

617 SQUADRON  
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THE OPERATIONAL RECORD BOOK  
1943 – 1945

With additional information  
Compiled and Edited

by

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I would like to acknowledge the advice and help given to me by the staff at HMSO and the PRO Kew. I must acknowledge Her Majesties Stationary Office as the holders of the copyright to the ORB but they have gone well beyond the call of duty to help me in publishing this work.

# 617 SQUADRON

## THE OPERATIONAL RECORD BOOK

### INTRODUCTION

In early 1943 Britain and her allies had been fighting a hard and dangerous war for three and a half years. At the beginning all had seemed hopeless and there were many who said that Great Britain should “throw in the towel” to her enemies and seek terms but Churchill and the British people themselves had decided to tough it out. Through 1940 and 1941 Britain’s enemies had multiplied and the situation on all fronts became worse.

Against this bleak backcloth, like a thin ray of light came a new military force, Bomber Command and the strategic bomber. Although conceived in the years between the wars, the concept required vast resources which had never been allocated. In the late 1930’s as war appeared more imminent Britain’s military rebuilding started in earnest and serious resources were allocated for the strategic bomber, It took years for the investment of money and human resources to be converted into bomber aircraft and crews capable of delivering telling blows against Britain’s enemies. During those early war years Bomber Command fought gallantly as the only force able to take the fight back to the Germans and their homeland. The blows they rained down were largely ineffective during this period but each time an aircraft took off for the continent, a little more was learned about this new type of warfare. For the British public the exaggerated newspaper reports of Bomber Command’s exploits were a drop of hope in a largely hopeless sea.

By 1943 the Lancaster bomber, the most effective of the new generation of four engine “heavies” was in squadron service and the hands of aircrew who had passed through a comprehensive and effective training service, backed up by an effective planning, operational and ground organisation. The investment in resources was about to start paying back.

The story of the dams raid itself reads like a “boys own” story. Barnes Wallace and his “mad cap” bouncing bomb, designed to be skipped to a target believed to be invincible by hand picked airmen formed into a special squadron who were, in many cases, little older than school boys. That the raid succeeded is testament to the practical ground-work, preparation and resources that had gone into Bomber Command up to that date and the incredible professionalism and bravery of the crews who flew the mission. The breaching of the dams caught the British public’s imagination. 617 Squadron (The Dambusters) has remained firmly in the minds of the British public ever since. In practice the dams raid was very much a one off. When completed, Gibson left the squadron for an overdue rest and, for a while, there was little direction as the special squadron struggled to find a role for itself. Cheshire, a brilliant airman in his own right, brought that direction and purpose to the squadron and its members, starting it on a path to operational success that would seal its place in British history and folk law. In practice the squadron was extremely efficient. With a very strong “can do” attitude it was used to achieve many unusual operational aims. By late 1944 it had reached its peak of efficiency and, as with the rest of the British military establishment that had grown so rapidly at the beginning of the war, it was disbanded soon after its end.

During those years, like all squadrons it kept an operation records book. A day-to-day record of events on in the squadron. It should be remembered that when flying dangerous operations in a war for survival, the keeping of an official diary is not very high on one’s list of priorities. Consequently much of the information, which was gleaned by the orderly room clerks at second and often third hand from other sources around the airfield and squadron was not very accurate. At other times there were deliberate inaccuracies. The clerks who kept the operational records book were posted and replaced. Some were very conscientious with their record keeping, spelling and grammar whilst others were quite careless. That said, when used as a research tool in conjunction with other sources, or read while

bearing in mind the conditions under which it was compiled, it forms an invaluable picture of the trials, tribulations, successes and disasters of this period of British history, I can honestly say that, within these pages are true tales of heroism, endurance and daring that one would be hard pressed to find anywhere else in the last one hundred years.

The aeroplanes have gone, the airfields have gone and most of the people whose names appear in this book are also gone. The circumstances that brought about 617 squadron have gone and the world has moved on but, as they did at the time, the exploits of those extraordinary but ordinary men and women will live on in the memory of everyone to whom freedom is an important dream or reality.

The 617 Squadron operational book is held at the Public Records Office at Kew under reference AIR27/2128. Copyright rests with Her Majesties Stationary Office. It is the original book that was hand written and typed on the squadron from 1943 and varies from clearly typed text through periods when typewriter ribbons were obviously at a premium, to poorly typed and written notes with hand amendments. The spellings vary throughout as do the conventions for recording aircraft type and serial numbers, amongst other things. I decided at the beginning of this project not to make it a facsimile copy and was faced, therefore, with the decision as to whether correct grammar, spelling or known errors in the text. I decided to leave the content of the text as it appears in the records book but to correct obvious spelling mistakes and to bring some uniformity to the grammar, providing it did not change the meaning of the text. These measures make the reading of the finished book easier than a facsimile copy. Additionally, where relevant information has come to light since the record book was written, or which were not relevant or known at the time, it has been added. All of these additional entries have been made in *italics* beneath the relevant portion of the Operational Record book. Additionally the paperwork that lead to the Dams being selected as a target has also been added to the book. These documents are held in the PRO under reference Air 8/1238. It is hoped that these comments add to the enjoyment and understanding by the reader.

Tobin Jones 2002

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DESTRUCTION OF GERMAN DAMS  
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ECONOMIC EFFECTS

By hand

Reference ops/01/237

MOST SECRET

C.A.S.

You will remember that you circulated demi-officially to the members of the C.O.S. sub-committee a note on the economic and moral consequence of the destruction of German dams. This note was extracted from the dossier prepared for C.C.O. by the scientific advisers of the Minister of Production. M.E.W. were not above to endorse it without further examination.

2. I have now received from the Minister of Economic Warfare a note which gives the views of the Ministry of Economic Warfare. The scientific advisers of the Minister of Production have stated that their views originally given to Combined Operations Headquarters were not entirely accurately represented in the C.C.O.'s dossier. They have been consulted by M.E.W. and have concurred in the conclusions expressed in the attached memorandum.
3. You will note that contrary to our original idea the destruction of the Sorpe is regarded as the second in order of importance and especially so if combined with that of the Mohne. We should therefore plan for simultaneous attacks on these two to be followed by attacks on the Eder if circumstances allow.
4. You will doubtless wish to circulate this memorandum to the C.O.S. in accordance with minute 1 (a) of the 52<sup>nd</sup> (0) Meeting of the C.O.S.

5 April 1943

A.C.A.S. (Ops)

**COPY**

**MOST SECRET**

**ECONOMIC AND MORAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE  
DESTRUCTION OF GERMAN DAMS**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. This memorandum assesses the probable economic and moral consequences of the destruction of the Mohne Dam and the added effects which could be expected from the destruction of the Sorpe and Eder dams.
2. It has been prepared in consultation with the Scientific Advisers to the Minister of Production and with reference to the statements attributed to them in the introduction to the Combined Operations dossier on the Mohne dam. The latter document, on certain points of detail, over-states the expectations of the Scientific Advisers as to the probable economic effects and the following conclusions should be taken as representing their actual views.

**CONCLUSIONS**

A. **ECONOMIC EFFECTS**

3. **MOHNE DAM**

- (a) Although the precise nature of the catastrophe which would overtake the Ruhr Valley as the result of the release of the greater part of the contents of this dam in the space of a few hours cannot be estimated in advance, it is agreed that there is every prospect that both the physical and the moral effects of the flood which would be produced are likely to be sufficiently great to justify this operation in themselves, even if there were no other significant effects.
- (b) The destruction of this dam would not necessarily have any large or immediate effect on the supply of industrial and household water in the Ruhr area. The immediate source of the greater part of the Ruhr water supply is the underground water-bearing strata, supplemented by colliery water, water pumped back from the Rhine and water drawn from the Emscher river and canal systems. The purpose of the system of storage dams, of which the Mohne dam is largest, is the conservation of rainfall by means of which the level of the underground water can be maintained and protected from permanent depletion. In an emergency, a large and possibly adequate volume of water supplies might be obtained for some months by drawing heavily on these underground supplies, and depleting their level. Whether or not such depletion would proceed at a rate or reach the stage where economies in water consumption would have to be introduced would depend upon the amount of rainfall, the speed of repairs to damaged conservation works and the efficacy of emergency measures to obtain additional water (e.g. from the Rhine). If these factors were all unfavourable a difficult situation might well develop by the end of the summer, but it is not possible to state that a critical shortage of water supplies in the Ruhr would be a certain and inevitable result of the destruction of the Mohne dam.

4. **SORPE DAM**

The Sorpe dam is essentially complementary to the Mohne dam and its simultaneous or subsequent destruction would in general reinforce the effects of the destruction of the Mohne dam. In particular, its destruction would very greatly enhance the prospects of the development of a water supply shortage by the process described under 3(b). For this reason the destruction of both dams would be worth much more than twice the destruction of one and it is most strongly urged if the operational possibilities hold out any reasonable prospect of success that an attack on the Mohne dam be accompanied, or followed as soon as possible, by an attack on the Sorpe Dam.

5. **EDER DAM**



- (a) The functions of the Eder dam are not related to those of the Mohne and Sorpe dams and its destruction would not therefore in any way supplement or reinforce the effects of the destruction of the Ruhr dams.
- (b) The primary purpose of the Eder dam is flood prevention. The release of its waters would without doubt result in the inundation of large tracts of land in the Eder, Fulda and Weser valleys but the areas affected are likely to consist for the most part of agricultural land. It is unlikely that any densely populated industrial areas would be affected, apart from the possible inundation of the low-lying districts of the city of Kassel.
- (c) Although the Eder dam plays some part in the conservation of water for maintaining the navigability of the lower reaches of the Weser and for supplying water to the Mittelland canal, it is unlikely that its destruction would lead to a critical situation in either case.
- (d) The force of the flood released by breaching the dam would very probably result in the destruction of the four power stations situated below it. While not of major economic importance, this would constitute a useful measure of interference with the operations of the Preussenelektra electricity supply system.

B. MORAL EFFECTS

- (a) The effects of the destruction of the Mohne and Sorpe dams would be witnessed by many thousands of persons, who whatever the true facts, would undoubtedly in view of the traditionally precarious nature of the Ruhr's water supplies become prey to every variety of alarmist rumour regarding the possibility of a shortage of drinking water, the risk of disease and the inability of the fire services to deal with incendiary attacks. Exceptional opportunities would be presented for successful measures of political warfare.
- (b) The destruction of the Eder dam would not be likely to affect directly any large centres of population (with the possible exception of the city of Kassel) and its effects would be experienced by many fewer people than in the case of the Ruhr dams. Since its functions are also less intimately connected with the daily life of large populated areas, the total moral effects, though by no means negligible, would inevitably be much smaller than in the case of the Ruhr dams.

(Sgd) O. Lawrence.  
M.E.W. E.I.2. 2.4.43

Copy to: P.S. to C.A.S.

D.B. Ops

28<sup>th</sup> March 1943.

MOST SECRET

With reference to our conversations regarding the memorandum based on the opinions of the Scientific Advisers to the Ministry of War Production on the subject of dams in Germany. I have explained to the C.A.S. your inability to endorse the opinions therein expressed until you have had the opportunity either of consulting the Scientific Adviser concerned or of examining the subject de novo yourself.

The C.A.S. asked me to say that he would be very grateful if you could let him have your authoritative opinion as early as possible on the subject of the economic and moral effects of the destruction of the Mohne Dam and the added effects which would result from the destruction at the same time of the Sorpe and Eder Dams. The C.A.S. was asked to submit this memorandum to his fellow Chiefs of Staff and I have been asked to do all I can to obtain it as a matter of urgency. I realise that considerable research and investigation may be necessary but I should very much appreciate it if you could treat the matter as one of urgency on which many important decisions of major policy must be made at an early date.

N.H. BOTTOMLEY

Colonel C.G. Vickers V.C.,  
Ministry of Economic Warfare,  
Lansdowne House,  
Berkeley Square

**MOST SECRET  
AND PERSONAL**

27<sup>TH</sup> March 1943

My Dear Brooke,

On 23<sup>rd</sup> March I promised to circulate a memorandum to show the importance of a certain objective in Germany. I attach a paper compiled from data provided by the "Office of Scientific Advisers to the War Cabinet".

Although this document is of considerable interest and I have no reason to doubt any statement in it, it cannot be regarded as authoritative until it has been vetted by the M.E.W. This is being done and as soon as I have a really authentic opinion I will circulate it to the Chiefs of Staff Committee.

Meanwhile, I am sure you realise the extreme importance of confining to the smallest possible number of people the information as to what this particular objective is.

Yours ever.

C. Portal

General Sir Alan F Brooke  
G.C.S., D.S.O.  
War Office  
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THE ECONOMIC AND MORAL EFFECTS OF THE DESTRUCTION OF THE MOHNE DAM AND THE ADDED EFFECTS WHICH WILL RESULT FROM DISTRUCTION AT THE AT THE SAME TIME OF THE SORPE AND EDER DAMS

The principal dams situated in the Catchment Area of the River Ruhr are:-

<u>Name of Dam</u>	<u>Year of Construction</u>	<u>Water Volume Millions m<sup>3</sup></u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Height of Wall</u>
Mohne	1909 - 1913	134	Masonry Wall	40.3
Sorpe	1929 - 1933	72	Earth with Concrete core	58
Lister	1909 – 1911	22	Masonry Wall	35
Ennepe	1902 – 1905	15	“ “	45
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Total capacity 254 million m<sup>3</sup>

2. There are said to be a further seven small dams with a total storage volume of about 12 million m<sup>3</sup>, all situated in this Catchment Area, bringing the total capacity up to 266 million m<sup>3</sup>.

3. It will be noted that the Mohne reservoir holds 50% of the total reservoir capacity in the Ruhr Catchment Area and the Mohne and Sorpe together holds over 75% of the total.

4. All evidence on the subject points to the fact that the primary function of these dams is to provide the Ruhr district with both industrial and domestic water supplies. Towards the end of the last century the large increase in pumping stations in the growing industrial district of the Ruhr valley created a seasonal shortage of water which became an increasing handicap and threatened not only to bring the power plants to a standstill during dry periods, but also rendered an adequate supply of drinking water doubtful. (In this situation, it should be noted that the waters of the other rivers in the Ruhr industrial area, the Wupper, Emacher and Lippe, are not suitable for drinking purposes). In consequence, a large programme was evolved for the erection of barrages to conserve the natural water supplies. This programme, however, has consistently lagged behind requirements and it is known that before the war an additional storage capacity amounting to 180 million cubic metres had been planned. The effects of the destruction of the Mohne Dam can be considered conveniently under the following headings:-

- (i) Direct destruction by the escaping waters.
- (ii) Denial of water supply to industry and reduction in electric power output.
- (iii) Dislocation of rail and water transport in the Ruhr.
- (iv) Reduction in domestic water supplies.
- (v) Effect on morale.

Direct Destruction

5. Considerable local flooding would be caused immediately by the breach of the Mohne Dam. The amount of damage which would be done is difficult to assess accurately but would be appreciable. Before any damming schemes were in operation the mean average flow in the River Ruhr at Muelheim was 82.5 cubic metres per second and the mean maximum rate of flow was 153.5 cubic meters per second. It is known that flooding was experienced before the dam control was instituted in the low lying districts of the River Ruhr (where the fall is only 6 feet per mile) which include the towns of Herdeche, Wetter, Witten, Hattingean, Linden, Steele, Kupferdrech, Werdun, Kettwig, Muelheim and Duisburg.

6. Assuming that the breach effected in the Mohne Dam would lead to the total emptying of the reservoir in 10 hours, the average rate of flow during this period would be 3,720 cubic metres per second, while the maximum rate would be much higher. The capacity of this reservoir alone is, therefore, great enough to cause a disaster of the first magnitude even in the lower reaches of the Ruhr. Flooding might also extend into the equally low lying and more densely populated areas between the Ruhr and the Duisburg-Dortmund-Ems Canal.

#### Effect on industry

7. There should be a substantial loss of electrical capacity in the district due to the destruction of the thirteen hydro-electric plants situated between the feet of the dams and the mouth of the river at Muelheim. The total capacity of these is about 250,000 HP of which the plant at Hordeche supplies 194,000. Even if the plants were not totally destroyed their utility would be largely limited by variations in the flow of water which would follow the loss of control by the reservoir.
8. In addition the output of the great thermo-electrical generating stations, which utilise large quantities of water for cooling purposes, might be seriously impaired at least during the summer months.
9. The restriction of water supplies to the heavy industries of the Ruhr would have a most serious effect on activities in the foundries, coal mines, coke ovens, blast furnaces and chemical plants which require enormous quantities of water for their operation.
10. Thus, inadequate supplies of water would have a two-fold effect on industrial activity. Firstly, the direct effect of lack of water for the operation of processes and, secondly the reduction in power supplies due to lack of water required for generating purposes.

#### Effect on Transportation

11. The lower reaches of the river Ruhr appear to be navigable at least as far upstream as Herdeche and the loss of water control would undoubtedly hinder bulk traffic for the heavy industries on the river.
  12. The Ruhr railway network crosses and re-
  13. crosses the river at many points and runs parallel to it for almost the whole of its length from the dam to the Rhine, indicating that the slope of the valley sides is steep. The confinement to this narrow valley of the flood waters released

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#### NOTES

Coal mines require 1 cubic metre of water per ton of coal mined.  
Coke ovens require 2 cubic metres of water per ton of coke produced.  
Blast furnaces require 2 cubic metres of water per ton of pig-iron produced.  
Factories are even larger consumers in proportion to output.

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By the breach of the dam we might, therefore, do considerable damage to the railway and its bridges throughout the full length of the river.

#### Domestic Water Supplies

13. As already stated above, the other Ruhr rivers, the Wupper, the Emscher and Lippe are not suitable for drinking purposes and hence the supply of water to the whole of the Ruhr industrial region extending as far as Hamm and Ahlen to the North East depends to a great extent on the Mohne reservoir.
14. In view of the need to conserve water for fire-fighting and essential household consumption, it is probable that any measures for economy in water consumption which would have to be introduced would, of necessity, fall mainly on industry.

#### Effect on morale

15. The general morale in the Ruhr area must have been considerably affected by the series of bombing raids which have been carried out in recent months culminating in the two devastating attacks on Essen. The

destruction of the dam with all its consequences, would undoubtedly have further and serious repercussions on morale.

16. The increased danger to which the population would be exposed in the absence of water for fire-fighting purposes could be exploited by Political Warfare methods as an excellent opportunity for spreading panic amongst the population. This might result in the authorities, as a counter, making a lavish expenditure in water storage for fire-fighting purposes, thus further depleting the supplies available for industrial purposes.

#### The Sorpe Dam

17. The Sorpe Dam has about half the capacity of the Mohne Dam (72 million cubic metres or 72 million metric tons of water). Its construction is such that greater difficulty would be experienced in destroying it by the means at present under consideration. It is by no means impossible, however and the tactical problems are not greater than those involved in an attack on the Mohne Dam. The destruction of the Sorpe Dam which together with the Mohne would account for 75% of the water supplies available to the Ruhr, would if effected at the same time as the destruction of the Mohne Dam, produce a paralysing effect upon the industrial activity of the Ruhr and would result in a still further lowering of morale.

#### The Eder Dam

18. The Eder Dam was constructed primarily as a means of regulating the flow of the River Eder which is the principal tributary of the River Weser. Prior to its construction the Weser was a most unruly river which overflowed its banks regularly during the winter and inundated wide stretches of country
19. The dam, which has a capacity of over 202 million cubic metres, prevents this by storage of the surplus winter rainfall which is gradually fed away during the summer. Indirectly, this dam is responsible for some of the feed water in the Mittelland Canal. It is also provided with electricity generating stations and a pumped storage station for power load equalisation. These are all, however, to be regarded as subsidiary functions.
20. Although the results of the destruction of this dam would be spectacular, economic effects would be problematical. No important industrial area would be deprived of water supply; the loss of electric power would be of secondary importance, and the effects on navigation on the Weser and on the Mittelland Canal would probably not be of long duration. From the economic standpoint, therefore, this dam cannot be considered as a first-class objective.

#### Conclusion

21. (i) The Mohne reservoir is a factor of the first importance in the water supply of the Ruhr and its destruction would have serious effects on industrial activity and would greatly affect morale, particularly in the light of our recent bombing of the Ruhr and Essen.  
(ii) The simultaneous destruction of the Sorpe Dam would result in a critical situation in the Ruhr industries and would add greatly to the moral effect caused by the destruction of the Mohne  
(iii) The destruction of the Eder Dam would have spectacular results and the moral effects would be important if the operation was carried out in conjunction with the two Ruhr dams mentioned above. The economic effects, however, are unlikely to be substantial.

Air Staff  
28<sup>th</sup> March 1943

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SCAMPTON

01.04.43

F/Lt. C.H.S. Pain 79800 A&S.D. posted to 18 O.T.U., for Adjutant duties.  
F/O. H.R. Humphries posted to this unit for duties as Squadron Adjutant (F.L. Post).  
F/O. H.R. Humphries 112150 A&S.D. granted the acting rank of Flight Lieutenant.  
F/O. W. Astell 60283 G.D. granted war substantive rank of Flight Lieutenant w.e.f., 03.11.42.  
P/O. G.A. Rodger 121558 G.D. (N) promoted to war substantive rank of Flying Officer w.e.f., 19.11.42. P/O W.G. Tytherleigh G.D. (G) 120851 promoted to war substantive rank of Flying Officer w.e.f., 20.10.42. Sgt. Townesnd 656738 (Pilot) promoted to T/F/Sgt. Sgt.518252 Anderson (Pilot) promoted to T/F/Sgt.

02.04.43

P/O. C.C. Caple 50293 Tech (Eng.) granted the acting rank of Flight Lieutenant.  
F/O. L. Chambers NZ.403758 Posted from 26 O.T.U. P/O. G.E. Osborne G.D. (N) 134024 posted to 617 Sqdn. from 97 Sqdn. P/O. C.C. Caple 50293 Tech. (E) Posted to 617 Sqdn. from H.Q. No.5 Group on cessation of attachment (F/L. Post).

03.04.43

P/O. H.T. Taerum G.D. (N) J.16688 posted from 1654 Conversion Unit.

05.04.43

P/O. L.G. Burpee re-posted to Squadron on appointment to commission w.e.f. 05.03.43.

06.04.43

F/O. J.K. Barrett 115775 G.D. (N). P/O. W.H.T. Ottley 141460 G.D. posted to 617 Sqdn. from 207 Sqdn. P/O. J. Buckley 129460 G.D. (G) posted from 10 O.T.U.

07.04.43

P/O. J. Hodgson 123820 Tech. (Elect) posted from R.A.F. Scampton.  
P/O. A.P. Pemberton 142221 G.D. (S) reposted to 617 Squadron on appointment to commission w.e.f., 21.02.43.

08.04.43

P/O. H. Watson (Tech. Arm) 50873 attached to H.Q. 5 Group. Sgt. W.E.M. Nicholas appointed to the acting rank of F/Sgt.

09.04.43

P/O. C.H. Gregory 141285 G.D. (N) posted from 16 O.T.U., 761219 Sgt. Nicholas W.E.M. appointed to the acting rank of F/Sgt..

10.04.44

F/O. Warwick. D.W. J.1112 G.D. (N) posted from 57 Squadron.  
56 Airmen proceeded on leave.

15.04.43

F/O. McCulloch AUS. 401326 G.D. (G) attended A.C.S.B. Cardington  
566964 Sgt. Campbell INS/Mkr. Promoted to T/F/Sgt.

16.04.43

F/O. V.S. McCausland J.15309 G.D. (B) posted from 16 O.T.U.

17.04.43

P/O. P.E. Holmes 139213 G.D. (G) posted to 19 O.T.U. P/O. Pemberton 142221 G.D. (S) posted to 19 O.T.U. F/O. M.W. Arthurton (M) 120253 posted from 1660 Con.Unit.

18.04.43

P/O. J.V.O. Wood J.22547 G.D. (B) posted to 617 Sqn. 83 Airmen proceeded on leave.

19.04.43

23 airmen (aircraft maintenance) attached R.A.F. Waddington.

20.04.43

F/O. R.E.G. Hutchison appointed to the acting rank of F/Lt.

21.04.43

P/O. L.G. Weller 14250 G.D. (S) reposted to 617 Squadron on appointment to commission.  
P/O. C.L. Howard A.406248 G.D. (N) reposted to squadron on appointment to commission.

22.04.43

F/O. B. Goodale 101042 G.D. (W) posted from 10 O.T.U.,

25.04.43

F/O. C.H. Cleveland 112739 G.D. (N) posted to 61 squadron. P/O. G.E. Osborne 134042 G.D. (M) posted to R.A.F. Scampton.

28.04.43

F/O. M.W. Arthurton 120253 (M) attached to RAF. Waddington. F/O. McCulloch AUS.401326 G.D. (G) attached to A.C.R.C. London. 1096218 LAC. J. Durkin awarded 27 days detention by Group Captain Whitworth D.S.O., D.F.C.

29.04.43

F/O. K. Earnshaw posted to Squadron from 50 Squadron. Wing Commander Gibson D.S.O., D.F.C., the Squadron Commander was away today on temporary duty. P/O. A.F. Burcher. AUS.403182 G.D. (G) attended A.C.S.B. Cardington.

30.04.43

P/O. B.T. Foxlee reposted to Squadron on appointment to commission w.e.f. 16.12.43.  
The Air Officer Commanding No.5 Group visited this Station to carry out an inspection.  
617 Squadron took its place in the parades with all other Units on the Station.  
46 Airmen proceeded on leave.

Daily – April Intensive flying training was carried out, when weather permitted.



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01.05.43

F/O. D.K. McCulloch AUS.401326 posted to 13 I.T.W. P/O. H. Watson returned to Unit on cessation of attachment to H.Q., 5 Group. Wing Commander Gibson away on temporary duty for the day only.

02.05.43

Sgt. Williams 1539602 A/G. attached to R.A.F., Brighton for Discip. course. Cpl. Perry. 777782 Fit.II.E. posted to No.2 P.D.C. AC2. T. Jones 1662110 D.M.T., posted to 1 P.D.C. Cpl. L.G. Sutton 958682 Equip/Asst. awarded 1st G.C.B., w.e.f. 28.03.43. LAC. Dade 962204 Elect. awarded 1st G.C.B., w.e.f. 01.04.43 F/Sgt. L. Lockwood 553324 Ins/Rep. attached to this Unit from 13 M.U. Sgt. Baxendale 1693949 C/Adt. attached from Coningsby.

05.05.43

Lord Trenchard Marshal of the Royal Air Force visited the Station and aircrew of this Squadron heard an address by him. LAC J. Durkin 1096218 F.M.A. admitted Military Detention Barracks, Sowerby Bridge.

06.05.43

Air Marshal Sir Arthur Harris A.O.C. in Chief visited this Station and addressed aircrew members of this Squadron. F/Lt. McCarthy Pilot. visited the Air Ministry on temporary duty. (Medical Board).

07.05.43

Wing Commander Gibson visited Manston today. 1336766 AC1. H. Theobald F.M.E. posted to 2.P.D.C. 1336766 AC1. Powell C. F.M.E. posted to 5 P.D.C. Sgt. Hill 1315729 A/G posted from No.9 Squadron. P/O Whittaker 51704 G.D. F/Eng. reposted to Squadron on appointment to Commission.

08.05.43

Sgt. C. Singleton 882413 CLK/GD. returned to H.Q. No.5 Group on cessation of attachment. Sgt. J. Marsh 1676793 Comp/Adj. posted to Squadron.

09.05.43

Sgt. Anderson 518252 Pilot. promoted to temporary rank of F/Sgt. w.e.f., 01.04.43. Sgt. W.C. Townsend 6567338 Pilot. Promoted to temporary rank of F/Sgt. w.e.f. 01.04.43.

11.05.43

Sgt. A. Campbell 566964 Ins/Mkr. promoted to temporary rank of F/Sgt. Cpl. Brash R.100659 (RDF/Mech.) promoted to rank of temporary Sgt.

13.05.43

P/O. W.G. Divall 143890 GD Pilot. reposted to the Squadron on appointment to commission. P/O. M.J.D. Fuller 143760 GD (Nav). reposted to the Squadron on appointment to commission.

15.05.43

P/O. J. Byers 17474 GD. reposted to Squadron on appointment to commission. P/O. A. Gillespie 144205 GD (Nav.) reposted to the Squadron on appointment to commission. P/O. A.N. Whittaker 144777 GD (A/B) reposted to squadron on appointment to commission. P/O. S.L. Whillis 144619 GD(F/E) reposted to the Squadron on appointment to commission.

Flying training prior to operations completed today.

16.5.43

A special operation for which this squadron had been training so hard was carried out. The target was the three great German Dams, the Eder, the Mohne and the Sorpe. Nineteen aircraft took off to attack the targets, and of these, eight failed to return. The attack was an outstanding success in spite of these losses, and the Eder and the Mohne Dams were definitely breached, and the Sorpe damaged.

*(The main points of the Dams raid are well known and very well documented. Some interesting and less widely known points can be added. The Mines were released 400 yards from the dams and after skipping across the surface of the water hit each dam face and sank to a depth of 30ft. before being exploded by hydrostatic pistols. This was one of the very first raids to employ a master bomber, a technique that was further developed and became common later in the war. To give a better performance in this role the Lancaster aircraft used in the raid had fighter type TR1143 VHF radios fitted in place of the usual TR1196 that the Lancaster carried.*

*The bombs or "stores" as they were described, had a gross weight of 9,000lbs. when loaded. The Lancasters weighed in at 63,000lbs (28.6 tonnes) and carried 1750 gallons of fuel. The gunners' ammunition belts were each loaded with 100 rounds of MK G VI night time tracer, to distract ground gunners at whom it was likely to be fired.)*

18.05.43

Today, the Air Officer Commanding No.5 Group addressed all personnel of this Squadron. After his address, all aircrew proceeded on seven days leave, and ground crew, with the exception of a few personnel remaining as a skeleton staff, were given three days.

P/O. D.A.J. McGlean 17476 reposted to Squadron on appointment to commission.

P/O. G.A. Deering J.17245 reposted to Squadron on appointment to commission.

F/Lt. D.J. Maltby 60335 D.F.C., GD. granted acting rank of Squadron Leader.

*(A.O.C. was Air Vice Marshall the Hon. Ralph Cochrane who had been instructed by "Butch" Harris to plan and deal with the organisation for the raid from its first beginnings.)*

19.05.43

Sgt. R.B. Denham 568102 Fit/Arm. posted to No.1. A.A.S.

20.05.43

Sgt. A. Williams 1539602 A/G. ceased attachment to A.C.R.S. Brighton.

F/L. Allsebrook and Crew posted to Squadron.

24.05.43

His Majesty the King approved the following immediate awards for the Squadron operation on the German Dams:

VICTORIA CROSS. W/Commander. G.P. GIBSON D.S.O., D.F.C.

C.G.M. F/Sgt. K.W. BROWN  
F/Sgt. W.C. TOWNSEND

D.S.O. F/Lt. D.J. SHANNON D.F.C.  
F/Lt. J.C. McCARTHY D.F.C.  
P/O. L.G. KNIGHT  
S/Ldr D.J.H. MALTBY D.F.C.  
F/Lt. H.B. MARTIN D.F.C.

BAR TO D.F.C.

F/O. D.R. WALKER D.F.C.  
F/Lt.R.E.F. HUTCHISON D.F.C.  
F/Lt. J.F. LEGGO D.F.C.  
F/Lt. R.C. HAY D.F.C.

D.F.C.

F/O. L. CHAMBERS.  
P/O. C.L. HOWARD  
P/O. G.A. DEERING  
P/O. H.T. TAERUM  
P/O. F.M. SPAFFORD D.F.M.  
F/Lt. R.D. TREVOR-ROPER D.F.M.  
P/O. J. FORT  
F/O. H.S. HOBDAY  
F/O. E.C. JOHNSON  
P/O. J. BUCKLEY

BAR TO D.F.M.

Sgt. C.E. FRANKLIN D.F.M.

D.F.M.

F/Sgt. T.D. SIMPSON  
F/Sgt. L.J. SUMPTER  
Sgt. D.P. HEAL  
F/Sgt. D.A. McLEAN  
Sgt. S. OANCIA  
Sgt G. L. JOHNSON  
F/Sgt. G.A. CHALMERS  
Sgt. V. NICHOLSON  
Sgt. WILKINSON  
Sgt. J. PULFORD  
Sgt. D.E. WEBB

L/C J. Durkin 1096218 F.M.A. released from Sowerby Bridge Detention Barracks.

26.05.43

Sgt. A. Whittaker 656416 Nav./B., Sgt. T.H. Payne 1257191 A/G., Sgt. C.W. Roberts 1269945 Nav. all promoted to the rank of temporary F/Sgt. w.e.f., 01.05.43.  
F/O Hodgson posted to 1661 Conversion Unit.

27.05.43

F/O. Swindlehurst 50120 Tech/E. attached to squadron. Their Majesties the King and Queen visited the Station. After inspecting aircrew personnel they visited the crew room and the Squadron Commander reconstructed by models the operation on the German Dams.

29.05.43

The Secretary of State for Air, Sir Archibald Sinclair visited the Station and inspected aircrew personnel on the squadron. AC1. R. Bennett 993449 Elect., Cpl. H.L. Osborne 994200 F.II., LAC R. Williams 994589 F/M. all awarded 1st G.C.B.

31.05.43

P/O. G. Hodgson 123820 promoted to War Substantive rank of Flying Officer w.e.f., 29.01.43.

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT  
BY No. 617 Squadron  
FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1943

**SUMMARY OF OPERATION CARRIED OUT BY SQUADRON ON 16/17th. May 1943**

On the night of 16/17th. May, 1943, nineteen aircraft of No. 617 Squadron took off to breach a number of important Dams in and around the Ruhr area. There were three primary targets, namely the Mohne, the Eder and the Sorpe Dams, and three alternative targets, the Lister, the Ennerpe and the Diemel Dams.

The Squadron trained for six weeks, paying particular attention to map reading and accurate low level bombing.

The attack was divided into three waves. The first wave of nine aircraft subdivided into three sections of three aircraft, each took off at 10 minute intervals, in perfectly clear weather, and with a full moon to assist them. They were detailed for the Mohne and the Eder Dams, in that order of priority. The second wave, consisting of five aircraft, took off to attack the Sorpe Dam, taking a different route, but timed to cross the enemy coast at the same time as, though at different points from, the leading section of the first wave. The third wave, consisting of the remaining five aircraft, formed an air bomb reserve and took off three hours later, each detailed for one of the alternate targets, and all detailed to be prepared to attack the Mohne or Eder Dams in the absence of any direct orders in the air to carry on to the alternative targets.

Wing Commander Gibson, on route to the target leading the first section of the first wave, met about twelve searchlights, and some concentrated light flak at the lakes ten miles N.E. of Haltern, which was reported to Group by W/T, and passed by Group to all the other aircraft. On arrival at a point ten miles from the Mohne Dam, the formation went over to R/T control, and each individual attack was controlled by W/Cmdr. Gibson. There were between seven and ten light flak guns around the target, believed to be mainly 20mm. One or two were located on the Dam itself, and there were two positions on the North bank of the lake on each side of the Dam. W/Cmdr. Gibson attacked first and dropped his load accurately. Four other aircraft then attacked under his control, one of which was seen to be hit by light flak during its run up, and overshot with its load. The Dam was seen to breach on the fifth attack, and this was reported to 5 Group by W/T. The remaining four aircraft were then diverted to the Eder Dam, one of these however had been shot down on the way to the target, and only three attacked. One load was seen to overshoot, and this Dam was seen to breach, after two successful attacks. *(The code word radioed back to indicate the breaching of this dam was "Dinghy", probably after "Dinghy" Young who flew on this operation. The callsign for all aircraft on the raid was "WB1")* This fact was also reported by W/T to Group Headquarters.

Of the five aircraft detailed to attack the Sorpe Dam, two returned early, one is known to have attacked, and two are missing without trace. A sixth aircraft from the mobile reserve was also detailed by W/T. to attack the target, and did so successfully. The two aircraft attacking both reported that the crest of the Dam was seen to crumble for some considerable distance. *(This dam was not attacked from 90 degrees as was the Mohne due to its location in a valley. Instead the aircraft were detailed to fly from left to right at about 30 degrees with the mine bouncing up to the dam face rather than straight into it. This gave the attacking aircraft a better bomb run and climb out route)*

Two of the remaining four aircraft of the mobile reserve were detailed to attack the Sorpe Dam, one successfully and one is missing, and it is believed did not attack. The fourth aircraft was detailed by W/T. to attack the Lister Dam, and acknowledged the order. There is no further trace of him, and it is not known if he attacked it. The fifth aircraft successfully attacked the Dam at Ennerpe.

The most important consequence of this operation is that the Ruhr industries will be deprived of a great deal of their industrial water for the coming summer. The immediate (*effect*) of the floods from the two Dams breached was to cause devastation and disruption throughout the valley of the Ruhr as far as Duisburg, and serious flooding below the Eder Dam at Kassel, and other places down the Weser Valley.

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**DATE:** 16/17<sup>th</sup> May 1943

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III ED. 932G. (G)

**CREW:**

W/Commander. G.P. GIBSON  
Sgt. J. PULFORD  
F/O. H.T. TAERUM  
F/Lt. R.E.G. HUTCHISON  
P/O. F.M. SPAFFORD  
F/Sgt. G.A. DEERING  
F/Lt. R.D. TREVOR ROPER

**DUTY:**

Captain.  
F/Engineer.  
Nav.  
W/Operator.  
A/B.  
F/Gunner.  
R/Gunner.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	2139	0415

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

MOHNE DAM. 1 Mine, 60ft, 0028 hrs.

Identified the target and carried out first attack on the Mohne Dam. Came under light flak from guns around the target, but dropped his mine accurately and then directed the remainder of the attack by R/T. He also flew alongside one aircraft as it attacked, machine gunning the defences to allow it to attack undisturbed. He then carried on to the Eder Dam and indicated the target to searching aircraft and stayed to assess the results. *(There were three objects on the Mohne Dam that aerial photo interpreters thought might be flak positions and a light three gun AA position below and North of the Dam. Reconnaissance had not been terribly helpful and a great deal of concern was expressed over unidentified objects that appeared in aerial pictures of the Mohne dam shortly before the raid. They turned out to be trees that were planted along the parapet)*

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**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** ED. 925G. (M)

**CREW:**

F/Lt. J.V. HOPGOOD  
Sgt. C. BRENNAN  
F/O. K. EARNSHAW  
Sgt. J. MINCHIN  
F/Sgt. J.W. FRASER  
P/O. G.H. GREGORY  
P/O. A.F. BURCHER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME.</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	2139	-

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

MOHNE DAM. 1 Mine.

Was seen to be hit by flak on the run-up and to have an engine on fire. He overshot with his mine, which struck the parapet the aircraft flew on for a few minutes before crashing in flames. It is believed that he may have climbed sufficiently for some members of his crew to escape by parachute.

*(The aircraft was hit in the wing and the inner port fuel tank, which caught fire. The aircraft was then further damaged as the bomb flew over the parapet and exploded, further damaging the aircraft. The aircraft could only have continued for seconds as the tank exploded and the wing fell off. The remains of the aircraft and some reports say bomb as well crashed near the dam power*

*house and exploded at 0034hrs. All crew were aboard when the aircraft hit the ground but two crew members (Fraser and Burcher) miraculously survived the crash and became POW's) The remainder of the crew rest in Rheinberg war cemetery. )The crash site at Ostonnenis marked with a commemorative stone.*

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**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** ED. 909G. (P)

**CREW:**

F/L. H.B. MARTIN  
P/O. I. WHITTAKER  
F/Lt. J.F. LEGGO  
F/O. L. CHAMBERS  
F/Lt. R.C. HAY  
P/O. B.T. FOXLEE  
F/Sgt. T.D. SIMPSON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2139           0319

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

MOHNE DAM. 1 Mine. 60ft., 0038 hrs.

Mine burst about 20 yds. short. Starboard outer fuel tank and ailerons damaged by cannon fire, aircraft landed safely at base.

*(Aircraft hit by 20mm shells from Dam installation.)*

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**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** ED. 877G. (A)

**CREW:**

S/Ldr. H.M. YOUNG  
Sgt. R. HORSFALL  
Sgt. C.W. ROBERTS  
Sgt. L. NICHOLS  
F/O. V.S. MACAUSLAND  
Sgt. A.G. YEO  
Sgt. L. IBBOTSON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2147           -

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

MOHNE DAM. 1 Mine. Missing.

Was seen to make an accurate attack with his mine and then accompanied W/Cmdr. Gibson to the Eder Dam, and back to the Mohne, when the attack was finished. He was not heard on R/T. after this, and is believed to have flown over Hamm on the return journey and been shot down there.

*("Dinghy" Young's Lancaster was shot down by flak North of Ijmuiden at 0258 (Castricum aan Zee) killing all the crew. The crew rest in Bergen general cemetery.*

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**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** ED. 906G. (J)

**CREW:**

F/Lt. D.J.H.MALTBY  
Sgt. J. HATTON  
Sgt. NICHOLSON V.  
Sgt. STONE A.J.  
P/O. J. FORT.  
Sgt. HILL E.  
Sgt. SIMMONS D.

**DUTY:**

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**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2147            0311

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

MOHNE DAM. 1 Mine. 60ft. 0139 hrs.  
Made a direct hit with his mine, and the Dam was seen to breach.

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**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III ED. 929G. (L)

**CREW:**

F/Lt. D.J. SHANNON.  
Sgt. HENDERSON R.  
F/O. F.R. WALKER.  
F/O. B. GOODALE.  
F/Sgt. L.J. SUMPTEP.  
Sgt. JAGGER B.  
P/O. J. BUCKLEY.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2147            0406

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

EDER DAM. 1 Mine. 60 ft. 0139 hrs.  
Diverted from the Mohne to the Eder Dam, attacked first and registered a direct hit, but no result was seen.

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**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            ED. 937G. (Z)

*(The last aircraft to be delivered to the squadron before the operation. This aircraft arrived only three days beforehand.)*

**CREW:**

S/Ldr. H.E. MAUDSLAY.  
Sgt. J. MARRIOTT.  
F/O. R.A. URQUHART.  
Sgt. R. COTTAM.  
P/O. M.J.D. FULLER.  
F/O. W.J. TYTHERLEIGH.  
Sgt. N.C. BURROWS.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2159            -



**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

MOHNE DAM. 1 Mine.

This aircraft is believed to have been damaged on the way to the target, as something that could not be identified was seen by the light of the moon to be hanging underneath it. The mine overshot and struck the parapet, detonating instantaneously. The pilot was spoken to afterwards by R/T. and was heard to reply once, when he sounded very weak.

*(This Lancaster was shot down by flak at 0236 at Netterden, 3km E of Emmerich while returning from the Dam, no doubt damaged by the massive explosion of the mine on the parapet beforehand. When called and asked if he was alright after the bomb run, a faint "I think so" was heard and then no more) The crew all rest in Reichswald Forest war cemetery.*

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**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** ED. 864G. (B)

**CREW:**

F/Lt. W. ASTELL.  
Sgt. KINNEAR J.  
P/O. F.A. WILE.  
Sgt. GARSHOWITZ A.  
F/O. D. HOPKINSON.  
Sgt. GARBAS F.  
Sgt. BOLITHO R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          2159                   -

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

MOHNE DAM. 1 Mine.

When leading his formation on the way to the target, appeared to become uncertain of his whereabouts, and on reaching a canal crossing, actually at the correct place, turned S. down the canal, as though to search for pinpoint. He fell about half a mile behind his accompanying aircraft, doing this, and got slightly off track. He is believed to have been shot down by light flak shortly afterwards.

*(This aircraft crashed after flying through power cables, near Marbeck, 5km SSE of Borken while on the outward leg. Astell lagged slightly behind the other aircraft, when they turned over the canal at Rosendaal and apparently followed it to check his position. He drew close to the major Luftwaffe airfield at Gilze-Rijen and for some time it was believed that he was shot down there.)*

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**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** ED. 912 G. (N)

**CREW:**

P/O. L.G. KNIGHT.  
Sgt. GRAYSTON R.  
F/O. H.S. HOBDAV.  
F/Sgt. KELLOW R. G.  
F/O. E.C. JOHNSON.  
Sgt. SUTHERLAND R.  
Sgt. O'BRIEN.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**

2159

0420

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

EDER DAM. 1 Mine.

Was the third aircraft to attack the Eder Dam. He made two runs and released his mine on the second one, making a direct hit breaching the dam.

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**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**

ED. 921G. (W)

**CREW:**

F/LT. K.L. MUNRO.  
Sgt. APPLEBY F.  
F/O. F.G. RUMBLES.  
Sgt. PIGEON P.E.  
Sgt. CLAY J.H.  
Sgt. HOWARTH W.  
F/Sgt. WEEKS H.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**

**UP.**  
2129

**DOWN.**  
0036

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

SORPE DAM. 1 Mine.

Aircraft was hit by light flak at Vlieland on the way to the target, which put the intercom out of action and forced the aircraft to return with his load to base.

*(This aircraft was hit by flak from the Zuyder Zee which damaged the radio and which would have prevented Munro from directing the attack on his target.)*

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**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**

Lancaster III ED 923 G. (T)

**CREW:**

F/Lt. J.C. MCCARTHY.  
Sgt. RADCLIFFE J.  
F/Sgt. MCLEAN D.A.  
Sgt. EATON R.  
Sgt. JOHNSON G.L.  
Sgt. BATSON R.  
F/O. D. RODGER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**

**UP.**  
2201

**DOWN.**  
0323

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

SORPE DAM. 1 Mine. 30ft. 0046 hrs.

Had trouble with his compass and took off 20 mins. late. Flew his route in reverse direction as a consequence. Had difficulty finding the lake, due to mist, and on locating it, found the run along the Dam was made very difficult by the presence of a small hill at either end. The mine was dropped and seen to explode in contact with the Dam. Part of the crest of the Dam was seen to crumble.

*(McCarthy found the hydraulics of his aircraft "Q" Queen leaking when he carried out his pre flight checks. He rushed his crew to the reserve aircraft and found the compass deviation card essential to accurate navigation of the aircraft was not in the cockpit. An engineer ran to the instrument section to find it but McCarthy in his rage plucked his parachute from the tarmac and accidentally pulled the ripcord. He was going to leave without the chute, already late, but as he ran up the engines another spare chute was passed to him.)*

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**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** ED. 936G. (H)

**CREW:**

P/O. G. RICE.  
Sgt. SMITH H.  
F/O. R. MACFARLANE  
Sgt. GOWRIE G.B.  
F/Sgt. THRASHER W.  
Sgt. MAYNARD T.  
Sgt. BURNS S.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          2131                   0047

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

SORPE DAM. 1 Mine.

Aircraft struck the sea in the Zuyder Zee, East of Texel and lost its mine, which is believed to have exploded.

*(The lights used to place the aircraft at 50ft above the water were not correctly set and the aircraft hit the water. The rear gunner was almost drowned as the water scooped into the fuselage ran out of the back. All survived to land safely after a long flight on only two engines.)*

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**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** ED. 934G. (K)

**CREW:**

Sgt. BYERS V.W.  
Sgt. TAYLOR A.  
P/O. J.H. WARNER.  
Sgt. WILKINSON R.  
Sgt. WHITTAKER A.  
Sgt. JARVIE R.  
Sgt. MCDOWELL H.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          2130                   -

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

SORPE DAM. 1 Mine.

Missing without trace.

*(This aircraft was shot down by flak from batteries on Texel while flying at 300ft and crashed in the Waddensee W of Harlingen. McDowell is buried in Harlingen general cemetery. The rest of the crew have no known graves.)*

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**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** ED. 927G. (E)

**CREW:**  
F/Lt. R.N.G. BARLOW.  
Sgt. WHILLIS S.L.  
F/O. P.S. BURGESS.  
F/O. C.R. WILLIAMS.  
Sgt. A. GILLESPIE.  
F/O. H.S. GLINZ.  
Sgt. LIDDELL D.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2128               -

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

SORPE DAM. 1 Mine.

Missing without trace.

*(This aircraft crashed on outward leg near Rees on the Rhine. The Lancaster was hit by flak and flew through high tension wires before crashing and killing all the crew. The crash site is at Haldern, 4km ENE of Rees. The mine however survived the crash and was examined by German Technicians the next day. Sgt Liddell was 18 when he died and must have lied about his age when he joined the RAF.)*

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**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** ED. 910G. (C)

**CREW:**  
P/O. W.H.T. OTTLEY.  
Sgt. MARSDEN R.  
F/O. J.K. BARRETT.  
Sgt. GUTERMAN J.  
F/Sgt. JOHNSTON L.  
Sgt. TEES R.  
Sgt. STRANGE H.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    0009               -

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

LISTER DAM. 1 Mine.

Missing. Acknowledged his diversion to the Lister Dam, no further trace.

*(This aircraft shot down by light flak just slightly North of Hamm in the Boselagerschen Forest on the outward leg to the Lister Dam with six of the crew dying in the crash. The only survivor was "Freddie" Tees who was taken prisoner. Tees died in 1982 and following cremation his ashes were placed alongside the graves of his crew.)*

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**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III ED. 865G. (S)

**CREW:**  
P/O. L.J. BURPEE

**DUTY:**  
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Sgt. PEGLOR G.  
Sgt. JAYE T.  
P/O. L.G. WELLER.  
Sgt. ARTHUR R.  
Sgt. LONG N.  
F/Sgt. BRADY J.G.

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         0011                                 -

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

SORPE DAM. 1 Mine.

Missing without trace.

*(Shot down at 0200 immediately south of Gilze-Rijen (Netherlands) on way to target. The aircraft was following the Wilhelmina canal between Gilze-Rijen and Eindhoven as a good navigation way point that would take the aircraft between the enemy airfield at Gilze-Rijen and the flak defences of Eindhoven. The crew rest at Bergan op Zoom war cemetery)*

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**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    ED. 886G. (O)

**CREW:**  
F/Sgt. TOWNSEND W.C.  
Sgt. POWELL D.J.  
P/O. C.L. HOWARD.  
F/Sgt. CHALMERS G.  
Sgt. FRANKLIN C.E.  
Sgt. WEBB D.E.  
Sgt. WILKINSON J.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         0014                                 0615

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

ENNEPE DAM. 1 Mine. 60ft. 0337 hrs.

Mist on the reservoir caused this aircraft to make 3 runs at the target. Mine dropped accurately on third attempt and seen to explode. Returned over Holland in broad daylight.

*(Post war research proves that Townsend attacked not the Ennerpe Dam but the Bever Dam nearby to the North West instead. The Germans recovered fragments of the bomb from the reservoir after the attack. There would have been several lakes in view at the time and with the mist conditions prevailing the mistake is understandable. This dam, unlike the Mohne, did not have any towers which made the range calculation using the famous "Wood with two nails" bomb sight useless. Although both lakes are orientated similarly the Bever dam is at the southern end of the lake and the Ennepe at the northern. This would have left Townsend attacking from 180 degrees away from the direction that he expected.)*

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**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    ED. 918G. (F)

**CREW:**  
F/Sgt. BROWN K.W.  
Sgt. FENERON H.B.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

Sgt. HEAL D.P.  
Sgt. HEWSTONE H.J.  
Sgt. OANCIA S.  
Sgt. ALLATSON D.  
F/Sgt. MACDONALD G.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      0012            0533

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

SORPE DAM. 1 Mine. 60ft. 0314 hrs.

Shot up a train on the way to the target. On arrival at the target, was hampered by mist, so dropped some incendiaries in some trees, and used the resulting fire as a landmark whilst waiting for the mist to clear. Dropped mine accurately and saw it explode.

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**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            ED. 924G. (Y)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/Sgt. ANDERSON C.T.	AS SHOWN ABOVE
Sgt. PATERSON D.	
Sgt. NUGENT L.	
Sgt. BICKLE D.	
Sgt. GREEN S.	
Sgt. EWAN A.	
Sgt. BUCK R.	

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      0015            0530

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

SORPE DAM. 1 Mine.

Was unable to reach target, due to mist in valleys, mine returned to base.

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SCAMPTON

01.06.43

F/O. J.Hodgson 123820 Tech (Elect) posted to 1661 Conversion Unit, Winthorpe, w.e.f., 26.05.43. (F/L.Post) P/O. S.L.Whillis 144619 GD/F/E. reposted to Squadron 15.05.43. on appointment to commissioned rank w.e.f., 05.04.43. and posted to Uxbridge w.e.f., 17.05.43. on being reported missing. 24 airmen reclassified AC1. 35 airmen reclassified LAC. All technical tradesmen.

02.06.43

Wing Commander Gibson V.C., D.S.O., D.F.C. proceeded on leave.  
S/Ldr. Maltby D.S.O., D.F.C. assumed command.

03.06.43

F/S. Anderson 516252 and crew posted to 49 Squadron.

04.06.43

F/L. J.C. Mearthy proceeded to London for interview re. transfer to U.S.A.A.F.

05.06.43

AC2. C. Relf 1535498 Elect. posted to 2 P.D.C., pending posting overseas.

06.06.43

W/O Botting 520680 Nav. appointed to commission w.e.f., 23.04.43. P/O. G.H.Warner 128619 GD/Nav. promoted to war substantive rank of Flying Officer w.e.f., 01.03.43. F/O M.W.Arthurton 120253 MED. posted to R.A.F. Station, Scampton.

07.06.43

F/Sgt. R. Brown 94567 Pilot appointed to commissioned rank w.e.f., 20.04.43. Signal received from 1 R.C.C. that F/S. R. Brady 93564 reported killed in action. W/O. Cook 513770 (ARMR), F/Sgt. Powell 509146 ACH/GD and Sgt. Heveron 901195 CLK/GD. Mentioned in despatches, for services with 57 Squadron.

08.06.43

An officer of the A.C.S.B. Doncaster addressed all Grade I personnel regarding re-mustering to aircrew.

10.06.43

Two A.A. Officers visited (liason). F/L McCarthy sighted dinghy in North Sea. Obtained two fixes.

11.06.43

Sgt. Clay 1057896 Nav. promoted T/F/Sgt. w.e.f., 01.05.43.

12.06.43

W/Commander. Bennett 143 Squadron N.Coates, phoned to thank the crew that sighted the dinghy on 10th June. The occupants were pulled up safe on June 11th.

13.06.43

F/S Townsend 656738 Pilot, appointed to commission w.e.f., .06.03.43. Sgt. Watson 522921 F.II.A. mentioned in despatches for services with 9 Squadron.

14.06.43

F/S. Kellow AUS.411453 W.OP/AG. appointed to commission w.e.f., 12.04.43.

15.06.43

F/S. Kellow AUS. 411453 W.OP/AG. awarded D.F.M. F/O. Rumbles 120350 Nav. awarded D.F.C. Sgt. McKinney 532067 F.II.E. and Sgt. Riley 567122 F.II.A. attached 619 Squadron.

16.06.43

F/O. D. Rodger J.10160 GD/G. attached C.G.S. Sutton Bridge.

18.06.43

Sgt. Pulford 652403 F/E. posted to S.H.Q. Scampton on becoming N/E Sick.

21.06.43

Sgt. Spicer 614246 Elect I appointed to acting unpaid rank of F/Sgt.

22.6.43

The thirty three members of the Squadron who were decorated today by Her Majesty the Queen, were greatly honoured by being the first on the list, led by the Squadron Commander, Wing Commander Gibson V.C., D.S.O., D.F.C.

24.06.43

P/O. H.T.Taerum GD/Nav. J.16688 promoted to war substantive rank of Flying Officer.

25.06.43

Sgt. D.P. Heal 919764 Nav. awarded 1st. Good Conduct Badge. w.e.f., 06.05.43.

28.06.43

Sgt. Moore F/E. 570619 promoted T/F/Sgt.

30.06.43

F/O. A/F/L. W.H. Kellaway 49688 and crew posted to Squadron from 149 Squadron. Sgt. Johnson F/E. 612035 commissioned w.e.f., 16.04.43.

Flying Training proceeded throughout the month.



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01.07.43

652494 Sgt. Appleby (F/Eng.) and 1043069 Sgt. Batson (A/G) promoted Temp. F/Sgt. F/Lt W.H.Kellaway D.S.O. (Pilot) posted to Squadron. AUS.411453 F/Sgt Kellow R/Gunner.T. (W.OP/AG) awarded D.F.M. 120360 P/O. R. Drury (Nav), 546883 F/Sgt. Temple (A/G), 1153507 Sgt. Owen (F/E), 1187056 Sgt.Moore (W.OP/AG), 1380231 F/Sgt. Harris (Air Bomber) and 1549498 Sgt. Horsfield (A/G) posted to Sqdn.

02.07.43

P/O. T.W. Johnson (F/E) 52112 re-posted to Squadron on appointment to commission w.e.f., 16.04.43. P/O. J.W. Bibby 144264 GD(S), P/O. P.W. Buttle Nav. posted to Squadron. S/Ldr. G.W. Holden D.S.O., D.F.C. Pilot. 103484 posted to Squadron. P/O B.W. Clayton D.F.C., C.G.M. (Pilot) 43380 posted to Squadron. 1096218 LAC. Durkin F/M/A. awarded 28 days detention by Station Commander.

03.07.43

R.87308 F/Sgt. Stacey (A/G) posted to Squadron. 577722 Sgt. Hill (F/E), 1217236 Sgt. Watson (A/B) and 1564290 Sgt. Hume (A/G) posted to Squadron.

04.07.43

P/O. J.W. Fraser Nav. J.17696 reposted to Squadron. on appointment to commission w.e.f., 12.04.43. (This Officer was reported missing on May 16th 1943, and news has since been received that he is prisoner in German hands). 1304938 Sgt. Hornby (A/G) promoted Temp. F/Sgt.

05.07.43

F/O. N.J. Davidson (A/B) J.22314 posted to Squadron.

06.07.43

P/O. J. Buckley (A/G) 129460 promoted to war subs. rank of Flying Officer.

09.07.43

F/Lt. Allsebrook D.F.C. awarded D.S.O. The whole of the Squadron personnel were photographed this afternoon.

10.07.43

1165320 Sgt. Franklin (A/B) attached to No. 1 AAS for Bombing Instructor's Course.

11.07.43

W/Cmdr. Gibson proceeded to Fulbeck. The Squadron held a dance today in the NAAFI. 614246 A/F/S.SPICER (Elect.) promoted Temp. F/Sgt.

12.07.43

P/O. J.S. Watson (A/B) 146647 re-posted to Squadron on appointment to commission w.e.f., 21.05.43 W/Cmdr. Gibson proceeded to Fulbeck. 630257 Sgt. Simpson J. (W.OP/AG) promoted Temp. F/Sgt.

13.07.43

347700 W/O. Taylor Fitter I attached R.A.F. Henlow.

14.07.43

P/O. S.J. Stacey J.17756 reposted to 617 Squadron on appointment to commission w.e.f., 30.04.43.

15.07.43

Twelve aircraft of this Squadron took off to attack targets in Northern Italy. All aircraft attacked and proceeded to North Africa without loss.

*(Targets were San Polo D'Enza and Aquata Scrivia power stations which it was hoped would delay German troops who were travelling down into Italy on the electrified railway system to support the Italian front. The operation met little opposition but the targets were obscured by valley haze and they were not destroyed.)*

19.07.43

P/O. L.G. Knight D.S.O. AUS. 401449 Pilot. promoted to war subs. rank of Flying Officer.

24.07.43

1187056 Sgt. Moore W/AG. promoted Temp. F/Sgt. w.e.f., 01.04.43.

25.07.43

The twelve crews who left here on 15th. July returned from N. Africa this morning, after bombing Leghorn on the return journey.

*(The weather in Africa closed in after the Squadron's arrival and their return was delayed until today. The raid on Leghorn docks was not a great success due to further mist shrouding the target.)*

26.07.43

P/O. L.W. Curtis GD(S) 139645 posted to Squadron. P/O.W. Grimes 138316 GD(S) posted to Squadron. F/Lt. E.E.G. Youseman 113351 Pilot. posted to Squadron. 617163 W/O Meikle (A/G) and 966702 F/Sgt. Whittingham (F/Eng.) posted to Squadron.

27.07.43

W/Commander. Gibson proceeded to London on temporary duty.

28.07.43

F/Lt. Kellaway 49688 Pilot. promoted to war subs. rank of F/O. w.e.f., 22.01.43. P/O. T.D. Simpson GD(G) AUS.408076 re-posted to Squadron on appointment to commission w.e.f., 19.05.43. 1107754 Sgt. Eaton W/AG, promoted to Temp. F/Sgt. w.e.f., 01.05.43. 1155189 Sgt. McArthur R. Nav B promoted Temp. F/Sgt. w.e.f., 16.05.43.

29.07.43

Nine aircraft of this Squadron took off to drop leaflets on targets in Italy. All aircraft completed the mission and landed safely in N. Africa.

*(Target was Milan. The Squadron was not impressed by being sent on "Nickels", as leaflet drops were known.)*

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**DATE:** 15.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**

Lancaster III EE.130. (A)

**CREW:**

S/Ldr. D.J.H.MALTBY

Sgt. HATTON W.

**DUTY:**

Pilot.

F/Eng.

Sgt. NICHOLSON. V.	Nav.
Sgt. STONE.	W/Op./AG.
P/O. FORT.	A/B.
Sgt. HILL V.	MU/Gunner.
Sgt. SIMMONDS H.	R/Gunner.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	2215	0745

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

SAN POLO D'ENZA 0335 hrs. 800ft. 13 x 500 GP. 90 x 4lb I.B.  
Identified target, bombs seen to straddle target. Blue flashes seen, but no fires. One large flash lasting some seconds. 1 bomb and 90 incendiaries hung up, but were dropped on Genoa - Spezia railway at Sestri Levante. No results observed.

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**DATE:** 15.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III EE.931(C) (59 Sqn.)

**CREW:**

S/LDR. G.W. HOLDEN  
Sgt. PULFORD J.  
F/O. H.T. TAERUM.  
F/L. R.E.G. HUTCHISON  
P/O. F.M. SPAFFORD.  
F/LT. R.D.TREVOR-ROPER  
P/O. G.A.DEERING.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	2220	0805

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

AQUATA SCRIVIA. 0326 hrs. 800ft. 13 x 500 G.P. 90 x 4lb. I.B.  
Made four runs and saw bombs burst. Target seen to be well alight, and brilliant blue flashes noted. Aircraft was damaged by flak over target.

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**DATE:** 15.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. EE 144. (S)

**CREW:**

F/Lt. H.B. MARTIN.  
P/O. I. WHITTAKER.  
F/LT. J.F. LEGGO.  
F/O. L. CHAMBERS.  
F/LT. R.C. HAY.  
P/O. B.T. FOXLEE.  
F/Sgt. T.D. SIMPSON.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	2200	0735

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

SAN POLO D'ENZA. 0330 hrs. 800ft. 12x 500 G.P. 90 x 4lb. I.B.

Difficulty experienced in identifying target, but bombed on second run. Stick of bombs seen to burst in Transformer Yard. Two S/E. fighters seen over target, but all turrets of aircraft unserviceable. Many blue flashes noted.

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**DATE:** 15.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. EE 148. (U)

**CREW:**

F/Lt. J.C. McCARTHY  
Sgt. RADCLIFFE W.G.  
P/O. D.A. MacLEAN.  
Sgt. EATON W.  
Sgt. JOHNSON G.L.  
F/Sgt. BATSON R.  
F/O. RODGER D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2225           0745

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

SAN POLO D'ENZA. 0355 hrs. 800ft. 14 x 500lb. G.P.

Six bomb bursts seen on target on first run. Blue flames seen as bombs exploded. Nose of aircraft hit by shrapnel from one of own bombs. Hazy conditions made accurate bombing impossible.

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**DATE:** 15.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. ED. 999. (A) (49 Sqn.)

**CREW:**

F/Lt. L.R.A.P. ALLSEBROOK.  
F/Sgt. MOORE H.  
P/O. N.A. BOTTING.  
F/O. J.M. GRANT.  
FSgt. LULHAM R.B.S.  
Sgt. HITCHEN J.G.  
Sgt. JONES J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2220           0750

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

AQUATA SCRIVIA. 0321 hrs. 800ft. 12 x 500 G.P. 90 x 4lb I.B.

First bomb blew up ammunition train in marshalling yard one and a half miles S. of target. Smoke from train obscured target but one direct hit and several near misses among Pylons were seen. One small flak hole in aircraft.

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**DATE:** 15.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. EE.150. (Z)

**CREW:**

F/LT. J.L. MUNRO.  
F/Sgt. APPLEBY F.  
F/O. F.G. RUMBLES.  
Sgt. PIGEON P.E.  
F/Sgt. J.H. CLAY.  
Sgt. HOWARTH W.  
F/Sgt. WEEKS H.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:                   UP.                   DOWN.**  
                                  2225                   0820

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

SAN POLO D'ENZA. 0335 hrs. 1300ft. 14 x 500lb. G.P.

Own results unobserved. Saw another stick of bombs fall across target with blue flashes lasting 2 mins. Tyre puncture and Bomb Aimer's panel damaged by bomb fragments.

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**DATE:** 15.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. EE.197. (Y) (57 Sqn.)

**CREW:**

F/Lt. H.S. WILSON.  
P/O. T.W. JOHNSON.  
F/O. J.A. RODGER.  
Sgt. MIEYETTE W.  
P/O. G.H. COLES.  
F/Sgt. PAYNE T.H.  
F/Sgt. HORNBY E.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:                   UP.                   DOWN.**  
                                  2225                   0800

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

AQUATA SCRIVIA. 0330 hrs. 1600ft. 14 x 500lb. G.P.

Smoke from burning train obscured target, but one direct hit observed. One hole in port tail plane from flak.

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**DATE:** 15.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. EE.146. (K)

**CREW:**

P/O. W.G. DIVALL.  
Sgt. BLAKE E.C.A.  
F/O. D.W. WARWICK.  
F/Sgt. SIMPSON J.S.  
Sgt. McARTHUR R.  
Sgt. ALLATSON D.  
Sgt. WILLIAMS A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2225                            0735

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

SAN POLO D'ENZA. 0340 hrs. 1300ft. 14 x 500lb. G.P.

Sticks seen to burst on main buildings, sending up blue flashes. 1 x 500lb brought back due to hang up.

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**DATE:** 15.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster. W.5008. (B) (57 Sqn.)

**CREW:**

P/O. G. RICE.  
Sgt. SMITH H.  
F/O. R. MACFARLANE.  
Sgt. GOWRIE G.B.  
F/Sgt. THRASHER J.W.  
Sgt. MAYNARD T.  
Sgt. BURNS S.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2220                            0805

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

SAN POLO D'ENZA. 0345 hrs. 1400ft. 14 x 500lb. G.P.

Four bombs seen to burst on target. Remainder not seen, owing to obscuring smoke. Several small fires seen on leaving target.

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**DATE:** 15.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster. EE.185. (K) (44 Sqn.)

**CREW:**

P/O. K.W. BROWN.  
Sgt. FENERON H.B.  
Sgt. HEAL D.P.  
Sgt. HEWSTONE H.J.  
Sgt. OANCIA S.  
Sgt. BUNTAIN D.  
F/Sgt. MACDONALD G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2225                            0800

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

AQUATA SCRIVIA. 0414 hrs. 1600ft. 14 x 500lb. G.P.

Reports visibility fair, but ground haze. Unable to identify target, and spent one hour searching. Located and bombed secondary target.

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**DATE:** 15.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. DV. 178. (N) (49 Sqn.)

**CREW:**  
P/O. W.C. TOWNSEND.  
Sgt. POWELL D.J.  
P/O. C.L. HOWARD.  
F/Sgt. CHALMERS G.A.  
F/O. N.J. DAVIDSON.  
Sgt. WEBB D.E.  
Sgt. WILKINSON R.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  2225           0700

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

AQUATA SCRIVIA. 0324 hrs. 800ft. 14 x 500lb. G.P.  
1st. aircraft to bomb. On third run bombs hit an ammunition train one and a half miles S. of target.  
Smoke rose to about 4000ft. Many blue flashes seen.

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**DATE:** 15.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. JA. 703. (W) (44 Sqn.)

P/O. B.W. CLAYTON.  
Sgt. HILL E.  
P/O. W. BUTTLE.  
P/O. J. BIBBY.  
P/O. J.S. WATSON.  
Sgt. WILLIS (57 Sqn)  
P/O. S.J. STACEY.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  2225           0810

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

AQUATA SCRIVIA. 0325 hrs. 800ft. 14 x 500lb. G.P.  
Results of own bombing not seen. Made six runs machine gunning, and saw blue flashes from electrical installations.

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**DATE:** 24.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. EE.130. (A)

**CREW:**  
S/Ldr. D.J.H. MALTBY.  
Sgt. HATTON W.  
Sgt. NICHOLSON V.  
Sgt. STONE A.J.  
P/O. J. FORT.  
Sgt. HILL V.  
Sgt. SIMMONDS H.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2105            0535

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

LEGHORN. 0038 hrs. 16,000ft. 11 x 500 G.P. 90 x 4lb. I.B.  
Time and distance run made from Corsica, bombs seen to explode, but no results observed.  
Incendiaries seen burning N. of railway yards.

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**DATE:** 24.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. III. EE. 931. (C) (57 Sqn.)

**CREW:**

S/LDR. G.W. HOLDEN.  
F/O. H.T. TAERUM.  
F/L. R.E.G. HUTCHISON  
P/O. SPAFFORD.  
F/LT. T-ROPER. R.D.  
P/O. G.A. DEERING.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2220            0455

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

LEGHORN. 0035 hrs. 16,000ft. 12 x 500lb G.P. 90 x 4lb. I.B.  
Bombed on ETA., bursts seen, but position not identified. Bombing seemed to be scattered, and only one fire seen.

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**DATE:** 24.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. III EE. 144. (S)

**CREW:**

F/Lt. H.B. MARTIN.  
P/O. I. WHITTAKER.  
F/LT. J.F. LEGGO.  
F/O. L. CHAMBERS.  
F/LT. R.C. HAY.  
P/O. B.T. FOXLEE.  
F/Sgt. SIMPSON T.D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2105            0500

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

LEGHORN. 0002 hrs. 9,500ft. 12 x 500 G.P. 90 x 4lb. I.B.  
Bombed docks, bombs seen to explode across town and docks. 3 large fires observed at N. end of town.

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**DATE:** 24.07.43



**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. EE. 148. (U)

**CREW:**

F/Lt. J.C. McCARTHY.  
Sgt. RADCLIFFE W.G.  
P/O. D.A. McLEAN.  
Sgt. EATON R.  
Sgt. JOHNSON G.L.  
F/Sgt. BATSON R.  
F/O. D. RODGER.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2125            0515

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

LEGHORN. 0051 hrs. 16,000ft. 1 x 4000lb. H.C. 4 x 500 GP.  
Identified built up area by light of flares. Bombs seen to burst oil storage dump N. of town. Large clouds of black smoke given off.

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**DATE:** 24.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. ED.999. (A) (49 Sqn.)

**CREW:**

F/Lt. R.A.P. ALLSEBROOK  
F/Sgt. MOORE H.  
P/O. N.A. BOTTING.  
F/O. J.M. GRANT.  
F/Sgt. LULHAM R.B.S.  
Sgt. HITCHIN J.G.  
Sgt. JONES J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2120            0630

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

LEGHORN. 0102 hrs. 9000ft. 12 x 500lb M.C. 90 x 4lb. I.B.  
Two runs made over target, bombs aimed at fires on ground, and seen to burst. Oil dump hit, as red flames and black oily smoke gushed out. Starboard outer engine failed on way to target, and height could not be maintained. Returned on three engines.

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**DATE:** 24.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. EE. 150. (Z)

**CREW:**

F/Lt. J.L. MUNRO.  
F/Sgt. APPLEBY F.  
FO. F.G. RUMBLES.  
Sgt. PIGEON P.E.  
F/Sgt. CLAY J.H.  
Sgt. HOWARTH W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/Sgt. WEEKS H.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2105           0510

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

LEGHORN. 0044 hrs. 16,000ft. 12 x 500lb. M.C.

Outer harbour identified visually and bombs dropped on estimated position of railway yards.

Weather conditions over target made bombing rather scattered.

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**DATE:** 24.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. III. EE.197. (Y) (57 Sqn.).

**CREW:**

F/Lt. H.S. WILSON.  
P/O. T.W. JOHNSON.  
F/O. J.A. RODGER.  
Sgt. MIEYETTE W.  
P/O. G.H. COLES.  
F/Sgt. PAYNE T.H.  
F/Sgt. HORNBY E.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2110           0523

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

LEGHORN. 0050 hrs. 18,000ft. 1 x 4000lb. H.C. 4 x 500lb. M.C.

Bombs aimed at centre of town immediately to E. of railway yards. Bombs seen to burst in built up area.

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**DATE:** 24.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster III. EE.146. (K)

**CREW:**

P/O. W.G. DIVALL.  
Sgt. BLAKE E.C.A.  
F/O. D.W. WARWICK.  
F/Sgt. SIMPSON J.S.  
F/Sgt. McARTHUR R.  
Sgt. ALLATSON D.  
Sgt. WILLIAMS A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2110           0440

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

LEGHORN. 0021 hrs. 16,000ft. 1 x 4000lb.HC. 4 x 500lb. M.C.

Haze obscured target, but bombed through gap in clouds. Saw one fire momentarily. 1 x 500lb.

M.C. brought back due to hang up.

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**DATE:** 24.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. W.5008. (B) (57 Sqn.)

**CREW:**

P/O. G. RICE.

Sgt. SMITH.

F/O. R. MACFARLANE

Sgt. GOWRIE G.B.

F/Sgt. THRASHER J.W.

Sgt. MAYNARD T.

Sgt. BURNS S.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          2115                   0530

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

LEGHORN. 0045 hrs. 16,000ft. 12 x 500lb. M.C.

Bombed on ETA, Mole and harbour clearly seen. Aimed bombs at shipyards, 4000lb. bomb seen to explode just E. of shipyards. 2 x 500lb. brought back due to hang up.

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**DATE:** 24.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. EE.185. (K) (44 Sqn.)

**CREW:**

P/O. K.W. BROWN.

Sgt. PULFORD J.

Sgt. HEAL D.P.

Sgt. HEWSTONE H.J.

Sgt. OANCIA S.

Sgt. BUNTAIN D.

F/Sgt. MCDONALD G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          2105                   0545

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

LEGHORN. 0030 hrs. 17,500ft. 12 x 500lb. G.P.

Bombs seen to explode on waterfront. Five fires seen on leaving target area. No opposition encountered.

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**DATE:** 24.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. DV.178. (N) (49 Sqn.)

**CREW:**

P/O. W.C. TOWNSEND.

Sgt. POWELL D.J.

P/O. C.L. HOWARD.

F/Sgt. CHALMERS G.A.

F/O. N.J. DAVIDSON.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Sgt. WEBB D.E.  
Sgt. WILKINSON R.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2130           0530

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

LEGHORN. 0048 hrs. 17,000ft. 12 x 500lb. G.P.  
Flak searchlights and flares seen on approach to target. No bombs seen to burst due to haze over target. 9 x 500lb. G.P. brought back due to hang up.

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**DATE:** 24.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. III. JA.703. (*W*) (44 Sqn.)

**CREW:**

P/O. B.W. CLAYTON.  
Sgt. HILL E.  
P/O. W. BUTTLE  
P/O. BIBBY.  
P/O. J.S. WATSON.  
Sgt. WILLIS.  
P/O. S.J. STACEY.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2115           0500

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

LEGHORN. 0040 hrs. 15,000ft. 12 x 500lb. G.P.  
Target identified on bombing run by sight of mole, but results of own bombing not seen. 1 x 500lb. brought back (hang up).

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**DATE:** 29.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. III. EE.146. (*K*)

**CREW:**

S/Ldr. D.J.H. MALTBY.  
Sgt. HATTON W.  
Sgt. NICHOLSON V.  
Sgt. STONE.  
P/O. J. FORT.  
Sgt. HILL.  
Sgt. SIMMONDS.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2247           0652

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

MILAN (Nickel) 14 SBC Nickels 10,000ft. 0313hrs.

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**DATE:** 29.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. ED. 763. (D)

**CREW:**

F/LT. D.J. SHANNON  
Sgt. HENDERSON R.J.  
F/O. D.A. WALKER.  
F/O. GOODALE. B.  
F/Sgt. SUMPTER L.J.  
Sgt. JAGGER B.  
W/O. MEIKLE T.A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2316           0745

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

BOLOGNA (Nickel) 14 SBC Nickels. 8,000ft. 0406 hrs.

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**DATE:** 29.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. JA. 894. (C)

**CREW:**

F/Lt. W.H. KELLAWAY.  
Sgt. OWEN D.E.  
P/O. R. DRURY.  
F/Sgt. MOORE P.  
F/Sgt. HARRIS S.  
F/Sgt. TEMPLE H.  
Sgt. HORSFIELD G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2301           0650

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

MILAN (Nickel) 14 SBC Nickels. 10,000ft. 0318 hrs.

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**DATE:** 29.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. W. 4822. (P)

**CREW:**

P/O. W.G. DIVALL.  
Sgt. BLAKE E.A.  
F/O. D.R. WARWICK.  
F/Sgt. SIMPSON J.S.  
F/Sgt. McARTHUR R.  
Sgt. ALLATSON D.  
Sgt. WILLIAMS A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2249           0626

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

MILAN (Nickel) 14 SBC Nickels. 10,000ft. 0303 hrs.

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**DATE:** 29.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. ED. 305. (S)

**CREW:**

P/O. G. RICE.  
Sgt. SMITH H.  
F/O. R. MacFARLANE.  
Sgt. GOWRIE G.B.  
F/Sgt. THRASHER J.W.  
Sgt. MAYNARD T.  
Sgt. BURNS S.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2257           0650

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

TURIN (Nickel) 14 SBC Nickels 11,000ft. 0225 hrs.

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**DATE:** 29.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. ED.150. (Z)

**CREW:**

S/Ldr. G.W. HOLDEN.  
Sgt. HILL A.  
F/O. H.T. TAERUM.  
F/L. R.E.G. HUTCHISON.  
P/O. F.M. SPAFFORD.  
F/Sgt. WEBB. D.E.  
P/O. G.A. DEERING.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2303           0712

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Genoa (Nickel) 14 SBC Nickels. 8000ft. 0332 hrs.

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**DATE:** 29.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. JA. 703. (W)

**CREW:**

F/O. L.H. KNIGHT.  
Sgt. GRAYSTON R.  
F/O. H.S. HOBDAY.  
P/O. R/Gunner. KELLOW.  
F/O. E.C. JOHNSON.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Sgt. SUTHERLAND F.E.  
Sgt. O'BRIEN H.E.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	2258	0655

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

TURIN (Nickel) 14 SBC Nickels 13,000ft. 0333hrs.

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**DATE:** 29.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. EE.148. (U)

**CREW:**

F/Lt. J.C. McCARTHY  
F/Sgt. WHITTINGHAM S.J.  
P/O. D.A. MacLEAN  
P/O. W.C. CURTIS  
Sgt. JOHNSON G.L.  
F/Sgt. BATSON R.  
F/O. D. RODGER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1130	0845

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

MILAN (Nickel) 0404 hrs. 12,000ft. 14 SBC Nickels.

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**DATE:** 29.07.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. W.4358. (L)

**CREW:**

F/LT. J.L. MUNRO  
F/Sgt. APPLEBY F.E.  
F/O. F.G. RUMBLES.  
Sgt. PIGEON P.E.  
F/Sgt. CLAY J.H.  
Sgt. HOWARTH W.  
F/Sgt. WEEKS H.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	2255	0655

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

GENOA (Nickel) 0441 hrs. 5,000ft. 14 SBC Nickels

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**SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT DURING JULY 1943**

**15th. July AQUATA SCRIVIA.**

6 aircraft led by S/Ldr. G.W. Holden (Captains F/Lt. Allsebrook, F/Lt. Wilson, P/O. Brown, P/O. Townsend, P/O. Clayton), carried out the attack on the Electric Power Installations. Visibility was poor, making detailed observation extremely difficult. P/O. Townsend attacked before the arrival of the Force Commander, one bomb made a direct hit on a large building and one stick of his bombs dropped on the marshalling yards of the target hitting an ammunition train, which exploded with great violence. The glare from this caused the crews further difficulty in locating and accurately bombing the target and the smoke exaggerated the haze. The Force Commander then took charge on R/T. A stick of incendiaries was placed on the target by the leading Bomb Aimer, P/O. Spafford. Good results were obtained by S/Ldr. Holden and F/Lt. Allsebrook, each making direct hits, amongst the pylons. Later results were very difficult to observe, owing to much smoke. S/Ldr. Holden, F/Lt. Allsebrook and P/O. Clayton made several runs machine gunning the target and many blue flashes were seen from the ground. P/O. Brown did not locate the target and bombed Genoa. Opposition over this target was slight and two aircraft were hit by bomb fragments.

#### **15th. July SAN POLO D'ENZA**

6 aircraft led by S/Ldr. Maltby, (Captains F/Lt. Martin, F/Lt. McCarthy, F/Lt. Munro, P/O. Divall, P/O. Rice), made an attack on the Transformer Station. Some difficulty was experienced in locating the actual Power House, because of haze, but all crews reported blue flashes from the target area. Accurate bombing was almost impossible, but good results were nevertheless observed. The operation was considered a moderate success. The general opinion of all Captains on this target was that flares should have been carried.

#### **24th. July. LEGHORN**

Twelve aircraft led by S/Ldr. Holden, carried out an attack against the dock and harbour installations at Leghorn, on the return from N. Africa, where they had landed after the raids on Aquata Scrivia and San Polo D'Enza. Due to the haze over the target, it was not possible to obtain concentration, but several crews reported seeing bombs burst in the docks and in the town. F/Lt. McCarthy made direct hit on what was thought to be an oil storage dump, as thick clouds of black smoke were seen to rise from the target. F/Lt. Allsebrook also reported hit on an oil dump. One aircraft (F/Lt. Munro) dropped bombs on estimated position of railway yards. Opposition over this area was only slight, but three aircraft reported 'hang ups' with bombs. F/Lt. Allsebrook experienced difficulty on the journey to the target, one airscrew being severed from the main shaft. He carried on on three engines, however, and bombed his objective, returning to base on three engines.

#### **29th. July. NICKEL RAIDS.**

Nine aircraft were detailed to carry out a special nickel to Northern Italy. F/Lt. McCarthy was detailed for Bologna, S/Ldr. Maltby, F/Lt. Kellaway and P/O. Divall for Milan, S/Ldr. Holden and F/Lt. Munro for Genoa, F/O. Knight and P/O. Rice for Turin. The weather to the targets was good, but over Italy there was much haze, and without the moon it was very dark, making pinpointing very difficult. All targets were successfully located except F/Lt. McCarthy, who, unable to locate Bologna, went on to Milan. All aircraft landed at Blida, N. Africa, and seven returned on 1st. August, F/Lt. McCarthy and F/Lt. Munro being left behind to await the servicing of two aircraft. F/Lt. McCarthy returned on 5th. August, and F/Lt. Munro on 8th August.

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SCAMPTON

01.08.43

Seven aircraft returned from North Africa after successfully carrying out a Nickel raid on Italian targets. 744932 W/O Welch W.OP/AG. posted from 1483 B & G. Flight. 1383334 Sgt. Webb A/G. and 647480 Sgt. Hitchin A/G. promoted T/F/Sgt. w.e.f., 31.07.43

03.08.43

Wing Commander G.P.Gibson V.C., D.S.O., D.F.C., detached on temporary duty. It eventually transpired that he was visiting Canada with the Prime Minister's party, and lecturing aircrew cadets undergoing training in that country. S/Ldr. G. W. Holden D.S.O., D.F.C., assumed command Vice W/Commandr. Gibson. NZ.411747 F/Sgt. Dowman A/G posted from Abingdon.

04.08.43

J.17388 P/O.Plishka posted from 215 Squadron for crewing up with F/L. Yousman. 2 AC. F.II.E's. posted overseas.

05.08.43

F/Lt. McCarthy D.S.O., D.F.C. who took part in the leaflet raid on Italian towns returned from North Africa.

F/Lt. Kellaway crashed at Ashley Walk Bombing Range whilst taking part in tactical exercises. F/Lt. Kellaway admitted Tower House Hospital. P/O. Drury Nav. Admitted to S.S.Q. Boscombe Down. F/S. Harris Air Bomber and F/S Temple A/G admitted Salisbury hospital. Sgt Owen F/E admitted Salisbury hospital and transferred R.A.F. Hospital Wroughton. Sgt. Horsfield (Admitted SSQ. Boscombe Down) Degree of injuries: F/S. Harris seriously injured, F/L. Kellaway seriously injured. P/O. Drury, Sgt. Horsfield, F/S Temple and F.S. Owen, slightly injured. 761219 A/F/Sgt. Nicholass W.E.M. promoted T/F/Sgt. w.e.f., 01.03.43.

06.08.43

513770 W/O. Cook ARM. returned from A.M. Unit Pendine, previous posting instructions cancelled.

07.08.43

F/L.Kellaway (Pilot), F/S Owen (F/E), F/S. Harris (A/B), and Sgt. Horsefield (A/G) posted to N/E. S.H.Q. Scampton. 1144183 Sgt. Nicholson Nav. promoted T/F/Sgt.

08.08.43

919764 Sgt Heal Nav. promoted T/F/Sgt. NZ 413942 F/L. Munro returned from North Africa. 1266419 Sgt. Feneron F/E came back from North Africa with his plane after a period in Hospital there.

09.08.43

52619 P/O. Hill F/E. re-posted on appointment to commission. 145795 P/O. Townsend Pilot. proceeded to Air Ministry to attend a conference.

10.08.43

A.408076 P/O. Simpson admitted Lincoln Military Hospital. F/L. Kellaway transferred to R.A.F. Hospital Wroughton. 639976 Sgt. Radcliffe F/E. and 1217692 Sgt. Burns A/G. posted back from S.H.Q. Scampton.

11.08.43

Warning notice received that the Squadron was moving to Coningsby on 01.09.43. R.97620 Sgt. Pigeon W.OP/AG admitted Rauceby Hospital.

13.08.43

546883 F/S. Temple A/G. Discharged R.A.F. Hospital Wroughton and returned Unit.

14.08.43

1315729 Sgt. Hill A/G. promoted T/F/Sgt. 52692 P/O. Chalmers re-posted to Squadron on appointment to commission.

15.08.43

A.407380 P/O. Spafford and A.404595 P/O. Foxlee promoted T/Flying Officers. NZ.41577 F/S. Florence A/B., R.77353 F/S. O'Grady A/G., R.103284 F/S. Laughland A/G. posted from 12 O.T.U. to crew up with F/L. Youseman. 149045 P/O. Sumpter A/B. re-posted to Squadron on appointment to commission. A.402367 F/L. Leggo proceeded to Doncaster for A.C.S.B. interview.

17.8.43

73586 S/L. D.S.Richardson T/ARM. attached to Squadron from No.1 A.S.S. Manby.

18.08.43

1153507 Sgt. Owen F/E. promoted T/F/Sgt. 1163320 Sgt. Franklin A/B. returned from No.1 A.A.S. from Bombing Instructors Course. 129460 F/O. Buckley GD/G. attached to C.G.S. for No. 65 Gunnery Leader Course.

19.08.43

68795 F/L. Martin GD. admitted Hospital. 139645 P/O. L.W.Curtis W.OP/AG promoted F/O. w.e.f., 17.07.43.

20.8.43

49575 P/O. J. Fort A/B. promoted F/O. w.e.f., 14.03.43. 138314 P/O. W.C.Grimes W.OP/AG. promoted F/O. w.e.f., 23.05.43.

21.08.43

50293 P/O. A/F/L. Caple promoted War Subs. F/O. w.e.f., 10.06.43. 1199696 Sgt. Johnson A/B. proceeded No.1 A.S.S. Manby for Bombing Instructors Course.

24.08.43

47354 F/L. Trevor-Roper, Squadron Gunnery Leader, posted to C.G.S. Sutton Bridge.

25.08.43

Advance party (as at appendix 'A' attached movement order) proceeded to R.A.F. Station, Coningsby.

26.08.43

Preparations commenced for the movement of the squadron.

27.08.43

F/L. D.J.H. Wilson 113429 Pilot., P/O D.J. Allen. 52101 W.OP/AG., P/O. J. Allison 52105 A/G., F/O. H.J. Pringle 118900 A/G., F/O.A.V.H. Parkin 13348 Nav., 984168 F/S. Hurrell F/E. and 1450882 Sgt. Barron A/G. Posted to squadron from 1660 Con Unit.

28.08.43 and 29.08.43

These days were taken up by the preparations for movements.

30.08.43

1165320 Sgt. Franklin A/B. posted to 1660 Con.Unit. 1381087 F/S Bennett posted to squadron as substitute. 614246 F/S. Spicer posted to 256 Squadron for proceeding overseas. P/O. C.G.Lancaster Elect. 134460 posted to squadron from Base Scampton. The complete Squadron less a rear party as shown on appendix "D" moved to R.A.F. Station Coningsby, all aircraft were ferried by Squadron crews and all Flight Maintenance personnel with kit were carried in aircraft. The aircraft landed at approx. 1000 hours, and the road party as shown in appendix "B" arrived at approx 1230 hours. All arrangements were smoothly carried out, and some sections were working normally by the evening.

31.08.43

This day was taken up by unloading and furnishing and setting up of offices and sections. By the end of the day, the Squadron was functioning more or less normally.

Extensive flying training was carried out during the month. No operations were ordered.

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CONINGSBY

01.09.43

The squadron continued to settle down. Flying training commenced. P/O Chalmers 52692 W.OP/AG admitted to S.S.Q. Coningsby. R.97620 Sgt Pigeon W/AG and R.107619 Sgt. Miyyette WO/AG promoted to Temp. Flight Sgt. and Temp. W/Op. Grade II. S/L Richardson proceeded to M.A.P. for conference.

02.09.43

W/T Fitting Party attached to Squadron for special duty. All RDF Mechs. remustered to Radar Mechs.

03.09.43

P/O Chalmers 52692 WO/AG Discharged S.S.Q. Coningsby.

04.09.43

AUS.402367 F/L Leggo Nav. Officer and NL 403758 F/O Chambers WO/AG attached A.C.R.C. London for pilot training. P/O Clayton and Crew recalled from leave. Six Mosquitos with crews attached from 605 Squadron and 418 Squadron for co-operation. Station Sports Day - 617 Squadron placed 3rd in the team competition.

05.09.43

1131195 Sgt Stone WO/AG promoted to Temp. Flight Sgt. Rear Party rejoined Squadron.

06.09.43

1187056 F/Sgt Moore WO/AG and P/O R. Drury 146299 Nav. posted to 1661 Con. Unit. Training in co-operation with Mosquito aircraft commenced.

07.09.43

919764 F/Sgt Heal Nav., 1057896 F/S Clay Nav. B and R.97620 W/O Pigeon recommended for appointment to commission.

08.09.43

P/O Grayston 155194 F/Eng. re-posted to Squadron on appointment to commission. W/T fitting party returned to parent Unit.

09.09.43

544401 Sgt. Henderson F/Eng. promoted to T/F/Sgt. w.e.f., 07.07.43. 121692 Sgt Burns (A/G) promoted to T/F/Sgt. w.e.f., 02.07.43. 149639 Sgt Howarth (A/G) promoted to Temp. F/Sgt. w.e.f., 02.07.43.

10.09.43

F/O McCarthy 137265 posted to Squadron from Pershore for Medical Officer Duties. Nine Air Gunners attached to Squadron from 44 Squadron, 49, 50, 106 Squadron and 1660 Con. Unit. Leave commenced for ground staff personnel. (1943/44 period):

11.09.43

F/O D. Rodger J.10160 appointed Gunnery Leader and recommended for appointment to A/F/Lt. F/O H.T. Taerum J.16688 appointed to Nav. Officer and granted acting rank of F/Lt. F/L Leggo and F/O Chambers posted to No 13 I.T.W. on pilots courses.

12.09.43

P/O Chalmers proceeded to Scampton for newly commissioned officers course. R.142252 Sgt. O'Brien H. (A/G) promoted to Temp. Flight Sergeant. w.e.f., 05.01.43.

13.09.43

P/O. T.A. Meikle (52913 A/G) re-posted to Squadron on appointment to commission. A/F/Lt Hay AUS.404074 B/Ldr. promoted to Temp. Flight Lt. w.e.f.. 23.7.43. P/O Howard (AUS.406278) promoted to Temp. F/O w.e.f., 21.07.43.

14.09.43

Nine aircraft under command of S/Ldr. Holden, took off to attack Dortmund Ems Canal. Aircraft were recalled when over North Sea, and S/Ldr. Maltby crashed in sea. F/L Shannon circled over aircraft for over two and a half hours directed A.S.R.S. to search. Body of S/L Maltby recovered, but no trace of members of crew. F/L. J. Stott A.40083 Nav. posted to Squadron for crewing with F/L Martin, from 1654 C.U.

*(Operation to bomb Dortmund Ems Canal. The objective of this raid was to breach and therefore close the canal to traffic and therefore deprive the German war effort of the considerable supplies transported by this route. 8 Lancasters and a Mosquito took off. Mosquito sent ahead especially to the target area radioed back that the weather was unsuitable and the aircraft were called back. As the aircraft turned back Maltby appeared to hit one of the other aircraft's slipstream and his was bucked into the water to cartwheel and explode.)*

15.09.43

Eight aircraft under command of S/L Holden took off to attack Dortmund Ems Canal, escorted by six Mosquitos. Thick haze prevented accurate bombing, and flak opposition on the way to the target was intense. S/Ldr. Holden was seen to be shot down. F/L H.B. Martin took over the direction of the attack, and in the face of extreme difficulties carried on. Only three aircraft returned. The following failed to return - S/L Holden, F/L Allsebrook, F/L Wilson, P/O Divall, F/L Knight. All the Mosquitos returned safely. F/L Martin was specially commended by the A.O.C. *(The aircraft flew low, 50ft above the sea, in loose formation in two boxes of four and in radio silence. The faster Mosquitos took off later and overtook the bombers. Holden's aircraft was hit by flak over Holland and in avoiding the explosion of its 12,000lb bomb the formation was broken. When they reached the target, fog had descended and all aircraft found it very difficult or impossible to pinpoint the target area. In flying along the canal to find the target they crossed many locks, each with its own flak defences and they could not fly higher than 150 ft or they lost sight of the canal altogether. Les Knight was hit and brushed through trees, with both port engines failing due to tree damaged radiators. Rice tried for a long time to find the target but badly damaged by flak had to concede defeat and jettison his bomb and return home. Shannon bombed but missed the canal bank target by feet only. Martin bombed but also missed by feet. Upon return Martin was promoted on the spot by Cochrane to Squadron Leader.)*

16.09.43

Six aircraft, under the command of W/Comdr. Abercromby (619 Sqdn.) made an attack on the Antheor Viaduct, on the French Italian frontier. The raid was very successful, all the aircraft returned safely, no opposition was encountered. F/L H.B.Martin D.S.O., D.F.C. assumed command of the Squadron.

*(The raid was carried out with 12000lb bombs and all missed the bridge supports. No serious damage was done although this was not known at the time.)*

17.09.43

F/O B. Goodale D.F.C. 101042 appointed to Sigs. Leader and recommended for appointment to A/F/Lt. Mosquitos and crews returned to parent units. F/O D.R.Walker D.F.C. J 15336 appointed Nav. Officer. P/O I. Whittaker 51704 appointed to F/E Ldr.

18.09.43

S/L Maltby buried at Wickhambrew, Kent. F/O Howard attended on behalf of the Squadron.

19.09.43

1320872 F/Sgt Jagger A/G awarded the D.F.M.

20.09.43

Five A/G's returned to parent units on cessation of attachment (other four missing on raid). Recommendations made for Immediate Awards. F/L RSD Kearns D.F.C., D.F.M. NZ.405572 Pilot posted from 11 O.T.U.

21.09.43

F/L Martin granted acting rank of Squadron Leader. 969937 W/O Dacey (WO/AG) posted to Squadron from 106 Squadron. P/O Townsend, F/O Howard, F/Sgt Webb and F/Sgt Wilkinson recommended as tour expired, and proceeded on leave.

22.09.43

1661766 AC2 Pearce FIIA recommended for commission in the A & SD Branch. F/O Buckley obtained 76.7% on gunnery leaders course.

23.09.43

Sgt. Grimwade F II E sustained broken leg in football match. Visits by R.C.A.F. Liason and Welfare Officers.

24.09.43

R.92211 F/Sgt. Weeks A/G recommended for appointment to commission.

25.09.43

J.10160 F/O D. Rodger granted acting rank of F/L Gun. Ldr. w.e.f., 24.08.43. J.15336 F/O D.R.Walker granted acting rank of F/L Nav. Off. w.e.f., 17.09.43. 101042 F/O B.Goodale granted acting rank of F/L Sigs. Leader w.e.f., 17.09.43.

26.09.43

NZ 41577 F/Sgt Florence (A/B, 639976 F/S Radcliffe F/Eng., 966782 F/Sgt Whittingham F/Eng. and 1450882 Sgt Barron Nav. recommended for appointment to commission. F/Lt McCarthy D.S.O., D.F.C. in charge of "Battle of Britain" Church Parade at Woodhall. P/O T. Clarkson 52689 F/Eng. posted to Squadron from 1660 C.U. for crewing with F/L Kearns.

27.09.43

F/Sgt Nicholass and F/Sgt Gover Fitt. I proceeded to A.M. for commission interviews, from leave. (It transpired later that instructions arrived too late for N.C.O.'s to attend). 1317910 LAC Frisby W/Mech. recommended for appointment to commission in Tech. Sigs Branch.

27.09.43

F/Sgt McDonald G.R. 108268 (A/G) proceeded to R.C.A.F. H.Q London for interview. Nine crews detailed for posting to this Squadron from other Squadrons in the Group.

28.09.43

Two crews (P/O Weedon and P/O Stout) arrived on posting from 207 and 9 Squadrons respectively.

29.09.43

S/L Martin proceeded to Whitehall for conference. Consolidated Squadron Working Parades commenced. W/O Bull and crew reported to Squadron from 49 Squadron.

30.09.43

F/O N Kennedy 53057 Tech Armt. posted to Squadron from Cosford for Armt.Officers duties. F/L Shaughnessy and crew posted from 619 Squadron. Visit by Inspector General of the R.A.F.

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#### OPERATION SUMMARY FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1943

The squadron took part in two attacks and took off for one attack from which the aircraft were recalled. On 14th September eight aircraft (Captains S/L. Holden, S/L. Maltby, F/L. Shannon, F/L. Wilson H, F/L. Knight, F/L. Allsebrook, P/O. Rice and P/O. Divall), took off to carry out an attack on the Dortmund Ems Canal. At approximately 0040 hrs, on the 15th, a recall message was sent to all aircraft, on account of unfavourable weather. The aircraft were then over the North Sea, and in turning to make the homeward journey the aircraft piloted by S/Ldr. Maltby was seen to crash into the sea. Nothing definite is known of the cause of this accident, but it is possible that the aircraft struck the water. The crew was as follows:- S/L. D.J.H. Maltby D.S.O., D.F.C., Sgt. Hatton (F/E), F/Sgt. Nicholson D.F.M. (Nav.), F/Sgt. Stone (W/Optr.), F/O. J. Fort D.F.C. (A/B), W/O. Welch (M/G), F/Sgt. Hill (F/G) and Sgt. Simmonds (R/G.). F/Lt. Shannon circled over the spot for over two hours and directed the Air Sea Rescue service to the scene. The body of S/L. Maltby was recovered, but no trace was found of the remainder of the crew.

#### **DORTMUND EMS CANAL 15/16th September.**

Eight aircraft under the command of S/Ldr. Holden took off again on the night of 15/16th. to attack the Dortmund Ems Canal. The crew were the same as those on the previous night, except that F/Lt. Martin took the place of S/Ldr. Maltby. Six Mosquito aircraft from 605 and 418 Squadrons. accompanied the aircraft, to attract ground fire and act as fighter cover. The visibility over the target was very bad, a thick haze preventing accurate locating of the target. On the inward journey S/Ldr. Holden's aircraft was seen to be hit by light flak, and to crash. F/L. Allsebrook took over the direction of the attack and dropped his load. F/Lt. Knight called up on R/T. and stated that his two port engines were stopped, he asked for permission to jettison and return to Base. Permission was granted, but nothing further was heard from this aircraft. F/Lt. Wilson asked for permission to attack, permission was given, but nothing further was heard from him, as was the case with P/O. Divall. No contact could be made with F/Lt. Allsebrook so F/Lt. Martin took over command of the remaining aircraft. P/O. Rice could not identify the canal area owing to poor visibility, so he came back over the coast and jettisoned. F/Lt. Shannon dropped his bomb, which was seen to explode on the tow path on the East bank. Only three aircraft returned from this raid. The mosquitos patrolled the target area for one and a half hours and during this time no enemy fighters were seen, and few searchlights. All of the Mosquitos returned safely.

#### **ANTHEOR VIADUCT 16/17th September**

Six aircraft of 617 Squadron together with six aircraft of No. 619 Squadron, the whole force under the command of W/Commander. Abercromby (O.C. 619 Sqn.) took off to attack the Antheor Viaduct on the French-Italian frontier. The outward journey was uneventful, and visibility was so good that the target was located without the aid of the Flashing Beacons. All aircraft (except P/O. Clayton) successfully completed their attacks, and the opposition was negligible.

**DATE:** 15.09.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. EE. 144. (S)

**CREW:**

S/L. G.W. HOLDEN.  
Sgt. POWELL D.J.  
F/LT. H.T. TAERUM.  
F/LT. R.E.G. HUTCHISON.  
F/O. F.M. SPAFFORD.  
P/O. G.A. DEERING.  
F/O. H.J. PRINGLE.  
P/O. T.A. MEIKLE.

**DUTY:**

Captain.  
F/Eng.  
Nav.  
W/Op.  
B/A.  
F/Gunner.  
MU/Gunner.  
R/Gunner.

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          2356                       -

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Dortmund Ems Canal. 1 Bomb.

Missing.

*(Holden opted to climb to above 50 ft to fly over a steeple in the town of Nordhoorn; this left his aircraft silhouetted against the clear sky and the one flak gun in the town opened up with a five round clip before being silenced by Meikle's return fire. One shell, however, hit Holden's starboard inner fuel tank and ignited it. The aircraft with its 12,000lb. bomb rolled, fell on the edge of the town and exploded. The other aircraft, anticipating the bomb's explosion, broke outwards and survived. Holden and his crew, which contained members of Gibson's Dams raid crew, did not. The crew rest now in the Reichswald Forest war cemetery.)*

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**DATE:** 15.09.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. JB. 144. (N)

**CREW:**

F/Lt. L.G. KNIGHT.  
P/O. R.E. GRAYSTON.  
F/O. H.S. HOBDAY.  
P/O. R.G.T. KELLOW.  
F/O. E.C. JOHNSON.  
F/Sgt. SUTHERLAND F.E.  
Sgt. WOOLLARD J.  
F/Sgt. O'BRIEN H.E.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          2358                       -

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Dortmund Ems Canal. 1 Bomb.

Missing.

*(Due to ground fog the aircraft had trouble seeing the target and in coming down low to do so hit trees, but survived with both port engines stopped and a damaged tail. Knight asked for permission to jettison his bomb and this was granted. The crew threw out guns, ammunition and anything else*



*to save weight, which allowed the aircraft to climb to almost 1400ft. The damaged tail however forced the aircraft into a gentle port turn that could not be corrected. Knight ordered the crew to bale out and after they left tried to leave the aircraft but failed to do so before it hit the ground.)*

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**DATE:** 15.09.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III EE.130. (A)

**CREW:**

F/L. R.A.P. ALLSEBROOK  
F/Sgt. MOORE P.  
P/O. N.A. BOTTING.  
F/O. J.M. GRANT.  
F/Sgt. LULHAM R.B.S.  
Sgt. JONES A.G.  
F/Sgt. WALKER W.  
F/Sgt. HITCHEN S.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    0001           -

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Dortmund Ems Canal. 1 Bomb.  
Missing.

*(Allesbrook is believed to have bombed but the crash site of his aircraft and/or bomb were never found.)*

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**DATE:** 15.09.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. EE.146. (K)

**CREW:**

F/L. SHANNON.D.J.  
F/Sgt. HENDERSON R.J.  
F/O. D.R. WALKER.  
F/O. B. GOODALE.  
P/O. L.J. SUMPTER.  
F/Sgt. JAGGER B.  
F/Sgt. ELDRIDGE L.  
F/Sgt. DOWMAN M.G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    0002           0438

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Dortmund Ems Canal. 1 Bomb. 0236 hrs. 150ft.

Had difficulty in making good runs owing to bad visibility. Bomb seen to explode on tow path on East bank. No damage to canal seen.

*(Shannon spent 70 minutes attempting to bomb before doing so. When he did the 11 second delay necessary to let the aircraft escape precluded them seeing the result. The bomb hit the tow path. Ten feet to the left and the bomb would have breached the banks as required.)*

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**DATE:** 15.09.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. JA. 848. (X)

**CREW:**

F/L. H.S. WILSON.  
P/O. T.W. JOHNSON.  
F/O. J.A. RODGER.  
W/O. MIEYETTE L.G.  
F/O. G.H. COLES.  
F/Sgt. PAYNE T.H.  
Sgt. KNOX.  
F/Sgt. HORNBY E.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2359           -

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Dortmund Ems Canal. 1 Bomb.  
Missing.

*(Wilson sent an R/T message that was indistinct but spoke of attacking. His aircraft and its bomb hit the ground some 200 yards from the Canal and made a 200ft. crater.)*

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**DATE:** 15.09.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III EE150

**CREW:**

F/L H B MARTIN  
P/O I WHITTACKER  
P/O K STOTT  
F/O L W CURTIS  
F/LT H C MAY  
F/O B T FOXLES  
P/O J ALLISON  
P/O T D SIMPSON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2357           0524

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Dortmund Ems Canal. 1 Bomb 0320 200' Ran into battery of light flak and several searchlights but eventually located target and released bomb. Bomb seen to explode in water, but no damage seen to canal.

*(Martin spent ninety minutes trying to bomb. The aircraft was hit several times by flak including a burst that shot through the cockpit and knocked Martins leg off the rudder bar and almost sent them into the ground. On the thirteenth circuit over the target it was seen and a carefully executed turn allowed the bomb to be dropped. Like Shannon's it missed by only a few feet, landing instead in the canal.)*

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**DATE:** 15.09.43  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III J574

**CREW:**  
F/L M W G DIVAL  
SGT BLAKE F.C.A.  
F/G D R WARWICK  
F/SGT SIMPSON J  
F/SGT MCARTHUR R  
SGT. WILLIAMS A  
STG MILES G.A.  
STG ALLATSON D

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    0004           -

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**  
Dortmund Ems Canal 1 bomb missing.  
*(Dival was heard on R/T but then disappeared)*

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**DATE:** 15.09.43  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III EE131

**CREW:**  
P/O RICE G  
SGT SMITH E  
F/O R MACFARANE  
SG GOWRIE G.B.  
FLT S THRASHER J W.  
SGT MAYNARD T  
F/SGT HARLEY  
F/SGT TEMPLE H.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    0003           0552

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**  
Dortmund Ems Canal. Could not identify target area owing to poor visibility so jettisoned bomb safely between Terschelling and Dutch Coast.  
*(Rice spent an hour over target and the aircraft was badly damaged by flak before jettisoning bomb and returning.)*

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**DATE:** 15.09.43  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III EE 150

**CREW:**  
F/L J L MUNRO  
F/S APPLBY F E  
F/O F G RUMLES

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O PIDGEON P E  
F/SGT CLAY J H  
F/SGT HOWARTH W  
F/SGT LEARMOUNT  
F/SGT WEEKS H A

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2003           0753

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Antheor Viaduct 1 x 4000 HE, 3 x 1000 mc 0120 hrs. 300'. No defences encountered and visibility very good. Bombs not seen to burst due to long delay.

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**DATE:** 15.09.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. III ED 763

**CREW:**

F/LTG E E G YOUNGMAN  
FLT/S WITTINGHAM. S  
F/O L FLISHKA  
F/O W C GRIMES  
F/SGT FLORENCE. E  
F/SGT LAUGHLAND A  
STF HOLT  
F/SGT O'GRADY

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1958           0728

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Antheor viaduct. 1 x 1000MC. 0115 hrs 300ft No flashing beacons or incendiaries seen. Bombs not seen to burst.

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**DATE:** 16.09.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. III. EE. 131. (B)

**CREW:**

P/O. B.W. CLAYTON.  
P/O. A. HILL.  
P/O. P.W. BUTTLE.  
P/O. J.S. BIBBY.  
P/O. J.S. WATSON.  
Sgt. HUME A.  
P/O. S.J. STACEY.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1957           0334

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Antheor Viaduct. 1 x 4000lb. MC 3 x 1000lb. MC. Aircraft became iced up and pilot was forced to jettison bombs and abandon sortie.

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**DATE:** 16.09.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. JB. 139. (X)

**CREW:**

F/L. D.J.B. WILSON.  
F/Sgt. HURRELL S.C.  
F/O. A.B.H. PARKIN.  
P/O. D.J. ALLEN.  
Sgt. BARRON R.  
Sgt. LOWE.  
Sgt. MORTLOCK.  
P/O. J. ALLISON.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2004           0630

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Antheor Viaduct. 1 x 4000lb. MC 3 x 1000lb. MC. 0128 hrs. 350ft.  
Saw several explosions from right under bridge. Own bombing results not observed.

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**DATE:** 16.09.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. ED. 735. (R)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.C. MCCARTHY  
F/Sgt. RADCLIFFE. W.G.  
P/O. D.A. MACLEAN.  
F/Sgt. EATON L.  
F/O. N.J. DAVIDSON.  
F/Sgt. BATSON R.  
P/O. HALE.  
F/O. D. RODGER.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2006           0556

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Antheor Viaduct. 7 x 1000lb. HC. 0115 hrs. 300ft. Made one dummy run, and dropped bombs on second run.

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**DATE:** 16.09.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. EE. 146. (K)

**CREW:**

P/O. K.W. BROWN.  
Sgt. WOODS.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/Sgt. HEAL D.P.  
Sgt. HEWSTONE S.J.  
Sgt. OANCIA S.  
Sgt. BUNTAIN D.M.  
Sgt. CROOKS.  
F/Sgt. MCDONALD G.S.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2018            0612

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Antheor Viaduct. 1 x 4000lb. MC. 3 x 1000lb. MC. 0135 hrs. 300ft. Good visibility. No results of bombing seen.

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**DATE:** 16.09.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito 'D'. No 605 Sqn.

**CREW:**  
S/LDR W.F. GIBB  
P/O. H.F. MILIS

**DUTY:**  
Captain  
Nav.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0032            0446

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Dortmund Ems Canal. Patrolled Target area at 0157 hrs. No enemy fighters seen. Two attacks made on flak positions at Ladburgen.

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**DATE:** 16.09.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito 'G' No 605 Sqn.

**CREW:**  
F/O A.H. MITCHIE  
F/Sgt TREDVEN

**DUTY:**  
Captain.  
Nav.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0033            0408

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Dortmund Ems Canal. Patrolling Target area from 02.00 hrs. Visibility poor. Fairly intense light flak. No enemy aircraft seen.

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**DATE:** 16.09.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito 'T' No 605 Sqn.

**CREW:**  
P/O A.G. WOODS.  
Sgt. JOHNSON

**DUTY:**  
Captain  
Nav.

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         0034                            0459

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Dortmund Ems Canal. Patrolled target for 1 hr. 18 mins commencing 0155 hrs. Visibility poor. Little searchlight activity and no attacks made. No enemy fighters seen.

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**DATE:** 16.09.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Mosquito 'W' No 418 Sqn.

**CREW:**

F/LT H. LISSON

F/O A.E. FRANKLIN

**DUTY:**

Captain

Nav.

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         0028                            0454

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Dortmund Ems Canal. Patrolled target for 1 hr. 16 mins. Arrived at Target at 0157 hrs. Poor visibility. Searchlights not troublesome and no fighters seen.

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**DATE:** 16.09.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Mosquito 'N' No 418 Sqn.

**CREW:**

F/O C.C.SCHERF

F/O E.A. BROWN

**DUTY:**

Captain

Nav.

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         0029                            0412

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Dortmund Ems Canal. Arrived over target area at 0158 hrs. and patrolled for 45 mins. Difficult to identify ground detail owing to haze. Little flak in area, but flak in Rheine area.

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**DATE:** 16.09.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Mosquito 'H' No 418 Sqn.

**CREW:**

F/O R.R. ROWLANDS

**DUTY:**

Captain

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         0027                            0448

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Dortmund Ems Canal. Patrolled Target area in thick haze. No attacks made and no enemy fighters seen. Attacked by defences around Rheine.

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CONINGSBY

01.10.43

NZ.404454 F/O. Bareley D.F.C., D.F.M. Nav. arrived, pending posting to Squadron.

02.10.43

New crews commenced training. 145795 P/O. Townsend C.G.M., D.F.M. Pilot, 1383334 F/Sgt. Webb D.F.M. A/G and 1517241 F/Sgt. Wilkinson D.F.M. A/G. posted to 1668 Con. Unit. for Instructor duties, tour expired.

03.10.43

P/O. Piggin and crew posted to Squadron from 57 Squadron.  
F/Sgt. Weeks, W/O. Pigeon, F/S. Florence, F/Sgt. Clay and F/S. Whittingham interviewed by the Station Commander for commissions.

04.10.43

5 Group Staff Inspection by W/O. Reeves.  
141707 P/O. G. Rice promoted T/F/O. w.e.f. 20.08.43.  
143380 P/O. B.W. Clayton promoted T/F/O. w.e.f. 18.07.43.  
101042 A/F/L. B. Goodale, promoted T/F/L. w.e.f. 18.07.43.

05.10.43

P/O. Willsher and crew reported from 61 Squadron on posting.  
F/L. Shannon admitted S.S.Q. Coningsby.

06.10.43

S/Ldr. Martin to Farnborough returning at night. Station Commanders inspection of Squadron Quarters. Squadron photographs arrived. Staff inspection visit by F/L. Cartwright, HQ, No 5 Group. A.406248 F/O.C.L. Howard D.F.C. Nav. posted to 1654 Con. Unit.

07.10.43

1297287 Sgt. Gale L.F. D.F.M. F/Eng. reported to Squadron on posting from 106 Squadron.  
A.O.C., visited the Squadron Commander. F/L. Shannon discharged from S.S.

08.10.43

652403 Sgt. Pulford J. DFM, F/Eng. promoted T/F/Sgt. Squadron party in the Officers Mess.  
Further Staff Inspection visit from H.Q., 5 group. 1266419 Sgt. Feneron H.B. Flt/Eng. promoted F/Sgt.

09.10.43

"O" (W/O. Bull) hit tree whilst low-flying. Aircraft Cat. AC. 1479659 Sgt. Batey A/B. Admitted S.S.

10.10.43

Talk to Squadron by Station Commander. Stand down in afternoon. No flying all day due to weather.

11.10.43



Kit inspection of all personnel. No flying due to weather. F/L. Rodger to Waddington for liaison visit.

12.10.43

No flying due to weather. 935532 Sgt. Canmack elect. appointed A/F/Sgt.

13.10.43

P/O. Piggan and crew posted back to 57 Squadron. F/L. Walker to Waddington for liaison visit.

14.10.43

Aircraft piloted by P/O. Willsher overshot on landing, no damage.

15.10.43

F/L. Hay to Waddington for Liaison visit.

16.10.43

A.407729 A/F/L. Shannon D.S.O., D.F.C.. promoted T/F/Lt. w.e.f., 23.9.43. 1.45510 P/O. G.S.Stout Pilot. promoted F/O. w.e.f., 30.09.43. 144447 P/O. P.W. Buttle Nav. promoted F/O. w.e.f., 28.09.43. J.17287 P/O. G.H. Weeden Pilot. promoted F/O. w.e.f., 17.06.43. 68795 S/Ldr. Martin D.S.O., D.F.C. promoted war sub. F/Lt. w.e.f., 17.06.43.

17.10.43

Flying programme cancelled owing to bad weather. F/O McFarlane. Nav., P/O. Simpson A/G. and P/O. Bibby W.OP/AG. made application for pilot training.

18.10.43

Station Commanders parade in the morning. Special bombing trials carried out at West Freugh in evening. 122814 F/O. Chandler D.F.C., A/G reported to Squadron on posting from 49 Squadron 519546 W/O. Holland D.F.C., A/G. reported to Squadron on posting from 12 O.T.U.

19.10.43

Affiliation with A.A. Command on Sheffield Dams. Visit by Gyro sights experts, trial carried out.

20.10.43

Gyro sight affiliation with Spitfires.

21.10.43

Station Commander's parade cancelled owing to weather. 540655 Sgt. Smith F/E. promoted T/F/Sgt. F/O. Stout and crew posted to 619 Squadron.

22.10.43

P/O. Ross and crew posted to Squadron from 103 Squadron. 761219 F/Sgt. Nicholass W.E.M. proceeded to Air Ministry for commission interview.

23.10.43

1564290 Sgt. Hume A/G promoted T/F Sgt. S/Ldr. Martin attended Wings for Victory parade at Horncastle. Visit by R.C.A.F. welfare officers. R.98255 F/Sgt. Thrasher, Nav./B promoted W/O. II w.e.f., 14.02.43.

24.10.43

P/O. Whittaker F/E. to Scampton for Newly Commissioned Officers Course. 1204398 LAC Parson Elect. 1. and 1547148 LAC. Relf Elect 1 promoted T/Cpl. w.e.f., 07.09.43.

1128444 LAC Leslie I/REP I promoted T/Cpl. w.e.f., 01.08.43.

25.10.43

Station Commander's parade in the morning. R.131192 Sgt. Walters Nav. promoted T/F/Sgt. w.e.f., 20.01.43.

26.10.43

A.O.C's Inspection. No. flying all day owing to weather. 1381087 F/Sgt. Nav./B Bennett promoted T/W/O. w.e.f., 01.06.43. J.15131 S/L. H.R.Suggitt D.F.C., posted to Squadron from 428 Squadron.

27.10.43

No flying all day owing to weather. Squadron entertainments committee formed and held first meeting.

28.10.43

R.93201 Sgt. Gowrie W.OP/AG promoted T/F/Sgt. w.e.f., 22.06.42 and W/O. 22.12.42.  
No flying due to bad weather.

30.10.43

J.22514 F/O. Davidson Nav./B to Manby for Bombing Leaders Course. S/Ldr. Richardson to M.A.P. to conference. P/O. Ross (P) struck trees whilst low flying, aircraft Cat C.

31.10.43

No flying all day owing to weather. 1368437 Sgt. Buntain A/G., 1450882 Sgt. Barron Nav./B. and 1479659 Sgt. Batey A/B. promoted T/F/Sgts. 113981 P/O. J.Gingles Pilot. posted from 432 Squadron.

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01.11.43

F/O. T.F. McCarthy 137265 (M) proceeded to Anti-Gas School, Rolleston for course.  
S/L. D.F. Richardson 73586 (Tech/A) returned from M.A.P.

02.11.43

P/O. K.W. Brown Pilot. J.17550 admitted S.S.Q., Coningsby.

03.11.43

639976 F/Sgt. Radcliffe F/E. and 919764 F/Sgt. Heal Nav. recommended b A.O.C., for commissions. P/O K.W.Brown J.17550 discharged S.S.Q. A.400897 F/O. C.K.Astbury A/B. posted from 49 Squadron for crewing with W/C. Cheshire.

04.11.43

564650 F/Sgt. Gover F.1 proceeded to A.M. C.M.P for commission medical board.  
P/O. I.Whittaker F/E. 51704 recommended for Acting F/Lt. (F/E Ldr) Meeting for Squadron Entertainments Committee. Arrangements begun for Squadron Dance.

05.11.43

All aircrew of the Squadron authorised to wear the ribbon of the 1939-43 Star. Information received that P/O. Grayston F/E. 155194 of F/L. Knights crew, P.O.W. Nine aircraft carried out bulls-eye exercises. (*Grayston spent the war in P.O.W camp L3 at Stalag Luft Sagan*)

06.11.43

1338929 Sgt. R.C. Everett promoted T/F/Sgt. 913770 W/O. Cook F.G. Arm. posted to A.M. Unit for duty at experimental establishment Pendine.

07.11.43

Challenge football match between Squadron and rest of station. Squadron lost 11-2.

08.11.43

Information received that R.142252 F/Sgt. O'Brien of F/Lt. Knights crew P.O.W. (*O'Brien was held at camp 357 Stalag Kopernicus*)

09.11.43

F/Lt. R.S.D. Kearns Pilot proceeded to London for Investiture. P/O. J.M. Dempster. Air Gunner. J.17206 posted from 1485 B and G. Flight for crewing with S/L Suggitt. P/O. S.G. Hall W.OP/AG. A.411775 posted from 1668 C.U. 1390921 Sgt. J.P. Riches A/C posted from 1660 C.U. - both for crewing with S/L.Suggitt.

10.11.43

S/L. H.B. Martin, F/Lt. E.E.G. Youseman and F/O.B.W. Clayton proceeded to Skegness to talk to Air Cadets. ED909 (W/O. Bull) engine caught fire in the air. 568028 F/Sgt. Smith W.E.M., promoted T/W/O. w.e.f., 15.10.43. W/Commander. G.L. Cheshire, D.S.O., D.F.C. assumed command of Squadron. S/Ldr. W.R. Suggitt D.F.C. J.15131 reported for duty.

11.11.43

Eleven aircraft under the command of S/L. Martin were detailed to attack the Antheor Viaduct. "K" pilot F/L. Shannon, engine cut whilst taking off, and sortie abandoned. Four aircraft bombed target, no damage visible, six aircraft bombed railway bridge embankment near Cannes - successful. Aircraft carried on to North Africa and landed at Blida airfield. (*After much training with the SABS it was decided to try out the Gyro Bomb Sight against the Antheor Viaduct using 12,000lb. high capacity (thin walled) bombs. After the last raid, however, the defences had been beefed up with four searchlights and half a dozen guns. From the increased height most of the crews could not distinguish the target and the closest bomb was 60 yards away and caused no serious damage.*)

12.11.43

Medal ribbon of 1939-43 Star issued to eligible aircrew. F/O. T.F. McCarthy Med. posted to S.H.Q., Coningsby w.e.f., 01.10.43. F/O.P.Kelly Nav. 130515 posted to Squadron from 49 Squadron. to crew with Wing Commander Cheshire.

13.11.43

51704 P/O. I. Whittaker F/E. promoted War Subs. F/O. w.e.f., 05.10.43. 144246 P/O. H.W. Bibby GD/S. promoted War Subs. F/O. w.e.f., 06.10.43. 52105 P/O. J. Alison GD.G. promoted War Subs. F/O. w.e.f., 26.10.43. Information received that S/L Martin and F/S. D.I. Shannon awarded bars to D.F.C.s.

14.11.43

No flying due to weather conditions. S/F/L. W.H. Kelloway Pilot. 49688 posted to squadron ex-non-effective. P/O.L.W.J. King.F/E. 149660 posted from 1668 C.U. for crewing with W/C. Cheshire.

15.11.43

546883 F/Sgt. Temple A/G. awarded D.F.M.  
F/L.W.H. Kelloway posted to 630 Squadron.

16.11.43.

652403 F/Sgt. Pulford D.F.M. proceeded to London for Investiture.  
P/O. J.M. Dempster D.F.M. J.17206 promoted F/O. w.e.f., 03.09.43.

17.11.43

966702 F/Sgt. Whittingham F/E. appointed to commission w.e.f., 24.09.43  
1057896 F/Sgt. Clay A/B. appointed to commission w.e.f., 08.09.43.

18.11.43

Nine aircraft returned from North Africa. "R" (F/L. Youseman and crew) missing on return journey. *(Youseman and his crew were never found, presumably having been lost over the sea probably to a fighter.)*

19.11.43

Information received that F/O.G. Rice Pilot. 141707 and F/O.I. Whittaker 51704 awarded D.F.C.s.  
P/O. K.W. Brown Pilot. J.17550 appointed A/F/Lt. w.e.f., 07.10.43.  
F/O.B.W.Clayton Pilot. 143380 appointed A/F/Lt. w.e.f., 01.11.43.

20.11.43

919764 F/Sgt. D. Heal Nav. and 639976 F/Sgt. W. Radcliffe to commissioned rank.

21.11.43

No flying due to adverse weather conditions all day.

22.11.43

1377381 F/Sgt. Ward W.OP/AG. appointed to commissioned rank w.e.f., 30.09.43.

23.11.43

A.403231 W/O. Tuxford A/G. appointed to commission w.e.f., 30.10.43.  
F/O. R.H. Petch A/G. posted from 1663 C.U. for crewing with W/C. Cheshire.

24.11.43

NZ.41577 F/Sg. Florence A/B. (Missing on 18.11.43) appointed to commissioned rank w.e.f., 25.09.43.

25.11.43

R.92211 W/O. H.A. Weeks A/G appointed to commission rank.  
Twelve aircraft under the command of W/C. Cheshire were detailed for operations which were later cancelled.

26.11.43

A/F/L C.C. Caple 52093 (E/E) and P/O C.C. Lancaster 134460 (Elect/E) posted to R.A.F., Coningsby for R. and I. section.

27.11.43

Squadron stand-down all day, due to adverse weather conditions.

28.11.43

No flying during afternoon. R.C.A.F. Ice Hockey team defeated R.A.F. Cranwell 7-1 at Grimsby.

29.11.43

Information received that F/O. Hobday Nav. P/O. Kellow W.OP/AG and F/Sgt. Sutherland of F/Lt. Knights crew arrived safely in Gibraltar.

30.11.43

F/Sgt. Barron Nav. 1450882 appointed to commissioned rank w.e.f., 24.09.43.

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DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT BY  
No. 617 Squadron  
For The Month of November 1943

**DATE:** 11.11.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. DV. 246. (U)

**CREW:**

S/LDR. H.B. MARTIN.

P/O. I.WHITTAKER.

F/O.J.K.STOTT.

F/O. L.W. CURTISS.

F/O.B.T.FOXLEE.

F/L. R.C.HAY.

P/O. T.D.SIMPSON.

**DUTY:**

Captain.

F/Eng.

Nav.

W/Op.

MU/Gunner.

B/A.

R/Gunner.

**TIME:**

**UP.**

1825

**DOWN.**

0117

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

ANTHEOR VIADUCT. Load. 1 X 12,000 lbs. Bomb released from 5,800 ft. at 160 I.A.S. Bomb fell on railway line left of viaduct. 4 searchlights and several light guns in target area. No visible damage seen to target. Landed Blida Airfield, North Africa.

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**DATE:** 11.11.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. EE.150. (Z)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.L.MUNRO.

F/Sgt. F.APPLEBY.

F/O. F.G.RUMBLES.

W/O. P.PIGEON.

F/Sgt. W. HOWARTH.

F/Sgt. J.H. CLAY.

W/O. H.A.WEEKS.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**

**UP.**

**DOWN.**

1821

0157

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

ANTHEOR VIADUCT. Load. 1X 12,000 lbs. Target located visibly on approach from sea. Attempted to bomb in formation as bombsight pressure u/s. After two dummy runs, bombs seen to explode half a mile north east of target. Rest of force called up & informed they were bombing wrong bay. Landed Blida Airfield.

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**DATE:** 11.11.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III ED. 912. (N)

**CREW:**

F/L. R.S.D.KEARNS.  
P/O. T.W.CLARKSON.  
F/O. W.J.BARCLAY.  
W/O. J.DACEY.  
F/Sgt. E.TEMPLE.  
W/O. W.J.BENNETT.  
F/S. M.C.DOWMAN.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          1839                   0149

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

ANTHEOR VIADUCT. Bomb Load. 1X12,000lb. H.O. Good visibility, target bombed from 8,000 ft. Undershot about 60 yds. near middle of target. Coast crossed at St.Rapheal on approach from sea. Landed Blida airfield.

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**DATE:** 11.11.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. ED.932. (N)

**CREW:**

F/L.D.J.B. WILSON.  
P/O. G.A.PHILLIPS.  
F/O.A.B.H.PARKIN.  
P/O.R.J.ALLEN.  
W/O.G.B.HOLLAND.  
F/Sgt. H.R. BARRON.  
F/O. E.B.CHANDLER.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          1825                   0137

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

ANTHEOR VIADUCT. Load. 1x12,000lb H.C. Coast crossed on approach from sea near route T.I markers. Small ship about 4 miles off bay firing from a light gun. First run made over wrong Bay. Bomb dropped from 8,000 ft. Overshot about 30 yards on west end of Viaduct. Landed Blida airfield N. Africa.

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**DATE:** 11.11.43  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. ED.735. (R)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L. E.E.G.YOUSEMAN. F/S.S.WHITTINGHAM. F/O.E. FLESHKA F/O. W.C.GRIMES W/O.A. LAUGHLAND. F/Sgt. R.FLORENCE. W/O. J.B.O'GRADY.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1815	0229

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

ANTHEOR VIADUCT. Load 1 X 12,000 lbs. H.C. Bomb dropped from 7,000 ft. and slightly overshot about 100 yards. Visibility 6 - 8 miles. Landed Blida airfield N.Africa.

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**DATE:** 11.11.43  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. ED.825. (E)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L. T.V.O'SHAUGHNESSY. Sgt. D.G STEWART. P/O.M.C. LANCE F/S. H.J. WARD Sgt. A.R. HOLT F/O G.K.KENDRICK. W/O. J.W. HUTTON	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1818	0220

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

ANTHEOR VIADUCT. Load 1 X 12,000 lbs. H.C. On third run bomb was dropped from 8,000 ft. slightly to right of railway bridge. Actual target was mistakenly identified owing to great similarity of characteristics of the two Bays. Very little opposition, except for ship in bay. Landed at Blida airfield, North Africa.

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**DATE:** 11.11.43  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III EE 131 (B)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O G RICE F/SGT E SMITH F/O R MACFARLANE W/O C B GOWRIE F/S T MAYNARD W/O J W THRASHER	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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F/SGT S BURNS

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  1822           0120

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Antheor Viaduct. Bomb Load 1 x 12,000 H.C. bomb dropped from 10,000 ft and burst seen about 50 yards N.W. of viaduct. Run in made after orbit over coast from sea. Landed Blida airfield.

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**DATE:** 11.11.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. III ED 763 (*D*)

**CREW:**

P/O K W BROWN  
F/SGT H B FENERON  
F/S D P HEAL  
SFT H J HEWSTONE  
F/SGT D M BUNTAIN  
W/O S OANCIA  
W/O G S MACDONALD

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  1827           0135

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Antheor Viaduct. Bomb load 1x 12,000 H.C. Coast crossed by T.I. marker hit definitely observed on railway, but possibly a viaduct other than one briefed. Previous to this attack, three or four other aircraft had been observed to bomb same location. Visibility not good enough for individual identification from the height briefed. Landed Blida airfield.

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**DATE:** 11.11.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. III ED 906 (*J*)

**CREW:**

F/O B.W. CLAYTON  
P/O A HILL  
F/O P W BUTTLE  
P/O J W BIBBY  
F/SGT W HUME  
P/O S.J.STACEY  
P/O J.S.WATSON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  1825           0125

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Antheor Viaduct. Bomb load 1 x 12,000 lbs. Viaduct identified visibly. Steady run up with straight approach made. Bomb seen to overshoot by 150 yards. Landed Blida airfield.

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**DATE:** 11.11.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III ED 886 (0)

**CREW:**

W.O G. BULL  
SGT. C. C. WILTSHIRE  
SGT C.M. CHAMBERLAIN  
SGT. J.M. STEWART  
F/SGT J H MACWILLIAMS  
SGT N BATEY  
F/SGT. D M THORPE

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1823            0130

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Antheor Viaduct. Bomb load 1 x 12,000 lbs. Embankment believed viaduct seen in Bay. Bombed from 8,000 ft. burst seen on railway, believed to be direct hit on or near tunnel. General conditions good, with no cloud, but slight haze. Landed Blida airfield N.Africa.

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01.12.43

Thirteen aircraft, under command of W/Commander Cheshire, detailed for operations. Take off postponed and operations subsequently cancelled. R97620 W/O. Pigeon (W/AG) appointed to commission w.e.f., 08.09.43. 906579 Sgt. Girling (F/E) appointed to commission w.e.f., 13.10.43

02.12.43

Thirteen aircraft, under command of W/Commander Cheshire, detailed for operations; subsequently cancelled.

03.12.43

Thirteen aircraft detailed for operations; cancelled.

04.12.43

Operations cancelled at lunchtime - stand down in afternoon.

P/O. Holding Nav. posted to Squadron from 619 Squadron, Vice P/O. Lancaster, returned to 619 Squadron.

05.12.43

141707 F/O. G. Rice D.F.C. appointed R/F/L. w.e.f. 18.11.43.

06.12.43

1379825 Sgt. Hickson A/G., 1390921 Sgt. Riches A/G, 1497486 Sgt. Penswick A/G, and 1538452

Sgt. McClellan A/B. promoted T/F/Sgt.

1113981 F/S. Gingles Pilot. promoted T/W/O.

07.12.43

Fourteen aircraft on early morning training programme: cancelled.  
F/Lt. Rodger to H.Q. 5 Group for Gunnery Leaders' conference.  
F/Lt. Wilson proceeded to London for investiture.  
566964 F/S. Campbell Inst. Mkr., to Air Ministry for commission interview.

08.12.43

Four aircraft detailed to proceed on special detachment (postponed due to weather).  
*(These aircraft were posted to R.A.F. Tempsford in Bedfordshire from where Special Operations were carried out to support the SOE, dropping people and supplies into occupied Europe.)*

09.12.43

W/Commander. Cheshire appointed war. substantive W/Commander.  
52105 P/O. Allen GD.S., and 145547 P/O. Watson GD.B., promoted F/O.  
Four aircraft (F/L. McCarthy, F/L. Clayton, F/O. Welden, W/O. Bull) proceeded on special detachment, with sixteen ground crew personnel.

10.12.43

F/O. J. Alison, D.F.C. 52105 GD.G., posted to H.Q. 25 Group.  
Major servicing wing set up, personnel of Squadron commenced work on Base.

11.12.43

W/O. Bull, F/O. Weeden and crews reported missing from operations whilst on special detachment. Eight aircraft on night bombing practice. Six further ground crew personnel proceeded on special attachment.  
*(Bull and Weeden were shot down carrying out an ammunition and arms drop to resistance forces in Europe.)*

12.12.43

F/Lt. Brown, P/O. Ross and crews proceeded on attachment for special duty.

13.12.43

F/O. G.A. Witherick A/G. posted from 1659 Con. Unit to crew with W/O. Gingles.  
51704 F/O. I. Whittaker, D.F.C. F/E. Ldr., appointment for special duty.

14.12.43

Eight aircraft detailed for operations; cancelled. P/O. Goodridge, D.F.C. A/G. reported to Squadron on posting (for crewing with W/O Gingles) from 1664 C.U.

15.12.43

Visit to station by A.O.C.

16.12.43

Nine aircraft detailed for operations. All took off and all returned safely. W/O. Gordon (NAV) awarded D.F.C.  
*This operation was an attempt to see how 617 got on as a part of the pathfinder force. An Oboe equipped Mosquito accompanied the aircraft and dropped its load of incendiaries into a wood 350 yards off the target. The Squadron did not know of this error and bombed accurately the markers with an average error of only 94 yards (extremely accurate) but the target, a V1 launch site, was untouched.)*

17.12.43

No flying due to weather

18.12.43

No flying due to the weather

19.12.43

F/Sgt. Shannon admitted to S.S.Q. Conningsby

20.12.43

Squadron dance held in assembly rooms, the Assembly Rooms, Boston  
Eight aircraft detailed for operations. F/Lt Rice and crew did not return. Sortie not completed.  
Four aircraft on detachment operated from Tempsford.

21.12.43

Four aircraft with crew and ground crews returned from detachment. No flying all day owing to weather apart from above aircraft.

22.12.43

Eleven aircraft detailed for operation (4 air bombers carried as passengers)  
A/F/L Brown (Pilot) promoted T/F.O. w.e.f. 20.10.43  
F/O Stacey (A/G) promoted T/F/O w.e.f. 30.10.43  
P/O MacLean (Nav) promoted T/F/O w.e.f. 20.10.43  
Operational sortie not completed.

23.12.43

No operations detailed.

24.12.43

Twelve aircraft detailed for operations; cancelled.

25.12.43

Christmas Day. Normal working day. Aircraft standing by for operations.

26.12.43

No flying; stand down all day.

27.12.43

W/Cdr. Cheshire proceeded on leave; S/Ldr Suggitt assumed command.

28.12.43

F/O T.D. Simpson promoted F/O.

30.12.43

Ten aircraft detailed for operations. All returned safely.

31.12.43

No operations. F/S Johnson (B/A) appointed commission w.e.f. 29.11.43

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**DATE:** 10.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**

Lancaster. III ED.886. (O)

**CREW:**

W/O BULL G.  
Sgt CHAMBERLAIN C.  
Sgt WILTSHIRE O.  
F/S BATEY N.  
Sgt STEWART J.M.  
F/S MOWIELIALS J.H  
F/S THORN R.

**DUTY:**

Captain  
F/Eng.  
Nav.  
B/A.  
W/Op.  
MU/Gunner  
R/Gunner.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2112            -

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL TARGET, FRANCE. BOMBING.  
Missing (Operated from Tempsford).

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**DATE:** 10.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. III ED.825. (E)

**CREW:**

F/O. G.H. WEEDEN  
Sgt. A.W. RICHARDSON  
F/O. R.N. JONES  
F/S. WATERS E.  
F/S. HOWELL J.  
Sgt ROBINSON B.  
W/O. CUMMINS R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2035            -

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL TARGET, FRANCE. BOMBING.  
Missing (Operated from Tempsford).

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**DATE:** 10.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. III ED.906. (J)

**CREW:**

F/L. B. CLAYTON  
P/O. A. HILL  
F/O. F.W. BUTTLE  
F/O. J.S. BATSON  
F/O. J. BIBBY  
F/S. HULL W.  
P/O. S.J. STACEY

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**

2029

0022

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL TARGET, FRANCE. BOMBING.

Target not located. Sortie abandoned (Operated from Tempsford).

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**DATE:** 16.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**

Lancaster. I DV. 380. (N)

**CREW:**

W/C G.L. CHESHIRE

F/O E.W.J. KING

F/O P. KELLY

F/O C.N. ASTBURY

P/O R. ADAMS

W/O BICKLEY W.G.

F/O R. PETCH

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**

**UP.**

1658

**DOWN.**

2031

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL TARGET, FRANCE. BOMBING. 1 x 12,000lb. 1915 hrs. 14,400ft.

Flame of bomb or photo flash seen near 2 T.I. Markers. Aiming point photo.

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**DATE:** 16.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**

Lancaster. I DV.402. (P)

**CREW:**

S/L M.B. MARTIN

F/L L. WHITTAKER

F/O J.K. STOTT

F/L A.C. HAY

F/O L.W. CURTIS

F/O B.T. FOXLEY

P.O T.D. SIMPSON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**

**UP.**

1704

**DOWN.**

2033

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL TARGET, FRANCE. BOMBING. 1 x 12,000lb. 1915hrs. 12,000ft.

Ground detail partly obscured by fogging from flares or bombs or photo flash.

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**DATE:** 16.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**

Lancaster. I DV.382. (J)

**CREW:**

S/L W. SUGGITT

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/S. J. PULFORD  
W/O GORDON G.  
F/O N.U. DAVIDSON  
P/O S.G. HALL  
F/S RICHIE S.  
F/O J.M. DEMPSTER

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                      1702           2019

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL TARGET, FRANCE. BOMBING. 1 x 12,000lb. 1914 hrs. 11,850ft.  
Bombed red T.I., results obscured by flame

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**DATE:** 16.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. III ED.912. (S)

**CREW:**

F/L R S D KEARNS  
P/O T W CLARKSON  
F/O W J BARCLAY  
W/O BENNETT W.  
W/O DACEY J  
F/S TENPOLE E.C.  
F/S DOWMAN M.G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                      1653           2019

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL TARGET, FRANCE. BOMBING. 1 x 12,000lb. 1912 hrs. 13,000ft.  
Aiming point photo obtained. Bombed on T.I.

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**DATE:** 16.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I DV.394. (M)

**CREW:**

F/L D.J. SHANNON  
F/S HENDERSON K.  
F/L D.R. WALKER  
F/O L.J. SUMPTER  
F/L B.GOODALE  
F/S. JAGGER B.  
F/O J. BUCKLEY

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                      1702           2017

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL TARGET, FRANCE. BOMBING. 1 x 12,000lb. 1911 hrs. 13,000ft.

Bombed on red T.I. Bombing frame not definitely plotted, but aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 16.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III ED.932. (V)

**CREW:**

F/L D.J. WILSON  
F/O G.A. PHILLIPS  
F/O A.B.H. PARKIN  
P/O K. BARRON  
F/O R.J. ALLEN  
W/O HOLLAND G.B  
F/O A.B. CHANDLER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1702           2037

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL TARGET, FRANCE. BOMBING. 1 x 12,000lb. 1913 hrs. 12,000ft.  
Plotted with target concealed by area of fogging. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 16.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 393. (T)

**CREW:**

P/O E. WILSHER  
Sgt. HURDISS J.  
Sgt GRITTON T.  
F/S EVERETT R.C  
Sgt BELL. E  
F/S PENSWICK D.  
F/S SALTER S.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1656           2027

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL TARGET, FRANCE. BOMBING. 1 x 12,000lb. 1913 hrs. 15,000ft.  
Intercom poor but aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 16.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 391. (W)

**CREW:**

F/L L. MUNRO  
F/S F. APPLEBY  
F/O P.O RUMBLES  
P/O J.H CLAY  
P/O F.L. PIGEON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/S HOWART W.  
P/O H.A. WEEKS

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1703            2014

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL TARGET, FRANCE. BOMBING. 1x 12,000lb. 1911 hrs. 13,870ft.  
No ground detail owing to haze. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 16.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. I DV.385. (A)

**CREW:**

F/L. T.V.O'SHAUGHNESSY  
Sgt. J. STEWART.  
F/O. A.D. HOLDING.  
F/O. G.A. KENDRICK.  
P/O. A.J.WARD.  
W/O. J. HUTTON.  
Sgt. A. HOLT.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1659            2025

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL TARGET, FRANCE. BOMBING. 1 x 12,000lb. 1915 hrs. 12,000ft.  
Simultaneous appearance of 2 T.I's caused hesitation, but target plotted and aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 20.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. III. EE.131. (B)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.C. MCCARTHY.  
P/O. W.G. RADCLIFFE.  
F/O. D.A. MACLEAN.  
F/S. JOHNSON G.L.  
F/S. EATON L.  
F/S. BATSON R.  
F/E. RODGER D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0115            0637

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL OPERATION, FRANCE. (From Tempsford)  
Not able to locate target, sortie abandoned.

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**DATE:** 20.12.43



**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. ED.906. (J)

**CREW:**  
F/L. B.W. CLAYTON.  
P/O. A. HILL.  
F/O. P.W. BUTTLE.  
F/O. J.S. WATSON.  
F/O. J.W. BIBBY.  
F/S. HUME W.  
F/O. S.G. STACEY.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**  
                    0130            0703

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**  
SPECIAL OPERATION, FRANCE. (From Tempsford).  
Sortie abandoned, target not located.

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**DATE:** 16.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. JB.139. (X)

**CREW:**  
P/O. N.R. ROSS.  
P/O. A.J.S. GIRLING.  
F/O. T.R. DAVIES.  
F/S. McCLELLAN C.  
P/O. T.A. PLATT.  
P/O. M. E. TULFORD.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**  
                    0224            0539

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**  
SPECIAL OPERATION, FRANCE. (From Tempsford)  
Sortie abandoned.

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**DATE:** 16.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. EE.146. (K)

**CREW:**  
F/L. K.W. BROWN.  
F/S. FENERON H.B.  
P/O. D.F. HEAL.  
W/O. OANCIA AS.  
Sgt. HEWSTONE H.J.  
F/S. BUNTAIN D.M.  
W/O. MCDONALD G.S.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**  
                    0237            0610

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL OPERATION, FRANCE. (From Tempsford).

Sortie abandoned.

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**DATE:** 16.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. DV.380. (N)

**CREW:**

W/C. G.L. CHESHIRE.

F/O. L.W.J. KING.

F/O. P. KELLY.

F/O. C.K. ASTBURY.

P/O. R. ADAMS.

W/O. BICKLEY W.G.

F/O. R. PETCH.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1755	2214

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

LIEGE ARMAMENT WORKS. BOMBING. 1 x 12,000lb.

Not able locate target through cloud. Bomb brought back.

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**DATE:** 20.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV.385. (A)

**CREW:**

S/L. H.B. MARTIN

F/L. I. WHITTAKER

F/O. J.K. STOTT

F/L. R.C. HAY

F/O. L.W. CURTIS

F/O. B.T. FOXLEE

P/O. T.D. SIMPSON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1804	2200

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

LIEGE ARMAMENT WORKS. BOMBING. 1 x 12000lb.

Abandoned mission on instructions from Leader.

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**DATE:** 20.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV 382. (J)

**CREW:**

S/L. W.K. SUGGITT.

F/S. PULFORD J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/L. D.R. WALKER.  
F/O. N.J. DAVIDSON.  
P/O. S.G. HALL.  
F/S. RICHES S.  
F/O. J.M. DEMPSTER.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1752            2210

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

LEIGE ARMAMENT WORKS. BOMBING. 1 x 12000lb.  
Mission abandoned.

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**DATE:** 20.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. I DV.391. (*W*)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.L.MUNRO.  
F/S. APPLEBY F.E.  
F/O. RUMBLES.  
P/O. J.H. CLAY.  
P/O. P.E. PIGEON.  
F/S. W. HOWARTH.  
P/O. H.A. WEEKS.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1800            2202

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

LEIGE ARMAMENT WORKS. BOMBING. 1 x 12000lb.  
Mission abandoned.

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**DATE:** 20.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. I. ED. 912. (*S*)

**CREW:**

F/L. R.S.D. KEARNS.  
P/O. T.W. CLARKSON.  
F/O. W.J. BARCLAY.  
W/O. BENNETT W.  
W/O. DACEY J.  
F/S. TEMPLE E.C.  
F/S. DOWMAN M.G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1750            2204

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

LEIGE ARMAMENT WORKS. BOMBING. 1 x 12000lb.  
Mission abandoned.

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**DATE:** 20.12.43  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III ED.932. (V)

**CREW:**  
F/L. D.J.B. WILSON.  
P/O. G.A. PHILLIPS.  
F/O. A.B.H. PARKIN.  
P/O. R. BARRON.  
F/O. R.J. ALLEN.  
W/O. HOLLAND G.B.  
F/O. E.B. CHANDLER.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1754           2219

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**  
LEIGE ARMAMENT WORKS. BOMBING. 1 x 12000lb.  
Mission abandoned.

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**DATE:** 20.12.43  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III EE. 150. (Z)

**CREW:**  
F/L. G. RICE.  
F/S. SMITH E.C.  
F/O. R. MACFARLANE.  
W/O. GOWRIE J.W.  
W/O THRASHER J.W.  
F/S. MAYNARD T.  
F/S. BURNS S.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1758           -

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**  
LEIGE ARMAMENT WORKS. BOMBING. 1 x 12000lb.  
Mission abandoned, aircraft missing on return.

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**DATE:** 20.12.43  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I. DV. 393. (T)

**CREW:**  
P/O. L. WILLISHER  
Sgt. HADISS J.  
Sgt. GRIPTON J.  
F/S. EVERETT A.C.  
Sgt. BELL E.  
F/S. PENSWICK D.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/S. SALTER S.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1756	2206

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

LEIGE ARMAMENT WORKS. BOMBING. 1 x 12000lb.  
Mission abandoned. Bomb T. jettisoned (position uncertain).

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**DATE:** 22.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.380.

**CREW:**

W/C. G.L. CHESHIRE  
P/O. L.W.G. KING  
P/O. T. KELLY  
F/O. C.K. ASTBURY  
P/O. R. ADAMS  
W/O. W.G. BICKLEY

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	2033	2333

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL TARGET – BELGIUM. BOMBING. Load 14 x 1000 lbs G.P.  
Mission abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV 402

**CREW:**

S/L H.B. MARTIN  
F/O. I. WHITTAKER  
F/O. J.K. STOTT  
F/L. R.C. HAY  
F/L. B. GOODALE  
F/O. B.T. FOXLEE  
F/O. T.D. SIMPSON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	2009	2341

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL TARGET – BELGIUM. BOMBING. Load 14 x 1000lbs G.P.  
Mission abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.382

**CREW:**

S/L. W.A. SUGGITT  
F/S. J. PULFORD  
F/L. D.R. WALKER  
P/O S.G. HALL  
F/O. N.J. DAVIDSON  
F/S J.P. RICHES  
F/O. J.M. DEMPSTER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2012           2324

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL TARGET – BELGIUM. BOMBING. Load 14 x 1000 lbs.  
Mission abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. 1. DV 391

**CREW:**

F/L J.L. MUNRO  
F/S. F. APPLEBY  
F/O F.G. RUMBLES  
P/O P.E. PIGEON  
P/O. J.H. CLAY  
F/S W. HOWARTH  
P/O H.A. WEEKS

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2018           2326

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL TARGET – BELGIUM. BOMBING. Load 14 x 1000 lbs.  
Mission abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster 1. ME 359

**CREW:**

F/L J.C.MCCARTHY  
P/O. W.G. RADCLIFFE  
F/O D.A. MCCLEAN  
F/S. G.L. JOHNSON  
F/S. L. EATON  
F/S. R.BATSON  
F/L. R. RODGER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2020           2335

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL TARGET – BELGIUM. BOMBING. Load 14 x 1000 lbs.  
Mission abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III ED 912

**CREW:**

F/L R. S. D. KEARNS  
P/O T. W. CLARKSON  
F/O N. J. BARCLAY  
W/O J. DACEY  
W/O W. J. BENNETT  
F/S E. TEMPLE  
F/S M. G. DOWMAN

**DUTY:**

AS SHOW

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2003           2331

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL TARGET - BELGIUM Bombing, load 11 x 1000 lbs G.P. Mission abandoned

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**DATE:** 22.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III ED 932

**CREW:**

F/L D. J. B. WILSON  
P/O G. A. PHILLIPS  
P/O R. BARRON  
F/O R.J. ALLEN  
P/O I. SIMPTER  
W.O G.B. HOLLAND  
F/O E. B. CHANDLER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2017           2320

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL TARGET - BELGIUM. Bombing, load 11 x 1000 lbs G.P. Mission abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III ED 906

**CREW:**

F/L B.W. CLAYTON  
F/O A. HILL  
F/O P.W. BUTTLE  
F.O J.S. WATSON  
F.O J.W. BIBBY

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F.S H. MEW  
F.P S. J. STACEY

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2011           2328

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL TARGET - BELGIUM. Bombing, load 11 x 1000 lbs G.P. Mission abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. III DV 394

**CREW:**

F/L K. W. BROWN  
F/S H. B. FENERON  
S/L D. S. RICHARDSON  
W/O S. OANCIA  
SGT H. J. HEWSTONE  
F/S D. M. BUNTAIN  
W/O G. S. MCDONALD

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2007           2337

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL TARGET - BELGIUM. Bombing, load 14 x 1000 lbs G.P. Mission Abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. III JB 139

**CREW:**

P/O ROSS N.R.  
P/O A. I. S. GIRLING  
F/O T. R. DAVIES  
F/S G. MCCLENNAN  
F/S G. HICKSON  
P/O T. A. PLATT  
P/O M. R. TUXFORD

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2005           2355

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL TARGET - BELGIUM. Bombing, load 14 x 1000 lbs G.P. Mission Abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. III DV 393

**CREW:**

**DUTY:**



P/O E. WILLSSHER  
SGT. J.T. HURDISS  
SGT J. W. GRIPTON  
STG F.W. BELL  
F/S R. C. EVERETT  
F/S R. E. SALTER  
F/O G..N. WITHERICK (R/G)

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2004            2338

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL TARGET - BELGIUM. Bombing, load 14 x 1000 lbs G.T. Mission abandoned.

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**DATE:** 30.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. 1 DV 382.

**CREW:**

S/L. W.R. SUGGITT  
F/S. PULFORD  
P/O. LANCE (619 Sqdn.)  
P/O. HALL S.G.  
F/O. N.J. DAVIDSON  
F/S. RICHES S.  
F/O. J.M. DEMPSTER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1724            2054

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Special target. Load 1 x 12,000 lb. H.C.

Primary target attacked. Weather clear over target, but cloudy all round. Red candle went out in bombing run. Bomb dropped from 12,600 feet in centre of green T.I. If P.F.F. flares in correct position bombing should have been good. Photograph of ground detail in target area obtained.

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**DATE:** 30.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. 1 DV 402.

**CREW:**

S/L. H.D. MARTIN  
F/L. T. WHITTAKER  
F/O. J.K. STOTT  
F/O. L.W. CURTIS  
F/L. R.C. HAY  
F/O. B.T. FOXLEE  
F/O. T.D. SIMPSON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1722            2019

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Special target. Load 1 x 12,000 lb. H.C. Primary target attacked in clear weather and excellent visibility. 3/10 cloud. One green T.I. and two red candles seen whilst in target area. Bombed from 13,100 feet. Photographs of ground detail in target area obtained.

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**DATE:** 20.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. 3 EE 146.

**CREW:**

F/L. D.C.SHANNON  
F/O. R. HENDERSON  
F/L. D.R.WALKER  
F/L. B. GOODALE  
P/O. L.C. SUMPTER  
F/S. JAGGER B.  
F/O. J. BUCKLEY

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.                   DOWN.**  
                  1723                   2043

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Special Target. Load 1 x 12,000 lb. H.C. Primary target attacked. Weather clear over target, but cloudy and hazy all round. Four bomb bursts seen, two blotted out green T.I. and two others, one about 200 yards, the other about 400 yards away. Two yellow T.I.'s seen to Port. Bomb dropped from 13,200 feet. Photograph showing ground detail obtained.

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**DATE:** 30.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. 1 ME 559.

**CREW:**

F/L. J.C.MCCARTHY  
P/O. W.G.McCLEAN  
F/S. E.EATON  
F/S. G.L.JOHNSON  
F/S. A.M. BATSON  
F/L. D. RODGER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.                   DOWN.**  
                  1718                   2058

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Special target. Load 1 x 12,000lb. H.C. Attack target area through patchy cloud. Bomb found to be hung up after first run. Second run made but bomb would not release. Four bomb bursts on run up. First one undershot; next in one corner of target area; remaining two in target area. No photographs as camera did not operate.

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**DATE:** 30.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. DV 385.

**CREW:**  
F/L. T. O'SHAUNESSEY  
Sgt. J. STEWART  
F/O. A.D. HOLDING  
P/O. R.J. WARD  
F/O G.K. KENDRICK  
W/O. J. HUTTON  
Sgt. HOLT

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1719           2041

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Special target. Load 1 x 12,000 lb. H.C. Primary target attacked. Clear weather over target, visibility hazy. One Green T.I. and one red candle in circle but not centre. T.I. seemed to be in correct position and punctual. Photograph of ground detail obtained.

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**DATE:** 30.12.43  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. 1 DV 994.

**CREW:**  
F/L. R.W. BROWN  
F/S. H.B. FENERON  
P/O. D.F. HEAL  
Sgt. H.J. HEWISTONE  
W/O. A.S OANCIA  
F/S. D.M. BUNTAIN  
W/O. G.S. MCDONALD

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1721           2037

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Special target. Load 1 x 12,000 lb. H.C.  
Primary target attacked. Weather clear over target with good visibility. Green T.I. and one red candle seen. Red candle flickered off with own bomb burst. Three other bomb bursts seen on run up near the green T.I. Target was hit provided T.F.F. flares were correct.

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**DATE:** 30.12.43  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. 1 ME 555.

**CREW:**  
F/L. B.W. CLAYTON  
P/O. A. HILL  
F/O. P.W. BUTTLE  
F/O. J.W. BIBBY  
F/O. J.S. WATSON  
F/S. W.HUME  
F/O. S.J. STACEY

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         1723                            2034

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Special target. Load 1 x 12,000 lb. H.C. Primary target attacked. Weather clear over target, cloud to Southwest. T.I. in bomb sight; bomb on target if T.I. was in correct position. Photo flash not seen to burst as evasive action taken to avoid another Lancaster. Ground detail photographed obtained.

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**DATE:** 30.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster. 1 DV 392.

**CREW:**

F/L J.L. MUNRO  
F/S. F.E. APPLEBY  
F/O F.G. RUMBLES  
P/O P.E. PIGEON  
S/L. D.S. RICHARDSON  
F/S W. HOWARTH  
P/O H.A. WEEKS

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         1720                            2042

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Special target. Load 1 x 12,000 lb. H.C. Primary target attacked in clear weather. Only T.I.'s seen; six bomb bursts observed. Bombing results should be fair. Photo flash failed to release.

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**DATE:** 30.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster. III ED 932.

**CREW:**

P/O. N.R. ROSS.  
P/O. A.J.S. GIRLING.  
F/O. T.R. DAVIES.  
F/S. G. HICKSON  
F/S. MCCLELLAN C.  
P/O. T.A. PLATT.  
P/O. M. E. TUXFORD.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         1717                            2052

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Special target. Load 1 x 12,000 lb. H.C. Special (Thrush) attacked; clear weather. Green T.I. bomb bursts underneath the yellow glow; only bombing at this time. Should have obtained good results.

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**DATE:** 30.12.43

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. 1 DV. 393.

**CREW:**  
P/O. E. WILLSSHER  
Sgt. HADISS J.  
Sgt. GRIPTON. T.  
Sgt. BELL E.  
F/S. EVERETT. R.C.  
F/S. SALTER S.  
F/O. G. WITHERICK

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          1725                   2035

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Special target. Load 1 x 12,000 lb. H.C. Primary target attacked; clear weather with cloud to S.W. Nothing seen but T.I.'s. Bomb flash observed at 1845 hrs. Other bursts seen. Photograph obtained showing ground detail.

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**SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS DECEMBER 1943**

**Night of 16.12.43.** After a long period of waiting on the ground during which time the Squadron was briefed a great number of times for a great variety of targets but never succeeded in taking off because of adverse weather, nine Lancasters took off to attack a special military target in Northern France. It was decided that this target should be marked by P.F.F. using their special equipment. The target in all measured 300 x 250 yards and consequently a very high standard of bombing was required if the target was to be hit. The markers dropped by pathfinders were entirely inadequate in that they broke up into a number of small points on the ground and burned for a very short period, probably not more than a minute and a half. In spite of this all crews succeeded in making a bombing run and all bombs were dropped. Furthermore all crews brought home a successful photograph, every one of which showed the aiming point in the centre. Unfortunately the pathfinder markers were 350 yards from the centre of the target and the target was not hit. Subsequent aerial reconnaissance showed that the average bombing error was only 94 yards. There was no bomb further than 150 yards from the marker and two were within 30 yards. This was undoubtedly the highest concentration of night bombing that has yet been done in this war. There were no interceptions and no visible enemy opposition.

**Night of 20.12.43.** In addition to the four aircraft that operated from Tempsford, eight Lancasters were detailed to attack the Liege Armanent Works in Belgium. Once again it was decided that one attack should be carried out on pathfinder visual markers. This time the markers failed completely and apart from a very short period of illumination, nothing was visible at all. After circling the target for 25 minutes, the Squadron was ordered to return to Base by the Leader. There were a few enemy fighters, which tried to intercept and a slight amount of heavy flak. Half way back over France one of the fighters succeeded in intercepting F/Lt: Rice and after a short engagement, F/Lt. Rice was seen to crash in flames. His gunners were still returning the enemy's fire for some time after they were in flames. Apart from P/O. Willsher, who jettisoned his load, over the target, all bombs were brought back. *(This operation was planned to have been marked by Oboe but low cloud masked the flares.)* Rice did not, in fact, battle with a fighter but was hit by flak at 14,000 feet and the Lancaster broke up over Merbes-LeChateau (Hainaut), Belgium. All the crew died in the crash except Rice who was thrown clear of the disintegrating bomber with a broken wrist. He evaded capture until April 1944 by which time he had been passed by the resistance to Brussels.

**Night of 22.12.43.** Eleven Lancasters were detailed to attack another special military target in France and once more the bombing was to be done on pathfinder visual markers (*via Oboe*). There was a certain amount of cloud over the area, which may or may not have been thick enough to obscure the markers. In any case none of them was at any time visible and after circling the target for 15 minutes after the attack was due to cease the Leader gave orders over the V.H.F. to return to Base. Although there were signs of fighters in the area, none was seen and all crews returned safely to Base with their bombs. (*The records give the reason for this attack not proceeding as the target not being found*)

**Night of 30.12.43.** Ten Lancasters set out to attack the military installation, which had been attacked on the 16th of this month. Pathfinders dropped cascading markers in place of the impact markers, which had been dropped previously. They could not hope to lead to such accurate bombing as the latter type because of the wide area of the sky, which they covered. However, it was considered they were necessary because of the inadequacy of the impact bursting markers. Two T.I.'s were dropped and a very high concentration of bombing around these two was achieved. Unfortunately neither of them was near the target and consequently once again the target was not hit. As on the first attack, on three occasions the bomb burst inside the T.I. and temporarily blew it out. Apart from slight enemy fighter activity there was no opposition and all crews returned safely.

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OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK  
No. 617 Squadron

CONINGSBY

04.01.44

Eleven aircraft detailed for operations under the Command of W/Comdr Cheshire. All aircraft completed the sortie and returned safely. G/Cpt Evans-Evans flew with W/Comdr. Cheshire. (*This operation was to bomb a VI "Ski site" in the Pas De Calais. Flares were dropped at 12,000ft but drifted and did not light the target. As previously agreed (but quite unofficially) Cheshire and Martin dropped to 400ft and dropped markers from opposite directions into the wood that concealed the target. The markers skidded before burning because of the shallow nature of their dive and therefore the raid was not as successful as was planned. Much thought was given to improving the marking technique over the next few days.*)

06.01.44

Conference held in Crew Room at 0915 hrs to discuss the move with NCO i/c Sections of the Squadron to Woodhall Spa.

07.01.44

The Squadron Advance Party proceeded to Woodhall under command of P/O. Harter.

08.01.44

The Squadron packed up and prepared for move.

09.01.44

Main party of the Squadron transferred to Woodhall Spa. All aircraft and crews were ferried over. 9617 Servicing Echelon proceeded with the Squadron.

WOODHALL SPA.

10.01.44

Ten aircraft were detailed for operations, which were later cancelled.  
F/O Stout, Lt. Knilans, F/O Cooper and crews reported to Squadron on posting.  
F/O Stout and 1st Lt. Knilans reported from 619 Squadron and F/O Cooper from 1660 C.U.

11.01.44

Sgt. Gallagher, F/Eng. reported to Squadron on posting from Aircrew School, Scampton, for crewing with W/O. Gingles.

12.01.44

AUS.412218 W/O. Gordon Nav. appointed to commissioned rank w.e.f. 10.06.43.

13.01.44

Ten aircraft took part in Night bombing exercises. First clothing parade for the Squadron was held.

14.01.44

Ten aircraft were detailed for operations, which were cancelled.

15.01.44

No flying all day due to adverse weather conditions. Squadron stood down in afternoon.

16.01.44

No flying again all day due to weather. Aircrews took part in Escape exercise in afternoon.

17.01.44

No flying all day due to weather conditions.

18.01.44

Four aircraft and fitting parties flown to Coningsby for conversion. W/O Ellwood W/Op. reported from 14 O.T.U. Security lecture given by the Station Commander. F/L Rodger Gunnery Ldr. F/L Walker Nav. Officer and P/O Chalmore proceeded to A.C.S.B. Doncaster.

19.01.44

F/L Brown and crew recalled from leave. P/O Fledger W/Op. reported on posting from 22 O.T.U.

20.01.44

Inspection of Squadron Billets by Squadron Commander. Eleven aircraft were detailed for ops. which were cancelled. Six aircraft carried out low level dusk bombing practice, F/L T.V. O'Shaughnessy "F" crashed. F/L O'Shaughnessy and F/O A.D. Holding Nav. killed, F/O G. Kendrick B/A. dangerously injured and P/O Ward W/Op. slightly injured.  
*(The squadron was training for a planned Dams operation against an Italian Dam which if breached may have assisted the allied beachhead at Anzio. The Dam lay in a deep valley and the operation called for a steep dive into the valley before commencing the 60ft bomb run. The dive required was one of 1800ft in 3000 yards distance. This in a heavily laden Lancaster at night was not simple. Training started over the airfield with a theodolite recording heights and then proceeded over The Wash and water. The raid was to be flown from North Africa and Cheshire commenced an elaborate security of that involved bringing stocks of arctic clothing onto the base and spreading a rumour about a posting to Africa. In days everyone was talking about the move to Russia! While training over The Wash, O'Shaughnessy lost concentration and flew into a low hill on a beach. The Lancaster exploded killing all the crew except for Arthur Ward and Kendrick. Kendrick died later and Ward suffered a broken leg after being thrown from the crashing wreckage. The raid was cancelled for political reasons.)*

21.01.44

Twelve aircraft were detailed for operations, which were carried out successfully. All aircraft returned safely.

*(Martin had noted that he could bomb targets as small as clumps of seaweed in the sea by using his aircraft as a dive-bomber and not using the bombsite, providing he flew low enough. On the operation and after previous discussions with Cheshire he again disobeyed orders and marked the target by dive-bombing his markers into the target with great accuracy from 400ft rather than the 12,000ft ordered. The new marking method was vindicated and Cheshire cleared its use for the next operation (He did not point out that they already knew it worked on ops, only that it worked on the range!)*

22.01.44

Ten aircraft were detailed for night flying training, three were struck with birds. W/O. Bennett A/B. sustained eye injuries and was admitted R.A.F. Hospital Rauceby.

23.01.44

Ten aircraft detailed for night flying training, which was cancelled due to weather.

24.01.44

S/Ldr. Moyna visited the Squadron from R.A.F. Film Unit.

#### WOODHALL SPA

25.1.44

Funeral of F/L O'Shaughnessy at Liverpool. W/o Hutton, Sgt Holt and Sgt. Stewart of his crew attended on behalf of the Squadron. 9 aircraft took part in special exercise in day. 13 aircraft detailed for operations. F/O Cooper "C" cancelled, all the rest attacked and returned safely. P/O Sumptor (Nav B) 27.12.43, P/O Melleher (Pilot) 28.12.43 P/O Adams (W/Op), 3.10.43, P/O Clarkson (F/E) 16.10.43 P/O Chalmers (W/Op) 27.12.43, P/O King (F/E) 9.11.43, P/O Hill (F/S) 18.12.43 all promoted to F/O w.e.f. dates shown.

26.1.44

W/C For (C.A.I.) visited station to investigate F/L O'Shaughnessy's accident. Squadron stand down all afternoon.

27.1.44

P/O Pearce (W/Op) J18464 and W/O Evans R124443 (A/G) posted from 22 OTU for crewing F.O Duffy.

28.1.44

P/O Knights and crew reported from 619 Squadron. Squadron stand down in afternoon.

29.1.44,

Information received that Sgt Chamberlain (Nav.) of W/O Bull's crew prisoner of war. F/Sgt Woolard of F.L Knight's crew arrived safely in U.K. 4 aircraft on night flying.

30.1.44

4 aircraft detailed and carried out night flying. The following ground staff of 617 Squadron received mentions in despatches; F/S Gover (FI), Sgt. Minns (FIIA) Sgt Marfitt (FIIa), Flt Sgt Nichollas (WSM) F/S Cormack (Elect), Sgt Heveron (i/c Ord Room), Flt Sgt Powell (Flt Sgt Receipts) F/L Humphries (Adj), F/L Caple (Ng. Off), Sgt. Little (F11a), Cpl. Bryden (F11e), Cpl



Bing (F11E), Cpl Colton (F11A), Cpl Johnson (F11A), LAC Carter (F11E), A/C Tickle (EME), L A C McGrath (EME), Sgt Hocker (F11A), F/S Campbell (I/Rep), Cpl. Shawness (WOM).

Posting instructions received for nine officers and seven sergeants, RCAF A/Bombers to 82 OTU, 23 OTU and 20 OTU.

31.1.44

Flt Gurney (F/Eng) appointed to commissioned rank w.e.f. 2.12.43.

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**DATE:** 04.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I. DV 380.

**CREW:**

W/C G.L.CHESHIRE

P/O L.W.J. KING

F/O P.KELLY

P/O R. ADAMS

F/O C.K. ASTBURY

W/O W.G. BICKLEY

F/O R.H. PETCH

**DUTY:**

Captain

F/Eng.

Nav.

W/Op.

B/A.

MU/Gunner

R/Gunner

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1735            2059

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Target - Special - France. Load 14 x 1000lbs H.C. No visual pinpoints obtained. Smoke obscured T.I.'s, but stick of bombs seen to fall across T.I.'s. Several other sticks seen to burst in T.I., but three off by 150 yds. Bombing difficult due to cloud.

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**DATE:** 04.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 382.

**CREW:**

S/L W.R. SUGGITT

F/S J.PULFORD

W/O J.I. GORDON

P/O S. HALL

F/O N.DAVIDSON

Sgt. J.P. RICHES

F/O J.M.DEMPSTER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1743            2100

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Target - Special - France Load: 14 x 1000 lbs H.C. Bombed from 10,300 feet at 1923 hrs. Bomb sight u/s.

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**DATE:** 04.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 402.

**CREW:**  
S/L H.B. MARTIN  
F/L I. WHITTAKER  
F/O J.K. STOTT  
F/O L.W. CURTIS  
F/L R.C. HAY  
F/O B.T. FOXLEE  
F/O T.D. SIMPSON

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1731 2055

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Target - Special - France Load 14 x 1000 lbs H.C. Bombed at 1915 from 10,200 feet. Second run made at 1923 hrs due to two bombs hanging up.

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**DATE:** 04.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III ME. 555.

**CREW:**  
F/L D.J. SHANNON  
F/S R.J. HENDERSON  
F/L D.R. WALKER  
F/L B. GOODALE  
P/O L.W. SUMPTER  
F/S B.JAGGER  
F/O J. BUCKLEY

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1801 2041

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Target - Special - France. load 14 x 1000 lbs. H.C. Slight detail, mainly obscured by cloud. Bombed in 7/10 cloud at 1914 hrs from 10,400 feet at IAS 160 mph. Red candle observed just to right of bomb sight.

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**DATE:** 04.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 394.

**CREW:**  
F/L K.W.BROWN  
F/S H.B. FENERON  
P/O D.P. HEAL  
Sgt H.J. HEWSTONE  
W/O S. OANCIA  
F/S D.M. BUNTAIN  
W/O G.S.McDONALD

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         1734                            2050

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Target - special - France. Load 14 x 1000 lbs H.C. Only green T.I. seen through 7/10 cloud. Bombed 1917 hrs from 10,700 feet. Unidentified enemy aircraft (twin engine) swung round below and disappeared. Photo flash of another aircraft lit up ground detail.

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**DATE:** 04.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster. III ED. 906.

**CREW:**

F/L B.W. CLAYTON

F/O A. HILL

F/O P.W. BUTTLE

F/O J.W. BIBBY

F/O J.S. WATSON

F/S W. HUME

F/O S.J. STACEY

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         1735                            2054

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Target - special - France Load: 11 x 1000 lbs M.C. Bombed at 1917 hrs at 11,000 feet on food run up on T.I. through fortuitous channel in cloud. No visual pin points obtained in target area. Bomb stick fell across left edge of T.I.

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**DATE:** 04.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster. I DV. 385.

**CREW:**

F/L T.V. O'SHAUGNESSY

Sgt. D.G.W. STEWART

F/O A.D. HOLDING

P/O A.J. WARD

F/O G.A. KENDERICK

W/O J. HUTTON

Sgt A.A. HOLT

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         1733                            2052

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Special - France. load: 14 x 1000 lbs M.C. Route marked quite plainly. The red T.I. was not seen owing to heavy cloud, but two green T.I. with red candles seen at separate times. Five runs had to be made before bombs could be dropped owing to difficulty experienced in getting a clear run. Bombed 1927 hrs at 10,600 feet.

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**DATE:** 04.01.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 391.

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/L J.L. MUNRO	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S F.E. APPLEBY	
F/O F.G. RUMBLES	
P/O P.E. PIGEON	
P/O J.H. CLAY	
F/S W. HOWARTH	
P/O H.A. WEEKS	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1751	2046

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Target - special - France. load: 14 x 1000 lbs M.C. One green T.I. with two red candles, one red candle quite clear, to starboard, partly obscured by cloud. Bombed 1912 at 10,500 feet. Photo showed ground detail of fork although remainder of print obscured by cloud.

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**DATE:** 04.01.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III ME. 559.

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/L R.S.D. KEARNS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
P/O T.W. CLARKSON	
F/O W.J.M.L. BARCLAY	
W/O J. DACEY	
W/O J.W. BENNETT	
F/SE. TEMPLE	
F/S M.G. DOWMAN	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1725	2044

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Target - special - France. Load: 14 x 1000 lbs M.C. Yellow T.I. observed at 1858 hrs, no visual pin points of targets observed. Bombed 1916 hrs at 10,800 feet. Attack hampered by cloud layer, although stick of bombs believed to have fallen across T.I.

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**DATE:** 04.01.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III ED. 392.

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/L D.J.B. WILSON	AS SHOWN ABOVE
P/O G.A. PHILLIPS	
S/L D.S. RICHARD.S.O.N	
F/O R.J. ALLEN	
P/O R. BARRON	
W/O G.B. HOLLAND	

F/O E.B. CHANDLER

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                      1740               2057

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Target special - France. Load: 11 x 1000 lbs M.C. Three yellow T.I.'s seen in approx. correct position. Bombed 1923 hrs at 10,000 feet. Ground detail with tracks of T.I. Marker in centre of bombing frame.

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**DATE:** 04.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**               Lancaster. I DV. 393.

**CREW:**

P/O N.R.ROSS  
P/O A.J.S. GIRLING  
F/O T.R. DAVIES  
Sgt. G. HICKSON  
P/O T.A. PLATT  
Sgt L. McLELLAN  
P/O M.R. TUXFORD

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                      1738               2107

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Target - special - France Load 14 x 1000lbs M.C. Saw green T.I., but blown up by some other aircraft. Did another orbit, and next T.I. covered with cloud, so bombs brought back to base.

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**DATE:** 04.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**               Lancaster I DV. 385.

**CREW:**

F/L T.V. O'SHAUGHNESSY  
Sgt. D.G.W. STEWART  
P/O. H.J. WARD  
F/O. K.A. KENDRICK  
W/O J. HUTTON  
Sgt. A.A. HOLT

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                      1733               2052

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Target Special - France. Load: 14 x 1000 lb M.C. Route marked quite plainly. The red T.I. was not seen owing to heavy cloud, but two green T.I. with red candles seen at separate times. Five runs had to be made before bombs could be dropped owing to difficulty experienced in getting a clear run. Bombed 1927 hrs at 10,600 feet.

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**DATE:** 04.01.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 391.

**CREW:**  
F/L J.L. MUNRO  
F/S F.E. APPLEBY  
F/O F.G. RUMBLES  
P/O P.E. PIGEON  
P/O J.H. CLAY  
F/S W. HOWARTH  
P/O H.W. WEEKS

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1751           2046

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Target Special - France. Load: 14 x 1000 lbs M.G. One green T.I with two red candles, one red candle quite clear, to starboard, partly obscured by cloud. Bombed 1912 hrs at 10,500 feet. Photo showed ground detail of fork although remainder of print obscured by cloud.

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**DATE:** 04.01.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III ME. 559.

**CREW:**  
F/L R.S.D. KEARNS  
P/O T.W. CLARKSON  
F/O W.J.M.L. BARCLAY  
W/O J. DACEY  
W/O J.W. BENNETT  
F/S E. TEMPLE  
F/S M.G. DOWMAN

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1725           2044

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Target Special - France. Load: 14 x 1000lbs M.C. Yellow T.I. observed at 1858 hrs, no visual pin points of target observed. Bombed 1916 hrs at 10,800 feet. Attack hampered by cloud layer although stick of bombs believed to have fallen across T.I.

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**DATE:** 04.01.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III ED. 392.

**CREW:**  
F/L D.J.B. WILSON  
P/O G.A. PHILLIPS  
S/L D.S. RICHARD.S.O.N  
F/O R.J. ALLEN  
P/O R. BARRON  
W/O GYB HOLLAND

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O E.B.

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                    1740               2057

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Target Special - France. Load: 11 x 1000lbs M.C. Three yellow T.I.'s seen in approx. correct position. Bombed 1923 hrs at 10,000 feet. Ground detail with tracks of T.I. Marker in centre of Bombing frame.

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**DATE:** 04.01.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**               Lancaster. I DV. 393.

<b>CREW:</b> P/O N.R ROSS P/O A.J.S GIRLING F/O T.R DAVIES Sgt. G. HICKSON P/O T.A. PLATT Sgt L. McCLELLAN P/O M.R. TUXFORD	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                    1738               2107

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Target Special - France. Load: 14 x 1000 lbs M.C. Saw green T.I., but blow up by some other aircraft. Did another orbit, and next T.I. covered with cloud, so bombs brought back to base.

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**DATE:** 21.01.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**               Lancaster. I DV. 380.

<b>CREW:</b> W/C G.L.CHESHIRE P/O L.W.J. KING F/O P.KELLY P/O G.A. CHALMERS F/O C.K. ASTBURY W/O W.G. BICKLEY F/O R.H. PETCH	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                    1709               2109

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Target Special - France. Load: 7 spot fires, 2 x 1000lbs, 6 x 500 lbs. Primary target attacked at 1935 hrs from 7,000 feet. Bombed wood visually. Target clearly identified. Bombing run was hampered by bursting of a bunch of flares in nose of aircraft as red light came on. B/A dropped a salvo instead of a stick as he saw that markers would overshoot. Salvo burst in N.E. corner of

wood. While circling to watch the bombing small buildings could be seen. Six or seven fighters attempted to intercept from south, but only one succeeded in getting within five miles.

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**DATE:** 21.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 402.

**CREW:**

S/L H.B. MARTIN  
F/L I. WHITTAKER  
F/O J.K. STOTT  
F/O L.W. CURTIS  
F/L R.C. HAY  
F/O B.T. FOXLEE  
F/O T.D. SIMPSON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  1712           2058

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Special Target - FRANCE. Load: 4 spot fires, 2 x 1000lbs M.C. 10 x 500 lbs M.C.  
Primary target attacked 1926 hrs. from 10,000 feet. Bombed red spot fire on edge of wood. Green T.I. seen some distance away. Photo of ground detail and spot fire track and craters.

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**DATE:** 21.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 382.

**CREW:**

S/L W.R. SUGGITT  
F/S J. PULFORD  
P/O J.I. GORDON  
P/O S. HALL  
F/O N. DAVIDSON  
Sgt J.P. RICHES  
F/O J.M. DEMPSTER  
F/O DUFFY

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

2nd Pilot

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  1708           2117

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Target - special - France. Load 2 x 1000lbs, 13 x 500 lbs. Primary target attacked 1927 hrs from 11,500 feet. Two sticks seen to burst about 40 yds. from Red spot fire. Wood identified by light of flares. Bombing seemed to be good.

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**DATE:** 21.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. 1 DV. 391.

**CREW:**

F/L J.L. MUNRO

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE



F/S F.E. APPLEBY  
F/O F.G. RUMBLES  
P/O P.E. PIGEON  
P/O J.H. CLAY  
F/S W. HOWARTH  
P/O H.A. WEEKS

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1713            2054

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Target - special - France. Load - 2 x 1000lbs M.C., 13 x 500 lbs. Primary target attacked 19.24.50 hrs from 10,500 feet. Wood seen visually, and first stick of bombs seen beside the wood. Second stick of own bombs went into wood itself. First bombs slightly undershot.

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**DATE:** 21.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. I DV. 403.

**CREW:**

F/L D.J. SHANNON  
F/S R.J. HENDERSON  
F/L D.R. WALKER  
F/L B. GOODALE  
F/S J. JAGGER  
F/O LW. SUMPTER  
F/O J. BUCKLEY

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

MU/Gunner.

B/A.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1716            2057

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Target - special - France. Load - 2 x 1000lbs, 13 x 500 lbs M.C. Primary target attacked 19.27.15 hrs from 12,000 feet. Target well illuminated by flares, and could be identified on target map. 1st run, bombs dropped near edge of wood. 2nd run, red spot, which was dying.

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**DATE:** 21.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. I DV. 393.

**CREW:**

F/L D.J.B. WILSON  
P/O S.R. CLARKE  
F/O A.H.B. PARKIN  
F/O R.J. ALLEN  
P/O R. BARRON  
W/O G.B. HOLLAND  
F/O E.B. CHANDLER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1711            2103

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Target - special - France. Load 2 x 1000lbs M.C. 13 x 500 lbs. Primary target attacked in good visibility at 19.27 hrs from 13,000 feet. Red spot fire estimated N.E. edge of target. 1 x 1000lbs, and 6 x 500lbs brought back owing to fire having burnt out.

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**DATE:** 21.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 559.

**CREW**

F/L McCARTHY J.C.  
P/O W.G. RADCLIFFE  
F/O D.A. MACLEAN  
F/S L.E. EATON  
P/O G.L. JOHNSON  
F/S R. BATSON  
F/L D. RODGER

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.                   DOWN.**  
                  1707                   2100

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT**

Special Target - France. Load 2 x 1000lbs, 13 x 500 lbs M.C. Primary target attacked in good visibility with little haze. Bombed from 11,000 feet at 19.29 hrs, 1st run on red spot fire, 2nd run on red spot fire, probably in S.W. corner of wood.

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**DATE:** 21.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 557.

**CREW**

F/L R.S.D. KEARNS  
P/O T.W. CLARKSON  
F/O W/J.M.L. BARCLAY  
W/O J. DACEY  
W/O J.W. BENNETT  
F/S E. TEMPLE  
F/S M.G. DOWMAN

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.                   DOWN.**  
                  1706                   2112

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT**

Special Target - France. Load 2 x 1000lbs, 13 x 500 lbs M.C. Primary target attacked in good visibility at 19.27 hrs from 12,500 feet. Two lots of bombs seen to burst at same time, one stick dead on, the other 100-150 yds overshoot. Red spot fire seen in centre of small wood. Second run made on reddish glow.

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**DATE:** 21.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 560.

**CREW**

F/L B.W. CLAYTON  
P/O A. HILL  
F/O P.W. BUTTLE  
F/O J.W. BIBBY  
F/O J.S WATSON  
F/S W. HUME  
F/O S.J. STACEY

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                          1716               2052

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT**

Special Target - France. Load 2 x 1000lbs, 13 x 500 lbs M.C. Primary target attacked in clear weather and good visibility. All bombs dropped in one stick at 1928 hrs from 14,000 feet. Wood identified by light of flares. Bombing appeared very concentrated.

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**DATE:** 21.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I DV. 394.

**CREW**

F/L. K.W. BROWN  
F/S. H.B FENERON  
P/O. D.P. HEAL  
Sgt. H.J. HEWSTONE  
W/O. S. OANCIA  
F/S. D.M. BUNTAIN  
W/O. G.S. McDONALD

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                          1705               2107

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT**

Special Target - France. Load 2 x 1000lbs, 13 x 500 lbs. Primary target attacked in clear weather at 1928 hrs from 14,500 feet. 2nd run not made, as there was no indication of target. Bombing appeared to be well concentrated. 1 x 1000lbs, 5 x 500lbs brought back.

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**DATE:** 21.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I DV. 392.

**CREW**

P/O WILLSSHER  
Sgt. J.T. HURDISS  
F/S J.W. GRIPTON  
Sgt. F.W. BELL  
F/S R.C. EVERETT  
F/O F.J. TUCKER  
F/S R.E. SALTER

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**

1714

2117

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT**

Special Target - France. Load 2 x 1000lbs, 13 x 500 lbs. Primary target attacked in clear weather at 1928 hrs from 15,000 feet. By the time the second bombing run was made, there was no visible marking of target, 1 x 1000lbs, 5 x 500 lbs. brought back.

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**DATE:** 21.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 562.

**CREW**

P/O N.R. ROSS  
P/O A.J.S. GIRLING  
F/O T.R. DAVIES  
F/S G. HICKSON  
F/S L. MCCLELLAN  
P/O T.A. PLATT  
P/O M.R. TUXFORD

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1710           2043

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT**

Special Target - France. Load 2 x 1000lbs, 13 x 500 lbs M.C. Primary target attacked in clear weather at 1926 hrs from 13,570 feet. 1st run overshoot. A stick seen to overshoot same position as own bombs.

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**DATE:** 25.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV. 380.

**CREW**

W/C G.L. CHESHIRE  
P/O L.W.J. KING  
F/O P. KELLY  
F/O G.A. CHALMERS  
F/O C.K. ASTBURY  
W/O W.G. BICKLEY  
F/O R.H. PETCH

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2213           0224

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT**

Special Target - France. Load: 2 x 1000lbs, 6 x 500 lbs M.C. 7 spot fires. Bombed 0039 hrs from 5,320 feet. First green T.I. on target, red spot fires first to S.E. on edge of target and remainder N.E. also on edge. Marking above cloud not possible, marking below cloud difficult because of the speed flares drifted across target.

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**DATE:** 25.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV. 382.

**CREW**

S/L W.R. SUGGITT  
F/S J. PULFORD  
P/O J.I. GORDON  
P/O S. HALL  
F/O N. DAVIDSON  
F/S J.P. RICHES  
F/O J.M. DEMPSTER

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2214           0200

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT**

Special Target - France. Load 13 x 500 lbs, 3 x 1000lbs M.C. Bombed 0015 hrs at 9,000 feet on red spot fires. Green sparks seen coming from slightly south at Red spot fires.

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**DATE:** 25.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV. 402.

**CREW**

S/L H.B. MARTIN  
F/L I. WHITTAKER  
F/O J.K. STOTT  
F/O L.W. CURTIS  
F/L R.C. HAY  
F/O B.T. FOXLEE  
F/O T.D. SIMPSOM

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2216           0157

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT**

Special Target - France. Load: 4 spot fires, 3 x 1000lbs, 8 x 500 lbs. Visibility good, with 6/10 cloud at 4,000 feet. Attacked 0005 hrs at 12,000 feet short of red spot fire to allow for stick. Target identifiable by light of flares, first T.I. (green ) was in wood. Bomb fell to the right, and consider it to be across the target.

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**DATE:** 25.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 391.

**CREW**

F/L J.L. MUNRO  
F/S F.E. APPLEBY  
F/O F.G. RUMBLES  
P/O P.E. PIGEON  
P/O J.H. CLAY  
F/S W. HOWARTH  
P/O H.A. WEEKS

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      2211            0159

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT**

Special Target, France. Load: 12 x 500lbs, 3 x 1000lbs. Attacked 0011 hrs from 9,500 feet on red spot fire. 1st stick about 150 yds overshoot, 2nd stick between and right across two spot fires. One stick seen well to S.W., with some blue flashes seen to S.E. of target.

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**DATE:** 25.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I ME. 559.

**CREW**

F/L J.C. McCARTHY  
P/O W.G. RADCLIFFE  
F/O D.A. McCLEAN  
F/S L. EATON  
P/O S.L. JOHNSON  
F/S R. BATSON  
F/L D. RODGER

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      2217            0211

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT**

Special Target - France. Load: 7 x 500 M.C. 6 x 500 (6 hr delay) 3 x 1000lbs M.C.  
Attacked at 0021 hrs from 10,500 feet. As red spot fires were given as being to N.W. of target, own bomb believed to have undershot by 200 yds. Many sticks seen to be in target area before own bombing. Blue sparks seen in target area, lasting for about 1 minute. 1 x 1000lb brought back.

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**DATE:** 25.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. I DV. 385.

**CREW**

F/L D.J.B. WILSON  
P/O G.A. PHILLIPS  
F/O A.H.B. PARKIN  
F/O R.J. ALLEN  
P/O R. BARRON  
W/O G.B. HOLLAND  
F/O E.B. CHANDLER

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      2231            0142

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT**

Special Target - France. Load: 13 x 500lbs, 3 x 100lbs M.C. Attacked at 00.15 hrs from 12,500 feet on red spot fires. One bomb in stick scattered red spot fire. About three sticks seen to go down very near red spot fire just before bombing. All bombs dropped in one stick because spot fires were disappearing into trees.

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**DATE:** 25.01.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 557.

<b>CREW</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L R.S.D. KEARNS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
P/O T.W. CLARKSON	
F/O W.J.M.L. BARCLAY	
W/O J. DACEY	
F/O W.A. DANIEL	
F/S E. TEMPLE	
F/S M.G. DOWMAN	

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2219           0144

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT**

Special Target - France Load: 6 x 500 (6hr delay) 7 x 500, 3 x 1000lbs M.C.  
Bombed primary target at 23.53 hrs 12,000 feet on green T.I. as ordered by W/Comdr Cheshire. All dropped in one stick across green T.I. Bombs appear to have undershot by 150 yds.

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**DATE:** 25.01.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 392.

<b>CREW</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O E.WILLSHER	AS SHOWN ABOVE
Sgt. J.T. HURDISS	
Sgt. J.W. GRIPTON	
Sgt. F.W. BELL	
F/S R.C. EVERETT	
F/O G.A. WITHERICK	
F/S R.E. SALTER	

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2210           0150

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT**

Special Target - France. Load 13 x 500 lbs, 3 x 1000lbs. M.C. Attacked 0011 hrs from 11,000 feet Two red spot fires. Actually bombed furthest fire. One stick of bombs seen to fall to S. of target, on second run bomb bursts were obscured by smoke. Green and blue sparks coming from area adjacent to position of red spot.

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**DATE:** 25.01.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 562.

<b>CREW</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
P/O N.R. ROSS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
P/O S.R. CLARKE	
F/O T.R. DAVIES	

F/S G. HICKSON  
F/S L. McCLELLAN  
P/O T.A. PLATT  
P/O M.R. TUXFORD

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                      2223               0055

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT**

Special Target bombed FRANCE Load: 13 x 500lbs, 3 x 1000lbs. Attacked 0013 hrs at 11,500 feet. One stick of bombs seen to fall to N.E. of T.I. apparently bombing visually, 1st stick of own bombs fell 50 yds to right of fires, 2nd stick about 200yds to right. Green flashes observed for short period.

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**DATE:** 25.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**               Lancaster. I ME. 561.

**CREW**

1st L. H.C. KNILANS  
F/O K.J. RYALL  
W/O L.H. GELLER  
P/O C.L.F. KNELL  
F/S J.R. TATE  
F/O F.J. TUCKER  
F/O E.W. FINLAY  
F/S R.A. LEARMONTH

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                      2218               0204

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT**

Special Target - France. Load 13 x 500 lbs. 3 x 1000lbs. Target bombed 0016 hrs from 8,500 feet. 1st stick undershot about 400 yds to E, 2nd very near to red spot fires. Bombing appeared to be concentrated.

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**DATE:** 25.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**               Lancaster. I DV. 403.

**CREW**

F/L D.J. SHANNON  
F/S R.J. HENDERSON  
F/L D.R. WALKER  
F/L B. GOODALE  
F/O L.J. SUMPTER  
F/S B. JAGGER  
F/O J. BUCKLEY

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                      2215               0153



**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT**

Special Target - France. Load 12 x 500 lbs, 3 x 1000lbs M.C. Target attacked 0010 hrs from 10,000 feet. Cloud and flares over target made visual identification impossible. 1st run aimed short of red spot fire on heading N.W., 2nd run aimed at red spot fires.

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**DATE:** 25.01.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 560.

**CREW**

F/L B.W. CLAYTON

F/O A. HILL

F/O P.W. BUTTLE

F/O J.W. BIBBY

F/O J.S. WATSON

F/S W. HUME

F/O S.J. STACEY

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**  
                         2212            0151

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT**

Special Target - France. Load: 6 x 500 (6hr delay) 7 x 500 3 x 1000lbs M.C. Bombed furthest of two red spot fires at 0012 hrs from 13,000 feet. Two sticks of bombs seen to straddle red spot fires and another stick fell to left of fires. Slightly before, another stick seen to fall one and a half miles S.W. of red spot fires.

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OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK  
No. 617 Squadron

WOODHALL SPA

01.02.44

No operations detailed. Rain prevented flying, so Squadron stand down in afternoon.

02.02.44

Information received from Red Cross Committee that W/O. Bull Pilot., F/Sgt. Batey A/B and Sgt. Wiltshire F/Eng., reported missing 10.12.43, now safe and prisoners of war.

03.02.44

No operations detailed. Flying training carried out.

04.02.44

S/Ldr. Martin D.S.O., D.F.C., F/Lt. McCarthy D.S.O., D.F.C. proceeded to A.V. Roe Ltd. Woodford, for presentation of cheque for R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, subscribed by employees of Messrs. A.V. Roe Ltd.

05.02.44

Four aircraft detailed for night bombing practice - cancelled due to weather.

06.02.44

P/O. Ross and crew flew to R.A.F. West Freugh for bombing trials at Braid Fell.

07.02.44

519546 W/O. Holland G.B. D.F.M. to Buckingham Palace for Investiture.

Nine aircraft carried out a secret bombing practice (this later transpired to be a rehearsal for the very successful operation carried out on the 8th).

08.02.44

Twelve aircraft under leadership of Wing Commander Cheshire, attacked the Gnome-Rhone aero engine factory at Limoges. This raid proved to be an outstanding success, no fewer than nine aiming point photographs being obtained. A cine camera was installed in the Wing Commander's aircraft, and photographs were taken of the factory from low level, as the markers were bursting over the target. One picture in particular was published in the Press, and the raid was given much prominence by the Press. The weather for the operation was good, there being no cloud, and a full moon facilitated location and identifying of the target. Enemy opposition was negligible, and all aircraft returned safely.

*(After the earlier unofficial attempts to mark from low level, Cheshire had obtained consent from Cochrane to "try the method out operationally" he chose the Gnome-Rhone aero engine factory at Limoges but this target was vetoed due to the 300 French women who were employed at the plant. Cheshire gave his guarantee that all bombs would be dropped on the target. In the end a compromise was reached and it was agreed to make dummy runs at low level over the factory before bombing to give the French time to get clear. A film cameraman was carried to record the raid. The marking and bombing were perfect and the French workers (Male and Female) got out of the factory beforehand.*

09.02.44

Bad weather prevented flying training being carried out. J.7073 F/O. W.A. Duffy, proceeded with crew to No. 5 L.F.S. Syerston for conversion to Lancaster aircraft.

10.02.44

Ten aircraft were detailed for operations - these were cancelled due to adverse weather.

11.02.44

Twelve aircraft detailed for operations, which were subsequently cancelled.

12.02.44

F/L. C.J.G. Howard and crew proceeded to No. 5 L.F.S. for conversion to Lancaster aircraft. Ten aircraft, under the leadership of Wing Commander Cheshire, took off from base, landed at R.A.F. Station, Ford, and then were refuelled and took off for operations against the Antheor Viaduct. A small servicing party flew to Ford with the aircraft. The weather at Base was as follows : Visibility 1-2 miles, broken cloud at 2000ft. - 3000ft., with a further layer above 10,000ft. Intense light flak was encountered over the target, and S/Ldr. Martin's aircraft, whilst flying low level over the target area to drop markers, was hit by a shell in the nose. The Air Bomber (F/L. Hay D.F.C.) was killed instantly, and the Flight Engineer (F/Lt. Whittaker) was injured in both legs. S/Ldr. Martin immediately set course for the nearest air base, which was in Sardinia. He landed safely, in spite of the fact that the hydraulic system was out of order. F/Lt. Hay was buried by U.S. Army authorities at St. Michael's Cemetery, Cagliari. The operation was not completely successful, but several near misses on the target were obtained. *(Martin's flight to Sardinia after being hit was quite an epic with several stalls, heavy icing, the bombs being jettisoned by hand and landing with 2 x 1000lbs bombs fused, still on board. The aircraft refuelled at Ford to give them the best possible range for the target with the 12,000lb blockbuster bombs. It was hoped to demolish*

*the viaduct that was carrying troops and supplies to the Anzio bridgehead. The raid was not a success due again to the heavier defences.)*

13.02.44

Aircraft returned to Base, after having landed at Ford on return from operations. S/Ldr. W.R.Suggitt D.F.C. J.15131 and crew in aircraft "J" crashed soon after take off ten miles N.E. of Chichester. The following members of the crew were killed : 652403 F/Sgt. Pulford J. D.F.M., F/Eng., AUS. A.412218 P/O. J.I. Gordon D.F.C. Nav., AUS. A.411775 P/O. S.G. Hall W/Op., CAN. J.22514 F/O. N.J. Davidson A/B., CAN. J.17206 F/O. J.M. Dempster D.F.M. Gunner, and 1390921 F/Sgt. Riches J.P. Gunner. The passenger in the aircraft, S/Ldr. T.W. Lloyd D.S.O. 84133, Station Intelligence Officer, Woodhall, was also killed instantaneously. S/Ldr. Suggitt was seriously injured and was admitted to St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester. He did not regain consciousness and died at 1600 hrs. on 15th. Feb. An investigation on the causes of the accident was instigated by W/Commander Ford, C.A.I.

*(A sad accident that was probably the result of Suggitt deciding that despite the fog he could make it back to base. The crew were delayed by Tommy Lloyd the intelligence officer from Woodhall insisting on a shave and clean up before the return flight. Soon after take off the aircraft flew into a hill.)*

14.02.44

F/Lt. Reid V.C. proceeded to Messrs. A.V. Roe Ltd., Yeadon, for public relations visit. F/O. E.C. Johnson D.F.C. attached to Squadron from R.A.F. West Freugh in connection with special bombing trials.

15.02.44

S/Ldr. Suggitt died in St. Richard's Hospital.  
Instructions received for posting of ten new crews from Squadrons within the Group.

16.02.44

All aircrew personnel attended lecture and film show at Coningsby.

17.02.44

No operations detailed. Flying training carried out during day.

18.02.44

F/S. Pulford buried at Hull. W/Commander Cheshire proceeded on leave. S/Ldr. Munro assumed command of Squadron.

19.02.44

F/S. Riches buried at Lingfield, Surrey. Squadron represented at funeral by W/O. Gingles D.F.M. and W/O. Riley.

F/O. Dempster, F/O. Davidson and P/O. Gordon buried at Coningsby. Full complement of officers and airmen represented Squadron. Relatives of P/O. Gordon and F/O. Davidson attended the funeral.

20.02.44

Bad weather prevented flying all day. Squadron R.C.A.F. ice-hockey team defeated R.A.F. North Coates 11-3 at Grimsby. F/Lt. Reid V.C. proceeded to E.C.D.U. Westcott for engine-handling course.

21.02.44

P/O. Hall buried at Wickham Market, Suffolk. Squadron represented by P/O. Tuxford and P/O. Girling. New crews commenced intensive bombing training.

22.02.44

The A.O.C. paid a visit to Woodhall (informal).

23.02.44

S/Ldr, Martin and crew returned from Sardinia by air, and proceeded immediately on leave.

*(This aircraft returned after an overhaul and was packed to the brim with goodies such as Benedictine and Oranges from North Africa.)*

24.02.44

Four aircraft carried out night bombing practice. Normal flying training carried out during day.

25.02.44

New crews continued intensive flying training and bombing practice. W/Commander. Cheshire returned from leave and resumed command of Squadron.

26.02.44

F/Lt. Reid returned from engine-handling course. Visit to Squadron by F/Lt. Cartwright from Group Headquarters. No flying all day due to snow.

27.02.44

Snow clearance scheme put into effect. All personnel mobilised to clear snow from runways and perimeter. No flying possible. Information received from next of kin that F/Sgt. McWilliams (Air Gunner, W/O. Bull's crew), previously reported missing, now arrived at Gibraltar.

28.02.44

F/Lt. Howard and crew returned from No. 5 L.F.S. on completion of conversion. New secret Radar equipment ("Lola") fitted to Squadron aircraft for test.

29.02.44

P/O. B. Jagger D.F.M. proceeded to Buckingham Palace for investiture. Further intensive bombing training carried out.

#### SUMMARY

During the month of February the Squadron despatched 22 aircraft on operational sorties. One was lost. Seven personnel were killed instantly and one died from injuries. A total of 185 hrs. 45 mins. operational and 257 hrs. 35 mins. operational training was carried out. 97 tons of bombs were dropped in operations.

No personnel on this Squadron received decorations during the month.

The following officer postings were carried out to the Squadron.

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	From.	Date.
104406	F/L.	C.J.G.Howard	Pilot.	17 O.T.U	07.02.44
142926	F/O.	C.A.MacDonald	Nav.	17 O.T.U	07.02.44
117696	F/L.	J.E.Willaims	Pilot.	61 Sqdn	15.02.44
133728	F/O.	A.J.Talbot	Nav.	61 Sqdn	15.02.44
139686	F/O.	A.J.Walker	A/B.	61 Sqdn	15.02.44

151120	F/O.(A/F/L)	J.A.Edward	Pilot	50 Sqdn	15.02.44
CAN.J.14783	F/O.	L.T.Pritchard	Nav.	50 Sqdn	15.02.44
134558	F/O.(A/F/L)	H.J.Pryor	Pilot.	207 Sqdn.	15.02.44
CAN.J.22426	F/O.	R.L.Pinder	Nav.	207 Sqdn	15.02.44
CAN.J.21539	F/O.	G.P.Pesme	A/B	207 Sqdn	15.02.44
115932	F/L.	L.G.A.Hadland	Pilot.	9 Sqdn	15.02.44
132815	F/O.	C.R.Brown	A/B	9 Sqdn	15.02.44
171191	P/O.	S.W.Greenwood	Nav.	9 Sqdn	15.02.44
130623	F/O.	M.L.Hamilton	Pilot	619 Sqdn	15.02.44
AUS.A.416624	P/O.	R.M.Stanford	Pilot	467 Sqdn	15.02.44
109369	F/L.	A.F.Poore	Pilot	106 Sqdn	15.02.44
155152	F/O.	R.A.Roberts	Nav.	106 Sqdn	15.02.44
132870	F/O.	R.J.Elsey	A/B.	106 Sqdn	15.02.44
159883	F/O.(A/F/L)	A.W.Fearn	Pilot	57 Sqdn	15.02.44
154203	P/O	T.Davies	F/Eng	57 Sqdn	15.02.44
136882	F/O.	H.H.Chadwick	A/B	57 Sqdn	15.02.44
AUS.A.412969	F/O.	A.E.Kell	Pilot	463 Sqdn	15.02.44
AUS.A.413582	P/O.	J.L.HagerNav.	463 Sqdn	15.02.44	
AUS.A.405951	P/O.	T.W.Butler	Nav.	467 Sqdn	15.02.44
AUS.A.414544	P/O.	A.L.Evans	W/Op.	463 Sqdn	15.02.44
AUS.A.13751	F/O.	K.C.Morieson	A/B.	463 Sqdn	15.02.44
CAN.J.18295	P/O.	D.H.Cheney	Pilot	630 Sqdn	15.02.44
171066	P/O.	L.G.Rolton	A/B.	61 Sqdn	14.02.44
131635	F/O.	D. Luker	W/Op.	Buntingthorpe	07.02.44
AUS.A.425234	P/O.	F.W.Snell	A.G	463 Sqdn	15.02.44

The following are Officer postings From Squadron during the month:

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	To.	Date.
J17756	F/O.	S.J.Stacey.	A/G.	16 O.T.U.	14.02.44
144264	F/O.	J.W.Bibby.	W/Op.	16 O.T.U.	14.02.44
J.9694	F/L.	T.O.Pledger	W/Op.	61 Base	20.02.44

The following aircrew postings were carried out To the Squadron.

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	From.	Date.
1339217	F/S.	Hartley E.A.	A/B.	12 O.T.U.	08.02.44
1600754	F/S.	Clarke H.G.	A/G.	17 O.T.U.	08.02.44
1314255	Sgt.	Thompson J.	W/Op.	619 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1607024	Sgt.	Soilleux J.	F/Eng.	61 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1451195	Sgt.	Potter A.E.	W/Op.	61 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1575148	F/Sgt.	Brook J.H.	Nav B.	50 Sqdn.	15.02.44
634050	F/S.	Isherwood S.	A/G.	50 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1277411	F/S.	Patterson A.J.	A/G.	207 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1557503	Sgt.	Telfer R.J.	F/E,1/2	207 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1578778	Sgt.	Colyer M.A.	A/G.	207 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1579561	F/S.	Jackson J.T.	Nav.	619 Sqdn.	15.02.44
3570011	Sgt.	Rooke L.S.	F/Eng.	619 Sqdn.	15.02.44
A.410599	F/S.	Jordon A.J.	W/Op.	467 Sqdn.	15.02.44
A.412916	F/S.	Clarke G.K.	A/B.	467 Sqdn.	15.02.44
627507	W/O.	Rushton A.	A/G.	467 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1385579	F/S.	Castleman R.P.	A/G.	106 Sqdn.	15.02.44

1816994	Sgt.	Tookey W.F.	A/G.	106 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1457709	Sgt.	Johnson H.	Nav.	57 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1812535	Sgt.	Wilson-Williams	A/G.	57 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1579599	F/S.	Curtis A.	A/B.	630 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1382229	Sgt.	Pool R.H.	W/Op.	630 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1214696	F/S.	Wait W.N.	A/G.	630 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1867208	Sgt.	Hawkins F.	F/Eng.	1660 C.U	16.02.44
1379173	F/S.	Lucan R.D.	W/Op.	17 O.T.U.	08.02.44
1332707	F/S.	Woods P.	A/G.	17 O.T.U.	10.02.44
A418424	F/S.	Jewell K.	A/G.	61 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1605469	Sgt.	Blagdon R.	A/G.	61 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1315126	F/S.	Hobbs G.H.	W/Op.	50 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1267844	F/S.	Pooley R.	A/G.	50 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1125031	Sgt.	McCullough R.F.	F/Eng.	50 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1452998	Sgt.	Hepworth A.	W/Op.	207 Sqdn.	15.02.44
543639	Sgt.	Dadge J.A.	A/G.	619 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1024890	F/S.	Hamilton D.	A/G.	619 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1578043	Sgt.	Benting A.W.	F/Eng.	1660 C.U.	08.02.44
1545941	Sgt.	Judson E.	F/Eng.	467 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1580829	F/S.	Griffiths L.D.	A/G.	467 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1458311	Sgt.	Johnson A.J.	F/Eng.	106 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1129067	F/S.	Thompson R.C.	W/Op.	106 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1314661	F/S.	Baker J.E.	W/Op.	57 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1386165	F/S.	Pearson D.	A/G.	57 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1382903	Sgt.	Clark J.W.	F/Eng.	57 Sqdn.	15.02.44
A27306	F/S.	McRostie A	A/G.	630 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1347731	Sgt.	Rosher J.	F/Eng.	630 Sqdn.	15.02.44
1564313	Sgt.	Welch R.	Nav.	630 Sqdn.	15.02.44

The following personnel were appointed to commissioned rank:

1312171	F/Sgt.	Cornish-Underwood H	(A/G)	w.e.f.	15.11.43
1320872	F/S.	Jagger B.DFM	(A/G)	w.e.f.	23.10.43
1507278	Sgt.	Twells E.	(F/Eng.)	w.e.f.	21.21.43

The following Officer promotions were promulgated during the month:

J. 9694	F/O.	T.O. Pledger	(GDS) to F/Lt.	w.e.f.	05.01.44
A.411775	P/O.	S.G. Hall	(GDS) to F/O.	w.e.f.	11.01.44
111552	F/O.	J.L.Cooper D.F.C.	(Pilot) to F/Lt.	w.e.f.	29.11.43
NZ.413942	F/O.	J.L.Munro D.F.C.	A/F/L to A/S/Ldr.	w.e.f.	14.02.44
158240	P/O.	N.R.Ross D.F.C.	(Pilot) to F/O.	w.e.f.	02.12.43

(Certified that the above Form 540 detail contains extracts from Personnel Occurrence Reports).

## OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

No. 617 Squadron

**DATE:** 08.02.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**

Lancaster I DV.380. (N)

**CREW**

W/C. G.L. CHESHIRE.  
F/O. L.W.J. KING.  
F/O. P. KELLY.  
F/O. G.K. ASTBURY.  
F/O. R. ADAMS.  
W/O. BICKLEY W.G.  
F/O. R.H. PETCH.

**DUTY**

Captain  
F/Eng.  
Nav.  
B/A.  
W/Op.  
MU/Gunner.  
R/Gunner.

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  2107           0526

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT**

Bombing Raid. 8 Flares, 140 x 30lb. incendi. 5 spotfires. Limoges (Gnome Rhone) 2355hrs. 200ft. Incendiaries seen to burst in centre of factory. First large bomb fell on factory. Bombing seen to be very concentrated. Markers dropped right in centre of target.

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**DATE:** 08.02.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III ED.763. (D)

**CREW**

S/L. W.R. SUGGITT  
F/S. PULFORD J.  
AUS. P/O. J.I. GORDON  
CAN. F/O. N.J. DAVIDSON  
AUS. P/O. S.G. HALL.  
F/S. RICHES J.P.  
CAN. F/O. J.M. DEMPSTER

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  2121           0454

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT**

Bombing Raid 11 x 1000lb. MC. 0008hrs. 8,000ft. Limoges. Own bombs seen to burst diagonally across the target area. One stick of bombs and one 12,000lb. seen to burst on target. Aiming point photograph obtained.

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**DATE:** 08.02.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV.402. (P)

**CREW**

S/L. H.B. MARTIN  
F/L. I. WHITTAKER  
AUS. F/O. J.K. STOTT  
AUS. F/L. R.C. HAY  
F/O. L.W. CURTIS  
AUS. F/O. B.T. FOXLEE  
AUS. F/O. T.D. SIMPSON

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2115                            0514

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT**

Bombing Raid 200 x 30lb. Incend. 2 spot fires. Limoges. 2359hrs. 7,100ft. One third of main buildings seen to be absolutely destroyed. Markers dropped right on target.

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**DATE:** 08.02.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster. I DV.403. (L)

**CREW**

F/L. D.J. SHANNON  
F/S. HENDERSON R.  
CAN. F.L. D.R. WALKER  
F/O. L.J. SUMPTER  
F/L. B. GOODALE  
F/S. TEMPLE E.C.  
F/O. J. BUCKLEY  
S/L. T.W. LLOYD

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2126                            0452

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT**

Bombing Raid 1 x 12000lb. MC. 0002 hrs. 8,300ft Limoges. Bomb flare seen on assembly shops. Photograph shows eastern end of factory. Bombing conditions excellent.

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**DATE:** 08.02.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster. I ME.560. (H)

**CREW**

F/L. B.W. CLAYTON  
F/O. A.HILL  
F/O. P.W. BUTTLE  
F/O. J.S. WATSON  
F/O. G.A. CHALMERS  
F/S. HUME W.  
F/O. B. BEAL

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2120                            0455

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT**

Bombing Raid 1 x 12000lb. M.C. 0005 hrs. 9,800ft. Limoges. Target identified both visually and by markers. Bomb seen to burst on building throwing up smoke and debris to 2/3000ft.

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**DATE:** 08.02.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster. I DV. 385. (A)



**CREW**

F/O. J. KNIGHTS  
Sgt. TWELLS E.  
P/O. RHUDE H.B.  
F/Sgt. BELL J.  
Sgt. ROWAN N.  
Sgt. HOBBS A.  
F/S. DERHAM A.J.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                          2109               0516

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT**

Bombing Raid 11 x 1000'lb. MC. 0005 hrs. 9,920ft. Limoges. Target identified visually and by incendiaries. Own bombs seen to drop across target. Slightly to port. Three large bombs seen to drop right on target.

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**DATE:** 08.02.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I DV.394. (M)

**CREW**

F/L. K.W. BROWN  
F/S. FENERON H.B.  
P/O. D.P. HEAL  
CAN. W/O. OANCIA S.  
Sgt. HEWSTONE H.J.  
F/S. BUNTAIN D.M.  
CAN. W/O. G.S. MCDONALD

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                          2122               0446

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT**

Bombing Raid 1 x 12,000'lb. MC. 0004 hrs. 10,100ft. Limoges. On first run target identified visually, on the second run target was obscured by smoke, and bomb was dropped on markers. Bomb seen to explode on target. Exceptional photograph obtained showing smoke from direct hit on shops and marker tracks.

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**DATE:** 08.02.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I ME. 561 (R)

**CREW:**

LT. H.C. KNILANS USA  
P/O. K.J. RYALL  
CAN. W/O. GELLER L.H.  
F/S. TATE J.R.  
P/O. C.L. KNELL  
AUS. F/S. LEARMONTH R.  
W/O. SMITH R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2123                            0451

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing Raid. Limoges. 11 x1000lb. MC. 0006 hrs. 10,400ft. One large bomb seen to fall on target. Smoke and debris seen to come up to 6000ft. Target almost completely obscured, but incendiaries just seen. Bombing appeared very concentrated and successful. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 08.02.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I ME. 559 (Q)

**CREW:**

F/L. D.J.B. WILSON  
P/O. G.A. PHILLIPS  
F/O. A.B.H. PARKIN  
CAN. F/O. E.W. FINLAY  
F/O. R.J. ALLEN  
W/O. HOLLAND G.B.  
F/O. E.B. CHANDLER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2117                            0440

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing Raid 11 x 1000lb. MC. 0007 hrs. 8,900ft Limoges. Bombs seen to burst about 50-75 yds. to left of target. Plug on control switch found to be pulled out.

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**DATE:** 08.02.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster. I ME. 562 (Z)

**CREW:**

P/O. N.R. ROSS  
P/O. A.J.S. GIRLING  
F/O. T.R. DAVIES  
F/S. MCCLELLAN L.  
F/S. HICKSON G.  
P/O. T.A. PLATT  
AUS. P/O. M.R. TUXFORD

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2119                            0340

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing Raid 1 x 12,000lb. MC. 0018 hrs. 9,500ft. Limoges. One bomb seen to burst through roof of building. Stick of bombs seen to burst across target. Photograph shows only fire and smoke effect.

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**DATE:** 08.02.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster. I ME. 557. (O)

**CREW:**

F/L. R.S.D. KEARNS NZ  
F/O. T.W. CLARKSON  
NZ. F/O. W.J. BARCLAY  
CAN. F/O. W.A. DANIEL  
CAN. P/O. D.R. PEARCE  
F/S. JAGGER B.  
N.Z. F/S. DOWMAN M.G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2125           0508

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing Raid 11 x 1000lb. MC. 0008 hrs. 8,600ft. Limoges. Bomb seen to burst right across target. First bomb seen to hit target was a direct hit. Photograph shows marker track and bomb burst.

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**DATE:** 08.02.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I DV.392. (T)

**CREW:**

F/O. E. WILLSSHER  
Sgt. HURDISS J.  
F/S. GRIPTON R.  
F/S. EVERETT C.R.  
F/S. BELL J.  
F/O. G.A. WITHERICK  
Sgt. SALTER F.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2116           0449

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing Raid. Limoges. 1 x 12,000lb. MC. 0008 hrs. 9,200ft. Bomb burst under big pall of smoke between red spot fire and river. Debris scattered to about 9000ft. Good photograph obtained, though detail slightly obscured by smoke.

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**DATE:** 12.02.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I DV.380. (N)

**CREW:**

W/C. G.L. CHESHIRE.  
F/O. L.W.J. KING.  
F/O. P. KELLY.  
F/O. C.K. ASTBURY.  
W/O. BICKLEY W.G.  
F/O. R.H. PETCH.  
Sgt. CROSBY G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                  2131                   0505   (Ford)

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing Raid. Antheor Viaduct. 8 Spot fires 2 T.I.s. 32 x 30 lb. Incend. 0123 hrs. 7,000ft. Owing to dazzle by searchlights and flak opposition marking was very difficult, salvo of red spot fires eventually dropped on beach. Viaduct could not be seen without aid of flares, only shape of beach could be identified. Force were advised of position of spot fires and instructed to correct bombing accordingly.

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**DATE:** 12.02.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I. DV. 382. (J)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
CAN. S/L. W.R. SUGGITT	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S. PULFORD J.	
AUS. P/O. J.I. GORDON	
CAN. F/O. N.J. DAVIDSON	
AUS. P/O. S.G. HALL	
F/S. RICHES J.P.	
CAN. F/O. J.M. DEMPSTER	

*(Tommy Lloyd, intelligence officer, who had travelled from base to debrief crew was also on this aircraft and killed. The flight was delayed for him to have a shave and tidy up before returning to base.)*

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                  2133                   0504   (Ford)

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing Raid Antheor Viaduct. 1 x 12000lb. M.C. 0135 hrs. Made run on salvo of red spot fires but identified visually during run. Bomb released before viaduct was in sights. (Aircraft crashed en route from Ford to Base, all crew killed). *(Aircraft flew into hill 10 miles East of Chichester on return from Ford. All crew killed immediately except Suggitt who died two days later of injuries)*

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**DATE:** 12.02.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I. ME. 557. (O)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
NZ. F/L. J.L. MUNRO	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S. APPLEBY F.E.	
F/O. F.G. RUMBLES	
P/O. J.H. CLAY	
P/O. P.E. PIGEON	
F/S. HOWARTH W.	
P/O. H.A. WEEKS	

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                  2140                   0457   (Ford)

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing Raid 1 x 12,000lb. MC. 0108 hrs. 10,000ft. Antheor Viaduct. Bombed visually on orders from leader, bomb believed to be an overshoot. No photograph obtained.

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**DATE:** 12.02.44

**RCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 394. (M)

**CREW:**

CAN. F/L. K.W. BROWN

F/S. FENERON H.B.

P/O. D.P. HEAL

CAN. W/O. OANCIA S.

Sgt. HEWSTONE H.J.

F/S. BUNTAIN D.M.

CAN. W/O. MCDONALD G.S.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          2146                   0502       (Ford)

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing Raid 1 x 12,000lb. M.C. 0127 hrs. 10,000ft. Antheor Viaduct. Three or four red spot fires seen, and Viaduct seen from light of these. Bomb seen to undershoot about 50 yards. Faint ground detail seen on photograph.

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**DATE:** 12.02.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I. ME. 561. (R)

**CREW:**

USA. Lt. KNILANS

P/O. K.J. RYALL

CAN. W/O. GELLER L.H.

F/S. TATE J.R.

P/O. C.L. KNELL

AUS. F/S. LEARMONTH R.

W/O. SMITH R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          2148                   0433       (Ford)

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing Raid Antheor Viaduct. 1 x 12,000lb. M.C. 0110 hrs. 10,500ft. Bomb released on estimated position of Viaduct in position to bay. No photograph obtained.

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**DATE:** 12.02.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 403. (L)

**CREW:**

AUS. F/L. D.J. SHANNON

F/S. HENDERSON R.

CAN. F/L. D.R. WALKER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O. L.J. SUMPTER  
F/L. B. GOODALE  
F/S. TEMPLE E.C.  
F/O. J. BUCKLEY  
A/CDRE A.H. SHARP Passenger.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2147           0455   (Ford)

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing Raid Antheor Viaduct. 1 x 12,000lb. M.C. 0113 hrs. 9,000ft. Bombed railway bridge in Agney bay which was illuminated by light of flares. Believed a direct hit.

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**DATE:** 12.02.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I DV. 385. (A)

**CREW:**

P/O. A. KNIGHTS.  
Sgt. TWELLS E.  
P/O. H.B. RHUDE.  
F/S. BELL J.R.  
Sgt. ROWAN N.  
Sgt. HOBBS A.  
F/S. DERHAM A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2148           0535   (Ford)

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing Raid Antheor Viaduct. 1 x 12,000lb. M.C. 0132 hrs. 11,500ft. Made a run on spot fires but noticed they were beyond the Viaduct, which was visible. Made a second run and bombed short. No photograph obtained.

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**DATE:** 12.02.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I ME. 560. (H)

**CREW:**

F/L. B.W. CLAYTON  
F/O. A. HILL  
F/O. P.W. BUTTLE  
F/O. J.S. WATSON  
F/O. G.A. CHALMERS  
F/S. HUME W.  
Sgt. SHARP J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2155           0510   (Ford)

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing Raid Antheor Viaduct. 1 x 12,000lb. M.C. 0134 hrs. 9,000ft. Aimed to overshoot and to right of spot fires on Leader's instructions as spot fires were estimated to be on beach. Believed a hit was scored.

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**DATE:** 12.02.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III ED. 763. (D)

**CREW:**

F/L. D.J.B. WILSON  
P/O. G.A. PHILLIPS  
F/O. A.B.H. PARKIN  
F/O. E.W. FINLAY  
F/O. R.J. ALLEN  
W/O. HOLLAND G.B.  
F/O. E.B. CHANDLER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2150           0451

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing Raid Antheor Viaduct. 1 x 12,000lb. M.C. 0128 hrs. 9,500ft. Bombed visually and by spot fire. Result not observed. Photograph not obtained.

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**DATE:** 12.02.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 562. (Z)

**CREW:**

P/O. N.R. ROSS  
P/O. A.J.S. GIRLING  
F/O. T.R. DAVIES  
F/S. MC CLELLAN L.  
F/S. HICKSON G.  
F/O. T.A. PLATT  
P/O. M.R. TUXFORD

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2140           0445 (Ford)

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing Raid Antheor Viaduct. 1 x 12,000lb. M.C. 0132 hrs. 11,000ft. Took one red spot fire as aiming point and overshoot on instructions from Leader. No photograph obtained.

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SUMMARY OF FOREGOING OPERATIONS.

The Squadron carried out two attacks during the February moon period - one against the Gnome-Rhone Aero-Engine factory at Limoges, the other against the Antheor Viaduct. Limoges was an outstanding success, and was completed without any damage either to the aircraft or crews. The target was marked from very low level with a load of incendiaries and the main force bombed these markers from an average height of 10,000 feet. Of the five 12,000lb bombs carried, four were

direct hits and the fifth undershot by 150 yds. Furthermore only one stick of 1000lb bombs fell outside the target. Although the factory was on the outskirts of the town no houses were hit and the target was virtually wiped out. A telegram of congratulation from the Chief of Air Staff was received by the Squadron.

The attack on Antheor encountered severe opposition from ground defences, and conditions were very unfavourable. The deputy leader was hit by light flak while in the act of dropping his markers and the bomb aimer, F/L. R.C. Hay, was killed before he could press the release button. The aircraft was so badly damaged that S/Ldr. Martin, the deputy leader, was compelled to abandon the sortie. He set course for Sardinia and in spite of the damage to the aircraft, succeeded in making a safe landing. The leader tried repeatedly to mark the aiming point but was on each occasion heavily engaged by the defences. When at last the markers fell they overshot by 100 yds and landed on the foreshore. The leader instructed the force of this position and ordered them to bomb. Under these very difficult conditions one 12,000 lb. bomb fell within 15 yds. of the Bridge and more within 80 yds. In spite of this the Viaduct was still standing at the end of the attack.

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WOODHALL SPA

01.03.44

Fourteen aircraft were detailed for operations, the Station Commander was to fly with F/O. Ross - these operations were cancelled.

02.03.44

Fifteen aircraft were detailed to attack the aircraft factory at Albert, in Northern France. G/C. Philpott flew with F/O. Ross. The operation was completely successful, and photographs show that the factory was practically wiped out. All aircraft returned safely. The weather at base was fair, with moderate to good visibility.

03.03.44

The Station Commander and Squadron Commander spoke to all ground crew personnel of the Squadron, giving them details of the previous night's operations.

04.03.44

Fifteen aircraft were detailed for operations, the target being St. Etienne. 10/10. cloud over the target made accurate bombing impossible, so the Force Leader instructed all aircraft to return to base with their bomb loads. F/O. Stout was forced to return early, his port inner engine cutting just after take off. All aircraft returned safely. The weather at base was fine at first, becoming cloudy with slight snow during evening.

*(The target was the La Ricamerie needle bearing factory in a tight valley between 4,000ft hills and well camouflaged. The standing order was for no Frenchman to be hurt and the mission was aborted due to the bad weather, which resulted in the target not being found. Munro flew this op on three engines and was only 1 minute late over the target.)*

05.03.44

Fifteen aircraft were detailed for operations, which were later cancelled. Bad weather prevented flying all day.

06.03.44



Sixteen aircraft detailed for operations, which were later cancelled. Normal bombing training was carried out.

07.03.44

No operations were detailed.

08.03.44

Extensive bombing training was carried out. No operations were detailed.

09.03.44

The Station Commander held a parade and inspection of all ground staff personnel of the Squadron in the morning. The following amendments were received to the Squadron establishment:

Deduct 1 F/O. Flying, add 1 S/Ldr. Flying, add 3 F/O. Flying, 3 F/O. Air Bomber, 3 F/O. Navigator, 1 F/O. E/Eng., 2 F/O. Air Gunners, 1 F/O. W/Op., 3 Airman Pilots, 3 Sgt. Air Bombers, 10 Sgt. Air Gunners, 5 Sgt. F/Eng., 3 Sgt. Nav., and 5 Sgt. W/Ops.

10.03.44

Sixteen aircraft detailed operations, the target was again St. Etienne. The weather at base was fair to cloudy with moderate visibility, after early morning fog. The crews found cloud over the target, and it was not possible to determine whether it was destroyed. The raid was only moderately successful.

*(This was a return to the Needle Bearing factory. Cheshire marked but his incendiaries bounced off the target after the sixth run, Munro marked but his bombs bounced as well and Kell marked successfully. The raid was not a great success.)*

11.03.44

No operations were detailed, but aircraft carried out trials with "Lola" equipment.

S/Ldr. H.B.Martin D.S.O., D.F.C. proceeded to Group Headquarters for an interview with the A.O.C.

12.03.44

Bad weather again prevented flying. A Squadron stand down was authorised in the afternoon. The squadron played a rugby football match against personnel from the local Airborne division which they lost.

13.03.44

S/Ldr. Martin flew to (U.S.A.A.F.) Warton to watch a demonstration of the Bad Weather Lighting System at that Station.

14.03.44

F/O. J.K. Statt D.F.C. Nav. went to Buckingham Palace for an investiture.

Wing Commander Cheshire proceeded to Group Headquarters with the Base Commander for a conference.

15.03.44

S/Ldr. Martin proceeded to Group Headquarters for interview with the A.O.C. Intensive night and day training programme carried out. Sixteen aircraft were detailed to carry out an attack on a factory at Weippy, near Metz. There was 10/10 cloud over the target, and the Squadron Commander ordered all aircraft back to base with bomb loads. On the return journey F/O. Duffy's aircraft was attacked by enemy fighters. Two were claimed shot down by the Mid-Upper gunner, Sgt. McLean D.F.M., who sustained a slight wound in the hand. The weather at base was fair with moderate visibility, after a dawn mist.

*(McClellan was shot through the hand.)*

16.03.44

Operations were again detailed, this time fifteen aircraft were detailed to attack the Michelin Tyre Factory at Clermont Ferrand. The weather was cloudy at base, becoming fair during the evening, but fog formed towards 2300 hrs. The raid was a complete success, and it was estimated that the target was destroyed. The aircraft were diverted on return, and flew to base next day. S/Ldr. H.B. Martin proceeded to 100 Group Headquarters on temporary duty.

*(This op carried out with 106 Sqn. Lancasters as flare droppers. Cheshire made three low runs over the factory to warn the French workers and give them time to vacate, which they did. Cheshire's marking was short but that of Munro, Shannon and McCarthey was not and the raid was a great success. The target consisted of three workshops and a canteen. Orders were for the canteen to remain untouched to prevent French casualties. The post op photos showed the three workshops razed and the canteen untouched.)*

17.03.44

No operations were detailed, and the whole Squadron was stood down from midday until 1230 on the following day.

18.03.44

Thirteen aircraft were detailed for operations, the target being the Powder Factory at Bergerac. The operation was successful, nearly all the bombs falling within the target area. The weather at base was cloudy with moderate visibility, after early morning fog. All aircraft returned safely.

*(The Explosives factory was destroyed completely as was an Explosives dump nearby.)*

19.03.44

No operations detailed. Normal bombing exercises were carried out.

20.03.44

Fourteen aircraft were detailed for operations. The target was the Explosive Works at Angouleme. This raid was an outstanding success, the Force Leader estimating that the target was wrecked. Large explosions were observed, and the bombing was very concentrated. All aircraft returned safely. The weather was fine at first, becoming cloudy with rain during late morning and afternoon, becoming fair again towards midnight.

21.03.44

No operations were detailed. All aircrew personnel were stood down until midday on the 23rd. F/O. F.G. Rumbles D.F.C.(Nav.) proceeded to Buckingham Palace for an Investiture. Only one sortie was flown during the day.

22.03.44

No operations were detailed, and only very little flying.

23.03.44

Fourteen aircraft were detailed to carry out an attack on Aero-engine factory at Lyons. Identification of the target was difficult owing to the hazy conditions over the target. The raid could not be properly assessed, as no results were observed. Weather at base was cloudy with moderate visibility, which deteriorated after dusk. All aircraft returned safely, landing at Tangmere, except F/O. Ross, who did not receive diversion signal. Delayed action bombs were used on this attack.

24.03.44

No operations were detailed. In the afternoon a Flying Fortress landed with its crew, who came to stay with the Squadron for a few days, under the present policy of exchanging visits with the U.S.A.A.F.

The Squadron Daily Servicing Section was divided into three flights, with F/Lt. Shannon i/c. "A" Flight, S/L. Munro i/c. "B" Flight, and F/L. McCarthy i/c "C" Flight. Both F/L. Shannon and F/L. McCarthy were recommended for the acting rank of Squadron Leader. Several of the crews were re-allocated to different flights.

25.03.44

Sixteen aircraft were detailed to attack the Aero-engine factory at Lyons. This operation was not a complete success, the bombing being very scattered. Most of the aircraft bombed the wrong marker, and the target seemed to be ringed rather than hit. The take-off was watched by the American personnel, who attended interrogation after the aircraft landed. The weather at base was poor, with visibility remaining poor throughout the day. F/O. Stanford landed at R.A.F. Station, Ford, with his wireless u/s., and a leak from the starboard inner engine.

26.03.44

The crew of the Flying Fortress returned to their own station. No operations detailed. The Base Commander held a conference with the aircrew personnel in the Briefing Room.

27.03.44

W/Commander. Cheshire flew to Colby Grange to have instruction on Mosquito aircraft.

The Squadron Canadian Ice-Hockey team won the Eastern League Cup at Grimsby in the evening, defeating Ludford Magna. Two Mosquito aircraft arrived and were taken on Squadron charge. *(These aircraft had been obtained with much trouble from Bomber Harris and were on loan for two months. Harris wanted to bomb Munich but had so far been thwarted. He had offered Cheshire the Mosquitos over dinner with the promise that they could be kept if Munich was accurately marked within the two months.)*

28.03.44

Sixteen aircraft were detailed for operations, which were later cancelled.

S/Ldr. D.J. Shannon D.S.O., D.F.C. proceeded to London for an R.A.A.F. presentation ceremony.

29.03.44

Fifteen aircraft were detailed for operations, the target again being the Aero-engine factory at Lyons. This time the raid was successful; the bombing being highly concentrated and practically all bombs fell within the target area. The weather was good, after drizzle and thick cloud in the morning.

30.03.44

No operations were detailed. F/L. K.W. Brown C.G.M. Pilot proceeded on staff pilot's course.

W/Commander. Cheshire flew a Mosquito solo for the first time.

31.03.44

The Station was visited by General Spaatz. C.in C. of the proposed Expeditionary Air Forces, and General Doolittle, hero of the famous raid on Tokyo. In the afternoon the aircraft in which F/L. Shannon was flying, suddenly became uncontrollable through a snapped aileron cable. S/L. Shannon flew the aircraft out to sea, jettisoned his practice bombs and then made a landing, for which he was commended by the Station Commander.

*(During his meeting with the two American Commanders, Cheshire had been asked about problems and commented that "the only problem is that we have not been able to de-calibrate the bomb sights and all the bomb aimers are putting their bombs into the same crater!")*

## SUMMARY

During the month of March the Squadron despatched 149 operational sorties, all of which returned safely. There was only one early return. No casualties were incurred. A total of 982 hrs. 39 mins operational and 255 hrs. 15mins. operational training was carried out. A total of 473  $\frac{3}{4}$  tons of bombs was dropped on operations during the month.

The following decorations were awarded to personnel of this Squadron during March:

687595	S/Ldr.	H. B. MARTIN, D.S.O., D.F.C.	Bar to D.S.O.
1267844	F/S.	R. POOLEY (A/G)	D.F.M.
51704	A/F/L.	I. WHITTAKER D.F.C.	1st. Bar to D.F.C.
51120	F/L.	J. A. EDWARD (Pilot)	D.F.C.
72021	W/C.	G.L. CHESHIRE D.S.O., D.F.C.	2 <sup>nd</sup> . Bar to D.S.O.
139645	F/O.	L.W.CURTIS (W/Op.) D.F.C.	1st. Bar to D.F.C.
J.14783	F/O.	L.T.PRITCHARD (Nav.)	D.F.C.
A.408076	F/O.	T.D. SIMPSON (A/G) DFM.	D.F.C.
A.404595	F/O.	B.T. FOXLEE (A/G) DFM.	D.F.C.

The following officer postings TO the Squadron were carried out during the month:

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	From.	Date.
137140	F/O.	P. INGLEBY	Nav.	619 Sqn.	02.03.44
127057	F/O.	R.F. SCOTT-KIDDIE A/G.		51 Base.	07.03.44
151090	F/O.	C.G. ROGERS	A/B.	44 Sqn.	07.03.44
161041	P/O.	R. BARRON	A/B.	NE. 54 Base.	15.03.44
C.19569	P/O.	C.A. MANTZ	Tech. Radar.	1658C.U.	01.03.44
J.17546	F/O.	J.O. PELTIER	Nav.	23 O.T.U	03.03.44
A.406976	F/O.	E.T. HALL	A/G.	52 Base.	09.03.44
J.17633	F/O.	J.H. C.LEPINE	W/Op.	23 O.T.U	07.03.44
L.19910	P/O.	L.H. GELLER	Nav.	NE. 54 Base.	13.03.44

The following Officer postings FROM the Squadron were carried out during the month:

No	Rank	Name	Category	To	Date
171172	P/O.	B.JAGGER	A/G.	BDU. Feltwell	06.03.44
104406	F/L.	C.J.G.HOWARD	Pilot	NE.54 Base	07.03.44
68795	A/S/L.	H.B.MARTIN	Pilot	H.Q. 100 Group	21.03.44
160731	P/O.	D.P.HEAL	Nav.	29 O.T.U.	26.03.44
172289	P/O.	H.B.FENERON	F/E.	1654 C.U	28.03.44

The following aircrew personnel were posted TO the Squadron during March:

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	From.	Date.
1059877	Sgt.	McLEAN C.J.	A/G.	4(C)OTU	03.03.44
1290120	F/S.	VAUGHAN M.D.	A/G.	49 Sqn.	07.03.44
1320179	F/S.	HAZELL L.J.	A/B.	106 Sqn.	07.03.44
1317879	F/S.	PENGALLY W.A.	A/G.	1654 C.U.	09.03.44
1214696	F/S.	WAIT	A/G.	NE.54 Base.	24.03.44

The following aircrew postings FROM the Squadron were carried out:-

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	To.	Date.
114949	W/O.	OANCIA S.	Nav. B.	11.O.T.U.	26.03.44
108628	W/O.	Mc.DONALD G.S.	A/G.	29 O.T.U.	26.03.44
1214696	F/S.	WAIT	A/G.	NE.54Base	09.03.44
1368437	F/S.	BUNTAIN D.M.	A/G.	26 O.T.U.	26.03.44
1378012	Sgt.	HEWSTONE H.J.	W/Op.	26 O.T.U	26.03.44

The following personnel were appointed to commissioned rank.

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	w.e.f.
1266419	F/S.	FENERON H.B.	F/Eng.	13.01.44
A418424	F/S.	JEWELL K.	A/G.	09.12.43
1555078	F/S.	TATE J.R.	A/B.	22.02.44
R137713	W/O.	GELLER L.H.	Nav.	02.12.43.
A425690	F/S.	LEARMONTH R.	A/G.	29.11.43

The following officers were promoted as shown:-

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	To.	w.e.f.
158347	P/O.	T.A.PLATT.	A/G.	F/O.	04.12.43
113429	F/O.(A/F/L)	D.J.B.WILSON.	Pilot.	F/L.	25.11.43
117696	F/O.(A/F/L)	J.E.WILLIAMS.	Pilot.	F/L.	21.02.44
A416624	P/O.	R.M.STANFORD.	Pilot.	F/O.	09.02.44
155224	P/O.	R.E.KNIGHTS	Pilot.	F/O.	10.12.43
109369	F/O.(A/F/L)	A.F.POORE	Pilot.	F/L.	16.10.43
159883	P/O.(A/F/L)	A.W.FEARN	Pilot.	F/O.	24.02.44
J18295	P/O.	D.H.CHENEY	Pilot.	F/O.	26.01.44

(Certified that the above form 540 contains extracts from personnel occurrence reports.)

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**DATE:** 02.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV. 380. (N)

**CREW:**

W/C. G.L. CHESHIRE  
F/O. P. KELLY  
F/O. L.W.J. KING  
AUS W/L C.K. ASTBURY  
F/O. R. ADAMS  
W/O. BICKLEY W.G.  
F/O. R. PETCH  
S/L. E.P.G. MOYNA

**DUTY:**

Captain  
Nav.  
F/Eng.  
B/A.  
W/Op.  
MU/Gunner  
R/Gunner  
Camera Op.

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         1852                    2339

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing Special Target. 6 Red spotfires 176 x 30lb. Inc.  
Could not mark owing to bombsight being u/s. Saw all bombs fall well in target area except one.

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**DATE:** 02.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV. 391. (W)

**CREW:**

S/L. J.L. MUNRO (NZ.)

F/S. APPLEBY F.E.

F/O. F.G. RUMBLES

P/O. J.H. CLAY

CAN P/O. P.E. PIGEON

F/S. HOWARTH W.

CAN P/O. H.A. WEEKS

**DUTY:**

Pilot

F/Eng.

Nav.

A/B.

W/Op.

MU/Gunner

R/Gunner.

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          1854                   2328

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Albert. 2 red spotfires. 224 x 30lb. Inc. 2110 hrs. 6,000ft.' (Markers) 2121 (Bombs).

Target identified in light of flares. Factory outlined, and markers fell well inside target area.

Bombing well concentrated.

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**DATE:** 02.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III DV. 246. (U)

**CREW:**

F/O. D.J.B. WILSON

P/O. G.A. PHILLIPS

CAN. F/O. R.L. PINDER

CAN. E.W. FINLAY

F/O. R.J. ALLEN

W/O. G.B. HOLLAND

F/O. E.B. CHANDLER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          1913                   2314

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Albert. 248 x 30lb. Inc. 2125 hrs. 9,200ft.

Target obscured by smoke and fire tracks, but aiming point photograph obtained.

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**DATE:** 02.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I. ME. 557. (S)

**CREW:**

NZ. F/L. R.S.D. KEARNS

F/O. T.W. CLARKSON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

NZ. F/O. W.J. BARCLAY  
F/O. E.W. DANIEL  
F/O. D LUKER  
Sgt. HOLT A.  
NZ. F/S. DOWMAN M.G.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1844            2313

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Albert. 1 x 12000lb. H.C. 2120 hrs. 8,400ft.  
Three flares dropped to identify target. Not possible to see whether markers were in position.

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**DATE:** 02.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. 1.ME. 559. (Q)

**CREW:**

USA. F/L. J.C. McCARTHY  
P/O. W.G. RADCLIFFE  
CAN. F/O. D.A. MacLEAN  
P/O. G.L. JOHNSON  
F/S. EATON L.  
F/S. BATSON R.  
CAN. F/L. RODGER D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1845            2326

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Albert. 1 x 12000lb. HC. 2116 hrs. 8,800ft.. Bomb seemed to fall 50 yds. short of red spotfire. Blue sparks seen from railroad N.E. of target. Last bombs dropped caused large explosion.

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**DATE:** 02.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. I DV. 394. (M)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.L. COOPER.  
F/O. S.R. CLARKE  
F/L. F.E. DREW  
F/O. G.J. HARDEN  
NZ. F/O. B.J. HOSIE  
F/O. F.J. TUCKER  
F/O. A.E. PELLY

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1849            2335

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Albert. 1 x 12000lb. HC. 2120 hrs. 9,800ft. Results of own bombing not seen owing to four bombs bursting at same time. Aiming point photograph obtained.

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**DATE:** 02.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 403. (I)

**CREW:**

F/L. A.F. POORE  
Sgt. JOHNSON A.J.  
F/O. R.A. ROBERTS  
F/O. R.J. ELSEY  
F/S. THOMPSON R.C.  
Sgt. TOOKEY W.F.  
F/S. CASTLEMAN R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1851           2323

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Albert. 2117 hrs. 8,750ft. 14 x 1000lb. HC. Stick seen to straddle the marker. Aiming point photograph obtained.

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**DATE:** 02.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I. ME. 560. (H)

**CREW:**

F/L. B.W. CLAYTON  
F/O. A HILL  
F/O. P.W. BUTTLE  
F/O. J.S. WATSON  
W/O. ELLWOOD M.  
W/O. RUSHTON A.  
Sgt. SHARP A.W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1850           2335

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Albert. 1 x 12,000lb. HC. 2120 hrs. 8,600ft. Bomb seen to burst slightly overshoot left. Some fires seen and bombing well concentrated round the marker.

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**DATE:** 02.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III ME. 131. (B)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.E.R. WILLIAMS  
Sgt. SOILLEUX J.  
F/O. TALBOT R.  
F/O. A.B. WALKER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE



Sgt. POTTER A.E.  
Sgt. BLAGDON R.  
AUS. F/S. JEWELL K.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1853	2330

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Albert. 1 x 12,000lb. HC. 2129 hrs. 8,200ft. Saw fires caused by previous bombs. Defences seemed to open up after each of first three bombs.

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**DATE:** 02.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. ED. 763. (D)

**CREW:**

F/O. G.S. STOUT  
P/O. J.R. GURNEY  
AUS. P/O. T.W. BUTLER  
CAN. F/O. W.A. RUPERT  
F/S. NUTTALL R.  
P/O. H. CORNISH-UNDERWOOD  
W/O. SMITH R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1850	2320

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Albert. 1 x 12,000lb. HC. 2123 hrs. 10,400ft. Saw fire caused by bomb, which put out marker fire. Aiming point photograph obtained.

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**DATE:** 02.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I. ME. 555. (C)

**CREW:**

AUS. F/O. A. KELL  
Sgt. CLARK G.  
AUS. P/O. J.L. HAGER  
AUS. F/O. R. MORTESON  
AUS. P/O. A.L. EVANS  
AUS. P/O. A.W. SNELL  
AUS. F/O. F. CHAPMAN

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1855	2332

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Albert. 1 x 12,000lb. HC. 2130 hrs. 7,800ft. Bombed red spotfire between two factory buildings. Target well alight. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 02.03.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I. DV. 385. (A)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O. R.E. KNIGHTS P/O. E. TWELLS CAN. P/O. H.B. RHUDE F/S. BELL J.R. Sgt. ROWAN N. Sgt. HOBBS A.W. F/S. DERHAM P.W.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1846	2338

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Albert. 1 x 12,000lb. HC. 2120 hrs. 10,000ft. Bomb seen to overshoot red spotfire by about 100 yds. Large fire seen in factory.

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**DATE:** 02.03.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III EE. 146. (K)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O. E. WILLISHER Sgt. HURDISS J. F/S. GRIPTON J.R. F/S. EVERETT R.C. Sgt. BELL F.W. F/S. SALTER A. F/O. WITHERICK G.A.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE F/Eng. Nav. A/B. W/Op. MU/Gunner R/Gunner.
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1852	2310

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Albert. 1 x 12,000lb. HC. 2117 hrs. 9,600ft. Aiming point obtained. Many fires seen.

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**DATE:** 04.03.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 561. (R)

<b>CREW:</b> USA LT. H.C. KNILANS P/O. K.J. RYALL CAN. W/O. H.A. GELLER F/S. TATE J.R. P/O. C.L. KNELL AUS. F/S. LEARMONTH R. Sgt. CROSBY A.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
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1900

2317

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Albert. 1 x 12,000lb. HC. 2118 hrs. 10,200ft. Smoke seen rising to 6000ft. Factory seen burning well.

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**DATE:** 04.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 562. (Z)

**CREW:**

F/O. N.R. ROSS

P/O. A.J.S. GIRLING

F/O. T.R. DAVIES

F/S. McCLELLAN L.

F/S. HICKSON G.

AUS. P/O. M.R. TUXFORD

F/O. T.A. PLATT

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1847            2311

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Albert. 1 x 12,000lb. HC. 2121 hrs. 9,400ft. Bombs seen to burst on Southern part of works - large explosion and fire seen to East side of target. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 04.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I. DV. 380. (N)

**CREW:**

W/C. G.L. CHESHIRE

F/O. L.W.J. KING

F/O. P. KELLY

AUS. F/L. C.K. ASTBURY

F/O. R. ADAMS

W/O. BICKLEY W.G.

F/O. R. PETCH

S/L. E.P.G. MOYNA

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Camera Op.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2220            0446

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

St. Etienne. Mission abandoned in target area. Bombs & markers brought back.

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**DATE:** 04.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I. DV. 391. (W)

**CREW:**

NZ. S/L. J.L. MUNRO

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/S. APPLEBY F.E.  
F/O. F.G. RUMBLES  
P/O. J.H. CLAY  
CAN. P/O. P.E. PIGEON  
F/S. HOWARTH W.  
CAN. P/O. H.A. WEEKS

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2220            0515

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

St. Etienne. Mission abandoned. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 04.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. I DV. 403. (L)

**CREW:**

AUS. F/L. D.J. SHANNON  
F/S. HENDERSON R.J.  
CAN. F/L. D.R. WALKER  
F/O. L.J. SUMPTER  
F/L. G. GOODALE  
F.S. TEMPLE E.C.  
F/O. J. BUCKLEY

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2235            0440

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

St. Etienne. Mission abandoned. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 04.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. I. ME. 559. (Q)

**CREW:**

USA. F/L. J.C. McCARTHY  
P/O. W.G. RADCLIFFE  
CAN. F/O. D.A. MacLEAN  
P/O. G.L. JOHNSON  
F/S. EATON L.  
F/S. BATSON R.  
CAN. F/L. D. RODGER  
G/C. ELSWORTHY

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2227            0451

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

St. Etienne. Mission abandoned. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 04.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME. 557. (S)

**CREW:**  
NZ. F/L. R.S.D. KEARNS  
F/O. T.W. CLARKSON  
NZ. F/O. W.J. BARCLAY  
CAN. F/O. DANIEL  
W/O. DACEY J.  
Sgt. HOLT A.  
NZ. F/S. DOWMAN M.G.  
W/O. PORTER

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2220           0450

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

St. Etienne. Mission abandoned. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 04.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 560. (H)

**CREW:**  
F/L. B.W. CLAYTON  
F/O. A. HILL  
F/O. P.W. BUTTLE  
F/O. J.S. WATSON  
W/O. ELLWOOD M.  
Sgt. SHARP A.W.  
F/S. HUME W.  
S/L. BRILL

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2225           0440

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

St. Etienne. Mission abandoned. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 04.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III JB. 139. (L)

**CREW:**  
F/L. D.J.B. WILSON  
P/O. G.A. PHILLIPS  
CAN. F/O. R.L. PINDER  
CAN. F/O. E.W. FINLAY  
F/O. R.J. ALLEN  
W/O. HOLLAND G.B.  
F/O. E.B. CHANDLER

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

S/L. DOUBLEDAY

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2234           0430

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

St. Etienne. Mission abandoned. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 04.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. III ED. 763. (D)

**CREW:**

F/L. L.G.A.HADLAND  
Sgt. CHERRINGTON J.  
P/O. S.G. GREENWOOD  
F/O. C.R. BROWN  
Sgt. CASKELL.J.  
F/S. TIREL A.D.  
W/O. KEMP J.M.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2230           0445

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

St. Etienne. Mission abandoned. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 04.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I. DV. 394. (D)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.L. COOPER  
F/O. S.R. CLARKE  
F/L. F.E. DREW  
F/O. G.J. HARDEN  
NZ. F/O. B.J. HOSIE  
F/O. A.E. PELLY  
F/O. F.J. TUCKER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2222           0445

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

St. Etienne. Mission abandoned. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 04.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I DV. 385. (A)

**CREW:**

F/O. R.E. KNIGHTS

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

P/O. E. TWELLS  
CAN. P/O. H.B. RHUDE  
F/S. BELL J.R.  
Sgt. ROWAN N.  
Sgt. HOBBS A.W.  
F/S. DERHAM P.W.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2220           0520

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

St. Etienne. Mission abandoned. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 04.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. III. EE. 131. (B)

**CREW:**

CAN. F/O. W.A. DUFFY  
Sgt. BENTING A.W.  
CAN. F/O. D.A. BELL  
CAN. F/O. R.E. WOODS  
CAN. P/O. D.R. PEARCE  
W/O. RUSHTON A.  
CAN. W/O. EVANS W.G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2237           0510

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

St. Etienne. Mission abandoned. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 04.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I DV. 393. (T)

**CREW:**

F/O. E. WILLSSHER  
Sgt. HURDISS J.  
F/S. GRIPTON J.R.  
F/S. EVERETT R.C.  
Sgt. BELL F.W.  
Sgt. SALTER A.  
F/O. G.A. WITHERICK

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2228           0437

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

St. Etienne. Mission abandoned. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 04.03.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 561. (R)

<b>CREW:</b> USA. LT. KNILANS H.C. P/O. K.J. RYALL CAN. W/O. H.A. GELLER F/S. TATE J.R. P/O. C.L. KNELL AUS. F/S. LEARMONTH R. Sgt. CROSBY A. F/L. McGILVRAY	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE        Passenger.
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	2231	0450

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

St. Etienne. Mission abandoned. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 04.03.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III EE. 146. (K)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O. G.S. STOUT P/O. J.R. GURNEY AUS. P/O. T.W. BUTLER. CAN. F/O. W.A. RUPERT. F/S. NUTTALL R. P/O. H. CORNISH-UNDERWOOD W/O. SMITH R. P/O. AYTON	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE        Passenger.
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	2225	2355

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

St. Etienne. Mission abandoned. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 10.03.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV. 380. (N)

<b>CREW:</b> W/C. G.L. CHESHIRE F/O. L.W.J. KING F/O. P. KELLY AUS. F/L. C.K. ASTBURY F/O. R. ADAMS W/O. BICKLEY W.G. F/O. R. PETCH S/L. E.P.G. MOYNA	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE        Camera Op.
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AUS. F/O. T.D. SIMPSON

F/Gunner.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  1927           0347

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Etienne. 2 spotfires. 224 x 30lb. Inc. 2321 hrs. 1700ft.

W. and E. edge end of target marked and set alight by low level incendiary attack. Main force instructed to bomb fires through cloud. Target damaged but not destroyed.

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**DATE:** 10.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. 1. DV.391. (*W*)

**CREW:**

**DUTY:**

NZ. S/L. J.L.MUNRO

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/S. APPLEBY F.E.

F/O. F.G RUMBLES

P/O. J.H. CLAY

CAN. P/O. P.E. PIGEON

F/S. HOWARTH W.

CAN. P/O. H.A.WEEKS

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  1934           0348

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Etienne. 2 spotfires. 224 x 320lb. Inc. 2327 hrs. 100ft.

Fires seen to be burning around the target. One small factory building seen to be wrecked and burned. What appeared to be four small bomb holes seen in roof of main building.

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**DATE:** 10.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. 1 DV. 403. (*L*)

**CREW:**

**DUTY:**

AUS. F/L. D.J. SHANNON

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/S. HENDERSON R.J.

CAN. F/L. D.R. WALKER

F/O. L.J. SUMPTER

W/O. ELLWOOD M.

F/S. TEMPLE E.G.

F/O. J.BUCKLEY

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2005           0336

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Etienne. 2 Green T.I. 224 x 30lb. Inc. Target identified visually. Run made W. to E, and overshoot from edge of factory buildings. Not possible to say whether main buildings hit.

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**DATE:** 10.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. 1 ME. 557. (S)

**CREW:**  
NZ. F/L. R.S.D. KEARNS  
F/O. T.W. CLARKSON  
NZ. F/O. W.J. BARCLAY  
CAN. F/O. E.W. DANIEL  
W/O. DACEY J.  
F/S. VAUGHAN M.  
NZ. F/S. DOWMAN M.G.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1930           0332

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Etienne. 11 x 1000lb. HC. 2339 hrs. 7,000ft. Red spotfire reported as off target.  
Bombed second batch of incendiaries as instructed by Leader.

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**DATE:** 10.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. 1. ME. 559. (O)

**CREW:**  
USA F/L. J.C. McCARTHY  
P/O. W.G. RADCLIFFE  
CAN. F/O. D.A. MacCLEAN  
P/O. G.L. JOHNSON  
F/S. EATON L.  
F/S. BATSON R.  
CAN. F/L. RODGER D.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1933           0349

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Etienne. 248 x 30lb. Inc. 2326 hrs. 1,700ft. Bombed about 200 yds. East of incendiaries dropped by Leader. W. end of target burning one large explosion seen almost in centre of target.

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**DATE:** 10.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III. JB. 139. (X)

**CREW:**  
F/L. D.J.B. WILSON  
P/O. G.A. PHILLIPS  
AUS. P/O. J.L. HAGER  
CAN. F/O. E.W. FINLAY  
F/O. R.J. ALLEN  
W/O. HOLLAND G.B.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O. E.B. CHANDLER

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1942            0338

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Etienne. 11 x 1000lb. HC. 2353 hrs. 8,000ft. Second batch of incendiaries bombed. Bombed building on second run, identified visually. Good fires seen, but not possible to say if on target.

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**DATE:** 10.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. I ME. 560. (H)

**CREW:**

F/L. B.W. CLAYTON  
F/O. A. HILL  
F/O. P.W. BUTTLE  
F/O. J.S. WATSON  
F/O. G.A. CHALMERS  
Sgt. SHARP A.W.  
F/S. HUME W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1943            0323

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Etienne. 11 x 1000lb. Inc. 2337 hrs. 12,300ft. Own bombs seen to burst West of fire.

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**DATE:** 10.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. I. DV. 394. (M)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.L.L. COOPER  
Sgt. STEWART D.G.W.  
F/L. F.E. DREW  
F/O. G.J. HARDEN  
NZ. F/O. B.J. HOSIE  
F/O. A.E. PELLY  
F/O. JEWELL K.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1934            0359

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Etienne. 11 x 1000lb. Inc. 0010 hrs. 8,500ft. Bombed fires indicated by Leader.

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**DATE:** 10.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. III. EE. 146. (K)

**CREW:**

F/L. L.G.A. HADLAND  
Sgt. CHERRINGTON J.  
P/O. S.G. GREENWOOD  
F/O. C.R. BROWN  
Sgt. GASKELL J.  
F/S. TIREL A.D.  
W/O. KEMP J.M.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          1939           0327

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Etienne. 10 x 100lb. HC. 2338 hrs. 7,500ft. Bombed centre of three fires as directed by Leader. Some bombs seen to fall to East of target.

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**DATE:** 10.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I. ME. 557. (S).

**CREW:**

NZ. F/L. R.S.D. KEARNS  
F/O. T.W. CLARKSON  
NZ. F/O. W.J. BARCLAY  
CAN. F/O. E.W. DANIEL  
W/O. DACEY J.  
F/S. VAUGHAN M.  
NZ. F/S. DOWMAN M.G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          1930           0332

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Etienne. 11 x 100lb. HC. 2339 hrs. 7,000ft. Red spotfire reported as off target. Bombed second batch of incendiaries as instructed by Leader.

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**DATE:** 10.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I. ME. 559. (O)

**CREW:**

USA. F/L. J.C. McCARTHY  
P/O. W.G. RADCLIFFE  
CAN. F/O. D.A. MacLEAN  
P/O. G.L. JOHNSON  
F/S. EATON L.  
F/S. BATSON R.  
CAN. F/L. RODGER D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          1933           0349

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

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**DATE:** 10.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III JB. 139. (X)

**CREW:**

F/L. D.J.B. WILSON  
P/O. G.A. PHILLIPS  
AUS. P/O. J.L HAGER  
CAN. F/O. E.W. FINLAY  
F/O. R.J. ALLEN  
W/O. HOLLAND G.B.  
F/O. E.B. CHANDLER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  1942           0338

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Etienne. 11 x 1000lb. HC. 2353 hrs. 8,000ft. Second batch of incendiaries bombed. Bombed building on second run, identified visually. Good fires seen, but not possible to say if on target.

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**DATE:** 10.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 560. (H)

**CREW:**

F/L. B.W. CLAYTON  
F/O. A. HILL  
F/O. P.W. BUTTLE  
F/O. J.S. WATSON  
F/O. G.A. CHALMERS  
Sgt. SHARP A.W.  
F/S. HUME W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  1943           0323

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St, Etienne. 11 x 1000lb. Inc. 2337hrs. 12,300ft. Own bombs seen to burst West of fire.

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**DATE:** 10.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 394. (M)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.L.L COOPER  
Sgt. STEWART D.G.W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/L. F.E. DREW  
F/O. G.J. HARDEN  
NZ. F/O. B.J. HOSIE  
F/O. A.E. PELLY  
F/S. JEWELL K.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1934           0359

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Etienne. 11 x 1000lb. Inc. 0010 hrs. 8,500ft. Bombed fires indicated by Leader.

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**DATE:** 10.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. III EE. 146. (K)

**CREW:**

F/L. L.G.A. HADLAND  
Sgt. CHERRINGTON J.  
P/O. S.G. GREENWOOD  
F/O. G.R. BROWN  
Sgt. GASKELL J.  
F/S. TIREL A.D.  
W/O. KEMP J.M.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1939           0327

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Etienne. 10 x 1000lb. HC. 2338 hrs. 7,500ft. Bombed centre of three fires as directed by Leader. Some bombs seen to fall to East of target.

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**DATE:** 10.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I. ME. 555. (C)

**CREW:**

CAN. F/O. W.A. DUFFY  
Sgt. BENTING A.W.  
CAN. F/O. D.A. BELL  
CAN. F/O. R.E. WOODS  
CAN. P/O. D.R. PEARCE  
F/S. MCLEAN A.  
CAN. W/O. EVANS. W.G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1941           0340

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Etienne. 10 x 1000lb. HC. 2342 hrs. 8,000ft. Bombed Eastern part of large fire as instructed by leader. Stick thought to have fallen across target.

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**DATE:** 10.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 385. (A)

**CREW:**

F/O. R.E. KNIGHTS  
P/O. E. TWELLS  
CAN. P/O. H.B. RHUDE  
F/S. BELL J.R.  
Sgt. ROWAN N.  
Sgt. HOBBS A.W.  
F/S. DERHAM P.W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1939           0335

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Etienne. 11 x 1000lb. H.C. 2344 hrs. 8,000ft. First stick fell on fire. Second stick fell slightly North. Target seen to be near fire but undamaged.

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**DATE:** 10.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 246. (U)

**CREW:**

F/O. G.S. STOUT  
P/O. J.R. GURNEY  
F/O. P. INGLEBY  
F/O. W.A. RUPERT  
F/S. NUTTALL A.  
P/O. H. CORNISH-UNDERWOOD  
W/O. SMITH R.  
P/O. AYTON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/Gunner.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1940           0343

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Etienne. 11 x 1000lb. HC. 2344 hrs. 5,800ft. First part of stick fell on fire. Bombed incendiary fire.

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**DATE:** 10.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I. ME. 561. (R)

**CREW:**

USA. LT. H.C. KNILANS  
P/O. K.J. RYALL  
AUS. F/O. J.K. STOTT  
F/S. TATE J.R.  
P/O. C.L. KNELL  
AUS. F/S. LEARMONTH R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Sgt. CROSBY A.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1932            0330

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Etienne. 11 x 1000lb. HC. 2349 hrs. 8,000ft. First two bombs of first stick fell in target - second stick caused large explosion.

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**DATE:** 10.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. I. DV. 393. (T)

**CREW:**

F/O. E. WILLISHER

Sgt. HURDISS. J.

F/S. GRIPTON J.R.

F/S. EVERETT R.C.

F/S. BELL E.W.

Sgt. SALTER A.

F/O. G.A. WITHERICK

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1936            0328

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Etienne. 10 x 1000lb. MC. 2345hrs. 8,300ft. Bombed fire as indicated by Leader. Bombs fell across fire.

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**DATE:** 10.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. I. ME. 562. (Z)

**CREW:**

F/O. N.R. ROSS

P/O. A.J.S. GIRLING

F/O. T.R. DAVIES

F/S. McCLELLAN

F/S. HICKSON G.

F/O. T.A. PLATT

AUS. P/O. M.R. TUXFORD

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1938            0308

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Etienne. 11 x 1000lb. MC. 2336 hrs. 12,600ft. First batch of incendiaries reported to be accurate. Second batch bombed. Large explosion seen.

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**DATE:** 10.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. III EE. 131. (B)



**CREW:**

AUS. F/O. K.J. STANFORD  
Sgt. JUDSON E.  
AUS. P/O. T.W. BUTLER  
AUS. W/O. CLARKE G.K.  
AUS. F/S. JORDON A.J.  
F/S. GRIFFITHS L.D.  
W/O. RUSHTON A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.                   DOWN.**  
                  1944                   0321

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Etienne. 10 x 1000lb. 0005 hrs. 3,500ft. Majority of bombs seen to fall as directed.  
One bomb thought to have hit a gasometer or petrol dump.

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**DATE:** 15.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 380. (*N*)

**CREW:**

Q/C. G.L. CHESHIRE  
F/O. L.W.J. KING  
F/O. P. KELLY  
AUS. F/L. C.K. ASTBURY  
F/O. R. ADAMS  
W/O. BICKLEY W.G.  
F/O. R. PETCH  
S/L. E.P.G. MOYNA

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Camera Op.

**TIME:           UP.                   DOWN.**  
                  2032                   0214

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Woippy, Aero Engine Works. Mission abandoned 10/10 cloud. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 15.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 391. (*W*)

**CREW:**

S/L. J.L. MUNRO  
F/S. APPLEBY F.E.  
F/O. F.G. RUMBLES  
P/O. J.H. CLAY  
CAN. P/O. P.E. PIGEON  
F/S. HOWARTH W.  
CAN. P/O. WEEKS. H.A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.                   DOWN.**  
                  2052                   0216

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Woippy. Mission abandoned. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 15.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I. DV. 403. (L)

**CREW:**

AUS. F/L. D.J. S HANNON  
F/S. HENDERSON R.J.  
CAN. F/L. D.R. WALKER  
F/O. L.J. SUMPTER  
F/O. L.W. CURTISS  
F/S. TEMPLE E.C.  
F/O. J. BUCKLEY

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2043           0208

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Woippy. Mission abandoned. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 15.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I. DV. 394. (M)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.L. COOPER  
F/O. S.R. CLARKE  
F/L. F.E. DREW  
F/O. G.J. HARDEN  
NZ. F/O. B.J. HOSIE  
F/O. A.E. PELLY  
F/O. F.J. TUCKER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2039           0226

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Woippy. Mission abandoned. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 15.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III EE. 131. (B)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.E.R. WILLIAMS  
Sgt. SOILLEUX J.  
F/O. R. TALBOT  
F/O. A.B. WALKER  
Sgt. POTTER A.E.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Sgt. BLAGDON A.  
AUS. F/S. JEWELL K.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2050           0217

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Woippy. Mission abandoned. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 15.03.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I ME. 559 (Q)

**CREW:**   **DUTY:**  
USA. F/L. McCARTHY J.C.                   AS SHOWN ABOVE  
P/O. W.G. RADLIFFE  
CAN. F/O. D.A. MacLEAN  
P/O. G.L. JOHNSON  
F/S. EATON L.  
F/S. BATSON R.  
CAN. F/L. D. RODGER

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2045           0211

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Woippy. Mission abandoned. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 15.03.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. III JB. 139. (X).

**CREW:**   **DUTY:**  
F/L. D.J.B. WILSON                       AS SHOWN ABOVE  
P/O. G.A. PHILLIPS  
P/O. J.W. PELTIER  
CAN. F/O. E.W. FINLAY  
F/O. R.J. ALLEN  
W/O. HOLLAND G.B.  
F/O. E.B. CHANDLER

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2051           0220

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Woippy. Mission abandoned. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 15.03.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I ME. 557. (S)

**CREW:**   **DUTY:**

NZ. F/L. R.S.D. KEARNS  
F/O. T.W. CLARKSON  
NZ. F/O. W.J. BARCLAY  
CAN. F/O. W.A.D. DANIEL  
W/O. DACEY J.  
F/S. VAUGHAN M.  
NZ. F/S. DOWMAN M.G.

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2055            0202

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Woippy. Mission abandoned. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 15.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. III EE. 146. (K)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.A. EDWARD  
Sgt. STEWART D.G.W.  
CAN. F/O. L.T. PRITCHARD  
F/S. BROOKS R.  
F/S. HOBBS G.H.  
F/S. ISHERWOOD S.  
F/S. POOLEY R.V.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2047            0022

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Woippy. Mission abandoned. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 15.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. III ED. 763. (D)

**CREW:**

F/L. L.G.A. HADLAND  
Sgt. CHERRINGTON J.  
P/O. S.G. GREENWOOD  
F/O. C.R. BROWN  
Sgt. GASKELL J.  
F/S. TIREL A.D.  
W/O. KEMP J.M.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2049            0223

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Woippy. Mission abandoned. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 15.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 562. (Z)

**CREW:**

F/L. A.F. POORE  
Sgt. JOHNSON A.J.  
F/O. R.A. ROBERTS  
F/O. R.J. ELSEY  
F/S. THOMPSON R.C.  
Sgt. TOOKEY W.F.  
F/S. CASTLEMAN R.P.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2046           0156

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Woippy. Mission abandoned. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 15.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 393. (T)

**CREW:**

F/O. E. WILLISHER  
Sgt. HURDISS J.  
F/S. GRIPTON J.R.  
F/S. EVERETT R.C.  
F/S. BELL F.W.  
Sgt. SALTER A.  
F/O. G.A. WITHERICK

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2048           0204

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Woippy. Mission abandoned. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 15.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. 1 ME 560. (H)

**CREW:**

CAN. F/O. W.A. DUFFY  
Sgt. BENTING A.W.  
CAN. F/O. D.A. BELL  
CAN. F/O. R.E. WOODS  
CAN. P/O. D.R. PEARCE  
F/S. McLEAN J.  
CAN. W/O. EVANS W.G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**

2042

0230

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Woippy. Mission abandoned. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 15.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I. ME. 561. (R)

**CREW:**

USA. LT. KNILANS H.C.

P/O. K.J. RYALL

F/O. C.A. MacDONALD

F/S. TATE J.R.

P/O. C.L. KNELL

F/S. LEARMONTH R.

Sgt. CROSBY A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2040           0218

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Woippy. Mission abandoned. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 15.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I. DV 402. (P)

**CREW:**

AUS. F/O. A. KELL

Sgt. CLARK J.

AUS. P/O. J.L. HAGER

AUS. F/O. R. MORIESON

AUS. P/O. A.L. EVANS

AUS. P/O. A.W. SNELL

F/O. F. CHAPMAN

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2044           0205

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Woippy. Mission abandoned. All bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 15.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I. DV. 385. (A)

**CREW:**

F/O. R.E. KNIGHTS

P/O. E. TWELLS

CAN. P/O. H.B. RHUDE

F/S. BELL J.R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Sgt. ROWAN N.  
Sgt. HOBBS A.W.  
F/S. DERHAM P.W.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	2038	0202

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Woippy. Mission abandoned. Bomb brought back.

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**DATE:** 16.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 380. (N)

**CREW:**

W/C. G.L. CHESHIRE  
F/O. L.W.J. KING  
F/O. P. KELLY  
AUS. F/L. C.K. ASTBURY  
F/O. R. ADAMS  
W/O. BICKLEY W.G.  
F/O. R. PETCH  
S/L. E.P.G. MOYNA

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Camera Op.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1916	0232

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Clermont Ferrand. Bombing. 3 spotfires. 172 x 30lb. Inc. 2246 hrs. 140ft.  
Bombing well concentrated, smoke up to 6500ft. Huge explosion in target area about 2340 hrs.  
Stick of incendiaries right on target, rest of incendiaries scattered up to a mile off target.

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**DATE:** 16.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 391. (W)

**CREW:**

NZ. S/L. J.L. MUNRO  
F/S. APPLEBY F.E.  
F/O. F.G. RUMBLES  
P/O. J.H. CLAY  
CAN. P/O. P.E. PIGEON  
F/S. HOWARTH W.  
P/O. H.A. WEEKS  
F/S. LUCAN R.D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/Gunner.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1919	0228

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Clermont Ferrand. 3 spotfires. 172 x 30lb. Inc. 2248 hrs. 100ft. Aimed slightly to overshoot incendiaries. Instructed by Leader to mark, this was done with incendiaries. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 16.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 403. (L)

**CREW:**

AUS. F/L. D.J. SHANNON  
F/S. HENDERSON R.J.  
CAN. F/L. D.R. WALKER  
F/O. L.J. SUMPTER  
F/O. L.W. CURTIS  
F/S. TEMPLE R.C.  
F/O. J. BUCKLEY

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1919           0204

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Clermont Ferrand. 2 Green T.I. 212 x 30lb. Inc. 2250 hrs. Incendiaries seen to hit and penetrate roof of Control Shed. One SBC. hung up. Spotfires not needed.

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**DATE:** 16.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 559. (Q)

**CREW:**

USA. F/L. J. C. McCARTHY  
P/O. W.G. RADCLIFFE  
CAN. F/O. D.A. MacLEAN  
P/O. G.L. JOHNSON  
F/S. EATON L.  
F/S. BATSON R.  
CAN. F/L. D. RODGER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1915           0207

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Clermont Ferrand. 2 Green T.I. 224 x 30lb. Inc. 2250 hrs. Incendiaries seen to hit roof of east end of Central Shed. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 16.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 557. (S)

**CREW:**

NZ. F/L. R.S.D. KEARNS  
F/O. T.W. CLARKSON  
NZ. F/O. W.J. BARCLAY

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE



CAN. F/O. W.A. DANIEL  
W/O. DACEY J.  
F/S. VAUGHAN M.  
F/S. DOWMAN M.G.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1912            0201

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Clermont Ferrand. 1 x 12,000lb. HC. 2302 hrs. 9,000ft. Fires seen going well.  
Bombing very accurate except for one stick of 1000lbs. and incendiaries which fell across town.  
Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 16.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. III JB. 139. (X)

**CREW:**

F/L. D.J.B. WILSON  
P/O. G.A. PHILLIPS  
P/O. J.A. PELTIER  
CAN. F/O. E.W. FINLAY  
F/O. R.J. ALLEN  
F/S. HUME W.  
F/O. E.B. CHANDLER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1922            0157

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Clermont Ferrand. 1 x 12,000lb. HC. 2311 hrs. 9,300ft. Good concentration of bombing obtained. Flares illuminated target. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 16.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. I ME. 562. (Z)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.L. COOPER  
F/O. S.R. CLARKE  
F/L. F.E. DREW  
F/O. G.J. HARDEN  
NZ. F/O. B.J. HOSIE  
F/O. A.E. PELLY  
W/O. HUTTON J.W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1917            0222

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing. Clermont Ferrand. 1 x 12,000lb. HC. 2305 hrs. 12,000ft. Heavy black smoke up to 8000ft. Main sheds seemed to be burning very well. All flares brought back. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 16.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III ED. 763. (D)

**CREW:**

F/L. L.G.A. HADLAND  
Sgt. CHERRINGTON J.  
P/O. S.G. GREENWOOD  
F/O. C.R. BROWN  
Sgt. GASKELL J.  
F/S. TIREL A.D.  
Sgt. SHARP A.W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  1934           0214

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing. Clermont Ferrand. 1 x 12,000lb. HC. 2305 hrs. 10,200ft. Target illuminated by flares. Easterly red spot ignored on instructions from Leader, and edge of fires was bombed. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 16.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 246. (U)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.A. EDWARD  
Sgt. STEWART D.G.W.  
CAN. F/O. L.T. PRITCHARD  
S/L. D.S. RICHARDSON  
F/S. HOBBS G.H.  
F/S. ISHERWOOD S.  
F/S. POOLEY R.V.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  1930           0321

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing. Clermont Ferrand. 3 spotfires. 172 x 30lb. Inc. 2317 hrs. 9,900ft. Target well hit. Blue flashes seen all around target. Dense smoke seen coming up. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 16.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I (DV393) (T)

**CREW:**

F/O. E. WILLISHER  
Sgt. HURDISS J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/S. GRIPTON J.R.  
F/S. EVERETT R.C.  
F/S. BELL F.W.  
Sgt. SALTER A.  
F/O G.A. WITHERICK

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1921            0211

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Clermont Ferrand. 1 x 12,000lb. HC. 2303 hrs. 9,600ft. Bomb seen to fall into fire. Blue flashes observed. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 16.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. I ME. 555. (C)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.E.R. WILLIAMS  
Sgt. SOILLEUX J.  
F/O. R. TALBOT  
F/O. A.B. WALKER  
Sgt. POTTER A.E.  
Sgt. BLAGDON J.  
AUS. F/S. JEWELL K.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1914            0219

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Clermont Ferrand. 1 x 12,000lb. HC. 2300 hrs. 10,800ft. Air Bomber did some good pinpointing over enemy territory. Bombed spot fire and incendiaries. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 16.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. I ME. 561. (R)

**CREW:**

USA. LT. H.C. KNILANS  
P/O. K.J. RYALL  
F/O. D.A. MacDONALD  
F/S. TATE J.R.  
P/O. C.L. KNELL  
AUS. F/S. LEARMONTH R.  
Sgt. CROSBY A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1920            0226

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Clermont Ferrand. 1 x 12,000lb. HC. 2305 hrs. 11,700ft. Heavy pall of thick black smoke rising up to about 10,500ft., fires seen burning in factory area. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 16.03.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 402. (P)

**CREW:**  
AUS. F/O. A. KELL  
Sgt. CLARK J.  
AUS. P/O. J.L. HAGER  
AUS. F/O. R. MORIESON  
AUS. P/O. A.L. EVANS  
AUS. P/O. A.W. SNELL  
AUS. F/O. F. CHAPMAN

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1929           0223

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Clermont Ferrand. 1 x 12,000lb. HC. 2308 hrs. 9,850ft. Target identified visually in light of flares. Bombed to left of fires and red spot as instructed. Large buildings seen to be on fire, and bombing appeared well concentrated. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 16.03.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 385. (A)

**CREW:**  
F/O. R.E. KNIGHTS  
P/O. E. TWELLS  
CAN. P/O.H.B. RHUDE  
F/S. BELL J.R.  
Sgt. ROWAN N.  
Sgt. HOBBS A.W.  
F/S. DERHAM P.W.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1914           0230

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Clermont Ferrand. 1 x 12,000lb. HC. 2317 hrs. 11,400ft. One building seen to be destroyed and Eastern end of target well on fire. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 16.03.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 560. (H)

**CREW:**  
CAN. F/O. W.A. DUFFY  
Sgt. BENTING A.W.  
CAN. F/O. D.A. BELL  
CAN. F/O. R.E. WOODS  
CAN. P/O. D.R. PEARCE

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/S. HOLT A.  
CAN. W/O. EVANS W.G.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1918           0309

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Clermont Ferrand. 1 x 12,000lb. HC. 2303 hrs. 10,500ft. Target well hit, huge columns of black smoke seen. Heavy explosions. Defences negligible. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 18.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I DV. 380. (N)

**CREW:**

W/C. G.L. CHESHIRE  
F/O. L.W.J. KING  
F/O. P. KELLY  
AUS. F/L. C.K. ASTBURY  
F/O. R. ADAMS  
W/O. BICKLEY W.G.  
F/O. R. PETCH  
P/O. MORRIS

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1940           0230

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Powder Factory, Bergerac. Bombing. 7 spotfires. 136 x 30lb. Inc. 2320 hrs. 7,500ft. Direct hits on Powder works and storage. Lots of smoke, but fires seen in centre building. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 18.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I DV. 391. (W)

**CREW:**

S/L. J.L. MUNRO NZ.  
F/S. APPLEBY F.E.  
F/O. F.G. RUMBLES  
P/O. J.H. CLAY  
CAN. P/O. P.E. PIGEON  
F/S. HOWARTH W.  
CAN. P/O. H.A. WEEKS

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1935           0230

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Bergerac. 7 spotfires. 136 x 30lb. Inc. 2240 hrs. 6,400ft. Bombs seen to hit Eastern edge of Eastern sheds. Dump blew up. Eastern part of central block blazing. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 18.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 403. (L)

**CREW:**

AUS. F/L. D.J. SHANNON  
F/S. HENDERSON R.J.  
CAN. F/L. D.R. WALKER  
F/O. L.J. SUMPTER  
F/O. L.W. CURTIS  
F/S. TEMPLE E.C.  
F/O. J. BUCKLEY

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1938           0212

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Bergerac. 2 spotfires. 200 x 30lb. inc. 2 TI's. 2301 hrs. 6,800ft. Target well alight, extensive damage. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 18.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 559. (Q)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.C. McCARTHY USA.  
P/O. W.G. RADCLIFFE  
CAN. F/O. D.A. MacLEAN  
P/O. G.L. JOHNSON  
F/S. EATON L.  
F/S. BATSON R.  
CAN. F/L. D. RODGER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1942           0214

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Bergerac. 2 Green T.I. 1 Exp. T.I. 212 x 30lb. Inc. 2249 hrs. 7,000ft. Instructed to overshoot spotfires by 150 yds. Sheds seen to be well on fire. Large explosion on edge of factory area.

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**DATE:** 18.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 560. (H)

**CREW:**

F/L. B.W. CLAYTON  
F/O. A. HILL  
F/O. P.W. BUTTLE  
F/O. J.S. WATSON  
F/O. G.A. CHALMERS  
Sgt. SHARP A.W.  
F/S. HUME W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1941            0205

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Bergerac. 1 x 12,000lb. HC. 1 x 1000lb. 2305 hrs. 9,800ft. Bombed centre of dump. Saw continuous wave of explosions giving pinkish glare for 10-15 seconds and white smoke up to 6000ft. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 18.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. III JB. 139. (X)

**CREW:**

F/L. D.J.B. WILSON  
P/O. G.A PHILLIPS  
AUS. F/O. J.K. STOTT  
CAN. F/O. E.W. FINLAY  
F/O. R.J. ALLEN  
W/O. HOLLAND G.B.  
F/O. E.B. CHANDLER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1939            0209

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Bergerac. 1 x 12000lb. HC. 2306 hrs. 10,100ft. Overshot red spotfires as instructed. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 18.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. I ME. 562.

**CREW:**

F/L. R.S.D. KEARNS. NZ.  
F/O. T.W. CLARKSON  
NZ. F/O. W.J. BARCLAY  
CAN. F/O. W.A. DANIEL  
W/O. DACEY J.  
F/S. VAUGHAN M.  
NZ. F/S. DOWMAN M.C.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1928            0225

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Bergerac. 1 x 12,000lb. HC. Four runs made. Unable to release bomb, either mechanically or manually. Closed bomb doors, plugged in circuit. On re-opening bomb doors, bombs and flares fell off ten miles E.S.E. of target.

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**DATE:** 18.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III ED. 763. (D)

**CREW:**  
F/L. H.J. PRYOR  
Sgt. TELFER R.J.A.  
CAN. F/O. R.S. PINDER  
CAN. F/O. C.P. PESME  
Sgt. HEPWORTH A.  
F/S. PATTERSON J.  
Sgt. COLYER M.A.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1934 0203

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Bergerac. 208 x 30lb. Inc. 2310 hrs. 8000ft. Bombed 150 yds. West of spotfire. All incendiaries fell in Eastern and central part of target. Six big explosions seen.

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**DATE:** 18.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III EE 146. (K)

**CREW:**  
F/L. J.L. COOPER  
F/O. S.R. CLARKE  
F/L. F.E. DREW  
F/O. G.J. HARDEN  
NZ. F/O. B.J. HOSIE  
F/O. A.E. PELLY

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1937 0216

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Bergerac. 208 x 30lb. Inc. 2313 hrs. 8,300ft. Leader instructed crew to overshoot spotfire or bomb visually. Bombing appeared accurate.

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**DATE:** 18.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 555. (C)

**CREW:**  
F/O. R.E.KNIGHTS  
P/O. E. TWELLS  
CAN. P/O. H.B. RHUDE  
F/S. BELL J.R.  
Sgt. ROWAN N.  
Sgt. HOBBS A.W.  
F/S. DERHAM P.W.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1936 0220



**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Bergerac. 1 x 12,000lb. HC. 2317 hrs. 9,200ft. Bombed buildings visually and by fires. Incendiaries seemed to be scattered.

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**DATE:** 18.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I. DV. 393. (T)

**CREW:**

F/O. E. WILLISHER

F/S. HURDISS J.

F/S. GRIPTON J.R.

F/S. EVERETT R.C.

F/S. BELL F.W.

Sgt. SLATER A.

F/O. G.A. WITHERICK

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  1938           0202

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Bergerac. 1 x 12,000lb. HC. 2300 hrs. 9,500ft. Bomb overshoot marker as instructed and hit main buildings, which later were on fire.

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**DATE:** 18.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 402. (P)

**CREW:**

AUS. F/O. A. KELL

Sgt. CLARK J.

AUS. PO. J.L. HAGER

AUS. F/O. R. MORIESON

AUS. P/O. A.L. EVANS

AUS. P/O. A.W. SNELL

AUS. F/O. F. CHAPMAN

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  1933           0207

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Begerac. 1 x 12,000lb. HC. 2308 hrs. 9,100ft. Bombed visually, overshoot on instructions from leader.

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**DATE:** 18.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 246 (U)

**CREW:**

USA. LT. H.C. KNILANS

P/O. K.J. RYALL

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O. D.A. MacDONALD  
F/S. TATE J.R.  
P/O. C.L. KNELL  
AUS. F/L. LEARMONTH R.  
Sgt. CROSBY A.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1947            0218

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Bergerac. 4 red spot. 144 x 30lb. Inc. Bombed visually by buildings. Bombing well concentrated.

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**DATE:** 20.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. I DV. 380. (N)

**CREW:**

W/C. G.L. CHESHIRE  
F/O. L.W.J. KING  
F/O. P. KELLY  
AUS. F/L. C.K. ASTBURY  
F/O. R. ADAMS  
W/O. BICKLEY W.G.  
F/O. R. PETCH

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1918            0157

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Explosive Works, Angouleme. 8 red spotfires. 1 x 8,000lb. Minol. 2232 hrs. 6,000ft.  
Target wrecked. Bombing accurate and heavy fires. Several spasmodic explosions, one particularly large.

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**DATE:** 20.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. I. DV. 391. (W)

**CREW:**

NZ. S/L. J.L. MUNRO  
F/S. APPLEBY F.E.  
F/O. D.A. PELTIER  
P/O. J.H. CLAY  
CAN. P/O. P.E. PIGEON  
F/S. HOWARTH W.  
CAN. P/O. H.A. WEEKS

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1928            0147

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Angouleme. 8 spotfires. 1 x 8,000lb. HC. 2214 hrs. 6,400ft. Bombed slightly to left of red spotfire. Position confirmed visually. Bombed as instructed by Leader.

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**DATE:** 20.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 403. (L)

**CREW:**

AUS. F/L. D.J. SHANNON  
F/S. HENDERSON R.J.  
CAN. F/L. D.R. WALKER  
F/O. L.J. SUMPTER  
F/O. L.W. CURTIS  
F/S. TEMPLE E.C.  
F/O. J. BUCKLEY

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1926           0133

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Angouleme. 3 red T.I. 3 Green T.I. 1 x 8000lb. Minol 2220 hrs. 6,700ft.  
Bomb fell 100 yds. left of aiming point. One big explosion. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 20.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 559. (Q)

**CREW:**

USA. F/L. J.C. McCARTHY  
P/O. W.G. RADCLIFFE  
CAN. F/O. D.A. MacLEAN  
P/O. G.L. JOHNSON  
F/S. EATON L.  
F/S. BATSON R.  
CAN. F/L. D. RODGER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1936           0142

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Angouleme. 3 green T.I. 1 x 8,000lb. Minol. Bombs fell just over river on extreme N. side of target area. Last bomb seen to drop caused large explosion.

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**DATE:** 20.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 562. (Z)

**CREW:**

F/L. R.S.D. KEARNS  
F/O. T.W. CLARKSON  
NZ. F/O. W.J. BARCLAY  
CAN. W.A. DANIAL  
W/O. DACEY J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/S. VAUGHAN M.  
NZ. F/S. DOWMAN M.G.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1922           0140

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Angouleme. 1 x 8,000lb. Minol. 1 x 1000lb. GP. 2216 hrs. 8,000ft. Bombed target visually. Bombing appeared concentrated except for two bombs, one on edge of river and other about eight miles away.

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**DATE:** 20.03.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. III JB. 139. (X)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L. D.J.B. WILSON P/O. G.A. PHILLIPS AUS. F/O. J.K. STOTT CAN. F/O. E.W. FINLAY F/O. R.J. ALLEN W/O. HOLLAND G.B. F/O. E.B. CHANDLER	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME.**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1933           0137

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Angouleme. 1 x 8,000lb. HC. 1 x 1000lb. GP. 2222 hrs. 8,300ft. Red spotfires bombed. Incendiaries appeared scattered. Several small explosions and fairly good fires.

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**DATE:** 20.03.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I ME. 560. (H)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L. B.W. CLAYTON F/O. A. HILL F/O. P.W. BUTTLE F/O. J.S. WATSON F/O. G.A. CHALMERS Sgt. SHARP A.W. F/S. HUME W.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1934           0128

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Angouleme. 1 x 8,000lb. 2223 hrs. 8,600ft. Minol. 1 x 1000lb. GP. Bombed small square building in Northern part of dump. Bombs fell 50 yds. E. of building. Five or six smaller explosions followed. Several small fires seen. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 20.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 246. (U)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.E.R. WILLIAMS  
Sgt. SOILLEUX J.  
F/O. R. TALBOT  
F/O. A.B. WALKER  
Sgt. POTTER A.E.  
Sgt. BLAGDON J.  
AUS. P/O. JEWELL K.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2003           0203

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Angouleme. 8 x 1000lb. MC. 8 red spotfires. 2224 hrs. 10,400ft. Fire already burning in target area. Stick seen to fall across target. Several good fires. Incendiaries appeared very scattered. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 20.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 385. (A)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.L. COOPER  
F/O. S.R. CLARKE  
F/L. F.E. DREW  
F/O. G.J. HARDEN  
NZ. F/O. B.J. HOSIE  
F/O. A.E. PELLY  
W/O. HUTTON J.W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  1937           0146

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Angouleme. 1 x 8,000lb. 2237 hrs. 9,200ft. HC. 1 x 1000lb. GP. Overshot red spotfires as instructed by Leader. One large shed in Northern part of target appeared to be untouched. Deep red smoke seen coming from largest fire. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 20.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III ED. 763. (K)

**CREW:**

F/L. L.G.A. HADLAND  
Sgt. CHERRINGTON J.  
F/O S.G. GREENWOOD  
F/O C.R. BROWN  
Sgt. GASKELL J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F.S TIREL A.D.  
W/O KEMP J.M.

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          1939                   0145

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Angouleme. 1 x 8,000lb. HC. 1 x 1000lb. GP. 2222 hrs. 9,800ft. Smoke obscured target quite early in attack. Bombed to overshoot spotfires. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 20.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                   Lancaster. III ED. 146. (K)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.A. EDWARD  
Sgt. McCULLOUGH D.  
CAN. F/O. L.T. PRITCHARD  
F/S. BROOK J.  
F/S. HOBBS G.H.  
F/S. POOLEY R.V.  
F/S. ISHERWOOD S.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          1930                   0151

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Angouleme. 1 x 8,000lb. HC. 1 x 1000lb. GP. 2222 hrs. 10,100ft. Bombed fires beyond marker as instructed. Bomb slightly undershot fires. One large explosion seen. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 20.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                   Lancaster. I ME. 555. (C)

**CREW:**

F/O. M. HAMILTON  
Sgt. ROOKE L.S.  
F/S. JACKSON J.T.  
S/L. D.S. RICHARDSON  
Sgt. THOMPSON J.T.  
Sgt. DADGE J.A.  
F/S. HAMILTON D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          1932                   0138

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Angouleme. 1 x 8,000lb. HC. 1 x 1000lb. GP. 2230 hrs. 10,700ft. Visually identified target by river. Bombs fell about 100 yds. beyond marker.

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**DATE:** 20.03.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 393. (T)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O. E. WILLISHER Sgt. HURDISS J. F/S. GRIPTON J.R. F/S. EVERETT R.C. F/S. BELL F.W. Sgt. SALTER A. F/O. G.A. WITHERICK	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1934	0135

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Angouleme. 1 x 8,000lb. Minol. 1 x 1000lb. GP. 2217 hrs. 8,900ft. 1000lb. bomb hung up. Incendiaries were scattered but HE. bombing well concentrated.

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**DATE:** 20.03.44.  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 402. (P)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O. A. KELL. AUS. Sgt. CLARK J. AUS. P/O. J.L. HAGER AUS. R. MORIESON AUS. P/O. A.L. EVANS AUS. P/O. A.W. SNELL AUS. F/O. F. CHAPMAN	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1935	0139

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing Angouleme. 1 x 8,000lb. Minol. 1 x 1000lb. GP. 2225 hrs. 10,000ft. Overshot spotfires as instructed. Buildings seen to be on fire. Several small explosions.

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**DATE:** 23.03.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 380. (N)

<b>CREW:</b> W/C. G.L. CHESHIRE F/O. L.W.J. KING F/O. P. KELLY AUS. F/L. C.K. ASTBURY F/O. R. ADAMS W/O. BICKLEY W.G. F/O. R. PETCH	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         1928                            0234

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Aero Engine Factory, Lyons. 8 spotfires, 1 T.I. 1 x 7" flare. 6 x 1000lb. MC. 2329 hrs. 5,500ft. Identification of target difficult owing to hazy conditions and poor flare dropping. No results seen.

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**DATE:** 23.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster. I ME. 559. (Q)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.C. McCARTHY USA.  
P/O. W.G. RADCLIFFE  
CAN. D.A. MacLEAN  
P/O. G.L. JOHNSON  
F/S. EATON L.  
F/S. BATSON R.  
CAN. F/L. D. RODGER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         1940                            0255

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 4 spotfires. 1 x 7" flare. 1 yellow T.I. 9 x 1000lb. MC. 2324 hrs. 7,000ft. Bombed spotfires as instructed. No results observed.

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**DATE:** 23.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster. I DV. 403. (L)

**CREW:**

F/L. D.J. SHANNON. AUS.  
F/S. HENDERSON R.J.  
CAN. F/L. D.R. WALKER  
F/O. L.J. SUMPTER  
F/O. L.W. CURTIS  
F/S. TEMPLE E.C.  
F/S. PEng. ALLY W.H.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         1929                            0225

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 8 spotfires. 1 yellow T.I. 1 x 7" flare. 6 x 1000lb. GP. 2326 hrs. 6,500ft. Bombed to overshoot red spotfire as instructed. No results observed.

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**DATE:** 23.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster. I ME. 557. (S)



**CREW:**  
NZ. F/L. R.S.D. KEARNS  
F/O. T.W. CLARKSON  
NZ. F/O. W.J. BARCLAY  
CAN. F/O. W.A. DANIEL  
W/O. DACEY J.  
F/S. VAUGHAN M.  
NZ. F/S. DOWMAN M.G.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1944           0147

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 3 flares. 11 x 1000lb. MC. 2327 hrs. 8,900ft. Bombed red spotfires as instructed.  
No results seen.

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**DATE:** 20.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I ME. 560. (*H*)

**CREW:**  
F/L. B.W. CLAYTON  
F/O. A. HILL  
F/O. P.W. BUTTLE  
F/O. J.S. WATSON  
F/O. G.A. CHALMERS  
Sgt. SHARP A.W.  
F/S. HUME W.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1938           0145

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 11 x 1000lb. MC. 2322 hrs. 9,800ft. No results observed, bombed spotfires as instructed.

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**DATE:** 20.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I DV. 394. (*M*)

**CREW:**  
F/L. J.L. COOPER  
F/O. S.R. CLARKE  
F/L. F.E. DREW  
F/O. G.J. HARDEN  
NZ. F/O. B.J. HOSIE  
F/O. A.E. PELLY  
W/O. HUTTON J.W.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1933           0210

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 1 Lobster Pot. 11 x 1000lb. GP. 2340 hrs. 10,400ft. Bombed to overshoot red spotfire as instructed. Explosion seen when aircraft on return journey. More flares were needed over target.

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**DATE:** 20.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III JB. 139. (X)

**CREW:**

F/L. D.J.B. WILSON  
P/O. G.A. PHILLIPS  
F/O. P. INGLEBAY  
CAN. F/O. E.W. FINLAY  
F/O. R.J. ALLEN  
W/O. HOLLAND G.B.  
F/O. E.B. CHANDLER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  1943           0229

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 11 x 1000lb. MC. 2327 hrs. 8,300ft. Bombed to overshoot spotfires as instructed. No results observed.

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**DATE:** 20.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 385. (A)

**CREW:**

F/L. A.W. FEARN  
P/O. T. DAVIES  
Sgt. JOHNSON H.  
F/O. W. CHADWICK  
F/S. BAKER J.E.  
Sgt. WILSON-WILLIAMS D.  
F/S. PEARSON D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  1931           0240

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 8 Recco. flares. 11 x 1000lb. MC. 2328 hrs. 8,000ft. Poor visibility. No results observed.

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**DATE:** 20.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III EE. 131. (B)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.E.R. WILLIAMS  
Sgt. SOILLEUX J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O. R. TALBOT  
F/O. A.B. WALKER  
Sgt. POTTER A.E.  
Sgt. BLAGDON R.  
AUS. P/O. K. JEWELL

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1948            0252

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 8 Recco. flares. 11 x 1000lb. MC. 2356. Mistook instructions given to 106 sqdn. aircraft and overshoot markers by 2000 yds. No results observed.

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**DATE:** 20.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER**            Lancaster. III EE. 146. (K)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.A. EDWARD  
Sgt. McCULLOUGH R.  
CAN. F/O. L.T. PRITCHARD  
F/S. BROOK J.H.  
F/S. HOBBS G.H.  
F/S. POOLEY R.V.  
F/S. ISHERWOOD S.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1934            0245

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 8 Recco. flares. 11 x 1000lb. MC. 2327 hrs. 9,200ft. No results observed. Overshot spotfires as instructed.

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**DATE:** 20.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster. III ED. 763. (D)

**CREW:**

F/L. L.G.A. HADLAND  
Sgt. CHERRINGTON J.  
P/O. S.G. GREENWOOD  
F/O. C.R. BROWN  
Sgt. GASKELL J.  
F/S. TIREL A.D.  
W/O. KEMP J.M.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1945            0215

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 8 Recco. flares. 11 x 1000lb. MC. 2329 hrs. 9,500ft. No results observed. Bombed to overshoot spotfires as instructed by Leader.

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**DATE:** 20.03.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 393. (T)

**CREW:**  
F/O. E. WILLISHER  
Sgt. HURDISS J.  
F/S. GRIPTON J.R.  
F/S. EVERETT R.C.  
F/S. BELL F.W.  
Sgt. SALTER A.  
F/O. G.A. WITHERICK

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1926           0202

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 1 lobster pot. 11 x 1000lb. GP. 2329 hrs. 10,100' T. Bombed to overshoot spotfire. No results observed.

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**DATE:** 20.03.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 555. (C)

**CREW:**  
AUS. P/O. R.M. STANFORD  
Sgt. JUDSON E.  
AUS. P/O. T.W. BUTLER  
AUS. W/O. CLARKE G.K.  
AUS. F/S. JORDON A.J.  
F/S. GRIFFITHS L.D.  
W/O. RUSHTON A.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1936           0212

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 8 Recco. flares. 11 x 1000lb. MC. 2327 hrs. 8900'. Bombed target on spotfire as instructed by Leader. No results observed.

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**DATE:** 20.03.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 562. (Z)

**CREW:**  
F/O. N.R. ROSS  
P/O. A.J.S. GIRLING  
F/O. T.R. DAVIES  
F/S. McCLELLAN L.  
F/S. HICKSON G.  
P/O. T.A. PLATT

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

AUS. P/O. M.R. TUXFORD

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1942           0230

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 11 x 1000lb. MC. 2325 hrs. 10,700ft. No results observed. Explosion seen approx. one hour after leaving target. Unable to assess the success of the raid as it was not possible to make out any ground detail.

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**DATE:** 25.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I DV. 380. (N)

**CREW:**

W/C. G.L. CHESHIRE  
F/O. L.W.J. KING  
F/O. P. KELLY  
AUS. F/L. C.K. ASTBURY  
F/O. R. ADAMS  
W/O. BICKLEY W.G.  
F/O. PETCH R.  
F/S. PENGALLY W.  
F/S. KIMBERLEY

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/Gunner.  
Passenger.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1932           0321

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 4 red spotfires. 1 Green T.I. 120 x 30lb. Inc. Bombing scattered - fires covered approximately one square mile. No attempt at photography.

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**DATE:** 25.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I. (DV403) (L)

**CREW:**

AUS. S/L. D.J. SHANNON  
F/S. HENDERSON R.J.  
CAN. F/L. D.R. WALKER  
F/O. L.J. SUMPTER  
F/O. L.W. CURTIS  
F/S. TEMPLE E.C.  
F/O. J. BUCKLEY

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1934           0320

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 4 red spotfires. 1 Green T.I. 120 x 30lb. Inc. 2321 hrs. Low level. Bombed factory buildings visually. Bombs fell on Eastern sheds of target. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 25.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 559. (Q)

**CREW:**

USA. S/L. J.C. McCARTHY  
P/O. W.G. RADCLIFFE  
CAN. F/O. D.A. MacLEAN  
P/O. G.L. JOHNSON  
F/S. EATON L.  
F/S. BATSON R.  
CAN. F/L. D. RODGER  
W/O. ELLWOOD M.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1918           0258

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 2 red spotfires. 1 Green T.I. 144 x 30lb. Inc. 2314 hrs. 50ft. Three loads believed to have hit target, but no resulting fires were seen. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 25.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 557. (S)

**CREW:**

NZ. F/L. R.S.D. KEARNS  
F/O. T.W. CLARKSON  
NZ. F/O. W.J. BARCLAY  
CAN. F/O. W.A. DANIEL  
W/O. DACEY J.  
F/S. VAUGHAN M.  
NZ. F/S. DOWMAN M.G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1917           0310

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 12 x 500lb. Inc. 2345 hrs 12,000ft. Bombs seemed to be ringing the target, about two sticks actually appeared to be on target itself. Own bombs fell slightly beyond and to the left of spotfire bombed.

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**DATE:** 25.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III JB. 139. (X)

**CREW:**

F/L. D.J.B. WILSON  
P/O. G.A. PHILLIPS  
AUS. F/O. J.K. STOTT  
CAN. F/O. E.W. FINLAY  
F/O. R.J. ALLEN

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

W/O. HOLLAND G.B.  
F/O. E.B. CHANDLER

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1930           0249

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 12 x 5000lb. Inc. 2336 hrs. 11,400ft. Bombs seen to fall close to marker. Instructions misunderstood, wrong spotfire bombed. Red spotfire difficult to observe from 11,000ft.

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**DATE:** 25.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I DV. 394. (M)

**CREW:**

F/L. B.W. CLAYTON  
F/O. A. HILL  
F/O. P.W. BUTTLE  
F/O. J.S. WATSON  
F/O. G.A. CHALMERS  
F/S. HUME W.  
Sgt. SHARP A.W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1929           0308

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 12 x 500lb. Inc. 2351 hrs. 11,000ft. Bombs fell just S.E. of marker. Eastern edge of P.L.M. yards and depot seemed to be on fire. Every stick of bombs seemed to undershoot.

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**DATE:** 25.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I DV. 402. (P)

**CREW:**

F/L. A.W. FEARN  
P/O. T. DAVIES  
Sgt. JOHNSON H.  
F/O. W. CHADWICK  
F/S. BAKER J.E.  
Sgt. WILSON-WILLIAMS D.  
F/S. PEARSON D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1924           0329

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 12 x 500lb. Inc. 2348 hrs. 8,000ft. Bombs fell on West side of target. Fires seemed to be very scattered.

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**DATE:** 25.03.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III EE. 146. (K).

<b>CREW:</b> F/L. J.A. EDWARD Sgt. McCULLOUGH R. CAN. F/O. L.T. PRITCHARD F/S. BROOK J. F/S. HOBBS G.H. F/S. ISHERWOOD S. F/S. POOLEY R.V.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1934	0311

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 12 x 500lb. Inc. 2335 hrs. 9,800ft. Target believed to have been hit during later stages of attack, but impossible to give accurate account owing to mass of incendiaries in area.

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**DATE:** 25.03.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 391. (O)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L. A.F. POORE Sgt. JOHNSON A.J. F/O. R.A. ROBERT F/O. R.J. ELSEY F/W. THOMPSON R.C. F/S. CASTLEMAN R.P. F/S. TOOKEY W.F.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1926	0322

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 12 x 500lb. Inc. 2334 hrs. 8,300ft. Red spotfire bombed was to W.S.W. of target. Bombing was scattered.

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**DATE:** 25.03.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III EE. 131. (B)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L. J.E.R. WILLIAMS Sgt. SOILLEUX J. F/O. R. TALBOT F/O. A.B. WALKER Sgt. POTTER A.E. AUS. P/O. K. JEWELL Sgt. BLAGDON J.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         1931                            0315

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 12 x 500lb. Inc. 2330 hrs. 9,600ft. Bombs believed to have been 100 yds. undershot. Several flares seen in area, mostly around target, but it was not possible to see whether target itself had been hit.

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**DATE:** 25.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster. III ED. 763. (D).

**CREW:**

F/L. L.G.A. HADLAND  
Sgt. CHERRINGTON J.  
P/O. S.G. GREENWOOD  
Sgt. GASKELL J.  
F/O. C.R. BROWN  
F/S. TIREL  
W/O. KEMP J.M.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         1938                            0319

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 12 x 500lb. Inc. 0006 hrs. 8,900ft. Bombed estimated position of T.I., which was obscured by smoke. One load of incendiaries observed very close to target.

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**DATE:** 25.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster. I DV. 385. (A)

**CREW:**

F/L. H.J. PRYOR  
Sgt. TELFER R.J.A.  
CAN. F/O. R.L. PINDER  
CAN. F/O. C.P. PESME  
F/S. HEPWORTH A.  
Sgt. COLYER M.A.  
F/S. PATTERSON J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         1927                            0255

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 12 x 500lb. Inc. 2332 hrs. 10,100ft. Instructed by Leader to bomb red spotfire to the east. This was done, but most aircraft seemed to be bombing the wrong marker. Raid appeared very scattered. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 25.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster. I ME. 555. (C)

**CREW:**

F/O. M. HAMILTON  
Sgt. ROOKE L.S.  
F/S. JACKSON J.T.  
F/O. R. DUCK  
Sgt. THOMPSON J.  
P/O. H.W. CORNISH-UNDERWOOD  
F/S. HAMILTON D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1936           0312

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 12 x 500lb. Inc. 2353 hrs. 9,200ft. Red spotfire bombed was to south of aiming point. Incendiaries fell among main concentration.

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**DATE:** 25.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I ME. 561. (R)

**CREW:**

F/O. N.R. ROSS  
P/O. A.J.S. GIRLING  
F/O. T.R. DAVIES  
F/S. McCLELLAN L.  
F/S. HICKSON G.  
F/O. T.A. PLATT  
AUS. P/O. M.R. TUXFORD

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1933           0246

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 12 x 500lb. Inc. 2323 hrs. 10,700ft. Own bombs estimated to have dropped either on or within 100 yds of target.

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**DATE:** 25.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I DV. 393. (T)

**CREW:**

F/O. E. WILLISHER  
Sgt. HURDISS J.  
F/S. GRIPTON J.R.  
F/S. EVERETT R.C.  
F/S. BELL F.W.  
F/O. G.A. WITHERICK  
Sgt. SALTER A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1930           0256

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 12 x 500lb. Inc. 2335 hrs. 10,400ft. Own bombs overshoot red spotfire by 40 yds. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 25.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 554. (F)

**CREW:**

AUS. F/O. R.M. STANDFORD  
Sgt. JUDSON E.  
AUS. P/O. T.W. BUTLER  
AUS. W/O. CLARKE G.K.  
AUS. F/S. JORDON A.J.  
F/S. GRIFFITHS R.D.  
W/O. RUSHTON A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  1935           0230

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 12 x 500lb. Inc. 2357 hrs. 8,600ft. Bombed red spotfires. Bombing very scattered. Landed at Ford with W/T. u/s. and starboard inner leak.

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**DATE:** 29.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 380. (N)

**CREW:**

W/C. G.L. CHESHIRE  
F/O. L.W.J. KING  
F/O. P. KELLY  
AUS. F/L. C.K. ASTBURY  
F/O. R. ADAMS  
W/O. BICKLEY W.G.  
F/O. R. PETCH

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  1926           0308

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 10 red spotfires. 2 Green T.I. 2 x 500lb. Inc. Concentrated bombing in the target area. One marker fell on S.E. corner of factory, incendiaries overshoot target by about 30 yds. Target seen to be well alight.

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**DATE:** 29.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 557. (S)

**CREW:**

AUS. F/L. R.S.D. KEARNS

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

P/O. T.W. CLARKSON  
NZ. F/O. W.J. BARCLAY  
CAN. F/O. WA. DANIEL  
W/O. DACEY J.  
F/S. VAUGHAN M.  
NZ. F/S. DOWMAN M.G.  
W/CDR. WEIR

Passenger

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1927           0300

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 2 Green T.I. 8 x 500lb. Inc. 2338 hrs. 12,000ft. Own bombs fell right across target area. Concentrated bombing in target area.

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**DATE:** 29.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I ME. 560. (H)

**CREW:**

F/L. CLAYTON B.W.

F/O. A. HILL

F/O. P.W. BUTTLE

F/O. J.S. WATSON

F/O. G.A. CHALMERS

F/S. HUME W.

Sgt. SHARP A.W.

F/O. A.B. ROGERS

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/Gunner.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1925           0323

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 6 red spotfires. 3 Green T.I. 5 x 500lb. Inc. Bombs seen to burst across red spotfires. First large bomb appeared to be on target. Saw large building with roof gone and target well alight.

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**DATE:** 29.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. III JB. 139. (X)

**CREW:**

F/L. D.J.B. WILSON

P/O. G.A. PHILLIPS

AUS. F/O. J.K. STOTT

CAN. F/O. E.W. FINLAY

F/O. R.J. ALLEN

W/O. HOLLAND G.B.

F/O. E.B. CHANDLER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1942           0241

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 1 x 8,000lb. Minol. 2 x 1000lb. MC. Bombing appeared well concentrated but fire only just starting as aircraft left. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 29.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 391. (O)

**CREW:**

F/L. A.F. POORE  
Sgt. JOHNSON J.  
F/O. R.A. ROBERTS  
F/O. R.J. ELSEY  
F/S. THOMPSON R.C.  
F/S. CASTLEMAN R.P.  
Sgt. TOOKEY W.F.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1947           0240

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 1 x 8,000lb. Minol. 2 x 1000lb. MC. 2354 hrs. 9,200ft. Results of previous bombing not observed. Own bombs fell approximately on S.E. corner of target. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 29.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 402. (P)

**CREW:**

F/L. H.J. PRYOR  
Sgt. TELFER R.J.A.  
CAN. F/O. R.L. PINDER  
CAN. F/O. C.P. PESME  
W/O. ELLWOOD M.  
Sgt. COLYER M.A.  
F/S. PATTERSON J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1943           0239

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 1 x 8,000lb. Minol. 2 x 1000lb. MC. 2332 hrs. 9,500ft. Slight overshoot on red spotfire as instructed. Bombs fell 100 yds. beyond red spotfire - part of building seen to go up. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 29.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. III EE. 131. (B)

**CREW:**

**DUTY:**

F/L. J.A. EDWARD  
Sgt. MCCULLOUGH R.  
CAN. F/O. L.T. PRITCHARD  
F/S. BROOK R.  
F/S. HOBBS G.H.  
F/S. ISHERWOOD S.  
F/S. POOLEY R.V.

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  1949           0247

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 14 x 500lb. Inc. 2342 hrs. 10,100ft. Own bombs overshot marker slightly as ordered. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 29.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I DV. 246. (U)

**CREW:**

F/L. A.W. FEARN  
P/O. T. DAVIES  
Sgt. JOHNSON J.T.  
F/O. W. CHADWICK  
F/S. BAKER J.E.  
Sgt. WILSON-WILLIAMS D.  
F/S. PEARSON D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  1944           0310

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 14 x 500lb. Inc. 2348 hrs. 10,400ft. One load fell on S.W. corner of target. Bombing seemed concentrated in target area. Aircraft hit by heavy predicted flak, but no serious damage caused.

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**DATE:** 29.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster. I DV. 385. (A)

**CREW:**

F/O. R.E. KNIGHTS  
P/O. E. TWELLS  
CAN. P/O. H.B. RHUDE  
F/S. BELL J.R.  
Sgt. ROWAN N.  
F/S. HOBBS A.W.  
F/S. DERHAM P.W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  1941           0302

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 1 x 8,000lb. Minol, 2 x 1000lb. MC. 2343 hrs. 8,000ft. Bombed burning building near red spotfire as instructed by Leader. Bombs overshot building by about 100 yds. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 29.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 562. (Z)

**CREW:**

F/O. N.R. ROSS

P/O. A.J.S. GIRLING

F/O. T.R. DAVIES.

F/S. McCLELLAN L.

F/S. HICKSON G.

F/O. T.A. PLATT.

AUS. P/O. M.R. TUXFORD.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**  
                         1937            0244

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 1 x 8,000lb. Minol. 2 x 1000lb. MC. Lot of blue flames seen. Large load of incendiaries seen to hit main building. No photographs obtained.

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**DATE:** 29.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 561. (R)

**CREW:**

LT. H.C. KNILANS USA

P/O. K.J. RYALL

F/O. D.A. MacDONALD

F/O. D.S. RICHARDSON

P/O. C.L. KNELL

AUS. F/S. LEARMONTH R.

Sgt. CROSBY A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**  
                         1938            0259

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 1 x 8,000lb. Minol. 2 x 1000lb. MC. 2337 hrs. 8,600ft. Bombs fell into target, which was burning well. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 29.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 559. (Y)

**CREW:**

F/O. G.S. STOUT

P/O. J.R. GURNEY

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O. P. INGLEBY  
CAN. F/O. W.A. RUPERT  
F/S. NUTTAL A.  
P/O. H.W. CORNISH-UNDERWOOD  
W/O. SMITH R.  
F/L. C.J.G. HOWARD 2nd Pilot.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                      1946           0317

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 1 x 8,000lb. MC. 2338 hrs. 9,800ft. Overshoot of 50 yds. on red spotfire as ordered. Bombs seen to fall on target. Aiming point obtained

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**DATE:** 29.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I ME. 554. (F)

**CREW:**

AUS. F/O. R.M. STANFORD  
Sgt. JUDSON E.  
AUS. P/O. T.W. BUTLER.  
AUS. W/O. CLARKE G.K.  
AUS. F/S. JORDON A.J.  
F/S. GRIFFITHS R.D.  
W/O. RUSHTON A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                      1945           0303

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Lyons. 14 x 500lb. Inc. 2353 hrs. 11,000ft. Bombed burning sheds as red spotfire was burnt out. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 29.03.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster. I DV. 403. (G)

**CREW:**

F/O. M. HAMILTON  
Sgt. ROOKE L.  
Sgt. JACKSON J.T.  
F/O. R. DUCK  
Sgt. THOMPSON J.  
Sgt. DADGE J.A.  
F/S. HAMILTON D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                      1948           0257

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**



Bombing, Lyons. 1 x 8,000lb. Minol. 1 x 2,000lb. MC. Bombs seen to hit target just N.W. of spotfire.

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OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK  
No. 617 Squadron

WOODHALL SPA

01.04.44

No operations detailed. Intensive bombing training carried out.

02.04.44

Rain all day, no flying possible.

Lecture given to 10 latest arrival crews by Squadron Commander. Squadron stand-down in afternoon. W/Commander Cheshire awarded second bar to D.S.O.

03.04.44

No flying all day, owing to weather. Squadron on stand-down in afternoon.

04.04.44

Eighteen aircraft detailed for operations - cancelled. All leave (with exception of aircrew) cancelled.

05.04.44

Seventeen Lancaster and one Mosquito (W/Commander Cheshire) detailed operations. The target was aircraft factories on the outskirts of Toulouse, the Squadron acting as markers for other aircraft of 54 Base. The attack was completely successful, and all aircraft of this Squadron returned safely. The weather at base was cloudy with slight rain during early evening. Light N. Easterly wind. The aircraft were diverted on return to Westcott. *(On this raid the marking was carried out by Cheshire at low level in his Mosquito and he marked accurately on his third pass. The target was well defended but Cheshire was not hit. The remainder of the 5 Group bomber force bombed very accurately and destroyed the target. Within hours of this raid Harris had informed Cochrane that 5 Group could act as an independent air force using its own marking techniques. It also led to Mosquito's being assigned to 617 Sqn on a regular basis)*

06.04.44

Six aircraft and crews, together with skeleton maintenance crews, arrived at Squadron with H2S aircraft. Aircrews arrived on posting, ground crews on indefinite attachment. "N" (F/L Pryor) ran off perimeter while landing on return from Westcott, damaging rear turret and fuselage and tailplanes.

07.04.44

No operations detailed. Normal bombing training carried out.

08.04.44

Meeting of Station Anti-Waste Committee held. New crews commenced special training. Thirteen aircraft on night bombing exercise. W/Commander Cheshire flew to Swinderby.

09.04.44

Special Easter Church Parade held. No flying possible, owing to rain. Notification received that 122814 F/O. E.B. Chandler D.F.C. A/G awarded Soviet Medal for Valour.

10.04.44

Seventeen aircraft detailed for operations, plus W/Commander. Cheshire in Mosquito aircraft. Some of the crews of the H2S aircraft were taken as passengers to observe the Squadron bombing technique. The target was a German Signals Equipment Depot at St. Cyr. The attack was very successful, all aircraft returning safely. The weather at base was fine becoming fair, with wind W. S.W.

11.04.44

No operations detailed. Bombing training exercises carried out.

12.04.44

No operations detailed. H2S crews continued training.

13.04.44

First issue of War Service Chevrons made to Squadron personnel. S/L. Shannon, F/O Sumpter, F/L. Kearns, F/O Barclay recalled from leave and proceeded to 1655 M.T.U. for conversion to Mosquito aircraft. *(This was as a result of the 5 Group policy change that allowed 617 Sqn to carry out its own Mosquito marking)*

14.04.44

No operations detailed.

S/L. Shannon and F/L. Kearns returned to Mosquito aircraft after completion of conversion. F/O Fawke Pilot. and F/O Bennett Nav. arrived from M.T.U. on posting from 1654 C.U.

15.04.44

No operations detailed.

All "G" type aircraft flown to Metherringham for storage. *(These were the original bouncing bomb modified Lancaster BIIIs.)*

Squadron establishment increased by one Cpl. and four AC. Radar Mechanics. No. 627 (PFF) Mosquito Squadron arrived on Station. Intensive bombing training carried out.

16.04.44

Squadron stand - down in afternoon. Members of F/L. Kearns' crew and S/L. Shannon's crews put up for disposal, as captains now converted to Mosquito aircraft.

17.04.44

Twenty Lancaster and Mosquito aircraft detailed for operations -cancelled.

18.04.44

Nineteen Lancaster and four Mosquito aircraft detailed for operations. The Base Commander, Air Commodore Sharp flew with F/O. Duffy. The target was Marshalling Yards at Juvisy, in France. The Squadron acted as markers and

backers up for the Group. The operation was outstandingly successful, the accuracy of the bombing being emphasised by photographs in the Press. The weather at base was cloudy at first becoming fine, with a light Southerly wind.

19.04.44

No operations detailed. Only three training sorties were flown. F/O. Kell and crew flew to a U.S.A.A.F. Bomber Station at Wendling, for a visit in connection with the liaison scheme between the T.A.F. and the 8th. American Bomber Group.

20.04.44

There was an inspection of all airmen's billets by W/Commandr. Beard, Base Admin. Officer. Fourteen Lancaster and four Mosquito aircraft detailed for operations, the target being the Marshalling Yards at La Chapelle. The Squadron aircraft again acted as markers and backers up. The raid was very successful and all aircraft returned safely to base. The weather at base was cloudy with slight drizzle at first, later mainly cloudy. Westerly wind. *(This was a further extension of the new marking policy and despite being much more complicated than earlier raids with the main force split into two smaller groups with an hour between bombing times the raid proved extremely accurate.)*

21.04.44

Inspector General of the R.A.F. paid a visit to the Station. No operations detailed.

F/O. Kell and crew returned from Wendling.

22.04.44

Three aircraft with crews (F/L. Wilson, F/L. Pryor and Lt. Knilans & crew) with skeleton servicing crew, proceeded on special detachment to Boscombe Down. Nineteen Lancaster and four Mosquito aircraft detailed for operations. The target was Brunswick. This was the first time the Squadron had employed its new marking technique on a target in Germany. The target was accurately marked, and the subsequent bombing concentrated. The weather at base was fine, becoming cloudy during afternoon. Light S.Westerly wind. *(This raid was not a great success due to thin cloud which caused a substantial part of the main force to bomb reserve markers to the South of the target and communications problems between the various bomber controllers)*

23.04.44

Very little flying carried out, only 1 sortie being flown.

24.04.44

Eighteen Lancaster aircraft and four Mosquito aircraft detailed for operations. Five special H2S aircraft plus one ordinary Lancaster were detailed to carry out a "spoof" attack on Milan, the load consisting of T.I.'s and spotfires. The remainder of the Squadron aircraft carried out an attack on Munich, which was successful. P/O. Sanders returned early from the Milan raid, with an unserviceable rear turret. Weather at base fair becoming cloudy. Fine during evening. *(The Mosquito markers were not able to get drop tanks arranged and fitted and Munich was at the very extreme range of the Mosquito. The aircraft flew the raid and returned to Manston with less than ten minutes fuel apiece)*

25.04.44

"M" (F/L. Cooper and crew) reported missing from operations, nothing being heard from this aircraft after take-off. The members of the crew were F/L. J.L. Cooper D.F.C. 111552 Captain., F/O. T.W. Clarkson F/Eng. 52689, F/L. F.E. Drew Nav. 104411, F/O. G.J. Harden D.F.C. A/B. 61077, F/O. J.H.C.A. Lepine W/Op. J.17633, F/O. A.E. Pelly A/G. 147226, and F/O. F.J. Tucker A/G. 146036. All aircrew personnel were granted seven days special leave by the A.O.C. in C. (*"M" (DV.394) was shot down from 25,000ft by a nightfighter of 4/NJG3 and crashed between Tigerfeld and Aichstetten at 0243hrs. The fighter was flown by Hptm Gerhard Raht. All crew baled out and lived with the exception of F/O Harden DFC who died and was buried in Zweifalten before being moved to Durnbach war cemetery after the war.*)

26.04.44

Advantage was taken of the absence of aircrews to overhaul the aircraft completely.

27.04.44

There was a salvage drive and general clean-up of the camp by all personnel in the evening.

28.04.44

The salvage drive continued, and the camp was completely cleaned up.

29.04.44

The Squadron was placed on a limited stand-down, and sections were instructed to release a percentage of their personnel at a time, each man being given 24 hours off duty.

30.04.44

S/Ldr. McCarthy, who had not proceeded on leave with the rest of the Squadron, flew to Boscombe Down, returning in the afternoon.

## SUMMARY

During the month of April, 1944, the Squadron despatched 122 operational sorties, of which two returned early. One aircraft was reported missing, involving casualties to seven officers. A total of 682 hrs. 25 mins. operational flying and 325 hrs. 40 mins. operational training was carried out. A total of 355 tons of bombs were dropped during the month in operations.

The following decorations were awarded to personnel of the Squadron during April:

AUS.404595	F/O.	B.T. FOXLEE D.F.M.	A/G.	D.F.C.
AUS.408076	F/O.	T.D. SIMPSON D.F.M.	A/G.	D.F.C.
J.9346	A/S/L.	J.C. MCCARTHY D.S.O., D.F.C.		Bar to D.F.C.
A.400897	A/F/L.	C.K. ASTBURY D.F.C.	A/B.	Bar to D.F.C.
NC.413942	A/S/L.	J.L. MUNRO D.F.C.		D.S.O.
122814	F/O.	E.B. CHANDLER D.F.C.	A/G.	Soviet award for Valour.

155224	F/O.	R.E. KNIGHTS	Pilot.	D.F.C.
1299165	Sgt.	BRIARS	A/G.	D.F.M.
1578343	Sgt.	A. WARD	W/Op.	D.F.M.
1626273	Sgt.	R. MARTIN		D.F.M.
530493	W/O.	W.G. BICKLEY	A/G.	C.G.M.

The following officer postings to the Squadron were carried out during the month:

No	Rank	Name	Category	From	Date
169585	P/O.	J.CASTAGNOLA	Pilot	57 Sqdn	05.04.44
151154	F/O.	F.J.GORRINGE.	Nav	57 Sqdn	05.04.44
160142	P/O.	F.LEVY	Pilot	44 Sqdn	05.04.44
138131	F/O.	C.L.FOX	Nav	44 Sqdn	05.04.44
168674	P/O.	J.A.SANDERS	Pilot	49 Sqdn	05.04.44
170762	P/O.	F.H.A.WATTS	Pilot	630 Sqdn	05.04.44
54410	P/O.	R.M.HEGGIE	A/G	630 Sqdn	05.04.44
151366	F/O.	T.O'BRIEN	Nav.	57 Sqdn	05.04.44
111547	F/L.	G.E.FAWKE	Pilot	1660C.U.	10.04.44
135020	F/O.	T.BENNETT	Nav	1654C.U.	10.04.44
160719	F/O.	A.J.WARD	W/Op.	54 Base NE	26.04.44
A417750	P/O.	T.W.CAREY	Pilot	106 Sqdn	05.04.44
A18839	P/O.	I.S.ROSS	Pilot	57 Sqdn	05.04.44
A405693	F/O.	W.R.LEE	Pilot	106 Sqdn	11.04.44
J.19910	P/O.	L.H.GELLER	Nav.	54 Base NE	16.04.44
J.17557	F/O.	F.C.ATKINSON	Nav B	82 O.T.U	20.04.44

The following officer postings from the Squadron were carried out during April:-

52689	F/O.	T.W. CLARKESON	F/Eng.	1 RAF Depot (m)	25.04.44
111552	F/L.	J.L. COOPER	D.F.C.	1 RAF Depot (m)	25.04.44
104411	F/L.	F.E. DREW	D.F.C.	Nav. 1 RAF Depot (m)	25.04.44
61077	F/O.	G.J. HARDEN	A/B	1 RAF Depot (m)	25.04.44
147226	F/O.	A.E. PELLY	A/G	1 RAF Depot (m)	25.04.44
146036	F/O.	F.J.TUCKER	A/G	1 RAF Depot (m)	25.04.44
J.17633	F/O.	J.H.C.A. LEPINE	W/Op.	1 RAF Depot (m)	25.04.44
53140	F/O.	S.R. CLARKE	F/Eng.	54 Base N.E.	23.04.44

The following aircrew personnel were posted to the Squadron during the month:

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	From.	Date.
R.163726	F/S.	ALLEN H.G.	A/B.	49 Sqdn	05.04.44
R.205173	Sgt.	McNALLY A.F.	A/G.	44 Sqdn	05.04.44
R.137825	F/S.	McKAY J.	A/B.	630 Sqdn	05.04.44
R.112245	W/O.	McLENNAN D.H.	A/B.	106 Sqdn	05.04.44
R.190247	F/S.	PRICE T.W.P.	A/G.	106 Sqdn	05.04.44
659028	F/S.	BARRON J.B.	Nav.	106 Sqdn	05.04.44
1299165	Sgt.	BRIARS J.	A/G.	49 Sqdn	05.04.44
1578343	Sgt.	WARD A.	W/Op.	49 Sqdn	05.04.44
1615128	Sgt.	NUTLEY A.	F/E.	49 Sqdn	05.04.44
1626273	Sgt.	MACHIN R.	A/G.	49 Sqdn	05.04.44
591601	Sgt.	FOWLE A.	A/G.	106 Sqdn	05.04.44
1385771	Sgt.	YOUNG A.E.	W/Op.	106 Sqdn	05.04.44

1551085	F/S.	KERR J.	Nav.	106 Sqdn	05.04.44
1575094	Sgt.	FRANKS L.	F/E.	106 Sqdn	05.04.44
931477	F/S.	TILBY E.G.	A/B.	57 Sqdn	05.04.44
1385508	F/S.	RICHARDS	W/Op.	106 Sqdn	26.04.44
1458303	Sgt.	HUNNISETTE	A/G.	106 Sqdn	26.04.44
1338511	Sgt.	PECK E.E.	A/B.	44 Sqdn	05.04.44
1345937	Sgt.	McGUIRE G.	W/Op.	44 Sqdn	05.04.44
1499060	Sgt.	THOMAS D.G.	A/G.	44 Sqdn	05.04.44
1814429	Sgt.	GROOM P.W.	F/E.	44 Sqdn	05.04.44
571886	Sgt.	HENDERSON J.	F/E.	57 Sqdn	05.04.44
1437745	Sgt.	EVANS	A/B.	57 Sqdn	05.04.44
1568526	Sgt.	RONALD R.	A/G.	57 Sqdn	05.04.44
1578716	Sgt.	EAVES W.	W/Op.	57 Sqdn	05.04.44
1685626	Sgt.	CRAIG D.	A/G.	57 Sqdn	05.04.44
1457383	Sgt.	JENKINSON K.	W/Op.	57 Sqdn	05.04.44
1822220	Sgt.	McKELLAR A.	A/G.	57 Sqdn	05.04.44
1853640	Sgt.	KING C.	A/G.	57 Sqdn	05.04.44
1866667	Sgt.	WALTER W.	F/E.	57 Sqdn	05.04.44
645420	Sgt.	MASON W.	F/E.	106 Sqdn	26.04.44
573076	F/S.	McKIE W.	Nav.	106 Sqdn	26.04.44
1450110	F/S.	HOYLAND	A/B.	106 Sqdn	26.04.44

The following aircrew were posted from the Squadron during April:

627507	W/O.	RUSHTON A.	(A/G)	30 O.T.U	wef. 27.04.44
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The following personnel were appointed to commissions during the month:

1277411	F/S.	PATTERSON A.	A/G.	w.e.f.	16.02.44
1133137	F/S.	BELL	WO/AIR.	w.e.f.	21.02.44
1320948	F/S.	BELL	Nav.	w.e.f.	22.02.44
A425680	F/S.	LEARMONTH	A/G.	w.e.f.	29.11.43
1557503	Sgt.	TELFER R.J.	F/E.	w.e.f.	16.02.44
1338929	F/S.	EVERETT	A/B.	w.e.f.	20.02.44
645031	W/O.	ELLWOOD	WO/AIR.	w.e.f.	29.01.44

The following officers were promoted as shown:

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	To.	From.
J.18464	P/O	D.R.PEARCE	W/Op.	F/O	02.02.44
J.9346	F/O (A/S/L)	J.C.MCCARTHY	Pilot.	F/L (A/S/L)	20.03.44

(Certified that the above form 540 contains extracts from personnel occurrence reports.)

## OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

No. 617 Squadron

**DATE:** 05.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito 16 ML. 976. (W)

**CREW:**  
W/C. G.L. CHESHIRE  
F/O. P. KELLY.

**DUTY:**  
Pilot.  
Nav. B.

**TIME:**                      **UP.**                      **DOWN.**  
   1850

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Aircraft Repair Plant, 4 red spotfires. Toulouse. 0017hrs. 800/1000ft. Marked factory buildings. 2 red spotfires, not required. Bombing appeared extremely well concentrated.

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**DATE:** 05.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                      Lancaster III LM. 482. (*W*)

**CREW:**  
S/L. J.L. MUNRO NZ.  
F/S. APPLEBY F.E.  
F/O. F.G. RUMBLES  
AUS. F/L. C.K. ASTBURY  
CAN. P/O. P.E. PIGEON  
F/S. HOWARTH W.  
CAN. P/O. H.A. WEEKS  
S/L. E.P.G. MOYNA

**DUTY:**  
Captain.  
F/Eng.  
Nav.  
A/B.  
W/Op.  
MU/Gunner  
R/Gunner  
Camera Op.

**TIME:**                      **UP.**                      **DOWN.**  
   2025                      0409

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Toulouse. 5 red spotfires. 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 0020 hrs. 10,000ft. Bombed spotfires. Own bomb seen to fall in large shed (repair hangar). Several large fires, especially around Component Repair Shed. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 05.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                      Lancaster III LM. 492. (*Q*)

**CREW:**  
CAN. S/L. J.C. McCARTHY  
P/O. W.G. RADCLIFFE  
CAN. F/O. D.A. MacLEAN  
P/O. G.L. JOHNSON  
F/S. EATON L.  
F/S. BATSON R.  
CAN. F/L. D. RODGER

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**                      **UP.**                      **DOWN.**  
   2031                      0348

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Toulouse. 5 red spotfires. 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 0021 hrs. 11,000ft.  
Bombed red T.I. as ordered by Leader. Fair amount of smoke and fire. Own spotfires not required. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 05.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 560. (H)

**CREW:**

F/L. B.W. CLAYTON  
F/O. A. HILL  
F/O. P.W. BUTTLE  
F/O. J.S. WATSON  
F/O. G.A. CHALMERS  
Sgt. SHARP A.W.  
F/S. HUME W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**                      **UP.**                      **DOWN.**  
   2041                      0345

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Toulouse. 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 6 x 500lb. Inc. 0022 hrs. 17,800ft.  
Own bomb seen to explode on N.E. corner of aircraft repair shop. Scattered fires seen later. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 05.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV. 394. (M)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.L. COOPER  
F/O. S.R. CLARKE  
F/L. F.E. DREW  
F/O. G.J. HARDEN  
NZ. F/O. B.J. HOSIE  
F/O. A.E. PELLY  
F/O. F.J. TUCKER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**                      **UP.**                      **DOWN.**  
   2035                      0347

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Toulouse. 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 6 x 500lb. Inc. 0029 hrs. 17,600ft.  
Bombs seen to fall in area round red spotfire, which was burning. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 05.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III EE. 146. (K)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.A. EDWARD

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE



Sgt. McCULLOUGH R.  
CAN. F/O. L.T. PRITCHARD  
F/S. BROOK J.  
F/S. HOBBS G.H.  
F/S. ISHERWOOD S.  
F/S. POOLEY R.V.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2036            0325

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Toulouse. 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 6 x 500lb. Inc. 0024 hrs. 16,400ft.  
Bombing very concentrated. One large explosion seen at approx. 0023 hrs.

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**DATE:** 05.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I DV. 391. (O)

**CREW:**

F/L. A.F. POORE  
Sgt. JOHNSON J.T.  
F/O. R.A. ROBERTS  
F/O. R.J. ELSEY  
F/S. THOMPSON R.C.  
F/S. CASTLEMAN R.  
F/S. TOOKEY W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2030            0335

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Toulouse. 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 6 x 500lb. Inc. 0020 hrs. 16,200ft.  
Bombed red spotfire. Own bombs fell just to East of spotfire. No other results seen. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 05.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III JB. 139. (X)

**CREW:**

F/L. H.J. PRYOR  
Sgt. STEWART D.G.W.  
CAN. F/O. R.L. PINDER  
CAN. F/O. C.P. PESME  
F/S. HEPWORTH A.  
Sgt. COLYER A.J.  
W/O. HUTTON J.W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2028            0315

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Toulouse. 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 6 x 500lb. Inc. Bombed to West of red spotfire as instructed by Leader. Own bombs believed to have fallen by aircraft repair shed.

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**DATE:** 05.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM. 485. (N)

**CREW:**

F/L. A.W. FEARN

P/O. T. DAVIES

F/S. JOHNSON H.

F/O. W.H. CHADWICK

F/S. BAKER J.E.

Sgt. WILSON-WILLIAMS D.

F/S. PEARSON J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2028           0405

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Toulouse. 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 6 x 500lb. Inc. 0029 hrs. 15,800ft.

Some incendiaries running North to South across target. Bombing appeared concentrated. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 05.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 562. (Z)

**CREW:**

F/O. N.R. ROSS

P/O. A.J.S. GIRLING

F/O. T.R. DAVIES

F/S. McCLELLAN L.

F/S. HICKSON G.

F/O. T.A. PLATT

AUS. P/O. M.R. TUXFORD

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2027           0320

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Toulouse. 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 6 x 500lb. Inc. 0022hrs. 17,400ft.

Bombed 100 yds. to right of marker as ordered by Leader.

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**DATE:** 05.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 561. (R)

**CREW:**

LT. H.C. KNILANS USA

P/O. K.J. RYALL

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

CAN. D.A. PELTIER  
P/O. J.R. TATE  
P/O. C.L. KNELL  
F/O. G.S. SCOTT-KIDDIE  
Sgt. CROSBY A.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2033            0355

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Toulouse. 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 6 x 500lb. Inc. 0025hrs. 17,000ft.  
Own bombs fell slightly to east of red spotfires. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 05.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I ED. 763. (D)

**CREW:**

F/O. G.S. STOUT  
P.O. J.R. GURNEY  
F/O. R. INGLEBY  
CAN F/O. W.A. RUPERT.  
F/S. NUTTALL A.  
P.O. H. CORNISH-UNDERWOOD.  
W.O. SMITH R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2038            0330

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Toulouse. 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 6 x 500lb. Inc. 0026. 16,600ft. Own  
bombs fell on red spotfire. Bombs seen to be concentrating in target area. Aiming  
point obtained.

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**DATE:** 05.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I DV. 393. (T)

**CREW:**

CAN. F/O. D.H. CHENEY  
Sgt. ROSHER J.  
F/S. WELCH R.  
F/S. CURTIS C.  
CAN. F/O. J.H.C.A. LEPINE  
AUS. F/S. McROSTIE A.  
F/S. WAIT G.H.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2038            0330

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Toulouse. 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 6 x 500lb. Inc. Bombs dropped live from 15,000ft. As bomb doors opened on bombing run, bombs fell off. Appeared to fall in open country. Large sheet of flame seen from target.

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**DATE:** 05.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV. 402. (P)

**CREW:**

F/O. A.E. KELL. AUS.  
Sgt. CLARK G.W.  
AUS. P/O. J.L. HAGER  
AUS. F/O. R. MORIESON  
AUS. P/O. A.L. EVANS  
AUS. P/O. A.W. SNELL  
AUS. P/O. E.T. HALL

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2037           0351

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Toulouse. 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 6 x 500lb. Inc. 0034 hrs. 16,600ft.  
Bombed spotfires as ordered. Believed bombs overshot and may have hit S.W. sheds. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 05.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 555. (C)

**CREW:**

F/O. W.A. DUFFY. CAN.  
Sgt. BENTING A.W.  
CAN. F/O. D.A. BELL  
CAN. F/O. R.E. WOODS  
CAN. F/O. D.R. PEARCE  
F/S. McLEAN C.J.  
CAN. W/O. EVANS W.G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2032           0338

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Toulouse. 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 6 x 500lb. Inc. 0029 hrs. 15,000ft.  
Own bombs fell 100-125 yds. N.N.W. by N. of spotfires. Air Bomber used fixed sight as pressure was down.

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**DATE:** 05.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 554. (F)

**CREW:**

AUS. F/O. K.M. STANFORD

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Sgt. JUDSON E.  
AUS. P/O. T.W. BUTLER  
AUS. W/O. CLARKE G.K.  
AUS. F/S. JORDON A.J.  
F/S. GRIFFITHS R.D.  
W/O. RUSHTON A.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2042            0306

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Toulouse. 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 6 x 500lb. Inc. 0024 hrs. 15,400ft.  
No results of own bombing seen as target was momentarily obscured by smoke.  
Aiming point obtained. Aircraft diverted and landed at Thorney Island.

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**DATE:** 05.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I DV. 403. (O)

**CREW:**

F/O. M. HAMILTON  
Sgt. ROOKE J.T.  
F/S. JACKSON J.T.  
F/O. R.T. DUCK  
F/S. THOMPSON R.C.  
Sgt. DADGE J.A.  
F/S. HAMILTON D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2040            0402

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Toulouse. 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 6 x 500lb. Inc. 0026 hrs. 15,200ft.  
Own bombs straddled red spotfire. Bombing very concentrated. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 10.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Mosquito 16 ML. 976. (N)

**CREW:**

W/C. G.L. CHESHIRE  
F/O. P. KELLY.

**DUTY:**

PILOT  
NAV. B.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2359            0400

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Signals Depot, ST. CYR. 4 red spotfires. 0155 hrs. Dive from 5,000 to 1,000ft. Factory buildings bombed in a dive attack. Red spotfires dropped on N.W. edge of factory buildings. First stick of bombs from Main Force seen to be

direct hit on NW. part of factory. Main Force instructed to bomb fires started by this stick. 2 red spotfires not needed.

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**DATE:** 10.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM. 482. (W)

**CREW:**

NZ. S/L. J.L. MUNRO  
F/S. APPLEBY F.E.  
F/O. F.G. RUMBLES  
AUS. F/L. C.K. ASTBURY  
CAN. P/O. PE. PIGEON  
F/S. HOWARTH W.  
CAN. P/O. H.A. WEEKS  
S/L. E.P.G. MOYNA

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Camera Op.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2339           0425

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Cyr. 3 flares 6 red spotfires. 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 0202 hrs. 8,000ft.  
Bombed on estimation from original red spotfire. Own bombs fell in centre of fires in target area. Bombing fair, with a few scattered bombs.

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**DATE:** 10.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM. 492. (O)

**CREW:**

USA. S/L. J.C. McCARTHY  
P/O. W.G. RADCLIFFE  
CAN. F/O. D.A. MacLEAN  
P/O. G.L. JOHNSON  
F/S. EATON L.  
F/S. BATSON R.  
CAN. F/L. D. RODGER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2340           0415

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Cyr. 3 flares, 6 red spotfires. 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 0217 hrs. 10,000ft.  
Bombed fires as instructed by Leader. Smoke seen up to 8000ft. Spotfires not needed. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 10.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 560. (H)

**CREW:**

F/L. B.W. CLAYTON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O. A. HILL  
F/O. P.W. BUTTLE  
F/O. J.S. WATSON  
F/O. G.A. CHALMERS  
Sgt. SHARP A.W.  
F/S. HUME W.  
AUS. P/O. D.W. CAREY Passenger.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2345           0408

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Cyr. 3 flares. 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 6 x 500lb. Inc. 0209 hrs. 13,300ft.  
Bombing appeared concentrated and accurate. Own bombs fell on target- difficult to assess results owing to smoke and fires. Camera did not operate.

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**DATE:** 10.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM. 485. (N)

**CREW:**

F/L. D.J.B. WILSON  
P/O. G.A. PHILLIPS  
AUS. F/O. J.K. STOTT  
CAN. F/O. E.W. FINLAY  
F/O. R.J. ALLEN  
W/O. HOLLAND G.B.  
F/O. E.B. CHANDLER  
CAN. F/S. J.B. ALLEN

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2347           0404

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Cyr. 3 flares. 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 6 x 500lb. Inc. 0212 hrs. 13,600ft.  
Bombed fires as instructed. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 10.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV. 391. (O)

**CREW:**

F/L. A.F. POORE  
Sgt. JOHNSON J.  
F/O. R.A. ROBERTS  
F/O. R.J. ELSEY  
F/S. THOMPSON J.T.  
Sgt. TOOKEY W.  
F/S. CASTLEMAN R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2336           0414

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Cyr. 3 flares, 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 6 x 500lb. Inc. 0211 hrs. 8,300ft.  
Bombed fires started by previous bombs as ordered by Leader. Saw bombs  
explode in centre of fires. Debris blown into the air. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 10.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV. 393. (T)

**CREW:**

F/L. A.W. FEARN

P/O. T. DAVIES

Sgt. JOHNSON H.

F/O. W.H. CHADWICK

F/S. BAKER. J.E.

Sgt. WILSON-WILLIAMS D.

F/S. PEARSON D.

P/O. J. CASTAGNOLA

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2331           0412

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Cyr. 3 flares. 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 6 x 500lb. Inc. 0211 hrs. 9,000ft.  
First few sticks fell on target. Fires were to the N.W. of the target. Aiming point  
obtained.

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**DATE:** 10.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III EE. 146. (K)

**CREW:**

F/L. H.J. PRYOR

P/O. R.J.A. TELFER

CAN. F/O. R.L. PINDER

CAN. F/O. C.P. PESME

F/S. HEPWORTH A.

P/O. A.J. PATTERSON

Sgt. COLYER A.J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2335           0400

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Cyr. 3 flares, 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 6 x 500lb. Inc. 0210 hrs. 13,000ft.  
Own bombs fell slightly S.E. of red spotfire. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 10.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV. 394. (M)



**CREW:**

F/L. J.L. COOPER  
F/O. S.R. CLARKE  
F/L. F.E. DREW  
F/O. G.J. HARDEN  
NZ. F/O. B.J. HOSIE  
F/O. A.E. PELLY  
F/O. F.J. TUCKER  
CAN. W/O. R. McLENNAN

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2344           0444

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Cyr. 3 flares 2 Green TI. 4 x 500lb. Inc. 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 0219 hrs. 8,600ft. Own bombs fell on S.E. corner of existing fires. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 10.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster III EE. 131. (B)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.E.R. WILLIAMS  
Sgt. SOILLEUX J.  
F/O. A.J. TALBOT  
F/O. A.B. WALKER  
F/S. POTTER A.E.  
AUS. P/O. K. JEWELL  
Sgt. BLAGDON A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2338           0417

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Cyr. 3 flares, 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 6 x 500lb. Inc. 0213 hrs. 12,600ft. Bombed fires as instructed. Results difficult to assess owing to smoke. Camera did not operate.

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**DATE:** 10.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I ME. 561. (R)

**CREW:**

USA. LT. H.C. KNILANS  
P/O. K.J. RYALL  
F/O. C.G. BEALE  
P/O. J.R. TATE  
P/O. CL. KNELL  
AUS. P/O. R. LEARMONTH  
Sgt. CROSBY A.  
P/O. SANDERS

**DUTY:**

Captain.  
F/Eng.  
Nav.  
A/B.  
W/Op.  
MU/Gunner.  
R/Gunner.  
Passenger.

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2337                            0402

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Cyr. 3 flares, 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 6 x 500lb. Inc. 0206 hrs. 9,300ft.  
Incendiaries and bomb fell across sheds. Roof went up and fires started immediately. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 10.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I ME. 555. (C)

**CREW:**

CAN. F/O. W.A. DUFFY  
Sgt. BENTING A.W.  
CAN. F/O. D.A. BELL  
CAN. F/O. R.E. WOODS  
CAN. F/O. D.R. PEARCE  
F/S. C.J. McLEAN  
CAN. W/O. EVANS W.G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2334                            0431

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Cyr. 3 flares, 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 6 x 500 Inc. 0210 hrs. 12,000ft.  
Bombed centre of large fire as ordered. Bombs seen to burst in centre. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 10.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I ME. 554. (F)

**CREW:**

F/O. K.J. STANFORD AUS.  
Sgt. JUDSON E.  
AUS. P/O. T.W. BUTLER  
AUS. W/O. CLARKE G.K.  
AUS. F/S. JORDON A.J.  
F/S. GRIFFITHS R.D.  
W/O. RUSHTON A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2343                            0411

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Cyr. 3 flares. 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 6 x 500 Inc. 0210 hrs. 10,600ft.  
Bombed fires as ordered by Leader. Much smoke over target from first bombs.  
Several bomb bursts in target area. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 10.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 559. (Y)

**CREW:**

F/O. G.S. STOUT  
P/O. J.R. GURNEY  
F/O. P. INGLEBY  
CAN. F/O. W.A. RUPERT  
F/S. NUTTAL A.  
P/O. H. CORNISH-UNDERWOOD  
W/O. SMITH R.  
P/O. F. LEVY

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2332            0410

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Cyr. 3 flares, 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 6 x 500 Inc. 0212 hrs. 9,600ft.  
Bombed fires as ordered by Leader. Bombs fell just along North edge of target.  
Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 10.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III JB. 139. (V)

**CREW:**

F/O. D.H. CHENEY. CAN.  
Sgt. ROSHER J.  
F/S. WELCH R.  
F/S. CURTIS C.  
CAN. F/O. J.H.C.A. LEPINE  
AUS. F/S. McROSTIE A.  
F/S. WAIT G.H.  
F/O. C.L. FOX

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2341            0418

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Cyr. 3 flares, 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 6 x 500 Inc. 0214 hrs. 10,000ft.  
Fires appeared to be in S.E. of target but smoke made definite identification  
difficulty. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 10.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 557. (S)

**CREW:**

F/O. A.E. KELL. AUS.  
Sgt. CLARK G.W.  
AUS. P/O. J.L. HAGER  
AUS. F/O. R. MORIESON  
AUS. P/O. A.L. EVANS

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

AUS. P/O. A.W. SNELL  
AUS. F/O. J.F. CHAPMAN

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2342            0426

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Cyr. 3 flares. 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 6 x 500 Inc. 0212 hrs. 11,000ft.  
Bombed fires as instructed by Leader. Bombing appeared accurate and fires seemed to be spreading over the whole target area. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 10.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I ME. 562. (Z)

**CREW:**

F/O. N.R. ROSS  
P/O. A.J.S. GIRLING  
F/O. T.R. DAVIES  
F/S. McCLELLAN L.  
F/S. HICKSON G.  
F/O. T.A. PLATT  
AUS. P/O. M.R. TUXFORD  
F/S. EVANS J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2346            0343

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Cyr. 3 flares, 2 green TL, 4 x 500 Inc. 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx. 0216 hrs. 14,000ft. Red spotfires obscured by smoke. Bombed centre of fires, several bomb bursts seen around the markers. Whole target seen to be on fire. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 10.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I DV. 385. (A)

**CREW:**

F/O.L R.E. KNIGHTS  
P/O. E. TWELLS  
CAN. P/O. H.B. RHUDE  
F/S. BELL J.R.  
Sgt. ROWAN N.  
F/S. PENGELLY W.H.  
F/S. DERHAM P.W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2329            0408

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, St. Cyr. 3 flares, 1 x 8,000lb. Amtx., 6 x 500 Inc. 0212 hrs. 11,500ft.

Good fire started in N.W. part of target. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 18.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito 6 MS. 993. (N)

**CREW:**

W/C. G.L. CHESHIRE

F/O. P. KELLY

**DUTY:**

Pilot.

Nav. B.

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**  
                         2127            0128

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Marshalling Yards, Juvisy. 4 red spotfires. 2321 hrs. 5,000 to 2,000ft.

Bombing appeared well concentrated except for one or two very wild sticks. Four red spotfires hung up and were brought back to base.

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**DATE:** 18.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito 16 MI. 976. (L)

**CREW:**

S/L. D.J. SHANNON AUS.

F/O. L.J. SUMPTER

**DUTY:**

Pilot.

Nav. B.

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**  
                         2128            0132

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Juvisy. 4 red spotfires. Instructed not to drop markers as target already marked accurately.

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**DATE:** 18.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito 6 MS. 992. (S)

**CREW:**

F/L. R.S.D. KEARNS NZ.

F/O. W.J. BARCLAY NZ.

**DUTY:**

Pilot

Nav. B.

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**  
                         2129            0104

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Juvisy. 4 red spotfires. Made one run at Green TI. When second batch of flares ignited, found they were running across yard, so pilot decided not to drop markers in case overshoot. By the time aircraft had climbed for another run markers were already down and attack was in progress.

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**DATE:** 18.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito 16 ML. 975. (M)

**CREW:**  
F/L. G.A. FAWKE.  
F/O. T.A. BENNETT.

**DUTY:**  
Pilot.  
Nav. B.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2130           0155

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Juvisy. 4 red spotfires. 2321 hrs. 800ft. (Dive attack) No results of bombing seen.

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**DATE:** 18.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM. 482. (W)

**CREW:**  
S/L. J.L. MUNRO NZ.  
F/S. APPLEBY F.E.  
F/O. F.G. RUMBLES  
AUS. F/L. C.K. ASTBURY  
CAN. P/O. P.E. PIGEON  
F/S. HOWARTH W.  
CAN. P/O. H.A. WEEKS

**DUTY:**  
Captain  
F/Eng.  
Nav.  
A/B.  
W/Op.  
MU/Gunner  
R/Gunner

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2034           0202

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Juvisy. 6 red spotfires. 6 x 1000 MC. 4 x 500 MC. 2325 hrs. 6,000ft. Bombs fell to N. & S. of markers, which were very concentrated.

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**DATE:** 18.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM. 492. (Q)

**CREW:**  
CAN. S/L. K.C. McCARTHY  
P/O. W.G. RADCLIFFE  
CAN. F/O. D.A. MacLEAN  
CAN. F/O. W.A. DANIEL  
F/S. EATON L.  
W/O. BATSON R.  
CAN. F/L. D. RODGER  
F/O. THOMPSON

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE  
  
  
  
  
  
Passenger

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2031           0113

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Juvisy. 6 red spotfires, 6 x 1000 MC. 4 x 500MC. 2326 hrs. 6,300ft.

Markers fell near red spots and 50 yds. over markers in target. Markers and bombs were dropped together as ordered, owing to shortness of time.

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**DATE:** 18.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM. 485. (N)

**CREW:**

F/L. D.J.B. WILSON  
F/O. G.A. PHILLIPS  
AUS. F/O. J.K. STOTT  
CAN. F/O. W.W. FINLAY  
F/O. R.J. ALLEN  
W/O. HOLLAND G.B.  
F/O. CHANDLER E.B.  
F/S. MARSHALLSAY.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2030           0125

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Juvisy. 6 red spotfires. 6 x 1000 MC. 4 x 500 MC. 2324 hrs. 6,500ft. Own bombs were slight overshoot on original red spotfires. Photograph shows only fire tracks.

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**DATE:** 18.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 562. (Z)

**CREW:**

F/O. N.R.ROSS  
P/O. A.J.S. GIRLING  
F/O. T.R. DAVIES  
F/S. McCLELLAN L.  
F/S. HICKSON G.  
F/O. T.A. PLATT  
AUS. P/O. M.R. TUXFORD  
W/O. BOYDEN

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2038           0102

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Juvisy. 6 red spotfires, 6 x 1000 MC. 4 x 500 MC. 2332 hrs. 6,900ft. Bombed red spotfires. Many bomb bursts and much smoke all around spotfires. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 18.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV. 394. (M)

**CREW:**

**DUTY:**

F/L. J.L. COOPER AS SHOWN ABOVE  
F/O. S.R. CLARKE  
F/L. F.E. DREW  
F/O. G.J. HARDEN  
CAN. F/O. J.H. LEPINE  
F/O. A.E. PELLY  
F/O. F.J. TUCKER  
F/L. COMANS Passenger.

**TIME:** UP. DOWN.  
2044 0121

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Juvisy. 4 x 1000 MC. 4 x 500 MC. 6 x 7" flares. 2317 hrs. 7,200ft.  
Bombs fell 70-80 yards short and just starboard of red T.I. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 18.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV. 385. (A)

**CREW:**

F/O. R.E. KNIGHTS  
P/O. E. TWELLS  
CAN. P/O. H.B. RHUDE  
F/S. BELL J.R.  
F/S. POTTER A.E.  
F/S. PENGELLY W.H.  
W/O. KEMP J.F.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:** UP. DOWN.  
2036 0205

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Juvisy. 6 red spotfires, 6 x 1000 MC. 4 x 500 MC. 2346 hrs. 12,500ft.  
Bombs believed to have fallen close to red spots. Unable to identify bursts owing to other bombs bursting. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 18.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV. 393. (T)

**CREW:**

F/O. E. WILLISHER  
Sgt. HURDISS J.  
F/O. R. TALBOT  
P/O. R. BARRON  
W/O. ELLWOOD M.  
Sgt. SALTER A.  
F/O. G.A. WITHERICK  
P/O. DRINKALL

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:** UP. DOWN.



2039

0137

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Juvisy. 4 x 1000MC. 4 x 500 MC. 6 x 7" flares. 2315 hrs. 7,600ft.  
Own bombs fell on concentration of spotfires. One fire seen with flames up to 200 feet. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 18.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 555. (C)

**CREW:**

CAN. F/O. W.A. DUFFY  
Sgt. BENTING A.W.  
CAN. F/O. D.A. BELL  
CAN. F/O. R.E. WOODS  
CAN. F/O. D.R. PEARCE  
F/S. McLEAN W.G.  
CAN. W/O. EVANS W.G.  
A/COMM. A.C.H. SHARP

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2042           0157

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Juvisy. 6 x 1000 MC. 4 x 500MC. 6 x 7" flares. 2314 hrs. 7,800ft.  
Good concentration of bomb hits in target area. One fairly large fire.

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**DATE:** 18.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III JB. 139. (V)

**CREW:**

F/O. G.S. STOUT  
P/O. J.R. GURNEY  
F/O. P. INGLEBY  
CAN. F/O. W.A. RUPERT  
F/S. NUTTALL A.  
P/O. H. CORNISH-UNDERWOOD  
W/O. SMITH R.  
F/L. OWENS

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2028           0200

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Juvisy. 4 x 1000 MC. 4 x 500MC. 6 x 7" flares. 2314 hrs. 8,000ft.  
Aircraft climbed at end of camera run, photograph showed slight overshoot.  
Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 18.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV. 391. (O)

**CREW:**

F/L. A.F. POORE  
Sgt. JOHNSON H.  
F/O. R.A. ROBERTS  
F/O. R.J. ELSEY  
F/S. THOMPSON J.T.  
F/S. VAUGHAN M.D.  
F/S. CASTLEMAN R.  
F/O. BANFIELD

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2040            0159

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Juvisy. 4 x 1000 MC. 4 x 500 MC. 6 x 7" flares. 2313 hrs. 8,200ft.  
No results of bombing seen.

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**DATE:** 18.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III ME. 146. (K)

**CREW:**

F/L. H.J. PRYOR  
P/O. R.J.A. TELFER  
CAN. F/O. R.L. PINDER  
CAN. F/O. C.P. PESME  
F/S. HEPWORTH. A.  
P/O. A.J. PATTERSON  
F/S. COLYER A.J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2045            0111

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Juvisy. 4 x 1000 MC. 4 x 500 MC. 6 x 7" flares. 2313 hrs. 8,400ft.  
Bombs seen to burst just short of marker. One 500lb. MC. hung up, brought back to base.

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**DATE:** 18.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III ME. 554. (F)

**CREW:**

F/O. K.J. STANFORD AUS.  
Sgt. JUDSON E.  
AUS. P/O. T.W. BUTLER  
AUS. W/O. CLARKE G.K.  
AUS. F/S. JORDON A.J.  
F/S. GRIFFITHS R.D.  
AUS. P/O. K. JEWELL

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2035            0126

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Juvisy. 6 x 1000 MC. 4 x 500 MC. 6 x 7" flares. 2312 hrs. 8,600ft.  
Target area covered by smoke. Few small fires. Own bombs seen to burst in centre of fires. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 18.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III LM. 489. (L)

**CREW:**

W/O. J. GINGLES  
Sgt. GALLGHER J.  
P/O. C.G. BEALE  
F/S. HAZELL L.  
W/O. RILEY J.  
F/S. G.S. SCOTT-KIDDIE  
AUS. F/O. E.T. HALL

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2041            0248

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Juvisy. 6 x 1000 MC. 4 x 500 MC. 6 x 7" flares. 2315 hrs. 8,800ft.  
Bombs seen to burst close to red spots. 1 x 1000 MC. hung up, brought back to base. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 18.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III ED. 763. (D)

**CREW:**

F/L. C.J.G. HOWARD  
Sgt. HAWKINS A.W.  
F/O. C.A. MacDONALD  
F/S. HARTLEY L.  
F/S. LUCAN C.  
F/S. CLARKE J.  
W/O. WOODS J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2032            0140

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Juvisy. 4 x 1000 MC. 4 x 500 MC. 6 x 7" flares. 2313 hrs. 9,000ft.  
Bombed cluster of red spotfires. Large explosion seen in target area. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 18.04.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 557. (S)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L. W. REID Sgt. STEWART D.G.W. CAN. F/O. D.A. PELTIER P/O. ROLTON C. F/O. D. LUKER F/S. HOLT A. W/O. HUTTON J.W.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	2037	0122

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Juvisy. 4 x 1000 MC. 4 x 500 MC. 6 x 7" flares. 2312 hrs. 9,200ft.  
Bombed northern most spotfire. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 18.04.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III ND. 683. (P)

<b>CREW:</b> P/O. J.A. SANDERS Sgt. NUTLEY T.H. F/S. BARRON J.B. CAN. F/S. ALLEN H.G. Sgt. WARD A. Sgt. MACHIN R. Sgt. BRIARS R.A.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	2033	0206

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Juvisy. 6 x 1000 MC. 4 x 500 MC. 6 x 7" flares. 2312 hrs. 9,400ft.  
First aircraft to bomb appeared extremely accurate. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 18.04.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III ND. 339. (Z)

<b>CREW:</b> P/O. T.A. CAREY AUS. Sgt. FRANKS L.W. F/S. KERR R.E. CAN. W/O. McLENNAN D.H. Sgt. YOUNG A.E. Sgt. FOWLE L.A. CAN. F/S. PRICE T.W.P.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**                **UP.**                        **DOWN.**  
                                 2046                                0203

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Juvisy. 6 x 1000 MC. 4 x 500 MC. 6 x 7" flares. 2313 hrs. 9,600ft.  
At least one direct on spotfire was observed. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 18.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                        Lancaster III JB. 370. (U)

**CREW:**

P/O. I.A. ROSS  
Sgt. WALTER W.  
F/O. T. O'BRIEN  
F/S. TIBLY E.G.  
Sgt. JENKINSON K.  
Sgt. KING C.T.  
Sgt. McKELLAR A.F.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**                **UP.**                        **DOWN.**  
                                 2043                                0124

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Juvisy. 6 x 1000 MC. 4 x 500 MC. 6 x 7" flares. 2313 hrs. 9,800ft.  
Saw own bombs burst alongside red spotfires. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 18.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                        Lancaster III ND. 631. (B)

**CREW:**

P/O. F. LEVY  
Sgt. GROOM P.W.  
F/O. C.L. FOX  
F/S. PECK E.S.  
Sgt. McGUIRE G.A.  
CAN. Sgt. McNALLY A.F.  
Sgt. THOMAS D.G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**                **UP.**                        **DOWN.**  
                                 2025                                0138

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Juvisy. 6 x 1000 MC. 4 x 500 MC. 6 x 7" flares. 2312 hrs. 10,000ft.  
Own bombs fell on red spotfire. Bombing seemed to be very accurate. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 20.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                        Mosquito 6 MS. 993. (N)

**CREW:**  
W/C. G.L. CHESHIRE  
F/O. P. KELLY

**DUTY:**  
Pilot  
Nav. B.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2234            0155

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Marshalling Yards, La Chappelle. 4 red spotfires. 0016 hrs. 5,000 to 1,200ft. Markers released in dive attack. Bombing appeared round the markers. Fires seen burning, but not possible to assess their position.

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**DATE:** 20.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito 16 ML. 976. (*L*)

**CREW:**  
S/L. D.J. SHANNON AUS.  
F/O. L.J. SUMPTER.

**DUTY:**  
Pilot.  
Nav. B.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2345            0251

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Target Marking, La Chappelle. 4 red spotfires. 0111 hrs. 700ft. Yard clearly visible in light of flares, red spots fell on northern aiming point. Fires from first attack appeared fairly concentrated.

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**DATE:** 20.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito 16 ML. 975. (*M*)

**CREW:**  
F/L. G.E. FAWKE.  
F/O. T.A. BENNETT.

**DUTY:**  
Pilot.  
Nav. B.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2240            0200

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Target Marking, La Chappelle. 4 red spotfires. Dive attack from 3,500 to 1,200ft. 0020 hrs. Some fires seen. Bombing appeared well concentrated.

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**DATE:** 20.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito 6 (*S*)

**CREW:**  
F/L. R.D.S. KEARNS NZ.  
F/O. W.J. BARCLAY NZ.

**DUTY:**  
Pilot.  
Nav. B.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**

2347

0250

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Target Marking, La Chappelle. 4 red spotfires. 0113 hrs. 1,000ft. Spots overshot marker by about 100 yds. and fell on northern aiming point in centre of yard.

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**DATE:** 20.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM. 482. (*W*)

**CREW:**

S/L. J.L. MUNRO NZ.  
F/S. APPLEBY F.E.  
F/O. F.G. RUMBLES  
AUS. F/L. C.K. ASTBURY  
CAN. P/O. P.E. PIGEON  
F/S. HOWARTH W.  
CAN. P/O. H.A. WEEKS  
A/CDRE. H.A. SATTERLEY

**DUTY:**

Captain.  
F/E.  
Nav.  
A/B.  
W/Op.  
MU/Gunner.  
R/Gunner.  
Passenger.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2154            0231

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, La Chappelle. 12 x 1000lb. 0030 hrs. 15,500ft. Bombs fell across the spotfires. Bombing seemed concentrated at time of own bombing, but later was scattered. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 20.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM. 492. (*Q*)

**CREW:**

S/L. J.C. McCARTHY USA.  
P/O. W.G. RADCLIFFE  
CAN. F/O. D.A. MacLEAN  
CAN. F/O. W.A. DANIEL  
F/S. EATON L.  
W/O. BATSON R.  
CAN. F/L. D. RODGER  
F/L. L.W. CURTIS

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE  
  
  
  
  
  
  
F/Gunner.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2142            0208

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, La Chappelle. 12 x 1000lb. 0023 hrs. 13,000ft. Bombed red spotfires and bend in river. Own bombs dropped right across red spotfires. Other bursts concentrated around markers. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 20.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM. 485. (N)

**CREW:**  
F/L. D.J.B. WILSON  
F/O. G.A. PHILLIPS  
AUS. F/O. J.K. STOTT  
CAN. F/O. E.W. FINLAY  
F/O. R.J. ALLEN  
W/O. HOLLAND G.B.  
F/O. E.B. CHANDLER

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  2205           0215

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, La Chappelle. 12 x 1000lb. 0022 hrs. 11,800ft. Bombs fell on markers. Other bombing seemed accurate. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 20.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III ED. 763. (D)

**CREW:**  
F/L. C.J.G. HOWARD  
Sgt. HAWKINS A.  
F/O. C.A. MacDONALD  
F/S. HARTLEY E.A.  
F/S. LUCAN R.D.  
F/S. CLARKE H.G.  
W/O. WOODS P.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  2312           0315

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, La Chappelle. 12 x 1000lb. 0122 hrs. 12,700ft. Bombed red spotfires. Large explosion at 0128 hrs. to north of target. Own bombs fell slightly beyond red spotfires. Large fires seen burning in target area.

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**DATE:** 20.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 557. (S)

**CREW:**  
F/L. W. REID  
Sgt. STEWART D.G.W.  
F/O. C.G. PELTIER  
P/O. L.G. ROLTON  
F/O. D. LUKER  
W/O. HUTTON J.W.  
F/S. HOLT A.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE



**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2306                            0326

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, La Chappelle. 12 x 1000lb. 0119 hrs. 13,000ft. Spotfire markers were concentrated.

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**DATE:** 20.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I ME. 554. (F)

**CREW:**

AUS. F/O. R.M. STANFORD  
Sgt. JUDSON E.  
AUS. P/O. T.W. BUTLER  
AUS. W/O. CLARKE G.K.  
AUS. F/S. JORDON A.J.  
F/S. GRIFFITHS L.D.  
AUS. P/O. K.S. JEWELL

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2302                            0321

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, La Chappelle. 12 x 1000lb. 0130 hrs. 13,300ft. Many bomb bursts rather scattered around red spotfires. Some fires burning from previous wave. No photograph obtained.

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**DATE:** 20.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I ME. 555 (C)

**CREW:**

CAN. F/O. W.A. DUFFY  
Sgt. BENTING A.W.  
CAN. F/O. D.A. BELL  
CAN. F/O. R.E. WOODS  
CAN. F/O. D.R. PEARCE  
F/S. McLEAN T.J.  
CAN. W/O. EVANS W.G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2147                            0230

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, La Chappelle. 12 x 1000lb. 0027 hrs. 12,700ft. Own bombs seen to strike about 50 yds. off red spotfires. Other bursts seen to follow. No photograph obtained.

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**DATE:** 20.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I ME. 559. (Y)

**CREW:**

F/O. G.S. STOUT  
P/O. J.R. GURNEY  
F/O. P. INGLEBY  
Can. F/O. W.A RUPERT  
F/S. NUTTALL A.  
P/O. H. CORNISH-UNDERWOOD  
W/O. SMITH R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2141            0227

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, La Chappelle. 12 x 1000lb. 0021 hrs. 12,400ft. Own bombs straddled red spotfire. Explosion seen at 0026 hrs. in target area. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 20.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I ME. 560. (H)

**CREW:**

Lt. H.C. KNILANS USA.  
P/O. K.J. RYALL  
CAN. P/O. L.H. GELLER  
P/O. J.R. TATE  
P/O. C.L.F. KNELL  
Sgt. CROSBY A.  
AUS. P/O. R.A. LEARMONTH

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2145            0225

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, La Chappelle. 12 x 1000lb. 0021 hrs. 12,100ft. Markers appeared to be right on target. Own bombs fell just by red spotfires. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 20.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III JB. 370. (U)

**CREW:**

P/O. I.A. ROSS. AUS.  
Sgt. WALTER W.  
F/O. T. O'BRIEN  
F/O. G.G. ROGERS  
Sgt. JENKINSON K.  
Sgt. KING C.  
Sgt. McKELLAR A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2212            0229

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, La Chappelle. 12 x 1000lb. 0023 hrs. 11,500ft. Many bursts seen right across markers. Explosion in target area. No photograph obtained.

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**DATE:** 20.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III (X)

**CREW:**

P/O. T.A. CAREY AUS.  
Sgt. FRANKS L.  
F/S. KERR A.  
W/O. McLENNAN J.  
Sgt. YOUNG A.E.  
Sgt. FOWLE L.A.  
CAN. F/S. PRICE T.W.P.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2310           0341

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, La Chappelle. 12 x 1000lb. 0122 hrs. 12,400ft. Own bombs straddled red spotfires. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 20.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III ND. 631. (Z)

**CREW:**

P/O. F. LEVY  
Sgt. GROOM P.W.  
F/O. CL. FOX  
F/S. PECK E.S.  
Sgt. McGUIRE G.A.  
CAN. Sgt. McNALLY A.F.  
Sgt. THOMAS D.G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2255           0329

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, La Chappelle. 12 x 1000lb. 0121 hrs. 11,800ft. Bombs seen to fall on red spots. Other bombing at the time seemed accurate. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 20.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III ND. 554. (N)

**CREW:**

P/O. WATTS F.H.A.  
Sgt. LUCK H.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/S. HOUSDEN C.H.  
Sgt. McKAY M.L.  
Sgt. COOPER D.  
P/O. R. HEGGIE  
Sgt. MATTHEWS G.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2300            0401

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, La Chappelle. 12 x 1000lb. 0122 hrs. 12,100ft. Bombed centre of three red spotfires. Some bursts seen to each side of spotfires and some right across glow of fires.

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**DATE:** 20.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III ND. 683. (P)

**CREW:**

P/O. J.A. SANDERS  
Sgt. NUTLEY T.H.  
F/S. BARRON J.B.  
F/S. ALLEN H.G.  
Sgt. WARD A.  
Sgt. MACHIN R.  
Sgt. BRIARS R.A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2311            0315

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, La Chappelle. 12 x 1000lb. 0122 hrs. 11,400ft. Own bombs straddled red spotfires. Some of other bombing appeared slightly wild but attack seemed accurate in the main. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 22.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Mosquito 6 MS. 993. (N)

**CREW:**

W/C. G.L. CHESHIRE  
F/O. P. KELLY

**DUTY:**

Pilot.  
Nav. B.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2355            0421

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Target Marking, Brunswick. 2 red spotfires. 0134 hrs. 7,000ft. First flares dropped to S.S.W. of target and more went down to the north. Target marked with spotfires from other Squadron Mosquito aircraft. Main Force instructed to bomb these markers but V.H.F. communication difficult. Four minutes after original marking

a Wanganui flare and green T.I. were dropped five miles to S.W. of target. This attracted 50% of Main Force, who could not be directed away to spotfires.

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**DATE:** 22.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito 6 ML. 976. (L)

**CREW:**

AUS. S/L. D.J. SHANNON

F/O. L.J. SUMPTER

**DUTY:**

Pilot.

Nav. B.

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  2357           0438

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Target Marking, Brunswick. 2 red spotfires.(not needed). Initial flares too far south, causing considerable waste of time out of target area before marking could be attempted.

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**DATE:** 22.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito 6 MS. 992. (S)

**CREW:**

NZ. F/L. R.S.D. KEARNS

NZ. F/O. W.J. BARCLAY

**DUTY:**

Pilot.

Nav. B.

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  2351           0412

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Target Marking, Brunswick. 4 red spotfires. 1052 hrs. 7,000 to 1,000ft Dive attack. Difficult to assess attack, as only four or five sticks of bombs down at that stage.

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**DATE:** 22.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito 16 ML. 975. (M)

**CREW:**

F/L. G.E. FAWKE

F/O. T.A. BENNETT

**DUTY:**

Pilot.

Nav. B.

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  2359           0431

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Target Marking, Brunswick. 4 red spotfires. 0152 hrs. 6,000 to 2,500ft. Glow of fires was visible 50 miles N. of Hanover.

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**DATE:** 22.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM. 482. (W)

**CREW:**  
S/L. J.L. MUNRO NZ.  
F/S. APPLEBY F.E.  
F/O. F.G. RUMBLES  
AUS. F/L. C.K. ASTBURY  
CAN. P/O. P.E. PIGEON  
F/S. HOWARTH W.  
CAN. P/O. H.A. WEEKS

**DUTY:**  
Captain.  
F/Eng.  
Nav.  
A/B.  
W/Op.  
MU/Gunner.  
R/Gunner.

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
2315 0528

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Brunswick. 6 red spotfires, 1 Green T.I. 5 x 1000lb MC. 0205 hrs. 17,500ft. Bombed concentration of fires. Some scattered bombing, but a concentrated centre.

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**DATE:** 22.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM. 492. (Q)

**CREW:**  
S/L. J.C. McCARTHY USA.  
P/O. W.G. RADCLIFFE  
CAN. F/O. D.A. MacLEAN  
CAN. F/O. W.A. DANIEL  
F/S. EATON L.  
F/S. BATSON R.  
CAN. F/L. D. RODGER

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
2320 0504

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Brunswick. 6 red spotfires. 1 Green T.I. 5 x 1000 MC. Bombed red spotfires. Bombed centre of red spotfires. Results not observed.

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**DATE:** 22.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 562. (Z)

**CREW:**  
F/O. N.R. ROSS  
P/O. A.J.S. GIRLING  
F/O. T.R. DAVIES  
F/S. McCLELLAN L.  
F/S. HICKSON G.  
F/O. T.A. PLATT  
AUS. P/O. M.R. TUXFORD

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2327                            0440

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Brunswick. 6 red spotfires 6 x 1000lb. MC. Bombed Green TI. Large concentration of fires North of town. Bombing was concentrated round Green T.I.

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**DATE:** 22.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster III LM. 489. (L)

**CREW:**  
F/O. W.A. DUFFY CAN.  
Sgt. BENTING A.W.  
CAN. F/O. D.A. BELL  
CAN. F/O. R.E. WOODS  
CAN. F/O. D.R. PEARCE  
F/S. McLEAN T.J.  
CAN. W/O. EVANS W.G.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2321                            0500

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Brunswick. 6 red spotfires. 6 x 1000lb. MC. Red spotfires disappeared into cloud. Green T.I. used for bombing. Lot of scattered bombing seen. Results were not impressive.

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**DATE:** 22.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I DV. 394. (M)

**CREW:**  
F/L. J.L. COOPER  
F/O. S.R. CLARKE  
F/L. F.E. DREW  
F/O. G.J. HARDEN  
W/O. ELLWOOD M.  
F/O. A.E. PELLY  
F/O. F.J. TUCKER  
F/O. R.M. STANFORD

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2330                            0511

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Brunswick. 6 red spotfires. 6 x 1000lb. MC. 16,500ft. Bombed centre of large fire where red spot had been seen on approach. Too many bombs bursting to assess results.

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**DATE:** 22.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 554. (F)

**CREW:**  
Sgt. JUDSON E.  
AUS. P/O. T.W. BUTLER  
AUS. W/O. CLARKE G.K.  
AUS. F/S. JORDON A.J.  
F/S. GRIFFITHS L.D.  
AUS. P/O. K.S. JEWELL

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
2326 0450

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Brunswick. 6 red spotfires. 6 x 1000lb. MC. 0158 hrs. 16,000ft.  
Red spotfires appeared to be in the town. 2 concentrations of bombs seen.

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**DATE:** 22.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV. 393. (T)

**CREW:**  
F/O. E. WILLSSHER  
Sgt. HURDISS J.  
F/O. R. TALBOT  
P/O. R. BARRON  
P/O. F.W. BELL  
F/S. SALTER A  
F/O. G.A. WITHERICK

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
2332 0532

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Brunswick. 1 x 2,000lb. HC. 9 x 1000lb. MC. 0205hrd. 16,300ft.  
Aimed for centre of area in which green T.I. were bursting. Several other sticks of bombs seen to burst around these markers.

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**DATE:** 22.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV. 391. (O)

**CREW:**  
F/L. A.E. POORE  
Sgt. JOHNSON H.  
F/O. R.A. ROBERTS  
F/O. R.J. ELSEY  
F/S. THOMPSON R.C.  
Sgt. TOOKEY R.V.  
F/S. CASTLEMAN R.P.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**



2324

0509

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Brunswick. 1 x 2,000lb. HC. 9 x 1000lb. MC. 0201hrs. 16,600ft.  
Bombed red spotfires. Bombing was very scattered. Too many concentrations seen.

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**DATE:** 22.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 559. (Y)

**CREW:**

F/O. G.S. STOUT  
P/O. J.R. GURNEY  
F/O. P. INGLEBY  
CAN. P/O. W.A. RUPERT  
F/S. NUTTALL A.  
P/O. H. CORNISH-UNDERWOOD  
W/O. SMITH R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2317            0507

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Brunswick. 1 x 2,000lb. HC. 10 x "J" Clusters. 0156 hrs. 16,000ft.  
Bombed main point of impact of incendiaries in estimated position of extinguished red spotfires. 1 x 2,000lb. HC. jettisoned. Hung up over target area.

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**DATE:** 22.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV. 246. (U)

**CREW:**

F/L. A.W. FEARN  
P/O. T. DAVIES  
F/S. JOHNSON A.J.  
F/O. W.H. CHADWICK  
F/S. BAKER J.E.  
Sgt. WILSON-WILLIAMS D.  
F/S. PEARSON D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2328            0514

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Brunswick. 1 x 2,000lb. HC. 10 "J" Clusters. 0203 hrs. 16,900ft.  
Target not definitely identified but red spotfires appeared to be in a built up area.  
Bombing was scattered.

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**DATE:** 22.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV. 403. (G)

**CREW:**

F/O. M. HAMILTON  
Sgt. ROOKE L.T.  
F/S. JACKSON J.T.  
F/O. R.T. DUCK  
Sgt. THOMPSON J.T.  
Sgt. DADGE J.A.  
F/S. HAMILTON D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2333           0517

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Brunswick. 1 x 2,000lb. HC. 10 "J" Clusters. 0156hrs. 16,800ft.  
Fair concentration of fires and bomb bursts around spotfires.

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**DATE:** 22.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I ME. 557. (S)

**CREW:**

F/L. W. REID  
Sgt. STEWART D.G.W.  
CAN. P/O. C.G. PELTIER  
P/O. L.G. ROLTON  
F/O. D. LUKER  
F/S. HOLT A.  
W/O. HUTTON J.W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2331           0525

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Brunswick. 1 x 2,000lb. HC. 10 "J" Clusters. Too many bursts and fires to observe own burst. Circled target until given instructions to bomb.

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**DATE:** 22.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I DV. 385. (A)

**CREW:**

F/O. R.E. KNIGHTS  
P/O. E. TWELLS  
CAN. P/O. H.B. RHUDE  
F/O. A.B. WALKER  
CAN. F/O. J.H.C.A.LEPINE  
F/S. PENGELLY W.H.  
F/S. DERHAM P.W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2322           0519

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Brunswick. 1 x 2,000lb. HC. 10 "J" Clusters. 0206hrs. 16,800ft.  
Bombed centre of concentration of fires where red spotfire had been seen.

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**DATE:** 22.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III ND. 683. (P)

**CREW:**

P/O. J.A. SANDERS.  
Sgt. NUTLEY T.H.  
F/S. BARRON J.B.  
CAN. F/S. ALLEN H.G.  
Sgt. WARD A.  
Sgt. MACHIN R.  
Sgt. BRIARS R.A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  2318           0515

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Brunswick. 1 x 2,000lb. HC. 10 "J" Clusters. 0158 hrs. 17,000ft.  
Red spotfires bombed believed to have been on S.E. edge of town. Results of own bombs not observed.

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**DATE:** 22.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III ED. 817. (X)

**CREW:**

P/O. T.A. CAREY. AUS.  
Sgt. FRANKS L.  
F/S. KERR A.  
CAN. W/O. McLENNAN D.H.  
Sgt. YOUNG A.E.  
Sgt. FOWLE L.A.  
CAN. F/S. PRICE T.W.P.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  2325           0459

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Brunswick. 1 x 2,000lb. HC. 10 "J" Clusters. 0153 hrs. 18,400ft.  
Bombs seen to fall about 200 yds. East of markers. A further cluster seen East, which finally merged with first concentration.

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**DATE:** 22.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III JB. 370. (U)

**CREW:**

**DUTY:**

P/O. I.A. ROSS. AUS. AS SHOWN ABOVE  
Sgt. WALTER W.  
F/O. T. O'BRIEN.  
F/O. C.G. ROGERS.  
Sgt. JENKINSON K.  
Sgt. KING C.  
Sgt. McKELLAR A.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2323           0116

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Brunswick. 1 x 2,000lb. HC. 10 "J" Clusters. 1 x 2,000lb. jettisoned. 10 "J" Clusters returned to Base. Aircraft returned early owing to failure of D.R. and P.4 compasses which were checked by astro as being unreliable.

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**DATE:** 22.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster III ND. 472. (O)

**CREW:**

P/O. F. LEVY.  
Sgt. GROOM P.W.  
F/O. C.L. FOX.  
F/S. PECK E.S.  
Sgt. McGUIRE G.A.  
CAN. Sgt. McNALLY A.F.  
Sgt. THOMAS D.G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2334           0522

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Brunswick. 1 x 2,000lb. HC. 10 "J" Clusters. 0154 hrs. 19,000ft.  
Bombs seen to fall right across markers. Concentrated fires started around markers.  
Wanganui flares were confusing.

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**DATE:** 22.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster III (N)

**CREW:**

P/O. F.H.A. WATTS.  
Sgt. LUCK H.  
F/S. HOUSDEN C.H.  
Sgt. McKAY M.L.  
Sgt. COOPER D.  
P/O. R. HEGGIE.  
Sgt. MATTHEWS G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2335           0508

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Brunswick. 1 x 2,000lb. HC. 10 "J" Clusters. 0159 hrs. 19,000ft.  
Bombing was a little short of the spotfires. Incendiaries were well concentrated and on leaving seemed to be taking a good hold.

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**DATE:** 24.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito 6 MS. 993. (N)

**CREW:**  
W/C. G.L. CHESHIRE.  
P/O. P. KELLY.

**DUTY:**  
Pilot.  
Nav. B.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2345           0422

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Target Marking, Munich. 2 red spotfires. 0141 hrs. 12,000 to 3,000ft.  
Markers released in dive attack. Initial bombing appeared to be very good.  
Aircraft coned soon after marking.

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**DATE:** 24.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito 6 ML. 976. (L)

**CREW:**  
AUS. S/L. D.J. SHANNON.  
F/O. L. J. SUMPTER.

**DUTY:**  
Pilot.  
Nav. B.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2354           0416

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Target Marking, Munich. 2 red spotfires. 0155 hrs. 11,500ft. to 4000 ft.  
Markers dropped in dive attack. Attack appeared to be starting well. Aircraft coned immediately after marking.

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**DATE:** 24.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito 16 ML. 975. (M)

**CREW:**  
F/L. G.E. FAWKE.  
F/O. T.A. BENNETT.

**DUTY:**  
Pilot.  
Nav. B.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  0001           0412

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Target Marking, Munich. 4 red spotfires. 0145 hrs. 3,400ft. Marked in dive attack.  
4 red spotfires hung up.

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**DATE:** 24.04.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito 16 MS. 992. (S)

**CREW:** F/L. R.S.D. KEARNS NZ  
F/O. W.J. BARCLAY NZ.  
**DUTY:** Pilot.  
Nav. B.

**TIME:** **UP.** **DOWN.**  
2350 0409

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Target Marking, Munich. 4 red spotfires. 0152 hrs. 2,000ft. Town centre in window at time of bombing. Red spots dropped right in town centre. No results of main force bombing seen.

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**DATE:** 24.04.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM. 485. (N)

**CREW:** S/L. J.L. MUNRO NZ.  
F/S. APPLEBY F.E.  
F/O. F.G. RUMBLES  
AUS. F/L. C.K. ASTBURY  
CAN. P/O. P.E. PIGEON  
F/S. HOWARTH W.  
CAN. P/O. H.A. WEEKS  
**DUTY:** Captain.  
F/Eng.  
Nav.  
A/B.  
W/Op.  
MU/Gunner.  
R/Gunner.

**TIME:** **UP.** **DOWN.**  
2056 0615

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Munich. 6 red spotfires 8 "J" Clusters. 0146 hrs 18,500ft.  
Red spotfires were definitely on target. Bombing was concentrated round markers, with occasional scattered bombs. Some very large fires seen. Aiming point obtained.

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**DATE:** 24.04.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM. 492. (Q)

**CREW:** S/L. J.C. McCARTHY USA.  
P/O. W.G. RADCLIFFE  
CAN. F/O. D.A. MacLEAN  
CAN. F/O. W.A. DANIEL  
F/S. EATON L.  
W/O. BATSON R.  
CAN. F/L. D. RODGER  
**DUTY:** AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2046                            0616

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Munich. 6 red spotfires. 8 "J" Clusters. 0144 hrs 18,000ft  
Bombing quite concentrated around the markers mainly to the centre and South of the town but the whole area was covered.

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**DATE:** 24.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I DV. 394. (M)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.L. COOPER  
F/O. T.W. CLARKSON  
F/L. F.E. DREW  
F/O. G.J. HARDEN  
CAN. F/O. J.H.C.A. LEPINE  
F/O. A.E. PELLY  
F/O. F.J. TUCKER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2051                            -

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Missing. Nothing heard from aircraft after take-off.  
(F/O Harden is buried in Durnbach Cemetery, Bayern.)

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**DATE:** 24.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster III ME. 131. (B)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.E.R. WILLIAMS  
Sgt. SOILLEUX J.  
F/O. R. TALBOT  
F/O. A.J. WALKER  
F/S. POTTER A.E.  
F/S. BLAGDON A.  
AUS. P/O. K.S. JEWELL

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2048                            0651

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Munich. 6 "J" Clusters. 136 x 30lb. Inc. 0146 hrs. 19,000ft. Aircraft bombed rather early in attack, so few bombing results were seen, first ones being accurate. Own bombs fell 2-300 yds. from the original red spots.

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**DATE:** 24.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I DV. 246. (U)

**CREW:**

F/L. A.W. FEARN  
P/O. T. DAVIES  
F/S. W.H. JOHNSON H.  
F/O. W.H. CHADWICK  
F/S. BAKER J.E.  
Sgt. WILSON-WILLIAMS D.  
F/S. PEARSON D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE  
F/Eng.  
Nav.  
A/B.  
W/Op.  
MU/Gunner.  
R/Gunner.

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  2057           0653

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Munich. 6 "J" Clusters, 136 x 30lb. Inc. 0149 hrs. 19,000ft  
Bombs seen to fall near marker. Concentrated fires burning well, but a few sticks outside target area. More searchlights seen than briefed.

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**DATE:** 24.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 557. (S)

**CREW:**

F/L. W. REID  
Sgt. STEWART D.G.W.  
CAN. F/O. C.G. PELTIER  
P/O. L.G. ROLTON  
F/O. D. LUKER  
F/S. HOLT A.  
W/O. HUTTON J.W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  2055           0705

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Munich. 6 "J" Clusters, 136 x 30lb. Inc. 0148 hrs. 19,000ft  
Many incendiaries beginning to take hold on arrival over target area, and on leaving town was well alight. Starboard inner nacelle holed by predicted flak.

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**DATE:** 24.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 555. (C)

**CREW:**

F/O. M. HAMILTON  
Sgt. ROOKE L.T.  
F/S. JACKSON J.T  
F/O. R.T. DUCK  
Sgt. THOMPSON R.C.  
Sgt. DADGE J.  
F/S. HAMILTON D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE



**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2054                            0627

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Munich. 6 "J" Clusters, 136 x 30lb. Inc. 0149 hrs. 17,900ft.  
Bombs seen to fall near red spots. Very concentrated bombing. Searchlights seemed to be affected by window.

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**DATE:** 24.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I ME. 559. (Y)

**CREW:**

F/O. G.S. STOUT  
P/O. J.R. GURNEY  
F/O. P. INGLEBY  
CAN. F/O. W.A. RUPERT  
F/S. NUTTALL A.  
P/O. H. CORNISH-UNDERWOOD  
W/O. SMITH R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2054                            0627

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Munich. 6 "J" Clusters, 136 x 30lb. Inc. 0153 hrs. 18,200ft.  
Bombed red spotfire. Target area burning well. Aircraft attacked by fighter during camera run. No damage.

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**DATE:** 24.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I ME. 554. (F)

**CREW:**

F/O. R.M. STANFORD. AUS.  
Sgt. JUDSON E.  
AUS. P/O. T.W. BUTLER  
AUS. W/O. CLARKE G.K.  
AUS. F/S. JORDON A.J.  
F/S. GRIFFITHS L.D.  
F/O. R.H. PETCH

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2045                            0627

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Munich. 6 "J" Clusters, 136 x 30lb. Inc. 0145 hrs. 18,000ft. Bombed red spotfires. Some incendiaries were burning around red spotfires. Target well alight.

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**DATE:** 24.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV. 385. (A)

**CREW:**

D/O. R.E. KNIGHTS  
P/O. E. TWELLS  
CAN. P/O. H.B. RHUDE  
P/O. J.R. BELL  
W/O. ELLWOOD M.  
F/S. PENGELLY W.H.  
F/S. DERHAM P.W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
2049 0640

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Munich. 6 red spotfires. 6 "J" Clusters. 0147 hrs. 18,500ft.  
Own markers and bombs seen to fall near red spots. Streets clearly visible in light of incendiaries. Photo flash hung up.

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**DATE:** 24.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM. 489. (L)

**CREW:**

F/O. W.A. DUFFY. CAN.  
Sgt. BENTING A.W.  
CAN. F/O. D.A. BELL  
CAN. F/O. R.E. WOODS  
CAN. F/O. D.R. PEARCE  
F/S. McLEAN T.J.  
CAN. W/O. EVANS W.G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
2047 0706

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Munich. 6 red spotfires, 8 "J" Clusters. 0150hrs. 19,000ft  
Markers fell close to red spotfires. Concentrated bombing seen after own bombing.

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**DATE:** 24.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 562. (Z)

**CREW:**

F/O. N.R. ROSS  
P/O. A.J.S. GIRLING  
F/O. T.R. DAVIES  
F/S. McCLELLAN L.  
F/S. HICKSON G.  
F/O. T.A. PLATT  
AUS. P/O. M.R. TUXFORD

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2039            0548

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Munich. 6 red spotfires. 6 "J" Clusters. 0150 hrs. 19,000ft.  
Large explosion seen at approx. 0206 hrs. Raid appeared to be very successful.

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**DATE:** 24.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I ME. 560. (H)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.A. EDWARD  
F/O. L.W.J. KING  
CAN. F/O. L.T. PRITCHARD  
F/S. BROOK J.  
F/S. HOBBS G.H.  
F/S. ISHERWOOD S.  
P/O. F.W. BELL

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2050            0536

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Spoof, Milan. 6 Green T.I. 2 clusters "7" flares. 0059 hrs. 20,100ft.  
Dropped flares visually by light of other flares.

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**DATE:** 24.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III ND. 554. (N)

**CREW:**

P/O. F.H.A. WATTS  
Sgt. LUCK H.  
F/S. HOUSDEN C.H.  
F/S. McKAY J.  
Sgt. COOPER D.  
Sgt. MATTHEWS G.  
P/O. R. HEGGIE

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2058            0530

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Spoof, Milan. 6 Green T.I., 2 clusters "7" flares. 0102 hrs. 20,000ft. Flares and T.I.'s well placed over target area.

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**DATE:** 24.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III ND. 631. (Z)

**CREW:**

P/O. F. LEVY  
Sgt. GROOM P.W.  
F/O. C.L. FOX  
F/S. PECK E.S.  
Sgt. McGUIRE G.A.  
CAN. Sgt. McNALLY A.F.  
Sgt. THOMAS D.G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2044            0534

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Spoof, Milan. 6 Green TI., 2 clusters "7" flares. 0058 hrs. 19,000ft.  
Own flares dropped on H2S.

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**DATE:** 24.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III ED. 817. (X)

**CREW:**

P/O. T.A. CAREY. AUS.  
Sgt. FRANKS L.  
F/S. KERR A.  
CAN. W/O. McLENNAN D.H.  
Sgt. YOUNG A.E.  
Sgt. FOWLE L.A.  
CAN. F/S. PRICE T.W.P.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2053            0542

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Spoof, Milan. 6 Green TI. 2 clusters 7" flares. 0056 hrs. 17,400ft. Square in town centre in bombsight when T.I.'s were dropped.

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**DATE:** 24.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III JB. 370. (U)

**CREW:**

P/O. I.A. ROSS. AUS.  
Sgt. WALTER W.  
F/O. T. O'BRIEN  
F/O. C.G. ROGERS.  
Sgt. JENKINSON K.  
Sgt. KING C.  
Sgt. McKELLAR A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2042            0538

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Spoof, Milan. 6 Green TL, 2 clusters 7" flares. 0058 hrs. 18,000ft. Town centre estimated, after illumination had ceased.

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**DATE:** 24.04.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III ND. 472. (O)

**CREW:**

P/O. J.A. SANDERS  
Sgt. NUTLEY T.H.  
F/S. BARRON J.B.  
CAN. F/S. ALLEN H.G.  
Sgt. WARD A.  
Sgt. MACHIN R.  
Sgt. BRIARS R.A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2043           2145

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Spoof, Milan. 6 Green T.I.'s, 2 clusters 7" flares. Early return, rear turret unserviceable, all bombs brought back.

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OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK  
No. 617 Squadron

WOODHALL SPA

01.05.44

Two armourers proceeded to No. 10 S. of T.T. for special rocket projectile course. Squadron Crest finally approved. Subscription opened for payment of 10 guinea registration fee.

02.05.44

Sgt. Peters (Armourer) proceeded to Boscombe Down for special armament duties. All aircrew personnel returned from special leave and commenced training. S/Ldr. J.C. McCarthy D.S.O., D.F.C. awarded bar to R.C.A.F. Operational Wings.

03.05.44

Intensive flying training carried out. Four Mosquito crews operated (two in 627 Squadron aircraft). The target was a Military Camp at Mailly. The aircraft marked the target successfully, and returned safely.

*(A series of errors and problems conspired on this night to make the operation a very costly success. Cheshire was the Marker Leader but the main force controller did not pass on the order to bomb due to radio problems, and as confusion ensued the German night-fighters arrived and got amongst the bombers. 11.6% of the force (42 aircraft) were brought down. 617 Squadron Mosquitos marked very accurately and the raid was a great success with 114 barracks buildings, 47 transport sheds and ammunition stores being destroyed along with 102 vehicles of which 37 were tanks. There were no French casualties other than some French*

*folk killed when a Lancaster crashed onto their house. The raid was achieved however only with heavy casualties.)*

04.05.44

No operations were detailed. The Squadron was stood down in the afternoon.

05.05.44

Establishment of Squadron (LWE/BC/3414) increased by one ACW. Driver M.T. Sgt. Peters returned on completion of duties at R.A.F. Boscombe Down.

06.05.44

Squadron standing by for operations until 1700 hrs., but not detailed.

07.05.44

No operations detailed. Squadron stand down in afternoon.

08.05.44

All available aircraft and crews on bombing exercise in afternoon. A Squadron Sports Committee was formed under F/L. B.W. Clayton D.F.C., C.G.M. The Secretary of State for Air visited Coningsby, and in the evening W/Commander Cheshire, S/Ldr.'s Munro, McCarthy and Shannon were invited to a dinner in his honour.

09.05.44

Intensive flying training continued. F/O. A.J. Ward and F/O. R. Barron attended a Court Martial (under instruction) at R.A.F. Dunholme Lodge. Dr. Cockburn and Mr. Britton of T.R.E. visited the Squadron Commander.

10.05.44

Extensive flying programme carried out. Invitations were sent to all ex members of the Squadron who took part in the Dam Raid, to an anniversary celebration.

11.05.44

Mr. C. Bellringer, of T.R.E. visited Squadron Commander.

12.05.44

Mosquito "L" (S/Ldr. Shannon) damaged when landing, oleo leg collapsed. Aircraft categorised "AC". Cricket match versus 627 Squadron cancelled.

13.05.44

S/Ldr. McCarthy carried out night photographic exercise. No operations detailed.

14.05.44

Limited flying carried out. Stand down in afternoon.

15.05.44

Only limited flying training.

16.05.44

This was the anniversary of the Dam Raid. To celebrate this, a party was held in the Officers' Mess, to which all the ex members of the crews who took part in the raid were invited. Wing Commander Gibson VC. was unfortunately unable to

attend, but most of the remaining officers attended, as did several of the civilians from A.V. Roe Ltd and Vickers Ltd, who did so much to ensure the success of that raid.

17.05.44

All aircrew were granted a stand down until 1030 hrs. In afternoon a limited flying programme was carried out.

18.05.44

No operations detailed. Limited training.

19.05.44

An all ranks Squadron Dance was held as a further celebration of the Dam Raid. W/Commander Gibson was able to attend, and was given a rousing reception by all ranks. A cake was cut by both him and W/Commander Cheshire, and they both made speeches.

20.05.44

The Station cricket team, consisting of all 617 Squadron personnel, won its first match of the season, against R.A.F. Station, Metheringham.

21.05.44

All aircrew personnel were detailed for a route march in the afternoon, led by the Squadron Commander. No training was carried out, as the weather prevented flying all day.

22.05.44

More intensive training by all crews.

23.05.44

Lancaster "Y" (F/O. Stout) collided with starter trolley on take-off, damaged rudder, aircraft categorised "A".

24.05.44

Squadron Commander applied to Group H.Q. for temporary suspension of all aircrew postings from the Squadron. Entries were submitted for the athletics meeting to be held in connection with the competition for the Base Commander's Cup. (for aircrew personnel only.)

25.05.44

The cricket match arranged to take place between the Officers and Sergeants' Messes was cancelled through bad weather. No flying all day.

26.05.44

The cricket match referred to took place, and resulted in a victory for the Sergeants' Mess.

27.05.44

Flying training carried out in morning, recreational sport in afternoon.

28.05.44

Aircrews began training for the sports meeting. Some flying in morning.

29.05.44

Whit Monday. All Squadron personnel were stood down at 1400 hours, to take advantage of the fine weather.

30.05.44

Another cricket match was arranged between 617 and 627 Squadrons, but this was cancelled. Very little flying was carried out.

31.05.44

No operations detailed. Limited flying training.



### SUMMARY

During the month of May, 1944, the Squadron despatched only 4 operational sorties (target marking), all returned safely. A total of 16 hrs. 25mins. operational and 642 hrs. 40mins. operational training was carried out.

The following decorations were awarded to personnel of this Squadron during the month:

F/O.	L.J. SUMPTER D.F.M.(149045)	A/B.	D.F.C.
P/O.	J.A. SANDERS (168674)	Pilot.	D.F.C.
W/C.	G.L. CHESHIRE D.S.O., D.F.C.(72021)		2nd. Bar to DSO.
F/O.	P. KELLY D.F.C. (130515)	Nav.	Bar to D.F.C.
A/F/L.	A.W. FEARN (150883)	Pilot.	D.F.C.
W/O.	W.G. BICKLEY (530493)	A/G.	C.G.M.

The following Officer postings to the Squadron were carried out:

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	From.	Date.
133731	F/O.	T.H.J.PLAYFORD.	Nav.	619 Sqdn.	08.05.44
53140	F/O.	S.R.CLARKE.	F/E.	54 Base NE	21.05.44
111526	F/L.	T.J.TATE.	Nav.	10 O.T.U.	21.05.44
133348	F/O.	A.B.H.PARKIN.	Nav.	54 Base NE2	01.05.44
51070	F/O.	G.A. WITHERICK	A/G.	54 Base NE2	03.05.44
J19259	P/O.	J.I. JOHNSTON	A/G.	619 Sqdn.	01.05.44

The following officer postings from the Squadron were carried out:

J.17550	F/O.	K.W. BROWN	Pilot	5 L.F.S.	03.05.44
A404595	F/O.	B.T. FOXLEE	W/AG.	27 OTU.	01.05.44
A408076	F/O.	T.D. SIMPSON	A/G.	27 OTU.	01.05.44
J15336	A/F/L.	D.R.WALKER	Nav.	54 Base.	10.04.44
132315	F/O.	C.R. BROWN	A/B.	1660 CU.	30.04.44
171191	P/O.	S.G. GREENWOOD	Nav.	1654 CU.	30.04.44
115932	F/L.	L.G. HADLAND	Pilot	5 L.F.S.	30.04.44
162993	P/O.	G.L. JOHNSON	A/B.	52 Base.	06.05.44
149488	F/O.	R.ADAMS	W/Op.	29 OTU.	04.05.44
159893	F/O.	J.H. CLAY	A/B.	14 OTU.	09.05.44
101042	F/L.	B. GOODALE	W/Op.	HQ TTC.	11.05.44
133348	F/O.	A.B.H. PARKIN	Nav.	54 Base NE	14.04.44
51070	F/O.	G.A. WITHERICK	A/G.	54 Base NE	24.04.44
51704	P/O.	I. WHITTAKER	F/E.	4 S.of T.T.	26.05.44

The following aircrew postings to the Squadron were carried out:

1382229	F/S.	POOL R.	W/Op.	54 Base NE.	21.05.44
1494993	Sgt.	GRAHAM S.	Nav. W.	8 O.T.U.	28.05.44
1586439	Sgt.	CLARK	Nav. W.	8 O.T.U.	28.05.44
1398200	Sgt.	PLEASANCE	Nav. W.	8 O.U.T.	28.05.44
R149473	W/O.	PORTER	A/G.	619 Sqdn.	01.05.44

The following aircrew postings From the Squadron were carried out:-

NZ411747	W/O.	DOWMAN M.G.	A/G.	1660 CU.	13.05.44
1077990	F/S.	GASKELL A.	W/Op.	84 OTU.	04.05.44
647384	F/S.	TIREL	A/G.	1660 CU.	30.04.44
1811001	F/S.	HOBBS A.W.	A/G.	26 OTU.	13.05.44
1267844	F/S.	POOLEY R.	A/G.	17 OTU.	13.05.44
546883	F/S.	TEMPLE E.C.	A/G.	1660 CU.	13.05.44
969937	W/O.	DACEY J.	W/Op.	30 OTU.	04.05.44
998934	Sgt.	ROWAN N.	W/Op.	17 OTU.	13.05.44
1125031	Sgt.	McCULLOUGH R.	F/E.	1660 CU.	13.05.44
1375094	Sgt.	FRANKS L.	F/E.	54 Base NE.	11.05.44

The following personnel were appointed to commissions:-

1479639	F/S.	HOWARTH W.	A/G.	w.e.f.	04.04.44.
1564313	Sgt.	WELCH R.	Nav.	w.e.f.	07.02.44.
544401	W/O.	HENDERSON R.J.	F/E.	w.e.f.	05.04.44.
R124443	W/O.	EVANS W.G.	A/G.	w.e.f.	14.04.44.

(Certified that the above form 540 contains extracts from personnel occurrence reports.)

**DATE:** 03.05.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito 6 MS. 993. (N)

**CREW:**

W/C. G.L. CHESHIRE.

F/O. P. KELLY.

**DUTY:**

Pilot.

Nav. B.

**TIME:**

**UP.**

2204

**DOWN.**

0220

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Military Camp, Maily. 2 Red Spotfires 00001/2 hrs. 3,000 to 1,500ft. Dive attack. Red Spotfires fell on the aiming point and were backed up successfully by another Mosquito and then by a Lancaster. The main force bombing was fairly concentrated and accurate.

**DATE:** 03.05.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito 16 ML. 976. (L)

**CREW:**

S/L. D.J. SHANNON AUS

F/O. L.J. SUMPTER

**DUTY:**

Pilot.

Nav. B.

**TIME:**

**UP.**

2203

**DOWN.**

0201

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Military Camp, Maily. 2 Red Spotfires 0006 hrs. 3,500 to 400ft. Dive attack. Red Spotfires fell slightly to west of centre of target. Bombing was rather scattered at opening of attack but quickly settled down to a good concentration on the target.

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**DATE:** 03.05.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito 6 DZ. 525. (S)

**CREW:**

F/L. R.S.D. KEARNS NZ

F/O. W.J. BARCLAY NZ

**DUTY:**

Pilot.

Nav. B.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2221           0222

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Military Camp, Maily. 4 Red Spotfires 0025 hrs. 5,000 to 3,000ft. Dive attack. Red Spotfires which were dropped to re-mark the aiming point fell to the North-East corner of the target. Apart from a few scattered sticks main force bombing was concentrated and accurate in the target area.

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**DATE:** 03.05.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito 4 DZ. 521. (M)

**CREW:**

F/L. G.A. FAWKE.

F/O. T.A. BENNETT

**DUTY:**

Pilot.

Nav. B.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2223           0228

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Military Camp, Maily. 4 Red Spotfires 0023 hrs. 5,000 to 2,000ft. Dive attack. Own Spotfires fell on North Western corner of target and were used to re-mark after first wave of main force had completed bombing. Main force bombing apart from a few scattered sticks was concentrated and accurate in target area.

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OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

No. 617 Squadron

WOODHALL SPA.

01.06.44.

Stand down in afternoon due to weather. Radar Section working on special installations. *(While special equipment was being installed in the aircraft for their work on D day night it was discovered that ME561 (Knilians aircraft) had its ailerons fitted at the factory upside down. New ailerons sorted a problem that had led to Knilians being ribbed badly for his flying and especially landing ability.*

*New auto pilots were fitted as well as new H2S equipment in preparation for the windowing work to come)*

02.06.44.

Information received from Red Cross Committee that F/O. J.H.C.A. Lepine D.F.M. (W/Op. in F/L. Cooper's aircraft), previously reported missing, now a prisoner of war.

03.06.44

All aircrew personnel spent the afternoon practicing for the Base Commander's Athletic Meeting. There was a visit by Mr. O. Bellringer, of the T.R.E.

04.05.44

A cricket match was arranged between two teams officers, but this was cancelled owing to rain.

05.06.44

Sixteen aircraft were detailed for a special operation, details of which have not been released. The operation was in connection with the invasion of the Continent, and was reported as being completely successful. All aircraft of this Squadron returned safely.

*(This was Operation Taxable and involved 16 617 Sqn aircraft flying a very precise series of timed runs at 200 kts and timed smooth turns over the Channel while dropping window on a strict timetable. All together this was designed to look like a large convoy slowly approaching the French coast on the German coastal radar screens. The operation was carried out off the Cap d'Antifer and German 15<sup>th</sup> army radar units reported a large naval force between Boulogne and Etretat, the whole area being placed on alert.)*

06.06.44

The Allied invasion commenced this morning. No further operations were detailed for 617 Squadron.

07.06.44

Again no operations were detailed. Information was received from the Red Cross Committee that F/O. A.E. Pelly A/G., F/O. J.H. Tucker A/G. and F/O. T.W. Clarkson F/Eng., of F/L. Cooper's crew, were prisoners of war.

08.06.44

Twenty eight Lancaster and three Mosquito aircraft detailed for operations, the target being a railway tunnel and bridge in Saumur. Several direct hits were obtained, and the bridge and railway line were rendered unusable. Three aircraft did not take off, owing to lack of time for bombing-up. A message of congratulation was received from the A.O.C. in C.

*(This was the first operational use of the "Tallboy" bomb. A thick cased aerodynamically clean bomb that had a gross weight of 12,000lbs. The bomb was made of specially hardened steel filled with 5000lbs of Torpex explosive and fitted with three fuses in its tail. The bomb itself was fitted with a steel tail and four fins that were offset causing the bomb to spin as it fell. The theory behind the bomb was that it should fall from 20,000 feet and in this time it would accelerate through the sound barrier to its terminal velocity. It was ideally not to hit the target but land close to it, whereupon it would penetrate deep into the ground before*

*exploding causing massive damage by the shock wave being carried through the soil and also by the "Camoflet" effect of the cavity left by the explosion undermining structures close by. The bomb was generally given a 25 second fuse that allowed it time to stop, deep in the ground before exploding. The technological effort required to produce these weapons was massive, the steel had to be specially developed as had the filling procedures, fuses and release gear.*

*The operation required the location of the railway tunnel mouth in darkness (Using only four 83 Sqn. Lancasters to act as flare droppers and the Mosquitos to mark) and then bombing the tunnel mouth accurately in darkness from the best altitude the Lancaster could reach, to give the best penetration by the bomb. The tunnel was to be used for the rapid transportation of troops and tanks to the new Normandy battle area and its closure would greatly assist the invasion plan. The raid was planned at very short notice. Cheshire's spot markers were exactly on target and the tunnel mouth and tunnel were destroyed by the "earthquake" bombs. Other Lancasters were assigned the other end of the tunnel where it emerged from the hillside to cross the Loire river by bridge. The bridge was also destroyed. The target was not back in full use until four years after the war.)*

09.06.44

Instructions received from H.Q. 5 Group that the six aircraft attached on 5th. April, were to be returned to their parent units, together with the ground crews. The movement could not be completed owing to adverse weather.

10.06.44

No operations detailed. Flying training was carried out in the morning, but there was a partial stand down in the afternoon. The movement of the H2S aircraft and ground crews was carried out.

11.06.44

The Squadron was standing by for operations from 0900 hrs. until 1700 hrs., but no operations were detailed.

12.06.44

Twenty Lancaster and three Mosquito aircraft detailed for operations, which were cancelled owing to unfavourable weather conditions.

13.06.44

Squadron not detailed for operations. Fifteen aircraft took part in an extensive night bombing training programme.

14.06.44

Twenty two Lancaster and three Mosquito aircraft were detailed to attack the E-boat pens at Le Havre. The weather at base was cloudy, with showers at about 0900 hrs., becoming fair then fine during evening. A fighter escort of Spitfire aircraft was provided for the operation, which was very successful. No fighter opposition was encountered, but there was intense light and heavy flak. The raid was very successful, but several aircraft were damaged. "A" (F/O. Knights) being categorised "AC". "R" (Lt. Knilans) was also hit by flak, the rear gunner (Sgt. Crosby A.), being hit in the thigh, and was admitted to SSQ. on landing. *(This operation was aimed to ease the problems caused by German E-boats which were slipping out of Brest under cover of darkness and operating in and amongst*

*the invasion fleet and causing shipping casualties. It was thought the Tallboys dropped from maximum height into the basin in the East part of the dock where the E-boats congregated before each nights operation would have a deadly effect. This was the case and the E-boats in the port were effectively destroyed during this operation. Cheshire again defied all the odds against survival and marked the target from 700ft in the face of intense light flak opposition and it was his part in this operation that was included in his citation for the V.C. Hits were secured right across the port and particularly the E-boat pens which were of massive "Bomb-proof" concrete construction. They collapsed a few days after the raid, the foundations having been undermined by the Tallboys.)*

15.06.44

Twenty two Lancaster and one Mosquito aircraft were detailed to attack the E-boat pens at Boulogne. All took off safely, but cloud was thick over target area. Some aircraft came down below the cloud to heights varying from 8,000ft. to 10,000ft.. Heavy flak was encountered. Ten aircraft brought their bombs back to base, on instructions from the Squadron Commander. "G" (F/O. Hamilton) was damaged, the Air Bomber (F/O. R.T. Duck), being hit by shrapnel. The aircraft landed at West Malling, where F/O. Duck was admitted to hospital. It was not possible to assess the damage to the target. Weather at base was fine at first, becoming fair, then cloudy with slight rain during evening.

*(This operation was intended to be a repeat of that of the previous night but due to the poor weather over the target most of the 617 Sqn. aircraft did not bomb. Having said this it was as a result of this raid that the E- boats left for the base at Ijmuiden on the Dutch coast where they were safer but much less able to attack the invasion fleet due to the longer run to the target, exposing them to daylight air and sea attack. In this sense alone the raid was a great success. The toll was 133 ships sunk in this and the previous E-boat raid. The squadron was placed on standby to bomb the German V weapon manufacturing sites in France. Due to poor weather the aircraft were on standby for the next three days with the Tallboys being loaded and unloaded from the aircraft in rotation to maintain readiness but relieve the stress on each aircraft's undercarriage due to the bombs' weight.)*

16.06.44

No operations were detailed. The Squadron was placed on stand down, and R. & I. Section worked all night repairing damaged aircraft.

17.06.44

The Squadron took part in the athletic meeting held in the competition for the aircrew cup. The Squadron took third place, a very creditable performance in view of the fact that very little opportunities were available for training. Daylight operations were ordered for the following day. The R. & I. Section continued its efforts in repairing damaged aircraft.

18.06.44

All Squadron personnel were on duty at 0700 hrs. Crews were briefed and stood by for operations. Two Mosquito and nineteen Lancaster aircraft were detailed for operations, but these were cancelled at 2000 hrs.

19.06.44

The Squadron was again detailed for operations, this time Lancaster and two Mosquito aircraft being detailed. All aircraft took off successfully, in three waves,

this being the order of bombing. The target was a constructional works at Watton, in France. It was not possible to assess the results of the bombing, owing to cloud over the target, but it was thought by returning crews that the raid was a success. All aircraft returned safely, one aircraft being unable to release its bomb through a "hang-up". The weather at base was cloudy, becoming fair during the afternoon, fine in evening. Visibility was good.

*(This raid was against the massive concrete bunker at Watten which was to be used to store and launch V2 Rockets against England. Having been bombed in 1943 the site was re developed as a liquid Oxygen and V2 parts store for rockets to be launched elsewhere. This raid was not a great success due to the cloud, with the nearest Tallboy falling 50 yards from the concrete target.)*

20.06.44

The Squadron was again detailed for operations, this time the target being a constructional works at Wizernes, in France. All aircraft were recalled just before they reached the target area, owing to cloud over the target area. All returned safely. Nineteen Lancaster and three Mosquito aircraft were originally detailed, but "D" (F/L. Howard) and "W" (S/L. McCarthy) did not take off, owing to engine trouble. The weather at base was cloudy at first, with drizzle until 1000 hrs. Visibility was good.

21.06.44

Eighteen Lancaster and three Mosquito aircraft were detailed for operations, which were cancelled an hour before detailed take-off time. Leave for aircrew personnel re-commenced. Two Mustang aircraft arrived, for use by the Squadron.

22.06.44

Seventeen Lancaster and three Mosquito aircraft were detailed for operations, the target again being Wizernes. Only sixteen of the Lancasters took off, "K" (F/L. Edward) was found to be unserviceable just before take-off. Again the aircraft were recalled on the way to the target, as accurate bombing was not possible due to cloud. The weather at base was cloudy at first, becoming mainly fair, with good visibility. All aircraft returned safely.

23.06.44

No operations were detailed. All aircrew personnel were stood down from 1200 hrs. until 1000 hrs. on the following day.

24.06.44

Sixteen Lancaster and two Mosquito aircraft were detailed for operations. All took off successfully, the target being, for the third time, the constructional works at Wizernes. This time the attack was successfully concluded, but "G" (F/L. Edward D.F.C.), was shot down by flak on the way to the target. His crew consisted of 149660 F/O. L.W.J. King D.F.C. (F/Eng.), J.14783 F/O. L.T. Pritchard D.F.C. Nav., 1575148 F/S. Brook J.H. A/B., 1215126 F/S. Hobbs G.H. W/Op., J.19259 F/O. J.I. Johnstone D.F.C. M.U., 634050 F/S. Isherwood S. R.G. and R.109347 W/O. Price T.W.P. F.G. Two or three members of the crew were seen to "bale out" by other crews, but no information has yet been received from the Red Cross Committee. The aircraft was seen to go down in flames, out of control, and to hit the ground. The weather at base fine, becoming fair, with moderate visibility. Operations were ordered for early the following morning.

*(This target was an enormous concrete dome in a quarry which had been tunnelled beneath to form storage for V2 rockets. The fair weather that allowed 617 Sqn. to bomb from the heights required by the Tallboy for best effect also allowed the German flak, which was very heavy around these important targets, to be used to best effect. The SABS (Stabilised Automatic Bomb Sight) that allowed the bombs to be dropped so accurately, required a long straight run to the target which also made the bombing aircraft better targets. "G" was DV403 and it crashed in the village of Leulinghem in the Pas-de-Calais. Pritchard, Brooks, Hobbs and Johnston survived, Johnston to die of his injuries a few days later. This raid was a success and two bombs hit the heavy bunker target causing a collapse of the cliff face into which it was built. While the target was not physically destroyed the area was so badly damaged that further work was called off.)*

25.06.44

Seventeen Lancaster, two Mosquito and one Mustang aircraft took off at approx. 0730 hrs. for operations, the target being a construction works at Siracourt. The Squadron Commander was flying in a Mustang for the first time operational as marker. All aircraft returned safely, the operation being very successful. The aircraft were overhauled and bombed up again immediately on landing, for operations which did not materialise. The weather at base was fine at first, becoming cloudy with occasional drizzle. Visibility was moderate.  
*(Cheshire had persuaded a local American unit to lend him a pair of Mustangs as he had been unable to obtain one through the official channels. They arrived shortly before the raid and an "Ad hoc" bomb release had to be made as the American unit that came with the aircraft would not accept British bombs. Cheshire read the pilots notes and then took off, his first flight in the type being not only an operation but one that required low and very accurate flying! Cheshire marked the target very accurately and the site was then bombed accurately and effectively by the squadron.)*The target was a heavy concrete VI bomb store that had proved immune to ordinary bombing. The site was still being built when it was bombed and although contemporary accounts all relate to three Tallboy hits, when examined after it had been captured the target was found to have only some slight damage to the western edge of the roof possibly from a single Tallboy hit. Having said that the raid was a success as all future work on the site was stopped following the raid.)

26.06.44

All aircrew were stood down until 1100 hrs. There was no flying all day, owing to adverse weather, which was cloudy, with intermittent rain all day, and moderate visibility. No operations were detailed.

27.06.44

Eleven Lancaster and two Mosquito aircraft detailed operations for early on the following morning, take off time delayed until 0400 hrs., this was subsequently cancelled and all crews were placed on immediate stand-by.

28.06.44

Crews were standing by from 0400 hrs., but were not detailed for operations, as rain fell all day. There was no flying.

29.06.44

Aircrews standing by from 0900 hrs., but no operations were detailed.



30.06.44

All crews standing by from 0900 hrs., but no operations detailed.

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**SUMMARY**

During the month of June, 192 operational sorties were flown, comprising 195 hrs. 15 mins. Day operational flying, and 437 hrs. 35 mins Night operational flying. Of these one aircraft was lost and 39 aircraft failed to complete missions, being recalled. A total of 164 hrs. 55 mins. Day flying was carried out on training and 30 hrs. 25 mins. On Night flying training. A total of 652 tons of bombs were dropped operationally.

The following decorations were awarded to personnel of this Squadron during the month:-

<b>No.</b>	<b>Rank.</b>	<b>Name.</b>	<b>Category.</b>	<b>Decoration.</b>
A412969	F/O.	A.E. KELL	Pilot.	D.F.C.
A416624	F/O.	R.M. STANFORD	Pilot.	D.F.C.
A405693	F/O.	W.R. LEE	Pilot.	D.F.C.
J.16183	F/O.	R.E. WOODS	A/B.	Mention in Despatches.
J.19053	F/O.	P.E. PIGEON	W/Op.	D.F.C.
J.19206	F/O.	H.A. WEEKS	A/G.	D.F.C.
134558	A/F/L.	H.J. PRYOR	Pilot.	D.F.C.
136882	F/O.	H.H. CHADWICK	A/B.	D.F.C.
53561	F/O.	W.G. RADCLIFFE	F/E.	D.F.C.
54203	P/O.	T. DAVIES	F/E.	D.F.C.
132870	F/O.	R.J. ELSEY	A/B.	D.F.C.
109369	F/L.	A.F. POORE	Pilot.	D.F.C.
155152	F/L.	R.A. ROBERTS	Nav.	D.F.C.
171066	P/O.	L.G. ROLTON	A/B.	D.F.C.
117696	F/L.	J.E.R. WILLIAMS	Pilot.	D.F.C.
144447	F/O.	P.W. BUTTLE	Nav.	D.F.C.
1045069	W/O.	R. BATSON	A/G.	D.F.M.
1457709	F/S.	H. JOHNSON	Nav.	D.F.M.

The following officer postings to the Squadron were carried out:- From the Squadron.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Rank.</b>	<b>Name.</b>	<b>Category.</b>	<b>w.e.f.</b>	<b>From.</b>
129193	F/O.	A.R. POOL.	A/G.	26.06.44	3 A.G.S.

The following N.C.O. aircrew were posted from the Squadron during June.

R.190247	W/O.	T.W.P. PRICE	A/G.	25.06.44	Missing.
634050	F/S.	S. ISHERWOOD	A/G.	25.06.44	Missing.
1315126	F/S.	G.H. HOBBS	W/Op.	25.06.44	Missing.
1575148	F/S.	J. H. BROOK	A/B.	25.06.44	Missing.
571886	Sgt.	S. HENDERSON	F/E.	26.06.44	57 Sqn.
1437745	F/S.	H. EVANS	A/B.	26.06.44	57 Sqn.

1568526	Sgt.	R. RONALD	A/G.	26.06.44	57 Sqdn.
1578716	F/S.	W. EAVES	W/Op.	26.06.44	57 Sqdn.
1685626	Sgt.	T. CRAIG	A/G.	26.06.44	57 Sqdn.
J.19259	F/O.	J.I. JOHNSTONE	A/G.	25.06.44	Missing.
J.14783	F/O.	L.T. PRITCHARD	Nav.	25.06.44	Missing.
51120	F/L.	J.A. EDWARD	Pilot.	25.06.44	Missing.
149660	F/O.	L.W.J. KING	F/E.	25.06.44	Missing.
169585	P/O.	J. CASTAGNOLA	Pilot.	26.06.44	57 Sqdn.
151154	F/O.	F.J. GORRINGE	Nav.	26.06.44	57 Sqdn.
53140	F/O.	S.R. CLARKE	F/E.	26.06.44	HQ8Grp.
168986	F/O.	W.T. PALFREY	N/Radar	30.06.44	53 Base.

The following personnel were appointed to commissions:-

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	w.e.f.
1579561	F/S.	J.T. JACKSON	Nav.	14.02.44
1113981	W/O.	J. T. GINGLES	Pilot.	05.04.44
1382903	Sgt.	J.W. CLARK	F/E.	18.04.44
1822220	Sgt.	A.F. McKELLAR	A/G.	16.03.44
1551085	F/S.	R.L. KERR	Nav.	18.05.44

The following officer promotions were promulgated.

A.413582	P/O.	J.L. HAGER	Nav. - F/O.	17.05.44
A.414544	P/O.	A.L. EVANS	W/Op - F/O.	17.05.44
122814	F/O.	E.B. CHANDLER	A/G. - F/L.	01.05.44
127057	F/O.	R.S. SCOTT-KIDDIE	A/G - F/L.	01.05.44
168986	P/O.	W.A.T. PALFREY	N/AR. - F/O.	11.04.44
168635	P/O.	C.G. BEALE	Nav. - F/O.	02.05.44
53675	P/O.	K.J. RYALL	F/E. - F/O.	04.05.44
171072	P/O.	H.W. CORNISH- UNDERWOOD	A/G. - F/O.	15.05.44

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**DATE:** 05.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**

Lancaster III LM. 482. (W)

**CREW:**

NZ. S/L. J.L. MUNRO  
W/O. CHESHIRE. G.L.  
F/S. APPLEBY F.E.  
F/L. F.G. RUMBLES  
F/O. P. KELLY  
AUS. F/L. C.K. ASTBURY  
CAN. F/O. P.E. PIGEON  
P/O. W. HOWARTH  
CAN. F/O. H.A. WEEKS  
F/S. JOHNSON H.  
CAN. F/O. F.C. ATKINSON  
F/S. BAKER J.E.

**DUTY:**

Pilot.  
Co-Pilot.  
F/Eng.  
Nav.  
Co-Nav.  
A/B.  
W/Op.  
MU/Gunner.  
R/Gunner.  
Extra Personnel.  
Extra Personnel.  
Extra Personnel.

F/S. WILSON-WILLIAMS. D.

Extra Personnel.

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
SPECIAL OPERATION, NO DETAILS ISSUED.

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**DATE:** 05.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM. 492. (Q)

**CREW:**

S/L. J.C. McCARTHY CAN.  
S/L. D.J. SHANNON. AUS.  
F/O. W.D. RADCLIFFE  
CAN. F/O. D.A. MacLEAN  
CAN. S/L. D.R. WALKER  
CAN. F/O. W.A. DANIEL  
W/O. EATON L.  
W/O. BATSON R.  
CAN. F/L. D. RODGER  
P/O. R.J. HENDERSON  
F/O. L.J. SUMPTER  
AUS. F/O. E.T. HALL

**DUTY:**

Pilot.  
Co-Pilot.  
F/Eng.  
Nav.  
Co-Nav.  
A/B.  
W/O.  
MU/Gunner.  
R/Gunner.  
Extra Personnel.  
Extra Personnel.  
Extra Personnel.

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
SPECIAL OPERATION

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**DATE:** 05.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 557. (S)

**CREW:**

F/L. W. REID  
F/L. R.S.D. KEARNS. NZ.  
F/S. STEWART D.G.W.  
CAN. F/O. J.O. PELTIER  
NZ. F/O. W.J. BARCLAY  
P/O. L.G. ROLTON  
F/O. D. LUKER  
F/S. HOLT A.  
W/O. HUTTON J.W.  
F/S. LUCAN R.D.  
W/O. BICKLEY W.G.  
F/O. R.H. PETCH.

**DUTY:**

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**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
SPECIAL OPERATION.

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2. Also returned herewith original Records in respect of No. 617 Squadron for June 1944. With regard to the operations by that Squadron on the night of the 5/6th., exhaustive enquiries have been instigated at Squadron, Base and Group level and it is understood that no details are available, and moreover, crews of that Squadron were not interrogated on their return from the operation. All available information regarding operations by Squadron in this Command on the night of the 5/6th June are included in the "OVERLORD" supplement to the Headquarters' Record for June 1944.

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**DATE:** 05.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM. 482. (W)

**CREW:**

NZ. S/L. J.L. MUNRO  
W/O. CHESHIRE G.L.  
F/S. APPLEBY F.E.  
F/L. F.G. RUMBLES  
F/O. P. KELLY  
AUS. F/L. C.K. ASTBURY  
CAN. F/O. P.E. PIGEON  
P/O. W. HOWARTH  
CAN. F/O. H.A. WEEKS  
F/S. JOHNSON H.  
CAN. F/O. F.C. ATKINSON  
F/S. BAKER J.E.  
F/S. WILSON-WILLIAMS. D.

**DUTY:**

Pilot  
Co-Pilot  
F/Eng.  
Nav.  
Co-Nav.  
A/B.  
W/Op.  
MU/Gunner  
R/Gunner  
Extra Personnel  
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**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL OPERATION, NO DETAILS ISSUED.

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**DATE:** 05.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM. 492. (Q)

**CREW:**

S/L. J.C. McCARTHY CAN.  
S/L. D.J. SHANNON. AUS.  
F/O. W.G. RADCLIFFE  
CAN. F/O. D.A. MacLEAN  
CAN. S/L. D.R. WALKER  
CAN. F/O. W.A. DANIEL  
W/O. EATON L.  
W/O. BATSON R.  
CAN. F/L. D. RODGER  
P/O. R.J. HENDERSON  
F/O. L.J. SUMPTER  
AUS. F/O. E.T. HALL

**DUTY:**

Pilot  
Co-Pilot  
F/Eng.  
Nav.  
Co-Nav.  
A/B.  
W/O.  
MU/Gunner  
R/Gunner  
Extra Personnel  
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**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL OPERATION.

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**DATE:** 05.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:0**

Lancaster I ME. 557. (S)

**CREW:**

F/L. W. REID  
F/L. R.S.D. KEARNS. NZ.  
F/S. STEWART D.G.W.  
CAN. F/O. J.O. PELTIER  
NZ. F/O. W.J. BARCLAY  
P/O. L.G. ROLTON  
F/O. D. LUKER  
F/S. HOLT A.  
W/O. HUTTON J.W.  
F/S. LUCAN R.D.  
W/O. BICKLEY W.G.  
F/O. R.H. PETCH

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL OPERATION.

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**DATE:** 05.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**

Lancaster I ME. 560. (H)

**CREW:**

F/L. B.W. CLAYTON  
AUS. F/O. D.W. CAREY  
F/O. A. HILL  
F/O. P.W. BUTTLE  
F/S. KERR R.L.  
F/O. J.S. WATSON  
F/O. G.A. CHALMERS  
Sgt. SHARP A.W.  
F/S. HUME W.  
CAN. W/O. MACLENNAN D.H.  
CAN. F/S. PRICE T.W.P.

**DUTY:**

Pilot  
Co-Pilot  
F/Eng.  
Nav.  
Co-Nav.  
A/B.  
W/Op.  
MU/Gunner  
R/Gunner  
Extra Personnel  
Extra Personnel

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL OPERATION, NO DETAILS ISSUED

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**DATE:** 05.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**

Lancaster III LM. 485.

**CREW:**

F/L. D.J.B. WILSON  
P/O. J.A. SANDERS  
F/O. G.A. PHILLIPS  
AUS. F/O. J.K. STOTT

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/S. BARRON J.B.  
CAN. F/O. E.W. FINLAY  
F/O. R.J. ALLEN  
F/S. VAUGHAN M.D.  
F/L. CHANDLER E.B.  
Sgt. NUTLEY T.H.  
Sgt. WARD A.  
Sgt. BRIARS R.A.  
CAN. W/O. ALLEN H.G.  
Sgt. MACHIN R.

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
SPECIAL OPERATION.

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**DATE:** 05.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 562.

**CREW:**

F/O. N.R. ROSS  
F/L. A.W. FEARN  
F/O. A.J.S. GIRLING  
F/O. T.R. DAVIES  
CAN. F/O. R.L. PINDER  
W/O. McCLELLAN L.  
F/L. L.W. CURTIS  
F/O. T.A. PLATT  
AUS. F/O. M.R. TUXFORD  
P/O. R.J. TELFER  
CAN. F/O. H.H. CHADWICK  
F/S. HEPWORTH R.  
P/O. A.J. PATTERSON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
SPECIAL OPERATION.

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**DATE:** 05.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III EE. 131. (L)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.A. EDWARD  
AUS. P/O. I.A. ROSS  
F/O. L.W.J. KING  
CAN. F/O. L.T. PRITCHARD  
F/O. T. O'BRIEN  
F/S. BROOK J.H.  
F/S. HOBBS G.H.  
CAN. P/O. J.I. JOHNSTON  
F/S. ISHERWOOD S.  
Sgt. WALTER W.  
F/S. TILBY E.

**DUTY:**

Pilot  
Co-Pilot  
F/Eng.  
Nav.  
Co-Nav.  
A/B.  
W/Op.  
MU/Gunner  
R/Gunner  
Extra Personnel  
Extra Personnel

Sgt. McKELLAR A.F.

Extra Personnel

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
SPECIAL OPERATION, NO DETAILS ISSUED.

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**DATE:** 05.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**

Lancaster I DV. 402. (P)

**CREW:**

F/O. A.E. KELL. AUS.  
F/O. D.H. CHENEY CAN.  
Sgt. CLARK J.W.  
AUS. F/O. J.L. HAGER  
P/O. R.A. WELCH  
AUS. F/O. R. MORIESON  
AUS. F/O. A.L. EVANS  
AUS. P/O. F.W. SNELL  
AUS. F/O. J.F. CHAMPMAN  
Sgt. ROSHER J.  
F/S. CURTIS A.  
F/S. POOL R.  
F/S. McROSTIE A G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
SPECIAL OPERATION.

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**DATE:** 05.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**

Lancaster I ME. 559. (Y)

**CREW:**

F/O. G.S. STOUT  
P/O. F.H.A. WATTS  
P/O. J.R. GURNEY  
F/O. P. INGLEBY  
F/S. HOUSDEN C.H.  
CAN. F/O. WA. RUPERT  
F/S. NUTTALL A.  
P/O. H.W. CORNISH-UNDERWOOD  
W/O. SMITH R.  
Sgt. LUCK H.  
F/S. McKAY M.L.  
Sgt. MATTHEWS G.  
Sgt. COOPER D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
SPECIAL OPERATION.

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**DATE:** 05.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**

Lancaster I DV. 393. (T)

**CREW:**

F/O. E. WILLSSHER  
F/L. C.J.G. HOWARD  
Sgt. HURDISS J.  
F/O. L.H. PLAYFORD  
F/O. C.A. MacDONALD  
P/O. R.C.L EVERETT  
P/O. F.W. BELL  
F/S. SALTER S.  
F./O. G.A. WITHERICK  
Sgt. HAWKINS A.  
F/S. HARTLEY E.A.  
W/O. WOODS P.E.

**DUTY:**

Pilot  
Co-Pilot  
F/Eng.  
Nav.  
Co-Nav.  
A/B.  
W/Op.  
MU/Gunner  
R/Gunner  
Extra Personnel  
Extra Personnel  
Extra Personnel

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL OPERATION

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**DATE:** 05.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**

Lancaster I DV. 246. (U)

**CREW:**

F/O. W.R. LEE. AUS.  
F/L. G.E. FAWKE  
Sgt. MASON W.  
F/S. McKIE T.  
F/O. T.A. BENNETT  
F/S. HOYLAND H.  
F/S. RICHARDS H.  
F/S. WAIT W.N.  
F/S. HUNNINETTE R.  
F/S. CLARKE H.G.  
W/O. G.H. RILEY

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL OPERATION.

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**DATE:** 05.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**

Lancaster I DV. 385. (A)

**CREW:**

F/O. KNIGHTS R.E.  
F/L. A.G. POOLE  
P/O. E. TWELLS  
CAN. F/O. H.B. RHUDE  
F/O. R.A. ROBERTS  
P/O. J.R. BELL  
F/S. THOMPSON R.C.  
F/S. PENGELLY W.A.  
F/S. DERHAM P.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE



Sgt. JOHNSON A.J.  
F/O. R.J. ELSEY  
F/S. CATLEMAN R.P.

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
SPECIAL OPERATION.

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**DATE:** 05.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 554. (F)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.E.R. WILLIAMS  
AUS. F/O. R.M. STANFORD  
Sgt. SOILLEUX J.  
F/O. R. TALBOT  
AUS. P/O. W.T. BUTLER  
F/S. A.J. WALKER  
F/S. POTTER A.E.  
F/S. BLAGDON D.  
AUS. P/O. K.S. JEWELL  
Sgt. JUDSON E.  
AUS. W/O. G.K. CLARKE  
AUS. W/O. JORDON A.J.  
F/S. GRIFFITHS R.D.

**DUTY:**

Pilot  
Co-Pilot  
F/Eng.  
Nav.  
Co-Nav.  
A/B.  
W/Op.  
MU/Gunner  
R/Gunner

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
SPECIAL OPERATION.

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**DATE:** 05.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III DV. 403. (G)

**CREW:**

F/O. M.L. HAMILTON  
P/O. F. LEVY  
Sgt. ROOKE L.S.  
F/S. JACKSON J.T.  
F/O. C.L. FOX  
F/O. R.T. DUCK  
Sgt. THOMPSON J.T.  
F/S. DADGE J.A.  
F/S. HAMILTON D.  
Sgt. GROOM P.W.  
P/O. T. DAVIES  
Sgt. THOMAS D.G.  
Sgt. McGUIRE G.M.  
Sgt. McNALLY A.F.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
SPECIAL OPERATION.

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**DATE:** 05.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 555. (C)

**CREW:**

F/O. W.A. DUFFY. CAN.  
W/O. GINGLES J.  
Sgt. BENTING A.W.  
CAN. F/O. D.A. BELL  
F/O. C.G. BEALE  
CAN. F/O. R.E. WOODS  
CAN. F/O. D.R. PEARCE  
F/S. McLEAN T.J.  
CAN. P/O. W.G. EVANS  
Sgt. GALLAGHER W.  
F/S. HAZELL L.  
F/S. R.S. SCOTT-KIDDIE

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL OPERATION.

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**DATE:** 05.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 561. (R)

**CREW:**

LT. H.C. KNILANS USA.  
P/O. J.CASTAGNOLA  
P/O. K.J. RYALL  
CAN. P/O. L.H. GELLER  
F/O. F.J. GORRINGE  
F/O. C.G. ROGERS  
F/O. C.L. KNELL  
Sgt. CROSBY A.  
AUS. P/O. R. LEARMONTH  
Sgt. HENDERSON D.  
F/S. EVANS A.  
Sgt. RONALD R.

**DUTY:**

Pilot  
Co-Pilot  
F/Eng.  
Nav.  
Co-Nav.  
A/B.  
W/Op.  
MU/Gunner  
R/Gunner

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

SPECIAL OPERATION.

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**DATE:** 08.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito VI MS 993. (N)

**CREW:**

W/C G.L.CHESHIRE  
F/O P.KELLY

**DUTY:**

Pilot  
Nav.B.

**TIME:**

**UP.**

2323

**DOWN.**

0429

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Railway Tunnel, SAUMAR. 4 Red Spotfires. 0206.5 hrs. Dive from 3,000ft. to 500ft. Bombing was 50% within 100 yds with one or two very wild bombs. Markers fell on railway cutting just at the mouth of the tunnel. Bombs caused considerable smoke but it was considered that further backing up would not have improved the situation. Order to bomb was given at 0208 hrs. The flares were dropped too far south and too far east and only the last two or three were of any use.

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**DATE:** 08.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito IV DZ. 418. (*L*)

**CREW:**

S/L. D.J. SHANNON AUS.

F/O. L.J. SUMPTER

**DUTY:**

Pilot

Nav.B.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0012            0037

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Railway Tunnel, SAUMAR. 3 Red Spotfires. 1 Wanganui flare. Abortive - Returned early. Landed 18 minutes after take-off because of port engine overspeeding. Sortie not completed.

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**DATE:** 08.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito IV DZ. 421. (*C*)

**CREW:**

F/L G.A. FAWKE

F/O T.A. BENNETT

**DUTY:**

Pilot

Nav.B.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0013            0430

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Railway Tunnel, SAUMAR. 3 Red Spotfires. 1 Wanganui flare. First flares fell to S.E. of target and next lot over (0240 hrs.) the target area. Dropped three Red Spots on N. end of tunnel and these fell about 50 yds from N. end of tunnel. Bombing of N. end not observed as petrol was getting short. Bombing on cutting at Southern end of tunnel observed - some half dozen being excellent and others about 150 yds from markers. One Wanganui flare dropped with reds and reason for this unknown.

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**DATE:** 08.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM. 482. (*W*)

**CREW:**

S/L. J.L. MUNRO NZ.

**DUTY:**

Pilot

F/S. APPLEBY F.E.	F/Eng.
F/L. F.G. RUMBLES	Nav.
F/L. C.K. ASTBURY AUS.	A/B.
F/O. P.E. PIGEON CAN	W/Op.
P/O. W. HOWARTH	MU/Gunner
F/O. H.A. WEEKS CAN	R/Gunner

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	2255	0515

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Railway Tunnel, Saumar. 1 x 14,000lb (Tallboy). 0214 hrs. 10,000ft.  
Spot fires were in the cutting and most of the bombs were dropping around them.  
One direct hit was seen on the tunnel itself. Bombing was well concentrated around the spotfires.

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**DATE:** 08.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM.492. (Q)

**CREW:**

S/L. J.C. McCARTHY. CAN.  
F/O. W.G. RADCLIFFE.  
CAN. F/O. D.A. McLEAN.  
CAN. F/O. W.A. DANIEL.  
W/O. EATON L.  
W/O. BATSON R.  
CAN. D. RODGER.  
F/L. L.W. CURTIS.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	2252	0515

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Railway Tunnel, Saumar. 1 x 14,000 (Tallboy) 10,500ft. 0217 hrs.  
Many bombs bursts, well concentrated around the spot fire. All bombs seen to fall in a 50 yards radius. 1 direct hit on the marker itself.

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**DATE:** 08.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM. 485. (N)

**CREW:**

F/L. D.J.B. WILSON  
F/O. G.A. PHILLIPS  
AUS. F/O. J.K. STOTT  
CAN. F/O. E.W. FINLAY  
F/O. R.J. ALLEN  
F/Sgt. VAUGHAN. M.D.  
F/L. E.B. CHANDLER

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
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2300

0510

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Railway Bridge, Saumar. 1 x 14,000 (Tallboy.) 9,500ft. 0245 hrs.  
Original red spot on aiming point (southern end of tunnel) extinguished before we were able to bomb. Made several runs and finally red spot put down at Northern end of tunnel and we bombed this and own bomb fell about 100 yds from Red Spot. Many blue sparks seen near own bomb burst.

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**DATE:** 08.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV. 246. (U)

**CREW:**

F/L. R.S.D. KEARNS. NZ.  
P/O. R.J. HENDERSON  
NZ. F/O. W.J.M.L. BARCLAY  
S/L. D.S. RICHARDSON  
P/O. M. ELLWOOD  
W/O. BICKLEY W.G.  
F/O. R.H. PETCH  
F/L. T.J. TATE

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2245           0535

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Railway Tunnel, Saumar. 1 x 14,000 (Tallboy) 10,200ft. 0226 hrs.  
About 50% of bombing seen appeared to be within 100 yds. from the marker. Our bomb fell about 50 yds. due North of A/P.

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**DATE:** 08.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III EE.131. (L)

**CREW:**

F/L. J.A. EDWARD  
F/O. L.W.J. KING  
CAN. F/O. L.T. PRITCHARD  
F/S. BROOK J.  
F/S. HOBBS. G.H.  
CAN. P/O. JOHNSTON.J.I.  
F/S. ISHERWOOD.S.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2315           0510

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Railway Tunnel, Saumar. 1 x 14,000 (Tallboy) 9,500ft. 0214 hrs.  
The first bomb blew out the red spot fire. Bombing seemed concentrated and the attack generally successful.

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**DATE:** 08.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 560. (H)

**CREW:**

F/L. B.W. CLAYTON  
F/O. A. HILL  
F/O. P.W. BUTTLE  
F/O. J.S. WATSON  
F/O. G.A. CHALMERS  
F/S. SHARP. W.W.  
F/S. HUME. W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2311           0511

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Railway Tunnel, Saumar. 1 x 14,000 (Tallboy) 8,400ft. 0217 hrs.  
First flares seen at about 0158 hrs. Bombed red spot, which was on railway line near entrance to tunnel. Own bomb fell on red spot and obscured it with smoke. Bombing seemed very accurate - about twelve just near red spot.

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**DATE:** 08.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV. 391. (O)

**CREW:**

F/L. A.F. POORE  
Sgt. JOHNSON J  
F/O. R.A. ROBERTS  
F/O. R.J. ELSEY  
F/S. THOMPSON J.T.  
F/S. TOOKEY W.  
F/S CASTLEMAN R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2300           0516

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Railway Tunnel Saumar. 1 x 14,000 (Tallboy) 9,400ft. 0216 hrs.  
Bomb fell in line with, but rather short of, red spotfire. Difficult to assess attack but if red spotfire was accurate it seems to have been a success.

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**DATE:** 08.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME.557. (S)

**CREW:**

F/L W.REID  
F/S STEWART D.G.W.  
CAN. F/O. D.A.PELTIER  
P/O C.G.ROLTON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O D.LUKER  
F/S HOLT A.  
W/O HUTTON J.W.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                      2255           0515

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Railway Tunnel Saumar. 1 x 14,000 (Tallboy) 9,800ft. 0213 hrs.  
Bursts all around the spotfires and well concentrated. Results good.

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**DATE:** 08. 6.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I ME.555. (C)

**CREW:**                                   **DUTY:**  
F/O. W.A. DUFFY CAN                   AS SHOWN ABOVE  
Sgt. BENTING A.W.  
CAN. F/O D.A. BELL  
CAN. F/O R.E. WOODS  
CAN. F/O D.R. PEARCE  
CAN. W/O PORTER K.R.  
CAN. P/O W.G. EVANS

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                      2315           0525

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Railway Tunnel Saumar. 1 x 14,000lb. (Tallboy) 0217 hrs. 9,100ft.  
Not visible, due to cloud.

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**DATE:** 08.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I ME.554. (F)

**CREW:**                                   **DUTY:**  
F/O R.M. STANFORD AUS               AS SHOWN ABOVE  
Sgt. JUDSON E.  
AUS. P/O T.W. BUTLER  
AUS. W/O CLARKE G.K.  
AUS. W/O JORDON A.J.  
F/S GRIFFITHS R.D.  
AUS P/O K.S. JEWELL

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                      2340           0500

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Railway Tunnel Saumar. 1 x 14,000lb. (Tallboy) 0221 hrs. 9,200ft.  
Bomb bursts all around the red spotfires. One bomb burst on spotfire and put it out.

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**DATE:** 08.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME.559. (Y)

**CREW:**

F/O G.S.S. TOUT  
P/O J.R.GURNEY  
F/O R.INGLEBY  
CAN. F/O W.A.RUPERT  
F/S NUTTALL A.  
P/O H.W.CORNISH-UNDERWOOD  
W/O SMITH R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2250           0513

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Railway Tunnel Saumar. 1 x 14,000lb. (Tallboy) 0225 hrs. 9,000ft.  
Bombing appeared well concentrated. Our bomb fell about 50 yds to port on a heading of 120 ° M.

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**DATE:** 08.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III JB.139. (I)

**CREW:**

F/O D.H.CHENEY CAN  
Sgt. ROSHER J.  
F/S WELCH R.  
F/S CURTIS C.  
F/S POOL R.H.  
AUS F/S MCROSTIE A.  
F/S WAIT G.H.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2258           0508

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Railway Tunnel Saumar. 1 x 14,000lb. (Tallboy) 0211 hrs. 9,300ft.  
Bombing seemed accurate and concentrated. About ten explosions seen, two of which were within 50 yds. of the markers.

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**DATE:** 08.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV.385. (A)

**CREW:**

F/O. R.E. KNIGHTS  
P/O. E.TWELLS  
CAN. F/O. H.B. RHUDE  
P/O. J.R.BELL  
F/O. B.J. HOSIE

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE



F/S. PENGELLY. W.H.  
F/S. DERHAM P.W.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2305           0515

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Railway Tunnel. Saumar. 1 x 14,000lb. (Tallboy) 8,600ft. 0223 hrs.  
Bomb fell right on Red Spot Fire. Very good concentration and markers were several times obscured.

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**DATE:** 08.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster III. DV. 403. (G)

**CREW:**

F/O. M. HAMILTON  
Sgt. ROOKE. J.T.  
F/S JACKSON J.T.  
F/O R.T. DUCK  
F/S. THOMPSON. R.C.  
F/S. DADGE.J.A.  
F/S. HAMILTON.D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  0014           0514

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Railway Tunnel. Saumar. 1 x 14000lb. (Tallboy) 8,200ft. 0231 hrs.  
Bombing good and very concentrated around markers, which seemed to be on the target.

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**DATE:** 08.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. DV.393. (T)

**CREW:**

F/O. E. WILLISHER  
Sgt. HURDISS. J.  
F/O. T.H.J. PLAYFORD  
P/O. R.C. EVERETT  
P/O. F.W. BELL  
F/S. SALTER.A.  
F/O. G.A. WITHERICK

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2254           0520

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Railway Tunnel. Saumar. 1 x 14000lb. (Tallboy) 8,900ft. 0230 hrs.

Majority of the bombs were well concentrated with one or two direct hits and a few very scattered bombs. Our bombs fell on what was believed to have been a red spot fire which was extinguished.

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**DATE:** 08.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.562. (Z)

**CREW:**

F/O N.R. ROSS  
P/O.A.J.S. GIRLING  
F/O. T.R. DAVIES  
F/S McLENNAN. E.  
F/S HICKSON. G.  
F/O T.A. PLATT  
F/L R.F. SCOTT-KIDDIE

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  2250           0450

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Railway Tunnel. Saumar. 1 x 14,000lb. (Tallboy) 8,500ft. 0214 hrs.  
Flares fell and when over Aiming Point only Red Spot visible so bombed this.  
Own bomb fell just near Red Spot, which was obscured for two or three seconds  
by own bomb burst. First six bombs were very good indeed.

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**DATE:** 08.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.380. (X)

**CREW:**

F/O. A.W. FEARN  
P/O. T. DAVIES  
F/S JOHNSON. H.  
F/O. W.H. CHADWICK  
F/S BAKER. J.E.  
Sgt. WILSON-WILLIAMS  
F/S PEARSON. D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  2305           0505

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Railway Tunnel. Saumar. 1 x 14,000lb. (Tallboy) 9,750ft. 0214 hrs.  
Bombing appeared fairly well concentrated with only one or two wild bombs. Our  
bombs fell 30 to 40 yards to the starboard of markers on the heading of 250  
degrees M.

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**DATE:** 08.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV. 402. (P)

**CREW:**

F/O. A.E. KELL. AUS.  
Sgt. CLARK. G.W.  
AUS. P/O J.L. HAGER  
AUS. F/O R. MORIESON  
AUS. P/O. A.L. EVANS  
AUS. P/O. A.W. SNELL  
AUS. F/O J.F. CHAPMAN  
AUS. F/O. W.R. LEE

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2303           0512

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Railway Tunnel. Saumar. 1 x 14,000lb. (Tallboy) 8,850ft. 0212 hrs.  
First flares fell inaccurately, but second fell accurate. Bomb Red Spot and own  
believed to fall on western edge of Spot Fire. Bombing seemed very accurate.

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**DATE:** 08.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster III. ED. 909. (P)

**CREW:**

P/O J.A. SANDERS  
Sgt. NUTLEY. T.H.  
F/S BARRON. J.B.  
CAN W/O ALLEN. H.G.  
Sgt. WARD. A.  
Sgt. MACHIN. R.  
Sgt. BRIARS. R.A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2300           0525

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Railway Bridge. Saumar. 8 x 1000 GP. 6 x 7" Clusters. H2S. A.P.I. 0217  
hrs. 5.000ft. Smoke from tunnel bombing obscured vision and results could not be  
seen, but stick of bombs straddled bridge. Direct hit on bridge was seen about five  
minutes before we bombed.

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**DATE:** 08.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster III. ED. 631. (E)

**CREW:**

P/O F. LEVY  
Sgt. GROOM. P.W.  
F/O C.L. FOX  
CAN. F/O F.C. ATKINSON  
Sgt. McGUIRE. G.A.  
CAN. Sgt. McNALLY. A.F.  
P/O A.J. PATTERSON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2306            0530

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Railway Bridge. Saumar. 8 x 1000 GP. 6 x 7" Cluster. 0210 hrs. 6,000ft. Identified A/P (Bridge) and of our bombs-first six fell short and last two appeared to straddle bridge. Other bombing on North end of tunnel not observed. Bombing on Southern end of tunnel seemed very good. Dropped our flares S.E. of A/P (Southern end of tunnel).

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**DATE:** 08.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III. ED. 933. (N)

**CREW:**

P/O F.H.A. WATTS  
Sgt. LUCK. H.  
F/S HOUSDON.C.H.  
CAN. F/S McKAY M.L.  
Sgt. COOPER. D.  
Sgt. MATTHEWS. G.  
P/O R.HEGGIE

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2305            0525

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Railway Bridge. Saumar. 8 x 1000 GP. 6 x 7" Clusters. 0245 hrs. 3,000ft. Last three bombs of stick seemed to fall on bridge. Bombing on South end of tunnel seemed very good.

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**DATE:** 08.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III. ND. 472. (O)

**CREW:**

P/O J. CASTAGNOLA  
Sgt. HENDERSON. D.  
F/O F.J. GORRINGE  
F/S EVANS.A.  
Sgt. EAVES.W.T.  
Sgt. CRAIG. T.  
Sgt. RONALD. R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2300            0530

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing railway bridge. Saumar. 8 x 1000 GP. 6 x 7" Clusters (a) 0233 hrs. 4,000ft. (b) 0240 hrs. 6,500ft. Bombing appeared accurate. Our bombs fell across Red Spot Fires on heading of 220 degrees M.

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**DATE:** 08.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. JB. 370. (U)

**CREW:**  
P/O. I.A. ROSS  
Sgt. WALTER. W.  
F/O T. O'BRIEN  
F/S TILBY. E.G.  
Sgt.. JENKINSON. K.  
Sgt. KING. C.  
Sgt. McKELLAR. A.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2310           0520

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Railway Bridge. Saumar. 8 x 1000 GO. 6 x 7" Clusters. 0231 hrs.  
3,800ft. Identified A/P visually and own bombs straddled bridge near Northern end of tunnel.

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**DATE:** 08.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. EE. 146. (K)

**CREW:**  
P/O T.A. CAREY. AUS.  
Sgt. A.W. CHERRINGTON  
F/S KERR. A.  
W/O McLENNAN. J.  
Sgt. YOUNG. A.E.  
Sgt. FOWLE. L.A.  
CAN. F/S PRICE. T.W.P.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2315           0515

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Railway Bridge. Saumar. 8 x 1000 GP. 6 x 7" Clusters. 0233 hrs. 4,000ft.  
Bombing was seen to be well concentrated around the Spot Fires by the tunnel.  
Results of our bombing could not be seen.

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**DATE:** 08.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.561. (R)

**CREW:**  
LT H.C. KNILANS. USA.  
P/O K.J. RYALL  
CAN. P/O L.H. GELLER  
F/O C.G. ROGERS

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O KNELL.C.L.  
Sgt. CROSBY. A.  
P/O R.A. LEARMONTH

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2255           0455

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Railway Tunnel. Saumar. 1 x 14,000lb. (Tallboy) 0211 hrs. 8,700ft.  
Bomb fell 35 yds. South. Several bombs seen quite close to A/P.

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**DATE:** 14.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Mosquito 6. MS.993. (N)

**CREW:**  
W/Comdr G.L. CHESHIRE  
F/O P. KELLY

**DUTY:**  
Pilot  
Nav.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2115           2347

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing submarine pens, LE HAVRE. 4 Red Spot Fires. 2330.5 hrs. Dive 11,000ft to 7,000ft. The first stick of bombs fell right against the Northern Aiming Point. The Squadron bombing was extremely good. The Squadron arrived over the target a bit early so we went straight in and marked. We dropped the marker mid-way between the two aiming points -270 degrees, 1000 yds. Shortly after the bombing started the target became obscured by smoke believed to have been a smoke screen defending the port.

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**DATE:** 14.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Mosquito 4. DZ.484. (G)

**CREW:**  
S/L. D.J. SHANNON  
F/O. L.J. SUMPTER

**DUTY:**  
Pilot  
Nav.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2120           2350

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing submarine pens, LE HAVRE. 4 Red Spot Fires. Saw red spots dropped on offset aiming point and these were clearly visible until smoke generators started. Bombing was very good. Reserve marker but not called in.

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**DATE:** 14.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Mosquito 4. DZ.418.(L)

**CREW:**

**DUTY:**

F/L G.A. FAWKE Pilot  
F/O T.A. BENNETT Nav.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2120           2345

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing submarine pens, LE HAVRE. 4 Red Spot Fires. Squadron bombing was well concentrated round both aiming points. Reserve spot fires not needed.

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**DATE:** 14.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LN.482. (W)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
S/L J.L.MUNRO N.Z.	Pilot
F/S APPLEBY F.E.	F/Eng.
F/L RUMBLES F.G.	Nav.
AUS F/L C.K. ASTBURY	A/B
CAN F/O P.E.PIGEON	W/Op.
P/O W.HOWARTH	MU/Gunner
CAN F/O H.A.WEEKS	R/Gunner
CAN S/L D.R.WALKER	Passenger

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2010           2350

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Submarine Pens, Le Havre. 1 Tallboy. 2233 hrs. 18,000ft. Our own bomb fell right on the aiming point. The Squadron bombing on our own aiming point was very good, and at least two direct hits were scored. Only one bomb was seen to go down on the northern aiming point and it was also extremely accurate.

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**DATE:** 14.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM.492. (Q)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
S/L J.C.MCCARTHY CAN	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/O W.G.RADCLIFFE	
CAN F/O D.A.MCLEAN	
CAN F/O W.A.DANIEL	
W/O EATON L.	
W/O BATSON R.	
CAN F/L D. RODGER	

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2018           0006

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats moored in Le Havre. 1 Tallboy. 2232 hrs. 17,000ft. Bomb seen to fall in water near A/P. One other bomb seen to fall near ours. Several sticks from 1 Group bombing seen to fall on the jetties.

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**DATE:** 14.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM.485. (N)

**CREW:**

F/L D.J.B. WILSON  
Sgt. CHERRINGTON A.W  
AUS F/O J.K. STOTT  
CAN F/O E.W. FINLAY  
F/O R.J. ALLEN  
F/S VAUGHAN M.D.  
F/L E.B. CHANDLER  
Sgt. KING C.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2015            2355

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats moored in Le Havre. 1 Tallboy. 2232 hrs. 17,700ft. Bomb seen to burst but no immediate effect seen. Bomb seen to burst on A/P. Appeared very successful attack. Several large explosions observed after leaving target.

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**DATE:** 14. 6.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV. 391. (O)

**CREW:**

F/L A.F. POORE  
Sgt. JOHNSON J.  
F/O R.A. ROBERTS  
F/O R.J. ELSEY  
F/S THOMPSON J.T.  
F/S TOOKEY W.  
F/S CASTLEMAN R.  
Sgt. FOWLE L.A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2015            0015

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Submarine Pens Le Havre. 1 Tallboy. 2233 hrs. 17,500ft. Own bomb believed to have fallen on the N.E. corner of the submarine pens. Squadron bombing extremely good with the exception with two rather wide bombs.

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**DATE:** 14.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV. 380. (X)



**CREW:**  
F/L A.W.FEARN  
P/O T. DAVIES  
F/S JOHNSON H.  
F/O H.H.CHADWICK  
F/S BAKER J.E  
F/S WILSON-WILLIAMS D.  
W/O KEMP J.V.  
Sgt. MACHIN R.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  2015           0010

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats moored in Le Havre. 1 Tallboy. 2233 hrs. 18,000ft. Saw red spots on offset marking point. Own bomb would fall about 150 yards of Eastern corner of dock and near dockside which was A/P given. About four bombs burst on dock edge, near E-Boats, and one or two bombs burst just near pens. Bombing very accurate. At 2236 hrs. two terrific explosions with lightish red glow on dock side near A/P given (E-Boats).

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**DATE:** 14. 6.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 560. (H)

**CREW:**  
F/L B.W. CLAYTON  
F/O A. HILL  
F/O P.W. BUTTLE  
F/O J.S.WATSON  
F/O G.A.CHALMERS  
F/S SHARP A.W.  
F/S HUME W.  
F/O A.J.WARD  
AUS. F/O D.W. CAREY

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger  
Passenger

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  2010           0025

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Submarine Pens Le Havre. 1 x Tallboy. 2232 hrs. 17,400ft. Saw red spots on marking point. At 2233.30, one bomb seen to burst on corner of pen and just afterwards one near miss in water. On other A/P, at least four bombs were seen to burst near dockside in water. Large explosion seen on dockside approx. 600 yds N.W. of pens.

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**DATE:** 14.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III EE. 131. (B)

**CREW:**  
F/L J.E.R.WILLIAMS

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

Sgt. SOILLEUX J.  
F/O A.J.TALBOT  
F/O A.B.WALKER  
F/S POTTER A.E.  
F/S BLAGDON A.  
Sgt. MCKELLAR A.F.  
Sgt. CRAIG T. Passenger

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2025           0001

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Submarine Pens Le Havre. 1 x Tallboy. 2233 hrs. 15,500ft. Three direct hits seen. At 2335 hrs. large crimson explosion.

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**DATE:** 14.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III EE. 146. (K)

**CREW:**

F/L J.A.EDWARD  
F/O L.W.J.KING  
CAN F/O L.T.PRITCHARD  
F/S BROOK J.  
F/S HOBBS G.H.  
CAN P/O J.I.JOHNSTON  
F/S ISHERWOOD S.  
Sgt. HENDERSON S.J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2025           2350

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Submarine Pens. Le Havre. 1 x Tallboy. 2233 hrs. 15,600ft. Red Spot seen to fall and saw actual pens. Our bomb would fall in centre of line joining pens and dockside. Bombing very good on both A/Ps. two intense red glows, seemingly oil stores, blown up.

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**DATE:** 14.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV. 246. (U)

**CREW:**

F/L R.S.D KEARNS. NZ.  
P/O R.J.HENDERSON  
NZ. F/O W.J.M.BARCLAY  
W/O J. BENNETT  
P/O M.ELLWOOD  
W/O BICKLEY W.G.  
F/O R.H.PETCH  
F/L T.J. TATE

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2025                            2355

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Submarine Pens Le Havre. 1 x Tallboy. 2234 hrs. 16,000ft. Target was clearly identified, and we saw the bomb direct-hit on pens. At least two direct hits were seen before ours.

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**DATE:** 14.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I ME.557. (S)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L W.REID F/S STEWART.D.G.W. CAN. F/O D.A.PELTIER P/O C.G.ROLTON F/O D.LUKER F/S HOLT A. W/O HUTTON J.W. CAN F/S MCNALLY A.F.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE           Passenger
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**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2021                            0011

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats moored in Le Havre. 1 x Tallboy. 2232 hrs. 16,600ft. Results of own bombing not observed. Squadron bombing on A/P was extremely good.

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**DATE:** 14.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster III ED.763. (D)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L C.J.G.HOWARD Sgt. HAWKINS A.W. F/O C.A.MACDONALD F/S HARTLEY L F/S LUCAN C. W/O WOODS J. F/S CLARKE J. P/O R. HEGGIE. F/O C.L.FOX	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE           Passenger Passenger
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**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2020                            2355

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats moored in Le Havre. 1 x Tallboy. 2234 hrs. 16,400ft. Our bomb fell about 50 yds. South of A/P. Bombing appeared well concentrated. At least two direct hits observed on the submarine pens.

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**DATE:** 14.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:0**

Lancaster I ME. 561. (R)

**CREW:**

Lt. H.C.KNILANS USA  
P/O. K.J.RYALL  
CAN. P/O. L.H.GELLER  
F/O. C.G.ROGERS  
F/O C.L.F. KNELL  
F/S HUNNISETTE R.W.  
AUS P/O R.A.LEARMONTH  
P/O J.CASTAGNOLA J

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**

**UP.**  
2015

**DOWN.**  
0010

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats moored in Le Havre. 1 x Tallboy. 2232 hrs. 17,900ft.  
Several bombs fell in harbour, causing enormous explosions. Many hits were observed on submarine pens. Bombing was very well concentrated over the target area.

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**DATE:** 14.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**

Lancaster I ME.562. (Z)

**CREW:**

F/O N.R.ROSS  
F/O A.J.S.GIRLING  
F/O T.R.DAVIES  
W/O MCCLELLAN L.  
F/S HICKSON G.  
F/O T.A.PLATT  
AUS. F/O M.R.TUXFORD  
CAN F/O F.C.ATKINSON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**

**UP.**  
2020

**DOWN.**  
0010

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Submarine Pens Le Havre. 1 x Tallboy. 2234 hrs. 16,700ft.  
Results of own bombing not observed. Squadron bombing appeared extremely accurate, at least one direct hit observed.

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**DATE:** 14.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**

Lancaster I DV.385. (A)

**CREW:**

F/O R.E.KNIGHTS

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

P/O E.TWELLS  
CAN. F/O H.B.RHUDE  
P/O J.R.BELL  
NZ. F/O B.J.HOSIE  
F/S PENGALLY W.H.  
F/S DERHAM P.W.  
F/S BRIARS R.A.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2010            0020

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats moored in Le Havre. 1 x Tallboy. 2233 hrs. 19,150ft. Saw red spots on offset marking point. Our bomb would fall in water near dockside. One or two bombs seen to burst on dockside. Four or five direct hits on pens observed. Large explosion seen on dockside near our aiming point.

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**DATE:** 14.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I ME.555. (C)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O W.A.DUFFY CAN Sgt. BENTING A.W. CAN. F/O D.A.BELL CAN. F/O R.E.WOODS CAN. F/O D.R.PEARCE CAN. W/O PORTER K.R. CAN. P/O W.G.EVANS CAN. W/O ALLEN H.G.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2025            0015

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Submarine Pens Le Havre. 1 x Tallboy. 2233 hrs. 15,700ft.  
Two or three direct hits seen. Considerable smoke obscured target later in attack.

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**DATE:** 14.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I DV.403. (G)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O M.HAMILTON Sgt. ROOKE J.T. F/S JACKSON J.T. F/O R.T.DUCK F/S THOMPSON R.C. Sgt. DADGE J.A. F/S HAMILTON D. F/S MCLEAN T.J.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2021                            0004

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Submarine Pens Le Havre. 1 x Tallboy. 2234 hrs. 16,500ft.  
Bomb believed to have hit the N.E. corner of the Pens. Large explosion seen at 22.36 hrs. (to East of target).

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**DATE:** 14.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I DV. 402. (P)

**CREW:**

F/O W.E.KELL. AUS  
P/O G.W.CLARKE  
AUS. F/O J.L.HAGER  
AUS. F/O R.MORIESON  
AUS. P/O A.L.EVANS  
AUS. P/O A.W.SNELL  
CAN. F/S PRICE T.  
Sgt. THOMAS D.G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2019                            0015

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Submarine Pens Le Havre. 1 x Tallboy. 2232 hrs 17,210ft.  
Bomb seen to hit aiming point. Two other bombs seen to fall in water near pens.  
Smoke obscured target soon after first bombs.

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**DATE:** 14.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I ME.543. (F)

**CREW:**

AUS. F/O R.M.STANFORD  
Sgt. JUDSON E.  
AUS. P/O T.W.BUTLER  
AUS. W/O CLARKE G.K.  
AUS. W/O JORDON A.J.  
F/S GRIFFITHS R.D  
AUS. P/O K.S.JEWELL  
Sgt. EVANS N.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2015                            0015

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-boats moored in Le Havre. 1 x Tallboy. 2233 hrs. 17,200ft.  
Several bombs fell at the same time along the waterfront where the E-boats should be. Also at least three direct hits were seen on the submarine pens. A good deal of

smoke came up which might have been a smoke screen. The concentration of bombs on the targets was very good indeed.

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**DATE:** 14.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME.559. (Y)

**CREW:**

F/O G.S.STOUT  
P/O J.R.GURNEY  
F/O P.INGLEBY  
CAN. F/O W.A.RUPERT  
F/S NUTTALL A.  
P/O H.W.CORNISH-UNDERWOOD  
W/O SMITH R.  
F/S HOYLAND G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
2023 0021

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Submarine Pens Le Havre. 1 x Tallboy. 2232 hrs. 15,800ft.  
Three or four hits seen on submarine pens. Target obscured by smoke.

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**DATE:** 14.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV. 393. (T)

**CREW:**

F/O E.WILLSHER  
Sgt. HURDISS J  
F/O T.H.J.PLAYFORD  
P/O R.C.EVERETT  
P/O F.W.BELL  
F/S SALTER A.  
F/O G.A.WITHERICK  
Sgt. MATTHEWS G

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
2019 0003

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats moored in Le Havre. 1 x Tallboy. 2232 hrs. 16,900ft.  
Bomb fell to burst on jetty, within a few yards of Pens.

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**DATE:** 14.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III JB.139. (V)

**CREW:**

F/O D.H.CHENEY CAN  
Sgt. ROSHER J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

P/O R.WELCH  
F/S CURTIS C.  
F/S POOL R.  
AUS. F/S MCROSTIE A.  
F/S WAIT G.H.  
F/S MCKIE A.M. Passenger

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2022           0016

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Submarine Pens Le Havre. 1 x Tallboy. 2233 hrs. 15,900ft. Saw our bomb explode on pens immediately after another bomb burst on same spot. There were other direct hits. Also many hits on quayside. Bombing well concentrated.

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**DATE:** 14.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM.489. (L)

**CREW:**

P/O J.GINGLES  
Sgt. GALLAGHER J.  
P/O C.G.BEALE  
F/S HAZELL L.  
W/O RILEY J.  
F/L G.S.SCOTT-KIDDIE  
AUS. F/O E.T.HALL  
CAN. W/O MCLENNAN D.H.  
F/S MASON W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

Passenger

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2015           0001

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats moored in Le Havre. 1 x Tallboy. 2232 hrs. 17,300ft. One huge explosion seen. Later smoke obscured target.

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**DATE:** 15.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito VI MS.993. (N)

**CREW:**

W/C G.L.CHESHIRE  
F/O P.KELLY

**DUTY:**

Pilot.  
Nav. B.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2140           2343

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, E-Boats Boulogne. 2 Red Spotfires. 2 x 500lb. M.C. 2245 hrs. 6,000ft. We arrived over the primary (E-Boat Pens) Boulogne one min. before H Hour and saw the red T.I. Oboe markers dropped by P.F.F. for the No. 1 Group Attack -



these appeared accurate. Weather did not permit of 617 Squadron carrying out a visual bombing attack and it was impracticable to drop Red Spotfires in view of the colour of No.1 Group T.I.'s so returned to Base at 2245 hrs. dropping bombs on a Light Flak position on the way out of the target area.

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**DATE:** 15.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM.482 (*W*)

**CREW:**

S/L J.L.MUNRO N.Z.  
F/S APPLEBY F.E.  
F/L F.G.RUMBLES  
AUS. F/L C.K.ASTBURY  
CAN. F/O P.E.PIGEON  
P/O W. HOWARTH  
CAN. F/O H.A.WEEKS  
F/O J.BUCKLEY  
AUS. S/L D.J.SHANNON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

Passenger

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2115            2355

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats Boulogne. 1 x Tallboy. 2253hrs. 8,000ft. Our bomb fell to S.E. of target about 150 yds. away. No other results of Squadron bombing observed.

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**DATE:** 15.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM.492 (*Q*)

**CREW:**

S/L J.C.MCCARTHY CAN  
P/O W.G.RADCLIFFE  
CAN. F/O D.A.MCLEAN  
CAN. F/O W.A.DANIEL  
W/O EATON L  
W/O BATSON R.  
CAN F/L D.RODGER  
F/L L.W.CURTIS

**DUTY:**

Pilot.  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2125            0010

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats Boulogne. 1 x Tallboy, 2255hrs. 9,000ft. Main Force bombing seen to be concentrated around red T.I.'s. Large explosion seen approx. 2248 hrs. While on bombing run, thrown off course by heavy flak. Whilst again on bombing run, bomb was found to have been lost, but it is not known when.

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**DATE:** 15.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV.246 (U)

**CREW:**

F/L R.S.D.KEARNS NZ.  
P/O R.J.HENDERSON  
NZ. F/O W.J.M.BARCLAY  
W/O BENNETT W.J.  
P/O M.ELLWOOD  
W/O BICKLEY W.G.  
F/O R.H.PETCH  
F/L T.J.TATE

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2110           0010

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats Boulogne. 1 x Tallboy. 2254hrs 7,600ft. Some of 1 Group bombs seen to burst in target area. The order to return to Base was received before the bombing run was started.

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**DATE:** 15.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME.560 (H)

**CREW:**

F/L B.W.CLAYTON  
F/O A.HILL  
F/O P.W.BUTTLE  
F/O J.S.WATSON  
F/O G.A.CHALMERS  
Sgt. SHARP A.W.  
F/S HUME W.  
AUS. P/O D.W.CAREY  
F/O A.J.WARD

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

Passenger

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2115           0005

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E Boats Boulogne. 1 x Tallboy. We ran up to target at 16,500ft. Turned out to sea and did two or three orbits losing height to 8,000ft. Started run up. Target area visible but a lot of smoke. Conditions were not suitable for visual bombing. At same time order to return to base was received. A heavy explosion and bomb burst seen 1000 yds. due E. of E-Boat Pens.

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**DATE:** 15.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM.485 (N)

**CREW:**

F/L D.J.B.WILSON  
Sgt. CHERRINGTON A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

AUS. F/O J.K.STOTT  
CAN. F/O E.W.FINLAY  
F/O R.J.ALLEN  
F/S VAUGHAN M.D.  
F/L E.B.CHANDLER  
Sgt. KING C.T. Passenger

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          2120                    2355

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats Boulogne. 1 x Tallboy. 2250 hrs. 8,000ft. The success of the attack was spoilt by cloud which covered the target down to 8,000ft. In consequence the timing was spoilt and aircraft had to bomb individually. One very large explosion was observed. An R-Boat was seen blown out of the water by a medium bomb.

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**DATE:** 15.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster III ED.763 (D)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L C.J.G.HOWARD Sgt. HAWKINS A.W. F/O C.A.MACDONALD F/S HARTLEY L F/S LUCAN C F/S CLARKE J. W/O WOODS J. P/O R.HEGGIE F/O C.L.FOX	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE        Passenger Passenger
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**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          2105                    0015

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats Boulogne. 1 x Tallboy. 2259 hrs. 7,900ft. On first run up, several bursts were seen on each side of harbour and fires were burning well. Bomb hung-up and we made another run and released bomb manually. A large explosion was seen on second run at 2259 hrs. followed by terrific amount of black smoke. Bombing was well concentrated, but several sticks of bombs (small) were seen to fall well out to sea.

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**DATE:** 15.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I DV.391 (O)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L A.F.POORE Sgt. JOHNSON H. F/O R.A.ROBERTS F/O R.J.ELSEY	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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F/S THOMPSON J.T.  
F/S TOOKEY W.F.  
F/S CASTLEMAN R.  
Sgt. FOWLE L.A. Passenger

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                      2120           2359

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats Boulogne. 1 x Tallboy. 2251 hrs. 8,000ft. Several explosions seen in target area (one extremely large at 2251 hrs.) probably caused by 1 Group bombing. Numerous fires were also observed. A bombing run was made at 8,000ft. but flak was so heavy that I turned off to try again after being hit several times. We were then ordered to return to Base. (1 x Tallboy returned to Base)

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**DATE:** 15.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV.380 (X)

**CREW:**  
F/L A.W.FEARN  
P/O T.DAVIES  
F/S JOHNSON H.  
F/O H.H.CHADWICK  
F/S BAKER J.E.  
F/S WILSON-WILLIAMS D.  
W/O KEMP J.W.  
Sgt. MACHIN R. Passenger

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                      2115           0015

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats Boulogne. 1 x Tallboy. Main Force attack on Red T.I.'s seen. Very large explosion seen in target area at approx. 2246 hrs. (Returned 1 x Tallboy to Base as instructed).

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**DATE:** 15.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME.557 (S)

**CREW:**  
F/L W.REID  
F/S STEWART D.G.W.  
CAN. F/O D.A.PELTIER  
P/O C.G.ROLTON  
F/O D.LUKER  
F/S HOLT A.  
W/O HUTTON J.W.  
CAN. F/S MCNALLY A.F. Passenger

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**

2125

0010

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats Boulogne. 1 x Tallboy. A few sticks of bombs seen to burst round. T.I.'s. believed to be 1 Group attack. (1 x Tallboy returned to base).

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**DATE:** 15.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**

Lancaster III EE.146 (K)

**CREW:**

F/L J.A.EDWARD

F/O L.W.J.KING

CAN. F/O L.T.PRITCHARD

F/S BROOK J.

F/S HOBBS G.H.

F/S ISHERWOOD S.

CAN. F/O J.I.JOHNSTON

Sgt. HENDERSON S.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**

**UP.**

2115

**DOWN.**

2350

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats Boulogne. 1 x Tallboy. We were approaching target and saw markers going down. We then were instructed to return to Base. (1 x Tallboy returned to base).

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**DATE:** 15.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**

Lancaster III EE.131 (B)

**CREW:**

F/L J.E.R.WILLIAMS

Sgt. SOILLEUX J.

F/O A.J.TALBOT

F/O A.B.WALKER

F/S POTTER A.E.

F/S BLAGDON R.

Sgt. MCKELLAR A.F.

Sgt. CRAIG T.

AUS. P/O I.S.ROSS

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

Passenger

**TIME:**

**UP.**

2105

**DOWN.**

0020

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats Boulogne. 1 x Tallboy. No bombing results observed. (1 x Tallboy returned to base - not required).

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**DATE:** 15.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME.559 (Y)

**CREW:**

F/O G.S.STOUT  
P/O J.R.GURNEY  
F/O P.INGLEBY  
CAN. F/O W.A.RUPERT  
F/S NUTTALL A.  
P/O H.W.CORNISH-UNDERWOOD  
W/O SMITH R.  
F/S HOYLAND G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2120           0010

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats Boulogne. 1 x Tallboy. 2256 hrs. 18,500ft. Difficult to assess results of bombing owing to cloud. Some bombs seen to fall close to Red markers, which were on the edge of the E-Boat pens. Difficulties were accentuated by lack of day- light. In my opinion, an earlier attack would have been more successful.

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**DATE:** 15.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME.561 (R)

**CREW:**

LT H.C.KNILANS USA.  
P/O K.J.RYALL  
CAN. P/O L.H.GELLER  
F/O C.G.ROGERS  
F/O C.L.F.KNELL  
F/S HUNNISETTE R.W.  
AUS. P/O R.A.LEARMONTH  
P/O S.CASTAGNOLA

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2115           2359

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats Boulogne. 1 x Tallboy. 2253 hrs. 13,000ft. A number of bombs seen to fall in water. Cloud conditions prevented accurate assessment of attack.

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**DATE:** 15.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME.543 (F)

**CREW:**

F/O R.M.STANFORD AUS  
Sgt. JUDSON E.  
AUS. P/O A.W.BUTLER  
AUS. W/O CLARKE G.K.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

AUS. W/O JORDON A.J.  
F/S GRIFFITHS R.D.  
AUS. P/O K.S.JEWELL  
F/S EVANS N  
Passenger

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2155            0015

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats Boulogne. 1 x Tallboy. 2253 hrs. 8,000ft. Own results not observed but other bomb bursts seen on our aiming point. The other side of the dock was well ablaze and a lot of smoke was coming up obscuring vision. Raid was well concentrated.

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**DATE:** 15.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I DV.385 (A)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O R.E.KNIGHTS P/O E.TWELLS CAN. F/O H.B.RHUDE P/O J.R.BELL NZ. F/O B.J.HOSIE F/S PENGELLY W.H. F/S DERHAM P.W. Sgt. BRIARS R.A.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE         Passenger
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**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2200            0020

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats Boulogne. 1 x Tallboy. 2255 hrs. 7,500ft. Many fires were burning along quayside making a long string of flame. We bombed the centre of the fire and several other bursts were noticed also. Bombing was well concentrated. An enormous explosion followed by thick black smoke suggested an oil storage dump had blown up.

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**DATE:** 15.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I ME.562 (Z)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O N.R.ROSS F/O A.J.S.GIRLING F/O T.R.DAVIES W/O MCCLELLAN L F/S HICKSON G. F/O T.A.PLATT AUS. F/O M.R.TUXFORD CAN. F/O F.C.ATKINSON	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE         Passenger
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**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2130                            2335

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats Boulogne. 1 x Tallboy. There was cloud most of the route and at the target and as identification was impossible the order to return to Base was given at 2244 hrs - Four mins. before E.T.A. at target. The Main Force attack took place with target marked with T.I.'s. One large explosion was seen in target area from English Coast at approx.2250 hrs. (1 x Tallboy returned to base).

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**DATE:** 15.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I ME. 555 (C)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O W.A.DUFFY CAN Sgt. BENTING A.W. CAN. F/O D.A.BELL CAN. F/O R.E.WOODS CAN. F/O D.R.PEARCE CAN. W/O PORTER K.R. CAN. P/O W.G.EVANS CAN. W/O ALLEN H.G.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE       Passenger
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**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2115                            0015

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats Boulogne. 1 x Tallboy. Recalled over target, after making two runs without being able to identify Aiming Point (1 x Tallboy returned to base).

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**DATE:** 15.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I DV.403 (G)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O M.L.HAMILTON Sgt. ROOKE J.T. P/O J.T.JACKSON F/O R.T.DUCK F/S THOMPSON R.C. F/S DADGE J.A. F/S HAMILTON D. F/S MCLEAN T.J.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE       Passenger
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**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2115                            2330

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats Boulogne. 1 x Tallboy. 2243 hrs. 8,000ft. Not observed. Aircraft damaged by flak. Bomb Aimer wounded.

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**DATE:** 15.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III JB.139 (*I*)

**CREW:**  
F/O D.H.CHENEY CAN  
Sgt. ROSHER J.  
P/O R.WELCH  
F/S CURTIS C.  
F/S POOL R.H.  
AUS. F/S MCROSTIE A.  
F/S WAIT G.H.  
F/S MCKIE A.M.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          2121                   2355

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats Boulogne. 1 x Tallboy. Main Force attack on Red T.I.s seemed to be quite concentrated. Cloud conditions prevented any attack by 617 Squadron. 1 x Tallboy returned to Base as instructed.

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**DATE:** 15.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV.402 (*P*)

**CREW:**  
F/O A.E.KELL AUS  
P/O G.W.CLARKE  
AUS. F/O J.L.HAGER  
AUS. F/O R.MORIESON  
AUS. F/O A.L.EVANS  
AUS. P/O A.W.SNELL  
CAN. F/S PRICE T.W.  
Sgt. THOMAS D.G.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          2125                   2340

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats Boulogne. 1 x Tallboy. Returned to Base as instructed by Leader.

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**DATE:** 15.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM.489 (*L*)

**CREW:**  
P/O J.GINGLES  
Sgt. GALLAGHER J.  
F/O C.G.BEALE  
F/S HAZELL L

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

W/O RILEY J  
F/L SCOTT-KIDDIE G.S.  
AUS. F/O E.T.HALL  
CAN. W/O MCLENNAN D.H.  
F/S MASON W.

**TIME:**                   **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                                  2115                   0005

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E-Boats Boulogne. 1 x Tallboy. 2243 hrs. 16,000ft. No ground detail could be seen when over the target owing to cloud, which was directly over the target area. Many bomb bursts were well concentrated round the Red T.I.'s and about 10 mins. after leaving the target (2251.5 hrs.) there was a terrific explosion.

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**DATE:** 19.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito 6. MS.993 (*N*)

**CREW:**  
W/Commandr. G.L. CHESHIRE  
F/O P. KELLY.

**DUTY:**  
Pilot.  
Nav.

**TIME:**                   **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                                  1816                   2047

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Work near WATTEN. 2 Red Spot Fires. 2 x 500lb. M.C. 1940 hrs. Dive bombed 10,000ft. to 3,000ft Did not see results of Red Spot Fires which it is believed did not ignite. Squadron bombing was fairly accurate but no direct hits were seen. ( 2 x 500lb. M.C. returned to base - not required).

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**DATE:** 19.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito 4. DZ.421 (*O*)

**CREW:**  
S/LDR D.J. SHANNON.  
F/O L.J. SUMPTER.

**DUTY:**  
Pilot  
Nav.

**TIME:**                   **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                                  1820                   2045

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Work near WATTEN. 2 Red Spot Fires. 2 x 500lb. M.C. Five bombs actually seen to burst, the nearest being about 50 yds. from Aiming Point and the average about 100 yds. (2 Red Spot Fires & 2 x 500lb. M.C. returned to base - not required).

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**DATE:** 19.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM.482 (*W*)

<b>CREW:</b>		<b>DUTY:</b>
S/LDR J.C.McCARTHY. USA.		Pilot
P/O W.G.RADCLIFFE.		F/Eng.
CAN. F/O D.A.MacLEAN.		Nav.
CAN. F/O W.A. DANIEL.		A/B.
W/O EATON. L.		W/Op.
F/S BATSON. R.		MU/Gunner
CAN. F/L D. RODGER.		R/Gunner
F/S EVANS. N.		Passenger

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1747	2049

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Work near WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1941 hrs. 17,500ft.  
Saw Red T.I. about 15 mins. before bombing and this was assessed at 75 yards  
West of Aiming Point. Own bomb fell about 50 yds. undershoot to South of target,  
about six bombs within 75 yards of aiming Point.

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**DATE:** 19.07.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.380 (X)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/L D.J.B. WILSON.	AS SHOWN ABOVE
Sgt. CHERRINGTON J.W.	
AUS. F/O J.K. STOUT	
CAN. F/O E.W. FINLAY	
F/O R.J. ALLEN	
F/S M.D. VAUGHAN	
F/L E.B. CHANDLER	
Sgt. KING. C.T.	Passenger.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1756	2055

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Work near WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1956 hrs. 17,500ft.  
No effect of bombing observed.

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**DATE:** 19.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.391 (O)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/L A.F. POORE	AS SHOWN ABOVE
Sgt. JOHNSON.J.	
F/O R.A. ROBERTS	
F/O R.J. ELSEY	
F/S THOMPSON. J.T.	
Sgt. TOOKEY. W.	

F/S CASTLEMAN. R.

F/S DADGE. J.A.

Passenger.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1750            2035

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Work near WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1938 hrs. 17,400ft.  
Saw Red T.I. and bombed on second run. Own bomb believed to fall in centre of target area.

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**DATE:** 19.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. ME.560 (*H*)

**CREW:**

F/L B.W. CLAYTON

F/O A. HILL

F/O P.W. BUTTLE

F/O J.S. WATSON

F/O G.A. CHALMERS

Sgt. SHARP. A.W.

F/S HUME. W.

F/OP A.J. WARD

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1745            2040

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Work near WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1940 hrs. 18,000ft.  
Bombing run was satisfactory. I lost contact with rest of formation, which became a collection of single aircraft in target area. Each aircraft carried on independently after that. One aircraft was transmitting during the last 15 mins. into target and during the attack and after.

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**DATE:** 19.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. ME. 555 (*C*)

**CREW:**

F/O W.A. DUFFY. CAN.

Sgt. BENTING. A.W.

CAN. F/O D.A. BELL

CAN. F/O R.E. WOODS

CAN. F/O D.R. PEARCE

CAN. W/O PORTER. K.P.

CAN. P/O W.G. EVANS

W/O ALLEN. H.G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1745            2035

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Work near WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1934 hrs. 17,500ft.  
One bomb estimated at 20 yds. undershoot. Bursts seen all close but not on main building.

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**DATE:** 19.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. JB. 139 (I)

**CREW:**

F/O D.H. CHENEY

Sgt. ROSHER. J.

F/S WELCH. R.

F/S CURTIS. C.

F/S POOL. R.H.

CAN. F/S McROSTIE. A.

F/S WAIT. G.H.

F/S COOPER. D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger.

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**  
                         1742            2045

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Work near WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1924 hrs. 16,800ft.  
Although target was in bomb-sight when we bombed we could not see any results at all as there was some cloud that obscured our vision as we broke away.

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**DATE:** 19.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.403 (G)

**CREW:**

F/O M. HAMILTON

Sgt. ROOKE. J.T.

P/O J.T. JACKSON

W/O BENNETT. W.J.

F/S THOMPSON. R.C.

Sgt. DADGE. J.A.

F/S HAMILTON. D.

F/S McLEAN. T.J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger.

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**  
                         1745            2035

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works near WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1937 hrs. 17,800ft.  
Saw our bomb burst about 150 yds. to port of target. No other results observed.

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**DATE:** 19.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM. 489 (L)

**CREW:**

P/O J. GINGLES  
Sgt. GALLAGHER R.  
P/O C.G. BEALE  
F/S HAZELL. L.  
W/O RILEY. J.  
F/L G.S. SCOTT-KIDDIE  
AUS. F/O E.T. HALL  
CAN. W/O McLENNAN. D.H.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger.

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  1745           2050

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works near WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1947 hrs. 18,400ft.  
Own bomb fell 150 yds. N.W. of Aiming Point. Two large craters near Aiming Point.

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**DATE:** 19.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. EE. 146 (*K*)

**CREW:**

F/L J.A. EDWARD  
F/O L.W.J. KING  
CAN. F/O L.T. PRITCARD  
F/S BROOK. J.  
F/S HOBBS. G.H.  
CAN. P/O JOHNSTON. J.I  
F/S ISHERWOOD. S.  
Sgt. HENDERSON. S.J.

**DUTY:**

Pilot  
F/Eng.  
Nav.  
A/B.  
W/Op.  
MU/Gunner  
R/Gunner  
Passenger

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  1745           2040

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Work near WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1943 hrs. 17,400ft.  
Bomb estimated to burst 100 yds. short. No direct hit seen on target.

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**DATE:** 19.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. ME.557 (*S*)

**CREW:**

F/L W. REID  
Sgt. STEWART. D.G.W.  
CAN. F/O C.G. PELTIER  
P/O L.G. ROLTON  
F/O D/ LUKER  
F/S HOLT. A.  
W/O HUTTON. J.W.  
Sgt. McNALLY. A.F.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**                    **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                                 1744                    2024

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Work near WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1924 hrs. 16,700ft.  
As aircraft was running into a patch of cloud no observations of bombing were made.

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**DATE:** 19.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER**                    Lancaster III. EE.131 (B)

**CREW:**

F/L J.E.R. WILLIAMS

Sgt. SOILLEUX J.

F/O R. TALBOT

F/O A.J. WALKER

F/S POTTER. A.E.

F/S BLAGDON. A.

Sgt. McKELLAR. A.F.

Sgt. CRAIG. T.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger.

**TIME:**                    **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                                 1748                    2038

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Work near WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1939 hrs. 18,000ft.  
Bombs estimated to burst about 70 yards short. Another burst seen within 100 yds.

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**DATE:** 19.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster III. ED.763 (D)

**CREW:**

F/L C.J.G. HOWARD

Sgt. HAWKINS. A.

F/O C.A. MacDONALD

F/S HARTLEY. C.A.

F/S LUCAN. R.D.

W/O WOODS. P.

F/S CLARKE. H.G.

P/O R.M. HEGGIE

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger.

**TIME:**                    **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                                 1745                    2040

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Work near WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. Bomb hung up and returned to Base. Two or three bombs were seen to burst in target area, one of which was about 40 yds. S.W. of Aiming Point.

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**DATE:** 19.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME. 561 (R)

**CREW:**

Lt. H.C. KNILANS.USA.  
P/O K.J. RYALL  
P/O L.H. GELLE  
F/O G.G. ROGERS  
F/O C.L.F. KNELL  
F/O R.H. PETCH  
AUS. P/O R.A. LEARMONTH  
P/O J. CASTAGNOLA

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger.

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          1750                   2035

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Work near WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1937 hrs. 17,400ft.  
We made bombing run and had target in bomb-sight when warning light went out.  
Bomb did not drop. All switches were put to "safe" and 20 seconds later bomb  
went off on its own accord and dropped about two and a half miles South of target.

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**DATE:** 19.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.554 (F)

**CREW:**

F/O N.R. ROSS  
P/O A.J.S. GIRLING  
F/O T.R. DAVIES.  
F/S McCLELLAN. L.  
F/S HICKSON. G.  
F/O T.A. PLATT  
AUS. P/O M.R. TUXFORD  
F/O F.C. ATKINSON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger.

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          1750                   2045

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Work near WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1950 hrs. 17,500ft.  
Bomb overshot about 150 yds. owing to manual release.

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**DATE:** 19.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.385 (A)

**CREW:**

F/O R.E. KNIGHTS  
P/O E. TWELLS  
CAN. P/O H.B. RHUDE

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE



P/O J.R. BELL  
NZ. F/O B.J. HOSIE  
F/S PENGELLY. W.H.  
F/S DERHAM. P.W.  
Sgt. BRIARS. R.A. Passenger

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1750            2045

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Work near WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1943 hrs. 16,500ft.  
Saw Red T.I. approximately 10 minutes before bombing. Own bomb fell about  
200 yards S.E. of Aiming Point.

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**DATE:** 19.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER**            Lancaster I. ME.559 (Y)

**CREW:**

F/O G.S. STOUT  
P/O J.R. GURNEY  
F/O R. INGLEBY  
CAN. F/O W.A. RUPERT  
F/S NUTTALL. A.  
P/O H. CORNISH-UNDERWOOD  
W/O SMITH. R.  
F/S HUNNISETTE. W.A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1741            2024

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Work near WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1925 hrs. 17,200ft.  
Unable to see results of bombing, owing to cloud patch. Under the conditions  
bombing should have been good.

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**DATE:** 19.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. DV.393 (T)

**CREW:**

F/O E. WILLISHER  
Sgt. HURDISS. J.  
F/O T.H.J. PLAYFORD  
P/O R.C. EVERETT  
P/O F.W. BELL  
F/S SALTER. A.  
F/O G.A. WITHERICK  
Sgt. MATTHEWS. G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1743            2030

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Work near WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1933 hrs. 17,000ft.  
Own bomb burst 150 yds. North of target. Only one other burst seen also North of target.

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**DATE:** 19.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.402 (P)

**CREW:**

F/O A.E. KELL  
P/O G.W. CLARK  
AUS. P/O J.L. HAGER  
AUS. F/O R. MORIESON  
AUS. P/O A.L. EVANS  
AUS. P/O A.W. SNELL  
AUS. P/O K.S. JEWELL  
F/S GRIFFITHS. L.D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1745           2050

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Work near WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1938 hrs. 17,000ft.  
Saw Red T.I.'s at approx. 1917 hrs. Made four runs and own bomb would fall slightly S.E. of Aiming Point on edge of target area.

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**DATE:** 20.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito 6. MS.993 (N)

**CREW:**

W/CDR. G.L. CHESHIRE  
F/O P. KELLY

**DUTY:**

Pilot  
Nav.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1955           2135

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled. Operations abandoned.

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**DATE:** 20.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito 4. DZ.637 (O)

**CREW:**

S/LDR D.J.SHANNON  
F/O P.HERBERT

**DUTY:**

Pilot  
Nav.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    2000           2150

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation Abandoned.

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**DATE:** 20.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito .4. DZ.547 (E)

**CREW:**

F/L G.E. FAWKE

F/O T. BENNETT

**DUTY:**

Pilot

Nav.

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          2001                   2136

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 20.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.560 (H)

**CREW:**

F/L B.W. CLAYTON

F/O A HILL

F/O. P.W. BUTTLE

F/O J.S. WATSON

F/O C.A. CHALMERS

Sgt. SHARP. A.W.

F/S HUME. W.

**DUTY:**

Pilot

F/Eng.

Nav.

A/B.

W/Op.

MU/Gunner

R/Gunner

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          1915                   2145

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 20.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. JB. 139 (I)

**CREW:**

F/L R.S.D. KEARNS.NZ.

P/O R.J. HENDERSON

F/O W.J. BARCLAY. NZ.

F/L T.J. TATE

P/O M. ELLWOOD

W/O BICKLEY. W.G.

F/O R.H. PETCH

Sgt. MACHIN. R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger.

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**

1910

2150

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 20.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV. 380 (X)

**CREW:**

F/L D.J.B. WILSON  
Sgt. CHERRINGTON. W.  
AUS. F/O STOTT. J.K.  
CAN. F/O D.W. FINLAY  
F/O R.J. ALLEN  
F/S VAUGHAN. M.D.  
F/L E.B. CHANDLER  
Sgt. KING. C.T.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1910	2110

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 20.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.391 (O)

**CREW:**

F/L A.F. POORE  
F/S JOHNSON. H.  
F/O R.A. ROBERTS  
F/O R.J. ELSEY  
F/S THOMPSON.J.T.  
F/S TOOKEY. W.F.  
F/S CASTLEMAN. R.  
F/S DADGE. J.A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1925	2125

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 20.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.146 (O)

**CREW:**

F/L J.A. EDWARD  
F/O L.W.J. KING

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

CAN. F/O L.T.PRITCARD  
F/S BROOK. J.  
F/S HOBBS. G.H.  
CAN. P/O JOHNSTON. J.I  
F/S ISHERWOOD. S.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                      1920           2140

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 20.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. DV.131 (O)

**CREW:**

F/L J.E.R. WILLIAMS  
Sgt. SOILLEUX J.  
F/O R. TALBOT  
F/O A.J. WALKER  
F/S POTTER. A.E.  
F/S BLAGDON. A.  
Sgt. McKELLAR. A.F.  
Sgt. CRAIG. T.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                      1920           2200

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 20.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. DV.557 (O)

**CREW:**

F/L W. REID  
Sgt. STEWART. D.G.W.  
CAN. F/O C.G. PELTIER  
P/O L.G. ROLTON  
F/O D/ LUKER  
F/S HOLT. A.  
W/O HUTTON. J.W.  
Sgt. McNALLY. A.F.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                      1910           2145

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 20.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.361 (O)

**CREW:**  
Lt. H.C. KNILANS.USA.  
P/O K.J. RYALL  
P/O L.H. GELLE  
F/O G.G. ROGERS  
F/O C.L.F. KNELL  
F/O R.H. PETCH  
AUS. P/O R.A. LEARMONTH

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1920           2120

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 20.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.362 (O)

**CREW:**  
F/O N.R. ROSS  
P/O A.J.S. GIRLING  
F/O T.R. DAVIES.  
F/S McCLELLAN. L.  
F/S HICKSON. G.  
F/O T.A. PLATT  
AUS. P/O M.R. TUXFORD

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1925           2125

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 20.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.385 (A)

**CREW:**  
F/O R.E. KNIGHTS.  
P/O E. TWELLS  
P/O H.B. RHUDE  
P/O J.R. BELL  
NZ. F/O B.T. HOSIE  
F/S PENGELLY. W.H.  
F/S DERHAM. P.W.  
Sgt. BRIARS. R.A.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1920            2120

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 20.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I ME.555 (C)

**CREW:**

F/O W.A. DUFFY. CAN  
Sgt. BENTING. A.W.  
CAN. F/O D.A. BELL  
CAN. F/O D.E. WOODS  
CAN. F/O D.R. PEARCE  
CAN. W/O PORTER. K.P.  
CAN. P/O H.G. EVANS

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1915            2145

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 20.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. ME.554 (F)

**CREW:**

F/O R.M. STANFORD. AUS.  
Sgt. JUDSON. E.  
AUS. P/O T.W. BUTLER  
AUS. W/O CLARKE. G.K.  
AUS. F/S JORDON. A.J.  
F/S GRIFFITHS. L.D.  
P/O K.S. JEWELL

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1925            2130

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 20.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I ME. 559 (Y)

**CREW:**

F/O G.S. STOUT  
P/O J.R. GURNEY

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O P. INGLEBY  
CAN. F/O W.A. RUPERT  
F/S NUTTALL. A.  
P/O H. CORNISH-UNDERWOOD  
W/O SMITH. R.  
Sgt. ROOKE. L.S. Passenger.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1912           2147

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 20.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. DV. 393 (T)

**CREW:**                                   **DUTY:**  
F/O E. WILLSSHER                       AS SHOWN ABOVE  
F/S HURDISS. J.  
F/O T.H.J. PLAYFORD  
P/O R.C. EVERETT  
P/O F.W. BELL  
F/S SALTER. A.  
F/O G.A. WITHERICK  
SGRT MATTHEWS. G.                     Passenger.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1910           2150

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 20.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. DV.402 (P)

**CREW:**                                   **DUTY:**  
F/O W.R. LEE                             AS SHOWN ABOVE  
F/S GROOM. P.W.  
F/S McKIE. A.M.  
F/S HOWLAND. G.  
F/S RICHARDS. F.  
F/S HUNNISETTE. R.W.  
F/S RONALD. J.K.  
F/S PECK. E.S.S.                        Passenger.  
F/O C.L. FOX.                            Passenger.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1910           2150

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**



Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 20.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.403 (G)

**CREW:**

F/O T.A. CAREY. AUS.  
Sgt. FRANKS. L.W.  
F/S KERR. R.E.  
CAN. W/O McLENNAN. D.H.  
Sgt. YOUNG. A.E.  
Sgt. FOWLE. L.A.  
CAN. F/S PRICE. T.W.P.  
Sgt. THOMPSON. J.T.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1915            2150

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 20.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM.489 (L)

**CREW:**

P/O J. GINGLES  
Sgt. GALLAGHER. J.  
P/O C.G. BEALE  
F/S HAZELL. L.  
W/O RILEY. J.  
F/S G.S.SCOTT-KIDDIE  
AUS. F/O E.T. HALL

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1915            2145

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito 6. Ml.976 (N)

**CREW:**

W/CDR G.L. CHESHIRE  
F/O P. KELLY.

**DUTY:**

Pilot  
Nav.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1434            1644

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito.4. DZ.641 (C)

**CREW:**

S/L D.J. SHANNON.

F/O L.J. SUMPTER.

**DUTY:**

Pilot

Nav.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1430	1640

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito. 4. DZ.525 (S)

**CREW:**

F/L G.E. FAWKE.

F/O T. BENNETT.

**DUTY:**

Pilot

Nav.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1435	2136

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM.482 (W)

**CREW:**

S/L J.L. MUNRO. NZ.

F/S APPLEBY. F.E.

F/L F.G. RUMBLES

AUS. F/L C.K. ASTBURY

F/O A.J. WARD

P/O W. HOWARTH

F/S COLYER. M.A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1350	1655

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.393 (T)

**CREW:**  
S/L J.C. McCARTHY.USA.  
P/O W.G. RADCLIFFE  
CAN. F/O D.A. McLEAN  
CAN. F/O W.A. DANIEL.  
W/O EATON. L.  
W/O BATSON. R.  
CAN. F/L D RODGER.  
F/S LUCAN R.D.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1405           1625

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.557 (S)

**CREW:**  
F/L R.S.D. KEARNS. NZ.  
P/O R.J. HENDERSON  
F/O W.J. BARCLAY. NZ.  
F/L T.J. TATE  
P/O M. ELLWOOD  
W/O BICKLEY. W.G.  
F/O R.H. PETCH  
Sgt. MACHIN.R.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1405           1630

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.380 (X)

**CREW:**  
F/L D.J.B. WILSON  
F/S CHERRINGTON.A.E.  
AUS. F/O J.K. STOTT  
CAN. F/O E.W.FINLAY  
F/O R.J. ALLEN  
F/S VAUGHAN. M.D.  
F/L E.B. CHANDLER  
Sgt. KING. C.T.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1355            1655

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. ME.560 (*H*)

**CREW:**

F/L B.W. CLAYTON

F/O A. HILL

F/O P.W. BUTTLE

F/O J.S. WATSON

F/O G.A. CHALMERS

Sgt. SHARP. A.W.

F/S HUME. W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1400            1630

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III. EE.131 (*B*)

**CREW:**

F/L J.E.R. WILLIAMS

Sgt. SOILLEUX. J.

F/O A.J. TALBOT

F/O A.B. WALKER

F/S POTTER. A.E.

F/S BLAGDON. A.

F/S MATTHEWS. G.

Sgt. CRAIG. T.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1404            2200

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. DV.391 (*O*)

**CREW:**

F/L A.F. POORE

Sgt. JOHNSON J.

**DUTY:**

Pilot

F/Eng.

F/O R.A. ROBERTS	Nav.
F/O R.J. ELSEY	A/B.
F/S THOMPSON. J.T.	W/Op.
Sgt. TOOKEY. W.	MU/Gunner
F/S CASTLEMAN. R.	R/Gunner

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1350	1655

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.559 (Y)

**CREW:**

F/O G.S. STOUT  
P/O J.R. GURNEY  
F/O R. INGLEBY  
CAN. F/O W.A. RUPERT  
F/S NUTTLL. A.  
P/O H. CORNISH-UNDERWOOD  
W/O SMITH. R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1410	1630

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.562 (Z)

**CREW:**

F/O N.R. ROSS  
F/O A.J.S. GIRLING  
F/O T.R. DAVIES  
F/S McCLELLAN. L.  
F/S HICKSON. G.  
F/O T.A. PLATT  
AUS. P/O M.R. TUXFORD  
CAN. F/O F.C. ATKINSON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1355	1655

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME. 554 (F)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O K.J. STANFORD. AUS. Sgt. JUDSON. E. AUS. P/O T.W. BUTLER AUS. W/O CLARKE. C.K. AUS. W/O JORDON. A.J. F/S GRIFFITHS. R.D. AUS. P/O K.S. JEWELL	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1400	1640

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.403 (G)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O T.A. CAREY. AUS. Sgt. FRANKS. L.W. F/S KERR. R.E. CAN. W/O McLENNAN. D.H. Sgt. YOUNG. A.E. Sgt. FOWLE. L.A. CAN. W/O PRICE. J.T.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1403	1634

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III ED.763 (D)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O W.T. LEE Sgt. LUCK. H. F/S McKIE. A.M. F/S HOYLAND. G. F/S RICHARDS. F. P/O R.M. HEGGIE F/S HUNNISETTE. R.W.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1410	1625

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV. 402 (P)

**CREW:**

F/O A.E. KELL. AUS.  
P/O CLARK. G.W.  
AUS. P/O J.L. HAGER  
AUS. F/O R. MORIESON  
AUS. P/O A.L. EVANS  
AUS. P/O A.E. SNELL  
F/S RONALD. J.K.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**  
                    1405            1635

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III JB. 139 (V)

**CREW:**

F/O D.H. CHENEY  
Sgt. ROSHER.J.  
F/S WELCH. R.  
F/S CURTIS. C.  
F/S POOL. R.H.  
AUS. F/S McROSTIE. A.  
F/S WAIT. G.H.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**  
                    1410            1630

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM.489 (L)

**CREW:**

P/O J. GINGLES  
Sgt. WALTER.W.  
P/O C.G. BEALE  
F/S HAZELL. L.  
W/O RILEY. J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/S H. SCOTT-KIDDIE  
AUS. F/O E.T. HALL

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1400            1635

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 22.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. ME. 555 (C)

**CREW:**

F/O W.A. DUFFY. CAN.  
Sgt. BENTING. A.W.  
CAN. F/O D.A. BELL  
CAN. F/O R.E. WOODS  
CAN. F/O D.R. PEARCE  
F/S MacLEAN. C.J.  
CAN. P/O W.G. EVANS

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1402            1630

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Recalled by Force Leader. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 24.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Mosquito 6. MS. 993 (N)

**CREW:**

W/CDR. G.L. CHESHIRE  
F/O P. KELLY

**DUTY:**

Pilot  
Nav.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1651            1906

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Construction Works. WIZERNES. 4 Smoke Bombs. 2 Red Spot Fires.  
(Unable to release smoke bombs or Red spot fires).

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**DATE:** 24.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Mosquito.4. DZ.415 (Q)

**CREW:**

F/L G.A. FAWKE.

**DUTY:**

Pilot.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1655            1855



**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Construction Works. WIZERNES. 4 Smoke Bombs. 2 Red Spot Fires. 1750 hrs. Dive attack 17,000ft. to 6,000ft. Bombs seen to burst all around the aiming point, but no direct hits seen.

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**DATE:** 24.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV. 403 (G)

**CREW:**

F/L J.A. EDWARD  
F/O L.W.J. KING  
CAN. F/O L.T. PRITCHARD  
F/S BROOK. J.  
F/S HOBBS. G.H.  
CAN. P/O J.I. JOHNSTON  
F/S ISHERWOOD. S.  
CAN. W/O PRICE. T.W.P.

**DUTY:**

Pilot  
F/Eng.  
Nav.  
A/B.  
W/Op.  
MU/Gunner  
R/Gunner  
Passenger

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1625            -

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Construction Works. WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. This aircraft was seen to be hit over the target area. Flak hit in port wing, which caught fire. Aircraft lost height, slowly at first, but later went down out of control and was seen to explode before hitting the ground. Two (possibly three) members of the crew were seen to bale out. *(This aircraft was hit by flak and crashed at Leulinghem in the Pas De Calais. Pritchard, Brook, Hobbs and Johnson survived but Johnson died of his injuries shortly afterwards)*

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**DATE:** 24.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV. 402 (P)

**CREW:**

F/O A.E. KELL. AUS.  
P/O G.W. CLARK  
AUS. P/O J.L. HAGER  
AUS. F/O R. MORIESON  
AUS. P/O A.L. EVANS  
AUS. P/O A.W. SNELL  
Sgt. RONALD. J.K.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1628            1910

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Construction Works. WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1802 hrs. 16,600ft. Made two runs. Second run was satisfactory. Could not see bomb owing to smoke.

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**DATE:** 24.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. ED. 763 (D)

**CREW:**  
F/L C.J.G. HOWARD.  
Sgt.. HAWKINS. A.W.  
F/O C.A. MacDONALD  
F/S HARTLEY. L.  
F/S LUCAN. C.  
W/O WOODS. J.  
F/S CLARKE. J.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1630           1910

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Construction Works. WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1759 hrs. 16,500ft.  
Four Bursts within 100 yards of Aiming Point. Own was one of them but could not identify it.

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**DATE:** 24.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME. 561 (R)

**CREW:**  
F/O N.R. ROSS  
F/O A.J.S. GIRLING  
F/O T.R. DAVIES  
F/S McCLELLAN. L.  
F/S HICKSON. G.  
F/O T.A. PLATT  
AUS. P/O M.R. TUXFORD  
CAN. F/O F.C. ATKINSON

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE  
  
Passenger.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1620           1905

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Construction Works. WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1759 hrs. 17,300ft.  
Did not see own bomb burst. Too much smoke to assess result.

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**DATE:** 24.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME. 557 (S)

**CREW:**  
F/L W. REID  
Sgt. STEWART. D.G.W.  
CAN. F/O C.G. PELTIER  
P/O L.G. ROLTON

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O D. LUKER  
F/S HOLT. A.  
W/O HUTTON. J.W.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1630            1910

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Construction Works. WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1759 hrs. 16,800ft.  
Saw three bombs about 50 yards from mouth of tunnel. Could not tell own burst.  
Saw one bomb penetrate roof of tunnel about 20 seconds before own, and it seemed to burst inside, as there was no smoke but the ground seemed to lift and erupt.

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**DATE:** 24.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III. EE.131 (B)

**CREW:**

F/L J.E.R. WILLIAMS  
Sgt. SOILLEUX J.  
F/O A.J. TALBOT  
F/O A.B. WALKER  
F/S POTTER. A.E.  
F/S BLAGDON. A.  
Sgt. MATTHEWS. G.  
Sgt. CRAIG. J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1626            1853

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Construction Works. WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1750 hrs. 17,500ft.  
Result not observed but run up was excellent. One bomb seen 50 yards, South, one on Railway about 150 yards. North East, and another 100 yds. South.

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**DATE:** 24.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. DV. 380 (X)

**CREW:**

F/L D.J.B. WILSON  
F/S CHERRINGTON. A.W.  
F/O J.K. STOTT  
F/O E.W. FINLAY  
F/O R.J. ALLEN  
F/S VAUGHAN. M.D.  
F/L E.B. CHANDLER  
F/S COLYER. M.A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1625            1900

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Construction Works. WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1750 hrs. 17,400ft.  
Three bombs fell together; my bomb could not be identified. All seemed within 100 yards.

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**DATE:** 24.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. JB. 139 (*T*)

**CREW:**

F/O D.H. CHENEY. CAN.  
Sgt. ROSHER. J.  
F/S WELCH. R.  
F/S CURTIS. C.  
F/S POOL. R.H.  
CAN. F/S/ McROSTIE. A.  
F/S WAIT. G.H.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1630	1907

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Construction Works. WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1800 hrs. 17,000ft.  
Saw own bomb burst on railway about 80 yds. to right of target. Saw two other bursts undershoot.

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**DATE:** 24.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV. 393 (*T*)

**CREW:**

F/O E. WILLSSHER  
Sgt. HURDISS. J.  
F/O T.H.J. PLAYFORD  
P/O R.C. EVERETT  
P/O F.W. BELL  
F/S SALTER. A.  
F/O G.A. WITHERICK

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1630	1910

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Construction Works. WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1759 hrs. 16,300ft.  
The bombing seemed concentrated. Our bomb seemed to burst on the mouth of the tunnel entrance to the Aiming Point. Three other bombs seen to burst, one slightly overshot the entrance and one on each side of the Aiming Point. These two seemed very close.

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**DATE:** 24.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.554 (*F*)

**CREW:**  
F/O R.M. STANFORD. AUS.  
Sgt. JUDSON. E.  
AUS. P/O T.W. BUTLER  
AUS. W/O CLARKE. G.K.  
AUS. F/S. JORDON. A.J.  
F/S GRIFFITHS. L.D.  
AUS. P/O K.S. JEWELL

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1630 1905

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Construction Works. WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1759 hrs. 16,700ft.  
Railway line just short of Aiming Point in sights. Bomb seen to burst just short of  
Aiming Point. A number of burst seen either on or very close to Aiming Point.

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**DATE:** 24.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.559 (*Y*)

**CREW:**  
S/L J.C. McCARTHY.USA.  
P/O W.G. RADCLIFFE  
CAN. F/O D.A. MacCLEAN  
CAN. F/O W.A. DANIEL  
F/S EATON. L.  
W/O BATSON. R.  
CAN. F/L D. RODGER  
P/O R.M. HEGGIE

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger.

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1630 1905

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Construction Works. WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1759 hrs. 17,500ft.  
Saw four bursts, some 50 to 100 yds. short of dome. Own burst not identified.

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**DATE:** 24.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM.489 (*L*)

**CREW:**  
P/O J. GINGLES  
Sgt. HENDERSON. S.J.  
F/O C.G. BEALE  
F/S HAZELL. L.  
W/O RILEY. J.  
F/L SCOTT-KIDDIE.G.S.  
AUS. F/O E.T.HALL

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1620            1900

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Construction Works. WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1750 hrs. 16,900ft.  
Bomb seen to overshoot by about 30 yds. Three bursts seen close to target.

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**DATE:** 24.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. DV.385 (A)

**CREW:**

F/O R.E. KNIGHTS  
P/O E. TWELLS  
CAN. P/O H.B. RHUDE  
P/O J.R. BELL  
NZ. F/O B.J. HOSIE  
F/S PENGELLY. W.H.  
F/S DERHAM. P.W.  
Sgt. MACHIN. R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1630            1900

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Construction Works. WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1803 hrs. 16,500ft.  
Saw own bomb burst in line with two other bursts. Own bomb overshoot slightly while other two slightly undershot about 20-30 yds. No other bombing seen.

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**DATE:** 24.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. DV. 391 (O)

**CREW:**

F/L A.F. POORE  
F/S JOHNSON. H.  
F/O R.A. ROBERTS  
F/O R.J. ELSEY  
F/S THOMPSON. J.T.  
F/S TOOKEY. W.F.  
F/S CASTLEMAN. R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1625            1905

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Construction Works. WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1757 hrs. 17,200ft.  
Several bursts seen, but success of attack could not be assessed. We did three runs over target. On first run Bomb Aimer was doubtful of Aiming Point. The second run was short, so a third run was made and bombing completed.

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**DATE:** 24.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM. 482 (*W*)

**CREW:**

S/L J.L. MUNRO. NZ.  
F/S APPLEBY. F.E.  
F/L F.G. RUMBLES  
AUS. F/L C.K. ASTBURY  
CAN. P/O P.E. PIGEON  
P/O W. HOWARTH  
CAN. F/O H.A. WEEKS  
P/O A.J. PATTERSON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          1620                   1915

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Construction Works. WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1750 hrs. 17,500ft.  
Saw two bomb bursts, one 75 yds. undershoot, and other 50 yds. over. No other results seen.

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**DATE:** 24.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. Me. 560 (*H*)

**CREW:**

F/L B.W. CLAYTON  
F/O A. HILL  
F/O P.W. BUTTLE  
F/O J.S. WATSON  
F/O G.A. CHALMERS  
Sgt. SHARP. A.W.  
F/S HUME. W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          1620                   1910

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Construction Works. WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1750 hrs. 17,000ft.  
Bomb seen to fall about 20 yds. overshoot from dome.

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**DATE:** 25.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mustang. III (*N*)

**CREW:**

W/Commandr. G.L. CHESHIRE.

**DUTY:**

Pilot

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          0753                   1018

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works. Siracourt. 2 Red Spot Fires. 0900 hrs. Dive attack. 7,000ft. to 500ft. One direct hit which penetrated the roof of the building and caused a large explosion, one hit by western wall of the building, which blew the wall in. One very near miss with rim of the crater up against the western wall. Several hits on the area to the east of the long building.

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**DATE:** 25.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito. 4. NT. 205 (*L*)

**CREW:**  
S/L D.J. SHANNON AUS.  
F/O L.J. SUMPTER

**DUTY:**  
Pilot  
Nav. B.

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**  
                  0810            1043

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works. Siracourt. 4 Smoke bombs. 2 Red T.I. Attack very successful. Estimate three direct hits on Aiming Point.

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**DATE:** 25.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito 4. NT.202 (*N*)

**CREW:**  
F/L G.A. FAWKE  
F/O T.A. BENNETT

**DUTY:**  
Pilot  
Nav. B.

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**  
                  0800            1030

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works. Siracourt. 3 Smoke Bombs. 2 Red T.I. Red spot fire seen to fall and we assessed this as 040 degrees - 200 yds. Bombing was well concentrated with at least two direct hits.

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**DATE:** 25.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM. 482 (*W*)

**CREW:**  
S/L J.L. MUNRO. NZ.  
F/S. APPLEBY. F.E.  
F/L F.G. RUMBLES  
AUS. F/L C.K. ASTBURY  
CAN. F/O P.E. PIGEON  
P/O W. HOWARTH  
CAN. F/O H.A. WEEKS

**DUTY:**  
Pilot  
F/Eng.  
Nav.  
A/B.  
W/Op.  
MU/Gunner  
R/Gunner

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**



0715

1040

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Constructional Works, Siracourt. 1 x Tallboy. 0915 hrs. 17,600ft.  
Saw the two slit trenches very clearly and two direct hits on them. Three hits were observed on the southern end. A large explosion occurred at the S.E. end of the trenches at 0905 hrs. Did not see own burst.

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**DATE:** 25.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME. 560 (H)

**CREW:**

F/L B.W. CLAYTON

F/O A. HILL

F/O P.W. BUTTLE

F/O J.S. WATSON

F/O G.A. CHALMERS

F/S SHARP. A.W.

F/S HUME. W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          0730           1035

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works, Siracourt. 1 x Tallboy. 0905 hrs. 16,600ft.  
About a dozen bombs seen to burst very close to Aiming Point. First 4 bombs seen to burst very close to Aiming Point. From what we saw, the concentration should have been even better than on the last two attacks.

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**DATE:** 25.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. EE. 131 (B)

**CREW:**

F/L J.E.R. WILLIAMS

Sgt. SOILLEUX.J.

F/O A.J.TALBOT

F/O R. WALKER

F/S POTTER. A.E.

F/S BLAGDON. A.

Sgt. MATTHEWS. G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          0720           1030

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works. Siracourt. 1 x Tallboy. 0906 hrs. 18,200ft.  
Three bombs fell together. Two were direct hits and one a near miss. Believe ours was a direct hit. Appeared to have been a good attack.

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**DATE:** 25.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.380 (X)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L A.F. POORE Sgt. JOHNSON. J. F/O R.A. ROBERTS F/O R.J. ELSEY F/S THOMPSON. R.C. F/S TOOKEY. R.V. F/S CASTLEMAN. R.P.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0720	1025

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works. Siracourt. 1 x Tallboy. 0906 hrs. 17,200ft.  
Own bomb not seen to burst, but several bursts seen very close to Aiming Point.  
The raid appeared very successful.

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**DATE:** 25.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM.485 (N)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L D.J.B. WILSON F/S CHERRINGTON. A.W. AUS. F/O J.K. STOTT CAN. F/O E.W. FINLAY F/O R.J. ALLEN F/S VAUGHAN. M.D. F/L E.B. CHANDLER Sgt. KING. C.T.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE       Passenger
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0725	1030

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works. Siracourt. 1 x Tallboy. 0906 hrs. 18,800ft.  
Red spot fell and assessed as 240 degrees - 200 yds. Our bomb seemingly a direct hit. Other bombing very good.

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**DATE:** 25.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ED.763 (D)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L C.J.G. HOWARD Sgt. HAWKINS. A. F/O C.A. MacDONALD F/S HARTLEY. E.A. F/S LUCAN. R.D.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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W/O WOODS. P.  
F/S CLARKE. H.G.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                      0714           1035

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works. Siracourt. 1 x Tallboy. 0913 hrs. 18,400ft.  
Made one run up, but bomb hung up and saw one bomb burst some distance from target. On second run up several bursts were seen very close to target. Did not distinguish own bomb burst.

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**DATE:** 25.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. ME.557 (S)

**CREW:**

F/L W. REID  
F/S STEWART. D.S.W.  
CAN. F/O C.G. PELTIER  
P/O L.G. ROLTON  
F/O D. LUKER  
F/S HOLT. A.  
W/O HUTTON. J.W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                      0715           1040

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works. Siracourt. 1 x Tallboy. 0912 hrs. 17,400ft.  
Bombing well concentrated in target area. Bomb hung up on first run - made another run. This time Engineer was helping Bomb Aimer in case of another hang up - He pulled the manual release at "bombs gone", but bombs released automatically.

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**DATE:** 25.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. ME.555 (C)

**CREW:**

F/O R.M. STANFORD. AUS.  
Sgt. JUDSON. E.  
AUS. P/O T.W. BUTLER  
AUS. W/O CLARKE. G.K.  
AUS. W/O JORDON. A.J.  
F/S GRIFFITHS.R.D.  
AUS. P/O K.S. JEWELL  
F/S HEPWORTH A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                      0720           1035

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works. Siracourt. 1 x Tallboy. 0912 hrs. 16,400ft.  
Did a dummy run. Second run satisfactory. Bomb fell about 80 yds S.W. of target. Saw one direct hit and three overshoots.

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**DATE:** 25.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. EE.146 (K)

**CREW:**

F/O T.A. CAREY. AUS.

Sgt. FRANKS. L

P/O R. KERR

W/O McLENNAN. J.

Sgt. YOUNG. A.E.

Sgt. FOWLE. L.A.

F/S COLYER. M.A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0735	1037

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works. Siracourt. 1 x Tallboy. 0910 hrs. 16,200ft.  
As we did a dummy run up to the target we saw three bomb bursts, two of which were direct hits. After the explosion a big column of smoke shot up.

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**DATE:** 25.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.402 (P)

**CREW:**

F/O A.E.KELL. AUS.

P/O G.W. CLARK

AUS. F/O J.L. HAGER

AUS. F/O R. MORIESON

AUS. F/O A.L. EVANS

AUS. P/O A.W. SNELL

Sgt. RONALD. T.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0715	1035

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works. Siracourt. 1 x Tallboy. 0906 hrs. 17,800ft.  
On run in saw several bursts around target and two or three seemed direct hits.  
Own bomb burst overshoot about thirty yds.

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**DATE:** 25.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. JB.139 (I)

**CREW:**

**DUTY:**

F/O W.R. LEE. AUS. AS SHOWN ABOVE  
Sgt. LUCK. H.  
F/S McKIE. A.M.  
F/S HOYLAND.G.  
F/S RICHARDS. F.  
Sgt. CRAIG. T.  
F/S HUNNISETTE. R.W.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    0720           1045

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works. Siracourt. 1 x Tallboy. Bomb hung up on first run, made dummy second run, attempted to drop on third run but bomb hung up again. Bomb jettisoned in sea.

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**DATE:** 25.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. DV.393 (T)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O E. WILLSSHER Sgt. HURDISS. J. F/O T.H.J. PLAYFORD P/O R.C. EVERETT P/O F.W. BELL F/S SALTER. A. F/O G.A. WITHERICK F/S COOPER. L.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE       Passenger
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**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    0715           1030

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works. Siracourt. 1 x Tallboy. 0905 hrs. 17,000ft. Own bomb fell about 50 yds. south of Aiming Point. Other bombing not observed as first to bomb.

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**DATE:** 25.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. ME.561 (R)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O N.R. ROSS F/O A.J.S. GIRLING F/O T.R. DAVIES W/O McCLELLAN.L. F/S HICKSON. G. F/O T.A. PLATT AUS. F/O M.R. TUXFORD CAN. F/O F.C. ATKINSON	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE       Passenger
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**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         0720                            1015

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works. Siracourt. 1 x Tallboy. 0906hrs. 16,800ft.  
Did not see own bomb, but saw one bomb burst about 50 yds. to the right. Another burst about 50 yds. in front while another seemed to get a direct hit. Results seemed very good.

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**DATE:** 25.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster III. LM. 489 (*L*)

<b>CREW:</b> P/O J. GINGLES Sgt. HENDERSON. S.J. F/O C.G. BEALE F/S HAZELL. L.J. W/O RILEY. J. F/L SCOTT-KIDDIE. R.F. AUS. F/O E.T. HALL	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         0715                            1035

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works. Siracourt. 1 x Tallboy. 0906hrs. 18,600ft.  
Saw three bombs going down at the same time, one of which was ours. Two were direct hits, while third was slight undershoot.

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**DATE:** 25.06.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I. ME. 554 (*F*)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L R.S.D. KEARNS. NZ. P/O R.J. HENDERSON NZ. F/O W.J.M.BARLCAY F/L T.J.TATE P/O M. ELLWOOD W/O BICKLEY. W.G. F/O R.H. PETCH	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         0800                            1038

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works. Siracourt. 1 x Tallboy. 0907 hrs. 15,800ft.  
Bomb fell on western edge of target. Saw about six bombs within 200 feet.

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**DATE:** 25.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.559 (Y)

**CREW:**  
S/L J.C. McCARTHY.USA.  
F/O W.G. RADCLIFFE  
CAN. F/O D.A. MacLEAN  
CAN. F/O W.A. DANIEL  
W/O EATON. L.  
W/O BATSON. R.  
CAN. F/L D. RODGER

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
0710 1035

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works. Siracourt. 1 x Tallboy. 0909 hrs. 18,500ft.  
Own bomb about 50 yds. undershoot (West). Saw three bombs fall near Aiming Point.

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**DATE:** 25.06.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.385 (A)

**CREW:**  
F/O R.E. KNIGHTS  
P/O E. TWELLS  
CAN. F/O H.B. RHUDE  
P/O J.R. BELL  
NZ. F/O B.J. HOSIE  
F/S PENGELLY. W.H.  
F/S DERHAM. P.W.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
0725 1040

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works. Sircourt. 1 x Tallboy. 0909 hrs. 18,000ft.  
Bomb fell about 70-100 yds N.E. of end of target.

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OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK  
No. 617 Squadron

WOODHALL SPA

01.07.44

An inspection of all aircrew living quarters was carried out by the Squadron Commander. In the afternoon compulsory swimming was arranged for all aircrew personnel. Seventeen Lancaster and two Mosquito aircraft were detailed for operations, which were subsequently cancelled.

02.07.44

All crews were standing by for operations from 0900 hrs., but no operations were detailed. Approval was received for the award of decorations to sixteen personnel (See summary).

03.07.44

Rain all day, so no flying possible. Seventeen Lancaster, one Mosquito and one Mustang aircraft were detailed for operations in the morning, but these were cancelled.

04.07.44

Extensive flying training programme carried out. Seventeen Lancaster, one Mosquito and one Mustang aircraft were detailed for operations. All took off safely. The target was an Area Dump at Creil, near Paris. The operation was successful, and all aircraft returned safely. The weather at base was cloudy with continuous rain. *(This raid was to a VI parts store situated in a series of chalk caves and which was to be followed up by the main force.)*

05.07.44

The Squadron was placed on stand-down all day. In the afternoon Squadron aircrew cricket team played against 627 Squadron in the Base Commander's competition, the result being a win for 617 Squadron.

06.07.44

Seventeen Lancaster aircraft, one Mustang and one Mosquito were detailed for operations, the target being a Constructional Works at Mimoyecques, in France. The raid was successful, although several aircraft did not bomb, on instructions from the Force Leader. The weather at base was cloudy with poor visibility at first, later fair with good visibility.

*(This was Leonard Cheshire's last operational flight and completed his fourth tour of operations. Also taken off operations following this raid were McCarthy, Munro and Shannon. This raid was against the "V3" site at Mimoyecques which comprised a massive concrete slab covering tunnels dug into the chalk which contained ten clusters of five 400ft smoothbore long range guns. With nothing above ground but the barrel exits this was a difficult target to knock out. The raid scored one direct hit on the concrete slab and four near misses but again the raid was a great success as the site was closed down and all work ceased. The earthquake effect of the bombs caused tunnel collapse and damage to the gun barrels.)*

07.07.44

The crews were standing by for operations, but none were detailed. The Station Commander inspected all Squadron living quarters.

08.07.44

Squadron on stand-by, but no operations detailed. A training programme was carried out in the afternoon.

09.07.44

No operations were detailed. Rain all day curtailed flying, though a small practice bombing programme was completed in the morning. A cricket match between 617 and 97 Squadron aircrew teams was arranged, but had to be cancelled owing to weather.

10.07.44

No operations detailed. W/Commander Cheshire proceeded by road to Group Headquarters for conference.

11.07.44

A further inspection of all Squadron living quarters was carried out by the Station Commander. No operations detailed.

12.07.44



S/L. D.J. Shannon D.S.O., D.F.C., flew to Exeter to attend a Court Martial as Member. W/Commander. J. B. Tait D.S.O., D.F.C., assumed command of 617 Squadron. Vice W/Commander. G. L. Cheshire, D.S.O., D.F.C., was posted to a Senior Commander's Course at Cranwell.

13.07.44

Operations detailed, W/Commander. Tait scheduled to fly a Mosquito aircraft with S/Ldr. D.R. Walker D.F.C. (Station Nav. Officer) as Navigator, but these were cancelled. The plaque of the Squadron Crest was received from the Air Ministry.

14.07.44

No operations detailed, but a flying training programme was completed, "G" (F/O. Hamilton) crashed on landing, aircraft extensively damaged, category "E", no casualties to crew or passengers.

15.07.44

The Squadron was placed on stand down until 0900 hrs. on the following day. Flying training was carried out. The Base Commander carried out an inspection of the Station, including living quarters, administrative arrangements and training routine, and also dispersals.

16.07.44

Two Mosquito and seventeen Lancaster aircraft were detailed for operations, which were subsequently cancelled. A bombing training programme was carried out.

17.07.44

One Mustang, One Mosquito and seventeen Lancaster aircraft were detailed for operations. Only sixteen Lancaster aircraft took off, "S" (F/L. Reid) being grounded through trouble. The target was a constructional works at Wizernes. The operation was successful; at least one direct hit being observed. There was a haze over the target which made accurate observation difficult. All aircraft returned safely. The weather at base was fair becoming fine, with good visibility after 1000 hrs. *(The target was a V2 rocket construction site at Wizernes and constituted a massive concrete dome that had been quarried out beneath to form the factory area and a series of tunnels built into the chalky hillside. The raid was a great success with no direct hits but the Tallboys did their job and undermined the whole hillside causing a landslide and subsidence of the main buildings. All further work at the site was stopped.)*

18.07.44

No operations detailed. A special training programme was carried out by fifteen aircraft. F/O. K.J. Ryall was appointed acting F/Eng. Ldr., F/L. R. F. Scott-Kiddie as Gunnery Leader, F/O. P. Ingleby acting Nav. Off. and F/L. G.E. Fawke as OC "C" Flight. (Occasioned by expiration of operational duties by proceeding Leaders and Flight Commanders). A medical inspection of all ground staff personnel was carried out.

19.07.44

The Station cricket team, composed of all 617 Squadron personnel, won the Group Cricket Trophy, beating R.A.F. Syerston at Conningsby by thirty six runs. The Squadron was placed on stand down in the afternoon.

20.07.44

The Squadron aircrew cricket team played against 83 Squadron aircrew in the Base Commander's competition, the game being abandoned owing to operations being detailed. 627 Squadron Mosquito aircraft and fifteen Lancasters were detailed for operations, the target again being the Constructional Works at Wizernes. All aircraft took off successfully, but the operation was not successful, all aircraft being instructed by the Force Leader to return with their bombs, cloud over target preventing visual observation. The weather at base was fine, becoming cloudy early. Visibility was very good.

21.07.44

The Squadron Gunnery Leader proceeded to Swinderby for a Group Gunnery Leaders' Conference.

No operations were detailed, crews being stood down in the afternoon. A ground and air training daily and weekly analysis was initiated by H.Q. 54 Base.

22.07.44

No operations were detailed. A softball match was arranged between 617 Squadron and 97 Squadron, but this was cancelled owing to weather. The Station "Salute the Soldier" Week opened with an All Ranks Dance, organised by personnel of 617 Squadron.

23.07.44

Operations were detailed, but were subsequently cancelled. A limited flying training programme was carried out.

24.07.44

One Mustang and one Mosquito and sixteen Lancaster aircraft were detailed for operations, but take off time was put off until 0715 hrs. on the following day.

25.07.44

The aircraft detailed on the previous day all took off successfully, the target being a constructional works at Watten. The raid was outstandingly successful, some four or five direct hits being observed. Heavy predicted flak was encountered, and three aircraft were damaged. "V" (F/O. Cheney) was hit, and the Mid-Upper Gunner, A.27306 F/Sgt. A.G. McRostie abandoned the aircraft by parachute. The aircraft returned safely to base, as did all others. The weather at base was cloudy, becoming fair during morning. Later cloudy with continuous rain.

26.07.44

No operations detailed. Six aircraft carried out a special bombing exercise in the afternoon. A message of congratulation was received from the AOC. in C. for the success of the operation on July 25th on Watten.

27.07.44

One Mustang, one Mosquito and fifteen Lancaster aircraft were detailed for operations, but these were postponed until the following day.

28.07.44

Operations were detailed, but were cancelled at 0530 hrs. The Squadron was stood down.

29.07.44

"Salute the Soldier" final gala day was held at Jubilee Park, Woodhall Spa. Operations were detailed for the following morning. A new Lancaster aircraft, fitted with H2S. was received by the Squadron.

30.07.44

Operations scheduled for early morning were cancelled, but all crews were placed on standby. Two new Lancaster Mk.I. aircraft were received by the Squadron.

31.07.44

Sixteen Lancaster and two Mosquito aircraft were detailed for operations. All aircraft took off successfully, the target being a railway tunnel at Rilly La Montagne, in France. The operation was successful, several bombs being seen to burst close to the aiming point. "S" (F/L. Reid) failed to return, believed to have been shot down by flak. Some members of a crew were seen to bale out, but it could not be confirmed that they were members of this crew, which consisted of F/L. Reid V.C. 124438 Pilot, F/Sgt. D.G.W. Stewart 909536 F/Eng., F/O. J.O. Peltier J.17546 Nav., P/O. L.G. Rolton 171066 A/B., F/O. D. Luker 131635 W/Op., F/Sgt. A.A. Holt 1159886 M.U. and W/O. J.W. Hutton 1378696 R.G.. The weather at base was cloudy with poor visibility at first, becoming moderate. Fair early, in evening, becoming cloudy.

*(Seconds after releasing its Tallboy "S" (ME 557) was hit by a bomb or bombs from above which ripped out the two port engines and damaged the fuselage badly. The aircraft crashed 1000m E of Germain (Marne) killing all but Reid and Luker who became POWs.)*

### SUMMARY

During the month 107 operational sorties were despatched, comprising 234 hrs. 45 mins. operational Day flying and 129 hrs. 35 mins. Night operational flying. Of these, one aircraft was lost and twenty-nine failed to complete missions. A total of 256 hrs. 25 mins. flying day was carried out on training. A total of 431 1/2 tons of bombs was dropped operationally.

The following Officers were posted To the Squadron during July:-

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	From.	w.e.f.
J.86512	P/O.	F.R. BRAND	Nav.	50 Sqdn.	18.07.44
33291	W/C.	J.B. TAIT	G.D.	54 Base.	12.07.44
149930	F/O.	D.T. WATKINS	A/G.	50 Sqdn.	18.07.44
174285	P/O.	A. DICKEN	W/Op.	44 Sqdn.	18.07.44
128539	F/L.	T.C. IVESON	GD.	5 LFS.	22.07.44
137372	A/F/L.	J.V. COCKSHOTT	GD.	1660 CU.	31.07.44
J.86733	P/O.	J.H. COLE	A/B.	50 Sqdn.	18.07.44
175979	P/O.	E. BOOTH	A/B.	83 Sqdn.	10.07.44
157126	A/F/L.	D.J.ORAM	GD.	50 Sqdn.	18.07.44
153284	F/O.	J.D.HARRISON	Nav.	5 LFS.	02.07.44
159173	F/O.	A. TITTLE	W/Op.	5 LFS.	02.07.44

The following Officers were posted From the Squadron during July:

J.19053	F/O.	P.E. PIGEON	W/Op.	86 OTU.	12.07.44
A.407729	S/L.	D.J. SHANNON	Pilot.	27 OTU.	24.07.44
129460	P/O.	J. BUCKLEY	A/G.	1661 CU.	10.07.44
175091	P/O.	W. HOWARTH	A/G.	30 OTU.	12.07.44
143380	A/F/L.	B.W. CLAYTON	G/D.	1663 CU.	23.07.44
158567	F/O.	A.J. GIRLING	F/E.	5 LFS.	31.07.44
A.403231	F/O.	M.R. TUXFORD	A/G.	27 OUT.	31.07.44
NZ.413942	S/L.	J.L. MUNRO	Pilot.	1690 BDTF.	13.07.44
172878	P/O.	J. R. TATE	A/B.	29 OTU.	01.07.44
72021	W/C.	G.L. CHESHIRE	GD.	5 Grp. H.Q.	12.07.44
130515	F/O.	P. KELLY	Nav.	52 Base.	18.07.44
52619	F/O.	A. HILL	F/E.	1663 CU.	23.07.44
141411	F/O.	T.R. DAVIES	Nav.	5 LFS.	31.07.44
NZ.404454	F/O.	W.J. BARCLAY	Nav.	11 OTU.	29.07.44
J.17476	F/O.	D.A. MacLEAN	Nav	1664 CU.	02.07.44
133348	F/O.	A.B.H. PARKIN	Nav	85 OTU	02.07.44
52692	F/O.	G.A. CHALMERS	W/Op.	52 Base.	12.07.44
146647	F/O.	J.S. WATSON	A/B.	54 Base.	26.07.44
158247	F/O.	T.A. PLATT	A/G.	5 LFS.	31.07.44
J.19026	F/O.	H.A. WEEKS	A/G.	1690 BDTF	28.07.44

The following Airmen (Aircrew) were posted To the Squadron during July:

<b>No.</b>	<b>Rank.</b>	<b>Name.</b>	<b>Category.</b>	<b>From.</b>	<b>w.e.f.</b>
A.425265	W/O	L.J. BIRCH	A/G.	82 Sqdn.	10.07.44
1159184	F/S	L.E. GOSLING	Nav.	82 Sqdn.	10.07.44
1526933	F/S	A.S. BATES	WO/Air.	82 Sqdn.	10.07.44
575547	F/S	R.C. FRYER	F/Eng.	82 Sqdn.	10.07.44
1583170	F/S	R.P. HAYWOOD	F/Eng.	50 Sqdn.	18.07.44
1604679	F/S	D.P. PEIRSON	A/G.	50 Sqdn.	18.07.44
1377477	F/S	J.J. BLANCHE	A/G.	83 Sqdn.	22.07.44
745881	Sgt.	E.A. WASS	A/G.	5 LFS.	22.07.44
1378504	Sgt.	A.L. SMITH	A/G.	5 LFS.	22.07.44
1893581	Sgt.	J.D. PHILLIPS	F/Eng.	5 LFS.	22.07.44
1396234	Sgt.	F.R. CHANCE	A/B.	5 LFS.	22.07.44

The following Airman (Aircrew) were posted From the Squadron in July:

<b>No.</b>	<b>Rank.</b>	<b>Name.</b>	<b>Category.</b>	<b>To.</b>	<b>w.e.f.</b>
1551421	W/O	J.V. KEMP	A/G.	16 OTU.	19.07.44
1564290	W/O	W. HUME	A/G.	5 LFS.	20.07.44
652494	W/O	F.E. APPLEBY	F/Eng.	5 LFS.	26.07.44
1538452	W/O	L. MCCLENNAN	A/B.	5 LFS.	31.07.44
1379852	F/S	G. HICKSON	WO. Air	5 LFS.	31.07.44

The following Decorations were awarded to personnel of this Squadron in July:

<b>No.</b>	<b>Rank.</b>	<b>Name.</b>	<b>Category.</b>	<b>Decoration.</b>
J.19053	F/O.	P.E. PIGEON	GD.(S)	D.F.C.
J.19206	F/O	H.A. WEEKS	GD.(G)	D.F.C.
J.19259	F/O	J.I. JOHNSTON	GD (G)	D.F.C.
J.7073	F/O	W.A. DUFFY	GD.	D.F.C.
52619	F/O	A. HILL	GD.(FE)	D.F.C.
147747	F/O	J.S. WATSON	GD.(B)	D.F.C.
155244	F/O	E. WILLISHER	GD.	D.F.C.
113429	F/L	D.J.B. WILSON	GD.	Bar to D.F.C.
54689	P/O	R.J. HENDERSON	GD.(FE)	D.F.M.
175091	P/O	W. HOWARTH	GD.(G)	D.F.M.
145510	F/O	G.S. STOUT	GD.	D.F.C.
158240	F/O	N.R. ROSS	GD.	D.F.O.
652494	W/O	F.E. APPLEBY	F/Eng.	D.F.M.
110754	W/O	L. EATON	WO/Air	D.F.M.
1538452	W/O	L. MCCLELLAN	A/B.	D.F.M.
1600754	F/S	H.G. CLARKE	A/G.	Mention in Despatches.

The following Officers promotions were promulgated in July:

168674	P/O	J.A. SANDERS	GD.	Promoted F/O. (WS)	29.05.44
124438	F/O	W. REID	GD.	Promoted F/L. (WS)	19.06.44
A400897	F/O	C.K. ASTBURY	GD.B.	Promoted F/L. (Temp)	15.05.44
A18839	P/O	I.S. ROSS	GD.	Promoted F/O. (WS)	01.06.44
A418424	P/O	K.S. JEWELL	GD.G.	Promoted F/O. (WS)	09.06.44
A18839	P/O	I.S. ROSS	GD.	Granted Acting Rank F/O.	26.06.44
176447	P/O	J. GINGLES	GD.	Granted Acting Rank F/O.	26.06.44

160142	P/O	F. LEVY	GD.	Granted Acting Rank F/O.	26.06.44
170142	P/O	F.H.A.WATTS	GD.	Granted Acting Rank F/O.	26.06.44
137372	F/O(A/F/L)	J.V. COCKSHOT	GD.	Granted Acting Rank S/L.	31.07.44

The following personnel of the Squadron were granted Commissions in July:

R.137825	W/O	M.L. MCKAY (CAN)	w.e.f.	18.03.44
R.163726	W/O	H.G. ALLEN (CAN)	w.e.f.	11.06.44
R.112245	W/O	D.H. MCCLENNAN (CAN)	w.e.f.	10.06.44
1379173	F/S	R.D. LUCAN	w.e.f.	28.05.44
1339217	F/S	E.A. HARTLEY	w.e.f.	19.05.44
1214696	F/S	W.N. WAIT	w.e.f.	07.02.44
659028	F/S	J.B. BARRON	w.e.f.	17.06.44

(Certified that the above Form 540 contains extracts from Personnel Occurrence Reports.)

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DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT  
BY No. 617 Squadron  
FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1944

**DATE:** 04.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mustang III

**CREW:** W/C G.L. CHESHIRE  
**DUTY:** Pilot

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                    0015                   0252

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Area Dumps, Creil. 2 x Red T.I. 0230 hrs. 5,000ft. to 800ft. Dive attack.  
V.H.F. u/s.

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**DATE:** 04.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM. 485 (N)

**CREW:** F/L D.J.B. WILSON Pilot  
F/S CHERRINGTON A. F/Eng.  
AUS. F/O J.K. STOTT Nav.  
CAN. F/O E.W. FINLAY A/B  
AUS W/O JORDON A.J. W/Op.  
F/S GRIFFITHS L.D. MU/Gunner  
F/S VAUGHAN M.D. R/Gunner

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                    2324                   0327

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Area Dumps Creil. 1 x Tallboy. 0144 hrs. 18,700ft.

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**DATE:** 04.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito VI NT.205 (L)

**CREW:**

F/L G.A. FAWLE  
F.O T.A. BENNETT

**DUTY:**

Pilot  
Nav. B.

**TIME:**           **UP.**  
                          0011

**DOWN.**  
0300

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Area Dumps, Creil. Not called upon to mark.

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**DATE:** 04.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 557 (S)

**CREW:**

F/L C.J.G. HOWARD  
Sgt. HAWKINS A.W.  
F/O C.A. MACDONALD  
F/S HARTLEY L  
F/S LUCAN C.  
W/O WOODS J.  
F/S CLARKE J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**  
                          2329

**DOWN.**  
0322

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Area Dumps. Creil. 1 x Tallboy. 0137 hrs. 17,500ft.

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**DATE:** 04.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.559 (Y)

**CREW:**

F/O G.S. STOUT  
P/O J.R. GURNEY  
F/O P. INGLEBY  
CAN. F/O W.A RUPERT  
F/S NUTTALL A.  
F/O H.W. CORNISH-UNDERWOOD  
W/O SMITH R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**  
                          2339

**DOWN.**  
0315

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Area Dump Creil. 1 x Tallboy. 0132 hrs. 17,050ft

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**DATE:** 04.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV.391 (O)

**CREW:**

F/L A.F. POORE  
F/S JOHNSON J  
F/O R.A. ROBERTS  
F/O R.J. ELSEY  
F/S THOMPSON J.T.  
F/S TOOKEY W.  
F/S CASTLEMAN R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2330           0316

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Area Dumps. Creil. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 04.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME.560 (H)

**CREW:**

P/O I.S. ROSS AUS  
Sgt. WALTER W  
F/O T. O'BRIEN  
F/S TILBY E.G.  
F/S JENKINSON K.  
Sgt. KING C.T.  
P/O MCKELLAR A.F.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2331           0311

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Area Dumps Creil. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 04.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME.561 (R)

**CREW:**

LT. KNILANS H.C. USA.  
P/O K.J.RYALL  
CAN. P/O L.H.GELLER  
F/O C.G. ROGERS  
F/O C.L.KNELL  
CAN. Sgt. MCNALLY A.F.  
AUS. P/O R.A. LEARMONTH

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2326            0318

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Area Dumps Creil. 1 x Tallboy. 0132 hrs. 17,950ft. Bomb burst on Red T.I.  
Explosion at 0118 hrs.

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**DATE:** 04.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I ME.555 (C)

**CREW:**

F/O W.A. DUFFY CAN  
Sgt. BENTING A.W.  
CAN. F/O A.BELL  
CAN. F/O R.E. WOODS  
CAN. F/O D.R. PEARCE  
CAN. W/O PORTER K.R.  
CAN. P/O W.G. EVANS

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2331            0314

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Area Dumps Creil. 1 x Tallboy. 0131 hrs. 17,350ft.

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**DATE:** 04.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I DV.385 (A)

**CREW:**

P/O J.A. SANDERS  
Sgt. NUTLEY T.H.  
F/S BARRON J.B.  
CAN. W/O ALLEN H.G.  
Sgt. WARD A.  
Sgt. MACHIN R.  
Sgt. BRIARS R.A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2321            0324

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Area Dumps Creil. 1 x Tallboy. S/Gear u/s. Bomb brought back.

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**DATE:** 04.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III ED.763 (D)

**CREW:**

P/O F.H.A. WATTS

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE



Sgt. LUCK H.  
F/S HOUSDEN C.H.  
F/S MCKAY M.L.  
Sgt. COOPER D.  
P/O R.HEGGIE  
Sgt. MATTHEWS G.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2325            0323

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Area Dumps Creil. 1 x Tallboy. Could not identify marker. Bomb brought back.

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**DATE:** 04.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I DV.393 (*T*)

**CREW:**

F/O E.WILLSHER  
Sgt. HURDISS J.  
F/O T.H.J.PLAYFORD  
P/O R.C.EVERETT  
P/O F.W.BELL  
F/S SALTER A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2328            0326

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Area Dumps Creil. 1 x Tallboy. 0140 hrs. 18,250ft. Too much smoke. Box Barrage of H/F over Aiming Point.

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**DATE:** 04.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III EE.131 (*B*)

**CREW:**

F/L J.E.R.WILLIAMS  
Sgt. SOILLEUX J.  
F/O A.J.TALBOT  
F/O A.B.WALKER  
F/S POTTER.A.E.  
F/S BLAGDON A.  
F/S MCLEAN T.J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2326            0318

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Area Dumps Creil. 1 x Tallboy. After seeing RSF, orbited and then RSF smoke covered. Bomb brought back.

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**DATE:** 04.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**

Lancaster III JB. 139 (*I*)

**CREW:**

**DUTY:**

F/O W.R. LEE. AUS

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Sgt. MASON W.

F/S MCKIE A.M.

F/S HOYLAND G.

F/S RICHARDS F.

Sgt. THOMAS D.G.

F/S HUNNISETTE R.W.

**TIME:**

**UP.**

**DOWN.**

2333

0314

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Area Dumps Creil. 1 x Tallboy. 0141 hrs. 17,000ft Bombed red spot fires S.W. of concentration.

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**DATE:** 04.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**

Lancaster I DV.402 (*P*)

**CREW:**

**DUTY:**

F/O A.E.KELL. AUS.

AS SHOWN ABOVE

P/O G.W.CLARK

AUS. F/O J.L.HAGER

AUS. F/O R.MORIESON

AUS. F/O A.L.EVANS

AUS. P/O A.W.SNELL

AUS. P/O K.S.JEWELL

**TIME:**

**UP.**

**DOWN.**

2334

0330

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Area Dumps Creil. 1 x Tallboy. Could not distinguish own red spot fires in concentration.

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**DATE:** 04.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**

Lancaster I ME.562 (*Z*)

**CREW:**

**DUTY:**

F/L H.J.PRYOR

AS SHOWN ABOVE

P/O R.J.A.TELFER

CAN. F/O R.L.PINDER

CAN. F/O C.P.PESME

F/S HEPWORTH A.

F/S COLYER A.J.

P/O A.J.PATTERSON

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2323                            0305

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Area Dumps Creil. 1 x Tallboy. 0131 hrs. 16,450ft.

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**DATE:** 04.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster III LM.489 (*L*)

**CREW:**

P/O J.GINGLES  
Sgt. GALLAGHER A.  
F/O G.G.BEALE  
F/S HAZELL L  
W/O RILEY J  
F/L R.F.SCOTT-KIDDIE  
AUS. F/O E.T.HALL

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2334                            0312

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Area Dumps Creil. 1 x Tallboy. 0135 hrs. 18,550ft. Main Force bombing and markers well concentrated.

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**DATE:** 04.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster III LM.482 (*W*)

**CREW:**

S/L J.L.MUNRO NZ.  
F/L F.G.RUMBLES  
AUS. F/L C.K.ASTBURY  
F/O A.J.WARD  
F/L A.R.POOLE  
CAN. F/O H.A.WEEKS

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         2322                            0320

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Area Dumps Creil. 1 x Tallboy. 0136 hrs. 18,500ft. Saw two red spot fires through cloud which seemed to be on the aiming point.

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**DATE:** 04.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster III LM.492 (*Q*)

**CREW:**

S/L MCCARTHY USA  
F/O W.G.RADCLIFFE

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

CAN. F/O D.A.MCLEAN  
CAN. F/O W.A.DANIEL  
W/O EATON L  
W/O BATSON R.  
CAN. F/L D.RODGER

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2318           0319

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Area Dumps Creil. 1 x Tallboy. 0143 hrs. 18,500ft. Could not see own markers so bombed to N.W. of concentration.

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**DATE:** 06.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Mustang III

**CREW:**                                   **DUTY:**  
W/C G.L. CHESHIRE                   Pilot

**TIME :**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  1425       1625

**DETAILS O SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing Constructional orks – MIMOYECQUES. 2 x Red Spot.

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**DATE:** 06.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Mosquito VI NT.205 (L)

**CREW:**                                   **DUTY:**  
F/L G.A. FAWLE                       Pilot  
F.O T.A. BENNETT                   Nav. B.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  1425           1625

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional orks – MIMOYECQUES. 2 x 500 M.C. 1345 500'. Bombed gun battery in target area, exact position not known.

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**DATE:** 06.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster III LM 432

**CREW:**                                   **DUTY:**  
S/L J.L.MUNRO NZ.                   AS SHOWN ABOVE

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F/L F.G.RUMBLES  
AUS. F/L C.K.ASTBURY  
F/O A.J.WARD  
F/L A.R.POOLE

CAN. F/O H.A.WEEKS

**TIME:**           **UP.**                           **DOWN.**  
                          1425                           1625

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional orks – MIMOYECQUES. 1 x Tallboy. 1931. 17600. One direct hit observed. Several near misses. Marker good indicator.

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**DATE:** 06.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                           Lancaster III LM 485

**CREW:**

F/L D.J.B. WILSON  
F/S CHERRINGTON A.  
AUS. F/O J.K. STOTT  
CAN. F/O E.W. FINLAY  
F/O J. ALLEN  
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**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/S VAUGHAN M.D.

**TIME:**           **UP.**                           **DOWN.**  
                          1342                           1625

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional orks – MIMOYECQUES. 1 x Tallboy. 1531.30 13000. 3 or 4 bomb bursts seen near A/P.

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**DATE:** 06.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                           Lancaster I ME 539

**CREW:**

F/O G.S. STOUT  
P/O J.R. GURNEY  
F/O P. INGLEBY  
CAN. F/O W.A RUPERT  
F/S NUTTALL A.  
F/O H.W. CORNISH-UNDERWOOD  
W/O SMITH R.  
F/O DANIELS

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**           **UP.**                           **DOWN.**  
                          1447                           1621

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional orks – MIMOYECQUES. 1 x Tallboy. 1530 16000. Saw two bomb bursts. One on A/P and the other slightly north of A/P.

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**DATE:** 06.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME 560

**CREW:**

P/O I.S. ROSS AUS

Sgt. WALTER W

F/O T. O'BRIEN

F/S TILBY E.G.

F/S JENKINSON K.

Sgt. KING C.T.

P/O MCKELLAR A.F.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**  
                          1337

**DOWN.**  
1630

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional works – MIMOYECQUES. 1 x Tallboy. 15.56 17000.  
Saw T.I. about 50 yards west of A/P. Other bombing not observed.

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**DATE:** 06.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.402. (P)

**CREW:**

F/O A.E.KELL. AUS.

P/O G.W.CLARK

AUS. P/O J.L. HAGER

AUS. F/O R. MORIESON

AUS. P/O A.L.EVANS

AUS. P/O A.W. SNELL

F/S T.J. McLEAN

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**  
                          1343

**DOWN.**  
1630

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - MIMOYECQUES - 1 x Tallboy. 1555 hrs. 17,000ft.  
Saw T.I.R. One engine cut on first run so made dummy run.

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**DATE:** 06.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. JB.139. (V)

**CREW:**

F/O W.R.LEE

F/S MASON. W.

F/S McKIE. A.M.

F/S HOWLAND. G.

F/S RICHARDS. F.

Sgt. THOMAS. D.G.

F/S HUNNISETTE. R.W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**

**DOWN.**

1338

1614

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - MIMOYECQUES - 1 x Tallboy. Jettisoned just after leaving target. Unable to identify.

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**DATE:** 06.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.385. (A)

**CREW:**

F/L H.J. PRYOR

P/O R.J.A. TELFER

CAN. F/O R.L. PINDER

CAN. F/O C.L. PESME

F/S HEPWORTH. A.

P/O PATTERSON. A.J.

F/S COLYER. A.J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**

**UP.**

1338

**DOWN.**

1614

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - MIMOYECQUES - 1 x Tallboy. 1531 hrs. 15,800ft. Perfect conditions.

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**DATE:** 06.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.380. (X)

**CREW:**

F/L A.W. FEARN

P/O T. DAVIES

F/S JOHNSON. H.

F/O W.H. CHADWICK

F/S BAKER. J.E.

Sgt. WILSON-WILLIAMS. D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**

**UP.**

1353

**DOWN.**

1619

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - MIMOYECQUES - 1 x Tallboy. 1531 hrs. 1,560ft.

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**DATE:** 06.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. EE.146. (K)

**CREW:**

P/O J. GINGLES

Sgt. GALLAGHER. A.

F/O C.G. BEALE

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/S HAZELL. L.J.  
W/O RILEY. J.  
F/L R.F. SCOTT-KIDDIE  
AUS. F/O E.T. HALL

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1342	1620

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - MIMOYECQUES - 1 x Tallboy.  
Did a dummy run - run too short. 2nd run target obscured by bursts. Bomb brought back as ordered.

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**DATE:** 06.07.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. (O)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/L A.F. POORE	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S JOHNSON. J.T.	
F/O R.A. ROBERTS	
F/O R.J. ELSEY	
F/S THOMPSON. W.	
F/S TOOKEY. W.	
F/S CASTLEMAN. R.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1339	1622

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - MIMOYECQUES - 1 x Tallboy. 1531 hrs. 18,600ft.

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**DATE:** 06.07.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.393 (T)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/O E. WILLSSHER	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S HURDISS. J.	
F/O T.H.J. PLAYFORD	
P/O R.C. EVERETT	
P/O F.W. BELL	
F/S SALTER. A.	
F/O MORGAN	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1345	1626

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - MIMOYECQUES - 1 x Tallboy. 1529 hrs. 17,000ft.

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**DATE:** 06.07.44



**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.557. (S)

**CREW:**

P/O F.H.A. WATTS  
Sgt. LUCK.H.  
F/S HOUSDEN. C.H.  
W/O McKAY. M.L.  
F/S COOPER. D.  
P/O R. HEGGIE  
F/S MATTHEWS. G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1348           1627

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - MIMOYECQUES - 1 x Tallboy.  
Target not identified in time. Bomb brought back.

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**DATE:** 06.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. EE. 131. (B)

**CREW:**

F/O E.M. STANFORD  
Sgt. JUDSON. E.  
AUS. P/O T.W. BUTLER  
AUS. W/O CLARKE. G.K.  
AUS. W/O JORDON. A.J.  
F/S GRIFFITHS. L.D.  
AUS. P/O K.S. JEWELL

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1346           1604

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - MIMOYECQUES - 1 x Tallboy. 1538 hrs. 18,200ft.

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**DATE:** 06.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. ED.763. (D)

**CREW:**

F/L C.J.G. HOWARD  
Sgt. HAWKINS. A.W.  
P/O C.A. MACDONALD  
F/S HARTLEY L.  
F/S LUCAN. C.  
W/O WOODS. J.  
F/S CLARKE. J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1340           1628

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - MIMOYECQUES - 1 x Tallboy. 1532.75 hrs. 18,800ft.  
Saw one hit on corner of target.

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**DATE:** 06.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.562. (Z)

**CREW:**

F/O N.R. ROSS  
F/O A.J.S. GIRLING  
F/O T.R. DAVIES  
W/O MCCLENNAN.L.  
F/S HICKSON. G.  
F/O T.A. PLATT  
F/O M.R. TUXFORD

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  1358           1617

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - MIMOUQCQUES - 1 x Tallboy. 1529 hrs. 16,800ft.  
1st Bomb 200 yds. E. 2nd and 3rd 75 yds. East. Own not seen.

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**DATE:** 06.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME. 555 (C)

**CREW:**

F/O W.A. DUFFY. CAN.  
Sgt. BENTING. A.W.  
CAN. F/O D.A. BELL  
CAN. F/O R.E. WOODS  
CAN. F/O D.R. PEARCE  
CAN. W/O PORTER. K.P.  
CAN. P/O W.G. EVANS

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  1344           1620

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - MIMOYCEQUES - 1 x Tallboy. 1530 hrs. 16,400ft.  
Own burst direct hit. Three other bursts seen.

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**DATE:** 06.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.561. (R)

**CREW:**

LT M.C.KNILANS. USA.  
P/O K.J. RYALL

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

CAN. P/O L.H. GELLER  
F/O C.G. ROGERS  
F/O C.L.F. KNELL  
CAN. F/S W.F. McNALLY  
P/O R.A. LEARMONTH

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1337            1635

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - MIMOYECQUES - 1 x Tallboy. 1530 hrs.  
Bomb sight u/s. Bomb brought back.

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**DATE:** 17.07.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Mustang III

**CREW:**    **DUTY:**  
W/C J.B.TAIT                                    Pilot  
S/L D.R.WALKER CAN                        Nav.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1129            1358

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 2 x Red Spot. 1228 hrs. 7,000ft to 500ft. Dive.  
Haze and cloud made identification difficult.

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**DATE:** 17.07.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Mosquito VI NT.202 (N)

**CREW:**    **DUTY:**  
F/L G.E.FAWKE                                Pilot.  
F/O T.BENNETT                                Nav.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1128            1355

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 2 Red Spot. 1229 hrs. 8,000ft. to 3,000ft. Dive.

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**DATE:** 17.07.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I DV.385 (A)

**CREW:**    **DUTY:**  
F/O R.E.KNIGHTS                            Pilot  
P/O E.TWELLS                                F/Eng.  
CAN. F/O H.B. RHUDE                        Nav.  
P/O J.R. BELL                                A/B  
NZ. F/O B.J.HOSIE                            W/OP

F/S PENGELLY W.H. MU/Gunner  
F/S DERHAM P.W. R/Gunner

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1101 1/2            1414

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1236 hrs. 17,900ft.  
Direct hit just on North West of edge of Dome.

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**DATE:** 17.07.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III LM.485 (N)

**CREW:**    **DUTY:**  
F/L H.J.PRYOR                                    AS SHOWN ABOVE  
P/O R.J.TELFER  
CAN. F/O R.L.PINDER  
CAN. F/O C.P.PESME  
F/S HEPWORTH A.  
F/S COLYER A.J.  
P/O A.J.PATTERSON

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1058            1409

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1240 hrs. 17,900ft.

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**DATE:** 17.07.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I ME.554 (F)

**CREW:**    **DUTY:**  
F/O R.M.STANFORD. AUS                    AS SHOWN ABOVE  
Sgt. JUDSON E.  
AUS. P/O T.W.BUTLER  
AUS. W/O CLARKE G.K.  
AUS. W/O JORDON A.J.  
F/S GRIFFITHS R.D.  
AUS. P/O K.S.JEWELL

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1101            1403

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1230 hrs. 16,600ft.  
Weather clear - slight haze.

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**DATE:** 17.07.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III LM.492 (Q)

**CREW:**

F/O W.R.LEE. AUS  
F/S MASON W.  
F/S MCKIE A.M.  
F/S HOYLAND G.  
F/S RICHARDS F.  
F/S MCLEAN T.J.  
F/S HUNNINETTE R.W.

**DUTY:**

Pilot  
F/Eng.  
Nav.  
A/B.  
W/OP.  
MU/Gunner  
R/Gunner

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**  
                         1112            1357

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1230 hrs. 17,700ft.

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**DATE:** 17.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV.380 (X)

**CREW:**

F/L A.W.FEARN  
P/O T.DAVIES  
F/S JOHNSON H.  
F/O H.H.CHADWICK  
F/S BAKER J.E.  
F/S WILSON-WILLIAMS D.  
F/S PEARSON J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**  
                         1109            1407

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1230 hrs. 17,100ft.  
Weather clear. One direct hit on dome observed.

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**DATE:** 17.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM.489 (L)

**CREW:**

F/O J.GINGLES  
Sgt. GALLAGHER J.  
F/O G.G.BEALE  
F/S HAZELL L.  
W/O RILEY J.  
F/L R.F.SCOTT-KIDDIE  
AUS. F/O E.T.HALL

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**  
                         1107            1354

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1241 hrs. 18,000ft.  
Smoke and slight haze.

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**DATE:** 17.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV.402 (P)

**CREW:**

F/O A.E.KELL AUS  
P/O J.W. CLARKE  
AUS. F/O J.L. HAGER  
AUS. F/O K.C.MORIESON  
AUS. F/O A.L.EVANS  
AUS. P/O A.W.SNELL  
F/L A.R.POOLE

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**  
                         1103            1408

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1234 hrs. 17,800ft.  
Clear - slight haze.

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**DATE:** 17.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV.393 (T)

**CREW:**

F/O E.WILLSHER  
F/S HURDISS J.  
F/O T.H.J.PLAYFORD  
P/O R.C.EVERETT  
P/O F.W.BELL  
F/S SALTER A.  
F/O G.A.WITHERICK

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**  
                         1106            1415

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1246 hrs. 17,400ft.  
Own bomb fell just off North of tunnel.

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**DATE:** 17.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV.246. (U)

**CREW:**

F/O F.H.A.WATTS  
Sgt. LUCK H.  
F/S HOUSDEN C.H.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

W/O MCKAY M.L.  
F/S COOPER D.  
P/O R.HEGGIE  
F/S MATTHEWS G.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1113            1416

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1237 hrs. 17,300ft.  
Hazy.

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**DATE:** 17.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I ME.562 (Z)

**CREW:**

F/O J.A.SANDERS  
Sgt. NUTLEY T.H.  
F/S BARRON J.B.  
W/O ALLEN H.G.  
F/S WARD A.  
Sgt. MACHIN R.  
F/S BRIARS R.A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1104            1413

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1244 hrs. 18,640ft.  
One direct hit seen. Several other bursts seen.

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**DATE:** 17.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I ME.561 (R)

**CREW:**

LT. KNILANS USA (H.C)  
F/O K.J.RYALL  
CAN. P/O L.H.GELLER  
F/O C.G.ROGERS  
F/O C.L.KNELL  
Sgt. FOWLE L.A.  
AUS. P/O L.W.LEARMONTH  
F/S FRANKS L.W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1059            1400

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1230 hrs. 17,600ft.  
Bomb fell on railway track 50 yards from entrance to tunnel.

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**DATE:** 17.07.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME.559. (Y)

**CREW:**  
F/O G.S.STOUT  
P/O J.R.GURNEY  
F/O P.INGLEBY  
CAN. F/O W.A.RUPERT  
F/S NUTTAL A.  
P/O H.W. CORNISH-UNDERWOOD  
W/O SMITH R.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1110           1405

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1230 hrs. 17,000ft.  
Bomb fell about 70 yards short of tunnel entrance on railway.

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**DATE:** 17.07.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME.555 (C)

**CREW:**  
F/O W.A.DUFFY CAN  
Sgt. BENTING A.W.  
CAN. F/O D.A.BELL  
CAN. P/O R.E.WOODS  
CAN. F/O D.R.PEARCE  
CAN. W/O PORTER K.R.  
CAN. P/O W.G.EVANS

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1105           1406

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1240 hrs. 17,600ft.  
Bomb seen to burst just off tunnel mouth close to dome.

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**DATE:** 17.07.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III EE.146 (K)

**CREW:**  
F/O M.HAMILTON  
F/S ROOKE J.T.  
P/O J.T.JACKSON  
CAN. F/O F.C.ATKINSON  
Sgt. THOMPSON R.C.  
F/S DADGE J.A.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE



F/S HAMILTON D.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1111	1412

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1229 hrs. 18,100ft.  
Bomb fell about 40 yards to port of tunnel entrance.

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**DATE:** 17.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III L.M. 482 (*W*)

**CREW:**

F/O D.H.CHENEY CAN.  
F/S ROSHER J.  
P/O R.WELCH  
F/S CURTIS C.  
F/S POOL R.H.  
AUS. F/S MCROSTIE A.  
F/S WAIT G.H.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1102	1404

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1230 hrs. 17,000ft.  
Four bombs burst all about 150 yards overshoot E. of aiming point.

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**DATE:** 17.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III ED.763 (*D*)

**CREW:**

F/O F.LEVY  
Sgt. GROOM P.W.  
F/O C.L.FOX.  
F/S PECK E.S.  
Sgt. MCGUIRE G.A.  
CAN. F/S MCNALLY A.F.  
Sgt. THOMAS D.G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1108	1411

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. 1240 hrs. 18,000ft.  
Own bomb just in front of tunnel. Two other bombs bursts one over and one under shot.

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**DATE:** 20.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito.4. DZ.484 (*G*)

**CREW:**  
W/C J.B.TAIT.

**DUTY:**  
Pilot.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2356            0212

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 2 x Red Spot.  
Raid abortive - adverse weather conditions.

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**DATE:** 20.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito 20. KB.215. (H)

**CREW:**  
F/L G.A. FAWKE  
F/O T. BENNETT

**DUTY:**  
Pilot  
Nav.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2358            0230

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 2 Red Spot flares.  
Raid abandoned - adverse weather conditions.

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**DATE:** 20.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM.485. (N)

**CREW:**  
F/L H.J. PRYOR  
P/O R.J. TELFER  
CAN. F/O R.L. PINDER  
CAN. F/O C.P. PESME  
F/S HEPWORTH A.  
F/S COLYER. A.J.  
P/O A.J. PATTERSON

**DUTY:**  
Pilot  
F/Eng  
Nav.  
A/B  
W/O  
M.U.  
R.G.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2315            0221

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy.  
Raid abandoned - B.B.B. (Bomb brought back.)

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**DATE:** 20.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.385. (A)

**CREW:**  
F/O R.E. KNIGHTS

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

P/O E. TWELLS  
CAN. F/O H.B. RHUDE  
P/O J.R. BELL  
NZ. F/O B.J. HOSIE  
F/S PENGELLY. W.H.  
F/S DERHAM. P.W.  
F/L D.J. ORAM

Passenger.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2307            0226

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy.  
Raid abandoned - B.B.B.

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**DATE:** 20.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. DV.380 (X)

**CREW:**

F/L A.W. FEARN  
P/O T. DAVIES  
F/S JOHNSON. H.  
F/O H.M. CHADWICK  
F/S BAKER. J.E.  
F/S PEARSON. J.  
F/S WILSON-WILLIAMS. D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2311            0242

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy.  
Raid abandoned. B.B.B.

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**DATE:** 20.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. ME.562. (Z)

**CREW:**

P/O J.A. SANDERS  
Sgt. NUTLEY. T.H.  
F/S BARRON. J.B.  
CAN. F/O ALLEN. H.G.  
Sgt. WARD. A.  
Sgt. MACHIN. R.  
F/S BRIARS. R.A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2310            0227

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. Raid abandoned. B.B.B.

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**DATE:** 20.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.561. (R)

**CREW:**

LT H.C. KNILANS. USA.

F/O K.J. RYALL

CAN. P/O L.H. GELLER

F/O C.G. ROGERS

F/O C.L. KNELL

F/S R.W. HUNNISETTE

AUS. P/O L.W. LEARMONTH

F/L L.W. CURTIS

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2312            0239

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. Raid abandoned. B.B.B.

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**DATE:** 20.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.391. (O)

**CREW:**

F/O T.A. CAREY. AUS.

F/S FRANKS. L.

P/O R.E. KERR

CAN. W/O McLENNAN. D.H.

F/S YOUNG. A.E.

F/S FOWLE. L.A.

F/S SHARP. A.E.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2316            0221

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. Raid abandoned. B.B.B.

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**DATE:** 20.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV. 402. (P)

**CREW:**

F/O A.E. KELL. AUS.

P/O G.W. CLARK

AUS. P/O J.L. HAGER

AUS. P/O R. MORIESON

AUS. P/O A.L. EVANS

AUS. P/O A.W. SNELL

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/L A.R.POOLE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2319            0217

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. Raid abandoned. B.B.B.

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**DATE:** 20.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. DV.393. (T)

**CREW:**

F/O D.H. CHENEY. CAN.  
F/S ROSHER. J.  
P/O R. WELCH  
F/S CURTIS. C.  
F/S POOL. R.H.  
AUS. F/S McROSTIE. A.  
F/S WAIT. G.H.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2318            0225

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. Raid abandoned. B.B.B.

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**DATE:** 20.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. ME.557. (S)

**CREW:**

F/L W. REID  
F/S STEWART. D.G.W.  
CAN. F/O D.A. PELTIER  
P/O C.G. ROLTON  
F/O D. LUKER  
F/S HOLT. A.  
W/O HUTTON. J.W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         2317            0235

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. Raid abandoned. B.B.B.

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**DATE:** 20.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. ME.559. (Y)

**CREW:**

F/O G.S. STOUT

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

P/O J.R. GURNEY  
F/O P. INGLEBY  
CAN. F/O W.A. RUPERT  
F/S NUTTALL. A.  
F/O H.W. CORNISH-UNDERWOOD  
W/O SMITH. R.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2309           0214

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. Raid abandoned. B.B.B.

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**DATE:** 20.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster III. ED.763.

**CREW:**

F/O F. LEVY  
Sgt. GROOM. P.W.  
F/O C.L. FOX  
F/S PECK. E.S.S.X.  
Sgt. McGUIRE. G.M.  
CAN. F/S McNALLY. A.F.  
Sgt. THOMAS. D.G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2313           0218

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. Raid abandoned. B.B.B.

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**DATE:** 20.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. ME.555 (C)

**CREW:**

F/O W.A. DUFFY. CAN.  
Sgt. BENTING. A.W.  
CAN. F/O D.A. BELL  
CAN. F/O R.W. WOODS  
CAN. F/O D.R. PEARCE  
CAN. W/O PORTER. K.P.  
CAN. P/O W.G. EVANS

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          2306           0214

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. Raid abandoned. B.B.B.

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**DATE:** 20.07.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.554. (F)

**CREW:**  
F/O R.M. STANFORD. AUS.  
F/S JUDSON. E.  
AUS. P/O W.T. BUTLER  
AUS. W/O C.K. CLARKE  
AUS. W/O JORDON. A.J.  
F/S GRIFFITHS. R.D.  
AUS. P/O K.S. JEWELL

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2308           0219

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. Raid abandoned. B.B.B.

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**DATE:** 20.07.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III EE.146 (K)

**CREW:**  
F/O M. HAMILTON  
F/S ROOKE. J.T.  
P/O J.T. JACKSON  
F/O F.C. ATKINSON  
F/Sgt. THOMPSON. R.C.  
F/S DADGE. J.A.  
F/S HAMILTON. D.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2320           0311

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. Raid abandoned. B.B.B.

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**DATE:** 20.07.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM.489. (L)

**CREW:**  
F/O J. GINGLES  
Sgt. GALLAGHER. J.  
F/O C.G. BEALE  
F/S HAZELL. L.  
W/O RILEY. J.  
F/S G.S. SCOTT-KIDDIE  
F/S McLEAN. T.J.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  2314           0308

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works - WIZERNES. 1 x Tallboy. Raid abandoned. B.B.B.

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**DATE:** 25.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mustang III HB.837

**CREW:**  
W/Commander J.B.TAIT

**DUTY:**  
Pilot

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  0818           1012

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works, WATTEN. 2 x Red Spot. Marking unnecessary.

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**DATE:** 25.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito VI. NT.205 (*L*)

**CREW:**  
F/L G.E. FAWKE  
F/O T.BENNETT

**DUTY:**  
Pilot  
Nav.B.

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  0810           1010

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works, WATTEN. 2 x Red Spot. Marking unnecessary.

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**DATE:** 25.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME.561 (*R*)

**CREW:**  
LT. H.C.KNILANS  
F/O K.J.RYALL  
CAN. P/O L.H.GELLER  
F/O C.G.ROGERS  
F/O C.L.KNELL  
CAN. W/O K.R.PORTER  
AUS. P/O R.A.LEARMONTH

**DUTY:**  
Pilot  
F/Eng.  
Nav.  
A/B.  
W/Op.  
MU/Gunner  
R/Gunner

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  0721           1003

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works, WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0910 hrs. 18,000ft.  
Our bomb fell on North side of building.

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**DATE:** 25.07.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV.391 (O)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/L A.F.POORE	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S JOHNSON J.T.	
F/O R.A. ROBERTS	
F/O R.J.ELSEY	
F/S THOMPSON R.C.	
F/S TOOKEY W.	
F/S CASTLEMAN R.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0723	1005

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works, WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0910 hrs. 17,900ft.  
Claimed a direct hit.

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**DATE:** 25.07.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM.485 (N)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/O M.HAMILTON	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S ROOKE. J.T.	
P/O J.T. JACKSON	
CAN. F/O F.C. ATKINSON	
F/S THOMPSON J.T.	
F/S DADGE J.A.	
W/O MCLEAN T.J.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0735	1007

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works, WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0909 hrs. 18,400ft.  
First to bomb. Claimed a direct hit.

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**DATE:** 25.07.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME.562 (Z)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/O J.A.SANDERS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
Sgt. NUTLEY T.H.	
F/S BARRON J.B.	
CAN. P/O ALLEN J.B.	
F/S WARD A.	
Sgt. MACHIN R.	
F/S BRIARS R.A.	

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0724            1010

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works, WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0910 hrs. 17,800ft.  
Our bomb fell on North side of building.

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**DATE:** 25.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I ME.555 (C)

**CREW:**

F/O I.S. ROSS AUS

Sgt. WALTER W.

F/O T.O'BRIEN

F/S TILBY E.G.

F/S JENKINSON K.

Sgt. KING C.

P/O MCKELLER A.F.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0734            1017

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works, WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0910 hrs. 17,600ft.  
No results observed.

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**DATE:** 25.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III LM.489

**CREW:**

F/L J.E.R. WILLIAMS.

F/S SOILLEUX J.

F/O R. TALBOT

F/O A.J WALKER

F/S POTTER A.E.

F/S BLAGDON A.

F/S BLANCHE J.J

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0751            1023

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works, WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0910 hrs. 18,200ft.  
No results observed.

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**DATE:** 25.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I ME.557

**CREW:**

**DUTY:**

F/L W. REID  
F/S STEWART. D.G.W.  
CAN. F/O D.A. PELTIER  
P/O C.G. ROLTON  
F/O D. LUKER  
F/S HOLT. A.  
W/O HUTTON. J.W.

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0732            1020

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works, WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0911 hrs. 17,600ft.  
No results observed.

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**DATE:** 25.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III ED.763 (C)

**CREW:**

F/O R.M. STANFORD. AUS.  
F/S JUDSON. E  
AUS. P/O W.T. BUTLER  
AUS. W/O C.K. CLARKE  
AUS. W/O JORDON. A.J.  
F/S GRIFFITHS. R.D.  
AUS. P/O K.S. JEWELL

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0729            1006

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works, WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0910 hrs. 18,000ft.  
Saw 4 or 5 hits on Constructional connected with building

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**DATE:** 25.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I (?) .380

**CREW:**

(Illegible)

**DUTY:**

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0720            1003

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works, WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0910.5 18.100 ft no results observed

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**DATE:** 25.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I (?) 402

**CREW:**

F/O LEVY

F/S GROOM P.W.

F/O C.L. FOX

F/S PECK E.

Sgt. MCGUIRE G.A.

CAN. F/S MCNALLY A.F.

Sgt. THOMAS D.G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**  
                         0730            1015

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works, WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0910, 17,100ft almost direct hit observed.

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**DATE:** 25.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I LM.492 (Q)

**CREW:**

F/O F.H.A.WATTS

Sgt. LUCK H.

F/S HOUSDEN C.H.

CAN. P/O M.L.MCKAY

F/S COOPER D.

P/O R.HEGGIE

F/S MATTHEWS D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**  
                         0733            1013

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works, WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0910 hrs. 17,300ft. Three bomb bursts very near aiming point observed.

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**DATE:** 25.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV.385 (A)

**CREW:**

F/O R.E. KNIGHTS

P/O E.TWELLS

CAN. F/O H.B.RHUDE

P/O J.R.BELL

NZ. F/O B.J.HOSIE

F/S PENGELLY W.H.

F/S DERHAM P.W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**

0725

1024

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works, WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0910 hrs. 17,700ft.  
Two bomb bursts - one direct hit and one 50 yards North East.

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**DATE:** 25.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME.559 (*Y*)

**CREW:**

F/O G.S.STOUT  
F/O J.R.GURNEY  
F/O P. INGLEBY  
CAN. F/O W.A. RUPERT  
F/S NUTTALL A.  
F/O H.W.CORNISH-UNDERWOOD  
W/O SMITH R.  
F/L A.W. CURTIS

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0728            1019

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works, WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0910 hrs. 17,100ft.  
One big explosion. About ten bombs fell all around aiming point.

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**DATE:** 25.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV.393 (*T*)

**CREW:**

F/O D.H.CHENEY CAN.  
F/S ROSHER J.  
P/O R.WELCH  
F/S CURTIS C.  
F/S POOL R.H.  
AUS. F/S MCROSTIE A.  
F/S WAIT G.H.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0731            1023

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works, WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0910 hrs. 17,200ft.  
Hit by flak. Bomb released manually. Jettisoned 7-8 miles S.S.E. of aiming point. F/S. McRostie (MU/Gunner), baled out over enemy territory. Intercom wrecked.

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**DATE:** 25.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM.482 (*W*)

**CREW:**

F/O T.A.CAREY AUS  
F/S FRANKS L.  
P/O R.E.KERR  
CAN. W/O MCLENNAN D.H.  
F/S YOUNG A.E.  
F/S FOWLE L.A.  
F/S SHARP A.E.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  0727           1023

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Constructional Works, WATTEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0917 hrs. 18,500ft.  
One bomb seen to fall in woods. Aiming point covered in smoke.

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**DATE:** 31.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito VI. MS.993 (N)

**CREW:**

W/C J.B.TAIT  
CAN. S/L D.R.WALKER

**DUTY:**

Pilot  
Nav.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  1826           2208

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Rilly la Montagne. 2 x Red Spot. (Brought back- not required).

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**DATE:** 31.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito V NT.205 (L)

**CREW:**

F/O W.A.DUFFY CAN.  
F/O D.A.BELL CAN.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  1830           2207

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Rilly la Montagne. 2 x Red Spot. Made 1 run over target - marking not required.

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**DATE:** 31.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME.562 (Z)

**CREW:**

F/O J.A.SANDERS  
Sgt. NUTLEY T.H.  
P/O J.B.BARRON.

Pilot.  
F/Eng.

**DUTY:**

Nav.

CAN. P/O H.G.ALLEN  
F/S WARD A.  
Sgt. MACHIN R.  
F/S BRIARS R.A.

A/B.  
W/Op.  
MU/Gunner.  
R/Gunner.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1743            2219

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Rilly la Montagne. 1 x Tallboy. 2019 hrs. 15,900ft. Good run.

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**DATE:** 31.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III LM. 489 (L)

**CREW:**

F/O I.S. ROSS AUS.  
Sgt. WALKER W.  
F/O T.O'BRIEN  
F/S TILBY E.G.  
F/S JENKINSON K.  
Sgt. KING C.T.  
P/O A.F.MCKELLAR.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1758            2221

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Rilly la Montagne. 1 x Tallboy. Could not get targets in sights. Bomb brought back.

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**DATE:** 31.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. DV.385. (A)

**CREW:**

F/O R.E.KNIGHTS  
P/O E.TWELLS  
CAN. F/O H.B.RHUDE  
P/O J.R.BELL  
NZ. F/O B.J.HOSIE  
F/S PENGELLY W.H.  
F/S DERHAM P.W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1742            2225

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Rilly La Montagne. 1 x Tallboy. Bombing run too bad to drop. Bomb brought back.

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**DATE:** 31.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I ME.557 (S)

**CREW:**  
F/L W.REID  
F/S STEWART D.G.W.  
CAN. F/O D.A.PELTIER  
P/O C.G.ROLTON  
F/O D.LUKER  
F/S HOLT A.  
W/O HUTTON J.W.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**  
                  1751            -

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Rilly la Montagne. 1 x Tallboy. Missing - nothing heard of this aircraft since take-off. *(This aircraft was hit by a bomb seconds after releasing its Tallboy. The bomb removed one of the port engines and caused major damage to the aircraft, which rolled over. The aircraft crashed at 2022 1000 metres East of Germaine. Luker and Reid escaped by parachute and were made POWs, the remainder of the crew being buried in various French cemeteries.)*

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**DATE:** 31.07.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV.391. (O)

**CREW:**  
F/L A.F.POORE  
F/S JOHNSON J.  
F/O R.A.ROBERTS  
F/O R.J.ELSEY  
F/S THOMPSON J.T.  
F/S CASTLEMAN  
F/S TOOKEY W.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**  
                  1738            2211

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Rilly la Montagne. 1 x Tallboy. 2019 hrs. 16,000ft.

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**DATE:** 31.07.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME.554 (F)

**CREW:**  
F/O R.M.STANFORD AUS  
F/S JUDSON E.  
AUS. P/O T.W.BUTLER  
AUS. W/O CLARKE G.K.  
AUS. W/O JORDON A.J.  
F/S GRIFFITHS R.D.  
AUS. P/O K.S.JEWELL  
F/O J.D. HARRISON

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger



**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         1756                            2214

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Rilly la Montagne. 1 x Tallboy. 2019 hrs. 16,300ft.

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**DATE:** 31.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster III LM.485 (N)

**CREW:**

F/O M.HAMILTON  
F/S ROOKE J.T.  
P/O J.T.JACKSON  
CAN. F/O F.C.ATKINSON  
F/S THOMPSON R.C.  
F/S DADGE J.A.  
F/S HAMILTON D.  
W/O MCLEAN T.J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         1746                            2215

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Rilly la Montagne. 1 x Tallboy. 2019 hrs. 16,300ft.

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**DATE:** 31.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I. ME.559. (Y)

**CREW:**

F/O G.S.STOUT  
Sgt. BENTING A.W.  
F/O P.INGLEBY  
CAN. F/O W.A.RUPERT  
F/S NUTTALL A.  
F/O H.W.CORNISH-UNDERWOOD  
W/O SMITH R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         1750                            2218

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Rilly La Montagne. 1 x Tallboy. 2018 hrs 16,400ft.

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**DATE:** 31.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster III LM.492. (Q)

**CREW:**

F/O E.WILLSHER  
F/S HURDISS J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O T.H.J. PLAYFORD  
P/O R.C.EVERETT  
P/O F.W.BELL  
F/S SALTER A.  
F/O G.A.WITHERICK

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1749            2224

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Rilly La Montagne. 1 x Tallboy. 2019 hrs. 16,200ft.

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**DATE:** 31.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III JB.139 (V)

**CREW:**

F/O D.H.CHENEY CAN  
F/S ROSHER J.  
P/O R.WELCH  
F/S CURTIS C.  
F/S POOL R.H.  
CAN. W/O PORTER K.R.  
P/O G.H.WAIT

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1751            2220

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Rilly la Monatagne. 1 x Tallboy. 2019 hrs. 17,200ft.

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**DATE:** 31.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III ED.763 (D)

**CREW:**

F/L C.J.G.HOWARD  
Sgt. HAWKINS A.W.  
F/O C.A.MACDONALD  
P/O L.HARTLEY  
P/O C.LUCAN  
W/O WOODS J.  
F/S CLARKE J.  
W/O BIRCH L.J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1754            2216

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Rilly la Montagne. 1 x Tallboy. 2018 hrs. 17,200ft.  
Main Force bombs hit railway 4-500 yards South of aiming point.

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**DATE:** 31.07.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV.380 (X)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L A.W.FEARN P/O T.DAVIES F/S JOHNSON H. F/O H.H.CHADWICK F/S BAKER J. F/S WILSON-WILLIAMS D. F/S PEARSON D.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1735	2217

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
Bombing Rilly la Montagne. 1 x Tallboy. 2020 hrs. 16,000ft.  
Main Force bombing all around aiming point (N).

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**DATE:** 31.07.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV.402 (P)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O F. LEVY F/S GROOM P.W. F/O C.L. FOX F/S PECK E. Sgt. MCGUIRE G.A. CAN. F/S MCNALLY A.F. Sgt. THOMAS D.G.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1753	2222

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
Bombing Rilly La Montagne. 1 x Tallboy. 2019 hrs. 16,300ft.  
Cloud of dust very close to tunnel entrance (S).

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**DATE:** 31.07.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME. 561. (R)

<b>CREW:</b> LT. H.C. KNILANS. USA. F/O K.J. RYALL CAN. P/O L.H.GELLER F/O C.G. ROGERS F/O C.L.F. KNELL F/O A.R. POOLE AUS. P/O R.A. LEARMONTH	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1738            2227

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Rilly la Montagne. 1 x Tallboy. 2019 hrs. 17,000ft.  
Three bombs seen to fall within 100 yards of aiming point (N).

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**DATE:** 31.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III DV.409 (B)

**CREW:**

F/L J.E.R. WILLIAMS

F/S SOILLEUX J.

F/O A.J. TALBOT

F/O A.B.WALKER

F/S POTTER A.E.

Sgt. SMITH A.L.

F/O R.H. PETCH

F/L T.C. IVESON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1757            2226

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Rilly La Montagne. 1 x Tallboy. Identified too late for good run.  
Bomb brought back.

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**DATE:** 31.07.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I DV.246 (U)

**CREW:**

F/O T.A.CAREY AUS.

F/S FRANKS L.

CAN. P/O F.R.BRAND

CAN. P/O D.H.MCLENNAN

F/S YOUNG A.E.

F/S FOWLE L.A.

F/S SHARPE A.E.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1752            2229

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Rilly La Montagne. 1 x Tallboy. Identified too late for good run. Bomb brought back.

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## WOODHALL SPA

01.08.44.

One Mosquito and fifteen Lancaster aircraft detailed for operations. All took off successfully. The target was a construction works at Siracourt, but all aircraft were recalled from the target by the Force Leader, as thick cloud made visual identification almost impossible. The weather at base was mainly cloudy, with moderate visibility.

02.08.44.

No operations were detailed. A small amount of bombing training was carried out. Information received from next of kin that F/S. G.H. Hobbs W/Op. of F/L. Edward's crew, is now a prisoner of war. Also, information from Red Cross Committee that F/O. L.T. Pritchard Nav. of the same crew, is a prisoner of war.

03.08.44.

No operations detailed, limited amount of flying training completed. Stand down in afternoon.

04.08.44.

One Mustang, one Mosquito, fifteen Lancaster aircraft detailed for operations, (early morning). Only fourteen Lancaster aircraft took off, "Z" (F/O. Sanders) being grounded through engine trouble. The target was a railway bridge at Etaples. The operation was only moderately successful, as cloud hampered visual observation. All aircraft returned safely. The weather at base was cloudy with drizzle and fog at first, becoming fine.

05.08.44.

Two Mosquito and fifteen Lancaster aircraft were detailed for operations, the target being the submarine pens at Brest. The operation was very successful, the weather being favourable. "L" (F/O. Gingles) returned early, owing to engine failure. "V" (F/O. D.H. Cheney) did not return, returning crews reported that the aircraft was seen to be shot down, and six members of the crew abandoning by parachute. A Fighter Command report confirmed this. The weather at base was drizzle at first, slight fog, becoming fine. Visibility was good. The members of the missing crew are shown in the summary.

*(Cheney's aircraft (JB139) was hit by Flak and crashed at 1159hrs into Douarnenez Bay. Pool was critically injured by shrapnel and although he escaped the aircraft he died of his injuries before help arrived. Cheney, Porter and Rosher evaded capture, meeting up with US forces, and Curtis was captured by the local garrison but released when they were overrun by U.S forces. Welsh, Watt and Pool lie in the St-Anne La Palud communal cemetery.)*

06.08.44.

Two Mosquito and fourteen Lancaster aircraft were detailed for operations, the target being the submarine pens at Lorient. Only twelve Lancaster aircraft took off, "C" (F/O. Ross) and "G" (F/O. Hamilton) grounded through technical trouble. The operation was successful, though heavy flak opposition was encountered. All aircraft returned safely, several being damaged. The weather at base was cloudy with slight drizzle, becoming fine, with good visibility.

07.08.44.

One Mosquito and nine Lancaster aircraft were detailed for operations, the target again being Lorient. The aircraft were recalled whilst over the target area, as it was believed that U.S.A. ground forces were at the outskirts of the port. In the morning at approx. 1100 hrs. Mosquito "N" (N.T. 202) crashed whilst at Wainfleet Bombing Range. The Pilot F/O. W.A. Duffy J.7073 and the Navigator F/O. P. Ingleby 137140 were both killed instantly. The aircraft was a complete wreck, and an Air Ministry investigation into the accident was ordered.

*(The Mosquito had carried out three runs over the Wainfleet bombing range and when pulling up into a climbing turn the Starboard engine failed, followed immediately by the break up of the port wing. The aircraft impacted shallow water on the foreshore killing both crew. Duffy had just completed his tour and lies in the Harrogate (Stonefall) Cemetery, while Ingleby lies at Coningsby. In the book "The Dambusters" Brickhill points out that this aircraft was*

*the one used by Cheshire to mark the Munich raid and the dive bombing may have overstressed the wing span, which collapsed during this dive. The aircraft crashed on the mudflats.)*

08.08.44.

No operations were detailed. A limited flying training programme was carried out. Authority was received for the resumption of forty-eight hour passes for non-aircrew personnel.

09.08.44.

One Mosquito and twelve Lancaster aircraft were detailed for operations. All took off successfully, the target being the U-boat pens at La Pallace. The attack was very successful, several direct hits being observed. All aircraft returned safely. The weather at base was fine at first, fair and cloudy later. Visibility was moderate. *(The official reports state that there was too much haze over the target to observe results.)*

10.08.44.

The body of F/O. Duffy was sent by rail to Harrogate for subsequent interment in the Regional Cemetery. The funeral of F/O. Ingleby was held at Coningsby, many of the officers and other ranks attending. No operations were detailed. A telegram of congratulations was received from AOC. for the success of the operation on the previous day.

11.08.44.

One Mosquito and fifteen Lancaster aircraft were detailed for operations. Only fourteen Lancaster aircraft took off, "C" (F/O. Ross) did not take off, as it was not bombed up in time. The target was again La Pallace, and the operation was very successful. All aircraft returned safely. "H" (S/L. Cockshott) returned early with engine trouble. The weather at base was fine at first, becoming cloudy, with good visibility. F/O. Duffy was buried at Harrogate Regional Cemetery, the members of his crew attending on behalf of the Squadron. *(This was the first of five Bomber Command raids on the U boat pens at La Pallace which resulted in the pens being abandoned as U boat pens and converted into a fortress or "Festung", to hold out against the advancing Allied forces.)*

12.08.44.

One Mosquito and ten Lancaster aircraft were detailed for operations. All aircraft took off successfully. The target was the U-boat pens at Brest. Several good bombing results were observed, all aircraft returned safely. The Squadron Commander, W/Commander Tait D.S.O., D.F.C., flew a Lancaster aircraft for the first time in this Squadron. The weather at base was cloudy with slight drizzle at first, later mainly fair with good visibility. *(The aiming point for this raid was the centre of the massive U boat pens. The Tallboys were fused with a delay of 11 seconds in the first raid on 5<sup>th</sup> August, giving the bombs time to come to a halt before exploding. On this raid the delay was reduced to half a second, implying that the longer delay was not successful. Three direct hits were observed in this raid. All the direct hits went through the roof and exploded inside the pens, causing damage which looked most impressive but which some commentators have declared did not cause as much damage as appeared.)*

13.08.44.

Operations were again detailed for early morning. One Mosquito and thirteen Lancaster aircraft took off to attack Brest once more. The attack was a success, and all aircraft returned to base. The weather was mainly fair with good visibility. *(This raid, although to Brest again, was targeting the old French battleship Clemenceau which was thought to be available for use as a block ship. The object of the raid was to destroy all large ships at Brest to prevent the harbour being blocked prior to the port's capture. Clemenceau and a medium sized tanker were sunk.)*

14.08.44.

One Mosquito and fourteen Lancaster aircraft were detailed for operations, only thirteen Lancaster aircraft took off "G" (F/O. Hamilton) grounded through engine defect. The target was Brest again. The operation was fairly successful, but heavy flak was encountered, several aircraft being damaged. J.21539 F/O. C.P. Pesme (A/B) was killed instantly when "N" (F/L. Pryor) was struck by flak. This aircraft, and all others returned to base. The weather was fair, becoming fine during the evening. Visibility was good. *(This raid was the final return to the submarine pens.)*

15.08.44.

No operations were detailed. All aircrew personnel were stood down, and the Repair and Inspection was instructed to work on repairing damaged aircraft, ready for operations on the following day.

16.08.44.

The body of F/O. Pesme was sent to Harrogate for burial. Authority was received to resume normal leave for ground staff personnel, on basis of nine days each quarter. One Mosquito and eleven Lancaster aircraft were detailed for operations. All aircraft took off successfully, "C" (F/O. Ross) returned early, as the Wireless Operator was taken ill. The operation was not a success, as there was thick cloud over the target. The Force Leader instructed crews to return to base without bombing. The weather at base was mainly fine, becoming fair during evening, with good visibility. Two new crews arrived on posting from 5 LFS. Syerston. *(This raid was to the submarine pens at La Pallace.)*

17.08.44.

Funeral of F/O. Pesme took place at Harrogate Regional Cemetery. The Squadron was represented by F/L. Kearns D.F.C., D.F.M., F/O. L.J. Sumpter D.F.C., D.F.M. and F/L. D. Rodger. One Mosquito and twelve Lancaster aircraft were detailed for operations, but take off was delayed until the following morning.

18.08.44.

Aircraft detailed on previous day all took off successfully, with exception of "H" (S/L. Cockshott). The target was again La Pallace, the attack being successful. All aircraft returned safely. The weather at base was fair at first, becoming cloudy later, with good visibility.

19.08.44.

Rain all day, prevented flying. Aircrews were stood down.

20.08.44.

Rain again prevented flying. The final of the Squash competition for the Base Commander's Trophy was held between 617 and 106 Squadron aircrew personnel.

21.08.44.

No operations were detailed. A limited flying training programme was carried out by new crews. The Squadron Commander proceeded to Group Headquarters by road for a conference.

22.08.44.

No operations detailed. The Squadron Commander assembled all ground staff personnel in the crew room, where photographs of recent raids were displayed.

23.08.44.

Poor weather in the morning prevented flying, but the weather brightened in the afternoon and an extensive training programme was carried out.

24.08.44.

One Mosquito and eight Lancaster aircraft were detailed for operations, the target being the U-boat pens at Ijmuiden, in Holland. The raid was eminently successful, several direct hits being seen. Very little opposition was encountered, and all aircraft returned safely to base. The weather at base was cloudy with slight rain at first, later showery. Visibility was moderate.

25.08.44.

No operations were detailed. Flying training was carried out. *(Almost all training during this period was in the use of the SABS automatic bomb sight.)*

26.08.44.

One Mosquito and twelve Lancaster aircraft detailed for operations, which were subsequently cancelled.

27.08.44.

One Mosquito and twelve Lancaster aircraft were detailed for operations, the target being shipping at Brest. The raid was successful, several hits being observed. Opposition was slight and all aircraft returned safely to base. The weather at base was fine, with fog at first, later cloudy, but visibility was good.

28.08.44.

Special training carried out by all available crews and aircraft. No operations detailed.

29.08.44.

No operations detailed. Flying training programme carried out. Squadron paraded to witness presentation of Soviet Award for Valour to R/L. E.B. Chandler D.F.C.

30.08.44.

Special flying training continued.

31.08.44.

Extensive training programme carried out, flying all day. Information received that F/S. McRostie A/G. of F/O. Cheney's crew, now a prisoner of war in enemy hands.

### SUMMARY

During the month of August 187 operational sorties were despatched, comprising 822 hrs. Day operational flying (no night operational flying was carried out). A total of 240 hrs. Day and 7 hrs. 35 mins. Night flying training was carried out. Of these, one aircraft was lost and forty one failed to complete their missions. A weight of 844 tons of bombs was dropped operationally.

The following Officers were posted To the Squadron during August:

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	From.	w.e.f.
171019	P/O.	R.B. YATES	A/G.	51 Base.	15.08.44
131999	F/O.	H.A. HAYWARD	A.B.	51 Base.	16.08.44
169585	F/O.	J. CASTAGNOLA	Pilot	57 Sqdn.	15.08.44
146998	F/O.	B.R. BAYNE	Nav.	5 L.F.S.	24.08.44
NZ.424044	F/O.	A.W. JOPLIN	Pilot	51 Base.	15.08.44
51110	F/O.	H.W. HONIG	A/B.	57 Sqdn.	25.08.44
126045	F/O.	R.H. WILLIAMS	Nav.	57 Sqdn.	25.08.44
171766	A/F/O.	F.W. HUCKERBY	Pilot	76 Sqdn.	25.08.44
121893	F/L.	L.S. GOODMAN	Pilot	51 Base.	16.08.44
155078	F/O.	H. WATKINSON	Nav.	51 Base.	16.08.44
151154	F/O.	F.J. GORRIDGE	Nav.	57 Sqdn.	15.08.44
159937	F/O.	C.E. GRAHEM	Nav.	5 L.F.S.	24.08.44
173273	P/O.	G.E. CANSELL	A/G.	630 Sqdn.	25.08.44
54372	F/O.	J.S. NAYLOR	F/E.	57 Sqdn.	25.08.44
103028	A/S/L.	D.R. WYNESS	Pilot	57 Sqdn.	25.08.44

The following aircrew N.C.O.'s were posted To the Squadron during August:

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	From.	w.e.f.
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1852134	F/S.	G.R. BRADBURY	A/G.	9 Sqdn.	31.07.44
1321787	Sgt.	A.S. HULBERT	A/G.	51 Base.	16.08.44
1825655	Sgt.	W. BURNETT	F/E.	51 Base.	15.08.44
1519711	F/S.	C.D. FISH	Nav.	51 Base.	15.08.44
1701244	Sgt.	N. LAMBELL	A/G.	51 Base.	15.08.44
571886	Sgt.	S.J. HENDERSON	F/E.	57 Sqdn.	15.08.44
1568526	F/S.	R. RONALD	A/G.	57 Sqdn.	15.08.44
650027	F/S.	T. HORROCKS	A/G.	57 Sqdn.	25.08.44
653395	Sgt.	D.A. JONES	W/Op.	76 Sqdn.	25.08.44
1578036	F/S.	P.L. WHITTAKER	A/G.	9 Sqdn.	15.08.44
1399988	Sgt.	H.J. BOOTH	W/Op.	51 Base.	16.08.44
1853604	Sgt.	R. LEWIS	A/G.	51 Base.	16.08.44
1549747	Sgt.	G. COOKE	W/Op.	51 Base.	15.08.44
1869272	Sgt.	F.L. TILLEY	F/E.	51 Base.	15.08.44
1437745	F/S.	N. EVANS	A/B.	57 Sqdn.	15.08.44
NZ.427280	F/S.	L. HEBBARD	A/B.	51 Base.	15.08.44
1098277	F/S.	R. ANDERSON	Nav.	29 OTU.	24.08.44

The following officers were posted FROM the Squadron during August 1944:

144447	F/O.	P.W. BUTTLE	Nav.	16 OTU	01.08.44
53561	F/O.	W.G. RADCLIFFE	F/E.	1654 C.U.	05.08.44
J.18295	F/O.	D.H. CHENEY	Pilot.	Missing	05.08.44
178240	F/O.	L.J. SUMPTER	A/B.	85 OTU.	21.08.44
170181	F/O.	J.R. GURNEY	F/E.	1661 CU.	25.08.44
A400843	F/O.	J.K. STOTT	Nav.	27 OTU.	05.08.44
137140	F/O.	P. INGLEBY	Nav.	Killed.	07.08.44
J.18464	F/O.	D.R. PEARCE	W/Op.	Repatriated.	04.08.44
NZ.405572	F/L.	R.S.D. KEARNS	Pilot.	17 OTU.	03.08.44
J.10160	F/L.	D. RODGER	A/G.	Repatriated.	23.08.44
171072	F/O.	CORNISH- UNDERWOOD	A/G.	52 Base.	26.08.44
113429	F/O.	D.J.B. WILSON	Pilot.	1661 C.U.	05.08.44
54289	P/O.	R.J. HENDERSON	F/E.	1654 C.U.	05.08.44
175644	P/O.	R. WELCH	Nav.	Missing.	05.08.44
120350	F/O.	F. RUMBLES	Nav.	53 Base.	10.08.44
174006	P/O.	J.R. BELL	A/B.	12 OTU.	24.08.44
A400897	F/L.	C.K. ASTBURY	A/B.	54 Base.	03.08.44
J.7073	F/O.	W.A. DUFFY	Pilot.	Killed.	07.08.44
J.9346	A/S/L.	J.C. McCARTHY	Pilot.	61 Base.	20.07.44
J.85812	P/O.	W.G. EVANS	A/G.	Repatriated.	04.08.44
J.21539	F/O.	C.P. PESME	A/B.	Killed.	14.08.44
J.19195	F/O.	H.B. RHUDE	Nav.	Repatriated.	29.08.44
129193	F/L.	A.R. POOLE	A/G.	83 Sqdn.	25.08.44

The following aircrew N.C.O.'s were posted From the Squadron during August 1944:

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	To.	w.e.f.
1045069	W/O.	R. BATSON	A/G.	16 OTU.	01.08.44
1347731	F/S.	J. ROSHER	F/E.	Missing.	05.08.44
1579599	F/S.	A. CURTIS	A/B.	Missing.	05.08.44
1859877	W/O.	T.J. McCLEAN	A/G.	17 OTU.	09.08.44

1398200	F/S.	W. PLEASANCE	Nav.W.	627 Sqdn.	24.08.44
1586639	F/S.	R. CLARK	Nav. W.	627 Sqdn.	24.08.44
R.149473	W/O.	K.P. PORTER	A/G.	Missing.	05.08.44
1107754	W/O.	L. EATON	W/Op.	84 OTU.	01.08.44
1382229	F/S.	R. POOL	W/Op.	Missing.	05.08.44
1605469	F/S.	D. BLAGDON	A/G.	85 OTU.	11.08.44
1816994	F/S.	D. TOOKEY	A/G.	1654 C.U.	21.08.44
1494993	F/S.	R. GRAHAM	Nav.W.	627 Sqdn.	24.08.44
1086665	F/S.	A. NUTTALL	W/Op.	5 LFS.	25.08.44
1385508	F/S.	G. RICHARDS	W/Op.	84 OTU.	29.08.44

The following personnel were appointed to commissions during August 1944:

573076	F/S.	A.M. McKIE	Nav.	w.e.f.	15.07.44
1335870	F/S.	C.H. HOUSDEN	Nav.	w.e.f.	13.07.44
1578043	Sgt.	A.W. BENTING	F/E.	w.e.f.	23.07.44
1238001	F/S.	D. COOPER	W/Op.	w.e.f.	16.07.44
1450110	F/S.	G. HOYLAND	A/B.	w.e.f.	14.07.44
1607024	F/S.	J. SOILLEUX	F/E.	w.e.f.	23.07.44
1452998	F/S.	A. HEPWORTH.	W/Op.	w.e.f.	15.07.44
610686	F/S.	P.W. DERHAM	A/G.	w.e.f.	23.07.44

The following personnel were awarded decorations during August 1944:

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	Decoration.
33291	W/Commandr.	J.B. TAIT	D.S.O., D.F.C.	2nd. Bar to D.S.O.
AUS.407729	S/L.	D.J. SHANNON	D.S.O., D.F.C.	1st. Bar to D.S.O.
NZ.405572	F/L.	R.S.D. KEARNS	Pilot	D.S.O.
1450110	F/S.	G. HOYLAND		D.F.M.
143380	F/L.	B.W. CLAYTON	D.F.C., C.G.M.	D.S.O.
573076	F/S.	A.M. McKIE	Nav.	D.F.M.

The following officers were promoted during August:

129193	F/O.	A.R. POOLE	A/G. - F/L.	26.06.44
171066	P/O.	L.G. ROLTON	A/B. - F/O.	02.07.44
130623	F/O.	M.L. HAMILTON	Pilot. - A/F/L.	19.08.44
155224	F/O.	R.E. KNIGHTS	Pilot. - A/F/L.	19.08.44
145510	F/O.	G.S. STOUT	Pilot. - A/F/L.	19.08.44
111547	F/L.	G.E. FAWKE	Pilot. - A/F/L.	14.07.44
NZ.405572	A/F/L.	R.S.D. KEARNS	Pilot. - Sub. F/L.	28.06.44
J.10160	A/F/L.	D. RODGER	A/G. - Sub. F/L.	24.08.44
J16183	F/O.	R.E. WOODS	A/B. - A/F/L.	04.08.44
J.19910	P/O.	L.H. GELLER	Nav - F/O	02/06/44
A416000	F/O.	J.D. CHAPMAN	A/G. - Temp. F/L.	25.06.44

(Certified that the above Form 540 contains extracts from Personnel Occurrence Reports.)

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT  
BY No. 617 Squadron  
FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1944

**DATE:** 01.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito.VI. MS.993. (N)

<b>CREW:</b> W/C J.B.TAIT. CAN. S/L D.R.WALKER	<b>DUTY:</b> Pilot. Nav.
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1535	1814

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
Bombing Siracourt. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 01.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. ED.763. (D)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L C.J.G.HOWARD Sgt. HAWKINS. A.W. F/O C.A.MACDONALD P/O L.HARTLEY P/O R.D.LUCAN W/O WOODS. J. F/S CLARKE. J.	<b>DUTY:</b> Pilot F/Eng. Nav. A/B. W/Air. MU/Gunner R/Gunner
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1530	1838

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
Bombing Siracourt. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 01.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.391. (O)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L A.F.POORE F/S JOHNSON. J. F/O R.A. ROBERTS F/O R.J. ELSEY F/S THOMPSON. J.T. F/S CASTLEMAN. R. F/S TOOKEY.W.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1504	1819

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
Bombing Siracourt. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 01.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. DV.409. (B)

**CREW:**  
F/L J.E.R. WILLIAMS  
F/S SOILLEUX. J.  
F/O A.J. TALBOT  
F/O A.B. WALKER  
F/S POTTER A.E.  
Sgt. SMITH. A.L.  
F/O R.H.PETCH

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1501           1823

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
Bombing Siracourt. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 01.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.385. (A)

**CREW:**  
F/O R.E. KNIGHTS  
P/O E. TWELLS  
CAN. F/O H.B. RHUDE  
P/O. J.R. BELL  
NZ. F/O B.J. HOSIE  
F/S PENGELLY. W.H.  
F/S DERHAM. P.W.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1511           1827

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
Bombing Siracourt. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 01.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.562. (Z)

**CREW:**  
F/O J.A. SANDERS  
Sgt. NUTLEY. T.H.  
P/O J.B. BARRON  
CAN. P/O H.G. ALLEN  
F/S WARD A.  
Sgt. MACHIN. R.  
F/S BRIARS. R.A.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1508            1828

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Siracourt. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 01.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. ME.561. (R)

**CREW:**

LT. H.C. KNILANS. USA.

F/O K.J. RYALL

CAN. P/O L.H. GELLER

F/O C.G. ROGERS

F/O C.L. KNELL

F/O A.R. POOLE

AUS. P/O. R.A. LEARMONTH

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1526            1832

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Siracourt. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 01.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. DV.380 (X)

**CREW:**

F/L A.W. FEARN

P/O T. DAVIES

F/S JOHNSON. H.

F/O H.H. CHADWICK

F/S BAKER. J.E.

F/S WILSON-WILLIAMS. D.

F/S PEARSON. D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1502            1816

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Siracourt. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 01.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III. LM. 485. (N)

**CREW:**

F/O M. HAMILTON

F/S ROOKE J.T.

P/O J.T. JACKSON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

CAN. F/O F.C. ATKINSON  
F/S THOMPSON. R.C.  
F/S DADGE. J.A.  
F/S HAMILTON. D.  
W/O MCLEAN. T.J.

Passenger.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1509	1820

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Siracourt. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 01.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.559. *(Y)*

**CREW:**

F/O G.S. STOUT  
Sgt. A.W. BENTING  
F/O P. INGLEBY  
CAN. F/O W.A. RUPERT  
F/S NUTTALL. A.  
F/O H.W. CORNISH-UNDERWOOD  
W/O SMITH. R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1459	1818

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Siracourt. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 01.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM. 492. *(Q)*

**CREW:**

F/O E. WILLSSHER  
F/S HURDISS. J.  
F/O T.H.PLAYFORD  
P/O R.C. EVERETT  
P/O E.W. BELL  
F/S SALTER. A.  
F/O G.A. WITHERICK

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1502	1826

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Siracourt. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 01.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. JB.139 (V)

**CREW:**  
F/O D.H. CHENEY. CAN.  
F/S ROSHER. J.  
P/O R. WELCH  
F/S CURTIS. C.  
F/S POOL. R.H.  
CAN. W/O PORTER. K.R.  
P/O G.N. WAIT

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1505           1822

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
Bombing Siracourt. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 01.08.44.

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV. 402. (P)

**CREW:**  
F/O F. LEVY  
Sgt. GROOM. P.W.  
F/O C.L. FOX  
F/S PECK. E.E.  
F/S MCGUIRE. G.A.  
CAN. F/S MCNALLY. A.F.  
Sgt. THOMAS. D.G.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1512           1831

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
Bombing Siracourt. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 01.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV. 246. (U)

**CREW:**  
F/O T.A. CAREY. AUS.  
F/S FRANKS. L.  
AUS. F/O J.L. HAGER  
CAN. P/O D.H. MCLENNAN  
F/S YOUNG. A.E.  
F/S FOWLE. L.A.  
F/S SHARP. A.E.  
AUS. F/O E.T. HALL

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1510           1830

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Siracourt. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 01.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.554. (F)

**CREW:**

F/O R.M. STANFORD. AUS.

F/S JUDSON. E.

AUS. P/O T.W. BUTLER

AUS. W/O CLARKE. G.K.

AUS. W/O JORDON. A.J.

F/S GRIFFITHS. R.D.

AUS. F/O K.S. JEWELL

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1515	1821

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Siracourt. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 01.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM. 489. (L)

**CREW:**

F/O I.S. ROSS. AUS.

Sgt. WALTER. W.

F/O T. O'BRIEN

F/S TILBY. E.G.

F/S JENKINSON. K.

Sgt. KING. C.

P/O A.F. MCKELLAR

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1500	1824

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Siracourt. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 04.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mustang. HB.837. (N)

**CREW:**

W/C J.B. TAIT

**DUTY:**

Pilot

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0932	1201



**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing a Bridge at Etaples. 2 x 500lb. L.C. Smoke. 1055 hrs. 8,000ft. to 1,500ft. Bombing was fair, but the mean point on impact was slightly to left and over. Bombs hit the bridge but did not appear to be effective. Attempted to mark the south end of the bridge with 2 x 500lb. L.C. smoke but nothing happened.

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**DATE:** 04.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito VI. NT.205. (L)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/O W.A. DUFFY. CAN.	Pilot
F/O D.A. BELL. CAN.	Nav.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0933	1211

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

As above.

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**DATE:** 04.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. ED.763. (D)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/L C.J.G. HOWARD	Pilot
Sgt. HAWKINS. A.W.	F/Eng.
F/O C.A. MACDONALD	Nav.
P/O L. HARTLEY	A/B.
P/O R.D. LUCAN	WO/Air.
W/O WOODS. J.	MU/Gunner
F/S CLARKE. J.	R/Gunner

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0848	1225

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing bridge - Etaples. 12 x 1,000 lbs. 1057 hrs. 16,500ft. Bombs fell to the west and a bit over. One stick from a later aircraft seen to straddle bridge and a bomb hit the East side.

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**DATE:** 04.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.391 (O)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/L A.F. POORE	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S JOHNSON. J.	
F/O R.A. ROBERTS	
F/O R.J. ELSEY	
F/S THOMPSON. J.T.	
F/S CASTLEMAN. R.	
F/S TOOKEY. W.	

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0843            1219

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing bridge - Etaples. 12 x 1000lbs. 1058 hrs. 15,500ft.  
Did not see result of own bombing. Almost all the bombs seen to burst were overshoots.

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**DATE:** 04.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. DV. 380. (X)

**CREW:**

F/L A.W. FEARN

P/O T. DAVIES

F/S JOHNSON. H.

F/O H.H. CHADWICK

F/S BAKER. J.E.

F/S WILSON-WILLIAMS. D.

F/S PEARSON. D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0849            1215

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing bridge - Etaples. 12 x 1000 lbs. 1058 hrs. 15,540ft.  
Estimate 90% of bombs overshoot. Our own fell in the centre of the main concentration.

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**DATE:** 04.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. ME. 561. (R)

**CREW:**

LT. H.C. KNILANS. USA.

F/O K.J. RYALL

CAN. F/O L.H. GELLER

F/O C.G. ROGERS

F/O C.L. KNELL

F/O A.R. POOLE

AUS. P/O R.A. LEARMONTH

AUS. F/L C.K. ASTBURY.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0847            1220

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing bridge - Etaples. 12 x 1,000lbs. 1058 hrs. 14,850ft. First bombing overshoot, but last sticks seemed to fall very close. Our first two bombs hit the South end of the bridge.

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**DATE:** 04.08.44.

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster LM.485. (N)

**CREW:**

F/L D.J. ORAM  
F/S HAYWOOD. R.P.  
CAN. P/O R.R. BRAND  
CAN. P/O J.H. COLE  
P/O A. DICKEN  
Sgt. WASS. E.A.  
F/S PIERSON. D.P.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  0852           1226

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Bridge - Etaples. 12 x 1000ft. 1058 hrs. 15,100ft. Our results not definitely observed.  
Main concentration was a slight overshoot. Bridge did not appear to be damaged as a result of attack.

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**DATE:** 04.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV. 385. (A)

**CREW:**

F/O R.E. KNIGHTS  
P/O E. TWELLS  
CAN. F/O H.B. RHUDE  
P/O J.K. BELL  
NZ. F/O B.J. HOSIE  
F/S PENGELLY. W.H.  
F/S DERHAM. P.W.  
F/S HAMILTON. D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  0851           1222

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Bridge - Etaples. 12 x 1,000ft. 1058 hrs. 15,300ft.  
Bombing appeared to overshoot and on port side of bridge.

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**DATE:** 04.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.559. (Y)

**CREW:**

F/O G.S. STOUT  
Sgt. BENTING. A.W.  
F/O P. INGLEBY  
CAN. F/O W.A. RUPERT  
F/L A.W. CURTIS  
F/O H.W. CORNISH-UNDERWOOD  
W/O SMITH. R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**

0842

1228

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Bridge - Etaples. 12 x 1,000 lbs. 16,350ft. Our bombs fell in the main concentration, which overshot bridge to N.W. The last three, which were released manually owing to a partial hang up fell on the South edge of the town.

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**DATE:** 04.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM.492. (Q)

**CREW:**

F/O E. WILLISHER  
F/S HURDISS. J.  
F/O T.H.J. PLAYFORD  
P/O R.C. EVERETT  
P/O F.W. BELL  
F/S SALTER A.  
F/O G.A. WITHERICK

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0835            1219

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Bridge - Etaples. 12 x 1,000 lbs. 1059 hrs. 16,000ft. First bomb in the stick undershot the bridge by about 20 yards. No further results seen. The stick went across the bridge.

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**DATE:** 04.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. JB.139.(V)

**CREW:**

F/O D.H. CHENEY. CAN.  
F/S ROSHER. J.  
P/O R. WELCH  
F/S CURTIS. C.  
F/S POOL. R.H.  
CAN. W/O PORTER. K.R.  
P/O G.N. WAIT

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0850            1218

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Bridge - Etaples. 12 x 1,000 lbs. 1058 hrs. 16,050ft. Bombs not observed. Most bombs were falling about 150 yds. West of bridge and overshooting centre of bridge. One stick straddled bridge.

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**DATE:** 04.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.402. (P)

**CREW:**

F/O A.E. KELL. AUS.  
P/O J.W. CLARK  
AUS. F/O. J.L. HAGER.  
CAN. F/O R.E. WOODS  
AUS. F/O A.L. EVANS  
AUS. W/O BIRCH. L.J.  
AUS. F/O. J.F. CHAPMAN

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          0853                   1223

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Bridge - Etaples. 12 x 1,000 lbs. 1058 hrs. 16,100ft. Main concentration was an overshoot. Our bombs straddled the bridge - no damage observed. (one bomb hung up and brought back).

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**DATE:** 04.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**                   Lancaster III. DV.246. (U)

**CREW:**

F/O F. LEVY  
Sgt. GROOM. P.W.  
F/O C.L. FOX  
F/S PECK. E.E.  
F/S MCGUIRE. G.A.  
CAN. F/S. MCNALLY. A.F.  
Sgt. THOMAS. D.G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          0846                   1227

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Bridge - Etaples. 12 x 1,000 lbs. 1057 hrs. 15,700ft. Our bomb bursts not definitely observed, but load believed to have straddled railway on Southern end of Bridge. Main concentration was a slight overshoot.

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**DATE:** 04.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**                   Lancaster III. EE.131 (B)

**CREW:**

F/L J.E.R. WILLIAMS  
F/S SOILLEUX. J.  
F/O A.J. TALBOT  
F/O A.B WALKER  
F/S A. E. POTTER  
Sgt. A.L. SMITH  
F/O R.H. PETCH

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          0854                   1221

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Bridge - Etaples. 12 x 1,000 lbs. 1058 hrs. 14,700ft.  
Stick seen to straddle but overshoot slightly. Two other sticks seen to straddle.  
One stick in town concentration in river to West. One stick across line to South.

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**DATE:** 04.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME 554

**CREW:**

F/O I.S. ROSS. AUS.

Sgt. WALTER. W.

F/O T. O'BRIEN

F/S TILBY. E.G.

F/S JENKINSON. K.

Sgt. KING. C.

P/O A.F. MCKELLAR

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0857	1217

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Bridge - Etaples. 12 x 1,000 lbs. 1058 ½ 14,550ft. The first bombing appeared to overshoot, Later the bridge was obscured by smoke.

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**DATE:** 04.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. EE.131 (B)

**CREW:**

F/O GINGLES

SGT. GALLAGHER A.

F/O G.G. BEALE

F/S HAZELL L.

W/O RILEY J.

F/L SCOTT-KIDDIE R.F.

F/O E.T. HALL AUS.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0853	1226

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Bridge - Etaples. 12 x 1,000 lbs. 1058 ½ 14,400ft. Our bombs seen to straddle the bridge.  
Main concentration was an overshoot.

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**DATE:** 05.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito VI NS.993

**CREW:**

W/C J.B. TAIT

**DUTY:**

Pilot

S/L D.R. WALKER CAN.

Nav.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1021            1354

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Submarine Pens – Brest. 4 x 100 lb Smoke. 1154 ½ 7000/4500'. Weather was fine over the Target with visibility extreme. The target was clearly visible and the B/A's should have had a good run. Bombing was extremely well concentrated and the photographs should show several direct hits.

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**DATE:** 05.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Mosquito VI NT.205

**CREW:**

F/L G.E. FAWKE  
F/O T. BENNETT

**DUTY:**

Pilot  
Nav.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1022            1353

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing submarine pens – Brest. 2 x 100 lbs smoke. Bombing was very concentrated. Pens covered with bursts and smoke. Two wide bombs seen. Marking not required.

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**DATE:** 05.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III ED.763

**CREW:**

F/L C.J.G. HOWARD  
SGT., HAWKINS A.W.  
F/O C.A. MCDONALD  
P/O L. HARTLEY  
P/O R.D. LUCAN  
W/O WOODS J.  
R/S CLARKE J.  
S/L J.V. COCKSHOTT

**DUTY:**

PILOT  
F.ENG.  
NAV.  
A/B  
WO/AIR  
M.U.  
R.G.  
PASSENGER

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0944            1400

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing submarine pens – Brest. 1 x Tallboy. 1200 18,500. Bombing was concentrated and mainly on N.W. corner of submarine pens, except for 2 undershoots in water in front of them.

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**DATE:** 05.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I DV.391

**CREW:**

F/L A.F. POORE

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F.S JOHNSON J.  
F/O R.A. ROBERTS  
F/O R.J. ELSEY  
F/S THOMPSON J.T.  
F/S CASTLEMAN R.  
F/S TOOKEY W.

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         0948                    1352

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing submarine pens – Brest. 1 x Tallboy. 1200 ½ . 17600’ Our bomb fell right on the submarine pens. Three or four direct hits by other bombs were also observed. 1 undershoot was seen. A good concentration on the whole.

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**DATE:** 05.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I DV.380

**CREW:**

F/L FEARN  
P/O T. DAVIES  
F/S JOHNSON H.  
F/O H.H. CHADWICK  
F/S BAKER J.E.  
F./S WILSON-WILLIAMS  
F/S PEARSON D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         0849                    1215

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing submarine pens – Brest. 1 x Tallboy. 1200. 17,450’ Bombing seemed very good. A large column of smoke rose to 3000’ from the SW corner of the submarine pens. Later the whole aiming point was a mass of smoke.

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**DATE:** 05.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I ME.561

**CREW:**

LT. H.C. KNILANS. USA.  
F/O K.J. RYALL  
CAN. F/O L.H. GELLER  
F/O C.G. ROGERS  
F/O C.L. KNELL  
F/O A.R POOLE  
AUS. P/O R.A. LEARMONTH  
AUS. F/L C.K. ASTBURY.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger.

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         0945                    1405



**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing submarine pens – Brest. 1 x Tallboy. 1200. 16,850' Bombing seemed very good.  
Our bomb seen to fall on A/P. About 7 others fell at the same time and seemed to be all direct hits.

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**DATE:** 05.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM.485

**CREW:**

F/L D.J. ORAM  
F/S HAYWOOD R.P.  
P/O F.R. BRAND (CAN)  
P/O J.H. COLE (CAN)  
P/O A. DICKEN  
SGT. KING C.  
F.S PEIRSON D.P.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**  
                         0946            1404

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing submarine pens – Brest. 1 x Tallboy. 1200. 17,150' We were one of the first to bomb, and our bomb appeared to hit the N.W. corner of the Pens. The other bomb seen fell in same place. The target became obscured by smoke. We saw 3 ships in harbour behind the breakwater.

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**DATE:** 05.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster DV.385

**CREW:**

F/O R.E. KNIGHTS  
P/O E. TWELLS  
CAN. F/O H.B. RHUDE  
P/O J.K. BELL  
NZ. F/O B.J. HOSIE  
F/S PENGELLY. W.H.  
F/S DERHAM. P.W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**  
                         0947            1410

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing submarine pens – Brest. 1 x Tallboy. 1201. 17,300. Bomb fell on centre of eastern half of Pens. At least three other direct hits seen.

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**DATE:** 05.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME.562

**CREW:**

F/O J.A. SANDERS

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

SGT NUTLEY T.H.  
P/O J.B. BARRON  
P/O H.G. ALLEN (CAN)  
F/S WARD A  
SGT. MACHING R.  
F./S BRIARS R.A.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0943	1401

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing submarine pens – Brest. 1 x Tallboy. 1201. 17000'. Own bomb bursts not definitely identified. 5 direct hits seen on the target. A good concentration was achieved.

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<b>DATE:</b>	05.08.44	
<b>AIRCRAFT TYPE: &amp; NUMBER:</b>		Lancaster I ME.559

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/O G.S. STOUT	AS SHOWN ABOVE
Sgt. BENTING. A.W.	
F/O P. INGLEBY	
CAN. F/O W.A. RUPERT	
F/L A.W. CURTIS	
F/O H.W. CORNISH-UNDERWOOD	
W/O SMITH. R.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0951	1422

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing submarine pens – Brest. 1 x Tallboy. 1200. 18,350' Our bomb fell on submarine pens just off the aiming point. Apart from one bomb in the water, all bombs seemed concentrated around the Aiming Point.

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<b>DATE:</b>	05.08.44	
<b>AIRCRAFT TYPE: &amp; NUMBER:</b>		Lancaster III LM.492

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/O E. WILLISHER	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S HURDISS. J.	
F/O T.H.J. PLAYFORD	
P/O R.C. EVERETT	
P/O F.W. BELL	
F/S SALTER A.	
F/O G.A. WITHERICK	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0949	1403

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing submarine pens – Brest. 1159. 18,200' 1 x Tallboy. Result of our bomb not observed.

2 direct hits observed.

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**DATE:** 05.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III JB.139

**CREW:**

F/O D.H. CHENEY. CAN.  
F/S ROSHER. J.  
P/O R. WELCH  
F/S CURTIS. C.  
F/S POOL. R.H.  
CAN. W/O PORTER. K.R.  
P/O G.N. WAIT

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    0949

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing submarine pens – Brest. Missing. Fighter Command report one aircraft shot down over Brest. Six members of crew seen to bale out over Douarneny Bay. Five over sea and one over land.

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**DATE:** 05.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I DV.402

**CREW:**

F/O A.E. KELL. AUS.  
P/O J.W. CLARK  
AUS. F/O. J.L. HAGER.  
CAN. F/O R.E. WOODS  
AUS. F/O A.L. EVANS  
AUS. W/O BIRCH. L.J.  
AUS. F/O. J.F. CHAPMAN

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    0953           1419

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing submarine pens – Brest. 1 x Tallboy. 1200. 18,450' One bomb fell dead on centre of pens, and two more very close to it.

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**DATE:** 05.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III DV.246

**CREW:**

F/O F. LEVY  
Sgt. GROOM. P.W.  
F/O C.L. FOX  
F/S PECK. E.E.  
F/S MCGUIRE. G.A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

CAN. F/S. MCNALLY. A.F.  
Sgt. THOMAS. D.G.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    0950           1408

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing submarine pens – Brest. 1 x Tallboy. 1200. 17,750' Could not observe result of own bombing. Saw 2 direct hits.

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**DATE:** 05.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster III EE.31

**CREW:**

F/L J.E.R. WILLIAMS

F/S SOILLEUX. J.

F/O A.J. TALBOT

F/O A.B WALKER

F/S A. E. POTTER

P/O A.F. MCKELLAR

F/O R.H. PETCH

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    0957           1358

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing submarine pens – Brest. 1 x Tallboy. 1200. 16,700. Run up was good but we could not observe burst.

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**DATE:** 05.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster III LM.489

**CREW:**

F/O GINGLES

SGT. GALLAGHER A.

F/O G.G. BEALE

F/S HAZELL L.

W/O RILEY J.

F/L SCOTT-KIDDIE R.F.

F/O E.T. HALL AUS.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    0954           1210

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing submarine pens – Brest. 1 x Tallboy. Mission abandoned just south of Bristol. 1130 hrs. 15,000' owing to failure of S.I. engine.

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**DATE:** 05.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME.554

**CREW:**

F/L T.C. IVESON  
SGT PHILLIPS J.D.  
F/O J.D.HARRISON  
SGT. CHANCE F.R.  
F/O A. TITTLE  
SGT SMITH A.L.  
SGT. WASS E.A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
0952 1407

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing submarine pens – Brest. 1 x Tallboy. 1200. 16,550' Aimed at corner and allowed false height setting. Bomb fell on A/P.

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**DATE:** 06.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito VI. MS.998

**CREW:**

W/C J.B. TAIT  
F/S GOSLING L.E.

**DUTY:**

PILOT  
NAV.

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1832 2215

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-Boat pens. KEROMAN. 2 Red T.I. 2023 ½ 8,000' Target was easily identified from The Ile de Croix where the bombing run commenced. Bombs fell in a quick salvo and were concentrated on the projecting span on which the pens are built. I did not see any wild bombs. Smoke prevented accurate observations.

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**DATE:** 06.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito VI NT.205

**CREW:**

F/L G.A. FAWKE  
F/O T/A BENNETT

**DUTY:**

PILOT  
NAV.

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1835 2218

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. KEROMAN. One direct hit seen, one near miss just off the southern corner and one fell off the western wall of the pens (Photo recco).

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**DATE:** 06.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM.492

**CREW:**

F/O R.E. KNIGHTS  
P/O E. TWELLS  
CAN. F/O H.B. RHUDE  
F/L C.K. ASTBURY  
NZ. F/O B.J. HOSIE  
F/S PENGELLY. W.H.  
F/S DERHAM. P.W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
0829 2232

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-Boat pens. KEROMAN. 1 x Tallboy. 20. 19½ 16,100' Direct hit. Bomb seen to hit the centre of the target. One other hit seen just to the east of ours, another in N.W. corner. Main force bombing seemed rather to the east.

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**DATE:** 06.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME.561

**CREW:**

LT. H.C. KNILANS. USA.  
F/O K.J. RYALL  
CAN. F/O L.H. GELLER  
F/O C.G. ROGERS  
F/O C.L. KNELL  
F/O A.R. POOLE  
AUS. P/O R.A. LEARMONTH

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1755 2220

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-Boat Pens KEROMAN 1 x Tallboy. 20.28. 17,250' Own bomb fell on the S.W. corner of the pens. We also saw two bombs fall on the Western tip and one on the eastern edge. The whole aiming point rapidly became covered with smoke.

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**DATE:** 06.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.402

**CREW:**

F/L FEARN  
P/O T. DAVIES  
F/S JOHNSON H.  
F/O H.H. CHADWICK  
F/S BAKER J.E.  
F./S WILSON-WILLIAMS  
F/S PEARSON D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1755            2225

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-Boat Pens. KEROMAN. 1 x Tallboy. 20.28½ 17,400' Ours was the first bomb and it fell on the N.W. corner of the pens. One seen to fall just clear of the S.E. corner

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**DATE:** 06.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I ME.562

**CREW:**

F/O J.A. SANDERS  
SGT NUTLEY T.H.  
P/O J.B. BARRON  
P/O H.G. ALLEN (CAN)  
F/S WARD A  
SGT. MACHING R.  
F/S BRIARS R.A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1755            2230

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-Boat Pens. KEROMAN. 1 x Tallboy. 20.28½ 16,050' We saw two hits on the pens, one on the north corner and one on the south.

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**DATE:** 06.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III LM.485

**CREW:**

F/L D.J. ORAM  
F/S HAYWOOD R.P.  
P/O F.R. BRAND (CAN)  
P/O J.H. COLE (CAN)  
P/O A. DICKEN  
SGT. KING C.  
F.S PEIRSON D.P.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1758            2238

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-Boat Pens. KEROMAN. 1 x Tallboy. 20.28½. 16,800' We saw the first 6 bombs go down, 5 appeared to be very near misses and one direct hit.

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**DATE:** 06.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I ME. 554

**CREW:**

F/L T.C. IVESON  
SGT PHILLIPS J.D.  
F/O J D.HARRISON  
SGT. CHANCE F.R.  
F/O A. TITTLE  
SGT SMITH A.L.  
SGT. WASS E.A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                          1804               2235

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-Boat Pens. KEROMAN. 1 x Tallboy. 20.28 16,650' Bombing appeared well concentrated and up to standard of attack on Brest.

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**DATE:** 06.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**               Lancaster I LM.489

**CREW:**

F/O GINGLES  
SGT. GALLAGHER A.  
F/O G.G. BEALE  
F/S HAZELL L.  
W/O RILEY J.  
F/L SCOTT-KIDDIE R.F.  
F/O E.T. HALL AUS.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                          1806               2236

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-Boat Pens. KEROMAN. 1 x Tallboy. 20.29. 16,200' Made a good run but so much smoke could not observe burst in our bomb.

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**DATE:** 06.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**               Lancaster I PD.238

**CREW:**

F/O T.A. CAREY. AUS.  
F/S FRANKS L.  
F.L T.J. TATE  
P/O D.H. MCCLENNAN CAN.  
F/S YOUNG A.E.  
F/S SHARP A.E.  
F/S FOWLE L.A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                          1822               2237



**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-Boat Pens. KEROMAN. 1 x Tallboy. 20.33. 17,750' Bomb jettisoned 5 miles from target and two miles out to sea owing to electrical failure.

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**DATE:** 06.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III ED.763

**CREW:**

F/L C.J.G. HOWARD  
SGT., HAWKINS A.W.  
F/O C.A. MCDONALD  
P/O L. HARTLEY  
P/O R.D. LUCAN  
W/O WOODS J.  
R/S CLARKE J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  1805           2231

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-Boat Pens. KEROMAN. 1 x Tallboy. 20.28½. 17,860' We think our own bomb fell on the N.W. corner of the pens. The first two or three bombs fell on the north edge.

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**DATE:** 06.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME.559

**CREW:**

F/O G.S. STOUT  
Sgt. BENTING. A.W.  
F/O P. INGLEBY  
CAN. F/O W.A. RUPERT  
F/S NUTTALL H.  
F/O H.W. CORNISH-UNDERWOOD  
W/O SMITH. R.  
F/O H.G. ALLEN

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

PASSENGER

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  1801           2239

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-Boat Pens. KEROMAN. 1 x Tallboy. 20.29. 16,930' Our bomb appeared to undershoot slightly but hit the south corner of the pens. One hit on N.W. corner and another on the south eastern.

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**DATE:** 06.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM.492

**CREW:**

F/O E. WILLSSHER  
F/S HURDISS. J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O T.H.J. PLAYFORD  
P/O R.C. EVERETT  
P/O F.W. BELL  
F/S SALTER A.  
F/O G.A. WITHERICK

**TIME:**               **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                          1801               2233

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-Boat Pens. KEROMAN. 1 x Tallboy. 20.28½ . 17,650' Made a good run, but bomb burst not observed. Smoke over all three sheds making exact observation impossible.

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**DATE:** 06.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III DV.246

**CREW:**

F/O A.E. KELL. AUS.  
P/O J.W. CLARK  
AUS. F/O. J.L. HAGER.  
CAN. F/O R.E. WOODS  
AUS. F/O A.L. EVANS  
AUS. W/O BIRCH. L.J.  
AUS. F/O. J.F. CHAPMAN

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**               **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                          1800               2234

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-Boat Pens. KEROMAN. 1 x Tallboy. 20.28½ . 18,200' Bomb seen to fall on extreme west edge of pens half way up it. One bomb just clear of S.W. corner.

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**DATE:** 07.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito VI.MS 993

**CREW:**

W/C J.B. TAIT

**DUTY:**

PILOT

**TIME:**               **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                          1834               1845

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing submarine pens – LORIENT. Operation abandoned.

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**DATE:** 07.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I (R)

**CREW:**

F/L C.J.G. HOWARD

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

SGT. HAWKINS  
F/L T.J. TAIT  
P/O L.HARTLEY  
P/O R.D. LUCAN  
W/O WOODS J.  
F/S CLARK. J

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                          1753               2234

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing submarine pens – LORIENT. Operation abandoned. Bomb brought back.

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**DATE:** 07.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. DV. 380           (P)

**CREW:**

F/L FEARN  
P/O T. DAVIES  
F/S JOHNSON H.  
F/O H.H. CHADWICK  
F/S BAKER J.E.  
F./S WILSON-WILLIAMS  
F/S PEARSON D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                          1744               2000

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing submarine pens – LORIENT. Operation abandoned. Bomb brought back.

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**DATE:** 07.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. DV.391           (O)

**CREW:**

F/L D.J. ORAM  
F/S HAYWOOD R.P.  
P/O F.R. BRAND (CAN)  
P/O J.H. COLE (CAN)  
P/O A. DICKEN  
SGT. KING C.  
F.S PEIRSON D.P.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                          1805               2230

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing submarine pens – LORIENT. Operation abandoned. Bomb brought back.

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**DATE:** 07.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME 554 (F)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L T.C. IVESON SGT PHILLIPS J.D. F/O J D.HARRISON SGT. CHANCE F.R. F/O A. TITTLE SGT SMITH A.L. SGT. WASS E.A.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1758	2229

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
Bombing submarine pens – LORIENT. Operation abandoned. Bomb brought back.

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**DATE:** 07.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM.492 (W)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O E. WILLISHER F/S HURDISS. J. F/O T.H.J. PLAYFORD P/O R.C. EVERETT P/O F.W. BELL F/S SALTER A. F/O G.A. WITHERICK	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1801	2236

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**  
Bombing submarine pens – LORIENT. Operation abandoned. Bomb brought back.

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**DATE:** 07.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. PD.238(H)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O GINGLES SGT. GALLAGHER A. F/O G.G. BEALE F/S HAZELL L. W/O RILEY J. F/L SCOTT-KIDDIE R.F. F/O E.T. HALL AUS.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1804	2227

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing submarine pens – LORIENT. Operation abandoned. Bomb brought back.

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**DATE:** 07.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. PD.233(G)

**CREW:**

F/O M. HAMILTON

F/S ROOKE J.T.

P/O J.T. JACKSON

F/O F.C. ATKINSON (CAN)

F/S THOMPSON R.C.

F/S DADGE J.A.

F/S HAMILTON D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  1803           2229

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing submarine pens – LORIENT. Operation abandoned. Bomb brought back.

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**DATE:** 07.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. LM.482       (Q)

**CREW:**

F/O R.E. KNIGHTS

P/O E. TWELLS

F.P.H.B. RHUDE (CAN)

F/O E.W. FINDLAY (CAN)

F/O B.J. HOSIE (NZ)

F/S PENGELLY W.H.

F/S DERHAM P.W.

F/O R.J. ALLEN

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

PASSENGER

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  1750           2232

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing submarine pens – LORIENT. Operation abandoned. Bomb brought back.

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**DATE:** 09.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.555       (C)

**CREW:**

F/O I.S. ROSS

SGT. WALTER W.

F/O T. O'BRIEN

F/S TILBY E.G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/S JENKINSON K.  
SGT. KING C.  
P/O A.F. MCKELLAR

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1759           2233

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing submarine pens – LORIENT. Operation abandoned. Bomb brought back.

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**DATE:** 09.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Mosquito VI. NT 205           (L)

**CREW:**   **DUTY:**  
W/C J.B. TAIT                                   PILOT  
F/S GOSLING L.E.                              NAV.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1048           1555

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens LA PALLICE. 2 x 120lb Smoke (not required brought back). Weather not too good. There was some loose bombing due to misidentification. Bombing was good on the whole and there appeared to be two direct hits.

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**DATE:** 09.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster III. ED.763           (Z)

**CREW:**   **DUTY:**  
F/L C.J.G. HOWARD                           AS SHOWN ABOVE  
SGT. HAWKINS  
F/L T.J. TAIT  
P/O L.HARTLEY  
P/O R.D. LUCAN  
W/O WOODS J.  
F/S CLARK. J

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    0954           1538

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens LA PALLICE. 1 x Tallboy. 1302. 17,350' Made a good run. Bomb fell among others – could not identify own burst. Saw 2 direct hits.

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**DATE:** 09.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. ME 561           (R)

**CREW:**   **DUTY:**  
F/L H.J. PRYOR                               AS SHOWN ABOVE

P/O R.J. TELFER  
F/O R.L. PINDER (CAN)  
F/O C.P. PESME (CAN)  
F/S HEPWORTH A.  
F/S COLYER A.J.  
P/O A.J. PATTERSON

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0957            1528

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens LA PALLICE. 1 x Tallboy. 1303/ 16950' Bomb hit NE corner of pen.  
First bomb just before ours was a direct hit.

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**DATE:** 09.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. DV 380            (P)

**CREW:**

F/L FEARN  
P/O T. DAVIES  
F/S JOHNSON H.  
F/O H.H. CHADWICK  
F/S BAKER J.E.  
F./S WILSON-WILLIAMS  
F/S PEARSON D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0954            1527

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens LA PALLICE. 1 x Tallboy. 1302½ 17,400' First bomb hit the SW corner of the pens. The next 3 or 4 bombs seemed to hit the A/P. Bombing generally concentrated.

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**DATE:** 09.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. DV 391            (O)

**CREW:**

F/L D.J. ORAM  
F/S HAYWOOD R.P.  
P/O F.R. BRAND (CAN)  
P/O J.H. COLE (CAN)  
P/O A. DICKEN  
F/L A.R. POOLE  
F.S PEIRSON D.P.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0955            1535

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens LA PALLICE. 1 x Tallboy. 1302. 17,700' The first bomb fell in water

very close to building on left hand side.

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**DATE:** 09.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME 554 (F)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L T.C. IVESON SGT PHILLIPS J.D. F/O J.D. HARRISON SGT. CHANCE F.R. F/O A. TITTLE SGT SMITH A.L. SGT. WASS E.A.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                          0959               1533

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens LA PALLICE. 1 x Tallboy 1301½. 17,550' First two bombs seen, one on part of dock gates to left hand corner and one direct hit in centre giving big orange flash.

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**DATE:** 09.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM.482 (Q)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O R.E. KNIGHTS P/O E. TWELLS F.P.H.B. RHUDE (CAN) F/O E.W. FINDLAY (CAN) F/O B.J. HOSIE (NZ) F/S PENGELLY W.H. F/S DERHAM P.W.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                          0948               1524

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens LA PALLICE. 1301½. 17,100' 1 x Tallboy. Bomb fell just off edge in water. Saw first bomb which fell just short on ground.

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**DATE:** 09.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM.492 (W)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O A.E. KELL. AUS. P/O J.W. CLARK AUS. F/O. J.L. HAGER. AUS. F/O K.C. MORRIESON AUS. F/O A.L. EVANS	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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AUS. A.W. SNELL  
AUS. F/O. J.F. CHAPMAN

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    0949           1537

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens LA PALLICE. 1302. 17,850' 1 x Tallboy. Our own bomb hit the aiming point. Bombing appeared very good.

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**DATE:** 09.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster III DV.246           (U)

**CREW:**   **DUTY:**  
F/O F.H.A. WATTS                           AS SHOWN ABOVE  
SGT. LUCK H.  
F/S HOUSDEN C.H.  
P/O M.L. MACKAY (CAN)  
F/S COOPER D.  
P/O R. HEGGIE  
F/S MATTHEWS G.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1001           1530

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens LA PALLICE. 1 x Tallboy. 1302 17,400 Had a good run in but did not observe burst as we turned off after bombing. After 3 bombs fell couldn't identify further bombs.

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**DATE:** 09.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. ME.562           (K)

**CREW:**   **DUTY:**  
F/O J.A. SANDERS                           AS SHOWN ABOVE  
SGT NUTLEY T.H.  
P/O J.B. BARRON  
P/O H.G. ALLEN (CAN)  
F/S WARD A  
SGT. MACHING R.  
F./S BRIARS R.A.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1012           1536

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens LA PALLICE. 1 x Tallboy. 1301½ 16,800' Bombing seemed good. One direct hit seen and another on the side.

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**DATE:** 09.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. PD.233(G)

**CREW:**

F/O M. HAMILTON  
F/S ROOKE J.T.  
P/O J.T. JACKSON  
F/O F.C. ATKINSON (CAN)  
F/S THOMPSON R.C.  
F/S DADGE J.A.  
F/S HAMILTON D.  
F/O R.J. ALLEN

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

PASSENGER

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1000            1524

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens LA PALLICE. 1 x Tallboy. 1301 16,300' Ours was second bomb to go down – direct hit, about 30 yds in from edge. Bombing seemed well concentrated. Much smoke.

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**DATE:** 09.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. PD.238 (H)

**CREW:**

F/O GINGLES  
SGT. GALLAGHER A.  
F/O G.G. BEALE  
F/S HAZELL L.  
W/O RILEY J.  
F/L SCOTT-KIDDIE R.F.  
F/O E.T. HALL AUS.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1011            1525

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens LA PALLICE. 1 x Tallboy. 1302½ 17250' Made a good run. Couldn't identify burst as 6 burst on or near target at the same time.

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**DATE:** 09.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.555 (C)

**CREW:**

F/O I.S. ROSS (AUS)  
SGT. WALTER W.  
F/O T O'BRIEN  
F/S TILBY E.G.  
F/S K. JENKINSON  
SGT. KING C.  
P/O A.F. MCKELLAR

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                      0958                       1531

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens LA PALLICE. 1 x Tallboy. 1302 18,000' Our bomb seemed to fall wide. When we bombed the target was hidden by smoke, but bombing seemed well concentrated.

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**DATE:** 11.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito VI. NT.202 (L)

**CREW:**                                        **DUTY:**  
W/C J.B. TAIT                                 PILOT  
S/L D.R. WALKER (CAN)                     NAV.

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                      1229                       1714

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. (Photos) Main force were about 10 mins late due to change in forecast winds. Bombing well concentrated and smoke was seen rising from top of pens indicating that direct hits had been scored. Flak fairly intense.

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**DATE:** 11.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. PD.238(H)

**CREW:**                                        **DUTY:**  
S/L J.V. COCKSHOTT                         AS SHOWN ABOVE  
F/S FRYER R.G.  
F/S GOSLING L.E.  
F/O BOOTH E.  
F/S BATES A.S.  
F.S BRADBURY G.R.  
W/O BIRCH L.J. (AUS)

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                      1143                       1734

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. 6 x 2000lb A.P. 1511 17,100' Some bombs hit the edge of the pens, and one stick 20 yds short of pens in water.

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**DATE:** 11.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. EE.131 (B)

**CREW:**                                        **DUTY:**  
F/L J.E.R. WILLIAMS                         AS SHOWN ABOVE  
F/S SOILLEUX. J.  
F/O A.J. TALBOT  
F/O A.B WALKER

F/S A. E. POTTER  
P/O M. ELLWOOD  
F/O R.H. PETCH

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1149            1751

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. 6 x 2000lb A.P. 1511. 16,200. Bombs straddled target – one direct hit. Bombing generally good.

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**DATE:** 11.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III. LM.485            (N)

**CREW:**

F/L H.J. PRYOR  
P/O R.J. TELFER  
F/O R.L. PINDER (CAN)  
F/O C.P. PESME (CAN)  
F/S HEPWORTH A.  
F/S COLYER A.J.  
P/O A.J. PATTERSON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1141            1724

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. 6 x 2000 lb A.P. 1511. 16500' Bombing appeared very accurate.

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**DATE:** 11.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. DV.391            (O)

**CREW:**

F/L D.J. ORAM  
F/S HAYWOOD R.P.  
P/O F.R. BRAND (CAN)  
P/O J.H. COLE (CAN)  
P/O A. DICKEN  
F/L A.R. POOLE  
F.S PEIRSON D.P.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1142            1739

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. 6 x 2000 lb A.P. 1511. 17,650. Good concentration, especially on West end of Aiming Point.

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**DATE:** 11.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.380 (P)

**CREW:**  
F/L FEARN  
P/O T. DAVIES  
F/S JOHNSON H.  
F/O H.H. CHADWICK  
F/S BAKER J.E.  
F./S WILSON-WILLIAMS  
F/S PEARSON D.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1140 1434

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. S.O. engine cut out so jettisoned bombs at position 5003 N 0300W 1325 hrs. 13000' and returned home.

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**DATE:** 11.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. ED.763 (Z)

**CREW:**  
F/L C.J.G. HOWARD  
SGT. HAWKINS  
F/L T.J. TATE  
P/O L.HARTLEY  
P/O R.D. LUCAN  
W/O WOODS J.  
F/S CLARK. J.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1137 1735

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. 6 x 2000lb A.P. 1510. 17,500' Good concentration with about 5 direct hits. Last stick direct hits, one stick straddled breakwater. Smoke covered aiming point towards end of bombing.

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**DATE:** 11.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.554 (F)

**CREW:**  
F/O T.A. CAREY. AUS.  
F/S FRANKS L.  
F/O T.A. BENNETT  
P/O D.H. MCCLENNAN CAN.  
F/S YOUNG A.E.  
F/S SHARP A.E.  
F/S FOWLE L.A.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**               **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                          1143               1736

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. 6 x 200 lb. A.P. 1511. 17,250'  
Bombing well concentrated on the pens.

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**DATE:** 11.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**               Lancaster I. PD.233               (G)

**CREW:**                                       **DUTY:**  
F/O M. HAMILTON                           AS SHOWN ABOVE  
F/S ROOKE J.T.  
P/O J.T. JACKSON  
F/O F.C. ATKINSON (CAN)  
F/S THOMPSON R.C.  
F/S DADGE J.A.  
F/S HAMILTON D.

**TIME:**               **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                          1150               1715

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. - 6 x 2000lb A.P. 1512 17,850' 4 of our 6 bombs  
fell on the eastern end of the pens. Bombing generally was concentrated.

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**DATE:** 11.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**               Lancaster III. LM.489               (A)

**CREW:**                                       **DUTY:**  
F/O GINGLES                               AS SHOWN ABOVE  
SGT. GALLAGHER A.  
F/O G.G. BEALE  
F/S HAZELL L.  
W/O RILEY J.  
F/L SCOTT-KIDDIE R.F.  
F/O E.T. HALL AUS.

**TIME:**               **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                          1159               1750

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. 6 x 2000 lb A.P. 1511. 17,700' Our bombs went  
across the NE corner of the pens. Bombing generally concentrated.

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**DATE:** 11.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**               Lancaster I. ME.562               (K)

**CREW:**                                       **DUTY:**

F/O J.A. SANDERS  
SGT NUTLEY T.H.  
P/O J.B. BARRON  
P/O H.G. ALLEN (CAN)  
F/S WARD A  
SGT. MACHIN R.  
F./S BRIARS R.A.

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1139            1844

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. 6 x 2000lb A.P. 1511. 16,350' Good concentration of bombing.

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**DATE:** 11.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III. LM.482            (Q)

**CREW:**

F/O R.E. KNIGHTS  
P/O E. TWELLS  
F.P.H.B. RHUDE (CAN)  
F/O E.W. FINDLAY (CAN)  
F/O B.J. HOSIE (NZ)  
F/S PENGELLY W.H.  
F/S DERHAM P.W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1148            1745

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. 6 x 2000 lb. A.P. 1509.30. 17,100.  
Good concentration of bombing.

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**DATE:** 11.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. ME.561            (R)

**CREW:**

F/O A.E. KELL. AUS.  
P/O J.W. CLARK  
AUS. F/O J.L. HAGER.  
AUS. F/O K.C. MORRIESON  
AUS. F/O A.L. EVANS  
AUS. A.W. SNELL  
AUS. F/O J.F. CHAPMAN

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1147            1743

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. 6 x 2000 lb. A.P. 1511. 17,050' Most of the bombs were concentrated on the aiming point. One stick hit the inner gates.

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**DATE:** 11.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. DV.246 (U)

**CREW:**

F/O F.H.A. WATTS  
SGT. LUCK H.  
F/S HOUSDEN C.H.  
P/O M.L. MACKAY (CAN)  
F/S COOPER D.  
P/O R. HEGGIE  
F/S MATTHEWS G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  1144           1744

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. 6 x 2000 lb A.P. 1511. 16,650'  
Good concentration mainly on mouth of pens.

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**DATE:** 11.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM.492 (W)

**CREW:**

F/O E. WILLISHER  
F/S HURDISS J.  
F/O T.H.J. PLAYFORD  
P/O R.C. EVERETT  
P/O F.W. BELL  
F/S SALTER A.  
F/O G.A. WITHERICK

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  1146           1800

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. 6 x 2000 lb A.P. 1511¼. 16,900'  
Good concentration – one stick seen to hit water near pens to east.

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**DATE:** 12.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. PD.238(H)

**CREW:**

S/L J.V. COCKSHOTT  
F/S FRYER R.C.  
F/S GOSLING L.E.  
P/O BOOTH E.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE



F/S BATES A.S.  
F/S BRADBURY G.R.  
W/O BIRCH L.J. (AUS)

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0701	1051

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. BREST. 1 x Tallboy. Returned early due to engine trouble.  
Bomb brought back.

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**DATE:** 12.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM.485 (N)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/L H.J. PRYOR	AS SHOWN ABOVE
P/O R.J. TELFER	
F/O R.L. PINDER (CAN)	
F/O C.P. PESME (CAN)	
F/S HEPWORTH A.	
F/S COLYER A.J.	
P/O A.J. PATTERSON	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0649	1133

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. BREST. 1 x Tallboy. 0946. 17,100' Bombing very good.  
3 direct hits seen on target.

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**DATE:** 12.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.391 (O)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/L D.J. ORAM	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S HAYWOOD R.P.	
P/O F.R. BRAND (CAN)	
P/O J.H. COLE (CAN)	
P/O A. DICKEN	
F/L A.R. POOLE	
F.S PEIRSON D.P.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0651	1142

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. BREST. 1 x Tallboy. 0946. 17,250' Good concentration of bombing.  
First three bombs direct hits. Smoke over target area.

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**DATE:** 12.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.380 (P)

<b>CREW:</b> W/C J.B. TAIT P/O T. DAVIES F/S JOHNSON H. F/O H.H. CHADWICK F/S BAKER J.E. F./S WILSON-WILLIAMS F/S PEARSON D.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0700	1130

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. BREST. 1 x Tallboy. 0948½. 17,550' 4 or 5 bombs seen to fall on pens. (W.side). Our bomb fell just off the centre of the pens.

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**DATE:** 12.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito VI. NT 202 (L)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L G.E. FAWKE F/O T.A. BENNETT	<b>DUTY:</b> PILOT NAV.
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0754	1128

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. BREST. 0952. 7,500' for photographic purposes. Bombing was excellent. All bombs hit the target except one, which hit the water at the entrance on the open side.

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**DATE:** 12.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME 555 (C)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O I.S. ROSS (AUS) SGT. WALTER W. F/O T. O'BRIEN F/S TILBY E.G. F/S JENKINSON K. SGT. KING C. P/O A.F. MCKELLAR	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0648	1147

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. BREST. 1 x Tallboy. 0946½. 16,950' Two direct hits, 1 in centre

of pen and 1 on west edge. Own bomb seen to hit pen. Bombing well concentrated with smoke only on target area.

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**DATE:** 12.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I . PD 233 (G)

**CREW:**  
F/O M. HAMILTON  
F/S ROOKE J.T.  
P/O J.T. JACKSON  
F/O F.C. ATKINSON (CAN)  
F/S THOMPSON R.C.  
F/S DADGE J.A.  
F/S HAMILTON D.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  0658           1119

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. BREST. 1 x Tallboy. 0945 $\frac{3}{4}$ . 18,700. Our bomb was first to go down and was a direct hit. Another bomb fell on the pens immediately after. Smoke then covered the target.

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**DATE:** 11.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM 489 (A)

**CREW:**  
F/O GINGLES  
SGT. GALLAGHER A.  
F/O G.G. BEALE  
F/S HAZELL L.  
W/O RILEY J.  
F/L SCOTT-KIDDIE R.F.  
F/O E.T. HALL AUS.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  0702           1134

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. BREST. 1 x Tallboy. 0946 $\frac{1}{2}$ . 16,350. Made a good run but could not observe burst owing to smoke from other bombs. Did not see any wide bombs.

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**DATE:** 12.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME 562 (K) (C?)

**CREW:**  
F/O J.A. SANDERS  
SGT NUTLEY T.H.  
P/O J.B. BARRON

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

P/O H.G. ALLEN (CAN)  
F/S WARD A  
SGT. MACHIN R.  
F/S BRIARS R.A.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0653	1132

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. BREST/ 1 x Tallboy. 0947. 17,850' Bombing appeared very well concentrated. There only appeared to be one bomb off the target and this was a near miss.

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**DATE:** 12.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. DV 246 (U)

**CREW:**

F/O F.H.A. WATTS  
SGT. LUCK H.  
F/S HOUSDEN C.H.  
P/O M.L. MACKAY (CAN)  
F/S COOPER D.  
P/O R. HEGGIE  
F/S MATTHEWS G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0654	1136

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. BREST. 1 x Tallboy. 0946. 18,000' Bombing well concentrated.

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**DATE:** 12.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME 561 (R)

**CREW:**

F/O A.E. KELL. AUS.  
P/O J.W. CLARK  
AUS. F/O. J.L. HAGER.  
AUS. F/O K.C. MORIESON  
AUS. F/O A.L. EVANS  
AUS. A.W. SNELL  
AUS. F/O. J.F. CHAPMAN

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0656	1134

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. BREST. 1 x Tallboy. 0946½. 17,400' All bombing concentrated on pens. Only one seen to go wide.

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**DATE:** 13.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito VI. NT 202 (L)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/L G.A. FAWKE	PILOT
F/O T.A. BENNETT	NAV.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0919	1238

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boats. BREST. 1115/ 9000'. Photo run. Tallboy bombing was good. Estimate three hits on the pens and one wide. The ship 'GUEYDON' was straddled by about 4 sticks. The remainder overshot. The ship was afloat at the end of the attack.

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**DATE:** 13.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. EE 146 (D)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
W/C J.B. TAIT	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. GALLAGHER A.	
F/O HAGER H.J. (AUS)	
F/O K.C. MORIESON (AUS)	
F/L L.W. CURTIS	
P/O F.W. SNELL (AUS)	
F/O J.F. CHAPMAN (AUS)	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0829	1247

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. BREST. 1 x Tallboy. 1100. 17,400' Bombing concentration on west end of pens. 2 definite hits seen on ship from 2 sticks.

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**DATE:** 13.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. PD 238 (H)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
S/L J.V. COCKSHOTT	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S FRYER R.C.	
F/S GOSLING L.E.	
P/O BOOTH E.	
F/S BATES A.S.	
F/S BRADBURY G.R.	
W/O BIRCH L.J. (AUS)	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0823	1249

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing derelict Cruiser 'GUEYDON' Brest. 12 x 1000lb A.M.N. 59 1100 16,000'  
Our stick of bombs fell as an overshoot of 75-100 yds. One stick was seen to be a very near miss along the north end.

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**DATE:** 13.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM 489 (A)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/L J.E.R. WILLIAMS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S SOILLEUX. J.	
F/O A.J. TALBOT	
F/O A.B WALKER	
F/S A. E. POTTER	
F/O A.J. WARD	
F/O R.H. PETCH	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0835	1241

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. BREST. 1 x Tallboy. 1059½ . 16,900' Our bomb fell on centre of target. One other direct hit observed on eastern end.

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**DATE:** 13.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV 391 (O)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/L D.J. ORAM	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S HAYWOOD R.P.	
P/O F.R. BRAND (CAN)	
P/O J.H. COLE (CAN)	
P/O A. DICKEN	
F/L A.R. POOLE	
F.S PEIRSON D.P.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0827	1254

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Derelict Cruiser 'GUEYDON'. Brest. 12 x 1000 lb A.M.N. 1100. 15,590.  
Bombs straddled the vessel but no damage seen.

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**DATE:** 13.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM 485 (N)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/L H.J. PRYOR	AS SHOWN ABOVE
P/O R.J. TELFER	
F/O R.L. PINDER (CAN)	

F/O C.P. PESME (CAN)  
F/S HEPWORTH A.  
F/S COLYER A.J.  
P/O A.J. PATTERSON

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0825            1240

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Derelict Cruiser 'GUEYDON' 12 x 1000 lb A.M.N. 59 1100. 16,000'  
Bombing well concentrated around the ship. One stick seen definitely to straddle the centre of the ship. Tanker seemed to be going down at stern as we left.  
At about 1101.30 both ships clear of smoke.

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**DATE:** 13.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III. ED 763            (Z)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/L C.J.G. HOWARD	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. HAWKINS	
F/L T.J. TATE	
P/O L.HARTLEY	
P/O R.D. LUCAN	
W/O WOODS J.	
F/S CLARK. J	

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0822            1248

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Derelict Cruiser 'GUEYDON' 12 x 1000 lb A.M.N. 59. 1100. 17,780'  
Our bomb straddled the bows of the target. The next two sticks overshot, but the first of one stick may have been a hit. A further stick straddled the ship.

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**DATE:** 13.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. ME 562            (K)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/O J.A. SANDERS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT NUTLEY T.H.	
P/O J.B. BARRON	
P/O H.G. ALLEN (CAN)	
F/S WARD A	
SGT. MACHIN R.	
F./S BRIARS R.A.	

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0832            1250

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Derelict Cruiser 'GUEYDON' 12 x 1000 lb A.M.N. 59. 1100. 16,700'  
Our bombs straddled ship. One stick seen to miss but others seemed to be on the ship.  
Ship smothered with smoke. Tanker was smoking.

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**DATE:** 13.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM 482 (Q)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/O R.E. KNIGHTS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
P/O E. TWELLS	
F.P.H.B. RHUDE (CAN)	
F/O E.W. FINDLAY (CAN)	
F/O B.J. HOSIE (NZ)	
F/S PENGELLY W.H.	
F/S DERHAM P.W.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0830	1255

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. BREST. 1 x Tallboy. 1100. 17,100' Our bomb fell on northern edge.

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**DATE:** 13.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. DV 246 (U)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/O F.H.A. WATTS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. LUCK H.	
F/S HOUSDEN C.H.	
P/O M.L. MACKAY (CAN)	
F/S COOPER D.	
P/O R. HEGGIE	
F/S MATTHEWS G.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0826	1223

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. BREST. 1 x Tallboy. 1100. 17,800' Bombing appeared very good.  
Our bomb landed on the A/P slightly to the east.

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**DATE:** 13.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME 561 (R)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/O E. WILLSSHER	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S HURDISS J.	
F/O T.H.J. PLAYFORD	
P/O R.C. EVERETT	



P/O F.W. BELL  
F/S SALTER A.  
F/O G.A. WITHERICK

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  0831           1245

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Derelict Cruiser. 'GUEYDON' Brest. 12 x 1000 lb A.M.N. 1100. 16,550'.  
Our bombs fell just off the northern end of the ship. One other stick seen, no line error and first bomb overshoot about 20 yds.

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**DATE:** 13.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster III. LM 492           (W)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O W.R. LEE (AUS) F/S MASON W. P/O MCKIE T. F/S HOYLAND H. F/S RICHARDS H. F/S HUNNISETTE R. P/O K.S. JEWELL (AUS)	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  0823           1246

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Derelict Cruiser. 'GUEYDON'. Brest. 12 x 1000 lb A.M.N. 59. 1100. 16,700'  
Our bombs fell across the boat.

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**DATE:** 13.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. PD 233           (G)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O M. HAMILTON F/S ROOKE J.T. P/O J.T. JACKSON F/O F.C. ATKINSON (CAN) F/S THOMPSON R.C. F/S DADGE J.A. W/O M.D. VAUGHAN	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  0836           1234

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. BREST. 1 x Tallboy. 1058. 18,400' Our bomb believed to have fallen on the northern edge of the pens. At least three direct hits were observed on the pens. The ship in the centre of the harbour (the southerly of the two) was hit and burned for several minutes.

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**DATE:** 13.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME 555 (C)

**CREW:**  
F/O I.S. ROSS (AUS)  
SGT. WALTER W.  
F/O T. O'BRIEN  
F/S TILBY E.G.  
F/S JENKINSON K.  
SGT. KING C.  
P/O A.F. MCKELLAR

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    0824           1229

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Derelict Cruiser 'GUEYDON'. 12 x 1000 lb A.M.N. 59. 1101½, 16,200' Own bombs very slightly overshoot with some bombs straddling bow or stern of ship. Smoke seen from pens area.

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**DATE:** 14.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito VI. NT 202 (L)

**CREW:**  
F/L G.A. FAWKE  
F/O T.A. BENNETT

**DUTY:**  
PILOT  
NAV.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    0920           1233

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Derelict Cruiser 'GUEYDON' 1110. 8,000' Photo recee. Our bomb seemingly hit stern of ship, no other hits seen.

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**DATE:** 14.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV 380 (P)

**CREW:**  
W/C J.B. TAIT  
SGT. GALLAGHER A.  
F/O L.H. GELLER (CAN)  
F/L C.K. ASTBURY (AUS)  
F/L L.W. CURTIS  
F/O A.J. WARD  
W/O VAUGHAN M.D.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    0838           1234

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Derelict Cruiser 'GUEYDON' 6 x 2000 lb A.M.N. 1056. 16,500' No hits seen.

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**DATE:** 14.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. PD 238 (H)

**CREW:**

S/L J.V. COCKSHOTT

F/S FRYER R.C.

F/S GOSLING L.E.

P/O BOOTH E.

F/S BATES A.S.

F/S BRADBURY G.R.

W/O BIRCH L.J. (AUS)

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          0844                   1251

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Derelict Cruiser. 'GUEYDON' 6 x 2000 lb A.P. 1056. 17,700' We were first to bomb and our own bombs fell just to the south of the target as a very near miss. No hits observed.

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**DATE:** 14.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM 485 (N)

**CREW:**

F/L H.J. PRYOR

P/O R.J. TELFER

F/O R.L. PINDER (CAN)

F/O C.P. PESME (CAN)

F/S HEPWORTH A.

F/S COLYER A.J.

P/O A.J. PATTERSON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          0833                   1240

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Derelict Cruiser 'GUEYDON' 6 x 2000 lb A.P. 1058. Hit on compass over target area. Bomb Aimer killed instantly. Bombs jettisoned.

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**DATE:** 14.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV 391 (O)

**CREW:**

F/L D.J. ORAM

F/S HAYWOOD R.P.

P/O F.R. BRAND (CAN)

P/O J.H. COLE (CAN)

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

P/O A. DICKEN  
F/L A.R. POOLE  
F.S PEIRSON D.P.

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                          0844               1254

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Derelict Cruiser 'GUEYDON'. 6 x 2000 lb A.P. 1055½ 16,800. No hits seen.

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**DATE:** 14.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. ME 561           (R)

**CREW:**   **DUTY:**  
F/L FEARN   AS SHOWN ABOVE  
P/O T. DAVIES  
F/S JOHNSON H.  
F/O H.H. CHADWICK  
F/S BAKER J.E.  
F./S WILSON-WILLIAMS  
F/S PEARSON D.

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                          0829               1250

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Derelict Cruiser 'Gueydon' 6 x 2000 lb A.P. 1056. 16,600'. Our bombs fell as a slight overshoot (about 30 yds) to the north of the ship. One near miss observed.

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**DATE:** 14.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster III. ED 763           (Z)

**CREW:**   **DUTY:**  
F/L C.J.G. HOWARD                               AS SHOWN ABOVE  
SGT. HAWKINS  
F/L T.J. TATE  
P/O L.HARTLEY  
P/O R.D. LUCAN  
W/O WOODS J.  
F/S CLARK. J

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                          0821               1249

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Derelict Cruiser 'GUEYDON' 6 x 2000 lb A.P. 1056. 16,800' Only two sticks seen to straddle the target. 1 stick was a very near miss. Most bombs were an overshoot. What was believed to be a hole in the ship's side was seen on the southern side of the ship which caused air bubbles and a lightening of the water.

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**DATE:** 14.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM 489 (A)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/L J.E.R. WILLIAMS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S SOILLEUX. J.	
F/O A.J. TALBOT	
F/O A.B WALKER	
F/S A. E. POTTER	
P/O M. ELLWOOD	
F/O R.H. PETCH	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0842	1247

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Derelict Cruiser. 'GUEYDON' 6 x 2000 lb A.P. 1058. 18,000. No results seen due to flak evasion after release of bombs.

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**DATE:** 14.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I (K)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/O J.A. SANDERS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT NUTLEY T.H.	
P/O J.B. BARRON	
P/O H.G. ALLEN (CAN)	
F/S WARD A	
SGT. MACHIN R.	
F./S BRIARS R.A.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0830	1246

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Derelict Cruiser 'GUEYDON' 6 x 2000 lb A.P. 1055. 16,200' Bombing all round ships – some hits seen.

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**DATE:** 14.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III DV 246 (U)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/O F.H.A. WATTS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. LUCK H.	
F/S HOUSDEN C.H.	
P/O M.L. MACKAY (CAN)	
F/S COOPER D.	
P/O R. HEGGIE	
F/S MATTHEWS G.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
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0840

1254

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Derelict Cruiser 'GUEYDON'. 6 x 2000 lb A.P. 1056. 17,400' No results observed due to flak evasion after bombing run.

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**DATE:** 14.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM 492 (W)

**CREW:**

F/O W.R. LEE (AUS)  
F/S MASON W.  
P/O MCKIE T.  
F/S HOYLAND H.  
F/S RICHARDS H.  
F/S HUNNISETTE R.  
P/O K.S. JEWELL (AUS)

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
0842 1210

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Derelict Cruiser 'GUEYDON' 6 x 2000 lb A.P. 1056. 16,350' Heavy flak. Pilot hit by flak, ankle injured. Aircraft landed at Beaulieu.

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**DATE:** 14.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV 402 (X)

**CREW:**

F/O E. WILLISHER  
F/S HURDISS J.  
F/O T.H.J. PLAYFORD  
P/O R.C. EVERETT  
P/O F.W. BELL  
F/S SALTER A.  
F/O G.A. WITHERICK

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
0841 1249

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Derelict Cruiser 'GUEYDON' 6 x 2000 lb A.P. 1055. 17,200' Results of our stick of bombs not observed due to flak evasion after bombing run.

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**DATE:** 14.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME 555 (C)

**CREW:**

F/O I.S. ROSS (AUS)

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

SGT. WALTER W.  
F/O T. O'BRIEN  
F/S TILBY E.G.  
F/S JENKINSON K.  
F/S GRIFFITHS L.D.  
P/O A.F. MCKELLAR

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                          0839               1243

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Derelict Cruiser 'GUEYDON' 6 x 2000 lb A/P./ 1058. 17,800. One stick straddled ship amidships and some sticks very near.

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**DATE:** 14.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**                   Lancaster III. PB 415           (C)

**CREW:**

F/O R.E. KNIGHTS  
P/O E. TWELLS  
F.P.H.B. RHUDE (CAN)  
F/O E.W. FINDLAY (CAN)  
F/O B.J. HOSIE (NZ)  
F/S PENGELLY W.H.  
F/S DERHAM P.W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                          0904               1252

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing Derelict Cruiser 'GUEYDON' 6 x 2000 lb A.P. 1059. 17,100 No hits seen.

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**DATE:** 16.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**                   Lancaster III. EE 146           (D)

**CREW:**

W/C J.B. TAIT  
SGT. GALLAGHER A.  
F/O T.J. PLAYFORD  
F/O W.A. DANIEL (CAN)  
F/L L.W. CURTIS  
F/O J.F.D. CHAPMAN  
F/O G.A. WITHERICK

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                          1627               2227

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. 6 x 2000 lbs A.P. 20.01. 17,100' We released our bombs on what we thought to be the target, seen for a brief instant through a small gap in the cloud. However, a few seconds later we just

identified the aiming point through another gap, so estimated bombs fell just over the coast line. Accurate bombing was impossible due to cloud conditions.

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**DATE:** 16.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito VI. NT 205 (L)

**CREW:**

F/L G.A. FAWKE

F/O T.A. BENNETT

**DUTY:**

PILOT

NAV.

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1742 2214

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. Photographs impossible. No bombing observed.

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**DATE:** 16.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. PD 238(H)

**CREW:**

S/L J.V. COCKSHOT

F/S FRYER R.C.

F/S GOSLING L.E.

P/O BOOTH E.

F/S BATES A.S.

F/S BRADBURY G.R.

W/O BIRCH L.J. (AUS)

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1628 2247

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. 1 x Tallboy. Mission abandoned due to cloud. Bomb brought back.

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**DATE:** 16.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. ED 763 (Z)

**CREW:**

F/L C.J.G. HOWARD

SGT. HAWKINS

F/L T.J. TATE

P/O L.HARTLEY

P/O R.D. LUCAN

W/O WOODS J.

F/S CLARK. J

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1613 2232



**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. 6 x 2000 lbs A.P. Mission abandoned due to cloud. Bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 16.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. PD 233(G)

**CREW:**

F/L FEARN

P/O T. DAVIES

F/S JOHNSON H.

F/O H.H. CHADWICK

F/S BAKER J.E.

F./S WILSON-WILLIAMS

F/S PEARSON D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          1619           2233

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. 6 x 2000 lbs A.P. Miss on abandoned. 2 bombs jettisoned. 4 bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 16.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM 485 (N)

**CREW:**

F/L H.J. PRYOR

P/O R.J. TELFER

F/O R.L. PINDER (CAN)

F?O R.E. WOOD (CAN)

F/S HEPWORTH A.

F/S COLYER A.J.

P/O A.J. PATTERSON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          1629           2221

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens LA PALLICE. 1 x Tallboy, Mission abandoned. Bomb brought back.

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**DATE:** 16.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV 391 (O)

**CREW:**

F/L D.J. ORAM

F/S HAYWOOD R.P.

P/O F.R. BRAND (CAN)

P/O J.H. COLE (CAN)

P/O A. DICKEN

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F.S PEIRSON D.P.  
F/L A.R. POOLE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1627           2250

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. 6 x 2000lb A.P. Mission abandoned due to cloud. Bombs jettisoned due to engine failure.

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**DATE:** 16.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. EM 554           (F)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O T.A. CAREY. AUS. F/S FRANKS L. F/O T.A. BENNETT P/O D.H. MCCLENNAN CAN. F/S YOUNG A.E. F/S SHARP A.E. F/S FOWLE L.A.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1618           2255

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. 6 x 2000 lbs A.P. Mission abandoned due to cloud. Bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 16.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. ME 555           (C)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O I.S. ROSS (AUS) SGT. WALTER W. F/O T. O'BRIEN F/S TILBY E.G. F/S JENKINSON K. F/S GRIFFITHS L.D. P/O A.F. MCKELLAR	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1622           1711

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-pens. LA PALLICE. 6 x 2000 lb A.P. Mission abandoned due to cloud. Bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 16.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. DM 402           (K)

**CREW:**  
F/O J.A. SANDERS  
SGT NUTLEY T.H.  
P/O J.B. BARRON  
P/O H.G. ALLEN (CAN)  
F/S WARD A  
SGT. MACHIN R.  
F./S BRIARS R.A.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1615           2236

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boats pens. LA PALLICE. 1 x Tallboy. Mission abandoned due to cloud. Bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 16.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. PB 416(V)

**CREW:**  
F/O F.H.A. WATTS  
SGT. LUCK H.  
F/S HOUSDEN C.H.  
P/O M.L. MACKAY (CAN)  
F/S COOPER D.  
P/O R. HEGGIE  
F/S MATTHEWS G.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1617           2238

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. 6 x 2000 lb A.P. Mission abandoned due to cloud. Bombs brought back.

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**DATE:** 16.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. PB 415           (S)

**CREW:**  
F/O R.E. KNIGHTS  
P/O E. TWELLS  
F.P.H.B. RHUDE (CAN)  
F/O E.W. FINDLAY (CAN)  
F/O B.J. HOSIE (NZ)  
F/S PENGELLY W.H.  
F/S DERHAM P.W.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1620           2237

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boats pens. LA PALLICE. 1 x Tallboy. Mission abandoned due to cloud. Bomb brought back.

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**DATE:** 18.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito VI. NT 205 (L)

**CREW:** F/L G.A. FAWKE  
F/O T.A. BENNETT

**DUTY:** PILOT  
NAV.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  1236           1715

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-pens. LA PALLICE. 1517. 8,000' Photographs. Bombing was well concentrated.

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**DATE:** 18.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. EE 146 (D)

**CREW:** W/C J.B. TAIT  
SGT. GALLAGHER A.  
F/O T.J. PLAYFORD  
F/O W.A. DANIEL (CAN)  
F/O A.J. WARD  
W/O VAUGHAN M.D.  
F/O J.F.D. CHAPMAN

**DUTY:** AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  1124           1714

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. 1508. 17,100' 1 x Tallboy. One bomb seen to burst on S.W. corner of pens and one on as a slight overshoot to the North.

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**DATE:** 18.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. PD 233 (G)

**CREW:** F/L FEARN  
P/O T. DAVIES  
F/S JOHNSON H.  
F/O H.H. CHADWICK  
F/S BAKER J.E.  
F/S WILSON-WILLIAMS  
F/S PEARSON D.

**DUTY:** AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  1128           1716

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. 1508. 16800' Hit just as bombs going so took violent evasive action. Bombing not observed. Extensive damage but returned to base.

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**DATE:** 18.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. EE 131 (B)

**CREW:**

F/L D.J. ORAM  
F/S HAYWOOD R.P.  
P/O F.R. BRAND (CAN)  
P/O J.H. COLE (CAN)  
P/O A. DICKEN  
F.S PEIRSON D.P.  
SGT. WHITTACKER P.L.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  1130           1732

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE/ 1 x Tallboy. 1509½ . 17500. No results observed on our own bomb, but numerous bursts seen on Western half of pens.

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**DATE:** 18.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. ED 763 (Z)

**CREW:**

F/L C.J.G. HOWARD  
SGT. HAWKINS  
F/L T.J. TATE  
P/O L.HARTLEY  
P/O R.D. LUCAN  
W/O WOODS J.  
F/S CLARK. J

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  1129           1726

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. 6 x 2000 lbs. 1509½. 17,000. Bombing very accurate.

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**DATE:** 18.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. PB 415 (S)

**CREW:**

F/O R.E. KNIGHTS  
P/O E. TWELLS  
F.P H.B. RHUDE (CAN)  
F/O E.W. FINDLAY (CAN)  
F/O B.J. HOSIE (NZ)

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/S PENGELLY W.H.  
F/S DERHAM P.W.  
F/L L.S. GOODMAN PASSENGER

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1130           1719

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. 1 x Tallboy. 1510. 17,700. Several bombs fell with ours. All seemed pretty well on the target.

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**DATE:** 18.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster III. PB 416           (V)

**CREW:**                                   **DUTY:**  
F/O F. LEVY                               AS SHOWN ABOVE  
SGT. GROOM P.W.  
F/O C.L. FOX  
F/S PECK E.E.S.  
F/S MCGUIRE G.A.  
F/S MCNALLY A.F.  
F.S THOMAS D.G.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1135           1738

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE 6 x 2000 lb A.P. 1509. 16,000' One Tallboy seen to fall on dock side about 200 yards West of pens. Bombing well concentrated.

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**DATE:** 18.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. DV 402           (X)

**CREW:**                                   **DUTY:**  
F/O F.H.A. WATTS                       AS SHOWN ABOVE  
SGT. LUCK H.  
F/S HOUSDEN C.H.  
P/O M.L. MACKAY (CAN)  
F/S COOPER D.  
F/O K.S. JEWELL  
F/S MATTHEWS G.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1132           1717

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. 1 x Tallboy. 1509½. 16,700' No results observed due to smoke.

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**DATE:** 18.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. PD 238(H)

**CREW:**  
LT. H.C. KNILANS (USA)  
F/O K.J. RYALL  
P/O L.H. GELLER (CAN)  
F/O C.G. ROGERS  
F/O C.L.F. KNELL  
F/L A.R. POOLE  
P/O R.A. LEARMONTH (AUS)  
F/O A.W. JOPLIN (NZ)

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:                    UP.                    DOWN.**  
                                 1131                    1720

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. 1509. 16400' No results observed due to smoke. A good concentration of bombing.

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**DATE:** 18.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III LM 489 (A)

**CREW:**  
F/O I.S. ROSS (AUS)  
SGT. WALTER W.  
F/O T. O'BRIEN  
F/S TILBY E.G.  
F/S JENKINSON K.  
F/S GRIFFITHS L.D.  
P/O A.F. MCKELLAR

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:                    UP.                    DOWN.**  
                                 1126                    1723

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. 6 x 2000 lbs A.P. 1509. 16,550' One Tallboy went down just ahead of our bombs. We could not see ours. Made quite a good run.

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**DATE:** 18.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME 555 (C)

**CREW:**  
F/O T.A. CAREY. AUS.  
F/S FRANKS L.  
P/O A.M. MCKIE  
P/O D.H. MCCLENNAN CAN.  
F/S YOUNG A.E.  
F/S FOWLE L.A.  
F/O G.A. WITHERICK

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         1125                            1730

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. 6 x 2000 lb A.P. 1510. 17,400' First bomb of stick undershot. Remainder of stick fell over target. Much smoke on target.

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**DATE:** 18.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster III. LM 485                    (N)

**CREW:**

F/L H.J. PRYOR  
P/O R.J. TELFER  
F/O R.L. PINDER (CAN)  
F/O R.E. WOOD (CAN)  
F/S HEPWORTH A.  
F/S COLYER A.J.  
P/O A.J. PATTERSON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         1125                            1713

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing U-boat pens. LA PALLICE. 1 x Tallboy. 1510. 18,000' One direct hit, almost in centre of A/P. roof and one hit on N.W. corner of pens. Smoke afterwards and very good concentration round A/P.

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**DATE:** 24.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**                    Mosquito VI. NT 205                    (L)

**CREW:**

F/O G.A. FAWKE  
F/O T.A. BENNETT

**DUTY:**

PILOT  
NAV.

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         1319                            1520

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E Boat Pens – IJMUIDEN. Photo recce. 1433. 4000' Two hits in water to the north, one near S.E. corner one 50 yds to South. Very big explosion at 1428 on centre of pens. Last three bombs fell into smoke near A/P.

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**DATE:** 24.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster III. EE 146                    (D)

**CREW:**

W/C J.B. TAIT  
SGT. GALLAGHER A.  
F/O L.H. GELLER (CAN)  
F/O W.A. DANIEL (CAN)  
F/O A.J. WARD

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE



W/O VAUGHAN M.D.  
F/O J.F.D. CHAPMAN

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1612           1526

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E Boat Pens – IJMUIDEN. 1 x 12000' 1427. 16350' Saw one direct hit which caused large explosion. Own bomb probably fell on North edge of pens. One slight overshoot to east. One near miss on water about 50 yds. From pen mouth and in centre of dock.

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**DATE:** 24.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster III. ED 763           (Z)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L C.J.G. HOWARD SGT. HAWKINS F/L T.J. TATE P/O L.HARTLEY P/O R.D. LUCAN W/O WOODS J. F/S CLARK. J	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1234           1523

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E Boat Pens – IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1427. 17010' We did not see our bomb hit, but saw three direct hits. One near miss and one slight overshoot. One direct hit appeared to do great damage.

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**DATE:** 24.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. PD 238(H)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L IVESON T.C. SGT. PHILLIPS J.D. F/O J.D. HARRISON SGT CHANCE F.R. F/O A. TITTLE SGT. SMITH A.L. SGT. WASS E.A. F/O R.H. PETCH	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE       PASSENGER
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**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1237           1533

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E Boat Pens – IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy 1427½. 15,900' Bombing concentrated. There appeared to be three direct hits on direct centre.

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**DATE:** 24.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. PD 233 (G)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L H.J. PRYOR P/O R.J. TELFER F/O R.L. PINDER (CAN) F/O W.A. RUPERT (CAN) F/S HEPWORTH A. F/S COLYER A.J. P/O A.J. PATTERSON	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1220	1521

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E Boat Pens – IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1428. 16650' Own bomb seen to hit centre of target. Another bomb fell at the north of the pens and two others in the pens themselves.

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**DATE:** 24.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM 489 (A)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O T.A. CAREY. AUS. F/S FRANKS L. P/O A.M. MCKIE P/O D.H. MCCLENNAN CAN. F/S YOUNG A.E. F/S SHARP A.W. F/O G.A. WITHERICK	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1222	1525

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E Boat Pens – IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1428. 16000' 2 explosions took place at same time, both were hits on the pens. One on centre and the other on N.W. edge.

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**DATE:** 24.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. EE 131 (B)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O I.S. ROSS (AUS) SGT. WALTER W. F/O T. O'BRIEN F/S TILBY E.G. F/S JENKINSON K. F/S GRIFFITHS L.D. P/O A.F. MCKELLAR	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1223            1528

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E Boat Pens – IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1426½. 16800' One direct hit in centre of pens seen. Our bomb hit the N.W. corner of the pens. Two near misses also seen. The target soon became obscured by smoke.

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**DATE:** 24.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III. PB 415            (S)

**CREW:**

F/O F.H.A. WATTS

F/O K.J. RYALL

F/S HOUSDEN C.H.

P/O M.L. MACKAY (CAN)

F/S COOPER D.

F/O K.S. JEWELL

F/S MATTHEWS G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1224            1527

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E Boat Pens – IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1426¾. 16500' First 4 Tallboys seen: 1<sup>st</sup> on S.E. corner on pens, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in dock about 100 yards from mouth of pens, 4<sup>th</sup> a direct hit after which there was a large explosion.

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**DATE:** 24.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III. PB 416            (V)

**CREW:**

F/O F. LEVY

SGT. GROOM P.W.

F/O C.L. FOX

F/S PECK E.E.S.

F/S MCGUIRE G.A.

F/S MCNALLY A.F.

F.S THOMAS D.G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1214            1526

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing E Boat Pens – IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1427¾. 16200' About three bombs dropped at the same time, one of which was a direct hit on centre of pens. Bombing was mainly accurate.

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**DATE:** 27.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. NF 923(M)

**CREW:**  
F/L C.J.G. HOWARD  
SGT. HAWKINS  
F/L T.J. TATE  
P/O L.HARTLEY  
P/O R.D. LUCAN  
W/O WOODS J.  
F/S CLARK. J

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.                   DOWN.**  
                  1404                   1829

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Shipping, BREST. 12 x 1000lb. 1639½. 16800' A good concentration of bombs – results of our bombs not identified from the remainder. At least one direct hit was observed. A small fire started but it soon died down.

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**DATE:** 27.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**                   Lancaster III. DV 246                   (U)

**CREW:**  
F/O F.H.A. WATTS  
F/S CHERRINGTON A.W.  
F/S HOUSDEN C.H.  
P/O M.L. MACKAY (CAN)  
F/S COOPER D.  
F/O K.S. JEWELL  
F/S MATTHEWS G.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.                   DOWN.**  
                  1405                   1823

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Shipping, BREST. 12 x 1000lb. 1639. 17700' Bombing scattered round the target. One hit seen. Target soon obscured by smoke.

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**DATE:** 27.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**                   Mosquito VI. NT 205                   (L)

**CREW:**  
F/L G.A. FAWKE  
F/O T.A. BENNETT

**DUTY:**  
PILOT  
NAV.

**TIME:           UP.                   DOWN.**  
                  1445                   1820

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Shipping, BREST. Photo recce. 1648 & 1653. Two sticks fell across the boat. Rest of bombing was slightly scattered. 9 Squadron bombing was good. Ship was somewhat down by the bows at end.

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**DATE:** 27.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. PB 415 (S)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O R.E. KNIGHTS P/O E. TWELLS F/O T.H.J. PLAYFORD F/O A.J. WALKER F/O B.J. HOSIE (NZ) F/S PENGELLY W.H. F/S DERHAM P.W.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1406	1830

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Shipping, BREST. 12 x 1000lb. 1639. 17550' Bombing clustered round ship. 2 hits seen.

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**DATE:** 27.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. PB 416 (V)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O F. LEVY SGT. GROOM P.W. F/O C.L. FOX F/S PECK E.E.S. F/S MCGUIRE G.A. F/S MCNALLY A.F. F.S THOMAS D.G.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1401	1833

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Shipping, BREST. 12 x 1000lb. 1638½. 16950' Bombing seemed close to ship. Some hits seen and target appeared to be on fire for a time.

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**DATE:** 27.08.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM 492 (W)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O G.S. STOUT F/S SOILLEUX J. F/O C.E. M. GRAHAM F.O W. RUPERT (CAN) F/O R.J. ALLEN F/S WHITTAKER F.L. F/O R.H. PETCH	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
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1402

1834

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Shipping, BREST. 12 x 1000lb. 1697. 16330' Bombing appeared good, for range but not for line. No direct hits seen.

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**DATE:** 27.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV 402 (K)

**CREW:**

F/O J. CASTAGNOLA  
SGT. HENDERSON S.J.  
F/O F.J. GORRINGE  
F/S EVANS N.  
F/S EAVES A.T.  
F/S BLANCHE J.J.  
F/S RONALD J.K.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1357 1831

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Shipping, BREST. 12 x 1000 lb. 1639. 16600' Results of our bombs not identified due to concentration. 3 direct hits seen. Orange explosion caused by direct hit.

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**DATE:** 27.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM 489 (A)

**CREW:**

F/L H.J. PRYOR  
P/O R.J. TELFER  
F/O R.L. PINDER (CAN)  
P/O G HOYLAND  
F/S HEPWORTH A.  
F/S COLYER A.J.  
P/O A.J. PATTERSON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1355 1836

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Shipping, BREST. 12 x 1000 lb. 1639. 16500' Bombing seemed to be all round boat. One direct hit seen. Target obscured by smoke early in attack. 9 Squadron got direct hit on their target with first stick.

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**DATE:** 27.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. PD 233 (G)

**CREW:**

F/O M. HAMILTON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/S ROOKE L.S.  
F/O JACKSON J.T.  
F/O ATKINSON F.C.  
SGT. THOMPSON J.T.  
F/S DADGE J.A.  
F/S HUNNISETTE R.W.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1400            1822

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Shipping, BREST. 12 x 1000lb 1639½. 18600. No results of our bombs observed. 2 sticks appeared to fall across the hulk. One caused an orange explosion. The ship was still afloat when we left. Bombs were not flying very accurately. *(An interesting comment!)*

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**DATE:** 27.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. PD 238(H)

**CREW:**

F/L IVESON T.C.  
SGT. PHILLIPS J.D.  
F/O J.D. HARRISON  
SGT CHANCE F.R.  
F/O A. TITTLE  
P/O M. ELLWOOD  
SGT. WASS E.A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1400            1827

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Shipping, BREST. 12 x 1000lb. 1638½. 17850' One hit seen out of six sticks and target became obscured by smoke. The vessel was seen to be on fire.

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**DATE:** 27.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. ME 554            (F)

**CREW:**

F/O A.W. JOPLIN  
SGT. TILLEY F.L.  
SGT FISH C.D.  
SGT. HEBBARD S.  
SGT. COOKE G.  
P/O M.B. YATES  
SGT LAMBELL N.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1356            1824

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Shipping, BREST. 12 x 1000 lb. 1638. 17250' Bombing seemed very close to target which became obscured by smoke

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**DATE:** 27.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. EE 131 (B)

**CREW:**

F/L. L.G. GOODMAN  
SGT. BURNETT  
F/O H. WATKINSON  
F/O H. HAYWARD  
SGT. BOOTH H.J.C.  
SGT. HULBERT A.S.  
SGT. LEWIS R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          1355           1839

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Shipping, BREST. 12 x 1000 lb. 1640. 17400' Bombing appeared to be all round the target, which was obscured by smoke

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**DATE:** 27.08.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. EE 146 (D)

**CREW:**

W/C J.B. TAIT  
SGT. GALLAGHER A.  
F/O L.H. GELLER (CAN)  
F/O W.A. DANIEL (CAN)  
F/O A.J. WARD  
P/O R.A. LEARMONTH  
P/O M.D. VAUGHAN

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          1359           1826

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT:**

Bombing, Shipping, BREST. 12 x 1000 lb. 1639. 17100' No results observed due to concentration. Two or three sticks seen to burst across the target – at least one direct hit observed, but the ship was still afloat when we left the area.

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OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK  
No. 617 Squadron

WOODHALL SPA

01.09.44

No operations detailed. Extensive training programme completed.

02.09.44

Bad weather limited flying, but some training was carried out.

*(This training was to test the maximum range that the loaded Lancaster could achieve, with a view to bombing the Tirpitz. At maximum range three crews were sent out to fly around the British Isles with a full fuel load and a bomb to ascertain their maximum range while another three were sent out with no bomb and half tanks to ascertain the return range. The sums did not add up and AVM Corchran decided that the range could be reduced by flying from Russia)*

03.09.44

5th Anniversary of outbreak of war. Bad weather again limited flying, but some special training was carried out. The Secretary of State for Air, Sir Archibald Sinclair landed and visited the Station.

04.09.44

Flying training continued. F/O. Cheney (missing 05.08.44) returned to the Squadron.

05.09.44

Extensive flying and bombing training by crews. Large night flying programme carried out. Recommendations for non-immediate to honours and awards made.

06.09.44

Station Commander's 100 parade in morning detailed, but cancelled owing to large night flying programme on previous day. Squadron Commander paid visit to Bardney (*9 Sqn's home base*).

07.09.44

Rain all day so no flying possible. P.T. arranged for all aircrew personnel, cancelled owing to weather conditions.

08.09.44

Inspection of all senior N.C.O.'s bunks by Station Commander.

Seventeen crews from Bardney plus nineteen crews of 617 Squadron were given a secret lecture by the A.O.C. *(The two Squadrons were to fly to Russia carrying their Tallboys and attack the Tirpitz from Yagodnik a Russian base about twenty miles from Archangel. While 9 Sqn were not proficient in the use of the SABs bomb sight they were almost as good using their Mk XIV sight. Two Liberators with ground support equipment were to fly with them.)*

09.09.44

Crews on P.T. in the morning; standing by in the afternoon.

Announcement made that Wing Commander G.L. Cheshire D.S.O., D.F.C., has been awarded the Victoria Cross.

10.09.44

Crews still standing by for Secret operations. Certain ground staff personnel were detailed to accompany the aircraft.

11.09.44

Twenty Lancaster aircraft detailed for a special operation. All took off successfully landing at an advanced base.

Weather - fine, becoming fair. Moderate visibility.

*The two Squadrons landed at Lossiemouth to refuel before flying on to Russia. The flight was long and dangerous and to the limits of the fuel carried, with no navigation aids, and resulted in most planes landing with little or virtually no*

*fuel left in the tanks. Two 617 and four 9 Sqn aircraft were lost when they came down in the wilderness but there were no crew casualties. Knilans and Iveson landed in a field and both managed to take off later and fly back to Yagodnik although Knilans' aircraft was damaged as it hit trees on take off. Both take offs would have been easy had it not been for the bomb loads carried!)*

12.09.44

Remaining aircrews carried out training programme. Ground crew personnel engaged in re-painting living quarters.

13.09.44

Small amount of training by new crews. 1061336 L.A.C. Aiken killed in road accident at 2300 hrs. (cycling, collision with omnibus).

14.09.44

F/L. Goodman and crew and ground staff personnel flew to Boscombe Down on special attachment. Very little flying by remaining crews.

15.09.44

Inquest held at Station on L.A.C. Aiken (Verdict accidental death). Arrangements made for funeral at Coningsby.

16.09.44

A slight amount of flying training was carried out. Seventeen Lancaster aircraft taking off from a Base in Russia, bombed the "Tirpitz" in Alten Fiord; landing at Lossiemouth. It was not possible to assess the results owing to the smoke screen put up by the enemy. *(The raid was carried out from Yagodnik but the German early warning systems warned of the attack in good time for the ground smoke screen to be activated and take effect which ruined accurate bombing. The aircraft returned to Yagodnik.)*

17.09.44

Battle of Britain 5th Anniversary. 617 Squadron personnel attended church parade to commemorate this event. Some of the detached aircraft returned to Base. F/O. Levy and crew, plus P/O. Naylor and F/O. Shea failed to return. A small amount of bombing training was completed. *(Levy hit high ground near Nesbyn, 180 Km NW of Oslo. All aboard were killed and buried in Nesbyn (Halligdall) cemetery. Naylor and Shea were of Wyness's crew and flying as passengers. All of Levy's crew were Jewish.)*

18.09.44

More aircraft returned from Archangel, Russia. Normal aircrew leave re-commenced.

19.09.44

Small amount of flying training carried out.

20.09.44

W/Commander. Beard (54 Base) inspected the Administration section, and was satisfied that the Orderly Room was run smoothly and efficiently. Very little flying. Two more crews returned to Base from Russia. F/L. J.E.R. Williams and F/L. A.W. Fearn detached to Lulsgate Bottom for Staff Instructor's course.

21.09.44

Foggy in morning; no flying. Very little flying in afternoon. F/O. R.E. Knights returned from Russia (last crew). F/O J.H. Leavitt and crew detached to Boscombe Down.

22.09.44

Number of crews on leave now ten. Three crews recalled. Very little training carried out.

23.09.44

Eleven aircraft detailed for operations. Bombing Dortmund-Ems Canal - Munster. Very successful. Small amount of training carried out. Weather at base - fair, becoming cloudy with slight rain during evening. *(This raid was to the Dortmund-Ems canal to breach the banks. Using Cheshire's marking technique the bombing was accurate and the banks of the canal breached, causing much delay to the transport of war materials. Tait lost an engine shortly after take off but continued to the target. Night fighters got amongst the returning bombers and 14 of 136 participating Lancasters were lost.)*

24.09.44

Heavy rain all day - no flying. F/L. G.S. Stout and crew missing from Operations. (Munster) F/O. Leavitt and crew returned from R.A.F. Boscombe Down. *(Stout did not bomb because of poor weather and on his way home with his Tallboy was intercepted by a fighter, which knocked out three engines and started a bomb bay fire. The crew abandoned the aircraft which crashed onto the Vordense Binnenweg in Holland, close to a house at Lochem(Gelderland). Stout was killed and is buried at Lochem new general cemetery. Graham, son of Major General Sir Miles Graham KBE, CB, MC and Lady Evelyn Graham, lies in Arnheim Oosterbeek War cemetery. Bening died of injuries a few days later and lies in Enschede Eastern general cemetery. Rupert and Petch evaded capture, escaping back home, while Allen and Whittaker became POWs.)*

25.09.44

Flying training carried out. Nominal rolls made for proposed posting of all ground staff personnel to Base H. Quarterly muster of Secret and Confidential Documents carried out by Base Cypher Officer.

26.09.44

Night flying programme detailed (four aircraft). Day flying programme for 0830 hrs. 27.09.44 detailed. (five aircraft) Little day flying. F/L. T.T. Iverson detached to R.A.F. Scampton for course.

27.09.44

Small amount of flying carried out. Aircrew played football in afternoon. Small flying programme laid on for 1000 hrs tomorrow. Station Commander's Parade cancelled. G/Capt. inspected Tech. Site.

28.09.44

Flying training carried out. F/L C. Howard and crew proceeded to Farnborough - tour of S.A.B.S. factory.

29.09.44

Flying training carried out.

30.09.44

All personnel classified for release in accordance with AMO.A. 943/44. Extensive programme of flying carried out.

#### SUMMARY

During the month of September 1944, thirty one operational sorties were despatched, comprising 508.25 hrs day and 55.15 hrs night operational flying. A total of 277.00 hrs day and 76.05 hrs night flying training was carried out. Of this total two aircraft were lost and two crashed in Russia and were written off. Nine failed to complete their missions. A weight of 120 1/2 tons of bombs was dropped operationally.

The following Officers were posted To the Squadron during September 1944:

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	From.	w.e.f.
182412	P/O.	B.F. KENT	GD.G.	467 Sqdn.	01.09.44
146633	F/O.	D.C. SHEA	GD.S.	1661 C.U.	04.09.44

153630	F/O.	R.F. WITHAMS	GD.N.	5 LFS.	08.09.44
A.427006	A/F/O.	P.H. MARTIN	GD.	61 Sqdn.	01.09.44
A.410748	F/O.	E.G. STROM	GD.N.	467 Sqdn.	01.09.44
150394	F/O.	M.B. FLATMAN	GD.	5 LFS.	26.09.44
172515	P/O.	K.C. KINK	GD.G.	5 LFS.	26.09.44
NZ.414614	A/F/L.	B.A. GUMBLEY	GD.	5 LFS.	29.09.44
162964	F/O.	J.L. KUMBAY	GD.B.	1660 C.U.	29.09.44
142865	A/F/L.	I.M. MARSHALL	GD.	1654 C.U.	29.09.44
134673	F/O.	J.C. RANDON	GD.B.	51 Base.	29.09.44
155097	F/O.	K. GILL	GD.N.	5 LFS.	29.09.44
179869	P/O.	K.L. JOHNSON	GD.FE.	1660 C.U.	01.09.44
137432	F/O.	J.H. LEAVITT	GD.	5 LFS.	08.09.44
126555	F/L.	E. ARMSTRONG	GD.G.	1654 C.U.	10.09.44
A.414844	A/F/L.	J.L. SAYERS	GD.	467 Sqdn.	01.09.44
161023	F/O.	H.J. RIDING	GD.S.	51 Base.	29.09.44
153937	F/O.	G.E. KELLY	GD.B.	5 LFS.	26.09.44
154259	F/O.	G. MACKIE	GD.N.	5 LFS.	26.09.44
147920	F/O.	K. NEWBY	GD.N.	1660 C.U.	29.09.44
51331	F/O.	G.W. BALE	GD.G.	1690BDTF.	29.09.44
173865	P/O.	S.V. GRIMES	GD.S.	1661 C.U.	29.09.44
53823	F/O.	G.A. BARNETT	GD.FE.	5 LFS.	29.09.44

The following Airmen Aircrew were posted To the Squadron during September 1944:

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	From.	w.e.f.
658979	F/S	A. JACKSON	Nav.	61 Sqdn.	01.09.44
1386572	F/S	D.A. DAY	A/B.	61 Sqdn.	01.09.44
2209553	Sgt.	H. MAYOH	A/G.	61 Sqdn.	01.09.44
995295	Sgt	J. DALEY	A/G.	5 LFS.	08.09.44
1478900	Sgt	H. GRIFFIN	F/Eng.	5 LFS.	08.09.44
1605385	Sgt	C. COLE	W/Air.	5 LFS.	08.09.44
A.414740	F/S	E.W. WEAVER	A/B.	467 Sqdn.	01.09.44
1825207	Sgt	R.M. ROSS	F/Eng.	5 LFS.	26.09.44
1542847	Sgt	A.S. HARWOOD	W/Air.	5 LFS.	26.09.44
1003227	F/S	G. BELL	A/G.	51 Base.	19.09.44
936913	Sgt.	J. BLAGBROUGH	F/Eng.	61 Sqdn.	01.09.44
1426659	Sgt.	J.A. TREBILCOCK	A/B.	61 Sqdn.	01.09.44
1576710	F/S	F.E. HOWKINS	W/Air.	467 Sqdn.	01.09.44
1376710	Sgt	P. GOLDIE	A/G.	5 LFS.	08.09.44
1602091	Sgt	D.A. OLDMAN	A/B.	5 LFS.	08.09.44
A.424774	F/S	G.M. LOVATT	W/Air.	61 Sqdn.	01.09.44
A.427426	F/S	R.P. BARRY	A/G.	467 Sqdn.	01.09.44
1378859	W/O	G. BENSON	A/G.	5 LFS.	26.09.44
1167680	F/S	F. CHOLESTON	F/Eng.	51 Base.	29.09.44
1497486	F/S	J. KENSWICK	A/G.	51 Base.	29.09.44

The undermentioned Officers were posted From the Squadron during September 1944:

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	To.	w.e.f.
155224	F/O	E. WILLSHER	GD.	5 L.F.S.	01.09.44
A.406976	F/O	E.T. HALL	GD.S.	5 L.F.S.	01.09.44
173683	P/O	F.W. BELL	GD.S.	16 OTU.	02.09.44

A.405951	P/O	W.T. BUTLER	GD.N.	29 OTU.	03.09.44
122814	F/L	E.B. CHANDLER	GD.G.	84 OTU.	03.09.44
182738	P/O	A.E. POTTER	GD S.	54 Base.	03.09.44
109369	F/L	A.F. POORE	GD.	5 LFS.	13.09.44
J.26722	F/O	E.W. FINLEY	GD.B.	A.C.R.C.	09.09.44
J.88571	P/O	A.F. McNALLY	GD.G.	War Cas.	17.09.44
160142	F/O	F. LEVY	GD.	War Cas.	17.09.44
146633	F/O	D.C. SHEA	GD.G.	War Cas.	17.09.44
52101	F/O	R.J. ALLEN	GD.S.	War Cas.	24.09.44
159927	F/O	C.E.M. GRAHEM	GD.N.	War Cas.	24.09.44
145510	A/F/E	G.S. STOUT	GD.	War Cas.	24.09.44
174048	P/O	R.C. EVERETT	GD.B.	14 OTU.	01.09.44
176672	P/O	J.W. CLARK	GD.FE.	1661 C.U.	02.09.44
A.414544	F/O	A.L. EVANS	GD.S.	17 OTU.	02.09.44
J.19910	F/O	L.E. GELLER	GD.N.	54 Base.	30.08.44
133728	F/O	G.G. BEALE	GD.N.	12 OTU.	03.09.44
54203	F/O	T. DAVIES	GD.FE.	1660 C.U.	08.09.44
136882	F/O	H.H. CHADWICK	GD.B.	1660 C.U.	14.09.44
161642	F/O	C.L. KNELL	GD.S.	5 LFS.	21.09.44
138131	F/O	C.L. FOX	GD.N.	War Cas.	17.09.44
54372	P/O	J.F. NAYLOR	GD.FE.	War Cas.	17.09.44
J.27691	F/O	W.A. RUPERT	GD.B.	War Cas.	24.09.44
182038	P/O	A.W. BENTING	GD.FE.	War Cas.	24.09.44
50189	F/O	R.H. PETCH	GD.G.	War cas.	24.09.44

The undermentioned Airmen Aircrew were posted From the Squadron during September 1944:

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	To.	w.e.f.
1853640	Sgt	C.T. KING	A/G.	A.C.R.C.	31.08.44
745115	W/O	R. SMITH	A/G.	C.G.S.	11.09.44
1458311	F/S	A.J. JOHNSON	F/Eng.	1661 C.U.	17.09.44
1345937	F/S	McGUIRE	W/Air.	War Cas.	17.09.44
1814429	Sgt	GROOM	F/Eng.	War Cas.	17.09.44
A.410599	W/O	A.J.B. JORDON	W/Air.	27 OTU.	03.09.44
1545941	F/S	E. JUDSON	F/Eng.	5 LFS.	01.09.44
1812535	F/S	D. WILSON- WILLIAMS	A/G.	5 LFS.	14.09.44
1338511	F/S	PECK	A/B.	War Cas.	17.09.44
1499060	F/S	THOMAS	A/G.	War Cas.	17.09.44
1587046	F/S	G. WHITTAKER	A/G.	War Cas.	04.09.44
1386165	F/S	D. PEARSON	A/G.	1654 C.U.	27.09.44

The following personnel were appointed to Commissions during September 1944:

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	w.e.f.
R.205173	F/S	A.F. McNALLY	A/G.	04.08.44
A.424744	F/S	G.M. LOVATT	W/Air.	21.08.44
1437745	F/S	N. EVANS	A/B.	08.08.44
576710	F/S	F.E. HOWKINS	W/Air.	16.08.44
A.427426	F/S	R.P. BARRY	A/G.	14.07.44
1451195	F/S	A.E. POTTER	W/Air.	15.08.44
1568526	F/S	J.K. RONALD	A/G.	21.08.44

The following personnel were awarded decorations during September 1944:

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	Decoration.
J.86733	P/O	J.H. COLE	GD.B.	D.F.C.
179617	P/O	G. HOYLAND	GD.B.	D.F.M.
55810	P/O	A.M. McKIE	GD.N.	D.F.M.
149930	F/O	D.T. WATKINS	GD.G.	D.F.C.

The following Officers were promoted during September 1944:

170181	P/O	J.R. GURNEY	GD.FE. - F/O.	w.e.f.	02.06.44
171180	P/O	E. TWELLS	GD.FE.	w.e.f.	02.06.44
160142	A/F/O	F. LEVY	GD.	w.e.f.	28.06.44
53675	F/O	K.J. RIALI	GD.FE. - A/F/L.	w.e.f.	23.08.44
126045	F/O	R.H. WILLIAMS	GD.N. - F/L.	w.e.f.	11.07.44
54203	F/O	T. DAVIES	GD.FE. - F/O.	w.e.f.	09.07.44
170762	A/F/O	F.H.A. WATTS	GD. - F/O.	w.e.f.	13.06.44
54542	P/O	H.ELLWOOD	GD.S. - F/O.	w.e.f.	29.07.44
154371	P/O	J.F. NAYLOR	GD.FE. - F/O.	w.e.f.	11.08.44
173273	P/O	G.E. CANSSELL	GD.G. - F/O.	w.e.f.	09.08.44
171766	A/F/O	F.W. HUCKERBY	GD. - F/O.	w.e.f.	07.08.44
171019	P/O	R.B. YATES	GD.G. - F/O.	w.e.f.	12.08.44
173075	P/O	A.J. PATTERSON	GD.G. - F/O.	w.e.f.	16.08.44
174079	P/O	R.J.A. TELFER	GD.FE. - F/O.	w.e.f.	16.08.44

(Certified that the above Form 540 contains extracts from Personnel Occurrence Reports.)

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT  
BY No. 617 Squadron  
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1944

**DATE:** 11.09.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. EE.146 (D)

**CREW:**

W/C J.B.TAIT.  
SGT. GALLAGHER.A.W.  
F/O B.R.BAYNE.  
CAN.F/O.W.A.DANIEL.  
F/O A.J.WARD.  
-  
W/O VAUGHAN.M.D.

**DUTY:**

Pilot.  
F/Eng.  
Nav.  
A/B.  
W/Op.  
MU/Gunner.  
R/Gunner.

**TIME:** UP. 1902 DOWN. 0139

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing "TIRPITZ", Alten Fiord. (Via Russia). 1 x Tallboy. 1 R.T.I. No.4. 1 x 120lb smoke bomb. 1 Marker Marine.Mk.2. 1256 DBST. 15,000ft. No results observed because of smoke screen. One large explosion seen but this could not be placed. (1 Red T.I. No.4: 1 x 120lb Smoke bomb, 1 Marker Marine Mk.2 brought back)

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**DATE:** 11.09.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM.489 (A)

**CREW:**

F/O J.GINGLES.  
F/S MASON.W.  
F/S JOHNSON.H.  
F/S HAZELL.L  
W/O RILEY.J.  
F/L SCOTT-KIDDIE.R.F.  
F/S HUNNISSETTE.R.W.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  1910           0130

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing "TIRPITZ", Alten Fiord. (via Russia). 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb, owing to target being completely obscured by smoke screen. Bomb returned to Yagodnik.

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**DATE:** 11.09.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. EE.131 (B)

**CREW:**

F/O I.S. ROSS (AUS)  
Sgt. WINTER.W.  
F/S JACKSON.A.  
F/S TILBY.E.G.  
F/S JENKINSON.K.  
F/S GRIFFITHS.R.D.  
P/O A.F.McKELLAR

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  1906           0610

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing "TIRPITZ", Alten Fiord. 1 x Tallboy. Aircraft crash landed in Russia and was unable to participate in the operation. (Aircraft written off C at E.)

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**DATE:** 11.09.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. NF.920 (E)

**CREW:**

F/O D.W.CAREY(AUS)  
F/S FRANKS L.  
P/O A.M.McKIE

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

CAN.P/O D.H.McLENNAN  
F/S YOUNG.A.E.  
F/O G.A.WITHERICK  
F/S SHARP.A.E.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1911            1555

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing "TIRPITZ", Alten Fiord. (Via Russia). 12 J.W.Mines. This aircraft was badly damaged by flak prior to reaching advanced base. Returned to home base on 20.09.44. Mines were taken by ME.554 "F" to target. This aircraft had to jettison own bombs before reaching advanced base.

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**DATE:** 11.09.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. ME.554. (F)

**CREW:**

F/L T.T.IVISON  
Sgt. PHILLIPS.J.D.  
F/O J.D.HARRISON  
F/S CHANCE.F.R.  
F/O A.TITTLE  
Sgt. SMITH.A.L.  
Sgt. WASS E.A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1907            0124

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing "TIRPITZ", Alten Fiord. (via Russia). 12 J.W.Mines. 13041/2 DBST. 11,800ft. Target completely obscured by smoke screen. (Own bombs were jettisoned before reaching Russian Base, so took mines from NF.920, which was damaged by flak).

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**DATE:** 11.09.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. PD.233 (G)

**CREW:**

F/L M.HAMILTON  
F/S ROOKE.J.P.  
P/O J.T.JACKSON  
CAN.F/O F.C.ATKINSON  
F/S THOMPSON.R.C.  
F/S DADGE.J.W.  
F/Sgt. HAMILTON.D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1914            1356

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**



Bombing "TIRPITZ", Alten Fiord. (via Russia). 1 x Tallboy. One big explosion seen about 20-30 yds. to port of target, but no direct hit seen. After three runs during which Tallboy hung up, we dropped in four miles S. of target at 1415 hrs. from 15,000ft. Tallboy hung up over target.

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**DATE:** 11.09.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. PD.238 (H)

**CREW:**

S/L J.V.COCKSHOTT  
F/S FRYER.R.C.  
F/S GOSLING.L.E.  
P/O E.BOOTH  
F/S BATES.A.S.  
F/S BRADBURY.G.R.  
AUS.W/O BIRCH.L.J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1910 0201

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing "TIRPITZ", Alten Fiord. (via Russia). 1 x Tallboy. 1 R.T.I. No.4. 1 x 120lb Smoke bomb. 1 Marker Marine Mk.2. Owing to target being completely obscured by smoke screen on run in - did not bomb. Ran over target at 1357 hrs. (local time). No hits observed. (Bombs and markers brought back).

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**DATE:** 11.09.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.405 (J)

**CREW:**

S/L G.E.FRANKE  
F/S A.W.CHERRINGTON.A.W.  
F/O T.BENNETT  
CAN.F/L R.E.WOODS  
P/O M.ELLWOOD  
F/O R.M.HEGGIE  
AUS.F/O P.H.MARTIN

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1903 0205

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing "TIRPITZ", Alten Fiord. (via Russia). 1 x Tallboy. 1 x 120lb smoke bomb. 1 Marker marine Mk.2. 1305 DBST. 15,600ft. Bombed estimated position of ship and concentration of flak bursts in smoke. Only one burst seen which gave large explosion and cloud of smoke. Other flames seen but results obscured by smoke screen. (Smoke bomb, Marine Marker and Red T.I. brought back.)

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**DATE:** 11.09.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.562 (K)

**CREW:**

**DUTY:**

F/O J.A.SAUNDERS  
Sgt. NUTLEY.T.H.  
P/O J.B.BARRON  
CAN.P/O H.G.ALLEN  
F/S WARD.A.  
F/S BRIARS R.A.  
F/S MACHIN.R.

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1904            0207

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing "TIRPITZ", Alten Fiord. (via Russia). 12 J.W. Mines. 1404 DBST. 11,350ft.  
Aiming point in sights. Assessment of bombing impossible owing to smoke screen.

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**DATE:** 11.09.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. NF.923 (M)

**CREW:**

F/L C.J.G.HOWARD  
Sgt. F.C.HAWKINS. F.C.  
F/L T.J.TATE  
P/O L.HARTLEY  
P/O R.D.LUCAN  
W/O WOODS.J.  
F/S CLARKE.J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1915            1140

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing "TIRPITZ", Alten Fiord. (via Russia). 1 x Tallboy. 1256 DBST. 16,000ft. Run commenced on ship, which soon became obscured by smoke from screen. Bombed on flashes from ships guns. Five bombs seen to explode in area of ship.

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**DATE:** 11.09.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III. LN.485 (N)

**CREW:**

F/O F.H.A.WATTS  
SGT. LUCK.H.  
P/O C.H.HOUSDEN  
CAN.P/O M.L.MCKAY  
P/O D.COOPER  
F/S MATTHEWS.G.  
Sgt. TREBILCOCK.T.J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1905            1314

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing "TIRPITZ", Alten Fiord. (via Russia) 12.J.W.Mines. 1304 DBST. 12,000ft. Smoke screen prevented assessment of attack.

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**DATE:** 11.09.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.391 (O)

**CREW:**

F/L R.E.KNIGHTS  
P/O E.TWELLS  
F/O T.J.PLAYFORD  
F/O A.L.WALKER  
NZ.F/O B.J.HOSIE  
W/O PENGELLY.W.H.  
F/O P.W.DERHAM

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  1858           1710

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing "TIRPITZ", Alten Fiord. (via Russia). 1 x Tallboy. In spite of doing three bombing runs we were unable to see target owing to smoke screen. 1 x Tallboy returned to Yagodnik.

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**DATE:** 11.09.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LH.482 (Q)

**CREW:**

F/O A.E.KELL (AUS)  
F/O J.SOILLEUX  
F/O J.L.HAGER (AUS)  
F/O K.C.MORIESON (AUS)  
F/S LOVATT.A.M (AUS)  
F/O K.S.JEWELL (AUS)  
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**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  1857           2059

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing "TIRPITZ", Alten Fiord. . (via Russia) 1 x Tallboy. 1256. 17,400ft. The target was in the graticle on the commencement of the run up, but before the release, the vessel was obscured by the smoke screen. Impossible to assess results of bombing.

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**DATE:** 11.09.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.561 (R)

**CREW:**

F/L G.S.STOUT

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

P/O E BENTING  
F/O O.E.M.GRAHAM  
F/O W.A.RUPERT (CAN)  
F/O R.J.ALLEN  
F/S WHITTAKER  
F/O R.H.PETCH

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1937            0140

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing "TIRPITZ", Alten Fiord. . (via Russia) 1 x Tallboy. 1256 DBST. 14,200ft. Explosions seen in neighbourhood of ship but results obscured by smoke. After bombing was over there was a column of black smoke rising above the smoke screen.

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**DATE:** 11.09.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III. PB.415 (S)

**CREW:**

F/O J.CASTAGNOLA  
Sgt. HENDERSON.S.J.  
F/O GORRINGE.F.J.  
F/S EVANS.N.  
F/S EAVES.W.T.  
F/S SALTER.R.E.  
F/S RONALD.J.K.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1859            0155

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing "TIRPITZ", Alten Fiord. (via Russia). 1 x Tallboy. 1358. DBST. 17,500ft. Made two bombing runs. Hung up on the first run. The target was already partially obscured when we bombed. We estimate we overshot about 20-30 yards. Several bombs fell near, but assessment impossible owing to smoke screen.

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**DATE:** 11.09.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III. DV.346 (U)

**CREW:**

F/L H.J.PRYOR  
P/O R.J.TELFER  
F/O R.L.PINDER (CAN)  
F/O G.HOYLAND  
P/O A.HEPWORTH.  
P/O A.J.PATTERSON  
F/S COLYER.A.J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1856            0046

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing "TIRPITZ", Alten Fiord. (via Russia). 1 x Tallboy. 1256. DBST. 14,400ft. Impossible to assess owing to smoke screen.

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**DATE:** 11.09.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. PB.416 (*I*)

**CREW:**

F/O F. LEVY  
SGT. GROOM. P.W.  
P/O C.E. FOX  
F/S PECK. E.E.S.  
F/S MCGUIRE. G.A.  
P/O A.F.MCNALLY (CAN)  
F/S THOMAS.D.G.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1912 -

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing "TIRPITZ", Alten Fiord. (via Russia). 12 J.W.Mines. This aircraft was lost on the return from Yagodnik to Base on the 17th Sept 1944. An acknowledgement for a Q.D.F. from Dyce was received at 0121 hrs. GMT. Nothing else was heard from this aircraft.

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**DATE:** 11.09.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM.492 (*W*)

**CREW:**

LT H.C.KNILANS (USA)  
F/L K.J.RYALL  
CAN.F/O D.A.BELL  
F/O C.G.ROGERS  
F/L L.W.CURTIS  
F/S BLANCHE.J.J.  
AUS.F/O R.A. LEARMONTH

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1900 1338

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing "TIRPITZ", Alten Fiord. (via Russia). 1 x Tallboy. 1300 DBST. 13000ft. Bomb bursts seen through smoke but no actual results seen.

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**DATE:** 11.09.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.559

**CREW:**

S/L D.R.WYNESS  
P/O J.S.NAYLOR

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/L R.H.WILLIAMS  
F/O H.W.HONIG  
F/O D.C.SHEA  
F/S HORROCKS.T.  
P/O G.E.CANSELL

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1901           0540

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing "TIRPITZ", Alten Fiord. 12 J.W.Mines. Aircraft crash landed in Russia (*Kegostrov*) and unable to participate in this operation. (Aircraft written off Cat E.)

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**DATE:** 11.09.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster III. ED.763           (Z)

**CREW:**                                   **DUTY:**  
F/L D.J.ORAM                               AS SHOWN ABOVE  
F/S R.P.HAYWOOD  
CAN.P/O F.R.BRAND  
CAN.P/O J.H.COLE  
P/O A.DICKEN  
F/O D.T.WATKINS  
F/S PEIRSON.DP.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1909           1607

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing "TIRPITZ", Alten Fiord. (via Russia). 1 x Tallboy. 1256 DBST. 15,400ft.  
No results observed but bombs seen to be bursting around position of the ship. Damaged by flak.

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**DATE:** 23.09.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster III. LM.405           (N)

**CREW:**                                   **DUTY:**  
W/C J.B.TAIT                               AS SHOWN ABOVE  
F/S HURDISS.T.J.  
W/O ANDERSON.S.  
F/O C.G.ROGERS  
SGT. JONES.D.A.  
F/L ARMSTRONG.E.N.  
F/L CHAPMAN.J.E.D. (AUS)

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1920           0017

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing. Aqueduct, Dortmund Ems Canal. 1 x Tallboy. 2204 hrs. 7,500ft. No results observed.

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**DATE:** 23.09.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. NF.923(M)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L G.S.STOUT P/O A.W.BENTING F/O C.E.N.GRAHAM CAN.F/O W.A.RUPERT F/O R.J.ALLEN F/S WHITTAKER.P.L. F/O PETCH.R.H.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1918	-

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing Aqueduct. Dortmund Ems Canal. 1 x Tallboy. MISSING. Nothing heard of this aircraft.

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**DATE:** 23.09.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.562 (K)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O J.A.SANDERS Sgt. NUTLEY.T.H. P/O J.B.BARRON CAN.F/O H.G.ALLEN F/S WARD.A. F/S MACHIN.R. F/S BRIARS.R.A.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1913	2343

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing Aqueduct, Dortmund Ems Canal. 1 x Tallboy. Unable to bomb owing to cloud. Bomb bought back.

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**DATE:** 23.09.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.380 (P)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O P.H.MARTIN Sgt. BLAGBROUGH.J. F/S JACKSON.A. F/S DAY.D.A. AUS.P/O G.M.LOVATT Sgt. MAYOH.H. Sgt. TREBILCOCK.T.J.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
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1917

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**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing Aqueduct, Dortmund Ems Canal. 1 x Tallboy. 2212 hrs. 8,000ft. Saw Red T.I. first at about 2146 hrs. Dropped on sixth run. Own bomb aimed at edge of T.I. and would fall near or on new Aqueduct.

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**DATE:** 23.09.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM.489 (A)

**CREW:**

S/L J.V.COCKSHOTT

F/S FRYER.

F/S GOSLING.L.H.

P/O BOOTH.E.

F/S BATES.A.S.

F/S BRADBURY.G.R.

AUS.W/O BIRCH.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1906 2352

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing Aqueduct, Dortmund Ems Canal. 1 x Tallboy. 2157 hrs. 8,000ft. Owing to delay could not observe burst.

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**DATE:** 23.09.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.554 (F)

**CREW:**

F/L T.T.IVISON

SGT. PHILLPS.J.D.

F/O HARRISON .J.D.

F/S CHANCE.F.R.

F/O TITTLE.A.

SGT. SMITH.A.L.

Sgt. WASS.E.A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1915 2350

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing Aqueduct, Dortmund Ems Canal. 1 x Tallboy. 2145 hrs. 16,000ft. Saw red T.I. clearly at 2142 hrs. Made run on this but about 15 seconds before intended bombing, T.I. disappeared under cloud. Made two more runs but could not pick up T.I. again. Called off. Bomb brought back.

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**DATE:** 23.09.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I.ME.555(C)

**CREW:**

F/L M.HAMILTON

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE



F/S ROOKE.J.P.  
P/O JACKSON.J.T.  
F/O F.S. ATKINSON (CAN)  
F/S THOMPSON.R.C.  
F/S DADGE.J.A.  
F/S HAMILTON.D.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1925            2357

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing Aqueduct, Dortmund Ems Canal. 1 x Tallboy. 2204 hrs. 8,000ft. No results observed.

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**DATE:** 23.09.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. DV.402            (X)

<b>CREW:</b> S/L D.R.WYNESS SGT. TILLEY.F. F/L R.H.WILLIAMS F/S BAKER.J.E. F/O H.W.HONIG F/S HORROCKS.T. P/O G.R.CANSELL	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1909            2354

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing Aqueduct. Dortmund Ems Canal. 1 x Tallboy. 2148 hrs. / 2154 hrs.. 12 – 14,000ft.  
Saw red T.I. first at 2147 hrs. and made three good runs but cloud obscured T.I. Ordered to come down to 12,000ft do one more run and if unable to bomb T.I. Bomb brought back.

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**DATE:** 23.09.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III. LM.482            (Q)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L J.L.SAYERS P/O JOHNSON.V.L. F/O E.G.STROM (AUS) F/S HOWKINS.F.E. F/S WEAVER.E.W. P/O B.F.KENT P/O R.P.BARRY (AUS)	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         1919            0019

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing Aqueduct, Dortmund Ems Canal. 1 x Tallboy. Over target 2145 hrs. – 2215 hrs. Saw red T.I. made five runs but during final run red T.I. burnt out. Unable to make satisfactory runs due to u/s compasses.

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**DATE:** 23.09.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.559 (Y)

**CREW:**

F/O J.CASTAGNOLA  
SGT. HENDERSON.S.J.  
F/O F.J.GORRINGE  
F/S EAVES.W.T.  
P/O EVANS.N.  
F/S SALTER.R.E.  
P/O J.K.RONALD

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1909 0009

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing Aqueduct Dortmund Ems Canal. 1 x Tallboy. 2208 hrs. 8,000ft. Made a really good run at 8,000ft after making several attempts at various heights on our way down from 15,000ft. We could have made a run at 15,000ft at 2145 hrs. but had no instructions.

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**DATE:** 23.09.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.393 (T)

**CREW:**

F/LT D.J.ORAM  
F/S HAYWOOD.R.P.  
P/O F.R.BRAND (CAN)  
P/O J.N.COLE (CAN)  
P/O N.DICKEN  
F/O D.T.WATKINS  
F/S PEIRSON.D.P.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1912 0014

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing Aqueduct, Dortmund Ems Canal. 1 x Tallboy. 2216 hrs. 7,000ft. Fair concentration of 1000 lb. Bombs seen on T.I.

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OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK  
No. 617 Squadron

WOODHALL SPA

01.10.44

Extensive flying programme.

02.10.44

Early morning training carried out. A programme of bombing training was also carried out. Operations detailed for following day. (Early morning).

03.10.44

Two Mosquito and eight Lancasters took off in afternoon for an operation against the Sea Wall at Westkapelle (Holland). All aircraft returned with bombs as another force of aircraft had already bombed the target. Weather - fair with good visibility. *(This raid was to support ground operations against Walcheren Island. Much of the island was below sea level and the plan was to breach the sea wall and allow the sea to flood the island and much of the defences. In the event the normal bombers breached the sea wall and 617 with its valuable Tallboys returned to base)*

04.10.44

Weather was such that it did not permit flying in the morning. Some training was carried out in the afternoon. Thirteen Lancaster aircraft were detailed for a special operation on the following day.

05.10.44

Weather prevented operations, after crews had been standing by all day. Little flying training.

06.10.44

Crews were again standing by for operations but did not take-off.

07.10.44

Posting instructions were received from Records Office to post all non-flying personnel to H.Q. 54 Base. Thirteen aircraft took off to attack the Kembs Barrage, Nr. Basle. The operation was successful and the Dam was wrecked. Two Lancaster aircraft failed to return. Three aircraft were damaged. Weather, Fair becoming cloudy by mid-day, with slight rain between 2200 hrs. & 2300 hrs. Moderate to good visibility. *(This raid was to destroy the Kembs Dam lockgates which it was feared would be opened to inundate the Ruhr valley near Mulhouse where there was likely to be an Allied advance. The plan was for 8 Lancasters to circle, bomb and draw Flak from 8000ft while 6 more bombed from low level (below 1000ft) to place their Tallboys with delayed action fuses close to the lock gates. Mustangs would attack the Flak positions with machine gun and rocket fire. The plan worked, the lock gates were put out of commission but two Lancasters were shot down at low level. Wyness's aircraft was hit at 600ft, on fire and with two engines U/S he flew North before ditching near the Franco-German border at Chalampe. It is believed that all survived but lost their lives later that afternoon. Wyness and Hosie rest in Choloy war cemetery, two are buried in Durnbash war cemetery and the remainder are commemorated on the Runnymede memorial.)*

08.10.44

Little flying carried out, owing to bad weather. F/L. T.C. Iveson recommended for S/Ldr. Flight Commander vacancy, caused by the loss of S/Ldr. D.R.C. Wyness on operations.

09.10.44

Rain all day prevented any flying.

*(The Tirpitz was reported to have suffered some damage and had been moved to Tromso which potentially put her within range of 617 Sqn if special modifications were made to the aircraft.)*

10.10.44

Flying training programme carried out. F/Lt. R.F. Scott-Kiddie attended an investiture to receive the D.F.C.

11.10.44

Base Commander A/Cmdr. Sharpe attended the Station Commander's Parade and made a speech on his departure from the Base. Football match took place between Officers and N.C.O.'s. Sgt. Jones apprehended in London. Absent without leave.

12.10.44

Small flying training programme carried out.

13.10.44

Administrative conference held at Base Headquarters, to discuss the rendering of Ration Returns.  
Bad weather limited special flying training.

14.10.44

Flying training carried out in early part of day. Four cross country flights carried out at night.

15.10.44

Extensive flying programme carried out. Pilots played against Navigators in a football match.  
*(The training being carried out during this period was to complete the conversion of the Squadron aircraft to the fly the maximum possible range. Modification involved removal of the mid upper turrets and many other internal fittings and the addition of ex-Vickers Wellington bomber aircraft overload tanks, increasing fuel capacity to 2406 gallons, and allowed the operation on the 29<sup>th</sup> at 2,250 mile range to go ahead. It was also thought that changing the engines for Merlin MK24s, of which a few were available throughout 5 Group, would assist, and a programme of tracking these engines down and swooping them began and ran over the next few days.)*

6.10.44

Weather limited flying. Stand down in afternoon.

17.10.44

Small flying programme carried out.

18.10.44

Small flying programme carried out.

19.10.44

Small flying programme carried out.  
*(Testing engines, assessing fuel economy and reliability of the modified aircraft.)*

20.10.44

Weather very bad. 40 m.p.h. gale. Party at Petwood, Officers Mess. A.O.C. 5 Group attended.

21.10.44

Very little flying possible owing to adverse weather.

22.10.44

Aircrew of 617 Squadron took part in a route march in the afternoon.

23.10.44

Very little flying by day owing to adverse weather. Night flying programme carried out.

24.10.44

Very little flying carried out. W/Commander J.B. Tait attended Court Martial at R.A.F. Station Fielbeck.

25.10.44

Small amount of flying. The Station Commander's Parade was attended by Aircrew only. All defaulters were instructed to report at 1700 hrs. each evening until further notice.

26.10.44

Extensive flying programme was carried out.

27.10.44

Preparations made for operations scheduled for following day. Little flying. New pay increments were made.

28.10.44

Twenty Lancaster aircraft took off to an advanced base for a special operation. F/Lt. Dobson and crew were also detached to advanced base as reserve. Weather at Base - fine but cloudy about dawn. Visibility poor.

*(The Squadron aircraft moved to Lossiemouth as their advanced base for this operation.)*

29.10.44

Nineteen aircraft took off from advanced base to attack German Battleship "Tirpitz". F/O Carey and crew landed in Sweden and were interned. One direct hit on ship.

30.10.44

Eighteen aircraft returned from advanced base, including F/Lt. Dobson and crew.

31.10.44

The remaining two aircraft returned from advanced base.

#### SUMMARY

During the month of October 1944, Forty two operational sorties (Forty Lancaster and two Mosquito) were despatched, comprising 96.20 hrs. Day and 248.20 hrs. Night. operational flying. A total of 397.15 hrs. Day and 49.25 hrs. Night flying training was carried out. Of these two aircraft were lost and one interned in Sweden and were written off. Eight Lancasters and two Mosquitos failed to complete their mission owing to target having been attacked by other aircraft prior to their arrival in target area. A weight of 160 1/2 tons of bombs was dropped operationally.

The following Officers were posted To the Squadron during October 1944:

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	From.	w.e.f.
161023	F/O	H.J. RIDING	GD.S.	51 Base.	29.09.44
162964	F/O	J.L. RUMGAY	GD.B.	1660 C.U.	29.09.44
142865	A/F/L	I.M. MARSHALL	GD.	1654 C.U.	29.09.44
109371	F/L	B.J. DOBSON	GD.	44 Sqdn.	14.10.44
148467	F/O	H. ELLIS	GD.N.	1668 C.U.	19.10.44
160522	F/O	D.E. FREEMAN	GD.S.	1660 C.U.	19.10.44
136403	A/F/L	S.A. ANNING	GD.	44 Sqdn.	14.10.44
152739	F/O	R. VALENTINE	GD.B.	44 Sqdn.	14.10.44
147920	F/O	K. NEWBY	GD.N.	1660C.U.	29.09.44
51331	F/O	D.W. BALE	GD.G.	1690B.D.T.F.	29.09.44
145806	F/O	T.S. COOK	GD.G.	1690B.D.T.F.	29.09.44
183565	P/O	A.K. JOHNSTONE	GD.B.	44 Sqdn.	14.01.44
174282	F/O	J. WATSON	GD.G.	1668C.U.	19.10.44
174050	P/O	R. WILKINSON	GD.G.	5 LFS.	19.10.44
172367	F/O	J. SLATER	GD.S.	44 Sqdn.	14.10.44
J.88794	P/O	W.J. DRY	GD.G.	44 Sqdn.	14.10.44

The following Airman Aircrew were posted To the Squadron during October 1944:

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	From.	w.e.f.
NZ.422096	W/O	F. CARWELL	Nav.	44 Sqdn.	14.10.44
1167680	F/S	F. CHOLERTON	F/Eng.	51 Base.	29.09.44
1672871	F/S	W. JOHNSON	F/Eng.	5 L.F.S.	19.10.44
1055312	Sgt	A.T. MacKENZIE	F/Eng.	44 Sqdn.	14.10.44
1809630	F/S	H.W. FELTON	F/Eng.	5 L.F.S.	19.10.44
1053024	W/O	J.B. FORSHAW	W/Air.	1654C.U.	19.10.44
1581768	F/S	F.J. SNEDKER	F/Eng.	44 Sqdn.	14.10.44
655355	W/O	A.G. LAMMAS	W/Air.	57 Sqdn.	23.10.44
A.424521	F/S	R.J. EDGE	W/Air.	33 Sqdn.	14.10.44
1005002	F/S	A.L. WINSTON	F/Eng.	5 L.F.S.	19.10.44
1737142	F/S	A.V. SNAPE	A/G.	44 Sqdn.	14.10.44
647384	F/S	A.D. TIREL	A/G.	1660 C.U.	19.10.44
1383334	W/O	S.J. WEBB	A/G.	5 LFS.	19.10.44
1493916	Sgt	S.J. VANCE	A/G.	44 Sqdn.	14.10.44
1877167	F/S	D.E. RETTER	A/G.	44 Sqdn.	14.10.44

The following Officers were posted From the Squadron during October 1944:

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	From.	w.e.f.
132870	F/O	R.J. ELSEY	GD.B.	1661C.U.	01.10.44
178002	P/O	E.A. HARTLEY	GD.B.	War Cas.	07.10.44
104406	F/L	C.J.G.HOWARD	GD.	War Cas.	07.10.44
177738	P/O	R.D.LUCAN	GD.S.	War Cas.	07.10.44
126045	F/L	R.H.WILLIAMS	GD.B.	War Cas.	07.10.44
149930	F/O	D.T. WATKINS	GD.G	War Cas.	07.10.44
174285	P/O	A. DICKEN	GD.S.	1668 C.U.	15.10.44
155152	F/O	R.A. ROBERTS	GD.N.	A.C.A.C.	08.10.44
146998	F/O	B.R. BAYNE	GD.N.	54 Base(N.E)	17.10.44
J.17557	F/O	F.C. ATKINSON	GD.N.	R.C.A.F. R Depot.	17.10.44
J.16183	A/F/L	R.E. WOODS	GD.B.	R.C.A.F. R Depot.	17.10.44
A.425234	P/O	F.W. SNELL	GD.G.	A.C.A.C.	31.10.44
159883	A/F/L	A.W. FEARN	GD.	1661C.U.	26.10.44
173273	F/O	G.E. CANSELL	GD.G.	War Cas.	07.10.44
184075	P/O	F.C. HAWKINS	GD.FE.	War Cas.	07.10.44
151110	F/O	H.W. HONIG	GD.B.	War Cas.	07.10.44
111526	F/L	T.J. TATE	GD.NB.	War Cas.	07.10.44
103028	A/S/L	D.R.C. WYNESS	GD.	War Cas.	07.10.44
NZ.412882	F/O	B.J. HOSIE	GD.S.	War Cas.	07.10.44
142926	F/O	C.A. MacDONALD	GD.N.	A.C.A.C.	08.10.44
0886194	Lt.	H.C. KNILANS	GD.	U.S.A.A.F.	15.10.44
173079	F/O	R.J.A. TELFER	GD.FE.	5 LFS.	17.10.44
J.17535	F/O	D.A. BELL	GD.N.	R.C.A.F. R Depot.	17.10.44
C.19569	P/O	C.A. MANTZ	Radar.	72 Base.	31.10.44
A.13751	F/O	K.C. MORIESON	GD.B	54 Base(N/E)	21.10.44
117696	F/L	J.E.R.WILLIAMS	GD.	1660C.U.	26.10.44

The following Airman Aircrew were posted From the Squadron during October 1944:

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	To.	w.e.f.
650027	F/S	T. HORROCKS	A/G.	War Cas.	07.10.44
1332707	W/O	P.E. WOODS	A/G.	War Cas.	07.10.44

1129067	F/S	R. THOMPSON	W/Air.	A.C.A.C.	08.10.44
1314661	F/S	J. BAKER	W/Air.	54 Base(N/E)	12.10.44
1239780	F/S	T.J. HURDISS	F/Eng.	War Cas.	07.10.44
1600754	F/S	H.G. CLARKE	A/G.	War Cas.	07.10.44
1385579	F/S	R.P. CASTLEMAN	A/G.	A.C.A.C.	08.10.44
1866667	F/S	W. WALTER	F/Eng.	54 Base(N.E)	22.10.44

The following personnel were appointed to commissions during the month of October:-

931477	F/Sgt.	E.G. TILBY	A/B.	w.e.f.	25.08.44
A.424774	F/Sgt.	G.M. LOVATT	W/Air.	w.e.f.	21.08.44
A.424521	F/Sgt.	R. EDGE	W/Air.	w.e.f.	26.08.44
1055312	Sgt.	A.T. MacKENZIE	F/Eng.	w.e.f.	05.09.44
A.414740	F/Sgt.	E.W. WEAVER	A/B.	w.e.f.	16.08.44

The following personnel were awarded decorations during October 1944:

A.427006	A/F/O	P.H. MARTIN	GD.	-	D.F.C.
1604670	F/Sgt.	D.P. PEIRSON	A/G.	-	D.F.M.
55855	P/O	P.W. DERHAM	GD.G.	-	D.F.M.
168674	F/O	J.A. SANDERS	GD.	-	Bar to D.F.C.
J.26647	F/O	W.A. DANIEL	GD.B.	-	D.F.C.
157126	A/F/L	D.J. ORAM	GD.	-	D.F.C.
109371	F/L	B.J. DOBSON	GD.	-	D.F.C.
33291	W/C	J.B. TAIT	GD.	-	Bar to D.F.C.

The following Officers were promoted during October 1944:

135020	F/O	T.A. BENNETT	GD.N. - A/F/L	w.e.f.	08.08.44
172515	P/O	K.C. KIRK	GD.G. - F/O	w.e.f.	11.09.44
128539	F/L	T.C. IVESON	GD. - A/S/L	w.e.f.	08.10.44
176401	P/O	J.T. JACKSON	GD.N. - F/O	w.e.f.	14.08.44
176945	P/O	A.F. MacKELLAR	GD.G. - F/O	w.e.f.	16.09.44

(Certified that the above Form 540 contains extracts from Personnel Occurrence Reports.)

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DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT  
BY No. 617 Squadron  
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1944

**DATE:** 03.10.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito IV. NT.205 (L)

**CREW:**  
W/C J.B.TAIT.  
F/O B.R.BAYNE.

**DUTY:**  
PILOT  
NAV.

**TIME:**            **UP.**                    **DOWN.**  
                         1401                    1554

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing WESTKAPELLE Sea Wall. 2 x 500 lb. Smoke. Over Target from 1455 hrs till 1505 hrs.  
Reached Target at 1455 hrs. Bombing by the Main Force was still proceeding. The wall was already breached and water had flooded inland to a distance of about 1 mile into streets of Westkapelle. After consultation with the Deputy Leader I decided that the job was done and ordered the Force to return.

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**DATE:** 03.10.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Mosquito IV. DZ.415 (A)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
S/L G.E.FAWKE.	PILOT
F/O T.A.BENNETT.	NAV.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1409	1600

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing WESTKAPELLE Sea Wall. 2 x 500 lb. Smoke. Took Photos 1505 hrs., 325 degrees 3,500ft.  
Wall was breached for about 330ft. just West of aiming point and water had reached the town at 1505 hours.

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**DATE:** 03.10.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.555 (C)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
S/L J.V.COCKSHOTT.	PILOT
F/S FRYER.R.C.	F/ENG.
F/S GOSLING.L.E.	NAV.
P/O BOOTH.E.	A/B.
F/S BATES.A.S.	W/AIR
F/S BRADBURY.G.R.	MU/GUNNER
AUS.W/O BIRCH.L.J.	R/GUNNER
F/O M.B.FLATMAN.	PASSENGER

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1327	1617

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing WESTKAPELLE Sea Wall. Sortie Abandoned.

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**DATE:** 03.10.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM.489 (A)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY:</b>
F/L L.S.GOODMAN	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. BURNETT.W.	
F/O H.WATKINSON	
F/O H.A.HAYWARD	
SGT. BOOTH.M.J.	
SGT. LEWIS.R.	



SGT. HULBERT.A.S.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1343            1612

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing WESTKAPELLE Sea Wall. Sortie Abandoned.

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**DATE:** 03.10.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. ME.554            (F)

**CREW:**

F/L T.T.IVISON  
SGT. PHILLIPS.J.D.  
F/O J.D.HARRISON  
F/S CHANCE.F.R.  
F/O A.TITTLE  
SGT. SMITH.A.L.  
SGT. WASS.E.A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1345            1610

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing WESTKAPELLE Sea Wall. Sortie Abandoned.

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**DATE:** 03.10.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster III. PB.415            (S)

**CREW:**

S/L D.R.WYNESS  
SGT. ROSS.R.M.  
F/L R.H.WILLIAMS  
F/O H.W.HONIG  
F/O R.D.LUCAN  
F/S HORROCKS.T.  
P/O G.E.CANSELL

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                      1332            1617

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing WESTKAPELLE Sea Wall. Sortie Abandoned.

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**DATE:** 03.10.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. DV.402            (X)

**CREW:**

F/L J.L.SAYERS (AUS)

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

P/O V.L.JOHNSON  
F/O E.G.STROMM (AUS)  
F/S WEAVER.E.W.  
F/S HOWKINS.F.E.  
P/O R.P.BARRYM (AUS)  
P/O B.F.KENT

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1344           1611

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing WESTKAPELLE Sea Wall. Sortie Abandoned.

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**DATE:** 03.10.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. DV.393           (T)

**CREW:**

F/O A.W.JOPLIN  
SGT. TILLEY.F.L.  
F/S FISH.C.D.R.  
F/S HEBBARD.L.  
SGT. COOKE.G.  
SGT. LAMBELL.N.F.  
P/O R.B.YATES

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1334           1602

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing WESTKAPELLE Sea Wall. Sortie Abandoned.

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**DATE:** 03.10.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. DV.385           (V)

**CREW:**

F/O J.CASTAGNOLA  
SGT. HENDERSON.S.J.  
F/O CORRINGE.F.J.  
P/O N.EVANS  
F/S EAVES.W.T.  
F/S SALTER.R.E.  
P/O J.K.RONALD  
F/L J.F.D.CHAPMAN

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

PASSENGER

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1333           1607

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing WESTKAPELLE Sea Wall. Sortie Abandoned.

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**DATE:** 03.10.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.562 (K)

**CREW:**  
F/OP.H.MARTIN (AUS)  
SGT. BLAGBROUGH.J.  
F/S JACKSON.A.  
F/S DAY.D.A.  
P/O LOVATT.G.M. (AUS)  
SGT. TREBILCOCK.T.J.  
SGT. MAYOH.H.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1337           1608

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**  
Bombing WESTKAPELLE Sea Wall. Sortie Abandoned.

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**DATE:** 07.10.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. EE.146(D)

**CREW:**  
W/O.J.B.TAIT  
F/S.GALLAGHER.A.E.  
F/O.B.R.BAYNE  
CAN.F/O.W.A.DANIEL  
F/O.A.J.WARD  
AUS.F/L.J.F.D.CHAPMAN  
W/O.VAUGHAN.H.D.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1320           1930

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**  
Bombing RHINE BARRAGE, North of Basle. 1 x Tallboy. 1651 hrs. 600ft. Weather was touch and go near the target, but the target itself was clear of cloud below bombing height and visibility was good. The high force had bombed before I reached the target and all traces of the bursts had disappeared, so that I could not assess the high bombing and there appeared to be no damage to the target. All of the sluices were closed. Our bomb landed in the correct position ten yards short of the target. It did not bounce.

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**DATE:** 07.10.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM.492 (W)

**CREW:**  
S/L.J.V.COCKSHOTT  
F/S.FRYER.R.C.  
F/S.GOSLING.L.E.  
P/O.E.BOOTH  
F/S.BATES.A.S.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/S.BRADBURY.G.R.  
W/O.BIRCH.L.J.(AUS)

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1307           1956

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing RHINE BARRAGE, North of Basle. 1 x Tallboy. 1654 hrs. 600ft Our bomb fell on west bank of river. A slight overshoot due to getting in slipstream of D. Another bomb fell ten yards in front of target. Two overshoots in water.

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**DATE:** 07.10.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. EE.923(M)

<b>CREW:</b> S/L.G.E.FAWKE F/S.CHERRINGTON.A.W. F/L.T.BENNETT F/L.R.E.WOODS (CAN) F/O.M.ELLWOOD F/L.E.N.ARMSTRONG P/O.R.M.MEGGIE G/CAPT.M.G.PHILPOTT	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE       PASSENGER
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**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1309           1959

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing RHINE BARRAGE, North of Basle. 1 x Tallboy. 1705 hrs. 8,100ft. Bomb hung up for five seconds after release, and fell on west bank of river. We had to do three runs before the bomb came off. We saw one direct hit and low level bombing appeared good.

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**DATE:** 07.10.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. ME.562           (K)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O.J.A.SANDERS SGT..NUTLEY.T.H. P/O.J.B.BARRON P/O.H.G.ALLEN (CAN) F/S.WARD.A. F/S.BRIARS.R.A. F/S.MACHIN.R. F/S.PEIRSON.D.P.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE       Passenger
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**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1311           1950

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing RHINE BARRAGE, North of Basle. 1 x Tallboy. 1655 hrs. 600ft. Our bomb fell just over the barrage dropping down the far side. No other results observed.

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**DATE:** 07.10.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM.485 (N)

**CREW:**

F/O.F.H.A.WATTS  
SGT..LUCK.H.  
P/O.C.H.HOUSDEN  
P/O.M.L.MCKAY (CAN)  
P/O.D.COOPER  
F/O.K.S.JEWELL (AUS)  
F/S.MATTHEWS.G.  
F/O.G.A.WITHERICK

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

Passenger

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1319 1953

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing RHINE BARRAGE, North of Basle. 1 x Tallboy. 1644 hrs. 6,000ft. Our bomb was an overshoot - about 50 yards. One direct hit seen.

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**DATE:** 07.10.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.393 (T)

**CREW:**

F/O A.W.JOPLIN (NZ)  
SGT. TILLEY F.L.  
F/S FISH.C.D.R.  
F/S HEBBARD L. (NZ)  
P/O R.B.YATES  
SGT. LAMBELL N.F.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1319 1953

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing RHINE BARRAGE, North of Basle. 1 x Tallboy. 1649 hrs. 7,500ft Our bomb fell just on the down river edge of the Barrage, close to the second pier from the left. One direct hit seen.

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**DATE:** 07.10.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.482 (X)

**CREW:**

F/L J.L.SAYERS (AUS)  
P/O V.L.JOHNSON  
F/O E.G.STROM (AUS)  
F/S WEAVER E.W. (AUS)

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

P/O F.E.HAWKINS  
P/O B.F.KENT  
P/O R.P.BARRY (AUS)

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1312	2001

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing RHINE BARRAGE, North of Basle. 1 x Tallboy. 1704 hrs. 7,300ft. Opened bomb doors and bomb fell out immediately, buckling door as it went.

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**DATE:** 07.10.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM. 489 (A)

**CREW:**

F/O J.GINGLES  
F/S ROOKE.S.  
F/S JOHNSON H.  
W/O HAZELL L.J.  
W/O RILEY G.H.  
F/L R.F.SCOTT-KIDDIE  
F/S HUNNISETTE R.W.  
F/O M.B.FLATMAN

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

PASSENGER

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1318	2005

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing RHINE BARRAGE, North of Basle. 1 x Tallboy. 1704 hrs. 8,300ft. Our bomb fell on the railway line. Only one other bomb seen to explode. This also was an overshoot in the same area.

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**DATE:** 07.10.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.554 (F)

**CREW:**

F/L T.C.IVESON  
SGT. PHILLIPS J.D.  
F/O J.D.HARRISON  
F/S CHANCE F.R.  
F/O A.TITTLE  
SGT. SMITH A.L.  
SGT. WASS E.A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1321	1948

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing RHINE BARRAGE, North of Basle. 1 x Tallboy. 1648 hrs. 8,500ft. Our bomb fell on left bank of river about 400 yards South-East of centre of target. The first bomb to go down fell practically on the centre of the Barrage.

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**DATE:** 07.10.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV. 391 (O)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O PH. MARTIN (AUS) SGT. BLAGBROUGH J. F/S JACKSON A. F/S DAY, D.A. AUS P/O G.M. LOVATT SGT. MAYOH H. SGT. TREBILCOCK T.J.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1310	1952

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing RHINE BARRAGE, North of Basle. 1 x Tallboy. 1653 hrs. 600ft. Own bomb fell as an overshoot of 30-40 yards. W/Comdr. Tait's bomb seen to enter left side of lock.

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**DATE:** 07.10.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. PB.416 (V)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O J.CASTAGNOLA SGT. HENDERSON S.J. F/O F.J.GORRINGE P/O N.EVANS F/S EAVES W.T. F/S SALTER R.E. P/O J.K. RONALD	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	1317	1947

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing RHINE BARRAGE, North of Basle. 1 x Tallboy. 1648 hrs. 17,900ft. Our bomb fell on target between first and second pier. One bomb fell left bank to S.W. of Barrage.

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**DATE:** 07.10.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. LM.482 (Q)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L C.J.G.HOWARD P/O F.C.HAWKINS F/L T.J.TATE P/O L.HARTLEY P/O R.D.LUCAN W/O WOODS P.E. F/S CLARKE J.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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F/O D.T.WATKINS

PASSENGER

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                      1308                   missing

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing RHINE BARRAGE, North of Basle. 1 x Tallboy. Missing. Aircraft believed to have been shot down over target area. *(The Tallboy did not release on the first run and this aircraft was seen to turn for another run. It was then hit by light flak and crashed at Efringen-Kirchen, a small village just inside the German border killing all of the crew. Howard was the third son of Hon. Geoffrey William Algernon Howard)*

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**DATE:** 07.10.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**                   Lancaster III. PB. 415 (NG 180)           (S)

**CREW:**

S/L D.R. WYNESS  
F/S HURDISS T.J.  
F/L R.H. WILLIAMS  
F/O H.W. HONIG  
F/O B.J. HOSIE (NZ)  
F/S HORROCKS T.  
F/O G.E. CANSELL

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                      1310                   missing

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing RHINE BARRAGE, North of Basle. 1 x Tallboy. Missing. Aircraft believed to have been shot down over target area. *(This aircraft was hit by flak at 600' approaching the target, it flew North and ditched in the Rhine at Chalampe.)*

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**DATE:** 28.10.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**                   Lancaster I. NG. 180           (S)

**CREW:**

W/O J.B. TAIT  
F/S GALLAGHER A.E.  
F/O H. ELLIS  
F/O W.A. DANIEL (CAN)  
F/O A.J. WARD  
W/O VAUGHAN H.D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                      0110                   1420

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0754 hrs. 13,000ft. Ship seen early on approach but obscured by cloud when bombs dropped.

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**DATE:** 28.10.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.405 (J)

<b>CREW:</b> S/L G.E.FAWKE F/S CHERRINGTON A.W. F/O T.BENNETT F/O C.G.ROGERS F/O M.ELLWOOD P/O R.M.HEGGIE	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0103	1323

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0751 hrs. 13,400ft. Bomb overshoot - otherwise results unobserved.

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**DATE:** 28.10.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.554 (F)

<b>CREW:</b> S/L IVESON SGT. PHILLIPS J.D. F/O J.D.HARRISON F/S CHANCE F.R. F/O A.TITTLE SGT. SMITH A.L. F/O M.B.FLATMAN	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE      PASSENGER
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0122	1340

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0750 hrs. 15,000ft Results unobserved.

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**DATE:** 28.10.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. PB. 415 (O)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L R.E.KNIGHTS F/O E.TWELLS F/O T.H.J.PLAYFORD F/O A.B.WALKER F/S BATES A.S. W/O PENGELLY W.H.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0106	1425

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0752 hrs. 13,200ft. Bomb seen to enter water and explode about 20 yards off starboard bow and ship rocked considerably. Made several circuits after bombing and saw thick brown smoke billowing from vicinity of mid-ships. Shortly after bomb exploded, observed explosion from starboard bow, followed by thick black smoke.

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**DATE:** 28.10.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. PD. 233 (G)

**CREW:**

F/L M.D.HAMILTON

F/S ROOKE L.S.

P/O J.T.JACKSON

P/O BOOTH E.

F/S THOMPSON J.T.

F/S HAMILTON D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
0137 1341

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0800 hrs. 16,000ft. Own bomb believed direct hit on bows followed by big flash. Saw two bombs, followed by another, drop close to Tirpitz, believed to be near mid-ships.

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**DATE:** 28.10.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. LM. 492 (W)

**CREW:**

F/L H.J. PRYOR

F/S WINSTON A.L.

F/O R.L. PINDER (CAN)

P/O G. HOYLAND

P/O A. HEPWORTH

F/S COLYER M.A.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
0126 1405

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb. Target obscured by smoke.

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**DATE:** 28.10.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV. 402 (X)

**CREW:**

F/L J.L.SAYERS (AUS)

P/O V.L.JOHNSON

F/O E.G.STROM (AUS)

P/O E.W.WEAVER (AUS)

P/O F.E.HOWKINS

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

P/O R.P.BARRY (AUS)

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                    0128               1407

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0751 hrs. 14,200ft. Saw big flash from ship, believed to be bomb burst, otherwise results unobserved.

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**DATE:** 28.10.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. ED.763           (Z)

**CREW:**

F/L D.J.ORAM  
F/S HAYWOOD R.P.  
F/O F.R.BRAND (CAN)  
P/O J.B.COLE (CAN)  
W/O FORSHAW J.B.  
F/S PIERSON D.P.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                    0128               1407

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0749 hrs. 15,500ft. Results unobserved.

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**DATE:** 28.10.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. DV. 391           (Y)

**CREW:**

F/L I.M.MARSHALL  
F/S CHOLERTON F.  
F/O K.NEWBY  
F/O J.L.RUMGAY  
F/O H.J.RIDING  
F/O D.W.BALE

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                    0120               1510

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0759 hrs. 13,900ft. One bomb seen to enter water just outside beam on starboard side of ship. Otherwise results unobserved.

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**DATE:** 28.10.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. DV. 380           (P)

**CREW:**

F/L B.A. GUMBLEY (NZ)

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O A.E. BARNETT  
F/O N. GILL  
F/O J.C. RANDON  
P/O S.V. GRIMES  
F/S BELL G.

**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0210            1431

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. After four runs over target decided that cloud made accurate bombing impossible. This decision was approved by Force Leader. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 28.10.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. EE. 131            (B)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L L.S.GOODMAN SGT. BURNETT W. F/O H.WATKINSON F/O H.A.HAYWARD SGT. BOOTH H.J.C. F/S HULBERT A.S.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0140            1455

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0830 hrs. 13,400ft. Results unobserved.

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**DATE:** 28.10.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. LM.489            (A)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O J.GINGLES F/S JOHNSON W. F/S JOHNSON H. W/O HAZELL L.J. W/O RILEY G.H. F/L R.F.SCOTT-KIDDIE	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**            **UP.**            **DOWN.**  
                         0120            1410

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0758 hrs. 12,600ft. Results unobserved.

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**DATE:** 28.10.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. DV. 385            (V)

**CREW:**  
F/O J.CASTAGNOLA  
Sgt. HENDERSON S.J.  
F/O F.J.GORRINGE  
P/O N.EVANS  
F/S EAVES W.T.  
P/O J.K.RONALD

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  0126           1402

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0759 hrs. 14,450ft. Saw bomb fall towards Tirpitz followed shortly afterwards by flash and column of smoke.

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**DATE:** 28.10.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. PD. 238           (H)

**CREW:**  
F/O P.H.MARTIN (AUS)  
SGT. BLAGBROUGH J.  
F/S JACKSON A.  
F/S DAY D.A.  
P/O G.M. LOVATT (AUS)  
SGT. MAYOH H.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  0204           1508

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0758 hrs. 15,000ft. Direct hit seen on stern of ship. Bombed on third run after trying runs from East and South West.

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**DATE:** 28.10.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. ME. 462           (K)

**CREW:**  
F/O J.A.SANDERS  
F/S NUTLEY T.H.  
P/O J.B.BARRON  
P/O H.G.ALLEN (CAN)  
F/S WARD A.  
F/S BRIARS R.A.

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP.           DOWN.**  
                  0112           1410

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0805 hrs. 15,000ft. Results unobserved.

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**DATE:** 28.10.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.561 (T)

**CREW:**  
F/O A.W.JOPLIN (NZ)  
SGT. TILLEY F.L.  
F/S FISH C.D.R.  
F/S HEBBARD L. (NZ)  
SGT. COOKE G.  
F/O R.B.YATES

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  0107           1654

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0757 hrs. 13,420ft. Saw what was believed to be bomb burst on forward end of ship followed by explosion and brown smoke.

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**DATE:** 28.10.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. LM. 695 (N)

**CREW:**  
F/O F.H.A.WATTS  
F/L K.J.RYALL  
P/O C.H.HOUSDEN  
P/O M.L.MACKAY (CAN)  
P/O D.COOPER  
F/S MATTHEWS G.  
F/O J.H.LEAVITT

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE  
  
PASSENGER

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  0205           1450

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0800 hrs. 15,800ft. Results not observed.

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**DATE:** 28.10.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. NG. 181 (M)

**CREW:**  
F/O A.E.KELL (AUS)  
P/O J.SOILLEUX  
F/S GOSLING L.E.  
F/L C.K.ASTBURY (AUS)  
F/O D.E.FREEMAN  
P/O R.WILKINSON

**DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**

0201

1452

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. Brought back to base. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 28.10.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. NF. 920 (E)

**CREW:**

F/O D.W.CAREY (AUS)

F/S FRANKS L.

P/O A.M.MCKEE

P/O D.H.MCLENNAN (CAN)

F/S YOUNG A.E.

F/O G.A.WITHERICK

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
0114 missing

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. This aircraft is believed to have attacked and was last seen heading for Sweden.

*Missing. (Carey's aircraft was hit by flak and his starboard outer engine stopped, his fuel tanks punctured, he had no option but to run for safe ground. Before doing so however he made six runs to try and get a good shot at the Tirpitz but in the end bombed almost blind. Hit again by a Swedish flak gun he crash landed in a Swedish bog near Porjus on two engines and the crew were interned.)*

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OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

No. 617 Squadron

WOODHALL SPA

01.11.44

Night flying programme carried out.

02.11.44

Very little flying carried out.

03.11.44

Very little flying carried out.

04.11.44

Nineteen aircraft detailed for operations. Aircraft were despatched to an advanced base in Lossiemouth. Gale warning announced in the evening.

05.11.44

Operations cancelled through adverse weather conditions and aircraft returned to own base.

06.11.44

Very little flying carried out.

07.11.44

Flying training programme carried out. Gale warning announced.

08.11.44

No flying. Station Commander's parade held. All crew attended.

09.11.44

Flying training programme carried out. Gale and frost warning announced.

10.11.44

Flying training programme carried out. Preparations for operations detailed next day.

11.11.44

Eighteen aircraft, plus F/Lt. Gavin in spare aircraft, took off to fly to advanced base for special operation.

12.11.44

Eighteen aircraft took off from advanced base to attack the German Battleship "Tirpitz". Weather: Fine at first becoming cloudy. Visibility poor. Fog forming at dawn clearing slowly.

13.11.44

Ten aircraft returned to own base. Confirmed "Tirpitz" sunk. Crews welcomed by ground staffs and the band of the Border Regiment.

14.11.44

Remainder of aircraft returned to own base. Several messages of congratulation received. W/Commander J.B. Tait D.S.O., D.F.C., flew to London to make a broadcast on the attack.

15.11.44

W/Commander Tait returned from London. Sir Archibald Sinclair, Secretary of State for Air, visited the station, and lunched at the Officers Mess. He addressed the aircrew personnel in the briefing room in the afternoon. W/Commander Tait returned to London. All aircrew granted a forty eight hour pass. More congratulatory messages received.

16.11.44

No flying.

17.11.44

No flying.

18.11.44

Bad weather limited flying.

19.11.44

Bad weather limited flying. Organized games arranged for crews, but cancelled owing to adverse weather.

20.11.44

Very little flying. Bad weather.

21.11.44

"Loran" flying training programme carried out.

22.11.44



Small amount of flying. Station Commander's parade attended by all aircrew. The Regimental Band of the Border Regiment provided martial music.

23.11.44

Night flying training programme carried out.

24.11.44

Operations ordered. Cancelled through adverse weather.

25.11.44

No flying. Adverse weather.

26.11.44

Flying programme carried out.

27.11.44

Flying programme carried out.

28.11.44

Flying training carried out.

29.11.44

Flying training carried out. Station Commander's parade attended by all aircrew.

30.11.44

Flying training carried out.

#### SUMMARY

During the month of November 1944, eighteen Lancaster Operational sorties were dispatched, consisting of 225.55 Night operations flying. A total of 453.05 hrs. Day and 55.00 hrs Night Flying Training was carried out. A total weight of 96 1/2 tons of bombs were dropped operationally.

The following Officers were posted To the Squadron during November 1944:

<b>No.</b>	<b>Rank.</b>	<b>Name.</b>	<b>Category.</b>	<b>From.</b>	<b>Date</b>
171205	F/O	R.L. HAYTER	GD.S.	1661C.U.	21.10.44
88647	F/L(A/S/L)	C.W.C. HAMILTON	GD.	625Sqn.	09.11.44
129548	F/L	J.H. BENISON	GD.N.	1652C.U.	09.11.44
175295	F/O	G. DALE	GD.G.	1652C.U.	09.11.44
174040	F/O	H.E.WAKEFIELD	GD.FE.	1652C.U.	09.11.44
185025	P/O	J.B.KNIGHT	GD.N.	44 Sqn.	20.11.44
67678	F/L(A/S/L)	J.F.BROOKES	GD.	22O.T.U.	21.11.44
132755	F/L	A.G.FARTHING	GD.G.	22O.T.U.	21.11.44
141764	F/O	D.W.JUDGE	GD.S.	22O.T.U.	21.11.44
A435095	F/O	L. BURROWS	GD.G.	51 Base.	31.10.44
A429437	F/O	T.K.REDDAN	GD.G.	51 Base.	31.10.44
A408185	F/L	H.V.GAVIN	GD.	51 Base.	31.10.44
160752	F/O	D.H. BARLEYCORN	GD.N.	5 L.F.S.	25.11.44
J.17159	F/O	F.L. ENGLISH	GD.G.	5 L.F.S.	25.11.44
J15596	F/L	G.W. LANCEY	GD.	5 L.F.S.	25.11.44

177034	F/O	R.L.KERR	GD.N.	54 Base.(N.E)	24.11.44
151975	F/O	C.T.C. LEWIS	GD.B.	463 Sqdn.	01.11.44
62699	S/L	C.C. CALDER	GD.	1652C.U.	09.11.44
131949	F/O	C.B. CRAFER	GD.B.	1652C.U.	09.11.44
175489	F/O	F.W. GARGET	GD.S.	1652C.U.	09.11.44
176499	P/O	A.H. ATKINSON	GD.G.	1658C.U.	09.11.44
122384	F/L	E.A. BALDWIN	GD.B.	220.T.U.	21.11.44
148091	F/O	R.B. DENWETT	GD.G.	190.T.U.	21.11.44
142898	F/O	J.H. JONES	GD.N.	220.T.U.	21.11.44
A400896	F/O	F.E. WITTMER	GD.N.	54 Base.	02.11.44
A434376	P/O	A.G. BUXTON	GD.N.	51 Base.	31.10.44
A428794	F/O	N.E. SAINSBURY	GD.S.	51 Base.	31.10.44
A405693	F/O	W.R. LEE	GD.	54 Base.(N/E)	29.10.44
120849	F/L	R.M. HORSLEY	GD.	5 L.F.S.	25.11.44
J86849	P/O	S.K. JENNISON	GD.G.	5 L.F.S.	25.11.44
A.13751	F/O	K.C. MORIESON	GD.B.	54 Base.(N/E)	22.11.44

The following Airmen N.C.O.'s were posted To the Squadron during November 1944:

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	From.	w.e.f.
744611	F/Sgt	L. FORD	A/G.	12 O.T.U.	31.10.44
578497	Sgt	F.H. BROWN	F/Eng.	51 Base.	31.10.44
1314661	F/Sgt	J.E. BAKER	W/Op.	54 Base(N/E)	27.10.44
A426150	W/O	M. PASK	W/Op.	625 Sqdn.	17.11.44
911473	Sgt	H. FARINO	A/G.	5 L.F.S.	25.11.44
1079926	F/Sgt	E.W. ARMSTRONG	F/Eng.	5 L.F.S.	25.11.44
1431055	Sgt	C.E. BUNSELL	F/Eng.	5 L.F.S.	25.11.44
1815594	Sgt	D.M. WILSON	A/B.	5 L.F.S.	25.11.44
A422359	F/Sgt	D.W. ROBIN	Nav.	5 L.F.S.	25.11.44
1394282	F/Sgt	J.P. FLYNN	A/G.	41 Group.	04.11.44
2209334	F/Sgt	A. CROSBY	A/G.	54 Base (N/E).	06.11.44
A408471	F/Sgt	W.M. WHITE	A/B.	51 Base.	31.10.44
546883	W/O	E.C. TEMPLE	A/B.	1660C.U.	25.11.44
1021077	Sgt	P.F. DUROSE	W/Op	5 L.F.S.	25.11.44
1171770	Sgt	L. NEALE	A/G.	5 L.F.S.	25.11.44
1606819	Sgt	J.H.E. SAVILLE	W/Op.	5 L.F.S.	25.11.44
A417882	F/Sgt	G.L. PERRY	A/B.	5 L.F.S.	25.11.44

The following Officers were posted From the Squadron during November 1944:

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	Unit to.	w.e.f.
55810	P/O	A.M. McKIE	GD.N.	War Cas.	29.10.44
55855	P/O	A.W. DERHAM	GD.G.	A.C.A.C.Brack.	03.11.44
135020	F/L	T. BENNETT	GD.N.	54 Base.	30.10.44
A413582	F/O	J.L. HAGER	GD.N.	A.C.A.C.Brack.	03.11.44
A415680	P/O	R.A. LEARMONTH	GD.G.	54 Base.	31.10.44
51070	F/O	G.A. WITHERICK	GD.G.	War Cas.	29.10.44
137275	F/O(A/S/L)	J.V. COCKSHOT	GD.	54 Base(N/E.)	23.10.44
J87492	P/O	D.H. McLENNAN	GD.B.	War Cas.	29.10.44
A416650	F/O	D.W. CAREY	GD.	War Cas.	29.10.44
127057	F/L	R.F. SCOTT-KIDDIE	GD.G.	54 Base.	15.11.44

The following Airmen N.C.O.'s were posted From the Squadron during November 1944:

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	Unit To.	w.e.f.
1435327	Sgt	D. JONES	W/OP.	54 Base(N.E)	14.10.44
1575094	F/S	L.W. FRANKS	F/Eng.	War Cas.	29.10.44
1385771	F/Sgt	A.E. YOUNG	W/Op.	War Cas.	29.10.44
1377477	F/Sgt	J.J. BLANCHE	A/G.	227 Sqdn.	13.11.44
1701244	F/Sgt	N.F. LAMBELL	A/G.	227 Sqdn.	13.11.44
1458303	F/Sgt	R.W. HUNNISETTE	A/G.	A.C.A.C.	28.11.44
841729	F/Sgt	H. LUCK	F/Eng.	A.C.A.C.Brack.	28.11.44

The following personnel have been awarded decorations during November 1944:

111547	F/L (A/S/L)	G.E. FAWKE.	GD.	-	D.S.O.
A414844	F/O (A/F/L)	J.L. SAYERS.	GD.	-	D.F.C.

The following Officers have been promoted during November 1944:

173865	P/O	S.V. GRIMES	GD.S. - F/O	w.e.f.	24.09.44
130623	F/O(A/F/L)	M.L. HAMILTON	GD. - F/L	w.e.f.	25.09.44
162964	F/O	J.L. RUMGAY	GD.B. - A/F/L	w.e.f.	18.10.44
176447	P/O(A/F/L)	J. GINGLES	GD. - F/O.	w.e.f.	05.10.44
131999	F/O	H.A. HAYWARD	GD.B. - F/L	w.e.f.	09.10.44
135020	F/O	T. BENNETT	GD.N. - F/L	w.e.f.	14.10.44

The following airmen have been granted a commission during November 1944:

1003227	F/Sgt	G. BELL		w.e.f.	01.9.44
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(Certified that the above Form 540 contains extracts from Personnel Occurrence Reports.)

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DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT  
BY No. 617 Squadron  
FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1944

**DATE:** 12.11.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. EE. 146 (D)

**CREW:**

W/C TAIT J.B.  
F/S GALLAGHER A.E.  
F/O H.ELLIS  
F/O W.A.DANIEL (CAN)  
F/O A.J.WARD  
W/O VAUGHAN H.D.

**DUTY:**

PILOT  
F/ENG.  
NAV.  
A/B.  
W/OP.  
R/GUNNER.

**TIME:**                      **UP.**                      **DOWN.**  
   0315                      1545

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0841 hrs. 13,000ft. We did not see our bomb burst, but the initial bombing was concentrated on the vessel. When we arrived there was steam coming from the funnel.

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**DATE:** 12.11.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.554 (F)

**CREW:**

S/L IVESON T.C.  
SGT. PHILLIPS J.D.  
F/O J.D. HARRISON  
F/S CHANCE F.R.  
F/O A. TITTLE  
SGT. WASS E.A.  
F/L GAVIN H.V. (AUS)

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE  
  
Passenger.

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
0315 1528

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0842 hrs. 13,000ft. Our bomb fell in the centre of the smoke pall which covered the ship when we attacked.

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**DATE:** 12.11.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. LM. 492 (W)

**CREW:**

F/L J.L. SAYERS (AUS)  
P/O V.L. JOHNSON  
F/O E.G. STROM (AUS)  
P/O E.W. WEAVER (AUS)  
P/O F.E. HOWKINS  
P/O B.F. KENT

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
0300 1620

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0845 hrs. 14,200ft. We followed our bomb nearly down to the ship when it was lost in the smoke. It was either a hit on the bows or a very near miss.

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**DATE:** 12.11.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV. 391 (Y)

**CREW:**

F/L I.M.MARSHALL  
F/S CHOLERTON F.  
F/O K.NEWBY  
P/O E.BOOOTH

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O H.J.RIDING  
F/O D.W.BALE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    0322           1550

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0843 hrs. 14,800ft. Our bomb fell in the main concentration which appeared to be on or around the Tirpitz. The ship was covered in smoke and a fire was seen on board.

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**DATE:** 12.11.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. PD. 371           (Z)

**CREW:**   **DUTY:**  
F/L B.J.DOBSON                                   AS SHOWN ABOVE  
P/O A.T.MCKENZIE  
W/O ANDERSON S.R.  
P/O A.K.JOHNSTONE  
P/O R.J.EDGE (AUS)  
P/O W.J.DRY (CAN)

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    0310           1659

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0843 hrs. 15,600ft. Our bomb fell into smoke concentration over Target. Bombing appeared very accurate.

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**DATE:** 12.11.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. ED. 763           (Z)

**CREW:**   **DUTY:**  
F/L S.A. ANNING                               AS SHOWN ABOVE  
F/S SNEDKER F.J.  
W/O CARDWELL F.  
F/O R.VALENTINE  
F/O J. SLATER  
F/S RETTER D.E.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    0307           1555

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0844 hrs. 16,000ft. Ship was covered by smoke and our bomb fell in the centre of the smoke concentration. There was a big explosion on the ship at 0851 hrs.

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**DATE:** 12.11.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. PB. 415           (O)

**CREW:**

F/L R.E.KNIGHTS  
F/O E.TWELLS  
F/O T.H.PLAYFORD  
F/O A.B.WALKER  
F/O R.L.HAYTER  
W/O PENGELLY W.H.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  0308           1539

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0842 hrs. 13,400ft. Our bomb fell about ten yards off port quarter. We saw the first four bombs go down as follows: On or near starboard quarter; starboard bow; port bow and near funnel. We remained near target area until end of attack and saw large explosion at 0851 hrs. and a smaller one at 0853 hrs. Before we left we saw the Tirpitz listing heavily to port. Bombing by 617 was concentrated and accurate. Four of 9 Squadron's bombs (using Mk. 14 Bombsight) fell approx. 200 yards, 500 yards, 3/4 mile, 1 mile.

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**DATE:** 12.11.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. DV. 405           (J)

**CREW:**

F/L B.A.GUMBLEY  
F/O E.A.BARNETT  
F/O K.GILL  
F/O J.C.RANDON  
F/O S.V.GRIMES  
F/S PENSWICK J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  0319           1537

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0843 hrs. 15,400ft. One seen to enter the water about twenty yards off the Tirpitz. A dull red glow was observed well forward of the port bow.

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**DATE:** 12.11.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. NG. 181           (M)

**CREW:**

F/O A.E. KELL (AUS)  
P/O J. SOILLEUX  
F/S GOSLING L.E.  
F/L C.K. ASTBURY.  
F/O D.E. FREEMAN  
F/O R. WILKINSON.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  0259           1614

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0843 hrs. 12,850ft. We bombed along the length of the ship turning to starboard and running in on the bows. Our bomb which registered a hit or a very near miss fell in the centre of the smoke coming up from just in front of the superstructure. We saw at least one direct hit which was followed by a big column of reddish brown smoke. *(Kell's bomb aimer fell downstairs and fractured his skull. He was told that unless he could find an SAB qualified replacement he could not fly. He managed to track down Astbury who was tour expired and about to join ship for a return to Australia. Astbury went AWL and flew the raid.)*

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**DATE:** 12.11.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. LM. 489 (A)

**CREW:**

F/O J. GINGLES  
F/S FELTON H.W.  
F/S JOHNSON H.  
W/O HAZELL L.J.  
W/O RILEY G.H.  
F/S TIREL A.D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          0302                   1602

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0842 hrs. 13,200ft. Centre of ship. We think we obtained a direct hit. We did not see further results as we were hit by flak and had to turn away.

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**DATE:** 12.11.40

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. PD. 233 (G)

**CREW:**

F/O M.B.FLATMAN  
SGT. ROSS R.M.  
F/O G.MACKIE  
F/O G.E.KELLY  
SGT. HARWOOD A.S.  
F/O K.C.KIRK

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          0318                   1447

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0843 hrs. 13,600ft. Our bomb is estimated to have fallen 25 yards aft of the funnel. We also saw a very near miss near the port quarter of the ship. Immediately after the first bombs fell a red glow appeared followed by a big column of black smoke.

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**DATE:** 12.11.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME. 555 (C)

**CREW:**

**DUTY:**

F/O I.S.ROSS (AUS) AS SHOWN ABOVE  
F/S FRYER R.C.  
F/O T.O'BRIEN  
P/O E.G.TILBY.  
F/O M.ELLWOOD  
F/O A.F.MCKELLAR.

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                          0317               1529

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0843 hrs. 14,600ft. The after part of ship was obscured by smoke when we bombed. Our bomb hit on or very close to the bows.

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**DATE:** 12.11.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. ME. 561           (T)

**CREW:**                                   **DUTY:**  
F/O A.W.JOPLIN (NZ)                   AS SHOWN ABOVE  
SGT. TILLEY F.L.  
F/S FISH C.D.R.  
F/S HEBBARD L. (NZ)  
SGT. COOKE G.  
F/O R.B.YATES.

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                          0301               1459

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0842 hrs. 15,200ft. Our bomb fell in the smoke which covered the ship. One direct hit and two near misses were seen.

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**DATE:** 12.11.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. DV. 385           (V)

**CREW:**                                   **DUTY:**  
F/O J.CASTAGNOLA                   AS SHOWN ABOVE  
SGT. HENDERSON S.J.  
F/O F.J.GORRINGE  
P/O N.EVANS  
F/S EAVES W.T.  
P/O J.K.RONALD

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                          0325               1546

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0842 hrs. 12,650ft. Our bomb fell on the centre of the superstructure. There was a direct hit at the same time a cloud of smoke followed and the ship became completely obscured by it.

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**DATE:** 12.11.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. LM. 485 (U)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O F.H.A.WATTS F/S CHERRINGTON P/O C.H.HOUSDEN CAN.P/O M.L.MCKAY SGT. BOOTH H.J.C. F/S MATTHEWS G.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0313	1607

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0842 hrs. 13 800ft. We did not see our own bomb burst but saw one possible direct hit, one overshoot, one undershoot and two wide.

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**DATE:** 12.11.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME. 562 (K)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O J.A.SANDERS F/S NUTLEY T.H. P/O J.B.BARRON P/O H.G.ALLEN (CAN) F/S WARD A. F/S MACHIN R.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0317	1514

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0842 hrs. 14,000ft. Two bombs, one of which was ours, went down together and both appeared to hit the edge of the ship near its centre. Bombing appeared generally concentrated. Only one wide bomb.

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**DATE:** 12.11.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV. 393 (R)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O J.H. LEAVITT SGT. GRIFFIN H. F/O R.F. WOTHAMS SGT. OLDHAM D.A. SGT. COLE C. SGT. GOLDIE P.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
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0304

1558

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0843 hrs. 15,600ft. Our bomb went down into centre of smoke over Tirpitz. Bombing very well concentrated on and round vessel. Heavy explosion seen.

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**DATE:** 12.11.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV. 380 (P)

**CREW:**

F/O W.R. LEE (AUS)

F/S JOHNSON W.

F/O H. WATKINSON

P/O G. HOYLAND

W/O LAMMAS A.J.

F/O WATSON J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:            UP.            DOWN.**  
                         0302            1530

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing TIRPITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 0842 hrs. 14,400ft. The ship was obscured by smoke just after we bombed. Our bomb went straight down into the centre of the smoke. All bombing we saw appeared very well concentrated and firing from the ship ceased after the first bombs went down.

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OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

No. 617 Squadron

WOODHALL SPA

01.12.44

Flying Training Programme ordered but cancelled through adverse weather. Operations ordered next day, cancelled through bad weather.

02.12.44

Flying Training Programme carried out.

03.12.44

No Flying. Gale in progress. Operations again ordered for next day but cancelled through adverse weather.

04.12.44

Gale still in progress.

05.12.44

Restricted flying programme carried out.

06.12.44

Station Commander's Parade cancelled. Navigators played the Air Gunners at soccer in the afternoon.

Nine aircraft carried out early morning flying. Nineteen aircraft detailed for operations cancelled later.

07.12.44

Nineteen aircraft again detailed. Postponed until a.m.

08.12.44.

617 Squadron played S.H.Q. Woodhall at soccer. The game ended in favour of the Squadron 2-1.

08.12.44

Nineteen aircraft took off for operations. Diverted on return - operations not completed. ("V", "T", and "P" returned damaged). *(An operation to bomb the Urft dam but the cloud was thick and what little bombing took place was inaccurate.)*

09.12.44

Sixteen aircraft returned to base.

10.12.44

Seventeen aircraft detailed for early morning operations. Cancelled.

11.12.44

Seventeen aircraft took off for operations 1300 hrs. Squadron dance in Boston. S/L. Hamilton proceeded to Ingham for Bomber Command Tactical School Course. *(Operation to breach Urft Dam. Several hits but no breach.)*

12.12.44

No operations.

13.12.44

617 Squadron attended Station Commander's Parade. Sixteen aircraft detailed for operations, later cancelled.

14.12.44

Weather bad. Organised games in the afternoon.

15.12.44

Seventeen aircraft detailed for operations. Operation completed. Several aircraft damaged. S/L. Calder made emergency landing at Woodbridge. *(Operation to the U boat pens at Ijmuiden but a good smokescreen hampered bombing. Six hits battered the pens. Calder's aircraft was hit by flak.)*

16.12.44

No flying. Weather too bad.

17.12.44

Limited flying. Fourteen aircraft detailed for operations for 18th. December.

18.12.44

Operations scrubbed on account of weather. W/Commander. Tait away for day.

19.12.44

Operations again detailed. Very bad weather, again scrubbed. Fogged in at Woodhall in the afternoon.

20.12.44

Weather u/s all day.

21.12.44

Squadron operated at night, 16 aircraft. F/O. Joplin crashed on return near Binbrook. F/O. Walker and F/O. Yates killed. F/S. Cooke dangerously injured, F/O. Joplin and F/Sgt. Tilley seriously injured.

*(The weather for this operation to bomb a synthetic oil plant at Politz was very poor and although the raid caused substantial damage to the plant the returning aircraft were diverted, in 617's case to Ludford Magna where FIDO gear was available to assist in a landing through the fog. Joplin allowed his wing to touch the ground on approach and the aircraft cartwheeled into the ground at 0240 at Tealby, 3 miles ENE of Market Rasen.)*

22.12.44

No flying possible.

23.12.44

No flying possible.

24.12.44

Party at the Petwood. No flying, weather unfit.

25.12.44

No flying. Station stood down from 1030 hrs.

26.12.44

No flying, weather u/s.

27.12.44

Squadron standby.

28.12.44

Wing Commander Tait and Group Captain Philpott's farewell party. Our new Squadron Commander Group Captain Fauquier introduced. W/Comdr. Tait awarded third bar to D.S.O.

29.12.44

Squadron operated. Sixteen aircraft. *(The new CO, Group Captain Fauquier led this raid to the E Boat pens at Rotterdam.)*

30.12.44

Squadron operated. Thirteen aircraft.

*(To bomb the U Boat Pens at IJmuiden but the operation was cancelled after take off due to the poor weather.)*

31.12.44

Squadron operated. Twelve aircraft. Party held at Petwood to see the New Year in.

*(A strange operation to drop flares and bombs on cruisers in Oslo Fjord. No ships were hit but it is believed that one ran aground. Having seen the efforts taken to save Tallboys in the past this seems like an extravagant use of them but the Ardennes offensive was not due to start until 1<sup>st</sup> Jan and it was widely believed prior to this that the war was almost over.)*

#### SUMMARY

During the month of December 1944, 81 Day and 27 Night operational sorties were dispatched, consisting of 271.55 and 227.20 hours. A total of 151.05 hrs. Day and 9.35 hrs. Night Flying Training was carried out. The following bombs were dropped on operations:- 69 x Tallboy. 6 x T.O. 8 x Photo Flash.

The following Officers were posted to the Squadron during December 1944:

No.	Rank.	Name.	Category.	From.	Date
137275	F/L(A/S/L)	COCKSHOTT	GD.P.	54 Base *	26.11.44
146998	F/O	BAYNE	GD.N.	54 Base *	29.11.44
103039	F/L(A/S/L)	POWELL	GD.P.	20 O.T.U.	05.12.44
55810	P/O	McKIE	GD.N.	1 P.H.U.	24.11.44
115308	F/L	MCLOUGHLIN	GD.P.	5 L.F.S.	08.12.44
148768	F/O	HEATH	GD.B.	5 L.F.S.	08.12.44
134015	F/O	CARROLL	GD.G.	5 L.F.S.	08.12.44
169045	F/O	BAILEY	GD.G.	5 L.F.S.	08.12.44
173560	P/O	HILL	GD.N.	5 L.F.S.	08.12.44
163530	F/O	MERCHANT	GD.B.	5 L.F.S.	09.12.44
51070	F/O	WITHERICK	GD.G.	1 P.H.U.	24.11.44
174895	F/O	SUMNER	GD.B.	55 Base.	10.12.44
172559	F/O	MUHL	GD.B.	55 Base.	30.12.44
173061	F/O	LLOYD	GD.G.	56 Base.	31.12.44
J.87492	P/O	McLENNAN	GD.B.	R.C.A.F. R Depot	02.12.44
J.19531	F/L	PRICE	GD.P.	5 L.F.S.	09.12.44
C.86059	P/O	SHORT	GD.E.	76 Base.	08.12.44
A.416650	F/O	CAREY	GD.P.	1 P.H.U.	18.12.44
A.21639	F/O	SPEIRS	GD.P.	467 Sqdn.	26.12.44
J.11442	S/L	ELLWOOD	GD.N.	Skipton	31.12.44

\* = (N/E Sick)

The following Officers were posted From the Squadron during December 1944:

179606	P/O	COOPER	GD.S.	R.A.F. Hurn	01.12.44
176447	F/O	GINGLES	GD.P.	R.A.F. Hurn	01.12.44
133731	F/O	PLAYFORD	GD.N.	R.A.F. Hurn	01.12.44
171180	F/O	TWELLS	GD.E.	R.A.F. Hurn	01.12.44
155224	F/O(A/F/L)	KNIGHTS	GD.P.	R.A.F. Hurn	01.12.44
160752	F/O	BARLEYCORN	GD.N.	54 Base *	28.11.44
176401	F/O	JACKSON	GD.N.	54 Base	09.12.44
111547	F/L(A/S/L)	FAWKE	GD.P.	Merryfield	22.12.44
J.86512	P/O	BRAND	GD.N.	R.C.A.F. R Depot	04.12.44
A.405693	F/O	LEE	GD.P.	26 O.T.U.	14.12.44
NZ.424044	F/O	JOPLIN	GD.P.	54 Base *	22.12.44

\* = (N/E Sick)

The following Airmen N.C.O.'s were posted To the Squadron during December 1944:

1385771	F/S	YOUNG	WO/Air	1 P.H.U.	24.11.44
577148	F/S	VENTON	F/E	5 L.F.S.	08.12.44
1162797	W/O	RIES	WO/Air	5 L.F.S.	08.12.44
624406	W/O	HARTLEY	F/E	5 L.F.S.	08.12.44
1867094	Sgt	POCOCK	WO/Air	5 L.F.S.	08.12.44
1898281	Sgt	SARGISON	A/G	5 L.F.S.	09.12.44
1898552	Sgt	AVEY	A/G	5 L.F.S.	09.12.44
1575094	F/S	FRANKS	F/E	No. 1 P.H.U.	12.12.44
R.194461	Sgt	KOHL	Nav.	No. 5 L.F.S.	09.12.44

The following Airmen N.C.O.'s were posted From the Squadron during December 1944:

1299161	Sgt	BRIARS	A/G	54 Base *	29.11.44
966665	W/O	RILEY	WO/Air	Finningley	14.12.44
1314255	F/S	THOMPSON	WO/Air	54 Base *	22.12.44
1519711	F/S	FISH	Nav.	54 Base *	22.12.44
1549747	F/S	COOKE	WO/Air	54 Base *	22.12.44
1869272	Sgt	TILLEY	F/E	54 Base *	22.12.44

\* = (N/E Sick)

The following personnel have been awarded decorations during December 1944:

1320179	W/O	HAZELL	A/B	D.F.C.
155224	F/O(A/F/L)	KNIGHTS	GD.P.	D.S.O.
183084	P/O	EVANS	GD.B.	D.F.C.
133731	F/O	PLAYFORD	GD.N.	D.F.C.
139686	F/O	WALKER	GD.B.	D.F.C.
A.412969	F/O	KELL	GD.P.	1 <sup>st</sup> Bar D.F.C.

The following Officers have been promoted during December 1944:

131949	F/O	CRAFER	GD.B. - F/L	w.e.f.	31.10.44
133731	F/O	PLAYFORD	GD.N. - F/L	w.e.f.	06.11.44
175979	P/O	BOOTH	GD.B. - F/O	w.e.f.	09.11.44
146998	F/O	BAYNE	GD.N. - A/F/L	w.e.f.	01.11.44
176492	P/O	ATKINSON	GD.G. - F/O	w.e.f.	12.11.44
134558	F/O(A/F/L)	PRYOR	GD.P. - F/L	w.e.f.	20.11.44
134673	F/O	RANDON	GD.B. - F/L	w.e.f.	20.11.44
141764	F/O	JUDGE	GD.S. - F/L	w.e.f.	30.11.44
137275	F/O (A/S/L)	COCKSHOT	GD.P.- F/L	w.e.f.	31.10.44
177034	P/O	KERR	GD.N. - F/O	w.e.f.	18.11.44
J.86733	P/O	COLE	GD.B. - GD.B.	w.e.f.	15.11.44
C.86059	P/O	SHORT	GD.E. - F/O	w.e.f.	06.11.44
1024890	F/S	HAMILTON	A/G. - T/W/O	w.e.f.	04.12.44
1497486	F/S	PENSWICK	A/G - T/W/O	w.e.f.	05.12.44
571886	Sgt	HENDERSON	F/E - T/F/S	w.e.f.	06.12.44
1542847	Sgt	HARWOOD	WO/Air - T/F/S	w.e.f.	21.12.44

The following airmen have been granted a commission during December 1944:

744881	Sgt	E.A. WASS	A/G.	w.e.f.	08.11.44.
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(Certified that the above Form 540 contains extracts from Personnel Occurrence Reports.)

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DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

BY No. 617 Squadron  
FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1944

**DATE:** 08.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster III. NG.181 (D)

**CREW:**

W/C J.B.TAIT  
F/S GALLAGHER A.E.  
F/O B.R.BAYNE  
F/O W.A.DANIEL (CAN)  
F/L J.F.CHAPMAN (AUS)  
F/O F.J.WARD  
W/O VAUGHAN H.D.

**DUTY:**

PILOT  
F/ENG.  
NAV.  
A/B.  
MU/GUNNER  
W/OP.  
R/GUNNER

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          0917                   1315

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. 10/10 cloud obscured the target and there was no chance of a break. The force orbited for some time marking runs in various directions but it was impossible to bomb although the target could be glimpsed occasionally and was definitely identified. Water was overflowing down the spillway. There was no flak in target area, but a solitary gun was firing somewhat North of the target. I therefore recalled the force at 1140 hrs.

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**DATE:** 08.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. NG. 181 (M)

**CREW:**

S/L C.C.CALDER  
F/O H.E.WAKEFIELD  
F/L J.H.BENISON  
F/L C.B.CRAFER  
F/O F.W.GARGET  
P/O A.H.ATKINSON  
F/O G.DALE

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**                   **DOWN.**  
                          0929                   1312

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. Each time we ran over, we saw the target, but too late. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 08.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. PD. 238 (H)

**CREW:**

S/L J.V. COCKSHOTT  
F/S FRYER R.C.  
W/O GOSLING L.E.  
P/O E.BOOOTH

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/S BATES A.S.  
F/S BRADBURY G.R.  
W/O BIRCH L.J. (AUS)

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    0925           1317

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. Saw target twice, but couldn't make a run.

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**DATE:** 08.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. ME. 554           (F)

<b>CREW:</b> S/L T.C.IVISON SGT. PHILLIPS J.D. F/O J.D.HARRISON F/S CHANCE F.R. F/O A.TITTLE SGT. WASS E.A. SGT. SMITH A.L.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    0923           1306

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. Target identified visually but unable to bomb.

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**DATE:** 08.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. DV. 385           (V)

<b>CREW:</b> S/L J.F.BROOKES SGT. BUSNELL C.E. F/O J.H.JONES F/L E.A.BALDWIN F/O D.W.JUDGE F/O R.B.DENWETT F/L A.G.FARTHING	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    0919           1339

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. Aircraft hit by heavy flak over Dunkirk. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 08.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. DV. 380           (P)



**CREW:**

S/L C.W.C.HAMILTON  
F/S ROOKE L.S.  
F/O F.E.WITTMER (AUS)  
F/O C.T.C.LEWIS  
W/O PASK M. (AUS)  
F/S DADGE J.A.  
W/O HAMILTON D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          0936           1336

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. Aircraft hit by flak. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 08.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. ED. 763           (Z)

**CREW:**

F/L D.J.ORAM  
F/S HAYWOOD R.P.  
W/O CARDWELL F. (NZ)  
F/O C.G.ROGERS  
W/O FORSHAW J.B.  
F/S FLYNN J.P.  
F/S PEIRSON D.P.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          0930           1302

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. Bomb was seen an overshoot.

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**DATE:** 08.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. LM. 485           (U)

**CREW:**

F/L H.J. PRYOR  
F/S WINSTON A.L.  
F/O R.L. PINDER (CAN)  
F/O G.A. KEDRICK  
P/O A. HEPWORTH  
F/O A.J. PATTERSON  
F/S COLYER A.J.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                          0930           1300

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. If we had been fifteen mins. earlier or had another fifteen mins. we could have bombed.

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**DATE:** 08.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV. 402 (X)

**CREW:**

F/L J.L. SAYERS (AUS)  
P/O V.L. JOHNSON  
F/O E.G. STROM (AUS)  
P/O E.W. WEAVER (AUS)  
P/O F.E. HOWKINS  
P/O B.F. KENT  
P/O R.P. BARRY (AUS)

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  0933           1515

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. Target identified visually but unable to make a run.

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**DATE:** 08.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV. 391 (Y)

**CREW:**

F/L I.M. MARSHALL  
F/S CHOLERTON F.  
P/O K. NEWBY  
F/L J.L. RUMGAY  
F/O H.J. RIDING  
F/O T.S. COOKE  
F/O D.W. BALE

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  0932           1307

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 08.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. NF. 992 (B)

**CREW:**

F/L L.S. GOODMAN  
SGT. BURNETT W.  
F/O H. WATKINSON  
F/L H.A. HAYWARD  
F/S BOOTH H.J.  
SGT. LEWIS R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

SGT. HULBERT A.S.

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  0926           1342

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. We made about six orbits of the target and saw target twice, but not long enough for a bombing run. Had to home to target most times on GEE.

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**DATE:** 08.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. LM. 489           (A)

**CREW:**                                   **DUTY:**  
F/L H.V. GAVIN AUS                   AS SHOWN ABOVE  
SGT. BROWN F.H.  
F/O BUXTON A.G. (AUS)  
F/S WHITE W.M. (AUS)  
F/O N.E. SAINSBURY. (AUS)  
F/O T.K. REDDAN (AUS)  
F/O L. BURROWS (AUS)

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  0921           1322

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. Saw target on first run, but not later runs and couldn't bomb.

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**DATE:** 08.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster.I. PD. 371           (S)

**CREW:**                                   **DUTY:**  
F/L B.J.DOBSON                       AS SHOWN ABOVE  
P/O A.T.MCKENZIE  
P/O J.B.KNIGHT  
P/O A.K.JOHNSTONE  
P/O R.J.EDGE (AUS)  
F/S SNAPE A.V.  
P/O W.J.DRY (CAN)

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  0927           1311

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. Saw target once or twice from directly overhead, but could not bomb.

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**DATE:** 08.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. DV. 405           (J)

**CREW:**                                   **DUTY:**

F/L B.A. GUMBLEY (NZ)  
F/O E.A. BARNETT  
F/O K. GILL  
F/O J.C. RANDON  
F/O S.V. GRIMES  
F/S PENSWICK J.  
P/O G. BELL

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  0934           1310

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. Saw target once or twice, but could not make a run.

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**DATE:** 08.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. PB. 415           (O)

**CREW:**

F/O J.A. SANDERS  
F/S NUTLEY T.H.  
P/O J.B. BARRON  
P/O H.G. ALLEN (CAN)  
F/S WARD A.  
F/L E.N. ARMSTRONG.  
F/S MACHIN R.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  0922           1255

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. Saw target about three times, but couldn't get a run.

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**DATE:** 08.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. LM. 695           (N)

**CREW:**

F/O J.H. LEAVITT  
SGT. GRIFFIN M.  
F/O R.F. WITHAMS  
SGT. OLDMAN D.A.  
F/S COLE C.  
SGT. DALEY J.  
SGT. GOLDIE P.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                  0923           1312

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. Caught glimpse of target but couldn't make a run.

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**DATE:** 08.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV. 393 (R)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O P.H. MARTIN (AUS) SGT. BLAGBROUGH J. W/O JACKSON A. F/S DAY D.A. P/O G.M. LOVATT (AUS) F/S MAYOH H. F/S TREBILCOCK T.J.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0929	1313

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**  
Bombing, URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. Saw target area.

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**DATE:** 08.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME. 555 (C)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O M.B. FLATMAN. SGT. ROSS R.M. F/O G. MACKIE F/O G. KELLY SGT. HARWOOD A.S. W/O BENSON G. P/O K.C. KIRK	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
	0947	1321

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**  
Bombing, URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. Saw target once or twice, but could not get a bombing run.

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**DATE:** 08.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME. 561 (T)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O A.W. JOPLIN (NZ) SGT. TILLEY F.L. F/S FISH C.D.R. F/S HEBBARD L. (NZ) F/S COOK G. F/O R.B. YATES F/S THOMPSON J.T.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP.</b>	<b>DOWN.</b>
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0931

1316

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. Aircraft hit by heavy flak over target. Target seen but, unable to make a run.

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**DATE:** 11.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME. 146 (D)

**CREW:**

W/C TAIT

F/S GALLAGHER

F/O BAYNE

F/O WARD

F/L CHAPMAN (AUS)

F/O DANIEL (CAN)

W/O VAUGHAN

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1241 1802

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. 1549 hrs. 6,000ft. Bomb hit the centre of the apron. We saw one overshoot to the right.

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**DATE:** 11.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME. 555 (C)

**CREW:**

S/L BROOKES

SGT. BUNSELL

F/O JONES

F/L BALDWIN

F/O R.B. DENWETT

F/L A.G. FARTHING

F/O.D.W. JUDGE

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME: UP. DOWN.**  
1249 1806

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

Bombing, URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. 1529 hrs. 10,000ft Bomb overshoot to right (150 yards). The target became obscured by brown smoke.

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**DATE:** 11.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME. 554 (F)

**CREW:**

S/L T.C. IVESON.

SGT. PHILLIPS. J.D.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O. J.D. HARRISON.  
F/O. A. TITTLE.  
F/S CHANCE F.R.  
SGT. SMITH. A.L  
F/S SHARPE A.W.

**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                      1245               1740

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OF FLIGHT:**

1526. 8400' URFT DAM 1 x Tallboy. Bomb believed to have exploded just to the left of the overflow about one third of the way down. First bomb that exploded hit the dam itself quarter of the way down. One other bomb seemed to fall to the left of the overflow about twice as far away as ours and about the same height. Our bomb fell into the water and did not explode. Another overshoot in the water and did explode. Just as aircraft left the target area an explosion was seen right on aiming point.

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**DATE:** 11.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. ME. 181           (M)

<b>CREW:</b> S/L G G CAULDER F/O H E WAKEFIELD F/L J H BENSON F/L C B CRAFTER F/O F.W. GARGET P/O A T ATKINSON F/O G DALE	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                      1243               1755

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

1542 1/2. 8750' Bombing URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. bomb appeared to hit at base of apron and slightly to the left.

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**DATE:** 11.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER:**           Lancaster I. FD238           (H)

<b>CREW:</b> S/L J V COCKSHOTT F/S FRYER R.C. W.O GOSLING L.E. P/O E.BOOOTH F/S BATES A.S. F/S BRADBURY G.R. W/O BIRCH L.J..	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**           **UP.**               **DOWN.**  
                      1253               1807

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, URFT DAM 1 x Tallboy. We made five runs, but cloud interfered each time. After 35 minutes we packed up. Bomb sight u/s.

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**DATE:** 11.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER** Lancaster 111 ED.763 (Z)

**CREW:**

F/L D J ORAM  
F/S HAYWOOD R.P.  
W/O CARDWELL F  
F/O C G ROGERS  
W.O FORSHAW J.B.  
F/S FLYNN J.P.  
F/S PEIRSON D.P.

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN.**  
                    1300           1721

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

1519. 8000' Bombing. Target URFT DAM. Our bomb hit N.E. end of dam, we did not see it burst. No other results observed as we were first to bomb. B/L x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 11.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER** Lancaster 1. DV 391 (X)

**CREW:**

F/L I.M. MARSHALL  
F/S CHOLERTON F.  
P/O K NEWBY  
F/L J L RUMGAY  
R/O H J RIDING  
F/O R M HEGGIE  
F/O D W BALE

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP.**           **DOWN**  
                    1244           1817

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

16.05 7000' Bombing. Target URFT DAM 1 x Tallboy. Could not see our bomb burst. May have burst near S edge of slipway.

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**DATE:** 11.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER** Lancaster 111 LM 483 (U)

**CREW:**

F/L H J PRYOR  
F/S WINSTON A.L.  
F/O R L PINDER  
F/O G A KENDRICK

**DUTY:**

AS SHOWN ABOVE



P/O A HEPWORTH  
F/O A J PATTERSON  
F/S COLYER A J

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	1246	1808

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

1522. 8400' Bombing. Target URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. Could not see bomb strike. Saw four undershoots, 2 - 300 yds West of Dam.

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**DATE:** 11.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER** Lancaster 1 NF 992(B)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L L S GOODMAN SGT BURNETT W. F/O H WATKINSON F/L H A HAYWARD F/S BOOTH H.J. STG. LEWIS R. SGT. HULBERT AS.	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	1238	1747

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

1531 1/4. 8000' Bombing, URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. Could not observe bomb burst but rear gunner saw large burst near centre of crest of slipway which was probably ours.

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**DATE:** 11.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER** Lancaster I. PO 371 (S)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L B J DOBSON P/O A T MACKENZIE P/O J B KNIGHT P/O A K JOHNSTONE F/S SNAPE A.V. P/O W.J. DRY (CAN) P/O R J EDGE (AUS)	<b>DUTY:</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	1239	1750

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

1531 1/2, 9400' Bombing, URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. Bomb fell about 50 yards short Saw one or two missing on the landward side of dam.

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**DATE:** 11.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE: & NUMBER** Lancaster 1 (J)

**CREW:**  
F/L GUMBLEY NZ  
F/O E A BURNETT  
F/O K GILL  
F/O J C RANDON  
F/O S V GRIMES  
F/S PENSWICK. J  
F/O WATSON J

**: DUTY:**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                  1251           1819

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

1559 3/4, 6000' Bombing, URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. We could not see our bomb burst owing to cloud. No direct hits seen.

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**DATE:** 11.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 LM 489 (A)

**CREW:**  
F/L H V GAVIN (AUS)  
GT BROWN F.H.  
F/O BUXTON A G (AUS)  
F/S WHITE W M (AUS)  
F/O N E SAINSBURY (AUS)  
F/O T K REDDAN (AUS)  
F/O L BURROWS (AUS)

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                  12.49           18.10

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

1554. 6000' Bombing, target URFT DAM 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb overshoot due to partial hang up. (Manual release). Unable to see result owing to cloud. We were on target 35 mins and did 8 runs.

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**DATE:** 11.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 DV.393 (R)

**CREW:**  
F/O P H MARTIN (AUS)  
SGT BLAGBOROUGH J  
W/O JACKSON A  
F/S DAY D.A.  
P/O G M LOVATT (AUS)  
F/S MAYOH H  
F/S BREBILCOCK T J

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         12.50                        17.32

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

1531 1/2. 8600' Bombing, URFT DAM 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb went down on left hand corner of Dam. The first bomb hit the centre of the apron. Several undershoots and two over shoots seen.

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**DATE:** 11.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1 DV.402                    (X)

**CREW:**

F/O A W JOPLIN (NZ)

STG. TILLEY F.L.

F/S FISH

F/S HEBBARD L (NZ)

F/S COOK G

F/O R B YATES

F/S THOMPSON J T

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         1255                        1744

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

1528. 9800' Bombing, URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb overshot to left due to too short a run and wind vector error. We saw hit close to base of apron.

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**DATE:** 11.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I. LM 695                    (N)

**CREW:**

F/O J H LEAVITT

SGT GRIFFIN H

F/O R F WITHAMS

SGT OLDMAN D.A.

F/S COLE C

SGT DALEY J

SGT GOLDIE P

F/L K J RYALL

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         1326                        1753

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

1530. 9400' Bombing, URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. Bomb overshot by about 50 yards into the water.

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**DATE:** 11.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1 PB415(O)

**CREW:**  
F/O J A SANDERS  
F/S NUTLEY T H  
P/O J B BARRON  
P/O H G ALLEN (CAN)  
F/L E N ARMSTRONG  
F/S MACHIN R

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          1240                   1751

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing. URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. Made first run at 1515hrs. On first run we could have bombed but smoke from main force bombs obscured the aiming point. We made five more runs at 9500 ft and then one at 6000 ft but cloud prevented a good run each time. Squadron Commander ordered us back to base.

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**DATE:** 11.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster 1 PD.233           (G)

**CREW:**  
F/O M B FLATMAN  
SGT ROSS R M  
F/O G MACKIE  
F/O G KELLY  
SGT HARWOOD A S  
W/O BENSON G  
P/O K C KIRK

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          1250                   1804

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

1529. 8600' Bombing. URFT DAM. 1 x Tallboy. We did not see our bomb burst. We saw two bursts to the left of the apron and two overshoots.

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**DATE:** 15.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster 1 ME 146           (D)

**CREW:**  
W/C J B TAIT  
F/S GALLAGHER A E  
F/O B R BAYNE  
F/O W A DANIEL (CAN)  
F/O F J WARD  
F/L J F CHAPMAN (AUS)  
W/O VAUGHAN H D

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          1333                   1631

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

1510 3/4. 9300' Bombing, U-Boat pens IJ MUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb fell on South end of pens, near the centre. We saw an overshoot on the East side of the docks and one at entrance to pens.

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**DATE:** 15.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 DV 391 (X)

**CREW:**

S/L J P BROOKES  
P/O H R SHORT (CAN)  
F/O J H JONES  
F/L E A BALDWIN  
F/O D W JUDGE  
F/O R B BENNETT  
F/L A G FARTHING

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP                   DOWN**  
                  1345                   1628

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, U-Boat pens IJ MUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. We had a hang up over the target. The gyro toppled and we were under the impression that the bomb had gone. We then circled S.W. of the target for 15 mins waiting for the gyro to settle but without effect. We were eventually instructed to return to base. We endeavoured to recock the bomb but it slipped and the bomb fell in the sea about 3-5 miles west of the target at 1529 hrs. 9500 ft. (Position 5230 N. 1410 E)

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**DATE:** 15.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 PD.238(H)

**CREW:**

S/L J V COCKSHOTT  
F/S FRYER R C  
W/O GOSLING L E  
P/O E BOOTH  
F/S BATES A S  
F/S BRADBURY G R  
W/O BIRCH L J (AUS)  
W/O LAMMAS A J

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

PASSENGER

**TIME:           UP                   DOWN**  
                  1344                   1605

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

1503. 9500' Bombing, U-Boat pens I J MUIDEN 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb fell off on SW corner of pens, along with three others. Later we saw several direct hits.

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**DATE:** 15.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 ME.554 (F)

**CREW:**

S/L T C IVESON  
SGT PHILLIPS J D  
F/O J D HARRISON  
F/S CHANCE R F  
F/O A TITTLE  
SGT SMITH A L  
P/O E A WASS

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    1312           1611

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

1503 1/2. 9400'. Bombing, U-Boat pens IJ MUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. We did not see our bomb burst owing to smoke but saw two slightly overshoots and 1 direct hit, also two undershoots.

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**DATE:** 15.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster 1 PB.415           (O)

**CREW:**

S/L C C CALDER  
F/O H E WAKEFIELD  
F/L J H BENISON  
F/L C B CRAFER  
F/O F W GARGET  
F/O A H ATKINSON  
F/O G DALE

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    1330           1553

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

1510. 8950'. Bombing, U-Boat pens, IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. Results not observed. Aircraft hit by light flak. Damage to starboard main spar.

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**DATE:** 15.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster 1 NF.992(B)

**CREW:**

F/L L S GOODMAN  
SGT BURNETT W  
F/O H WATKINSON  
F/L H A HAYWARD  
F/S BOOTH H J  
SGT LEWIS R  
SGT HULBERT A S

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    1337           1625

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

1503 1/2. 9500'. Bombing, U BOAT PENS IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb hit the N.W. corner of target, one other direct hit seen.

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**DATE:** 15.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 DV.380 (F)

**CREW:**

F/L B A GUMBLEY (NZ)  
F/O E A BARNETT  
F/O K GILL  
F/O J C RANDON  
F/O S V GRIMES  
F/S PENSWICK J  
F/O WATSON J

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    1334           1610

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

1503 1/4. 10000' Bombing, U-BOAT PENS IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb hit the F N.W. corner of the pens. We also saw a near miss on the N.W. side.

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**DATE:** 15.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 LM 483 (U)

**CREW:**

F/L H J PRYOR  
F/S WINSTON A.O.  
F/O H ELLIS  
F/O G A KENDRICK  
P/O A HEPWORTH  
F/O A J PATTERSON  
F/S COLYER A J

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    1339           1617

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

1507. 9400' Bombing. U-BOAT PENS IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. No results seen - obscured by smoke.

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**DATE:** 15.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 ED.763 (Z)

**CREW:**

F/L D J ORAM  
F/S HAYWOOD R P  
W.O CARDWELL F  
F/O C G ROGERS

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

W/O FORSHAW J B  
F/S FLYNN J P  
F/S PIERSON D P

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	1341	1623

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

1503. 9200' Bombing. U-BOAT PENS IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb not seen on account of smoke over target become obscured by smoke. Estimate six direct hits.

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<b>DATE:</b>	15.12.44		
<b>AIRCRAFT TYPE &amp; NUMBER:</b>	Lancaster 1 DV.402	(X)	

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L I. M. MARSHALL	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S CHOLERTON F.	
F/O K. NEWBY	
F/L J. L. RUMGAY	
F/O J. H. RIDING	
F/O R. M. HEGGIE	
R/O D. W. BALE	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	1338	1637

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing. U-BOAT PENS IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. Bomb brought back. Hit by heavy flak. Starboard inner u/s. Nos. 1 & 2 tanks in port side holed. Other damage N.Y.A. A/c was hit during first run over target. A second run was made but bomb failed to release.

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<b>DATE:</b>	15.12.44		
<b>AIRCRAFT TYPE &amp; NUMBER:</b>	Lancaster 1 PD 371	(S)	

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O CASTAGNOLA	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S HENDERSON S J	
F/O F J GORRINGE	
P/O N EVANS	
F/S EAVES W T	
F/S SALTER R E	
F/S TIREL A D	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	1335	1596

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

1503. 9500' Bombing. U-BOAT PENS IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb overshoot by approx. 15 yds. At least one direct hit seen.

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**DATE:** 15.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 PD.233 (G)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O M B FLATMAN	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. ROSS R M	
F/O G MACKIE	
F/O G KELLY	
F/O K C KIRK	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	1339	1641

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing. U-BOAT PENS IJ MUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb hung up and after doing two runs we turned as for a third run. We opened the bomb doors about 2 miles out to sea and the bomb fell out. We saw a near miss in front of the entrance to pens and one overshoot. On the second run we tried to jettison as the light went out but without success.

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**DATE:** 15.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 ME555(C)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O I S ROSS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S WALTER W	
F/O T O'BRIEN	
P/O E G TILBY	
F/O M ELLWOOD	
F/S GRIFFITHS L D	
F/O A F MCKELLAR	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	1331	1557

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

1503. 9900' Bombing. U-BOAT PENS IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb fell just off the entrance to pens about 20 yds. We saw some bombs fall on the right hand corner of the docks and one over shot on East side.

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**DATE:** 15.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 LM 489 (A)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O A W JOPLIN NZ	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT TILLEY F L	
F/S FISH C D R	
F/S HEBBARD L NZ	
F/S COOK G	
F/O R B YATES	
F/S THOMPSON J T	

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         1340                            1603

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

1503 1/2. 9100'

Bombing. U-BOAT PENS IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. One bomb seen to N of target and one seen to hit in centre of the pens.

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**DATE:** 15.4.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1 DV.393                    (R)

**CREW:**

F/O P H MARTIN AUS  
SGT BLAGBOROUGH J  
W/O JACKSON A  
F/S DAY D A  
P/O G M LOVETT AUS  
F/S MAYOH H  
F/S TREBILCOCK T J

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         1343                            1612

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing. UBOAT PENS IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy 1503 1/2. 9400'. Own bomb in S.W. corner of target. Two direct hits seen possibly a further hit.

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**DATE:** 15.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1 NG.181                    (M)

**CREW:**

F/O A E KELL AUS  
P/O J SOILLEUS  
P/O R L KERR  
F/O K C MORIESON  
F/O D E FREEMAN  
W/O WEBB D E  
R/O R WILDINSON

**DUTY**

PILOT  
F/E  
NAV  
A.B.  
W.OP.  
M.U.  
R.G.

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         1325                            1615

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

1503 1/4. 8950'

Bombing. U-BOAT PENS LKMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb disappeared into the smoke, which covered the target. One slight overshoot seen and remainder obscured by smoke.

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**DATE:** 15.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 LM.695 (N)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O F N A WATTS F/S CHERRINGTON A W F/O C H HOUSDEN F/O M L MACKAY F/O R L HAYTER F/O K S JEWELL AUS F/S MATTHEWS G	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	1336	1617

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing. U-BOAT PENS IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy bought back to base. Hit in front turret and pilots windscreen both at port and sides blacked out.

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**DATE:** 21.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 PD.238 (H)

<b>CREW:</b> S/L J V COCKSHOTT F/S FRYER R C W/O GOSLING L E P/O E BOOTH F/S BATES A S F/S BRADBURY G R W/O BIRCH L J AUS	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	1646	0216

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, POLITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 22.10 1/4. 16270'. Couldn't see our bomb. Attack seemed very scattered. Most bombs fell to the North of the target, second run found cloud, third run gyro toppled. Fourth was a good one and we bombed.

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**DATE:** 21.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I ME.554 (F)

<b>CREW:</b> S/L T C IVESON SGT PHILLIPS J D F/O J D HARRISON F/S CHANCE R F F/O A TITTLE P/O E A WASS SGT SMITH A L	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         1659                            0253

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, POLITX. 1 x Tallboy. Over target from 2151 - 2205 Saw many yellow T.I.'s. Did not see the flashing V. Bomb sight toppled on first run. Target not identified, and decided not to bomb after three orbits.

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**DATE:** 21.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1 LM 489                    (A)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L J F BROOKES	AS SHOWN ABOVE
P/O J R SHORT CAN	
F/O J H JONES	
F/L E A BALDWIN	
F/O D W JUDGE	
F/O R B DENWETT	
F/L A G FARTHING	

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         1702                            0317

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing. POLITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 2208. 16850' Could not see bomb burst. Aircraft hit by heavy flak.

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**DATE:** 21.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1 PD.371                    (S)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L I M MARSHALL	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S CHOLERTON F	
F/O K NEWBY	
W/O CLARKE G K AUS	
F/O H J RIDING	
F/O T S COOK	
F/O D W BALE	

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         1656                            0326

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing POLITZ. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 21.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1 DV.380                    (P)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L H J PRYOR	PILOT
F/S WINSTON	F/ENG

F/O H ELLIS	NAV
F/O G A KENDRICK	A/B
P/O A HEPWORTH	WO/AIR
F/O A J PATTERSON	M.U.
W/O TEMPLE E.C.	R.G.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	1651	0252

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, POLITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 2201 1/2. 18500' Bomb seen to explode, but couldn't be assessed. Run was good. Saw two bursts in the target.

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<b>DATE:</b>	21.12.44		
<b>AIRCRAFT TYPE &amp; NUMBER:</b>	Lancaster 1 ED.763	(Z)	

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L D J ORAM	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S HAYWOOD R P	
W/O CARDWELL F NZ	
F/O O G RODERS	
W/O FORSHAW J B	
F/S FLYNN J P	
F/S PIERSON D.P	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	1655	0241

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, POLITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 2157. 156800' Bomb seen to fall 100 yds North of A.P. One other Tallboy seen in S.W. corner of target and one 200 yds North.

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<b>DATE:</b>	21.12.44		
<b>AIRCRAFT TYPE &amp; NUMBER:</b>	Lancaster 1 NF.992	(B)	

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L L S GOODMAN	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT BURNETT W	
F/O H WATKINSON	
F/L H A HAYWARD	
F.S BOOTH H J	
SGT LEWIS R	
SGT HULBERT A S	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	1653	0215

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, POLITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 2150. 16100' Couldn't see our bomb owing to ice.

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**DATE:** 21.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 DV.405 (J)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L B A GUMBLEY NZ	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/O E A BARNETT]	
F/O K GILL	
F/O J C RANDON	
F/O S V GRIMES	
F/S PENSWICK J	
P/O G BELL	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	1700	0245

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, POLITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 2200 1/2. 16900' We could not see our bomb burst. The target area was very smoky. Impossible to assess bombing. The flares gave good illumination but not over the A.P.

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**DATE:** 21.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 MG.181 (M)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O A E KELL AUS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S SNEDKER F J	
F/O F E WITTMER AUS	
F/O A E MORIESON AUS	
F/O D E FREEMAN	
W.O WEBB D E	
F/O R WILKINSON	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	1649	0246

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, POLITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 2204. 16350' Impossible to assess bombing. T.I.s were very scattered. Target area very smoky from flares. We made two runs. The flares were too far East. We could not pick out the actual target. The yellow T.I.s were on the edge of the forest to the South and the reds and greens to the North. So we chose a point in between the two. We bombed on the third run.

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**DATE:** 21.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 IM.695 (N)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O F H A WATTS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S CHERRINGTON A W	
P/O C H HOUSDEN	
P/O M L MCKAY	
F/O R L HAYTER	

F/O K S JEWELL  
F/S MATTHEWS G

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    1657           0227

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, POLITZ. 1 x Tallboy. Returned early from position. 56.00 N. 15.50. E. owing to unserviceable bombsight. The fault was such as to prevent its use even as a fixed sight.

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**DATE:** 21.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster 1 PD.233           (G)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O M B FLATMAN	PILOT
SGT ROSS R M	F/ENG
F/O G MACKIE	NAV
F.O G KELLY	A/B
F.S HARWOOD A S	W/OP.
W.O BENSON G	M.U.
F/O K C KIRK	R.G.

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    1702           0317

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, POLITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 2200. 17600' We made two runs. First was a dummy run as we were too late in seeing. A.P. to get a good run.

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**DATE:** 21.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster 1 ME.555           (C)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O I S ROSS AUS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S WALTER W	
F/O E G STROM AUS	
P/O E G TILBY	
F/O M ELLWOOD	
F/S GRIFFITHS L D	
F/O A F MOKELLAR	

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    1644           0217

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, POLITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 2153 1/2. 17200' We had partial hang-up and had to release manually. We saw a big explosion at 2135 and fires were taking a good hold when we left.

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**DATE:** 21.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 LM 492 (W)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O J CASTAGNOLA F.S HENDERSON S.J. F.O F J GORRINGE P/O N EVANS F/S EAVES W T F/S SALTER R E F/L E N ARMSTRONG	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	1644	0217

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing. POLITZ. 1 x Tallboy. 2002 1/2. 17400' We estimate our bomb fell in the works. The yellow markers were North of the target and the bombing appeared to be South of the Markers, and in the target area.

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**DATE:** 21.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 DV.393 (E)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O P H MARTIN AUS SGT BLAGBOROUGH J W/O JACKSON F/S DAY D A P/O G M LOVATT AUS F/S MAYOH H F/S TREBILCOCK T J	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	1701	0226

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing. POLITZ. 1 X Tallboy. 2206. 15950' Very difficult to assess attack owing to smoke - possibly from smoke screen. Big explosion observed in target area at 2212 followed by sheet of flame.

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**DATE:** 21.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 ME.561 (T)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O A W JOPLIN NZ SGT TILLEY F L F/S FISH C B R F/O A J WALKER F/S COOKE G F/O R B YATES F/S THOMPSON J T	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
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**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Aircraft crashed on return at approx. 02.45 hours near Market Rasen. Sortie completed.

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**DATE:** 21.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 EE.146 (D)

**CREW:**

S/L C C CALDER  
F/O H E WAKEFIELD  
F/L J H BENISON  
F/L C B CRAFER  
F/O F W GARGET  
F/O A H ATKINSON  
F/O G DALE

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                  1647                   1950 (at Milltown)

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Abortive - Mission abandoned at position 5400 N 0210 E Port Inner engine failed on take-off. Did not bomb. Sortie not completed.

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**DATE:** 29.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 ME.554 (F)

**CREW:**

S/L C C CALDER  
F/O H E WAKEFIELD  
F/L J H BENISON  
F/L C B CRAFER  
F.O F W GARGET  
F/S TIREL A D  
F/O G DALE

**DUTY**

PILOT  
F/ENG  
NAV  
A/B  
W/OP  
M.U.  
R.G.

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                  1317                   1624

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, E-BOAT Pens, ROTTERDAM. 1 x Tallboy. 1457. 17000' Could not identify own bomb. Direct hit S.W. and one on entrance S.W.

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**DATE:** 29.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 NG.118 (V)

**CREW:**

S/L J F BROOKES  
P/O H R SHORT CAN

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O J H JONES  
F/O E A BALDWIN  
F/O D W JUDGE  
F/O R B DENWETT  
F/L A G FARTHING

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                         1308            1635

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, E-Boat Pens, ROTTERDAM. 1 x Tallboy. 1457. 18000' We had direct hit on centre of pens at North end.

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**DATE:** 29.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster 1 PD.238            (H)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L J V COCKSHOTT	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S FRYER R C	
W/O GOSLING L E	
P/I E BOOTH	
F/S BATES A S	
F/S BRADBURY G.R.	
W/O BIRCH L.J. AUS	

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                         1314            1611

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, E-Boat Pens, ROTTERDAM. 1 x Tallboy. 1457 1/2. 16400' On second run over middle of target appeared to have a hole in centre. Some bombs dropped in water.

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**DATE:** 29.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster 1 DV.380            (P)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L C W C HAMILTON	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S JOHNSON W	
F/O F E WITTMER AUS	
F/O C T C LEWIS	
W/O PASK M AUS	
F/S DADGE J A	
F/S HAMILTON D	

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                         1325            1619

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, ROTTERDAM. 1 x Tallboy. 1458. 16100' Three direct hits.

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**DATE:** 29.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 LM.485 (U)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L H J PRYOR	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S FINSTON A L	
F/O H ELLIS	
P/O H G ALLEN CAN.	
P/O A HEPWORTH	
F/L E N ARMSTONG	
W/O TEMPLE E.C.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	1324	1603

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, E-Boat Pens, ROTTERDAM. 1 x Tallboy. 1457. 17700' One bomb undershot by 200 yards and one was to the West. Rest hit the targets.

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**DATE:** 29.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 DV.405 (J)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L B A GUMBLEY NZ	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/O E A BARNETT	
F/O K GILL	
F/O J C RANDON	
F/O S V GRIMES	
W/O PENSWICK J	
P/O G BELL	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	1334	1623

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, E-Boat Pens, ROTTERDAM. 1 x Tallboy. 1457 1/2. 16660' Bomb unobserved owing to smoke. A good many near misses. No direct hit seen.

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**DATE:** 29.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 PD.371 (S)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L B J DOBSON	PILOT
P/O A T KCKENZIE	F/ENG
P/O J B KNIGHT	NAV
P/O A K JOHNSTONE	A/B
P/O R J EDGE AUS	W/OP
F/S SNAPE A V	M.U.
P/O W J DRY CAN	R.G.

1305

1616

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, E-Boat Pens, ROTTERDAM. 1 x Tallboy. 1505. 17100' Two bombs observed target in our first run. We went round again and our bomb overshot by about 40 yards. About three direct hits. A few scattered bombs to East.

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**DATE:** 29.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 LM.489 (A)

**CREW:**

F/L H GAVIN AUS  
SGT BROWN FH  
P/O A G BUXTON AUS  
F/S WHITE W.M. AUS  
F/O N E SAINSBURY AUS  
F/O T K REDDAN AUS  
F/O L BURROWS AUS

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                  1322           1630

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, E-Boat Pens, ROTTERDAM 1 x Tallboy. 1456. 17400' Our bomb was on entrance side of pen. One direct hit West centre of pens and another over entrance near N.W corner.

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**DATE:** 29.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 NF 992(B)

**CREW:**

F/L L S GOODMAN  
SGT BURNETT W  
F/O H WATKINSON  
F/L H A HAYWARD  
F.S BOOTH H J  
SGT LEWIS R  
SGT HULBERT A S

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                  1309           1614

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing. E-Boat Pens, ROTTERDAM. 1457. 17650' Bombs appeared to be undershooting.

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**DATE:** 29.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 ED.769(E)

**CREW:**

F/L D J ORAM

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/S HAYWOOD R P  
F/S ROBIN D.W. AUS  
F/O C G ROGERS  
W/O FORSHAW J B  
F/S FLYNN J P  
F/S PIERSON D P

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         1318                    1622

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, E-Boat Pens, ROTTERDAM. 1 x Tallboy. 1458 1/2. 17380' Could not observe own bomb. 2 direct hits seen

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**DATE:** 29.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1 PD.233(G)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O M G FLATMAN	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S ARMSTRONG E W	
F/O G MACKIE	
F/O G KELLY	
F/S HARWOOD A S	
W/O BENSON G	
F/O K C KIRK	

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         1315                    1636

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, E-Boat Pens, Rotterdam. 1 x Tallboy. 1456. 17200' Two bombs fell together. One just clear of entrance side and one direct hit on centre of roof. Ours could have been either. We saw a definite break on entrance side (West) after smoke had cleared on our second run with aircraft S.

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**DATE:** 29.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1 ME.555                    (C)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O I S ROSS AUS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S WALTER W	
P/O J L HILL	
P/O E G TILBY	
F/O M ELLWOOD	
F/S GRIFFITHS L D	
F/O A F MCKELLAR	

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         1316                    1605

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, E-BOAT Pens, ROTTERDAM. 1 x Tallboy. 1457. 18000' One on edge of pens. Ours on pens.

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**DATE:** 29.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 NG.181 (M)

**CREW:**

F/O A E KELL AUS

F/S SNEDKER F J

W/O CARDWELL F NZ

F/O K C MORIESON AUS

F/O D E FREEMAN

W/O WEBB D E

F/O R WILKINSON

**DUTY**

PILOT

F/ENG

NAV

A/B

W/OP

M.U.

R.G.

**TIME:**

**UP**

1336

**DOWN**

1626

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, E-Boat Pens, ROTTERDAM. 1 x Tallboy. 1458 1/2. 16700' Could not observe our bomb. Two or three direct hits.

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**DATE:** 29.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 DV.393 (R)

**CREW:**

F/O J H LEAVITT

SGT GRIFFIN H

F/O R F WITHAMS

F/S OLDMAN D A

F/S COLE C

SGT DALEY J

SGT GOLDIE P

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**

**UP**

1310

**DOWN**

1613

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, E-Boat Pens, ROTTERDAM. 1 x Tallboy. 1457 1/2. 16000' Our bomb fell 100 yds East of target.

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**DATE:** 29.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 LM.695 (N)

**CREW:**

F/O F H A WATTS

F/S CHERRINGTON AW

P.O C H HOUSEDEN

P/O M L MCKAY CAN

F/O R L HAYTER

F/S FORD L

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/S MATTHEWS G

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                  1348           1609

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, E-Boat Pens, ROTTERDAM. 1 x Tallboy. 1457 1/2. 17100' Saw no bombs land.

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**DATE:** 29.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster 1 LM.492           (W)

**CREW:**                                   **DUTY**  
F/O J CASTAGNOLA                   AS SHOWN ABOVE  
F/S HENDERSON S.J.  
F/O GORRINGE  
P/O N EVANS  
F/S EAVES W T  
F/S SALTER R E  
P/O J K RONALD

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                  1311           1608

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, e-Boat Pen, ROTTERDAM. 1 x Tallboy. 1457. 17900' Our bomb hit the West edge of roof.

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**DATE:** 30.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster 1. ME.554           (F)

**CREW:**                                   **DUTY**  
S/L C C CALDER                   AS SHOWN ABOVE  
F/O H E WAKEFIELD  
F/L J H BENISON  
F/L C B CRAFER  
F/O F W GARGET  
F/O A H ATKINSON  
F/O G DALE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                  1451           1717

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, E-Boat Pens, IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. I went down to 4000' just out from the target and found the low cloud just covering the target. It was moving and I decided that it was no use waiting for a clearance as the cloud stretched as far North as one could see. I told the Force to return to Base. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 30.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster 1 NG.118           (V)

**CREW:**

S/L J F BROOKES  
P/O H R SHORT CAN.  
F/O J H JONES  
F/L E A BALDWIN  
F/O D W JUDGE  
F/O R B DENWETT  
F/L A G FARTHING

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         1449                    1718

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, E-Boat Pens, IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 30.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1 DV.390                    (P)

**CREW:**

S/L C W C HAMILTON  
F/S JOHNSON W  
F/O F E WITTMER AUS  
F/O C T C LEWIS  
W/O PASK M AUS  
F/S DADGE J A  
F/S HAMILTON D

**DUTY**

PILOT  
F/ENG.  
NAV.  
A/B  
W/OP  
M.U.  
R.G.

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         1508                    1700

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, E-Boat Pens, IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 30.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1 LM.485                    (U)

**CREW:**

F/L H J PRYOR  
F/S FINSTON A L  
F/O H ELLIS  
P/O H G ALLEN CAN.  
P/O A HEPWORTH  
F/L E N ARMSTONG  
W/O TEMPLE E.C.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         1446                    1710

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**



Bombing, E-Boat Pens, IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 30.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 DV.405 (J)

**CREW:**

F/L B A GUMBLEY NZ  
F/O E A BARNETT  
F/O K GILL  
F/O J C RANDON  
F/O S V GRIMES  
W/O PENSWICK J  
P/O G BELL

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                         1449            1708

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, E-Boat Pens, IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 30.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 LM.489 (A)

**CREW:**

F/L H GAVIN AUS  
F/S BENTON S J  
P/O A G BUXTON AUS  
F/S WHITE W.M. AUS  
F/O N E SAINSBURY AUS  
F/O T K REDDAN AUS  
F/O L BURROWS AUS

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                         1448            1719

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, E-Boat Pens, IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 30.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 NF.992 (B)

**CREW:**

F/L L S GOODMAN  
SGT BURNETT W  
F/O H WATKINSON  
F/L H A HAYWARD  
F.S BOOTH H J

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

SGT LEWIS R  
SGT HULBERT A S

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    1456           1711

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, E-Boat Pens, IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 30.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster 1 ED.763           (E)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L D J ORAM	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S HAYWOOD R P	
F/S ROBIN D.W. AUS	
F.O C G ROGERS	
W/O FORSHAW J B	
F/S FLYNN J P	
F/S PIERSON D P	

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    1450           1706

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, E-Boat Pens, IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 30.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster 1 PD.233           (G)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O M G FLATMAN	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S ARMSTRONG E W	
F/O G MACKIE	
F/O G KELLY	
F/S HARWOOD A S	
W/O BENSON G	
F/O K C KIRK	

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    1459           1722

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, E-Boat Pens, IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 30.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster 1 ME.555           (C)

**CREW:**

F/O I S ROSS AUS  
F/S WALTER W  
P/O J L HILL  
P/O E G TILBY  
F/O M ELLWOOD  
F/S GRIFFITHS L D  
F/O A F MCKELLAR

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    1440           1702

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, E-Boat Pens, IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 30.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster 1 DV.393           (R)

**CREW:**

F/O J H LEAVITT  
SGT GRIFFIN H  
F/O R F WITHAMS  
F/S OLDMAN D A  
F/S COLE C  
SGT DALEY J  
SGT GOLDIE P

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    1444           1712

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, E-Boat Pens, IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 30.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster 1 LM. 695           (N)

**CREW:**

F/O F H A WATTS  
F/S CHERRINGTON AW  
P/O C H HOUSDEN  
P/O M L MCKAY CAN  
F/O R L HAYTER  
F/S FORD L  
F/S MATTHEWS G

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    1439           1703

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, E-Boat Pens, IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 30.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 DV.402 (X)

**CREW:**  
F/O J CASTAGNOLA  
F/S HENDERSON S.J.  
F/O GORRINGE  
P/O A K JOHNSTONE  
F/S EAVES W T  
F/S TIREL A D  
P/O J K RONALD

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
1445               1705

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, E-Boat Pens, IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 31.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 EE.146 (D)

**CREW:**  
G/C J E FAUQUIER CAN  
W/O HARTLEY G E  
S/L G B ELLWOOD CAN  
F/O W A DANIEL CAN  
F/S EAVES W T  
F/O J WATSON  
F/O N H LLOYD

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
1952               0312

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, Shipping, OSLO FIORD, 1 x Tallboy. 0010. 8000' The bomb burst approx. 100 yds to port of ship. After bomb burst, ship made off in N. direct at high speed. One stick of flares was dropped over target and I have instructions for Force to orbit to N. & to begin continuous illuminations & bombing within 2 mins, & that this ship was midway between island & mainland. The most flares dropped at N. end of Rano Island. Bombing was eventually carried out without flares.

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**DATE:** 31.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 ME.554 (F)

**CREW:**  
S/L C C CALDER  
F/O H E WAKEFIELD  
F/L J H BENISON  
F/L C B CRAFER

**DUTY**  
PILOT  
F/ENG  
NAV.  
A/B.

F/O F W GARGET	W/OP.
F/O A H ATKINSON	M.U.
F/O G DALE	R.G.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	1955	0350

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, Shipping, OSLO FIORD. 1 x Tallboy. 0037 1/2. 9500' Bomb burst approx. 100 yds to starboard of ship. Someone called up to say ship was at posn. 4 & they dropped a Wanja Flare over it. Later they said ship was under way & dropped flares over it. We could not identify it & could only see wake - flares proved very blinding. I ordered yellow force to posn. 9 where a cruiser had already been identified. Later, I was able to identify a cruiser in posn. C so I cancelled previous order & ordered yellow force to attack this cruiser.

<b>DATE:</b>	31.12.44		
<b>AIRCRAFT TYPE &amp; NUMBER:</b>	Lancaster 1.	NG.118	(V)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L J.F. BROOKS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/O H.R. SHORT (CAN)	
F/O J.H. JONES	
F/L E.A. BALDWIN	
F/O D.W. JUDGE	
F/O R.R. DENWETT	
F/L A.G. FARTHING	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	2011	0339

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, Shipping, OSLO FIORD. 1 x Tallboy. 0030 1/2. 10000'. Ship was turning at time of bombing. Aimed short by length of ship. Bomb burst approx. 80 yds. astern of ship. One other burst seen approx. 120 yds away.

<b>DATE:</b>	31.12.44		
<b>AIRCRAFT TYPE &amp; NUMBER:</b>	Lancaster 1	PD.238	(H)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L J V COCKSHOTT	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S FRYER R C	
W.O GOSLING L E	
F/O E BOOTH	
W/O LAMMAS A J	
F.S BRADBURY G R	
W/O BIRCH L J AUS	
F/L R M HORSLEY	FRONT GUNNER

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	2004	0256

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, Shipping, OSLO FIORD. 1x Tallboy. 0014 1/2. 11400'. Four bursts seen. None very near to ship. Ship believed to be at Northern end of Rano Island and moving North.

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**DATE:** 31.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 DV.391 (Y)

**CREW:**

F/L H J PRYOR  
F/S WINSTON A L  
F/O H ELLIS  
P/O H G ALLEN CAN.  
P/O A HEPWORTH  
F/L E N ARMSTONG  
W/O TEMPLE E.C.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    2007           0305

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, Shipping, OSLO FIORD. 1 x Tallboy. Over target from 0001-0030. We made six runs but bomb aimer could not see target. By that time we were ordered home. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 31.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1 DV.405 (J)

**CREW:**

F/L B A GUMBLEY NZ  
F/O E A BARNETT  
F/O K GILL  
F/O J C RANDON  
F/O S V GRIMES  
W/O PENSWICK J  
P/O G BELL

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    1959           0345

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, Shipping, OSLO FIORD. 1 X Tallboy. 0051. 10200' Bomb was near miss off port side of ship. Immediately after bombing the ship appeared to swing to starboard and then stop.

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**DATE:** 31.12.44

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NF.992 (B)

**CREW:**

F/L L S GOODMAN  
SGT BURNETT W  
F/O H WATKINSON

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/L H A HAYWARD  
F.S BOOTH H J  
SGT LEWIS R  
SGT HULBERT A S

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                      2002            0324

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, Shipping OSLO FIORD. 1 x Tallboy. 0046. 10375' Our bomb fell close to ship. We circled for 20 mins. then we were told to bomb ship in C section, missed it & came round again. On 2nd run, flares were out, so we ran in on the flak. Flak packed up. Bomb Aimer ran in on ship & bombed it, but when bomb had gone off, Emden opened up, so we realised we had bombed wrong ship.

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**DATE:** 31.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster 1 PD.233            (G)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O M G FLATMAN	PILOT
F/S ARMSTRONG E W	F/ENG
F/O G MACKIE	NAV.
F/O G KELLY	A/B.
F/S HARWOOD A S	W/OP.
W/O BENSON G	M.U.
F/O K C KIRK	R.G.

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                      2005            0347

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, Shipping, OSLO FIORD. 1 x Tallboy. Over target 2358. It got a bit murky and we couldn't see well enough to bomb. Ship was taking violent evasive action. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 31.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster 1. ED.763            (Z)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L D J ORAM	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S HAYWOOD R P	
W.O CARDWELL F. NZ.	
F.O C G ROGERS	
W/O FORSHAW J B	
F/S FLYNN J P	
F/S PIERSON D P	

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                      2008            0248

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, Shipping, OSLO FIORD. 1 x Tallboy. 0015. 12300' We saw three near misses. Ours was just S.E. of stern. We made two runs graticule, went off on first at 11800' On second run, we climbed to 12500' and got a good run uninterrupted by flak.

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**DATE:** 31.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster ME.555 (C)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O I S ROSS AUS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S WALTER W	
F/O F J CORRINGE	
P/O E G TILBY	
F/O M ELLWOOD	
F/S GRIFFITHS L D	
F/O A F MCKELLAR	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	2008	0314

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, Shipping, OSLO FIORD. 1 x Tallboy. 0038. 10600' Could not observe our burst. Saw about 4 quite near misses, one about 40 yds from ship's port beam. Ship was firing near Horten & Controller said "That's the Emden" and called us in. Some flares appeared over her. We circled for 30 mins. before we were called, by which time there were no more flares, so we made a visual run. First was dummy run, second was a good one.

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**DATE:** 31.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. DV.393 (E)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O J H LEAVITT	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT GRIFFIN H	
F/O R F WITHAMS	
F/S OLDMAN D A	
F/S COLE C	
SGT DALEY J	
SGT GOLDIE P	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	1957	0340

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, shipping, OSLO FIORD. 1 x Tallboy. 0036. 10800' Our bomb undershot by about 100 yds. Saw one very near miss. This stopped ship which swung W. due E of Helen. While over Joelen we saw Emden putting up flak. Did one dummy run, then made second one bearing off 010 degrees. Ship was doing about 30 knots and was showing a long wake.

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**DATE:** 31.12.44  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM.695 (M)



**CREW:**

F/O A E KELL AUS  
F/S SNEDKER F J  
F/S ROBIND W AUS.  
F/O K C MORIESON AUS  
F/O D E FREEMAN  
W/O WEBB D E  
F/O R WILKINSON

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**

**UP**  
2012

**DOWN**  
0342

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, Shipping, OSLO FIORD. 1 x Tallboy. 0046 1/2. 10970. Our bomb undershot. We saw one miss when the ship had stopped for a time. We made about 12-15 runs. On first run, there were flares but they went out before we could bomb. Ship was steaming N. taking evasive action, and zig-zagged round Ranc. Island. On our last run, I took a chance, but just undershot.

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OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK  
No. 617 Squadron

WOODHALL SPA

01.01.45

No flying today, bad visibility. G/C. Fauquier and Section Leaders to Coningsby for conference.

02.01.45

Operations detailed, subsequently cancelled. Squadron Commander had lunch with W.O.C.

03.01.45

No operations.

04.01.45

Seventeen aircraft laid on for operations a.m. 5th, subsequently cancelled.

05.01.45

Operations detailed for a.m. 6th, subsequently cancelled.

06.01.45

Operations detailed for a.m. 7th, subsequently cancelled.

07.01.45

Bad weather prevented flying.

08.01.45

No flying.

09.01.45

No flying.

10.01.45

No flying.

11.01.45

No flying owing to bad weather. Runways cleared of snow for operations. Operations detailed early morning, cancelled owing to weather conditions.

12.01.45

Sixteen Lancasters and one Mosquito took off for operations. Two crews missing - F/L. Pryor, F/O. Ross. Three members of S/L. Iveson's crew baled out (F/O. Tittle, P/O. Wass and Sgt. Smith). F/O. Ross and crew ditched, believed to have boarded airborne lifeboat.

*(Operations on this day were for 9 and 617 Sqn to bomb the U boat pens and shipping in Bergen harbour. 4 aircraft were lost, 3 from 617, and the Germans told the locals that 11 aircraft had been brought down. 23 Tallboys penetrated the U boat pens causing severe damage and the minesweeper M1 was sunk with the German Cargo ship Olga Simers being beached. German casualties were 22 with 20 coming from the minesweeper's crew. There were no civilian casualties. Fighters intercepted the raid and shot down the three aircraft. Pryor was first in the initial strike followed by Ross who spiralled into the sea with No. three engine stopped. Iveson was also attacked and three crew baled out but he made it back. Ross and his crew all made it into the lifeboat and a little later an ASR Warwick dropped an airborne lifeboat to them. There are reports that they were then shot up and killed on the water by fighters. Whatever the truth they were all missing except Ellwood who was washed ashore dead on the 13<sup>th</sup> March, and they now rest in Nesna cemetery. Only the one body was recovered. Ellwood had taken part in the daylight Augsburg raid earlier in the war and this was his sixty third raid. Pryor crashed at Lille Landon in Austerheim, Norway. Kendrick died on the 15<sup>th</sup> Jan from wounds to his scalp and back after baling out of the aircraft but hit his head on exit and his chute did not open. The remainder of the crew were made POWs.)*

13.01.45

No operations. Weather restricted training.

14.01.45

No operations.

15.01.45

No operations.

16.01.45

No operations.

17.01.45

No operations.

Boat dropping exercise carried out by Squadron aircraft at Exeter.

18.01.45

No operations. Gales prevented flying training.

19.01.45

No operations. Extensive flying training.

20.01.45

Bad weather restricted flying. Squadron Commander lectured all Pilots, Navigators and Air Bombers. Lord Trenchard addressed all aircrew.

21.01.45

Fifteen aircraft detailed for 'gaggle' practice.

22.01.45  
Heavy fall of snow.

23.01.45  
No flying.

24.01.45  
No flying.

25.01.45  
No flying.

26.01.45  
No flying.

27.01.45  
Another heavy fall of snow restricted flying.

28.01.45  
No flying.

29.01.45  
Six aircraft flown to Lossiemouth for storage. Heavy fall of snow during night.

30.01.45  
No flying.

31.01.45  
No flying.

#### SUMMARY

During the month of January 1945, 17 day operational sorties were dispatched consisting of 125.30 hours. A total of 257.05 hrs. Day and 3.50 hrs. Night Flying Training was carried out. The following bombs were dropped on operations: 10 Tallboys.

The following Officers were posted To the Squadron during January 1945:

160752	F/O	BARLEYCORN	GD.N.	54 Base	19.12.44
50041	F/L	ALLEN	GD.B.	5 L.F.S.	01.01.45
103544	F/L	BEARMONT	GD.P.	5 L.F.S.	01.01.45
187145	P/O	VAGNOLINI	GD.S.	61 Sqdn.	04.01.45
171783	F/O	SCOTT	GD.G.	189 Sqdn.	09.01.45
J.23838	F/O(A/F/L)	HILL	GD.P.	61 Sqdn.	04.01.45
J.27400	F/O	KELLY	GD.B.	61 Sqdn.	04.01.45
A.429605	P/O	MURRAY	GD.N.	61 Sqdn.	04.01.45
T.223176	LT	ADAMS	GD.P.	630 Sqdn.	16.01.45
186440	P/O	COLLINS	GD.N.	630 Sqdn.	16.01.45
131129	F/L	FOULKES	GD.B.	630 Sqdn.	16.01.45
149045	F/O	SUMPTER	GD.B.	85 O.T.U.	22.01.45

178247	P/O	FORBES	GD.G.	12 O.T.U.	22.01.45
J.11442	S/L	ELLWOOD	GD.N.	63 Base	31.12.44
54962	F/O	SCANNELL	GD.G.	405 Sqdn.	25.01.45

The following Officers were posted From the Squadron during January 1945:

177034	F/O	KERR	GD.N.	54 Base *	21.12.44
139645	F/O(A/F/L)	CURTIS	GD.S.	A.C.A.C.	31.12.44
33291	W/C	TAIT	GD.P.	H.Q. 100 Group	28.12.44
151366	F/O	O'BRIEN	GD.N.	10 O.T.U.	14.01.45
54410	F/O	HEGGIE	GD.G.	A.C.A.C.	15.01.45
173075	F/O	PATTERSON	GD.G.	54 Base.	22.01.45
182667	P/O	SOILLEIX	GD.FE.	46 Squadron.	25.01.45
A.412969	F/O	KELL	GD.P.	11 P.D.R.C.	16.01.45
J.22426	F/O	PINDER	GD.N.	RCAF "R" Depot	16.01.45
A.424774	P/O	LOVATT	GD.S.	54 Base *	21.01.45
54542	F/O	ELLWOOD	GD.S.	War Cas. **	13.01.45
176945	F/O	McKELLAR	GD.G.	War Cas. **	13.01.45
184159	P/O	TILBY	GD.B.	War Cas. **	13.01.45
126555	F/L	ARMSTRONG	GD.G.	War Cas. **	13.01.45
148467	F/O	ELLIS	GD.N.	War Cas. **	13.01.45
179600	P/O	HEPWORTH	GD.S.	War Cas. **	13.01.45
135033	F/O	KENDRICK	GD.B.	War Cas. **	13.01.45
134558	F/L	PRYOR	GD.P.	War Cas. **	13.01.45
159173	F/O	TITTLE	GD.S.	War Cas. **	13.01.45
187849	P/O	WASS	GD.G.	War Cas. **	13.01.45
A.18839	F/O	ROSS	GD.P.	War Cas. **	13.01.45

\* = (N/E Sick)

\*\* = (N/E Accts Depot)

The following Airmen N.C.O.'s were posted To the Squadron during January 1945:

1338074	W/O	GAIT	Nav.	5 L.F.S.	01.01.45
1824489	Sgt	HAGARTY	A/G	5 L.F.S.	01.01.45
2221681	Sgt	MAY	A/G	5 L.F.S.	01.01.45
3010574	Sgt	BELSHAW	F/E	5 L.F.S.	01.01.45
1851576	Sgt	GOSS	F/E	61 Sqdn.	04.01.45
710130	F/S	BANNING	A/G	630 Sqdn.	16.01.45
1581432	F/S	PRATT	WO/Air	630 Sqdn.	16.01.45
1586062	F/S	SCAWTHORN	A/G	630 Sqdn.	16.01.45
1821568	F/S	SWANN	F/E	630 Sqdn.	16.01.45
1299165	F/S	BRIARS	A/G	54 Base	13.01.45
1519711	F/S	FISH	Nav	54 Base	13.01.45
1429489	F/S	IVES	F/E	54 Base	18.01.45
1874807	Sgt	GARROD	F/E	467 Sqdn.	24.01.45
A.434043	F/S	STREET	WO/Air	5 L.F.S.	01.01.45

The following Airmen N.C.O.'s were posted From the Squadron during January 1945:

1320179	W/O	HAZELL	A/B	A.C.A.C.	30.12.44
1457383	F/S	JENKINSON	WO/Air	20 O.T.U.	14.01.45

1720145	F/S	SALTER	A/G	29 O.T.U.	19.01.45
1575094	F/S	FRANKS	F/E	14 O.T.U.	23.01.45
1457709	F/S	JOHNSON	Nav.	46 Sqdn.	25.01.45
540011	F/S	ROOKE	F/E	26 O.T.U.	23.01.45
548866	F/S	MATTHEWS	A/G	11 O.T.U.	28.01.45
546883	W/O	TEMPLE	A/G	War Cas. **	13.01.45
1005002	W/O	WINSTON	F/E	War Cas. **	13.01.45
1098277	W/O	ANDERSON	Nav.	War Cas. **	13.01.45
1378504	Sgt	SMITH	A/G	War Cas. **	13.01.45
1580829	F/S	GRIFFITHS	A/G	War Cas. **	13.01.45
1866667	F/S	WALTER	F/E	War Cas. **	13.01.45

\*\* = (N/E Accts Depot)

The following personnel have been awarded decorations during January 1945:

A.414740	P/O	WEAVER	GD.B. -	D.F.C.
182412	P/O	KENT	GD.G. -	D.F.C.
1578716	F/S	EAVES	WO/Air -	Mention in Despatches

The following Officers have been promoted during January 1945:

51331	F/O	BALE	GD.G. - F/L	w.e.f.	04.12.44
160719	F/O	WARD	GD.S. - A/F/L	w.e.f.	31.12.44
J.87339	P/O	ALLEN	GD.B. - F/O	w.e.f.	11.12.44
1314255	F/S	THOMPSON	WO/Air - T/W/O	w.e.f.	07.01.45
577140	F/S	VENTON	F/E - T/W/O	w.e.f.	11.01.45
1005002	F/S	WINSTON	F/E - T/W/O	w.e.f.	11.01.45
R.194461	Sgt	KOHL	Nav. - T/F/S	w.e.f.	10.09.44
A.417882	F/S	PERRY	A/B - T/W/O	w.e.f.	22.01.45
A.422359	F/S	ROBIN	Nav. - T/W/O	w.e.f.	22.01.45
A.434043	F/S	STREET	WO/Air - T/W/O	w.e.f.	22.01.45

(Certified that the above Form 540 contains extracts from Personnel Occurrence Reports.)

**DATE:** 12.1.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito VI. NT.205 (L)

**CREW:**

G/C J E FAUQUIR CAN  
S/L G B ELLWOOD CAN

NAV.

**DUTY**

PILOT

**TIME:**

**UP**

0841

**DOWN**

1609

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, BERGEN (Shipping & U-Boat Pens). 1258/1347. Average. height 7000'. The Floating Dock was only visible from above although runs were made from various directions, and as smoke from the pens was drifting North, I ordered the dock forces to attack shipping. One motor vessel was seen to receive a direct hit and sank within two

minutes. Two other ships were attacked but not hit, and there was no visible damage. I had previously placed the force on the pens under the control of S/Ldr Brookes.

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**DATE:** 12.1.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. LM.492 (W)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O J CASTAGNOLA	PILOT
F/S HENDERSON S.J.	F/ENG.
F/O F J GORRINGE	NAV.
P/O G HOYLAND	A/B
F/S EAVES W T	W/OP
F/S TIREL A D	M.U.
P/O J K RONALD	R.G.

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                    0841                   1613

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, BERGEN (Shipping). 1 x Tallboy. 1309. 14850' Our bomb fell on the stern of a vessel which started to sink immediately. Approx. 3 minutes later the boiler (or something) blew up. The ship rolled over on its side and went down. The first bomb to fall on the sub. pens was an overshoot.

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**DATE:** 12.1.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.380 (P)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O J H LEAVITT	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT GRIFFIN H	
F/O R F WITHAMS	
F/S OLDMAN D A	
F/S COLE C	
SGT DALEY J	
SGT GOLDIE P	

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                    0830                   1616

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, BERGEN (U-Boat Pens). 1 x Tallboy. 1304 1/2. 15000' Bomb went down into smoke and not seen to burst. Two fires in target area end of attack just North and West of Pens.

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**DATE:** 12.1.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. NG.181 (M)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L T C IVESON	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. PHILLIPS J D	
F/O J D HARRISON	

F/S CHANCE F R  
F/O A TITTLE  
SGT SMITH A L  
P/O E A WASS

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         0909                    1454

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, BERGEN (U Boat Pens). 1 x Tallboy. Jettisoned fused over uninhabited area near target due to attack by enemy aircraft and heavy accurate flak. Port Inner engine caught fire, port tailplane, port rudder and rear turret u/s. Rear turret guns jammed. No elevator or rudder trim - only slight elevator control. Captain warned crew to prepare to abandon aircraft. Rear Gunner, M.U. Gunner and W.Operator baled out over land near target area. Enemy Aircraft broke off attack and we were able to get away without interference. We were hit by heavy flak as we left target area.

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**DATE:** 12.1.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I. NG.228                    (V)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L J F BROOKES	AS SHOWN ABOVE
P/O H R SHORT CAN.	
F/O J H JONES	
F/L E A BALDWIN	
F/O D W JUDGE	
F/O R B DENWETT	
F/L A G FARTHING	

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         0825                    1614

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, BERGEN, (U-Boat Pens). 1 x Tallboy. 1258. 16000' Our bomb hit the South corner of the pens. No other result observed, as smoke quickly obscured the target.

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**DATE:** 12.1.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I. LM.485                    (U)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L B J DOBSON	PILOT
P/O A T MCKENZIE	F/ENG
P/O J B KNIGHT	NAV.
P/O A K JOHNSTONE	A/B
P/O R J EDGE AUS	W/OP.
F/S FOWLE L A	M.U.
P/O W J DRY CAN	R.G.

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         0915                    1602

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, BERGEN (U-Boat Pens). 1300/1340. 15800' 1 x Tallboy. We were unable to bomb because the target was obscured by smoke. We made 5 runs, but target area did not clear. Bomb returned to base. No result observed, due to smoke.

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**DATE:** 12.1.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. PB.391(Y)

**CREW:**

F/L I M MARSHALL

F/S CHOLERTON F

F/O K NEWBY

F/L J L RUMGAY

F/O H J RIDING

F/S SHARP A W

F/O T S COOK

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          0834                   1604

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, BERGEN. (U-Boat Pens). 1 x Tallboy. 1308. 15250' Bomb disappeared into smoke over target. One bomb, the first to go down, overshot left by 150 yards.

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**DATE:** 12.1.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.402           (X)

**CREW:**

F/L L S GOODMAN

SGT BURNETT W

F/O H WATKINSON

F/L H A HAYWARD

F.S BOOTH H J

SGT LEWIS R

SGT HULBERT A S

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          0837                   1617

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, BERGEN. (U-Boat Pens). 1 x Tallboy. 1300/1338. 16220' Made 4 or 5 dummy runs, trying to use bombsight, as fixed sight, but on all runs, except the first, target obscured by smoke. A first run could have bombed, if bombsight had been serviceable.

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**DATE:** 12.1.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME.562           (K)

**CREW:**

F/L H GAVIN AUS

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE



SGT BROWN F H  
P/O A G BUXTON AUS  
F/S WHITE W.M. AUS  
F/O N E SAINSBURY AUS  
F/O T K REDDAN AUS  
F/O L BURROWS AUS

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         0844                    1619

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, BERGEN. (U-Boat Pens). 1 x Tallboy. Brought back to Base. We made 5 runs, but on all occasions, the target was obscured by smoke from previous bombings.

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**DATE:** 12.1.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I. LM.489                    (A)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O J A SANDERS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S NUTLEY T H	
P/O J B BARRON	
P/O H G ALLEN CAN	
F/S WARD A	
F/S CROSBY A	
F/S MACHIN R	

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         0835                    1606

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, BERGEN (Floating Dock). 1 x Tallboy. 1332. 15000' We were unable to identify dock in spite of making 5 runs. Our bomb was a near miss.

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**DATE:** 12.1.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I. DV.393                    (R)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O P H MARTIN AUS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT BLAGBROUGH J	
W/O JACKSON A	
F/S DAY D A	
P/O G M LOVATT AUS	
F/S MAYOH H	
F/S TREMILCOCK T J	

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         1838                    1621

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, BERGEN (Floating dock). 1 x Tallboy. 1338. 15000' Our bomb overshoot by about 100 yards.

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**DATE:** 12.1.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. NF.992(B)

**CREW:**

F/O I S ROSS AUS  
F/S WALTER W  
W/O ANDERSON S R  
P/O E G TILBY  
F/O M ELLWOOD  
F/S GRIFFITHS L D  
F/O A F MCKELLAR

**DUTY**

PILOT  
F/ENG.  
NAV.  
A/B.  
W/OP.  
M.U.  
R.G.

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                  0846                   MISSING

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, BERGEN. (Shipping). 1 x Tallboy. Nothing heard from this aircraft after take-off, but it is believed that this aircraft was one reported by several others to have ditched in position approx. 62. 40 N; 04.20 E. *(This aircraft ditched at approx 1315 off the Norwegian coast. An ASR Warwick dropped an airborne lifeboat but none of the crew appear to have reached it, all missing except for Ellwood whose body was washed ashore near Trondheim on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 1945. He now rests in the Trondheim (Stavne) Cemetery.)*

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**DATE:** 12.1.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. PD.238(H)

**CREW:**

F/L G R PRICE CAN  
W/O HARTLEY G E  
F.S KOHL H CAN  
F/O T W L MERCHANT  
SGT POCOCK K  
SGT AVEY C G  
SGT SARGISON D V

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                  0831                   1611

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, BERGEN (U-Boat Pens). 1 x Tallboy. 1300/1335. 16390' Made 4 runs - on 1st because of smoke screen saw target too late for bombing and on subsequent runs target was obscured by smoke. Smoke screen from North of target drifted over target after first run. Saw smoke from about 4 bombs and seemed slight overshoots.

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**DATE:** 12.1.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. LM.695 (N)

**CREW:**

S/O J L POWELL

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/S FENTON H W  
F/L B R BAYNE  
F/O R BARRON  
F/O J SLATER  
F/O J WATSON  
W/O PENGELLY W H

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         0832                    1615

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, BERGEN. (U-Boat Pens). 1 x Tallboy. 1304/1341. 15400' One bomb was seen to burst on a hillside about six miles due west of target and two bursts seen approx. 300 yards due south of target. Tallboy returned to Base. Target could be not attached as it was smoke obscured.

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**DATE:** 12.1.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I. PD.233                    (G)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L H J PRYOR	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S WINSTON A L	
F/O H ELLIS	
F/O G A KENDRICK	
P/O A HEPWORTH	
F/L E N ARMSTONG	
W/O TEMPLE E.C.	

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         0840                    Missing

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, BERGEN. (Floating Dock). 1 x Tallboy. Nothing heard of this aircraft since take-off.

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**DATE:** 12.1.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I. EE.146                    (D)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L C W C HAMILTON	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S JOHNSON W	
F/O F E WITTMER AUS	
F/O C T C LEWIS	
W/O PASK M AUS	
F/S DADGE J A	
W/O HAMILTON D	

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         0836                    1705

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, BERGEN. (U-Boat Pens). 1 x Tallboy. 1300/1328. 15200' Bomb hung-up. Identified Pens on 1st run, but on 2nd run, bomb hung-up. By the time we made a 3rd run, the pens were obscured by smoke from bombing.

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**DATE:** 12.1.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.405 (J)

**CREW:**

F/O F H A WATTS  
F/S CHERRINGTON A W  
P/O C H HOUSDEN  
P/O M L MCKAY CAN  
F/O R L HAYTER  
F/S VANCE S J  
F/O K S JEWEL AUS

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                  0836                   1705

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bombing, BERGEN (Shipping). 1 x Tallboy. 1315. 15000' Our bomb fell about 50/75 yds to port of the ship. No other results observed. We followed a damaged aircraft which was attacked by a fighter - we endeavoured to engage the fighter without success - the Lancaster ditched at 1337 hours. 60.02N 04.20 E. We orbited for 2 hrs at 5000' & sent a message to NF/DF & Group. The aircraft was still afloat when we left. The crew appeared to be unhurt. We landed at Milltown fuel exhausted.

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OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK  
No. 617 Squadron

WOODHALL SPA

01.02.45

Flying Training programme carried out.

02.02.45

Flying Training programme carried out.

03.02.45

Eighteen aircraft detailed for operations target attacked. Operations highly successful.  
*(An operation against the U Boat pens at Poortershaven from where it was believed German midget submarines were operating. Much damage to the pens during this raid.)*

04.02.45

Flying Training programme carried out.

05.02.45

F/L. Girvan reported from No. 106 Squadron to fill post of Squadron Gunnery Leader.

06.02.45

Seventeen aircraft detailed for operations. Target area reached but bombs returned owing to 10/10 cloud.

07.02.45

No operations. Gales prevented extensive training. Stand by.

08.02.45

Fifteen aircraft detailed for operations. Target Ijuiden. Operations successful.

*(This raid effectively finished the U boat pens at Ijmuiden bringing down large portions of the roof and blocking the remaining pens inside.)*

09.02.45

No operations. Extensive training.

10.02.45

Stand by for operations.

11.02.45

Bad weather restricts flying training.

12.02.45

Stand by for operations.

13.02.45

Operations cancelled.

14.02.45

Nineteen aircraft took off on operations. *(This raid was to the Bielefeld Viaduct but cloud caused its cancellation.)*

15.02.45

No special events.

16.02.45

Nineteen aircraft detailed for operations. Scrubbed.

17.02.45

No operations.

18.02.45

No operations.

19.02.45

No operations.

20.02.45

No operations.

21.02.45

Air Chief Marshal Sir. A. Tedder G.C.B addressed 617 Squadron aircrew personnel.

No operations.

22.02.45

Eighteen aircraft detailed for operations.

*(Target the Bielefeld Viaduct. This raid had been planned for the 6th or 14th Feb but cancelled due to bad weather. The squadron felt sure that this operation had brought down a large part of the viaduct as at least one very close miss*

*was seen (a close miss was theoretically much more effective than a direct hit) but they were on this occasion mistaken. The viaduct was seriously damaged but the organization Todt workmen soon repaired the damage and had it working again.)*

23.02.45

No operations. Squadron stand down.

24.02.45

Eighteen aircraft detailed for operations, "Ladbergen". Unsuccessful 10/10 cloud.

*(A further raid against the now again repaired Dortmund-Ems canal, but this had to be cancelled due to cloud over the target.)*

25.02.45

No operations.

Group Captain at engineering conference at Group.

26.02.45

No operations.

27.02.45

No operations - extensive training.

28.02.45

Operations cancelled early morning.

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#### SUMMARY

During the month of February 1945, 105 Day operational sorties were dispatched, consisting of 432.45 hours. A total of 422.50 hours day 1.00 hour Night Flying Training was carried out. The following bombs were dropped on operations: 51 Tallboys.

The following Officers were posted To the Squadron during February 1945:

124913	F/L	GIRVAN	GD.G.	106 Sqdn.	03.02.45
128951	F/L(A/S/L)	GORDON	GD.P.	189 Sqdn.	06.02.45
1425543	F/O(A/F/L)	RAWES	GD.P.	5 L.F.S.	06.02.45
185829	P/O	LANGSTON	GD.N.	189 Sqdn.	06.02.45
153643	F/O	SHIRLEY	GD.B.	189 Sqdn.	06.02.45
125628	F/L	HODGKINSON	GD.N.	5 L.F.S.	06.02.45
54936	P/O	PAIN	GD.G.	5 L.F.S.	06.02.45
183096	P/O	ROBERTS	GD.B.	5 L.F.S.	06.02.45
53823	P/O	ROSS	GD.S.	5 L.F.S.	06.02.45
54604	F/O	SINCLAIR	GD.E.	1668 C.U.	05.02.45
179675	P/O	COTTRELL	GD.N.	5 L.F.S.	13.02.45
149249	F/O	DUFF	GD.E.	5 L.F.S.	13.02.45
142490	F/O	EVANS	GD.S.	5 L.F.S.	03.02.45
113836	F/L	QUINTON	GD.P.	5 L.F.S.	03.02.45
179340	F/O	BROOM	GD.S.	17 O.T.U.	14.02.45
176283	F/O(A/F/L)	TRENT	GD.P.	625 Sqdn.	18.02.45
179861	P/O	ARTHUR	GD.G.	625 Sqdn.	18.02.45
C.1399	G/C	FAUQUIER	GD.P.	HQ.6 R.C.A.F. Gp	28.12.44

178936	F/O	RICHARDSON	GD.N.	467 Sqdn.	22.02.45
42941	F/L	OLIVER	GD.G.	HQ.5 Group	19.02.45
142359	P/O(A/F/L)	WARBURTON	GD.P.	57 Sqdn.	28.01.45
188618	P/O	HEWITT	GD.S.	57 Sqdn.	28.01.45
55234	F/O	PALMER	GD.B.	57 Sqdn.	28.01.45
160220	P/O	STANLEY	GD.N.	57 Sqdn.	28.01.45

The following Officers were posted From the Squadron during February 1945:

174895	F/O	SUMNER	GD.B.	227 Sqdn.	04.02.45
171766	F/O	HUCKERBY	GD.P.	1660 C.U.	18.02.45
151975	F/O	LEWIS	GD.B.	9 Sqdn.	18.02.45
128539	F/L(A/S/L)	IVESON	GD.P.	6 L.V.F.	16.02.45
J.87339	F/O	ALLEN	GD.B.	R.C.A.F. R Depot	01.02.45
183084	P/O	EVANS	GD.B.	E.E.A.S.	14.02.45
55810	P/O	McKIE	GD.N.	1654 C.U.	26.02.45

The following Airmen N.C.O.'s were posted To the Squadron during February 1945:

1395237	Sgt	MORFITT	F/Eng	5 L.F.S.	06.02.45
1803495	F/S	BAILEY	A/G.	5 L.F.S.	06.02.45
1456311	Sgt	ENOCH	F/Eng.	189 Sqdn.	06.02.45
1595280	F/S	DOBSON	A/G.	189 Sqdn.	06.02.45
1603517	F/S	GATLAND	W/Op.	189 Sqdn.	06.02.45
1897038	F/S	CARDWELL	A/G	189 Sqdn.	06.02.45
1212752	W/O	BIRD	A/G	5 L.F.S.	13.02.45
1316418	F/S	YOUNGS	A/G	5 L.F.S.	13.02.45
1029258	W/O	WARREN	A/G	85 O.T.U.	14.02.45
1006635	F/S	DICKENSON	A/G	12 O.T.U.	16.02.45
533273	F/S	LEES	A/G	57 Sqdn.	28.01.45
1579020	F/S	LEES	A/G	57 Sqdn.	28.01.45
1862944	F/S	COKER	F/E	57 Sqdn.	28.01.45

The following Airmen N.C.O.'s were posted From the Squadron during February 1945:

645430	F/S	MASON	F/Eng.	1661 C.U.	12.02.45
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The following personnel have been awarded decorations during February 1945:

A.418424	F/O	JEWELL	GD.G.	D.F.C.
169585	F/O	CASTAGNOLA	GD.P.	1 <sup>st</sup> Bar to D.F.C.
128539	F/L(A/S/L)	IVESON	GD.P.	D.F.C.
51070	F/L	WITHERICK	GD.G.	D.F.C.
136403	F/L	ANNING	GD.P.	D.F.C.
109371	F/L	DOBSON	GD.P.	1 <sup>st</sup> Bar to D.F.C.
130623	F/L	HAMILTON	GD.P.	D.F.C.

The following Officers have been promoted during February 1945:

A.427426	P/O	BARRY	GD.G. - F/O	w.e.f.	14.01.45
178247	P/O	FORBES	GD.G. - F/O	w.e.f.	16.12.44
178709	P/O	BARREN	GD.N. - F/O	w.e.f.	17.12.44
51070	F/O	WITHERICK	GD.G. - F/L	w.e.f.	03.01.45
136403	F/O	(A/F/L) ANNING	GD.P. - F/L	w.e.f.	04.12.44
179869	P/O	JOHNSON	GD.E. - F/O	w.e.f.	06.01.45
182412	P/O	KENT	GD.G. - F/O	w.e.f.	10.01.45
179679	P/O	HOUSDEN	GD.N. - F/O	w.e.f.	19.01.45
179817	P/O	HOYLAND	GD.B. - F/O	w.e.f.	14.01.45
1378504	Sgt	SMITH	A/G. - T/F/S	w.e.f.	30.10.44
1321787	Sgt	HULBERT	A/G. - T/F/S	w.e.f.	12.02.45
1853604	Sgt	LEWIS	A/G. - T/F/S	w.e.f.	12.02.45
936913	Sgt	BLAGBOROUGH	F/E. - T/F/S	w.e.f.	14.02.45
1314661	F/S	BAKER	W/Op. - T/W/O	w.e.f.	14.02.45
995295	Sgt	DALEY	A/G. - T/F/S	w.e.f.	19.02.45
1373460	Sgt	GOLDIE	A/G. - T/F/S	w.e.f.	19.02.45
744611	F/S	FORD	A/G. - T/W/O	w.e.f.	19.02.45
647384	F/S	TIREL	A/G. - T/W/O	w.e.f.	20.02.45
1079926	F/S	ARMSTRONG	F/E. - T/W/O	w.e.f.	22.02.45

The following airmen have been granted a commission during February 1945:

139224	F/S	F.R. CHANCE	A/B.	w.e.f.	05.01.45
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(Certified that the above Form 540 contains extracts from Personnel Occurrence Reports.)

**DATE:** 3.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. NG.455 (E)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
G/C J E FAUQUIER CAN	PILOT
F/S IVES G F	F.ENG
S/L ELLWOOD G B CAN	NAV.
F/L J L RUMGAY	A.B.
F/L A J WARD	W/OP
W/O VAUGHAN H.D.	M.U.
W/O J B SCANNELL	R.G.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	1400	1657

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U Boat Pens, POORTERSHAVEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1551.45. 14600' The gaggle formation was good. All bombs went on the first runs. Bombing looked very concentrated.

**DATE:** 3.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. PD.238 (H)



**CREW:**

S/L J V COCKSHOTT  
F/S FRYER R C  
W/O GOSLING L E  
F/O E BOOTH  
F/S BATES A S  
F/S BRADBURY G R  
W/O BIRCH L J AUS

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          1412                   1703

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Midget Submarine Shelters. POORTERSHAVEN 1 x Tallboy. 1552 13400' Good concentration of bombs at the Eastern end of the shelters.

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**DATE:** 3.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                   Lancaster I. PB.415                   (O)

**CREW:**

F/L L S GOODMAN  
SGT. BURNETT W  
F/O H WATKINSON  
F/L H A HAYWOOD  
F/S BOOTH H J  
SGT LEWIS R  
SGT. HULBERT

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          1408                   1659

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Midget submarine Shelters. POORTERSHAVEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1551 12700' Our bomb fell on the North West end of the target. Bombing appeared to be accurate, but it was difficult to assess results owing to smoke.

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**DATE:** 3.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                   Lancaster I. ME 554                   (F)

**CREW:**

F/L R M HORSLEY  
F/S ARMSTRONG EW  
F/O D H BARLETCORN  
SGT WILSON D M  
SGT DUROSE P F  
SGT NEALE L  
SGT FARINO H

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          1404                   1712

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Midget Submarine Shelters, POORTERSHAVEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1552. 13100'. Our own bomb disappeared into cloud of smoke over target. Good concentration of bombs on target.

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**DATE:** 3.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. EE.146(D)

**CREW:**

F/O M B FLATMAN  
SGT ROSS R M  
F/L G MACKIE  
F.O G KELLEY  
F/SGT HARWOOD A S  
W/O BENSON G  
P/O K C KIRK

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:            UP            DOWN**  
                         1405            1712

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Midget Submarine Shelters, POORTERSHAVEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1552. 13200' Bomb bursts seen in water close to and outside breakwater, one on railway to north, three or four in water near pen entrance and on infield about two hundred yards North of aiming point. Our bombs seemed to fall almost on aiming point.

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**DATE:** 3.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. LM.489 (A)

**CREW:**

F/L H V GAVIN AUS  
SGT BROWN F H  
P/O A G BUXTON AUS  
F/SGT WHITE W M AUS  
F/O N E SAINSBURY AUS  
F/O T K REDDAN AUS  
F/O L BURROWS AUS

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:            UP            DOWN**  
                         1411            1717

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Midget Submarine Shelters. POORTERSHAVEN. 1 x Tallboy. 1552. 13000' The target was obscured by smoke as we realised there were three or four bombs bursting at the same time but believe ours overshot by about 30 to 40 yards.

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**DATE:** 3.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.405 (J)

**CREW:**

F/L B A GUMBLEY NW

**DUTY**

PILOT

F/O E A BARNETT	F/ENG.
F/O K GILL	NAV.
F/L J C RANDON	A/B
F/O S V GRIMES	W/OP
F/O R WILKINSON	M.U.
F/O G BELL	R.G.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	1418	1710

#### DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT

Midget Submarine Shelters. POORTERSHAVEN 1 x Tallboy. 1552. 13500' Saw first bombs fall near aiming point, one in water near pen entrance, one on railway line on northern edge and one on southern edge of pens. Own bomb with two others seen to fall into smoke over aiming point.

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**DATE:** 3.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV.380 (P)

#### CREW:

F/O G R PRICE CAN  
W/O HARTLEY G E  
F/SGT KOHL H CAN  
F/O T W L MERCHANT  
SGT POOCOCK K  
SGT AVEY C G  
SGT SARGISON D V

#### DUTY

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	1414	1700

#### DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT

Midget Submarine Shelters. POORTERSHAVEN 1 x Tallboy. 1552. 13000' Our bomb fell on the target - a direct hit. The first bomb fell about five hundred yards north. The second bomb fell in the water just west - north/west of the target (behind the pier). Several other bombs seen to burst on and very near the target.

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**DATE:** 3.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. LM 695 (N)

#### CREW:

F/O F H A WATTS  
F/SGT CHERRINGTON A W  
F/O C H HOUSDEN  
P/O M L MCKAY CAN  
F/L R L HAYTER  
F/SGT LORD L  
P/O K S JEWELL AUS

#### DUTY

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	1416	1713

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Midget Submarine Shelters. POORTERSHAVEN 1 x Tallboy. 1553. 13700' The target was obscured by smoke as we released and our bomb fell into the base of the target. The first bomb fell rather wide to the north, but on the whole bombing appeared to be well concentrated around the target.

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**DATE:** 3.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV 393 (R)

**CREW:**

F/O P H MARTIN AUS  
F/SGT BLAGBOROUGH J  
W/O JACKSON A  
F/SFT DAY D A  
W/O RIESE O A  
F/SGT MAYOH H  
F/SGT TREBLECOCK T J

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                  1413           1704

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Midget Submarine Shelters. POORTERSHAVEN 1 x Tallboy. 1552. 13700' Direct hit on eastern half of target. A good concentration of bombs on the target. Some overshoots to east of target.

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**DATE:** 3.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. NG.228 (V)

**CREW:**

S/L J F BROOKS  
F/O H R SHORT CAN  
F/O J H JONES  
F/O E A BALDWIN  
F/L D W JUDGE  
F/O R R DENNETT  
F/L A G FARTHING

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                  1406           1707

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Midget Submarine Shelters POORTERSHAVEN 1 x Tallboy. 1552. 14000' About three bombs fell together and though we believe our bomb was a direct hit and is reported as such by 617s, it is impossible for us to be certain.

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**DATE:** 3.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. PD.371(S)

**CREW:**

S/L J L POWELL  
F/SGT FELTON H W

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/L B R BAYNE  
F/O H BARON  
F/O J SLATER  
F/O J WATSON  
W/O PENGELLY W H

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                      1405            1714

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Midget Submarine Shelters POORTERSHAVEN 1 x Tallboy. 1552. 13200' Own bomb was a direct hit. Two other direct hits besides our own. Main concentration of bombs appeared on the Eastern half of the pens.

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**DATE:** 3.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster (?) 763            (Z)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L D J ORAM	PILOT
F/SGT HEYWOOD R P	F/ENG.
P/O A M MCKIE	NAV.
P/O C G ROGERS	A/B
W/O FORSHAW J S	W/OP
F/SGT FLYNN J P	M.U.
F/SGT PIERSON D P	R.G.

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                      1410            1706

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Midget Submarine Shelters POORTERSHAVEN 1 x Tallboy. 1554. 13500' Estimated that four were at least direct hits. Our bomb fell in the centre of smoke over the aiming point.

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**DATE:** 3.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. DV 391            (Y)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L I M MARSHALL	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S CHOLERTON F	
P/O K NEWBY	
F/O L J SUMTER	
F/O H J RIOTIS	
F/O B S COOKE	
F/O D W BALE	

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                      1402            1654

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Midget Submarine Shelters POORTERSHAVEN 1 x Tallboy. 1552. 13700' The target was covered by smoke just as our bomb was released - this was seen to fall into the smoke and is believed to have been direct hit. No other results observed.

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**DATE:** 3.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. LM 485 (U)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L C W BARCLAY	AS SHOWN ABOVE
W/O WENTON S J	
W/O ROBIN D W	
W/O PERRY G L	
SGT SAVILLE J H	
P/O S N JENISON	
F/O F L ENGLISH CAN	

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                  1407           1658

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Midget Submarine Shelters POORTERSHAVEN 1 x Tallboy. 1552. 14000' Aiming point covered with smoke and our bomb fell into smoke on estimated position of aiming point. Bombing was well concentrated.

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**DATE:** 3.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV 385 (T)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
P/O J CASTAGONIA	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/SGT HEWISON S J	
P/O P J GORRINGE	
P/O G HOYLAND	
F/SGT EAVES W T	
F/SGT. TIMMS A D	
P/O J K RONALD	

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                  1408           1651

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Midget Submarine Shelters POORTERSHAVEN 1 x Tallboy. 1551. 14000' Our bomb overshoot by about 50/75 yards and fell on the railway to the north. Only three other bombs seen to burst. These all fell just inside the breakwater due west of the target.

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**DATE:** 3.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. NG.489 (M)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L C C CALDER	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/O N E WAKEFIELD	

F/L J N HENSON  
F/SGT C B CRAFER  
F/O F W GARGET  
F/O A W ATKINSON  
F/O G DALE

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         1417                    1702

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Midget Submarine Shelters POORTERSHAVEN 1 x Tallboy. 1551. 13700' Two near misses seen and one on the railway line.

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**DATE:** 3.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I. ME 562                    (K)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O J A SANDERS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S NUTLEY T H	
F/S J B BARRON	
F/O H C MORRIESON	
F/S WARD A	
F/O R T SCOTT	
F/S R A BRIERS	

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         1401                    1653

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Midget Submarine Shelters POORTERSHAVEN 1 x Tallboy. 1552. 13500' Saw one burst on northern edge of pens. Own bomb fell into water near pen entrance. No results seen.

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**DATE:** 6.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I. MG 443                    (E)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
G/C J E FAUQUIER CAN	PILOT
F/S IVES G F	F.ENG
S/L ELLWOOD G B CAN	NAV.
F/O W A DANIEL	A.B.
F/L A J WARD	W/OP
W/O VAUGHAN H.D.	M.U.
W/O J B SCANNELL	R.G.

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         0814                    1353

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. 1 Tallboy returned to base not required.

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**DATE:** 6.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. NG 489 (M)

**CREW:**  
S/L C C CALDER  
F/O N E WAKEFIELD  
F/L J N HENSON  
F/SGT C B CRAFTER  
F/O F W GARGET  
F/O A W ATKINSON  
F/O G DALE

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    0818           1349

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to base.

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**DATE:** 6.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ED 238 (H)

**CREW:**  
S/L J V COCKSHOTT  
F/S FRYER R C  
W/O GOSLING L E  
F/O E BOOTH  
F/S BATES A S  
F/S BRADBURY G R  
W/O BIRCH L J AUS

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    0819           1354

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Abortive abandoned mission Bielefeld. 1 x Tallboy. 1035. 13000' Tallboy abortive.

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**DATE:** 6.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. NG. 228 (V)

**CREW:**  
S/L J F BROOKS  
F/O H R SHORT CAN  
F/O J H JONES  
F/L E A BALDWIN  
F/L D W JUDGE  
F/SGT VANCE S J  
F/O R B BENNETT

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE



**ME:**                    **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                                 0816                    1339

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Abortive abandoned mission Bielefeld . 1 x Tallboy. 1035. 13810' Tallboy abortive.

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**DATE:** 6.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. PB.415  
**CREW:**                    **DUTY**  
S/L J F BROOKS                    AS SHOWN ABOVE  
F/O H R SHORT CAN  
F/O J H JONES  
F/L E A BALDWIN  
F/L D W JUDGE  
F/SGT VANCE S J  
F/O R B BENNETT

**TIME:**                    **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                                 0820                    1350

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld Abortive. 1055. 1 x Tallboy. 1 X Tallboy returned to base not required.

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**DATE:** 6.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. (?) 239                    (G)  
**CREW:**                    **DUTY**  
F/O ?.S.?                    PILOT  
SGT ? R.M.                    F/ENG  
P/O ?                    NAV  
F/S ?                    A/B  
F/O ?                    W/OP  
F/O BENSON                    M.U.  
F/O KIRK                    R.G.

**TIME:**                    **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                                 0825                    1346

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. 1055 1 Tallboy returned to base not required.

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**DATE:** 6.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. LM. 489                    (A)  
**CREW:**                    **DUTY**  
F/L M.V. GAVIN (US)                    AS SHOWN ABOVE  
SGT. BROWN. E.H.

P/O A.C. BARTON  
F/S WHITE  
F/S SAINSBURY  
F/O T.K.H?  
F/O BURROWS

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	0825	1346

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. 1036. 1 Tallboy returned to base not required.

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**DATE:** 6.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV 405 (J)

**CREW:**

F/L B.A. GURNEY N.Z  
F/O E.A ?  
F/O K. GILL  
F/L/ J RANKIN  
F/O/ S.N. GRIMES  
F/S/ R. WILKINSON  
F/O G BULL.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	0815	1359

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. 1035. 1 Tallboy returned to base not required.

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**DATE:** 6.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV 3?? (P)

**CREW:**

F/O G R PRICE CAN  
W/O HARTLEY G. E.  
F/SGT KOHL H CAN  
F/O T W L MERCHANT  
SGT POOCOCK K  
SGT AVEY C. G.  
SGT SARGISON D. V.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	0823	1400

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. 1055. 1 Tallboy returned to base not required.

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**DATE:** 6.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME 554

**CREW:**

F/O J A SANDERS  
F/S NUTLEY T H  
F/S J B BARRON  
F/O H C MORRIESON  
F/S WARD A  
F/O R T SCOTT  
F/S R A BRIARS

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE (F)

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    0816           1341

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. 1055. One Tallboy returned to base not required.

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**DATE:** 6.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. LM 695 (N)

**CREW:**

F/S F.H.A. WATTS  
F/S  
W/O  
P/O M.G. MCKAY  
F/O R.L. HAYTER  
F/S FORD, L.  
F/O K.S. JEWELL

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    0829           1355

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. 10.55. One Tallboy returned to base not required.

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**DATE:** 6.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV. 393 (R)

**CREW:**

F/O M B FLATMAN  
SGT ROSS R M  
F/L G MACKIE  
F/O G KELLEY  
F/SGT HARWOOD A S  
W/O BENSON G  
P/O K C KIRK

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    0820           1348

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. 1055 Tallboy returned to base not required.

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**DATE:** 6.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV 391 (Y)

**CREW:**

S/L J L POWELL  
F/SGT FELTON H W  
F/L B R BAYNE  
F/O H BARON  
F/O J SLATER  
F/O J WATSON  
W/O PENGELLY W H

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                  0824                   1351

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. 1035 One Tallboy returned to base not required.

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**DATE:** 6.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. LM 492 (W)

**CREW:**

F/L B A GUMBLEY NW  
F/O E A BARNETT  
F/O K GILL  
F/L J C RANDON  
F/O S V GRIMES  
F/O R WILKINSON  
F/O G BELL

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                  0829                   1345

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. 1035 One Tallboy returned to base not required.

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**DATE:** 6.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. BD 371 (S)

**CREW:**

F/L H A DOBSON  
P/O A T MCKENZIE  
P/O J B KNIGHT  
P.O A K JOHNSON  
P/O R J EDGE  
F/S SNAPE A V

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

P/O J DRY

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	0828	1358

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. 1055. 1 Tallboy returned to base not required.

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**DATE:** 6.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. LM 485 (U)

**CREW:**

F/L C W BARCLAY  
W/O WENTON S J  
W/O ROBIN D W  
W/O PERR Y G L  
SGT SAVILLE J H  
P/O S N JENISON  
F/O F L ENGLISH CAN

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	0825	1357

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. 1055. One Tallboy returned to base not required.

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**DATE:** 6.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV 385 (T)

**CREW:**

P/O J CASTAGONIA  
F/SGT HEWISON S J  
P/O P J GORRINGE  
F/S CHANCE F R  
F/SGT DAVIS W  
F/SGT. TYRELL A D  
P/O J K RONALD

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	1817	1342

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. 1055. One Tallboy returned to base not required.

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**DATE:** 8.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. NG 445 (E)

**CREW:**

G/C J E FAUQUIER CAN

**DUTY**

PILOT

F/S IVES G F	F.ENG
S/L ELLWOOD G B CAN	NAV.
F/O W A DANIEL	A.B.
F/L A J WARD	W/OP
W/O VAUGHAN H.D.	M.U.
W/O J B SCANNELL	R.G.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	0815	1041

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens - IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. 933.20. 14500' Two hits seen and one near miss.

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**DATE:** 8.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. NG. 489 (M)

**CREW:**

S/L C C CALDER  
F/O N E WAKEFIELD  
F/L J N HENSON  
F/SGT C B CRAFTER  
F/O F W GARGET  
F/O A W ATKINSON  
F/O G DALE

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	0756	1042

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens - IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0933.25. 14800' Two bursts seen. One direct hit and one near miss.

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**DATE:** 8.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. DV 385 (T)

**CREW:**

F/O J CASTAGONIA  
F/SGT HEWISON S J  
P/O P J GORRINGE  
F/S WEYLAND  
F/SGT EAVES W T  
F/SGT. TYRELL A D  
P/O J K RONALD

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	0757	1030

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens - IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0932. 16000' One direct hit on N W corner.

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**DATE:** 8.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. ME 562 (K)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O J A SANDERS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S NUTLEY T H	
F/S J B BARRON	
F/O H C MORRIESON	
F/S WARD A	
F/O R T SCOTT	
F/S R A BRIERS	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	0754	1032

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens - IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0933.15. 15000' Our bomb was seen to fall on the N.E. corner of the target and burst. Two other bombs were seen to burst slightly to the south of the target. No other results observed.

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**DATE:** 8.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. BB 415 (O)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O P H MARTIN AUS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/SGT BLAGBOROUGH J	
W/O JACKSON A	
F/SFT DAY D A	
W/O RIESE O A	
F/SGT MAYOH H	
F/SGT TREBLECOCK T J	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	0807	1029

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens - IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0935.5 15000' Three very near misses seen.

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**DATE:** 8.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. LM695 (N)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O F H A WATTS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/SGT CHERRINGTON A W	
F/O C H HOUSDEN	
P/O M L MCKAY CAN	
F/L R L HAYTER	
F/SGT LORD L	
P/O K S JEWELL AUS	

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                      0811                    1044

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens - IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0933.25 14700' Our own bomb not seen to burst. No results observed.

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**DATE:** 8.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. PF.233            (C)

**CREW:**

F/O M B FLATMAN  
SGT ROSS R M  
F/L G MACKIE  
F.O G KELLEY  
F/SGT HARWOOD A S  
W/O BENSON G  
P/O K C KIRK

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                      18.16                    10.39

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens - IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0939.5. 14200' Three bombs were seen to explode, two of which were near misses and one an overshoot.

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**DATE:** 8.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. LM.485            (U)

**CREW:**

F/L C W BARCLAY  
W/O WENTON S J  
W/O ROBIN D W  
W/O PERR Y G L  
SGT SAVILLE J H  
P/O S N JENNISON  
F/O F L ENGLISH CAN

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                      0804                    1603

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens - IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0933.20 15700' Three bombs were seen to explode, all of which were near misses.

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**DATE:** 8.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster I. DV405            (J)

**CREW:**

**DUTY**



F/L B A GUMBLEY NW AS SHOWN ABOVE  
F/O E A BARNETT  
F/O J D HARRISON  
F/L J C RANDON  
F/O S V GRIMES  
F/O R WILKINSON  
F/O G BELL

**TIME:** UP DOWN  
0808 1045

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens - IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0936.5. 14000' We did not see where our bomb fell, as we turned off after bombing we saw one hit on the right hand corner of the target and one miss to the left. The attack seemed successful.

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**DATE:** 8.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. LE 492

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L D J ORAM	PILOT
F/SGT HEYWOOD R P	F/ENG.
F/O F E WHITMAN	NAV.
P/O C G ROGERS	A/B
W/O FORSHAW J S	W/OP
F/SGT FLYNN J P	M.U.
F/SGT PIERSON D P	R.G.

**TIME:** UP DOWN  
0805 1043

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens - IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0933 15000' Our bomb was not seen. Two bombs were seen to burst - one on the northern end and one on the southern tip of the target.

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**DATE:** 8.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. PD 238 (H)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L J V COCKSHOTT	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S FRYER R C	
W/O GOSLING L E	
F/O E BOOTH	
F/S BATES A S	
F/S BRADBURY G R	
W/O BIRCH L J AUS	

**TIME:** UP DOWN  
0806 1037

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens - IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0933.20. 14000' One direct hit and two near misses seen.

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**DATE:** 8.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. NG 228 (V)

**CREW:**

S/L J F BROOKS  
F/O H R SHORT CAN  
F/O J H JONES  
F/L E A BALDWIN  
F/L D W JUDGE  
F/SGT VANCE S J  
F/O R B BENNETT

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    0758           1036

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens - IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0933.20. 15700' Our bomb fell on the centre of the northern half of the target. Two bombs were seen to burst - one on the northern end and one on the southern end of the target.

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**DATE:** 8.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. NG 340

**CREW:**

F/L L S GOODMAN  
SGT. BURNETT W  
F/O H WATKINSON  
F/L H A HAYWOOD  
F/S BOOTH H J  
SGT LEWIS R  
SGT. HULBERT

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    0810           1038

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens - IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0933.18. 15300' No observation of results.

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**DATE:** 8.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster I. RD.763 (Z)

**CREW:**

F/L B J DOBSON  
P/O A T MCKENZIE  
P/O J B KNIGHT

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

P/O A K JOHNSTONE  
P/O R J EDGE  
F/S SNAPE A V  
P/O W J DRY

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         0759                    1054

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens - IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0933.30 14700' Own bomb seen to burst on southern end of the target. Five others seen to burst - two on Southern end, two on northern end and one a bit away to the South West.

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**DATE:** 8.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I. DV 380                    (P)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L G R PRICE	
P/O HARTLEY G.E.	
F/S KOHL H	
F/O T W L MERCHANT	
SGT POCOCK K	
SGT AVEY C G	
SGT SARGISON D V	

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         0755                    1035

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens - IJMUIDEN. 1 x Tallboy. 0933.45. 15600' Two near misses seen.

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**DATE:** 14.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster I. DV. 763                    (Z)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L D J ORAM	PILOT
F/SGT HEYWOOD R P	F/ENG.
F/O F E WHITMAN	NAV.
P/O C G ROGERS	A/B
W/O FORSHAW J S	W/OP
F/SGT FLYNN J P	M.U.
F/SGT PIERSON D P	R.G.

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         0844                    1338

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Abortive. 1x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 14.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. DV391 (Y)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L L.M.MARSHALL F/S CHOLERTON P F/O K NEWBY F/O JHJ SUMPTER F/O H J RIDING P/O ARTHUR W/O WEBB D.E.	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.33	13.26

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Abortive. 1x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 14.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. DV403 (X)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L J.L. SAYERS F/O V.L.JOHNSON F/O E.G. STROM P/O H.W. WEAVER F/O F.E.HOWKINS P/O B.F. KENT F/O R. I. BARRY	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.47	13.31

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 14.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. DV492 (W)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L S.A. FANNING F/S SNEDKER F.J. F/O CARDWELL F. F/L R VALENTINE W.O PASK M. F/S VINCE S.J. P/O C.V. PAIN	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.49	13.43

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 14.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. DV385 (V)

**CREW:**

S/L J.F. BROOKS  
F/O J. R. SHORT. CAN.  
F/O J.H. JONES  
F/L E.A. BALDWIN  
F/O D.W. JUDGE  
F/O R.B. BENNETT  
W/O BIRD

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    08.41           13.49

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 14.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM485 (U)

**CREW:**

F/L G W LANCY  
SGT. BUNSELL C.H.  
W/O ROBIN D.  
W/O PERRY G.L.  
SGT. SAVILL J.H.  
P/O S.K. JENNISON  
F/O F.L. ENGLISH

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    08.33           13.44

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 14.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NE561 (T)

**CREW:**

F/O J CASTAGONIA  
F/SGT HENDERSON S J  
P/O P J GORRINGE  
F/S WEYLAND  
F/SGT EAVES W T  
F/SGT. TYRELL A D

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

P/O J K RONALD

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                      08.34                   13.28

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 14.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster 1. DV380           (F)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L G.R. PRICE (CAN)	PILOT
P/O HARTLEY G.E.	F/L
F/S KOHL H (CAN)	NAV
F/O T W L MERCHANT	A.B.
SGT POCOCK K	W/OP
SGT AVEY C G	M.U.
SGT SARGISON D V	R.G.

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                      08.39                   13.47

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 14.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster 1. PB.415           (O)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O J.H. LEAVITT	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. GRIFFIN H.	
F/O R F WITHAMS	
F/S OLDHAM D.A.	
F/S COLE C.	
F/S DALEY J.	
F/S GOLDIE P.	

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                      08.38                   13.33

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 14.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster 1. LM.695           (N)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O F.H. WATTS	AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O R. SINCLAIR  
F/O C.H. HOUSDEN  
P/O M.L. MCKAY  
F/O R.L. HAYTER  
F/S FORD L.  
F/O K.S. JENNELL

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                         08.48            13.39

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 14.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster 1. NG181            (M)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L C.C. CALDER	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/O H.E. WAKEFIELD	
F/L J H HENSON	
F/SGT C B CRAFTER	
F/O F W GARGET	
F/O A W ATKINSON	
F/O G DALE	

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                         08.32            13.41

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 14.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster 1. NG340            (L)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L B J DOBSON	AS SHOWN ABOVE
P/O A T MCKENZIE	
P/O J B KNIGHT	
P/O A K JOHNSTONE	
P/O R J EDGE	
F/S SNAPE A V	
P/O W J DRY	

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                         08.46            13.53

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 14.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. DV405 (J)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L B A GUMBLEY NW	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/O E A BARNETT	
F/O K. GILL	
F/L J C RANDON	
F/O S V GRIMES	
F/O R WILKINSON	
F/O G BELL	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.42	13.29

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 14.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. FD.238 (H)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L J V COCKSHOTT	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S FRYER R C	
W/O GOSLING L E	
F/O E BOOTH	
F/S BATES A S	
F/S BRADBURY G R	
W/O BIRCH L J AUS	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.35	13.46

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 14.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.233 (G)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O M B FLATMAN	PILOT
SGT ROSS R M	F/E
F/L G MACKIE	NAV
F.O G KELLEY	A/B
F/SGT HARWOOD A S	W/OP
W/O BENSON G	M.U.
P/O K C KIRK	R.G.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.36	13.35



**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 14.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. ME.554 (F)

**CREW:**

F/L L S GOODMAN  
SGT. BURNETT W  
F/O H WATKINSON  
F/L H A HAYWOOD  
F/S BOOTH H J  
SGT LEWIS R  
SGT. HULBERT B.S.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    08.40           13.34

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 14.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NF.992 (B)

**CREW:**

F/O D.W. CAREY  
F/S GALLAGHER A.  
F/S FISH C.R.  
F/O D.H. MCLENNAN  
W/O LAMMAS A.J.  
F/S SHARP A.W.  
F/L G.A. WITHERICK

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    08.43           13.36

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 14.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. ME562 (K)

**CREW:**

F/L G.L. BEAUMONT  
SGT. BELSHAW D.  
W/O GAIT F.P.  
F/L G.T. ALLEN  
W/O STREET R.A.J.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

SGT. HAGARTY. T.  
SGT. MAY R.E.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.37	13.48

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 22.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.445 (E)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
G/C J E FAUQUIER CAN	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/L K.J. RYALL	
S/L ELLWOOD G B CAN	
F/O W A DANIEL	
F/O D.E. FREEMAN	
F/O R.R. BAILEY	
W/O J B SCANNELL	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.38	18.15

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

RAILWAY VIADUCT BIELEFELD. 1 x Tallboy. 16.05/16.10. 13,600. Bombed on second run. Own bomb overshot 50 yards N.E. end. Seemed to have only trucks across short gap in viaduct.

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**DATE:** 22.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.494 (B)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O D.W. CAREY	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S GALLAGHER A.	
F/S FISH C.R.	
F/O D.H. MCLENNAN	
W/O LAMMAS A.J.	
F/S SHARP A.W.	
F/L G.A. WITHERICK	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.46	18.17

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

RAILWAY VIADUCT BIELEFELD. 1 x Tallboy. 16.04/16.05. 13,470'. Own bomb undershot by some 30/40 yards. Possible direct hit at northern end and several near misses.

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**DATE:** 22.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. BN.554 (F)

<b>CREW:</b>		<b>DUTY</b>
F/L L S GOODMAN		PILOT
SGT. BURNETT W		F/L
F/O H WATKINSON		NAV
F/L H A HAYWOOD		A/B
F/S BOOTH H J		W/OP
SGT LEWIS R		M.U.
SGT. HULBERT B.S.		R.G.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.45	18.42

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

RAILWAY VIADUCT BIELEFELD. 1 x Tallboy. 15.57/16.20. 13,070. Our bomb fell very close to the western side of the centre of the viaduct.

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**DATE:** 22.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. BN.405 (J)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L B A GUMBLEY NW	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/O E A BARNETT	
F/O K. GILL	
F/L J C RANDON	
F/O S V GRIMES	
F/O C.V. PAIN	
F/O G BELL	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.47	18.18

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

RAILWAY VIADUCT BIELEFELD. 1 x Tallboy. 15.57/16.10. 13,700. Our bomb fell just west of the centre of the viaduct. Bombing seemed rather scattered.

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**DATE:** 22.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. DV.391 (Y)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L (?)	
F/S (?)	
P/O (?)	
F/O (?)	
F/O (?)	
F/O (?)	
(?)/O (?)	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.53	18.16

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

RAILWAY VIADUCT BIELEFELD. 1 x Tallboy. 15.58. 14,500'. Our bomb fell on Northern edge at far end of Viaduct. One bomb seen to fall on trucks near bridge at S.W. end of viaduct.

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**DATE:** 22.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.489 (H)

**CREW:**

S/L C.C. CALDER  
F/O H.E. WAKEFIELD  
F/L J.H. BENSON  
F/SGT C.B. CARTER  
F/O F. W. GARGET  
F/O A. W. ATKINSON  
F/O G. DALE

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    13.40           18.10

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

RAILWAY VIADUCT BIELEFELD. 1 x Tallboy. 15.37. 13,750'. Own bomb believed to be a direct hit. Three other bursts seen but none of them were hits.

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**DATE:** 22.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM.695 (M)

**CREW:**

F/O F H A WATTS  
F/SGT CHERRINGTON A W  
F/O C H HOUSDEN  
P/O M L MCKAY CAN  
F/L R L HAYTER  
F/SGT LORD L  
P/O K S JEWELL AUS

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    13.54           18.15

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

RAILWAY VIADUCT BIELEFELD. 1 x Tallboy. 15.57. 13,500'. Our bomb along with three or four others, fell just west of the centre of the viaduct. One bomb fell very close to the N. End

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**DATE:** 22.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PB 415 (O)

**CREW:**

F/O J.H. LEAVITT  
SGT. GRIFFIN H.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O R F WITHAMS  
F/S OLDHAM D.A.  
F/S COLE C.  
F/S DALEY J.  
F/S GOLDIE P.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.54	18.15

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

RAILWAY VIADUCT BIELEFELD. 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb undershot. One of the sections of the Western portion of the viaduct was definitely breached, a number of other bombs fell very close but no hits seen.

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**DATE:** 22.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. FD 238 (H)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L G R PRICE	
P/O HARTLEY G.E.	
F/S KOHL H	
F/O T W L MERCHANT	
SGT POCOCK K	
SGT AVEY C G	
SGT SARGISON D V	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.44	18.14

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

RAILWAY VIADUCT BIELEFELD. 1 x Tallboy. 16.11 – 16.44 14,500' Bombed on third run. Our bomb overshot slightly. Quite a few near misses.

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**DATE:** 22.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. DV. 385 (T)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O J CASTAGONIA	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/SGT HENDERSON S J	
P/O P J GORRINGE	
F/S HEBBARD L. (NZ)	
F/O D.A. BROOM	
F/SGT. TYRELL A D	
P/O J K RONALD	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.31	18.06

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

RAILWAY VIADUCT BIELEFELD. 1 x Tallboy. 16.04/16.50 13,700'

We thought our bomb hit the north end (or a very near miss). Bombing seemed pretty good, although no direct hits seen. We bombed on second run.

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**DATE:** 22.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM. 489 (A)

**CREW:**

F/L H V GAVIN (AUS)  
GT BROWN F.H.  
F/O BUXTON A G (AUS)  
F/S WHITE W M (AUS)  
F/O N E SAINSBURY (AUS)  
F/O T K REDDAN (AUS)  
F/O L BURROWS (AUS)

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP           DOWN**  
                  13.31         18.06

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

RAILWAY VIADUCT BIELEFELD. 1 x Tallboy. 16.05/16.20. 14,000. Our bomb undershot about 40 yds. Possible direct hits seen on north end of viaduct. Several undershoot on west side. Also two undershoots of 100 yards on east side.

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**DATE:** 22.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG. 228 (V)

**CREW:**

S/L J.L. POWELL  
F/S FENTON H  
P/O J.L. HILL  
F/O R. BARRON  
F/O J. SLATER  
W/O PENGELLY W.H.  
F/O J. WATSON

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP           DOWN**  
                  13.48         18.22

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

RAILWAY VIADUCT BIELEFELD. 1 x Tallboy. 15.57/15.59 13,000' Our bomb fell on the eastern edge of the embankment at South of the viaduct. One bomb seen to hit at same point of eastern side.

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**DATE:** 22.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM. 492 (W)

**CREW:**

F/L S.A. ANNING

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/S SNEDKER F.J.  
F/O (?).F  
F/O R. VALLENTINE  
W/O PASK M. (AUS)  
F/S VINCE S.J.  
F/S DADGE J.

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         13.51                    16.45

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

RAILWAY VIADUCT BIELEFELD. 1 x Tallboy. 15.55/16.10. 12,500.'

Our bomb fell on road under viaduct near two other bombs. 2 large craters on N.E. end of viaduct. Bombed on first run.

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**DATE:** 22.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. DV.402                    (X)

**CREW:**

F/L J.L. SAYERS  
F/O V.L. JOHNSON  
F/O E.G. STROM  
P/O H.W. WEAVER  
F/O F.E. HOWKINS  
P/O B.F. KENT  
F/O R. I. BARRY

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         13.52                    18.29

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

RAILWAY VIADUCT BIELEFELD. 1 x Tallboy. 16.06/16.10. 13,000.

Our bomb undershot by approximately 40 yards. Smoke observed. Further observation but two bombs are believed to have scored hits.

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**DATE:** 22.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. PD. 371                    (S)

**CREW:**

F/L B J DOBSON  
P/O A T MCKENZIE  
P/O J B KNIGHT  
P/O A K JOHNSTONE  
P/O R J EDGE  
F/S SNAPE A V  
P/O W J DRY

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         13.43                    18.27

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

RAILWAY VIADUCT BIELEFELD. 1 x Tallboy. 15.57. 13,700.

Our bomb fell approximately 50 yards from viaduct. One possible hit seen and several near misses.

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**DATE:** 22.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. ME.562

**CREW:**

F/O J.A. SANDERS  
F/S NUTLEY T.H.  
F/O J.B. BARRON  
F/O H.C. MORIESON  
F/S (?)  
F/O R.T. SCOTT  
F/L R. GIRVAN

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP                   DOWN**  
                  13.41                   18.20

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

RAILWAY VIADUCT BIELEFELD. 1 x Tallboy. 16.04.5 13,200'.

Bomb believed to have undershot by 50 yards. One bomb seen to burst about midway along the viaduct – probably a direct hit.

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**DATE:** 22.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.340 (L)

**CREW:**

F/O F.H. MARTIN  
F/S BLAGBOROUGH J.  
W/O JACKSON A.  
F/S DAY D.A.  
P/O G.N. LOVATT (AUS)  
F/S MAYOH H.  
F/S TREBILCOCK T.J.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP                   DOWN**  
                  13.49                   18.12

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

RAILWAY VIADUCT BIELEFELD. 1 x Tallboy. 15.57/15.17 13,000'.

Bombing – some well concentrated but also some scattered. Our bomb fell near viaduct. Track out N.E. end of viaduct and damage to N.W. side where road passes under viaduct.

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**DATE:** 22.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.339 (G)

**CREW:**

F/L C.N. HILL (CAN)

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE



SGT. GOSS C.L.V.  
F/O J.D. MURRAY  
F/O G E KELLY  
F/O M.R. VAGNOLINI  
F/O HAMILTON D.  
F/O G.G. FORBES

**TIME:**           **UP**               **DOWN**  
                      13.39               18.25

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

RAILWAY VIADUCT BIELEFELD. 1 x Tallboy. 16.13. 13,100'.  
Own bomb overshoot. One possible direct hit seen at Northern end of viaduct. Bombed on third run.

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**DATE:** 24.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**               Lancaster 1. NG.445               (E)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
G/C J E FAUQUIER CAN	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/L K.J. RYALL	
S/L ELLWOOD G B CAN	
F/O W A DANIEL	
F/O D.E. FREEMAN	
W/O VAUGHAN D.H.	
W/O J B SCANNELL	

**TIME:**           **UP**               **DOWN**  
                      13.46               18.27

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

DORTMUND EMS CANAL. 1 x Tallboy. Abortive. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 24.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**               Lancaster 1. NG.494               (B)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O D.W. CAREY	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S GALLAGHER A.	
F/S FISH C.R.	
F/O D.H. MCLENNAN	
W/O LAMMAS A.J.	
F/S SHARP A.W.	
F/L G.A. WITHERICK	

**TIME:**           **UP**               **DOWN**  
                      13.57               18.32

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

DORTMUND EMS CANAL. 1 x Tallboy. Abortive. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 24.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. DV.405 (J)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L B A GUMBLEY NW	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/O E A BARNETT	
F/O K. GILL	
F/L J C RANDON	
F/O S V GRIMES	
W/O PENSWICK	
F/O G BELL	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.52	18.29

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

DORTMUND EMS CANAL. 1 x Tallboy. Abortive. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 24.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. DV.391 (Y)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L L.M.MARSHALL	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S CHOLERTON P	
F/O K NEWBY	
F/O JHJ SUMPTER	
F/O H J RIDING	
P/O ARTHUR	
W/O WEBB D.E.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.56	

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

DORTMUND EMS CANAL. Abortive. Abandoned mission over base. Coolant leak to outer feathered. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 24.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. MG.489 (M)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L C.C. CALDER	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/O H.E. WAKEFIELD	
F/L J H BENISON	
F/SGT C B CRAFTER	
F/O F W GARGET	
F/O A W ATKINSON	
F/O G DALE	

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                      13.51                    18.31

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

DORTMUND EMS CANAL. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 24.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster 1. PD.238            (H)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O F.H. WATTS F/O R. SINCLAIR F/O C.H. HOUSDEN P/O M.L. MCKAY F/O R.L. HAYTER F/S FORD L. F/L GIRVAN	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                      13.47                    18.19

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

DORTMUND EMS CANAL. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 24.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster 1. HB.415            (O)

<b>CREW:</b> F/O J.H. LEAVITT SGT. GRIFFIN H. F/O R F WITHAMS F/S OLDHAM D.A. F/S COLE C. F/S DALEY J. F/S GOLDIE P.	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                      14.00                    19.28

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

DORTMUND EMS CANAL. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 24.2.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster 1. ME.562            (K)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L G.R. PRICE (CAN) P/O HARTLEY G.E. F/S KOHL H (CAN)	<b>DUTY</b> PILOT F/L NAV
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F/O T W L MERCHANT	A.B.
SGT POCOCK K	W/OP
SGT AVEY C G	M.U.
SGT SARGISON D V	R.G.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.55	19.28

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

DORTMUND EMS CANAL. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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<b>DATE:</b> 24.2.45		
<b>AIRCRAFT TYPE &amp; NUMBER:</b>	Lancaster 1. DV.385	(T)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O J CASTAGONIA	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/SGT HENDERSON S J	
P/O P J GORRINGE	
F/S WEYLAND	
F/SGT EAVES W T	
F/SGT. TYRELL A D	
P/O J K RONALD	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.50	18.30

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

DORTMUND EMS CANAL. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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<b>DATE:</b> 24.2.45		
<b>AIRCRAFT TYPE &amp; NUMBER:</b>	Lancaster 1. LM.489	(A)

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L H.V. GAVIN (AUS)	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT BROWN F.H.	
P/O A.G. BUXTON (AUS)	
F/S WHITE W.M. (AUS)	
F/O N.E. SAINSBURY (AUS)	
F/O T.K. REDDAN (AUS)	
F/O L. BURROWS (AUS)	
F/O G.G. FORBES	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.53	18.51

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

DORTMUND EMS CANAL. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 24.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM.485 (U)

<b>CREW:</b> S/L J.L. POWELL F/S FELTON H F/L B.R. BAYNE F/O R. BARRON F/O J. SLATER W/O PENGELLY .H. F/O J. WATSON	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.02	18.39

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

DORTMUND EMS CANAL. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 13.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM.492 (W)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L S.A. ANNING F/S SNEDKER F.J. P/O CARDWELL. F F/O R. VALLENTINE W/O PASK M. (AUS) F/S VANCE S.J. F/S DADGE J.A.	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.03	18.34

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

DORTMUND EMS CANAL. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 13.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. DV.402 (X)

<b>CREW:</b> F/L J.L. SAYERS (AUS) F/O V.L. JOHNSON F/O E.G STROM P/O E.W. WEAVER (AUS) P/O F.E. HOWKINS F/O B.F. KENT. F/O P.R. BARRY (AUS)	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.59	18.35

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

DORTMUND EMS CANAL. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 19.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.371 (S)

**CREW:**

F/L J.B. DOBSON  
P/O A.T. MCKENZIE  
P/O J.B. KNIGHT  
P/O A.K. JOHNSTONE  
P/O R.J. EDGE  
F/S SNAPE A.V.  
P/O W.J. DRY

**DUTY**

PILOT  
F/ENG  
NAV  
A/B  
W/OP  
M/U  
R/G

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          13.48                   18.37

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

DORTMUND EMS CANAL. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 9.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.340 (L)

**CREW:**

F/O F.H. MARTIN  
F/S BLAGBOROUGH J.  
W/O JACKSON A.  
F/S DAY D.A.  
W/O KIBS  
F/S MAYOH H.  
F/S TREBILCOCK T.J.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          13.49                   18.31

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

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**DATE:** 9.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.339 (G)

**CREW:**

F/L C.N. HILL (CAN)  
SGT GOSS C.L.V  
P/O J.D. MURRAY (AUS)  
F/O G.E. KELLY  
P/O M.R. VAGNOLINI  
W/O HAMILTON D.

**DUTY**

PILOT  
F/ENG.  
NAV.  
A/B  
W/OP.  
M.U.

F/O G.G. FORBES

R.G.

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                  13.53           18.51

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

DORTMUND EMS CANAL. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 24.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster 1. ME.554           (F)

**CREW:**

F/L G.L. BEAUMONT

SGT. BELSHAW D.

W.O. GAIT F.P.

F/L G.T. ALLEN

F/O STREET R.A.J.

SGT. HAGARTY T.

SGT. MAY R.E.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                  13.54           18.33

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

DORTMUND EMS CANAL. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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**DATE:** 24.2.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster 1. NG.228           (V)

**CREW:**

S/L J.F. BROOKES

F/O H.R. SHORT (CAN)

F/O J.H. JONES

F/L E.A. BALDWIN

F/O D.W. JUDGE

F/O R.B. DENNETT

W/O BIRD

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                  14.01           18.4-0

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

DORTMUND EMS CANAL. Abortive. 1 x Tallboy. Did not bomb.

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OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK  
No. 617 Squadron

WOODHALL SPA

01.03.45

No Operations. Extensive Training.

02.03.45

No Operations. Extensive Training.

03.03.45

Operations Cancelled. Early Morning. Enemy Activity in early hours of the morning. *(A raid by 70 German aircraft over the whole country this was one of the last forays over the UK by the Luftwaffe. Little damage was caused.)*

04.03.45

No Operations. Extensive Training.

05.03.45

No Operations. Extensive Training.

New aircraft PB.997 Tested by Group Captain Fauquier.

*(This was the first B1 (spec) modified to carry the new 22,000lbs Grand Slam. The Grand Slam was the big brother of Tallboy which had been kept on the back burner since inception as the Lancaster could not at that stage have carried it for a useful distance. After the invasion of Europe it became obvious that this situation would change and development was recommenced. Requiring enormous research the Grand Slam was supposed to be dropped from 40,000ft to accelerate to its terminal velocity but the Lancaster could only carry it to 20,000' like the 12,030lbs Tallboy. It was still however a ferocious weapon and one that allowed 617 to attack a range of new and difficult targets.)*

06.03.45

No Operations. Extensive Training.

07.03.45

No Operations. Extensive Training.

08.03.45

No Operations. Extensive Training.

09.03.45

Nineteen Lancasters - one Mosquito. Target Bielefeld. Operations unsuccessful.

*(Operation was to the still standing but damaged Bielefeld viaduct. It was aborted due to low cloud over target.)*

10.03.45

No Operations. Extensive Training.

11.03.45

No Operations. Extensive Day Training. Night Flying Cancelled.

12.03.45

No Operations.

13.03.45



Twenty Lancaster - Target - Bielefeld. - Abortive 1st 10 tonner drop by S/L. Calder.

*(The first Grand Slam was test dropped that morning over the Wainfleet bombing range leaving a crater 30 ft deep and 124 ft in diameter. The only two Grand Slam bombs in existence were then hung under Calder's and Fauquier's aircraft. Neither dropped their Grand Slams on that occasion but returned with them and landed at R.A.F. Carnaby, which had a longer runway. Both landed safely with their bombs (the first off the production line) intact and their ground crews were trucked to Carnaby to service the aircraft for the next day.)*

14.03.45

Fifteen aircraft - Target - Bielefeld. Operation Successful. Group Captain attended Conference at Air Ministry.

*(Fauquier and Calder carried their bombs back to Bielefeld from Carnaby. Calder's bomb brought down 260ft of the Viaduct after hitting a few yards to the side of the target. The Bielefeld Viaduct was a major rail bottleneck which had been subjected since the beginning of the war to over 7 million pounds of explosive ordnance dropped from the air. It was damaged but still in use. The bomb was fused for 11 seconds delay giving time for it to come to rest deep in the ground before exploding. Fauquier's aircraft suffered a broken con rod just prior to take off and although he attempted to swoop aircraft Calder (probably seeing what had happened) was unable to understand the sign language and took off. His bomb fell close to the viaduct and demolished 260ft of the span.)*

15.03.45

Two aircraft - Target - Arnsberg.

*(The viaduct at Arnsberg was supposed to have been part of the joint raid yesterday but had to be aborted because of the engine seizure on Fauquier's aircraft. 9 Sqn bombed the target anyway but did not bring the bridge, which had proved very difficult to destroy, down. This raid was no exception and two 617 Grand Slams and an array of Tallboys again failed to drop the viaduct.)*

16.03.45

No Operations.

Group Captain Fauquier attended conference at No 5 Group.

17.03.45

No Operations.

18.03.45

No Operations.

19.03.45

Nineteen aircraft - Target - Arnsberg. Operation Successful.

*(But this time it succumbed to six Grand Slams and a forty foot gap was blown)*

20.03.45

No Operations.

21.03.45

Twenty aircraft - Target - Bremen. F/Lt. Gumbley shot down over target.

*(This time to the Arburgen bridge, near Bremen. The bridge was destroyed but Gumbley's aircraft received a direct flak hit on the run up, instantly becoming a blazing wreck. Price, below, had to swerve to avoid the falling wreckage. The aircraft crashed at Okel, 4km NE of Syke approx 19km South of Bremen. The crew all died and are commemorated on the Runnymede memorial.)*

22.03.45

Twenty aircraft - Target - Neinburg.

*(Attacking the bridge at Neinberg this raid was successful. The big bombs were being used up at quite a rate and concern was expressed at high level about the supply. Fauquier decided therefore that to save bombs four aircraft*

would bomb, results would be observed, and then if required another four would bomb until the target was destroyed. It is a compliment to their accuracy that the squadron could now worry about saving ammunition rather than hitting the target and surviving. They were almost certainly the only Allied unit trying to save ammunition at this stage of the war!. The first four aircraft bombed almost in unison, Fauquier dived and observed that the bridge had been destroyed. The bombs apparently hit almost as one.)

23.03.45

Twenty aircraft - Target - Bremen. Attack Successful.

*(Attacking a bridge near Bremen believed to be one of the rail bridges. The raid was successful.)*

24.03.45

No Operations. Extensive Training.

25.03.45

No Operations.

26.03.45

Operations cancelled immediately prior to take off.

27.03.45

Twenty aircraft detailed for operations. Two early returns (F/Lts. Goodman and Lancey). One did not bomb (F/Lt. Beaumont) -results unknown, but direct hits believed to have been scored.

*(This operation was to bomb the new and almost completed U boat pens at Farge on the river Weser near Bremen. The pens had a roof of over 23 ft thick reinforced concrete and was the largest concrete structure in the world, at 1450 ft long by 300 ft wide and 75 ft high. Two Grand Slams penetrated the roof, brought down thousands of tons of rubble and made the pens unusable. Mission successful.)*

28.03.45

Twenty aircraft laid on, but operations cancelled at 1000 hrs.

29.03.45

No Operations. Extensive Training.

30.03.45

No Operations. Extensive Training.

31.03.45

No Operations. Extensive Training.

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#### SUMMARY

During the Month of March 1945. 156 Day Operations sorties were dispatched, consisting of 717.25 hours. A total of 283.45 hours Day Flying training were carried out. The following bombs were dropped on operations. 31 Special Stores and 40 Tallboys.

The following Officers were posted To the Squadron during March 1945:

184544	F/O	D.W. HARBOROUGH	GD.S.	84 O.U.T.	19.03.45
179591	A/F/L	WILSON	GD.P.	227 Sqn.	10.03.45
A424774	P/O	G.M. LOVITT	GD.S.	54 Base.	27.02.45
174895	F/O	K.L. SUMNER	GD.B.	227 Sqn.	24.03.45

J40424 F/O A. FORMAN GD.G 207 Sqdn. 06.03.45

The following Officers were posted From the Squadron during March 1945:

132755	F/L.	A.G. FARTHING	GD.G.	54 Base.	25.02.45
145806	F/O	T.S. COOK	GD.G.	1661 C.U.	07.03.45
178709	F/O	J.B. BARRON	GD.N.	17 O.T.U.	16.03.45
171783	F/O	R.T. SCOTT	GD.G.	54 Base	03.03.45
53823	F/O	E.A. BARNETT	GD.F.	War Cas. **	21.03.45
185065	P/O	G. BELL	GD.G.	War Cas. **	21.03.45
155097	F/O	K. GILL	GD.N.	War Cas. **	21.03.45
134673	F/L	J.C. RANDON	GD.B.	War Cas. **	21.03.45
164544	F/O	W. HARBOROUGH	GD.S.	630 Sqdn.	22.03.45
A.416624	F/O	R.M. STANFORD	GD.P.	11 P.D.R.C	19.03.45
A13751	F/O	K.C. MORIESON	GD.B.	29 O.T.U.	30.03.45
J.87087	F/O	M.L. MCKAY	GD.B.	R.C.A.F. R Depot	29.03.45
NZ.414614	F/L	B.A. GUMBLEY	GD.P.	War Cas.	
51331	F/LT.	D.W. BALE	GD.G.	1660 C.U.	07.03.45
179617	F/O	G. HOYLAND	GD.B.	19 O.TU	08.03.45
168674	F/O	J.A. SANDERS	GD.P.	54 Base.	16.03.45
151090	F/L	C.G. ROGERS	GD.B.	A.C.A.C.	21.03.45
A.414614	F/O	K.S. JEWELL.	GD.G.	19 O.T.U.	18.03.45
A.416000	F/O	J.F.D. CHAPMAN	GD.G.	A.C.A.C.	21.03.45
157126	A/F/L	D.J. ORAM	GD.P.	54 Base.	29.03.45
179679	F/O	C.H. HOUSDEN	GD.N.	17 O.T.U.	29.03.45

\*\* = (N/E Accts. Depot)

The following Airmen N.C.O.'s were posted From the Squadron during March 1945:

577092	F/S	E.R. CULLEY	GD.E.	227 Sqdn.	10.03.45
610814	Sgt	M.V. BRIAN	GD.F.	227 Sqdn.	10.03.45
1605483	F/S	F.S.J. DAWE	GD.N.	227 Sqdn.	10.03.45
1871699	F/S	R.F. JENKINS	GD.S.	227 Sqdn.	10.03.45
1880229	F/S	W. KNIGHT	GD.G.	227 Sqdn.	10.03.45

The following Airmen N.C.O.'s were posted From the Squadron during March 1945:

1578778	F/S	M.A. COLYER	GD.G.	72 Base.	
1299165	F/S	R.A. BRIARS	GD.G.	73 Base.	
591601	F/S	L.A. FOWLE	GD.G.	A.C.A.C.	
1615128	F/S	T.H. NUTLEY	GD.F.	A.C.A.C.	
A.425265	W/O	L.J. BIRCH	GD.G.	29 O.T.U.	
1578716	F/S	W.T. EAVES	GD.S.	14 O.T.U.	
941337	F/S	A.W. CHERRINGTON	GD.F.	72 Base.	
1314661	W/O	J.E. BAKER	GD.S.	A.C.A.C.	
A.412916	W/O	G.G. CLARKE	GD.B.	A.C.A.C.	
1604679	F/S	D.P. PEIRSON	GD.G.	20 O.T.U.	
2209334	F/S	A. CROSBY	GD.G.	54 Base.	
1578343	F/S	A. WARD	GD.S.	10 O.T.U.	
1385771	F/S	A.E. YOUNG	GD.S.	A.C.A.C.	
571886	F/S	S.J. HENDERSON	GD.F.	54 Base.	

1626273 F/S R. MACHIN GD.G. 54 Base.

The following personnel have been awarded decorations during March 1945:

172367	F/O	J. SLATER	GD.S.	D.F.C.
170762	F/O	F.H.A. WATTS	GD.P.	D.F.C.
53675	F/O(A/F/L)	K.J. RYALL	GD.F.	D.F.C.
A.416650	F/O	D.W. CAREY	G.D.P.	D.F.C.
A.21639	F/O	J.W. SPEIRS	GD.P.	D.F.C.

The following Officers have been promoted during March 1945:

151154	F/O	F.J. GORRINGE	GD.N. - F/L	w.e.f.	26.01.45
151090	F/O	C.G. ROGERS	GD.B. - F/L	w.e.f.	22.01.45
179675	P/O	P.E. COTTERELL	GD.N. - F/O	w.e.f.	17.01.45
179861	P/O	F. ARTHUR	GD.G. - F/O	w.e.f.	26.01.45
142865	F/O(A/F/L)	I.M. MARSHALL	GD.P. - F/L	w.e.f.	23.01.45
137432	F/O	J.H. LEAVITT	GD.P. - F/L	w.e.f.	20.01.45
J.17159	F/O	F.L. ENGLISH	GD.G. - F/L	w.e.f.	02.02.45
J.87492	P/O	D.H. MCLENNAN	GD.B. - F/O	w.e.f.	10.12.44
A.424521	P/O	R.J. EDGE	GD.S. - F/O	w.e.f.	26.02.45
A.414740	P/O	E.W. WEAVER	GD.B. - F/O	w.e.f.	16.02.45
1021077	Sgt	P.F. DUROSE	GD.S. - F/S	w.e.f.	28.12.44
1606819	Sgt	J.H.E. SAVILLE	GD.S. - F/S	w.e.f.	27.12.44
1867094	Sgt	K. POCOCK	GD.S. - F/S	w.e.f.	05.02.45
1851576	Sgt	C.L.V. GOSS	GD.F. - F/S	w.e.f.	09.03.45
1394282	F/S	J.P. FLYNN	GD.G. - W/O	w.e.f.	07.03.45
1429486	F/S	G.F. IVES	GD.F. - W/O	w.e.f.	17.03.45
1526933	F/S	A.S. BATES	GD.S. - W/O	w.e.f.	21.03.45
1874807	Sgt	A.E. GARROD	GD.F. - F/S	w.e.f.	28.03.45

The following airmen have been granted a commission during March 1945:

NZ.422096	W/O	F.A. CARDWELL	Nav.	w.e.f.	05.02.45
1383334	W/O	D.E. WEBB	A.G.	w.e.f.	28.12.44
533273	F/S	J.B. LEES	A.G.	w.e.f.	04.01.45
1583170	F/S	R.P. HAYWOOD	F/Eng.	w.e.f.	05.02.45

(Certified that the above Form 540 contains extracts from Personnel Occurrence Reports.)

**DATE:** 9.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Mosquito Mk. VI. NT.205

**CREW:**

G/C J E FAUQUIER. CAN.  
F/L B.R. BAYNE

**DUTY**

PILOT  
NAV.

**TIME:**

**UP**

14.56

**DOWN**

17.52

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Abortive.

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**DATE:** 9.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.238

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L J V COCKSHOTT	PILOT
F/S FRYER R C	F/E
W/O GOSLING L E	NAV.
F/O E BOOTH	A/B
F/S BATES A S	W/O
F/S BRADBURY G R	M.U.
W/O BIRCH L J AUS	R.G.

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                    14.37                   18.15

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 9.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.228

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L J.F. BROOKES	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/O H.R. SHORT (CAN)	
F/O J.H. JONES	
F/L E.A. BALDWIN	
F/O D.W. JUDGE	
F/O R.B. DENNETT	
F/L. R. GIRVAN	

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                    14.35                   18.17

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 9.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.445

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S.L. W.H. GORDON	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. ENOCH C.E.	
P/O J. LANGSTON	
F/O P.W. SHIRLEY	
F/S GATLAND A.H.	
F/S DOBSON F.	
F/S GARDWELL V.A.	

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                      14.37                    18.11

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 9.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. LM.489

**CREW:**

F/L HH.V. GAVIN (AUS)  
SGT. BROWN F.H.  
P/O A.G. BUXTON  
F/S WHITE W.M.  
F/O N.E. SAINSBURY  
F/O T.K. REDDAN  
F/O L. BURROWS

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                      14.39                    18.23

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 9.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. ME.554

**CREW:**

F/L J.C. MCLOUGHLIN  
SGT. PHILLIPS J.D.  
P/O J.L. HILL  
F/O A.L. HEATH  
W/O RIES O.A.  
F/S MACHIN R.  
F/O H.R. BAILEY

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                      14.32                    18.08

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 9.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. NG.496

**CREW:**

F/L L.S. GOODMAN  
SGT. BURNETT W.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O H. WATKINSON  
F/L H.A. HAYWARD  
F/S BOOTH H.J.  
F.S HULBERT B.S.  
SGT. LEWIS R.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.34	18.10

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 9.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM.695

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L C.N. HILL (CAN)	PILOT
F/O D. DUFF	F/ENG.
P/O J.D. MURRAY (AUS)	NAV.
F/O G.E. KELLY	A/B
P/O M.R. VAGNOLINI	W/OP.
W/O DICKENSON G.W.	M.U.
F/O G.G. FORBES	R.G.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.33	18.14

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 9.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.489

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L G.L. BEAUMONT	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. BELSHAW D.	
W.O. GAIT F.P.	
F/L G.T. ALLEN	
F/O STREET R.A.J.	
SGT. HAGARTY T.	
SGT. MAY R.E.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.26	18.24

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 9.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. DV.380

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L G.R. PRICE (CAN)	PILOT
P/O HARTLEY G.E.	F/L
F/S KOHL H (CAN)	NAV
F/O T W L MERCHANT	A.B.
SGT POCOCK K	W/OP
SGT AVEY C G	M.U.
SGT SARGISON D V	R.G.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.41	18.09

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 9.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PB.415

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O F.H. MARTIN	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S BLAGBOROUGH J.	
W/O JACKSON A.	
F/S DAY D.A.	
P/O G.N. LOVATT (AUS)	
F/S MAYOH H.	
F/S TREBILCOCK T.J.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.27	18.06

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 9.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. DV.405

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L J.C. WARBURTON	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. COKER	
P/O B.A.C.U. STAMLEY	
F/O F.S. PALMER	
P/O K.A.J. HEWITT	
F/S LEES C.H.	
P/O J.B. LEES	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.29	18.19



**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 9.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.371

**CREW:**

F/L G.W. LANCEY  
SGT. BUNSELL G.E.  
W/O ROBIN D.W.  
W/O PERRY G.L.  
SGT. SAVIOLE J.H.E.  
F/O S.K. JENNISON  
F/O F.L. ENGLISH (CAN)

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          14.36                   18.18

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 9.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM.485

**CREW:**

F/L D.A. RAWES  
SGT. MORFITT J.E.  
F/L J. HODGKINSON  
R/O E.A. ROBERTS  
F/O D.E. ROSS  
F/S BAILEY G.A.  
F/O C.W. PAIN

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          14.28                   18.26

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 9.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. DV.402

**CREW:**

F/L D.J. ORAM  
F/SGT HEYWOOD R.P.  
F/O F.E. WITTMER (AUS)  
F/O K.C. MORIESON (AUS)  
W/O FORSHAW J.S.  
F/SGT FLYNN J.P.

**DUTY**

PILOT  
F/ENG.  
NAV.  
A/B  
W/OP  
M.U.

F/SGT PIERSON D.P.

R.G.

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         14.40                    18.12

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 9.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. DV.391

**CREW:**

F/L L.M.MARSHALL  
F/S CHOLERTON P  
F/O K NEWBY  
F/O JHJ SUMPTER  
F/O H J RIDING  
P/O D.E. WEBB  
F/O R. WILKINSON

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         14.31                    18.11

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 9.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1.ME.562

**CREW:**

LT. W ADAMS  
F/S SWANN A.  
P/O T.H. COLLINS  
F/L R.K. FOULKES  
F/S PRATT G.R.  
F/W SCAWTHORNE G.A.  
F/S BANNING F.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         14.35                    18.20

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 9.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. DV.385

**CREW:**

F/O J CASTAGONIA

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/SGT HENDERSON S J  
P/O P J GORRINGE  
F/S WEYLAND  
F/SGT EAVES W T  
F/SGT. TYRELL A D  
P/O J K RONALD

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         14.25                    18.05

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 9.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. NG.339

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O M B FLATMAN	PILOT
SGT ROSS R M	F/E
F/L G MACKIE	NAV
F/O G KELLY	A/B
F/SGT HARWOOD A S	W/OP
W/O BENSON G	M.U.
F/O K C KIRK	R.G.

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         14.30                    18.16

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 9.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. LM.492

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L K.L. TRENT	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S JOHNSON W.	
F/O W.S. RICHARDSON	
F/L J.L. RUMGAY	
F/O J. SLATER	
SGT. FARINO H.	
F/O F ARTHUR	

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         14.38                    18.18

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 13.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.119

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
G/C J.E. FAUQUIER (CAN)	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S IVES G.F.	
S/L G.B. ELLWOOD (CAN)	
F/L J.L. RUMGAY	
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F/O J.B. SCANNELL	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.30	18.14

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 13.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.238

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L J V COCKSHOTT	PILOT
F/S FRYER R C	F/E
W/O GOSLING L E	NAV.
F/O E BOOTH	A/B
F/S BATES A S	W/O
F/S FORD L.	M.U.
F/S BRADBURY G R	R.G.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.33	17.22

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 13.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.112

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L CALDER	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/O H.E. WAKEFIELD	
F/L J.H. BENISON	
F/L C.B. CRAFER	
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F/O G. DALE	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.31	18.08

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 13.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.228

**CREW:**

S/L J.F. BROOKES  
F/O H.R. SHORT (CAN)  
F/O J.H. JONES  
F/L E.A. BALDWIN  
F/O D.W. JUDGE  
F/O R.B. DENNETT  
F/L R. GIRVAN

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                         13.38            18.12

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 13.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PB.371

**CREW:**

S/L J.L. POWELL  
F/S FENTON H.W.  
F/L B.R. BAYNE  
F/O R. BARRON  
F/O J. SLATER  
W/O PENGELLY W.H.  
F/O J. WATSON

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                         13.41            18.20

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 13.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. ME.554

**CREW:**

F/L J.C. MCLOUGHLIN  
SGT. PHILLIPS J.D.  
P/O J.L. HILL  
F/O A.L. HEATH

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

W/O RIES O.A.  
F/S MACHIN R.  
F/O H.R. BAILEY

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.39	18.19

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 13.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.494

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L L.S. GOODMAN	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. BURNETT W.	
F/O H. WATKINSON	
F/L H.A. HAYWARD	
F/S BOOTH H.J.	
F.S HULBERT B.S.	
SGT. LEWIS R.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.36	18.12

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 13.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM.489

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L C.N. HILL (CAN)	PILOT
F/O A. SINCLAIR	F/ENG
P/O J. D. MURRAY (AUS)	NAV.
F/O G.E. KELLY	A/B
P/O M.R. VAGNOLINI	W/OP
W/O DICKENSON G.W.	M.U.
F/O C.G. FORGES	R.G.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.34	18.09

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 13.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. DV.405

**CREW:**  
F/L B.A. GUMBLEY NZ  
F/O E.A. BARNETT  
F/O K. GILL  
F/L J.C. RANDON  
F/O S.V. GRIMES  
W/O PENSWICK J.  
P/O G. BELL

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                         13.40            18.00

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 13.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster 1. DV.380

**CREW:**  
F/L J.C. WARBURTON  
SGT. COKER  
P/O B.A.C.U. STANLEY  
F/O F.S. PALMER  
P/O K.A.J. HEWITT  
F/S LEES C.H.  
P/O J.B. LEES

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                         13.45            18.19

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 13.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster 1. DV.402

**CREW:**  
F/L J.L. SAYERS (AUS)  
F/O V.L. JOHNSON  
F/O F.E. WITTMER (AUS)  
P/O E.W. WEAVER (AUS)  
P/O F.E. HOWKINS  
W/O VAUGHAN D.H.  
F/O P.R. BARRY (AUS)

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                         13.48            18.28

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 13.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM.485

**CREW:**  
F/L G.W. LANCEY  
SGT. BUNSELL G.E.  
W/O ROBIN D.W.  
W/O PERRY G.L.  
SGT. SAVIOLE J.H.E.  
F/O S.K. JENNISON  
F/O F.L. ENGLISH (CAN)

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                  13.37           18.25

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 13.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM.492

**CREW:**  
F/L S.A. ANNING  
F/S SNEDKER F.J.  
P/O D.H. BARLEYCORN  
F/O R. VALLENTINE  
W/O PASK M. (AUS)  
SGT. NEALE L.  
F/S DADGE J.A.

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                  13.46           18.22

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 13.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1.

**CREW:**  
F/L D.A. RAWES  
SGT. MORFITT J.E.  
F/L J. HODGKINSON  
P/O E.A. ROBERTS  
F/O D.E. ROSS  
F/S BAILEY G.A.  
P/O C.W. PAIN

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE



**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         13.42                    18.20

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 13.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. ME.562

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
LT. W ADAMS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S SWANN A.	
P/O T.H. COLLINS	
F/L R.K. FOULKES	
F/S PRATT G.R.	
F/W SCAWTHORNE G.A.	
F/S BANNING F.	

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         13.44                    17.57

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 13.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. NG.339

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O M B FLATMAN	PILOT
SGT ROSS R M	F/E
F/L G MACKIE	NAV
F.O G KELLY	A/B
F/SGT HARWOOD A S	W/OP
W/O BENSON G	M.U.
F/O K C KIRK	R.G.

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         13.32                    18.15

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 13.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. PB.515

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O F.H. MARTIN	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S BLAGBOROUGH J.	
W/O JACKSON A.	

F/S DAY D.A.  
P/O G.N. LOVATT (AUS)  
F/S MAYOH H.  
F/S TREBILCOCK T.J.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.47	18.19

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 13.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM.695

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O J.W. SPIERS (AUS)	
SGT. A.E. GARROD	
F/O J.D. HARRISON	
F/O T.G. MUHL	
W/O WARREN I.S.	
F/O N.H. LLOYD	
W/O BIRD B.J.D.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.48	18.21

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 13.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. DV.385

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O J CASTAGONIA	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/SGT HENDERSON S J	
P/O P J GORRINGE	
F/S HEBBARD L. (NZ)	
F/O D.A. BROOM	
F/SGT. TYRELL A D	
P/O J K RONALD	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.34	17.34

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 13.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.489

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O D.W. CAREY	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S GALLAGHER A.	
F/S FISH C.B.R.	
P/O D.H. MCLENNAN (CAN)	
W/O LAMMAS A.J.	
F/S SHARP A.W.	
F/L G.A. WITHERICK	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.49	18.27

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy. Tallboy returned to Base not required.

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**DATE:** 14.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.112

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L CALDER	PILOT
F/O H.E. WAKEFIELD	F/ENG.
F/L J.H. BENISON	NAV.
F/L C.B. CRAFER	A/B
-	W.OP
-	M.U.
F/O G. DALE	R.G.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.31	18.08

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. 1 x Special Stores 1628.25 hrs 11,965 ft. Our bomb was a 30 yds. Under-shoot. We saw one direct hit and one 50 yds. Overshoot.

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**DATE:** 14.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.228

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L J.F. BROOKES	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/O H.R. SHORT (CAN)	
F/O J.H. JONES	
F/L E.A. BALDWIN	
F/O D.W. JUDGE	
F/O R.B. DENNETT	
F/L R. GIRVAN	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.46	18.39

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. 1 X Tallboy. 1628½ hrs. 12,000. Bombing very concentrated. Our bomb was either a direct hit or very near miss three other bombs including the "Special Stores" fell on or very close.

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**DATE:** 14.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.371

**CREW:**

S/L J.L. POWELL  
F/S FENTON H.W.  
F/L B.R. BAYNE  
F/O R. BARRON  
F/O J. SLATER  
W/O PENGELLY W.H.  
F/O J. WATSON

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                          13.41           19.00

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. 1 x Tallboy. 1629½ hrs. 11,000 ft. Our bomb disappeared into smoke. Special Store burst some 60 yds. From Viaduct.

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**DATE:** 14.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.494

**CREW:**

F/L L.S. GOODMAN  
SGT. BURNETT W.  
F/O H. WATKINSON  
F/L H.A. HAYWARD  
F/S BOOTH H.J.  
F.S HULBERT B.S.  
SGT. LEWIS R.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                          13.50           18.48

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. 1 x Tallboy 1628.58 hrs. 11,670 ft. A direct hit claimed on railway just by road crossing, several other explosions seen in same way.

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**DATE:** 14.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM.489

**CREW:**

F/L C.N. HILL (CAN)  
F/O A. SINCLAIR  
P/O J.D. MURRAY (AUS)

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O G.E. KELLY  
P/O M.R. VAGNOLINI  
W/O DICKENSON G.W.  
F/O G.G. FORBES

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.51	18.47

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. 1 x Tallboy. 1628.30 hrs. 11,400 ft. We believe our bomb to have made a direct hit. Bombing appeared to be accurate.

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**DATE:** 14.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. DV.405

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L B.A. GUMBLEY NZ	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/O E.A. BARNETT	
F/O K. GILL	
F/L J.C. RANDON	
F/O S.V. GRIMES	
W/O PENSWICK J.	
P/O G. BELL	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.43	19.44

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. 1 x Tallboy. 1628 hrs. 11,600 ft. Our bomb believed direct hit. Two others seen to burst in almost same spot.

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**DATE:** 14.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. DV.380

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L J.C. WARBURTON	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. COKER	
P/O B.A.C.U. STANLEY	
F/O F.S. PALMER	
P/O K.A.J. HEWITT	
F/S LEES C.H.	
P/O J.B. LEES	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.45	19.57

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. 1 x Tallboy. 1629.47 hrs. 11,900 ft. Our bomb fell just west of the Viaduct, bombing in the main appeared accurate.

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**DATE:** 14.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. DV.402

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L J.L. SAYERS (AUS)	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/O V.L. JOHNSON	
F/O F.E. WITTMER (AUS)	
P/O E.W. WEAVER (AUS)	
P/O F.E. HOWKINS	
W/O VAUGHAN D.H.	
F/O P.R. BARRY (AUS)	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.55	19.09

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. 1 X Tallboy. We opened the bomb doors to bomb at 1612 ft. and the bomb fell off. The bomb spun as it went but as far as would be seen it was in one piece. The bomb doors were damaged.

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**DATE:** 14.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM.485

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L G.W. LANCEY	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. BUNSELL G.E.	
W/O ROBIN D.W.	
W/O PERRY G.L.	
SGT. SAVILLE J.H.E.	
F/O S.K. JENNISON	
F/O F.L. ENGLISH (CAN)	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.53	19.03

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. 1 x Tallboy. 1628½ hrs. 11,900 ft. Bomb burst within 50 yds on E. side. One possible hit seen in much the same position. Bombing generally very well concentrated.

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**DATE:** 14.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM.492

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L S.A. ANNING	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S SNEDKER F.J.	
P/O D.H. BARLEYCORN	
F/O R. VALLENTINE	
W/O PASK M. (AUS)	
SGT. NEALE L.	
F/S DADGE J.A.	

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         13.48                    18.53

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. 1 x Tallboy. 1628.45 hrs. 11,100 ft. Our bomb fell 10 yds overshoot to the west. A 22000 lb. Made a very near miss on the southern end of the Viaduct. On the whole bombing was good.

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**DATE:** 14.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. DV.391

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L D.A. RAWES	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. MORFITT J.E.	
F/L J.. HODGKINSON	
P/O E.A. ROBERTS	
F/O D.E. ROSS	
F/S BAILEY G.A.	
P/O C.W. PAIN	

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         13.46                    18.52

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. 1 x Tallboy. 1637.20 hrs. 11470 ft. We ran up and could not see the target. So did another run from Bielefeld and followed the road to the South of the target and did not realise we were on the wrong track until after the bomb had gone. It fell on the cross roads 750 yds S.W. of the target. We saw the Oboe on first run up about 300 yds. S.S.W.

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**DATE:** 14.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. NG.339

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O M B FLATMAN	PILOT
SGT ROSS R M	F/E
F/L G MACKIE	NAV
F O G KELLY	A/B
F/SGT HARWOOD A S	W/OP
W/O BENSON G	M.U.
F/O K C KIRK	R.G.

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         13.52                    18.51

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. 1 x Tallboy. 1628.40 hrs. 11,900 ft. We think we got a hit just where the road went under the viaduct. 5 Arches on the N. end of the Viaduct appeared to be down. We was the Oboe Marker which appeared to be about 500 yards. S. of the target bearing 140°.

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**DATE:** 14.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PB.415

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O F.H. MARTIN	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S BLAGBOROUGH J.	
W/O JACKSON A.	
F/S DAY D.A.	
P/O G.N. LOVATT (AUS)	
F/S MAYOH H.	
F/S TREBILCOCK T.J.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.44	18.42

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. 1 x Tallboy. 1628.25 hrs. 11,800 ft. Our bomb slightly overshoot. We saw three bombs on or very near. The large bomb undershot slightly.

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**DATE:** 14.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM.695

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O J.W. SPIERS (AUS)	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. A.E. GARROD	
F/O J.D. HARRISON	
F/O T.G. MUHL	
W/O WARREN I.S.	
F/O N.H. LLOYD	
W/O BIRD B.J.D.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.49	19.05

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bielefeld. 1 x Tallboy. 1629.10. 11,500 ft. Our bomb believed to have been on the target, but appeared to coincide with other bursts.

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**DATE:** 14.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.489

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O D.W. CAREY	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S GALLAGHER A.	
F/S FISH C.B.R.	
P/O D.H. MCLENNAN (CAN)	
W/O LAMMAS A.J.	
F/S SHARP A.W.	
F/L G.A. WITHERICK	



**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         13.54                    19.03

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bieldefeld. 1 x Tallboy. Just before we commenced the bombing run, the bombsight went u/s. The Oboe was 300 yards south southwest. 1 x Tallboy returned to base.

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**DATE:** 15.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. PD.114

<b>CREW:</b> S/L J.V. COCKSHOTT F/S FRYER R.C. W/O GOSLING L.E. F/O E. BOOTH - - F/S BRADBURY G.R.	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         13.09                    19.55

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Arnsberg. 1 x Special Store. 1656.58. 13.600 ft. One column of smoke just east and two more slightly further east of a/p. One of these columns was from our bomb which was lost in haze. Bombed on fourth run.

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**DATE:** 15.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. PD.996

<b>CREW:</b> S/L G.C. CALDER F/O H.E. WAKEFIELD F/L J.H. BENNISON F/L C.B. CRAFER F/O F.W. GARGET - F/O G. DALE	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         12.53                    18.35

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Arnsberg. 1 x Special Store. Mission Abandoned. 1 x Special Store returned to base. Not required.

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**DATE:** 19.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. PD.119

<b>CREW:</b> G/C J.E. FAUQUIER (CAN)	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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W/O IVES G.F.  
S/L G.B. ELLWOOD (CAN)  
F/L J.L. RUMGAY  
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F/O J.B. SCANNELL

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	07.55	13.41

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Arnsberg. 1 x Special Store. 1054.10. 13.000 ft. Bombing had tendency to overshoot, but about a third of the viaduct appeared to be down. There were two hits on the embankment to north of bridge.

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**DATE:** 19.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.238

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L J.V. COCKSHOTT	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S FRYER R.C.	
W/O GOSLING L.E.	
F/O E. BOOTH	
F/S BATES A.S.	
W/O FORD L.	
F/S BRADBURY G.R.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.21	13.37

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Arnsberg. 1 x Tallboy. 1054.30. 13.000 ft. We got a direct hit on the A/P. Bombing was concentrated and the viaduct was down at the A/P end, at the end of the attack.

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**DATE:** 19.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.121

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L J.L. POWELL	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S FENTON H.W.	
F/L B.R. BAYNE	
F/O R. BARRON	
F/O J. SLATER	
W/O PENGELLY W.H.	
F/O J. WATSON	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.29	13.53

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Arnsberg. 1 x Tallboy. 1054. 12.600 ft. Our bomb fell in the smoke caused by a larger one, so accurate precision cannot be given. When smoke cleared, viaduct had been broken.

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**DATE:** 19.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.445

**CREW:**  
S/L G.C. CALDER  
F/O H.E. WAKEFIELD  
F/L J.H. BENNISON  
F/L C.B. CRAFER  
F/O A.H. ATKINSON  
F/O G. DALE  
F/O F.W. GARRET

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          08.07                   13.47

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Arnsberg. 1 x Tallboy. 1112.15. 13.235 ft. Our bomb fell as a 70 yard overshoot to the North Northwest. The first three bombs fell slightly to the N. West of the target. The next appeared to be a direct hit, and the bombs that fell before ours in the second run were near misses to the N. west.

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**DATE:** 19.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.126

**CREW:**  
F/L B.A. GUMBLEY (NZ)  
F/O E.A. BARNETT  
F/O K. GILL  
F/L J.C. RANDON  
W/O PENSWICK J.  
P/O G. BELL

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          08.16                   13.39

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Arnsberg. 1 x Special Store. 1054.15. 12.700 ft. Our bombs fell about 50 yards south of A/P. U/S F.B.I. affected the run as it was not recorded alterations. This was not known till after the bombing. A new crater seen under A/P. Two or three spans of viaduct definitely down. No direct hits observed.

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**DATE:** 19.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM.489

**CREW:**  
F/L J.C. WARBURTON  
F/O D. DUFF  
P/O B.A.C.U. STANLEY

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O F.S. PALMER  
P/O K.A.J. HEWITT  
W/O FLYNN J.P.  
P/O J.B. LEES

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.00	13.58

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Arnsberg. 1 x Tallboy. 1055.05. 12.500 ft. Our bomb fell at the same time as several others, and no accurate position can be given. When the smoke had cleared, at least 3 spans of the viaduct had been brought down.

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**DATE:** 19.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.997

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L J.L. SAYERS (AUS)	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/O V.L. JOHNSON	
F/O E.G. STROM	
P/O E.W. WEAVER (AUS)	
F/O B.F. KENT	
F/O P.R. BARRY (AUS)	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.09	14.00

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Arnsberg. 1 x Tallboy. 1035. 14.000 ft. Made two runs but could not affect a bomb drop. Bomb hung up.

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**DATE:** 19.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.998

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L S.A. ANNING	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S SNEDKER F.J.	
P/O F.A. CARDWELL	
F/O R. VALLENTINE	
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F/S VANCE S.	
F/S DADGE J.A.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.13	13.55

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Arnsberg. 1 x Tallboy. 1054.20. 13.000 ft. Our bomb estimated as falling about 20 yards north of A/P. One direct hit seen on eastern end of viaduct which was definitely breached in the middle.

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**DATE:** 19.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NC.113

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L D.A. RAWES	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. MORFITT J.E.	
F/L J. HODGKINSON	
P/O E.A. ROBERTS	
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F/S BAILEY H.R.	
P/O C.W. PAYNE	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.04	13.51

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Arnsberg. 1 x Tallboy. 1054.34. 13.500 ft. Do not estimate a direct hit. The first 4 bombs were slight overshoots. Bombing was well concentrated.

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**DATE:** 19.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.116

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L J.B. DOBSON	PILOT
P/O A.T. MCKENZIE	F/ENG
P/O J.B. KNIGHT	NAV
P/O A.K. JOHNSTONE	A/B
-	W/OP
F/S SNAPE A.V.	M/U
P/O W.J. DRY	R/G

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.05	14.05

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Arnsberg. 1 x Tallboy. 1108.10. 13.500 ft. Our bomb was a direct hit on the viaduct.

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**DATE:** 19.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM.485

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L K.L. TRENT	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S JOHNSON W.	
F/O W.S. RICHARDSON	
F/O W.A. DANIEL	
W/O FORSHAW J.B.	
W/O BIRD B.J.D.	
F/O F. ARTHUR	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.14	13.48

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Arnsberg. 1 x Tallboy. 1054.30. 11.000 ft. Bombing well concentrated, but no direct hits seen. Part of viaduct (West side) definitely down at end of attack.

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**DATE:** 19.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.131

**CREW:**

F/L H.V. GAVIN (AUS)

F/S BROWN F.H.

F/O F.E. WHITMER

F/S WHITE W.M.

F/O T.K. FEDDEN

F/O L. BURROWS

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP                   DOWN**  
                  08.12                   13.49

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Arnsberg. 1 x Special Store. 1034. 12.700 ft. Saw our bomb fall in centre of smoke from about five bombs. One second run about 25 yards of viaduct over A/P down. Last bomb fell about 100 yards west and first about 50 yards southwest.

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**DATE:** 19.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.130

**CREW:**

F/L L.S. GOODMAN

SGT. BURNETT W.

F/O H. WATKINSON

F/L H.A. HAYWARD

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F.S HULBERT B.S.

SGT. LEWIS R.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP                   DOWN**  
                  08.12                   13.49

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Arnsberg. 1 x Special Store. 1054.35. 11.800 ft. Estimate that our bomb fell on A/P. Five bombs exploded together and were all round A/P. About quarter of viaduct broken down. One wide bomb quarter mile south of target on second run.

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**DATE:** 19.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.118

**CREW:**

F/L C.N. HILL (CAN)

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O A. SINCLAIR  
P/O J.D. MURRAY (AUS)  
F/O G.E. KELLY  
-  
W/O DICKENSON G.W.  
F/O G.G. FORBES

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                         08.06            13.59

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Arnsberg. 1 x Tallboy. 1055.35. 11.300 ft. We estimate a slight overshoot. We saw 4 others in the same spot, and one direct hit. There was a second direct hit later.

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**DATE:** 19.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.129

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O M B FLATMAN	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT ROSS R M	
F/L G MACKIE	
F.O G KELLY	
-	
W/O BENSON G	
F/O K C KIRK	

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                         08.15            13.42

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Arnsberg. 1 x Special Store. 1053.58. 12.500 ft. Our bomb fell about 30 yards to left of viaduct. One direct seen and three on embankment on west side of river. There appeared to be at least two arches of the viaduct down at the end of the attack.

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**DATE:** 19.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.152

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O D.W. CAREY (AUS)	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S GALLAGHER A.	
F/S FISH C.V.R.	
P/O D.H. MCLENNAN (CAN)	
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F/S SHARP A.W.	
F/L G.A. WITHERICK	

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                         09.10            14.02

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Arnsberg. 1 x Tallboy. 1054.36. 12.690 ft. Bombing was excellent, and our bomb fell in the centre of the concentration. The bridge was definitely breached at the end of the attack.

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**DATE:** 19.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PG.996

**CREW:**  
F/O F.H. MARTIN  
F/S BLAGBOROUGH J.  
W/O JACKSON A.  
F/S DAY D.A.  
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F/S MAYOH H.  
F/S TREBBLECOCK L.

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          07.59                   13.38

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Arnsberg. 1 x Special Store. 1054.07. 12.700 ft. Our bomb fell 30 yards north west of target on the river bank. Two or three near misses were seen, and though no direct hits were actually seen the first 4 bombs to drop destroyed about 100 ft of the viaduct.

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**DATE:** 19.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.415

**CREW:**  
F/O J.W. SPIERS (AUS)  
SGT. A.E. GARROD  
F/O J.D. HARRISON  
F/O T.G. MUHL  
W/O WARREN I.S.  
F/O N.H. LLOYD  
F/L A.D.W. CARROLL

**DUTY**

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          08.20                   13.04

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Arnsberg. 1 x Tallboy. 1107.59. 12.000 ft. We got a direct hit on the right side of the bridge at tunnel end.

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**DATE:** 19.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. ME.562

**CREW:**  
L.T. ADAMS W. (USA)  
F/S SWANN A.  
P/O T.H. COLLINS  
F/L R.K. FOULKS

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE



F/S PRATT G.B.  
F/S SCAWTHORNE G.A.  
F/S BANNING F.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.18	13.52

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Arnsberg. 1 x Tallboy. 1055.05. 12,700 ft. Our bomb fell in the middle of smoke from other bombs, but target was clear when we released. Viaduct down near A/P i.e. 2 spans and supporting pillars. One bomb fell about 250 yards west of A.P.

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**DATE:** 21.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.119

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
G/C J.E. FAUQUIER (CAN)	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S IVES G.F.	
S/L G.B. ELLWOOD (CAN)	
F/O W.A. DANIEL	
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F/O G. DALE	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	07.57	12.29

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Dreys. 1 x Tallboy. 1005.40. 14,000 ft. One bomb seen to fall along North side of bridge, and one on railway track at Southwest end. Our bomb fell about 200 yards North. No direct hit seen on bridge. P.B.I. u/s on bombing run.

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**DATE:** 21.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PB.996

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L G.C. CALDER	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/O H.E. WAKEFIELD	
F/L J.H. BENNISON	
F/L C.B. CRAFER	
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-	
F/O G. DALE	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	07.41	12.33

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Dreys. 1 x Special Store. 1005.30. 13,690 ft. One bomb fell on Railway line about 30 yards short of bridge. We saw one burst in the water west of the bridge.

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**DATE:** 21.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.115

<b>CREW:</b> S/L W.H. GORDON SGT. ENOCH C.E. P/O J LANGSTON F/O P.W. SHIRLEY - - F/S CARDWELL V.	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	07.51	12.39

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Dreys. 1 x Tallboy. 1005.30. 13.000 ft. Our bomb not seen to strike. Some bombs seen to fall on viaduct end to south, and three bursts in the river on west side of bridge. R/G reports hole in middle of bridge, but not definite that bridge was broken.

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**DATE:** 21.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.114

<b>CREW:</b> S/L J.V. COCKSHOTT F/S FRYER R.C. W/O GOSLING L.E. F/O E. BOOTH - - F/S BRADBURY G.R.	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	07.44	12.43

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Dreys. 1 x Tallboy. 1005.50 12.900 ft. Our bomb fell very close to the first stanchion of the bridge. No direct hits observed.

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**DATE:** 21.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.116

<b>CREW:</b> F/L H.V. GAVIN (AUS) F/S BROWN F.H. F/O F.E. WHITMER F/S WHITE W.M. F/O T.K. FEDDEN F/O L. BURROWS	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         07.47                    12.42

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Dreys. 1 x Tallboy. 1005.35 13.500 ft. Our bomb presumed to be wide as bombsight went u/s just after run started, so followed other aircraft and released manually. Port outer on fire also just after run started. Bombs seen to fall very closely.

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**DATE:** 21.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. PB.996

<b>CREW:</b> F/L L.S. GOODMAN SGT. BURNETT W. F/O H. WATKINSON F/L H.A. HAYWARD - - SGT. LEWIS R.	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Dreys. 1 x Tallboy. 1005.48 13.800 ft. Our bomb fell about 40 yards west of target. Several near misses were seen which caused smoke but no actual direct hits were observed.

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**DATE:** 21.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. NG.494

<b>CREW:</b> F/L C.N. HILL (CAN) F/S GOSS C.L.V. P/O J.D. MURRAY (AUS) F/O G.E. KELLY P/O M.R. VAGNOLINI W/O DICKENSON G.W. F/O G.G. FORBES	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         07.56                    12.50

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Dreys. 1 x Tallboy. 1005.48. 13.195 ft. Our bomb fell about 15 yards from bridge in river to starboard.

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**DATE:** 21.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. PD.117

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
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F/L B.A. GUMBLEY (NZ) AS SHOWN ABOVE  
F/O E.A. BARNETT  
F/O K. GILL  
F/L J.C. RANDON  
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P/O G. BELL

**TIME:** UP DOWN  
07.45 -

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Dreys. 1 x Tallboy. This aircraft was hit by H/F in the T/A and seen to go down in flames and exploded as it hit the ground. *(The aircraft was hit at approx 10.00 hrs and crashed at 10.04 at Okel, 2 m NE Syke. The crew have no known graves)*

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**DATE:** 21.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD 118

**CREW:** F/L G.R. PRICE (CAN) **DUTY** AS SHOWN ABOVE  
W/O HARTLEY G.E.  
F.S KOHE H.  
P/O F.R. CHANCE  
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SGT. SARGISON D.V.

**TIME:** UP DOWN  
07.49 12.26

Dreys. 1 x Tallboy. 1005.30 13.300 ft. Our bomb believed slight overshoot. One believed direct hit on North end of bridge. Other bombing well concentrated. Our run affected by aircraft shot down ahead of us, but pilot managed to get in to correct heading again.

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**DATE:** 21.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.128

**CREW:** F/L J.C. WARBURTON **DUTY** AS SHOWN ABOVE  
SGT. PHILLIPS J.D.  
P/O B.A.C.U. STANLEY  
F/O F.S. PALMER  
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-  
P/O J.V. LEES

**TIME:** UP DOWN  
07.54 12.40

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Dreys. 1 x Tallboy. 1006. 14.100 ft. We could not see our own bombing. We saw one burst just short of the bridge on the south side.

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**DATE:** 21.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.133

**CREW:**  
S/L J.L. POWELL  
F/S FELTON H.W.  
F/L B.R. BAYNE  
F/O R. BARRON  
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F/O J. WATSON

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          07.52                   12.46

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Dreys. 1 x Tallboy. 1006.30 13.500 ft. Result of bombing not observed. Target obscured by smoke from bomb bursts. Three very near misses in river observed.

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**DATE:** 21.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.130

**CREW:**  
F/L J.B. DOBSON  
P/O A.T. MCKENZIE  
P/O J.B. KNIGHT  
S/L A.J. MOODY  
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F/S SNAPE A.V.

**DUTY**  
PILOT  
F/ENG  
NAV  
A/B  
W/OP  
R/G

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          07.48                   12.38

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Dreys. 1 x Tallboy. 1006.40. 13.500 ft. Our bomb fell in smoke caused by others which had just fallen around the A/P. Most of the bursts observed appeared to be in the river or slightly to west of A/P.

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**DATE:** 21.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.113

**CREW:**  
F/L D.A. RAWES  
SGT. MORFITT J.E.  
F/L HODGINSON J.  
P/O E.A. ROBERTS

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

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-  
P/O C.W. PAIN

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	07.43	12.37

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Dreys. 1 x Tallboy. 1005.45. 13.500 ft. We did not see our bomb burst as it was obscured by smoke. A number of bombs fell very close to the north end of the bridge.

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**DATE:** 21.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.445

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L J.L. SAYERS (AUS)	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/O V.L. JOHNSON	
F/O E.G. STROM	
P/O E.W. WEAVER (AUS)	
P/O F.E. HOSKINS	
F/O B.F. KENT	
F/O P.R. BARRY (AUS)	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	07.59	12.45

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Dreys. 1 x Tallboy. 1006. 14.200 ft. One run in slip stream from south affected run so aimed at railway junction to north. Our bomb probably fell short north of junction.

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**DATE:** 21.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM.695

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L S.A. ANNING	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S SNEDKER F.J.	
P/O F.A. CARDWELL	
F/O R. VALLENTINE	
W/O PASK M. (AUS)	
F/S VANCE S.	
F/S DADGE J.A.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	07.58	12.48

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Dreys. 1 x Tallboy. 1005.50. 13.000. Our bomb seen to fall about 10 yards south west of A/P on viaduct. Bombing well concentrated. Not seen whether bridge down because of smoke. Viaduct on land seen to be breached.

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**DATE:** 21.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.238

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L K.L. TRENT	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S JOHNSON W.	
F/O W.S. RICHARDSON	
F/L J.L. RUMGAY	
P/O R.J. EDGE	
F/S RETTER D.	
F/O F. ARTHUR	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	07.55	12.44

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Dreys. 1 x Tallboy. 1005.37. 13.200 ft. Bombing seemed fairly concentrated, but no direct hits observed.

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**DATE:** 21.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.489

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L G.W. LANCEY	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. BUNSELL G.E.	
W/O ROBIN D.W.	
W/O PERRY G.L.	
SGT. SAVILLE J.H.E.	
F/O S.K. JENNISON	
F/O F.L. ENGLISH (CAN)	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	07.57	12.29

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Dreys. 1 x Tallboy. 1005.20. 14.000 ft. Our bomb not seen to strike but had very good run up. One Tallboy undershot 150 to 160 yards south. Another seen to fall to the east well wide. No direct hit seen but target was covered with smoke.

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**DATE:** 21.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.339

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O M. B. FLATMAN	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT ROSS R.M.	
F/L G. MACKIE	
F.O G. KELLY	
F/S HARWOOD F.S.	
W/O BENSON G.	
F/O K. C. KIRK	





**CREW:**

G/C J.E. FAUQUIER (CAN)  
W/O IVES G.F.  
S/L G.B. ELLWOOD (CAN)  
F/L J.L. RUMGAY  
F/O D.E. FREEMAN  
W/O VAUGHAN D.H.  
F/O J.B. SCANNELL

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          11.42                   16347

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Neinburg. 1 x Tallboy. 14.04.05. 10.000 ft. We saw one bomb on eastern end and two others on centre. There were several near misses.

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**DATE:** 22.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                   Lancaster 1. PD.115

**CREW:**

S/L G.C. CALDER  
F/O H.E. WAKEFIELD  
F/L J.H. BENNISON  
F/L C.B. CRAFER  
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F/O G. DALE

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          11.38                   16.55

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Neinburg. 1 x Tallboy. 14.04.05. 9.560 ft. Our bomb probably overshoot by 40 yards. Bridge destroyed.

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**DATE:** 22.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                   Lancaster 1. PB.996

**CREW:**

S/L W.H. GORDON  
SGT. ENOCH C.E.  
P/O J LANGSTON  
F/O P.W. SHIRLEY

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/S CARDWELL V.

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          11.55                   16.55

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Neinburg. 1 x Special Store. 1404.10. 9.000 ft. Our Bomb was a very near miss. Bombing well concentrated within 50 yards and the bridge has collapsed at the end of the attack.

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**DATE:** 22.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.114

**CREW:**

S/L J.V. COCKSHOTT

F/S FRYER R.C.

W/O GOSLING L.E.

F/O E. BOOTH

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F/S BRADBURY G.R.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          11.48                   16.56

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Neinburg. 1 x Special Store. 1404.14. 9.200 ft. We got a direct hit on the eastern end of bridge. The bridge was down before the end of the attack.

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**DATE:** 22.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.112

**CREW:**

S/L J.L. POWELL

F/S FELTON H.W.

F/L B.R. BAYNE

F/O R. BARRON

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F/O J. WATSON

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          11.49                   16.44

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Neinburg. 1 x Special Store. As per arrangement forth and eighth row of gaggle did not bomb on first and second runs, by which time the target was destroyed and we therefore brought our bomb to base.

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**DATE:** 22.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.134

**CREW:**

F/L H.V. GAVIN (AUS)

F/S BROWN F.H.

F/O F.E. WHITMER

F/S WHITE W.M.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

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F/O L. BURROWS

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	11.47	16.52

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Neinburg. 1 x Special Store. Own bomb believed first exploded about 10 yards short of A/P. After 2 to 3 bombs had gone off east end was detached. On leaving the whole bridge was down.

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**DATE:** 22.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.135

**CREW:**

F/L G.R. PRICE (CAN)

W/O HARTLEY G.E.

F/S KOHE H.

P/O F.R. CHANCE

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SGT. SARGISON D.V.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	11.47	16.52

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Neinburg. 1 x Tallboy. 1416. 9600 ft. Own bomb probably on bridge. Centre of bridge seen to fall in water.

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**DATE:** 22.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.415

**CREW:**

F/L L.S. GOODMAN

SGT. BURNETT W.

F/O H. WATKINSON

F/L H.A. HAYWARD

F/S BOOTH H.J.

F/SGT HULBERT H.J.

SGT. LEWIS R.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	11.45	16.46

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Neinburg. 1 x Tallboy. 1404.05 9.300 ft. 4 or 5 bombs burst all around the bridge. On second run the whole bridge was seen to be submerged.

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**DATE:** 22.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.494

**CREW:**  
F/L C.N. HILL (CAN)  
F/S GOSS C.L.V.  
P/O J.D. MURRAY (AUS)  
F/O G.E. KELLY  
P/O M.R. VAGNOLINI  
W/O DICKENSON G.W.  
F/O G.G. FORBES

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                  11.52           17.00

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Neinburg. 1 x Tallboy. 1404.05 9.700 ft. Own bomb hit bridge, which was seen to be completely destroyed.

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**DATE:** 22.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.128

**CREW:**  
F/L J.C. WARBURTON  
SGT. PHILLIPS J.D.  
P/O B.A.C.U. STANLEY  
F/O F.S. PALMER  
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P/O J.V. LEES

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                  11.42           16.53

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Neinburg. 1 x Tallboy. 1404. 9.800 ft. We could not see our own bomb burst, but bombing was accurate and the bridge was down at the end of the attack.

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**DATE:** 22.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PB.997

**CREW:**  
F/L D.A. RAWES  
SGT. MORFITT J.E.  
F/L HODGINSON J.  
P/O E.A. ROBERTS  
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P/O C.W. PAIN

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                  11.44           16.51

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Neinburg. 1 Special Store. 1405.58. 10.300 ft. We think our bomb went through the eastern end of the bridge which had collapsed at the end of the attack.

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**DATE:** 22.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.132

**CREW:**

F/L J.L. SAYERS (AUS)

F/O V.L. JOHNSON

F/O E.G. STROM

P/O E.W. WEAVER (AUS)

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F/O B.F. KENT

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP           DOWN**

11.43

16.49

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Neinburg. 1 x Tallboy. 1404.15. 9.500 ft. Our bomb was a 20 yard undershoot. We saw 2 direct hits on the first run and two on the second. The bridge had collapsed at the end of the attack.

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**DATE:** 22.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.639

**CREW:**

F/L S.A. ANNING

F/S SNEDKER F.J.

P/O F.A. CARDWELL

F/O R. VALLENTINE

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F/S DADGE J.A.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP           DOWN**

11.46

16.48

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Neinburg. 1 x Special Store. 1404. 10.000 ft. Our bomb fell 40 yards overshoot, and went off on impact. Bridge destroyed.

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**DATE:** 22.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM.485

**CREW:**

F/L K.L. TRENT

F/S JOHNSON W.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O W.S. RICHARDSON  
F/O W.A. DANIELS  
W/O BATES A.S.  
F/SGT VANCE S.  
F/O F. ARTHUR

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	11.50	16.54

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Neinburg. 1 x Tallboy. 1416.10. 10.090 ft. Own bomb seen to hit centre of bridge and blow it up. Bridge completely demolished.

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**DATE:** 22.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.489

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L G.W. LANCEY	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. BUNSELL G.E.	
W/O ROBIN D.W.	
W/O PERRY G.L.	
SGT. SAVILLE J.H.E.	
F/O S.K. JENNISON	
F/O F.L. ENGLISH (CAN)	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	11.53	17.02

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Neinburg. 1 x Tallboy. 1404.15. 9.300 ft. Our bomb fell very close to bridge in water. Bridge completely smashed.

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**DATE:** 22.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.238

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L R.M. HORSLEY	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F.S ARMSTRONG E.W.	
F/O D.H. BARLEYCORN	
SGT. WILSON E.M.H.	
F/S DUROSE P.F.	
SGT. NEALE L.G.	
SGT. FARANO H.B.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	11.51	17.06

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Neinburg. 1 x Tallboy. 1403.50. 9.700 ft. Our bomb probably slight overshoot. Bridge seen to collapse into water. Direct hit on second run.

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**DATE:** 22.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM.695

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O M. B. FLATMAN	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT ROSS R.M.	
F/L G. MACKIE	
F.O G. KELLY	
F/S HARWOOD F.S.	
W/O BENSON G.	
F/O K. C. KIRK	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	11.41	16.45

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Neinburg. 1 x Tallboy. 14.03.57. 9.150 ft. Our bomb fell in water close to the eastern end of bridge. The first large bomb hit the bridge on the aiming point, and blow the bridge up, and it collapsed into the water at the eastern end. There was a further direct hit in centre.

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**DATE:** 22.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.131

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O D.W. CAREY (AUS)	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S GALLAGHER A.	
F/S FISH C.V.R.	
P/O D.H. MCLENNAN (CAN)	
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F/L A.D.W. CARROLL

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	11.45	17.09

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Neinburg. 1 x Tallboy. 1404.21. 9.000 ft. Our bomb undershot 10 yards from east end of bridge. We saw the bridge collapse after a hit by a special stores.

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**DATE:** 22.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.121

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O J.W. SPEIRS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. GARRAD A.E.	
F/O J.D. HARRISON	
F/O T.G. MUHL	
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F/O N.H. LLOYD

**TIME:**           **UP**               **DOWN**  
                  11.54               17.05

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Neinburg. 1 x Tallboy. As per arrangement 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> row of gaggle did not bomb on first and second runs by which time the target was destroyed, and so therefore brought our bomb back to base.

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**DATE:** 22.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**               Lancaster 1. NG.225

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L J.F. BROOKES	PILOT
F/O H.R. SHORT	F.ENG
F/O J.H. JONES	NAV
F/L E.A. BALDWIN	A/B
-	W/OP
F/O R.B. DENWETT	M/U
F/O A. FOREMAN	R/G

**TIME:**           **UP**               **DOWN**  
                  11.52               17.04

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Neinburg. 1 x Tallboy. As per arrangement 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> row of gaggle did not bomb on first and second run, by which time the target was destroyed and we therefore brought our bomb back to base.

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**DATE:** 23.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**               Lancaster 1. PD.119

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
G/C J.E. FAUQUIER (CAN)	AS SHOWN ABOVE
W/O IVES G.F.	
S/L G.B. ELLWOOD (CAN)	
F/L J.L. RUMGAY	
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F/O J.B. SCANNELL	

**TIME:**           **UP**               **DOWN**  
                  06.59               11.42

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bremen. 1 x Special Store. 1004.10. 16,500 ft. Our bomb not seen to strike. Saw 2 direct hits. Results could not be ascertained because of smoke and debris.

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**DATE:** 23.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**               Lancaster 1. PB.996



**CREW:**  
S/L L. POWELL  
F/S FELTON H.W.  
F/L B.R. BAYNE  
F/O R. BARRON  
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F/O J. WATSON

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP           DOWN**  
                  07.10         09.27

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bremen. 1 x Special Stores. Return early from gaining height over base – 07.30 hrs. 10.000 ft. due to starboard outer C.S. and (control leakage) loose which meant aircraft was unable to maintain gaggle speed. Captain proceeded to jettison area.

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**DATE:** 23.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.112

**CREW:**  
S/L C.C. CALDER  
F/O H.E. WAKEFIELD  
F/L J.H. BENNISON  
F/L C.B. CRAFER  
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F/O G. DALE

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP           DOWN**  
                  06.51         11.41

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bremen . 1 x Special Store. 1004.37. 16.805 ft. Clear vision panel shattered so no results observed.

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**DATE:** 23.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.133

**CREW:**  
S/L J.F. BROOKES  
F/O H.R. SHORT  
F/O J.H. JONES  
F/L E.A. BALDWIN  
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F/O R.B. DENWETT

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP           DOWN**  
                  06.57         11.52

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bremen. 1 x Tallboy. 1005.30. 16.100 ft. Saw first 3 direct on bridge and 2 more near misses just south. One of these 5 was ours. Could not ascertain whether bridge down or not, because of bomb smoke and debris.

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**DATE:** 23.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PB.998

**CREW:**

S/L W.H. GORDON

SGT. ENOCH C.E.

P/O J LANGSTON

F/O P.W. SHIRLEY

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F/S DOBSON F.

F/S CARDWELL V.A.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	07.45	11.51

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bremen. 1 x Tallboy. 1004.30. 17.000 ft. Our bomb at the same time as three others which all appeared to hit the targets. No damage observed as smoke obscured target.

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**DATE:** 23.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PB.114

**CREW:**

S/L J.V. COCKSHOT

F/S FRYER R.C.

W/O GOSLING L.E.

F/O E. BOOTH

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W/O FORD L.

F/S BRADBURY G.R.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	07.05	11.53

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bremen. 1 x Special Store. 1005.35. 16.200 ft. Our bomb hit the north end of the bridge. About the 3<sup>rd</sup> bomb hit the bridge in the centre. There were 2 near misses.

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**DATE:** 23.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.134

**CREW:**

F/L H.V. GAVIN (AUS)

F/S BROWN F.H.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

PO J.B. KNIGHT  
F/S WHITE W.M.  
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F/O L. BURROWS

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	07.16	12.04

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bremen. 1 x Special Store. 1004.20. 17.400 ft. Our bomb fell about 5 yards from target point and scored a direct hit on the bridge. No damage seen due to smoke. 3 other direct hits seen.

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**DATE:** 23.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.113

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L G.R. PRICE (CAN)	AS SHOWN ABOVE
W/O HARTLEY G.E.	
F.S KOHE H.	
P/O T.W.L. MERCHANT	
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SGT. AVEY P.G.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	07.04	11.50

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bremen. 1 x Tallboy. 1005.35. 16.490 ft. Our bomb undershot and hit the bridge on north side near north bank, saw ours and 2 more make direct hits. Could not see whether bridge down or not.

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**DATE:** 23.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PB.415

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L L.S. GOODMAN	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. BURNETT W.	
F/O H. WATKINSON	
F/L H.A. HAYWARD	
F/S BOOTH H.J.	
F/SGT HULBERT H.J.	
SGT. LEWIS R.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	07.07	11.52

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bremen. 1 x Tallboy. 1004.50. 16.250 ft. Our bomb hung up for 15 seconds after red light, so although not seen to strike must have overshot. Bombing was good. Saw no direct hits and no results ascertained.

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**DATE:** 23.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.494

**CREW:**  
F/L C.N. HILL (CAN)  
F/S GOSS C.L.V.  
P/O J.D. MURRAY (AUS)  
F/O G.E. KELLY  
P/O M.R. VAGNOLINI  
W/O DICKINSON G.W.  
F/O G.G. FORBES

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    07.13           12.00

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bremen. 1 x Tallboy. We did not release as we were unable to be certain of the exact location of the target which became obscured on the run up.

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**DATE:** 23.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM.695

**CREW:**  
F/L J.C. WARBURTON  
SGT. PHILLIPS J.D.  
P/O B.A.C.U. STANLEY  
F/O F.S. PALMER

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

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P/O J.V. LEES

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    07.03           12.06

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bremen. 1 x Tallboy. 1003.47. 16.200 ft. We obtained a direct hit near the centre. All bombing well concentrated.

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**DATE:** 23.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.132

**CREW:**  
F/L J.L. SAYER (AUS)  
F/O V.L. JOHNSON  
F/O F.E. WHITMER  
P/O E.W. WEAVER

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

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-  
F/O B.F. KENT

**TIME:**                **UP**                **DOWN**  
                          07.15                09.45

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bremen. 1 x Tallboy. Returned early due to starboard outer engine failure. 1 Tallboy returned to base.

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**DATE:** 23.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                Lancaster 1. PD.118

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L S.A. ANNING	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S SNEDKER F.J.	
P/O F.A. CARDWELL	
F/O R. VALLENTINE	
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F/S VANCE. S.	

**TIME:**                **UP**                **DOWN**  
                          07.10                11.59

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bremen. 1 x Tallboy. 1004.30. 17.200 ft. Our bomb was a direct hit. The first bomb fell in the water between rail and road bridges in river 30 to 40 yards from target. At least 4 bombs were plastered around target points and were very near misses.

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**DATE:** 23.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                Lancaster 1. PD.145

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L K.L. TRENT	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S JOHNSON W.	
F/O W.S. RICHARDSON	
F/O W.A. DANIELS	
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F/O F. ARTHUR	

**TIME:**                **UP**                **DOWN**  
                          07.18                09.54

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bremen. 1 x Tallboy. Returned early due to complete failure of oxygen. Pilot abandoned mission in accordance with instructions from the Squadron commander. 1 Tallboy returned to base.

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**DATE:** 23.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                Lancaster 1. NG.489

**CREW:**

F/L G.W. LANCEY  
SGT. BUNSELL G.E.  
W/O ROBIN D.W. (AUS)  
W/O PERRY G.L.  
SGT. SAVILLE J.H.E.  
F/O S.K. JENNISON  
F/O F.L. ENGLISH

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          07.08                   12.09

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bremen. 1 x Tallboy. 1004.30. 17.450 ft. 10 seconds before bomb time of release we were hit by flak. The air pressure to bombsight was cut so B/S then u/s. We released almost immediately when we had got back on our run. Our bomb would undershoot. No results on bridge seen. No one hurt.

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**DATE:** 23.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                   Lancaster 1. PD.238

**CREW:**

F/L R.M. HORSLEY  
F.S ARMSTRONG E.W.  
F/O D.H. BARLEYCORN  
SGT. WILSON E.M.H.  
F/S DUROSE P.F.  
SGT. NEALE L.G.  
SGT. FARINO H.B.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          07.06                   11.50

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bremen. 1 x Tallboy. 1005. 16.450 ft. Our bomb was a hit on the south east side of the bridge. 3 bombs burst about the same time and all appeared to be direct hits, also a 4<sup>th</sup> which fell just afterwards.

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**DATE:** 23.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                   Lancaster 1. PB.997

**CREW:**

F/O M. B. FLATMAN  
SGT ROSS R.M.  
F/L G. MACKIE  
F.O G. KELLY  
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F/O K. C. KIRK

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          07.20                   12.02

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bremen. 1 x Special Stores. 1004.42. 16.000 ft. Our bomb undershot slightly and fell by the side of the bridge. The first 2 bombs overshot and fell on the western approaches to the target. Then one fell on the road bridge south of the bridge, followed by a direct hit on the A/B.

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**DATE:** 23.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.131

**CREW:**

F/O D.W. CAREY (AUS)

F/S GALLAGHER A.

F/S FISH C.V.R.

P/O D.H. MCLENNAN (CAN)

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F/L G.A. WITHERICK

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	07.12	12.10

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bremen. 1 x Tallboy. 1004.41. 16.800 ft. Our bomb fell on the bridge between the centre and north bank. The whole bombing was very concentrated.

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**DATE:** 23.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.130

**CREW:**

F/O J.W. SPEIRS

SGT. GARRAD A.E.

F/O J.D. HARRISON

F/O T.G. MUHL

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F/O N.H. LLOYD

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	07.17	12.05

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bremen. 1 x Tallboy. 1004.48. 16.000 ft. Our bomb obscured by smoke on impact. Stick of bomb seen to straddle bridge. Bombing well concentrated. Smoke prevented assessment of damage.

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**DATE:** 23.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM.492

**CREW:**

F/O J.H. LEAVITT

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

SGT. GRIFFIN H.  
F/O R.F. WITHAMS  
F/S OLDMAN D.A.  
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F/S DALEY J.J.F.  
F/S GOLDIE P.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	07.14	11.49

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Bremen. 1 x Tallboy. 1005. 16.100 ft. Our bomb not seen to strike. One stick of bomb seen to straddle the target. Bombing was concentrated but no definite results could be ascertained because of bomb smoke and debris.

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**DATE:** 27.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.119

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
G/C J.E. FAUQUIER (CAN)	AS SHOWN ABOVE
W/O IVES G.F.	
S/L G.B. ELLWOOD (CAN)	
F/O W.A. DANIEL	
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F/O J.B. SCANNELL	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	10.13	14.44

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Farge. 1 x Special Store. 1300.44. 16.500 ft. Our bomb fell as an overshoot of about 10 yards. One other bomb seen to fall as an undershoot of about 10 yards. No other results observed. No bombs seen to burst.

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**DATE:** 27.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.118

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L C.C. CALDER	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/O H.E. WAKEFIELD	
F/L J.H. BENSON	
F/L C.B. CRAFER	
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F/O G. DALE	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	10.15	14.52

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**



Farge. 1 x Special Store. 1301.30. 16.200 ft. Corner of small building on roof about 100 yards east of A/P was seen to burst – a direct hit. One seen to fall in water in front of shelter. No other results observed.

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**DATE:** 27.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1.

**CREW:**

S/L J.F. BROOKES

F/O H.R. SHORT

F/O J.H. JONES

F/L E.A. BALDWIN

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F/O A. FOREMAN

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          10.35                   15.06

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Farge. 1 x Special Store. 1301.30. 15.300 ft. Our bomb believed hit A/P and explode. No other results seen.

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**DATE:** 27.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.114

**CREW:**

S/L J.V. COCKSHOTT

F/S FRYER R.C.

W/O GOSLING L.E.

F/O E. BOOTH

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F/S BRADBURY G.R.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          10.19                   13.00

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Farge. 1 x Special Store. 1301.45. 16.100 ft. Saw 3 bombs burst just near the A/P. Could not see own bomb strike. No other results seen.

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**DATE:** 27.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.121

**CREW:**

S/L L. POWELL

F/S FELTON H.W.

F/L B.R. BAYNE

F/O R. BARRON

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**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

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F/O J. WATSON

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	10.27	15.08

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Farge. 1 x Special Store. 1301.15. 14.900 ft. Our bomb fell on roof and exploded with another bomb about 100 yards east of A/P. No other results observed.

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**DATE:** 27.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.128

<b>CREW:</b> F/L G.R. PRICE (CAN) W/O HARTLEY G.E. F.S KOHL H. P/O T.W.L. MERCHANT	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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SGT. SARGISON D.V.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	10.17	15.01

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Farge. 1 x Special Store. 1301.12. 15.100 ft. Saw one bomb explode just near A/P.

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**DATE:** 27.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.228

<b>CREW:</b> F/L L.S. GOODMAN SGT. BURNETT W. F/O H. WATKINSON F/L H.A. HAYWARD F/S BOOTH H.J. F/SGT HULBERT H.J. SGT. LEWIS R.	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	10.29	10.51

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Farge. 1 x Tallboy. Abortive – abandoned over base just after take-off.

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**DATE:** 27.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LN.485

**CREW:**

F/L C.N. HILL (CAN)  
F/S GOSS C.L.V.  
P/O J.D. MURRAY (AUS)  
F/O G.E. KELLY  
P/O M.R. VAGNOLINI  
W/O DICKINSON G.W.  
F/O G.G. FORBES

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         10.10                    15.03

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Farge. 1 x Tallboy. 1301.20. 14.500 ft. Two bombs seen to burst. One special store burst in centre of building and one Tallboy very close.

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**DATE:** 27.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. LM.695

**CREW:**

F/L J.C. WARBURTON  
F/O A. SINCLAIR  
P/O B.A.C.U. STANLEY  
F/O F.S. PALMER  
P/O K.A.J. HEWITT  
F/S LEES C.H.  
P/O J.V. LEES

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         10.18                    14.53

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Farge. 1 x Tallboy. 1300.33. 16.300 ft. Our bomb believed to have fallen on A/P. Saw two bombs explode and both were direct hits. No other results observed.

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**DATE:** 27.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. PD.113

**CREW:**

F/L J.L. SAYER (AUS)  
F/O V.L. JOHNSON  
F/O F.E. WHITMER  
P/O E.W. WEAVER  
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F/O R.P. BARRY

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         10.31                    15.11

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Farge. 1 x Special Store. 1301.07. 19.300 ft. did not see bomb fall – no results of bombing observed.

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**DATE:** 27.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.139

**CREW:**

F/L S.A. ANNING  
F/S SNEDKER F.J.  
P/O F.A. CARDWELL  
F/O R. VALLENTINE

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F/S DADGE J.A.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                  10.30           15.05

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Farge. 1 x Special Store. 1301. 14.500 ft. Our bomb fell as a direct hit on north-astern end of the target. Two more believed to have fallen in the water to the west of the target.

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**DATE:** 27.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.116

**CREW:**

F/L K.L. TRENT  
F/S JOHNSON W.  
F/O W.S. RICHARDSON  
F/L J.L. RUMGAY

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F/O F. ARTHUR

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                  10.22           14.59

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Farge. 1 x Special Store. 1301. 15.400 ft. One direct hit seen.

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**DATE:** 27.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.571

**CREW:**

F/L J.C. MCCLAUGHLIN  
W/O VENTON S.J.  
P/O J.L. HILL  
F/O A.L. HEATH  
W/O REIS O.A.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

W/O FLYNN J.P.  
F/O H.R. BAILEY

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	10.31	15.09

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Farge. 1 x Tallboy. 1301.4 14.500 ft. We did not see our bomb fall as smoke from previous bombs obscured the target. Presume it fell on target at north end.

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**DATE:** 27.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.238

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L G.L. BEAUMONT	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. BELSHAW D.	
W/O GAIT F.P.	
F/L G.T. ALLEN	
W/O STREET R.A.	
SGT. HAGARTY T.	
SGT. MAY R.E.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	10.37	15.13

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Farge. 1 x Tallboy. We are unable to drop bomb owing to an aircraft being immediately below us at the time of release.

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**DATE:** 27.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.129

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O J.H. LEAVITT	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. GRIFFIN H.	
F/O R.F. WITHAMS	
F/S OLDMAN D.A.	
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F/S GOLDIE P.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	10.25	14.58

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Farge. 1 x Special Store. 1300.50. 16.900. Two bombs seen to explode both direct hits.

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**DATE:** 27.3.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.115

**CREW:**

F/L I.M. MARSHALL  
F/S CHOLERTON F.  
F/L F.J. GORRINGE  
F/O L.J. SUNTER

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P/O D.E. WEBB

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP           DOWN**  
                  10.15         14.53

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Farge. 1 x Special Store. 1301.01. 15.700 ft. Saw about 3 direct hits. Our bomb on south side of roof. No bombs seen to explode.

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**DATE:** 27.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.996

**CREW:**

F/O M. B. FLATMAN  
SGT ROSS R.M.  
F/L G. MACKIE  
F.O G. KELLY

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W/O BENSON G.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP           DOWN**  
                  10.21         14.55

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Farge. 1 x Special Store. 1300.51. 16.000 ft. Two bombs seen to explode. Both direct hits on centre of roof.

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**DATE:** 27.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.539

**CREW:**

F/O J.W. SPEIRS  
SGT. GARROD A.E.  
F/O J.D. HARRISON  
F/O T.G. MUHL  
W/O WARREN I.S.  
F/O R.H. LLOYD  
F/L A.D.W. CARROLL

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP           DOWN**  
                  10.34         14.57

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Farge. 1 x Tallboy. 1300.59. 15.800 ft. Our bomb fell as a direct hit on the centre of the target. Two special stores seen to fall as direct hits. All these three bombs exploded.

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**DATE:** 27.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PB.997

**CREW:**

F/O D.W. CAREY (AUS)

F/S GALLAGHER A.

F/S FISH C.V.R.

P/O D.H. MCLENNAN (CAN)

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F/L G.A. WITHERICK

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP                   DOWN**  
                  10.23                   15.09

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Farge. 1 x Special Store. 1301.51 14.600 ft. Saw two bombs seemingly explode just near A/P. Our bomb believed to be one of these.

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**DATE:** 27.3.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1.

**CREW:**

F/L G.W. LANCEY

SGT. BUNSELL G.E.

W/O ROBIN D.W. (AUS)

W/O PERRY G.L.

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F/L F.L. ENGLISH

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP                   DOWN**  
                  10.25                   12.31

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Farge. 1 x Special Store. Abortive – Abandoned mission over base.

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OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK  
No. 617 Squadron

WOODHALL SPA

01.04.45

No operations. Intensive training.

02.04.45

No operations. Intensive training. Night flying carried out.

03.04.45

No operations. Intensive training. Night flying carried out.

04.04.45

No operations. Intensive training. G/C. Fauquier departed for London (three days leave) S/L Calder assumes command.

05.04.45

Eighteen aircraft detailed for operations but cancelled at 0300 hours.

06.04.45

Fifteen aircraft detailed to operations, one cancelled (S/L. Cockshott) intercom trouble. Target shipping in Ijmuiden (abortive 10/10 cloud).

*(This raid was to have been against shipping that had broken the Allied blockade around Western Holland where German land forces were cut off.)*

07.04.45

Fifteen aircraft detailed for operations, attacked shipping in Ijmuiden. All aircraft returned to Base.

*(The raid went ahead today as there was less cloud.)*

08.04.45

Sixteen aircraft detailed for operations. Cancelled.

09.04.45

Seventeen aircraft detailed to attack U-boat pens in Hamburg. All aircraft returned safely. Bombing well concentrated, five direct hits observed.

*(An attack on the Hamburg U- boat pens. A successful raid with much damage caused.)*

10.04.45

No operations.

11.04.45

Nothing to report.

12.04.45

No operations.

13.04.45

Squadron despatched twenty aircraft at 1200 hrs., mission was abandoned owing to adverse conditions, most crews averaged between six and seven hours flying. All aircraft returned to Base.

*(This operation was against the German ships Prinz Eugen and Lutzow in Swinemunde harbour. Poor weather over the target dictated an abort.)*

14.04.45

Squadron detailed for operations, but cancelled owing to adverse weather.

15.04.45

Twenty aircraft took off on operations but returned some five hours later owing to adverse weather.



16.04.45

Eighteen aircraft operated against a shipping target at Swinemunde. Most aircraft were holed by flak. S/L. Powell failed to return. Aircraft was seen to receive a direct hit and went down out of control. One parachute seen to stream at about 2,000 ft.

*(Fauquier felt sure that after the last two abortive raids and the long run in involved that fighters would be ready for them this time. He asked for and obtained a long range fighter escort. There were no fighters but ferocious flak which holed most of the aircraft and downed Powell. Prinz Eugen was not present but there were some close misses on the Lutzow although the results were not clear at the time of the raid. Powell's port wing was hit and fell off, the aircraft spinning into a wood near the target, killing all the crew. The bodies were buried on the 18<sup>th</sup> April in the Caseburg Friedhof at Swinemunde but were exhumed in 1949 and reburied at Poznan Old Garrison cemetery.)*

17.04.45

Squadron stood down owing to lack of serviceable aircraft.

*(A rare event, but the aircraft had all taken a pounding over Swinemunde.)*

18.04.45

Nothing to report.

19.04.45

Twenty aircraft took off for operations at about 1430 hours. All the aircraft returned.

*(Attacking coastal gun positions at Heligoland, this raid was a success.)*

20.04.45

No operations.

News came through that the "Lutzow" had been sunk on 16<sup>th</sup> April.

*(Photos of the battleship appeared to show her still afloat, but the near miss at the bows had torn out her bottom and she had settled onto the sea bed, apparently unharmed!. The Navy with rather poor grace commented that she was not really sunk as she was not beneath the water.)*

21.04.45

Nineteen aircraft detailed for operations but mission cancelled before briefing.

22.04.45

Nothing to report.

23.04.45

Stand down.

24.04.45

Nothing to report.

25.04.45

Sixteen aircraft despatched on operations. Target Berchtesgaden, good weather, all aircraft returned.

*(An operation to bomb Hitler's mountain home. The snow made the target unidentifiable and in fact Hitler was not in residence at the time anyway, being in his Berlin bunker instead. The Squadron identified and bombed instead the SS guards barracks causing much damage. The squadron thought that this raid was not a great success but in fact half of Hitler's house had been destroyed, Goring and Bormann's houses were badly damaged as were the SS barracks, the Platterhof, cinema and the workers' camps. There were only six people killed out of 3,500 sheltering but had they known it at the time 617 would have been very pleased with the result of this raid. The 16 Tallboys dropped on this raid were the last to be dropped operationally.)*

26.04.45

Nothing to report.

27.04.45

Nothing to report.

28.04.45

W/C. J.E. Grindon assumed command of No. 617 Squadron Vice G/C. J.E. Fauquier.

29.04.45

No operations.

30.04.45

No operations.

#### SUMMARY

During the month of April 1945, 140 Day operational sorties were dispatched, consisting of 735.05 hours. A total of 239.40 hours Day and 31.40 hours Night Flying Training was carried out. The following bombs were dropped on operations:- 8 Special Stores, 73 Tallboys, 48 1000lb.

The following Officers were posted To the Squadron during April 1945:

A.424247	P/O	WEAVER	GD.B.	57 Sqdn.	29.03.45
A.418614	F/O(A/F/L)	BULLOCK	GD.P.	467 Sqdn.	03.04.45
A.428814	F/O(A/F/L)	SHERIDON	GD.P.	467 Sqdn.	03.04.45
187333	P/O(A/F/O)	WEST	GD.P.	463 Sqdn.	31.03.45
149514	F/O	ADAMS	GD.P.	5 L.F.S.	01.04.45
151388	F/L	PREEDY	GD.N.	5 L.F.S.	01.04.45
68190	F/L	LANGLEY	GD.P.	5 L.F.S.	01.04.45
162480	F/O	McCANN	GD.N.	5 L.F.S.	01.04.45
113295	F/L(A/S/L)	WARD	GD.P.	57 Sqdn.	29.03.45
171443	F/O	FROST	GD.P.	5 L.F.S.	03.04.45
176779	F/O	BARNES-MOSS.	GD.S.	5 L.F.S.	03.04.45
151151	F/L	CLARKE	GD.N.	5 L.F.S.	03.04.45
174008	F/O	COOK.	GD.B.	5 L.F.S.	03.04.45
185669	P/O	LANGLEY	GD.G.	5 L.F.S.	03.04.45
191126	P/O	BRADY	GD.E.	467 Sqdn.	03.04.45
89605	F/L	KING	GD.Admin.	H.Q. 5 Group.	04.04.45
189991	P/O	MATTHEWS	GD.N.	467 Sqdn.	03.04.45
151609	F/O	MARTIN	GD.N.	55 Base.	10.04.45
154295	F/O(A/F/L)	BRIAN	GD.P.	189 Sqdn.	11.04.45
153322	F/O	DEUBERT	GD.N.	189 Sqdn.	11.04.45
159928	F/O	BARR	GD.N.	12 O.T.U.	20.04.45
149505	F/O	DUCK	GD.B.	54 Base (N/E)	30.03.45
151892	F/O	COTT	GD.B.	57 Sqdn.	19.04.45
171176	F/O	CRAVEN	GD.B.	55 Base.	19.04.45
156319	F/L	BARKER	GD.P.	630 Sqdn.	10.04.45
186528	P/O	CHRISTIAN	GD.N.	56 Base.	13.04.45
171783	F/O	SCOTT	GD.G.	54 Base (N/E)	10.04.45
188914	P/O	BROWN	GD.N.	630 Sqdn.	28.04.45

188309	P/O	HOLDING	GD.S.	630 Sqdn.	27.04.45
165546	F/O	WILFORD	GD.B.	56 Base	10.04.45
33206	S/L(A/W/C)	GRINDON	GD.P.	630 Sqdn.	28.04.45

The following Officers were posted from the Squadron during April 1945:

J.88794	P/O	DRY	GD.G.	22 O.T.U.	02.04.45
170762	F/O	WATTS	GD.P.	54 Base	09.04.45
A.416650	F/O	CAREY	GD.P.	54 Base	20.04.45
A.410748	F/O	STROM	GD.N.	29 O.T.U.	14.04.45
NZ.422096	P/O	CARDWELL	GD.N.	11 O.T.U.	17.04.45
103039	F/L(A/S/L)	POWELL	GD.P.	War Cas. **	17.04.45
151151	F/L	CLARKE	GD.N.	War Cas. **	17.04.45
148768	F/O	HEATH	GD.B.	War Cas. **	17.04.45
188618	P/O	HEWITT	GD.S.	War Cas. **	17.04.45
195713	P/O	KNIGHT	GD.G.	War Cas. **	17.04.45
174282	F/O	WARSON	GD.G.	War Cas. **	17.04.45
149249	F/O	DUFF	GD.E.	54 Base (N/E)	06.04.45
183565	F/O	JOHNSTONE	GD.B.	29 O.T.U.	14.04.45
C.1399	G/C	FAUQUIER	GD.P.	Air Ministry	28.04.45
A.424521	F/O	EDGE	GD.S.	11 P.D.R.C.	25.04.45
161023	F/O	RIDING	GD.S.	619 Sqdn.	28.04.45
109371	F/L	DOBSON	GD.P.	6 L.F.S.	23.04.45
176492	F/O	ATKINSON	GD.G.	207 Sqdn.	28.04.45
171205	F/O	HAYTER	GD.S.	207 Sqdn.	28.04.45
175489	F/O	GARGET	GD.S.	9 Sqdn.	28.04.45
173865	F/O	GRIMES	GD.S.	9 Sqdn.	28.04.45
112156	F/O(A/F/L)	HUMPHRIES	A&SD.	2 P.D.C.	05.04.45
42941	F/L	OLIVER	GD.G.	56 Base	04.04.45

\*\* = (N/E Acct. Dept.)

The following Airmen N.C.O.'s were posted to the Squadron during April 1945:

A.180657	F/S	SMITH	A/B.	5 L.F.S.	01.04.45
A.408497	F/S	BERRY	W/Op.	463 Sqdn.	31.03.45
A.432087	F/S	BARBER	A/B.	463 Sqdn.	31.03.45
A.436484	F/S	ROPE	Nav.	463 Sqdn.	31.03.45
A.436851	F/S	DAVIS	A/G	463 Sqdn.	31.03.45
A.436865	F/S	DAVIES	A/G	463 Sqdn.	31.03.45
A.410558	W/O	NEILSON	W/Op.	467 Sqdn.	03.04.45
A.428746	W/O	MORGAN	A/B	467 Sqdn.	03.04.45
A.434781	F/S	FERGUSON	A/G	467 Sqdn.	03.04.45
A.522283	W/O	RAYMOND	A/B	467 Sqdn.	03.04.45
2209334	F/S	CROSBY	A/G.	54 Base (N.E)	27.03.45
1828809	Sgt	MORE	F/E	463 Sqdn.	31.03.45
1574385	Sgt	MILNE	A/G	5 L.F.S.	01.04.45
1587891	F/S	STOCKWELL	F/E	5 L.F.S.	01.04.45
1592926	Sgt	KNOX	W/Op.	5 L.F.S.	01.04.45
1810515	Sgt	McVICAR	A/G	5 L.F.S.	01.04.45
1383122	F/S	LANSDOWN	A/G	227 Sqdn.	10.03.45

646511	Sgt	PIGRAM.	A/G	5 L.F.S.	01.04.45
915970	Sgt	VINCENT	F/E	5 L.F.S.	01.04.45
1053735	F/S	HUMPHREYS	A/B	5 L.F.S.	01.04.45
1340228	Sgt	RUNDLE	A/G	5 L.F.S.	01.04.45
1892966	Sgt	HAYES	W/Op.	5 L.F.S.	01.04.45
571886	F/S	HENDERSON	F/E	54 Base (N/E)	31.03.45
1829026	Sgt	BRADFIELD	F/E	5 L.F.S.	03.04.45
1894955	F/S	MAY	A/G	467 Sqdn.	03.04.45
981037	W/O	McGALLOWAY	A/B	630 Sqdn.	10.04.45
1019342	W/O	RAWLINSON	F/E	630 Sqdn.	10.04.45
1128475	F/S	LYNCH	W/Op.	630 Sqdn.	10.04.45
575921	F/S	DOYLE	F/E	189 Sqdn.	11.04.45
1890958	F/S	LAMBERT	A/G	189 Sqdn.	11.04.45
1892882	F/S	WAINWRIGHT	A/G	189 Sqdn.	11.04.45
1392029	W/O	CAPON	W/Op.	189 Sqdn.	11.04.45
1595361	F/S	WARD	A/G	467 Sqdn.	03.04.45
1604770	F/S	AMBROSE	F/E	467 Sqdn.	03.04.45
NZ.425751	F/S	SYMES	Nav.	56 Base.	10.04.45
1229713	W/O	REDMAN	Nav.	57 Sqdn.	08.04.45

The following Airmen N.C.O.'s were posted From the Squadron during April 1945:

1426659	F/S	TREBILCOCK	A/G	54 Base	12.04.45
995295	F/S	DALEY	A/G	83 Sqdn.	21.04.45
1316418	F/S	YOUNGS	A/G	83 Sqdn.	21.04.45
1290120	W/O	VAUGHAN	A/G	17 O.T.U.	22.04.45
1493916	F/S	VANGE	A/G	17 O.Y.U.	22.04.45
1386573	F/S	DAY	A/B	29 O.T.U.	14.04.45
2209557	F/S	MAYOH	A/G	29 O.T.U.	14.04.45
1809630	F/S	FELTON	F/E	War Cas. *	17.04.45
1353837	F/S	SHARP	A/G	85 O.T.U.	14.04.45
3010574	Sgt	BELSHAW	F/E	54 Base (N/E)	10.04.45
1892966	Sgt	HAYES	W/Op.	57 Sqdn.	28.04.45
646511	Sgt	PIGRAM	A/G	189 Sqdn.	28.04.45
2209334	F/S	CROSBY	A/G	619 Sqdn.	28.04.45
A.426150	W/O	PASK	W/Op.	57 Sqdn.	28.04.45
1162797	W/O	RIES	W/Op.	57 Sqdn.	28.04.45
1867094	F/S	POCOCK	W/Op.	57 Sqdn.	28.04.45
1497486	W/O	PENSWICK	A/G	630 Sqdn.	28.04.45
1574385	Sgt	MILNE	A/G	207 Sqdn.	28.04.45
1810515	Sgt	McVICAR	A/G	619 Sqdn.	28.04.45
1542847	F/S	HARWOOD	W/Op.	44 Sqdn.	28.04.45
647384	W/O	TIREL	A/G	189 Sqdn.	28.04.45
1592926	Sgt	KNOX	W/Op.	189 Sqdn.	28.04.45

\*\* = (N/E Acct. Dept.)

The following personnel have been awarded decorations during April 1945:

62699	W/C	CALDER	GD.P.	1 <sup>st</sup> Bar to D.S.O.
151090	F/L	ROGERS	GD.B.	D.F.C.
160719	F/O(A/F/L)	WARD	GD.S.	D.F.C.

C.1399	G/C	FAUQUIER	GD.P.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bar to D.S.O.
1672871	F/S	JOHNSON	F/E.	Mentioned in Despatches.
1029258	W/O	WARREN	W/Op.	Mentioned in Despatches.

The following Officers have been promoted during April 1945:

142898	F/O	JONES	GD.N. - F/L	w.e.f.	04.03.45
183565	P/O	JOHNSTONE	GD.B. - F/O	w.e.f.	12.02.45
183881	P/O	HOWKINS	GD.S. - F/O	w.e.f.	16.02.45
142543	F/O(A/F/L)	RAWELS	GD.P. - F/L	w.e.f.	09.03.45
151388	F/O	PREEDY	GD.N. - F/L	w.e.f.	05.03.45
183096	P/O	ROBERTS	GD.B. - F/O	w.e.f.	15.02.45
A.429605	P/O	MURRAY	GD.N. - F/O	w.e.f.	01.03.45
J.17531	F/O(A/F/L)	PRICE	GD.P. - F/L	w.e.f.	20.04.45
A.424774	P/O	LOVATT	GD.S. - F/O	w.e.f.	21.02.45
A.400896	F/O	WITTMER	GD.N. - F/L	w.e.f.	28.03.45
142490	F/O	EVANS	GD.S. - F/L	w.e.f.	14.03.45
185037	P/O	MCKENZIE	GD.E. - F/O	w.e.f.	05.03.45
160220	P/O	STANLEY	GD.N. - F/O	w.e.f.	01.03.45
185025	P/O	KNIGHT	GD.N. - F/O	w.e.f.	26.02.45
183083	P/O	RONALD	GD.G. - F/O	w.e.f.	21.02.45
610814	Sgt	BRIAN	F/Eng. - F/S	w.e.f.	03.04.45
1456311	Sgt	ENOCH	F/Eng. - F/S	w.e.f.	03.04.45
1893581	Sgt	PHILLIPS	F/Eng. - F/S	w.e.f.	03.04.45
NZ.427280	F/S	HEBBARD	A/B. - W/O	w.e.f.	01.04.45
911473	Sgt	FARINO	A/G. - F/S	w.e.f.	21.04.45
1824489	Sgt	HAGARTY	A/G. - F/S	w.e.f.	21.04.45
2221681	Sgt	MAY	A/G. - F/S	w.e.f.	21.04.45
543639	F/S	DADGE	A/G. - W/O	w.e.f.	24.04.45
1171770	Sgt	NEALE	A/G. - F/S	w.e.f.	22.04.45
1825655	Sgt	BURNETT	F/E. - F/S	w.e.f.	17.04.45

The following airmen have been granted a commission during April 1945:

1383122	F/S	W.E. LANSDOWN	A/G	w.e.f.	06.02.45
1880229	F/S	W. KNIGHT	A/G	w.e.f.	16.02.45

(Certified that the above Form 540 contains extracts from Personnel Occurrence Reports.)

**DATE:** 6.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.118

**CREW:**

S/L CALDER  
 F/O WAKEFIELD  
 F/L BENISON  
 F/L CRAFER  
 -  
 -  
 F/O DALE

**DUTY**

PILOT  
 F/ENG  
 NAV  
 A/B  
 W/OP  
 M.U.  
 R.G.



**CREW:**  
F/L PRICE  
W/O HARTLEY  
F/S KOHL  
F/O MERCHANT  
-  
-  
SGT. SARIGSON

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          08.01                   10.55

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Shipping Ijmuden. 1 x Tallboy 0943. 14,500 ft. Abortive. Mission abandoned.

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**DATE:** 6.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                   Lancaster 1. PD.130

**CREW:**  
F/L LANCEY  
SGT. BUNSELL  
W/O ROBIN  
W/O PERRY  
-  
-  
F/L ENGLISH

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          08.07                   11.06

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Shipping Ijmuden. 1 x Tallboy 0943. 14,500 ft. Abortive. Mission abandoned.

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**DATE:** 6.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                   Lancaster 1. PB.997

**CREW:**  
F/L HORSLEY  
W.O ARMSTRONG  
F/O BARLEYCORN  
SGT. WILSON  
-  
-  
SGT. FARINO

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          08.02                   10.56

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Shipping Ijmuden. 1 x Tallboy 0943. 14,500 ft. Abortive. Mission abandoned.

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**DATE:** 6.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.238

**CREW:**  
F/L BEAUMONT  
SGT BELSHAW  
W/O GAIT  
F/L ALLEN  
W/O STREET  
SGT STREET  
F/S SNAPE

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    08.04           10.54

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Shipping Ijmuden. 1 x Tallboy 0943. 14,500 ft. Abortive. Mission abandoned.

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**DATE:** 6.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.135

**CREW:**  
F/L MCLOUGHLIN  
W/O VENTON  
P/O HILL  
F/O HEATH  
-  
-  
F/O BAILEY

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    08.09           10.53

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Shipping Ijmuden. 1 x Tallboy 0943. 14,500 ft. Abortive. Mission abandoned.

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**DATE:** 6.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.129

**CREW:**  
F/L LEAVITT  
SGT GRIFFIN  
F/O WITHAMS  
F/S OLDMAN  
-  
-  
F/S DALEY

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE





F/L FOULKES

-

-

F/S SCAWTHORNE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	07.59	10.57

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Shipping Ijmuden. 1 x Tallboy 0943. 14,500 ft. Abortive. Mission abandoned.

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**DATE:** 6.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.339

**CREW:**

**DUTY**

F/L GOODMAN

F/S BURNETT

F/O WAKINSON

F/L HAYWARD

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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.26	10.50

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Shipping Ijmuden. 1 x Tallboy 0943. 14,500 ft. Abortive. Mission abandoned.

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**DATE:** 6.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.131

**CREW:**

**DUTY**

S/L POWELL

F/S FELTON

F/L BAYNE

F/O BARRON

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F/O WATSON

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.03	10.01

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Shipping Ijmuden. 1 x Tallboy 0943. 14,500 ft. Abortive. Mission abandoned.

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**DATE:** 7.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.114

**CREW:**  
S/L COCKSHOTT  
F/S FRYER  
F/O COTTRELL  
F/O BOOTH  
-  
-  
W/O FORD

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    17.33           20.43

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Shipping Ijmuden. 1931.25. 13.700. 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb overshot on the quayside. We saw a direct hit on the bows by the last bomb down. Remainder of bombs were all concentrated and the target covered with smoke.

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**DATE:** 7.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster 1. PD.132

**CREW:**  
S/L CALDER  
F/O WAKEFIELD  
F/L BENISON  
F/L CRAFER  
-  
-  
F/O DALE

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    17.26           20.32

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Shipping Ijmuden. 1930.47 14.470 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb fell approx. 80 yds to west of ship. Bombing generally well concentrated. One possible hit seen but ship remained afloat.

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**DATE:** 7.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**           Lancaster 1. PD.131

**CREW:**  
S/L POWELL  
F/S FELTON  
F/L BAYNE  
F/O BARRON  
-  
-  
F/O WATSON

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    17.47           20.49

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Shipping Ijmuden. 1931.03. 14.000 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb fell between the ship and the quay. Bombing was generally excellent.

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**DATE:** 7.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PB.998

**CREW:**

F/L GOODMAN

F/S BURNETT

F/O WATKINSON

F/L HAYWARD

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F/S HULBERT

F/S LEWIS

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	17.35	20.36

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Shipping Ijmuden. 1931. 14.240 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb fell between ship and the quay a very slight overshoot. A number of bombs seen to fall very close, and we saw one direct hit on first run and another on the second.

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**DATE:** 7.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PB.996

**CREW:**

F/L MCLOUGHLIN

W/O VENTON

P/O HILL

F/O HEATH

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-

F/O BAILEY

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	17.39	20.40

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Shipping Ijmuden. 1929.38. 13.200. 1 x Tallboy Our bomb fell slightly to west of target. No direct hits seen. But all bombs very close and ship completely obscured by smoke at end of attack.

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**DATE:** 7.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PB.997

**CREW:**

F/L HORSLEY

W/O ARMSTRONG

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O BARLEYCORN  
SGT. WILSON  
-  
-  
SGT. NEALE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	17.37	20.54

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Shipping Ijmuden. 19.31.03. 13.600. 1 x Tallboy Two bombs seen to burst between the ship and the quay and another was a slight undershoot to the east. Ship appeared to be afloat after the attack.

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**DATE:** 7.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.135

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L PRICE	AS SHOWN ABOVE
W/O HARTLEY	
F/S KOHL	
P/O MERCHANT	
-	
-	
SGT. AVEY	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	17.31	20.39

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Shipping Ijmuden 1930.40 13.500 1 x Tallboy Our bomb was a slight overshoot on the quay beyond the ship. We could not see any direct hit owing to smoke obscuring the ship after bombing commenced, but bombing was very concentrated.

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**DATE:** 7.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.129

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L LEAVITT	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT GRIFFIN	
F/O WITHAMS	
F/S OLDMAN	
-	
-	
F/S GOLDIE	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	17.34	20.34
	17.35	

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Shipping Ijmuden 1940.20 14.150 1 x Tallboy. We claim a direct hit. Two very near misses on south side.

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**DATE:** 7.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.129

**CREW:**  
F/L MARSHALL  
F/S CHOLERTON  
F/O NEWBY  
F/O SUMPTER  
-  
-  
F/O WILKINSON

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    17.38           20.47

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Shipping Ijmuden. 1931.20 13.500 1 x Tallboy. Own bomb not seen because of smoke, believe near miss. Bombing well concentrated. Approx. two mins after the bombing smoke had cleared. Some smoke appeared to be coming from centre of ship.

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**DATE:** 7.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.130

**CREW:**  
F/L LANCEY  
F/L RYALL  
W/O ROBIN  
F/O SUMNEY  
-  
-  
F/L ENGLISH

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                    17.39           20.46

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Shipping Ijmuden 1931 13.950 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb very near miss. Bombing mainly concentrated around eastern end.

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**DATE:** 7.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.135

**CREW:**  
F/L ANNING  
F/S SNEDKER  
P/O KNIGHT  
F/O VALINTINE  
-

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

-  
F/S DADGE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	17.25	20.45

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Shipping Ijmuden. 1931.24 13.600 1 x Tallboy We had a 30 yd overshoot. Bombing concentrated but mostly 50/60 yds undershoots. Last bomb seemed to be a direct hit on the bows.

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**DATE:** 7.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.115

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O CASTAGNOLA	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S HENDERSON	
F/S HENDERSON	
F/L GORRINGE	
W/O HEBBARD	

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-  
F/O RONALD

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	17.29	20.21

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Shipping Ijmuden 1931 14.500 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb undershot by 30/40 yds. One definite direct hit seen and another possible. First four bombs overshoot. But no more than 50yds from target in first dozen down.

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**DATE:** 7.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.128

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
LT. ADAMS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S SWANN	
P/O COLLINS	
F/L FOULKES	

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-  
F/L GIRVAN

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	17.32	20.40
	17.33	

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Shipping Ijmuden. 1921.5 13.200 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb fell between the ship and the quay in line with centre of ships. We thought there was a direct hit on the bows by the last aircraft to bomb. All bombing seemed well concentrated.

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**DATE:** 7.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM.485

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L GORDON	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT ENOCH	
P/O LANGSTON	
F/O SHIRLEY	
F/S GATLAND	
F/S DOBSON	
F/S CARDWELL	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	17.40	20.41

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Shipping Ijmuden. 19.30.4 13900 ft. 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb was direct hit. Three bursts seen on the Jetty to the South. Bombing generally moderate.

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**DATE:** 7.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.238

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L BEAUMONT	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT BELSHAW	
W/O GAIT	
F/L ALLEN	
W/O STREET	
SGT. HAGARTY	
F/S SNAPE	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	17.36	20.44

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Shipping Ijmuden. 19.30.48 14.000 1 x Tallboy. We got a hit on the stern of the ship, bombing concentrated all round the vessel, which seemed to be settling down by the stern at the end of the attack.

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**DATE:** 9.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.119

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
G/C J.E. FAUQUIER (CAN)	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/L K.J. RYALL	
F/L R.R. BAYNE	
F/O W.A. DANIEL (CAN)	
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R/S DOBSON F.	



**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                         14.10            19.27

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens Hamburg. 17.36 17.000 1 x Special Store. Our bomb seen to hit N.E. corner and three other hits in approx. centre of pen. Smoke obscured further observations.

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**DATE:** 9.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster 1. PD.112

**CREW:**

S/L C.C. CALDER  
F/O H.E. WAKEFIELD  
F/L J.H. BENISON  
F/L C.B. CRAFER

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

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F/O G. DALE

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                         14.12            19.24

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens Hamburg. 17.36.58 17.020' 1 x Special Store. Our bomb hit west side of pens. Two direct hits seen.

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**DATE:** 9.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster 1. PD.115

**CREW:**

S/L W.H. GORDON  
SGT ENOCH E.C.  
P/O J. LANGSTONE  
F/O P.W. SHIRLEY

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

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F/S CARDWELL V.

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                         14.26            19.41

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens Hamburg. 17.31.50. 16.500' 1 x Tallboy. Bombing well concentrated.

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**DATE:** 9.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**            Lancaster 1. PD.131

**CREW:**

S/L J.L. POWELL

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F.S FELTON  
F/O J. HODGKINSON  
F/O R. BARRON  
-  
-  
F/O J. WATSON

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.23	19.45

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens Hamburg. 17.37.50. 16.300' 1 x Tallboy. Bombs seen to fall on northern and western sides of pen. One direct hit with large bomb seen.

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**DATE:** 9.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1.

**CREW:**

F/L L.S. GOODMAN  
SGT. BURNETT W.  
F/O H. WATKINSON  
F/L H.A. HAYWARD  
F/S BOOTH H.J.  
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F/S HULBERT B.S.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.15	19.33

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens Hamburg. 17.36.56 16.490' 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb fell just S.E. of target centre, a direct hit. Several other direct hits were observed on the western side of the pens.

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**DATE:** 9.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.339

**CREW:**

F/L G.L. BEAUMONT  
SGT. BELSHAW D.  
W/O GAIT F.P.  
F/L G.T. ALLEN  
W/O STREET R.A.J.  
SGT. HAGARTY T.  
F/S SNAPE A.V.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.32	19.35

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens Hamburg. 1736.55 17.000' 1 x Tallboy. Direct hit claimed. We saw three others. Bombing generally good.

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**DATE:** 9.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PB.996

**CREW:**

F/L J.C. MCLOUGHLIN

W/O VENTON S.J.

P/O J.L. HILL

F/O A.L. HEATH

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F/O H.R. BAILEY

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         14.22                    19.39

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens Hamburg. 1736 ½ 16000' 1 x Tallboy. Direct hit on left hand quarter of pens. We saw six hits.

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**DATE:** 9.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PB.997

**CREW:**

F/L R.M. HORSLEY

W/O ARMSTRONG E.W.

F/O D.H. BARLEYCORN

SGT. WILSON D.M.

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SGT. FARINO H.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         14.20                    19.49

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens Hamburg. 1737. 16630' 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb fell third and was a direct hit, just west of target centre. The first 2 bombs to fall were direct hits on the eastern half of the pens.

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**DATE:** 9.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.133

**CREW:**

F/L G.R. PRICE (CAN)

W/O HARTLEY G.E.

F/S KOHL H. (CAN)

F/O T.W.L. MERCHANT

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**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

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SGT. SARGISON D.V.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.18	19.28

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens Hamburg. 1736.50 16520' 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb fell just east of the centre of the pens, a direct hit. The second bomb fell just to the N of ours also a direct hit as was the third bomb which fell just west of the centre. The fourth was an overshoot to the E. No further results were observed.

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**DATE:** 9.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM.695

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L J.H. LEAVITT	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. GRIFFIN H.	
F/O R/F/ WITHAMS	
F/S OLDMAN D.A.	
F.S COLE C.	
F/S GOLDIE P.	
F/S DALEY J.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.13	19.32

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens Hamburg. 1736.50 17000' 1 x Tallboy. Own bomb direct hit in approximate centre. Two other hits seen.

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**DATE:** 9.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1.

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L J.C. WARBURTON	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. COKER J.A.	
P/O B.A.C.U. STANLEY	
P/O F.R. CHANCE	
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P/O J.B. LEES	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.19	19.38

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens Hamburg. 1736.56. 16000'. 1 x Tallboy. Five direct hits seen.

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**DATE:** 9.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.134

<b>CREW:</b> F/L I.M. MARSHALL F/S CHOLERTON F. F/O K. NEWBY F/O K.L. SUMNER - P/O D.E. WEBB	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.21	19.34

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens Hamburg. 1737. 16500' 1 x Tallboy. Four direct hits seen. Bombing well concentrated.

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**DATE:** 9.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.135

<b>CREW:</b> F/L S.A. ANNING F/S SNEDKER F/O J.B. KNIGHT F/O R VALENTINE - - SGT. NEALE L.	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.25	19.42

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens Hamburg. 1736.50. 17100' 1 x Tallboy. We claim a direct hit. Bombing very concentrated. All bombs except one overshoot and one undershoot were on the target.

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**DATE:** 9.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.134

<b>CREW:</b> F/L J.L. SAYERS (AUS) F/O V.L. JOHNSON F/O F.E. WITTMER (AUS) F/O E.W. WEAVER (AUS) - - F/O B.F. KENT	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.17	19.47

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens Hamburg. 1736.49. 14300' 1 x Tallboy. Direct hit obtained. All bombs concentrated on target.

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**DATE:** 9.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.118

**CREW:**

F/O J.W. SPIERS (AUS)

SGT. GARROD A.E.

F/O J.D. HARRISON

F/O T.G. MUHL

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F/O N.H. LLOYD

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                    14.34                   19.46

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens Hamburg. 1737.51. 16400' 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb fell in the smoke which emanated from the target. No results observed.

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**DATE:** 9.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.113

**CREW:**

F/O J. CASTAGNOLA

F/S HENDERSON S.J.

F/L F.J. GORRINGE

W/O HEBBARD L.

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F/O J.K. RONALD

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                    14.11                   19.25

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens Hamburg. 1737.10 16500'. 1 x Tallboy. We got a direct hit. All first three were direct hits. Bombing generally good.

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**DATE:** 9.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.139

**CREW:**

LT. W. ADAMS

F/S SWANN A.

P/O T.H. COLLINS

F/L R.K. FOULKES

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**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

-  
F/L R. GIRVAN

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.24	19.40

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

U-Boat Pens Hamburg. 1737.92. 16000' 1 x Tallboy. Our own bomb was not seen to hit the target due to the smoke from exploding bombs a second or two before ours reached the ground. The first bomb was seen to be a direct hit and the smoke and explosions caused by subsequent hits emanated from the target itself.

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**DATE:** 13.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.119

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
G/C J.E. FAUQUIER (CAN)	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/O A. SINCLAIR	
F/L R.R. BAYNE	
F/O W.A. DANIEL (CAN)	

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R/S DOBSON F.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	11.17	18.10

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Prince Eugen & Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 13.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.115

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L W.H. GORDON	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT ENOCH E.C.	
P/O J. LANGSTONE	
F/O P.W. SHIRLEY	

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F/S CARDWELL V.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	11.33	18.37

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Prince Eugen & Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 13.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.339

**CREW:**

S/L J.F. BROOKES  
F/O H.R. SHORT  
F/L J.H. JONES  
F/L E.A. BALDWIN  
F/O D.A. BROOM  
F/O N.H. LLOYD  
F/L R. GIRVAN

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP                   DOWN**  
                  11.25                   18.35

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Prince Eugen & Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 13.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.121

**CREW:**

S/L J.L. POWELL  
F/S FELTON H.W.  
F/L E/G/ PREEDY  
F/O R. BARRON  
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-  
F/O WATSON

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP                   DOWN**  
                  11.27                   18.20

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Prince Eugen & Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 13.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.132

**CREW:**

F/L J.L. SAYERS (AUS)  
F/O V.L. JOHNSON  
F/O F.E. WITTMER (AUS)  
F/O E.W. WEAVER (AUS)  
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-  
F/O B.F. KENT

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP                   DOWN**  
                  11.37                   18.32

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**



Prince Eugen & Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 13.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.328

**CREW:**  
F/L I.M. MARSHALL  
F/S CHOLERTON F.  
F/O K. NEWBY  
F/O K.L. SUMNER  
F/S DUROSE P.P.  
P/O D.E. WEBB  
F/O R. WILKINSON

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          11.29                   18.16

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Prince Eugen & Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission Abandoned. 12 x 1000 lb. A.M.M. 65.

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**DATE:** 13.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.135

**CREW:**  
F/L S.A. ANNING  
F/S SNEDKER  
F/S FISH C.R.  
F/O R VALENTINE  
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-  
P/O R.R. LANGLEY

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          11.22                   18.34

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Prince Eugen & Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 13.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.116

**CREW:**  
F/L H.V. GAVIN  
SGT. BROWN F.M.  
F/O P.E. COTTRELL  
F/S WHITE W.M.  
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-  
F/O T.K. REDDAN

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         11.35                            18.22

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Prince Eugen & Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 13.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. PD.114

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L J.C. MCLOUGHLIN	AS SHOWN ABOVE
W/O VENTON S.J.	
P/O J.L. HILL	
F/O A.L. HEATH	
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-	
F/O H.R. BAILEY	

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         11.32                            18.33

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Prince Eugen & Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 13.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. PB.997

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L R.M. HORSLEY	AS SHOWN ABOVE
W/O ARMSTRONG E.W.	
F/O D.H. BARLEYCORN	
SGT. WILSON D.M.	
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SGT. NEALE L	

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         11.26                            18.39

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Prince Eugen & Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 13.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. NG.129

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L J.H. LEAVITT	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. GRIFFIN H.	

F/O R/F/ WITHAMS  
F/S OLDMAN D.A.  
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-  
F/S GOLDIE P.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	11.18	18.29

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Prince Eugen & Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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<b>DATE:</b>	13.4.45	
<b>AIRCRAFT TYPE &amp; NUMBER:</b>		Lancaster 1. PD.128
<b>CREW:</b>		<b>DUTY</b>
F/L J.C. Warburton		AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S Coker J.A.		
P/O B.A.C.U. Stanley		
F/O F.S. Palmer		
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P/O J.B. Lees		

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	11.21	18.25

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Prince Eugen & Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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<b>DATE:</b>	13.4.45	
<b>AIRCRAFT TYPE &amp; NUMBER:</b>		Lancaster 1. NG.494
<b>CREW:</b>		<b>DUTY</b>
F/L G.L. Beaumont		AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S Phillips J.D.		
W/O Gait F.P.		
P/O F.R. Chance		
W/O Street R.A.J.		
SGT. Hagarty T.		
SGT. May R.E.		

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	11.31	18.30

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Prince Eugen & Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x 1000 lb.

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**DATE:** 13.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.228

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L D.A. RAWES	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. MORFITT J.E.	
F/L J. HODGINSON	
F/O E.A. ROBERTS	
F/O D.E. ROSS	
F/S BAILEY G.A.	
P/O C.W. PAIN	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	11.30	18.36

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Prince Eugen & Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x 1000 lb.

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**DATE:** 13.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.340

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L K.L. TRENT	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S JOHNSON W.	
F/O W.S. RICHARDSON	
F/L J.L. RUMGAY	
F/O N.E. SAINSBURY (AUS)	
W/O FLYNN J.P.	
F/O F. ARTHUR	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	11.28	18.26

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Prince Eugen & Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x 1000 lb.

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**DATE:** 13.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM.695

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L G.R. PRICE (CAN)	AS SHOWN ABOVE
W/O HARTLEY G.E.	
F/S KOHL H. (CAN)	
F/O T.W.L. MERCHANT	
F/S COLE C.	
SGT AVEY C.G.	
SGT. SARGISON D.V.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	11.23	18.26

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Prince Eugen & Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 13.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.371

**CREW:**

F/L L.S. GOODMAN  
SGT. BURNETT W.  
F/O H.WATKINSON  
F/L H.A. HAYWARD  
F/S BOOTH H.J.  
F/S HULBERT A.S.  
F/S LEWIS R.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          11.34                   18.11

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Prince Eugen & Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 13.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PB.996

**CREW:**

F/O J. CASTAGNOLA  
F/S HENDERSON S.J.  
F/L F.J. GORRINGE  
W/O HEBBARD L.  
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F/O J.K. RONALD

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          11.19                   18.08

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Prince Eugen & Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 13.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.118

**CREW:**

F/O J.W. SPIERS (AUS)  
F/S GARROD A.E.  
F/O J.D. HARRISON  
F/O T.G. MUHL  
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**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O A.D.W. CARROLL

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	11.36	18.17

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Prince Eugen & Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 13.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.139

**CREW:**

L.T. W. ADAMS  
F/S SWANN A.  
P/O T.H. COLLINS  
F/L R.K. FOULKES

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

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-  
F/S BANNING F.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	11.24	18.28

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Prince Eugen & Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 15.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.119

**CREW:**

G/C J.E. FAUQUIER (CAN)  
W/O IVES G.F.  
S/L G.B. ELLWOOD (CAN)  
F/O W.A. DANIEL (CAN)

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

-  
-  
F/O J.B. SCANNELL

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.22	12.15

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 15.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.121

**CREW:**

F/L R.M. HORSLEY

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

W/O ARMSTRONG E.W.  
F/O D.H. BARLEYCORN  
SGT. WILSON D.M.

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SGT. NEALE L

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.33	12.37

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 15.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.494

**CREW:**

F/L G.L. BEAUMONT

F/O A. SINCLAIR

W/O GAIT F.P.

F/L G.T. ALLEN

W/O STREET R.A.J.

SGT. HAGARTY T.

SGT. MAY R.E.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.27	12.22

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x 1000 lb.

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**DATE:** 15.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PB.997

**CREW:**

F/O M.B. FLATMAN

W/O VENTON S.J.

F/O G. MACKIE

F/O G.E. KELLY

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F/O K.C. KIRK

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.24	12.25

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 15.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PB.116

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L H.V. GAVIN (AUS)	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. BROWN F.H.	
F/O P.E. COTTRELL	
F/S WHITE W.M.	
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F/O T.K. REDDAN (US)	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.31	12.28

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 15.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.115

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L W.H. GORDON	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT ENOCH E.C.	
P/O J. LANGSTONE	
F/O P.W. SHIRLEY	
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F/S CARDWELL V.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.38	12.21

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 15.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.139

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L J.H. LEAVITT	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. GRIFFIN H.	
F/O R/F/ WITHAMS	
F/S OLDMAN D.A.	
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F/S GOLDIE P.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.28	12.10



**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 15.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.128

**CREW:**

F/L J.C. WARBURTON

F/S COKER J.A.

P/O B.A.C.U. STANLEY

F/O F.S. PALMER

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P/O J.B. LEES

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                         08.26            12.23

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 15.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.133

**CREW:**

F/L G.R. PRICE (CAN)

W/O HARTLEY G.E.

F/S KOHL H. (CAN)

F/O T.W.L. MERCHANT

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SGT. SARGISON D.V.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                         08.26            12.13

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 15.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.118

**CREW:**

F/O J.W. SPIERS (AUS)

F/S GARROD A.E.

F/O J.D. HARRISON

F/O T.G. MUHL

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**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

-  
F/O A.D.W. CARROLL

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.37	12.18

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 15.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM.695

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
LT. W. ADAMS	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S SWANN A.	
P/O T.H. COLLINS	
F/L R.K. FOULKES	
F/S DUROSE P.F.	
W/O BENSON G.	
F/S BANNING F.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.32	12.23

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 15.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.130

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L J.F. BROOKES	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/O H.R. SHORT	
F/L J.H. JONES	
F/O K.L. SUMNER	

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F/L R. GIRVAN

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.35	12.17

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 15.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.228

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
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S/L J.L. POWELL  
F/S FELTON H.W.  
F/L E/G/ PREEDY  
P/O F.R. CHANCE  
F/O K.A.J. HEWITT  
W/O BIRD B.J.D.  
F/O J. WATSON

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                         08.30            12.20

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 15.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.371

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L J.L. SAYERS (AUS)	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/O V.L. JOHNSON	
F/O F.E. WITTMER (AUS)	
F/O E.W. WEAVER (AUS)	
W/O WARREN I.S.	
F/O R.P. BARRU (AUS)	
F/O B.F. KENT	

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                         08.28            12.29

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 12 x 1000 lb.

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**DATE:** 15.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.134

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L I.M. MARSHALL	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S CHOLERTON F.	
F/O K. NEWBY	
F/O K.L. SUMNER	
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F/O R. WILKINSON	

**TIME:**            **UP**            **DOWN**  
                         08.25            12.14

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 15.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.113

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L S.A. ANNING	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S SNEDKER	
F/S FISH C.R.	
F/O R VALENTINE	
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F/O A FOREMAN	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.37	12.38

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 15.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.339

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L D.A. RAWES	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. MORFITT J.E.	
F/L J. HODKINSON	
F/O E.A. ROBERTS	
F/O D.A. BROOM	
F/S BAILEY G.A.	
P/O C.W. PAIN	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	08.36	12.33

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 15.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.340

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L K.L. TRENT	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S JOHNSON W.	
F/O W.S. RICHARDSON	
F/L J.L. RUMGAY	
F/O N.E. SAINSBURY (AUS)	
W/O FLYNN J.P.	
F/O F. ARTHUR	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
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08.34 12.19

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 12 x 1000 lb.

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**DATE:** 15.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PB.996

**CREW:**

F/O J. CASTAGNOLA

F/S HENDERSON S.J.

F/L F.J. GORRINGE

W/O HEBBARD L.

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F/O J.K. RONALD

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP           DOWN**  
                  08.23         12.16

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 15.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PB.998

**CREW:**

F/L C.N. HILL (CAN)

F/S GOSS C.L.

F/O J.D. MURRAY (AUS)

F/O F.J. KELLY (CAN)

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F/O G.C. FORBES

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP           DOWN**  
                  08.24         12.24

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mission abandoned. 1 x Tallboy.

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**DATE:** 16.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.119

**CREW:**

G/C J.E. FAUQUIER (CAN)

W/O IVES G.F.

S/L G.B. ELLWOOD (CAN)

F/O W.A. DANIEL (CAN)

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**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

-  
F/O J.B. SCANNELL

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.07	20.51

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) Mistook target and bombed a boat up the canal nearer Swinemunde. Bomb was a 10 yds undershoot. Bombing on Lutzow was concentrated but no hits seen. Smoke coming from stern at end of attack.

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**DATE:** 16.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.115

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L W.H. GORDON	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT ENOCH E.C.	
P/O J. LANGSTONE	
F/O P.W. SHIRLEY	

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F/S CARDWELL V.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.04	20.57

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) 1749 hrs. 13300'. 1 x Tallboy. We were hit by flak on run in, which severed throttle controls causing carburettor butterfly valve to close and losing power on port outer. This threw our bombing run off and when we started a second bombing run it was not accurate enough so we scrubbed it. We found the engine was U/S and were unable to keep up with the gaggle. When the latter made their second run we were nearly ten miles behind and unable to catch up. We tried to make a run on our own but the target was obscured by smoke. We abandoned the run and rejoined the gaggle and were ordered to bomb any built-up area on route. We dropped our bomb on village (5337 N 1330 E. village on Track).

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**DATE:** 16.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.130

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
S/L J.F. BROOKES	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/O H.R. SHORT	
F/L J.H. JONES	
F/O K.L. SUMNER	

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F/L R. GIRVAN

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.56	20.40

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) 1733 hrs 13700', 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb was a slight overshoot, 25 yds off the bows. We saw one very near miss alongside (about a third of the way alongside the ship). There were three other near misses.

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**DATE:** 16.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.228

**CREW:**

S/L J.L. POWELL  
F/S FELTON H.W.  
F/S CLARKE M.T.  
F/O A.L. HEATH  
F/O K.A.J. HEWITT  
F/S KNIGHT W.  
F/O J. WATSON

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          13.49

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) 12 x 1000 lb. Missing. A.C seen to have been hit by flak. Port wing fell off and A/C went down in flames. One parachute seen to open at about 2000'. *(all the crew died when the aircraft crashed into woods and all are buried in Poznan old cemetery after initially being buried in the Caseburg Friedhof at Swinemunde.)*

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**DATE:** 16.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.116

**CREW:**

F/L H.V. GAVIN (AUS)  
SGT. BROWN F.H.  
P/O J.L. HILL  
F/S WHITE W.M.  
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F/O T.K. REDDAN (US)

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                          14.01                   20.48

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) 1721 hrs. 14000' 1 x Tallboy. 1 x 12000 lb jettisoned in target area. Undershot by approx. 450 yds. A/C hit by flak.

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**DATE:** 16.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PB.997

**CREW:**

F/L C.N. HILL (CAN)  
F/S DOYLE L.C.  
F/O J.D. MURRAY (AUS)

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O F.J. KELLY (CAN)

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F/O G.C. FORBES

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.05	20.55

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) 1720.57 hrs. 13200'. 1 x Tallboy. Own bomb very near miss or possible hit.

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**DATE:** 16.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PB.998

**CREW:**

F/L R.M. HORSLEY  
W/O ARMSTRONG E.W.  
F/O D.H. BARLEYCORN  
SGT. WILSON D.M.

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SGT. NEALE L

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.55	20.49

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) 1722 hrs. 13700', 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb was an overshoot by 100 yds. We saw a hit close to the stern and one between bows and shore. No direct hits seen.

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**DATE:** 16.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.494

**CREW:**

F/L A.E. QUINTON  
F/S CHOLERTON F.  
F/O P.E. COTTRELL  
P/O F.R. CHANCE  
F/O H. EVANS  
W/O BENSON G.  
W/O BIRD B.J.D.

**DUTY**

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.58	21.08

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) 1720 hrs. 14300' 12 x 1000 lb. Bombing appeared scattered. Two or three near misses seen.

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**DATE:** 16.4.45



**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.133

**CREW:**  
F/L G.R. PRICE (CAN)  
W/O HARTLEY G.E.  
F/S KOHL H. (CAN)  
F/O T.W.L. MERCHANT  
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SGT. SARGISON D.V.

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                  13.53           20.49

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) 1721 hrs. 13400' 1 x Tallboy. Bombing appeared to be rather scattered.

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**DATE:** 16.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.114

**CREW:**  
F/L J.H. LEAVITT  
SGT. GRIFFIN H.  
F/O R.F. WITHAMS  
F/S OLDMAN D.A.  
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F/S GOLDIE P.

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                  13.54           20.56

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) 1721 hrs. 14200 ft. 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb was 50 yds overshoot. We saw another overshoot.

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**DATE:** 16.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.128

**CREW:**  
F/L J.C. WARBURTON  
SGT. COKER J.A.  
P/O B.A.C.U. STANLEY  
F/O F.S. PALMER  
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P/O J.B. LEES

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                  13.59       20.53

13.60

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) 1722 hrs. 13200' 1 x Tallboy. Boat probably hit in stern. Too much smoke to assess accurately.

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**DATE:** 16.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.132

**CREW:**

F/L S.A. ANNING

F/S SNEDKER

F/S FISH C.R.

F/O R VALENTINE

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F/O A FOREMAN

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP                   DOWN**

14.02

20.59

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) 1720.54 hrs. 14200' 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb burst alongside ship. Probably two hits on stern – white smoke seen.

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**DATE:** 16.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.371

**CREW:**

F/L D.A. RAWES

SGT. MORFITT J.E.

F/L J. HODKINSON

F/O E.A. ROBERTS

F/O D.A. BROOM

F/S BAILEY G.A.

P/O C.W. PAIN

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP                   DOWN**

14.03

20.51

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) 1738 hrs. 13500' 12 x 1000 lb. First four or five bombs did not hit, but there was one possible hit later. Smoke obscured further observation.

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**DATE:** 16.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.340

**CREW:**

F/L K.L. TRENT

F/S JOHNSON W.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

F/O W.S. RICHARDSON  
F/L J.L. RUMGAY  
F/O J.D. BARNES-MOSS  
W/O FLYNN J.P.  
F/O F. ARTHUR

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.50	20.54

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) 1720.50 hrs. 13500' 12 x 1000 lb. Stick fell across the bows. No hits seen. Smoke obscured further observations.

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**DATE:** 16.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PB.996

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O M.B. FLATMAN	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. ROSS R.M.	
F/O G. MACKIE	
F/O G.E. KELLY	
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F/O K.C. KIRK	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.52	20.52

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) 1721 hrs. 13300' 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb fell very close to ship between it and the canal.

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**DATE:** 16.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1.

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O J.W. SPIERS (AUS)	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S GARROD A.E.	
F/O J.D. HARRISON	
F/O T.G. MUHL	
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F/O A.D.W. CARROLL	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.06	21.09

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) 1721.11 hrs. 13600' 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb went into smoke and was followed by large explosion and flying debris.

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**DATE:** 16.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.113

<b>CREW:</b> F/O J. CASTAGNOLA F/S DENDERSON S.J. F/L F.J. GORRINGE W/O HEBBARD L. - - F/O J.K. RONALD	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.00	20.39

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) 1721 hrs. 13500' 1 x Tallboy. 1 hit on the bows and a near miss on the stern. Column of smoke (black) came from bows. Our bomb was a direct overshoot by 50 yds. There were also three undershoots.

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**DATE:** 16.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.129

<b>CREW:</b> LT. W. ADAMS F/S SWANN A. P/O T.H. COLLINS F/L R.K. FOULKES - - F/S BANNING F.	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	13.57	1.01

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Lutzow (Swinemunde) 1720.45 hrs. 13700' 1 x Tallboy. No hits seen, but there were several near bombs.

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**DATE:** 19.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.445

<b>CREW:</b> G/C J.E. FAUQUIER (CAN) F/O A. SINCLAIR S/L G.B. ELLWOOD (CAN) F/O W.A. DANIEL (CAN) F/O D.E. FREEMAN F/O H.R. BAILEY F/O J.B. SCANNELL	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         14.13                    19.10

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Heligoland 1708.15. 11,000'. 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb fell about 20 yards East of battery area. We bombed on second run. Bombing was concentrated except for 2 overshoots seen on cliff to South of target.

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**DATE:** 19.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. PB.118

**CREW:**    **DUTY**  
W/C C.C. CALDER                                    AS SHOWN ABOVE  
F/O H.E. WAKEFIELD  
P/O L. MATTHEWS  
F/L C.B. CRAFER  
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-  
F/O G DALE

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         14.35                    19.12

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Heligoland. 1733, 1434, 1 x Special Store. Did not see own bomb. Bombing fairly well concentrated.

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**DATE:** 19.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. PD.115

**CREW:**    **DUTY**  
S/L W.H. GORDON                                    AS SHOWN ABOVE  
F/L K.J. RYALL  
P/O J. LANGSTONE  
F/O P.W. SHIRLEY  
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F/S CARDWELL V.

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         14.45                    19.34

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Heligoland. 1702.30. 10500' 1 x Special Stores. Saw about three direct hits. Could not assess own bomb.

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**DATE:** 19.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. PD.121

**CREW:**    **DUTY**  
S/L J.F. BROOKES                                    AS SHOWN ABOVE  
F/O H.R. SHORT

F/L J.H. JONES  
F/O K.L. SUMNER  
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-  
F/L R. GIRVAN

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.46	19.16

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Heligoland. 1639, 10500', 1 x Special Store. Our bomb undershot about 30 yds. At base of cliff. There appeared to be one hit on centre of battery.

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**DATE:** 19.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.116

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L H.V. GAVIN (AUS)	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. BROWN F.H.	
P/O J.L. HILL	
F/S WHITE W.M.	
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F/O T.K. REDDAN (US)	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.42	19.14

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Heligoland. 1701.49. 10000, 1 x Tallboy. Bomb fell direct on Aiming Point. Bombing generally seemed good.

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**DATE:** 19.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PB.998

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L R.M. HORSLEY	AS SHOWN ABOVE
W/O ARMSTRONG E.W.	
F/O D.H. BARLEYCORN	
SGT. WILSON D.M.	
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SGT. NEALE L	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.47	19.24

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Heligoland. 1732, 10750'. 1 x Tallboy. Undershoot of about 40 yards – bomb seen to fall on aiming point.

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**DATE:** 19.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.238

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L A.E. QUINTON	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S GALLAGHER	
F/O P.E. COTTRELL	
P/O F.R. CHANCE	
F/O H. EVANS	
W/O BENSON G.	
W/O BIRD B.J.D.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.36	19.53

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Heligoland. 1703.28. 11100', 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb undershot into the water under the cliffs. We saw one possible hit.

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**DATE:** 19.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.339

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L G.L. BEAUMONT	AS SHOWN ABOVE
W/O VENTON S.J.	
W/O GAIT E.P.	
F/L G.T. ALLEN	
F/S STREET R.A.J.	
SGT. HAGARTY. T	
SGT. MAY R.E.	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.32	19.32

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Heligoland. 1732.16, 11000', 1 x Tallboy. We had a slight undershoot to the left at the base of the cliff. We saw other bombs fall in the same place.

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**DATE:** 19.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.494

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L C.N. HILL (CAN)	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S DOYLE L.C.	
F/O L.W. DEUBERT	
F/O F.J. KELLY (CAN)	
F/S DUROSE P.F.	
F/S MAY S.G.	
F/O G.C. FORBES	

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         14.33                    19.22

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Heligoland. 1732. 10200' 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb fell on the top of the cliff. Several bombs undershot at the base of the cliffs.

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**DATE:** 19.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. PB.415

**CREW:**    **DUTY**  
F/L J.H. LEAVITT                                    AS SHOWN ABOVE  
SGT. GRIFFIN H.

F/O R.F. WITHAMS  
F/S OLDMAN D.A.

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F/S GOLDIE P.

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         14.47                    19.18

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Heligoland. 1732.17. 9200'. 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb seemed to fall on cliff side just north of Aiming Point. About three wide bombs seen.

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**DATE:** 19.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. PD.139

**CREW:**    **DUTY**  
LT. W. ADAMS                                      AS SHOWN ABOVE  
F/S SWANN A.

P/O T.H. COLLINS  
F/L R.K. FOULKES

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F/S BANNING F.

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         14.48                    19.28

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Heligoland. 1732.20, 9000', 1 x Tallboy. We got our bomb on the target. The early bombing was over to the left and undershot.

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**DATE:** 19.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1. PD.128

**CREW:**    **DUTY**



F/L J.C. Warburton  
SGT. Coker J.A.  
P/O B.A.C.U. Stanley  
F/O F.S. Palmer

AS SHOWN ABOVE

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P/O J.B. Lees

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.40	19.27

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Heligoland. 1732.02. 9500'. 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb fell on Aiming Point. Four bursts seen on target and on return past target we saw a large hole in target area.

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**DATE:** 19.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.132

**CREW:**

F/L K.L. Trent  
F/S Johnson W.  
F/O W.S. Richardson  
F/L J.L. Rumgay

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

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F/O F. Arthur

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.39	19.23

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Heligoland. 1732.25. 9864'. 1 x Tallboy. Saw two bombs fall with undershoot. Own bomb not seen to strike.

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**DATE:** 19.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.340

**CREW:**

F/L G.W. Lancey (CAN)  
SGT Bunsell C.E.  
W/O Robin D.W. (AUS)  
W/O Perry G.L. (AUS)

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

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F/L F.L. English (CAN)

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.49	19.26

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Heligoland. 1709.10, 9500'. 1 x Tallboy. Small patch of cloud prevented sight of bomb fall – some bombs seen on target – some wide.

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**DATE:** 19.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.135

**CREW:**  
F/L S.A. ANNING  
F/S SNEDKER  
F/S FISH C.R.  
F/O R VALENTINE  
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F/O A FOREMAN

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                    14.41                   19.29

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Heligoland. 1702.16, 9284'. 1 x Special Store. Own bomb fell on southern edge of target area. Some good bombing, but mostly scattered.

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**DATE:** 19.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.340

**CREW:**  
F/L D.A. RAWES  
SGT. MORFITT J.E.  
F/L J. HODKINSON  
F/O E.A. ROBERTS  
F/O D.E. ROSS  
F/S BAILEY G.A.  
P/O C.W. PAIN

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**                   **DOWN**  
                    14.37                   19.30

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Heligoland. 1 x Tallboy. We were unable to get into correct heading in time, so brought our bomb back to base.

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**DATE:** 19.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.133

**CREW:**  
F/L I.M. MARSHALL  
F/S CHOLERTON F.  
F/O K. NEWBY  
S/L A.J. MOODY  
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**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

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F/O R. WILKINSON

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.34	19.17

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Heligoland. 1733. 9100'. 1 x Tallboy. Bursts not seen owing to smoke – smoke generally on target area.

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**DATE:** 19.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.114

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O M.B. FLATMAN	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT. ROSS R.M.	
F/O G. MACKIE	
F/O G.E. KELLY	

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F/O K.C. KIRK

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.50	19.27

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Heligoland. 1708.32. 10500'. 1 x Special Store. Our bomb undershot close in to the cliff. Bombing generally had a tendency to overshoot.

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**DATE:** 19.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. LM.695

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/O J.W. SPIERS (AUS)	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S GARROD A.E.	
F/O J.D. HARRISON	
F/O T.G. MUHL	
W/O WARREN I.S.	
F/O N.H. LLOYD	
F/O A.D.W. CARROLL	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	14.50	19.27

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Heligoland. 1732.35. 9700' 1 x Tallboy. 4 bursts seen in the sea. Consider bombing poor owing to weather conditions. Our bomb fell S.E. on the target.

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**DATE:** 19.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.134

**CREW:**

F/O J. CASTAGNOLA  
F/S HENDERSON S.J.  
F/L F.J. GORRINGE  
W/O HEBBARD L.

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F/O R. WILKINSON

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP                   DOWN**  
                  14.43                   19.09

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Heligoland. 1732.15. 100084' 1 x Special Store. Our bomb was a slight undershoot at foot of cliff. About 10 others fell there.

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**DATE:** 25.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.131

**CREW:**

S/L J.F. BROOKES  
F/L K.J. RYALL  
F/L J.H. JONES  
F/O K.L. SUMNER

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F/L R. GIRVAN

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP                   DOWN**  
                  04.28                   12.29

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Berchtesgarden. 1 x Tallboy. Abortive – unable to identify in time.

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**DATE:** 25.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.181

**CREW:**

S/L E.G. WARD  
F/S PHILLIPS J.D  
F/S FISH C.B.R  
AUS P/O A.G. WEAVER

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F/S LEES C.H.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:           UP                   DOWN**  
                  04.21                   12.46

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Berchtesgarden. 1 x Tallboy. Unable to identify.

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**DATE:** 25.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.16

**CREW:**

F/L H.V. GAVIN

SGT. BROWN F.H.

P/O A.G. BUXTON (AUS)

F/S WHITE W.M.

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F/O T.K. REDDAN (AUS)

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**

04.36    12.41

04.37

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Berchtesgarden – The Eagle’s Nest. 1 x Tallboy. Abortive – unable to see target.

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**DATE:** 25.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PB.98

**CREW:**

F/L L.S. GOODMAN

F/S BURNETT W.

F/O H. WATKINSON

F/L H.A. HAYWARD

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F/S LEWIS R.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**

04.24

12.28

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Berchtesgarden – The Eagle’s Nest. 0910.2, 15200, 1 x Tallboy. We did not see where our own bomb went. Bombing unobserved.

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**DATE:** 25.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PB.97

**CREW:**

F/L C.N. HILL (CAN)

F/S GOSS C.L.

P/O I. MATTHEWS

F/O F.J. KELLY (CAN)

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**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

-  
F/O G.C. FORBES

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	04.31	12.27

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Berchtesgarden – Wachenfels, 0910.15, 15700', 1 x Tallboy. Last resort A/P edge of village or army huts.

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**DATE:** 25.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.127

**CREW:**

F/L R.M. HORSLEY  
W/O ARMSTRONG E.W.  
F/O D.H. BARLEYCORN  
SGT. WILSON D.M.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

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SGT. NEALE L

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	04.26	12.44

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Berchtesgarden – Wachenfels, 0903.35. 15000', 1 x Tallboy. Made one run and could not identify primary. Asked for permission to bomb bridge Salsburg, received this permission from controller and did so, our own bomb seen to strike side of bridge near river bank.

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**DATE:** 25.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.494

**CREW:**

F/L A.E. QUINTON  
F/S GALLAGHER  
F/O P.E. COTTRELL  
P/O F.R. CHANCE  
F/O H. EVANS  
W/O BENSON G.  
W/O BIRD B.J.D.

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	04.32	12.45

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Berchtesgarden – Wachenfels. 0911.40. 14000' 1 x Tallboy. It was impossible to identify primary where there was no cloud over actual target but the heading on which we approached made it impossible to see. The R/G could see primary and saw 4 or 5 Tallboy hits in one corner of the S.S. barrack blocks. Saw own bomb strike target, 4746N 1201E – village.

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**DATE:** 25.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. NG.339

<b>CREW:</b> F/L G.L. BEAUMONT F/O A. SINCLAIR. W/O GAIT E.P. F/L G.T. ALLEN F/S STREET R.A.J. SGT. HAGARTY. T F/S BAILEY G.A.	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	04.29	12.57

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Berchesgarden – Wachenfels. 0900.20. 13700'. 1 x Tallboy. We did not see where our bombs went. Bombing was very scattered. Oboe markers were not seen.

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**DATE:** 25.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PB.415

<b>CREW:</b> F/L J.H. LEAVITT SGT. GRIFFIN H. F/O R.F. WITHAMS F/S OLDMAN D.A. - - F/S GOLDIE P.	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	04.17	12.33

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Berchesgarden – The Eagle's Nest. 09.30, 15700'. 1 x Tallboy. We did one run and were not satisfied. I called up the leader for permission to do second run and could not contact him on stud "B". We found afterwards he was on Stud "A". By this time we were alone in the target area, the gaggle having departed. We then set course for home and dropped our bomb at position 4800N 1250E at 19700' 1930 on track. This was a viaduct over a road the bomb undershot. Our main reason for dropping was to give us a chance to catch up with the gaggle.

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**DATE:** 25.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.139

<b>CREW:</b> LT. W. ADAMS F/S SWANN A. P/O T.H. COLLINS F/L R.K. FOULKES	<b>DUTY</b> AS SHOWN ABOVE
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F/S BANNING F.

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	04.35	12.52

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Berchesgarden – Wachenfels. 0851. 15300'. 1 x Tallboy. We undershot about 70 yds. We saw another overshoot of 150/175 yds. A number of bombs burst on impact, including our own. Snow on the ground very considerably hampered identification.

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**DATE:** 25.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.134

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L I.M. MARSHALL	AS SHOWN ABOVE
F/S CHOLERTON F.	
F/O K. NEWBY	
F/O L.J. SUMPTER	
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F/O R. WILKINSON	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	04.32	12.23

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Berchesgarden – The Eagle's Nest. 0926. 14000'. 1 x Tallboy. Unable to find primary target (Eagle's Nest) after 2 mins so bombed railway and road junction at position 4748N 1287E. At primary there was only valley cloud and mountains were snow covered. Visibility was also good at primary. No bombs seen dropped on primary.

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**DATE:** 25.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.150

<b>CREW:</b>	<b>DUTY</b>
F/L G.W. LANCEY (CAN)	AS SHOWN ABOVE
SGT BUNSELL C.E.	
W/O ROBIN D.W. (AUS)	
W.O PERRY G.L. (AUS)	
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F/L F.L. ENGLISH (CAN)	

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>UP</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
	04.19	12.30

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Berchesgarden – The Eagle's Nest. 0858.10, 15345'. 1 x Tallboy. We overshoot with our bomb and hit side of mountain. We did not see any other bombs.



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**DATE:** 25.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.135

**CREW:**  
F/L K.L. TRENT  
F/S JOHNSON W.  
F/O W.S. RICHARDSON  
F/L J.L. RUMGAY  
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F/O F. ARTHUR

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                  04.15           12.42

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Berchesgarden – Wachenfels. 1 x Tallboy. Abortive – hung up.

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**DATE:** 25.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.114

**CREW:**  
F/O M.B. FLATMAN  
SGT. ROSS R.M.  
F/O G. MACKIE  
F/O G.E. KELLY  
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F/O K.C. KIRK

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**           **UP**           **DOWN**  
                  04.33           12.59

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Berchesgarden – The Eagle's Nest. 0909.02, 15500'. 1 x Tallboy. Our bomb seen to burst 70 yds. S.E. of Eagles Nest. No other bombing seen.

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**DATE:** 25.4.45  
**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:** Lancaster 1. PD.132

**CREW:**  
F/O J.W. SPIERS (AUS)  
F/S GARROD A.E.  
F/O J.D. HARRISON  
F/O T.G. MUHL  
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F/O A.D.W. CARROLL

**DUTY**  
AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         04.40                    12.37

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Berchesgarden – Wachenfels. 1 x Tallboy. Abortive – Bomb hung up.

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**DATE:** 25.4.45

**AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER:**                    Lancaster 1.

**CREW:**

F/O N.H. FROST

SGT. BRADFIELD B.G.

F/O J. BARR

F/O J.S. COOK

F/O J.D. BARNES –MOSS

F/O A FOREMAN (CAN)

P/O R.R. LANGLEY

**DUTY**

AS SHOWN ABOVE

**TIME:**            **UP**                    **DOWN**  
                         04.30                    12.48

**DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT**

Berchtesgarden – Wachenfels. 0900.25. 15000', 1 x Tallboy. Identified primary when directly over it and too late to bomb. Saw s.s. Barracks. Saw no bombs fall on primary. We continued to run and bombed town of Berchtesgarden.

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OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK  
No. 617 Squadron

WOODHALL SPA

01.05.45

Early morning Training Programme carried out. No operations.

02.05.45

No operations.

03.05.45

No operations. Training Programme carried out.

04.05.45

No operations.

05.05.45

No operations.

06.05.45

No operations.

07.05.45

No operations.

08.05.45

V.E. Day. Talk given by Station Commander. Remainder of day was a stand down with the exception of crews taking part in "Exodus" operation. (Five aircraft.)

*(Exodus was the code name for the operation to repatriate allied POWs who had been liberated in Germany. The idea was to use normal bombers as well as transport aircraft to get them home as soon as possible.)*

09.05.45

Stand down.

Twelve aircraft took part in "Exodus" operation.

10.05.45

"Exodus" operation. Fifteen aircraft detailed.

11.05.45

"Exodus" operation. Eleven aircraft detailed, ten of these were abortive.

12.05.45

Nothing to report.

13.05.45

"Exodus" operation. Two aircraft detailed.

14.05.45

"Exodus" operation. Sixteen aircraft detailed, but later cancelled.

15.05.45

Continental Cross Country. Three aircraft took part.

16.05.45

Eighteen aircraft detailed for "Exodus" operation which was cancelled.

Six aircraft took part in Continental Cross Country. One aircraft (Lt. Adams) forced to land Brunswick, no casualties. *(The Continental cross country flights were normally laid on as opportunities for the ground crews to see the damage that had been wrought by Bomber Command across Germany. The ground crews otherwise did not see the results of their very hard work. They were also known as Cooks' Tours.)*

17.05.45

Seventeen aircraft detailed for "Exodus" operation. Cancelled.

18.05.45

Eighteen aircraft detailed for "Exodus" operation. Cancelled.

19.05.45

Night Flying Programme.

20.05.45

Night Cross Country.

21.05.45

Nothing to report.

22.05.45

Night Cross Country.

23.05.45

Night Flying Programme.

Five aircraft took part in Cross Country.

24.05.45

Nothing to report.

25.05.45

Night Flying Programme.

26.05.45

Nothing to report.

27.05.45

Wing Commander J.B. Tait. D.S.O., D.F.C., visited the Squadron.

28.05.45

Nothing to report.

29.05.45

Detachment known as "C" Flight, No. 617 Squadron, moved to Mildenhall, Wing Commander C.C. Calder D.S.O., D.F.C., O.C. Detachment.

30.05.45

Night Flying Programme carried out.

31.05.45

Night Flying Programme carried out.

#### SUMMARY

During the Month of May a total of 354.38 hours Day and 73.25 hours Night Flying Training was carried out.

The following Officers were posted To the Squadron during May 1945:

A.410187	F/O(A/F/L) WHITE	GD.	463 Sqdn.	30.04.45
A.422695	P/O. SMITH	GD.N.	463 Sqdn.	30.04.45
A.434132	P/O. RYAN	GD.S.	57 Sqdn.	30.04.45
A.424902	P/O. HYDE	GD.B.	57 Sqdn.	30.04.45
206996	V. Capt. METER	GD.	619 Sqdn.	05.05.45
196343	P/O. BAYNE	GD.G.	463 Sqdn.	30.04.45
191923	P/O. HOLLANDS	GD.FE.	630 Sqdn.	27.04.45
184291	P/O(A/F/O) NORTON	GD.	106 Sqdn.	03.05.45
187817	P/O. FRANCIS	GD.F.E.	57 Sqdn.	30.04.45
178285	F/O. LEDEBOER	GD.	57 Sqdn.	30.04.45
182749	F/O. ROSS	GD.	57 Sqdn.	30.04.45
177034	F/O. KERR	GD.N.	54 Base N/E	27.04.45
419934	F/O.(A/F/L) FRIEND	GD	61 Sqdn.	05.05.45
171205	F/O. HAYTER	GD.S.	207 Sqdn.	16.05.45
179692	F/O.(A/F/L) NUNNS	GD	630 Sqdn	18.05.45
131133	F/L. ARKIESON	GD.B.	630 Sqdn.	18.05.45

The following Officers were posted From the Squadron during May 1945:

J.87492	F/O. McLENNAN	GD.B.	R Depot	10.05.45
J.86849	P/O. JENNISON	GD.G.	R Depot	10.05.45
51070	F/L WITHERICK	GD.G.	A.C.A.C.	02.05.45
191532	P/O HAYWOOD	GD.F.E.	A.C.A.C.	02.05.45
136403	F/L ANNING	G.D.	102 Sqdn.	10.05.45
160522	F/O FREEMAN	G.D.S.	102 Sqdn.	10.05.45
154259	F/O MACKIE	G.D.N.	102 Sqdn.	10.05.45
152739	F/O VALENTINE	G.D.B.	102 Sqdn.	10.05.45
123893	F/L GOODMAN	GD.	102 Sqdn.	10.05.45
131999	F/L HAYWARD	GD.B.	102 Sqdn.	10.05.45
177034	F/O KEIR	GD.N.	102 Sqdn.	10.05.45
172367	F/O SLATER	GD.S.	A.M.U.	10.05.45
C.86059	F/O SHORT	GD.F.E.	R Depot	22.05.45
122384	F/L BALDWIN	GD.B.	A.C.A.C.	24.05.45
129548	F/L BENISON	GD.N.	A.C.A.C.	24.05.45
131949	F/L CRAFER	GD.B.	A.C.A.C.	24.05.45
148091	F/O DENWETT	GD.G.	A.C.A.C.	24.05.45
185025	F/O KNIGHT	GD.N.	A.C.A.C.	24.05.45
171783	F/O SCOTT	GD.G	A.C.A.C.	24.05.45

141764	F/L	JUDGE	GD.S.	A.C.A.C.	24.05.45
146998	F/O(A/F/L)	BAYNE	GD.N.	A.C.A.C.	24.05.45
183083	F/O	RONALD	GD.G.	54 Base.	13.05.45
J.11442	F/O	ELLWOOD	GD.N.	R Depot.	22.05.45
62699	S/L(A/W/C)	CALDER	GD.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
67678	F/L(A/S/L)	BROOKES	GD.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
142858	F/L	JONES	GD.N.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
174895	F/O	SUMNER	GD.B.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
160719	F/O(A/F/L)	WARD	GD.S.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
134015	F/L	CARROLL	GD.G.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
128951	F/L(A/S/L)	GORDON	GD.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
185829	P/O	LANGSTON	GD.N.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
153643	F/O	SHIRLEY	GD.B.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
171205	F/O	HAYTER	GD.S.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
142865	F/L	MARSHALL	GD.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
178956	F/O	RICHARDSON	GD.N.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
131129	F/L	FAULKES	GD.B.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
142452	F/L	EVANS	GD.S.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
174050	F/O	WILKINSON	GD.G.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
142543	F/L	RAWES	GD.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
125628	F/L	HODGKINSON	GD.N.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
183096	F/O	ROBERTS	GD.B.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
187145	P/O	VAGNOLINI	GD.S.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
54936	P/O	PAIN	GD.G.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
115308	F/L	MCLOUGHLIN	GD.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
173560	P/O	HILL	GD.N.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
169045	F/O	BAILEY	GD.G.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
120894	F/L	HORSLEY	GD.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
162564	F/O(A/F/L)	RUMGAY	GD.B.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
186440	P/O	COLLINS	GD.N.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
172559	F/O	MUHL	GD.B.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
191133	P/O	WEBB	GD.G.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
151892	F/L	COTT	GD.B.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
153284	F/O	HARRISON	GD.N.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
179869	F/O	JOHNSON	GD/F.E.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
142359	F/L	WARBURTON	GD.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
160220	F/O	STANLEY	GD.N.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
56555	P/O	LEES	GD.G.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
A429605	F/O	MURRAY	GD.N.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
A408185	F/L	GARVIN	GD.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
A410558	P/O	NEILSON	GD.S.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
J.19531	F/L	PRICE	GD.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
J.26647	F/O	DANIEL	GD.B.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
J.40424	F/O	FOREMAN	GD.G.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
J.23838	F/O (A/F/L)	HILL	GD.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
J.27400	F/O	KELLY	GD.B.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
J.15596	F/L	LANCEY	GD.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
J.17159	F/L	ENGLISH	GD.G.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45

The following Airmen N.C.O.'s were posted To the Squadron during May 1945:

A423013	F/S	MIDDLETON	W/Op.	463 Sqdn.	30.04.45
A428297	W/O	COLE	Nav.	58 Sqdn.	30.04.45
710301	F/S	RAWSTORNE	A/G.	619 Sqdn.	05.05.45
710327	F/S	JENKINSON	A/G.	619 Sqdn.	05.05.45
642140	Sgt.	JACKSON	F/E.	463 Sqdn.	30.04.45
1629631	F/S	DUNN	A/G.	463 Sqdn.	30.04.45
931216	Sgt.	CHRISTMAS	F/E.	106 Sqdn.	03.05.45
1125212	F/S	KENDALL	W/Op.	106 Sqdn.	03.05.45
1605277	F/S	KING	Nav.	106 Sqdn.	03.05.45
1621751	F/S	GRIMES	A/B.	106 Sqdn.	03.05.45
1826678	F/S	DUFF	A/G.	106 Sqdn.	03.05.45
1895237	F/S	WEBB	A/G.	106 Sqdn.	03.05.45
1852874	F/S	HARROP	A/G.	57 Sqdn.	30.04.45
1880774	F/S	COTTON	A/G.	57 Sqdn.	30.04.45
1231796	F/S	SKINNER	A/B.	619 Sqdn.	05.05.45
1321514	F/S	MAGGS	W/Op.	619 Sqdn.	05.05.45
1473489	F/S	MEAKIN	Nav.	619 Sqdn.	05.05.45
1542847	F/S	HARWOOD	W/Op.	44 Sqdn.	16.05.45
1594541	Sgt.	REID	F/E.	619 Sqdn.	05.05.45
1549747	F/S	COOKE	W/Op.	54 Base. (N/E)	19.04.45
1163013	F/S	YATES	A/G.	61 Sqdn.	05.05.45
1590318	F/S	SEARS	W/Op.	61 Sqdn.	05.05.45
1826031	Sgt.	BREMNER	F/E.	61 Sqdn.	05.05.45
1080617	F/E.	SPENCER	W/Op.	207 Sqdn.	16.05.45
1195580	F/S	HORNSBY	W/Op.	207 Sqdn.	16.05.45
1042280	F/S	ALLEN	W/Op.	463 Sqdn.	16.05.45
1128475	F/S	LYNCH	W/Op.	9 Sqdn.	16.05.45
1582593	F/S	MEALOR	W/Op.	9 Sqdn.	16.05.45
A426917	W/O	ROBSON	A/B.	61 Sqdn.	05.05.45
1811048	Sgt.	JAMES	W/Op.	Bottesford.	16.05.45
1852238	Sgt.	HEMMINGS	W/Op.	Bottesford	16.05.45
2209029	Sgt.	TRESPADERNE	W/Op.	Lindholme.	17.05.45
1162797	W/O	RIES	W/Op.	57 Sqdn.	16.05.45
1892966	Sgt.	HAYES	W/Op.	57 Sqdn.	16.05.45
1867094	F/S	POCOCK	W/Op.	630 Sqdn.	16.05.45
3010574	F/S	BELSHAW	F/E.	54 Base. (N/E)	14.05.45

The following Airmen N.C.O.'s were posted From the Squadron during May 1945:

1024890	W/O	HAMILTON	A/G.	54 Base.	04.05.45
1128475	F/S	LYNCH	W/Op.	9 Sqdn.	28.04.45
543639	W/O	DODGE	A/G.	A.C.A.C.	10.05.45
936913	F/S	BLAGBROUGH	F/E.	A.C.A.C.	10.05.45
1317879	W/O	PENGELLEY	W/Op.	A.C.A.C.	10.05.45
1399988	F/S	BOOTH	W/Op.	102 Sqdn	10.05.45
1159184	W/O	GOSLING	Nav.	A.C.A.C.	22.05.45
1006635	W/O	DICKENSON	A/G.	A.C.A.C.	24.05.45
1053024	W/O	FORESHAW	W/Op.	A.C.A.C.	24.05.45
1586062	F/S	SCAWTHORNE	A/G.	A.C.A.C.	24.05.45
1603517	F/S	GATLAND	W/Op.	A.C.A.C.	24.05.45
1871699	W/O	CAPON	W/Op.	A.C.A.C.	24.05.45

1877167	F/S	RETTOR	A/G.	A.C.A.C	24.05.45
1019342	W/O	RAWLINSON	F/E.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
1456311	F/S	ENOCH	F/E.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
1897038	F/S	CARDWELL	A/G.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
R.194461	F/S	KOHL	Nav.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
1821568	F/S	SWANN	F/E.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
1195580	W/O	HORNSBY	W/Op.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
1851576	F/S	GOSS	F/E.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
1125212	F/S	KENDALL	W/Op.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
1581763	F/S	SNEDKER	F/E.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
1162797	W/O	RIES	W/Op.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
1429486	W/O	IVES	F/E.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
1229713	W/O	REDMAN	Nav.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
655355	W/O	LAMMAS	W/Op.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
1595280	F/S	DOBSON	A/G.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
1672871	W/O	JOHNSON	F/E.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
1862944	F/S	COKER	F/E.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
1526933	W/O	BATES	W/Op.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
915970	F/S	VINCENT	F/E.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
1378859	W/O	BENSON	A/G	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45
1874807	F/S	GARROD	F/E.	15 Sqdn.	29.05.45

The following personnel have been awarded decorations during May 1945:

131129	F/L	FOULKES	GD.B.	D.F.C.
128951	F/L(A/S/L)	GORDON	GD.	D.F.C.
137275	F/L(A/S/L)	COCKSHOTT	GD.	1 <sup>st</sup> Bar To D.F.C.
1595280	F/S	DOBSON	A/G	D.F.M.

The following Officers have been promoted during May 1945:

186528	P/O	CHRISTIAN	GD.N. - F/O	w.e.f.	25.03.45
142359	F/O(A/F/L)	WARBURTON	GD. - F/L	w.e.f.	17.04.45
151892	F/O	COTT.	GD.B. - F/L	w.e.f.	16.04.45
184291	P/O(A/F/O)	NORTON	GD. - F/O	w.e.f.	14.03.45
185669	P/O	LANGLEY	GD.G. - F/O	w.e.f.	01.04.45
134015	F/O	CARROLL	GD.G. - F/L	w.e.f.	31.10.44
1825207	SGT.	ROSS	F/E. - F/S	w.e.f.	29.05.45
A434376	P/O	BUXTON	GD.N. - F/O	w.e.f.	28.09.44
A424247	P/O	WEAVER	GD.B. - F/O	w.e.f.	09.04.45
710130	F/S	BANNING	A/G. - W/O	w.e.f.	14.05.45
915970	SGT.	VINCENT	F/E. - F/S	w.e.f.	22.05.45
1478908	SGT.	GRIFFIN	F/E. - F/S	w.e.f.	22.05.45
1672871	F/S	JOHNSON	F/E. - W/O	w.e.f.	24.05.45
1815594	SGT.	WILSON	F/E. - F/S	w.e.f.	07.05.45

The following airmen have been granted a commission during May 1945:

658979	W/O.	A. JACKSON	GD.N.	w.e.f.	25.03.45
A422283	W/O.	A. RAYMOND	A/B.	w.e.f.	12.03.45

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CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES RECEIVED BY  
No. 617 Squadron DURING NOVEMBER

Naval Staff Officer, Bomber Command.

13.11.44

To: 617 and 9 Squadrons.

The Naval Staff Bomber Command wish to convey their most hearty congratulations to your Squadrons for the truly magnificent and successful attack on the "Tirpitz" and for their persistence in continuing the offensive in spite of previous bad luck. "Tirpitz" is now no more and the threat she constituted in Northern Convoys had ceased. Further the moral effect of her loss will prove a headache to both Germany and Japan. The best of luck for the future from us all.

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A.C.C. 5 GROUP.

13.11.44.

To: 617 and 9 Squadrons.

Personal for A.C.C. from A.C.C. in C begins.

I have received and acknowledged the following congratulatory messages, which pass to all concerned.

(1) From Prime Minister, begins.

Heartiest congratulations to all.

(2) From Admiralty, begins.

Request you will convey our warmest congratulations and thanks to those concerned in this very successful attack on the Tirpitz today. It was a good job well done.

(3) From C.A.S, begins.

I have just heard of the splendid achievement of 9 and 617 Squadrons in sinking the Tirpitz. Please pass to them my warmest congratulations and an expression of the unbounded admiration which I feel for their skill, courage and perseverance, now so happily crowned with full success. Apart from the effect on the War at sea of the permanent removal of the most powerful unit of the German Navy, this exploit will fill the whole German nation with dismay at a critical time, and will enhance the fame of Bomber Command and the Royal Air Force throughout the world.  
Message ends.

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A.C.C. 5 Group.

13.11.44.

To: 617 Squadron.

I have received the following message from Mr. Wallis the inventor of the "Tallboy" bomb. Begins. "Very hearty congratulations to you all Officers and crews of 617 Squadron on the magnificent success achieved yesterday. The tremendous courage and skill displayed has resulted in a major Victory for Bomber Command".

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H.Q. Bomber Command.  
14.11.44  
To: All Units.

The following message has been received from His Majesty the King.

“Please convey my hearty congratulations to all those who took part in the daring and successful attack on the Tirpitz.”

George. R.I.

The C in C has sent the following reply.

“The Commander in Chief Bomber Command presents his humble duty and begs to thank His Majesty for His most gracious message, which is a source of great pride to those who took part in the destruction of Tirpitz, and to all in Bomber Command”.

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H.Q. Bomber Command. 14.11.44.  
To: 617 and 9 Sqn's.

I have received and acknowledged following message from Secretary of State for Air.

"The War Cabinet have invited me to convey to you and all concerned their congratulations on the brilliant achievement of Bomber Command in sinking the Tirpitz. The series of attacks on Germany's most powerful Battleship were pressed home with great skill and determination against formidable opposition. The destruction of the Tirpitz must rank with the finest feats of Bomber Command and marks a further stage in the crumbling of German power.

Archibald Sinclair.

PART TWO.

Officer Commanding 97 Squadron. Coningsby.  
14.11.44  
To: 617 and 9 Sqn's.

“Congratulations on a very wonderful show by your Squadron”.

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A.C.C. 5 Group. 15.11.44  
To: 617 and 9 Sqn.

“A.C.C. and all personnel of No.4 Group congratulate you on your magnificent achievement in sinking the Tirpitz”.

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A.C.C. 5 Group.  
15.11.44.  
To: 617 and 9 Squadrons.

“Lord Trenchard sends his heartiest congratulations to all who took part in sinking the Tirpitz”.

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A.C.C. 5 Group.  
16.11.44.  
To: 617 and 9 Squadrons.

Following message received from ACC in C. Bomber Command.

"I have received and acknowledged the following message from 30 Mission Moscow which please pass to all concerned. Begins."

"Our warmest congratulations on sinking Tirpitz. Please pass to 5 Group and Squadrons concerned whose skill and tenacity have been so fittingly rewarded. Russians most impressed and grateful that this menace to the convoy route has been disposed of."

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A.O.C. 5 Group.  
22.11.44  
To: 617 and 9 Squadrons.

The following letter from Crown Prince Olav of Norway to the Chief of the Air Staff, has been received.

"Please accept and convey to all concerned within the R.A.F. my heartiest congratulation on the daring and outstanding operation resulting in the sinking to the German Battleship "Tirpitz". Being well aware of the great effect which the sinking of the German "fortress" will have on the naval warfare in all waters, it is with a particular delight that we Norwegians hail the achievement of this deed, thus reducing the German defence of the Norwegian coastline considerably, and also removing a permanent menace to the Convoys to Russia and Northern Norway. Allow me, therefore, on behalf of the Norwegian forces to convey to you and your men, our sincerest and heartiest thanks and admiration."

Yours most sincerely,

(Sgd) OLAV.

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#### SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1944.

Night - 3rd March.

After standing by for several days the Squadron was detailed to attack the Aero-engine Factory at Albert. Fifteen aircraft took off on this attack.

The target area was partially clear of cloud but the ground was very dark. The Squadron Commander called for flares and in the light of these he identified the aiming point and came round for his marking run. At this point his bomb-sight became unserviceable and the Deputy Leader, S/Ldr. Munro, was called upon to mark the aiming point. This was done successfully as the flares were burning out and the Leader gave the order to bomb.

The bombing, except for one 12,000 lb. bomb which toppled, was extremely accurate and the whole of the target was soon enveloped in flames.

The flak died away towards the end of the attack to such an extent that it failed to engage the Leader and Deputy Leader as they made low level runs over the target after the bombing had ended.

Night - 4/5th March.

Fifteen Lancasters took off to attack the Needle Bearing Works at St Etienne. The weather had been forecast as clear and the half moon was considered sufficient to illuminate ground detail.

In contrast to the weather report there was unbroken cloud over the whole route and over the target. The cloud base being below the level of the hills around the target and the tops about 8,000 feet, the Squadron Commander was compelled to order all aircraft to return to Base with their bombs.

Night - 10/11th March.

On the 10th March the weather was again reported to be favourable for an attack on the St Etienne target. Sixteen aircraft were detailed and took off.

On arrival over the target there was 10/10 cloud between 5,000 and 6,000 feet, and this obscured the moon and made the ground very dark.

The Leader called for the flares to help him to identify the target but these burst above the cloud and were no assistance. After five or six low level runs down the valley he succeeded in dropping a load of markers on the western end of the Factory, but unluckily the majority of the incendiaries skidded and overshot on to the road to the west of the factory. The Deputy Leaders were called upon to attempt to correct the marking, but owing to the extremely difficult conditions they were unable to get the markers on the Factory itself.

At this point the cloud over the area began to thin out and it was just possible for the main Force to carry out their attack through gaps. The Leader instructed them to aim their bombs at the centre of the burning incendiaries. In spite of the difficult conditions a considerable number of bombs fell on the target and started a large fire. After the bombing the Leader and Deputy Leader carried out a number of low level runs over the target, but there was so much smoke and so little light that it was impossible to make any accurate assessment of results.

Night - 15/16th March.

Sixteen aircraft were detailed to attack the Aero-engine Factory, at Woippy near Metz. In spite of a favourable forecast, there was 10/10 cloud over the target area and the Leader ordered all aircraft to return to Base.

All the aircraft returned safely with their bombs.

Night - 16/17th March.

The Squadron was detailed to attack the Michelin Rubber Factory at Clermont Ferrad, and they were to have the assistance of six aircraft from 106 Squadron which were to act as flare droppers.

The Leader and his Deputies arrived over the target in advance of the Main and Flare Forces and remained circling waiting for the flares to ignite. At first the flares were scattered and many of them off the target, but they were eventually concentrated until a sufficient degree of illumination was achieved. The Leader experienced difficulty in making an accurate run owing to the scattered heights at which the flares burst. His markers were off the target, but the target was accurately marked by the Deputy Leaders.

The Squadron's bombing was exceptionally good and the target was soon burning well and giving off much smoke. During the course of the attack moderately intense opposition from light automatic weapons was encountered, S/Ldr. Munro's aircraft receiving several hits.

Night - 18/19th March.

On the 18th March the Squadron was detailed for an attack on the Explosives Factory at Bergerac. This was one of the French State Works taken over by the Germans.

No difficulty was experienced in finding the target and once again the Leaders were circling waiting for the flares to be dropped. S/Ldr. Munro carried out a marking run at 6,000 feet and dropped his markers on the eastern edge of the target. The Leader made a run and put his markers in the same position, then realising that the undershoot was due to the use of a fuse that detonated the bombs at 3,000 feet. Thereupon the order was given to bomb and to allow for a slight overshoot.

The bombing was again very accurate and caused a number of fires and explosions. F/L Clayton was detailed to attack the Ammunition Dump to the west of the main target and his 12,000 lb. bomb started an explosion which lasted fifteen seconds.

Night - 20/21st March.

Fourteen aircraft were detailed to carry out an attack on the Explosive Works at Angouleme, another of the French State Works taken over by the Germans.

No difficulty was found in identifying the target and the illumination and marking went according to plan. The Leader's markers were dropped in the centre of the target and the subsequent bombing was up to standard and resulted in a vast series of explosions and fires.

Night - 23.24th March.

The Squadron was ordered to attack the Aero-engine works at Lyons. The marking and the attack was to be carried out from medium altitude. The Squadron were again to have the assistance of aircraft from 106 Squadron who were to act as a Flare Force.

Although the night was clear and Lyons was not blacked-out, the Flare Force failed to illuminate the Target, their flares being dropped first too far to the north, and then too far to the south of the Target. Thereupon the Leader called upon the Squadron to drop their limited supply of flares over the Target, and in the light of these he made his first marking run as the last flare burnt out. The markers appeared to be well placed but it was impossible to make an accurate assessment.

Results of bombing were unobserved as all aircraft were carrying 100 % delay action bombs.

Night - 25/26th March.

Orders were received for a further attack on the factory at Lyons, this time permission being given for the Leader to make a low level attack at his discretion. The Flare illumination was controlled by F/Lt. Kearns and he succeeded in concentrating the flares over the target in a very short space of time. In the light of the flares the Leader identified the target and lost height in order to carry out a low level marking run, but as he was making his run the Deputy Leader dropped a load of incendiaries which appeared to be on the target, consequently the Leader dropped his markers on the incendiaries only to realise that they were some 400 yards off the target. The Leader then called upon S/Ldr. Shannon to mark the target. His markers fell approximately 50-100 yards away. The Second Deputy made a further run and his two remaining spot fires scored a direct hit.

Unfortunately the bombing was concentrated around the wrong markers in spite of the Leader's efforts to divert the attack to the accurate spot fires.

Night - 29/30th March.

On this night the Squadron was once again detailed for an attack on the target at Lyons. 106 Squadron was co-operating but carrying nothing but flares.

F/Lt. Kearns was again in charge of flare dropping but in spite of his efforts the Flare Force failed to illuminate the target. Consequently he called upon 617 Squadron to drop their limited supply of flares. These fell over the target. The Leader immediately carried out his marking run and his markers fell 60 yards to the east of the center of the target.

The bombing which following was extremely accurate and no bombs were seen to fall outside the target. When the Squadron turned for home the Factory was burning well.

#### NOTES ON 617 Squadron OPERATIONS. SEPTEMBER 1944 ATTACK ON GERMAN BATTLESHIP 'TIRPITZ' - 15TH SEPTEMBER 1944

Early in the month the Squadron was called upon to make an attack on the German Battleship "Tirpitz" which was lying in Alton Fiord, North Norway. This attack was to be carried out as soon as weather conditions permitted.

The attack was planned to take place from an advanced base in Russia and on the 11th September a force of 20 Lancasters took off on the journey to Russia. The trip was mainly uneventful, except in the case of F/O Carey, who was badly shot up by light flak somewhere over Russian Territory. The weather for the landing at the advanced base was of the worst possible kind - 10/10 cloud with a base between nil and 100 feet. Under these circumstances it was not surprising that two of the aircraft were badly damaged in landing, one having to force land, and the other overshooting the airfield.

On 15th September, seventeen Lancasters left the advanced base to carry out the attack. The target area was reached without incident and the ship itself could be seen as the bombers approached. Unfortunately the smoke screen quickly obliterated the target, but even as some of the bombs fell very near the position of the ship as judged by the flashed of the guns. Three of the aircraft unable to make a satisfactory run, returned the bomb to advanced base. One aircraft had technical trouble and jettisoned in the target area.

Eighteen aircraft took off from Russia for the journey home, which proved to be fairly uneventful. 617 "V", F/O Levy, was lost on the return trip.

A total of 4905 miles was flown by each aircraft, which completed the round journey.

#### ATTACK ON DORMUND-EMS AQUEDUCT - 23/24th SEPTEMBER 1944.

11 Lancasters were detailed and took off to take part in an attack on the Dortmund-Ems Aqueduct in conjunction with other aircraft of the Group.

Although the target had been successfully marked, weather conditions were such as to prevent accurate bombing. A layer of 10/10 cloud drifted in from the west and the aircraft were not able to see the markers from their bombing height.

The Squadron was "called off" by the Controller, but the message was not received by all aircraft, six of which bombed from heights between 7,000 and 8,000 feet with unobserved results.

#### German Battleship 'Tirpitz', Tromso Sound. Day 12<sup>th</sup> November 1944.

On the 11th November, the Squadron was called upon to make yet another attack on the "Tirpitz". Weather conditions promised to be favourable and eighteen aircraft took off from the advanced Base at Lossiemouth.

The Force took off for the operation on the 12th and for the first time found good weather over the Target.

Flak opposition was severe but after the first few bombs had dropped the ship's defences appeared to have been silenced. There were at least two direct hits and several near misses and the vessel was soon covered by a dense cloud of smoke, which hampered later bombings.

The ship was seen to be on fire just aft of the funnel and the last aircraft to leave the area reported that she had a heavy list to port.

#### NOTES ON 617 Squadron OPERATION FOR OCTOBER 1944.

##### SEA WALL AND DYKE. WESTAPELLE. 03.10.44

Two-Mosquitos and eight Lancasters were detailed and took off to take part in an attack on the Sea Wall at Westkapelle.

The Squadron was to attack after other aircraft, but as the Squadron ran into the target, it was seen that the dyke had already been breached, and that there was considerable flooding in the area around Westkapelle. After a brief consultation with his deputy, force leader ordered the aircraft back to base.

##### RHINE BARRAGE. KEMBS. NEAR BASLE. 07.10.44.

The Squadron was called upon to carry out an attack on the Rhine Barrage at Kembs.

Thirteen Lancasters were detailed and the whole force divided into high and low level sections of seven and six aircraft respectively. Fighter and anti-flak cover was to be provided by Mustangs of No. 11 Group.

The high level force attacked first, dropping seven Tallboys, one of which was claimed to be a direct hit. Other bombs fell within 50 yards.

The low level force attacked from 600 feet with delay action bombs, and one bomb was seen to enter the water ten yards short of the Western end of the barrage. A reconnaissance aircraft, which was over the target an hour after the attack, saw this bomb explode and breach the barrage at the Western end.

The low level force encountered intense and accurate light flak, and two aircraft, S/Ldr. Wyness and F/Lt. Howard, were lost.

##### THE GERMAN BATTLESHIP "TIRPITZ". TROMSO. 29.10.44

During the month it was discovered that the Tirpitz had left KAA Fiord.

She was subsequently located at an anchorage near Tromso.



617 and 9 Squadrons were detailed to make an attack on the Battleship with their 12,000 lb penetration bombs.

The Squadrons operated from the advanced bases, Lossiemouth and Milltown, and nineteen aircraft took off in the early hours of the morning. (29th).

Unfortunately adverse weather was encountered over the target, and although most of the Bomb Aimers were able to see the ship at the commencement of their bombing runs, cloud interfered with the runs, or obscured the target at the time of release.

Results were mainly unobserved, but three crews report a direct hit or very near miss off the stern of the Battleship. Two or three others near misses were seen, one off the starboard bow and one believed near amidships.

Three aircraft brought back their bombs to Base, as they were unable to make satisfactory bombing runs. Aircraft "E", F/O Carey broke away from the main body just after the target and was last seen heading for Sweden, where he is thought to have made a successful landing.

#### MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS. 617 Squadron

From: Admiral Sir Henry Moore. Commander-in-Chief. Home Fleet.

"I would like you to convey to the crews concerned my appreciation of their great effort, for we, who work in these Northern Waters, can appreciate the difficulties and hazards involved".

Received by A.O.C. 5 Group on the occasion of the attack on the Battleship "Tirpitz" by this Squadron on 15.09.44.

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From: Air Officer Commanding. 5 Group. 28.10.44.

"I wish to congratulate all personnel of 9 and 617 Squadrons whose efforts over the past few days have enabled so many aircraft to be made fit for operations today".

(Attack of Tirpitz)

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From: Air Officer Commanding. 5 Group. 29.10.44

"Congratulations on your splendid flight and perseverance at the target. The luck will not always favour the Tirpitz, and one day you will get her".

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From: Air Officer Commanding. 5 Group. 30.10.44

"Please convey my hearty congratulations to Wing Commander J.B. Tait. D.S.O., D.F.C. on the immediate award of the first bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross".

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#### APPENDIX

COPY.

From: A.O.C. No. 5 Group.

To: 617 Squadron.

A. 436. 10 Aug.

“In the attack on La Palace 617 Squadron broke all records by obtaining 6 or 7 hits on the submarine pens out of 14 bombs. Well done”.

Night - 5/6th April 1944.

After a quiet period lasting several days, the Squadron was detailed to take part in a 5 Group attack on aircraft factories on the outskirts of Toulouse. The Squadron was detailed to mark and bomb an aiming point in the A.I.A. aircraft Repair Plant and other aircraft of 54 Base were to bomb on 617 Squadron's markers after the Squadron had completed its attack. The aiming point, which was the Aircraft Repair Hangar, was accurately marked with red spot fires by the Squadron Commander, who made a dive attack down to 800 feet. The first stick of bombs was seen to be a direct hit and the subsequent bombing was also extremely accurate. Hits by both 8,000 lb and 1,000 lb bombs were observed and fires were seen to be burning around the Component Repair Shop.

Night - 10/11th April 1944.

For the second time, the Squadron was called upon to make an attack on the German Signals Equipment Depot at St. Cyr, to the West of Paris. The previous attack had been cancelled. There was no difficulty in finding and identifying the target and the Squadron Commander made a dive attack from 5,000 to 1,000 feet putting his spot fires on the north western edge of the Target. The Deputy Leader, S/Ldr. Munro, was called upon to back up this marking, but his markers fell 100-150 yards to the north. The Leader gave the necessary bombing instructions to the Main Force but as the first stick of bombs to fall was a direct hit on the target, these instructions were amended so the Force should bomb the fires started by this attack. The remaining bombing was again very accurate and many bursts were seen on the target, which was soon enveloped in dense smoke, which rose to 8,000 feet and hampered any further observation of results.

Night - 18/19th April 1944.

Four Mosquitos and nineteen Lancasters were detailed to attack the Railway Marshalling Yards at Juvis, Paris. The Mosquitos were to carry out the target marking for the remainder of the Group. The target area was marked by a P.F.F. aircraft, which dropped three green T.I.'s. to act as a guide to the flare dropping aircraft. The flares dropped to the south of the yards, but the target was accurately marked by F/Lt. Fawke, who made a dive attack to drop his red spot fires. These markers were backed up by Lancaster crews of the Squadron who released a load of bombs with their markers. The main force bombing appeared to be extremely accurate and well concentrated.

Night - 20/21st April 1944.

Following the very successful attack on Juvisy, the Squadron was detailed to lead an attack on the Le Chappelle Marshalling Yards.

The attack was planned to take place in two waves an hour apart; one directed against the southern sector of the Yards and the other against the northern sector.

The first wave was led by W/Commander Cheshire who laid his markers accurately in a dive attack. This marking was well backed up by F/Lt. Fawke. The Main Force bombing was accurate and concentrated, although isolated sticks were seen to drop some way from the markers.

S/Ldr. Shannon led the second wave and he was supported by F/Lt. Kearns. Both made dive attacks to lay their markers accurately on the northern "bottleneck" of the Yard. The subsequent bombing by the Main Force was again accurate except for one or two sticks, which fell away from the main concentration.

Night - 22/23rd April 1944.

This was the first time that the Squadron had been detailed to employ its new marking technique against a heavily defended target in Germany. The target selected was Brunswick, which had, until now, escaped very heavy damage. The Squadron was ordered to mark the target for bombing by the remainder of 5 Group.

The marking aircraft were led by W/Commander Cheshire and he was supported by S/Ldr. Shannon, F/Lt. Fawke and F/Lt. Kearns.

The initial flares, dropped by other 5 Group Squadrons, were off the target to the S.S.W., but the subsequent flares fell on the northern edge of the town. W/Commander Cheshire and S/Ldr. Shannon made for the first flares but when they saw that they were over open country, they turned to the second batch. By this time the target had already been accurately marked by F/Lt. Fawke and backed up by F/Lt. Kearns. The initial bombing appeared to be well concentrated around the markers.

At this point, a Wanganui flare and a Green T.I. were dropped approximately 5 miles to the S.W. of the target. This was the agreed alternative method of marking for use in adverse weather conditions and unfortunately the Main Force Leader had encountered a layer of cloud at this height and had decided to use this alternative method. These markers immediately attracted a large percentage of the bombing in spite of the efforts of W/Commander Cheshire to re-direct the bombing on to the accurate red spot fires. His failure to accomplish this was due to a technical defect in the V.H.F. of one aircraft which caused it to be permanently on "transmit".

The Marker Leader estimated that 50% of the attack had fallen on the correct markers and 50% was on the Wanganui markers.

Night - 24/25th April 1944.

After the raid on Brunswick, which appeared to be only a partial success, the Squadron was detailed to mark the town of Munich for an attack by the whole of 5 Group. This target was at the limit of the Mosquitos' range and necessitated very careful planning and flying, both in view of the distance and the heavy defences guarding the target.

The flare illumination provided by 83 and 97 Squadrons was accurate and on time, and in this light the target was well marked by W/Commander Cheshire, S/Ldr. Shannon and F/Lt. Kearns. All the Mosquitos were coned by searchlights at low level but successfully evaded them. This initial marking was backed by the Lancasters of the Squadron, which also dropped a load of bombs with their spot fires.

The Leaders, in the Mosquitos, were unable to stay in the target area to observe results but the early bombing appeared accurate and well concentrated. The Lancasters confirmed the earlier reports of well concentrated bombing and were able to report that good fires had taken hold in the city.

Wing Commander,  
Commanding,  
No. 617 Squadron.

MAILLY-LE-CAMP MILITARY CAMP.  
3/4th. MAY, 1944.  
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The Squadron was only called upon to operate once during the month when the target was a Military Camp at Mailly. Only the four Mosquito aircraft were detailed and this force was led by the Squadron Commander.

The southern portion of the target was accurately marked with Red Spots and original marking backed up. The Main Force bombing on these markers was generally good. The Main Force Controller tried to stop the bombing in order to allow the remaining two Mosquitos to mark the Northern portion of the target but he was unable to effect a complete cessation and these Mosquitos had to carry out their marking while bombing was still in progress. Although impeded by this bombing and by the dense smoke, the marking was accurate. Main Force bombing was mainly unobserved but was believed to be good.

BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OPERATIONS FOR JUNE 1944.  
No. 617 Squadron.

Night 5/6th June 1944. Special Operation.

After a long period of training, sixteen Lancasters of the Squadron took off on a special operation in support of the Allied invasion of Europe. This operation was successfully completed.

Night 8/9th June 1944. Saumur Railway Tunnel & Bridge.

On this night the Squadron was called upon to attack the Railway Tunnel and Bridge at Saumur in France. This Operation was essential in order to stop the flow of German reinforcements from S.W. France to the invasion area. Three Mosquitos and twenty five Lancasters were detailed and the force was led by W/Cmdr. Cheshire. The Aiming Point at the Southern end of the Tunnel was marked with Red Spot Fires and the bombing that followed was notably accurate and concentrated. There were three hits on the tracks and one on the top of the Tunnel. Most crews attacking the bridge bombed visually but there was a fair concentration and it was thought that there were at least two direct hits.

13/14th June 1944. LE HAVRE.

Three Mosquitos and twenty-two Lancasters of the Squadron were detailed to make a dusk attack on the E-boat pens at Le Havre. This Operation was laid on in order to give support to the Navy in their fight against the E-boats operating in the English Channel.

The Squadron Commander dropped four red spot fires to act as a guide to the approaching bombers which were attacking in three results.

Bombing was very accurate. There were at least three hits on the Pens and several other bombs were seen to burst close to the Quai Jeanne Couvert where the E-boats were moored. Smoke from bombing obscured observation of later results.

15/16th June 1944. BOULOGNE.

Following the very successful attack on Le Havre the Squadron was detailed to make a similar attack on Boulogne. This attack was planned to take place whilst other aircraft of Bomber Command were attacking the harbour installations.

Unfortunately the Force encountered adverse weather over the target and eleven of the Lancasters were forced to bring their bombs back to Base, while others had to bomb from heights between 9,000 and 12,000 ft.

Owing to the prevailing weather conditions, assessments of results was not possible.

19th June 1944. WATTEN.

Two Mosquitos and eighteen Lancasters were detailed to make a daylight attack on an important target in Northern France. This was the Constructional Work at Watten. The P.F.F. carried out the initial marking of the target, but the T.I.'s were rather scattered. W/Comdr. Cheshire, flying a Mosquito, dropped two spot fires, but these failed to ignite, so that the Bomber Force had to attack visually.

There was a patch of cloud over the target, and although all the Lancasters were able to make bombing runs they were unable to see the results of their own bombing. The Mosquitos, however, were able to report that most of the bombs fell within 100 yards of the Main Building.

20th June 1944. WIZERNES.

Three Mosquitos and nineteen Lancasters were detailed to make a daylight attack on the Constructional Works at Wizernes. Adverse weather was encountered over the target and all the aircraft brought their bombs back to base.

22nd June 1944. WIZERNES.

The Squadron were still standing by to attack the Constructional Works at Wizernes and took off for a further daylight attack on the 22nd June.

Three Mosquitos and seventeen Lancasters took off, but once again encountered adverse weather and returned with their bombs.

24th June 1944. WIZERNES.

Having carried out two abortive sorties on this target the Squadron continued standing by and waiting for favourable weather.

On the 24th June the weather was reported favourable, and two Mosquitos and sixteen Lancasters took off to make the attack.

The Target was extremely difficult to identify, but it was located and marked by F/Lt. Fawke, who dropped four smoke bombs as an area marker.

Bombing was difficult to assess because of the smoke and chalk dust thrown up by the bomb burst. There was one hit, or very near miss, on the dome shaped construction particular to this target. Other bombs fell very close, and at least two fell on the Railway tracks.

25th June 1944. SIRACOURT.

Following the attack on Wizernes, the Squadron was detailed to carry out a similar attack on the Constructional Works at Siracourt.

One Mustang, two Mosquitos and seventeen Lancasters were detailed and took off.

The Squadron Commander, in the Mustang, put down two red spot fires to aid the bombers on their run up to the target.

All the Lancasters bombed visually. There were at least two direct hits and one very near miss on the N.W. wall of the Main Building. The remaining bombs were all within 250-300 feet, and there was a very large explosion, which seemed to come from the southern end of the Main Building.

CREIL AREA DUMPS. Night - 4/5th July 1944.

One Mustang, one Mosquito and seventeen Lancasters were detailed to take part in an attack on the Flying Bomb Storage Dumps in the Creil Area. The Squadron was to have its own aiming point which was to be marked with red spot fires by the Squadron Commander flying the Mustang. It was hoped that the 12,000 lb bombs carried by the Squadron would cause the roof of the cave, in which the flying bombs were stored, to collapse.

Both the P.F.F. area markers and the flares were accurate. The Squadron Commander dropped his red spot fires and although he did not see them other aircraft reported that they were accurate. The marking for the Main Force spread over some 600-700 yards.

During the course of the attack there was a direct hit on the red spots and may have extinguished them or they may have become obscured by the spread of the Main Force marking. In any case they were not seen again.

Eight of the Lancasters bombed on the red spots, three judging their aiming point from the position of the Main Force Markers and the remaining Lancaster, unable to pick out the aiming point, brought their bombs back to Base.

CONSTRUCTIONAL WORKS, MIMOYECQUES. Day - 6th July 1944.

On the 6th July the Squadron was called upon to attack the Rocket Site at Momoyecques. One Mosquito, one Mustang and seventeen Lancasters were detailed and took off.

The Force Leader, in the Mustang, dropped two red T.I.'s as markers and although they very accurately placed they did not show up at all well in the daylight.

Because of the extreme difficulty in picking out the aiming point visually and because of the faintness of the markers some of the bombs fell wide. However, there was one direct hit which penetrated the concrete of the Main Building and made a very large and deep crater, causing part of the wall to collapse inwards. There were three or four bombs within 60 yards, one of which was a very near miss off the northern end.

Two Lancaster brought their bombs back because they could not identify and one because of technical trouble.

CONSTRUCTIONAL WORKS, WIZERNES. Day - 17th July 1944.

The Squadron was detailed to make a further daylight attack on the Wizernes Rocket Site and on the morning of the 17th one Mustang, one Mosquito and sixteen Lancasters took off.

Haze and convection cloud in the target area made identification difficult but both the Mustang and the Mosquito dropped red T.I.'s as a guide. The markers from both these aircraft fell about 100 yards N.E. of the target.

There were no direct hits but one bomb which fell 30 yards from the aiming point caused a minor landslide and did considerable damage. Three other were seen within 70 yards and four more within 150 yards.

Because of the haze and smoke from bombing two aircraft could not pick out the target and bombed its estimated position.

CONSTRUCTIONAL WORKS, WIZERNES. Night - 20/21st July 1944.

One Mustang, one Mosquito and fifteen Lancasters were detailed to carry out a night attack on the Wizernes Site which had been extensively damaged in the daylight attack of the 17th July.

Unfortunately adverse weather was encountered over the target and all aircraft had to bring their bombs back to Base.

CONSTRUCTIONAL WORKS, WATTEN. Day - 25th July 1944.

A few days after the abortive night attack on Wizernes the Squadron was called upon to make an attack on yet another Rocket Site. This time the one at Watten, one Mosquito, one Mustang and sixteen Lancasters were detailed and took off.

Weather over the target was clear and visibility was good. No marking was necessary and all crews bombed visually. As the bombs had been fused 30 minutes delay no actual results were observed, but when the bombs fell a large column of dust rose to 5,000 feet and completely obscured the target. Crews were confident the one or more direct hits had been achieved. Two Lancaster were hit by flak over the target and had to jettison their bombs.

RILLY LA MONTAGNE. Day - 31st July 1944.

The Squadron was called upon to take part in a Group attack on the Flying Bomb Storage Dump at Rilly. The storage site was a railway tunnel and the Squadron was to attack both the tunnel entrances while the rest of the Group went for other aiming points.

No marking of the Squadron's aiming points was attempted as the southern aiming point was clearly visible and the bombing started so quickly that the marking aircraft could not make a second run over the target. Bombing was extremely rapid and both aiming points were quickly covered in clouds or smoke so that it was impossible to judge where the bombs had fallen.

#### Appendix 15

SIRACOURT - Day- 1st August 1944.

One Mosquito and fifteen Lancasters were detailed and took off to attack the Rocket Site at Siracourt. Unfortunately adverse weather was encountered over the target and all the aircraft were forced to bring their bombs back to Base.

ETAPLES - Day- 4th August 1944.

One Mustang, two Mosquitos and fifteen Lancasters were detailed and took off to attack the Railway Bridge at Etaples.

The Force Leader, in the Mustang, attempted to mark the Southern end of the bridge with smoke bombs, but the bursts were not seen and it was thought that the bombs must have fallen off early in the marking dive.

The Lancasters identified the target visually but their bombing run was somewhat curtailed by cloud. Bombing was concentrated but the M.P.I. was about 150 yards West of the centre of the bridge. Although three sticks of bombs were seen to straddle the bridge no damage was observed.

The Mosquitos carried out photographic runs during and after the bombing.

BREST - Day - 5th AUGUST 1944.

Two Mosquitos and fifteen Lancasters took off to attack the U-boat Pens at Brest.

In clear weather the leading Mosquito made a dive to drop four smoke bombs on the target but they were not seen by the Lancasters. Except for two bombs which fell short a very good concentration was achieved. Five or six direct hits were observed but after this the pens were obscured by smoke. Lancaster "V" was hit by flak over the target. Six members of the crew were seen to bale out before the aircraft crashed.

LORIENT - Day- 6th AUGUST 1944.

After the highly successful attack on Brest, two Mosquitos and twelve Lancasters were detailed to carry out a similar attack on the U-boat Pens at Lorient. The Leader, in a Mosquito, dropped two Red T.I.'s as area marker.

The bombs fell in a quick salvo and the target area was soon covered with smoke, which prevented accurate observation of results. There were probably two direct hits and possibly other hits or very near misses.

Aircraft "H" had electrical trouble and was forced to jettison its bomb in the sea. The remaining aircraft, a Mosquito, made a photograph recce of the target after the attack.

LORIENT - Day - 7th AUGUST 1944.

The day following the attack on the U-boat Pens at Lorient the Squadron was detailed to make another attack on the same target.

Owing to the extremely confused military situation existing in the Brittany Peninsular and the doubt as to whether the Allied Forces had taken the port, the aircraft had to be recalled. They were within 30 seconds of the target when they received the signal.

LA PALLACE - Day - 9th AUGUST 1944.

One Mosquito and twelve Lancasters were detailed to make an attack on the U-boat Pens at La Pallace.

Although they found cloud in the area there was a clear patch over the target itself. Bombing was made difficult by haze but a good concentration was achieved. There were two direct hits and a further bomb was seen to burst just short of the southern wall.

LA PALLACE - Day - 11th AUGUST 1944.

One Mosquito and fourteen Lancasters took off to make a further raid on the U-boat Pens at La Pallace.

Twelve of the Lancasters bombed and achieved good results, many sticks of bombs being seen to fall on the target which was soon covered with smoke that made any further assessment of results impossible.

Aircraft 'N' had technical trouble over the target and could not release its load which was subsequently jettisoned in the sea. Aircraft "P" had engine trouble and returned early from position 50.02N : 03.00W.

BREST - Day - 12th AUGUST 1944.

Two Mosquitos and twelve Lancasters were detailed to make a further attack on the U-boat Pens at Brest.



The weather was favourable and the bombing was good. The first two bombs were on the target which then was obscured by smoke. The remaining bombs fell in quick succession and all appeared to be accurate. Aircraft "H" returned with engine trouble and aircraft "U" had trouble with the bomb sight and brought its bomb back to Base.

BREST - Day - 13th AUGUST 1944.

Once again the Squadron was called upon to attack Brest. This time the force was to be split, five aircraft were to bomb the pens with 12,000 lb bombs while the remainder were to attack the obsolete French Battleship 'Gueydon'. A total of one Mosquito and thirteen Lancaster were detailed and took off for this attack.

The bombing on the pens was good with the exception of one bomb, which fell 500 yards to the N.E. There was one direct hit and three very near misses.

Eight Lancasters attacked the ship and although three sticks were seen to straddle the target there was no evidence that it had been hit or damaged.

BREST - Day - 14th AUGUST 1944.

As it was thought that the enemy would use the shipping in Brest to block the harbour entrances it was decided to make yet another attack on the obsolete French Battleship moored there.

One Mosquito and thirteen Lancasters were detailed and they carried out their attack in good weather conditions. Intense and accurate flak upset the bombing runs, but in spite of this some sticks of bombs were seen to straddle the Western end of the ship and there appeared to be at least one direct hit.

LA PALLICE - Day - 18th AUGUST 1944.

One Mosquito and eleven Lancasters were detailed and took off for a further attack on the U-boat Pens at La Pallace. The bombers delivered their attack in good weather and an accurate concentration was achieved. The whole of the target was soon covered with smoke, which prevented observation of results. It was thought that there were one or two direct hits.

LA PALLICE - Day - 16th AUGUST 1944.

Yet another attack was ordered on the U-boat Pens at La Pallace and one Mosquito and eleven Lancasters of the Squadron were detailed and took off.

Unfortunately cloud drifted in over the target just as the Lancaster were arriving. Only one was able to carry out an attack and this with unobserved results.

IJMUIDEN -U-boat Pens - Day - 24th AUGUST 1944.

In continuance of their attacks against enemy U-boat facilities, the Squadron was detailed for a raid on the pens at the Dutch Port of Ijmuden.

Two Mosquitos and eight Lancasters took off and made their attack in conditions of limited visibility.

The bombing runs suffered accordingly, but there was one direct hit in the centre of the target. No other direct hits are claimed but four bombs were seen to explode on the edge of the pens, two of these being in the water opposite the entrances.

BREST (hulk) - Day - 27th AUGUST 1944.

For this attack the target was a large hulk thought to be intended for use as a block-ship.

One Mosquito and twelve Lancasters took off. At least two sticks of bombs fell across the target, which was soon obscured by smoke. Direct hits were obtained and the hulk was seen to be down at the bows at the end of the attack. By the evening it was confirmed that the hulk had sunk.

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OPS 8 18 MARCH 1945.

PRELIMINARY WARNING FOR DAY 19 MARCH 1945 :-

1. 617 SQUADRON ON GH 504. BOMBLOAD - UP TO 6 TALLBOY LARGE.  
REMAINDER TALLBOY MEDIUM. ALL FUSED 11 SEC.  
H = 1100 HOURS.
2. 9 SQUADRON ON 5208E/ 3819.  
BOMBLOAD TALLBOY MEDIUM. FUSED 11 SECS.  
H = 1100 HOURS.
3. ALL REMAINING SQUADRONS STOOD DOWN TILL 0930 HOURS TOMORROW.

BT 181810A

ILW ASG  
WAD K WITH RWAD BAD SKP R 181734A NMB K

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES RECEIVED BY  
No. 617 Squadron  
DURING MARCH 1945.

General Eisenhower.

06.03.45

To:- All Units.

"I have just returned from a visit in the Julich, Duren, Munchen-Gladbach area. As the allied armies advance into the former industrialised area of the Rhineland, they are everywhere confronted with striking evidence of the effectiveness of the bombing campaigns carried on for years by Bomber Command and, since 1942, by the Eighth Air Force. City after city has been systematically shattered. Against these our artillery is often used to blast out pillboxes, snipers and hidden tanks, but it could scarcely add to the completeness of the material destruction. Here and there, possibly because of their relative unimportance as industrial centers, certain towns have been largely spared. These present a remarkable contrast to the ruins of Aschen, Julich, Duren, Cologne and the other Rhineland cities that have been

targeted by our high bombers day after day and night after night. The effect on the war economy of Germany obviously been tremendous; a fact that advancing troops are quick to appreciate and which unfailingly reminds them of the heroic works of their comrades in Bomber Command and in the United States Air Forces.

I should like all your Units to know that the sacrifices they have made are today facilitating success on all fronts".

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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A.O.C. 5 Group.

To: 617. Squadron.

I have just seen a stereo-pair of the Bielefeld Viaduct taken after your visit yesterday afternoon, my congratulations on your accurate Bombing.

You have certainly made a proper mess of it this time and incidentally added another page to your history by being the first Squadron to drop the biggest Bomb on Germany so far, good work. Keep up the training. We can't afford to put these new little pets in the wrong place.

A.V.M. H.

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