

July 1945: Form 541

357 Squadron, Jessore

Date	Aircraft type and No.	Crew	Duty	Time up	Time Down	Remarks
1/7/45	Dakota L925	F/L. H. Deen	Character Walrus Red	1/0538	1/1345	Unsuccessful due to weather over DZ. No drop.
		F/S. W. T. Watkins	14	Jessore	Meiktila	Weather: Bad on southern part of route improving over DZ area, although 8-9/10 Scu base 4000' remained making it quite impossible to locate DZ(s).
		F/O. H. A. McAskill	Primary			
		Sgt. A. R. King	DZ745			
		Sgt. A. F. Newton	1936N			
			9655E			
			Secondary			
			DZ			
			No 711			
			1936N			
			9656E			
2/7/45	Dakota L925	F/L. H. Deen	DZ's as above	2/0645	2/1251	Successful. DZ sighted okay, reception in the shape of a square of panels and W, also two smoke fires. Two containers and 33 packages were dropped in 6 runs. All packs landed on DZ clearing, but the 'chute of one of the packages dropped in the second run candled. The crew stated that Rebecca would be a big help on this DZ as a long DR run is necessary from the nearest good pinpoint, especially when heavy cloud is present. 24 packs of leaflets were dropped from 7000' at 0907 position Passaung, 1853N 9719E. Weather. Good. 4/10 Sc base 8000' vis 10-15 miles.
		F/S. W. T. Watkins		Meiktila	Jessore	
		F/O. H. A. McAskill				
		Sgt. A. R. King				
		Sgt. A. F. Newton				
2/7/45	Dakota 'A'	F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Pilot Search	2/0735	2/1027	Unsuccessful. Operations carried out following an Operational ferry trip from Alipore to Mingaladon. Left base 0659 – Alipore 0951. Left Alipore 1050, landed Mingaladon 1556. Note 1540N 9715E, 0925 800',
		Sgt. J. A. Hollington	Primary Area	Mingaladon		
		Sgt. T. R. Sheppard	1523N			
		Sgt. S. C. McGregor	9801E			
		Sgt. R. Tucker				

						two long streaks of oil; unidentified wreckage, seen approx. 10 miles W. of double island. Probably from a vessel. Weather. Good. Cloud base 5000' patches of low St.
2/7/45	Dakota 'M'	F/O. W. R. Painter	Dilwyn Squirrel 26 Primary DZ 756 2115N 9804E	2/0530	2/1400	Successful. As briefed. 6 bodies and 25 packages dropped in 7 runs; all landed on DZ. but 2 'chutes candled. All 'Joes' seem to land okay and recover their 'chutes. Weather. Good to Chin Hills over which there was 6/10 Cu & Sc. also scattered storms over DZ area while low cloud consisted of 2/10 Sc base 3,500'. Vis 10-15 miles in clear.
		F/O. R. Sinclair		Jessore	Chittagong	
		F/O. R. D. Lister		2/1545	2/1650	
		W/O. V. R. Woodland		Chittagong	Jessore	
		F/S. E. I. Wellings				
3/7/45	Dak F919	Can.J10354 F/L. B. G. Newson ¹	Heavy Lynx 12 DZ159 2036'N 9059'E	03/0450	03/1124	Completed as briefed. 4 containers & 8 packages dropped in 7 runs: 2 drops overshot into trees about 50' off D.Z. Rest on D.Z. 2 chutes failed to open (1 small con 1 package) 24 packs nickels dropped 2137'N 9732'E. Landing Strip & hangers seen in area of 2058N 9741E height 7000' Strip SE-NW 900-1000' long. 3 a/c similar to Daks seen on strip. Runway seemed to be covered with filled in bomb craters. One a/c taxiing. strip probably Namsang (probably Tesseg) Weather 5/10 AS 7/10 Sc.
		Can.J45944 P/O. J. R. Tarwell ²		Jessore	Meiktila	
		Can.J14787 F/O. J. B. Spence		03/1210	03/1510	
		Can.R281616 Sgt. S. MacCartney		Meiktila	Jessore	
		Can.R276694 Sgt. E. Wiseman				
5/7/45	Dak 913	Aus.430624 F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Character Walrus 69	05/0511	05/1225	Successful. Reception waiting but not as briefed. T of fires, square of panels & M in strips. One khaki clad white man & natives seen. T lit as a/c approached & smoke puff fired off. 6 containers 30 packages
		Sgt. J. R. Hollington		Jessore	Meiktila	
		Sgt. R. Sheppard		05/1410	05/1715	
		Can.R266965 Sgt. S. C. McGregor		Meiktila		
		Sgt. R. Tucker				

¹ Previously given as "Hewson"

² Previously given as "Tarzwell"

						dropped in 6 runs all chutes seen to open correctly & land in reception area. Weather 5/10 Cu & SC base 2000' tops 6000'. Vis very good.
3/7/45	Dak S913	F/S. N. E. Horney	Character	03/0615	03/1330	Completed. As briefed. 10 containers & 29 packages dropped in 8 runs. Chutes O.K. some undershot but all on T bearing. 24 packs nickels dropped in Mawoni area. Weather 10/10 Sc & Cu over Chins 4/10 over Irrawaddy.
		Sgt. G. Houghton	Hyena	Jessore	Meiktila	
		Sgt. W. Adams	Green 3	03/1530	03/1826	
		Sgt. W. J. Routledge	DZ777	Meiktila	Jessore	
		Sgt. G. A. McLean	(1) 1818'N 9725'E			
			(2) 1816'N 9726'E			
5/7/45	Dak M996	F/O. W. R. Painter	Character	05/0520	05/1235	Successful. DZ reception waiting for a/c was an arrow pointing to letter A (latter in white strips). Crew dropped note acting reception committee to change reception to correct one. Immediately arrowed was changed into letter V in strips. 4 containers 29 (+5 free) packages dropped in 11 runs on reception area. all chutes bar free drops opened. Weather. 6/10 Sc over Chins 10/10 Irrawaddy Base 3000' vis 12 miles.
		F/O. R. Sinclair	Ferret 53	Jessore	Mingaladon	
		R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodland	DZ776	05/1405	05/1845	
		F/S. R. I. Wellings	1904'N 9650'E	Mingaladon	Dum Dum	
		F/O. R. D. Lister		05/1910	05/1940	
				Dum Dum	Jessore	
3/7/45	Dak L925	F/L. L. E. Lewis	(1) Character	03/0550	03/1335	Completed. (1) Reception waiting (1) 1 container 37 packages (2 free drop) dropped in 8 runs. Most in D.Z. area. Several fell in surrounding jungle within a few hundred yards. cutes all O.K.. (1) ³ 3 containers 2 packages dropped in 1 run on D.Z. Chutes O.K. 24 packs nickels dropped 1747'N 9704'E. Weather. 8-9/10 Cu Base from 2000'-15000'.
		P/O. A. W. Cumber	Mongoose	Jessore	Meiktila	
		Sgt. A. A. Reeves	Blog 7	03/1510	03/1810	
		R280653 Sgt. G. T. Kent	(2) Character	Meiktila	Jessore	
		R281747 Sgt. T. H. O'Shaughnessy	Mongoose			
		F/O. Mackey	58 (1) DZ746 1734'N 9709'E (2) DZ713 1759'N 9717'E			
5/7/45	Dak L?925	F/O. R. R. Housby	Parterre	04/1210	04/1805	Completed. 35 packages unloaded on D.Z. & 3 bodies 10 boxes (Siamese) from
		P/O. R. D. Butler	Panicle 4 1728'N	Jessore	Mingaladon	

³ Record says "1" but perhaps should be "2".

		Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright	10134 E	05/0645	05/1255	strip carried to Alipore. 24 packs nickels scattered between Sittang & Salween (on track). Weather 7-8/10 Cu & St tops 12-13000' base approx 2000'. Vis 8 miles.
		Can R283336 Sgt. E. R. Shalla		Mingaladon		
		Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk		05/1405	05/1820	
				Mingaladon	Allipore	
				05/1845	05/1920	
				Alipore	Jessore	
5/7/45	Dak F919	F/S. A. S. Osmaston	Parterre Muslin 12	04/1325	04/1815	Completed. 27 packages unloaded on strip 1 wounded & 11 men brought out from strip. 24 packs nickels dropped 1705'N 1915'E between Bilin & Thaton. Weather 8-9/10 Sc & 9/10 Ac base 2000' thin layers to 5000'.
		F/O. B. A. Haynes	⁴	Jessore	Min'don	
		A436597 F/S. E. A. Hanlon		05/0845	05/1130	
		R270837 Sgt. A. Q. Dahlin		Mingaladon		
		R278010 Sgt. L. E. Parsons		05/1305	05/1725	
				Min'don	Allipore	
				05/1740	05/1820	
				Alipore	Jessore	
7/7/45	Dak H304	F/L. H. Deen	Heavy Lynx 13 DZ 158 2118'N 9942'E	07/0514	07/1305	Successful. Reception T with cat head (not W) no smoke fires. 4 containers 37 packages (20 free drop) dropped in 6 runs all in area chutes all O.K. White men & Burmese girls & plenty of chutes on ground. One chute from Lib seen to land & disappeared in paddy close to reception. 24 packs nickels dropped at Yankang & Mospya. Weather 7/10 Cu base 4000'.
		F/S. W. T. Watkins		Jessore	Meiktila	
		F/O. J. MacAskill		07/1408	07/1710	
		Can R290229 Sgt. A. R. King		Meiktila	Jessore	
		Can R 287823 Sgt. A. F. Newton				
7/7/45	Dak B913	F/O. R. R. Housry ⁵	Character Hyena Red 4 D.Z. 728 1819'N 9652'E	07/0530	07/1125	Unsuccessful. (weather over DZ & over whole valley area from Mingaladon which was close o/s from weather from 1100 hrs). although crew wished to make further attempt during afternoon weather at Mingaladon was complete clamp. Weather 10/10 Sc base not known tops 8000'. Vis out of cloud 8-10 miles.
		P/O. R. D. Butler		Jessore	Mingaladon	
		Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright				
		Can R283336 F/S. E. R. Shalla				
		Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk				

⁴ Coordinates of strip not given in record.

⁵ Spelt "Housby" elsewhere in records.

7/7/45	Dak C920	S/L. T. P. O'Brien	Cutter V 1327'N 9836'E	06/2125	07/0925	Unsuccessful. No reception. Weather Down to 021°N scattered cloud. Occasional wide spread showers over whole route.
		F/O. S. F. Stevens		Jessore	Min'don	
		F/S. R. T. Wright		07/1050	07/1320	
		F/S. F. H. Burley		Min'don	Jessore	
7/7/45	Dak F919	F/S. A. S. Osmaston	Character Otter 92	⁶		Successful. 70 packages (47 free) dropped in 9 runs all within reach. Most around reception. All Chutes O.K. 24 packs nickels dropped at Nammahea 1850'N 974'E ⁷ Weather 10/10 Sc base 1500'-2000' tops between 6-8000'.
		F/O. B. A. Haynes	(a) DZ677 1845'N 9704'E			
		R270837 F/S. A. Q. Dahlin	(b) DZ721 1850'N 9655'E			
		A436597 F/S. E. A. Hanlon				
		R278010 Sgt. L. E. Parsons				
7/7/45	Dak B	F/O. W. R. Painter	Character Walrus Red 17	07 05?0	07 1232?	Successful Walrus Red 17, Unsuccessful Walrus 63 (a) As briefed Rebecca dashes not in. 4 containers 15 packages dropped in 3 runs all landed OK. (b) Could not see DZ after search of 1 hours 17 min because of low cloud & another visit to area in afternoon when conditions were worse. Weather Sc over most of route 10/10 at Irrawaddy base 3000' tops 9000' building up at DZ (a) 10/10 Cu base 2500 (ht 3250) In afternoon whole area was covered.
		J46521 F/O. R. Sinclair	Character Walrus 63	Jessore	Meiktela	
		R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodhead	(a) 945 1926'N 9655'E	07 1230?	07 1940	
		F/S. E. I. Mollings?	71? 1936'N 9656'E	Meiktela		
		F/O. R. D. Lister	(b) 67 1923'N? 9648'E.			
7/7/45	Dak K/924	Aus 430269 F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Character Hyena 82	07 0520	07 12?30	Not Completed. Found DZ area but there was no reception (section "scribbled over" in original record) made extensive search (another "scribbled over section) reception from 747 a/C set was serviceable & used. Remained at Mingaladon & repeated sortie on 8th & 9th twice 10th 11th on DZ733. Successful on last attempt. Weather 10/10 Sc base 1500'-2000'.
		Sgt. J. A. Hollington	(a) DZ742 1822'N 970?2'E	Jessore		
		Sgt. T. R. Sheppard	(b) DZ747 1821'N 9797'E			
		Can.R266454? Sgt. S. C. McGregor				
		Sgt. R. Tucker				

⁶ Times and location not given in record.

⁷ Coordinate in record obviously wrong.

8/7/45	Dak K/924	Aus 430269 F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Character Hyena 82 DZ733 1813'N 9727'E	08 0705	08 0945	Not completed (Weather in DZ area). Weather 10/10 cloud on hills base 2000'. Breaks over the Salween enabled pin-points to be seen but DZ could not be approached.
		Sgt. J. A. Hollington		Mingaladon		
		Sgt. T. R. Sheppard				
		Can.R266454? Sgt. S. C. McGregor ⁸				
		Sgt. R. Tucker				
8/7/45	Dak B913	F/O. R. R. Housby	Character Hyena Red 4 D.Z. 728 1619'N 9652'E	08 1105	08 1240	Unsuccessful (Weather before DZ position) Weather again stopped search of area Weather exactly as earlier in the day (Sortie no. 2)
		P/O. R. D. Butler		Mingaladon		
		Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright				
		Can R283336 F/S. E. R. Shalla				
		Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk				
8/7/45	Dak B913	Same Crew	D.Z. 728 1619'N 9652'E	08 0650	08 ⁹	Unsuccessful. Turned back just before reaching D.Z. about 5 miles from this position. Weather From Mingaladon to DZ area weather improved from previous day cloud base 500' 5/10 Cu tops approx 1500' Vis 6 miles. On approaching 10/10 cloud base was done to 200' crossing hills area could not be seen or reached.
				Mingaladon		
9/7/45	Dak B913	F/O. R. R. Housby	Character Hyena Red 4 D.Z. 758 ¹⁰ 1619'N 9652'E	09 0700	09 0850	Unsuccessful. (Weather DZ area) reached to 5 miles of DZ. Weather. Again same as for previous day attempt.
		P/O. R. D. Butler		Mingaladon		
		Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright				
		Can R283336 F/S. E. R. Shalla				
		Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk				
9/7/45	Dak B913	Crew as above	Character Hyena Red 4 D.Z. 758 1619'N 9652'E	09 1250	09 1510	Unsuccessful (Weather on DZ although position was not reached) Crew was anxious & keen to make a further attempt that day – owing to a
				Mingaladon		

⁸ In original record it is spelt McRegor, but this is considered an obvious error and has been changed.

⁹ Landing time not given in record.

¹⁰ DZ given as 358 in this and next entry; previous entries appeared to be 728.

						slight improvement. However strip was U/S as Dakota had crashed on runway. Weather same as previous to Western edge of hills 3-4 miles from DZ. Hills slightly penetrated but DZ was not reached.
10/7/45	Dak B913	Crew as above	DZ 758 1619'N 9652'E	10 0720 Mingaladon	10 0925	Unsuccessful. Weather over DZ area still U/S. Note. Before this sortie, Group was contacted and asked as A/C had already been away 2 days could further sorties be made. Group O.K. further sortie. After this sortie F/O Housby Major Tyesen? Force 136 who had returned from this DZ field. He agreed to remove DZ to already second place which would be far better. Weather As the previous day with cloud base 150. Heavy rain storms.
10/7/45	Dak M926	F/O. W. R. Painter	Nutshell Rabbit 3	08 ¹¹ 1230	09 1810	Successful. DZ Paddy about 100 yds square. T of panels and one very large smoke fire. T seen first and fire late as A/c approached. 26 packages dropped in 9 runs all on DZ except 2 which fell on trees on S edge of DZ, and one on N edge easily recoverable. Cutes OK except one which candled. Ground party appeared very elated. Note. Spitfire diversion A/C shot up road from Pa-an to Nanngion. Weather over Bay of Bengal hazy rain – low cloud base both on outward & return journey.
		J46521 F/O. R. Sinclair	Tiger 9 DZ 223	Jessore	Ming'don	
		R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodhead	1649'N 9745'E	10 0515	10 1225	
		F/S. E. I. Wellings		Ming'don	Jessore	
		F/O. R. D. Lister				
10/7/45	Dak N344?	F/L. L. E. Lewis	Coupling	¹²		Successful. As briefed Placed on arrival. 39 packages dropped in 6 runs all landed OK.
		W/O. J. R. Hune??	Muslim 15			
		P/O. A. W. Cumber	DZ 656			
		Sgt. A. A. Reeves	1636'N			

¹¹ Record gives '08' as up time, but down time gives '09'.

¹² No times or locations given in record.

		R281747 Sgt. T. H. O'Shaughnessy	102-23'E			Note Possible Jap radar picked up on Group frequency 6235 Kcs at 08?35 hrs. grew in strength until 08?45 very strong Wonlon?. Difficulty 2 way communication, stopped 0930 hrs. Weather 2-9/10 layers of cloud Sc & Cu up to 16000.
		R280655 Sgt. G. T. Kent				
10/7/45	Dak L925	F/S. A. S. Osmaston	Coupling Muslim	09 1310	10 1520	Successful Reception as briefed put out on arrival 40 packages dropped in 8 runs, all on area all chutes OK 16 packs of nickels dropped Maung Dok 1719'N 101-04E. Weather. Good except on return 10/10 Cu & Ac at 18000'.
		F/S. J. F. Johnson	DZ 656	Jessore		
		F/O. B. A. Haynes	1636'N			
		A436597 F/S. E. A. Hanlon	102-20'E			
		R270837 Sgt. A. Q. Dahlin				
10/7/45	Dak G920	F/L. H. Deen	Candle Felt 4	09 1216	10 1315	Not-Completed (as DZ not located) Not found probably within 10 miles of it. Weather 7/10 St & cu over Shan-Hills clearing to 6/10.
		P/O. W. J. V. Savage??	(Long Range Pick-up)	Jessore	Ming'don	
		F/S. W. T. Watkins	1643'N			
		F/O. J. MacAskill	103-52E			
		Can R290229 Sgt. A. R. King	(3)S-DZ 531			
		Can R 287823 Sgt. A. F. Newton				
11/7/45	Dak G920	(Crew as above)	Candle Felt 4	11 0523	11 0845	Not Completed (Weather) 2 attempts to reach DZ but forced to return owing to weather. Weather 10/10 Cu & Sc over Shans from 700 ft up to 15,000'.
			(Long Range Pick-up)	Mingladon		
12/7/45	Dak G920	(Crew as above)	Candle Felt 4	12 0540	12 1420	Completed. Lake appearing on map at DZ is not on ground. DZ rather soft even
			(Long Range Pick-up)	Ming'don		

						after 2 rainless days not really suitable for Daks at this season. Dak sank up to hubs in soft area middle strip. 12 packs nickels dropped Daumakons? 1726'N 102-50'E ht 2000'. Airfield 2 strips form of X. Duamakong?. One all weather strip on grass large barrack block on edge 1647'N 102-02'E height 7000 short strip 600-800' long, No activity 1636N 101-42E Longer strip SE-NW. seen from 10 miles 1655N 9905 approx 11? fighter a/c seen at 12/030? at 10,000. Weather 6/10 Sc in valleys hills clear.
12/7/45	Dak F919	F/L. L. E. Lewis F/O. A. W. Cumber Sgt. A. A. Reeves R281749 Sgt. T. O'Shaughnessy R280655 Sgt. G. T. Kent	Cutter 5 1325N 9825'E	11 1450 ¹³	12 1605	Completed. As briefed but wasn't ever seen by crew. Fires were far too small and were allowed to go out after first drop. White light flashed was very unsuitable red or green better. 2 bodies 32 packages dropped in 3 runs all in area. First Joe missed all obstructions 2nd Joe lost glasses in slipstream & landed in trees. Last packages containing Joes bag tore away from chute but landed. Chutes of 2 packages intertwined but landed OK. Static lines for duties (US containers) were too short. DZ very hazardous for Joes. Suggest T.O.T. about 0845 as DZ is covered with low cloud in morning. 24 pks nickels dropped 1331'N 9825'E. Weather. Fine to Mingaladon thence to DZ 10/10 Sc base 250' up. Raining all the way.
14/7/45	Dak M?926	F/O. W. R. Painter J46521 F/O. R. Sinclair R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodhead	(A) Nutshell Tiger 10 (B) Pilot (A) DZ 223 1649'N 974?5E	14 0710	14 1820	(A) Successful as briefed 2 containers 20 packs in 5 runs all in area. chute on one package in 1st drop candled but packaged did not burst. (B) Successful, party found
				Mingaladon		

¹³ Location not given in record.

		F/S. E. I. Wellings	(B) 1523N			at 1520N 98??N after few minutes search flash seen then man waving white flag – no recognisable signal. A/C descended to tree-top height and American? conducting officer recognized flag waver as body dropped in by original party. More flag waving after drop. 2 containers 19 packages dropped in 10 runs all OK in area. One package candled on 3rd run. Party had not quite reached briefed DZ & was spotted in small clearing in scrub (100' x 75') on top of small mound. Weather Isolated Cu base 1000' tops 10000/20000.
		F/O. R. D. Lister	9811E			
12/7/45	Dak H304	F/S. A. S. Osmaston	Nutshell	12 0445	12 1825	Completed. Briefed T & A of strips. 38 packages (23 picked up at Mingaladon) dropped in 11 runs 2 overshoots 200' but seen being recovered. Chutes all O.K. Load collected at Mingaladon very damp. None of the strings around nickels tied came to pieces on leaving. 24 packs nickels dropped Yinnyeim 1647'N 9723'E. Weather Continuous rain As Sc 10/10 base 500'-1000' & upwards.
		F/O. B. A. Haynes	Antelope 14	Jessore		
		Aus.A436597 ¹⁴	DZ 725			
		F/S. E. A. Hanlon	1621'N			
		Can.R270837 F/S. A. Q. Dahlin	9214'E			
		Can.R278010 Sgt. L. E. Parsons				
13/7/45	Dak B913	F/O. R. R. Housby	DZ 728 ¹⁵	13 0750	13 1255	Successful. (7 attempts were made to complete this sortie) On the 7th try successful drop was made. Every other sortie failed owing to weather over D.Z. DZ was changed by Force 136 after 6 sorties to 1814 ½'N 9647 ½'E (8
		P/O. R. D. Butler	1814 ½'N	Ming'don	Jessore	
		Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright	9647 ½'E			
		Can R283336 F/S. E. R. Shalla				
		Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk				

¹⁴ Record shows service number as Can.R436597, but Hanlon was a member of the RAAF, with service number A436597

¹⁵ No code name given in the record.

						miles S.W. of original DZ position). This report ????? 7th unsuccessful attempt. On arrival good easy to find reception of T & Y of strips with 2 smoke fires easy to identify. 2 containers 31 packages dropped in 7 runs. Good drop all necessary chutes opened. Note. Major Tyrell Force 136 Mingaladon says that their new D.Z. is Not to take any more drops until zone has been O.K.ed from Jap interference. Weather 8/10 Sc base 400' tops 1500' Vis 6-10 miles.
13/7/45	Dak M925	F/O. W. R. Paynter ¹⁶	Pilot	13 1145	13 1805	Not Completed. No reception. All DZs. definitely reached & identified. Weather. 8/10 Sc on hills on outward trip lessening on return.
		J46521 F/O. R. Sinclair	1) 1528'N 9801'E		Mingaladon	
		Can.R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodhead	2)1526'N 9757'E			
		F/S. E. I. Hollings	3)1526'N 9822'E			
		F/O. I. Newton	4)1528'N 9819'E			
12/7/45	Dak M925	Same crew as above	Pilot Same DZs as above	12 0835	12 2045	Not Completed. No reception. All DZs. definitely identified but no reception at any of them. Note. this a/c remained at Mingaladon & repeated the operation unsuccessfully. On the 14th sortie was completed. Weather. Little cloud very good weather generally.
				Jessore	Mingaladon	
16/7/45	Dak F919	S/L. T. P. O'Brien	Blast	16 0750	16 2105	Completed as briefed. Fires supposed to be lighted at 1700 hrs but were lit at 1548 hrs when a/c sighted & ten put out as briefed. 14 packages dropped in 5 runs all on DZ all chutes O.K. Weather 5/10 Sc base 2500' tops 4-5000'.
		F/O. S. F. Stevens	1757'N	Jessore		
		F/S. R. T. Wright	9735'E			
		F/S. F. H. Burley				
16/7/45	Dak B913	W/O. J. R. Milne	Character	16 0420	16 1839	Completed as briefed 4 fires Also bamboo strips laid out
		Sgt. E. M. Clarke	Mongoose	Jessore		

¹⁶ The spelling of Paynter and Hollings' names is different in this sortie than used elsewhere.

		Sgt. R. Francis	54			to read "run up here to drop" 2 containers 29 & 6 free packages in 12 runs. All O.K. except for one package (free) thrown out by mistake about 1 mile E. of D.Z. due to misunderstanding when testing lights. All chutes open. Picked up 8 wounded at Mingaladon & took them to Alipore. 24 packs nickels dropped Shanywa 1747'N 9704'E. Weather 8-10/10 Sc with scattered Cu Cb base 1000' & up. Vis 5-10 miles.
		Sgt. D. Mouat	DZ 713			
		Sgt. A. Binns	1752'N			
			9717'E			
16/7/45	Dak G920	F/L. H. Deen	Character	16 0516	16 1343	Completed as briefed. Triangle letter N, 2 smoke fires 2 containers 30 packages plus 4 free dropped in 8 runs all over D.Z. all chutes O.K. 24 packs nickels dropped 1845'N 9719'E along Mawchi road to 1850'N 9712'E. Weather 9/10 Sc in valleys 6-7/10 base 3000' tops 7500'. Vis 15 miles in Irrawaddy valley.
		Capt. M. P. L. Langor	Walrus 65	Jessore		
		F/S. W. T. Watkins	DZ 67			
		F/O. J. MacAskill	1921'N			
		Can R290229 Sgt. A. R. King	9649'E			
10/7/45	Dak 914	F/S. N. E. Horney	Character	10 0537	10 0745	Not Completed A/C U/S – trouble not yet known. A/C still at Patonga. DZ not reached. A/C damaged in taxiing accident at Chittagong & is being repaired A/C landed at Chittagong on outward journey owing to fault in fuel system not yet fully diagnosed. Weather. 6-7/10 Sc base 2000' tops 5000' Odd Cu up to 18000.
		Sgt. C. Houghton	Walrus 64	Jessore	Patonga	
		Sgt. W. Adams	DZ727			
		Sgt. W. J. Routledge	1922N			
		Sgt. J. A. McLean	9659E			
9/7/45	Dak K924	F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Character	09 0710	09 0945	Not Completed Weather en route. Weather 10/10 Cloud on hills base 9000.
		Sgt. J. R. Hollington	Hyena 82	Mingaladon		
		Sgt. R. Sheppard	DZ 732			
		Can.R266965 Sgt. S. C. McGregor	1818'N			
		Sgt. R. Tucker	9724'E			

9/7/45	Dak K924	(Same crew as above)	Character Hyena 82	09 1325	09 1625	Not Completed. Weather in DZ area. Weather 10/10 Cloud on hills base 9000. Better breaks over Salween. then in morning A/C was able to get very near DZ but could not get in to drop as all ways were tried.
			Same DZ as above	¹⁷		
10/9/45	Dak M ¹⁸ 924	F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Character Hyena 82	10 0730	10 1140	Not Completed. Weather en route. Weather 10/10 Cloud, base 1500 could not approach DZone. Note 16 packs nickels dropped 1840N 9718'E.
		Sgt. J. R. Hollington	DZ733 1813N 9727E	Mingaladon		
		Sgt. R. Sheppard				
		Can.R266965 Sgt. J. C. McGregor				
		Sgt. R. Tucker				
11/9/45	Dak M ¹⁹ 924	(Crew as above)	(Duty as above)	11 0745	11 1355	Completed, as briefed. 4 containers 40 packages dropped in 9 runs all on DZ or in trees close by. All chutes OK. Weather 10/10 Cu & Sc from Mingaladon to DZ base 1300.
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16/7/45	Dak L925	F/O. R. R. Housby	Coupling Muslim 23	15 1345	16 1420	Not Completed No reception though search lasted 1 ½ hrs. Spotted one smoke fire just S of briefed DZ but no letter one circuit only. A/C was forced to return to Mingaladon due to shortage of fuel. 23 packs nickels dropped Pitsonuloke 1650'N 10016'°E. Weather 10/10 Sc to 100° 7/10 Cu east of 101°.
		P/O. R. D. Butler	DZ656 1636N 10221'E	Jessore	Ming'yon	
		Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright				
		R278010 Sgt. L. E. Parsons				
		Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk				
17/9/45	Dak L925	F/O. R. R. Housby	Coupling Muslim 23	17 0550	17 1930	Completed. Reception of 1 smoke fire, M in white panels as briefed. Reception committee only lit fire after initial circuit. 40 packages dropped in 9 runs all on D.Z. first 2 chutes opened but became entangled. Rest no
		P/O. R. D. Butler	DZ656 1636'N 10221'E	Min'don	Jessore	
		Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright				
		R278010 Sgt. L. E. Parsons				
		Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk				

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						trouble. Crew feel first 2 chutes landed safely, however. 1 pack nickels dropped 1641'N 9915'E. 2 Force 136 bodies & freight picked up at Mingaladon & dropped off at Alipore. Weather. Dissipating CB tops 18-20000' 9/10 Sc tops 2500' base 1500'.
18/2/45	Dak M926	W/O. J. R. Milne	Coupling	17 1324	18 1900	Successful. As briefed. 39 (1 free drop) packages dropped in 9 runs all in D.Z. all chutes O.K. Had to wait for 'M' to come out 'H' set out in 4 strips. Smoke fire seen 1 mile from D.Z. Good run up. 12 packs nickels dropped 1726'N 10240E, 6 at 1721'N 10248E & 6 at 1659'N 10245E. Note 1659'N 10245E 180945 3500' 180° heading. On west side of railway tracks what appeared to be large lumber working. Weather clear on way out with 9/10 below Sc 6000' tops. Similar on return.
		Sgt. E. M. Clarke	Muslin 27	Jessore		
		Sgt. R. Francis	DZ656			
		Sgt. D. Mouat	1636'N			
		Sgt. A. Binns	10221E			
17/7/45	Dak F919	F/L. L. E. Lewis	Coupling	17 1340	17 1745 ²²	Completed. AS briefed put out as a/c within 1 mile. 40 packages dropped in 7 runs all in clearing except 1 in tree on edge all chutes O.K. 24 packs nickels dropped 1745'N 10120'E to 1728'N 10008'E at 7 minute intervals on towns en route. 2 nickel specials dropped (1) 1709'N 9726'E. Weather 10/10 AS base 1500' clear below Vis. 60 miles.
		F/O. A. W. Cumber	DZ	Jessore		
		Sgt. A. A. Reeves	1636'N			
		R281747 Sgt. T. H. O'Shaughnessy	1022'E ²¹			
		R280655 Sgt. G. T. Kent				
18/7/45	Dak G920	F/L. H. Deen	Character	18 0528	18 1430	Completed. As briefed 'T' of white strips & 4 smoke fires, 'T' of strips. 49 packages (19 free) dropped in 7 runs all seen to land on D.Z. all
		F/S. W. T. Watkins	Ferret 56	Jessore		
		F/O. J. MacAskill	DZ 717			
		Can R290229 Sgt. A. R. King	1858'N 9707'E			

²¹ The record gives 1022'N, but from previous drops, this should be 102 2X'N, X ranging from 0 to 2.

²² Record gives landing time as on the 17th; however reference to Ratcliffe's sortie below suggest it should be the 18th.

		Can R 287823 Sgt. A. F. Newton				chutes open. 24 packs nickels dropped between 1850'N 9607'E & 1855'N 9701'E. Weather 7/10 Cu & Sc Base 4000' tops 7-8000'.
18/7/45	Dak B913	Aus.430629 F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Coupling Muslin 24	17 1510	18 1830	Successful. Briefed reception put out as a/c arrived. Ground party was picking up F/L Lewis's load when B arrived. 41 packages dropped in 8 runs all except 1 on DZ. this one caught in tree on edge of D.Z. all chutes open. 24 packs nickels dropped 4 at 1643'N 10212'E, 5 at 1632N 10206'E, 6 at 1631'N 1020'E ²⁴ , 5 at 1629'N 10252'E & 4 at 1620'N 10020'E. Weather 6-7/10 Scattered Sc Cu occasionally base 2000' tops 9000.
		Sgt. J. R. Hollington	DZ 656 1636'N 1022'E ²³	Jessore		
		Sgt. R. Sheppard				
		Can.R266968 Sgt. S. C. McGregor				
		Sgt. R. Tucker				
18/7/45	Dak D829?	F/S. A. S. Osmaston	Character Otter 99	18 1210	18 2055	Completed – (Secondary) 'T' in strips and a 'B' of strips (1) On arrival at first DZ nothing could be seen. Heavy shower at time, however may have obscured reception. (2) 6 containers 25 packages dropped in 8 runs all in D.Z. area all chutes believed to have opened. Weather Good 5/10 Cu & Sc Vis good and on return similar conditions.
		F/O. B. A. Haynes	(1) DZ 779 1847'N 9659'E	Jessore		
		A436597 F/S. E. A. Hanlon ²⁵	(2) DZ 721 1850'N 9655'E			
		Sgt. C. V. Lenaerts				
		Can.R278010 Sgt. L. E. Parsons				
20/7/45	Dak G920	F/L. M. Deen	Heavy Wolf 24	20 0501	21 1132	Successful. No smoke. T of panels letter W No bods seen on D.Z. until about 10 minutes after arrival. No whites at all. 26 packages plus 29 free dropped in 8 runs all on D.Z. all chutes
		F/O. J. MacAskill	DZ 164 9154'N 9942'E	Jessore		
		F/S. W. T. Watkins				
		Can R 287823 Sgt. A. F. Newton				
		Can R290229 Sgt. A. R. King				

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²⁴ Obvious error in this entry.

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						O.K. Petrol running short on return so altered course for Meiktila & was diverted from there to Toungoo. Weather. 7/10 Sc base 5000' tops 9000' return 21st 4/10 Sc base 2000 tops 5000.
20/7/45	Dak D889?	F/O. W. R. Painter	Dilwyn Squirrel 28 DZ 757 2100'N 9802'E	20 0530	20 1515	Completed As briefed T & one fire waiting. Union Jack displayed & considerable activity. 55 (F.D) packages dropped in 9 runs all in area one in village. All chutes O.K. 24 packs nickels dropped at 2121'N 9822'E. Weather 9/10 Cu base 2000'.
		B.J46521 F/O. R. Sinclair ²⁶		Jessore		
		Can.R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodland				
		F/S. E. I. Wellings				
		F/O. R. D. Lister				
20/7/45	Dak F919	F/O. R. R. Housby	Character Hyena 86 87 88 (1) 728 1819N 9652E 2004 1814N 9647E (2) 733 1813'N 9727'E 739 1811'N 9725'E (3) 742 1822N 9708E 7471821N 9707E	20 0540	20 1320	Successful Hyena 86. Unsuccessful Hyena 87, 88. Weather. Dropped Hyena 86 load on Secondary DZ 2004. Could not get in to primary DZ728 or 2nd or 3rd targets owing to cloud. Reception as briefed did not appear until 1047. Although A/C reached DZ at 1031. 31 (20 free drops) packages dropped in 7 runs all in DZ area all except one falling on dryland. One fell in Patty field beside DZ. A/C remained at Mingaladon. Hyena 87 & 88 were completed on 22nd and 21st respectively. Weather. 10/10 Cu & SC tops 8000'.
		P/O. R. D. Butler		Jessore	Ming'don	
		Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright				
		Can R283336 Sgt. E. R. Shalla				
		Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk				
20/7/45	Dak 913	Aus.430624 F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Character Hyena 85 DZ 781 1814'N 9640'E	20 0525	20 1755	Completed. T of panels 4 smoke fires & Z in panels. 2 containers 32 packages dropped in area all chutes O.K. in 6 runs. Weather. 10/10 Sc & Cu base 1000 breaking on approach to DZ.
		Sgt. J. R. Hollington		Jessore		
		Sgt. R. Sherner ²⁷				
		Can.R266965 Sgt. S. C. McGregor				
		Sgt. R. Tucker				
20/7/45	Dak M926	F/L. L. E. Lewis	Character Otter 100 (1) DZ 779 1847'N 9658'E	20 0525	20 1500	Completed. T of panels & W 6 containers 71 packages dropped in 6 runs. most overshoot in trees. 100-200 yds beyond DZ. Chutes OK
		Cpt. M. P. L. Langer		Jessore		
		F/O. A. W. Cumber				
		Sgt. A. A. Reeves				

²⁶ Record states B.J46521, but this probably should be Can.J46521.

²⁷ "Sheppard" in other entries for this crew.

		R281747 Sgt. T. O'Shaughnessy	(2) DZ 721 1850N 9655E			one packaged did not open. 24 packs nickels dropped at 1835N 9654E. Weather. 8-10/10 Cu base 2000 tops 8-10000'.
		R280655 Sgt. G. T. Kent				
20/7/45	Dak K924	F/S. N. E. Horney	Dilwyn Squirrel 27	20 0520	20 1502	Completed. T and one smoke fire waiting. 54 (29 free drop) packages dropped in 8 runs all within 200' of reception. all available chutes all O.K. 24 packs nickels dropped. Weather. Fair with showers Cu over Chins base 3000'.
		F/S. G. Houghton	DZ 727	Jessore		
		F/S. W. Adams	2100'N			
		F/S. W. J. Routlidge	9802'E			
		F/S. J. A. McLean				
22/7/45	Dak ²⁸	F/O. R. R. Housby	Character Hyena 87	22 0925	22 1540	Successful. As briefed X & G I of panels. Small smoke fire 2 packages dropped in 1 run on D.Z. one on edge among bushes al chutes O.K. Weather. 9/10 Sc undercast tops 7000' base 2000'.
		F/O. R. D. Butler	1) DZ 733	Ming'don	Jessore	
		Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright	1813'N			
		Can R283336 F/S. E. R. Shalla	9727'E			
		Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk	2) DZ 737 1817'N 9725'E			
22/7/45	Dak K924	F/S. N. E. Horney	Heavy Wolf 27	22 0430	22 2015	Successful. T with letter W No smoke fire. 6 containers 46 (29 free drop) dropped in 8 runs all in area of DZ except 1 which torn away and landed in trees ¼ mile from D.Z. All chutes O.K. except for the one which was pulled & torn away by the slipstream as dispatchers was waiting to push package out. Note. the FD containers were stowed internally & are shown as packages in this report. Wounded brought back to Mingaladon. Weather. 10/10 Cu & Sc above and below Sc with continuous heavy rain. San base tops 10-12000' Upper layers base 15000'.
		Sgt. G. Houghton	DZ 164	Jessore		
		Sgt. W. Adams	2154'N			
		Sgt. W. J. Routlidge	9943'E			
		Sgt. J. A. McLean				
21/7/45	Dak F919	F/O. R. R. Housby	Character Hyena 87 & 88	21 1145	21 1705	Successful. Hyena 88 DZ 742 Smoke fire & L I in panels. 2 packages dropped in 1 run all on DZ chutes
		F/O. R. D. Butler	1) DZ733	Jessore		
		Aus 434910 F/S. O. S. Wright				

²⁸ Code and serial not given in record.

		Can R283336 F/S. E. R. Shalla	1813'N 9727'E			O.K. Hyena 87 Unsuccessful. Unable to get in to 733 or 737 owing to low cloud base. Completed on 22 July. 24 packs nickels dropped at 1823'N 9703'E Simudo. Weather 9/10 Cu base 4000' tops 8000'.
		Can.R272261 Sgt. F. Charchuk	737 1817'N 9725'E			
			2) DZ 742 1827'N 9708'E 747 1821'N 9707'E			
22/7/45	Dak M926	F/O. W. R. Paynter J46521 F/O. R. Sinclair	Coupling Muslin 29 DZ 656 1636'N 102.21'E	22 0635	22 1435	Successful As briefed 40 packages dropped 7 runs 2 on edge 1 in trees on ridge easily recoverable next O.K. all chutes open Note Arrived just as F/S Osmaston was leaving D.Z. completely obscured by storms so stooged around for 1 hr until storm lifted sufficiently to drop. Weather 5/10 undercast Sc & Cu 10/10 As & Cu.
		Can.R170451 W/O. V. R. Woodhead		Jessore		
		F/S. E. I. Wellings				
		F/O. R. D. Lister				
22/7/45	Dak D889	F/S. Osmaston F/O. B. A. Haynes W/O. H. W. Smith Aus.A436597 ²⁹ F/S. E. A. Hanlon	Coupling Muslin 29 DZ 656 1636'N 102.21'E	22 0636	22 1430	Partly Successful (Weather over target – A/C U/S) Reception as briefed put out as A/c recognized. 1 container 24 packages dropped in 5 runs all on DZ chutes OK except one package chute which failed to open. During dropping storm blew up over DZ & completely obscured. Searched for it unsuccessfully & about 15 mins hydraulic system burst so returned to Mingaladon. left a/c there & flew W/O Milnes back. Note 1523 1720'N 101.06'E at Dara junction seen from 10,000' 37 span steel bridge with train bridge 1 train wrecked. 24 packs nickels drop from 1647'N 101.00'E at Lamsak to 1653'N 101.09'E at Lomgad. Weather 5/10 undercast Sc & Cu 10/10 As & Cu.
		Sgt. Q. W. A. Lenaerts		Jessore		
		Can.R278010 Sgt. L. E. Parsons				
22/7/45	Dak L92?5	W/O. J. R. Milne	Heavy	22 0426	23 2037	Unsuccessful. (Weather over

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		Sgt. E. M. Clarke	Wolf 26	Jessore		DZ) Weather over D.Z. completely impossible & a/C returned to Mingaladon. A/C took off from Mingaladon afterwards for Base but had to return there for night owing to weather. Crew instructed to return to Bas by F/Lt. Commander. 24 packs nickels jettisoned through gap in cloud. Weather 9/10 Cu & Cb tops 12000' base unknown.
		Sgt. R. Francis	DZ 164			
		Sgt. D. Mouat	2154'N			
		Sgt. A. Binns	9942'E			
22/7/45	Dak O?914?	Aus.430624 F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Coupling Muslin 30	22 0646	23 1950	Successful. 'M' of white panels & 1 smoke fire. 37 packages dropped in 8 runs all observed to land safely on D.Z. all chutes OK. 14 packs nickels dropped 1720'N 100.000E. Weather 7/10 Sc base 9000' tops 8-9000' scattered Cu & CG base 2000' tops 15-20000'.
		Sgt. J. R. Hollington	DZ 656	³⁰		
		Sgt. R. Sheppard	1636'N			
		Can.R266965 Sgt. S. C. McGregor	102.21'E			
		Sgt. R. Tucker				
22/7/45	Dak G920	S/L. T. P. O'Brien	Coupling Muslin 25	22 0627	23 1450	Successful. As briefed. Landed 2 Joes & amount of freight (tyres etc) Picked up personal packages for Force 136. 24 packs nickels dropped 8 packs at 1718'N 9715E Bilin 16 dropped at random over Jap territory from Bilin to 1730'N 9930'E. Weather. 7/10 Sc base 2000' tops 6000' upwards to 100.00E then breaking up into small amounts. Sc en route & large build ups of Cb.
		F/O. S. F. Stevens	DZ 660	Jessore		
		F/S. R. T. Wright	1728'N			
		Sgt. F. H. Burley	101.33E			
22/7/45	Dak B913	F/S. N. B. Johnson	Character Walrus 64	22 0420	22 1256	Not Completed. Reception incorrect 4 chutes out on ground no particular pattern. 24 Packs nickels dropped 1849'N 9710'E 1850'N 9720'E. Weather 8/10 Cu cloud on hill up to 15000'.
		W/O. K. J. Sharpe	DZ 72??	Jessore	Toungoo	
		F/S. G. W. Harvey	1828'N			
		Sgt. J. Eden	9659'E			
		Sgt. E. Sullivan				
22/7/45	Dak 913	Same crew as above.	Same duty	22 1600	22 1730	Unsuccessful. Weather prior to reaching D.Z. turned back at 1650 from area of 1925'N
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³⁰ Location not given in record.

						9640'E due to 10/10 Cu & Cb base below hills tops to unknown ht. Weather 10/10 Cu & Cb as above.
23/7/45	Dak 913	Same crew as above.	Same duty	23 1052	23 2022	Partially Completed (Weather over DZ) M of white panels triangle in chutes. Wall of 10/10 cu tops 10-15,000' base below hill tops closed in on D.Z. & made further drops impossible & 18 packages brought back. On instructions from Group returned to Base. 6 containers & 10 packages dropped in 4 runs. Containers seen to land on DZ. Unable to observe result from package drops. 4 chutes observed to open rest not observed. Weather 8-10/10 Cu & Sc base 3000' up to 10000.
				Toungoo	Jessore	
24/7/45	Dak L925	F/L. L. E. Lewis F/O. A. W. Cumber Sgt. A. A. Reeves R281747 F/S. T. H. O'Shaughnessy R280655 Sgt. G. T. Kent	Dilwyn Squirrel 29	24 0705 Jessore	24 1410 Meiktila	Not Completed (Weather – Thunderstorms – rain squalls over D.Z. area). D.Z. not seen owing to weather. Cruised round for 1 hour 39 mins but unable to locate D.Z. went back to Meiktila to refuel. On second attempt succeeded. Weather Chittagong to D.Z. 9/10 Cu & Cb base 4000' to 20000'.
24/7/45	Dak L925	Same crew as above	Same duty	24 1420 Meiktila	24 2005 Jessore	
24/7/45	Dak F 919	F/L. H. Deen F/S. W. T. Watkins F/O. J. MacAskill Can R290229 Sgt. A. R. King	Pilot II	24 1542 Jessore	25 0935 Mingaladon	Not Completed. Reception refused to accept Joes & packages except 2 packages. On arrival at D.Z. dropped a note & left for 20

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		Can R 287823 Sgt. A. F. Newton				mins. Then walkie-talkie dropped & left for 15 mins after seeing it land on D.Z. attempts made to make R/T contact & a/c could hear ground but ground could not hear a/c. Dropped 2nd package. Left when contact could not be made both landed on D.Z. both chutes O.K. 24 + 8 U.S. packs nickels dropped at Ya 1522'N 9751'E. Note This D.Z. position is about 1 mile from original D.Z. which was occupied by Japs. This information given by ground. Weather Quite good 6/10 Cu & Sc en route.
24/7/45	Dak G920	F/O. R. R. Housby P/O. R. D. Butler F/S. O. S. Wright F/S. E. R. Shalla Sgt. F. Charchuk	N/Cotton 14 1645'N 9905'E	24 1220 Jessore	26 1525	Successful. (There were 3 nights allotted for attempts. Sortie was successful on 2nd night. No? sortie on 24th July owing to weather). Reception was waiting. It seem to have been lighted as a/c started DR run. Signals were excellent visible from 5 miles & were as briefed. After drop further run was made all the load & bods seen on ground. 4 bodies 2 containers & 21 packages dropped in 7 runs. Whole load & bods were dropped exactly on signal reception. Some of the packages dropped on the "T". all chutes O.K. 24 packs nickels dropped at Bilin 1718'N 9713'E. Weather. 8-9/10 St & Sc base 2000' tops 8000'.
26/7/45	Dak F919	F/L. H. Deen F/S. W. T. Watkins F/O. J. McAskill Sgt. A. R. King Sgt. A. F. Newton	Pilot II Approx area 1500'N 9800'E	26 0515 Ming'don	26 1450 Jessore	Not Completed (except for 3 packages). Got into contact via a/c radio & walkie-talkie. Reception said Japs were hotly pursuing them & they

						wanted 50 rifles & bags of ammo. Also said not to drop any joes. Dropped 3 packages with arms in 2 runs all on D.Z. all chutes O.K. Weather. Very good 4/10 Cu & Sc.
26/7/45	Dakota B913	F/O. W. R. Paynter	Heavy Wolf 26	26 0425	26 1605	Completed. As Briefed 'T' of panels and Letter 'W' No fires. 6 containers 55 (29 free) packages dropped in 10 runs all on DZ. all chutes okay. Landed at Meiktila despite heavy barrage of reds as fuel was running low. Landed okay & c????? strip??? on point of being repaired. Landed just in time to avoid natives working on strip. Note Large number of types in town mainly with rifles who waved while plane was dropping leaflets at Law Sawk. Mainly came out of houses. 24 packs nickels dropped between 2115N 9605E Law Sawk and 2056N 9640E Pangtara along road. Weather. On way out 6/10 Cu base 6000' on return 10/10 Cu over Chins building up to 15,000' tops, base on hills.
		F/O. R. Sinclair	DZ 164	Jessore		
		W/O. W. R. Woodland	2154N 994?9E			
		F/O. R. D. Lister				
		F/S. E. I. Wellings				
28/7/45	Dakota 'L'	F/S. Osmaston	Nutshell	28 0410	28 1725	Successful. As briefed. Well laid out. Smoke visible for 5 miles. Bodies on ground appeared to be doing much gesticulating. 4 containers 5 packages dropped in 9 runs, all on DZ all chutes opened except 1 on second run. 24 packets nickels dropped 12 at 1655'N 9720'E 12 at 1707'N 9739'E. Weather Good. As & Ac 10/10 for half way breaking and 5/10 Cu all the way Similar on return.
		F/O. B. A. Haynes	Tiger II	Jessore		
		F/S. E. A. Hanlon	DZ 223			
		Sgt. L. E. Parsons	1648'N 9746'E			
		Sgt. G.V. A. Lenaerts				
26/7/45	Dak K	F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Character	26 0445	26 1225	Successful on 68 & Unsuccessful as briefed plus smoke fires & 3 chutes on ground in line. 2 containers
		Sgt. J. A. Hollington	Walrus 68 & 69	Ming'don	Jessore	
		Sgt. R. Sheppard	(1) DZ 71?5			

		Sgt. S. C. McGregor	1936'N 9653'E			13 packages dropped in 4 runs all on DZ all chutes OKay. 69 not located – Area searched for 20 mins but owing to cloud 10/10 St & Sc base on hills & no breaks occurring decided to leave. 24 packs nickels dropped 5 1900'N 9716'E 6 1909'N 9710'E 5 1915'N 9206'E 6 1925'N 9700'E & 2 1930'N 9657'E. Weather Over Chins 9/10 As 6/10 Cu, STCU tops 809000' Base on hills Irrawaddy valley broken 5/10 Sc.
		Sgt. R. Tucker	(2) DZ 67			
			1921'N 9649'E			
27/7/45	Dak K	F/S. E. S. Ratcliffe	Character Walrus 68 DZ 67 1921'N 9649'E	27 0730	27 1435	Unsuccessful. (Weather over DZ) DZ not located area reached but no breaks in cloud, so stayed around about ½ hour then left.
		Sgt. J. A. Hollington		Ming'don	Jessore	
		Sgt. R. Sheppard				
		Sgt. S. C. McGregor				
		Sgt. R. Tucker				
27/7/45	Dak G	F/L. B. G. Hewson	Character Walrus 70 DZ 727 1928'N 9659'E	27 0456	27 1331	Successful No triangle of panels; letter 'N' was present. Ground party seen collecting drop. A/C was 1 ½ hrs early which may account for incomplete reception. Very exceptional crew who are satisfied they found correct DZ. 6 containers 35 packages dropped in 7 runs all except 1 on DZ. 1 Free drop package fell out of a/c on circuit & fell into town Dawrahku all chutes okay. Note Nothing seen of any fighting though careful watch was kept. Weather 10/10 AS average of 8/10 SC base 1000' tops 8000'.
		F/O. R. R. Tarwell		Jessore		
		F/O. J. B. Spence				
		F/S. T. F. Wiseman				
		F/S. S. N. Cartney				
28/7/45	Dakota 'B'	F/S. H. A. Johnson	Nutshell Antelope 15 D.Z. 224 1621'N 9813'E	28 0350	28 1820	Successful. As briefed. Smoke seen on arrival and then fire allowed to go out. Small hut on side with several people one of whom
		W/O. K. J. Sharpe		Jessore		
		F/S. T. W. Harvey				
		Sgt. J. Eden				
		Sgt. E. Sullivan				

						waved & then hoisted Union Jack. 6 containers 59 packages dropped in 11 runs all practically on D.Z. One went just as A/C was passing D.Z. on circuit & dropped about 25' from D.Z. All chutes opened. 24 packs nickels dropped at 1718'N 9713'E. Weather. Good – broken cloud.
30/7/45	Dakota 'M'	Capt. M. P. L. Langer	Character Mongoose	29 1350	30 1824	Successful. DZ easily found, is a landing strip. Reception of 'Z' panels & letter 'X' waiting. Near landing strip a Lysander was parked in a dangerous place. If packages or containers were slightly mis-aimed they would have hit the Lysander. 4 containers 18 (13 free) packages dropped in 2 runs. Bods seen picking up full bag which landed on strip. 1 free drop package burst when it hit ground. All Chutes okay. Weather To Mingaladon cloud 6-8/10 Cu base 2000' Vis 15 miles. To D.Z. from Mingaladon. Vis 6 miles 8-10/10 Sc base 900 – 1000' tops 400' rain.
		F/O. G. A. Mackey	55	Jessore		
		F/O. F. B. Spence	1752'N			
		F/S. A. O. Dahlin	9717'E			
		Sgt. J. Coupland				