

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

December, 1943, India

						733.52	
						Times carried forward	
Date	Hour	Ac. Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times	
						(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 ¹ Ceylon	2.30	
						377.30	370.7
Total no of operations (B. Command)				=	47.		
Total no of operational hours.				=	367-25		
Total no of hours for December				=	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 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.

160 Squadron

Sigiriya - Ceylon

1944

						747.37	
						Times carried forward:--	
						377.30	370.7
Date	Hour	Ac. Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	Flying Times	
						(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
(BCommand & CC.) Total no. of operations				=	57		
				=	392.25		
				=	Day: 6.25 Night: 23.15		
				=	Day 381.55 Night: 393.22		
				=	Day 381.55 Night: 393.22		
					Signed J W Bradley, F/Lt.		
				"OC" 160 Sqdn.	"OC" C. Flt. 160 Sqdn.		
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)

Date	Hour	Ac. Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	792 - 52	
						Times carried forward:--	
						390.30	402.22
						Flying Times	
						(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 (severe electrical storms) landed VNA	4.30	9.0
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 of hours for February =	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 SQDN	"OC" "C" Flight.	
						Total Time	

⁵ The name might be Marribal.

April 1944

Date	Hour	Ac. Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	930.17	
						Times carried forward:--	
						461.25	468.52
						Flying Times	
						(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 1944							
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.& nonop =				982 hrs 27 mins			
					Signed J W Bradley		
					"OC." Special Flt.		
						Total Time	

Date	Hour	Ac. Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (including results of bombing, gunnery, exercises, etc.)	1036.44	
						504.10	532.37
						Flying Times	
						(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 Completion of 2nd Tour							
Total number of operational hours. =					622.40		
1 st Tour =					316.20		
2 nd Tour =					306.20		
Total number of sorties. =					74		
Total number of hours. =					504.44 day 544.7 night = 1042.02		
Signed J W Bradley				Signed ????????? ⁷ S/L.			
"OC." C FLT.				for "OC" 159 Sqdn R.A.F.			
				W/Comdr Blackburn D.S.O. A.F.C.			
"Y" missing Rangoon – 10/11/44							
F/O Underhill E. Amber sp. op.							
No signals (presumed by FLAK)							
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		
				Awarded	D.F.C. November 1944.		
Total Time						508.55	544.7

⁷ Signature is unreadable in original document

						143.02	
						508.55	544.7
						Flying Times	
Date	Hour	Ac. Type and No.	Pilot	Duty	Remarks (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 Bombay			according to signal from	509.30	544.7
			ACSEA				
			Air humidity posting		to United Kingdom		1043.37
					Mildenhall		
26.4.45	11.15	Lancaster	F/L Fielding	Int Off.	Exodus – Bremen. Crashed at Base.	7.20	
					Total Time		