

February 1945: Form 541

358 Squadron

Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
2/3rd February, 1945					
Route	A/C 'A', 'O', 'X', 'R', 'H'				
	Base-Cox's Bazaar-Alcuaba? Reef-1443N 9753E-DZ-1213N 10234E-1607N 9546E-Cox's Bazaar or Base.				
Load:	A/C 'R' carried 10 containers				
	A/C 'O' carried 10 containers and 1 package.				
	A/C 'H' & 'A' carried 11 containers and 1 package				
Opposition.	No opposition was encountered, but on A/C saw a searchlight at 1240 N 10107E, but it did not locate aircraft.				
Liberator VI EW287 'R'	1133124 F/S. Drummond, W.	Capt.	17.55	09.50	A/C took off from Cox's Bazaar. Weather en route was poor. On arriving at dropping zone target was covered with cloud but after circling for a time target was seen through a break in the cloud so an immediate run was made and load dropped.
	434569 F/S. Tunbridge, K.	2nd.P.			
	1396358 F/S. Flynn, F	Nav.			
	164104 P/O. Winup, T.	B/A			
	Aus.427708 F/S. Johnson, C. H.	W/OP			
	Aus.436605 F/S. Lyons, J. K.	W/OP			
	993643 F/S. Tozer, G.	A/G			
	1597378 Sgt. Dickson, A. F.	A/G			
Liberator VI. KH312 'X'	1108628 F/S. Mills, W? R.	Capt.	18.15	09.20?	A/C took off from staging post at Cox's Bazaar. Weather was poor and on arriving at target are the DZ was seen through a break in the cloud so load was immediately dropped. Cb and electrical storms were encountered on return flight. Due to fuel shortage A/C landed at Cox's Bazaar on return.
	1604264 Sgt. Loveless, L?	2nd.P.			
	Can.R93615 W/O. Hencher, S.	Nav.			
	163841 P/O. Taylor, T. D.	B/A			
	1795301 Sgt. Rowe, G. D.	W/OP			
	1623858 Sgt. Young, C.C.	W/OP			

	1867623 Sgt. Potter, D. S.	A/G			
	1574169 Sgt. Aire, G.	A/G			
Liberator VI. KH253 'O'	184293 P/O. Stuart, J. C.	Capt.	17.45	09.30	A/C took off from Cox's Bazaar. Weather en route was poor and target was completely covered by cloud so load was brought back to base.
	1566861 F/S. McAlister, J.	2nd.P.			
	1316982 F/S. Batchelor, J.	Nav.			
	544422 Sgt. Wright, C. J.	B/A			
	1020030 Sgt. Blackburn, S.	W/OP			
	1817431 Sgt. Vickers, F. E.	W/OP			
	1123732 W/O. Hendry, W.	A/G			
	185307 P/O. Edwards, R. S.	A/G			
Liberator VI. KH167 'A'	171567 F/O. J. B. Smart	Capt.	17.40	08.35	14.55. A/C was staging via Cox's Bazaar. The weather on route was fair until 50 miles from the DA, then 9/10 ST and Cu was encountered in layers up to 17,000'. Arriving at the DZ at 0053 hrs. 'C' type reception was seen through a break in the cloud but before A/C could make a dropping run the lights were extinguished and were not seen again even though the A/C was in the area for an hour in which time attempts were made to get below cloud but were unsuccessful. On the return flight violent thunderstorms and electrical storms were encountered.
	165517 P/O. H. J. Johnson	2nd.P.			
	1673688 Sgt. Simpson, S. A.	Nav.			
	1604351 Sgt. Mathews, E. V.	B/A			
	605616 Sgt. Gaskin, D. S.	W/OP			
	18?00541 Sgt. Robertson	W/OP			
	2211518 Sgt. Kingston, C.	A/G			
	56361 P/O. Goodison, J.	A/G			
Liberator VI. KH257 'H'	Aus.421849 W/O. Martel	Capt.	18.05	10.20	16.15. A/C was staging via Cox's Bazaar. The weather en route was clear until the Rangoon area, the 7/10 Cu was experienced. Over the DZ area 10/10 Cu in layers up to 18000'. The target area was reached at 0109 hrs. but the target was not seen because of 10/10 low cloud. On the return flight violent storms were encountered and a searchlight was seen at Rayong.
	Aus.28286 F/O. Carter, R. A.	2nd.P.			
	1324510 F/S. Whale	Nav.			
	163736 F/O. McStea	B/A			
	Aus.413853 W/O. Graham	W/OP			
	Aus.436522 F/S.	W/OP			

	Jolley				
	1869269 Sgt. Attwood	A/G			
	1091192 Sgt. Ayton	A/G			
2/2/45	5 A/C were detailed for S.D. Operations. 2 were successful having seen the target through a break in the cloud. The other 3 arrived at target when it was covered by 10/10 cloud. On return flight violent electrical and thunderstorms were encountered. 2 A/C landed at Cox's Bazaar on return due to fuel shortage.				
	19/20th February, 1945				
Route	A/C:- 'C', 'K', 'X', 'O', 'R'				
	'C':- Base – 2228N 9658E – 2141N 1010E ¹ – DZ – and return.				
	'K':- Base – 2259N 9422E – 2147N 10100E – 2105N 10403E – and return.				
	'X':- Base – 2210N 9837E – 2113N 10306E – DZ – and return.				
	'O':- Base – 2259N 9422E – 2147N 10106E – 2105N 10431E – Primary DZ – 2050N 10440E – Secondary DZ – Tezgaon.				
	'R':- Base – 2259N 9422E – 2147N 10100E – 2103N 10404E – DZ – 2147N 10106E – 2259N 9422E – Base.				
Load:	All A/C. carried 5 Packages, Leaflets. 11 containers. 5 packages. Total weight:- 4320 lbs + leaflets.				
Opposition:	No opposition was encountered by 'C', 'K', 'O', 'R'. A/C 'X' reported heavy A.A. accurate for height at position 2225N 9655E at 1820 hours. A/C heading 100 at 10,000 feet.				
Liberator VI. 'C' 271	S/L. S. A. Sharpe, 45702	Capt.	15.20	04.50	13.25. A/C took off from Base; Visibility was good over the Route except for scattered cloud over the Chin Hills. Seven minutes before the target area 10/10 Cu. extending to ground level was encountered. The A/C could not drop, so set course for the Secondary which was reached 16 minutes later. The same conditions prevailed so the load was brought back to base.
19/2/45	F/O. B. J. Edwards 157851	2nd.P.			
	F/S. C. S. Kirby, 1391233	Nav.			
	W/O. R. H. Cross, 1337426	B/A			
	W/O. J. A. Buchanan, 1365057	1.WOP			
	F/S. Noble, F. W. A.437539	2.WOP			
	1357609 W/O. Fayle, S. W.	M.U.G.			
	W/O. E. W. Seymour, 1300922	Rear.			
	F/S. R. C. Fenbow, 1672757.	Eng.			
Liberator VI. 'K' 392	F/O. M. R. Davison, 50490	Capt.	15.20	04.35	13.15. A/C took off from Base. After take off, cloud over the Chin Hills was experienced. 20 minutes from the DZ low cloud developed and this condition continued completely covering the DZ. The Secondary DZ was similarly covered, so after dropping leaflets in the Yinh Yea area, the aircraft returned to Base. The
19/2/45	F/S. D. R. Crammond, 1458001	2nd.P.			
	P/O. T. Parham, 161025	Nav.			

¹ Record says 1010E, but this is probably 10100E.

	P/O. A. N. Woods, 164098	B/A			pilot reported trouble with the Radio Altimeter which had not been calibrated.
	W/O. S. J. Webb, 1307031	1.WOP			
	Sgt. G. B. Pollock, 1344598	2.WOP			
	Sgt. G. Barber, 1629944	M.U.G.			
	W/O. G. White, 1332279	Rear.			
	Sgt. T. Ainsworth, 2207927	Eng.			
Liberator VI. 'X' KH312	F/O. K. W. Jones 175022	Capt.	15.35	04.50	D.C.O. On the journey to the target this A/C encountered heavy A.A. which was accurate for height but some distance away from the A/C. The weather was good until 2030 hours when 10/10 Cu. was encountered. The primary DZ was completely covered, but after an hour's search a break in the cloud was found over the Secondary DZ. This was at 2149 hours. Although the marker lights were 7 miles South of the specified position, the load was dropped. The aircraft returned to Base without further event.
19/2/45	F/S. K. R. Jukes Aus.428573	2nd.P.			
	Sgt. H. Dunn 1549512	Nav.			
	W/O. E. T. Ball 581493	B/A			
	P/O. L. J Talbot. 186538	1.WOP			
	F/S. H. T. Dawson NZ.425654	2.WOP			
	W/O. E. A Richards. 1338958	M.U.G.			
	W/O. E. W. Rozee 1332937	Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'O' KH253	P/O. J. C. Stuart 184293	Capt.	1540	0430	D.N.C.O. This A/C experienced cloud over the Chin Hills – Irrawaddy area. From there until near the target area the weather was clear. At the target area at 2047 hours the ground was completely covered with low cloud. The same conditions prevailed at the Secondary target so course was set for Base. 10 mins after setting course No.1 engine was feathered. When over the Chin Hills on the return journey Nos.2 & 4 engines began to run roughly and as fuel was none too plenty the A/C landed at Tezgaon.
19/2/45	F/S. J. McAlister 1566861	2nd.P.			
	Sgt. C. J. Wright 544422	Nav.			
	F/S. J. Batchelor 1316082	B/A			
	Sgt. Blackburn, S. 1020030	1.WOP			
	Sgt. F. E. Vickers, 1817431	2.WOP			
	W/O. W. Hendry, 1123732	M.U.G.			
	P/O. F. S. Edwards, 185307	Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'R' EW287	F/S. W. R. Mills 1108628	Capt.	14.35	04.45	D.C.O. On the outward journey slight scattered cloud was encountered. 10 mins. before the DZ 10/10 low cloud was encountered which persisted to the target area. Pin pointing was impossible so after having arrived at the
19/2/45	Sgt. L. C. Loveless 1604264	2nd.P.			

	P/O. T. D. Taylor 163841	Nav.			Primary at 2045 hours, course was set for the Secondary. This was reached at 2108 and an unsuccessful search for a break in the cloud was made. 5 Pkgts of leaflets were dropped in Northern F.I.C. on the return journey. The aircraft reached Base at 0440 and landed 5 minutes later.
	W/O. S. E. Hencher Can.R.93615	B/A			
	Sgt. G. V. Rowe 1795801	1.WOP			
	Sgt. C. C. Young 1623858	2.WOP			
	Sgt. D. S. Potter 186723	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. J. F. Hawkins 1301823	Rear.			
	Sgt. Hulse 634691	Desp.			
Liberator VI. 'Z' KH397	P/O. C. H. Hedley 56141	Capt.			Cancelled.
19/2/45	F/S. K. Nicholson, 1801765	2nd.P.			
	Sgt. H. Hounslow, 1320624	B/A			
	W/O. J. H. Perkins, 1215501	Nav.			
	P/O. J. E. Tubb. 188532	1.WOP			
	W/O. R. C. Chalmers 1152918	M.U.G.			
	P/O. W. E. Hopkins 186294	Rear.			
	F/S. W. H. Blee 577626	Desp.			
Liberator VI. 'T' KH350	F/O. R. W. Robinson, 51159	Capt.			Cancelled.
19/2/45	F/O. H. V. Smith, Can.J.27671	2nd.P.			
	Sgt. J. H. Draper, 1802370	B/A			
	F/S. P. R. Brenchley, 1390490	Nav.			
	Sgt. R. S. Woods, 1398294	1.WOP			
	Sgt. W. J. Pinckney, 1805139	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. C. Copley, 993351	Rear.			
	Sgt. W. A. Pugh, 2206912	2.WOP			
	Sgt. L. Parsons, 960606	Desp.			
Liberator VI. 'Q'	F/S. W. Drummond 1133124	Capt.			Cancelled.

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19/2/45	F/S. K. W. Tunbridge Aus.434569	2nd.P.			
	F/O. T. C. H. Winup 164104	B/A			
	F/S. Flynn, F. 1396358	Nav.			
	F/S. C. J. Johnson Aus.427708	1.WOP			
	F/S. J. K. Lyons Aus.436605	2.WOP			
	Sgt. Salway 932050	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. A. F. Dickson, 1597378	Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'W' KH394	F/O. J. C. Murray Can.J.27673	Capt.	11.10	13.30	D.N.C.O. Recalled on account of weather at target area.
19/2/45	F/S. J. R. Larcombe Aus.436643	2nd.P.			
	P/O. T. Kay 164079	B/A			
	F/O. E. R. Field 146307	Nav.			
	F/S. J. E. Bateman Aus.424944	1.WOP			
	F/S. A. F. Ashby Aus.424012	2.WOP			
	Sgt. Peters, J. F. 1853933	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. H. G. Frederick 1853345	Rear.			
	Sgt. A. M Cosh 653388	Eng/Desp.			
Liberator VI. 'U' KG925	F/O. J. G. Wood, Can.J18271	Capt.	11.10	14.30	D.N.C.O. Recalled on account of weather at target area.
19/2/45	F/S. C. E. Collins, Aus.429650	2nd.P.			
	P/O. S. C. Hull, 163730	B/A			
	Sgt. E. Ely, 1577275	Nav.			
	Sgt. J. McLuskey, 1567157	1.WOP			
	Sgt. Spencer, 1818353	2.WOP			
	Sgt. Hurley, D. C. 1609041	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. Brogan, R. NZ.42718	Rear.			
	5 aircraft were detailed for S.D. Operations. Owing to 10/10 low cloud at the DZ four were unsuccessful. One aircraft, however, found a break in the cloud and was successful. One aircraft, because of engine trouble, was forced to land at Tezgaon on the return journey. The others reached Base.				

20/21st. February, 1945					
Route	A/C:- 'A', 'K', 'C', 'N', 'W', 'U', 'Q', 'G'.				
	'A':- Base – 2259N 9422E – 2147N 10105E – 2120N 10511E – DZ and return.				
	'K':- ditto.				
	'C':- ditto.				
	'N':- ditto.				
	'W':- ditto.				
	'U':- Base – 2300N 9422E – 2148N 10105E – 2120N 10511E – DZ Tienyc?n – 2330N 8955E.				
	'Q':- Base – 2300N 9432E – 2148N 10103E – 2120N 10511E – DZ – 2121N 10101E – Comilla.				
	'G':- No Details.				
Load		Leaflets	Containers	Packages	
	'A'	5 Pkts.	11	6	
	'K'	12 "	11	5	
	'C'	9 "	11	5	
	'N'	7 "	11	6	
	'W'	6 "	11	5	
	'U'	6 "	11	6	
	'R' ²	6 "	11	--	
	'Q'	5 "	11	6	
Opposition:	None encountered.				
Liberator VI. 'A' 167	W/Cdr. P. G. D. Farr	Capt.	2230	0120	1345. The A/C set Course and encountered nothing until in position 2201N 9926E when high cloud was encountered. At 2133N 10300E scattered Cu developed and reached 10/10 at target. It was considered inadvisable to go down through the cloud as it would have been too dark to recognise ground features. Had the take off time been 30 mins. earlier this disadvantage would have been overcome and the load dropped. On the return journey, 5 pkgs. of leaflets were dropped on DR over the town of Pxutho. The same weather conditions were encountered on the return journey.
20/2/45	F/L. E. L. Ryan, 125641	Nav.			
	F/S. R. Jackman, 967248	B/A.			
	F/O. S. J. Brace, 162856	1.WOP			
	Sgt. C. Thirkettle, 1025625	2.WOP			
	Sgt. J. Stanley, 1894296	M.U.G.			
	F/L. P. J. Kydd, 92743	Rear.			
	F/S. K. Wells, 1890434	Eng.			
	F/S. P. K. Banks, 1603971	2nd.P.			
Liberator VI. 'G' 282	F/O. J. B. Smart, 171567	Capt.	1124	--	This A/C was not heard of after leaving Base. A/C 'N' reported having seen an aircraft (Liberator) over the DZ area at approx. 1800 hrs. This A/C was seen to fly through a gap in the cloud. A/C 'N' did not follow owing t the
20/2/45	F/O. T. A. Brown, 155527	2nd.P.			

² Record says 'R', but should this be 'G'?

	P/O. H. J. A. Johnson, 165517	Nav.			extremely hilly nature of the ground through the Gap. Recent reports indicate that A/C 'G' has been located at the DZ area in a crashed condition. No details of the crew are yet to hand, although it is believe that at least four members perished. These have not been identified as yet.
	P/O. P. P. Parker, 165276	Nav.			
	Sgt. L. W. Hazelwood, 1584988	B/A.			
	Sgt. G. M. Pumphrey, 798789	1.WOP.			
	Sgt. W. W. Smith, 1479652	M.U.G.			
	F/O. J. E. M. Wilson, 159979	2.WOP.			
	Sgt. J. R. Wise, 1547400	Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'K' 392	F/O. L. P. Cloutier Can.J24817	Capt.	11.25	02.15	14.50. This Aircraft experienced the same weather conditions as A/C 'A'. It dropped eight packages of leaflets over the town of Tien Yen. The remainder of the load was brought back to Base.
20/2/45	F/S. R. G. Pryor, Aus.437058	2nd.P.			
	F/S. G. E. Foster, 657237	Nav.			
	P/O. D. J. Boston, 164443	B/A.			
	F/S. M. R. Vagg, Aus.430230	1.WOP.			
	F/S. E. Warmer, Aus.419146	2.WOP.			
	Sgt. J. Power, 1786476	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. G. Mount, 934689	Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'C' 271	W/O. H. S. Martell Aus.421849	Capt.	11.35	02.50	15.15. The same weather conditions as in the case of A/C 'A' apply to this flight. The load was jettisoned on the return journey because of instrument trouble at position 22.00N 10430E. This was done at 1920 hours. The aircraft returned to Base without further event.
20/2/45	F/O. R. A. Carter, Aus.28286	2nd.P.			
	F/S. G. Whale 1324510	Nav.			
	F/O. W. McStea 163736	B/A.			
	W/O. D. I. Graham, Aus.413853	1.WOP.			
	F/S. D. C. Jolley Aus.436522	2.WOP.			
	Sgt. G. C. Attwood 1869269	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. W. F. Ayton 1091192	Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'N' 365	W/O. E. P. Adams NZ.412165	Capt.	11.25	02.00	14.35. Again, the weather conditions as reported for previous A/C, were experienced. This A/C reported seeing another aircraft

20/2/45	F/O. A. J. C. Pearce Aus.436273	2nd.P.			(possibly 'G') dive through a gap in the clouds. This A/C did not drop it's load because of the completely covered DZ. The load was returned to Base.
	F/S. S. Simpson 1457956	Nav.			
	Sgt. R. G. Stanton 1582233	B/A.			
	F/S. J. J. Costello Aus.421572	1.WOP.			
	W/O. R. McMaster, Aus.432009	2.WOP.			
	Sgt. M. McGarry. 1880766	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. D. Mathews 1862719	Rear.			
Liberator VI 'W' KH394	F/O. J. C. Murray Can.J.27673	Capt.	11.30	01.05	D.N.C.O. (Weather). Similarly this A/C was not successful owing to the weather. The load was returned to Base. 6 Pkts. of leaflets were dropped on Northern F.I.C. on the return journey.
20/2/45	F/S. J. R. Larcombe Aus.436643	2nd.P.			
	P/O. T. Kay 164079	Nav.			
	F/O. E. P. Field 146307	B/A.			
	F/S. J. E. Bateman Aus.424944	1.WOP.			
	F/S. A. F. Ashby Aus.424012	2.WOP.			
	Sgt. J. F. Peters 1853933	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. Frederick, H. 1853345	Rear.			
	Sgt. A. M Cosh 653388	Eng.			
Liberator VI. 'U' KG905	F/O. J. G. Wood, Can.J181271	Capt.	11.30	01.45	D.N.C.O. Fuel Shortage; Baled Out. This A/C experienced particularly bad weather on the trip. It was unsuccessful at the DZ because of weather conditions. 6 packages of leaflets were dropped over Tien Yen at 17.42 hrs. When in position 2330N 8955E the Captain ordered the crew to bale out due to shortage of fuel. The 1st WOP. Sgt. McLuskey, J. 1567157 could not find his parachute so the 2nd. Pilot F/S. Collins, C. E. Aus.429650 offered to carry him on his back. Unfortunately, Sgt. McLuskey was torn off F/S. Collins back when the parachute opened at 3000 ft. Sgt. McLuskey's body was subsequently found and buried by Mission people at Faridpur. The rest of the crew landed safely. The A/C crashed into a nearby village and was a complete write off.
20/2/45	F/S. C. E. Collins, Aus.429650	2nd.P.			
	P/O. S. C. Hull, 163730	Nav.			
	Sgt. E. Ely, 1577275	B/A.			
	Sgt. J. McLuskey, 1567157	1.WOP.			
	Sgt. Spencer, 1818353	2.WOP.			
	Sgt. D. C. Hurley, 1609041	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. R. Brogan, NZ.42718	Rear.			
Liberator	F/S. W. Drummond	Capt.	1135	1245 ³	D.N.C.O. Landed Comilla. This aircraft was

³ 1245 us the time given in the record, but may be in error.

VI. 'Q' KH367	1133124				also unsuccessful having experienced similar weather conditions. 6 packages ⁴
20/2/45	F/S. K. W. Tunbridge Aus.434569	2nd.P.			
	F/O. T. C. H. Winup 164104	B/A.			
	F/S. F. Flynn, 1396358	Nav.			
	F/S. C. J. Johnson Aus.427708	1.WOP.			
	F/S. J. K. Lyons Aus.436605	2.WOP.			
	Sgt. Salway 932050	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. A. F. Dickson, 1597378	Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'Z' KH397	P/O. C. H. Hedley 56141	Capt.			Cancelled.
20/2/45	F/S. Nicholson, K. 1801768	2nd.P.			
	Sgt. H. Hounslow, 1320624	B/A.			
	W/O. J. H. Perkins, 1215501	Nav.			
	P/O. J. E. Tubb. 188532	1.WOP.			
	W/O. R. C. Chalmers 1152918	2.WOP.			
	W/O. Pepper, B. S. 631789	M.U.G.			
	P/O. W. E. Hopkins 186294	Rear.			
	F/S. W. H. Blee 577626	Desp.			
Liberator VI. 'T' KH350	F/O. R. W. Robinson, 51159	Capt.			Cancelled.
20/2/45	F/O. H. V. Smith, Can.J.27671	2nd.P.			
	Sgt. J. H. Draper, 1802370	B/A.			
	F/S. P. R. Brenchley, 1390490	Nav.			
	Sgt. R. S. Wood, 1398294	1.WOP.			
	Sgt. W. A. Pugh, 206912	2.WOP.			
	Sgt. L. J. Pinckney, 18025139	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. C. Copley, 993351	Rear.			

⁴ The record contains no further information.

	Sgt. L. Parsons, 960606	Desp.			
	8 Aircraft were detailed for S.D. Operations over Northern F.I.C. All encountered bad weather on the journey. All aircraft were unsuccessful due to weather at the target. One aircraft was lost over the DZ. Another Ran out of fuel and crashed. The crew of the latter bailed out with one life lost. One aircraft owing to fuel shortage landed at Comilla. Had this operation been detailed for an earlier E.T.A. at the target there would have been the possibility of some success.				
	21/22nd. February, 1945				
Route	A/C:- 'X', 'Z', 'N', 'K', 'W', 'T', 'A', 'H'.				
	'X':- Base – 1519N 9518E – 1404N 10658E – DZ and return.				
	'Z':- Base – 2040N 9221E – 1853N 9720E – DZ and return.				
	'N':- ditto				
	'K':- ditto				
	'W':- Base – 2210N 9033E – 2020N 9317E – 1856N 9720E – 1453N 10553E – 1433N 106026E – 1350N 10750E – DZ and return.				
	'T':- Base – 2040N 9221E – 1853N 9720E – DZ and return.				
	'A':- Base – 1916N 9512E – 1310N 10342E – DZ and return.				
	'H':- Base – 1600N 10310E – DZ and return.				
Load		Leaflets	Containers	Packages	
	'W'	--	7	5	
	'Z'	8	7	5	
	'N'	--	7	5	
	'K'	4	7	5	
	'N' ⁵	5	7	5	
	'T'	6	7	6	
	'A'	4	11	5	
	'H'	12	11	5	
Opposition:	None encountered.				
Liberator VI. 'K' 392	F/O. M. R. Davison, 50490	Capt.	16.30	08.45	16.15. After setting course the aircraft experienced weak monsoonal conditions with an occasional electrical storm. At the target at 0056 hours the cloud was thin. A DR run was made form a river and the target was located 10 miles East of the expected position. Fires were seen through thin cloud so the load was dropped. All containers and packages fell on the target area although one package somewhat overshoot. On the return journey leaflets were dropped form 8,000 feet on to the Possac area.
21/2/45	F/S. D. R. Crammond, 1458001	2nd.P.			
	P/O. T. Parham, 161025	Nav.			
	P/O. A. N. Woods, 164098	B/A.			
	Sgt. G. B. Pollock, 1344598	2.WOP.			
	W/O. S. J. Webb, 1307031	1.WOP.			
	Sgt.. Barber, G 1629944	M.U.G.			
	W/O. G. White, 1332279	Rear.			
	Sgt. T. Ainsworth,	Eng.			

⁵ 'N' is listed twice, but 'X' is not listed.

	2284977				
Liberator VI. 'H' 188	F/O. L. P. Cloutier Can.J24817	Capt.	16.45	03.45	11.00. After crossing the Chin Hills this Aircraft ran into continuous 10/10 cloud. It persevered until 2134 hours when it was decided to return to base. The leaflets were dropped over the Pafu are, the remainder of the load was brought back to Base.
21/2/45	F/S. R. G. Pryor, Aus.437058	2nd.P.			
	F/S. G. E. Foster, 657237	Nav.			
	P/O. D. J. Boston, 164443	B/A.			
	F/S. M. R. Vagg, Aus.430230	1.WOP.			
	F/S. E. Warmer, Aus.419146	2.WOP.			
	Sgt. J. Power, 1796476	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. G. Mount, 934689	⁶			
Liberator IV. 'N' 365	W/O. J. J. Jones 527725	Capt.	17.00	08.00	15.00. At 2100 hours this A/C encountered cloud with tops to 24,000'. It continued and reached the DZ area; here a search was made and the DZ was located through a hole in the cloud. An immediate run was made and the load dropped on the area. All parachutes were seen to open. On the return journey leaflets were dropped.
21/2/45	F/S. G. Yeates Aus.437245	2nd.P.			
	F/S. H. C Murphy. 922489	Nav.			
	F/L. P. M. Williams 132806	B/A.			
	Sgt. W. S. Donnelly 1820882	1.WOP.			
	Sgt. G. Fletcher. 1589917	2.WOP.			
	Sgt. A. P. Lock 659147	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. A. J. Mansfield 2213867	Rear.			
Liberator IV. 'A' 167	W/O. R. M. Bullen, NZ.425880	Capt.	16.50	19.20 ⁷	16.30. This A/C also encountered monsoonal conditions with occasional storms. Fortunately, it found the DZ area quite clear. Two runs were made and the entire load dropped. Leaflets were also dropped over Korat at 0234 hours through 10/10 cloud. The A/C reached Base without further incident.
21/2/45	F/S. R. Woodcock 1623084	2nd.P.			
	W/O. C. L. Smith NZ.429213	Nav.			
	F/S. R. H. Weldrake. 1684845	B/A.			
	W/O. A. W. R. Thomas 1256009	1.WOP.			
	Sgt. D. P Tunnell, 1866334	2.WOP.			
	Sgt. J. H. Clarke	M.U.G.			

⁶ Position not given.

⁷ Record says 19.20, but from flight duration, this is obviously wrong.

	1627355				
	Sgt. I. W. Wells. 1512309	Rear.			
Liberator VI 'T' KH350	F/O. R. W. Robinson, 51159	Capt.	17.40	16.45 ⁸	D.N.C.O. Over the Eastern Burma area this A/C encountered 8/10 cloud, as it flew Eastward this thickened to 10/10. On reaching the DZ the cloud thinned, but there still remained a lot of valley mist and rain. A reception was found 10 miles East of briefed DZ, but as the incorrect letter was flashed the A/C did not drop it's load. On the return journey leaflets were dropped in the Possas area. The balance of the load was returned to Base.
21/2/45	F/O. H. V. Smith, Can.J.27671	2nd.P.			
	Sgt. J. H. Draper, 1802370	B/A.			
	F/S. P. R. Brenchley, 1390490	Nav.			
	Sgt. R. S. Wood, 1398294	1.WOP.			
	Sgt. W. H. Pugh, 2206912	2.WOP.			
	Sgt. W. J. Pinckney, 18025139	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. C. Copley, 993351	Rear.			
	Sgt. Parsons, 960606	Desp.			
Liberator VI. 'X' KH312	F/O. K. W. Jones 175022	Capt.	16.30	09.45	D.C.O. This aircraft experienced cloudy conditions on the journey, but found the DZ by seeing the fires through the cloud. A run was made after circling for sometime awaiting a reception, and the load was dropped. Course was then set for Base which was reached without incident. The cloudy conditions still persisted on the homeward journey.
21/2/45	F/S. K. R. Jukes Aus.428573	2nd.P.			
	W/O. E. T. Ball 58193	B/A			
	Sgt. H. Dunn 1549512	Nav.			
	P/O. L. J Talbot. 186538	1.WOP			
	F/S. Dawson, H. T. NZ.425654	2.WOP			
	W/O. E. W. Rozee 1338958 ⁹	Rear.			
	W/O. E. A Richards. 1338958	M.U.G.			
Liberator VI. 'R' EW287	F/S. W. R. Mills 1108628	Capt.			Cancelled.
21/2/45	Sgt. L. C. Loveless 1604264	2nd.P.			
	P/O. T. Taylor 163841	Nav.			
	W/O. S. E. Hencher Can.R.93615	B/A			
	Sgt. G. V. Rowe	1.WOP			

⁸ This time may be in error.

⁹ Record gives 1338958 as service number, but this is Richards; 1332837 may be Rozee.

	1795801				
	Sgt. C. C. Young 1623858	2.WOP			
	Sgt. D. S. Potter 1867623	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. J. F. Hawkins 1301823	Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'Z' KH397	F/L. H. H. Monks 120514	Capt.	16.30	09.20	D.N.C.O. On the outward and return journey this A/C encountered 10/10 cloud and storms over most of the route. At the DZ, however, it was quite clear with a visibility of 10 miles. Although a search was made for 25 minutes and many lights were seen, none of them corresponded to the briefed reception, so the load, with the exception of the leaflets which were dropped over Pakse?, was returned to Base.
21/2/45	Sgt. E. Goddard 1585400	2nd. P.			
	W/O. F. D. Phillips Aus.405603	Nav.			
	P/O. W. McDonald 164293	B/A			
	F/S. G. M. Hill Aus.437419	1.WOP			
	F/S. D. G. Morris, Aus.437437	2.WOP			
	Sgt. Y. Taylor 1896508	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. H. Miles 1811869	Rear.			
	Sgt. W. H. Forde, 1895589	Desp.			
Liberator VI. 'W' KH394	P/O. C. H. Hedley 56141	Capt.	17.05	10.00	This Aircraft encountered 9/10 to 10/10 Cu over Burma on both the Outward and Return journey. At the DZ area there was considerable mist with some low cloud and rain. After locating and circling the DZ lights were shown with the correct reception and the load was dropped in 2 runs. The journey to Base was uneventful.
21/2/45	F/S. K. Nicholson, 18101768	2nd.P.			
	Sgt. H. Hounslow, 1320624	B/A			
	W/O. S. Perkins, 1215501	Nav.			
	P/O. J. E Tubb. 188532	1.WOP			
	W/O. R. C. Chalmers 1152918	2.WOP			
	W/O. B? S. Pepper, 631789	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. J. Turner, 2221298	Rear.			
	F/S. W. H. Blee 577626	Desp.			
	Eight Aircraft were detailed for S.D. Operations. Particularly cloudy conditions existed over the route, but the target area was somewhat clear. Five aircraft were successful, two unsuccessful, the reason being faulty or no reception, while one did not drop because of 10/10 cloud at the target.				
	22nd/23rd February, 1945				
Route	A/C:- 'Z', 'T', 'K', 'X'.				

	A/C:- 'Z':- Base – 1246N 10417E – 1154N 10527E – DZ and Return.					
	" 'T':- Base – 2044N 9221E – 1851N 9720E – 1449N 10552E – DZ – 1353N 10253E – Base.					
	" 'K':- Base – 1517N 10520E – DZ – 16 mins. diversion on 200 – Base.					
	" 'X':- Base – 1950N 9435E – DZ and return.					
Load	A/C.	Leaflets	Containers	Packages	Weight	
	'Z'	12	7	6	3100	+ leaflets
	'T'	12	7	6	3100	+ leaflets
	'K'	7	7	5	2980	+ leaflets
	'X'	--	7	6		
	Opposition: None Encountered					
Liberator VI. 'Z' KH397	F/S. W. R. Mills 1108628		Capt.	17.40	10.15	D.C.O. On the Outward journey the weather was fair. At the DZ it was quite clear. The reception was unmistakable and the load was dropped in two runs. On the homeward journey the cloud was 10/10 above and below. Leaflets were dropped 100 miles N.E. of Rangoon at 0540 hours.
22/2/45	Sgt. L. C. Loveless 16404264		2nd.P.			
	P/O. T. Taylor 163541		B/A			
	W/O. S. E. Hencher Can.J93615		Nav.			
	Sgt. G. V. Rowe 1795801		1.WOP			
	Sgt. C. C. Young 1623858		2.WOP			
	Sgt. D. S. Potter 1867623		M.U.G.			
	Sgt. J. F. Hawkins 1301823		Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'T' KH350	F/S. W. Drummond 1133124		Capt.	17.45	09.50	D.C.O. This aircraft found electrical storms and a rather large amount of cloud over Eastern Burma but the DZ was clear. The reception was awaiting them and the load was dropped on the first run. The leaflets were dropped after travelling 12 mins. on a bearing of 300 from the D.Z. The aircraft returned to Base without further incident.
22/2/45	F/S. K. W. Tunbridge Aus.434569		2nd.P.			
	F/S. F. Flynn, 1396358		Nav.			
	F/O. T. Winup 164104		B/A			
	F/S. Johnson, C. Aus.27708		1.WOP			
	F/S. K. Lyons Aus.436605		2.WOP			
	Sgt. Salway 932050		M.U.G.			
	Sgt. A. F. Dickson, 1597378		Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'K' KH392	S/L. S. A. Sharpe, 45712		Capt.	16.30	10.00	After setting course the aircraft travelled in clear weather until reaching Central Burma where it encountered electrical storms. Beyond Burma the weather was clear. At the DZ there were two lights awaiting the Aircraft, but it was
22/2/45	F/O. B. C. Edwards 157851		2nd.P.			

	F/S. C. F. Kirby, 1391233	Nav.			not until the aircraft had made three circuits that the complete reception was given. The load was dropped at 0047 hours. The leaflets were dropped on Ten Salviaro from 3/4000 feet at 0112 hours. The Aircraft returned to Base.
	W/O. R. H. Cross, 1337426	B/A			
	W/O. J. A. Buchanan, 1365057	1.WOP			
	F/S. F. W. Noble, Aus.437539	2.WOP			
	W/O. S. W. Fayle, 1357609	M.U.G.			
	W/O. B. W. Seymour, 1300922	Rear.			
	F/S. R. C. Fenbow, 1672757.	Eng.			
Liberator VI. 'X' EH312 ¹⁰	W/O. H. S. Martell Aus.421849	Capt.	17.30	22.40	05.10. After take off the aircraft flew on course until reaching the Chin Hills where bad weather was encountered. The Aircraft then returned to Base with it's load intact.
22/2/45	F/S. K. J. Steele, Aus.429674	2nd.P.			
	F/S. G. Whale 1324510	Nav.			
	F/O. W. McStea 163736	B/A.			
	W/O. D. I. Graham, Aus.413853	1.WOP.			
	F/S. D. C. Jolley Aus.436522	2.WOP.			
	Sgt. G. C. Attwood 1869269	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. W. F, Ayton 1091192	Rear.			
Four aircraft were detailed for S.D. Operations. Three aircraft were successful after passing through cloudy weather over Burma. The fourth turned back on reaching the area where the weather existed.					
23/24th February, 1945.					
Route	A/C:- 'A', 'K', 'H', 'L', 'W', 'R', 'C', 'T', 'X'. 'A':- Base – 2044N 9221E – 1853N 9720E – DZ and return.. 'K':- Base – 1751N 9644E – DZ and return. 'H':- Base – ditto. 'L':- Base – ditto. 'W':- Base – 1507N 10105E – 1314N 10341E – DZ and return. 'R':- Base – ditto. 'C':- Base – 1700N 9800E – DZ and return. 'T':- Base – 1507N 10105E – 1314N 10341E – DZ and return. 'X':- Base – ditto.				
Load	A/C.	Leaflets	Containers	Packages	
	'A'	--	11	6	
	'K'	12	7	6	

¹⁰ Record gives serial as EH312; this is not a Liberator Serial. KH312 was 'X' on 358 Squadron.

	'H'	--	9	6		
	'L'	12	11	6		
	'W'	12	7	6		
	'R'	12	7	6		
	'C'	12	11	6		
	'T'	12	7	6		
	'X'	10	7	6		
Opposition: One Aircraft reported a 'yellow flare' like Chute Verrey light at 1915N 9400E. Another reported E/A at DZ, but no engagement.						
Liberator VI. 'A' KH167	W/C. P. G. D. Farr	Capt.	18.30	0250	06.20. The weather was quite satisfactory until the immediate vicinity of the target area when 10/10 Cu with tops to 11,000' was encountered, but it was found to be down almost the hills. After further unsuccessful attempts to reach the DZ via the valleys the aircraft set course for Base which was reached after an uneventful return journey.	
23/2/45	F/S. P. C. Banks, 1603971	2nd.P.				
	F/Lt. E. L. Ryan, 125641	Nav.				
	F/S. R. Jackman, 967248	B/A.				
	F/O. S. Brace, 162156	1.WOP				
	Sgt. C. Thirkettle, 1025625	2.WOP				
	F/Lt. P. J. Kydd, 82745	Rear.				
	Sgt. J. Stanley, 1894296	M.U.G.				
	F/S. K. Wells, 1890474	Eng.				
Liberator VI. 'K' KH392	F/O. M. R. Davison, 54090	Capt.	16.30	08.30	16.00. This aircraft experienced fair weather on route. At the DZ area there was considerable ground mist which made pinpointing impossible. A thorough search was made for the DZ, but without success. The leaflets were dropped over M?aunu-In from 8000'. The remainder of the load was returned to Base.	
23/2/45	F/S. D. R. Crammond, 1458001	2nd.P.				
	P/O. T. Parham, 161025	Nav.				
	P/O. A. N. Woods, 164098	B/A.				
	W/O. S. J. Webb, 1307031	1.WOP.				
	Sgt. G. B. Pollock, 1344598	2.WOP.				
	Sgt.. Barber, G 1629944	M.U.G.				
	W/O. G. White, 1332279	Rear.				
Liberator VI. 'H' 188	F/O. L. P. Cloutier Can.J24817	Capt.	17.00	08.25	15.25. This aircraft experienced fair weather on route. At the DZ area there was considerable ground mist which mad pinpointing impossible. A thorough search was made for the DZ, but without success. The leaflets were dropped	
23/2/45	F/S. R. G. Pryor, Aus.437058	2nd.P.				

	F/S. G. E. Foster, 657237	Nav.			over Maunue?in from 8,000'. The remainder of the load was returned to Base.
	P/O. D. J. Boston, 164443	B/A.			
	F/S. M. R. Vagg, Aus.430230	1.WOP.			
	F/S. E. Warmer, Aus.419146	2.WOP.			
	Sgt. J. Power, 1796476	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. G. Mount, 934689	Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'L' 977	W/O. J. H. Jones 527725	Capt.	17.15	00.45	07.30. This aircraft due to a U/S Artificial Horizon was late in taking off. An endeavour was made to reach the DZ. during the specified period of reception, but the higher fuel consumption to do this would have caused a shortage of fuel. The aircraft then returned to Base. The weather was good over the route. At 1915N 9400E, 2150 hours, a yellow flare like a chute Verrey light was observed. The aircraft was at 9000' at the time.
23/2/45	F/S. G. Yeates Aus.437245	2nd.P.			
	F/S. H. C Murphy. 922489	Nav.			
	F/L. P. M. Williams 132806	B/A.			
	Sgt. W. J. Donnelly 1820882	1.WOP.			
	Sgt. G. Fletcher. 1589917	2.WOP.			
	Sgt. A. P. Lock 659147	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. A. J. Mansfield 2213867	Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'W' KH394	F/L. H. H. Monks 120514	Capt.	16.20	07.40	D.C.O. Fair weather prevailed throughout the journey. The DZ. area was clear and no difficulty was experienced in locating the reception. Two runs were made and the chutes were all seen to open. The leaflets were dropped in the Shirecan area at 03.15 hours. The aircraft returned to Base without further event.
23/2/45	Sgt. E. Goddard 1585900	2nd. P.			
	W/O. F. Phillips Aus.405603	Nav.			
	P/O. W. McDonald 164293	B/A			
	F/S. G. Hill Aus.437419	1.WOP			
	F/S. D. G. Morris, Aus.437437	2.WOP			
	Sgt. V. Taylor 1896508	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. H. Miles 1811869	Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'R' EW287	W/O. R. M. Bullen, NZ.425880	Capt.	16.00	07.10	D.N.C.O. Landed at Cox's. The weather was satisfactory en route. The DZ area was clear. Four separate D.R. runs were made and each time the area was located but no reception. The crew had been to this area previously and
23/2/45	F/S. R. Woodcock 1623084	2nd.P.			

	F/S. R. H. Weldrake. 1684845	B/A.			were positive of their whereabouts. The leaflets were dropped from 10,000' over Prome. 5 packtgs. did not open. The rest of the load was returned to Base.
	W/O. C. L. Smith NZ.429213	Nav.			
	F/S. A. W. Thomas 1256009	1.WOP.			
	Sgt. Tunnell, D. 1866234	2.WOP.			
	Sgt. H. Clarke 1627355	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. Wells. 1512309	Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'C' KH271	F/O. H. V. Smith Can.J.27671	Capt.	15.55	00.30	D.N.C.O. This aircraft encountered heavy turbulent cloud en route. The DZ area was misty and although several D.R. Runs were made the reception was not located. Leaflets were dropped West of Prome from 9,000'. The balance of the load was returned to Base.
	F/S. C. Poole 1434100	2nd. P.			
	Sgt. J. Draper 1802370	B/A			
	F/S. Brenchley, P. R. 1390490	1.WOP ¹¹			
	Sgt. R. Woods 1398294	1.WOP			
	Sgt. W. Pinckney, 1805139	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. W. Pugh 2206912	2.WOP			
	Sgt. C. Copley 993351	Rear.			
	Sgt. Parsons 960606	Desp.			
Liberator VI. 'T' KH350	F/L. R. W. Robinson 51159	Capt.	16.25	09.15	D.N.C.O. Over the route the aircraft experienced moderate to cloudy conditions. The DZ area was covered with ground haze. Many fires were seen in the area, but no proper reception was seen. Leaflets were dropped in position 1918N 9512E. Aircraft then returned to base bringing the balance of the load.
23/3/45	F/O. I. N. Wilson 164419	2nd. Pilot			
	Sgt. A. J. Sherwood 1583263	B/A			
	P/O. W. H. Bull 165575	Nav.			
	P/O. L. C. Bartlett 160606	1.WOP			
	Sgt. H. Andrews 1357596	2.WOP			
	Sgt. T. F Clarke. 636459	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. H. Burling 1877098	Rear.			
	Sgt. R. Bell 1595905	Desp.			

¹¹ Record list Brenchley as "1.WOP", but he is usually the Nav. and Wood is also listed as "1.WOP" on this operation.

Liberator VI. 'X' KH312	F/O. K. W. Jones 175022	Capt.	15.50	08.55	D.C.O. This aircraft after setting course found the weather clear until the Irrawaddy area where it encountered 5/10th cloud. The DZ area was clear and while circling it an E/A was seen within 500/600 yds. There was no engagement. It is believed that the E/A was strafing the reception committee. The aircraft did not drop at the DZ. Leaflets were dropped on the Shwegyin area and the balance of the load returned to Base.
23/3/45	F/S. K. R. Jukes Aus.428543	2nd.P.			
	Sgt. H. Dunn 1549512	B/A			
	W/O. E. T. Ball 581493	Nav.			
	P/O. L. J Talbot. 186538	1.WOP			
	F/S. H. T. Dawson NZ.425654	2.WOP			
	W/O. E. A Richards. 1338958	M.U.G.			
	W/O. E. W. Rozee 1332037	Rear.			
Nine aircraft were detailed for S.D. Operations. Eight of these went to F.I.C., the other to Burma. Two were successful, five unsuccessful due to no reception, one unsuccessful due to weather, the other unsuccessful because of a late start. On the whole, weather conditions were favourable.					
24/25th February, 1945					
Route	A/C:- 'H', 'L', 'C', 'A'.				
	'H':- Base – 2045N 9220E – 1853N 9720E – DZ and return.				
	'L':- Base – 2048N 9210E – DZ and return.				
	'C':- Base – 2046N 9220E – 1853N 9720E – DZ and return.				
	'A':- Base – 2259N 9422E – 2208N 9845E – DZ and return.				
Load	A/C.	Leaflets	Containers	Packages	Weight
	'H'	12	11	--	3950 + leaflets
	'L'	12	11	1	4080 + leaflets
	'C'	--	11	--	3950 + leaflets
	'A'	--	11	--	3950 + leaflets
Opposition: No Opposition was Encountered					
Liberator VI. 'C' KH271	W/O. E. P. Adams NZ.412165	Capt.	1925	0425	09.00. Good conditions prevailed throughout the journey. No difficulty was experienced in locating the DZ. The load was dropped in one run and the aircraft returned to Base.
24/2/45	F/O. A. J. C. Pearce ¹² Aus.436273	2nd.P.			
	F/S. S. Simpson 1457916	Nav.			
	Sgt. R. G. Stanton 1582233	B/A.			
	F/S. J. J. Costello Aus.421572	1.WOP.			
	W/O. R. McMaster, Aus.432009	2.WOP.			

¹² Name spelt "Perace" in this entry, and obvious error which has been changed.

	Sgt. M. McGarry. 1880766	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. D. Mathews 1862719	Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'H' EW124	F/S. W. R. Mills 1108628	Capt.	19.05	04.30	D.C.O. Good conditions prevailed throughout the journey. No difficulty was experienced in locating the DZ. The load was dropped in one run and the aircraft returned to Base. This A/C reported that as the dropping area had been laid in a bearing of 040 the dropping run had to be made toward the hills. Leaflets were dropped on position 1815N 9633E at 23.55 hours.
24/2/45	Sgt. L. C. Loveless 16404264	2nd.P.			
	P/O. T. R. Taylor 163541	B/A			
	W/O. S. E. Hencher Can.R93615	Nav.			
	Sgt. G. V. Rowe 1795801	1.WOP			
	Sgt. C. C. Young 1623858	2.WOP			
	Sgt. D. S. Potter 1867623	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. J. F. Hawkins 1301823	Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'A' KH167	P/O. C. H. Hedley 56141	Capt.	1820	03.00	D.C.O. Good conditions prevailed through the journey. No difficulty was experienced in locating the DZ. The load was dropped in one run and the aircraft returned to Base.
24/2/45	F/S. K. Nicholson, 1801768	2nd.P.			
	Sgt. H. Hounslow, 1320624	B/A.			
	W/O. J. H. Perkins, 1215501	Nav.			
	P/O. J. E Tubb. 188532	1.WOP.			
	W/O. R. C. Chalmers 1152918	2.WOP.			
	Sgt. G. Maiden, 1880343	Rear.			
	W/O. B. S. Pepper, 631789	M.U.G.			
	F/S. W. H. Blee 577626	Desp.			
Liberator VI. 'L' EW977	F/O. J. C. Murray Can.J.27672	Capt.	19.30	23.05	D.N.C.O. Aircraft U/S. This aircraft flew in good weather conditions to position 2040N 9210E where due to the compass and 'George' becoming U/S it decided to return to Base. The load was returned.
24/2/45	F/S. J. R. Larcombe Aus.436643	2nd.P.			
	P/O. T. Kay 164079	B/A.			
	F/O. H. Fielder 146307 ¹³	Nav.			
	F/S. J. E. Bateman Aus.424944	1.WOP.			

¹³ Previous entries for this crew have listed F/O. E. P. Field with this service number.

	F/S. A. Ashby Aus.424012	2.WOP.			
	Sgt. J. F. Peters 1853933	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. S. Collins, 1545131	Rear.			
	Sgt. H. M Cosh 653388	Eng.			
Four aircraft were detailed for S.D. Operations. Three were successful and one returned to Base with technical trouble. Weather conditions were good.					
25/26th February, 1945					
Route	A/C:- 'N', 'W', 'A', 'K', 'C', 'Z', 'L', 'H'.				
	'N':- Base – 2044N 9221E – 1950N 9745E – 1750N 10129E – 1714N 10403E – DZ and return.				
	'W':- Base – ditto.				
	'A':- Base – 2044N 9221E – DZ and return.				
	'K':- Base – 2044N 9221E – 1853N 9720E – DZ – 1942N 9507E – 2044N 9221E – Base.				
	'C':- Base – ditto.				
	'Z':- Base – ditto.				
	'L':- Base – ditto.				
	'H':- Base – Unknown.				
Load		Leaflets	Containers	Packages	
	'A'	--	9	5	
	'K'	--	11	1	
	'C'	--	11	5	
	'Z'	--	11	5	
	'L'	--	11	5	
	'H'	--	Unknown	--	
	'N'	--	11	6	
	'W'	--	11	6	
Opposition: Nil.					
Liberator VI. 'N' KH365	F/O. M. R. Davison, 54090	Capt.	17.20	09.35½	16.15. This aircraft experienced perfect conditions to within 50 miles of the DZ. The target was completely covered with thick cloud which was so dense that had the aircraft penetrated it, it would have been too dark beneath. Leaflets were dropped over Quang Tri. The return journey was uneventful. The load was returned to Base.
	F/S. D. R. Crammond, 1458001	2nd.P.			
	F/O. T. Parham, 161025	Nav.			
	F/O. A. N. Woods, 164098	B/A.			
	W/O. S. J. Webb, 1307031	1.WOP.			
	Sgt. G. B. Pollock, 1344598	2.WOP.			
	Sgt. G. Barber, 1629944	M.U.G.			
	W/O. G. White, 1332279	Rear.			

Liberator VI 'H' EW188	F/O. L. Cloutier Can.J24817	Capt.	17.00		Missing. This aircraft took off from Base. Nothing further was heard until next morning when weak signals were picked up from it. Nothing further has been heard of the aircraft or crew.
	F/S. R. Pryor, Aus.437058	2nd.P.			
	F/S. G. E. Foster, 657237	Nav.			
	P/O. D. J. Boston, 164443	B/A.			
	F/S. M. R. Vagg, Aus.430230	1.WOP.			
	F/S. E. Warmer, Aus.419146	2.WOP.			
	Sgt. J. Power, 1796476	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. G. Mount, 934689	Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'Z' KH397	F/O. H. V. Smith Can.J.27671	Capt.	1900	0300	D.C.O. Aircraft took off and had an uneventful journey to the DZ area. It immediately located the reception and dropped in one run. It then proceeded to position 1818N 9623E where the leaflets were dropped, and thence to Base.
25/2/45	F/S. B. Pool 1434100	2nd. P.			
	Sgt. J. H. Draper 1802340	B/A			
	F/S. P. R. Brenchley, 1390490	Nav.			
	Sgt. R. S. Woods 1398294	1.WOP			
	Sgt. W. A. Pugh 2206912	2.WOP			
	Sgt. L. S. Ladd, 653708	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. C. Copley 993351	Rear.			
	Sgt. Parsons, L. 960606	Desp.			
Liberator VI. 'W' KH394	F/S. W. R. Drummind ¹⁴ 1133124	Capt.	1710	0830	D.N.C.O. This aircraft experienced perfect conditions to with in 50 miles of the DZ. The target was completely covered with thick cloud which was so dense that had the aircraft penetrated it, it would have been too dark beneath. Leaflets were dropped over position 1650N 10700E. The return journey was uneventful The load was returned to Base.
25/2/45	F/S. K. W. Tunbridege Aus.434569	2nd.P.			
	P/O. T. C. Winup 164104	B/A			
	F/S. F. Flynn, 1396358	Nav.			
	F/S. Johnson Aus.427708	1.WOP			
	F/S. K. Lyons Aus.436605	2.WOP			
	Sgt. Salway, J. S.	M.U.G.			

¹⁴ Name spelt "Drummond" in previous entries.

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	Sgt.. Dickson, A. F 1597378	Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'K' KH394	S/L. S. A. Sharpe, 45702	Capt.	18.25	0235	08.10. Aircraft had uneventful journey to and from DZ which was picked up easily. Load was dropped on first run. Leaflets were dropped over Kyung-Yaung from 8000'.
25/2/45	F/O. B. S. C. Edwards 157851	2nd.P.			
	F/S. C. F. Kirby, 1391233	Nav.			
	W/O. R. H. Cross, 1337426	B/A			
	W/O. J. A. Buchanan, 1365057	1.WOP			
	F/S. F. W. Noble, Aus.439539	2.WOP			
	W/O. J. W. Fayle, 1357309	M.U.G.			
	W/O. E. W. Seymour, 1300922	Rear.			
	F/S. R. C. Fenbow, 1672757.	Eng.			
Liberator VI. 'A' KH167	F/L. S. W. Bridges Can.J21223	Capt.	20.00	01.05	05.55. Aircraft had uneventful journey to and from DZ which was picked up easily. Load was dropped on first run. Leaflets were dropped at position 10 miles South of Dalat at 8000 ft.
25/2/45	F/S. G. E. Smith 1622770	2nd. P.			
	F/O. S. Luhter Can.J24562	Nav.			
	F/O. W. Mesher 164454	B/A			
	W/O. K. McLaughlin 1021724	1.W/OP			
	F/S. A. Luke Aus.430549	2.W/OP			
	Sgt. K. R. Banks 2221297	A/G.			
	W/O. W. C. McCaffrey 642539	M.U.G.			
	P/O. K. P. Goodison 652211	Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'C' KH271	W/O. H. S. Martell Aus.421849	Capt.	18.50	03.00	08.10. Aircraft had uneventful journey to and from DZ which was picked up easily. Load was dropped on first run. Leaflets were dropped over Railway from 10,000 feet.
25/2/45	F/S. K. Steele, Aus.429674	2nd.P.			
	F/S. G. Whale 1324510	Nav.			
	F/O. W. McStea 163736	B/A.			
	W/O. D. I. Graham, Aus.413853	1.WOP.			

	F/S. D. C. Jolley Aus.436522	2.WOP.			
	Sgt. G. C. Attwood 1869269	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. F. Simmonite, 1877199	Desp.			
	Sgt. W. F. Ayton 1091192	Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'C' KH271	F/L. Robinson, R. W. 51159	Capt.	19.15	13.45	D.C.O. Aircraft had uneventful journey to and from DZ which was picked up easily. Load was dropped on first run. Leaflets were dropped at Pyu from 9,000 feet.
25/2/45	F/O. I. N. Wilson 164419	2nd. Pilot			
	S/Ldr. McConnell	Obsvr.			
	P/O. W. H. Bull 165575	Nav.			
	Sgt. A. J. Sherwood 1583263	B/A			
	Sgt. E. H. Andrews 1357596	2.WOP			
	P/O. Bartlett, L. C. 165606	1.WOP			
	Sgt. T. E. Clarke. 636459	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. A. Burling 1877098	Rear.			
	Sgt. R. Bell 1595905	Desp.			
Eight aircraft were detailed for S.D. Operations. One failed to return to Base; two failed due to weather over F.I.C. and five were successful in Burma.					
	26/27th February, 1945.				
Route	A/C:- 'L', 'R', 'T', 'C', 'K', 'A'.				
	'L':- Base – 2044N 9221E – 1950N 9745E – 1750N 10129E –DZ and return.				
	'R':- Base – 2046N 9220E – 1955N 9750E – 1801N 10139E – 1713N 10403E – DZ – 1729N 10345E – Base.				
	'T':- Base – 2044N 9221E – 1950N 9745E – 1750N 10129E –DZ and return.				
	'C':- Base – Narcondoim – Penang Island – DZ and return.				
	'A':- Base – 2259N 9422E – 2203N 9825E – 2120N 10511E – DZ – 2203N 9845E –2259N 9422E – Base.				
	'K':- Base – 2259N 9422E – 2203N 9845E – 2154N 10020E – DZ – 2215N 9600E – 2255N 9400E – Base.				
Load		Leaflets	Containers	Packages	
	'L'	--	9	4	
	'R'	12	9	3	
	'T'	12	9	4	
	'C'	--	7	--	
	'A'	--	11	--	
	'K'	--	11	--	

Opposition: One aircraft reported inaccurate flak, inaccurate for height at Yenargyam?y					
Liberator VI. 'C' KH271	W/C. P. G. D. Farr, 39936	Capt.	15.15	11.30	Throughout the journey this aircraft experienced fair weather. The DZ was found without delay and the load was dropped in one run. On the return journey the aircraft flew low to avoid enemy aircraft and R.D.F. system. This was the Squadron's longest journey to date (20 hrs. 15 mins.) and was carried out with a petrol consumption of 1.2 A.H?.P.G. Many lessons on the manipulation of fuel were learnt on this trip.
26/2/45	F/S. P. K. Banks, 1603971	2nd.P.			
	F/Lt. P. L. Ryan, 125641	Nav.			
	F/O. A. Fielding, 157931	Nav.			
	W/O. R. Jackman, 967248	B/A.			
	F/O. S. J. Brace, 162856	1.WOP			
	Sgt. C. Thirkettle, 1025625	2.WOP			
	F/S. K. Wells, 1890474	F/Eng.			
	Sgt. J. Stanley, 1894296	M.U.G.			
	F/Lt. P. J. Kydd, 82745	Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'K' KH392	F/L. S. W. Bridges Can.21223	Capt.	16.50	01.53	This aircraft experienced good condition en rout. Some distance before the DZ a defect in the fuel system occurred and made it imperative for the Aircraft to return to Base. This was done without further event; the load was returned.
26/2/45	F/S. G. E. Smith 162770	2nd. P.			
	F/O. S. Luhter Can.J24562	Nav.			
	F/O. W. Meshier 164454	B/A			
	W/O. K. McLaughlin 1021724	1.W/OP			
	F/S. A. Luke Aus.430549	2.W/OP			
	Sgt. K. R. Banks 2221297	Desp.			
	W/O. W. C. McCaffrey 642539	M.U.G.			
	P/O. K. P. Goodison 652211	Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'K' 977	W/O. E. P. Adams NZ.412165	Capt.	19.12	08.22	Aircraft reached DZ area without difficulty. The reception was immediately located and the load was dropped in one run. On the return journey leaflets were dropped at 16.07N 102.42E from 5,500'. Flak, inaccurate for height, was encountered at Yenargyacy. The aircraft reached base at 08.20 hours.
26/2/45	F/O. A. J. C. Pearce Aus.436273	2nd.P.			
	F/S. S. Simpson 1457916	Nav.			
	Sgt. R. G. Stanton 1582233	B/A.			
	F/S. J. J. Costello Aus.421572	1.WOP.			

	W/O. R. McMaster, Aus.432009	2.WOP.			
	Sgt. M. McGarry. 1880766	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. D. Mathews 1862719	Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'R' EW287	W/O. R. M. Bullen, NZ.425580	Capt.	17.45	06.30	D.C.O. Landed at Cox's. Aircraft found the weather en route excellent except for slight ground haze. From a nearby lake the aircraft made a DR run which took it right to the reception. The load was dropped on the first run and all were seen to land in the centre of the field. Leaflets were dropped on position 19.29N 103.45E. Because of shortage of fuel the aircraft landed at Cox's Bazaar on the return journey.
26/2/45	F/S. R. Woodcock 1623084	2nd.P.			
	F/S. R. H. Weldrake. 1654845	B/A.			
	W/O. C. L. Smith NZ.42913	Nav.			
	W/O. A. W. Thomas 1256009	1.WOP.			
	Sgt. D. P Tunnell, 1866334	2.WOP.			
	Sgt. J. H. Clarke 1627355	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. Wells. 1512309	Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'A' KH167	F/S. W. R. Mills 1108628	Capt.	17.05	13.30	D.C.O. On the trip this aircraft found the weather good. It found the DZ without difficulty, but although there was a reception the wrong letter was flashed, so the aircraft did not drop. Leaflets were dropped from 9,000' over Langson. The load was returned to Base.
26/2/45	Sgt. L. C. Loveless 16404264	2nd.P.			
	P/O. T. D. Taylor 163841	B/A			
	W/O. S. E. Hencher Can.R93615	Nav.			
	Sgt. G. V. Rowe 1795801	1.WOP			
	Sgt. C. C. Young 1623858	2.WOP			
	Sgt. D. S. Potter 1867623	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. Hawkins, J. F. 1301823	Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'T' KH350	F/O. J. C. Murray Can.J.27673	Capt.	18.50	06.40	D.C.O. Small patches of Cu were encountered on the trip. The weather was excellent at the DZ and no difficulty was encountered in locating the reception. This was correctly given and the load was dropped in 2 runs. Then aircraft then set course for Kahmgean? where the leaflets were dropped. The aircraft then set course for Cox's Bazaar owing to shortage of fuel. This was reached without further incident.
26/2/45	F/S. J. R. Larcombe Aus.436643	2nd.P.			
	F/O. A. Fielder, P. 146307	Nav.			
	P/O. T. Kay 164079	B/A.			
	F/S. J. E. Bateman Aus.424944	1.WOP.			
	F/S. A. Ashby Aus.424012	2.WOP.			
	Sgt. J. F. Peters	M.U.G.			

	1853933				
	Sgt. S. Collins, 1545131	Rear.			
	Sgt. A. M Cosh 653388	Desp.			
Six aircraft were detailed for S.D. Operations. Four were successful; one did not receive the correct reception; one turned back because of failure of fuel transfer system which would have eventuated into a fuel shortage had the aircraft gone out.					
27/28th February, 1945.					
Route.	A/C:- 'N', 'K', 'X'.				
	'N':- Base – 2259N 9422E –DZ and return.				
	'K':- Base – Narcandarm Isle – Victoria Pt. – DZ and return.				
	'X':- Base – 2049N 9052E – Base.				
Load.	A/C	Containers	Packages		
	'N'	6	13		
	'K'	11	5		
	'X'	7	--		
Opposition: Nil.					
Liberator VI. 'X' KH312	P/O. J. C. Stuart 184293	Capt.	14.20	16.00	D.N.C.O. Oil leak. Aircraft took off and after one hour's flying developed an oil leak in No. 2 engine. Immediately set course for Base.
27/2/45	F/S. J. McAlister 1566861	2nd.P.			
	WO. E. Phillips, Aus.405603	Nav.			
	F/S. J. Batchelor 1316082	Nav.			
	Sgt. S. Blackburn, 1020030	1.WOP			
	Sgt. E. Vickers, 1817431	2.WOP			
	W/O. W. Hendry, 1123732	M.U.G.			
	P/O. F. S. Edwards, 185307	Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'K' KH392	F/O. K. W. Jones 175022	Capt.	15.30	22.20	D.C.O. After an uneventful journey the Aircraft reached the DZ at a height of 8,000 feet. Lights were seen, and an investigation, proved to be the target. The load was dropped in one run after which the aircraft returned to Base.
27/2/45	F/S. K. R. Jukes Aus.428573	2nd.P.			
	W/O. E. T. Ball 581493	Nav.			
	Sgt. H. Dunn 1549512	B/A			
	P/O. L. J Talbot. 186538	1.WOP			

	F/S. H. T. Dawson NZ.425654	2.WOP			
	W/O. E. A Richards. 1338958	M.U.G.			
	W/O. E. W. Rozee 1332037	Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'N' KH365	S/L. S. A. Sharpe, 45702	Capt.	12.00	01.35	13.35. After an uneventful long sea trip this aircraft reached the DZ. The position of the target was such that a rapid drop over the hills was necessary. However, the load was dropped on the first run and the aircraft returned to Base.
27/2/45	F/O. B. J. Edwards 157851	2nd.P.			
	F/S. C. S. Kirby, 1391233	Nav.			
	W/O. R. H. Cross, 1337426	B/A			
	W/O. J. A. Buchanan, 1365057	1.WOP			
	F/S. Noble, F. W. Aus.439539	2.WOP			
	W/O. J. W. Fayle, 13576309	M.U.G.			
	W/O. E. W. Seymour, 1300922	Rear.			
	F/S. R. C. Fenbow, 1672757.	Eng.			
There aircraft were detailed for S.D. Operations, one to an island off the Malay Peninsula was successful; one returned because of a Technical failure. The other was successful in dropping it's load in Burma.					
	28th/2-1st/3.1945				
Route	A/C:- 'X', 'W', 'Z', 'D', 'K', 'T', 'R'.				
	'X':- Base – 1918N 9512E – 1728N 0745E – 1541N 10009E – 1314N 10341E – 1200N 10530E –DZ.				
	'W':- Base – 2259N 9443E – 2204N 9844E – 2204N 10317E – DZ and return.				
	'Z':- Base – 2259N 9422E – 2203N 9845E – 2148N 10106E – 2120N 10511E – DZ and return.				
	'D':- Base – Ganges River – Base.				
	'K':- Base – 2043N 9221E – 1918N 9512E – 1729N 9746E – 1542N 10009E –1314N 10341E – DZ.				
	'T':- Base – 2259N 9422E – 2203N 9845E – 2148N 10106E – 2120N 10511E – DZ and return.				
	'R':- Base – 2301N 9208E – 2205N 9846E – 2132N 10241E.				
Load	Containers	Leaflets	Packages		
	7	--	4		
	11	--	6		
	11	--	6		
	11	--	4		
	9	--	6		
	11	--	6		
	11	--	6		
Opposition:	Nil.				

Liberator VI. 'K' KH392	F/O. M. R. Davison, 54090	Capt.	18.00	10.50	16.50. The weather throughout the journey was good. The reception was picked up from 5 miles away on the approach. At this time the Aircraft was at 2000'. The load was dropped in 2 runs after which the aircraft returned to Base. Leaflets were dropped at Ch. Hang on the return journey.
28/2/45	F/S. D. R. Crammond, 1458001	2nd.P.			
	F/O. T. Parham, 161025	Nav.			
	F/O. A. N. Woods, 164098	B/A			
	W/O. S. J. Webb, 1307031	1.WOP			
	Sgt. G. B. Pollock, 1344598	2.WOP			
	Sgt. G. Barber, 1629944	A/G.M.U.G.			
	Sgt. W. J. Jacques, 1597988	Desp.			
	W/O. G. White, 1332279	Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'D' KH353	W/O. H. S. Martell Aus.421849	Capt.	18.45	21.55	03.10. After take off while in the Ganges River area the A/C compass failed so the A/C returned to Base immediately with it's load.
28/2/45	F/S. K. Steele, Aus.429674	2nd.P.			
	F/S. G. Whale 1324510	Nav.			
	F/O. W. McStea 163736	B/A.			
	W/O. J. T. Graham, Aus.413853	1.WOP.			
	F/S. D. C. Jolley Aus.436522	2.WOP.			
	Sgt. G. C. Attwood 1869269	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. F. Simmonite, 1877199	Desp.			
	Sgt. W. F. Ayton 1091192	Rear.			
Liberator VI. 'X' KH312	P/O. C. H. Hedley 56141	Capt.	17.00	09.40	D.C.O. The aircraft encountered fair weather throughout the trip. On approaching the DZ area the reception was seen ahead in a long narrow wood. Two runs were made to drop the containers and packages. On the return trip leaflets were dropped from 10,000' on position 1541N 100.06E.
28/2/45	F/S. K. E. Nicholson, 1801768	2nd.P.			
	S/L. L. C. McConnell, 18938	Nav.			
	W/O. J. H. Perkins, 1215501	Nav.			
	P/O. J. E. Tubb. 188532	1.WOP.			
	W/O. R. C. Chalmers 1152918	2.WOP.			
	W/O. B. S. Pepper, 631781	M.U.G.			

	W/O. W. Hendry, 1123732	Rear.			
	F/S. W. H. Blee 577626	F/Eng.			
	Sgt. G. Maiden, 1880343	Desp.			
Liberator VI. 'W' KH394	F/L. H. H. Monks 120514	Capt.	19.00	08.05	D.N.C.O. Weather. Until within 20 miles of the DZ this A/C experienced good weather. The DZ itself was completely covered with low cloud, so it was not possible to drop. On the return journey leaflets were dropped from 11,000' at position 21.17N 105.34E.
28/2/45	Sgt. E. G. Goddard 15885900	2nd. P.			
	W/O. F. D. Phillips Aus.405603	Nav.			
	P/O. W. McDonald 164293	B/A			
	F/S. G. M. Hill Aus.437419	1.WOP			
	F/S. D. G. Morris, Aus.437437	2.WOP			
	Sgt. V. Taylor 1896508	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. H. Miles 1811869	Rear.			
	Sgt. G. W. Mills, 1892593	Desp.			
Liberator VI. 'R' EW287	F/O. H. V. Smith Can.J.27671	Capt.	19.40	08.05	D.N.C.O. Landed – Chittagong. All through the trip to and from the DZ. area the weather was good. At the DZ itself there was a large amount of CU cloud which obscured it and consequently the load was not dropped. At 0125 hrs on the return journey No. 4 engine cut and was feathered. At 0200 hrs. the Pilot successfully started the motor. Owing to having had to climb on 3 motors there was a shortage of fuel and the Aircraft landed at Chittagong for refuelling.
28/2/45	F/S. B. Pool, 1434100	2nd. P.			
	Sgt. J. H. Draper 1802340	B/A			
	F/S. P. R. Brenchley, 1390490	Nav.			
	Sgt. R. S. Woods 1398294	1.WOP			
	Sgt. W. A. Pugh 2206912	2.WOP			
	Sgt. W. Pinckney, 1805139	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. Copley 993351	Rear.			
	Sgt. L. Parsons, 960606	Desp.			
Liberator VI. 'T' KH350	F/L. R. W. Robinson 51159	Capt.	19.15	08.35	D.N.C.O. Weather. Until within 30 miles of the DZ this aircraft experienced good weather. The DZ itself was completely covered with low cloud, so it was not possible to drop. On the return journey leaflets were dropped from 11000' on Phuto.
28/2/45	F/O. I. N. Wilson 164419	2nd. Pilot			
	Sgt. Sherwood 1583263	B/A			
	P/O. W. H. Bull 165545	Nav.			

	P/O. L. C. Bartlett 165606	1.WOP			
	Sgt. E. H. Andrews 1357596	2.WOP			
	Sgt. T. F. Clarke. 636459	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. A. Burling 1877098	Rear.			
	Sgt. R. Bell 1595905	Desp.			
Liberator VI. ? KH397	F/S. W. Drummond 1133124	Capt.	19.05	08.30	D.N.C.O. Weather. Until within 30 miles of the DZ this aircraft experienced good weather. The DZ itself was completely covered with low cloud, so it was not possible to drop. On the return journey leaflets were dropped at 21.30N 103.55E.
28/2/45	F/S. K. W. Tunbridge Aus.434569	2nd.P.			
	F/S. Flynn, F. 1396358	Nav.			
	F/O. T. C. H. Winup 164104	B/A			
	F/S. C. J. Johnson Aus.427708	1.WOP			
	F/S. J. K. Lyons Aus.436605	2.WOP			
	Sgt. Salway 932050	M.U.G.			
	Sgt. Copeland, 1595442	Rear.			
	7 aircraft were detailed for S.D. Operations. One returned shortly after take off with a U/S compass. 4 aircraft were unsuccessful because of weather at the DZ. 2 were successful.				