The Flying Log of F/Lt. Pritchard, DFC Covering flights with 159/160 Squadrons "Special Flight"

December, 1943, India

						73	3.52
					Times carried forward	363.45	370.7
Date	Hour	Ac. Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks	Flying	Times
					(including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	(day)	(night)
21-12-43	1030	Liberator BZ939	F/Lt Bradley	Sp. Operator	Maripur – Karachi to Palam – Delhi	4.30	
23-12-43	1045	do	F/Lt Bradley	do.	Palarm to St Thomas Mnt. Madras	6.45	
24-12-43	1015	do	F/Lt Bradley	do.	St Thomas Mnt to Sirigaya Ceylon	2.30	
						377.30	370.7
	Total no of operations (B. Command)			=	47.		
	Total r	o of operational hour	S.	=	367-25		
	Total r	o of hours for Decem	ber	=	Day: 38.15. Night: 4.30		
	Grand	total of hours.		=	Day: 377.30 Night: 370.7		
		Total hours in full.			747 hrs. 34m.		
				attached to 160	O Sqdn C.Command wef. 24.12.43		
					Signed G R Bonly ² Sldr.		
					"C.O" 160 Sqdn.		

¹ This would have been Sigiriya ² G.R. Brady was the commanding officer at this time, but the signature seems to have a different spelling.

							7.37
					Times carried forward:	377.30	370.7
Date	Hour	Ac. Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks	Flying	Times
					(including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	(day)	(night)
January							`
3.1.44	1430	Liberator BZ938	S/L Brady	Special op.	Air Test – Local	30.	
20.1.44	1455	do.	F/Lt Connor	do.	Test – Local flying	2-10.	
22.1.44	1845	BZ939	F/Lt Bradley	Special op.	Operations:- Port Blair (Andaman Islands) Investigation	1-15	11.30
			,		Satisfactory		
25.1.44	1910	BZ938	F/Lt Connor	Special op.	Operations:- Port Blair – v. successful.	30	11-45
					(2nd Investigational Flight)		
						381.55	393.22
(BCo	mmand	& CC.) Total no. o	f operations	=	57		
,		Total no of op. hours	•	=	392.25		
	Total n	no of hours for January		=	Day: 6.25 Night: 23.15		
		Grand totals.		=	Day 381.55 Night: 393.22		
		G R Bordy ³ W/Cdr			Signed J W Bradley, F/Lt.		
			"OC" 16	0 Sqdn.	"OC" C. Flt. 160 Sqdn.		
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February	,						
3.2.44	1030	Liberator BZ938	F/Lt Connor	Special op.	Air Test. Local flying.	1.15.	
3.2.44	2200	do	F/Lt Connor	Special op.	Operations:- Port Blair area.	2.30.	9.0
					(owing to attack by E/A results V. Successful)		
13.2.44	0850	do FL833 ⁴	P/O Hall	Passenger	Base to Ratmalana	30.	
14.2.44	1200	Hudson FH262	F/O Grey	Passenger	Race Course Colombo to Cochin	2-20	
14.2.44	1510	do	F/O Grey	Passenger	Cochin India to Bangalore	2-0	
					Total Time	390.30	402.22

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⁴ FL833 appears to be the entry, but the aircraft was probably FL936 which Hall flew from Sigiriya to Ratmalana on the 14th at 853 (as recorded in 160 Sqdn Form 540)

						792	2 - 52
					Times carried forward:		402.22
Date	Hour	Ac. Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks	Flying Times	
					(including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	(day)	(night)
15.2.44	0835	Hudson FH262	F/O Grey	Passenger	Bangalore to Bombay (Santa Cruz)	3.0	
15.2.44	1240	do	F/O Grey	Passenger	Bombay (SA) to Delhi (airport)	3.40	
		Delhi	to Colombo	return by	India National Airways.		
19.2.44	0830	DC. 3.	Capt. Marrilal ⁵		Delhi to Bangalore via Bombay	7-10	
20.2.44	0730	DC 3	Capt. Marrilal		Bangalore to Colombo (Ratmalana)	4-30	
25.2.44	1910	Liberator BZ938	F/Lt Connor	Special Operator	Operations:- Nicobar Islands.		10.30
27.2.44	1510	do	F/Lt Connor	Special op.	Operations:- Nicobar Islands	4.30	9.0
					(severe electrical storms) landed VNA		
28.2.44	17.10	do	F/Lt Connor	Special op.	VNA. to Base.	20	
						413.40	421.52
			Total no of operations =		60		
			Total no of op. hours =		428.75		
		Total no o	f hours for Februa	ary =	Day: 31.45 Night: 28.30		
			Grand	Totals	Day: 413.40 Night: 421.52		
		Signed:	G R Brady W/Cdr.		Signed J W Bradley F/L		
		-	O.C. 160		"OC" "C" Flight.		
					Total Time		

⁵ The name might be Marribal.

								83	5.32
					Times carried forward:	413.40	421.52		
Date	Hour	Ac. Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks	Flying	Times		
					(including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	(day)	(night)		
5.3.44	1010	Liberator BZ 938	F/Lt Connor	Special op.	Air Test – Trincomalee - base	1.45			
5.3.44	1840	do	F/Lt Connor	Special op.	Operations – Simalur. Recce.	2.30	12.0		
12.3.44	1035	BZ939	F/Lt Bradley	Special op.	Operational – Recce.	8.30			
13.3.44	1305	BZ938	F/Lt Connor	Special op.	Operation – Sabang. Recce.	6.0	8.15		
15.3.44	1210	BZ939	F/Lt Bradley	Special op.	Operation – Sabang. Recce	7.0	7.15		
18.3.44	1335	BZ939	F/Lt Bradley	Special op.	Ops. – Car Nicobar. – Recalled to base	3.20			
					after 50 mins – trip cancelled.				
20.3.44	1410	939	F/Lt Bradley	Special op.	Operation. – Car Nicobar. Recce.	5.00	7.00		
22.3.44	1335	938	F/Lt Connor	Special op.	Operation. – Port Blair.	5.30	5.30		
25.3.44	1030	938	F/Lt Connor	Special op.	Operation – Simalur.	8.10	7.00		
						461.25	468.52		
			Total no of operations =		67				
			Total no of op. hours =		521.15				
		Total no	of hours for Marc	h =	Day: 47.45 Night: 47.00				
			Grand Totals		Day: 461.25 Night: 468.52				
		Signed:	GR Bondy ⁶ W/Cdr		Signed J.W. Bradley				
			"OC" 160	SQDN	"OC" "C" FLT.				
					Total Time				

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April 1944

						93	0.17
					Times carried forward:	461.25	468.52
Date	Hour	Ac. Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks	Flying	Times
				-	(including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	(day)	(night)
17.4.44	1425	Liberator BZ939	F/Lt Bradley	Spec. op.	Air Test on sp. equipment.	1.45	`
30,4,44	0830	BZ938	F/Lt Connor	Spec. op.	Sigiriya to Madras, India	2.20	
						465.30	468.52
			Total hours	for month:	4.05 day		
				Attached	159 Sqdn. Digri.		
May 1	944						
1.5.44	1030	BZ938	F/Lt Connor	Spec. op.	Madras to Salbani (Bengal)	5.20	
10.5.44	1810	938	F/Lt Connor	Spec. op.	OPS:- Mergui	4.10	10.0
12.5.44	1810	938	F/Lt Connor	Spec. op.	OPS:- Rangoon – Moulmein	4.0	10.0
14.5.44	1835	938	F/Lt Connor	Spec. op.	OPS:- Rangoon - Bassein	4.35	10.0
						483.35	498.52
			Total no of operations =		70		
			Total no of	op. hours =	564.0		
		Total no	of hours for May	′ =	Day: 18.5 Night: 30.0		
		Grand total	of hours op.& no	nop =	982 hrs 27 mins		
					Signed J W Bradley		
					"OC." Special Flt.		
					Total Time		

						982	2.24
					Times carried forward:		498.52
Date	Hour	Ac. Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks	Flying	Times
				-	(including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	(day)	(night)
	Retu	rned from 51 Radio S	ch. Bangalore		by RAF Transport Cmd (Cessation of course)	, , ,	, ,
8.8.44	1020	Dakota	W/O Jones	Passenger	Madras to Vizagapatan		
					Vizag to Cuttack	6.10	
					Cuttack to Calcutta (Dum-Dum)		
Septer	mber						
3.9.44	0915	Liberator BZ938	F/Lt O'Reilly	Special Op.	Jessore & Bay – Test equipment	4.10	
4.9.44	1835	do.	F/Lt O'Reilly	Special Op.	OPS. – Bangkok – Rangoon.	3.10	11.15
11.9.44	1820	do.	P/O. Seabrook	Special Op.	OPS. – Rangoon – Moulmein	2.50	11.15
14.9.44	1030	Audax.	F/Lt Mitchell	Passenger	Base to Alipore	.35	
24.9.44	1645	Lib. BZ938	P/O. Seabrook	Special Op.	OPS. – Akyab – Bassein	3.40	11.15
					·	504.10	532.34
			Total no of o	perations =	73		
			Total no of o	op. hours =	607.25 (1 st tour 316.20)		
			Total no of hou	urs for Sept. =	Day: 14.25 Night: 33.45	291	.05 =
			Grand total	of hours. =	1036 hrs 44 m.	9 hrs to	complete
						2nd	tour
					Signed JW Bradley F/L	30/	9/44
					"OC." "C" FLT 159 Sqdn.		
					Total Time		

						103	86.44	
					Times carried forward:	504.10	532.37	
Date	Hour	Ac. Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks	Flying	Times	
					(including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	(day)	(night)	
5.10.44	1710	LIB. BZ939	F/O Seabrook	Special op.	OPS: Akyab, Bassein Moulmein	3.45	11.30	
						507.55	544.7	
			Summary on Co					
		Total number	er of operational h		622.40			
				1 st Tour =	316.20			
				2 nd Tour =	306.20			
			Total number		74			
			Total numbe	r of hours. =	504.44 day 544.7 night = 1042.02			
			<u> </u>	<u> </u>	2			
			Signed J V		Signed ??????? ⁷ S/L.			
			"OC." (C FLT.	for "OC" 159 Sqdn R.A.F.			
					W/Cmdr Blackburn D.S.O. A.F.C.			
		"Y" missing Rango	on – 10/11/44					
		F/O Underhill E.	Amber sp. op.					
		No signals (presu	·					
15.11.44	0955	Defiant	F/Lt Fox	passenger	Digri to Alipore			
15.11.44	1730	do	F/Lt Fox	do	Alipore to Digri via Klaragpur			
10.11.44	1700	do	17EtT OX	40	7 dipore to bigit via ritaragpar			
				Awarded	D.F.C. November 1944.			
					Total Time	508.55	544.7	

⁷ Signature is unreadable in original document

					Times carried forward:		3.02
							544.7
Date	Hour	Ac. Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks	Flying	Times
					(including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	(day)	(night)
28.11.44	1050	Vultee Vengeance	F/L Fox	Passenger & W/T.	Air Test	35	
		29.12.44.	Proceeded to Bo	 mbay	according to signal from	509.30	544.7
			ACSEA				
			Air humidi	ty posting	to United Kingdom	104	3.37
					Mildenhall		
26.4.45	11.15	Lancaster	F/L Fielding	Int Off.	Exodus – Bremen. Crashed at Base.	7.20	
					Total Time		