D.Z. easily recognised and situated in open country. A successful drop made in two runs. Slight overshoot. On first run in when four (4) packages landed in open country. Remainder of load fell on D.Z. No chute failures. Weather fair to good.
		F/Lt. D.W. Squires				
		W/O. J. Huddle				
		Sgt. G. Knowles				
		Sgt. A. Morrison				
		Sgt. S.W. Ellis				
		F/O. S. Heslop				
		F/Sgt. P.B. Baxter				
		Sgt. A.B. Paton				
7/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. W/8	F/O. T.H. Neilson (Capt)	Mastiff 23	060713	070234	Good D.Z. situated on race course. Load successfully dropped in two runs. Numerous types waiting to collect supplies. All chutes opened. Weather – fair amount of cloud, and haze..
		F/O. H.J. O'Brien				
		F/O. J.A. Menzies				
		F/O. F. Smith				
		Sgt. A.S. Gibbins				
		Sgt. G.J. Clevedon				
		Sgt. J. Buckland				
		F/Sgt. C.D. Hewitt				
7/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. J/8	F/O. H.J. Markley (Capt)	Mastiff	060702	061229	Unsuccessful mission due to U/S. automatic pilot. Aircraft returned to base with load.
		F/O. S.G. Anslow				
		F/O. S.B. Langford				
		F/O. F.J. Lacy				
		Sgt. S.F. Jellis				
		F/Sgt. W.T. Porter				
		F/Sgt. G. Dixon				
		F/Sgt. W. Robb				
8/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. Y/8	F/O. A.W. Walker (Capt)	Humour 29	070652	080333	Some difficulty in locating D.Z. but finally identified and supplies dropped successfully. All except one landed on D.Z. Last package in trees. All chutes opened except one on last package. Weather – clear, but some rain later.
		F/Lt. H.W. Matthews				
		F/O. H. Lloyd				
		Sgt. J.K. Lord				
		Sgt. R.N. Ridler				
		Sgt. L.A. Elliot				
		Sgt. E.T. Dusson				
		Sgt. S.H.R. Jenkins				
8/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. B/8	F/O. H.E. Spackman (Capt)	Mastiff	070700	071035	Mission uncompleted owing to fuel syphoning – port front bomb-bay tank. Returned to base with fuel load after being airborne 3 hrs. – 35 mins.
		F/O. J. Wall				
		F/Lt. T. O'Gorman				
		P/O. P.R. West				

²⁵ Name misspelled on original as "Dunlpo"

		F/O. A. Maudsley				
		W/O. A. Sadler				
		Sgt. B. Kelly				
		Sgt. W.E. Birt				
9/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. K/8	F/Lt. F.F. Charlton (Capt)	Tideway 28	080646	090355	Successful completion of mission in dull weather accompanied by mist over D.Z. Whole load dropped on D.Z. in one run. No chute failures.
		F/Sgt. K.J. Lock				
		F/Sgt. J.H. Tindle				
		F/Sgt. J. Wilson				
		F/Sgt. G. Cunningham				
		F/Sgt. J.S. Chapman				
		F/Sgt. J.T. Robinson				
		W/O. R.F. Stearn				
9/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. T/8	F/Lt. J. P. Dunlop (Capt)	Tideway 31	080645	090405	A successful drop in centre of D.Z. only one run made, and all chutes with exception of one opened. Very hazy weather at D.Z. with fair amount of cloud.
		F/Lt. D.W. Squires				
		W/O. J. Huddle				
		Sgt. A. Morrison				
		Sgt. S.W. Ellis				
		F/O. G. Heslop				
		F/Sgt. P.B. Baxter				
		F/Sgt. A.B. Paton				
10/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. J/8	P/O. L.F. Willis (Capt)	Mastiff P.O.W. Camp	090653	100046	Load successfully dropped; not on D.Z. itself because of risk to life and property in confined space of camp grounds, so drop was carried out on race course nearby and numerous P.O.Ws' were seen collecting up supplies.
		F/O. N.H. Chandler				
		W/O. W.T. Stacey				
		W/O. J.G. Richardson				
		F/O. J.E. Sergeant				
		F/Sgt. T. Duffy				
		W/O. J.P. Bowers				
		F/Sgt. D. Colton				
		F/Sgt. F. Round				
10/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. Y/8	F/Lt. V.H. James (Capt)	Mastiff P.O.W. Camp	090657	100053	A successful drop made on race course near grandstand. All chutes opened. Several P.O.Ws. gathered after drop and proceeded to collect up supplies.
		F/O. D.P. Newport				
		W/O. A. Carson				
		W/O. F. Gannon				
		W/O. J. Riley				
		F/Sgt. P. Smith				
		F/Sgt. A.C. Swan				
		W/O. W. Longbottom				
		F/Sgt. D. Hackelton				
11/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. A/8	S/Ldr. P.H. Stembridge (Capt)	Mastiff 33	100709	102318	Successful drop on A/F. just to the north of intersection of strips. Two runs made and all chutes opened. A large truck came rapidly on scene to collect supplies. Weather – good. Cu-Nim to west of D.Z.
		F/O. J. Charles				
		F/O. W. Hale				
		F/Sgt. D.R. Holloway				
		W/O. W.J. Wakefield				
		F/Sgt. W.J. Thomas				
		F/Sgt. G.T. Gibson				
		F/Sgt. W.L. Stubbs				
11/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. H/8	F/Lt. E. Liddle (Capt)	Cairngorm 8	100654	110300	Load dropped safely. Six (6) runs made. On first run, drop was made near a misleading fire about 200 yds off D.A. Other drops on D.Z.
		F/Lt. J.W. Stone				
		F/Lt. V.W. Whitten				
		F/Sgt. B. Brogan				

		Sgt. E.F. Lees				One (1) package in trees. Weather 6-8/10 Cu: Base 3000 ft. Some haze.
		Sgt. G. Bradshaw				
		Sgt. A.C. Betts				
		Sgt. K. Corcoran				
12/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. Y/8	F/O. H.J. Markley (Capt)	Funnel 86	110700	120203	A successful drop on a difficult D.Z. situated in a small valley enclosed by steeply wooded slopes. Three runs made. Two (2) containers landed on sides of valley within easy reach, and remainder in D.Z. All Chutes opened. Weather – cloud in valley.
		F/O. S.G. Anslow				
		F/O. F.G. Lacy				
		F/O. G.B. Langford				
		F/Sgt. S.J. Simpson				
		F/Sgt. G. Dixon				
		Sgt. W. Robb				
		Sgt. G.F. Jellis				
12/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. W/8	F/O. F.H. Neilson (Capt)	Galvanic 52	110742	120307	Load successfully dropped. All on D.Z. in two runs. No Chute failures. Reported very good D.Z. Weather – good, low stratus in vicinity.
		F/O. J.A. Menzies				
		F/O. E.J. Farman				
		F/O F.E. Smith				
		Sgt. A.S. Gibbins				
		F/Sgt. C.D. Hewitt				
		Sgt. J. Buckland				
		Sgt. G.J. Clevedon				
12/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. B/8	F/O. A.J. McCallum (Capt)	Sergeant 37	110705	120120	Successful drop in two runs – all on D.Z. good drop heard on "S" phone. All chutes open. Weather – only fair at D.Z. 5/10th. CU: 1200 ft.
		F/Lt. J.R. Willis				
		W/O. A.W. Muir				
		Sgt. L.D. Cooke				
		F/O. P.G. Yarranton				
		F/O. D.G. Hughes				
		Sgt. G.H. Hunt				
		Sgt. E. Ingram				
13/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. A/8	F/O. A.W. Walker (Capt)	Mastiff 26	120716	130307	A successful drop on D.Z. comprising large rectangular clearing. Load dropped right beside reception. One run only made. All chutes opened. Weather – fair – good.
		F/Lt. H.W. Matthews				
		F/O. H. Lloyd				
		Sgt. J.K. Lord				
		Sgt. R.N. Ridler				
		Sgt. K.A. Elliott				
		Sgt. E.J. Dusson				
		Sgt. S.H.R. Jenkins				
13/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. K/8	F/O. H.E. Spackman (Capt)	Funnel 85	120709	130306	A successful drop on a D.Z. quite well defined. Supplies unloaded in four runs and all fell on D.Z. No chute failures. Drop was carried out just before a heavy storm broke.
		F/O. J. Wall				
		F/Lt. T. O'Gorman				
		P/O. P.R. West				
		F/O. A. Maudsley				
		W/O. A. Sadler				
		Sgt. B. Kelly				
		Sgt. W.E. Birt				
14/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. F/8	F/Lt. J. Dunlop (Capt)	Mastiff 39	130835	140205	Supplies successfully dropped in D.Z with exception of two packages which landed on N.E. end near road. Three runs made over D.Z. All chutes opened. Weather –
		F/Lt. D.W. Squires				
		W/O. J. Huddle				
		Sgt. A.B. Paton				
		Sgt. S.W. Ellis				

		F/Sgt. P.B. Baxter				cloudy – moderate vis – heavy showers to North.
		Sgt. A. Morrison				
		F/O. G. Heslop				
14/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. Y/8	F/Lt. V.H. James (Capt)	Mastiff 40	130745	140120	A successful drop on a difficult D.Z. of very small dimensions: ie. grounds of barracks housing POW's. Two runs made, and load fell on south side of D.Z. One (1) chute failed to open. Weather – Poor – 5/10th. cloud, Base 500 ft. Heavy rain showers.
		F/O. D.P. Newport				
		W/O. F. Gannon				
		F/Sgt. D. Hackelton				
		F/Sgt. A.C. Swan				
		F/Sgt. J.P. Smyth				
		W/O. A. Carson				
		W/O. N.H. Filling				
		W/O. J. Riley				
14/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. A/8	F/Lt. F.F. Charlton (Capt)	Hebrides 34	130715	140151	Crew were briefed for primary & secondary D.Zs'. Met. forecast regarding primary proved correct, so load was successfully dropped on secondary D.Z. One "Joe" on first run, dropped on N. Edge of D.Z. six (6) containers, four (4) packages, on second run, four (4) packages on third. All supplies landed on D.Z. No chute failures.
		F/Sgt. J.H. Tindle				
		F/Sgt. J. Wilson				
		F/Sgt. J.S. Chapman				
		F/Sgt. K.J. Lock				
		W/O. R.T. Stearns				
		F/Sgt. J.T. Robinson				
		F/Sgt. G. Cunningham				
15/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. G/8	F/Lt. C.G. Burrridge (Capt)	Fighter 13	140750	141130	Mission not completed owing to No. 1 engine trouble. Aircraft returned to base after airborne 3 hrs. – 40 mins. Supplies dropped on trial D.Z. near base.
		W/O. D.J. Foley				
		F/Sgt. C. Harper				
		W/O. B.W. Emery				
		F/Sgt. A.R. Flynn				
		F/Sgt. J. Birkett				
		F/Sgt. J.R. Speers				
		F/Sgt. P.D. Skett				
15/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. J/8	P/O. L.F. Willis (Capt)	Galvanic 53	140727	150209	A successful drop on race course D.Z. carried out in one dropping run. All supplies landed by reception. No chute failures, but two (2) became entangled on way down and containers landed on track.
		F/O. N.H. Chandler				
		W/O. W.T. Stacey				
		W/O. J.G. Richardson				
		F/O. J.E. Sargeant				
		F/Sgt. T. Duffy				
		F/Sgt. D. Colton				
		W/O. J.P. Bowers				
		F/Sgt. F. Round				
		F/Sgt. G. Parr				
15/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. A/8	F/Lt. E. Liddle (Capt)	Hebrides 36	140745	150118	D.Z. easily located. Two dropping runs made. First drop not seen to actually land, but in air over D.Z. second drop landed O.K. approx. 300 ft. Bodies around collecting up supplies. Weather at D.Z. only fair, 8/10th CU: Base 3,500 ft.
		F/Lt. J.W. Stone				
		F/Lt. N.W. Whitten				
		F/Sgt. B. Brogan				
		Sgt. Lees				
		Sgt. G. Bradshaw				
		Sgt. A.C. Betts				
		Sgt. K. Corcoran				
16/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. K/8	S/Ldr. P.H. Stembridge (Capt)	Funnel 89	150651	160129	Successful drop in excellent weather. All supplies landed on D.Z. One chute on second run failed to open but package was
		F/O. J. Charles				
		F/O. W. Hale				

		W/O. W.J. Wakefield				seen to be recovered.
		F/Sgt. W.L. Stubbs				
		F/Sgt. D.R. Holloway				
		F/Sgt. W.J. Thomas				
		F/Sgt. G.T. Gibson				
		F/Sgt. M.R. Ranger				
16/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. T/8	F/O. A.J. McCallum (Capt)	Hebrides 37	150717	160142	Drop successfully carried out in two runs. Difficult D.Z. situated on high ground with hills around. Load landed on D.Z. No chute failures. Weather – Tricky, with 10/10 Stra Cu: 5000 ft. 6/10 Cu: 1,500 ft. – showers.
		F/Lt. J.R. Willis				
		W/O. A.W. Muir				
		Sgt. L.D. Cooke				
		F/O. P.G. Yarranton				
		F/O. D.G. Hughes				
		Sgt. G.H. Hunt				
		Sgt. E. Ingram				
17/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. Y/8	F/O. M. Mays (Capt)	Sergeant 38	160710	170100	A successful mission carried out in good weather. D.Z. easily located and load dropped on two runs. All landed in clearings. No chute failures.
		F/O. K.T. Stubbs				
		F/O. J.A. D'Alpuget				
		F/O. V.J. Leach				
		F/O. G.L. Bakes				
		F/O. B.H. Rees				
		F/O. E.J. Farman				
		Sgt. W.E. Brit				
17/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. W/8	W/O. E.W. Emberton (Capt)	Mastiff 45	160703	170140	A successful drop on POW camp. Great enthusiasm from types on ground. All supplies landed on D.Z. Two dropping runs made and all chutes opened.
		F/Sgt. K. Bentley				
		F/Sgt. A.W. Kernton				
		W/O. W.H. Filling				
		F/Sgt. R.C. Jensen				
		F/Sgt. F.S. Frayne				
		F/Sgt. P.R. Borchard				
		F/Sgt. A. Hastie				
		F/Sgt. G. Franklin				
18/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. J?/8	F/O. H.J. Markley (Capt)	Fighter 13	180727	190145	Drop completed in bad weather. Heavy rain showers with cloud down to the ground. Two dropping runs made – 1st. drop obscured by rain. 2nd. drop of four (4) containers, six (6) packages seen to fall on D.Z. No chute failures.
		F/O. S.G. Anslow				
		F/O. S.B. Langford				
		F/O. F.G. Lacy				
		F/Sgt. G.F. Jellis				
		F/Sgt. S.J. Simpson				
		F/Sgt. G. Dixon				
		Sgt. W. Robb				
18/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. G/8	F/Lt. C.G. Burridge (Capt)	Fighter 18	170717	180225	A successful mission carried out in bad weather. Rainstorms at D.Z. and 7/10th. scattered Cu: right down to ground. Load released in five dropping runs. Nine (9) "Joes", Four (4) containers, Five (5) packages. All seen to land safely on D.Z.
		W/O. D.J. Foley				
		F/Sgt. C. Harper				
		W/O. B.W. Emery				
		F/Sgt. J.R. Speers				
		F/Sgt. A.R. Flynn				
		F/Sgt. J. Birkett				
		F/Sgt. P.D. Skett				
18/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. H/8	F/O. F.H. Neilson (Capt)	Fighter 19	170716	180235	A successful drop on a good D.Z. all supplies on D.Z. all chutes

		F/O. J.A. Menzies				opened. Weather poor. Scattered showers and 5/10th. Cu: Base at ground level.
		F/O. F.E. Smith				
		F/O. E.R. Illingworth				
		Sgt. J. Buckland				
		Sgt. C.J. Clevedon				
		W/O. F. Gannon				
		F/Sgt. C.D. Hewitt				
19/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. J/8	F/O. H.E. Spackman (Capt)	Funnel 92	180648	190047	Drop successfully carried out on racecourse. Three runs were made and all supplies landed on D.Z. with exception of one (1) package which slightly overshot but was picked up. Weather – overcast.
		F/O. J. Wall				
		F/Lt. T. O'Gorman				
		F/O. P.R. West				
		F/O. A. Maudsley				
		W/O. A. Sadler				
		Sgt. B. Kelly				
		F/Sgt. K. Bentley				
19/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. T/8	F/O. A.W. Walker (Capt)	Funnel 91	180653	190135	Mission completed. Four drops made. 1st O.K. 2nd drop one(1) package in lake nearby, but seen to be recovered. 3rd run O.K. and in D.Z. Last run straddled lake, one package bursting on impact. All chutes opened. Weather good throughout trip.
		F/Sgt. S.H. Jenkins				
		F/Lt. H.W. Matthews				
		F/O. H. Lloyd				
		F/Sgt. R.N. Ridler				
		Sgt. E.J. Dusson				
		Sgt. K.A. Elliott				
		Sgt. J.K. Lord				
		Sgt. A.S. Logie				
19/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. K/8	F/Lt. J. Dunlop (Capt)	Sergeant 39	190655	191120	Mission not completed owing to excessive cylinder head temperatures on Nos. 1 and 4 Engines. Load dropped in clearing at N.E. end of runway at base. Aircraft landed back after 4 hrs. 25 mins. airborne.
		Sgt. S.W. Ellis				
		F/Lt. D.W. Squires				
		F/O. G. Heslop				
		W/O. J. Huddle				
		F/Sgt. P.B. Baxter				
		Sgt. A.B. Paton				
		Sgt. A. Morrison				
19/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. Y/8	F/Lt. F.F. Charlton (Capt)	Hebrides 35	190326	192118	A successful drop made on one run. Load landed on D.Z. No chute failures. Weather clear over D.Z.
		F/Sgt. K.J. Lock				
		W/O. J.H. Tindle				
		W/O. R.T. Stearns				
		F/Sgt. J. Wilson				
		F/Sgt. G. Cunningham				
		F/Sgt. J.T. Robinson				
		F/Sgt. J.S. Chapman				
20/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. G/8	F/Lt. V.H. James (Capt)	Evidence 1	190720	200224	Two dropping runs made successfully on a good D.Z. All supplies landed as planned. No chutes failures. Weather – low cloud over sea – clear at D.Z.
		W/O. A. Carson				
		F/O. D.P. Newport				
		W/O. W. Longbottom				
		W/O. F. Gannon				
		W/O. J. Riley				
		F/Sgt. A.C. Swan				
		F/Sgt. D. Hackelton				
		F/Sgt. P. Smith				
21/9/45	Lib. Mk.	F/Lt. E. Liddle (Capt)	Pontoon	200700	210155	A successful mission. All supplies

	VI. W/8	F/Lt. J.W. Stone	26			were dropped in two runs dead on D.Z. Several types with 3 trucks standing by to pick up load. All chutes opened. Weather fair at D.Z. apart from showers.
		F/Lt. N.W. Whitten				
		F/Sgt. B. Brogan				
		Sgt. A.C. Betts				
		Sgt. K. Corcoran				
		Sgt. C.E. Harrison				
		Sgt. G. Bradshaw				
21/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. T/8	F/Lt. J. Dunlop (Capt)	Sergeant 29	200649	210154	Drop carried out in three runs. 1st. drop, 1 package undershot and landed in paddy fields, and 1 package overshot and landed in paddy fields. 1 container 5/10 yds. out landed in fringe of trees. Remainder all in D.Z. All chutes opened. Poor weather – heavy showers at D.Z.
		F/Sgt. S.W. Ellis				
		F/Lt. D.W. Squires				
		F/O. G. Heslop				
		W/O. J. Huddle				
		F/Sgt. P.B. Baxter				
		F/Sgt. A.B. Paton				
		F/Sgt. A. Morrison				
22/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. A/8	F/O. A.J. McCallum (Capt)	Mastiff 54	210659	220009	A successful drop. Three runs made and all supplies landed on D.Z. About 1,000 POWs' waving and waiting in compound to collect load. All Chutes opened. Weather – 4/10th. cloud wispy Cu: 1,000ft.
		F/Lt. J.R. Willis				
		F/O. P.G. Yarranton				
		F/O. D.G. Hughes				
		W/O. A.W. Muir				
		Sgt. G.D. Ladbrook				
		F/Lt. ? ²⁶ Roberson				
		Sgt. G.H. Hunt				
		Sgt. E. Ingram				
23/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. G/8	F/O. M. Mays (Capt)	Beacon 17	220710	230234	A successful drop made in fine weather. Load released on two dropping runs. All chutes opened, and supplies landed on D.Z.
		F/O. K.T. Stubbs				
		F/O. J.A. D'Alpuget				
		F/O. B.H. Rees				
		F/O. V.J. Leach				
		F/O. G.L. Bakes				
		F/O. E.J. Farman				
		Sgt. W.E. Brit				
23/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. H/8	W/O. E.W. Emberton (Capt)	Mastiff 56	220707	230002	Mission carried out successfully. Three drops made on a good D.Z. All supplies landed dead on! One chute failure when static line came adrift from hook. Weather – fair.
		F/Sgt. K. Bentley				
		F/Sgt. A.W. Kernton				
		F/Sgt. J. Quigley				
		F/Sgt. F.S. Frayne				
		F/Sgt. G. Franklin				
		F/Sgt. A. Hastie				
		F/Sgt. R.C. Jensen				
24/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. T/8	S/Ldr. P.H. Stembridge (Capt)	Funnel 94	230653	240055	A successful drop on a good D.Z. which supplies excellent reception. Three runs were made and total load landed in D.Z. No chute failures. Weather good at D.Z. but troughs of bad weather on way in and out.
		P/O. W. Hale				
		F/O. N.H. Chandler				
		W/O. W.J. Wakefield				
		W/O. W.J. Thomas				
		F/Lt. G. Leggett				
		F/Sgt. D.R. Holloway				

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		F/Sgt. W.L. Stubbs				
		F/Sgt. G.T. Gibson				
24/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. A/8	F/O. F.H. Neilson (Capt)	Mastiff 59	230659	232313	Successful drop on D.Z. (airfield). All landed on A/F. with exception of one package which fell on perimeter owing to chute failure. Weather 10/10th. Stra:Cu: Base 2,500 ft.
		F/O. F.E. Smith				
		F/O. J.A. Menzies				
		F/O. H.J. O'Brien				
		F/Sgt. H.S. Gibbins				
		Sgt. J. Buckland				
		Sgt. G.J. Clevedon				
		F/Sgt. C.D. Hewitt				
25/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. W/8	F/Lt. C.G. Burridge (Capt)	Funnel 95	240646	250303	A successful mission carried out on difficult D.Z. situated in waterlogged areas, and hard to find. All supplies were dropped safely on D.Z. in two runs. All chutes opened. Weather – fair to good.
		F/Sgt. C. Harper				
		F/Sgt. J. Birkett				
		Sgt. ? ²⁷ Harrocks				
		W/O. B.W. Emery				
		W/O. D.G. Foley				
		F/Sgt. A.R. Flynn				
		F/Sgt. ?(sic) McKay				
		F/Sgt. J.R. Speers				
26/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. G/8	S/Ldr. D.F. Redrup (Capt)	Galvanic 54	250637	252135 (Singapore)	A successful drop on a good D.Z. Two runs made and all supplies dropped on racecourse D.Z. No chute failures. Weather at D.Z. fair to good, but on return journey, a bad line of squalls stretching N.E./S.W. Diamond Pt. area forced aircraft to turn back and land at Singapore.
		F/O. K.M. Ramsden				
		W/O. W. Longbottom		260646 (Singapore)	261804 (Base)	
		W/O. W.H. Filling				
		F/O. C. Wild				
		F/Sgt. R.O. Franklin				
		F/Sgt. G. Parr				
		Sgt. G.D. Ladbrook				
		F/Sgt. J.T. Robinson				
27/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. A/8	F/O. H.J. Markley (Capt)	Galvanic 55	260716	270150	Drop successfully carried out. Four (4) containers and five packages on D.Z. 1 package, 200 yds. overshoot – fell in open country. Only one dropping run made. All chutes opened. Weather – Very good.
		F/O. S.G. Anslow				
		F/O. F.G. Lacy				
		F/Sgt. W. Robb				
		F/O. S.B. Langford				
		F/Sgt. G. Dixon				
		F/Sgt. G.F. Jellis				
		F/Sgt. S.J. Simpson				
27/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. H/8	F/O. A.W. Walker (Capt)	Pontoon 28	260645	270130	A successful drop on a difficult D.Z. situated in a valley with hills each side rising to 1,500 ft. Hundreds of POWs' at D.Z. awaiting supplies which were dropped in two runs, with no chute failures. Mission was just carried out before a front of bad weather moved over D.Z.
		F/Sgt. S.H.R. Jenkins				
		F/Lt. H.W. Matthews				
		F/Sgt. J.D. Ridler				
		Sgt. J.K. Lord				
		F/O. H. Lloyd				
		Sgt. K.A. Elliott				
		Sgt. E.J. Dusson				
29/9/45	Lib. Mk. VI. K/8	P/O. L.F. Willis (Capt)	Funnel 93	210712	211556 (Kuala Lumpur)	A successful drop on a very good D.Z. Drop carried out in two runs and all supplies landed on D.Z. No
		F/O. J.E. Sargeant				
		W/O. W.T. Stacey				

²⁷ This "?" mark is in the original record.

		W/O. J.P. Bowers		Kuala	291728	chute failures. On return trip aircraft landed at Kuala Lumpur airfield with port engine trouble.
		F/Sgt. D. Colton		Lumpur		
		W/O. J.G. Richardson		290753		
		W/O. W.P. Porter				
		F/Sgt. F. Round				
					Officer Commanding, No. 8 Squadron. R.A.F.	

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events
			Morale.. Morale has been a little uncertain owing to the rumours as to the future of the Squadron, but improved when it was announced that the Squadron was to be disbanded. The Training Programme which has been organised, has done much to occupy crews time and minds. The leave scheme has been in full swing.
			Sports. A very strong sports element has sprung up embracing most branches of sport.
			Release. The Government announcements on Release were not well received but when they were modified slightly it increased men's hopes; but there is still the unavoidable fact that some trades remain here while others are released. From a purely administration point of view it only remains to add to previous review, the much overworked Orderly Room does not look forward to the increased work that the disbandment of the Squadron will incur.
			Movements:
			F/O. A. Maudsley (164045) GD(Nav.B.) Posted to R.E.C. Worli wef 30/9/45 for Class "B" release.
			F/O. J.S. Mathers (164886) GD(Nav.B.) Posted to R.E.C. Worli wef. 30/9/45 for Class "B" release.
			F/O. J.S. Mathers (164886) GD(Nav.B.) Ceased to be attached to Armada Road wef. 23/9/45 on completion of Bombing Leader Course.
			F/Lt. (A/S/Ldr.) G. Banner (125142) GD(AD) Posted to K.K.S.(SHq) for S/Ldr. "A" post wef 26/9/45.
			F/Lt. F.F.H. Charlton (152384) GD(P) Posted to HQ. 229 Group (Supny. for disposal) wef. 10/10/45.
			W/Commandr. P.A. McWhannell (34024) GD(P) Posted from RAF Poona wef. 5/10/45, for Wing Commander O.C. post.
			F/O. H. Withington (181396) GD(Nav.B.) Posted from RAF Poona wef. 5/10/45 (F/O. Flying post)
			F/O. E.W. Bryant (165378) GD(Nav.B) Attached to RAF Kolar for No. 27 Loran Instructor's Course wef. 18/10/45.
			F/O. H.J. O'Brien (52658) GD(Nav.B) Attached to RAF Kolar for No. 27 Loran Instructor's Course wef. 18/10/45.
			P/O. J.T. Irvine (190086) GD(F/Eng) Ceased to be attached to No. 4 S. of T.T. St. Athan U.K. on completion of F/Eng. Leader Course wef. 6/10/45.
			F/O. T. Hedfrod (186416) GD(S) Posted from 20 A.P.C. wef. 26/9/45 (F/O. Gunner "S" post)
			F/O. B.H. Cole (181525) GD(Air/B) Posted from R.A.F. Poona (supny) wef. 8/10/45.
			F/O. W.R. Willims (185754) GD(AD) posted from 222 Group (Unit) wef. 15/10/45 (Supny).
			F/L. J.S. Elliott (161752) GD(S) Ceased to be attached to No. 16 Radio School M.E. wef. 13/10/45.
			F/O. R. Germain (163896) GD(Nav.B) Posted from RAF Bhopal (Supny) wef. 25/10/45 (Supny. for flying duties)
			F/O. J.C. Townsend (163691) GD(Nav.W) Posted form RAF Bhopal (Supny.) wef. 25/10/45 (Supny. for flying duties)
			F/Lt. J.W.H. Woods (152695) GD(P) Posted form RAF Bhopal (supny) wef. 25/10/45 (Supny. for flying duties)
			F/Lt. H.W. Mathews (117477) GD(Nav.B) Posted to 3 R.E.C. Worli wef. 27/10/45 for Class "A" release.
			F/O. B.H. Rees (177880) GD'S' Posted to R.E.C. Worli wef. 27/10/45 for Class "A" release.
			F/Lt. K.S. Stevens (110605) GD(P) Posted to No. 3 R.E.C. Worli wef. 27/10/45 for Class "A" release.
			F/Lt. V.H. James (130937) GD(P) Posted to HQ. 229 Group (Supny for disposal) wef. 10/10/45.

			1506981 Sgt. P. Frost Ach/Gd. Posted from HQ. (Unit) 222 Group wef. 12/10/45.	
			1691296 Lac. Arm. Collier D. Posted from 25 A.F.B.B. wef. 14/6/45.	
			1178419 AC1 Arm. Gilbert F. Posted to R.E.C. Worli wef. 20/10/45 for Class "A" Release.	
			1582660 F/Sgt. Pilot. Bentley K.M. Posted to U.K. for Lib. Captain Course commencing 15/10/45.	
			1480499 W/O. Pilot Carson A. Posted to U.K. for Lib. Captain Course commencing 15/10/45.	
			1803171 F/Sgt. Pilot Lock K.J. Posted to U.K. for Lib. Captain Course commencing 15/10/45.	
			1691296 Lac. Arm. Collier D. Posted to 7008 S.E. wef. 14/10/45	
			527042 Sgt. ACH/GD. Hill E. Posted to HQ. RAF. Base Colombo. wef. 18/10/45.	
			578565 F/Sgt. Wom/Air. Robinson J.T. Posted to HQ. 229 Group (Supny) for disposal wef. 10/10/45.	
			1342853 F/S. Wop/Air. Cunningham G.	Posted to HQ. 229 Group (Supny) for disposal wef. 10/10/45.
			1580324 W/O. Nav.W. Stearns H.F.	
			1586250 F/Sgt. Nav.W. Tindle J.H.	
			1811968 F/Sgt. F/Eng. Cole S.B.	
			1867936 F/Sgt. F/Eng. Round F.	
			1272228 W/O. Nav.B. Turpin C.G.J.	Posted from RAF Bhopan (Sup. for flying duties wef. 25/10/45.
			1053458 W/O. Wop/Air Dobson C.J.N.	
			3051285 Sgt. F/Eng. Bussey O.	
			575247 St. Wom/Air Jackson C.E.	
			1589269 Sgt. Nav. B. Thompson L.	Posted from RAF Poona (Supny) wef. 5/10/45.
			1614957 F/S. Air/B Hart?y H. N.	
			1869465 F/S. F/Eng. Spencer C. F.	
			1901211 Sgt. A/G. Cahill J.C.	
			2204765 Sgt. Wop/Air Fraser E.	
			1344488 W/O. Nav.B. Pollock A.	
			1679252 F/S. F/Eng. Martin L.	
			570790 F/S. Wom/Air. Hughes J.L.G.	
			1346523 F/S. Nav.W. Adams A.	
			1892127 Sgt. Wop/Air Budd L.E.	
			1822176 Sgt. Wop/Air Campbell T.	
			1685099 Sgt. A/G. Willis F.	
			1399190 W/O. Pilot Bridges E.W. Attached from RAF. Det. China Bay wef. 23/10/45. pending issue of posting instrns.	
			1673499 F/S. A/G. Penketrman? D.W. Attached from RAF. Det. China Bay wef. 19/10/45. pending issue of posting instrns.	
			539515 Sgt. F.2(E) Drury L. Posted to REC. Worli wef. 27/10/45 for Class "A" Release.	
			Wing Commander, Commanding,	
			No. 8 Squadron, R.A.F.	

Operation Code Names

The following table is a list of operational code names and a brief description of the SOE operation

CHARACTER	Burma — raising of Karenni guerrillas, subversion and sabotage designed to dislocate Japanese forces in Meiktila-Pegu area in support of Fourteenth Army. Sub-operations included: HARLINGTON, FERRET, OTTER, HYENA, WALRUS, MONGOOSE, 1945
FIGHTER	Malaya — to establish reception committees for MULTIPLE in the Kedah-Perlis region, 1945
FUNNEL	Malaya — to contact resistance forces in the Bidor area, central Perak, and GUSTAVUS, 1945
GALVANIC	Malaya — establishment of a base at Selangor, with W/T contact with AJUF, and to supply general intelligence and suitable DZs, 1945
HEBRIDES	Malaya — to contact guerrillas in North Kedah region, 1944-45, building on LIKEWISE operations
HUMOUR	Malaya — to establish a base at Negri Sembilan, with W/T links to Ceylon, and to form links with the AJUF, raise guerrilla forces and gather general intelligence, 1945
MASTIFF	Operation to drop supplies and medical aid to POWs and internees, 1945
MULTIPLE	Malaya — to organize resistance in Pahang area, 1944-45. Similar operations in Kedah (FIGHTER) and Kuala Lipis (BEACON)
NATION	Burma — support to 14th Army operations, in Pegu Yomas range, working with the AFO and BNA, 1944
NUTSHELL	Burma — base in Dawna range, comprising ANTELOPE, TIGER, RABBIT, LYNX, 1945
OATMEAL	Malaya — to assess potential for Malay resistance, 1944, in support of LIKEWISE
PIRATE	Malaya — to establish contacts with Chinese sympathizers in the south, maintain W/T communications with India and provide general intelligence, 1944-45, and find any Europeans from the left behind parties. Known as SARCASTIC to May 1943, GUSTAVUS to January 1944 and then REMARKABLE
PONTOON	Malaya — to reconnoitre King George V National park on the east coast, as a base to contact Chinese guerrillas, 1944-45
SERGEANT	Malaya — to contact AJUF guerrillas in the north and establish bases in Kedah and upper Perak, as well as providing W/T contact, intelligence and DZs, 1944-45
TIDEWAY	Malaya — to liaise with guerrilla forces in Johore, establish W/T contact and equip AJUF patrols, 1945

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