# BO!BER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPER TIONS 30th.LPRIL/1st. 1911, 1944

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Porces of 100-150 aircraft attacked the marshalling parks at acheres and main, and the ammunition dump at Maintenon, in cloudless conditions. The stand last attacks were extremely accurate and successful; the parks at area suffered enormous damage, and the amunition dump was virtually decorated. Schain, the bombing was centred on the edge of the target, but even so siderable destruction was caused. Only one aircraft was lost from all the fit's operations, which included Mosquito raids on Saurbrucken, Duren and the nern airfields, and a large mining programs.

#### HER FORECAST

Bases:- Fit all night, with little cloud. ! !oderate visibility.

Germany:- 10/10ths. very low stratus in N.W. 10/10ths. medium cloud strate-cumulus in S. Extensive clearances in E.

France: - Cloudless in N. Patchy strato-cumulus in S. Risk of fog

Frisians:- 6-9/10ths. strato-cumulus, and perhaps stratus also, all

#### ACHERES: MAINTENON: SOME.E.

#### OF ATTACK

acheres Controlled COE groundworkin. 4 OBOE Mosquitos were to mark /P with red and green spot fires and red and yellow T.I. Taluminators were in flares at the T.I., drepping them blindly if no markers were visible. They to orbit and nales a second run for bombing. The Master Bomber was to drop markers if necessary, or instruct his deputy to do so. In any case, the years to make a run at zero and drop white T.I. Main force crows were to is instructed by the Master Bomber. Zero hour: 2350. Manguitos at z-6, 2 and -1. Illuminators at z - 5 and -2. Main Force in 3 waves between z + 10.

Maintenen in assembly point was to be marked with cascading pellow T.I. - 12 to z + 12. The MyP was to be marked with 2 red inject T.I., backed in red spot fires; then by cascading red T.I. and nore red spot fires. The Benber was to instruct the main force how to bomb. Zero hour: 2350.

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#### WE THER EXPERIENCED

#### 7. Bases:- Fit.

.cheres, Maintenen, Somain: - No cloud. Hase at Semain. Half m Excellent visibility. No cloud on route except putches of medium and circloud.

#### HAPRATIVES OF ATTACK

- 8. Acheres The Mesquites, though late, were securate, and both the Bomber and his deputy dropped whites near the L/F. The Master Brober was clearly heard, and the bombing was encentrated round the whites.
- 9. Maintenen The markers were necurately placed, and the Master Brokerdered the first wave to bomb at once. In extraordinarily spectacular a resulted. Explosions were so numerous as to be uncountable, and were for 120 miles.
- 10. Senain The Mesquites were late and inaccurate; the first may went down 7 minutes late and a mile from the 1/P, at the western extremity the yards. The Master Bomber could not identify and mark the correct  $\sqrt{r}$  until z + 10, by which time many aircraft had bended the inaccurate T.I.

#### DAY RECONN.. ISS. NCE

- -11. Achercs Heavy damage was caused throughout the yards. The engleshed lost 75% of its roof, and the transhipment shed was similarly affected engines were wrecked in their shed, and at least 2 more suffered from near Ver, many tracks were blown up, capacitly in the crowled scuthern half of yards, and relling stock was everywhere corniled or cardished.
  - 12. Somain The weight of the attack fell cutside the yards, but so decage was caused in the eastern scotty, where the 1d-bay roundhouse, a launidentified 4-bay building, and a big industrial catalog 5. of the round together with various smaller building, were badly danged. The passent station was one third decalished, and a double-lame highway bridge collect to the tracks. Nearly all the tracks at the western entrance to the cents serting sidings were cut, and so attack hits occurred energ the reception and an engine-reversing track triangle. Relling stock suffered seriously
  - 13. Maintenen Energous damage was caused. Marry every building destrayed or demaged, and energous craters marked the positions of intermexplosions, the largest measuring 80' acress. 1,100 yeards S. of the galepet, a loose stick of bombs caused explosions in another dump in the Par Due de Mouilles. The main line reilwar possing through the dump was cut 22 places by direct hits, while 24 more were scored on the adjacent siding The term of Maintenen was almost unsenthed.

## ENERY DEFINERS

14. Fighter opposition was slight. Only 3 of the 388 aircraft engage attacked - all on Schain. Flak was meagre.

# CASULTIES

15. One Halifax was lost on Somain. It was shot down by flak over Di-9,000'. I Lancaster damaged its underwarringe while toking-off and, since could not jettisen their books, the crew belod out. The circumft crushed was destroyed. I Halifax crashed on return from wheres.

## SLUTHUCKEN

16. 28 Mo quitos, impluding 4 Y-directoft, were sent against Saarbrucks the Y-directoft failed, and 27 aircraft bombed on GNACT. From this and separations on this night, all returned safely.

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#### DUREN

5 Mk.I OBOE Mosquitos were despatched against the Darener Metallworke 2 made successfully controlled runs. 2 booked the primary area on ., and the fifth attacked Aachen.

# MDIKLAYING

. 46 Halifaxes, out of a force of 48, laid 107 mines off the Frisians : French Channel and Biscay ports (including Rouen).

# FIGHTER OPERATIONS

9 Mosquitos of 100 Group were detailed on SEPRITE patrols. 23 others, on 2 and 100 Groups and A.D.G.B., intruded over enemy-occupied territory. obsts occurred.

# SPECIAL OPERATIONS

50 Stirlings, Halifaxes, Lysanders, Hudsons and Fortresses were spatched on special sortics. 37 were successful.

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# BOUBER CO MAID TEPORT OF MIGHT OPER TIONS

# 1/2nd. 1/4, 1944.

LYCKS: CHVELY: Malfies: Tours: Tourou:E: ST.CHISL.E: Ludwigshifen, etc.

#### : ARY

7 separate targets in France were raided in force: the varshalling yards Malines and St. Chislain (near Mens), the personant way depot at Charbly, a cor-vehicle factory at Lyons, and aircraft repair works near focus, and an elesives works and aircraft assembly plant at Toulouse. All sustained appling damage. There was no cloud over may of the targets, except during the far stages of the attack on Malines, and our benders were helped by the light of raif moon. The attack on Charbly was one of the most concentrated ever wried out by the Command. At the same time, Mosquites raided the chemical raise at Ludwigshafen and themarshalling years at acheres, while introduces bombed rields and other aircraft laid mines and the special sortices over the attack. From all these operations, 9 to bers and 2 fighters were lost; but now fighters were destroyed, with 2 force probably destroyed and 3 demaged.

### THER FORECAST

Pases:- Fit all night, with well broken thin cloud.

Germany: - Patchy medium and strate-on mins cloud. Targe amounts in Good clearances in F.R. Buch strate-on mins over North Sec.

France: - Fint, exact for broken strate-calculus in X. 7. Paris: whably clear. Erussin: risk of low stratus offer midnight.

#### PACME

#### L' OF TICK

The Berliet notor-vehicle works at Lyons was the target for 75 aircraft of Group. 6 special aircraft were to mark an assembly point at 4550%. 0507E. Ith yellow T.I. at h-10; then they were to proceed to the target and mirk the .P with red T.I. These were to be assessed by the laster Boober, who was to belease red spot fires. The target was to be kept narked until h + 12 with the red spot fires er, if these were him to see, with cascading red T.I. him force crews were to aim at the contre of the reds, or as ordered by the laster Boober. Zero hour: 0100. Boobing height: 6-10,000'.

#### CRITICS

No.	of	aircraft despatched	75
11	11	" reporting attack on prikry arc	73
11		abertive sortics	
11	35	eircraft missing	0

#### ZATHER EXPERIENCED

· Pases:- Fit until terards dam, when lew stratus affected 8 Group.

Lyons:- No cloud, agart from a little cirrus. Half meer. Good visibility.

#### MARRATIVE OF ATT.CX

6. The town of Lyons was not blacked out then the first markers arrive the first T.I. was estimated to have fallen 50 yards from the A/P, in the of all the target buildings. Two-thirds of the target was covered with fires, and the main force bombing was very accurate. In the later stages everything in the target area was obscured by spacke except by cascading 7.

## DAY RECONLAISSLUCE

7. The whole of the her let works suffered grave dringe. In the sent half, the saw mills and despatch shed for lorries were virtually destroyed the shed for lorries held in stock was severely damaged. In the central the shop for assembly of lorry chassis, the cast iron foundry, the workships tamping machines, hardening and welding, the main chassis assembly shop, administrative office and laboratory required mederate to heavy damage, northern half, the transmission units workshop and the gear cutting shop of the Lyons-Bourgein railway S. of the factory and the sidings leading to it cut in several places.

## EVACY DEFENCES

8. Only one aircraft, a Ju.83, was seen, and that was damaged. Plak negligible, and no aircraft was hit.

# CASULTES

all aircraft returned undamaged.

#### CH L BLY

#### FLAN OF ATTACK

10. <u>Method of attack</u> 030% groundmarking, directed by a Master Buber Mcsquito + 1 reserve on each of Channels 1, 3, 11 and 12 were to drop greef fires, red spot fires, green T.I. and red T.I. respectively. Illuminators to attack before and after H, aiming both flores and bombs at the T.I. I none were visible, they were to release their flores blindly, orbit and massecond run for bombing. But these attacking off H were only to drop floordered to do so by the Master Transer. The Inst-manes was to direct the I himself dropping white T.D. I H if necessary. Main force aircraft(3 Green including Pathfinders in practice, were to bomb as instructed by the Master Bomber. G-H aircraft were to use their special equipment.

Timing Zero hour: 0020
Duration of attlet: 0016-0028.

Markers 4 Mosq. @ H - 6 to H - 3 (one per minute)

Illuminators. 5 G H - 5 2 G H + 2

Master Romber and Deputy 3 H - 5 (H if necessary).

Practice Pathfinders. 5 @ H + 2

Main Force. 50 @ H to H + 4 51 + H + 4 to H + 8

...../SORTIES.

#### TES.

He.	of	aircraft despatched	120
11	**	" reporting attack on primary area	113 <sup>x</sup>
*	-	abortive sorties	7
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# THER EXPERIENCED

Chambly: - No cleud. Helf noor.

## RATIVE OF ATLICK

. The T.I. dropped by the CBCE aircraft were misplaced, and the Master ster instructed crews to ignore then and book on his own markers. In pellent concentration was achieved among the target buildings.

#### TRECOMMANDE

This target, reputed to be one of the most modern and important manent way depots in Europe, was very stally danged indeed. The points and assing shop and the sleeper impregnation plant, with all their satellite aldings, were totally destroyed. The stores yards were saturated with atoms, and hardly a building escaped without grave capage.

#### TY DEPENCES

Considering the short time our bombers spent over France, they saw an indent number of fighters, mostly over the target and near Corneilles on the phone. 2 Ju.88's were depreced, and hits were scored on 2 other aircraft. Servations suggest that 2 of these fighters may have been destroyed. Little k was encountered, and few searchlights exposed.

# 3".LTIES

5 aircraft (4.2%) were lost. L were seen to go down in combat on the 7 ham. One returning bomber was damaged be one repair by fighter attack. In 2 were hit by flak, neither seriously.

#### KARES 'Y'.

## OF ATT.CK

. As for Chambly, except that the main force (4 Group Halifames) were to ab in 3 waves between H and H + 10. Zer: hom: 2340.

#### RIES

lie.	of	aircraft despatched	132
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. "	**	abortive sortics	12
	11	hircraft missing	. 2(1.57)

#### THER EXPERIENCED

Walines:- No cloud at first, but tower's the close of the raid patches law stratus, up to 8/10ths., drifted across. Very hear. Helf norm.

# PATIVE OF ATTACK

The markers were accurate and well concentrated, but the haze almost soured them and bombing soon became scattered. Difficulty was experienced in derstanding the Master Bomber's instruction.

.........../D.Y RECONNAISSANCE.

22. Despite the scatter of the attick, the target was well hit. The locomotive repair shops were 70% destroyed, the carriage and wagen shops suralmost as badly, and the northern half of the yards was swattered with crat The centre of the yards also sustained a number of hits. Outside the targarea, the S. ... Rageno works and the Junkers acro-engine factory were quite heavily damaged.

## ENERY DEFEROES

23.. Fighters were present over the target for the last 15 minutes of the attack, and harmsed the bomber stream from 3. of Brussels to the coast, these fighters were destroyed, one probably destroyed and one damged. So flak was fired over the target.

#### CASULTIES

24. 2 aircraft (1.5%) were lost, one to a fighter w. of Brussels, and a S.E. of Brussels after being hit by both flak and fighter. Only one returnaircraft was damaged, and that slightly.

#### TOURS

25. 50 Lancasters of 5 Group attacked the Usine historic aircraft repair at St. Pierre des Corps, near Tours. The time times accurately marked and in perfect weather, almost without opposition. Leocannairsance showed that the 3 main buildings which comprise the works tore completely destroyed, who third was severely damaged. All aircraft returned undamaged.

## ANTE CAR

26. 131 Lancasters and 8 Magnitus were sent by 5 Grount to deliver simil attacks on the S.N.C...S.T. aircraft there only plant and Poulerie Nationale e works, both at Toulouse. Both attacks were extremely successful, although deal of flak was not over the tame. The entire aircraft assembly plant, on for the boiler plant, was severely damped, the 3 main bulk ings being destrate explosives works and the adjacent mitrogen fination plant suffered equibadly, on a rather larger scale. From both these operations, all aircraft returned safely.

# ST. OHISL .DI TY

#### PLN OF TTOK

27. is for Chambly, except that the rain force of Lamonsters and Halifar from 6 Group were to attack in one wave between H and H + 10. Zero hour:

#### SORTIES

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	•	11	18	abortive sorties	3
		**	12	aircraft missing	2(1

## WEATHER EXPERIENCED

29. St. Ghislain: No cloud. H.lf .co...

## N.RR.TIVE OF ..TT.CK

30. The Master Bonber arrived late, and his deputy took command in the ensures. The markers fell in 2 groups, one to the north and one to the source of the .../P., and crews were instructed to allow for this. The bonbing was reported as well concentrated.

ALY RECORDERS

# POOR LISSLICE

The 2 main targets in the yards, the locative sheds and the carriage and a repair shops, were both almost totally destroyed. Very great damage was caused to tracks and rolling stock, especially in the storage sidings E. of arriage repair shops, where 150-180 wagens were canolished or derailed. It to more wagens suffered the same fate a little further N.E. Hany lines cut. Some of the bombing fell cutside the yards to the N. and S., where mus residentially dwellings were affected.

## T DEFENCES

No fighters were seen until Vulcroiennes was reached, but from that it to the target and back to Zeebrugge there were frequent encounters, including abuts, in one of which a Ju. 33 yas probably destroyed. Flak was negligible, at at Chent on route.

## TEES

2 airoraft (1.5.) were lest, both to lighters letween Erussels and the mother was badly injured in a landing accident.

# CHINES .

2 [R.II Mosquites were sent against the marshalling yards at Acheres, iris. One attacked the primary; the other abandened its task for technical rms. Both returned safely.

# LUDTAGSTATA

28 Masquitos attacked the charical verks of I.T. Farbenindustrie at igshafen in clear weather. 4 of the 5 Y-mireraft dropped nurkers on H23, was crews loobed on these. .. good concentration was achieved. Flak was at, and all aircraft returned safely.

## MENEL. TER

35 Halifaxts and Stirlings laid 150 minus off the Frisians and the French and Atlantic ports, without incident.

# FIGHTER OPERTIONS

10 Mosquites of 100 Group carried out SEMMLER atrols, while 6 others oked energy airfields. 24 Mosquites of . . . and 2 Group also made ther patrols. No energy result were contracted, but good bombing results ichieved. 2 Mosquit, no of 100 ercup and one of 2 Group, were lost but trace.

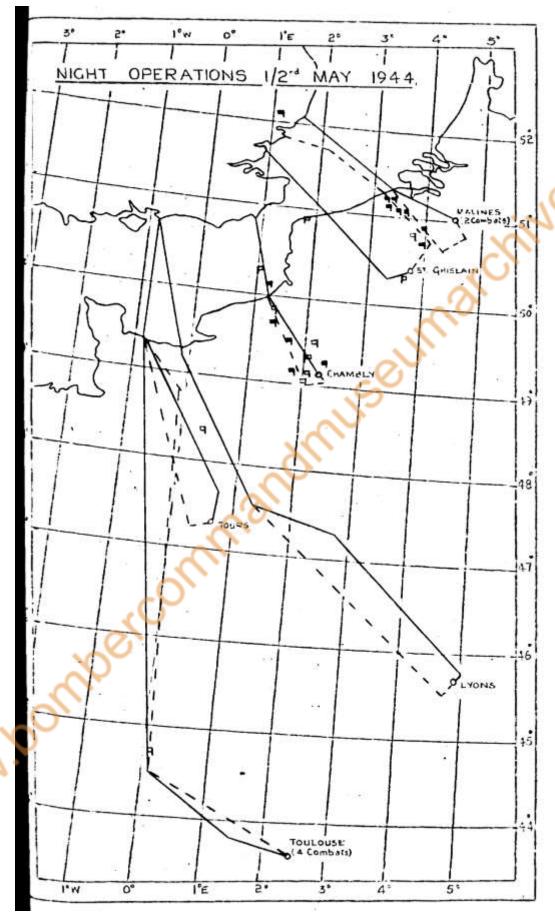
## SPICIA OPERATIONS

49 Stirlings, Hudsons, Halifoxes, Wellingtons and Masquitos were detailed each operations. 32 were successful. None was lost.

26342/3/ORSL, July, 1944.

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# NIGHT 3.ID REPORT NO. 594

## BORBER COMMAND REPORT OF RIGHT OPERATIONS

## 2/3rd. :: ", 19:4.

## Leverkusen: Acherca: Minelaying: etc:

#### CARY

Leverkusen 29 Mosquitos, including 11 OFOE aircr.ft (6 Mr.I and 5 Mr.I) were despatched against the chemical factory at Leverkusen. The target clear of cloud, and the bombing was well concentrated on the markers. The were visible for 60 miles on return. The aircraft afticked Cologne. The this and all other operations on this might, all aircraft returned safely.

Acheres 7 OROE Mosquitos (5 Mg. I and 2 Mg. II) rese sent against the shalling yards at Acheres. 3 made successfully controlled runs. The others such their bombs back.

!inelaying 9 Stirlings laid 49 pines of the Frisians, Texel and the coast without incident.

Pighter operations 4 Mesquites of A.D.C.B. carried cut intruder role, destroying 4 FW. 190's and demoging 2 circumft on the ground.

Special operations . Halifax and a Wellington of 192 Squaren made

## TELICENT STHE

Bases:- This country will be affected by two frontal systems, both wing layers of cloud to great heights. Hout bases will remain fit until 13.

Continent: - 10/10 ths. medium cloud probatrate-cumulus in Prance N. of N. and in Germany N. of 19 N. Strate-cumulus will persist in S. Germany, S. France will be clear of cloud.

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## JAPA ZOPERIENCED

No cloud at Leverkusen or icheres. 8/10ths. at 3,000' in all mining area-

## MY DEPENCES

Slight to moderate heavy flak was not not have reason, with many searchli-opposition was not at heheres or by the mincleyers.

# ST.LTIES

. No aircraft was lest. 3 Mosquitos were slightly damaged by flak ever verkusen.

/JT. S. 26342/6/ORS4, h. ..ugust, 1944.

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# BOYBER CONSISTO REPORT ON NEWY CHERITICIS

# 3/4th. M.Y. 1944.

# M.HLY LE C.MG: MWTDIDIE: Chatogudun: Ludwigshafen: Minelying:etc:

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The military camp at Mail's le Campuns attacked by lancasters with thatting success, in bright mornlight. Indirectly heavy and widespread damage mused, but 42 aircraft (11.3.) were lost. Who high leaves were associated the delay in issuing instructions by the lister Borber due to communication isulties which resulted in aircraft compentating over the datum point in 1 weather conditions for fighters.

Lancasters of 8 Group make a successful attack on the carfield at didier. Mosquitos blew up an a conition deep it Chatcaudum, and other mant bombed by dwigshafen and airfields in Prames and Telejum, laid times, tured leaflets, and carried out fighter patrols and special operations. These subsidiary operations, we lost 7 more aircraft.

# HER FORECLIST

Pases:- Little cloud. Good visibality

France: - Well broken conviction close in W., dispersing by midnight.

HAILLY-LE-C. P

## CF .TT .CK

. 3 0508 losq atos were to mark the S.T. aloning-point with short-burning green. The ./P was then to be illuminated by flares and marked with red spot fires ally between H and H + 5. These would be backed up with more red spot fires, if they were not sufficiently accurate, with ensembling green T.I. on the ./P. toup aircraft were to attack in 2 waves between H + 5 and H + 11, as trueted by the centreller. The same procedure was to be carried out on the ./P by 1 Group, the Resquites warming between H - 11 and H + 20, and the braft booking from H + 20. H = 0001.

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.11	:1	abortive sorties	8( .2.23)
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#### PHE EPIRITICED

Bases:- Fit.

Target:- Cloudless over France. Good visibility. Bright moonlight. d at 6-7,000': 300-310°/30-35 m.p.h.

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#### M.P.P. TIVE OF .. TT..CK

7. Harking on the S.E. ./P was abortive; one set of T.I. failed to expland the other Mesquito was intercepted by a fighter. The Master Boober hesitated and, after a few aircraft had boober, diverted the attack to the M. ./P. This was identified visually and accurately marked. The boobing was concentrated, and the target was seen enveloped in smoke.

#### DAY RECOUNTING NOS

8. The whole of the military outpoint training area work severely damage. The weight of the attack fell on the large and compact group of 13.7, and bare buildings. None of the 47 N.7, buildings peopled, and 31 very destroyed, barrack buildings were affected. The normhops E. of this area, a second grow N.T. buildings to the E., the range and the armamitian tump were also been bit.

#### ETENY DEFENCES

- 9. Ground defences 8 heavy gums were in action at the target, firing accurately at 8-9,000. Light flak once from 20 gums, and has self-destroying at 10-12,000. Only 3 searchlights emposed in the modelight. Accurate flaw was met on route from airfields and Chartree.
- 10. Fighters The first interceptions that and of the E.E. leg beyond Complegat, and at first the enemy lost now. Willy that Gid the bombers, lost 3, probably 4 fighters interception to mean Eperman. Then the unfortent delay before the main force received their instructions resulted in a concent of aircraft over the datum point in bright mornlight, presenting fighters with great opportunities of thelesale interceptions. The attack lasted 19 minutes longer than had been planned, and it was during this period that most of the losses occurred. Pighters were active over the whole of the westerly reute home, until the coast was reached.

# E'BOW ADKELPT LESTROY D

11. Our boulders destroyed 4, probably 5 aircraft: one He. 109, 2 He. 110 and a FV. 190 for certain, with a Ju. 58 and on unidentified twinOengined fight as probables.

## CASUALTIES

12. 42 aircraft (11.3) were lost - a very high percentage, especially for French target. The main reason has been given above - the concentration at datum point because of the delay in instructing the main force. At least 25 aircraft fell in combat, rather note than half of these over the target, and the rest on the honeumra run. 9 were lest to flak, notely over the target, although the defences of Romilly, Fontainbleau and Shartris claimed victims. The other 8 losses cannot definitely be placed. 2 returning aircraft were wrecked by fighter attack.

#### W. ADIDISE

#### PLAN OF ATTACK

13. OPER groundmarking, directed by a limiter Borber. Resquites were to red and green T.I. and the dispress spot in as at H-1. 2 minutes later, illuminators were to drep flures, followed 2 minutes later by nore illuminator if instructed by the Haster Borber, who might himself from T.I. Main force cross were to aim as instructed by the Haster Borber. H = 0020.

#### SORTI S

11. No. of circraft despatched. 92

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abortive sortice 4(circraft missing 4(-

.... ATT. 1303 AL

# REPRESED

No cloud. Good visibilit . Three quarters won.

#### THE CP ATTACK

11 4 0507 Posquitos markad in 1000 the ... Who 6 illuminators had also sed before H - 1. The Phattar to 1 or form a parlow 5.1. but these were courate than the CEOR makes which the ..... Perce were ordered to bomb. The bombs appeared to fall a same the farget area.

#### DO NATSSA CE

This target was attacked on tot. In the sire of the C.S. ...A.P., but nost of tembs fell in open ground S. of the Indicate. Combar Command's attack was id on the northern half of the target, if there is pround. I aircraft shelters were (estroyed, togs ther with other age and huts. Int least 46 direct hits were noticed by various runways. Itses were obtained on a stores Cur.

#### DEFE CHE

Plak was reported as negligible, although it claimed 2 victions. Little copposition was met. .: few attacks were made in the target after.

#### TIS

A mireraft (4.35) were lead: 2 to flat at Hartificier and Poix, and 2 to us at Hartificier and 3. of Datage. No seturping direcast was seriously

## CHARLES TO

14 Ibsquitos (3 Mr.I and 5 M.II) were sent to attack the annumities durp studen. 4 Mr.I and 5 Mr.II beshed in clear weather. After the first beshe large orange fire lit up the district and, following a violent and that explosion, there are to a great height. Sweller explosions continued simutes. Reconnecessante showed that all 50 buildings in the western wing a destroyed. Trans. A stores buildings in the central area was wrocked or class. A 12 kmg. A 5 shall buildings in the Mr.E. wing were a Mosted by Direct hits usee scored on the light relievy ludging to the dump. All treturned underliged.

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27 Mesquites cerried out a harassing attack on the wighteren. ... patch of source the target at first, but this cleared and the Master Bomber and the Mr. The M23 markers were well placed, and the bombing was well ated round them. Intense heav find was first, but no fighters were seen.

#### MI LANTING

22 Halifaxes were sent to lay mines off the Frisiens and the French Channel arise ports. ...ll but one reached their targets, laying a total of 62 mines. The returned safely, although one was attacked by a fighter.

# LP PERTS

A Wellingtons and Whitle's dispersed leaflets over Hortham Prance.

# 2000 23 Orlanders

13 Masquitos of 100 Group were sent on MRCLAT and intruder patrols, together f ... 2.3.5. They made no chains. 11 out of 1, directit despatched by 2 Macked dirficles in Prence in Relium. One Masquito of 8 Group completed

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a weather recommaissance flight. One Mosquito of 130 Group was lost without trace.

# SPECIAL OPERATIONS

25. 26 Halifaxes, Hudsons, Lysanders and Mosquitos were sent on special sorties over the Continent. 18 were successful. One Lysander and one Halifax were lost.

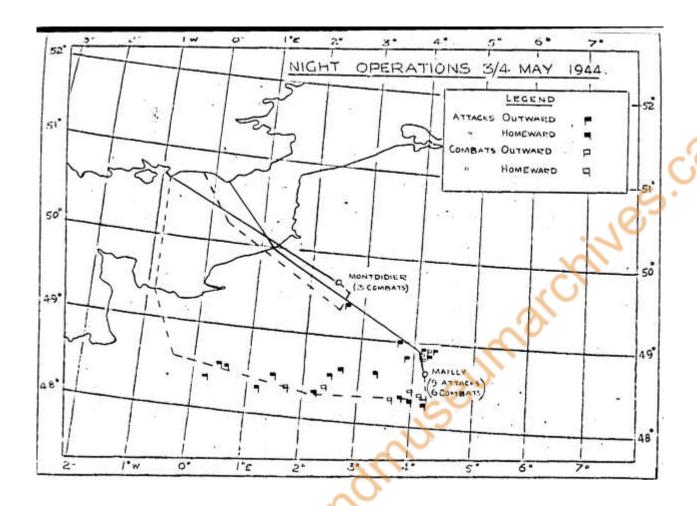
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# BOMBER CONTINUE REPORT OF FIGHT OFFIR TIONS

# 4/5th. :..., 1944.

# Ludwigshafen: Leverhusen: Hinelaying:

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Ludwigshafen 28 Mesquites attacked Ludwigshafen. L of the 5 Y-Aircr
apped markers, but they seen disappeared into cloud and only one aircraft
abed on them. 2 attacked their glow, and the rest bombed on GER/DR. All
numed safely.

Leverkusen 4 0502 Mk.II Mesquites were despatched against Leverkusen.

Mide controlled runs, one bembed Cologne and the fourth was abortive. One
shed on return.

Finelaying 16 H lifaxes, cut of a force of 20, laid 43 mines off the ranch Channel and Biscay ports. All returned undamaged.

Met. Recce One Mesquito of 8 Group completed a met. recce. flight theut incident.

# WHER PORDOLST

Bases: - Fit all night, with little claud.

Continent: - Cloud to great heights in Frental zones in Forth Germany and rth and West France. The Biscay co at should clear by 0100. Patchy cloud Central Germany and S.M. Prance.

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11	n	bortive sorties 5	,
11	**	circraft missing 0	)

#### WHER EXPERIENCED

10/10ths. at both German targets, tops 23,000' at Ludwigsh wen and 15,000' Leverkusen.

## MIN DEFENCES

Moderate flak was met at Ludwigshaven. One aircraft was slightly damaged. There was hit en route to Leverkusen.

# ZILTIES

No nireraft was lost, but one Magnite erashed on return from Loverhusen.

/S. 26342/6/ORS4, th. .ugust, 1944.

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# BOMBER COMMIND REPORT ON NIGHT OFFICITIONS

# 5/6th. 16.Y, 1944.

# Minelaying: Leaflets: Special operations:

## SUDSELRY

- 1. Minelaying 27 Stirrings and Halifaxes, out of a force of 28, laid 73 mines off the French Channel and Biscay ports. From these and all other operations on this night, all aircraft returned underlaged.
- 2. Leaflets 6 Wellingtons scattered leaflets over France without incident.
- 5. Special operations 30 Halifaxes, Starlings and Hulsons were detailed a special operations. 25 were successful.

## CL.THER POPECLST

4. Bases: - Much low cloud, with residual thunder cloud and persistent showers.

Germany: - Much frontal cloud in E. Grad clearances in w.

France:- Broken convection cloud in N.W. and W., from 2-12,000'. Broken residual thunder cloud inland. Well broken cloud off Eiscay coast.

#### SCRTIES

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## A.THER HOPERLENCHD

as forecast.

# CENT DEFENCES

None.

#### ST. TIES

None.

CYJT. :/s.26342/66/ORS4, :th. .august:, 1944.

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## BOUGHER CONSISTOR REPORT ON MIGHT OFFICETIONS

# 6/7th. MAY, 1944.

## N'BIGE: MANTES-GASSICOU.T: SAPAR-SATHE: Ludwigehafen: etc.

#### Y.

14.3 Hulifaxes and Lancasters, with 3 Hosquites, visited the murshalling at Mantes-Gaspicourt. They delivered an accurate and demaging attack in normlight. 52 Lancasters of 1 Group with an architich dump near 16, while 5 Group bounded another dump at habit-sur-darithe. Both targets flown up. From those 3 targets, 4 increast did not return.

Modquitos were sent to Chateaudun, La wigshafen am I everkusen, as well traders which attacked airficles in Frances and the Low Countries. Mines hid off the French Atlantic ports. Other aircraft scattered leaflets, special sorties and carried out fighter patrols. One Masquito was lost.

#### R FORECUST

Bases:- Fit. Little cloud. Good visibility.

Germany:- Much convection and layer cloud, with thunderstorms.

France:- little cloud inland. .Aich ctr. to-curulus on coasts.

#### AUBIGUE

## OF ATT OR

Ground-marking The assembly point the to be tarked with green spot at H = 15 for several minutes. The F. Prins to be marked first with 2 pot fires which, if accurate, were to be lacked up with impact and ling yellow T.I. Main force crows were to aim at the country of the red fires or impact T.I., unless otherwise ordered by the Master length. The sing T.I. were for use if the spot fires rate difficult to see. The same fire was to be followed for the W. VF., except that red T.I. were to be instead of yellows. The leader was to mark the second VP as soon as he stinglied with his marking on the first. Z = hour: 0300.

#### 28

He.	CI'	aircraft despatched	52
31		" reporting attack on target	51 -
	- 1	chartive sartica	1
(1)	*1	aircraft missing	1 (1.9.3)

# ER ROPERIENCED

Bisen:- Fit. Variable cloud.

.ubigno:- No cloud. E.collent visibilit. Full noon.

# CIVE OF ATTACK

Both A/P's were marked before the first bonks fell, and both were accurately sket. The Manter Bomber reported sceing the ividual sections of the dump tup. Cheets of flame came from the explaint, annualition, and cense smoke to \$,000°.

#### DAY RECORNAISSANCE

8. The entire target, consisting of 2 amountains durys, was almost complete destroyed. 94% of the buildings in the western section are 59, of these in eastern section were destroyed or damaged.

#### EVERY DEFRICES

 Combats occurred in the Alencen area on the way hare, probably with fighters that had already been harassing the Tantes force. Flak was slight inaccurate.

#### C .SU .LT DES

10. One Lancister was lest, to a fighter near Alencon on the way home. aircraft were damaged in combat, but not seriously.

#### HATTIS - G.SSICOURT

#### PLUI OF ATTLCK

11. Method of attack CROE growner runny, chrected by a laster Booke.
4 Mosquitos were to drop red and grown apot fires are red and green U.I.
Illuminators were to aim white flares are before at the T.I. If no T.I. we visible, they were to held their flares are are; then blindly on a second a Later illuminators were only to drop flares if no ordered by the Master Banthe deputy master booker was to drop thite T.I. It is hour. It in force and supporters were to aim as directed by the Master leaber, who right hisself a T.I. if necessary to recentre the attack.

12.	Timing	H = 0215	
		Duration of attacks	0207-0223

## SCRTIES

#### ALTHER EXPERIE CED

14. No cloud. Full noon. Excellent visibility.

## P. JER. TIVE OF .TT.CK

15. The first OBON Mosquito field, and was replaced by its reserved to later. The second also failed, so that illustrating Places vent down before the I.s., which were yellows dropped by the deputy Master Bonber. This followed by greens, and then almost at once by the Master Dember's own yellowed by greens, and then almost at once by the Master Dember's own yellowed by greens, and then almost at once by the Master Dember's own yellowed to the S. Crews were ordered to be blockween the greens and the yellowe. But almost at once a load of roos was dropped right on the P., aircraft were instructed to attack these instead. More roos went down efficiency, causing some confusion, but the deputy redeemed the cituation with accurate whites at H + 1. By this time the target was so well ablaze that soon became obscured, and crows were teld to aim at the centre of the first Master Bomber was well received throughout.

...../L.. Y ROOF LIST.

## EDUCATION TESTICE

Danage and destruction were nost severe in the stores depot, locomotive id and repair shop. The C.I.'S.T. rolling stock workshops were also hit, and icks and rolling stock were widely affected. Some damage was caused to the isenger station.

## IN DEFENCES

. Fighters not the stream soon after the bombers left the target, and made at each, apart from 3 which resulted in bomber losses. Only 2 heavy guns were action at the target.

#### LTES

. 3 directoft (2.05) were lost, all to fighters between the turning-point twest of Paris and Beaumont-le-Roger. To returning directoft was badly used.

## 3. TAL-SUE-S. RIVER

#### CF ..TT..CX

This target, another and dition dump, was alletted to 5 Group. ... datument was to be marked at 4757%. 00000%, with group T.T. Resquites were to mark 1/2 with red spot fires, and the main force were to beat as directed by the far Exaler or his deputy. H = 0245.

## TES

	Nc.	or	circrift despatched	63
,	"	11	" reporting attack on the et	67
	"	**	abortive scrties	1
	*	**	aircraft missing	o

#### TR LAPARIENCED

No cloud. Iull moon. Excellent visibility.

#### PATIVE OF ATTACK

Markers were dropped in dives from 3,500° to 500° and fell nour the L/P, so they were at once backed up with a tight cluster. Bending began at ence was concentrated. 3 great explosions occurred during the attack, and a fourth on hour after it had endel.

# FICCHILLISS, FICE

This dump is laid out in a rough square, with the storage units sited staggered layout on either side of the road. The namenition filling all tien lies along the northern boundary. I concentration of damage ared within the target area, while the surroundin contry escaped closest eathed. In the committion filling installation, all the large and many of small buildings were damaged or destroyed. In the central sector of the commons craters marked the position of seven atomic units, while several is were damaged or burnt out. In ther south, 3 of the 9 large storage can were still on fire on the following termin, while of the remaining 6 blocks one unit remained undranged. Reads in light reliance throughout the target were damaged by direct hits and near linear.

few fighters were seen, but they rule no itthele. The target was miled by some light guns, which hase piped mildly to 5,000'.

...../C.EU.I/TES.

## C.SU.L.TIES

25. All aircraft returned safely from this target.

# CH.TAL DOLL

26. 2 Mk.II Mosquitos were sent against the administration in part Chaten but both returned with OBOE failure.

## LUDWIG NILWEN

27. 28 Masquitos, including 5 Y-mircraft, attacked the chatical works Parbenindustrie at Ludwigshaven. The F.I. were scattered, and a number directaft bombed on ETA through thick cloud. All returned safely.

## LEV RAUSE!

28. 2 Mr. I and 3 Mr. II Mesquitos left for Leverkusen. 2 bended the and 2 attacked Cologne. One aircraft was lest without truce.

# DIE AL C

29. 14 Stirlings and Halifaxes were despitated to lay lines off the Fratlantic ports. 13 completed their tisk, lighty 36 minus. All returns

## LEFLETS

30. 6 Wellingtons dispersed leaflets over Laval, Rennes and St. Male a incident.

## FIGHTER OPER .TIONS

34 Mosquites from 2 Group, 100 Group and A.D.G.B. were detailed a intruder patrols. 18 of them attacked airfields at Florennes, Combrai, Montdidier, Etampes, Evreux, Chartres, Rheims, Bourges and Creil. One air of A.D.G.B. destroyed a Me.110 at St. Dizier. A Mosquite of 3 Group compact weather reconnaissance flight. None was lost.

#### SPECIAL OPERATIONS

32. 42 Mesquites, Halifaxes, Stirlings, Halsons and Lyanniers were sempecial operations. 34 were successful. All returned safely.

HLYJT. BC/S. 26342/5/ORS4, 6th. .ugust, 1944.

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# 7/8th. 11. 1944.

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## SU. 11.77

- t. Forces of 50-100 aircraft attacks a camitten dumps at Salbris and Rennes, cirfields at Young, Rennes and Mantes and a gun battery at St. Valory. All the raids were accurate and concentrated, in clear weather and full moonlight. Every target except the Fernes are munitive and true are severely damaged. Strong fighter opposition was not by the Salbris and Towns forces, and 9 of the 391 aircraft engaged were lost.
- 2. Hosquites visited Chateaudum am Layer and a well as sirrields in France and the Lew Countries. Himse were laid of the Principal and the Gironde estuary; and other aircraft carried out fighter patrols and special operations. 2 nore aircraft were lost.

## ZAHER FORDLAST

Bases:- Fit. Little cloud.

Germany: - Much convection and layer cloud, broken W. of 10°Z.

France:- Excellent chance of clear shies in F. But there is a threat of drifting patches of strate-camulus between 3-5,000', with home up to that height. Layers of cloud in F.

# STURES

# PLAT OF ATTACK

1. The MP was to be mirked by I agustos with red spot fires. If necessary flores were to be dropped by specially column aircraft to dis identification. As a last resort, green 7.1. Hight be released to distinguish the correct MP. I Master Bomber was to direct bombin. Auremant of 100 3 a cron were to attack 8 special MP's. H = 0300.

## SCRTIES

5.	He.	cf	gireraft despatched	62	
		- 11	" reporting attack on primary area	60	
	Tr.		abortive sortics	2	
	J.	**	aircraft dissing	7(	11.33)

# GATER RUSERINGED

. No cloud. Good visibility. Full nece.

# MIGGINITIVE OF ATLICK

7. The marking and beabing were both concentrated, and large fires were started in the target area, with numerous explosions.

# D.M RECORDINESSANCE

The explosives works at Salbris consisted of 2 large factory units.

Both were bodly hit, and the larger was allost devestated. The storage depot

...../ to the east also

to the east also suffered screety.

## MILLY DESIGNS (all French tergets)

9. The plan for evading the offerees on this might was for an early at to be made on St. Valery, before welther deteriorated in the coastal regio followed by a mornlight penetration to an area well 5. of Paris, and to Brittany. In each phase, there were two widely separated targets. Thus the first phase, Lancasters flow 120 diles and from Cabourg to Salbris (Sorleans), while others went J.E. from Devon to Rames. 2½ hours later, a approaches were made to Tours are linter. In unlocal return route was us Lancasters crossing the west coast of the Charbourg peninsula and skirting Channel Islands. The was expected, the crossy removed vigorously to the entaid on Salbris, the nearest target to Paris and his bases, and intercepte benders all the way from Orleans. To attack it all were reported by the aircraft returning from Rendes, Fantes and St. Takery, but strong opposition encountered on the way to and from Yours. So mecrow flares were fired in Channel Islands. 2 Me. 440's and a [x.217 were chained as damaged. Play was everywhere reported as negligible.

#### CASULTES

10. 7 aircraft (11.3%) were lost on Selbris. 4 were seen to go down combat (3 near the target and one near Galeans) and one was destroyed by Chatcaudum. The other 2 lossed event be accounted for. No returning was seriously damaged.

#### REPORTS

#### PLN OF ATTACK

11. The airfield and the crimition demp at Rennes were to be separate attacked by aircraft of 1 Group. It the airfield, the centre of the main hangars was to be marked at H hour with red spot fires. Some main force aircraft were to attack increased with red spot fires. Some main force aircraft were to attack increased with red spot fires. In the cump, both W. and E. Wh's were marked with impact yellow 7.7. and belief up with red spot fires. If the latter could not be seen, cancelling yellow 7.1. work to be used. The nativere to aim at the centre of writers on each \$1, unless otherwise direct the Master Boober.

#### SORTIPS

#### WEATHER EXPERIENCED

13. No cloud. Full noon. Slight ground have.

# H. RR.TIVE CF ATT .CK

- 14. \_\_irfield The first corter fell very close to the central \_/P, fires were raised in the magnes, with one national one in the fuel state section. ...t the P. ../P, 2 1 rgc explosions were thought to have resultability on explosives curps. Later arrivals found arrivers obscured by such and the fires could be seen from the French coust.
- 15. Indunition cump The markers found difficulty in locating the abscause of haze, and the attack began late. The first bombs fell slight the W. L/P, but the Master Bomber corrected this and later the markers as were better placed. Clouds of sacke hampered bombing on the E. L/P, and a few fires and explosions were reported, the results were not spectacult

#### PERCONT. ISSANCE

The village to the S. of the amountained any received the weight of this mak, and only roof damage was caused to the target installations. In gentified industrial plant is of the target was severely hit. The cirrield, the other hand, suffered very heavily. The main a neentration fell on the A dispersal area, severely foreging 11 sironaft shelters. 6 of the 18 mains were destroyed, and 6 others language. 10 bernick buildings, 6 other aldings and 2 verkshops were day got a destroyed. A3 creaters were caused on mays, and 2 aircraft were are got in the groun.

#### DAY DEFERORS

ce paragraph 9)

#### SILTES

From both these attacks, all aircraft returned underlayed.

## ST. V.L. RY

#### OF .TT.CK

OFOE groundmarking. A Mosquites were to drop green T.I. on the gun story, and Halifaxes were to aim at the centre of the markers. A reserves by to accompany the Masquiton. If = 2005.

#### TIES

No.	of	circraft despetched	64
	11	" reporting attack on printing arc	
11	n	abortive sorties	
n	-11	giroroft mission	

#### LOHOR INCPURIENCED

No claid. Full mean. the visibility.

# NO. TIL TO EVITATE

. Markers were fairly of St., as (1. be bla; who concentrated round then, the slight undershooting.

# FOXONNLISS JICE

a very tight group of cratters course just 2.7. of the target, but no lible drange was caused to the litters and let.

#### IN DEFENCES

e paragraph 9).

#### LLTIN

All aircraft returned safely; one was slightly damaged by flak.

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# JOF ATTACK

Mosquitos were to mar. the April red spot fines. If identification was assible, yellow T.I. were to be reduced as proximity rankers. If the marking not clearly visible, a green t.I. to be be used to work the red spot fires be attacked. Main force out. The track is in otto by the Master Benber, spot for 12 aircraft which were to the first the J. m. S. beamfaries of the mirfield. The spoints were to took flak pairway within I nike of the target. H = 0300.

····/SORTIES.

#### SCRTITS

" aircr I't missing......

## WELTHIN MOPERIZACIO

26. No cloud. Full moor. Good visibility.

#### NO. ITA. TO MVITA REAL

The marking and boding two accumute, and fires were observed an
 √P's.

## D.V. RECORD JOS SIGE

28. Very heavy and widespread 4.1 to was course to the direction it installations. 33 of the 41 building to the time station are were after together with 8 hangars, 7 times at about its, and various offer creetless, or they were coursed on the runney and are the perimeter track.

#### ENGY INFINIORS

(see paragraph 9).

#### C.SL.TIN

29. One Masquito was lest without two. I, hirar I't were but by run none seriously.

#### 117.00

### PLLY OF LYNLOK

30. 4 OBOE Mosquites (Cock with one reserve) were to drop green spot and red and green T.I. The first illusing term to release flares raining at the T.I. Letter illusing there were only to drop flares if so on the Master Benber, who was impoself to release further numbers if necessar deputy was to drop white T.I. then instructed by the Histor Benber. Historess were to book as director. H = 0300.

#### CHITSPOL

" nbortive sorties.....

#### TITHER KOURLESCED

32. No cloud. Pull noon. Becallent variability.

# NAMED THE OF STREET

33. Only one Masquite cropped a factor, at H = P. Thuse here punctubacked up by the illuminators. The Harter Boober marked the L/P with V at H = A. These were followed by relicion released by the Edpaty, who therepped whites on a second run. The Hater lember cropped were yellow. The borbing was highly concentrated.

#### D.Y. BECOMILITIS J'CE

34. The weight of the attack fels on the S.T. of the arfield, where than 250 craters occurred, including 30 inset his on runnys. 3 of thangers were affected, and 2 hits were seemed in the S.T. an unition or ...../3 harrocks were a

berracks were destroyed and 3 damaged, and 14 hits were scored on the railway ine to Mantes.

# CHA DEFENCES

see puragraph 9).

# SHATES

 One aircraft was lost, to find in the 5 rest area. Another was slightly imped by flak.

## OH AT LEAST !

. 4 Mk. II Mesquites under successfully controlled none equinst the armunition mp at Chateaudum, and returned under co.

# LWINGSE'

28 Mosquites (6 Ma.II and 22non-OFOR) were sent wright the chemical setting at Leverkuson. Only one OFOE discraft argued a right, and those were moved by 23 other discraft. 3 more by had on OFFOE. The turned safely.

# · MINITAL VIEW

3. 42 Stirlings, Halifaxes and lane sters were sent to light ines off the risions and the mouth of the Gironde. 3) a plated their dissions, laying 19 mines. All returned underlaged.

## PINTONE CETE STORS

12 Mesquites of 100 Green exploited counter-newsure patrols. One stacked a train near Leasenance; the rest had nothing to report. 13 Mesquites of 2 Group booked airfields at Coleans, St. Dinier, Lvord, Evreux, Chatcaudun, Inbruitand Juvincourt. 8 Mesquites of LV.2.7. petrolled France and Pelvium, Langing one Ju.88 and one Mc. 177. One Merquite of 8 Group carried out a seather reconnaissance Hight. 111 returned eafely.

# MITAIL A CHALLECTE

C. 44 Halifaxes, Stirlings, Falles than the Huesons Were estailed on special prations. 26 were successful. The Millers tere last tribut tribe.

H/JT. D/n. 26342/2/OKSL, ith. .ugust, 1944.

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# BOOKER CO. 91 MD EASONE OF MIGHT OFFICE WICHS

# 8/9th. H.Y. 1944.

H.BES ST. PINET: Brest: Bernoval: Cap Gris Men: Morsalines: etc:

# M SCRY

- t. The marchalling yards at Haine Ht. Pierre sere heavily hit by Lemeasters and Halifaxes in an accurate attack active or in old, who there are full wornlight. Half the yards were deviational. In there were motive and 10 of the 125 aircraft engaged were lost.
- Smaller feroes of Languaters without the diffield height and scaplane ase at Brest and the gum buffer; at 3 p Gras fee, thile Helif and visited the atteries at Berneval and Marselines. A frequites beaute Osaic web, Charlausen and airfields in France and Atlyium, one other aircraft hill these off the autom and French counts, southered leaflet the curried out fighter patrols. To further losses were sustained.

## MATHER FORMOLIST

Bases: - Fit all night, with listic clou.

Germany: - Good elementes in strutt - multap in W. Residual ornvection should in S. Well broken strutt-curulus over Worth Sec.

France:- Little cloud. Sone box.

#### HARRY OF PERSONS

#### LJI OF JYLACK

esquitos were to drop red and green f.T. and red and green spot fires. Early lluminators were to aim flares at the f.T. In the case were only to mark it so record. If necessary, the Master Babber as his deputy were to release arther markers. Practice benders and this core were to book as circoted.

Tining H = 0325 Duration of attack: 0317 - 0334

Mosquito: 40 H - 8 to H - 5 Illuminators. 30 H - 6 40 H - 4

Master Bomber) 2 O H - 5 Deputy

Practice bombers, 23 & H + 1 Main Porce, 75 @ H to H = 6

## THTIE

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WELTHER EXPERIENCED

7 1 Bases:- Pit.

Prince:- No cleut. Blight lead haze. Full meen.

Wind at 10-15,000':- 320-3300/15-20 m.p.h.

## P.RR.TI/E OF ..TT.CK

8. All 4 OBCE Hosquitos and a carly inhuminators impact their flares purctually. The deputy i entifies the /2 vibually an impact yellow 1. Recurredly at H = 4. Hain force or we ware, however, ordered to book the of the green T.I. The booking was consentrated, and the Master Booker cottlet 90; of the bursts tere in the target area.

#### D.Y RECONTLISE 200E

9. At least half the total area of the yards was devistated. The lar locantive sheds were severely damaged and numerous tracks were out, incluing through lines from Emissele.

#### BUE Y DEFINIOUS

10. Pighters were detive from shirtly before H how until direcult were miles on the homeword journey. One or two JuliBb's sour to hive followed directly out to sed. It is likely shirt the lesses were caused by a small of fighters, as one pilot wis hear, to class his fourth victim at H + 10. Inother, by contrast, reported that he was brely wown if any his plane shirt pieces at H + 5. One bamber contraged a Juliance. Plat was very slight, and one searchlight exposed at the time.

#### C.SILLTIFS

11. 9 mireraft (7.%) fore lead, probably all to fighters. 5 went do the target or on the first part of the return journey, and the remaining the coast. One returning Helicar was badly lamaged by fighter attack.

## MEST No

12. 35 Lancasters and 2 Masquites were cent against the mirfield hangs Lanvere, near Brest; and 22 other Lanverbers with 2 Masquites visited the station hangers at Poulnie mearly. All, he circulate were from 5 Group, attacked their primaries. In the forter thack, the first red spet fire the hangers themselves, which soom because of neured by the snocke of fires, the latter, the narkers, though accurate, were only seen by one crow, and attacked visually in excellent meather. We fighter attacks were reportedlight flak was intense and accurate, and probably destroyed the only books failed to return. Recommissioned showed severe damage to both targets; 5 hangers on the mirfield were hit, 5 oil storage shows were caused and craters were caused on the 1 nding groups. In the semplane base, direct were secred on the main hanger and the oppose, while 12 of the officers but were seriously dawned.

#### R.RUN.L

13. 32 Helifaxes and 7 Hesquites visite, the gan lattery at Berneval. Hesquites Cropped 2 sets of T.I., 150-200 yerds about, and the benbing was a neentrated round then. Hest of the backs fell 600-700 yerds V. of the target, but one stick severely desced the could coment of one gan, and his scored on a communication transh and the entrance to a uncer round store opposition was encountered, and no losses or ensulties were nustained.

#### CLP GRIS PEZ

14. 30 Lancasters and 8 Mosquites were desputched against the gun bath Cap Gris Noz. The Posquites were all late, and the win force bombed visuafter identifying the lighthouse at man coast road. A number of books in the target area, but no dwarfe was caused to vital elements. All aircreturned underaged.

### DECETS

of. 31 Helifexes and 8 Frequites ment to the better; at Forselines. Nurking ad booking were well concentrated, and the target was accordy hit. Hits or mean risses were secred on 3 gams, 2 are organized cubbles, a defence trench and an immunition store. All aircraft returned safely.

### NORT THEY

f. 23 Mesquites (includin; 6 Variator vi) there detailed on a harassing attack against Osmalruck. 3 Third of two successful, and the attack was all concentrated. All the director returned underaged.

### OR PR. Ma. M

17. 2 Mk. II Masquites made successfully controlled runs against the steel wrks at Oberhausen.

### TOS. . T'G

The 38 Stirlings and Halifates rate 55 inse off the Datch coast and the French Channel and Atlantic parts. Hast was leat, but one stirling was wreaked in a limbing accident.

### LUTLES.

19. 25 Wallingtons came universe, cub of a force of 25 despatched from Training Groupe, continued localists over torus in Northern France.

### PINHERS OF PLANE

20. 10 Mesquitos of 100 George carried out introder pairels, destroying one to 110 just as it was should to although Melifaxes right to Maine St. Pierro. 16 other Maguitos from 2 Group and 1.7.7.7. These amiliar patrols, attacking dirfields in Belgium and M. Prance, (correging a F.1100 and a Ju. 290 and hanging 2 other aircraft on the ground. It returned safely.

TEV/JT. 30/H. 26342/4/0184, 11st. ugust, 1944.

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### 9/10th. 1' 7, 19/4.

# Gennevilliers: Prench coastal out rist Erlin: Chatcarden: linelaying:

### SUCARY

- Gennevilliers 56 Lancasters of believe, tegether with 6 Mosquitos, visited the foundry and stamping plant of Gennevilliers. The carting and cobing were extremely accurate, and the tanget was heavily daraged.
- in annexy 39 Languagers and 4 Mosquates were despatched against the chald-Roost ball-bearing factory at timesy, and completely shattered it. No milding escaped damage. All aircraft returned surely.
- Merville 56 Lancasters attackee the constal better at Merville with-
- Galais 53 Languaturs and Maliferes Loubed the counted battery at alais without less.
- . Mardick 55 beneaters attacked the Unitery at Mariok, and rendered tunapproachable by wheeler transports, although no vital engl conents were Meeted. One nirewalt was less.
- St. Valery 52 house ters and California were detailed against the attery at St. Valery, and mel ved smellent results. All returned safely.
- . Morsalines 54 Helithout were desputched against the battery at mealines, and scored several direct him. None was lowt.
- Berneval 54 Halif was visited the battery at Berneval, with good
- Perlin 30 Mosquitos (including 6 The irenaft) was, is a iled on a crossing raid against Berlin. All but one resolute the aspital, where the arkers were reported to be well grouped in the centre of the city. All returned afely.
- 1. Chatchudun 6 Mk.II OECH Morganies was compatched and inst the amunition up at Chatchudun. 5 male successfully controlled runs: the sixth was abortive. a compatities were sustained.
- Einelaying 25 Stirlings and Halifaxes laid 71 uncs off the Dutch cast and the Prench Channel and lineary ports without invident.
- 3. Leaflets 15 Wellingtons, out of a force of 17 despitched from Training roups, scattered leaflets over Norther Presect. (ne was lost.
- 1. Fighter operations 3 Mosquites : 400 metry carried out SERRATE patrols, and 4 from A.D.G.E. made intruder patrols over France and delgius. 8 others from 100 Group, with 20 from 2 Group, beeded anticles in France and the Low suntries. No combits were reported by the Smollers, who all returned safely. Resquite from 8 Group completed a met. record. Chight.

....../15. Special operations.

15. Special Operations 53 Stillings, Addiferes, lossentes, Hudsons Lyaunders were temperated on special operations. 38 were successful. 2 Stirlings and one Halifux did not return.

### LEATHER EOREGIST

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Bross: Fit all night, are at hemally towards dame.

Continent:- Clear Sties, A. C. 110m. Blight has in P. Prance.

### PLAN OF ASTACK

- 17. Gennevilliers and Armony 2 lesquites were to tail the A/P with spot fires. Planes might be used for illumination and, as a last resort, a green T.I. might be dropped to distinguish the context A/P. A Poster Book, to direct the booking. H = 0030 at Gennevilles, 5, 0200 at Armony.
- 18. Marville in assembly point was to be marked with green spot file at H 5. The target itself was to be earlied with impact yellow T.I., but up with red spot fires. The main force was to attack in 3 waves: the fire consisting of the best crows, was to aim at the centre of the red spot fire; the second and third at the centre of new red spot fires or yellow T.I., who were to be cropped after the first who his finished. It haster Bomber wis be in central. H = 2335.
  - 49. Cap Gris Nez OBOE ground warring, with a Master Is sher in control 4 Mosquites were to drop groun T.I., followed by alluminators with flares of H = 3. The unin force were to bomb is irrected by the Master Bender.
    H = 0405.
  - 20. Martick: Morsalines: Bernevil: Orleis: St. V. Lervi Cn cach of targets, 4 OBOR Mesquites were to drep for at the centre of which the nain were to aim. H = 2330 at Calvis: 2350 at Ferneval: 0010 at Pardick: 0010 At Valery: and 0340 at Morsalines.

### SORTIES

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### WEATHER EXPERIE CED

22. Ruses:- Fit.

N. France and Belgium: - No cloud below corrus levels. Moderate good visibility, with industrial haze in Paris are: - Moon fant gast the fi

Annecy: - 9/10ths. alto-atratus, base 18,000', with patches of altounulus containing icing. Good visibility below this level. Moonlight.

### MAPPATIVE OF ATTACK

- 23. Gennevilliers The Master Bomber instructed the main force to be minutes after the first red spot fires had give down. They were thought to account and an excellent commentation (eveloped.
- 24. \_\_unnecy The red spot fires were estimated to be 50 yerds N. of the Applications were ordered to bomb meaningly. The first sticks were so but the Master Bomber corrected this, and then a good concentration was selected the remarking was necessary.

..../25. M.rville: Calais: Pricick: etc.

- 25. Merville: Calais: Mardick: Forsalines: St. Valeger: On all of these targets, the parkers were accurate and the booking empentrated round the .
- 26. Bernoval The Mosquiton were late. Their first T.T. fell in the sea and the rest on the beach or the edge of the cliff. Consequently, the attack was disorganized, although a few attacks appeared to fall horses the AF.
- 27. Cap Gris Non The attack executed to the N.T. of the A/P, where some tembs fell in the sea. The Haster Denker instructed crows to evershoot the first reds and yellows and bomb slightly to part. Visual identification was happened by hase, but later cross reports. A good concentration in the correct area.

### DAY PERCORALIES AVON

- 28. Gennevilliers The whole of the teaching on attending plant was very severely affected. The clather of circuit engineering tarks, the Goodrich tyre and rubber works, Using Pillot at a state officed factors were also badly hit.
- 29. Auncey This, the third soft i portant balt-being plant in Prance, was completely shottered by this state, no building ending damage. Other industrial and railing president were freeted in varyon degrees.
- 30. Merville At least 70 beads fell within the perioder wire. Each gun sustained a number of near misses (within 50 years), in the reads to the rear and one casemate received direct him. They cines were determited in the locality.
- 26. Calmin Recommissione of this truet was one ascless by hance The suttery was very badly hit during the sub- tent forthight.
- 32. Martick a great a mountration of creaters was caused to the rear of the bettery, and all the reason are no plan had up as to render it unapproachable by theolod transport; but now of the past is different.
- 3). Morselines Direct has were score on 2 guns, 2 underground onlies and a defence trench, and me'r related on another gun and an armunition store. Crews had reported a large orange-coloured explosion which suggested exploding expunition).
- 34. St. Valery. Very nery bombs fell i sacdistely in front of the position. Ine gun was wiped out by a direct hit, and smother was damaged by a near miss.
- Berneval 40 craters were caused in the target area, although the reight of the attack fell 500 yers to the west. One gun and emploement isopported as the result of 10 direct him, one 2 others were damaged by near isses. ... nearby battery sustains, hits as so less than 3 emplocuents.
- Mo. Cap Gris New Home with the assessment of photographs impossible until so ther attack had been delivered in this section.

### NE DEFILICES

7. The Lancesters on Connevilliers of numerous fighters, especially on the setum between Paris and La Havre. None of the other indees reported any tracks, although several hostales were sighted. The leuting of the annexy Lancasters described the energy into expecting another litack on Prest or Rennes, ince they swing sharply from the Chanal Islands towards Paris; but then they lumed towards Bordeaux, and fine by out casters agrees S. France. The couplete absence of interceptions is remarkable for so except a penetration. Flat this everywhere slight, except at Barlin, where any searchlights exposed. One is 38 was destroyed by a Lancaster on Genevilliers, an in ther was damaged by a Halifax on special operations.

5 Lancesters were lost on Genevillich. 2 feel to flak, one over target and the other over S. T. Paris. The other less stere not observed, were probably mostly due to righters. .. It noester went down over Mardick, t the cause is indefinite. 2 sturlings on one Halifus on special operations a leaflet Wellington, were also loss; . ictl of 9 mireraft. No returning aircraft was seriously danaget.

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### SUPPLIRY

- 1. The marshalling yards at leas, hime, Ghent and Goart ai, and the constal battery at Dieppe, were attracted by forces of 6C-125 aircraft in clear weather. All the raids were concentrated, but those on Leas and Countric here centred cutside the targets. The yards at Cheat and Lills suffere severe. A sarking delay at Lills contributed towards the less of 12 of the 82 Directors engaged. All other aircraft returns surely, despite strong exposition at Chent.
- 2. Masquites were despetched a sinct Chatalun, Ludwich fen and energy cirfields, while others patrolled energy-compile territory. Thes were laid off the French ports and in Heligalund Pight, and other aircraft postered leaflets and made special sortice. One minelayer and if fighters were last. 2 energy circraft were destroyed.

### FEITHER POLDUIST

3. Bases:- Pit until 0000, when visibility will become poor locally in southern Groups. High and medium cloud will increase in N. .

Germany: - Much adding cloud in M., becoming broken inland and patchy in Rahr and Berlin areas. Fine weather in Control and S. Germany.

Prance: - Fine: 'Patchy and well broken cedium clauf in N. ..

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### PLU OF AT CK

- 4. Lens OFOE groundmaking, directed by a Master Bouter. The ./P, in the S.E. of the years, was to be marked by 2 OFOE Posquitos with red spet fires and green T.I. respectively. Illuminators were to aim flares at T.I. or blindly if none were visible. They were then to orbit and both with the practice bombers. The Master Bouber and his deputy were to map more markers if necessary. The deputy was, in any case, to mark the ./P at H = 3, as directed by the Master Bomber. Practice bombers and main force cross were to bomb as instructed. H = 2325. Mesquitos at H = 8 and H = 7: Inhuminators at H = 6: practice bombers at H + 1: and main force in 2 waves of 3 cinutes, starting from F. Bombing height: 10-13,000.
- 5. Lille Lancasters were to illuminate this trajet with flares, by the light of which 4 Hequitos were to my recoport fires on the A/P before H hour. Green T.I. were to be released to instrumination except termines, and to cancel innocurate case. The Haster is been, or his county, and to circuit the attack. H = 2330. Distributors were to be set to ditain a context special of 15 yards.
- 6. Chent is for Lens, " cost that I, not 2, 0 000 caquites were to operate, dropping red and green T. i. an Act of green spot fire. H = 2345.

  Hosquites from H = 3 to H = 5: [10] Toron in one way. From H to H + 6.

  Bonbing height: 9-11,000'.

- Fig. 1: Dieppe The target here was the coastal butter. 4 OFOE Mosq. were to drop red and green 7.1. The nain force were to aim at the reds figreforence. H = 0005. Mosquitos from H = 3 to H = 2 (2 px minute): force in one wave from H to H = 1. No H ster Bomber ass to operate.
  - 8. Courtrai Nothed and timing as Per Tens, except that the Mosquites to drop green spot fires and red ".T.

### SORTES

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### WEATHER ECPERIENCED

10. Rases:- Pit, except for mist town is dawn.

All targets: - No cloud. Some hace. # upon, rising about pidni

### HAPRITTIES OF ATTACK

- 11. I Long Only one OBO's sireral to regred nursers, and those (red spowere estimated by the Master Bosber to have fellow slightly 5. of the A/T. deputy released whites, but not entil H hour. The Laster Denber backed up yellows, and the deputy with more pollows. Main force crows were instruct firstly to aim at the whites, later at the yellows, but the Master Bosler whenvily passed and his orders were not clearly heard.
- 12. <u>Lille</u> The first surface ent deym at H = 4, but were seen exting or obscured. The Faster Both ordered booking to cease and fresh markers to be dropped. These cent down at H + 24; they were assessed as accurate a good concentration of bon in developed round then.
- 13. Ghent 2 OBOE airer of the point allers, both purctually. Flores followed, and then the Baster Perbus apply very scaunce vellows, which a were ordered to both. The Baster work of the coputy least a continuous support markers burning on the AP by such action two runs. Leabing was finel concentrated, the Paster Borber being elective received.
- 14. Dicape The markers were well placed, and the benbing was concentround there.
- 15. Courtral Only one OBOE Mesquite Ittackel, but its reds were extracted. The deputy dropped whites on the N. and of the yard, and the Nathaber Follows at the S. and of the yard. Grown were told to bomb the red nid-way between the whites and yellows. Then the deputy dropped very necessary yellows on the A/P, and orders were given to attack these.

### D.Y RECORDAINSAFOE

- 16. Lens The weight of the matter fell just 3. of the yards, denegated tracks not strictly within the target run. 2 direct hits were, however, an the carriage and wagen requireshops, cousing great design and derailing nearby wagens. 5 lines on the recryition sidings were mat, and a factory State target was badly hit.
- 47. Lille A great concent ration of bombs fell on the round the railway and sidings 200 yards S.W. of the stell in engineering works of the Pives I company. 2 locomotive shows an expair shop were costrayed, together with numerous smaller buildings, an inary hits were second on lines and rolling st. The Pives Lille factory and seven I other incustries were dranged. Resider property suffered budly F. of the target.

..../18. Ghent.

- f. Chent These yards, second in the times along all those handling and fix between France and Generally were severally hit, aspecially the locancitive their and repair shops, and reception and storage sidings. The wagen and repair and construction shops were accorately damaged, and craters were caused along the whole length of the lines from the serting siding to the augen repair shops.
- . Dieppe No special recommissance was unfortaken for this attack.
- 2). Courtrai Most of the data fell 1.1. of the pards, but considerable estruction was caused in the co. tan, suddings. The loconotive sheds in the scoeption sidings, a block of lumbrings and ? I deem factories were seriously freeted, and a railway bridge, affects from blast.

### ENTY DEFENCES

During the hour of deriness available before moderies, these 5 attacks are carried out on a broad front. The energy emirelly is held their long range fighters in the Boan area, we consent that their neckum range aircraft nava the coast. Only at them the little, on the coast of this front, was any attack reported, but at the little target opposition as very severe; the raid lasted by minutes, because of a waking clay, and gave the fighters great scope, apprisingly, none of the returning timer fit on little reported any combuts, although 12 of this force were lost, there is the them force reported 7 combuts hat sustained no losses. Place has everywhere shight or noderite. A Haliffer instrayed a Jul 88 over the North Sec., and a 100 facul Pesquite shot form a Me. 110 fact albort.

### ZITLUZI.

12 Lancasters were lost on Lille, of a force of only 82 despatched. The min reason, as stated in the last puragraph, was the extended duration of the stack. 6 were seen to go down in cambet - 4 ever the target and 2 over the throatelleg; one fell to flak at Ypres, another to countal guns and 2 as the asult of a collision. There is no evidence of how the other 2 were destroyed. To lesses were sustained by the other forces, despite the strong appropriation as the everythem. One Halifan returning from the last-normed target was irreparably twaged by flak.

### OH T. JULIE

3. 2 Mk.II OBOE (osquite, or ecopatched example the argumition depot at Insteadum, but both returned early.

### PUNICHED I

5. 26 Ennocators, Stirlings and Halifaxes were cetailed to lay mines off the rench Channel and Biscay ports, and in Helifaxes light. 24 completed their issions, laying 80 mines. One Halifax oil not return; it was probably shot am by flak over Lericut. It's ether hiroraft was demaged.

### LYJLWS

24 Wellingtons and Whitleys, cut of a force of 26 desputched from Craining - roups, scattered leaflets over F. therm France. all returned safely.

### FARTY CPINITO'S

7. 9 Mosquites of 100 Group want on STRATE patrels, while 10 others, with 3 Mosquites from 2 Group and 4 from A.D.O.P. corried out intruder patrels and thacked enemy airfields at Creil, Procus, Chartres, Corneilles, Bourges, St. and and Einchoven. One aircraft of 100 Group testroyed a Ma.110 near albert. The others reported no combats, but 6 Mosquites (2 from each Group and 2 from 509) were lost without trace.

### SPECIAL OPER TIONS

33 Halifaxes, Hulsons, Stirlings, Lysanders, Wellingtons and Fortresses Fre detailed on special operations. 26 were successful. All returned safely.

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### BOMBER COMPLED REPORT ON MIGHT OPER.TIONS

### 11/12th. M.Y. 19:4.

BOURG LEOPOLD: H.SSELT: LOUV.IN: COLLINE RELUNCAT: "ROUVILLE: etc.

### SUBSLRY

- 1. 201 Lancasters and Masquitos were sent on the main operation of this night against the military camp at Bourg Leopold, in Belgium. Smaller forces visited the marshalling yards at Hasselt, Leuvein and Boulogne, and the constal batteries at Trouville and Colline Bournent. Most of the targets were buried in thick haze; the attacks on Hasselt and Bourg Leopold were mostly abortive, and only at Louvain was any widespread drange caused. From all these raids, involving 692 aircraft, 16 benters were lest.
- 2. 55 Mesquites were despatched against cirfields in France, Belgium and Helland. Others carried cut intruder and SIRRIE patrols, and Hellianes and Stirlings laid mines off W. and N.W. France. One intruder was lost. 5 Ju.88's were shot down, 2 by bembers and 3 by fighters.

### WEATHER FORECAST

 Bases; France, Lew Countries and North and Control Germany: Fine, cloudle weather. Local haze.

HUSSELT: LOUVARY: COLLEGE BOLVERT: SPOUVELLE: BOULGED: BOURG LEOPCLD:

### PLAYS OF ATTACK

- 4. Hasselt Controlled OBCE groundmarking. LOBOR Asquites were to drop red and green spot fires and red and green T.I. Hilminators were to drop flare on T.I. if possible, otherwise blindly. In either case, they were to orbit and bomb on a second run. Later illuminators were only to drop flares if so ordered by the Master Bember. The deputy was to drop markers as directed by the Master at H 3, and both of these 2 aircraft were to drop more markers if necessary. Crews were to beab as directed by the Master Bember. H = 2350. Mesquites from H 8 to H 5 (one per minute.) 6 illuminators at H 6 and 3 at H 4. Main force at H to H + 6.
- 6. Louvain Method and timing as for Hasselt, except that only 3 OBOE Mesquites were to operate, dropping red spet fires and red and green T.I. H = 0010.
- 6. Colline Beaument OBOE groundworking. 4 0307 Masquites were to mark the M/P with red T.I., at the centre of which the main force were to aim. H = 0100. 2 Mosquites at H 3 and 2 at H 2. Main force from H to H + 6.
- Trouville is for Celline Beament. H = 0045.
- Boulogne is for Hasselt. H = 0030.
- 9. Bourg Leopold Yellow T.I. were to be dropped on the centre of the target at H 8. Both MP's were to be illuminated by flares, if necessary, and then marked visually: the N.E. MP with red spot fires and/or red T.I., the S.W. with green spot fires and/or green T.I. Crews were to bend as directed by the Master Bomber. H = 0010.

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#### WEATHER EXPERIENCED

11. Bases: - Fit.

.ll targets: Patches of medium and high cloud. Haze, thick in places. a meen, rising after 0100. Wind at 10-15,000': 080 /25 m.p.h.

### N.FR.TIVES OF ATTACK

- 12. Hasselt Owing to thick hize, the target could not be visually identified the Haster Bomber instructed aircraft to bring their bombs back. . few aircraft attacked before receiving these eriers.
- 13. Louvain Haze was less thick here, had a number of crews saw the orn and railway. The markers were fairly accurate and the Master Leaber's correct were closely followed. Later, the bashing Lee ne scattered.
- 14. Colling Beament Winds were notes forecast, so that all crews were late, and some arrived after the last markers had burnt out. 2 T.I. were classified the third a mile to the S. It was impossible to identify visually which was closest to the target, in all the T.I. received equal attention.
- 15. Trouville Despite haze, the marking end bombing were well concentrand one great explosion occurred.
- 16. Boulogne Conditions were such clearer at this target, and a disatisfactor, concentration was achieved.
- 17. Bourg Leopold Due to very unexpected winds, discrept were late and flares were unpunctual and scattered. Haze was cutrenely thick; and only 2 marker aircraft obtained glispses of the target. A marker was dropped but we extinguished almost at once. Eventually a red spot fire was released in the estimated vicinity of the target, and about half the force bound this. Hist the remainder brought their bound back; -a few attacked Hasselt.

### DAY RECONNAISSANCE

- 18. Hasselt No craters or drage were coused in the target area. books fell just S. of the junction.
- 19. Louvain The weight of the attack fell on the storage sidings which were heavily daraged. The passenger station sustained extensive roof damage, and ateliers do la Dyle engineering works were severely hit. ... nearby learnetive repair works also suffered.
- 20. Colline Bonumont: Trouville. No recommissance was undertaken for those attacks.
- 21. Boulogne The weight of the attach fell V. of the yards, causing severe damage to residential property an small industrial promises. The target itself was nederately affected. 14 hits caused severe damage to track and freight wagens on the east side of the sorting sidings, and 5 nore were so on through tracks. The flyover at the south end of the yard was destroyed, a rail bridge damaged. Reof damage was caused to becometive depot, the good depot and the passenger station.

22. Bourg Leopold No visible damage was caused to the target or its environment.

### ENTRY DEFENCES

23. The bombers visiting the 3 Belgian targets (Hasselt, Leuvain and Bourg Leopold) made landfall near the Scheldt estuary, and then turned south-eastwards towards their separate targets, in order to make the energy suspect a penetration into W. Germany and hold his long range fighters in reserve until the attacks had been completed. A large-scale intruder programme was arranged to assist in the deception. The German controllers evidently supposed that our forces were engaged on one large raid and, for the first time for over a week, ordered up night fighters from N.W. Germany in readiness for a penetration. At the same time, however, medium range fighters were active in the Brussels area and further south; and the fact that the attacks on Hasselt and Bourg Loopold were largely abortive, and aircraft were over the target for longer than usual, presented then with good opportunities for interception. No fighters were not on the French targets. Flak was everywhere slight except at Boulogne, where accurate predicted fire was not towards the end of the raid.

### ENERY .. IRCR.FT DESTROYED

24. 5 Ju. 88's were destroyed, 2 by 5 Group Erneasters H. of Tholen and N. of Ostend, 2 by 100 Group Mosquites in the Fruescls area, and one by an A.D.G.R. Mosquito near St. Andre.

### C.SULTIES

25. 16 bembers were lest: 5 on Hisselt, 4 on Leuvain, 2 on Boulogne, and 5 on Bourg Leopold. Taking the first and last raids together, it appears that one direral't was lest to flak and one to fighter over Bourg, one to fighter on the outward route and 4 to fighters on the way home, including one half way across the North Sea. 2 aircraft went down in combat near Louvain and a third, belonging to the same force, to flak near Knocke. Both the Boulogne losses were probably caused by target flak. Thus, 8 (probably 12) of the night's bember losses were caused by fighters, and 4 by flak.

### PERMIT

26. 12 Stirlings and Halifaxes were detailed to lay bines off Cherbourg, Le Havre and the Biscay ports. 10 completed their task, laying 33 mines. All returned undamaged.

### FIGHTER OPER STOL'S

27. 6 Masquitos of 100 Group completed SERPLTE patrols, destroying 2 Ju.88 in the Prustels area. A third was shot down by an A.D.G.B. Mosquito near St. Andre. 55 Mesquitos of 2 Group were despatched against airfields in France, Belgium and Holland. 29 were abortive locause of the prevalent haze; 25 attacked targets. One Mosquite of 2 Group was lost without trace. A Mosquite of 8 Group carried cut a net. recoe. flight.

### SPECIAL CPERATIONS

28. 11 Stirlings, Halifaxes, Fortresses, Wellingtons and Masquites were sent on special operations. 9 were successful. All returned safely.

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### BOMBER COMMUND REPORT ON MIGHT OPER CHOIS

### 12/13th. E.Y. 1944

### HASSELT: LOUVAIN: Chateaudun: Brunsbuttel: ; inelaying: etc:

### SUPPLARY

- The marshalling yards at Hasselt and Louvain, in Belgium, which had been visited in conditions of thick haze on the previous night, were attacked again. They were still covered with haze, but this time the markers were clearly visible, and both targets were heavily damaged. 12 of the 231 aircmft engaged were lost.
- 2. Mosquitos bembed the ammunition dump at Chateaudum and the look gates at Brunsbuttel. Others went minelaying for the first time, to the Kiel canal. More mines were laid off the Prisings, Heligoland and the Pranch ports, including Rouen; and Mosquitos carried out intruder patrols, destroying 3 enemy fighters. One minelayer and one intruder were lost.

### WEATHER FORECAST

Bases:- Fit. Little cloud.

Germany and Low Countries:- Fine, but hazy.

France: - . Little cloud E. of 0°. Chick layers of thunder cloud in N.7. base 12,000'.

### H.SSELT: /LOUT.T.:

### FLUS OF ATTACK

4. Both targets 2 0BOE Mesquitos were to drop red and green 7.1. at H - 3 and H - 2. The main force were to did at the centre of the markers, bombing between H and H + 5. H = 0030.

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#### WE THER EXPERIMICED

Bases: - Fine. Moderate visibility.

Hasselt: Louvain: - No cloud. Moderate haze at Hasselt, thick at Louvain. No noon.

### MARRATIVES OF ATTACK

- 7. Hasselt ... The T.I. were concentrated but slightly short. The booking was highly concentrated round them.
- B. Louvain The T.I. were placed enong the tracks and, despite thick haze,

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the bombing was control on them. It 0030 there was an emplosion of such vicitive, the markers were completely obliterated, and 15 cross the arrived shortly afterwards had to bring their bombs back.

### DAY RECORD ISSUNCES.

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- 9. Hasselt. Most of the bombs fell just S.of the target in open fields, concentration landed on the reception and forwarding sidings, severing choost the tracks in this area. The locarotive shed, already damaged in an earlier received a direct hit, the tracks leading to this shed and the carriage and a shops were disrupted. The junction N. of these shops received 2 hits on the embankment; the siding N.W.of the locamotive shed was damaged in 2 places; group of sheds S.E. of the carriage and wagen shops was destroyed. Roads area were completely chliterated.
- 10. Louvain. The attack fell squirely on the target, emising great drawings and rolling stock. The turntable was half destroyed. The Ateliers Dyle engineering works were also affected.

### ENERY DEPENCES.

11. Medium and short range fighters were directive before our aircraft at the coast, although the long range aircraft were again hold in readiness to possible attack on Germany. Interceptions were fairly frequent ever both and on the return routes. The Louvain ferce had to traverse a narrow gap to antwerp and Brussels, and met a good deal of light flak at the low height at they were flying. Ground eposition was slight ever targets. A Halifax of from Louvain damaged a twin-engined fighter; and another fighter was damaged Hasselt, and may have been destroyed. Introdors destroyed one Ju.88, one D and one Me.110.

### C.SU CITIES.

12. It least 4 of the 7 missing circumft on Hasselt were shot down by fill 2 outward, one over the target and one haward. 2 fell to flok at the Scholestuary and Herenthals. The seventh probably went down over the target, it cause is unknown. Of the 5 aircraft lost on Louvein, 2 were shot down by intwerp and Malines, and 3 were destroyed in optical - one at Louvein and 2 drussels. One Halifux soung on take-off and was wrecked.

#### CH. TE. UDUN

13. 8 Mk. II OBOE Mosquites were despatched against the remunition dump : Chatcaudum. 2 made successfully controlled runs; the rest abandoned their None was lost, but one crashed in England, and the crew were killed.

#### PRIDISBUTTET.

11. 12 Mesquites attacked the lock gates at Brunsbuttel. The target we of cloud, and was easily identified by florelight. Green T.I. were drapped Y-aircraft, and a good concentration was achieved in the vicinity of the take of fighters were not, and flak was nederate. All aircraft returned safely

### TERLAYING

15. 65 Halifaxes, Stirlings, Lamensters and Masquites were detailed to mines off Marlaix, St. Mala, Cherbourg, Rouer, and the Prisians, and in the canal and Heligoland Bight. The Mesquites on Kiel were the first directly type to be employed in night minelsping. 64 aircraft, reached their targetlying a total of 180 mines. One Misquite was lost without trace.

#### LE FLETS

16. 8 Wellingtons from Training Groups dispersed leaflets over Nosthers without incident.

### FIGHTER OPER.TICES

12 Masquitos of 100 Group were some on SKRLIE patrols. heir serties, without making any interceptions. 12 lesquites from 2 Group : spatched against enony airfiel's, but only 2 ropped bombs because of the revalent haze. 9 more from 100 Group and 7 from ... D. C. P. were detailed on intruder patrols; the 100 Group aircraft destroyed a Jul 88 and a Me.110, and have from A.D.G.B. a De. 217. On intruder from 100 Group was lest without 2 Mosquitos from 8 Group completed weather recommissance flights.

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### BOMBER CONTAIND REPORT OF PIGHT OPER TICHS

### 14/15th. May, 1944.

## Cologne: Courtrai: Chateaudun: Leverlausen: Minelaying: etc:

### TRY

Cologne 29 non-OBOE Mesquites (including 6 Y-directift) were despatched Jelogne. 5 Y-directift dropped markers in a tight group, and booking was well antrated round them. 2 directift were abortive. From this are all other matiens on this might, all aircraft returned to base.

Courtrai 2 Mk.II and 3 Mk.II Mosquitos were sent against the Courtrai/
anghom mirfield. 1 Ma.I and 2 Mk.II Mosquitos attached the princip on OPCE.
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Minclaying 12 Halifaxes and Stirlings were sent to lay nines of Prench and Piscay ports, including Rouen. 11 completed their tast, laying ines.

Leaflets 10 Wellingtons scattered leaflets over towns in P.S. France.

Fighter patrols One Mesquite of 100 Group carried out a special tion, and 2 others of 8 Group completed met. recor. flights.

### ER FOREC.ST

Bases: - Fit all night.

Continent: - Belt of thundery rain along N.T. coast about 150 siles wide, solid cloud to great heights in places. Good chance of well broken structus in N.T. France, and in Belgium. 10/10ths. to great heights over Ruhr.

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### ER EXPERIENCED

Buses:- Fit. Little cloud.

Cologne and Leverkusen: - 10/10ths. to 22,000'.

Courtrai: - 7-8/10ths. to 6,000'.

Chateaudun: - 5/10ths. to 6,000'.

### MILMY DEPENCES

11. No fighters were seen. McGerate and fairly accurate flak was encountered int Cologne and Leverkusen. The French targets were undefended.

## C.SU.LITIES

12. No directaft was lost. One leaflet Wellington crashed on return, was wrecked; and a Mosquito was hit by flak over Cologne.

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### BOTTER CONSISTS TERRET OF HIGH OF RETINES

### 15/15th. PAY, 1944.

## Leverkusen: Caen: Lucuitshafen: Mindlaving: etc:

### SUPPLIRY

- Leverkusen. 3 Mt. II Mosquitos note sent a annot the chemical works at Leverkusen. 2 made successfully controlled runs, although one released the third beated on a L.F. run from an OMME fix, in the Leverkusen area. All returned undamaged.
- 2. Cacm/Carriquet 8 Hall and 2 lk.II Mesquites were detailed against the Cacm/Carriquet airfield. Both Hall and 3 Mail aircraft made successfully controlled runs; the rest abandoned their task because of OBOE failure. No assualties were sustained.
- 1. Ludwigshifen 30 non-OBCE Mosquitos (including 6 H23 in reraft) attacked Ludwigshifen. The markers were well concentrated, and the bombing was placed accurately among the . Fires and a large emplosion were reported. All iroraft returned safely.
- to lay mines in Kiel harbour, the K. treget, Helifolded Hight and the Bay of Biscay. 30 completed their tasks, laying 126 mines. 3 Lancasters and not return from Kiel.
- Leaflets 23 Wellingtons, out of a force of 2k despatched by training brougs, scattered leaflets over Northern Prance. One was lost.
- Fighter operations 2 STEATE Resquites were sent on patrol. One returned early. The other destroyed 2 Ju.88 and one Pa.110 in the Heligol and tree. A Mosquite of 8 Group carried out a net, reces. flight.
- Special operations 6 Halifaxes and one Wellington left on special sorties. The Wellington and 3 Halifaxes were successful. All returned safely.

### RATHER FORECAST

 Bases:- Pit all night, with patch cloud. Showers and lew cloud in East Anglia.

Germany: Nuch strate-cumulus, with a few recks.

France:- Small amounts of strute-venulus, though in mantal areas, and in S.E. Paris, Orleans: 5/10ths. or lead after 0200, larger amounts before that time.

Denmark, Heligoland, Kiel:- 8-10/10ths. to 12-15,000'.

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### WEATHER HICERIENCED

10. Bases: - Almost continuous rain on F.Z. co.st. 8-10/10ths. str. curulus.

Marnheim: - 2-3/10ths., well below aircraft. Hisc.

Leverkusen: - 7-8/10 ths. to 10,000'.

Chen: - 10/10ths. thin strato-cumulus to 3,000'.

Heligeland and Baltic:- 2-5/10ths. to 6,000'. Good visibility.

Bay of Biscay: - No cloud. Good visibility.

### ETERY DEFENCES

11. Fighters were very active over Demank against the minclayers, who accurate flak from Mande, Blanvands and Esbjerg. Intense and accurate flys also met from Ludwigshafen and Leverausen.

### CASU.LTIES

12. 3 Lancasters did not return for the land to fink to Esbjerg, one to a fighter refer the Little Neiters the third to enother fighter the North Sea on the way home. There is no evidence of her or where leaflet Wellington was lost. The outstraking success of the SHRWATE Mosqui which destroyed 2 Ju. 88 and one Me. 110 on a single patrol is networthy.

16/S. 26342/6/063., 26th. August, 1944.

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### 16/17th. :: ", 1914.

### BEET

### CLRY

29 Mosquitos were despatched to Perlin. 3 N-aircraft dropped markers sich soon disappeared into cloud, but nearly half the force bombed their gloud together, 28 attacked. No aircraft was lost, but one crash d on return. Sother Mosquito completed a net. reces. flight without neident.

### THE PORCE ST

Bases: - Buch rain and solid cloud.

Germany: - Broken cloud in W. Good clear apens in I.

Prance: - Solid cloud in N., dispersing to mil S. of 49°N.

### RTIES

He.	of	aircraft despatched	30
11	11	" reporting attack on privary area	
11	**	abortive sorties	
11	27	circreft missing	

### CATHER KEPERIENCED

Berlin:- 10/10 ths. to 27,000'.

### TENY DEFINICES

No fighters were seen. Fink was accorate but accurate.

### SU.LTES

One Hosquite crashed on return from Berlin. The cause is unknown.
 hers were slightly demaged by flah.

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### BOUTTER CONTINUE RIPORT OF HIGHT OPERATIONS

### 18/19t . ..., 1944.

### Chateaudun: Orly: Monieville:

### SU DLRY

the Mondeville steel works (near Cach); 8 [A. I against Orly dirfield, near Paris; and 2 Ma. II against the emmunition depot at Chateaugun. 5 mile successfully entrelled runs, 4 at Mondeville and 2 at Orly. The rest were abortive. 2 other Mosquites carried out set. recee. flights; and 7 aircraft of 192 Squadron completed special patrols. All returned underwied.

### E.THER PORICEST

. . Bases:- Fog will become widespread after 0200 hours,

Continent: - Pinc, hezy. Hederate visibility. Thundery developments in . France.

### DETI'S

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		abortive sorties	
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### ZARER EGENIETOED

9/10ths. low cloud at Orly. Clear sky at Mondovilla.

### ZY DEFENCES

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### BONETIR CONTLICTO RELPORT ON MEDIAT OPER CTIONS

### 19/20th. ..., 1911.

ORLANS: LE MANS: TOWNS: BOULDFOR: . TANS: I' CLIPON: : HAILLE: etc.

### 3' .RY

Porces of 100-150 circust were sent against the marshalling yards at leas, Le Mans, Tours, Boulogne and Friens. Those at Orleans and Le Mans were werely hit. In Tours and Boulgone, the beabing was centred just outside the risk, and subsidiary targets received the brunt of the attacks. Indees was sered with 10/10ths, cloud, and cross were ordered to bring back their boobs. Her forces attacked the Radar Jamaing Station at Mont Couple, coastal steries at Le Clipon and Merville, Cologne and enemy sinfields. Mines were add off French ports, and other aircraft scattered leaflets and carried cut mader patrols. Integether, more than 900 sorties were made; 7 aircraft were st, and not more than 2 of the returning aircraft were attacked by fighters.

### THE FORCE ST

Bases:- Fit until 2300 hours. I in and low strutum from 0300, but forsions will be evailable in Training Groups until 0500.

Germany:- Thuch layer cloud in F. Residual convection cloud in Central as. Thunderstorms in E.

France: - Much cloud in C. Cov charances in residual convection cloud.
Little cloud along the court from C Lais to Mantes. Icss hase than of Very good visibility.

#### OTERINE: IN COURSE FORES: BOULDONG: .. III'S:

#### 3 OF ATT.CK

Orleans: Le Mans: Beulorne: Controlled CICE grounder rhing. 4 0BOE quitos were to drop red and green T.I. Inhumanters were to make a blind-bing run, but were to sim their flares at the T.I., if visible (the first flare sights on" and the rest at 10-second intervals). Otherwise, they were to sime an H2S.: They were then to orbit and book. The Haster Benber or his deputy to direct the attack, dropping further markers if necessary. The main force to bomb as instructed by the Haster Benber. Hasquites: 2 at H - 8 and 2 i - 7. Illuminators: 6 at H - 6 and 5 at H - 1. Thin force: H to H + 5. = 0045 at Orleans: 0025 at Le Hand: 0105 at Beulogne.

Tours: The target was to be illuminated with flares, by the light of the red spot fires were to be dropped on the marking points and, if necessary, ked up. The first 1/P was to be 320 yards 11,5°T. from the marking point, and were to aim the first bomb of each stick at the red spot fires. The second was to be 190 yards 272°T. from the marking point, and here errors were to aim centre bomb of each stick at the markers. ... centraller, or one of his 2 stics, was to direct the bombing. Yellow T.T. were to be used to cancel any markers, and greens to distinguish correct ones. H = 5015.

wiens: 3 OBCE Mesquites were to the yellow T.I. proximity markers.
The were then to be released, by the hight of which a 5 Oreup Lineaster was to be red spot fires on the marking point. If accessary, these were to be backed with more red spot fires. Whin force cross were to min the centre bonb of each look at the marking point, using the wind issued. Yellow and greens were to be a indicators of according as at Tours. The controllar, was to direct the ..../barbing.

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bombing. H = 0120. Mosquites at H - 8.

### SCHTIES

Orl. Ic Fens. Tours. Boul. Aniens.

### WINTER EPIRENCED

7. Bases: Rain and very low cloud affected Yorkshire before midnight, a mist and fog developed in Lines., becoming widespread by dams. Southern base were not involved until 0100-0200 hours.

French tirgets: - Strate-cumulus, varying from pitches to 7/10 ths., but 5,000', tops 8-9,000'. Winds at 10-12,000': 220-240'/10-15 ....h. No norm

### H.RR.TIVES OF ATTLCK

- 8. Orleans Yellows and whites went form situation could not H 5. The yellows were \$50 yerds 10 and the whites 200 yerds 20° from the \$\$\langle\$P. The target was brilliantly illuminated by flares, there was no cloud and little han early tendency to undershoot was rectified by the Master Research One hage crange explosion caused so much sacke that the numbers because invisible, and a were ordered to book this conflagration.
  - 9. Le Mans Since there was 8-10/10 thr. cloud at 0-10,000', the Master Bomber ordered orders to bomb from below the base. The nurkers were accurate, their mean centre being rather nore than 200 yards 15° from the Jr., and they were backed up by the deputy with whites. Visibility was good, and some orderinged to identify the target visually. Later in the raid, leaking became slightly scattered. The Master Bomber and his deputy were both lest ever the target, possibly in a collision.
  - 10. Tours The markers were punctual and the bombing was well concentrated them.
  - 11. Boulegne The first reds went down at H = 7, but their position has not been photographically recorded. 2 minutes later, whites were dropped by Thaster Bonber, 100 yards 130° and 350 yards 165° from the ./r. Grows were ordered to bomb those. Despite jaming of the Master Bonber's instructions, a fine a meentration was achieved, culminating in a terrific explosion, the stop which obligated the yards.
  - 12. Inions This target was covered with 10/10 the. cloud, and although markers were dropped, the Master Bomber was unable to judge their accuracy. Aircraft were ordered to bring their bombs back but owing to a delay in giving the cancellation order and to weak reception 40 aircraft attacked.

### LAY PROGRETISSINGE

- 13. Orleans The attack fell squarely on the marshalling sidings, spreads the east and west. The milear sheds were alrest completely destroyed, the lines in the sidings were out, and very many tagens were exclished or denailed.
- 14. Le Mans A high proportion of the bombs fell on the target, especially in the central and northern areas, causing great demage in the reception/ forwarding sidings, the carriage and ungen repair shops, the transhipment she the locatetive sheds and repair shops and the stores depot, Relling stock suffered grievously. Several factories autside the target area were hit. Junkers repair plant had all its buildings encept one completely wrecked; the Renault armement and traction works was badly hit; and the Grene and Rhene aero-engine works sustained damage to the main building.

- through the passenger station and all its yards and facilities, and also the pools depot, locamotive depot and incompetive workshops. The inst-named received numerous hits and suffered heavily. The tracks to Samur and Poitiers are cut and the embandments broken many; the bridge over the canal partly collapsed; and 2 water towers were damaged.
- f. Boulogne 3 unidentified factories adjaining the yards received the trunt of the attack. Medium sized buildings S. of the locanctive depot were it for the second time, and anumber of hits were scored on tracks and sidings.
- 7. Iniens He recommissance was unlertisen for this target.

### DEFENCES

9. Over 900 bombers and introlors were despatched on this night, but only of those reported atthoks by enemy bilder fit. The variety of the targets lainly distracted the enemy controllers, who offered hardly any opposition even in such strongly defended arises as Philaphological. Plak was everywhere slight weept at Le Phins, there the light gums were intensely active.

### SULTIES

?. One aircraft was lest on Orleans, 3 on Le Thus and one on thiers. The first-mined fell in combat S. of Paris. 2 of the Le Hans losses were caused by collision, and the third by light flak S. of the target. These included the faster Bomber and his deputy. The aircraft on thicks was destroyed by a fighter than Paix. 2 other aircraft were wrecked on return - one after the crew had alled out, the other through hitting a house. I third was irreparably damaged flak.

### TOUT COUPLE

39 Lancasters and 5 ONCE recognics were sent to attack the Radar Januing tation at Mont Gauple. There was no cloud in the target area, but haze was mick. Because of OBOE failure, no carbors were from a point on the coast. That attacked did so, under orders, on a timed run from a point on the coast. The bombing was concentrated at first but scattered later. 2 bright blue-green lashes were abserved. One sirenaft was last, to have flak near Boulogne.

### TE CITYON

1. 58 Halifanes and 6 0.000 [lesquites were desyntched against the coastal attery at Le Clipen. Hame was thick in the target area. The markers were uncentrated and the bribing was well placed around them. The defences were deffective and although one fighter attack was reported, all aircraft returned talanged. Reconneissance showed that the attack had fallen 300-1,000 yards [J.E. of the target, without drawing it.

### MERVILLE/72. OFVILLE

2. 57 Halifaxes and Lancasters, with 6 OBON resultes, were detailed to thick the constal battery at Marville/Franceville. In fair concentration was chieved round the markers, despite thick happer. Is a result of this Attack and all delivered on 10/11th. May, 70 craters were caused in the target area, acluding 2 hits on a casemate, 5 on the perincter wire and 14 on roads and spreach tracks. Ill aircraft returned unlarged.

### COLOGE

29 Masquites, including 5 Y-aircraft, attacked Cologne. Markers were icely concentrated, and the bending was grouped round them. Maderate but courate flak was encountered, though no fighters were seen. All aircraft sturned safely.

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### TILL I'G

24. 27 Stirlings and Elifaxes, cut of a force of 28, Inid 79 mines off the French Channel and Biscay ports, including Rouga. ... all returned undang

### L .FLETS

25. If Wellingtons, out of a force of 12 despatched from Training Group scattered leaflets over Bolgius. The traiffth was destroyed by heavy flak Bothune. One aircraft crashed in flates on return.

### FIGHTSR OF CLAIMS

26. 23 Mosquitos of 100 Group carried cut STRIFE patrols, without make any interceptions. 52 others from 100 and 2 Groups and in D.G.E. patrolled and attacked enemy airfields in France, Holland, Belgium and Germany. In A.D.G.B. Mosquito destroyed an unidentified enemy aircraft in combat. New our fighters was lost. In Mosquite of 8 Group caupleted a net. recee. flight

### SPECIAL OPERATIONS

27. 10 Halifaxes, Mosquitos, Wellingtons and Portresses made special savithout loss.

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### DOMEST CONTINUE REPORT OF MIGHT OFFICE TIONS

### 20/21st. M.Y., 1944.

### Dusselderf: Reishelm: Pinclaying:

### MILKY.

. <u>Dusselderf</u> 30 Mesquites attected Dusselderf. · 3 of the 5 Y-mireraft apped markers, but they seen distance into cloud and only 8 mireraft basked tem. The others attacked bomb flankes or on 1.8. From this and all other crutions on this night, all directift returned unlarged.

Reisholz 5 OBOR PALI and 9 PALIF Propriets were despetched against a smical works at Reishols, near Dusselderf. One PALI and 7 PALIF directly be successfully controlled runs; smother PaLIF bunked the term on D.R.; and a rest attacked alternative targets on D.R., 4 in the Dusselderf area and as at Cologue.

. Minelwing 13 Stirlings and Halifakes, but of a ferce of 16, Inid : mines off Malborg, Cherbourg and Lo Barres.

Leaflets 7 Wellingtons scattered leaflets without incident over teville, .miens and Compionse.

Fighter operations 5 SEGR.TH Resquites completed uneventful patrols, d 4 introders were sent to attack energy cirffelds, but returned early because bad weather.

### THER PORECLET

Bases: - Bad risk of 10/10ths. low stritus affecting southern Groups wards midnight. Fit elsewhere.

Continent: - Thunderstones in F. and S. Germany and S. France. Cloud would brank into residual layers in Control Pronce and Germany, and N. France.

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### CATHER KPERIMOED

10/10ths. at Desselderf and Reishels, typs 15-23,000'.

### EN DEFINCES

No fighters were encountered. Flat was accerate and inaccurate...

### SULTIES

None .

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A German target received a major raid for the first time in 32 weeks. 532 aircraft were sent to Duisburg, which itself had not been heavily attacked for ever a year; and, although the target was covered with 10/10 the. cloud towering to great heights, they delivered a damaging attack. Fighters made few interceptions on the way out, but the bonbers s reguled on the return route, and r.ny cumbats occurred where cloud broke over Holland: 29 aircraft (5.5.) were lost. Masquitos carried out a feint attack on dannover, and bombed mirrields in Bolgium, France, Helland and Germany. Over 500 mines were laid in eastern maters, and fighters patrolled enemy-occupied territor. 3 minelayers did not

### FLITHER FORECAST

Bases:- Fit until midnight. Later a belt of rain and low cloud will ieve scuthwards ever the country. Cleul will remain above 1,700' except lecally in southern Groups.

Continent: - Much thundery activity in the southern and central parts of france and Germany. Cloud development will be used limited further north, and tops should not extend above 12,000' in country areas. Buint andertain' conditions. Even chance of no cloud above 15,000', but thun tory cloud may drift ever, or thick cloud to 20,000'. (Late Parke suggested that cloud should not generally extend above 10-12,000'). Attogram broken cloud, base 2,000', tops 12,000'. Good visibility. Thicker cloud to 15,000' ever kiel harbour.

Hethad of attack OECE ground- and sky-crking. 11 magaites (each with one reserve) were to drop red T. I. and sign rice flares (rg. with yellow. tars). Supporters were to aim at F.I. if visible, otherwise as the centre of Il skymarkers on a heading of 1920T. If u/t blir markers, they night attack . In H2S. Main force crows were to aim at reds or at the centre of skywarkers on heading of 2000:

H: 0110 Duration of attack: 0106-0122

- 11 14 squites from H 4 to H + 12
- 64 Superters from H to H + 8
- 149 Thin force from H to H + 4
- 143
- " " H + 4 to H + 8
  " " H + 8 to H + 12
- 21 .30 hiroraft spread throughout the attack.
- Diversions 25 H squites (including 5 Y-directft) were to reid Hannever at H, dropping white flares and skymarkers (red with green stars) with their bombs. 4 Mosquites were to drep large quantities of WEDOW near Duisburg and bonb at H - 3. 3 others were to attack Duisburg between H + 45 und H . 6f.

### SORTES

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### WE THER EXPERIENCED

7. Bases: - Much cloud with local drisple S. at the Wash at dusk, clearing for return.

Houte: - 10/10 ths. strate-cumulus, base 2,000', tops 4-5;000', as far a 060H., thence, conditions were as at the target.

Target: - 10/10ths. strut: cumulus, tops 12-15,600', often rising to 18-20,000', with static near higher typs. No meen. Wind at 18,000': 010°/5 mp.k. it 21,000': 005°/55 m.p.k.

### HIGHT PHOTOGRAPHIC STATISTICS

8. .11 night photographs showed 10/1, the. cloud.

#### PLERITIVE OF LTLICK

9. The towering cloud sion obscured the runkers, and most crews bombed on a glow of red T.I. burning beneath. There was some doubt concerning the room of the broadcast winds, and a number of crews found thouselves W. of the target area when they arrived on E.T... Bending become rather scattered, and fires a reported to cover a wide areas.

### DIY BROOKHLISS, FCE

10. Photographs obtained on 24th. 10x 1944, showed a considerable encurt of change since the last major raid on 12/13th. Nov 1043. Several Masquite after had been delivered against the term in the intervening year, but nost of the destruction may be presured to have resulted from this, the only large-scale; attack. Nearly all the new incidents occurred in the districts of Hochfeld and Wanheim on the cast bank of the Rhine, with a number in Theinhausen across the river. It least 14 priority industries were hit, including the steelworks and blast-furnaces of Krupp at Rheinhausen (priority 1+), the important Mannesmann Rehrenworke (pr. 1) and the blast furnaces of Vereinigte Stahlworke at Micherheinische (pr. 1). Mearly every factory in Hochfeld was affected in some degree. Several dockside buildings were demanded or destroyed alongside the after where 3 large barges were sunk; and the term gas and electricity works a severely damaged, involving the collapse of a stack stack. Inilitary depot or barracks 2, of the Duisburger Wald was badly hit. Numerous incidents occurred among business and residential property throughout the town.

### ETWY DEFINICES

- 11. Ground defences Searchlights could not penetrate the cloud, and flot moderate. The method of fire is uncertain; early arrivals were engaged by use predicted flot, but a loose barrage may have followed. Opposition was not free the usual strongpoints in the Law Countries; and caused losses.
- 12. Fighters The feint this on H nnover, and the large mining operation in the Baltic and Heligeland Right, caused the enemy controllers to held their Gruppe at Stade until they were to be to intercept the Daisburg force, and distracted the fighters based in the north. For interceptions occurred at the cutward route, but enemy directful were present in force over the Ruhr who can be be to arrive? Since the winds were not as broade at, some boubers retained target early and had to wait for as long as 10 minutes for the markers; and, although nost of the booking was completed in 10 minutes, directful were present the target for over half an hour. Even so, fighters not with no large near the carget for over half an hour. Even so, fighters not with no large near the carget for over half an hour.

of success until cloud began to break on the homeword route. The main force of tembers was instructed to turn N.V. from Research towards Neorwijk, but many, experiencing manigational difficulties, came out on a broad front as for south an interpretability. Very many interceptions occurred in the area cast of Retterdam. Intruders came across the North Sca, and destroyed one better over Ingland. No victories were claimed by our cross.

# C.SULTIES

13. 29 aircraft (5.5%) were lest. 21 probably fell to fighter, 7 to flak and 1 to an unknown cause. Only 2 losses appear to have occurred an the outwar route, both to fighters, at Twente Enschede and off Texel. 5 ment down over Duisburg - one to an unknown cause while uniting for the raid to legin, and 2 to flak and 2 to fighters at the height of the attack. On the way have, fighters scored victories at Rotterlan, Utracht and the Scheldt off track, 3 between the Ruhr and Rosmand and 6an the long F. 1 log acr as Helland. 2 more backers fell in combat over the Morth Sea and one - probably 3 - were shot down by intruders. Flak losses occurred at Duisburg (2), Herenthals (2), Intwerp, Walcheren and materdan. No crash landings were made, but 2 returning aircraft were irreparably damaged by fighter attack.

# COURTS I

14. 8 Mk.I OBOE Resquites were despatched against Country Javelphen airfield. 7 made successfully controlled runs, the eighth returned early. No lesses or easualties were sustained.

# HUMOVER

15. 25 Mosquites, including 5 Y-mireraft, were detailed to carry out a feint attack on Hannever. The markers soon disappeared into thick cloud; 6 rews benbed on them, the rest on GHE/IR. Twenty 4,700 lb. benbs were dropped. All circuit returned unchanged.

#### PELLYING

16. 107 Lancasters and Halifaxes were despatched an a mining operation to the Kattugat, Kiel harbour and bay, Heligeland and the Prisians. 99 reached their targets, laying 501 mines. The operation was lesigned to district the enony's northern-based fighters. 3 Lancasters went down in combat on return from Riel - one N. of Funen, one over Jutland and one off Langeland. In their Lancaster destroyed a Ju.33.

#### FIGHTER OPEL TIONS

17. 28 Mesquites of 100 Group were detailed on SHL.TI pairels, while 32 others, from 2 and 100 Groups and ...D.3.7., patrolled and attacked enemy airfields in Belgium, Helland and Germany. No combats were reported, and all our fighters returned safely. A Mesquite from 8 Group carried out a weather recommissance flight.

# SPICIAL OPERATIONS

9 aircraft made special serties without loss.

MLN/Jr. 30/s. 26342/5/0134, 3rc. September, 1944.

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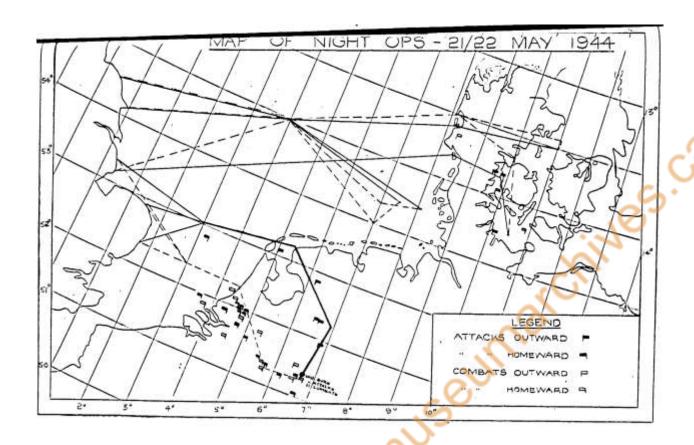
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# BOTTER CONFLID REPORT OF MIGHT OFFICTIONS:

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cover 1,000 aircraft were despatched. 375 went to Dorthund, which had not been heavily attacked for a year, and delivered a consentrated and destructive mid in clear weather. 235 visited pressuick, but found the target covered with a patch of thick clear, and their scattered booking fell outside the city. Dollar forces effectively attacked the harshalling yards it orders and be Mans. Esquites booked Ludwigshafen and airfields in France, Germany and the Law Franties. Kines were laid off halborg, the Frisian and the French ports; and any fighters were on patrol. The whole night's work cost us 35 aircraft. 5, grobably 7, German fighters were lestroyed.

# GLIHER POPERLIST

3. Bases: Generally fit all night, but south-eastern Groups run a serious risk of 10/10ths. very low stritus, and will need diversions on return. Elsewhere, variable cloud above 2,000'.

Germany: - Convection cloud to great heights in E. and S. In M.W. strate-purulus will become well broken inland, and ever the Middle Rhine there will fully be patches of residual convection cloud. Danish mining areas: thin broken media cloud above 14,000'.

France: - Much strate-outsiles in F. and F.E. Little claud inlawl.

#### DOST

# FLOT OF ATTACK

Hethod of Ittack Combined OBOD and H2S grown! - and sky - marking. 1 OBOE Mesquites were to open with red T.T. and skymarker if res (red with rellow stars). Blind recentrers were to follow with yellow T.I. and green flares with yellow stars. They were not to boob if their M2S was w/s. Visual anterers were to aim green T.I. at reds, the centre of greens or the centre of rellows. If no T.I. were visible, they were to beab flares but were to held their T.I. Main force and supporters were to aim at, in order of preference, and, the centre of greens, the centre of flares G/Y. If the attack developed into a skymarker, supporters were to boob the flares on theading of 174°T., and main force on a heading of 180°H. A Masquites were to large quantities of TEMBOW and then bonb at H - 4; and 26 Masquites were to tarry out a feint raid on Mannheim between H + 8 and H + 16.

Tiring H -= 0045
Duration of attack: 0042-0054.

8 H:squites from H - 4 to H + 8
12 blind recentrers from H - 1 to H + 2
10 visual centrers from H to H + 7
50 supporters at H - 1
139 main force from H to H + 4
144 main force from H + 5 to H + 9
23 ABC aircraft apread throughout the attack.

...../5. SORTEES.

#### SORTIES

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#### TEATER REMRISORD

f. Baser:- Cloudy; base mainly above 1,500, except locally in East and McGerate visibility. Mist and for patches.

Route and target: - 10/10ths. to 10-12,000', over North San, with common tracks to 5-6/10ths. Cloud trake over the German border, and little or none was found over the target. Slight hase. No north Wind at 12,000's 330°/35 m. h. (45-50 m. h at 21,00').

# MUTELITIVE OF LITEOT

7. The marking was punctual and finely concentrated. The T.T. were easily i entified, and booking hyperred to be very accurate. Great fires developed.

#### LAT EXOCUTES LYDE

### DULIGH LISESSIONT

9. As a result of this attack, it is estimated that 70,000 industrial manmenths were lost to the workers of Dort und; an average of 19 days for each a 93,000 industrial man and women. . 30,500 of the population of 514,000 people lost their house, and a further 91,500 were differed by housing damage.

#### MAR Y DETRICES

The two waves took separate routes out, the first crossing the coast at Taxel and the second at Harrior. Only one combat occurred before they reached the target, where tany fighters were seen. On the twy home, no combats occurred force the forces split again 3. of Hunchen Gladbach. Thereafter, the first wave, again fellowing a more northerly route, experienced 7 combats, while only one was reported by the second wave. 5 attacks were unde by intruders, 4 ever this country. The energy controllers were plainly distracted by the three simultaneous approaches made by the 2 Dorthund forces and that going to Brunswicked concentrated their western fighters against the Drunswick aircraft. Consequently, the Dorthund circraft met no opposition on their way across the Low Gountries. Plak was a crabe, although numerous searchlights expect.

#### MING LICE OF DESTROYED.

Returning tembers descriped a 12.110 and probably a Ju.38.

#### C.SU.LTIES

12. 13 aircraft (4.8) were last; 12 from the first wave and 6 from the second. The first wave last one aircraft to an unknown cause near Zwolle, one to flak near Einshoven, on the way hope, and 2 to fighters near Roomand and

...../Gilze Rijen.

Gilze Rijen. The second wave lost one to a fighter near antwerp. When the routes combined, one was lost at larster, 2 at Derthand and one at Cologne - to flak - while fighters destroyed 2 at Derthand and one is of Manster. In 5 losses may definitely be attributed to flak and 6 to fighters. Next of 1 rest were probably caused by fighters in the area between Busselderf and Manster Challengh. One Lancaster crashel on larging. The introduce appear to have with no success over England, although they may have seared one victory of east coast.

#### TRUE SWICE

#### FLU CF ATTLCK

The marking force (10 lbsquites and 31 Lanes), tegether with 40 Lanes. 55 Base, were to fly over the target at H - 9. The 10 Lonce, were then to the to port and rejain the main force, skirting the target defences. Remadile, the light of flares dropped by the marker Lunes., Magnitos were to drop rod fires on the marking point, backed up if necessary by once red spot fires. arking wint by 1,200 yards 355 %. from the A. Groom T.I. were to be up I. to advertise correctly placed markers, and yellows for incorrect enco. cloud was thick, blind markers were to release treen T.I. and skymarkers ( prowith red stars) every 12 minutes from H - 1. Main force crews were to aim " first bysh of each stick at markers: red spot fires checked with green T. I., green T.I. or skymrkers, in that order of preference. 1. 2-star Verys and red was to signify "coase bombing", and a green 2-star contridge "carry on bombing". . Controller and 2 deputies were to direct the bombing. H = C" 3 mbing height: 17-22,000'. Distributors, were to be set to give a stick length of 600 yards. Ill main force crews were to bond on a heading be-127 and 167%.

#### LOCKTIES

#### MUNICIPALITY STATES STATES

15. "H'ute and threet: 10/10 thr. over " rth Sen, tops 10-12,000", wit considered breaks to 5-5/10 ths. Obcad broke-over Helland and H. Germany to -5/10 ths., but increased mear target to 6-3/10 ths., tops 7.000"; base 2,5% with patched below 1,000" in rair. Clear 20 miles 1. of target, and also a target itself 1 tor in the attack. We meer. Vin. at 23,000": 340°/55 n.m.

#### LOUTINE OF LOTION

The thick cloud rendered group marking inpracticalle, so the blind arkers released skymarkers, which fell nather to the east of the team. A phing was scattered, although some compensation was achieved in the later tages.

# Y RESOCIAL ISSUADE

No fresh demage was visible in the city.

#### DO DESCRICES

The Brunswick force not fighters as soon as they turned east from disions, and were engaged continuously from incland to II. of Vechte. We resumed over the target, where 5 contains countred; 3 more were recovered minden and Quackenbruck on the way hand, and several nore even target guns fired a noderate burne; over 10, of returning circum's analytic between 07° and 08°3., where there was an entensive belt of crehlights.

..../E EY ..IRRET LINTROYED.

#### CLYONTEED TRANSIE. WERE

19. Benbers returning from Brunswick Costroyed a :6.110, on unidentified single-engined aircraft, and probably a Je. 3; and dated a He. 109.

### C.SULITIES

20. 13 directaft (5.5) were lest: 6 to flak (3 ht Brunswick and 3 to the defences between Orden and Osnabruck); 5 to fighters, all between Ameliand and the German border (3 outward and 2 homeword); and 2 to unknown causes. One Lineaster crashed near its base after colliding with another aircraft.

# ORIZES/LE MUS.

# PLUS OF ..TT.CX

21. In identical method and timing were to be used for both targets. 4
0002 Masquites were to drep red and green C.I. Illuminators were to drep
flures (1st. flure with "sight on", remainer at 10-scould intervals), running
up on H2S. If no T.I. were visible, they were to book limitly. In either
case they were to orbit after releasing their flures and bomb on a second run.
I Mister Booker, or his deputy, was to direct the marking, Cropping further
markers himself if necessary, and to instruct the main force. H = 9215 at
Orleans; 0230 at Le Mans. 2 Masquites at H - 0, 2 at H - 7; 7 illuminators at
H - 6, 3 at H - 4; main force in 2 ways between H and H + 5. Booking heights
9-10,000° at Orleans; 7-9,000° at Le Mans.

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#### THE WHILE BLEAST EACH

23. Criems, Lo Nanc: Little cloud. The crate visibility. Some haze Orleans. Jind at 10,000': 3250/30:..t. To mean.

# ".. R.TTM OF ..TT.CAS

- Orleans Only one of the OBCE desquites node a controlled run, and its greens fell 1,900 yards K. of the ./R. The deputy master bomber followed with whites, 200 yards 320° from the ./R. The lister Bomber's first order was to bomb the greens with a 2-second eversheet. Since the greens had burnt out before the first order was given, it seems dertain that the Master Bomber mistack the deputhites for greens. Fortunately, the greens had been so wide and early that nost crows unconstant the Master Bomber's intention, and bombed on the whites. A 0216, the Master Bomber dropped rather innocurate yellows, 970 and 420 yards in the ./i; and the deputy's second set of whites, at 0218, fell 550 yards 342° away; so at 0218½, the Master Bomber teld crows to did at the centre of the fires which had been raised around the carly and accurate markers. ... good concentration was achieved.
- 25. Le Nous All the CDOS markers, and their reserves, failed, and no markers went down until 02335, where the Master Benber droped yellows 400 yellows to be a these with a slight undershoot to starboard, but all crows reported that the assage was simply thoub the yellows. The deputy lost emisset with the faster Benber after 0225, and pied his first whites 470 and 315 years 5. at 0233; as his second salve X yards 290° at 02415. Illumination has excellent, and the benbing was concentrated.

....../D." CROOK WIESANGE.

# AN RECORDER NO.

26. Orleans The attack fell heavily on the passenger station, the electric loconotive depet, randhouse and loconotive repair facilities, and goods depot. Hany small buildings were affected.

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27. Le Hans Most of the bonds fell on the target, especially the central and northern areas, eausing great destruction in the reception/ferwarding side of the carriage and wagen repair shops, transhipment shocks, located the shocks and repair shops, and the sotres depot. A series of large explosions occurred many what must have been a concentration of wagens in the reception/ferwarding sidings, and many of these were completely destroyed. The adjacent Junkers are repair plant was almost totally destroyed, only one building remaining standing. The Remault areament and traction marks were also severely hit.

#### MIET DEPTITORS

26. 2 combuts with flighters occurred over Orleans, notice of Chattenslum, in which a German machine was duringed. 5 combuts were reported over Mc Hang, and one on the way home. Light flik was intense at Le Mans. Heavy flok was slight at both targets.

# C.SU.LTES

29. The mireraft lest on Orleans was shot form by a fighter 8. of Chatter one of the two lest on Le Mans was destroyed by target flak and the other by a fighter at the next turning point. ... He lifex enabled on return from Le Mans.

#### LUD AGSPLFEI

30. 26 Mosquites were despatched against lu wijshiden. 5 Y-miroraft on markers, and 21 other circuit bombed around them. All returned and more

# COULTRAI

# MISILATIN

32. 54 Languaters, Stirlings and Haliffaxes were despetched to lay mines at the Prisians, Amberg and the Prench Channel and Biscap parts. 50 were successful, laying 199 mines. All returned uniquages.

#### 12 -1.73

33. 23 Collingtons and Whitleys, out of a force of 25 despatched from Training Groups, scattered leaflets over Herthern Project. One was lest all for trace on although.

# FIREL CRITTER

34. 21 Mosquitos from 100 Group Left on SMdc. 71 petrols. They destruct the 110's 19 others from 2 dr sup bended mirfields, and 6 from 100 Group from 1.D.G.P. made intruder petrols, desaging one Mo. 177. None of our twis lost. One Mosquite of 3 Group carried out a most recor. flight.

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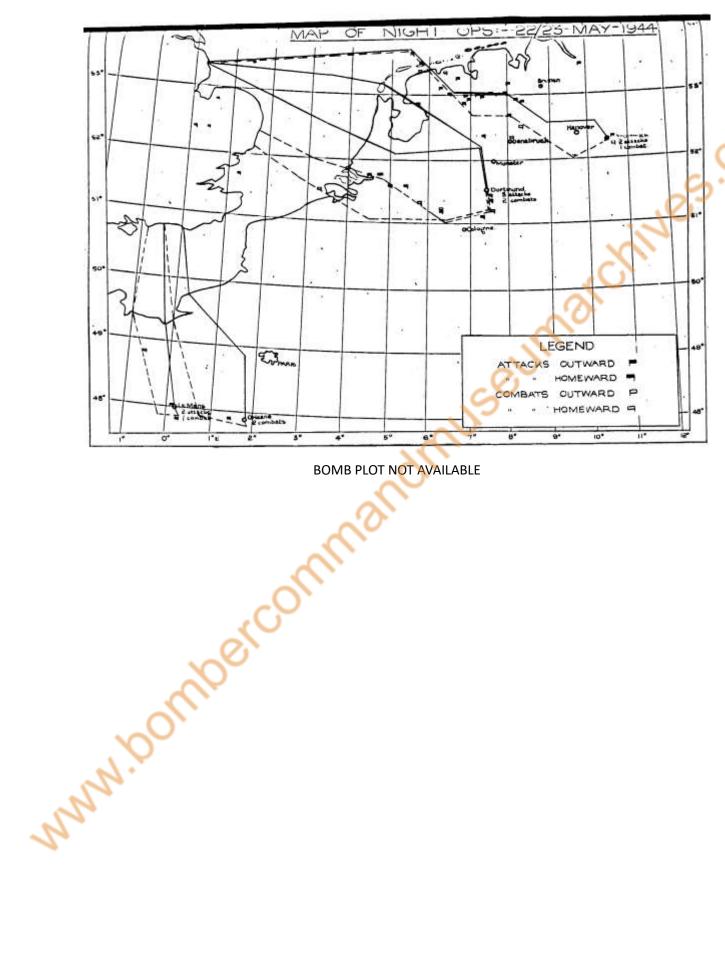
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# BONDER CONTINUE RUPO T OF MIGHT CHIR TICKS

# 23/24# . 11 ... 1944.

# Dorthund: Berlin: Lisch: Minelaying:

# SUPPLINY

- 2. Berlin 16 Mesquites Arthold Perlin. The earling was concentrated, and an accurate attack was delivered in electroather.
- J. Lison 6 0002 Mr. I losquites pade controlled nons against the railway junction at Lison, near Ising.
- 4. Hinelaying 26 circulate, out of a force of X, laid 93 mines off calbors, the Prisians, Heligalan', St. Tile, Charleurg and Le P.v.c. One was wreaked in a taxying accident.
- Leiflets 8 Wellingtons souttered learlets over Paris, Etempes and Versailles.
- (. Fighter operations 2 3M M. Thougaites completed uneventful patrols, and another current out a net. race. flight.
- 7. Second operations 2 Welingtons and 4 Helifexes male special sortion.

# WELTER FORZOLST

8: Bases: - Mainly fit all night, except in sloky localities.

Germany: - Variable strate-assulus in 7. Little cloud elsewhere.

France: - Much stritt-outsilus in M., dispersing southwards.

# SORTES

# WILTER TOTRINGSD

10.) 5-10/10ths. at birther, the FH-20,000'. Hil to 2/10ths. thin layer ever Berlin, and at Lisen.

# HIM OF DEFENCES

11. No fighters were encountered. Plak was intende at Darthund, moderate at Berlin.

# C.SU.LTIB

12. No aircraft was lost, but one Starling or she while taking-off, and was burnt out. 2 Mesquites were slightly lawged by flattiver Berlin.

AC/S. 26342/3/0.54, 13th. September, 1944.

# DORTHOND: BERGIN: LISQU: MINELAYING: etc: - 23/2Lth. MAY, 1944-

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COLPY RC. 16

# BOTTERS CONTINUE WIFE ON HIGH CIVIL NO.3

# 24/25t. .... 1911.

# COMES: COLLEGE BELIEVEY: TROUVELY: L. COM CO: DOLLOWY: ."TAVEY: etc.

#### Surlin

3u 7 72 ..

1. The Rete-Erde and Western furshallin words it meads were separately attacked by forces of over 200 nirer, it. Both were severally affected, although the weight of the first raid fell on the expressions to the wards rather than the target proper. Shaller forces visited the coastal batteries at Colline Reamont, Trouville, Le Clipen and Eculopic, a meter plant at entury and the Phillips radio works at Einshoven. The ancien aircraft act stiff fighter expesition, and 25 did not return. The smaller forces sustained no casualties. Since were laid off the Prisings and the Bissey ports, and fighters patrolled and attack density airfields. 2 fighters and one aircraft on backet expendious were lest. 3 energy fighters were destroyed and 2 more damped.

#### VALUEBUR FORECLIST

- 2. Bases: Fit all night. Little cloud. Poor y sibility in Yorkshire.
- Germany: Erakon struty-cumulus. Cloud will tower to great heights in lachen: probably little cloud, but there may be a thin belt at €,000'.

France and Low Countries: - Little claud.

#### L.3:02

# FLC OF ATTICK

3. Two yards in the term were to it attractal separately, each by the same method. 4 0500 Masquitts were to are ref T.T. (2 at H - ) and 2 at H - 2). 3 visual centrers were to aim greens at the centre of the reas at H, with a 1-second everyheat. Supporters and main force crows, attacking in a single wave from H to H + 5, were to simple the centre of reas or of present. H = 0055 on E. yards; 0225 on W.

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#### MILTHER EXPERIENCED

5. Bracs:- Fit.

of 10/10ths., tops 6,000!. Centrails at 15,000! ever Ditch const. Wind: - 325°/30 c....

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6. E. (Rote-Erde) yards The Mesquites were punctual, and their reds were incked up with a good concentration of greens. Mest crows, however, booked on the reds, which apparently fell on the P.E. corner of the target. The attack was exponentrated around the markers, apart from some late undershooting.

..../7. W. yards.

7. W. yerds The markers were numetual and concentrated, with the green slightly to the N.Z. of the rods. Here, also, nost eress bended on the rods, which were photographed slightly 2.Z. of the L/P; well within the target area.

# D.V. 10000 N. ISS. FCE

8. The weight of the first attack fell just cutside the yards proper, but severed all through lines and derailed and denclished such relling stock. Only crature occurred in the target itself. The western yards suffered severe and irect damage. Both large tranship and shoes were hit, one being destroyed. Platform of the west station was burnt out, and another was comaged. All threlines and tracks in the serting siding were disrupted, and several minor build were hit. Relling stock suffered heavily. In the injustrial area to the Mar 7 small factories, a large storage unit and numerous residential dwellings were damaged or destroyed.

# HURSY, LEFT CES

9. The first force, visiting the Rothe-Eric yards, crossed the coast simultaneously with 2 smaller forces going to intwerp and Eindhoven; but the energy controllers ignored these shallow penetrations, engaged the machen aircrawith medium range fighters near the Scholdt estuary and N. of St. Trend, and brought their long range aircraft south to meet the stream as it left the targe 44 interceptions were reported by the 195 returning aircraft of this wave, next on the way out between intwerp and Liege. Opposition slackened in the target but increased again between the target and Bindhoven on the way home. The sec wave, 90 minutes later, penetrated 150 miles before sighting any hostiles, lat fighters removed the target in strength at about H hour, and remained in the stream for the first 10 miles of the return route. Home of the small forces attacking constal targets net any fighters at all. Play was nederate but accuse the maker, and intense on route at Gibro-high. Our cross claimed no victoric but fighters contrayed 3 and damage 2 energy aircraft.

#### C.JULTES

10. The first force, on the Post-Trie yirds, lost 19 (1.9) siroraft. 5 we down in ecubat over the Lew Countries while cutward bours: one to fighter, one flak and a third to an unknown cause ever the target: at 3 to fighters and 3 rlak on the way have, including one less to a ship off the Butch islands. The surprisingly, no losses appear to have occurred in the area for of the target, we embats were frequent. In the second attack, 3 direct fit were shot form by fighters on the way cut: one by target flak: and one by flak at Eincheven. Here were probably destroyed over the target. For returning hiroraft was badly damaged.

COLLES BLUCKS: TROUGH: LI CLECK: DOLGME: EPIDHOVER: LITHER:

#### TILLE OF LETLIN

- 11. Colling Ecaument: Trouville; Le Clisen: Boulegne: Cn each of these targets, 4 OBOR Mesquites were to dreed green 7.1. (2 at H 3 and 2 at H 2). Crews were to aim at the centre of the narrhyre. H = 0020 at Colline Beaument 0135 at Trouville; 0115 at Boulegne; 2400 at Le Clipen.
- 12. Eindhoven: Intury: The target was to be illuminated by flares, in the light of which 5 hesquites of 5 Grup were to drop 2 red spot fires on the mark point, Yellow T.I. were to be used to concel wide markers, and greens to distinguish the correct enes. Here illumination skynaker flares (green with red stars) might be used to help the visual Hesquites. Hain force crows were aim at red spot fires, if possible those marked with green T.I. A Master Bookwas to operate. The intury attack was to be started by 3 OBOE Mesquites with yellow T.I. proximity markers. H = 0040 at Intury; 3047 at Eindhoven. Or the latter target, books were to be fused with a 6-hour Colog.

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#### ME THER REPRESENTED

 F. Prance: Atwer :- No cloud. Rec. visibility. No mach. Slight local haze.

Zindhaven:- Large patch of 10/10 thm. strate-cumulus over target, base 4,3000', taps 2,000'. Hazy. Poor visibility beneath cloud.

### Light winds.

# NAME OF ATTOM

15. Except at Bindhoven, there aircruit there ordered to bring their bonds back because of poor weather, every target was accurately marked and backed. Int Truville, have was considerable, and the markers fell in a large triangle, which caused sine scatter. Int interpy, the first had spot fires here off the AP, but the Haster Bonder transmitted a correction, and the first heals hit the works, which seen became obscured by smake and fire.

#### DAY REPORT LIGHTER

16. Heth of the constal batteries was photographically ervered encort Trouville, where one explanament was damaged, and every gun sustained several near misses. In the modelier was dendished by a direct hit. In the twenty, the General Maters assembly Plant had its main 9-by building 75 Complished, while the servicing tracks were largely obliterated. Many dockside huildings 8.7% of the plant were badly damaged. The Port Motor assembly Plant was not affected.

# ETM DEFECES

No fighter eppesition was not. Flux was slight.

# C.SU.J.7 LES

Pron these minor operations, all aircraft returned undersaged.

#### BUPLES

19. 15 Maguites were despatched against Berlin. 16, including 4 Y-mircraft, attacked the city through thin cloud. All returned safely.

#### HEELLYD'G

20. 23 Stirlings and Halifaxes, out of a force of 25, laid 83 mines off the Prisions and the Prench Biscay ports. ... Al aircraft returned underaged.

#### Li CTITS

21. 21 Whitleys and Wellingtons, out of a force of 23 Justiched from Training Groups, senttered leaflets over Northern Traines. All returned safely.

# FARMIL (PERMICES

22. 31 Masquitos of 100 Group were sent on SEGUES , trolb. They destroyed 2 Mc.110 and an unidentified directly, and damaged a fet 109, without less to themselves. 58 other Masquitos from 2 and 100 Groups on ... D.C. T. carried out intruder patrols. 23 of these attacked energy directly. ...nether energy fighter

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was damaged at Venlo. Con Mosquito of 8 Group carried out a seather reconnaissa-flight. One Mosquito of 2 Group and one of 1.2.0.7. were lost.

6 aircraft of 192 Squadron made special sorties over the Continent. was lost. Halifax was lost.

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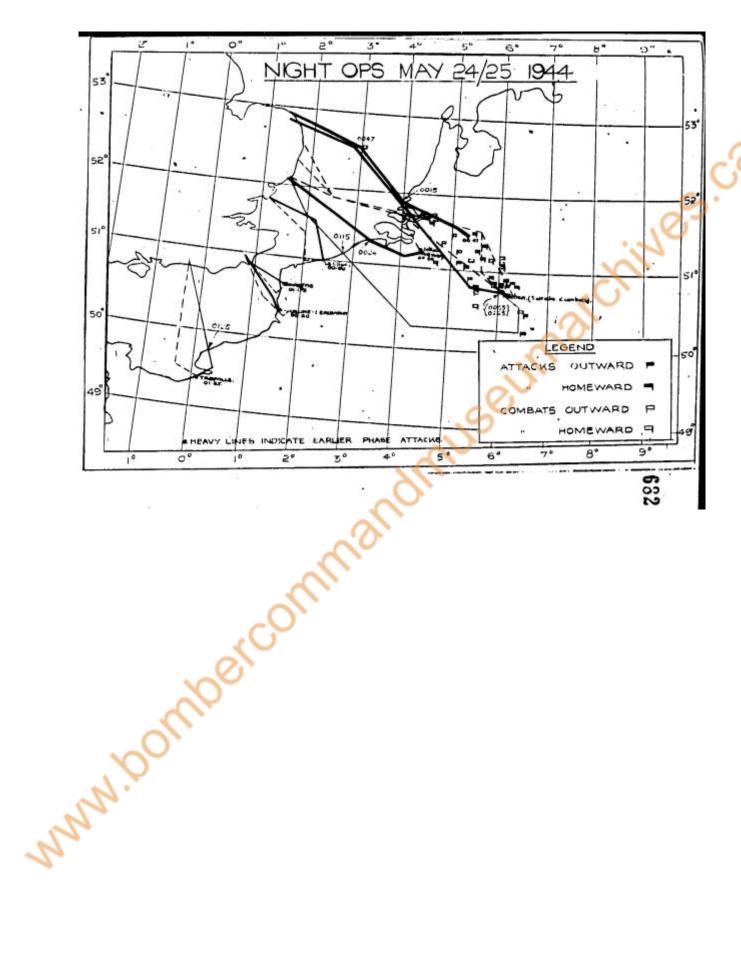
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# POWER CONTLIND REPORT ON MIGHT OFER TIGHTS

# 26/27th. M.Y. 1944.

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- 1. <u>Ludwigshafen</u> 30 Hosquitos were despatcheed against Ludwigshafen. "11 5 Y-mircraft were successful, and both the a ring and cabing were concentrated. 2 Hosquitos were lost.
- 2. <u>Anchen</u> 11 OEOE Ek. II Mosquitos were desputated against the Rothe-Erde carshalling yards at Anchen. 10 made successfully controlled runs, and the eleventh attacked on a timed run from a precision fix. The borbing was reported as accounts. From this and all other operations except that on Ludwigshafen, all aircraft returned safely.
- 3. Lison 8 OFCE 1%. I Hosquites were detailed to extract the railway dunction at Lison. 6 booked on OBOS. The other 2 were shortive.
- 4. Minelaying 42 Stirlings, Halifaxes and Languagers were sent to lay mines off French ports, the Dutch and Belgian coasts and the Prisians, and in the Kattegat. All were successful, and returned unforaged.
- f. Fighter operations 7 SERVITE Posquites cent on pairel, in close support against .... fighters. 6 completed their patrols, without engaging any hostiles. Inother Mosquite carried out a met. roose. flight.

# WELTHER FORECLET

6. Buscs:- Nuch low cloud; but base should remain above 1,500' in II. until 0400, and East anglia will hold.

Continent:- Nuch strate-cumulus in N. Pronce and F. Germany, dispersing southwards. Little cloud in S. Pronce. Cloud to great heights in Dermark.

#### SORTIES

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#### TRATION EXPERIMENT

No cloud at Ludwigshafen, ...achen or Lison.

# HIERY DEFINIORS

9. No fighters were encountered, although they were active in readiness for a large scale penetration. Plak was societate but accurate at ludwigshafen and lachen, and searchlights were very active.

### C.SULTES

10. 2 Mesquites were lost on Ludwigshafer. One was shot form by flok at machen on the outward route, and the other probably went down an hour later near Julich; but the cause is uncertain. 2 other Mesquites were slightly Canaged by flok.

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47 Bomber Command despatched over 1,100 aircan't. The main targets were the military camp at Bourg Leopole, and the Rotes Erde carshalling yards at Ancher. Both received consentrated attacks. Smaller forces visited the airfield at Rennes, the railway junction at Manues, and 5 coastal batteries. Mosquitos bombed Berlin, Dusseldorf and many mirfields in Germany, France and the Low Countries. Fighters and minch yers were also active. The whole night's work cost us 25 boobers and 3 fighters. 10 enemy aircraft were destroyed.

#### WEATHER FORDLAST

Roses:- Little cloud. Moderate visibility.

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Continent: - Fine cver where. Good visibility W. of 0101. cloud.

Controlled groundanting. 5 0107 Mosquitos and L reserves were to drop red and green [.I. Early illusinators were to am in on H2S, but were to drop their flores on [.I.; if none were visible, billuly or visually. In any case they were to orbit and bomb on a second run. I are illuminators were only to drop flores if so directed. I okers-up were to sim whites at [.I. with a 1-second evershoot, as instructed by the Histor Doubtr. The last-named was to direct the main force, relocating further aurkern houself if necessary. H = 0207. Mosquitos from H - 3 to H - 2 (reserves from H + 2 to H + 3). Inluminators at H - 6 and H - 4. Inchers up at H + 2 and H + 7. Hain force in 2 ways between H and H + 10.

" direraft missing...... 10 (3.03)

# THER EXPERITACED

Bases:- Fog affected most of I. England after midnight.

Bourg Leopold: - Clear all the way, except for sea fog off the Dutch const. Slight haze at target. Wind at 10-15,000': 2000/20 m.p.h. New moon, setting at 0230.

# MARRATIVE OF ATTACK

6:31 5 OBCE Mosquitos drog as V.I. between H - 11 and H + L. The third and most accurate salve fell 320 percs V.E. of the ./ The early visual marks rs were wide to the south, but .. t H + 2, c. salvo of whites went down 250 yards 3.S. f.

..../The Muster Bomber '

The Master Bomber assessed the markers, and crows, bombing on his instructions, saw their early bombs fall enong this camp buildings. The Ar soon become obscured by smoke, and later bombing Criftee slightly to the P.

# DAY RECOURTESSINGE

7. Enormous damage was caused throughout the area of the barracks. All the 6 large central buildings were scriously hit, md 150 personnel buts were destroy Many M/T shelters, workshops, tranches and wagons were obliterated.

# BUENT DEFRICE

6. 67 interceptions were reported by returning aircraft - ever 20% of the tet number of aircraft despatched. The first 100 aircraft net little opposition on the way cut, but from 0200, just as the mean was rising, fighter retivity was intense over the last 60 miles into the target. Combats were especially frequent from H to H + 10, at the peak of the raid; and our bombers were fiercely engaged between St. Trend and Brussels, and later at Chemi. Plak opposition was slight, and no searchlights operated at the target.

### HIER MIRCRET DESTROYED

9. Our bombers destroyed 8 enemy fighters: a S/R aircraft on the way out, a Ju.38, a Mc. 109 and a PW. 190 over the turget, 2 unidentified fighters and a PW. 190 on the southern route home, and a Ju.38 on the northern. SERGING Posquites, Plying in support, shot down a Mc. 109 and a Dr. 110.

### CAULTES

10. Despite the intense fighter opposition, our loss of 10 directful represent only 3.0% of the total force. All were probably shot dam by fighters: 4 on the way out (including 2 near Frussels), 2 over the target, and 4 on the way home. 2 returning beabers were draged beyond repair, one by flak and one in combat.

#### .. JUNE

# Place OF ATTACK

11. OHOE groundmarking. A Hosquites and 4 reserves were to drop red T.I. Backers-up were to aim grouns at the eather of reds, or of earlier growns, with a 1-accend overshoot in either instance. They were to run in on H2S, and, if no T.I. were visible by H + 2, were to bomb blindly, checking by weens of G.P.I. Main force crows were to aim at the centre of reds, or of growns. H = 0225. Hesquites from H - 3 to H = 2 (reserves from H + 7 to H + 8). Backers up at H + 1 Main force in one wave from H to H + 5. 6 Mesquites were to bomb Dusselder's between H - 2 and H, dropping red and green T.I. and flares with their bombs.

#### SORTES

# WE THER EMPERIMOND

13. No cloud. New moon. Wind at 10-15,000': 2000/20 .....h.

# MERICINE OF LTT.OK

12. The P.Y.F. were pure tunl and dest accurate. . fine a mentration was achieved by the unin force in excellent yeather conditions.

# DAY ROCORTAINS NOE

15. The Rothe Erde yards were severely danged. Railway buildings were ..../destroyed almost wholesale

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destroyed almost wholesale; the possible of them was brant out; the ephendment was out in several places; at high 25 what hits was scored on trucks; the goods depot was pitted with crubes, and limes and rolling stock were everywhere affected. The research building of the Englebert rubbin tyre factory was destroyed, and a cloth factory, an engineering works, and 6 large storage buildings by the goods depot was destroyed or denight.

#### RESERV DEFRICES

16. This force reported only 7 fighter attacks, but lost over twice as large a proportion of hireraft as the Bourg Leopold force; the nest of their casualties were, in fact, chused by fighters. Not of the combats recoursed near Gilze Rijen and Vanlo on the way out, over the target, and between Courtral and Dunkirk, after the moon had set, on the up home. -Place the slight. No enemy mireraft were claimed as destroyed.

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17. Pighter lested are known to have securred at Gilsé Rijen, and Venlo on the way out; ever mohen; nour Bru scha(3), E. of Ghent (2) and near Dankirk (2) on the return route. Inother aircraft feld to field at Drussels. One returning Lancaster was irreparably damaged by fighter attack.

PERVILLE: M.SIVES: HORS LEVEN: I'D CAPCE: BOULOGOZ: ST.V.AERY: RUHES:

# FLUS OF ATTROX

- 18. Merville/Pranceville constal bettery to be linkery warning point was to be marked with impact green 7. The JP was to be marked with impact yellows, backed up with red spot fires. Aircraft were to make their bending run from the warning point, and aim at the centre of the red spot fires, unless otherwise ordered by the Rester Bender. The oddo: Lembing height: 8-10,000°.
- 19. Mantes junction and reader depot 5: Group vibural marking technique. The target was to be illuminated or lines, and Masquites some to drop red spot fires on the marking point. Green 1.1. were to be under to advertise correct markers, and yellows for wide ones. Purfer flares (not with green stars) might be dropped for illumination; but the sain force ware not to bomb on these. A Controller was to instruct the . H = 0135. Man force in 3 waves between H and H + 12. Distributors were to be not for a cruter specing of 16 yards.
- 20. Morsalines exected butter 5 troup visual marking, assisted by OBOE groundwarking. 4 G.OR Mosquites were to emp short-larring yellow T.I. Then, by flarelight, Mosquites were to mark the ./2 with 2 std spot fires. 1 Controller was to direct the main force. H = 0055. Fain force from H to H + 12.
- 21. Le Clipen and Reulogne constal battery 4 0.00 Prosquites were to mark each target with green 7.1.; at the centre of which the main force were to min. H = 0035 at Le Clipen; 0115 at Boulogne.
- 22. St. Valery-en-Caux of stil better: 5 dr may visual marking technique, as for Nantes: H = 0135.
- 23. Rennes/St. Jacques hirfield Controlled ONCE groundmarking, exactly as fer Bourg Loopold. H = 0140.

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# WINTER REPRINCED

25. All Pronch targets: No clear. No crate visibility. Thick haze Rersalines, in a layer at 5-5,000'.

# HATRITIVE OF ATLICES

26. All the attacks on constal batteries the reported as well concentrate round the markers in the target about, except that at Le Migen, where the markers fell in a line a mile long, and the be bing was so attered. The early bombing at Mantes was so accurate that the VP was quite invisible after a few minutes, and later arrivals were ordered to bring their banks back. At Round the early greens fell on a bangar, and were excellently backed up. An argumition dump appeared to blow up during the roid.

# DAY RECORDERS COR

127. No recommissance reports were issued for the constal batteries. The attack at Mentes fell squirely on the target, no less than 30 hits being seem on the flyevers and junctions, and 26 more on the railway sidings S.W. of the target on He Glariett. The residential area F. of the target was rather heavily demaged. The mid on Remass was control in fields S.W. of the target, but numerous bonds fell on the sirfiels, and creaters occurred in every part of it. The barreads and runnings were seriously terriged.

#### THEY DEFROMS

28. - Polifighters were present over the constell targets, but to attacks were made over Mentes, where several Me. 110's were sighted. Fight was nederate to intense at this target.

#### C.SULTEIN

29. • A Lancaster was lost on Merville. It apparently appleded over the target. A Masquit did not return to base from St. V.leny; it litehed after being hit by light flak, and was seen on the water, off the French coast. The lass on Rannes was caused by light flak at the target. The Freturning aircraft damaged, but one was precised by fighter attack.

#### BUTTE

30. 23 M squites, including A Y-niveraft, were sent to Derlin. 2 Y-niver Cropped narkers, and 19 other niveraft bombed than in clear teather. All returned a fely; but one was bodly farmed in a combat.

#### ABSET DORF

51. • 6 Mosquitos, including 2 Y-mireraft, were despatched to Dusselderf.
The Y-mireraft leth dropped 7.1., which were booked by 3 other mireraft from a clear sky. All returned undaraged.

# HERELY D'G

32. 60 Lancasters, Stirlings and Halifaxes were detailed to lay mines off Heligoland, Limiden, and many of the Cammal and Piscay ports. All but one completed their missions, laying 266 mines. He lesses a community were sustained.

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33. '7 Wellingtons scattered leaflets over ". France without incident.

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# PICHTER CELLITIC'S

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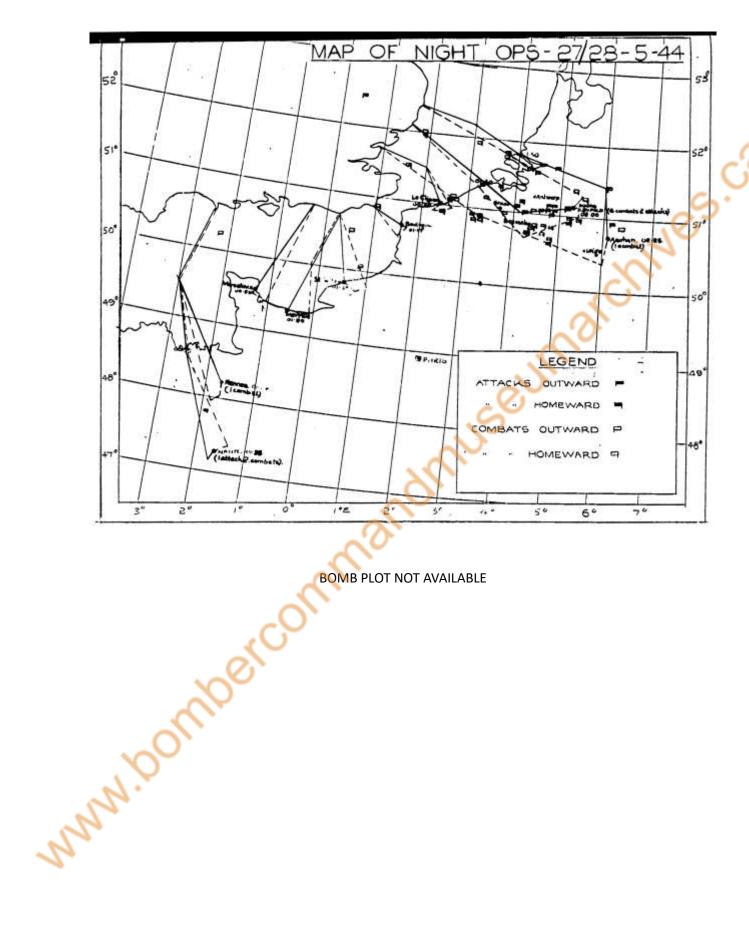
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# SOMBER COMEND REPORT OF LIGHT OPER MIGHS

# 28/29th. M.Y. 194.

NIGER: ST. MARTIN-DE-VARRYELLE: EU: MARDICK: Ludwigshofen: etc;

# SUDDLARY

1. The marshalling yards at Ingers, in Brittiny, were accurately attacked by 118 aircraft in clear weather. Smaller forces visited the constal batteries at St. Martin-de-Varreville, Eu and Mardick, and Mosquitos bombed Inval and Ludwigshafen. Minelayers and intruders were also active. Only one bomber was lost; but 2 leaflet aircraft were brought down by home defences during an attack on this country.

# WE.THER FORECLIST

2. Bases:- Fog will penetrate slowly from the east coast after dusk, becoming widespread by 0200-3400. Most airfields will keep fit until them,

Continent: - Fine. Moderate visibility. Thundery activity in S.France

LUCERS: ST. MARTIN-DR-VARRIVITAR: EU (1991CK)

# FLAU OF ATLCK

- 3. . Angers Controlled OBOE ground arking. 5 CBOE descuites were to droy red and green T.I. between H 8 and H 7. Illuminators, running up on H2S, were to aim Clares at T.I. at H 6 and H 4. (The later ones might not be instructed to mark if there was already alequate illumination). They were to orbit and make a second run for bombing, at H or after. The Master Bonter of his deputy were to direct the backers-up, (carrying white T.I) and the main force and might drop markers themselves if necessary. Backers-up from H + 2 to H + 3. Hain force from H to H + 5, in 2 waves. H = 2355.
  - 4. St. Martin-de-Varroville 5 Group visual marking technique, assisted by OBOR groundmarking. 4 OBOE Mesquitos were to drop proximity workers (yellow T.I) The target was to be illuminated with flares, by the light of which a Mosquito was to drop a red spot fire on the marking point. If accurate, this was to be backed up with 2 more spot fires and a green T.I. Yellows were to be used to advertise wide markers, and greens to denote correct ones. A controller was to direct the bembing. H = 0015. OBOE Mosquiton aron H 3 to H 2. Main force to arrive at H + 8. Distributors were to be set to give a crater spacing of 15 yards.
  - The method was to be left to the discretion of 12 Base Commander, but was to be similar to that used against the Marville/Transceville battery on the provious night. The southern tip of a lake j miles E.S.W. of Cayeux was to be used as an preliminary warning point. H = 0050.
  - 6. Eurdick OBOE groundmarking. 4 Mesquites were to drop greens, at which the main force were to air, after running up on GEE. H = 0030.

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#### SCRIISS

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7.	He.	of aircraft despatched	125	77	56	58
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	**	" abortive sorties	c	5	0	9
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# WEATHER EXPERIENCED

Bases:- Cloudless all night. Hist became wicospread by 0500.

All targets:- Fine. Moderate visibility. Hazy inland. Quarter noc:

#### HARRITIVE OF ATTACKS

- 9. Ingers "lifter the OFOL T.T. and flares had good down, the Master Bouber marked the target accurately, inderews admired a good concentration.
- 10. St. Martin-de-Varreville The arking here was extremely accurate, 4 red spot fires and one T.I. falling around the marking point. Bombing was good.
- spot fires. Bombing was scattered ht first, but the Commoller redeemed the situation and a good concentration ensured. The spoke cleared in time to allow the second wave to bomb the red spot fires, which were still burning.
  - 12. Mardick Only 2 OBON Mesquites (repped markers, and one was not seen until H + 10, by which time several crows had attached on fixes. Bombing became concentrated after an early scatter.

# DAY RECORDAISSANCE

- 13. Angers This target was most seriously damaged. All the tracks in the yards were cut, as well as all those leading from the cain station. The engine roundhouse, turntable, main station, transhipment shock, and numerous minor buildings suffered from direct hits and blant. Several adjacent industries were damaged, and much rolling stock was destroyed.
- 11. St. Extin-de-Varreville: Bu: Mardich: No recommaissance reports were issued to cover these attacks.

# HIER DEVI CES

15. In order to return soon after twilight, the force visiting ingers came in from the Bay of Biscay after flying over Linds End, and proceeded due north after bonbing. The enemy was completely deceived, and made no controlled interceptions. None of our aircraft operating on this night was engaged in combalthough a few approaches were made by enemy fighters. Flak was encountered from the usual defences en route and over targets.

# CUSU LTES

16. Only one aircraft was lost from the night's operations; a Lancaster on ingers flew too far to port and wis concd and shot down by heavy flak at Nantes. No other aircraft sustained serious lange, except on leaflet operations.

# LIMINGSPICTIV

17. 31 Misquitos were despatched against Ludwigshaller. H2S-aircraft dropped markers in a good group, and bombing was well concentrated. One large fire was stated which was visible for 100 miles. From this and all operations except those concerned with leaflets and the attack on angers, all aircraft returned safely.

6 OBOE Mk.II Mosquitos were detailed to bomb the railway junction at Leval. The operation was incidentally intended to serve as a calibration test. Lade successfully controlled runs. The other 2 were abortive.

# MENELAYENG

16. 16 Stirlings and Halifaxes laid 64 mines off French, Dutch and Belgian pots.

# LLFLIS

20. 14 Wellingtons were sent fro. Training Groups to drop leaflets over N.7.
France. 13 completed their task. Home was lost through enemy action, but
2 were engaged by British guns, which were active against enough invaders, and were
trought down in Dorset.

# FIGURE CERLITORS

20. 6 intruders of 100 Group were despatched against energy diritields. One made its attack; the rest were recalled. 11 Mesquites of A.D.G.B. completed uneventful patrols.

# SPECIA OPERATIONS

21. 27 aircraft left on special scrties. 20 were successful.

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# BOMBER COMMICTO REPORT ON HIGHT OPERATIONS

# 29/30th. Mar, 1944.

# Hannover: Mardjok: Kunten: Minelaying:

# SULTE

- 1. Hannover 31 Mosquitos (including 6 Y-mircraft) were despatched against Hannover. 29 attacked the city in clear weather. The bombing was well grouped round the markers. From this and all other operations on this night, all aircraft returned safely.
- 2. <u>Marchek</u> 4 CBOE Mesquites (2 Mk.I and 2 Mk.II) attacked the ocastal battery at Marchek.
- 3. <u>Nanten</u> 11 OFOE Mesquites (7 Mt.I and 4 Mt.II) were cetailed against an amounition depot at Manten, near Wesel. Single successfully controlled runs, the rest bombing the term area on D.R.
- L. Minelaying 5 Halifaxes laid 16 mines of Trest, Dunkirk and I Jauiden. . sixth was abortive.
- Met. Recce. . Mesquito carried out a met. recce. flight.

# MINTHER PURSOLST

6. Bases: - Widespread thunderstorms, followed by fog. .

Continent: - Little or no cloud in Germany. Thunlery conditions in France.

#### SCRTIES

7.	Nc.	cf	aircraft despatched	
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	1		abortive sorties	,
	19	17	aircraft missing 0	)
	11	n-	mines laid	,

### WELTHER EXPERIENCED

No cloud at Harnever, Fardyck or Kinter.

# DIEM DEPRICES

9. No fighters were encountered. Slight flak was not at Harnever, where numerous searchlights exposed ineffectively.

# C.SULT.TIES

10. He aircraft was lest. One Mosquite was slightly damaged by flak at Hanneve

HLM/JT. BC/S. 26342/6/ORS4, 20th. September, 1944.

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# BOHERT CONSTANT REPORT ON STORT OPERATIONS

# 30/31st. M.Y. 1964.

# BCULCOE: Leverkusen: Minelaying

### SWELRY

- the constal bettery at Boulogne. 2 of the Mesquites were despatched against the constal bettery at Boulogne. 2 of the Mesquites dropped markers, and the Discusters delivered a concentrated attack, danging installations without hitting any of the guns. From this and all other operations on this night, all aircraft returned safely.
- Lyerkusen 30 Mesquites, including & CROE II. Time 2 H2S, went to the chemical works at Leverkusen. 3 0.005 and one H2S aircraft drapped markers, and a concentrated attack developed around them. One simproft bended lumchen bladbach and enother Dusseldorf.
- Mincleying 12 Stirlings haif 40 mines off the Scholdt estuary, Dunkirk, Herlaix and Ushent.
- 1. Met. Recoc. .. Mesquite completed a met. recoc. flight without incident.
- 5. Special operations 11 Stirlings were (ethiled on special operations. 9 were successful.

### FLORER FORECAST

6. Hases:-, Nuch fog and low stratus. 3 and 8 Groups should half notify 0400.
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# WE THER EXPERIENCED

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# D.Y RECORDARY, ISS. NOE (Boulogne)

9. Reconstissance photographs taken on 11th. June showed some damage to supply installations and shelters in the target area, but none to the guns, although all had sustained several near misses.

# ENERY DEFENCES

10. No fighters were encountered. Plak was slight at Boulegne, but noter to Leverkusen, where searchlights were active.

# CISULLTIES

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# BOLEER CONTILED REPORT ON PIGHT OFFICERS

31st. H.7/1st. JUNE, 1944

# TREPES: TERGILE: DONE COUPLE: S.M. MR. LIFT: U FEV-E: Minelaying:

#### TRALERY.

219 benders attacked the nurshalling pards at Trappes in 2 waves. Smaller cross visited the yards at Tergnier, the Redar-Juning station at Mont Couple; he railway junction at Saumur and the MT station at An Fevre. Others were ent to the coastal battery at largy, but found it divered with cloud and brought heir bombs back. All the attacks were successful. Although the operations are carried cut in mornlight without cloud cover, fighter opposition was slight alonly 6 of the 732 aircraft engaged were lost. Other aircraft were out mining and on fighter patrol. 3 more bombers and one fighter were lost. 4 enemy ircraft were destroyed in combat.

# E. THER FORKLIST

Bases:- Probably fit all night. Thunderstorms may develop before eming, but visibility should generally remain moderate.

TALFFRE: TEXMIER: TOUR COUPLE: S. 12 UR: FALSY: ... FEV.CE:

# LUS OF ATTICK

Traples The eastern and western yards were to be attacked separately, it an interval of 85 minutes, but the same method and timing were to apply to the raids. 2 OBOE Mesquitos used to proper the first flare 2 others greens. They Illuminators were to release their flares blindly if no T.I. were visible, therwise aiming at the centre of all 1.I. (first flare "sights on", the rest at a second intervals thereafter). In any case, they were to run up on Y. Later luminators were only to drop flares if so ordered by the Master Borber, who was a drop more markers himself if necessary, and was to instruct the tackers-up marrying white T.I.) and the main force. H = 0035 in F.; 0200 in W. squitos from H - 8 to M - 7. Illuminators from H - 6 to M - 4. Backers-up 1 H + 2. Main force from H to H - 5.

Tergnier Method and timing as for Trapes. H = 0220.

Mont Couple .Assisted ODOE grown marking. It Choose Mesquites were to drop id and green T.I. Illuminators were to aim flaces at T.I., after running up on the backer-up was to aim yellows at the centre of all visible T.I. with a count overshoot, unless otherwise directed by the Master Bomber. If the main core received no orders from the Master Bomber, they were to aim at the country of 17.I. H = 2355. Mesquites from H - 3 to H - 2. Illuminators at H - 2. Exers-up at H + 1. Main Force and supports from H to H + 5.

Saurur 5 Group visual marking technique. The target was to be uninited by flares, in the light of which a Mesquito was to drop 2 red spot tres on the marking point. If these were accurate, they were to be backed up ith 2 more red spot fires. Yellows were to be used to advertise wide marking greens for correct ones. The main force were to book as directed by the introller, aiming the centre of booksticks at the markers. H = 0225.

Maisy 5 Group visual warking technique, alocally OBOE groundwarking.

OBOE Mosquitos were to drop proximity markers (yellows). Otherwise, the classical control was to be

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to aim at the centre of these. No Controller was to operate. H = 0015.

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#### WE THER EXPRESSIVED.

10. Bases: Thunderstorms affected almost all 1. and E. Empland, and move north during the night.

Targets:- No cloud and good visibility everywhere except at Maisy, where there was 10/10ths. stratus based at 800', with tops at 1,200-2,000'. Prequent thunderstorms en route, with tops to 20,700' ever at England and Midlar Cloud gradually dispersed S. of 51201. Half mean. Scutherly winds, of less than 20 m.p.h.

# HIGHTIVE OF LTTLOWS

11. Trappes The markers on the E. yards were punctual, and one T.I. fell very near the L/P. In excellent concentration of borbing was achieved around this. I later T.I. fell 600 yards to the S.E. and districted some of the effuntil the Master Borber corrected crews. The second attack followed a similar course.

- 12. Tergnier The T.I. were well grouped round the 1/2, 3 landing within 2 yards to the S.E., and a fourth 123 yards to the F.W. The beining was direct onto the nearest marker, 92 yards 166° from 1/2.
- 13. Ment Couple T.I. were plotted in the following positions with regard to the A/P: 360 yds. 308°; 475 yds. 302°; 850 yds. 256°; 125 yds. 225°; 875 yds. 305°. The bombing was consentrated, and one spectacular orange explosion resulted.
- 14. Saurur A.T.I. was plotted 305 y res E.C.E. of the A.T., with a red s fire aring the concles, on the railway lines. Not of the beating was concentrated here. When shoke obscured markers, the Histor looker ordered or to abandon the attack.
- 15. Maisy 4 Mosquites marked the target on OECE, but their T.I. wer: qui invisible through the cloud, and the rest of the force brought their bonbs bad
- 16. ... Povre T.I. were plotted 150 yards S. and 100 yards N.V.W. of the large fire developed 200 yards N.V. of the ... T.

# DAY RECOGNIALISS SICE

- 17. Trappes These yards were attacked again on 2/3rd. June, and the graduage resulting from the 2 raids will be recounted in Night Raid Report No.
- 12. Tergnier The target was squarely hit. The marshalling sidings standards; about 90 hits were scored on tracks, and 200 yards of the road briwhich crosses the sidings collapsed. The locomotive depot and transhipment and carriage and wagon repair shops sustained lirect hits. Rolling stock was everywhere denailed.
- 10. Mont Couple The Radar-jaming station was rendered completely unserviceable by this attack. The whole area was saturated with craters at of the 6 installations in the fort, 2 lost 4 masts and 2 more 2 masts each.

large L-shaped sunken building at the J. and of the fort sustained 2 direct hits and a near miss. Several minor buildings were devolished, including the group cutside the target to the S.W. The describes of the fort were smashed.

- 20. Saucur Recommandement was not undertaken until 2nd. June, by which time the junction had received another heavy attack (see Night Raid Report No. 521).
- 2:. \_u Pevre Culy 4 of the 6 station musts remained intact after this attack, and 2 of these were probably affected by near misses. One of the station raildings received a direct hit on its blast wall, and the other was encircled by near misses. The station must have been rendered completely unserviceable.

# YEAR DEFRICES

22. Fighter opposition was slight. Even the deep penetration to Saumur was carried out without less. The first force on Trappes reported one attack and the second two. Altogether, 23 interceptions were reported. Plak was everywhere slight.

# TEN LICELY DESTROYED

27. Lineasters returning from Tergnier Costroyed a Ju. 35 and a Mc. 109.
Languater on Trappes appears to have shot down a twin-engined fighter, but to have been lost itself as a result of the combat.

# C.SULTIES

21. 4 directiff were lost from the second force on Trappes, and 2 on Torgnier. The was probably lost to flak and 2 to fighters, which may have accounted for 2 tore. 2 directiff evershot on return from Maisy, at both were destroyed by the explosion of their bonds.

# TELL. D.C

25. 23 Lancasters, Stirlings and Halifexes, out of a force of 23, laid 106 times off Lalborg, the Prisians, and ports along the Datch, Belgian and French coasts, including the inland port of Rouer. One Stirling was lost without trace.

# LEFEMS

26. 9 Wellingtons, out of a force of 12 despatched from Training Groups, scattered leaflets over N.W. France. Hone was lost, but one caught fire on return, and the crew baled out over England.

# FIGHTER OPERICIONS

27. 16 Mosquitos were sent on SMELTE patrols, in close support against ...I. lighters. 4 L.R.C. Fortresses accompanied them. These circumst reported no publis. 9 other Mosquitos went out against energy difficles, and one of these lestroyed a Me. 110 near Fortrie. Inother engaged an empty directly the neclusively M. of Le Havre. One intruder was lost without trace.

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Halifaxes and one Hudson did not return.

LVJT. C/S. 26342/2/OR34, jth. September, 1944.

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