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# 31st. Mar/1st. JUNE, 1944

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. 219 bonbers attacked the nurshalling yards at Trappes in 2 waves. Smaller erces visited the yards at Tergnier, the Redar-Janning station at Mont Couple; he milway junction at Saumur and the M/T station at An Fevre. Others were ent to the coastal battery at Haisy, but found it overed with cloud and brought heir bonbs back. Ill the attacks were successful. Although the operations ere carried cut in mocnlight without cloud cover, fighter opposition was slight al only 6 of the 732 aircraft engaged were lost. Other aircraft were out mining and on fighter patrol. 3 more bonbers and one fighter were lost. 4 eneny ircraft were destroyed in combat.

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

Continent: - Little cloud in N.E. France, Low Countries, and N.T. Gerary, hunderstorms will persist in Control France and Gerary.

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Traples The eastern and western pards were to be attacked separately, ith an interval of 85 minutes, but the same method and timing were to apply to the raids. 2 OBOE Mosquitos there to frop red 2.1., end 2 others greens. Using Huminators were to release their flares blindly if no T.I. were visible, therwise aiming at the centre of all 1.1. (first flare "sights on", the rest at -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 binself if necessary, and was to instruct the tackers-up marying 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 H - 4. Backers-up 1 H + 2. Main force from H to H - 5.

Tergnier V Method and timing as for Trappes. H = 0220.

Mont Couple Assisted OECE grown markins. A CACE Mesquites were to drop ad and green T.I. Illuminators were to aim flures at T.I., after reasing up on tacker-up was to aim yellows at the centre of all visible T.I. with a cond overshoot, unless otherwise directed by the Master Bomber. If the main force received no orders from the Master Bomber, they were to aim at the cluster of T.I. H = 2355. Mesquites from H = 3 to H = 2. Illuminators at H = 2. Skera-up at H + 1. Thin Force and supports from H to H + 5.

Saunur 5 Group visual marking technique. The target was to be Uninated by flares, in the light of which a Mesquite was to drop 2 red spot bes 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 if greens for correct ones. The main force were to boob as directed by the introller, aiming the centre of boobsticks at the markers. H = 0225.

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Bases: - Thunderstorms affected almost all 1. and E. Empland, and nove 10. á... north during the night. - e. 🤞

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15.00 10.055 1.23 1. 257.81 No cloud and good visibility everywhere encost at Maisy, Targets: where there was 10/10ths. stratus based at 800', with tops at 1,200-2,000'. Prequent thunderstorms en route, with tops to 20,000' over F. England and Midlar Cloud gradually dispersed S. of 51201. Half moor. Scutherly winds, of less . than 20 m.p.h. 5 55° 6 \*\*\*\*

#### H.CPL.TIVE CF ..TT..OKS

The markers on the E. yards were punctual, and and T.I. fell 11. Trappes very near the L/P. In excellent concentration of bonbing was achieved around this. .: later T.I. fell 600 yards to the 3.E. and districted some of the eff until the Mister Bubber corrocted crews. . The second attick followed a similar course . 

The T.I. were well grouped round the WP, 3 lending within 2 Tergnier yards to the S.E., and a fourth 123 yards to the N.W. The beiding was directs onto the nearest marker, 92 yards 166° from ./F.

 <u>Mont Couple</u> T.I. were plotted in the following positions with regard to the 1/P: 360 yds. 305°; 475 yds. 302°; .850 yds. 256°; 125 yds. 225°;
 875 yds. 305°. The boobing was concentrated, and one spectacular orange explosion resulted.

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Muisy 4 Mosquitos marked the target on OECE, but their T.T. wer: qui 15. invisible through the cloud, and the rest of the force brought their bonbs bad

... Pevre T.I. were plotted 150 yards S. and 100 yards N.F.W. of the Large fire developed 200 yards N. T. of the T.

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These yards were attacked again on 2/3rd. June, and the gr 17. Trappes damge resulting from the 2 raids will be recounted in Night Raid Report No.

The target was squarely hit. . The marshalling sidings st Tergnier heaviest; about 90 hits were scored on tracks, and, 200 yards of the road brwhich crosses the sidings collapsed. The loconotive depot and transhipment and carriage and wagon repair shops sustained lirect hits. Rolling stock was everywhere derailed.

The Radar-jaming station was reneared completely Mont Couple 10. unserviceable by this attack. The whole area was saturated with craters or of the 6 installutions in the fort, 2 lost 4 masts and 2 more 2 musts each. ..../inge L-shaped s

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

20. <u>Source</u> Reconnaiosance was not undertaken until 2nd. June, by which time the junction had received another heavy attack (see Hight Raid Report Mc.521).

2:. <u>u Pevre</u> Only 4 of the 6 station masts remained intact after this attack, and 2 of these were probably affected by near misses. One of the station multidings received a direct hit on its blast wall, and the other was encircled by near misses. The station must have been rendered completely unserviceable.

#### TEN DEFRICES

22. Fighter opposition was slight. Even the deep penetration to Saunar 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.

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

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21. 4 directift tere lost from the second force on Trappes, and 2 on Torgnier. Ine was probably lost to flak and 2 to fighters, which may have accounted for 2 tere. 2 aircraft overshot on return from thisy, at both were destroyed by the explosion of their borbs.

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

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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.

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# BOLTAER CONTLATE REPORT ON MIGHT CARRATICUS

### 2/3rd. JUNE, 1944.

### DIEPPE/BER S/ L: AFIES: CALLO: TILL : ME VOLAPEL: etc.

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1. The marshalling yards at rappes and the terr-jamming station at Berneval near Dieppe, were attacked at vary severely diaked by forces of rather more than 100 aircraft. Minor threes visited coastal atteries at Calais, Wissant, Wimereux, Teufchapel and Haran selle. Hosquitos attacked Leverkusen, Laval, Lison and energy airfields, and timelayers and dighters were also active. The Trappes force was hotly engaged on the teturn range, and lost 16 aircraft. 3 more did not return from manch operations, but at least 9 energy aircraft were destroyed.

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### WE. THUR FOREC. JT

2. \_\_ases:- Cloud will increase, but will readin above 1,000'. Rain will spread from the W.

Germany: - Cloud will tower to great heights in a frontal belt lying through Hamburg and Frankfurt. Further E., thunderstorms will be frequent.

Prance:- Little cloud in N. Frince. Broken strate-simulus in N.S. The frontil belt will extend from Frankfurt through Dijon and Bordeaux. Lite Propa indicated a risk of strate-cumulus increasing to 10/10 ths. in the Calais area by 0200.

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5. C KE NEMHAVEN. 4 computer of  $\epsilon$  to drop tool and green 7.1. Early illuminators were to run up on M33 in their theres at 7.1. (first flare "sights on", others at 10-section intervals), or the section blindly. Later illuminators were only to drop filles if so ordered by the Master Bonber. In any case, they were to orbit the grop their bonbs on a second run. The "aster Homber or his deputy was to release here markers in mecessary, and instruct the main force the blockers-up. The litter were to the white 7.1. at the centre of earlier 7.1. H = 0.55. Computes from H - 6 to M - 7. Illuminators from H - 6 to H - 4. Lackers-up at H + 2. Main force from H to H + 5.

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#### LAGATIVE OF ..... CK

Only one Mosquito made a controlice such. Its reds fell 300 yards S.E. of 6. the .v.. The Master Bomber then a ried and yellows, followed by whites, and directed the bombing onto the yells to the attack wis concentrated, mainly in the eastern half of the target; oft at H + 3 a nighty explosion occurred in the immediate vicinity of the .../P.

### DAY RECOLLARIA NOE

Damage was severe and widespring. ....tleast 22 hits were scored on the main 7. electrified lines from Puris to Chartres, with 6 on a train of box wagons. 50 more occurred on the comm reception sidings, 35 an the communishalling sidings, 15 in the coal bunkers, and 11 in the up reception sidings. The up marshalling sidings suffered especially heavily, it least 75-100 vigous being destroyed or cruters occurred in fields 5. of the urget, and residential property to the N. was seriously affucted.

#### B'HIY DEPINCES

8: Opposition was very slight on the way cut, but fighters appeared in strength over the target, and were active over the first 50 riles of the return of 80° to starboard, and continued to lose height, so thay they oversame the adverse effect of the N.W. wind, and engagements became less frequent. Fighters attacking from astern were seen against the moonlight sky. Even sc, the total number of reported interceptions affected nearly one quarter of the total force an abnormally high proportion for any operation. Flak was very slight it the tar, et.

### ENERY ... IRCR. FT .FSTROVED

Our bombers destroyed 9 energy area 1: 2 He. 109's, one Me. 210, 2 Ju. 38's, one F%. 190, and 3 unidentified met. .. SLAR. 7 Hosquite probably shot down a tenth.

# C.SH.J.TIES

10. 16 aircraft (12.5.) of the Wr. pes force were lost. ... t least 10, probably 14, fell in combut. 2 will to flik while flying at 2,007' on the return route between Conches and Evycux. No crash Lincings occurred on return, but one aircraft was damaged by flak beyond repair.

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11. ... 1 targets OBOE grounds rking. 2 Desquites were to drop reds and 2 others grouns. The main force were to the destre of T.i., irrespective of rolour. H = 0015 at Neufchapel; 0030 % Clusis; 0105 at Haringzelles; 0125 at Die pe; 0140 at Wimereux; and 0210 at New Mit.

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#### WELTER EXPERIMCED

13. No cloud at Serneval. 0-6/10 its. : tony strato-cubulus at Heufchapel, tops 5-7,000' S/10ths, thin, cloud at Callis, 9-10/10 dis. at Wissont, Wimercux ..... Haringzelles

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and Haringzelles, tops 6-7,000'. 10 ....

### MARATINE OF ATTACKS

12. <u>Wissant</u> 3 7.1. were plottel, ...1 200-200 yurds to the north of the 1/P. Less than half of the force could identify the n nears tirtuch the cloud, and the rest brought their bombs back.

15. <u>Seurchapel</u> 2 groups of T.I. screptor, etc., 13 and 150 pards to the H. of the JP.

to. <u>Windreux</u> Only the first univalation to see the low of the T.I. through the thick cloud, and the rest abandmed then this.

17. <u>Haringzelles</u> Here, 16 directant were able to it and on the glow of the T.I. but it was impossible to ascess results.

19. Calais 3 T.I. were plotted 500-750 yards N.W. of the A.T. Two-thirds of the force bombed then or their glow. 2 great explosions such shoke up through the cloud.

### DAY RECORDAISSANCE

20. The kadar-jamming station it is nevel sufficied several and extensive damage. The central, major portion was destroyed; all its operation 1 buildings, and the 7 masts supporting its aerial array, were evoluted. Marky all the subsidiary buildings received direct hits, including in machated position 550 yards 2. of the main group. No reconnaissance reports ware issued for the attacks on the other targets.

### HIE DEPRICES

21. No fighter attacks were report. On these targets except at Timereux, and these caused no immage. Flak was slight, but at Calais the docurate.

### C.SU J.TIES

22. One aircraft was lost on Calais without truce. Another crash-landed on return from Berneval, after damaging its and retrikee on take-off. 4 aircraft sustained slight flak damage.

### LAVERN'SZ'

23. 23 Mosquitos bombed Leverkusen. 3 CECE Min. II and 2 M2S Mosquitos drapped markers by means of their precision devices, and most of the other aircraft bombed their glow through 10/10 ths. cloud. ... few attacked on FE/DE. One was damiged beyond repair by flak, but reached its base sufely.

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24. One DECE MK. II Hosquito made a successfully controlled run against the railway junction at Laval.

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25. 3 CBOE LEDN: LELP Mosquitos i manu de sailway junction at Lison by name of their precision devices.

### HELSING I G

26. 53 Halifaxes and Stirlings were retained to lay mines off Brest, Le Havre, Dunkirk, Ijmuiden and the Scholut estimate. 42, were successful. Hone was lost. ...../LEFLETS.

### LEFLES

27. 10 Wellingtons, out of a Force of 11 in tched from fraining Groups, southered leaflets over Northern France.

# FIGHTER CREEKING

28. 36 Mosquitos of 2 and 100 Groups and ... D. D. E. made SEFR.TE and intructor patrols. 14 boubed energy airfields. ... SERR\_TE aircraft probably destroyed a German machine in combat.

# SPECIL: OPERATIONS

29. 49 aircraft were sent on special operations. 2 did not return; but one was seen to make a good landing in occupied cerritory with a wing on fire.

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MLM/JT. BC/S. 26342/2/OR54, 21st. September, 1944.

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### 3/4th. JUTE, 1944.

# FERGE D'URVILLS: J.L.IS: WIEIREUR: Luchrigsharen: etc.

### SUMPLARY

1. Forces of 50-100 aircraft attacked the Radir-jamming station at Ferme d'Urville, near Cherbourg, and the coastal batteries at Calais and Wimereux. All the targets were hit, and the first-named was devastated. Mosquitos attacked Ludwigshafen, argentan and enemy airfields, and over 50 aircraft laid mines off the French, Dutch and Belgian coasts. Fighters were also active. The night's operations were completed without lass.

### MELTER FORMELST

2. Bases: - Much strate-cumulus. I se should remain above 1,500' in Midland bases.

France: - Much strate-cumulus in J. Gee chance of Little low cloud in Boulogne area before 0100 hours. Extensive clearences in the.

### FER ED'UNVILLA: CLARK: WI TRIUL

### PLUS OF ATTACK

4. <u>Calais</u> OFOE and H2S proundmarking. A OBON Mosquitos were to drop red T.I. Secondary blind markers were to release greens when their H2S flight line intersected a GEE co-ordin te. Hain force crews were to all at reds or the centre of greens. H = 0130.

5. Wintereux CBOE groundmarking. 4 Mosquitos were to drop reds and greens. and the main force were to aim at the centre of all 7.1. H = 0115. 25 aircraft manned by the best crews were to both at H + 1.

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# WE.THER EXPERIENCED

Bases: -. Light pain in evening.

Forme d'Urville: - Little cloud. Seed visibility.

Calais and Simereux:- 6-10/10 the. thin medium cloue, base 13,000'. Little below.

Three quarters moon.

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# NARRITIVE OF ATLACKS

8. <u>Perme d'Urville</u> 3 Mosquitos uttacked, and 5 of their T.I. have been plotted; one on the ...,P, and the others 115, 250, 240 m d 375 yards away, 3 to the S.E. and one to the N.E. ...nother a river 3 tiles from the target received no attention. Bombing was concentrated uni accounts.

9. <u>Dalais</u> 3 red T.I. foll within 200 yards of the A/P. The greens were scattered to the 3., but the full weight of the attack was directed on to the reds. In intense fire was visible in the target area from H + 3.

10. <u>Winereux</u> The markers fell in 5 compact groups, each centred about 200 yards from the .../F: one to the %., one to the N.W. one to the S.E. The bombing was directed at the centre of the:.

### DAY RECONNAISCANCE

11. <u>Perme d'Urville</u> The station used to consist of a line of W/T masts running diagonally across an old fort, and H.C. buildings 150 yards to the S. .ll the masts and buildings were completely demolished by this attack.

12. <u>Calais</u> Photographs cotained on 1th. June covered this target for the first time since 15th. May. During that period, 2 gun positions received direct hits on their emplacements, and a searchlight and several minor buildings and a shelters were demolsihed. (Nore compared of have been caused by near misses.

13. <u>Winereux</u> The railway ....ter sustained conditrable durage between 12th. May and 4th. June. Both of the W. turntables Gree hit, together with the railway servicing from.

### EIEIY D FECCS

14. None of the 3 main targets lay more than a terribles inland, and no fighters were encountered, attacks several were stated. Plak was very meagre.

### CASULTIES

15. Is aircraft was lost, ind no change was sustained from enemy action. One Lancaster prashed on return from Calais, and blew up.

#### LUDWIGS 112

16. 20 Mosquitos attacked Ludwigshafen. All 5 Y-ircraft word successful, and the bubbing was concentrated.

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### DITY DIG

18. 57 Stirlings, Halifaxes and \_\_mo\_stars laid 235 lines off the French, Butch and Belgian ports without loss. One Stirling the Ludly damaged in a taxying modifient.

### PIR DR OPELATICES

19. 6 Mosquitos of 100 Groups the SEICHIE patrols which is chieving any interceptions. 17 intruders were out From 2 and 100 to ups and 1.D.C.B. attacking airfields at Boumont, Poix, Reals inc Conches, 2 thains and a factory. No hostiles were encountered.

### 3PELL CPERITIC'S

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16.1/JT. BC/S. 26342/3/CRS4, 22nd. September, 1944.

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### SUCLAY

1. Forces of 50-100 dirorant littloked the ocustal schuces at Calais, Maisy, Sangatte and Boulogne in bad weather. Mesquites bonbed Cologne and Legentan, and fighters and minelayers were lotiv. The mirorant with lost.

WEATHER FOREC.ST

2. Bases:- Variable cloud, thickmany after midni ht.

Continet:- Much strato-cumulus in ". France and ... Franzy, decreasing southwards in both countries. Little clour. in L. Franze. Frontal cloud will clear the Channel coast at about 0530, leaving thick making cloue above 12,000' and putchy strato-cumulus below.

### C.L.IS: M.IST: S.FG.TT: CULCCE

### PLAS OF ATTACK

3. Calais OBOE and H2S groundmarking. 4 CBOE Mosquitos were to drop red T.I. Secondary blind markers were to drop greens when an H23 flight line intersected a GEE lattice line. Main force crews were to aim at the centre of reds of of greens. H = 0255. Mosquitos from H = 3 to H = 2. Secondary blind markers at H = 2. Main force in one wave from H to H + 5.

L. <u>Maisy: Sangatte: Boulegne:</u> OBC. groundmarking. On each target, 4 OBOE Mosquitos were to drop reds and greens, and the main force were to aim at the centre of T.I., irrespective of colou. H = 0110 at Sangatte; 0140 at Maisy; 0310 at Boulogne.

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### WEATER FORPERIENCED

Bases:- Rain and thick clou, often based below 1,000', moved southenstwards, clearing East .nglin after 0100.

French targets:- 10/10 the. cloud it various levels; breaks in strutocumplus at Calais. Moderateleing in cloud t 6-7,000'. Nearly full mean. Visibility moderate to poor.

# LLAG. TIVE OF ......

7. Only at Calais were the T.I. clearly visible. The reds fell in a tight a group, with the greens scattered to the N. Fost crews booked the reds. It Maisy and Bangatte, crews bonked the glow of markers through the cloud; at Boulogne, all the Mosquitos were abortive, and crews bonked on navigational aids.

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### D.Y RECONDERINGE

# 8. No reconnaissance reports for issued for there attacks.

#### EVERY DEFENCES

9. Conditions at fighter difficles in compiled territory were poor, and enemy dirotativere dirborne for only a short time. Tone of our diroraft was attacked. Flak was slight.

### C.SULTIES

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10. No aircruft was lest. One Lie. 2 ... swang at a seaff and was badly injured. 4 aircraft were slightly damaged by flit.

### C.LORE

11. 20 Hosquitos were despatched against Cologne. 18 bombed on GHE/DR in clear weather, and achieved a fine concentration. Tlak was intense, but no aircruft was hit, and the only casualty was due to a landing accident.

# RGETER

12. 6 OFOE Mesquites (4 LEON LEF and 2 Mk.III) were sent on a calibration test, with the railway junction at argentan as a target. -3 LEON LEF and one Mk.III nucle successfully controlled unce. All returned undamaged.

# LE. LC

13. 5 Lancasters and Hulifands, out cla force of 7, Laid 26 mines off Brest, Rouen, Dunkirk, Ijmuiden and the Schelt.

# FICHTLY OPTIMICIS

14. 6 Hostuitos carried at 35 Mart patrols. One cestroyed a Ju.88 in the Frisiuns area.

# SPOCL OPER.FIGIS

15. 21 Halifaxes and Wellingtons were despatched in special patrols. 19 were successful.

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# MIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 625

### BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

### 5/6th JUNE 1944 (D-Day)

# COASTAL BATTERIES, ETC.

### SUMBLARY

1. Over 1,300 sircraft of Bomber Command visited Northern France on the night of the invasion of Mestern Europe. 1,100 of them attacked coastal betteries between Rouch and Cherbourg; others dropped dummy paratroops, bombed oneny airfields, jammed radar transmissions and posed as navel convoys. 9 bombers and 2 fighters ware lost.

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TEATHER FORECAST

2. Bases - Fit all night, with little cloud and good visibility

Germany - Little cloud in N.". Much cloud ele there

France:- Broken strate-our les in 1.1. (5-2/10ths in Cherbourg ares). Base 3,000', tops to 5,000'. Very good visibility.

COASTAL BATTERS

# PL MS OF ATTACK

3. La Pernelle OBOE groune wrking and emergency visual marine. 5 0002 Mosquitos were to drop red T.I. A flare force was a libu dnote the target. If the OBOE aircraft failed, 5 Group Mosquitos rate to ratk the  $\sqrt{2}$  with red apot fires. In either case, 5 Group Lancosters (3.A.B.C.) were to back up with group T.I. If necessary, the Controller would transmit a files vector for bombing, having assessed the accuracy of the markers. H = 0305.

4. St.Martin : Fontenay. Controlled 030E groundworking, 5 080E Mosquitos were to drop red T.I. A Master Bomber was to direct each attack, dropping greens himself, if necessary. If the Main Force received no instructions, they were to aim at the centre of reds. H = 2350 at St. Martin; 2335 at Pontenay.

5. Houlgate: Sallennelles: Oui troham: Nont Fleury: Mrisy: Longues OBOE groundmarking with emergency H2S groundmarking. 5 Meequites were to mark each target with red T.I. Emergency blind markers either were to release groen T.I. on the intersection of an H2S flight line and a GEE lattice line or hight release on positive visual identification, if no T.I. were visible but if T.I. were burning they were to hold their markers. Backers up were to aim green T.I. at the rods, the centre of greens, or the A/P itself if they could identify it visually. Main force crews were to sim at the centre of ruds or of greens. H = 0.56 at Houlgate; 0030 at Sallennelles; 0505 at Cuistraham; 0.35 at Mont Fleury; 0320 at Maisy; and 0.420 at Longues. Marquites from H-3 to H-1. Emergency blind markers at H-1. Backers up at H+1 and H+2. Main force from H to H+8.

9. Pointe due Hoe OBOE groundmarking with emergency visual marking. 5 OBOE Mosquitos were to drop rod T.I. 5 Group Mosquites were to back up with groun 2.I., but if no OBOE markers had been dropped, these Mosquites were to aim their ground visually at the  $\sqrt{P}$ . The Controller was to assess the accuracy of the markers, and issue a false vector for bombing if necessary. If in force prews were to sim the centre of their bombsticks at rods of the centre of grounds, unloss otherwis, when the edge.

SORTIES

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7.	La Fernelle	131	115	16	0
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	Mont Floury	124	113	11	2 (1.65)
	Pointo du Hoe	124	114	10	3 (2.4.)
	Maisy	116	112	4	0
	Sollonnelles	109	83	21	С
	Juistrohom	116	114	2	0
	Fontoney	101	34	7	0
	St. Martin-de-Verreville	100	99	1	0
	Longues		96	3	1 (1.05)
	TOTAL	1136	1053	78	6 (0.5)

# TATI A TAPARIE COD

8. Bases:- Mainly fit, but 2 minor troughs moved southwards, oringing cloud base to 2,000' and rain.

Prench coastel batteries:- 5-10/10ths strate cumulus, tops about 5,000'. Full moon. Wind at 7,000'; 310°/35 m.p.h.; at 9,000', 300°/40 m.p.h.

# MARRATIVE OF ATTACKS

9. La Pernelle The first markers were scattered, but soon 2 reds and 2 greene were burning on the ./F, and the bombing us concentrated round then.

10. <u>Houlgate</u> The early rods fell on the battery and to the N.N. The greens were mostly 1,000 yards to the N., and one group landed on the cliffs over a mile to the N.N. Cloud increased during the attack, and results could not be observed.

11. Mont Floury: Mnisy: Sallennelles: Fonteney: St.Martin-16 Varrevilles: Longues: Cloud was too dense over these targets for photographs to give any clear poiture of the course of the attacks, but all were reported as fairly well concentrated.

12. <u>Quistroham</u> The first 4 groups of morkers were scattered 500-2,500 yards to the  $\Sigma$ . of the  $\sqrt{P}$ . At H+2, however, a tight cluster of 3 T.I. was burning immediat 3. of the  $\sqrt{P}$ , and these attracted some of the bombing.

13. Pointe du Hoe Reds and greens were well packed around the M/P, and several sticks of bombs were seen to fall across it.

### DAY RECONNAISSANCE

14. No reconnaissance reports were issued for these attacks.

### ENE Y DEFENCES

15. Fighters were active over the Normandy coast throughout the night, although only in the later roids did they show much readiness to engage our bombers. Is is significant that no returning bomber sustained fighter damages. Flak was nowhere intense. One enemy aircraft was damaged off Sallennelles.

### G.SU.LTES

16. Only 6 surgers there missing from these operations. One was shot down by fin at Hont Floury and 2 were seen to go down in combat near Chan and Lisieux. None of the other losses were observed. One Halifax was wrecked in a taxying accident, and another croshed on landing.

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### OSNAERUCK

31 Mosquitos attacked Ganabruck. All 6 Y-sircraft were successful, and the 17. bombing was concentrated. All aircraft returned undamaged.

# DIVERSIONS

111 Lancasters, Halifaxes, Stirlings, Fortresses and Mosquitos carried out 10. diversions in support of the illied landings in Normandy. These included pretended Navel/Air attacks against Cap d'intifer and Boulogne, a jamming barrage and the dropping of durmy paratroops. Exceptionally successful results were obtained, for the loss of only 3 sircraft. . . ircraft engaged on these operations destroyed one enery fighter and damaged another.

### FIGHTER OPTENTIONS

100 Losquitos from 100 Group and ..... C.3. were active on SIRRITS and intruder 19. patrols. Airfields in France and the Low Countries were also attacked. A SIRRITE aircraft destroyed a Me.110. 6 Mosquitos were lost.

### SPECIAL OPER .TIONS

3 Hudsons and Holifaxes were detailed on special operations. 3 sireraft 20. were succassful. None was lost.

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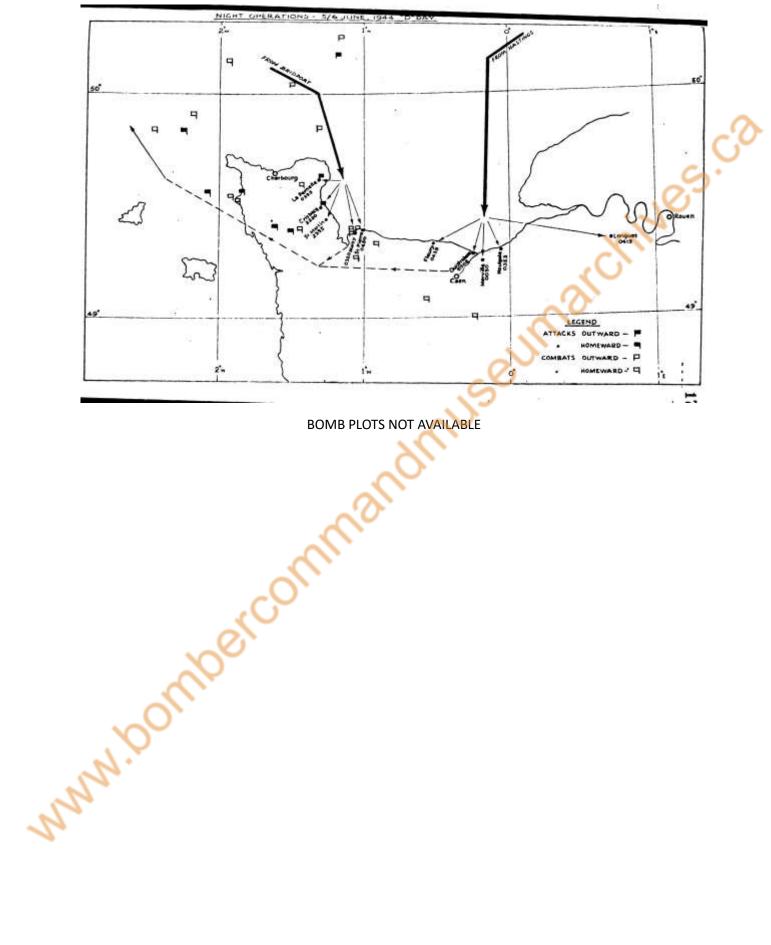
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### BOLEBER COLHAND REPORT ON ATAIN OF RATIONS

### 6/7th. JU. 3, 1944.

CARN: LISIEUN: CONDE-SUR-HOLELAU: COULA OF: CHAMAILUT: ACHERES: etc.

#### SUMARY

1. Over 1,100 aircraft of Bomber Command were active in support of the armies in Normandy, attacking road and rail centres in the battle area and near Paris. Mosquitos bombed Ludwigshafen and enemy airfields, and intruders destroyed 8 enemy aircraft. Mines were also laid. 12 bombers were lost.

#### WEATHER FORMCAST

2. Bases:- A trough of 10/10 ths. cloue to 18,000 will nove south-eastwards across the British Isles, leaving much low cloue behind, with clear lanes in medium cloud.

Continent:- Much strate-cumulus and scalum cloud in N.W. Prance. Strate-cumulus should be very well broken in Cherbourg and Paris areas. Variable cloud inland. In Germany, cloud will disperse.

### C.T: LISIEUX: COMDE-SUR-NOIRE.U:COUT.PCF:CH.T1.UDUF:..CHERES: VIE: ARGENTAN: ST.LO:

### FL.NS OF ...TT..CK

6. Lisieux: Conce-sur-Noireau: Countence: Chercaudun: Loberes: St. Lo. Controlled OBOE groundmarking. DEDE Mosquites were to drop red and green T.I. The Master and his deputy were to assess the locaracy of these and, if possible, release yellows or whites. Otherwise, min force crews were to be ordered to attack the centre of the reds and greens. H = 0135 at Lisicux: 0150 at Condesur-Noireau: 0020 at Coutance: 0205 at Cherteaudun: 0220 at Loheres: and 0050 at St. Lo.

7. <u>Vire</u> Controlled OBOE groundmarking 5 0B07 Macquitos were to drop red T.I. on the E. ./P. If these were in courste, the Master Sember was to release greens and direct the main force accordingly. If the reds tere accurate, no further action was to be taken by him. The W. ./F was to be marked by 1 Group S.D.F. with impact green T.I. before H Hour. Grews were to aim at the centre of these greens unless otherwise instructed. H = 0035. Bonbing height: 3-4,000'.

8. <u>argentan</u> 3. P's here were to be attacked separately. On the E. P., 5 OEOE Mosquitos were to release yellow T.I. a conding at 1,500'. The target was then to be illuminated by flares, in the light of which 5 Group Mosquitos were to drop green T.I. If accurate, these were to be backed up with more greens. The main force were to aim at the T.I., after the Controller had broadcast to them the strength and direction of the wind. The same method was to be used for the N. ../P., except that rods were to be employed instead of greens. For the S. ../P., no OBOE aircraft were to operate; otherwise, the same method was to be followed. H = 0105 on E., 0120 on N. and S.

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	TOT.1.	1065	977	2	35	3	12 (1.1)

### WE. THER EXPERISICED

10. Bases:- Much cloud, base generally 800-1,500', lifting slowly to 1,000-2,000'.

French targets:- 7-10/10 ths. cloua, base 5-5,000', tops 7-9,000'. Good visibility. Wind: 320°/35 c.p.h. at 5,000', increasing to 40 J.p.h. at 10,000'. Full moon.

### N.RR.TIVE OF TT.CKS.

11. Jacn. The target was accurately minime from lot level, in borbing was concentrated, but cloud prevented photographic cover using the attack.

12. Lisioux The first 3 sets of reas all fell 200-300 yards from the  $1/P_{*}$ , in a triangle about it. The early bombing was occurate; then cloud base lowered, and the Master Bember ordered crows to cause bombing the reas and to attack his own yellows; but he was indistinctly heard, because crows used their  $R/T^*_{*}$ .

13. <u>Conde-sur-Noireau</u> The first markers fell nearly a mile E. of the L/P., but the next 2 were within 250 yards. Some time clapsed before the Master Bomber was clearly understool. Then a good attack developed.

14. <u>Countences</u> The *P* was visually identified, and the reas and greens were grouped closely arcund the read-rail crossing. Fires were also seen burning in the town.

15. Chateaudun The first and third markers fell 200-250 y.rds F.E. and S.E. of the  $\sqrt{P}$ . The second was 700 yards away, but the ittadi was directed on to the accurate markers.

16. ...cheres Cloud was too thick for the Easter Bomber to identify the .../P., and, after long discussions with his deputy, he ordered crews to abandon the attack; but by this time, half the force had bombed from below cloud base.

17. Vire Both ../P's were well marked, especially the W., and bombing was accurate.

19. <u>St. Lo</u> One T.I. foll **350** yards : of the .../F. the rest were 450-800 yards away. ... concentrated attack was delivered, although cloud was fairly thick.

#### D.Y RECONN. ISS. NCE

20. <u>Caen</u> The central area of the town was in filmes on the following day, and the area to the E. was heavily damaged. Fires were burning near the bassi, a Flot, where the lock gates leading to the R. Orne, and those to the Nouveau Bassin, were destroyed. Dockside warehouses, etc., were budly canaged. The marshalling yards and 4 road bridges were blocked by craters, as were the roads ..../ Leading fr m back leading from Caen to Falaise and Tyeur.

21. <u>Lisicux</u> The Lisieux-Regiden track was out by 5 direct hits on the loop S. W. of the town. 3 read bridges and 4 main reals sustained direct hits. Much destruction was caused in the term, particularly around the gasworks.

22. <u>Conce-sur-Noireau</u> Nearly every building in the town centre was gutted or demolished. The 3 choke points were plastered with craters.

23. <u>Contances</u> The weight of the bashing fell on the town contre and around the road and railway bridges to the S. Both bridges were damaged, and roads and tracks were cut in many places. Some of the destruction was due to the "merican attack on the day before Bosber Command's visit.

26. Chateaudun No separate region issued rejert was issued for this rule.

27. <u>...chores</u> it least 17 or tors tore clusic on the tracks at junction switches at the level crossings, at 5 mer. on tracks it the junction itself. Most of the tracks were now several.

29. <u>argentan</u> The marshalling yards were sere asly affected. The locomotive depot was half destroyed, the goods depot atted, and a turntable severely damaged. Ill the lines were cut, many agens were derailed; and the passenger station, a military stores depot and numerous minor installations were hit.

30. <u>3t. Le</u> The town was largely devistated.

### MERY DEFENCES

31. The German fighter controllers orlered their fighters to the area of Le Havre before our bonbers reached France and extensive fighter novements took place in that region, reinforcements being called from Delgium and Helland. This activity appears to have been concerned, however, with the reported approach of fliders, which was a cause of greater anxiety to the energy than the operations of the bain bomber forces. No interception of the latter was effected and the whole of the nights activity resulted in only 8 fighter attacks. Even the theres force, operating in the Paris area, encountered only one hostile aircraft. Heavy flak was nowhere troublesone, but the accuracy required at most of the targets necessitated bonbing from below low cloud and some damage and losses to light flak were therefore inevitable.

# C.SULTIES

32. 12 bombers (1.1%) were lost from these 9 attacks. 6 did not return from the last mission of the night on Caon: 2 full to light flak at 3t. Lo and the target, and a third was destroyed in contribute. In Lincaster was shot down at incheres by a fighter, as were 2 bombers near Vire. One airer ft fell to light flak near Continues. 4 losses may therefore cofinitely be introduced to fighters, and 3 to light flak. Only one returning bomber sustained severe fighter damage; but a Halifax was hit by a bomb over Continues, and the clow had to bale out over England.

# LUDTIGSTLFET

33. 32 Mosquitos attacked Lauvigshafen. ... 11 the 5 Y-aircraft dropped markers, but none of them were seen by the main force, whe all bombed on GEE/DR. ... 11 returned safely.

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# MINEL.YEIG

34. 17 aircraft, out of a force of 19, laid 37 mines off the Frisians, the Schuldt estuary and French Channel and Biscay ports. No casualties were sus tained.

### FIGHTER OPER.TIONS

35. 18 Mesquitos of 100 Group were louve in Like.TE puticls, and 33 intruler from ... D. G. E. visited airfields in France, the Las Countrist and Western Germany. The SER.TE aircraft made no intersections, but the intrucers destroyed 8 German aircraft - 5 Ju.52, one Ju.33, one -0.100 and in unicentified fighter. None of our fighters was lost.

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36. 26 aircraft were sent on special langens. endmuseu 19 We.d successful. ...11 returned safely.

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### BOHBER COMMIND REPORT ON NIGHT OPHILITICITS

# 7/3th. JUNE, 1944.

### FORET DE CERISY: VERS. ILLES: M.JSY/P.L. ST.U: ACTERES: JUVISY: Cologne: etc.

# SULLRY

1. 212 Boubers were sent against fuel coots and tank harbours in the Foret de Corisy, behind the German lines in Normandy. Unfortunately, a stray marker dropped 6 miles from the L/P attracted the weight of the bonbing. Other forces delivered low-level attacks against 4 railway controls in the Paris area. If these operations were conducted in full no mlight, and 29 of the 549 aircraft engaged were lost. Mesquites attacked Cologne, and minelayers and intruders were also active. No further casualties were sustained. Our bonbers and fighters destroyed 13 energy directift in combat.

### WE.THER FOREC.ST

2. Beses: - Cloud will disperse during the night. Viocal visibility troubles.

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Continent:- Much cloud to great heights over Germany. Much stratecurulus in N.W. France, becoming broken E. of Cherbourg. Cloud will break over Faris soon after midnight., and will decrease to half cover or less. Much cloud all night over Low Countries.

FORET DE CERISY: VENS. ILL'S: MASSEY: .. CHERES: JUVISY:

# PLJIS OF ... TT...CK

3. <u>All sargets</u> Controlled OBOE ground wirkin. 5 OBOS Mosquites (10 on Foret de Verisy) were to drop green T.I. If visual identification was possible, the Master Bomber was to drop red T.I., backed up by his deputy and backersup. Otherwise, he was to direct crews to him at the contre of greens. Mosquites were to bomb between H - 3 and H - 1 on all encopt the first maned target, where they were to mark at regular intervals between H - 3 and H + 11. Enckers-up at H + 2. H = 0140 at Foret de Cerisy; 0225 at Versailles; 0210 at Massey; Ot120 at acheres; 0105 at Juvisy.

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# WE. THER EXPERIENCED

5. Bases :- Fair to cloudy. Some rain and low cloud.

Targets:- Thin struct-cumulus, base 6-7,000'. 10/10ths. at Massey, 7/10ths. Juvisy, 5-10/10ths. wheres, Foret de Ceris, and Versailles. Moca: bust past full. Wind at 5,000': 350°/20 m.p.h.

### N.RRATIVE OF ...TL.CKS

6. Foret de Cerisy The Mosquitos dropped a plentiful supply of T.I. on the .../P. but, owing to a technical defect, one group of greens was released 6 ..../miles S.W. of the min miles 3.W. of the main concentration. Both sets of markers were heavily bloked up; the Master Bomber was not properly in clotece, and the bending was divided between the 2 areas. Both efforts were concentrated.

7. <u>Versailles</u> 4 of the 5 Misquitos marked the  $\sqrt{2}$ . The Master Bonber dropped reds, and instructed crows to limit the control of all T.I. Photographs showed six reds aligned within the nurrow target area.

8. <u>Massey/Palaiseau</u> 2 groups of greens fell 100 parts E. of the ../P., followed by another twice as far away and a fourth 400 parts F.E. The Master Bomber's reds and his deputy's fell 350 and 500 yards 1947 to the N. and W. The target was seen obscured with thick black speke.

9. Juvisy The greens were closely grouped round the 1/1 to the N. and 2. The Muster Bomber and his deputy dropped reas in a 400 gree line centred 500 yards W.M.W. of the .../P. Bombing was aimed at the M.P.T. of all the T.T.

### DAY RECOLLASSINCE

11. <u>Foret-de-Cerisy</u> The weight of the attack fell around the junction of the main St. Lo - Bayeux read, 3 major and 2 secondary reads. Various hits were secred on these roads, and a number of trees had fallen across it.

12. <u>Versailles</u> The locomotive shed was severely landged, and all tracks leading to it, several ancillary buildings, and a number of locomotives and wagent in the vicinity were destroyed. The main wrist Trappes line was blocked by damaged rolling stock. Direct hits damaged the embinicient 1. of the filmover.

13. <u>Massy/Pendiseau</u>. Il the 5 tirret winth ( 20naveletions of tracks at bridgen, and a flyover) were plastered with or wors. Relet, tracks and rolling stock suffered enormous damage.

14. <u>achares</u> 4 craters were clused on the tricks, and 12 more on the junction switches and their approaches.

15. Juvisy Every track was out, and the river bridge and a flyover were wrecked.

#### ENERY DEFENCES

16. Fighters were active, and over 10% of the district engaged on these targets reported interceptions; but most of the labous tire class by light flak, fired in an intense corrage, particularly at Versailles against low-flying aircraft.

### EVENY ... IRCR. FT DESTROYED

17. Our bonbers destroyed 7 fighters: 2 1. /10's, 1 Ju. 5, 1 FW. 190, and 3 unidentified diroraft. 3 of these fell to a single 5 pressure of 5 Group. ...D.G.B. intruders shot down 6 more: 1 Ju.52, 2 Ju.58, 1 Ju.168 and U/I aircraft.

### C.SULTIES

18. It least 13 of the 29 losses incurred in these 3 attacks were caused by flak. This was the first occusion of strong low-level attacks on targets in the Paris area, so that the light juns were presented with great opportunities. Of the 5 aircraft lost on Juvisy, 2 fell to light flak at the target, 2 were destroyed by were destroyed by lighters on the honoward route, and the fifth went down near Evreux. 3 of the Acheres lesses were probably due to flak, and one t fighter: they occurred over the coast, it deutohatel, 3.3. of Paris and on the rin to the target. The heavy casualties incurred on these connect easily be accounted for; 5 are known to have been class by flak 4 Dicppe, Sicrogeoux and Hassy (3), and 4 by fighters in the Paris area. The Versailles and Acheres forlost 2 aircraft to fighters mar Paris, and 5 to flak at becaused, Eterposed 4 Versailles. The Normandy less cannot be trueed. In Addition to these lesses, ..../5 returning aircraft 5 returning directeft word wreched beyond repair - p by fighters, one by flak milling in a taxying incedent.

# COLCONE

19. 32 Mosquites were despitched against Colorie. 4 of the 5 Y-direraft dropped markers, and a good concent. When was achi were direred the T.I. despite thick cloud over the target. All direraft returned safely.

# ND'EL.YES

20. 23 Halifaxes and Stirlings, out of a ferce of 25, laid 94 mines off Brost, Lorient, St. Mazaire and Ushant. Mone was lost; but one crash-landed.

### FIGHTER OPER.TIONS

# 32 Dine CALLATIONS

22. 34 aircraft were intrilice on special operations. All returned safely.

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### 3/9th. JNE, 1944.

### SAUMUR: FOUGERES: MAYENNE: POSTAULATIT: ALENCO:: MILES: etc.

### SUNO'LRY

1. Forces of 50-120 circraft made languing attacks on marshalling yards and railway junctions in N.W. France, and special Lancasters bould the railway tunnel at Saumur. Minelayers and intruders were also active. Meether conditions hampered enemy fighters, who provided little opposition. Only 2 bombers were lost.

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### WE.THER FORECLST

2. Bases:- Broken strate-cumulus and 10/10ths. medium. Lecal rain, and petches of cloud below 1,000'.

France:- In the area extending from  $47-48^{\circ}$ . and  $00\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}-02^{\circ}W$ , there will be less than 5/10ths. below 10,000' (except near the coast, and there it will only be 1,000' thick). 10/10ths. medium cloud above.

#### SAUMUA: FOUGEARS: MAYRINE: CONTLURAULT: ALENCON: RENDERS:

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3. Saunur is detailed by 54 Base Commander. H = 0200.

4. <u>Fougeres: Mayenne: Alencon:</u> Controlled CBOE groundharking. On each target, 5 OBOE Mosquites were to drop reduced green T.I. Illuminators were then to run up on H2S, but were to release their flores on T.I. if possible (first flore "sights on", the rest at 10-second intervals thereafter). But flores were only to be released if there was less than 5/10ths. cloud. The Birter or his deputy were to drop whites or yellows respectively, and Cirect the locating. ... backer-up was to drop whites under the orders of the Master Bonber; if he received no instructions, he was to aim them at the centre of all T.I. H = 0015 at Fougeres; 0145 at Mayenne; 0115 at alecen. Mesquites from H - 3 to H - 1. Illuminators at H - 2. Deputy it H + 1. Backer-up at H + 2. Main force from H to H + 8.

5. Pontaubault 5 Group visual marking. After the target had been illuminated with flares, Mosquitos were to mark the  $\sqrt{2}$  with red spot fires. If accurate, these were to be backed up with more spot fires and green T.I. Yellows were to be dropped to advertise wide markers; red T.I. to enote correct ones; and skymarkers (green with red stars) for extra illumination. Unless otherwise ordered by the Controller, main force crows were to mim the centre bomb of each stick at the markers. H = 0045.

6. Rennes 5 Group visual marking, assisted by OBOE groundmarking. The same method was to be employed as for Pontaubault, except that 5 CBOE Mosquitos were to open the attack by dropping yellow T.I. cascading at 3,000', and crows were to aim the first bomb of each stick at the markers, and delay release for 4 seconds, unless otherwise instructed. H = 0130.

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### WE.THER ECCERIENCED

8. Lases:- Rain became wildspread by 0200, and cloud fell below 700' in patches. Visibility was poor, and diversions were arranged.

all French Targets:- .lost 10/10ths. cloud at 0-10,000', except at Saumur, (5/10ths.). at Pontaubault, there was also loss tratus. Moon: just past full. Wind at 5-10,000': 260-270 /20-25 m.p.b. Heavy rain at center.

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9. <u>Hannur</u> Harkers fell in the deep outting into intely S. of the tunnil, and the bombing was concentrated round then. If ter, a ske obscured the marker, and some areas attacked the S. end of the railway brille and the N. exit of the tunnel.

10. <u>Fourieres</u> T.I. were scattered wile to the N.E. and N.W., but the flat -Bother dropped T.I. close to the ./P, and crows attacked these with good real to

11. <u>Mayenne</u> ...part from some greens, which fell wide to the N., the T.L. were grouped tightly round the ../P to the N. and E. During the attack, an exceptionally fine explosion sent black sucke to 7,000', and the Master Fridordered crews to boob the centre of this conflagration.

12. Pontubault 5 Groups of T.T. foll within 320 y rds of the ../P, all the N.M. W. Bonbing was accurate, 11 though sucke quick; clacured all root.

13. <u>.lencon</u> 2 red T.I. were seen in the marshalling wards, and great firwere started in their visinity.

14. <u>Remnes</u> Most of the markers fell in a close (required) bout 300 yards  $\vec{w}$ . of the  $\sqrt{f}$ , but 2 fell just to the  $\mathbb{R}_{+}$ , and a good concentration of booking the achieved about the approximate 12.1.

#### D.Y RECONSAISSANCE

15. Source One direct hit was secred on the tunnel a few feet from the Sentrance. Severe damage was caused to tracks and the embankment about 100 years S- of the tunnel, and several rands were blocked.

16. Fougeres The facilities and installations of the yards were heavily damaged. All through running lines were out by direct hits, and a derailed grows train was thrown across the tracks. The locenotive shed sustained a direct hit; the main building of the passenger station was gutted; and many hits were coered on sidings and rolling stock. Many fires were caused in the tewn.

17. <u>Mayonne</u> The passenger station was completely destroyed, and the low's platforms were camaged in at least 2 places. All tracks at the north gath 1. a point and all sidings were cut. The goods station was seriously hit. Many running through lines were cut, and the cain road through the lines sustained whits.

13. <u>Ponthubault</u> Reconnaissance photographs showed a lot of cloud, but in hits were seen to have been scored on tracks and a railway bridge.

19. <u>.lencon</u> The passenger station was gutted and the transhipment shed destroyed. Direct hits were scored on the carriage and wagen repair sheps, the

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goods depot and the ocaling plint. The running through lines were out in 16 places; 15-20 hits were source on the source silings, and 4 more on the lines to Mayenne and argentan. The demon-Mortagne line was disrupted for 80 years by, presumably, a hit on an assumition train.

20. <u>Rennes</u> Direct hits were secred on the passenger station, the carrigand wagen repair shops, the goeds copet and the sorting sidings. Numerous tracks were out, and rolling stock sufferce widely.

### EINT DEFENCIS

21. None of these operations took our miroraft within 90 miles of Ruris and, us had been hoped, fighter opposition was slight. Only 4 attacks were reported; mino of these were successful, and 3 one of fighters made (amaged. Little flak was not except at Rennes, where the light just were intensely active.

### CASU.\_TIES

22. The only losses occurred at Rennes, where a Lancaster and a Masquito were shot down by light flak. 4 aircraft, however, crashed on return, and a fifth was damaged byond repair in combat.

### HINEL,YDIG

23. 34 aircraft wure despatched to lay mines off the French, Butch and Belginn coasts. 26 were successful, laying 109 mines. None was lost, but one hit a true on ruturn, and was leavroyee.

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#### BOTHER OD I LAND OFFICET ON NIGHT OFFICIATIONS

#### 9/10th. JUTZ, 1944.

#### LE MANS: ETANPES: RE'ES: LAVAL: Mark: Bealin: etc.

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1. Airfields provided the main targets on this might. Forces of about 100 aircraft visited Rennes, Le Mans, Laval and Flers, ind Celivered damaging attacks despite cloudy weather. 5 Group went to the railway junction at Etanpes, and Mosquitos bonbed Berlin. Minelayers were also active. 8 bonbers were lost.

#### WEATER FORCE.ST

2. Bases:- Generally fit, with broken cloud. 6 Group may be affected by a cold front.

Continent:- In occlusion will lie at midnight from Hebrides to peuchars to 54%. 04E., becoming wars to Hinnover to Lurenburg the cold to Lille to N.W. of Paris to S.E. of Nantes. Shoul will extend to great heights along the cold front; in the wars sector, there will be thick becaus cloud and strato-cumulus. 10/10ths. in N.J. France, base 2,000', perhaps improving to 6-7/10ths.

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#### PLI'S OF .TT.CX

3. Le Mans: Leval: Rennest Controlled 0\_CC proundwarking. 2 030E Mosquitos were to drop green T.I., and 3 others reformed arking. 2 030E Mosquitos were to drop green T.I., and 3 others reformed arking. Illuminators, running up on H2S and GEF, were to aim their flares at T.I. if visible, otherwise blindly But if there was more than 5/10 ths. cloud, they were to hold their flares. The Master Bonber, or his deputy, was to drop more mathematics if necessary, and direct bombing. If visual identification was impossible, he was to order crews to aim a the centre of all markers. . Blocker-up was to dim whites at the centre of T.I., unless otherwise instructed by the Master Lomber. H = 0015 at Le Mans; 0300 at Leval; 0245 at Rennes. Mosquites from H - 3 to H - 1. Illuminators at H - 2. Backer up at H + 4. Thin force from H to H + 5.

4. <u>Stampes</u> 5 Group visual markin, with OBOE roundmarking. Datum yellew T.I. were to be dropped and maintained at 4325%. O150E.; and a spoof yellew was to be maintained 25 miles further S. From H - 3 to H - 1, 5 OBOE Mesquitos were to drop yellow T.I. on the ../P, cuscading from 3,000'. Then the ../P was to be illuminated with flares, by the light of which red spot fires and g T.I. were to be dropped. Yellew T.I. were to be used to denote inaccurate marke Main force crews were to aim the centre bonb of each stick at a spot fire or gree T.I. which had not been advertised as incorrect (unless otherwise ordered by the Controller). H = 2355.

5. <u>Flers</u> Controlled OBOE groundmarking. 2 OBOE Mosquitos were to drap green T.I. casoading from 5,000', and 3 others were to release red T.I. 2 Lancasters were to support then with green T.I. The Master Bomber was to direct crews, himself dropping yellow T.T. in necessary. But if the original marking w accurate, the Master Bomber would remain silent, and crews were to bomb on the ce of all reds and greens, remaindering that the reds ware likely to be more accurate H = 0315.

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#### TI.THER REPERINCED

7. Bases:- During the late evening, an area of low cloud and main covered regions 3.2. of a line Wash-Thorney Island. This cleared the country by 0400. Elsewhere, there was variable cloud at 2,000' and good visibility.

Targets:- 6-10/10 ths. at 6-8,000' at Le Mans, Etanpes and Rennes. 10/10 at 5-6,000' (with medium cloud at 10,000') at Laval. 7-10/10 ths. from 1-5,000' Flors, with medium aloud at 8-10,000'. Three quarters meen, rising at 0400 hours.

#### M.J.R. TIVE OF ... TL.CKS

8. Le Mans 3 groups of ref 7.7. Here tightly packed round the ../r, with yellows slightly to the N. . . concentrate. attack follower, and bombs were seen to burst among the airfield buildings.

9. <u>Etampes</u> The marking and illumin ting were recurste but late, and bontil appeared to extend for some 1,000 years from a bridge unit E. of the ./P.

10. <u>Rennes</u> The markers more very tightly groupe round the ./P - at least 13 were photographed within a gut ter of a pile - and pool fires were started.

11. <u>Level</u> Cloud was too thick here for any successful photographs to be obtained during the attack, but 2 enceptionally large explosions were observed.

12. <u>Flers</u> The OBCE reds fell to the W. and N.T. of the .../P., with 2 greens rather floser to the P. The boming was reported to be centred on the middle. of the landing ground.

#### D.Y RECONNLISS.NCE

13. <u>Le Mans</u> ... great concentration of craters blinketed the central portion of the landing ground, with scattered linege to the dispersal areas on the outskirts. The Gnome et Rhone auro-engine factory was damaged again, and 11 aircraft on the ground suffered from fire or blast.

14. Etampes No canage was visible in the target area, but many craters wer caused in the centre of the town N.E. of the junction. At least 32 of these cut the electrified railway, cenclishing several overhead electrical standards. The railway station suffered from blast.

15. <u>Rennes</u> 9 of the 18 hangars, 7 adjacent buildings and 2 barracks were damaged, some being totally destroyed. 36 crat rs were caused on the runways, and many more in the contre of the field. Some of this damage was due to the imerican raid on 8th. June.

16. Level Damage was confined to the Z. dispersed area, where 55 craters were caused. 6 more occurred on the lineing area and end on the compute swinging base. . few buildings were dustage.

17. <u>Flors</u> at least 120 criters occurred on the linding ground, and 100 more in the S. dispersal area. Muterous buildings, including 2 large enes, were destroyed or damaged. The railway line to Conde-sur-Moireau was cut in 7 places.

#### ENEMY DEFENCES

18. Fighter opposition was slight, except at Starpus. This was the only raid which threatened Paris, and the boobing lasted 35 minutes. Pairly intense light

flak was not at Rennes and Laval, and a notorate amount was fired from Le Mans and Etampes.

#### MIET ARCHIFT DESTROYED

19. Our bombers destroyed 2 Ju.33, 1 De. 217, 1 Me. 109, and probably 1 FW.190; and damaged 1 Ju.38. A STREETE Hospitte destroyed unother De.217.

#### C.SULTES

20. 8 of the 518 aircraft engaged in these attacks were lest - 6 of them on the Etampes raid. As has been stated, the betters were over the target for 35 minutes, and 5 aircraft were lest during this period - 3 to fighters and 2 to flak. The sixth fell between Versailles and Ranbouillet, but the cause is unknown. Both the other lesses occurred over Lovel, but the cause of only one was established. It was destroyed by light flak at 2-3,000'. No serious lending or taxying accidents were reported.

#### BERLDI

21. 36 Mosquitos attacked Berlin. The 5 Tedireraft chieves an excellent concentration of markers, and all but one of the min force to deci on these, although there was 10/10ths. cloud. Fink becars intense to ris the close of the raid, but no mircraft was hit.

#### PER YEIG

22. 28 Stirlings and Halifaxes laid 105 mines off French ports in the Channel and the Bay of Biscay, without loss.

#### FIGHTER OFFICIES

23. 2 Sadd.'T Mosquites completed patrols, one Costroying a De.217 in cubbat. .. third Mesquite carried out a met. recor. flight.

#### SPRCIL CPALATIONS

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#### BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGH OPERATIONS

#### 10/11th JUNE 1944

#### ACTERES : ORLEANS : VERSAILL'S : DREUX : Berlin : Minelaying : Leaflets

#### SU. MURY

1. 432 sireraft were detailed to attack vital communication centre in encay occupied territory. The targets were the great marshalling yords and supply depots of Achines, Versailles-Matelots and Dreux in the Paris area, and the main line junction, military depot and railway centre of Orleans. 18 bombers were last in these operations, but great damage was done to the targets, much valuable rolling stock was destroyed and many of the important supply lines to the Normardy front completely blocked. Most of the missing sireraft were shot down by fighters, which come up in strength in the Paris area, but the bombers claim to have destroyed or damaged 9 of the 18 energy sireraft come med in the reported intercoptions. 32 Mosquitos attacked Berlin, for the second night in succession, two did not reture. Minus were laid in energy waters from Heligoland to St.Nazaire by a mixed force of Stirlings, Halifaxes and Lancesters, without loss. 10 of all the returning circraft h d sustained damage by energy action, and five had received damage from other coules. Apart from the missing hireraft, 22 bombers, all on the main targets, were attacked as by energy fighters, but only four were damaged.

#### JEATHER FORECAST

2. Boses:- Generally fit for take-off and return; occasional light min. Moderate visibility, with local deteriorations to less than 2000 yds. Good diversions, if needed, in Training Groups. Houte and Torget:-Little or no cloud from Channel to Target Areas in France. Large amounts, up to 10/10ths St.Cu. and Cu in Mincloying areas. Variable St.Cu. over Eastern England on return.

#### PLINE OF ATTICK

J. <u>VERS.ILLES AND DREUX</u> The method to be used on those two targets wan controlled USON ground marking. In both cases 1 Mosquito on each of Channels 1, 3, 1, 12 and 15 was to drop T.I. red or groun. (2 at H-3, 2 at H-2 and 1 at H-1). Illuminators (4 Lancasters at H-2 with 6 Clusters Hooded Flores) were to make a runup on H22, but to drop their bombs on T.I. if seen - the first flore at "sights on", the remainder at 10 second intervals. If there were more than 5/10ths cloud, no flores were to be proped. The Master Bomber and his deputy were to assess the rkin', dropping further markers if necessary, and to direct the bombing. If cloud prevented visual identification of the targets the Master Bomber was to instruct the force to bomb on the centre of all markers. ... Backer-up (1 Lencester at H-4 with white T.I.) was to bomb as directed by the Master Bomber, or, failing this, to the st becaustry to mark at H+1. The Main Porce was divided into two was at equal strength bombing from H - H-4 and H+4 - H+8 respectively. H was at 240 st Versailles, the attacked being timed to has from 0037 - 0043; and t 1055 t Droux, the attacked being timed to have.

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For the fourth of the main targets the planned method was 5 Gra. OLLELS 5. visual morking. 6 Lancasters and 4 Mosquitos were to mark the diming point with red spot fires by the light of illuminating flores. If these markers were accurate they were to be backed up by further red spot fires and green T.I. Yellow T.I. were to be used to cancel any mer ers which fell wide, and a ymarker flores green with red stars to indicate that further illumination was necessary. Neither of these was to be bombed by the Main Force. They were to aim the centre bomb of the stick at the unconcelled red spot fires or green T.I. or both as directed by the Controller. 10 sireroft of 106 Squadron ware to attack the railway line N. of the target providing their own illumination: Bombing heights were to be decided on by the Controller at the target, H was to be at 0040 hrs., when the Main Force was timed to mrive, and sircraft were to attack on a heading of 195°T ±10° with a or tur spacing of 15 yords.

6. SORTIES

	Desp.	Att. P/A	Att.Alt.	"b.	Miss.
Vorsailles	112	103	0	9	4 (3.5.
Dr.ux	102	98	0	4	6 (5.3)
	106	96	1	9	7 (6.5.)
Orleans	112	107	0 🤜	5	1 (0.3.)
TOTAL	432	- 404	1	27	18 (4.2.)

#### 7. WE THER EXPERIENCED

Patches of very low cloud and occasional rain in S.E. East inglie at first, otherwise bases fit all night with small amounts of cloud and moderate visibility.

Route and Targets: Small amounts of St.Cu. over England, almost cloudless over Channel and N. France with 10/10ths St.Cu. starting to F. of Orleans. Lobares, Dreux and Versailles, clear with slight ground haze: Orleans, 10/10ths.St.Cu. base 7000 ft. Clear below this height with slight haze. Winds at Targets at 7-8000/300° - 315°/17 a.g.h. approx.

#### MAR TIVE OF ATLICKS

8. <u>.GERES</u> Marking was carly but well placed. The markers became obscured by smoke during the course of the rold; the bombs being concentrated around then. One large reddish-white explosion was observed.

5. <u>DENIX</u> The torget was successfully marked, and a good conentration of balls around the markers was achieved. The Master Bomber instructed the Main Porce to ball on Yellow Tellow Tellow 7.15. after 057 hours as no reds were to be seen and the greens had burnt out.

10. VEX. HERS Ground detail wis clearly seen by earlier crows. Some red T. . full to the E. . of the A/P and Master Bomber told crows to bomb on Yellow T.I. witer 0040 hours. The yllow and white T.I. were well placed around the siming point out the bombing appeared to be concentrated around them. Several large explosions were reported, one of which rocked sirer ft at nearly 8,000 ft.

11. <u>ORIENS</u> Marking was punctual and accurate, markers being plotted between 265-75 yds. of the siming point. Apert from a few loose sticks bombing was seen to be very well empended on the markers, although smoke and have hampered observation of the last stages of the attack. All the aircraft of 106 Squadron detailed to the contract of the N. of the min siming point succeeded in identifying their target and attacking it.

#### D. R CONNALSSANCE

12. <u>ACTALES</u> Prosh damage was observed in and around the lest Junction. Both the N.C. and N. Junctions were completely blocked by the cumulative effect of hits at various points along the railway lines.

Bases :

ij. <u>Defail</u> The weight of the attack fell on the **B**ostern part of the railway sentre. The gools sidings were completely incapacitated and all three through lines several.

1. <u>VIRALILIES</u> There was not much fresh lange to the junction, but the missibiling yords were extensively damaged. All the main lines were blocked as well as most of the sidings. Much rolling stock was destroyed. All them hits are seen on the Bast side of the embankment leading to the flyover.

15. <u>ORLEAS</u> The most severe damage was caused to the Reception sidings including the junction of the Montargis and Pithiviers lines with the main Orleans baris line. It least a quarter of a moderately full loading in the sidings was isseroyed, damaged or derailed. The Loco, shed and repair shop was completely utted; further extensive damage has been eaused to the Military depot west of the reception sidings. Is a result of the low-lovel attack to the M. of the main ciminpoint, sticks of bombs falling on or close to the tracks had cut one or more rolds in six places and immobilised two trains.

#### I TENY DEFENCES

11. All four bomber forces crossed the Prench coast just after midnight in dark, host cloudless weather. Although they were accurately plotted they met no enemy finites until they reached the Paris area. Here the enemy was able to use the conhit able night fighter force concentrated around the Prench capital and the bombers in the vily engaged for a short period. Bombers attacking acheres met fighters in the target area, the Dreux force was engaged 40 - 50 miles to the fest of the target ri the sirer of the body for a short period. Bombers attacking acheres met fighters in the target area, the Dreux force was engaged 40 - 50 miles to the fest of the target ri the sirer of the bad by now left Versailles were attacked in the vicinity if the rise of group aircraft wi this time flying beneath 10/10ths cloud near thattaudum encountered a few fighters. It was in these areas, mainly just and douthe east of Maris, and at acheres, that nearly all our losses occurred. Fortunately, we this point, when the mean was about to rise, one of the fighter controls mistoanly preared the fighters to a position south of Rouen, stating that the bombers had returned towards the coast near Dieppe, whereas they actually come back westworks across Normanly and over the Channel Islands. This error helped to reduce the interceptions after the mean rose, as the bombers met very little trouble in this part of their route.

17. It is possible that the presence of enemy fighters in relatively large numbers in and around the target arous may have been responsible for the remarkably few casualties to flak on this night. Although the bombers flew between 3,000 and ,000 feet and the skies were clear, only five of the returning aircraft had suffered firk drange.

#### SU.LTIES

L. It was estimated that 10 aircraft were shot down by fighters, all in the creas anti not above, and that only 3 losses were due to flak, at Versailles, Acheres and Chartres. A small number of mircraft were seen falling later, but this was probably the to previous damage. The Lombors claim to have destroyed 5 enemy fighters, and to have damaged 4 others.

19. Five of the returning bombers had sustained fighter damage, three received tampe from machine jun fire, thought to have been from British aircraft, one was a rejud on londing as a result of a technical failure, and one, the only aircraft isturning damaged from Orienns, had sustained slight damage from fragments of its wh bonks.

10. <u>FiltH</u> 32 Mosquites were detailed to attack Berlin. They booked on markers from above 5-10/10ths cloud. .. few decoy markers were seen, which may have misled the envise accurate heavy flak was encountered in the target area, and of the two irrends which failed to return, one was reported shot down by flak over Osnabruck. In their route but, the Mosquites must have fallen in with the end of a G.C.I. Protice, which was continued in errnest is one of the fighters was congratulated is a victory over what was probably the other missing Mosquite. None of the futurning Mosquites was damaged.

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#### MINE. MING

29 of the 30 aircraft detailed to lay mines in energy waters completed 21. their task, one being abortive in the target area. No sircraft was missing from this operation, one received domage from flak and two were intercepted by energy fighters which did not press home their attacks.

#### BOKE & SUPPORT AND SITCH & OP RATIONS

Maguitas of 100 Group and ...... S. C. patrolled mirfields in France, 22. Delgium and Holland; ... D. S. B. claimed 2 enemy sireraft destroyed, one Me. 1109 was seen and chased by 100 Group Mosquitos, but contact wis lost. 5 sirer ft of 100 Group were forced to return early, mostly by had weather conditions. Other Mosquites of 100 Group completed uneventful patrols in support of the www.bornbercommandmuseum bimbers. 100 Group also cent out 13 Hosquites on S.T. petro, s, which were completed.

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#### BOMBER COLMAND REFORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

#### 11/12th JUNE, 1944

#### MASSEY-PALAISEAU: NAMTES: EVREUX: TOURS: B. Min: Sc.

#### TEMET

After a night devoted to the bombing of airfields, Bomber Command Intinued its assault on railway junctions and mirshalling yards. Forces of 0-110 circrift visited Massey-Palaiseau, Nontes, Evreux and Turs, and caused mefor downge, despite cloudy weather. Mosquites attacked Berlin and enemy infinite, and aimplayers and intruders also operated. 6 bombers were lost.

L. HLR FOREC.ST

Bases:- Fit all night. Well broken cloud in good visibility.

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N. Francu: - 7-9/10ths. st.-cu. from 2-5,000' wor Foris and Turs. Risk of 10/10ths over Nontes, Caon and Evroux, with a chance of procks to 4-7/10ths ofter 0200 hours.

#### MASSEY-PALAISEAU: NANTES: SVESUA: TOURS

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**Lassey-Palaiseau:** Nantes: Tours Controlled OBDS groundwarking. 2 OBDS is a top work to drop ground, and 5 others reds. Illuminators were then to run is a 223 and CL, and aim their flares at T.I. (if visible) - the first flare at "sights on", and the rest at 10-second intervals. The 2 stor Brber (or his deputy) is to direct the bombing, dropping further markers if necessary. If visual identification was impossible, crows were to be instructed to him of the centre of all T.I. I backer-up was to sim white T.I. at the centre of arrives of H + 2, anless otherwise ordered by the Master Bomber. Hosquitos from H - 3 to H - 1. Illutin ters at H - 2. Main force from H to H + 5. H = 0005 at 12...sey-Falaiseru; 0245 it Nantes; 0040 at Tours.

Evroux OBCE Mosquitos were to drop rods and groons collocating from 1,500', as for the other targets; but then, 1 Group Lencesters were to back these up with inclus. The Master Bomber might then drop yellows to attract the attention of the bain Free. If the a rking was accurate, he would maintain R/T silence. The main first the time at the centre of rods and groons (later, at the centre of groons unly), atlens otherwise instructed. H = 0320.

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6. Basus:- Fit

From targets: - 10/10 ths at 2,500', with tops to 7-9,000' (4,500' at Evroux). Half moon, rising at 0200.

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#### LARL TWE OF .... CKS

7. No ground dotail photographs were obtained during the access, so that this in tasible to reconstruct the course of the raids in dotail. In each instant the balling was encontrated on the markers, and the respective lister Benburs there satisfied as to the accuracy of the latter.

#### DAY RECORDENISS.NOS

8. <u>Hassey-Palaison</u>. The attack was concentrated on the tarjet, and tracks and rilling stock were widely damaged. The bridges themselves sustained no hits, but several near misses.

9. <u>Nentes</u> The bridges sustained no further damage, but at least 20 back hit railway tracks, and nearly all the through lines (most if which had been blog by provious raids) were out. In few railway sheds were damaged. One bridge, co the Nantee-Bordeaux line had collapsed still further as a result of an earlier attack, and was now shown to have been damaged in 26 places.

10. <u>Evroux</u> The weight of the benching foll in the castern helf of the yard between the feetbridge and the read verbridge, where a group of craters cut all trocks. The main railway station received a direct hit, and the barreaks was destr yet. Reads converging upon the read overbridge from the S. and S.E. were blocked at several points by direct hits, and the footbridge area affected by a new miss.

11. <u>Tars</u> Direct hits were seared on the tricks letting E. to Nantes, and these running S. to Bordeaux, as well as an the lines from the passenger strift and the embandments. The flyover and the bridge over the barrowing junction were depended by near misses.

#### EVENY DEF. CES

12. Fighters reacted sensitively to the Massay bombers' penetration toward Paris, but the cover of low clair, below which our circraft attacked, prevenue then from acking officitive intercoptions. Our returning aircraft reported only fighter attacks on all targets. Light flak was fairly interse at Tars and Nor.

#### CASUAL TES

13. 4 bombers were lost - one on each target. 3 were such to fall to light flak at Hantes, Tours and Evroux; the fate of the other is unknown.

#### EERLIN

14. 33 Mosquitos were despetched against Berlin. The making and borbing # both c beentrated and accurate, in conditions of 5-10/10ths thin else?. Intense flak was one untered. 2 aircraft were lost, one W. of Broken, and the near Fallersleben, but the causes are not known.

#### MINEL.YING

13. 13 Halifaxes laid 50 m nes off the French Channel and Biscay ports withs incident.

#### FIGHER OFER. TIONS

16. 30 Mosquitos from 100 Group were out on SERR. E one intruder patrols. Despite adverse weather, one SERR. E Mosquite engaged and destroyed a Me.110 N. Paris, and an intruder shot down any ther at Melun. 23 perceintruders were despatched by ...D.G.B., and attacked airfields at Beaumont, 11 atdidier and S1.75 N me of our fighters was lost. A Mosquite of 8 Group completed a mot.rece.

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#### SU GLAY

1. Somber Command returned in strength to thread after 3 weeks devoted to the bonbing of French targets, with a canceller attach by 276 aircraft on a synthetic oil plant at Gelsenkirchen. I other forces of over 100 mircraft were sent against rail junctions and bridges corving the domman targets in Normandy; they met less cloud than had recently been experienced over Forthern France, and all the targets were well hit. Mosquitos bribed Cologne, and Minclayers and intrudies were active. 40 bombers were lost (17 on Gelsenkirchen and 23 on the French targets) but our crews claimed to have destroy d 20 energy fighters, and to have demaged 3 others.

#### E.CHER FO DC.ST

Resest Pit all night, with little clou. until dawn.

Germiny:- Patchy cloue in marche 7., hely dispersing. Well broken strato-cumulus else inte.

France:- 10/1. tra. - cloud in ... W., breaking eastwards. Bise 15,000' over Noirandy, with little or no strato-cumulus.

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#### FLU OF CLUCI

3. OBCE groundmarking. CCE Exceptitos we used rop red T.I. between H = 5 and H = 7 (with reserves to introduce H = 5 and H = 7 (with reserves to introduce H = 5 and H = 12, if any aircraft failed). If backers-up were to introduce at the centre of reds, or of carlier greens, at H = 2 and H = 4. The thin force, introduce in 2 waves between H and H = 8, were to him it the centre of role or of greens. H = 0100.

#### JOHTITS

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#### FE.THER MOPERIENCED

Bises:- Minly fit, but so a northern airfields had to arrange diversions.

Route ind target: - 1-0/10 ths. tonuous cloud at 16-22,000' (base 25,000' at target). Good visibility. Hilf moon, risit\_ it 0230 hours. Wind at 25,000': 230°/75 m.p.h. (55 m.p.h. it 1,000').

#### FIGHT PHOTOGRUHIC ST. 2137103

The photographic evidence would thereby any set that only 15 aircrift bombed in the target area, ut that 20, were within thilds of the ./P. Reconneissance photographs, however, show that may are miroraft were successful than these figures indicate.

#### M. RR.TIVE OF .TT. CK

7. The markers were, for the most part, extrinely accurate, it least 8 groups of T.I. being plotted in the innediate vicinity of the 1/P. One red was dropped in error  $9\frac{3}{4}$  miles  $203^{\circ}$  away, and attracted about 35 aircraft. Bombing was accurate until 0103, when snoke began to cover the target area. After that time, the usual tendency towards undershooting began to assert itself.

#### D.Y REDORTALSCHICE

3. The tinget was heavil distribute over its end denote. Hearly all the important elements were affected, especially the interior houses, generating plents, turbine house, hyperbolic teach, calls, gas generation plant and paste preparation plant. Many bill teach to destroy of the call 13 cooling tovers were danged. Railway lines, so in a one ways is within the plant were widely dislocated.

#### SIKY DEFECTS

9. The confusion resulting them the number of the ording bomber forces caused some delay in the energy might fighter relation, but finally the controls for N. . Germany and Holland took over responsibility for the Gelsenkirchen raid. The righters were too late to intercept the bomber force, which approached direct from the Schelet estuary, either on its outward journey or at the target, but, approaching the Zuyder Zee on the return, it was evertaken by free-lance fighters from at least three Gruppen. They caused at least 11 losses before the Dutch North 361 coust was reached.

Heavy flak at the target was less intense than expected, being fired in a loose burrage at 17-22,000 feet. Inv searchlights in the Ruhr were exposed in static class.

#### THE M .. IRCH FT DENTHOY D (...11 torgets)

10. 20 enemy fighters were cestroyed at this in ht, including 2 by our intruders. Returning bonders claimes 1 2. ., prov. 110, 1 FW. 169, 2 T/E., 1 Mc. 109, 1 FW. 190 and 4 3/F. Fighters state of 1 Juli3 and 1 FU.110. 8 of these victories were gained by 4 Group Helis area in the 2 cuions raids. 8 more fighters were claimed as damaged.

#### C.SULTD'S

11. 11 of the 17 missing direraft were estroyed by fighters - all on the way home; 3 fell to flak at the target and Sector; and 3 were lost to unknown causes. No returning direraft was seriously dated.

#### C. TRAS/LONGERAN: C. W: 20 THERS: REAL: CHE'S/ST. ROCH: C. TRAI:

#### PLANS OF ATLCK

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#### CLOSER X PERISOD

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V TROUTINE B. NOS

23. <u>...Hiens/Longeau</u> ... concentration of 45 craters lay across the target area. 23. lines tt the junction were severed.

More severe damage was caused in the area of the river bridges. 24. Caen The Sent de Vaucelles sustained a direct hit and was displaced on the central actionst. The approaches to the bridge from the Quai Juiliet and the Quai White a distance of 50 feet, in the right triage further cast collapsed t the bridges were pitted with oration.

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25. <u>loitiers</u> This target was most seriously danged. The N. how depet was destrived; the passenger station and goods depet, station sidings and loop sidings for badly damaged; many lines, an equivable roots were disrupted; and at least 1 & wagens were derailed or descripted.

26. <u>Arras</u> The turn table has to here the set of some s, and the bridge leading over the yards from the presenger states to be recepted alongs, both received alread hits, the former being lastright. The eriters can be lines leading to Durai, Lille and Amiens, Boullen, Soulas.

27. <u>Combrai</u> The weight of the attic well in the weak crossing and junction, and across the Combrai-Lanexe sortion diverse, causing pract canage to tracks and stopping all through traffic. Nory 12 of the Couble changelar junction receive. direct hits.

2. <u>micns/St. Roch</u> 12 craters coursed in the suble line junction, 7 of them causing damage to tracks. The through lines to a beville were out in 3 places; the readbridge was hit in the centre; and the setrences to the goods sidings on the Le Havre line were blocket. "Severe site class caused to installationts outside the target: the third 35 craters sourced in the goods sidings, outting nearly all the tracks; a site opened she was destroyed and another was ender damaged; a wagen repair shep, no is at 10 factory buildings were directly hit.

#### LETY DEPENCES

29. The Longeau and Combrai forces entered occupied theritory before nautical twilight, so as to leave before meanrise; and as they reached their targets, the

St. Roch and irrus bomber streams came in over the date route, i.e. round the south of the coastal defence belt. Hearwhile, other aircraft hid gone to Guan in Normandy, and Plitiers in the far south. The forces on both inions target. Combrai and irrus all not stiff fighter opposition, mostly on the early part of the homeword routes. The Combrai bombers, in particular, were heavily engaged from the target to Lille. The route to irrus lay over an area to which the searchlight and defence belt second to have been extended from the west, and these directift, having bombel from 4,000° and login height is they departed, presented good targets for the light guns. The forces on Guen and Politiers not few fighters. Flak was not severe at the targets chemicider. 16 of the bolen energy directift destroyed on this night wont down in Direct to the the forces engage? on these French targets - 3 of them to the light and the light.

#### C.JU.J.TIS

30. No aircraft was lost on 0 km is Poitiers; but 35 is not return from the other 4 French targets. 5 of these were lost on Cambrid - 5 to fighters between the target and Lille, and to light fight at the latter to m, and 2 to coastal defences or flak ships off Dunkirk in Outend. 3 of the L 1 m cau losses were due to fighters between the target in Diep e, and the Foarth to target flak. The consulties on array are less easily identified, but a seen to have been caused by light flak on the way out and 5 by fighters on the homeward route. The St. Roch force lost 4 bombers, 2 to flak at when and 2 to fighters between Beduvais and Rouen. He serious landing or taxying accidents occurred, byt one dalifax was struck by a bomb over Longe 2, on was wreeked beyond repair, although it made its base.

#### CCLORE

31. 27 Mosquitos carried out a diversionary raid on Cole ne. 4 Y-aircraft dropped nurkers, and the main force attacked their glow through 10/10 ths. cloud. all returned underlaged.

#### MD TIL. YERS

32. 14 Stirlings and Helifuxes were despatched to lay mines off Le Havre and the Bischy ports. 12 were successful, laying 56 mines. No aircraft was lost, although 2 were attacked by fighters; but 2 Stirlings were wrecked in accidents. ..../33. Fighter Operations. FIGHTER OFE ACLOS

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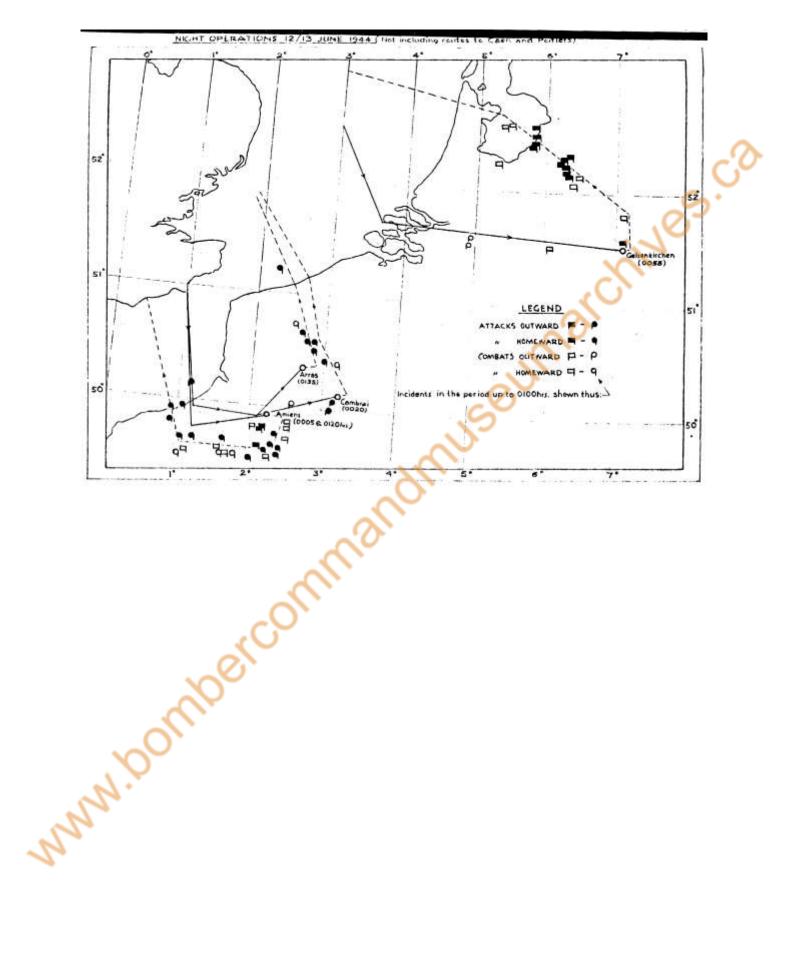
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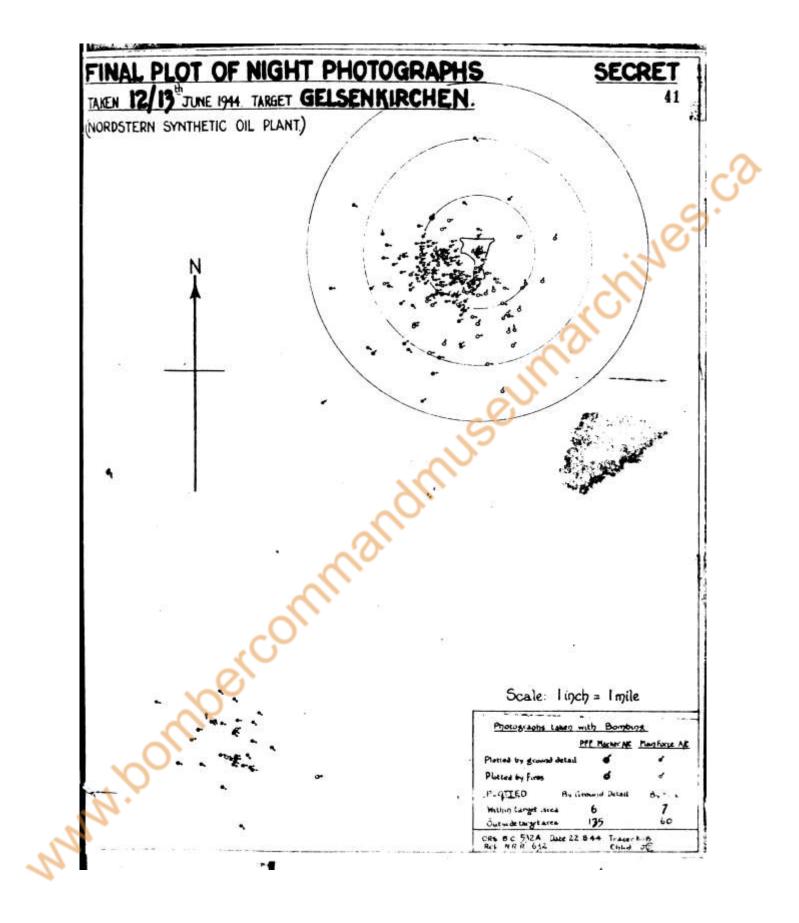
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#### 13/14th. JUZ, 1914.

#### Munchen-Gladbach: Duren:

#### SURTLAY

1. <u>Hunchen Gladbach</u> 8 CBO?? NK.I Mosquitos attacked Tunchen Gladbach. 3 on OBOE and 5 on D.R. From this and all the rest of the night's operations, all aircraft returned safely.

2. <u>Duren</u> 3 .LEUM LE F Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against Duren.

3. <u>Minelaying</u> 12 Lancasters and Stirlings were despatched to lay mines off N.W. France. 11 were successful, laying 57 mines.

4. <u>Fighter patrols</u> 5 Mosquitos currice out SERV.T2 patrols, destroying one Ju.88 in combat; and 10 intruders were sent against enemy arfields. Inother Mosquito completed a met. reces. flight.

5. Special operations 2 Halifaxes add special sorties.

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Pases:- Fit all night, with broken cloud and good visibility.

Continent:- Much heavy cloud to great heights, with large clear areas.

#### SCRTIES

7.	No.	of	aircraft despatched 39
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#### WAATHER ZXPERDMORD

8. Bases - Fit.

funchen Gladbach and Duren:- 5-10/10 ths. cirrus to 24,000'.

#### ETEN DEFENCES

9. Only one fighter attack occurred, off the Liscay coast. Slight flak was met at Nunchen Gladbach.

#### C.SULTIES

10. No aircraft was lost. .. minelayer was slightly draged by flak.

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#### 14/15th. Juil, 19.4.

# Gelsenkircher: etc.

SUBLARY

1. 224 aircraft delivered a most recursts stated against trees concentrations at Aunay-sur-Odon, completely chliterating the target area. Other forces of over 100 aircraft bombed the port area at Le Havie (following the big daylight raid), railway junctions at Camerai, Louai and St. Pol and M/T concentrations at Evreey. Resquites visited Gelsenkirchen and energy infields, and minimagers and fighters were notive. Only 5 aircraft, of the total force of over 900, were lost. 6-7 energy fighters were destroyed.

#### WE.THER FOREC.ST

Bases:- Fit all night. Cloud will disperse to mail amounts.

Continent:- Little cloud W. of the Rhim. Further test, convection cloud will tower to 15,000' in coastal areas, but good clearances will be found inlund.

#### .UNLY-SUR-ODON: CLIEVIL: LE HLVKE: DOULL: EVECY: ST. POL:

#### FL.MS VF ... CK

3. <u>..unay-sur-Odon</u> 5 Group visual marking, with OBOE groundmarking, 5 OBOE Nosquitos were to drop yellow T.I. enseading from 3,000'. The target then was to be illuminated with flares, in the light of which the ../P was to be marked with red spot fires. If these were accurate, they were to be backed up with more red spot fires, and green and red T.I. Yellows were to be used to advertise wide markers, and skymarkers (G/R stars) to include that further illumination was required. \_ Controller was to direct the state.

L. <u>Combrai: Le Havre (2nd.attack): Dat 1: The origination of Controlled OBOE</u> groundmarking. 2 000E Mosquitos were to itely grown T.T., and 3 others reas. Liburinators were to run up on GED and H23 and rop their flures blindly (or aim at T.I., if any were get down). But if there we shore than 5/10ths, cloud, flares were to be retained. The Master Bomber, it has coputy, wis to crop more markers if necessary, and direct the bombing. If visual identification was impossible, he was to order crews to aim at the centre of 11 markers. Aneker-up was to tim whites at the centre of markers, unless other ise instructed. Fosquitos from H = 5 to H = 3. Illuminators at H = 4 and H + 4. Backer-up at H + 3. Main force from H to H + 6. H = 0055 at Catherin; 0115 at Le Havre (2nd.attack); 0200 at Douai; 0255 at Evrecy; and 0315 at St. Pel.

5. <u>Le Havre (1st. attack)</u> OBO3 groun marking. 5 OBO3 Resquites were to drop green T.I. Main force crews were to dim visually at the 1/1, or at the centre of greens. 5 Group would be dropping rule, but these ture to be egnored. H = 2235. Main force in 3 waves from H to H + 21. Bonbing height: 18-21,000'.

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WELTHER ELGERIENCED

Busus: - Fit. 7.

.unay, Le Havre, Evrcoy:- Clear.

5-10/10ths., base 8-10,000', with large blocks. Combrai:-

Douai:- 10/10ths., base 10,000'.

St. Pol:-3-3/10ths. base 0,000', with large proass.

Less than half moon, rising at 0520.

N.RR.TIVE OF . T.CKS

8. .unuy-sur-Odon The marking and boobing tas accurate and concentrated.

9. Cambrai Grews found difficulty in hearing the Master Bonber, but a fair concentration was achieved. 4 groups of T.I. were plotted within 400 yards at the AP.

10. Le Havre Both attacks - the first on the docks and harbour facilities, and the second, 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours later, on shipping - were highly concentrated, in excellent weather. Great fires were started all over the dock area, and , ship was also seen to be burning. Hits were seen on the Haritice Station.

11. Crevs bonbed beneath cloud. 2 red T.I. were seen 500 yards 3. 7. Louni of the ./P., and 2 greens and a yellow fur ther eistant. Lonbing was good.

This attack wis nost scurate. 7 7.1. were plotted in the 12. Evrecy inmuciate visinity of the ./P., un the be bing has placed in the centre of them.

Viarking was good, though tending to spread I. of the target. 13. St. Pol Haze and snoke prevented detailed observ.tion.

DAY RECORDERATION AND

14. Junay-sur-Odon This target, containing M/T and troop concentrations at the time of the att.cz, was obliter.te..

15. Cambrai No separate reconnaiseance this undertains for this attack, but severe demage resulted from it and the raid of the 12/13th. June. The track crossing and junction, and the annexe sorting sidings were neavily hit, stopping all through traffic.

16. Le Havre The E-boat pens received several hits, one of which penetrated a roof. Many small graft and barges, jettics, warehouses and dock installations The E-boat pens received scarel hits, one of which penetrated were destroyed by fire, and the large floating lock was half submerged. Little change was clused to residential property butsh of the dock tree.

17. Douni No new damage to this target was visible.

13. . concentration of craters occurred in the village and in open Evruey fields N. and I. of it. The whole target area was affected.

...../19. St. Pol

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19. <u>St. Pol</u> Fresh cur get as a used throughout the target area, outting at least half the tracks and theoting fluidings and such rolling stock.

#### BIRLY DEFINICIS

20. Fighter opposition was surprisingly slight. Only 14 of the 757 returning dimensity were attacked, an mone of these was damaged. Little flak was encountered.

#### C.SULTIPS

21. 5 direraft were lost in all these targets - a very shall proportion. It these losses seen to have been deused by fighters. To returning direraft was hally damaged.

#### GELST KIRCHE!

#### TE EL.YDG

23. 12 Stirlings laid 57 minus off French ports without incident.

#### FIGHTER OLDELTIONS

21. 37 Hosquitos of 100 Group were out on SERFITE and intruder satural. 33 intruders were also despatched from ...D.G.T., to boob cirfields in France and the Low Countries. 2 Ju.83, 2 Mc.110, 1 Mc.210 and 1 (probably 2) Ju.188 were destroyed. ...ll our fighters returned safely.

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25. 18 aircrift were sent the formations. All were successful, and none was lost.

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## BONDER COMMAND REPORT OF HIGH CEER. TIO 5

#### 15/16th. JTE, 1944.

#### FOUILLARD: CHATELLER ULT: VALT CIE VES: LENS: STISEUKIRCHES: etc.

#### STEELARY

1. The marshalling yards at Lens and Valenciennes, an ununition depot at Fouillard and a fuel dump at Chatellerault were separately ittacked by forces of about 100 aircraft. All were squarely hit. Mosquitos vibited Gelsenkirchen, and over 70 of our fighters carried out pairols. 13 boubers were lost, but at least 12, probably 15 energy aircraft were destroyed.

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#### TEATHER FORBCAST

2. Bases: - warm front will move castalies loross the country, reaching . Newsstle-Cornwall by midnight, and Wish-Bosentic Lown by 2400. On this front behind it, and 60 miles ahead of it, there will be rain and very low cloud. C.E., there will be little cloud below 1,500'.

Continent: - Low cloud and rain W. of Havre-Nantes. 10/10 ths. medium cloud Love 12,000' between this line and Calais-Paris-Tours, but little low cloud. Eacken cloud further east.

#### FOUILLARD: CHATELLERAULT: V. TENCIE NES: LENS.

#### PLANS OF ATTACK

3. Fouillard: Valenciennes: Lens. DEOE groundmarking. 2 Mosquitos were to mark each  $\sqrt{P}$  with greens, and 3 others were to drop rods. Illuminators were to run up on GEE and H2S, but were to boab on T.I., if any were jet down. A binker-up was to release whites on the control of all earlier 1.I., unless otherwise instructed by the Haster Bomber, who was also to direct the boabing of the main force. H = 0005 at Fouillard; 0035 at Valenciennes; and 0050 at Jens. Hosquitos from H = 5 to H = 3. Illuminators at H = 4. Reker-up at H + 3. Main force from H to H + 6 (to H + 8 on Pouillard).

4. <u>Chateller alt</u> 5 Group visual a ring. The target was to be illuminated with flares, in the light of which Mosquitos were to drop red spot fires on the ../P. If accurate, these were to be backed up with more red spot fires, and green and red T.I. Yellows were to be used to devertise wide a risers. Main force crews were to sim the first book of each stick at the centre of all uncancelled markers, unless otherwise ordered by the Controller. H = 0750.

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#### WZ.THER EXPERIENCED

Bases: - Cloudy to overcast, with rain and drizzle.

Fouillard:- Thin cloud, base 14,000'. Good visibility.

.../Valenciennes:

Valenciennus:- 10/10ths. .t 7-10,000'.

Lons:- 10/10 ths. at 14,000'.

Chatellerault:- Clear.

No moon.

#### TARRATIVE OF ... TLOKS

7. Fouillard The marking wis highly accurate, no less than 22 T.I. being grouped within 350 yards of the  $\sqrt{9}$ . The lister ballour was well heard and bombing was concentrated.

3. <u>Chatellerault</u> The bombing ind a raing were clieved to be concentrated an accurate, but the thickness of the surraining forest the it difficult to distinguish markers from fires.

9, <u>Valencianes</u> The early marking was scattered, but was corrected by the Haster Bomber, and later sticks were seen to fall across the yards.

10. Lens The marking and bombing were accurate and concentrated, the detail of the yards being clearly visible in the flarelight.

#### D.Y RECONT. ISS. NCE

11. Fouillard The N.W. section of the dump wis heavily hit, 4 large and 45 small storage buildings being destrojec. In addition, 7 large and 5 small buildings were severely damaged. The surrounding rocks were cut in many places.

12. <u>Chatellernult</u> This fuel dus, contained 35 visible storage sites. Covering foliage made accurity issussment of the durage impossible, but 8 sites were definitely destroyed, and 15 more sistemed very near misses. Most of the craters were within 500 yards of une ../P., centred slightly to the M.

13. <u>Vilenciennes</u> The yards were sourcely hit, no all through lines were out. Locomotive facilities into gen shops suffered seriously.

12. Lens Most of the damage, which was severe, occurred in the E. and of the sorting sidings and the W. and of the reception sidings. The passenger station and goods station were hit, and many wagons were derailed and destroyed.

#### ENE Y DEPENCES

15. In early fighter reaction was stimulated by intruders, which were mistaken for bombers, and both the incoming forces to Valenciennes and Lens were accurately plotted by the German controllers. Fighters were detailed from Florennes, Leon and Coulommiers to deal with them, and only heavy cloud prevented them from intercepting our bombers on a large scale before the attacks were well under way. The return of the Chatellerault force termeds Paris, and the presence of intruders near the capital, caused fighters to be sent there, while others were ordered to Le Havre. The latter were forbidden to cross the coast, and a Ju. 88 which disobeyed this order was shot down by a lancaster off the coast of England. ...nother Ju.88 was probably destroyed off Guernsey. Flak wis negligible.

#### C.SU.J.TIE

All the 12 losses were probably due to fighters. 9 boobers went down in combat in the area Cambrai-Epinoy-Arras; one off Dunkirk and one near St. Oper.
 Bo returning aircraft was badly dan get.

#### SELSENALICIEN

17. 31 Mosquitos were despitched against Gelsenkirchen. The city was severed with thick strato-cumulus, and 23 aircr it attacked on GHZ/DR. One Mosquito was lost near the target, but the cluse was not observed.

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#### BOMBER CONSLIND REPORT ON NIGHT OFTELTIONS

16/17th. JUNE, 1944.

#### STERKR.DE: DOMLEGER: S.UTRECOURT: BR.UVOIR: RIVESCURE: Berlin:

#### SULLAY

1. The synthetic oil plant at Sterkrade, in W. Germany, was visited by 321 benders; but it was covered with thick cloud, and the attack was southered. Some damage was caused. Opposition from both fighters and flak was sevent and 31 bombers were lost. 4 flying-bomb sites in the Pas de Calais were attacked by fordes of 70-120 aircraft; Mosquites cont to Calais, and minskapers and fighters were active as usual. One more aircraft this lest.

#### E.THER FOREC ST

Bases: - Much strato-cumulus. Goa visibility.

Ruhr:- 8-10/10 ths. strate-cumulus, base 1,500-2,000', tops 9,000', possibly with patchy layers above.

France:- Much strate-cumulus in 7., becoming broken in S. ind H.E.

STERKRIDE: DOMLEGER: S.UTRECOURT: D.UVOIR: HERESURE.

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3. <u>Sterkrade</u> OBOE goundmarking. 10 Mosquitos were to drop red T.I. Backers-up were to aim greens at the centre of rols, or of earlier greens; and the main force were to bomb on the same principle. If the T.I. appeared only as a glow, they were to aim at the near side of the glow. H = 0120. Mosquitos from H - 5 to H + 5. Backers-up at H + 2 and H + 6. Main force in 2 waves from H to H + 8. Bombing height: 19-22,000'.

4. <u>Domleger: Sautrecourt: Beauvoir: Renescure.</u> **CHOE** groundmarking. 5 Mesquites were to mark each target with red T.I., and themain force were to aim at the centre of the markers. It Domleger and Renescure, main force orews were to run up on GEE, cross-checking on H2S. H = 0150 at Domleger; 0315 at Sautrecourt; 0040 at Beauveir; and 0055 at Renescure.

#### TE.THER EXPERIENCED

6. Bases: - Cloudy. Light rain. Hoderate to good visibility.

Sterkrade:- 10/10the. thick aloud over target and whole route. Tops at target, 14,000'. No moon. Wind: 340°/55 m.p.h.

French targets:- 10/10ths. to 6-10,000', except at Sutrecourt (6-8/10ths).

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7. <u>Sterkrade</u> The markers quickly disappeared into the cloud. Most aircraft bombed their glow, but the attack seemed scattered.

#### DAY RECONNAISSANCE

9. <u>Sterkrade</u> 9 units of this plant were duringed; an oil storage tank, a small building E. of the main refinery, a contact oven house, a gas purification tank, a compressor house, a certiliter sile, a research building, the catalyst plant and the office buildings.

10. <u>French targets</u> The sites at Domleger, Sautrecourt and Renescure were severely damaged, several 'unifings in each being cestroyed. At Beauvoir, group of craters were visible just cutside the target, which appeared to be unaffected.

#### EVENY DEFENCES

11. The Sterkrade force was divided into 2 roughly equal streams, which took separate routes, passing respectively 1. and 3. of Rotterdam. Unable to determine where the main attack would develop, the energy controllers reverted to the old beacon system. first assorbling their Aighters near Bocholt. The 2 bomber routes converged towards this beacon, which is usually used for the defence of the Ruhr and lies only 40 miles from Sterkrade, and so met severe fighter opposition. Flak was also intense, and is thought to have accounted for a third of the losses. The forces engaged on French coastal targets bet little opposition from flak or fighters. One energy aircraft was destroyed.

#### COUNTER-ME LSURES

12. 2 new radio-countermeasures were used on this night, for the first time in support of operations. MANDREL SCREEN, in which MANDREL-fitted aircraft crbit positions 60 miles from the enemy coast to jam the early warning system, and FIDGET, a ground jammer directed at those M/F beacons used to transmit information to fighters.

#### CASUALTIES

13. 31 aircraft were lost on Sterlarde - 7 on the first wave (attacking from H to H + 4) and 24 on the second (11+4 to H + 8). 14 uppear to have been due to highters, 9 to flak and 8 to unknown causes (probably fighters). No losses were incurred on the French targets. One returning aircraft was irreparably damaged by flak, and another was wrecked in a tanging accident.

#### BIRLIN

14. 26 Mosquitos carried out a harassing attack on the German capital. The target was covered with 10/10ths. cloud in layers, and although the Y-aircraft dropped their markers in a good group, only 9 micraft were able to boob their glow. The rest attacked on GEE/DR. all returned safely.

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15. 12 aircraft were sent to Ly lines off the Frisians and the Biscay coast. 11 June Successful. Ill returned suicity.

#### FIGHTERS ... SICI .. OPTATIONS

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16. 34 Mosquitos of 100 Group and 19 of ...D.G.T. carried out SERRATE patrols without loss, destroying 1 Ju.38 and 1 Me.110, and damaging a third aircraft. 41 Stirlings, Halifaxes, Fortresses and Mosquitos were engaged on special operations including bomber support. One Stirling was lost without trace.

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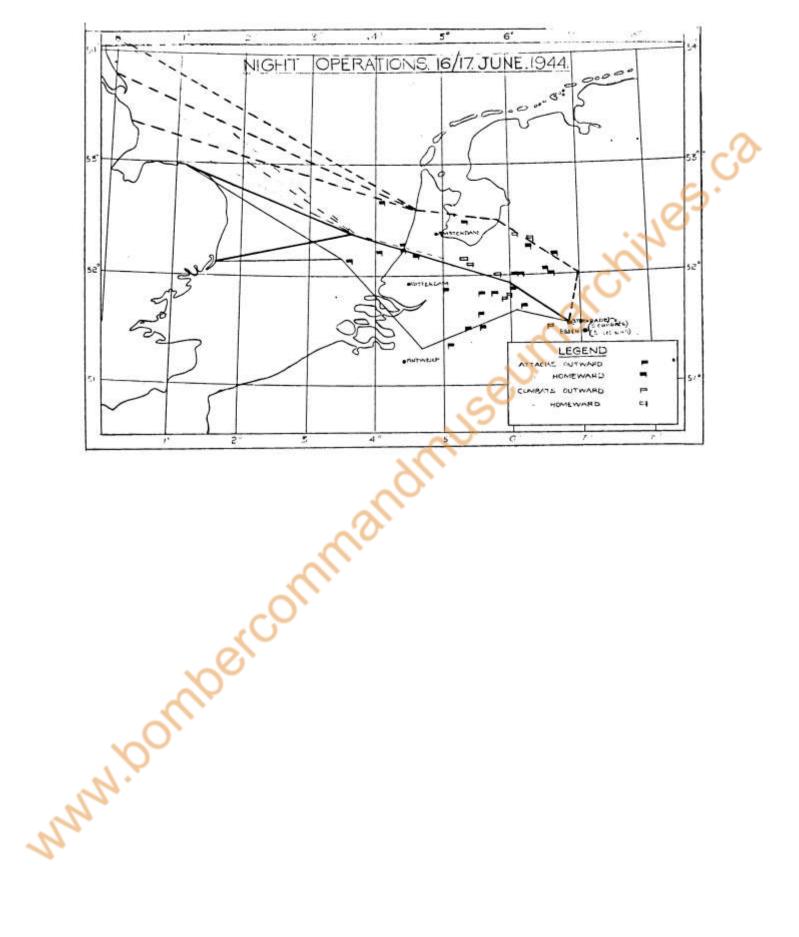
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#### BO HER CONTINUE REPORT ON NIGHT OPER.TIONS

#### 17/18th. JUNE, 1944.

#### .JINOYE: 'DITDIDLER: ST. M.RTL' L'HORTIER: OLLE ONT: Berlin: Buer:

#### SIL DI RY

1. N. France was covered with thick cloud, and a comparatively small effort was despected. Forces of hout 100 encreft visited the warshalling yards at subnoye and Monthidier, and flying to b sites in the P s de Calais. The markers were invisible through the cloud at to the the yards, or " est crews brought taking bonbs back. In the other targets, crews bonbed on the glow of T.I., or on GME. Hesquites went to Berlin and the Ruhr. One aircraft was lost on Monthidier.

#### JE.THER FOREC.ST

2. Bases:- Fit all night. V riable cloud.

Continent:- Variable strate-oursulus in Germany and France. 8-10/10 ths. in N.E. France, maximum thickness 1,500', base probably 2,000'.

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3. <u>...ulnoye</u> Controlled OBCE groundworking. 5 Masquitos were to drop red T.I. A Master Bomber from 1 Group was to beck them up or re-mark the .../? with inpact growns. Yellows were to be used as correctives. Crews were to aim at the centre of groons unless otherwise ordered. H = 0135.

4. <u>Montdidier: Oisemont.</u> Controlled CBCE groundwarking. 2 Mosquitos were to drop greens, and 3 others reds. Illuminators were to run up on def and H2S, but were to aim flares at T.I., if possible. The inster Bonber or deputy was to direct the main force, and a backer-up, who was to attack with whites at H +'3. Main force crews were to aim at the centre of markers if visual identification was impossible. H 0255 at Montdidier; 0310 at Oisemont.

5. <u>St. Martin L'Hortier</u> OBOE groundmarking. 5 Hosquitos were to drop red T.I. The main force were to aim at the centre of these, or bomb blindly on GEE if none were visible. H = 0100.

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7. Bases: - · Fit.

N.F. France:- 10/10 ths. thick cloud, base 500', tops 7-8,000'. No mean.

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8. <u>..ulnoye</u> The Master Redder obitics for 5 minutes at 1,000-1,500', but could bee no ground detail nor any T.I. Grows were ordered to dim at red T.I. if they ..../could see them. could see them. Nearly all the force brought their bonbs back.

9. <u>Montdidier</u> The Master Bouber ordered all crews to bring their boubs back.

10. St. Martin L'Hortier: Disemont. ...t these targets, the glow of markers was visible through the cloud, and crews direct at this or bombed on GIE.

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#### DAY RECONCLISS. NCE

11. No recommaissance was undertaken for adheve, denticidier or Disemont. Severe damage was shown to have back clusted at St. Martin, several buildings and installations being hit. The attack was apparently control 500 yards W. of the A/P.

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# ENENY DEFENCES

12. Few fighters were met. Fla: was accurate en route at Dieppe and Le Trepert.

# C.SULTIES

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13. One aircraft was lost on Contdidier, but the cause is unknown. No other aircraft was appreciably damaged.

# EERLDI

14. 30 Mosquitos were sent to Eerlin. The marking this reasonably concentrated in clear weather, and the bombing was accurate. 29 aircraft attacked.

#### BUER

15. 4 CDOE Mk.II Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against the synthetic oil plant at Buer.

# MINELLYING

16. 12 Halifaxes end Stirlings laid 55 minus off Brest, Lorient, St. Nazdirc, St. Halo and Guernsey without incident.

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# BOMBER COMPLET CEPONT OF MIG IT OPERATIONS

# 10/19th. JUT, 1944.

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## SUMLAY

1. <u>Watten</u> 10 OBOE Mosquitos (4 Ma.I, 4 Ma.II and 2 Ma.III) were despatched against a flying-bomb constructional works at Watten. 9 made successfully controlled runs; the tenth, a Ma.II, was abortive. From this and the rest of the night's operations, all aircraft returned safely.

2. Minelaying 7 Stirlings and Halifaxes laid 30 mines off Brest, Guernsey and St. Malo without insident.

#### WEATHER FOREC.ST

3. Bases:- Low stratus and radiation fog will come widespread after midnight.

Continent:- Much cloud .t 1,000' in Pas de Calais. Little cloud in N.M. France.

#### SORTIA

4.	Nc.	of	aircraft despatched 17
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#### VE.THER ECPERIENCED

5. Bases:- Low stratus affected Yorks and Lines by 0100, and became widespread

Watten:- 2-3/10 ths. to 13,000' at first, clearing during the attack.

ENERY DEFENCES

6. No opposition was not from flak or fighters.

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None.

MEH/JT. 3C/S. 26342/6/0RS4, 22nd. October, 1944.

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# 21/22nd. JUTE, 1944.

# WEBBELD'G: SCHOLVE: - DUER: Berlin: Minelaying.

#### SUDYLRY

1. 265 Lancasters and Mosquites were despatched against the synthetic oil plants at Wesseling and Scholven-Duer; but both were covered with thick low cloud, and neither was seriously damaged. Fighters found our aircraft casy targets against the bright midsummer sky, and 45 boubers were lost. Fighters and minelayers operated without loss, and Mosquitos acticked Berlin.

#### T. THER FOREC.ST

2. Bases:- Low stratus will become widespread after duck, S. of the Humber. Good diversions in S.M. and N.W.

Continent:- Ruhr will remain clear all night. Paris will have little cloud until after midnight. Pase de Calais will have 10/10 tha. low stratus after 0200.

## WESSELLIG: SCHOLVEN-BUER:

### PLANS OF ATL.CK

3. Wesseling 5 Group visual markin. The target was to be illuminated with flares, in the light of which Mosquitos were to drop red spet fires on the  $\sqrt{P}$ . If accurate, these were to be backed up with more red spet fires, and green and red T.I. Yellows were to be used to cancel wide markers. Main force crews were to aim the centre bank of each stick at the centre of all visible markers, unless otherwise ordered by the Centreller. If no markers were visible, crews were not to wait, but were to back on H2S. H = 0132. Main force: H + 8 to H + 17. Bombing height: 17-22,000'.

4. <u>Schelven-Bucr</u> OBOE groundwarking, assisted by 5 Group visual marking. The same method as for Wesseling, except that 5 0307 Maquitos were to open the attack by dropping yellow T.I. The visual Mosquitos were then to mark the  $\lambda/P$ with red spot fires by flarelight. H = 0132. Borbing height: 17-20,000'.

#### SORTLES

Wes. S-B

5.	No.	of	aircraft despatched	
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$\sim$	. 11		abortive sorties	
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### VE. THER EXPERIENCED

Bases :- Low stratus lecame widespread after dusk.

Wesseling and Scholven:- 10/10ths. cloud, tops 3,000'. No moon. 10/10ths. over whole route.

# N.J.R.TIVE OF ..TL.CKS

7. Neither attack can be described in detail, since the thick cloud prevented all but a very few aircraft from photographing ground detail. ... t both targets,

crews attacked on the glow of markers.

#### D.Y ARCO MALISLICE

8. The only apparent damage caused to either target affected on oil storage tank in the N.W. corner of the Wessling plant, which suffered from blast.

# HIEMY DEFENCES

9. These operations were carried out without the assistance of supporting diversions or the M.MDREL SCRIEN. Our aircraft all took the same route as far as a point N. of Gilze Rijen, and then diverged to their respective targets. The energy controllers plotted our bombers from the Hague, and concentrated almost all their fighters on the southerly (Wesseling) force. The brightness of the moonless sky- it was midsummer night - was undoubtedly the chief cause of the unusual measure of success obtained by the fighters. Intense flak was met at both targets, accurately predicted up to 18-20,000'. There is no evidence that cur bombers destroyed any fighters.

#### CASU.LITES

10. 7 of the 37 losses incurred on /essling were attributed to heavy flak, 2 bombers falling at the target and the others to defences on trick, mostly located at airfields. The remaining 30 missing directift cannot be fully account for, and, while it is presumed that fighters were responsible for nearly all, only 18 can confidently be traced to this cause. Of the 3 aircraft lost on Scholven, 5 were destroyed in combat and three by flak. One aircraft of each force sustained irreparable damage from fighters. No landing or taxying accidents occurred.

BERLIN

11. j2 Mosquitos were despatched against Borlin. Some markers were accurate, but others were scattered. 30 Mosquitos attacked. Many fires were seen burning from the daylight raid of VIII U.S.B.C. The remaining 2 aircruft bombed Kiel. No aircraft was lost; but 3 were hit by flak, one seriously.

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12. . 13 Stirlings laid 65 pines off N. 7. France without incident.

# FIGHTERS . ID SPECIAL OFTE. TIONS

 58 Mosquitos from 100 Group and ...D.G.B. were active on SERE.TE and intrupatrols. They destroyed one Do.217 and damaged a He. 177 and an U/I aircraft.
 10 Halifaxes made special sorties. All returned safely.

ML)/JT. BC/S. 26342/2/0KS4, 18th. October, 1944.

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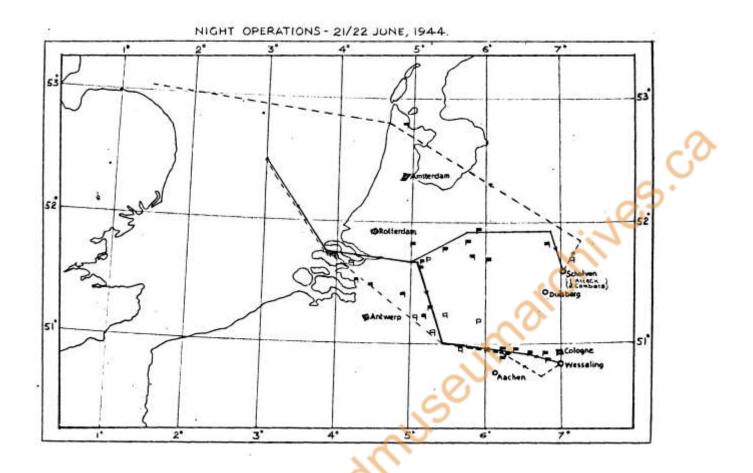
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# BOMETR COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPTR. T.O.S.

# 22/23rd. JUNE, 1944.

#### RHEINSL L.ON: Hanburg: Rouen.

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1. The marshalling yards at Rheins and Lion were accurately bonbed by forces of 100 aircraft. Mosquitos visited Hanburg, and a railway junction near Reven. 8 bonbers were lost.

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WEATHER FORSCAST

2. Bases:- Much low cloud.

Continent: - Residual thum ercloud over Contral and Southorn France and Germany. Little cloud in N. France until midnight. Rhoims will have 10/10 ths. strato-cumulus at 0100. This cloud will be well broken in N.J. France.

# THEINS: L.ON.

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3. <u>Rheims</u> Controlled GHOE groundmarking. 5 OBCE Mosquitos were to drop yellow T.I. These were to be assessed by the Master Bonber, and would then be backed up with impact reds. Impact greens were to be used to explasise the  $\sqrt{P}$ . Crews were to aim at the centre of reds or of yellows, unless otherwise ordered by the Master Bonber. H = 0045. Bonbing height:  $\mathcal{E}$ -10,000'.

4. Laon Controlled OBOE groundmarking. 5 OBOE Mosquitos were to ir p red T.I. Illuminators were to run up on GEE and H2S, but were to aim their flares at T.I. if possible. ... backer-up was to drop greens at H + 2, as ordered by the Master Bomber who was also to direct the main force. H = 0100.

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#### WE. THER EXPERIENCED

Bases:- Much low cloud.

Rheims:- 7-8/10ths. strato-oumulus, tops 4,000'.

Laon:- Clear patch over turget. Wind at 10,000': 020°/25 n.p.h.

No moon.

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7. <u>Rheims</u> The early marking wire scattered, and the laster Bomber ordered crews to aim at his red spot fires, which were surrounded by rellows. Some crews could not see the markers, and most borbed on the glow of T.I. The attack seemed dispersed.

E. Laon The weather here was described as ideal. The T.I. were tightgrouped round the A/P, and the bombing was concentrated round them.

# D.Y RECONNAISSANCE

8. <u>Rheims</u> Reconnaissance photographs showed that the bobbing was more accurate than had been at first thought. The weight of the attack fell across the sorting sidings in a SW-NE direction, cutting every line is ruining 61 wagons. The tracks serving the goods depot and reception sidings were similar, affected.

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9. Laon Here, too, the sorting sidings produced the brunt of the bombing but in addition the passenger station suffered very severely, and the yards were evidently blocked to through traffic.

#### ENE Y DEPRICES

10. Medium range fighters were active. They were first gathered from their base at Coulomniers and assembled at Beacon Benno, near Paris, before being sent to intercept the borbers returning from Rheims. Fighters based at Laon were serto Soissons to intercept the force making for the forcer town. The METDREL SORE was in use, and appears to have effectively detained groups of fighters in the area E. of the Dutch Islands. Some confusion also arese in the plotting of two streams so closely adjacent, and this was later decontuited by a repeated announcement that our bombers were flying towards Lille, whereas they all returns as far W. as Disppe. Nevertheless, the Leon force reported is many as 16 attack. Flak was opposition was slight. No fighters are claimed by our borber crews.

#### C.SULTIES

11. Each force lost 4 direraft. One on Phenes tell to light flek, and 2 to fighters. 3 Luon losses were due to fighters (one near Boulogne and 2 at Dieppe, The other 2 aircraft were lost without trace. One returning Helifex was damaged beyond repair in an accident.

H.J BURG

12. 29 Mosquites were despatched against Hamburg. 28 attacks through 10/10 to cloud, on cascading markers or their glow. 4 of the 5 Y-mircr. It were successful A large fire was started, visible for 50 miles. All successful mismaged.

#### ROUEN

13. 4 OBDE Mk.I and 4 MK.II Mosquitos were sent to bonb the railway junction at Le Grand Verdret, near Rouen. 3 Mk.I and 2 Mk.II much successfully controlled runs. The others brought their bonbs back. No casualties were sustained.

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# FIGHTERS .. TO SPECIAL OPER.TICKS

11/JT. 10/S. 26342/2/0854, 19th. October, 1944.

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#### S.INTES: L'HEY: LINCES: OISEMONT: BIE: TQUES: COUBRONTE: Boves.

## SUPPLRY

1. The marshalling yards at Saintes and Limoges were most severely hit in clear weather. 4 flying bomb sites in the Pas de Calais were strongly raided, and Mosquitos went to Bremen and the junction at Boves. 8 of the 704 aircraft engaged were lost.

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#### WE.THER FOREC.ST

2. Bases:- Fit all night, with variable strate-cumulus in good visibility.

Continet:- 10/10ths. cu. and st. cu over Germiny, with good clearances in Hamburg-Kiel area. Little or no cloud in S. France. 5-7/10ths. in Pas de Calais and Low Countries at 21-22,000'. 10/10ths. later. Tuch cloud in N.W. France.

#### SALVTEST L'HEY: LINOSES: OLIS OFT: FINITQUES: COURCILL.

#### PLANS OF ATTACK

3. Saintes 1 Group visual marking. In assembly point at 4555N. 00407. was to be marked with impact greens. Ill mircraft were to make their borbing run from here, running over them at the exact height and speed at which they were to bomb. The A/P was to be illuminated with flares, in the light of which it was to be marked with impact yellows. If accurate, these were to be backed up with red spot fires. The faster Bomber was to arop inpuct yellows to indicate a change of aiming-point, at the same time broadcasting instructions. If the Master Bomber was not well received, crews were to him at the contro of red spot fires. H = 0200. Bombing height:- 6-8,000'.

4. L'Hey: Oisemont: Bientques: Couhronne. Visual bombing, assisted by controlled OBCE groundmarking. 5 OBCE Mosquitos were to drop red T.I. The Master Bomber was to direct the bombing, dropping yellows if necessary. If he could not see the target, crows were to attack on GEE. H = 0015 at L'Hey; 0030 at Cisemont; 0045 at Bientques; and 0100 at Coubrenne.

5. Lineases 5 Group visual marking. The target was to be illuminated with flares, in the light of which the 1/P was to be marked with red spot fires. If accurate these were to be backed up with more red spot fires, and green and red T.I. Yellows were to be used to cancel which markers, and skymarker flares to ask for more illumination. Main force crows were to tim as directed by the Controller T.O.T. = 0200-0215.

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7. Bases: - Fit all night, with little cloud and good visibility.

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French targets:- 8-10/10 ths. thin st.-cu. ever L'Hey, Bientques and Coubronne, tops 4,000'. No cloud at Saintes, Lineges or Oisemont. Good visibility. Wind at 15-17,000': N., 30 m.p.h. Much haze at Saintes.

#### N.ER.TIVE OF .TT.CKS

8. <u>Saintes</u> The assembly point was well marked, but a red spot fire was also dropped there by accident, and confused a few arcws. The Master Bomber identified the \_/P by flarelight, despite the haze, an the resultant bombing was accurate and concentrated. One great explosion interatively lit up the whole town.

9. L'Hey Crews bombed on the glow of reds unler the Master Bomber's instructions.

10. <u>Linoges</u> The markers were beautifully placed round the NP and within the yurds. The bombing was equally accurate.

11. <u>Oisement</u> The reds were grouped closely around the ./P, 2 of them falls so near as to illuminate the ground detail of the turget. The Master Bomber's yellows fell 1,000 yards to the 3.W.

12. Bientques Crows bombed the glow of T.I. through the cloud.

13. <u>Coubronne</u> The Master Bonbur ordered crews to bomb the glow of T.I., but most attacked on GME.

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14. <u>Saintes</u> Nearly every building in the yard was destroyed or severaly damaged. Every through line was out, and many wagons were smashed.

15. <u>L'Hey</u> 15 craters were visible in the target area, including a near miss on the launching point. Some of these may have resulted from the .meric.n attack of 16th. June.

16. <u>Lineges</u> The weight of the attack fell on the sorting sidings, where tracks and wagons were bally smashed. Many other lines were cut, and the transhippent shed was burned to the ground.

17. <u>Cisement</u> This target suffered severely between 20th. and 24th. June, during which period it was also attacked several times in caylight. 8 elements sustained direct hits or near misses.

18. <u>Hientques</u> The attack fell sou rely coross the target, damaging both the source building and the launching point. 5 hits were secred on the main road.

19 Coubranne Only 3 fresh craters occurred in the target area, but 2 were near misses on the lau ching point.

#### ELETY DIFFICES

20. The enemy racted strongly to the Pas de Calais raies, but hit fighters make few interceptions. Nest of these occurred while our bonters were returning from the last raid of the night, on Cabrank. Flak was slight.

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#### C.SU.LTIES

21. 7 bombers were lost, 4 of the fon Couldinge. ... of these were destroyed by fighters near Dunkirk, and one by light flat it the timet. The L'Hey loss was also due to fighter near Dunkirk; and a Samues bound foll to flak at Belle Ile. The other loss was not identified. No courning more it was badly damaged.

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# BOVES

23. 10 OBOE Hosquitos (5 Mk.I and 5 Mk.II) were respectively against the railway junction at Boves. ... Il made successfully controlled runs, and returned undamaged.

# MIFLYING

24. 12 Stirlings and Halifexes were detailed to lay mines off N.W. France. 10 were successful; 49 mines were laid. / One Stirling was lost; it was seen to blow up near St. Mathieu, but the cause is not known.

## FIGHTERS .... SPICLL OPERATIONS

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#### BOMBER COMMIND REPORT ON NIGHT OFER. TIONS

# 24/25th. JUNE, 1944.

# PROUVILLE: MIDDEL STRUETE: LE GREND ROUSIG OL: REMEUX: FLARS: PONTERS L: P. DERES.

#### SUCCLRY

7 launching-sites in the Pus de Camais were strongly attacked in cloudless 1. weather. 5 were damaged Opposition this severe, and 23 of the 739 aircraft engaged were lost. Mosquitos attacked Derlin, and our minelayers and fighters were active. One more aircraft was lost on subsidiary operations.

#### VE.THER FOREC.ST

Bases: - Mainly fit, with well broken st-cu. Local snoke in Hidlands. 2.

Continent:- Little or no cloud in J. France and D. Igium. Medium cloud and st-cu. will increase castwards, affecting the Ruhr soon of ter midnight,

PROUVILLE: ULDEL STRUTT:LE GROD ROSSIGNOL:RUEUX FL: SILOUTLEN.L: B.MITRES:

#### PLAS OF .TT.CK

Prouville: Pommeroval 5 Group technique. 5 0307 Posquitos were to mink 3. H =0015 at Prouville; 2355 at Pormareval.

OBON groundmarking. 5 OBOE Mosquitos were to drop Middel Straete rcd T.I. at the centre of which the main force were to aim. H = 0125.

Le Grand Mossignel: Rineux: Banieres. ...s for Middel Stratte, except that buckers-up were to aim greens at the centre of reds, and the main forces were to bomb on the centre of reds or of greens, or blindly. H 0300 at Le Grand "essignol; 0030 at Rinkur; 0145 at Banieres.

Controlled OBC3 groundmar.ing. ...s for Middel Straete; except 6. Flurs that a Master Bomber or his deputy was to kee, the ... /P maried with greens, and the main force were to aim at the centre of his markers. If the OBCE marking was accurate, the Master Bomber would remain allent; but is necessary, yellows were to be used to distinguish the .../P. . . = 0.15.

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Bases:- Broken st.-cu. and meetun cloue. Jour is to good visibility. Targets:- ... ll cloudless. Blight hize. New noon, setting at 0045.

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Wind at 15,000': 300°/30 m.p.h., exec.t at Plens (270°/20 m.p.h.). N. GRATITE OF .TT .CKS

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11. Middel Straete Several new criters occurred in the target area, inclus 3 hits on the launching point. 22 10 11 2 ()(\$270)

12. Le Grand Mossignol iony londs had failen on the target, including 5 or square building, 1 on the Launching platform and 20 on the road which traverses the target. .

13. dineux This target also suffered severely. 2 hits wrecked the base the launching point, which also sust ince 3 near sisser. The square building suffered roof damage.

14. Flors "his attack fell to the 3. and 3. of the target, which appeared not to have been danaged.

Pomicreval Many craters because in the target area. 4 target buildings, 10 houses and several other installations within the perimeter wire 

Buniares 60 fresh craters were visible in the area of this target. 16. The square building was completely destroyed, and the launching point sustained a very near miss.

# TIKY DEFEICES

Fighters, searchlights and light guns co-operated effectively against our 17. ircruft, especially while the soon was up (i.e., against the forces visiting -l'rouville, Pommereval and dineu.,. There was no cloud to hamper them. The fighters were airborne early, coming from their bases between . Le Culot and Chateaudun to beacons in the Lille-C., br.i-i.t. uentin .c.. They arrived in the to chuse the Pompereval force ho at ..... s to St. Valer, and mot the Prouville and Mineux forces over their targets. The Bouville att.ck unfortunately lasted for over half an hour, and the A sharrs desiroyed 5 diveraft over the target during the last 20 minutes. The ground defences left most of the shooting to the fight. who were assisted by the accurate pork of the searchlight crews.

# TE Y .. TRCR. FT DESTROYED

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Lancaster returning free Pormereval Cestro of a Ju.88 and a Me.109, and 18. another Lancaster shet down a second le. 109. . 3131.12 Mosquito of 100 Group shot down a Ju.32. ...... ..... 2 (1993) (1997) (1997) (1997) (1997) (1997)

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# C. ULTINS

19. 22 of the 739 aircraft estailed for the Pis ce Colais, targets were lost -3.0 This was the first ni ht on which severe opposition had been encountered in this area: 13 of the losses were sustained by the Prouville force; as has been explained; the attack was unculy prolonge; and fighters claimed at least 8 victime and the light guns 2 more. . . t Permerever; 2 bombers were lost to fighters and 2 to flak. . . it Rimeux, one fell to a fighter and another to flak. The causes of the remaining 6 losses are not known. No returning aircraft was seriously damaged.

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# ETC B'

20. 27 Mosquitos went to Derlin. 2 of the 5 Y-direraft dropped markers, which were seen in the clear we ther to fall in the built up area; but the bombing was scattered. 25 aircraft ... ttacked. The other bomber was lost without trice.

# -YD'G

10 Stirlings and Halifactes are cotailed to lay mines off N.W. France; 21. and 3 Hosquitos were despatched to the Rattegat. all completed their missions without incident.

# FIGHTINS .: SPECILI CIFE.TIONS

ed stions. 22. 42 Mosquitos of 100 Group N ... D.G. 3. were uctailed on SERRITS and . SIG.TE aircraft shot down a Ju.88. 5 Mellingtons, 2 intruder patrols. Mosquitos and 13 Halifaxes were active on special operations. Mone was lost.

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# BOMBER COMMIND REPORT ON NIGHT OPER TIONS

# 25/2 th. JUIE, 1944.

# Honberg

# SUPPLARY

1. <u>Homberg</u> 42 Mosquitos were cent against the synthetic oil plant at Homberg/Meerbeck. The marking and bonbing were both concentrated, in clear weather: but the target was not damaged. 39 mircraft attacked; 2 bonbed other targets, and one was abortive. All aircraft returned safely, from all the night's operations.

2. Fighter patrols 3 Mosquitos of 100 Group completed SARK TE patrols, and 13 others intruded. No claims were made.

3. Special operations 8 Mosquitos carried out special operations.

#### E.THER FORCE ST

4. Bases:- Much cloud at 1,500'.

Continent:- Broken medium cloud in ris to Cullis, hase 8-10,000'. Much st-cu. over Brest peninsula. Thick st.-cu and recium cloud over Normany.

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6. Biscs: - Much cloud.

Honburg: - Clear. Slight h zc. Good visibility.

D.Y RECONT LLS NOT

No lanage or craters were apparent in the synthetic oil plant.

## LEGIVERACE YES

6. Searchlights concd effectively at Honberg, and flak was intense. No fighters were encountered.

#### C. wU. LTIES

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9. No mircraft was lost. One Hesquite was slightly demaged by flak over Henberg.

NLN/JT. BC/S. 26342/6/0834, 23rd. October, 1944.

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# BOMBER CONSILIED REPORT ON NIGHT OF T. TICKS

# 26/27th. JUIE, 1944.

# Gottingen

# SULLAY

1. Gottingen 35 Mosquitos were despatched against the railway workshops at Gottingen. The attack opened in clear weather, but hize was thick, and the Haster Bomber could not identify the  $\sqrt{r}$ . . with green T.I. attracted some early bombing, but the Haster Bomber assessed a real ropped by the leputy, and a number of crews aimed at them unler his orders. One aircraft wis lost.

2. Minelaying 8 Halifaxes laid 24 incs off French ports without incident.

3. Met. Recce. . Mosquito curried out a mot. recc. flight.

#### T.THER FOREC.ST

4. Bases: - Rain and low cloud.

Continent:- Little cloud in Germany, except along M. coast. Residual thunder in Central and S. France. Much layer cloud over M. Mance.

## CORTIFS

5.	Ho.	cf	aircraft despatched
			" reporting attack on primary are: 41
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6. Bases: - Hain and low cloud.

Gottingen: V No cloud. Thick haze.

# ENERY DEPENCES

7. No returning aircraft met any fighters. No flak was met at Gottingen, but 2 Mosquitos were hit en route.

#### C.SULLTIES

8. One Mosquito was lost on Gottingen. There is some evidence that it tried to ram a German fighter from astern, and was shot down by the energy aircraft.

MLN/JT. BC/S.26342/6/0RS4, 23rc. October, 1944.

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# 27/28th. JUTE, 1944.

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# SULLIT'

1. Over 1,000 aircraft were out. The mershalling yirds at Vaires, in the Paris area, and at Vitry, were severely hit; and 7 flying bomb sites in the Pas de Calais were visited again. Minel yers and fighters were active. 6 bombers and 2 fighters were lost.

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#### E. THER FORELST

2. Bases: - Fit all night.

Continent: - Residual thunder cloud ill persist over France and W. Germany, with frontal conditions along a line 561.00 - Brenen - Frankfurt- .lps. 2/10ths. in Paris-Rheins area. 5/10ths. cu. and st.-ou. in Pas de Calais, base 2-4,000', tops to 13,000'.

# M.RSH.LLING Y.COS .. JD FLYING BOND SITES

PLNS OF ...TT..CK

3. wizernes: Mont Candon: rdouval: biennais:0isemont: OBOE groundmarking. 5 0505 Josquitos were to mark each  $\sqrt{2}$  with red T.I. Backers-up were to aim greens at the reds. Main force cross were to aim at the centre of reds, if possible; otherwise at the centre of greens, or on GEE. H = 0245 at Wizernes; 0015 at Vont Candon; 0030 at rudouval; 0110 at Eiennis; and 0130 at Oisemont.

4. <u>Vitry</u> 5 Group visual marking. The target was to be illuminated with flares at H = 10, and the  $\sqrt{P}$  was then to be marked with red spot fires or green T.I. If accurate, these were to be blacked up with more red spot fires and red and green T.I. Yellows were to be used to cancel wide tarkers, and skymarker flares as an appeal for more illumination. Fain force crews.were to aim the centre bonb of each stick at the centre of all uncancelled markers. H = 0145.

5. Chateau Bernapros: Vaires. Controlled OBOE groundmarking. 5 OBOE Mosquitos were to drop yellow T.I. Flares were then to be released, in the light of which the Master Bomber was to assess the accuracy of the T.I., backing then up with yellows and, if necessary, aropping greens to emphasise the position of the ./P. .aircraft were to aim at the centre of yellows, unless otherwise erdered. H = 0330 at Chateau Bernapre; 0300 at Vaires.

6. <u>Himovecques</u> Controlled OBOR groun wirking. 5 OECE Mosquitos were to drop reds. Crews were to aim at the dentre of reds, unless otherwise ordered by the 5 Group controller. Wide markers were not to be cancelled. H = 0050.

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## ME.THER ELLEADS'CED

8. Bases:- Fit.

Targets:- Clear at Mizernes, Mineyecques and Mares.

3-6/10 ths. at Chutcau Ecrnapre, ...riouval and Oisemont; tops 7-3,000'.

5-10/10 ths. at Vitry; tops 5-8,000'.

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10/10ths. at Biennais and lont Cunion; tops 10,000'.

Half moon, setting at 0200.

## N. HR. TIVE OF .TT.CKS

9. <u>discrnes</u> The early markers were scattered, but the later T.I. were closely grouped round the ../?, in were courately balled.

11. <u>Biennais</u> The reas were tightly grouped, an the greens scattered. Nest crews bubbed on the glow of reas; a for found gups in the cloud.

12. Chatenu Bernapro The early markers overshot to the M.M., but subsequent illumination showed that a heavy concentration of bonbing fell around the target.

13. Hent Conden The T.I. were compactly grouped, part from one short cluster of greens. The bonbing suffer a ut first from undershooting, but later increased in accurnoy.

15. <u>redouval</u> The reds fell in 3 groups, one on the ./P and the others to the N. and E. respectively. The boobing was divided between the first and second of these. Several crews photographed the  $\sqrt{P}$ .

16. <u>Oise ont</u> The reds and greens were accurate, apart from one green cluster which fell wide to the S. The bombing seemed grounate.

17. <u>Vaires</u> The T.I. fell in 2 groups. The Haster Bomber backed up the ensterly. Railway lines and sheds were clearly visible, and a heavy attack 'developed, resulting in many fires and explosions.

#### LA RECONNAL LICE

18. vizernes

No reconnaiss not report is to hand for this attack.

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19. <u>Vitry</u> Lange wis continue to the 1. and of the yards, where 23 direct hits out all the tracks. 35-40 togens were destroyed or deneged here. An unidentified factory N. of the target sustaine several hits, and 3 roads were blocked with oraters.

20. <u>Biennais</u> The target was surrounded by craters, but had sustained no visible Genage.

21. <u>Chatcau Bernapre</u> Dany craters occurre in the target area, including some round the launching point; but no canage was visible from the air.

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22. <u>Hent Candon</u> This target also appeared to be intact, despite several craters.

23. <u>Minoycoques</u> The rectangular building sustained roof damage, and a pole or mast was lying from it across the road. The small building to the E had disappeared.

25. <u>Oise work</u> This target and was pitted with cruters. One building: was camaged by a near miss.

26. <u>Vaires</u> Extensive damage was caused to the yards. All the lines at the dastern entrance of the sorting sidings (westbound traffic) were cut, and more than 50 craters were visible in the sidings, 5 having apparently been caused by exploding annunition. 25 craters occurred in the sorting sidings for north - and east-bound traffic, and all the western entrance and many of the eastern exit lines were cut. It books fell on the reception sidings, and 5 on the storage sidings. All the through running lines between the station that the loop were cut. Hany wigons were cerailed and lestroyed throughout the yards. The repair shops, loconotive shell and conling point were not affected.

#### TEAY DEFECT

27. Heavy boobers and Mosquites were over Frince for 31 hours without a break. The MUDRI SCHEM was again is operation, and it was penetrated by a force of 0.T.U. aircraft, which flow over the Marfolk coast to a point 20 miles S.E. of Harwich. The energy controllers distanced that the main attack would come out of the screen towards the Datch Islands, and held 3 Gruppen around Brussels until the 0.T.U. aircraft had turne back. These fighters were then sent to the Calais area, but the preliminary disjudgments had completely upset the ground controls. Here confusion was caused by the intruders, the number of fighters and the overcrowing of fighters into so small an area as the Pas de Calais. The controllers were notably concerned lest their fighters abould fly into the searchlight belt at the mouth of the Borne. Our boobers reported very few attacks - one of them was made with rockets over Suffelk - and little flak.

#### C.SULTIES

28. 6 aircraft were lost. 4 fell to fighters - S. of Troyes, at Vaires, Aris and Dieppe. One was destroyed by flak S. of Calais. The sixth was lost without truce. One returning aircraft was learged boyond repair by fighter attack, and another was wrecked through striking a stationary aircraft while landing.

#### L.I.TNG

29. 13 Halifexes, out of .. force of 14, 1xi. 35 minutes in the Bay of Biscay. .ll returned undertages.

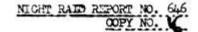
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M.1/JT. BC/S.26342/4/01514, 21st. | ctrber, 1944.

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# BONBER CONCIAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPER ITIONS

# 29/2 7th JUNE, 1344

# METZ : BLAINVILLE : Buer : Saarbrucken

# SUCCIARY

1. The marshalling yards at Metz and Blainville were successfully attacked by forces of about 100 aircraft. Fighters were active, and 20 bombers were lost. (baquitos went to Scholven and Saarbrucken. 11 fighters were destroyed

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# TATHER FOREGAST

2. Bases:- Much rain and low cloud S.T. of Spurn Head-Pembroke. Targets:- Frontal conditions from Le Havre to Nantes. Layers of thick addium cloud to the T. Good clearances in S. France. Little or no cloud in Netz

# METZ : BLAINVILLE

# TIN'S OF ATTACK

3. (Both targets) 3 Group visual marking. Illuminators were to run up on H23 or 5.3., and drop white flares. The Master Bomber and deputy were to mark the MPs with reds, at the centre of which the backers up were to aim greens. Crows were to bomb as instructed by the Master Bomber. H = 0145 at Metz; 0130 at Blainville.

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## MATHER EXPERIENCED

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5. Bases :- Very low cloud and rain S.F. of Swanses-Boston at dusk. Bases further N. remained fit until 0300, when the rain spread.

M.tz, Blainville:- No cloud and good visibility in target areas. 10/10ths in writing layers to 03°E. Half moon, setting at 0215.

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Meta The morking and bombing wore both reported as accurate.

Blainville The first ruds were misplaced and the Master Bomber's corrections or not heard by all crows, so that the early bombing was scattered; but later the track improved considerably.

# A.T. RICOLNAISS INCS

• <u>Metz</u> Many arsters occurred in the S.Z. part of the yards and the surrounding fields. The junction was severely damaged, every track being cut. The sorting sidings and through running lines sustained direct hits.

3. <u>Bleinville</u> The weight of the attack fell on the triangular junction S.E. of the yords. 65 hits were scored on the tracks and embendments comprising the triingle, including 2 on both rail bridges over the river. The line to Strasbourg was out in 4 places and a goods train was stranded there. In the yords, the transhipment shed suffered a direct hit and 12 tracks in the sorting sidings were cut.

# ENCINY DIFFERENCES

10. The MANDREL SCRIPN was in oper tion, and O.T.U. aircraft penetrated it as far as 5214N. 024DE. Profitting by his experience of the previous night, the end controller did not commit himself to the disposition of his forces until the position was reasonably clear; but he held a force of fighters near the Zuyder Zee. The bomber forces detailed for Metz and Blainville followed a common route to within 4D miles of their targets, crossing the coast near Dieppe and passing 30miles N. of Paris on a 90-mile castword leg. It was along this leg that combats and casualties occurred. Enemy fighters from 4 Gruppen were gathered to the N. of Paris, including some from 3t.Dizier which must have flown on a reciprocal course to that of the bombers. Moonlight aided the fighters during this period. Combats censed almost entirely ofter the routes had **diverged**, and only recurred for a brief period near Rouen on the return journey. Little flok was encountered.

# ENDY AIRCRAFT DESTROY D

11. Our bombers claimed to have destroyed 10 enemy aircraft (4 Me.103, 3 FA.13, 1 4/2 and 2 T/Z); one probable (F.130); and 5 drmaged (1 FA.130, 2 S/Z, 1 Me.410, 1 Me.110). A Mosquito destroyed a Me.110 E. of Douni.

## CASU.LTI S

12. 15,of the 20 losses are thought to have been due to fighters, 2 to flok and 3 to unknown chuses. The flok losses occurred at Beauvais and Complegne. Fighter losses were observed at Dieppe, between Rouen and St.Dizier (10) and near Rouen is return (4). No returning bomber was badly damaged.

## BUER

13. 10 Mosquitos (4 Mk.I, 4 k.II and 2 Mk.II) were despatched against the Scholven/Buer synthetic bil plant. 3 Mk.I and 1 Mk.II made successfully controlic runs; one of each type attrocked the primery on D.R.; one Mk.III bombed Rheine. The rest were abortive. No aircroft was lost, but one was attacked twice near Overflakkee by a fighter, and burnt out after crash-landing.

#### SAARBRUCKEN

14. 33 Muscuites were sent to Sharbrucken. Only one of the Y-hircraft was succed ful, and after 20 minutes the Master Bomber ordered crows to bomb the fires at Meta 2 minutes later, however, he told crows to use their discretion which target they attacked. 11 bombed Saarbrucken, and 22 Metz. No casualties were sustained.

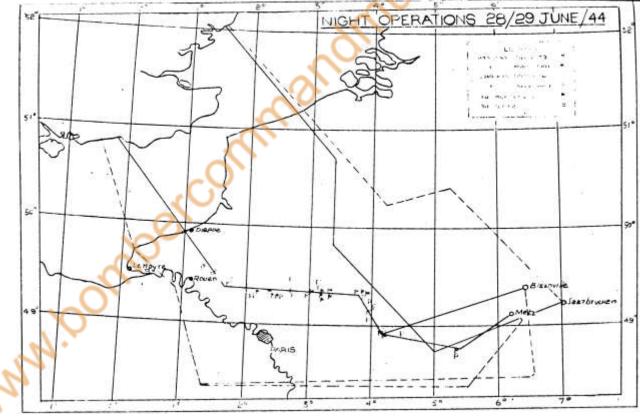
#### MENSOAYING

Il Stirlings and Holifaxes of a force of 12 laid 39 mines off N.7. France.

#### FIGHTERS & SPECIAL OPERATIONS

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# BOMBER CO. CLAID REPORT OF ILLE OF LATIONS

# 29/30th. JUNE, 19-4.

# Minelaying, c.c.

## SUMERY

1. <u>Minelaying</u> 8 Stirlings were obtailed to lay mines off the Biscay ports. 5 were successful. No aircraft was lost from the night's operations.

2. <u>Fighters</u> 14 Mosquitos were active on nti-flying bach patrols. One missile was destroyed. 2 other Mosquitos conjected met. record flight.

3. <u>Special operations</u> 12 Halifuxes, 4 Hu scas and 2 matresses made special sorties.

# T.THER FORSC.ST

4. Bases:- Widespread thunderstorms. Lot studius in southern bases by 0300.

Targets:- Thuncerstorms in N. France.\_\_\_\_Little cloud elsowhere.

## SCRTIES

# WE. THER REPERLA CHO

6. Eases: - Local main in 3 Group for take-oil. Froken cu. and st.-cu, increasing southwards.

BIERY DEFENCES

7. Nothing to report.

C.SU. TIES

None.

EC/S. 26342/3/CRS4, 25 th. October, 1944.

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# BONDER CONCAND REPORT ON MIGHT OPERATIONS

#### 30th JUNE/1st JULY, 1344

# VIELON: Homberg

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113 Lancasters carried out a damaging attack on the morshalling yords Vierzon, 40 miles S. of Orleans, an important junction for through traffic the Germans in Normandy. All the through lines were cut and much rolling ock was destroyed. Fighters were active in the moonlight, and 14 bombers to lost. 40 Mosquitos visited the synthetic oil plant at Homberg, and caused wood fire. One sirceraft of this force did not return.

# TITR FORDCAST

Bases: Rain ofter 0100; low cloud from 0300.

Torgets: Poris, Gerbourg, Le Havre and Pas de Calais will have much

Vierzon: 6-3/10ths. st-cu., base 2-3,000, with well broken medium cloud

# VIER.20N

## AN OF ATTACK

1 Group visual groundmarking. An assembly point at 471930 N 015430  $\Xi$ s to be marked with impact groun T.I. The A/P was to be illuminated with flares i marked with impact yellows. If accurate, the latter more to be backed up with d spot fires. Coiscading yellows might be used to recentre the bombing. Main receives more to aim at the centre of the red spot fires unless otherwise rected by the Master Bomber. H = 0110. Bombing height: 6-0,000'.

#### RTI'S

# THE EXPERIENCED

Bases:- Low cloud and rain covered all bases S.J. of Silloth-Humber by Much fog in Yorkshire.

Target:- 4-3/10ths modium cloud, base 15,000'. No cloud bulow. Good wibility. Half moon until 0300. Wind at 7,000': 250%/30 m.p.h.

#### RATI / OF ATTACK

The T.I. full to the N.E. of the yards, but the red spot fires were very source, and the bombing was concentrated on them.

...../DAY RECONNAISSANCE

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7. Severe damage was caused throughout the yorls. All through lines were cut; the loco, depot was two-thirds destroyed; a transhipment shed sustained 2 direct hits; and at least 80 wegons were derailed.

# DEFINCES

1. The bombers crossed the French porst just N. of Le Hovre. Several Gruppen of fighters had been assembled between Dieppe and Rouen for the previous 45 minutes, but they were given plots which suggested that the bombers were much farther east. Consequently, our aircreft reached the target without much opposition, and it was not until they had been over enemy occupied territory for 54 minutes that fighters were ordered to Bencon Venus, near Orleans. These fighters apparently identified the target by the fires burning there, made their contacts in monlight and held our stream for the first 30 miles of the return route, over which stretch almost all the losses occurred. Flak was very slight. Our bombers claimed no combat victories.

## C.SUALTIES

9. At least 9 of the 14 losses were coused by fighters over the target and on the early part of the homeword log. 2 fell to light flok while flying low a few miles S.T. of the target. 2 more may have been lost in a collision near Chateaudur. No returning aircraft was seriously damaged.

## HOMBERG

10. 40 Mosquitos were despetched against the synthetic oil plont at Homberg. 5 OBOD directeft corried T.I., and 4 of these (1 Mk.I, 2, Mk.II and 1 Mk.III) made successfully controlled runs. Their markers fell in a tight group and were accurately bombed. One great explosion caused a fire which was visible for 100 miles. Flak was moderate, but accurately predicted, and probably destroyed the one Nonequito which folled to return. Useful damage was caused in this attack and those which followed on 1/2nd and 3/4th July. The benzine fractionation of 1 exponents sulphate by-products plants were especially affected, and several other buildings suffered in a minor degree.

# MINELIYING

11. 6 Stirlings Inid 36 mines off the Scheldt estuary and Ijmuiden without incident.

# FIGHTERS & SPECIAL OPER.TIONS

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12. 13 Mosquitos were active on STR.TE and intruder patrols, destroying one Ju.33 near Dieppe. 16 others kept watch for flying-boxbs, and destroyed 3 of them. One made h met. record. flight, and 6 mode special sorties. No casualties were subtained.

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