

Operations of No. 357 S.D. Squadron.

Date	Code Name & Sponsor	Area	A.L.G	Load		No. & Type of aircraft	Results & Remarks.
				Agents	Stores		
1944 Feb Night 6/7	Spiers IV Force 136	Bhamo	Dum Dum	--	1052 lbs	1 Hudson III	Successful. All parachutes opened and estimated that all containers and the package dropped on the D.Z.
11/12	Bantam/Bulbul I.S.L.D.	Kokang	Dum Dum	2	1161 lbs	2 Hudsons III	Both Successful. signal received from ground indicating drop had been a success.
12/13	Dilwyn IV Force 136	Bhamo	Dum Dum	--	2072 lbs	2 Hudsons III	Both Successful.
	Blow I I.S.L.D.	Katha	Dum Dum	4	426 lbs	1 Hudson III	Successful. Bombing cover was made on Katha and bursts were observed in the Katha area. Flashes of a hand torch observed from ground.
	Backhand G.S.I(d)	Rangoon	Dum Dum	1	295 lbs	1 Hudson III	Successful. All parachutes seen to open. Safe landings observed.
14/15	Blast I I.S.L.D.	Bassein	Dum Dum	2	--	1 Hudson III	Successful. Parachutes opened but touch-down not observed owing to haze.
March 5/6	Dilwyn VIII Force 136	Bhamo	Dum Dum	5	547 lbs	1 Hudson III	Successful. All parachutes opened and hand torches flashed by the Reception Committee were seen by the Navigator.
6/7	Spiers V Force 136	Bhamo	Dum Dum	3	2997 lbs	3 Hudsons III	Two aircraft Successful. One aircraft Unsuccessful. Reception lights not recognised despite a one-hour 20 minutes search of D.Z. area.
	Appreciation I Force 136	Bangkok	--	3	519 lbs	1 Liberator III	First Liberator Operation in SEAC. Unsuccessful. Unable to pin-point D.Z. owing to cloud and mist around river Dhaehin. Area searched for 25 minutes from 3,000 down to 1,500 feet, but aircraft still in cloud at that height. Because of the 2,000 ft hill in vicinity, pilot was obliged to abandon search.
	Sun I.S.L.D.	Bangkok	--	5	1101 lbs	1 Liberator III	Successfully dropped. This was a long outstanding operation. Unfortunately the agents were captured soon after landing.

7/8	Spiers V Force 136	Bhamo	Dum Dum	3	664 lbs	1 Hudson III	Successful. Pilot observed the prearranged signal on the ground and the flashes of a hand torch.
	Buffin I.S.L.D.	Bhamo	Dum Dum	--	1060 lbs	1 Hudson III	Successful. Pilot clearly saw prearranged signal on ground. Rear Gunner saw all parachutes open but parachute of first stick appeared to flap considerably; this may indicate that the bundle became detached from parachute.
10/11	Bug III "A" I.S.L.D.	Bassein	Dum Dum	2	96 lbs	1 Hudson III	Successful. Agents and containers dropped in one stick. Rear Gunner reported that all parachutes were seen to open.
	Blow I.S.L.D.	Bhamo	Dum Dum	--	Con- tainers	1 Hudson III	Unsuccessful. Pilot was over the dropping zone from 2330 to 0005 hours but did not receive any pre-arranged ground signal. Having instructions not to drop unless he received this signal, he returned with the containers.
11/12	Spiers VA Force 136	Bhamo	Dum Dum	--	1711 lbs	2 Hudsons III	One aircraft Successful. Dropped in two runs. Rear Gunner reported that he saw all parachutes open and actually land. One aircraft Partially Successful. Two containers dropped in error some miles from D.Z. One other parachute failed to open.
12/13	Dilwyn IX Force 136	Bhamo	Dum Dum	--	985 lbs	1 Hudson III	Successful. All parachutes opened and developed normally.
13/14	Bug IIIB I.S.L.D.	Bassein	Dum Dum	2	330 lbs	1 Hudson III	Successful. all parachutes were seen to open and develop normally except Container No. 3.
	Blow I.S.L.D.	Bhamo	Dum Dum	--	446 lbs	1 Hudson III	Successful. All parachutes opened and developed normally.
14/15	Dilwyn IX & X Force 136 Appreciation I Force 136 Buffin I.S.L.D.	Bhamo	Dum Dum	--	2952 lbs	3 Hudsons III	All three Successful.
		Bangkok	--	3	519 lbs	1 Liberator III	Successful. All parachutes were seen to open.
		Bhamo	Dum Dum	--	830 lbs	1 Hudson III	Unsuccessful. This aircraft failed to return from this operation. subsequently a signal was received by I.S.L.D. to the effect that a R.A.F. aircraft had crashed at approximately 0300 hours at 23° 44'N 98° 48'E., four people were dead and two seriously injured and the services of a doctor were urgently required.

15/16	Dilwyn XI Force 136	Bhamo	Dum Dum	--	2105 lbs	2 Hudsons III	Both Successful. All the parachutes seen to open and develop normally.
16/17	Buffin I.S.L.D.	Bhamo	Dum Dum	Rescue	Attempt	1 Hudson III	Successful. F/Lt. Graham, Medical Officer No. 357 Squadron dropped to attend to personnel injured in crash on night of 14/15th March. Also F/Sgt. White, Parachute Instructor, to assist M.O. and to identify the personnel who were killed in the same crash. Seriously injured Navigator, F/Sgt. Prosser, brought out overland to Kunming.
April Night 4/5	Appreciation Force 136	Nagorn Sawarn	--	3	5 Con- tainers	1 Liberator III	Successful.
Day 5	Aggressive I I.S.L.D.	Hue via Kunming	Chabua	2 Maint. Person- nel	W/T, stores & Kit	2 Liberators III	Unsuccessful. Aircraft containing party forced landed at Fort Hertz due to bad weather. Eventually flown out and returned to base with party on 19/4/44. Second aircraft with 8 aircrew and 5 R.A.F. ground personnel crashed and burnt out near Chautuang, 180 miles NNE of Kunming. Thirteen bodies found in wreckage.
Night 5/6	Spiers VII Force 136	Bhamo	Dum Dum	1	881 lbs	1 Hudson III	Unsuccessful. Unable to locate D.Z. because of electrical thunderstorms and 10/10 cloud.
6/7	Bug III I.S.L.D.	Bassein	Dum Dum	--	120 lbs	1 Hudson III	Successful. Parachutes seen to open and the containers land safely.
7/8	Blow I.S.L.D.	Katha	Dum Dum	--	840 lbs	1 Hudson III	Successful. All parachutes seen to open and develop normally.
8/9	Spiers Force 136	Bhamo	Dum Dum (Hudsons)	--	3230 lbs + 12 Con- tainers	3 Hudsons III 1 Liberator III	All four aircraft Successful.
10/11	Buffin III I.S.L.D.	Bhamo	Dum Dum	--	931 lbs	1 Hudson III	Unsuccessful. The flight had to be abandoned when aircraft was half an hour from the D.Z. because of extremely bad weather.
12/13	Appreciation III Force 136	Nagorn Sawarn	--	--	600 lbs	1 Liberator III	"Appreciation" Unsuccessful. Extreme ground haze prevented signals being observed.
	Seraphim G.S.I(d)	Toungoo	--	--	90 lbs		"Seraphim" Successful. Ground signals were clearly seen and the parachute on the container was seen to open and develop normally.
	Buffin I.S.L.D.	Bhamo	Dum Dum	--	900 lbs	1 Hudson III	Successful.

Day 22	Hainton Force 136	Kunming	Chabua	5	2000 lbs	1 Liberator III	Successful.
Night 25/26	Hainton Force 136	Kunming	Chabua	--	800 lbs	1 Liberator III	Successful.
May Night 5/6	Spiers VIII Force 136	Bhamo	Dum Dum	--	1150 lbs	2 Hudsons III	One aircraft Successful. Other aircraft abandoned as Crew unable to find gap in cloud through which to descend in vicinity of D.Z.
6/7	Spiers Force 136	Bhamo	Dum Dum (Hudson only)	--	12370 lbs	3 Liberator III 1 Hudson III	Hudson Successful but all three Liberators Unsuccessful owing to extremely bad weather. 10/10ths cloud and electrical thunderstorms. One Liberator crashed at Burdwan on return due to lack of fuel. Three of crew killed. Successful. Dropped in two runs.
	Appreciation III Force 136	Nakorn Sawarn	--	--	997 lbs	1 Liberator III	
9/10	Spiers Force 136	Bhamo	--	--	7680 lbs	2 Liberator III	Both Successful. All parachutes seen to open and develop normally. Unsuccessful. this operation had to be abandoned because after just over one hour's flying the automatic pilot became unserviceable.
	Belief Force 136	Lao Kay	--	1	1200 lbs	1 Liberator III	
10/11	Belief Force 136	Lao Kay	--	1	1200 lbs	1 Liberator III	Unsuccessful. No ground signals received so sortie abandoned.
9/10	Dilwyn XIII Force 136	Bhamo	Dum Dum	--	1050 lbs	1 Hudson III	Successful. Containers dropped in two runs. All parachutes seen to open. Unsuccessful. Reception Committee not at Rendezvous.
	Blow I.S.L.D.	Bhamo	Dum Dum	--	950 lbs	1 Hudson III	
11/12	Spiers VIII Force 136	Bhamo	--	--	8680 lbs	1 Hudson III 2 Liberator III	One Liberator Successful. Other two aircraft abandoned due to bad weather. Unsuccessful. Reception fires obscured by fog; drop not made.
	Blow I.S.L.D.	Bhamo	Dum Dum	--	950 lbs	1 Hudson III	
13/14	Spiers VIII Force 136	Bhamo	--	--	8610 lbs	2 Liberator III 1 Hudson III	Hudson and one Liberator Successful. Other Liberator unable to locate the D.Z. Successful. Containers dropped in two runs.
	Blow I.S.L.D.	Bhamo	Dum Dum	--	950 lbs	1 Hudson III	
14/15	Bittern/Buffin I.S.L.D.	Bhamo	Dum Dum	2	1650 lbs	2 Hudson III	Successful. All parachutes seen to open.
June Night 1/2	Buffin I.S.L.D.	Bhamo	Dum Dum	1	2000 lbs	2 Hudson III	One aircraft Successful. Other sortie abandoned owing to cloud obscuring target area. Agent not dropped.
2/3	Dilwyn Force 136	Bhamo	Dum Dum	--	950 lbs	1 Hudson III	Successful. Dropped in two runs.

5/6	Belief Force 136	Vin Yeun	--	--	1760 lbs	1 Liberator III	Unsuccessful. Automatic pilot would not engage and Captain decided to fly without. After about ¾ hour's flying the automatic pilot kept engaging on its own accord. On one occasion the aircraft lost 3,000 feet over the Chin Hills in a diving turn to port, and it took both pilots to pull the aircraft out of this dive.
	Buffin I.S.L.D.	Bhamo	Dum Dum	--	8 Containers	1 Hudson III	Unsuccessful. Sortie abandoned. Fault developed in bomb bay petrol tank installation.
	Hainton Force 136	Mandalay	Dum Dum	3	4 Packages	1 Hudson III	Unsuccessful. Sortie abandoned. Reception lights not visible through valley fog.
Day 6	Hainton Force 136	Menglien	--	--	3840 lbs	1 Liberator III	Unsuccessful. Returned from Barrackpore at 2007 hours as No. 4, and afterwards No. 2, engines were cutting out.
Night 6/7	Hainton Force 136	Menglien	--	--	3840 lbs	1 Liberator	Unsuccessful. Despite a one hour search for the River Salween pinpoint and the D.Z. neither could be located because of 10/10ths cloud, tops 10,000 ft.
6/7	Blow I.S.L.D.	Bhamo	Dum Dum	--	2100 lbs	2 Hudson III	One aircraft Successful. One aircraft returned early owing to excessively high oil temperature on starboard engine.
	Hainton Force 136	Mandalay	Dum Dum	3	4 Packages	1 Hudson III	Successful. All parachutes seen to open.
7/8	Blow I.S.L.D.	Bhamo	Dum Dum	--	8 Containers	1 Hudson III	Unsuccessful. Sortie abandoned owing to starboard engine cutting when switched over to Bomb Bay tank.
8/9	Blow I.S.L.D.	Bhamo	Dum Dum	--	8 Containers	1 Hudson III	Unsuccessful. Sortie abandoned due to extremely bad weather in Central valley.
	Hainton Force 136	Mandalay	Dum Dum (Hudsons only)	--	7680 lbs + 7 Packages & 9 Containers	2 Hudson III 2 Liberator III	All sorties abandoned owing to extremely bad weather conditions, and one Liberator with engine trouble.
10/11	Hainton or Spiers Force 136	Mandalay	Dum Dum (Hudson only)	--	4920 lbs	1 Hudson III 1 Liberator III	Hudson Successful in Spiers area. Liberator abandoned owing to 10/10ths cloud at D.Z.
¹	Spiers Force 136	Bhamo	--	--	3840 lbs	1 Liberator III	Successful. Dropped in one run.
Night 11/12	Blow I.S.L.D.	Bhamo	Dum Dum	--	900 lbs	1 Hudson III	Successful. All parachutes developed normally.
	Hainton Force 136	Bhamo	Dum Dum	--	7 Containers	1 Hudson III	Unsuccessful. Reception lights not visible due 10/10ths low stratus. Sortie abandoned.

¹ Date not given in record.

29/30	Hensingham Force 136	Bhamo	Dum Dum	1	--	1 Hudson III	Successful. Parachute observed to open.
July 30 JN/ 1 JY	Blow I.S.L.D.	Bhamo	Dum Dum	--	10 Containers	1 Hudson III	Unsuccessful. Crew came to the conclusion that the reception party had been compromised therefore did not drop.
1/2	Blow I.S.L.D.	Bhamo	Dum Dum	--	10 Containers	1 Hudson III	Unsuccessful. Sortie abandoned owing to bad weather conditions.
	Buffin I.S.L.D.	Bhamo	Dum Dum	--	8 Containers	1 Hudson III	Unsuccessful Unable to locate D.Z. owing to low stratus down on hills. Sortie abandoned.
Day 4	Mule I.S.L.D.	Nanning	Kunming	4	1200 lbs	1 Liberator III	Successful.
Night 5/6	Dilwyn Force 136 Belief II Force 136	Bhamo Lang Son	Dum Dum Kunming	-- 3	1100 lbs 6 Containers	1 Hudson III 1 Liberator III	Successful. All parachutes except two seen to develop. Successful. All parachutes seen to develop. No signal received from ground after drop.
Night 6/7	Hainton Force 136	Mandalay	Dum Dum	--	1150 lbs	1 Hudson III	Unsuccessful. Sortie abandoned when East of Irrawaddy owing to extremely bad weather on hills.
7/8	Hainton Force 136	Mandalay	Dum Dum	--	8 Containers	1 Hudson III	Unsuccessful. Sortie abandoned owing to 10/10ths cloud obscuring target area.
Day 18	Buffin I.S.L.D.	Bhamo	Dum Dum	1	1150 lbs	1 Hudson III	Unsuccessful. Sortie abandoned because of 10/10ths cloud. after 40 minutes' search, no signal was observed.
25	Hainton Force 136	Menglien	Sylhet	--	5700 lbs	1 Liberator III	Successful. Dropped in two runs.
27	Buffin I.S.L.D.	Bhamo	Dinjan	1	1150 lbs	1 Hudson III	Unsuccessful. Operation abandoned owing to bad weather with 10/10ths cloud and visibility nil.
28	Buffin I.S.L.D.	Bhamo	Dinjan	1	1150 lbs	1 Hudson III	Successful. All parachutes seen to develop normally.
Night 29/30	Belief III Force 136	Hanoi	Kunming	--	2059 lbs	1 Liberator III	Successful.
Augt MIDay 13	Buffin I.S.L.D.	Bhamo	Dinjan	--	1050 lbs	1 Hudson III	Successful. All parachutes seen to open and develop normally.