

# AVRO MANCHESTER



The **Avro 679 Manchester** was a British twin-engine heavy bomber developed during the Second World War by the Avro aircraft company in the United Kingdom. The 193 operational Manchesters flew 1,269 operations with the Royal Air Force and Royal Canadian Air Force in Bomber Command, dropping 1,826 tons (1,657 tonnes) of bombs and losing 78 aircraft in action, flying its last operation against Bremen on 25 June 1942. A further 45 were non-operational losses of which 30 involved engine failure. The Manchester was an operational failure due to its underdeveloped, underpowered, and unreliable engines. The Manchester was withdrawn from operations in mid-1942 in favour of more capable aircraft, the type persisted in use for training purposes into 1943 before being completely retired. However, the aircraft was the forerunner to the successful four-engined Avro Lancaster, which would become one of the most capable British strategic bombers of the war.

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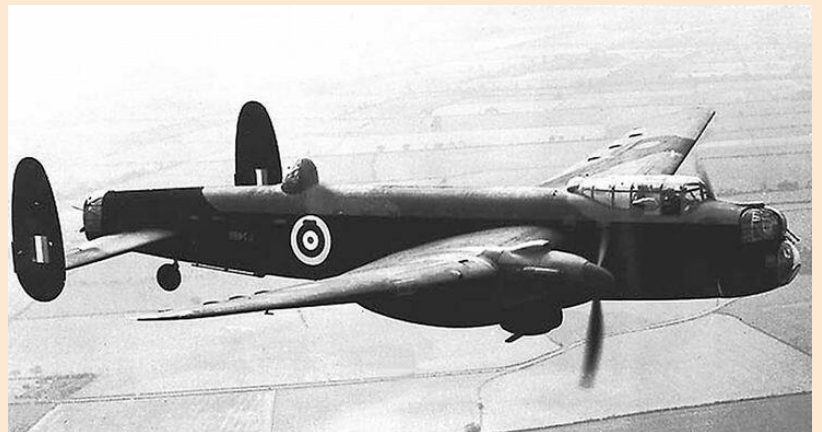




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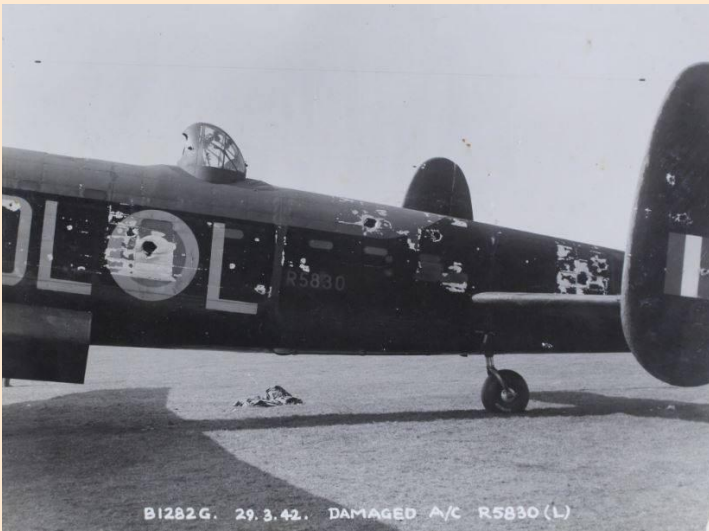


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