

BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

31st. AUGUST/1st. SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Dusseldorf: Cologne: Leverkusen:SUMMARY

1. Dusseldorf 41/42 Mosquitoes bombed Dusseldorf through drifting cloud. The first markers fell S.E. of the target, but then a good concentration was achieved which the main force bombed accurately. Several fires, including one really large one, were started. All our aircraft returned safely.
2. Cologne 6 CBOE Mosquitoes were despatched against the Niehl M/T works at Cologne. 4 bombed on CBOE, and 1 on L.R. 1 was lost without trace.
3. Leverkusen 6 CBOE Mosquitoes were sent against the chemical works at Leverkusen. 3 bombed the primary on CBOE and 2 on L.R. The sixth aircraft was lost without trace. One of the remaining aircraft crashed, its crew having baled out because of fuel shortage.
4. Bomber Support 15/15 Mosquitoes of 100 Group completed SERRATE and intruder patrols, without making any successful interceptions.
5. Anti-flying bomb patrols 6/6 Mosquitoes carried out anti-flying bomb patrols, but destroyed none of the missiles.
6. Special operations 22/27 aircraft completed special duty patrols.
7. Met. Recce. 1 Mosquito carried out a met. recce. flight.

WEATHER FORECAST

8. Bases:- Fit all night, except for local showers.
Targets:- Much cu. and st.-cu. over whole Continent, at 2-10,000'.

SORTIES

9. No. of aircraft despatched.....	79
" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	76
" " " " " alternative area.....	2
" " abortive sorties.....	1
" " aircraft missing.....	2

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

10. Ruhr:- 0-10/10ths. thin drifting cloud.

ENEMY DEFENCES

11. No fighters were encountered, and the flak was slight to moderate.

CASUALTIES

12. 2 Mosquitoes were lost without trace, one on Cologne and the other on Leverkusen. A third was abandoned by its crew on the return journey, because of fuel shortage, and crashed after they had baled out. 6 aircraft were slightly damaged by flak.

M.M./J.T.
EC/S. 26342/6/CRS4,
5th. January, 1945.

UNIT	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C RECHARGING		A/C SERVICE		LOSS- DUG	DAMAGE				DAMAGE TO		REPAIRS		
				PRIM. AKES	ALT. AKES	OV 12 K.T.	NOT ON S.V.		PLAC	ENGINE	BRIT. DUG. SCHEM	NOT DUG TO S/V	ATTACK- ED	NOT ATTACK- ED	H. &	L. &	
DUSSELDORF	8	Mosq-XVI Mosq-XK	22 20	24 20	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	53.1	1.1
DUSSELDORF TOTAL			42	41	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-		
DUISBURG	1	Mosq-XVI	6	5	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.3	
LEVENSTADEN	8	Mosq-IX Mosq-XVI	2 4	2 3	- 1	- -	- -	- 1	- 1	- -	- -	- 18	- -	- -	- -	4.5	
LEVENSTADEN TOTAL			6	5	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	18	-	-	-		
BOITUM TOTAL			54	51	2	-	1	2	5	-	-	18	-	-	-		
NO. 100 UNIT	100	Mosq.	15	15	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
UNIT-111	100	Mosq.	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
UNIT-112	100	Various	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
UNIT-113	8	Mosq.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
UNIT-114			79	76	2	-	1	2	6	-	-	18	-	-	-		
UNIT-115	3	Various	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

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* NOT INCLUDED IN GRAND TOTAL.

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NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 704

COPY NO. 16BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS1/2nd. SEPTEMBER, 1944.BremenSUMMARY

1. Bremen 34/35 Mosquitos attacked Bremen in clear weather. The markers were tightly grouped near the main docks, and the concentrated bombing started a large fire, which could be seen for a considerable distance. No aircraft was lost on this night.
2. Bomber Support 28 Mosquitos of 100 Group carried out intruder patrols. No claims were made. 6 Stirlings (with 4 Liberators) operated MADREL.
3. Anti-flying bomb patrols 5 Mosquitos patrolled against flying bombs, but made no interceptions.
4. Special operations 9/11 aircraft completed special duty patrols:

WEATHER FORECAST

5. Bases:- Fit until late. Slight rain.
Targets:- Much cloud over France. Wall broken ca. at Bremen.

SORTIES

6. No. of aircraft despatched.....	78
" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	74
" " abortive sorties.....	4
" " aircraft missing.....	0

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

7. Bremen:- No cloud.

ENEMY DEFENCES

8. No fighters were encountered. Searchlights were ineffective at Bremen, and heavy flak was slight to moderate.

CASUALTIES

9. No aircraft was lost. 4 Mosquitos were slightly damaged by flak.

M W/JT.
EC/S. 26342/6/CRS4,
5th. January, 1945.

BRITISH BOMBER COMMAND - 1/2nd. SEPTEMBER, 1944.

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPAIRING		ABORTIVE SORTIES		LOSS-ING	DAMAGE				IN EFFECTIVE		RESULTS		
				PREL. AREA	ALT. AREA	OVER E.T.	NOT OVER E.T.		PLANE	FIGHTER	BRIT. INC. BOMBS	NOT DUE TO E/A	ATTACK-ED	NOT ATTACK-ED	H.E.	I.B.	
BREMEN	8	Mosq. XVI Mosq. XX	23 12	22 12	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	47.5	1.1
BREMEN TOTAL			55	34	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-		22 x 1000
BOMBER SUPPORT TOTAL	100	Mosq.	34	34	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
ANTI-FLYING BOMB TOTAL	100	Mosq.	5	3	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SPIC. PATROLS TOTAL	100	Hnl.	4	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
GRAND TOTAL			78	76	-	1	3	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SPC. OPS. TOTAL	3	Various	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

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NIGHT BOMBING REPORT NO. 705

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS4/5th. SEPTEMBER, 1944.Karlsruhe: Steenwijk.ACTIVITY

Karlsruhe 42/43 Mosquitos attacked Karlsruhe in clear weather. Both marking and bombing were reported as concentrated and accurate, and 3 fires were seen burning as our aircraft left. No aircraft was lost on this night.

Steenwijk 14 OCB Mosquitos were despatched against Steenwijk airfield. 1 made successfully controlled runs, one attacked Rhine on l.s. and the remaining 4 were abortive.

Bomber Support 3/6 Mosquitos completed SIGHTS patrols. No claims were made.

WEATHER FORECAST

Bases:- Mainly fit S. of the Harber. Rain and low cloud to the N.

Targets:- Much cloud over N.E. France and N.W. Germany. Good clearances of 5030 ft.

RESULTS

No. of aircraft despatched.....	63
" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	54
" " " " " " alternative area.....	1
" " abortive sorties.....	8
" " aircraft missing.....	0

HAZARD EXPERIENCED

No cloud at Karlsruhe. 10/10ths. at Steenwijk, tops 26,000'.

WEAPON DEFICIENCIES

Negligible.

REMARKS

None.

W/T.

S. 26342/6/CR4.

th. January, 1945.

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SERIES	W/O REPORTING				MISS- ING	DAMAGE				INTER- DICES		RESULTS	
				IN THE AREA		OUT OF AREA			PLAC	FIRE	HOT DNG	HOT DNG E/4	ATLANTIC	ATLANTIC	H. K.	I. K.
				AREA	AREA	AREA	AREA									
KORSAKOV	B	Boq. XVI	24	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56.3	1.31
		Boq. XX	19	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	243000	
KORSAKOV TOTAL			43	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
STURMILK W/P	B	Boq. IX	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.0	
		Boq. XVI	11	7	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
STURMILK W/P TOTAL			14	9	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
BOMBING TOTAL			57	51	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
BOLD SWIFT	100	Wag.	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
			63	54	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

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NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 706

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

5/6th. 1945

Hannover: Steenwijk.

SUMMARY

1. Hannover 41/43 Mosquitos bombed Hannover through 10/10ths. cloud. The markers soon became obscured, and most aircraft bombed on their glow. No aircraft was lost on this night.
2. Steenwijk 12 C/OC Mosquitos were despatched against Steenwijk airfield. 6 made successfully controlled runs; the rest were abortive.
3. Bomber Support 16 Mosquitos of 100 Group carried out SMRRETS and intruder patrols. 7 more acted in concert with the Hannover force; and 6 tirlings operated KONDREL. No combats were reported.
4. Signals Patrols 2/2 aircraft completed signals investigation patrols.
5. Net. Recce. 1/1 Mosquito carried out a net. recce. flight.
6. Special operations 17/19 aircraft completed special sorties.

WEATHER FORECAST

1. Bases:- Rain and low cloud N. of Humber in evening; otherwise fit.
2. Targets:- Frontal conditions over N.W. Germany. Good clearances further E.

SORTIES

1. No. of aircraft despatched.....	87
" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	77
" " " " " alternative attack.....	1
" " abortive sorties.....	9
" " aircraft missing.....	0

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

1. 10/10ths. to 27,000' at Hannover. 4/10ths. at-cu., tops 10,000', at Steenwijk.

DEFENCES

1. Negligible.

REMARKS

1. None.

V.T.
/S. 26342/6/CRS4,
15. January, 1945.

EQUIP	GRUP	SERIAL	WGT	MATERIALS				MATERIALS	RESULTS				REMARKS			
				PLATE	IN	OUT	IN		PLATE	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	H.W.	L.H.	
REMOVED	8	100q.VI	24	23	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54-9	7
		100q.VI	19	18	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	254X0	
HARDWARE TOTAL			43	41	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SPRING A/P		100q.VI	6	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54	
		100q.VI	6	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
TOTAL			12	10	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
TOTAL			55	47	1	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BOILER SHEET	100	M. & S.	29	27	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
PIPE CONTROL	100	M. & S.	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
PIPE CONTROL	8	100q.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
GRAND TOTAL			87	77	1	0	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
REMOVED	3	Various	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

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NOT RECORDED IN GRAND TOTAL.

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BOEMER COMBAT REPORT ON THE OPERATIONS

6/7th. SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Hamburg: Eiden.

SUMMARY

1. Hamburg 29/02 Mosquitos attacked Hamburg through 10/10ths. cloud. The markers quickly disappeared, and only 3 aircraft aimed at them. The rest bombed on E.T.M. The attack seemed scattered, but one mighty explosion was observed. 2 aircraft bombed Eiden; and one was abortive. The bomber was lost on this night.
2. Eiden 6/6 OBOE Mosquitos bombed Eiden, 4 on OBOE and 2 on D.R.
3. Mine-laying 7/8 Halifaxes laid 28 mines; 12 off Texel and 16 in the Ems river.
4. Bomber Support 29 Mosquitos of 100 Group, and 17 of A.D.G.B., were active on SEPRATE and intruder patrols. One No. 109 was destroyed; but one SEPRATE Mosquito was lost. 17 heavy bombers dropped WIDOW and operated MUREL.
5. Special operations 3/4 Halifaxes completed signals investigation patrols; and 6/6 Stirlings carried out special sorties.

WEATHER FORECAST

6. Bases:- Generally fit. Occasional low cloud on main in 4 and 6 Groups.
Targets:- Much medium cloud over N. Germany and N. France.

SORTIES

7.	No. of aircraft despatched.....	96
"	" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	87
"	" " " " " alternative area.....	2
"	" " abortive sorties.....	7
"	" " aircraft missing.....	1

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

8. 10/10ths. to 27,000' over Hamburg and Eiden.

ENEMY DEFENCES

9. A MUREL SCREEN was set up over the North Sea, and WIDOW-droppers flew almost to Borkum, in order to deceive the enemy into a strong fighter reaction; but only a few G.C.I. aircraft were sent up. One Mosquito, however, was attacked 3 times by a fighter N. of Bremen. The WIDOW force reported several suspicious contacts N. of the Frisians, but were not attacked; and the only real incidents occurred over N. Denmark, where Mosquitos destroyed a S/E aircraft in combat and damaged or destroyed several Heide balloons moored in Lim Fjord. Flak was slight.

CASUALTIES

10. One SEPRATE Mosquito was lost and 2 bombers and 2 fighters were slightly damaged in the Hamburg area.

M.M./M.
EC/S. 26342/6/CR34,
7th. September, 1944.

TYPE	CODE	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C LOCATIONS		ABORTIVE SORTIES		LOSS	DAMAGE				DISTRIBUTION		RESULTS		
				IN THE AREA	OUT OF AREA	OVER S.T.	NOT OVER S.T.		FLIGHT	ENGINE	PROP. DNG. HOUSES	POT. LOSS TO E/A	AVIATION	REPAIRS	H. R.	L. B.	
HA. BOMB	0	Mosq. XVI Mosq. XX	12 20	11 18	1 1	- -	1 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	33.0 112,000	1.3
HA. BOMB TOTAL			32	29	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BOMB	8	Mosq. IX Mosq. XVI	2 4	2 4	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	8.1 12,000	
BOMB TOTAL			6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BOMB TOTAL			38	35	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
H. B. B.	4	Bal. III Bal. III	4 4	4 3	- -	1 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	28 miles	
H. B. B. TOTAL			8	7	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
DO. SUPPORT	100	Various	45	42	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SP. B. TROOPS	100	Various	4	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SP. B. TROOPS TOTAL			99	87	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
★ SPECIAL	3	Star.	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT NO. 708

COPY NO. 16BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS7/8th. SEPTEMBER, 1944Karlsruhe: Steenwijk: Ender.SUMMARY

1. Karlsruhe 38/41 Mosquitos bombed Karlsruhe through 10/10ths. cloud. The markers soon disappeared, but crews lined up at their glow and achieved a fair concentration. No aircraft was lost on this night.
2. Steenwijk 12 CBOE Mosquitos were despatched against Steenwijk airfield. 1 made successfully controlled runs; 1 bombed Ender on D.R., and the rest were abortive.
3. Ender 6 CBOE Mosquitos were sent to Ender. 5 attacked on D.R., 4 from D.R. fixes and 1 from a precision fix. The sixth was abortive.
4. Met. Recce. 1 BOE Mosquito carried out a met. recce. flight.
5. Special Operations 15/16 Stirlings completed special sorties.

WEATHER FORECAST

Bases:- Much cloud, and occasional rain.

Targets:- Thin, broken medium cloud in layers over Karlsruhe. Thick low cloud at Emmerich.

SORTIES

1. No. of aircraft despatched.....	60
" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	48
" " " " " alternative area.....	3
" " abortive sorties.....	9
" " aircraft missing.....	0

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

Bases:- Patchy low cloud and showers in 8 Group. Visibility deteriorated.

Targets:- 10/10ths. over Karlsruhe and Ender. 7/10ths. at Steenwijk.

REMARKS

1. Negligible.

CASUALTIES

2. No aircraft was lost, but 2 Mosquitos crashed on return from Karlsruhe, and one was destroyed.

W/T.
 FC/S. 20342/6/CRS4,
 14th. January, 1945.

T. AREA	GROUP	INCIDENT TYPE	SORTIES	ACR INCIDENTS				INCIDENTS				INCIDENTS		RESULTS		
				ATLANTA		OTHER		TOTAL		INSTRUMENTED	NOT INSTRUMENTED	KILLS	DROPS	H. K.	I. B.	
				PRIM. AREA	ACT. AREA	OVERS. N. 7.	OVERS. S. 1.	INSTRUMENTED	NOT INSTRUMENTED							
K. RESEARCH	8	Msgq. XVI Msgq. XX	23 18	20 18	2 -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	48.9 20x1000	1.1
K. RESEARCH TOTAL			41	38	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
STRENGTH A/P.	8	Msgq. IX Msgq. XVI	3 9	2 2	- 1	- -	1 6	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
STRENGTH A/P. TOTAL			12	4	1	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RESEARCH	8	Msgq. IX Msgq. XVI	2 4	1 4	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
RESEARCH TOTAL			6	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL			59	47	3	-	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MT. RESEARCH	8	Msgq.	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MT. RESEARCH TOTAL			4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			60	48	3	-	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SPREAD SHEET	3	Str.	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

8/9th. SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Nuremberg: Emden: Steenwijk.

DETAILS

Nuremberg 44/45 Mosquitos bombed Nuremberg through dense cloud. The bombers were well grouped and the bombing was accurate. 2 large fires were started, the glow of which could be seen for 100 miles on the return journey. One aircraft was lost on this night, except one engaged on special operations.

Emden 6 OBOE Mosquitos were despatched against Emden. 4 attacked primary, on D.R. or E.T.A. from GEE fixes. The others were abortive.

Steenwijk 2/3 OBOE Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against Steenwijk airfield. The third was unable to release its bombs.

Bomber Support 8 Stirlings operated MAUREL. 12/13 A.D.G.P. Mosquitos intruded, destroying a train and a H/T. One Mosquito was lost.

Special patrols 12/18 aircraft completed special sorties. One was lost. A Mosquito made a met. recc. flight.

WEATHER FORECAST

Bases:- Fit.

Targets:- Much cloud over Germany. Little over France and S.Germany.

STATISTICS

No. of aircraft despatched.....	68
" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	63
" " " " alternative area.....	1
" " abortive sorties.....	4
" " aircraft missing.....	0*

* Except one special-duty Stirling and 1 A.L.G.P. Mosquito, not included in the above figures.

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

8-10/10ths. cloud at Nuremberg, tops 12,000(. 5-9/10ths. at Emden and Steenwijk.

ENEMY DEFENCE:

No fighters were seen, and flak was slight.

REMARKS

One special-duty Stirling and one intruding Mosquito of A.D.G.P. were lost without trace.

W.P.T.
E. 26342/6/CR34,
10 January, 1945.

TARGET	GROUP	DISCREPANT TYPE	CORRECTED	A/C REPORTING		ALTERNATE		CLASS. IN	DETAILS				INTER-AGENCY		RESULTS	
				SOURCE OF		SOURCE			SLE	FIGHTER	MISC. DCL. POINTS	NOT MADE BY R/C	APPROX. BU	COST	HB	IB
				PREL. AREA	ALT. AREA	OVER E. T.	INT. OVER E. T.									
ROSEN	8	Nonq. IX Nonq. XVI	2 4	2 2	- -	- -	2 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	3.6	
ROSEN (TOTAL)			6	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
WYBANK/ELM A/P	8	Nonq. IX Nonq. XVI	2 1	2 -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1.8	
WYBANK/ELM A/P TOTAL			3	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
MURPHY	8	Nonq. XVI Nonq. IX	24 21	24 20	- 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	58.0	.9
MURPHY (TOTAL)			45	44	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	260000	
BO. TIND. (TOTAL)			4	50	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
ROSEB. (TOTAL)	100	Str.	8	7	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SPONT. (TOTAL)	100	H.S. W.	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
WYBANK/ELM (TOTAL)	8	Nonq.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
GRAND TOTAL			68	63	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
EXCLUDED (TOTAL)	3	Various	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

9/10ths. SEPTEMBER, 1944.

MUNICHEN GLADBACH: Brunswick, Steudnitz.DETAILS

128/137 aircraft made low level attack on München Gladbach in clear weather, destroying over half the town. Mosquitos accurately bombed Brunswick and the airfield at Steudnitz. One aircraft was shot.

WEATHER FORECAST

Bases:- Fit all night.

Targets:- Ruhr at 0530: doubtful cloud, good chance of half cover Cu. and St.-cu., base 3,000', isolated tops to 15,000'. Risk of showers, with base falling to 2,000'. Cloud will decrease eastwards.

MUNICHEN GLADBACHPLAN OF ATTACK

5 Group visual marking, with OBOE (proximity) groundmarking. 5 OBOE Mosquitos (with 5 reserves) were to drop yellow T.I. from H-10 to H-6. 5 visual Mosquitos were then to mark the \sqrt{P} with red T.I. by flarelight. If the weather made this impossible, the Controller was to direct the flare-force reserve markers to back up the yellows with reds and greens. Should no markers be visible, crews were to bomb on H2S. 9 special Mosquitos were to bomb factories, 200 yards/265° T. from the \sqrt{P} . Main force crews were to aim at the centre of reds and delay release, unless otherwise ordered by the Controller. = 0515.

RESULTS

No. of aircraft despatched.....	137
" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	128
" " abortive sorties.....	9
" " aircraft missing.....	0

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

Bases:- Local mist after 0500. Otherwise fit.

München Gladbach:- Cloudless. Good visibility. Half moon, rising just after midnight. 7-8/10ths. Cu., tops 20,000' en route, clearing over the region coast.

NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHIC STATISTICS

No. of aircraft plotted on target area (from detail.....)	40
" " " " " " (from tracks.....)	33
" " " " " " (from detail.....)	54
" " " " " " (from tracks.....)	35
" " " estimated (from night photo-illumination) to have bombed within target area (min.....)	40
" " " " " " (max.....)	55
" " " " " " to have bombed within 3 miles of \sqrt{P} (min.....)	93
" " " " " " (max.....)	127

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NARRATIVE OF ATTACK

7. The attack was carried out according to plan, without serious incident. The marking and bombing were reported as accurate and concentrated.

DAY RECONNAISSANCE

8. Photographs obtained 4 hours after the attack showed the centre of the town burning furiously, with smoke rising to 15,000' and drifting for 60 miles. Later cover revealed that 52% of the built-up area had been destroyed or severely damaged by this attack, including 74% of the fully built-up town centre. Many of the textile works, mills and cloth factories - Unchen-Glabach is the centre of the Rhineland textile industry - were gutted; while 2 primary engineering armament works, the main passenger station, the goods sidings N. of the Speick goods station and 44 unidentified industrial premises were destroyed or severely damaged.

ENEMY DEFENCES

9. 14 enemy aircraft were sighted, but none of them attacked, although our crews opened fire on 4 occasions. One aircraft was reported by several crews to have been destroyed over the target after a combat, but our crews made no claims. No heavy flak was encountered, and light flak was moderate. Searchlights were ineffective in the moonlight.

CASUALTIES

10. None of our aircraft was lost or seriously damaged.

BRUNSWICK

11. 39/39 Mosquitos bombed Brunswick in clear weather. The 5 Y-aircraft achieved an excellent concentration on and around the A/P. Bombing was good and several fires were started, 3 of which were visible for 50 miles.

STEENWIJK

12. 6 OBOE Mosquitos were despatched against Steenwijk airfield. 4 made successfully controlled runs, one bombed Boden on D.R. and the sixth was abortive.

BOMBER SUPPORT

13. 30 Mosquitos of 100 Group and 11 of A.S. were active on BRUNSWICK and intruder patrols. No combats occurred. 5/5 Lancasters completed H/P Jamming patrols, and 8/11 Stirlings provided H.M. ICBM.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

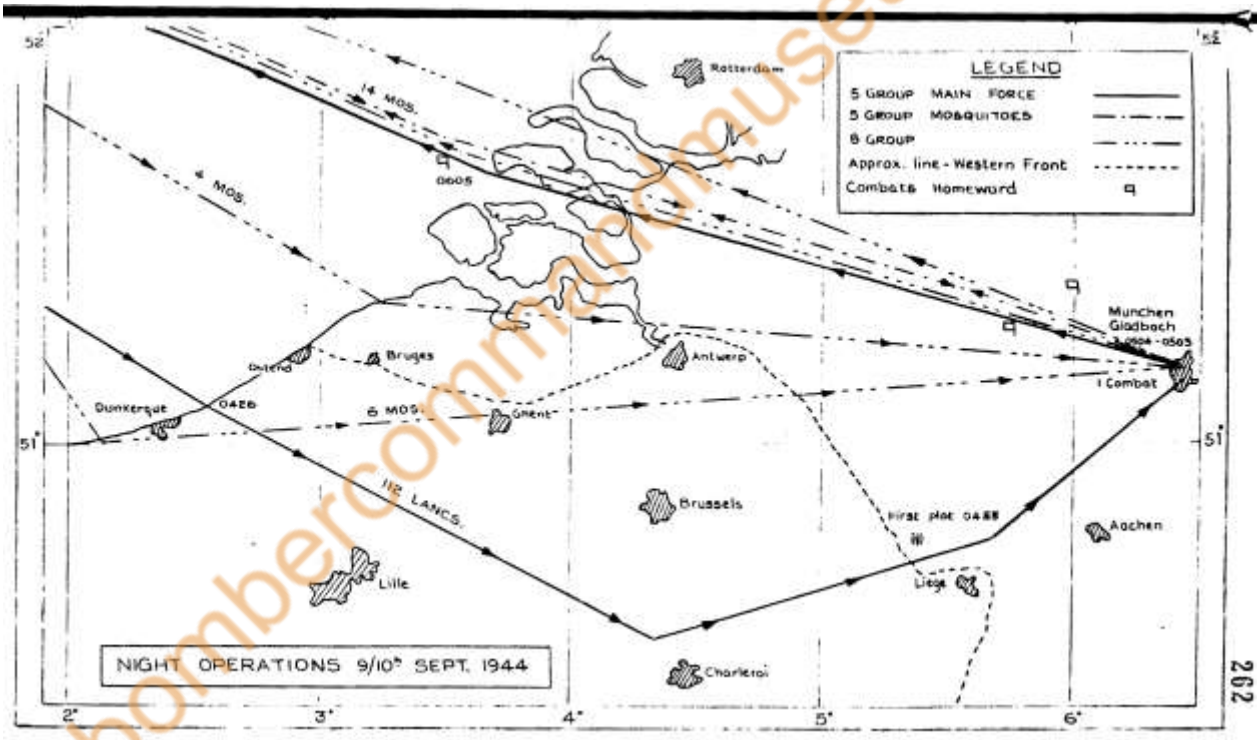
14. 6 aircraft of 100 Group carried out night investigation patrols and a Mosquito made a met. recce. flight.

PLV/JT.
BC/S. 26342/4/ORS4,
30th. December, 1944.

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	BORITES	A/C REPORTS:		A/C REPORTS:		TIME-INT.	DAMAGE				EVALUATIONS		RESULTS			
				PRIM. AHEAD	ALY. AHEAD	OV. R.T.	OV. R.T.		BLIND	BURNED	WGT. INC. LBS.	NO. MEN W. BY	NO. W. BY	NO. W. BY	NO. W. BY	H.K.	I.K.	
MUNICH-GLADBACH	5	Lanc. I	36	36	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	180.4	43.4		
		Lanc. III	77	76	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-		
		Mosq. IV	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq. IX	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq. XVI	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MUNICH-GLADBACH			137	136	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-			
ANTWERP	8	Mosq. XVI	24	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.0	1.7	
		Mosq. XVI	15	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20.0	-
			39	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.6
			4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			6	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			92	173	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			100	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			229	215	1	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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ANAL PLOT OF NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHS 263
ON 9/10 SEPT. 1944 TARGET: MUNCHEN - GLADBACH

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Scale :

	Plotted by G.D.	Plotted by fires
Map Force A/C	●	○
Within target area	7	33
Outside target area	19	35

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

10/11th SEPTEMBER, 1944

Berlin

DIARY

Berlin 41/47 Mosquitos bombed Berlin in clear weather. Only 2 of 7 H2S marker aircraft were successful, and both were late, so most of the main force attacked on D.F. The bombing was very scattered. 2 aircraft bombed Beck and Cuxhaven, and 4 were abortive. No aircraft was lost on this night.

Mine-laying 1/2 Lancasters laid 6 mines off Texel. The other was abortive.

Bomber Support 24 Mosquitos of 100 Group carried out intruder and MANDREL patrols. No E/A were seen, however. 4/5 A.D.G.P. intruders shot up bridges, trains and M/T in the Low Countries. 6 Stirlings operated MANDREL. Other aircraft made special sorties.

WEATHER FORECAST

Bases Fit.

Targets Little cloud over France and Germany, except in Heligoland area.

STATISTICS

No. of aircraft despatched.....	79
" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	71
" " " " " alternative area.....	2
" " abortive sorties.....	6
" " aircraft missing.....	0

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

Clear skies and good visibility at Berlin.

REMARKS

3 of the Berlin raiders were attacked by fighters, but no damage resulted. Searchlights were active at the capital, but heavy flak was moderate. Aircraft were forced for long periods en route at Hagdeburg and Hamburg, and intruders met accurate light flak at Lingen.

CASUALTIES

No aircraft was lost. 8 Berlin raiders were hit by flak, but none seriously.

LM/EMD
C/S, 26342/3/ORS.4
15th January, 1945.

CLASS	GROUP	APPROX. TYPE	SORTIES	% RE-ENTRY		% SORTIES		MILES	DAMAGE				TOTAL	RESULTS		
				PRE-RE.	POST-RE.	OVER S.T.	NOT OVER S.T.		FLY.	PROP.	DIRT. D.C.	NOT DIRT. TO S/L.		RE-ENT.	S.M.	L.
BOMB	8	Posq. XVI	23	20	2	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	52.2	1
		Posq. XX	24	21	-	-	3	-	1+2.0	-	-	-	2	-	20.000	-
BOMB TOTAL			47	41	2	-	4	-	6+2.0	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
MINE	3	Line I	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6 mines
		Line III	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MINE TOTAL			2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			49	42	2	-	5	-	6+2.0	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
SPECIAL V. 100			5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

G.R.L. 2

* NOT INCLUDED IN GRAND TOTAL

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

11/12th. SEPTEMBER, 1944.

DARMSTADT: Berlin: Steenwijk:

SUMMARY

1. Darmstadt, S. of Frankfurt-on-Main, received its first serious attack and was largely devastated. Its important railway targets were badly hit. A large Mosquito force bombed Berlin, and over 300 mines were laid in the Baltic and Kattegat. 16 of the 427 aircraft despatched were lost.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Bases:- Fit until 0400-0500; then, fog patches.

Targets:- Fine chance of cirrus at Darmstadt. 5-8/10ths. St-cu. at Berlin. Half cover St.-cu. over Kiel and Swinemund, base 2,000', tops 8,000'. Little cloud over Kattegat and Skagerrak.

DARMSTADT

PLAN OF ATTACK

3. 5 Group NIWHAVER. H = 2359.

SORTIES

4.	No. of aircraft despatched.....	240
	" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	234
	" " abortive sorties.....	6
	" " aircraft missing.....	12(5.0%)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

5. Bases:- Fit.

Darmstadt:- Cloudless but hazy. Little cloud en route. No moon until 0200 (last quarter). Wind at 15,000': 060°/10-15 m.p.h.

NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHIC STATISTICS

6.	No. of aircraft plotted in target area.....	93
	" " " " off " "	93
	" " " estimated to have bombed in target area (min..... 93).....	100
		(max.....103)
	" " " " " " within 5 miles of (Min.....185).....	200
		(max.....204)

NARRATIVE OF ATTACK

7. The marking and bombing were reported as very accurate and concentrated. Smoke rose to 10,000' and the fires were visible for 150 miles.

D.V. RECONNAISSANCE

8. The greater part of the city, including the centre, was devastated. 3 of the 4 railway targets (the goods yard and junction, loco. repair shops and wagon/repair shops) were very

repair shops) were very severely damaged, together with Rohm & Hass A.G. (priority 1), the Breibe Allee power station, and many other factories and public buildings.

ENEMY DEFENCES

9. The only fighter opposition was met over the last 50 miles to the target, both routes, except for one combat over N. France. Most of the enemy's fighters were directed against the minelayers operating over the Baltic, the controllers evidently fearing another raid on Stettin, or an attack against the capital. Even so, an average of one interception occurred for every 5 bombers despatched. 11 of the 17 attacks were made over the target. Heavy flak was moderate, and light flak meagre, although searchlights were active in the Frankfurt-Mainz-Mannheim belt, forming stationary cones each of about 5 beams. Our bombers claimed 2 combat victories, both confirmed by independent observations; and our fighters destroyed 4 more enemy aircraft.

CASUALTIES

10. 12/240 aircraft (5.0%) were lost: 6 to fighters (1 outward, 2 at target and 3 homeward) and 4 to "unknown causes". No crashes occurred, and no serious damage was sustained from enemy action.

BERLIN

11. 42/47 Mosquitos bombed Berlin in clear weather. The marking and bombing were both concentrated, and several small fires were started. Fighters and ground defences were active, and 1 Mosquito was shot down by heavy flak over the capital. Another was damaged beyond repair.

STREMLIK

12. 3/7 OBOE Mosquitos bombed Stremlijk airfield; the others were abortive.

MINELAYING

13. 69/76 Lancasters and Halifaxes laid 317 mines in the Kattegat and the Baltic. 3 Lancasters were lost, 2 to fighters just N. of the Jutland peninsula and the third without trace. As described above, these aircraft considerably distracted the enemy fighter controllers from the main effort on Darmstadt.

BOMBER SUPPORT

14. 44 Mosquitos of 100 Group were active on SERPENTE and intruder patrols. They destroyed 1 Me.110 N. of Darmstadt and 3 Ju.188 over N. Denmark. Another Ju.188 was damaged near Darmstadt. 13 Stirlings and Fortresses operated MANDREL and JOSTLE. All these aircraft returned safely.

RECON OPERATIONS

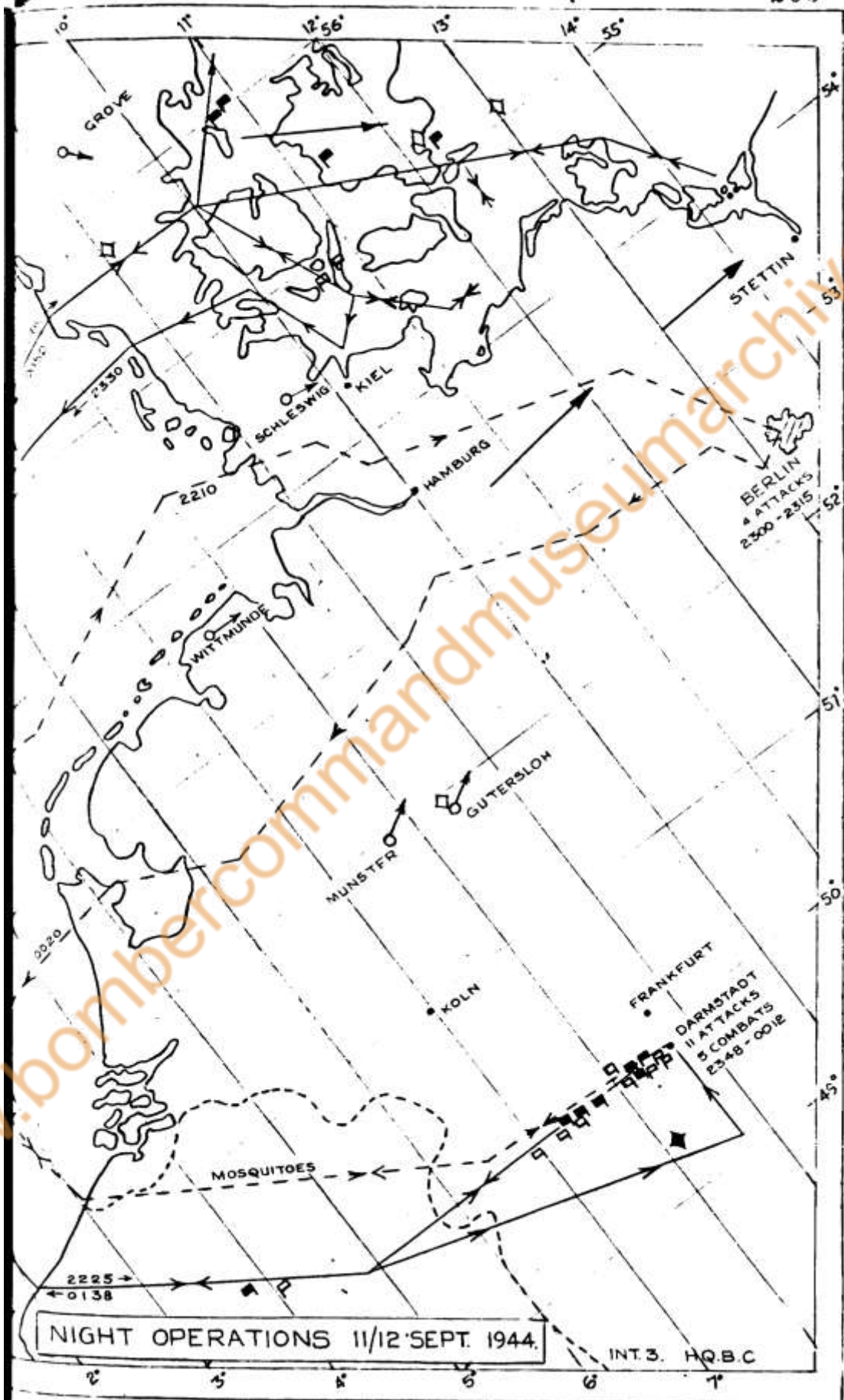
15. 13 aircraft completed searchlight investigations patrols, without loss.

MLH/JT.
EC/S. 26342/3/ORS4,
31st. December, 1944.

PLANT	GROUP	MEMBER TYPE	CORRECT	A/C REPORTING ATTACK ON		BORISYS SCRIBES		MISS- ING	DAMAGE				DIVERGENCE		RESULT		
				PRIN. AREA	ALT. AREA	OVER R-T.	NOT OVER		PLAC.	FIGHTER	FRUIT. INC. BO. S	NOT DUE TO R/m	ATT. TO KO	CR.	HE	IL.	
BOMBING	1	Lanc. I	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	355.7	516.0
		Lanc. III	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	5	Lanc. I	83	81	-	-	2	2	8	2	1+2.0	-	1	8	12	-	1914000
		Lanc. III	138	135	-	-	1	1	4	2	2.0	-	-	9	14	-	-
		Mosq. IV	9	8	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XX	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
D. (L) WIDE TOTAL			240	234	-	-	3	3	12	4	1+2.0	-	1	17	26	-	-
BOMBING	8	Mosq. XVI	24	22	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	54.0	1.0
		Mosq. XX	23	20	-	-	1	2	1	3.0	2.0	-	-	2	-	2240000	-
BOMBING TOTAL			47	42	1	1	3	1	3+3.0	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-
									+18								
STRENGTH A/P.			8	3	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.7
				4	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
STRENGTH A/P. TOTAL			7	3	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOMBING TOTAL			294	279	1	4	10	13	7+3.0	1+2.0	-	2	21	2	-	-	-
									+18								
BOMBING	1	Lanc. I	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	317	since
		Lanc. III	4	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3	Lanc. I	18	16	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
		Lanc. III	12	11	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	4	Hal. III	20	18	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	267
	6	Hal. III	18	17	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
BOMBING TOTAL			76	69	-	1	3	3	-	1	-	-	4	2	-	-	-
BOMBING SUPPORT			100	56	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1+1.0	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			427	407	1	5	14	16	7+3.0	2+2.0	-	3+1.0	25	28	-	-	-
									+18								
MIDWINTER TOTALS			100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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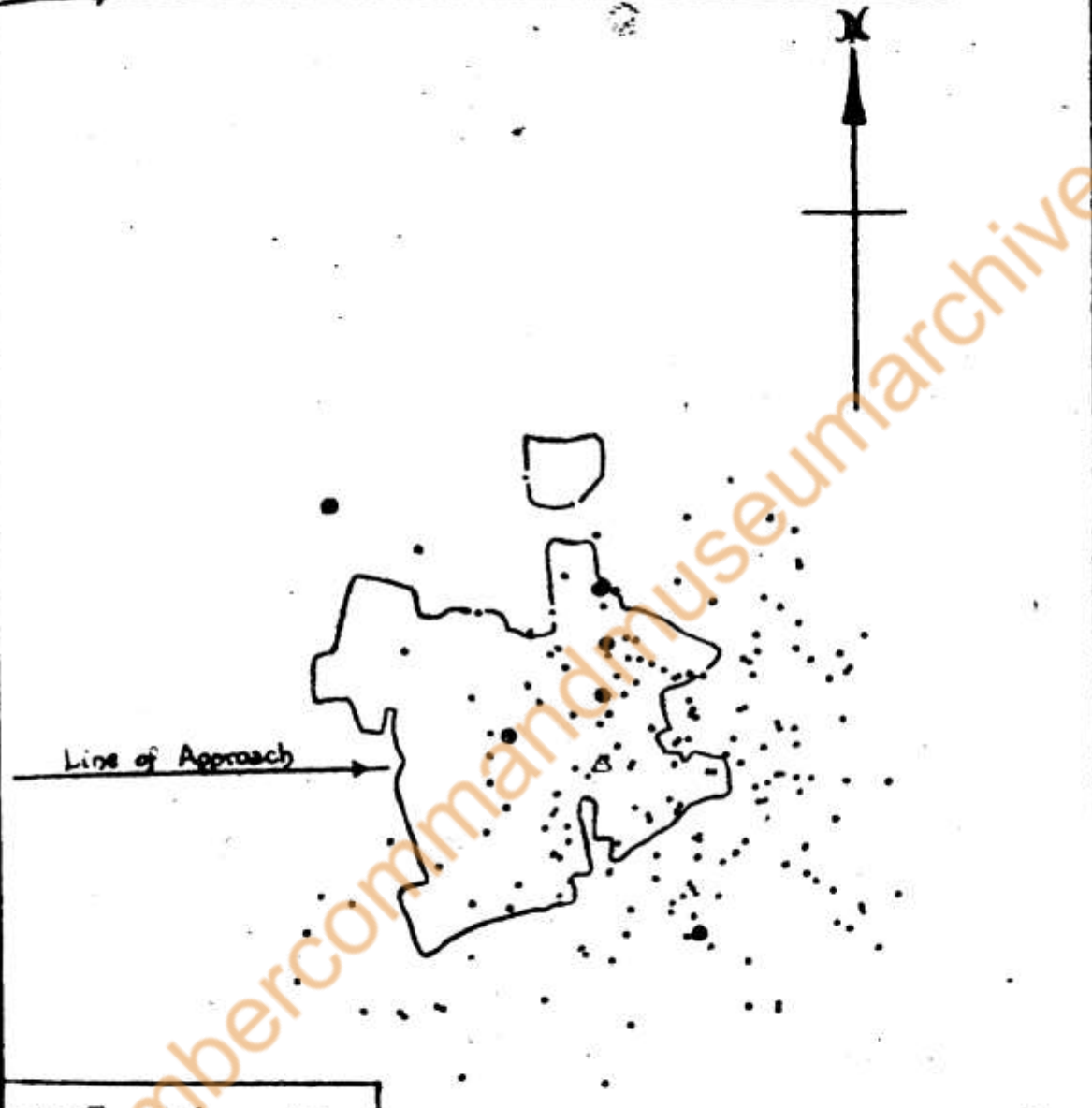


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FINAL PLOT OF NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHS

TAKEN 11/12th SEPTEMBER 1944 TARGET DARMSTADT 269



otted in Target Area = 93
otted outside Target Area = 92
al = 186
nd Marking A/c = 0
n Force = 0

Scale: 1 inch = 1 mile

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

12/13th. SEPTEMBER, 1944.

FRANKFURT: STUTTGART: Berlin: Steenwijk:

SUMMARY

1. 901 aircraft were despatched. Frankfurt and Stuttgart were both severely hit in clear weather; Mosquitos went to Berlin, and many intruders were active. 25 aircraft (2.3%) were lost.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Bases:- Pit.
Targets:- Good chance of no cloud at Stuttgart, Frankfurt, Berlin.

FRANKFURT: STUTTGART:

PLANS OF ATTACK

3. Frankfurt NEWHAVEN II with emergency sky-marking. H = 2300
4. Stuttgart " " " " " " H = 2310.

SORTIES

		F.	S.
5.	No. of aircraft despatched.....	387	217
	" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	367	208
	" " " " " " alt. "	4	1
	" " abortive sorties.....	16	8
	" " aircraft missing.....	17	4
		(4.4%)	(1.9%)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

6. Bases:- Pit.
Targets:- No cloud at Frankfurt or Stuttgart; moderate visibility.
Wind at 18,000': S.E'ly, 15 m.p.h. No contrails. No moon until 0300.

NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHIC STATISTICS

7. Frankfurt

No. of a/c plotted in target area (ground detail..... 43)..... 172
 " " " " off " " (fire tracks.....121)
 " " " " " " (ground detail..... 44)..... 92
 " " " " " " (fire tracks..... 48)
 " " " estimated to have bombed within 3 miles of (max..353)=328(mean)
 " " " " " " " " (min..255)
 " " " " " " " " (max..238)=222(mean)
 " " " " " " " " (min..172)

...../. Stuttgart.

seriously damaged. The cumulative effect of this and all previous raids on Stuttgart was obviously to damage 40% of all buildings, including 20% of all industrial buildings. 58,000 dwelling units - 45% of all those in the town - were rendered useless. Accommodation for 24,000 people was thus destroyed or rendered uninhabitable, and that for a further 30,000 was affected. 600-1,300 people were estimated to have been killed in this attack, and the same number badly injured. Damage on the above scale in a British town would result in an average absenteeism of 7 days over the first 4 months after the raid for all workers in the town.

WEST WERFACES

17. 20 bomber streams were not plotted until they reached the battle lines at 22.00. Heavy fighters first made contact N. and N.E. of Strasbourg, just W.S.W. of Metz, and made several attacks over the rest of the outward routes. Searchlights were very active at Frankfurt, and a number of bombers were coned and then engaged by fighters. At Stuttgart, on the other hand, no searchlights were used and hardly any combats occurred. Opposition was continued as far homewards as C6'E. Heavy flak opposition was moderate at both targets, but intense light flak was met at Stuttgart. WINDOW droppers emerged from the MADRE screen towards Brussels and proceeded as far as Mindhoven, causing the Ruhr fighters to be held in position as far as an attack on N.W. Germany. These fighters would otherwise have been available to assist in protecting the Rhineland.

WEST COAST DEFENCE

18. 5 T/A were claimed as destroyed. 3 Group Lancasters shot down 3 T/E. and 100 Group intruders destroyed a Me.10 and a Me.109, as well as damaging a Ju.88.

CASUALTIES

19. Frankfurt 17/387 aircraft (4.4%) were lost. 2 fell to flak - one at Metz and one further N. - and one to a fighter near Heilbronn. The cause of the fourth loss is not known. Only 7 aircraft were hit by flak and 1 by fighters; but 2 were destroyed in landing and taxiing accidents.

BERLIN

20. 28/29 Mosquitos attacked Berlin. The capital was clear of cloud; but the marking and bombing were both scattered. Considerable opposition was met; 2 aircraft were damaged by fighters and 7 by flak. No aircraft was lost, but one crash-landed because of fuel shortage, and was destroyed.

STEENWIJK A/F.

21. 5/6 OBOE Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against Steenwijk airfield. The sixth sortie was abortive.

MINELEAVE

22. 12 Halifaxes were despatched to lay mines in Oslo harbour. All reached the target, but found it covered with thick low cloud. Visibility was nil, and all aircraft brought their mines back. One a/c was hit by flak over the target, and came down in the sea over 200 miles N.N.E. of Flamborough Head; but all the others were successful.

BOMBER SUPPORT Etc.

23. 81 Mosquitos were active on SERRATE and intruder patrols. They destroyed 1 Me.109 and 1 Me.110 in combat, and damaged a Ju.88. Heavies provided a MADRE screen over Belgium, dropped WINDOW as far as Mindhoven, and operated JOSTLE. 104/138 heavy and medium bombers carried out a diversionary sweep over the North sea as far as 5410N.0610E. 1 JOSTLE Fortress, 1 SERRATE Mosquito and 1 Halifax (of the diversionary force) were lost - the last-named being shot down by shipping. 9 Mosquitos carried out signals investigation patrols without incident.

24. 2/4 Mosquitos,
2/4 Mosquitos

FRANKFURT: STATISTICS: BOMBING: STEINWALK J/F: (CONT.) YDN. Etc. - 12/13th. SEPT 1944.

TARGET	GROUP	ALBUERT TYPE	SORTIES	W/O REPORTING ATTACK ON		ADVERSE SORTIES		MISS-ES	DAMAGE				INTERCOMS		RESULTS	
				PRBL. SGL.	INT. SGL.	OVER E. T.	NOT OVER E. T.		FLAK	FLAME	BATT. INC. SGLS	NOT DUE TO X/...	ATTACK-ED	NO. -	H. E.	I. B.
FRANKFURT	1	Lanc. I	91	89	1	-	1	5	1	1	-	-	3	-	791.0	755.7
		Lanc. III	107	100	1	2	4	1	4+4.0	1.0	-	1	3	-		
	5	Lanc. I	67	61	1	1	4	0	4	1.0	-	-	1	1	295x1000	
		Lanc. II	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1		
		Lanc. III	27	26	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	16x8000	
8	Lanc. III	61	58	1	2	-	1	2	-	-	1	2	-			
	Mosq. XVI	4	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	Mosq. XX	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
FRANKFURT TOTAL			387	367	4	7	9	17	14+4.0	1+2.0	-	2	11			
SVV. TOWER	1	Lanc. I	7	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	-	-	324.8	558.5
		Lanc. III	1	1	-	-	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-		
	5	Lanc. I	75	74	-	1	-	3	2	-	-	1	2	7	169x1000	
		Lanc. III	121	114	-	5	2	1	4	1	-	4+1.0 +2B	3	7		
		Mosq. IV	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Mosq. XX	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
SVV. TOWER TOTAL			217	208	1	6	2	4	6+1.0	1	-	5+2.0 +2B	5	16		
REGLER	8	Mosq. XVI	16	15	1	-	-	-	3	11	-	12	2	38.9	-9	
		Mosq. XX	15	15	-	-	-	-	3+1.0	1.0	-	-	1	17x1000		
REGLER TOTAL			29	28	1	-	-	-	6+1.0	1.0+1B	-	12	3			
STEINWALK J/F	8	Mosq. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5		
		Mosq. XVI	5	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
STEINWALK J/F TOTAL			6	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
TOTAL TOTAL			639	608	6	14	11	21	26+6.0	2+3.0 +1B	-	7+2.0 +3B	19	30		
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HINDENBURG TOTAL																
TOTAL TOTAL			103	97	-	-	6	2	3	-	-	-	-	-		

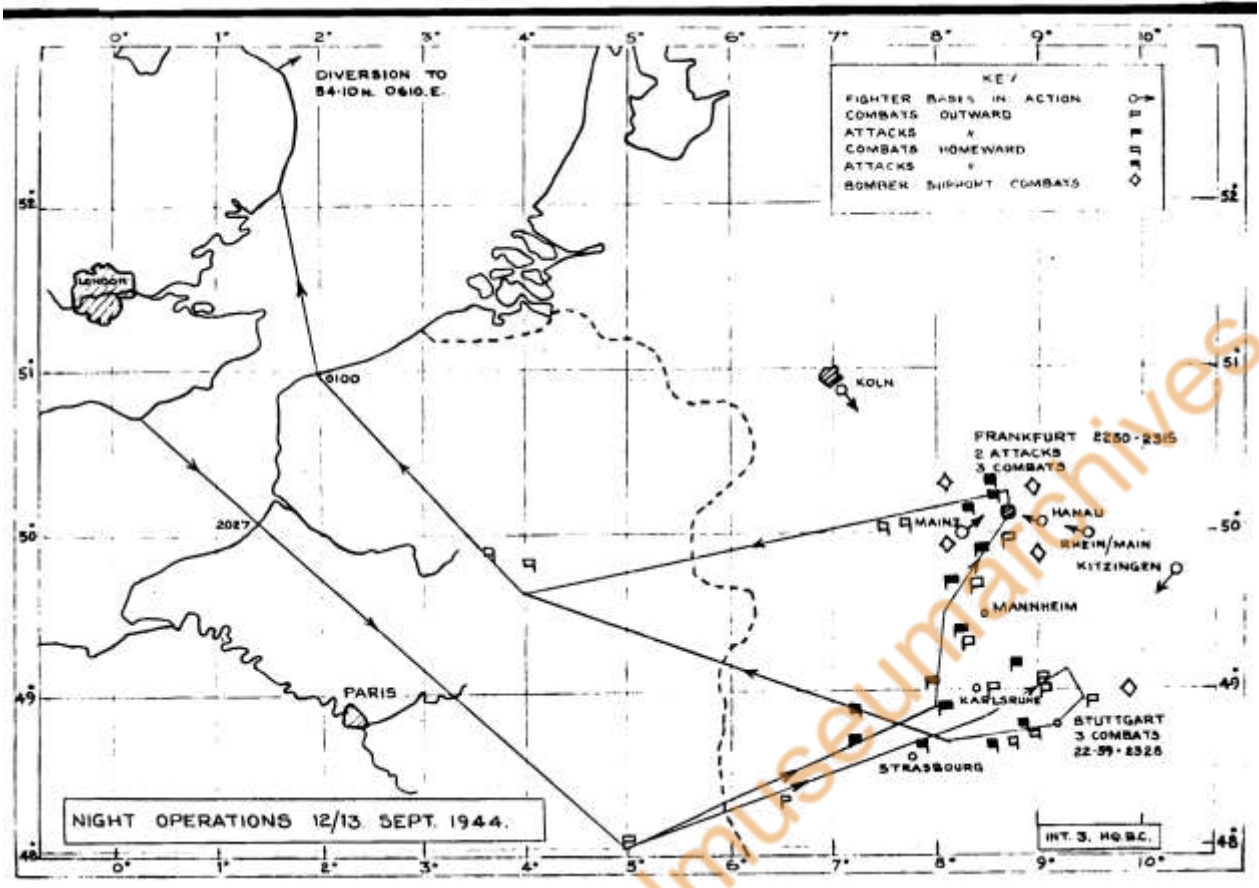
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12/13th. SEPT 1944. (CONT.)

TARGET	GROUP	ALBUERT TYPE	SORTIES	W/O REPORTING ATTACK ON		ADVERSE SORTIES		MISS-ES	DAMAGE				INTERCOMS		RESULTS	
				PRBL. SGL.	INT. SGL.	OVER E. T.	NOT OVER E. T.		FLAK	FLAME	BATT. INC. SGLS	NOT DUE TO X/...	ATTACK-ED	NO. -	H. E.	I. B.
TOTAL			9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DEFENSIVE TOWER	100	Various	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Hal.	16	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		S.S. L.	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Hal.	8	7	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		S.S. L.	21	19	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Hal.	22	20	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
		Well.	19	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
		Well.	22	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Well.	28	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DEFENSIVE TOWER TOTAL			133	104	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	2	3			
TOTAL TOTAL			501	498	6	14	14	25	29+6.0	2+3.0 +1B	-	8+2.0 +3B	21	41		

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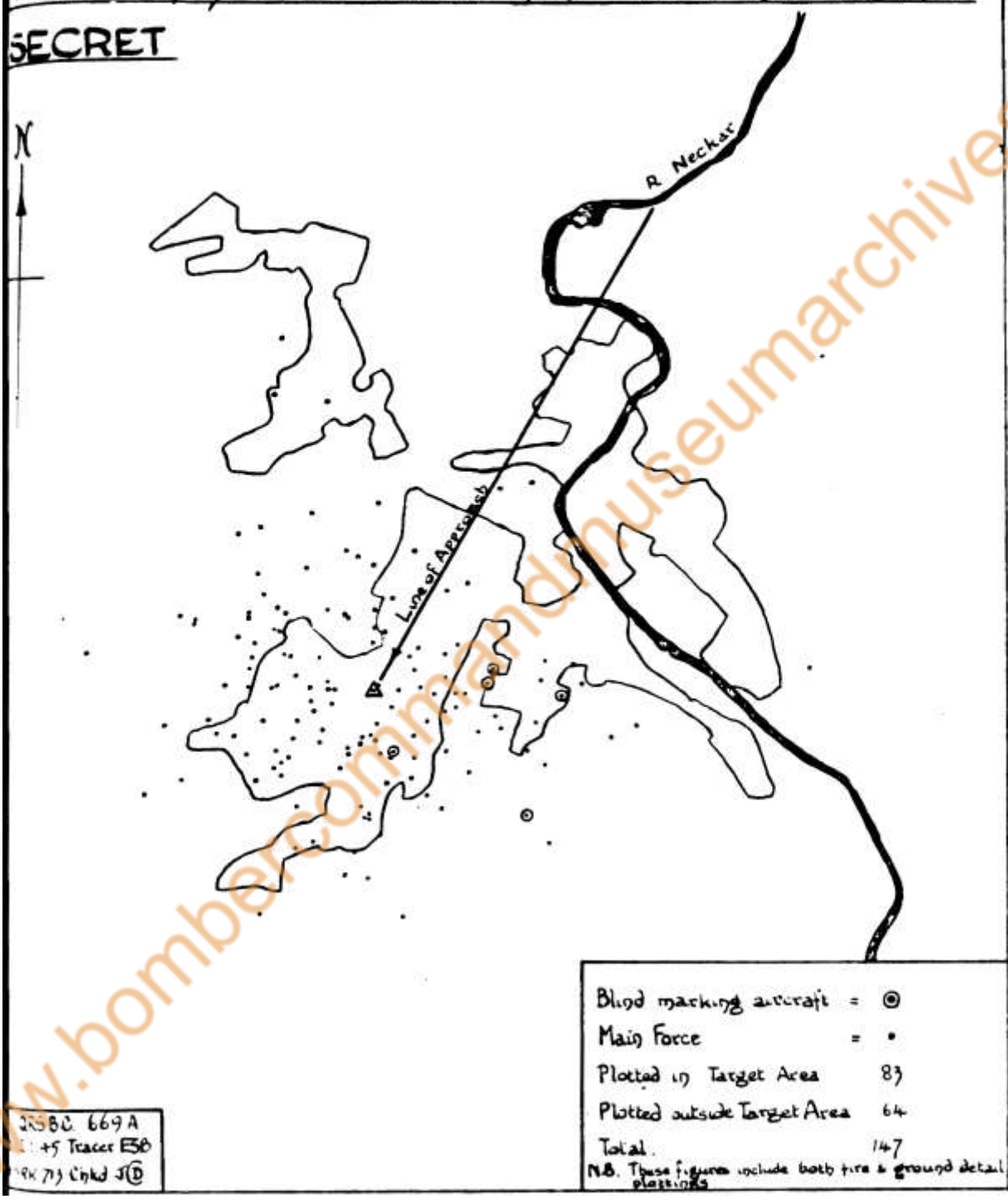


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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

13/14th SEPTEMBER, 1944

Berlin: Karlsruhe

MISSION

Berlin 36/36 Mosquitos bombed Berlin in clear weather. The marking and bombing were both concentrated. 2 aircraft did not return.

Karlsruhe 3/3 Mosquitos attacked Karlsruhe, without loss, one on H2S and 2 others on GEE/DR.

Bomber Support 41 Mosquitos of 100 Group were active on SERGATE and intruder patrols. They destroyed 1 Me.110 and damaged a Ju.88. 22 Stirlings and 22 Lancasters operated MANDREL and dropped WINDOW. None of these aircraft was lost.

Special Patrols 5/7 aircraft completed special patrols. All returned safely.

WATER OBSCURED

Bases Fog and low stratus will form soon after 0100 in N., and later in E.

Targets Little cloud over N. Germany. Much cloud over Ruhr and S. France.

STATISTICS

No. of aircraft despatched.....	109
" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	90
" " abortive sorties.....	19
" " aircraft missing	2

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

No cloud, good visibility at Berlin. 10/10ths to 30,000' at Karlsruhe.

ENEMY DEFENCES

Fighters were active over Berlin, although no returning aircraft was attacked. Searchlights operated freely, but the flak was moderate. No opposition was reported from Karlsruhe.

REMARKS

2 Mosquitos were lost over Berlin, both while coned by searchlights. One was certainly, and the other probably lost to heavy flak. 4 other Mosquitos were hit by flak, but none seriously.

M/ED

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14th January, 1945

TARGET	GROUP	SUBTYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPORTED		SORTIVE		MIA	DAMAGE				DESCRIPTION		RESULTS		
				LTD. ON		SORTS			FLY	FIGHTER	BRIT. INC. BOMBS	NOT DUE TO	Killed	NOT ATTACKED	HE.	IB.	
				PRD. NR.	ALT. NR.	OVER E.T.	NOT OVER E.T.										
BOMBING	B	Mosq. XVI Mosq. XX	20 16	20 16	-	-	-	1 1	1+1.C 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	47.8 20x400	7
BOMBING TOTAL			36	36	-	-	-	2	1+1.C 2	-	-	-	-	-	-		
KASHERIDE TOTAL	B	Mosq. XX	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		1.3
BOMBING TOTAL			39	39	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
NO. IN SUPPORT	100	Various	63	46	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SPECIAL LAUNCHES	100	Various	7	5	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
GRAND TOTAL			109	90	-	-	19	2	1+1.C	-	-	-	-	-	-		

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BOMBER COORDINATE REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

15/16th. SEPTEMBER, 1944.

KIEL: Berlin: Lubeck: Rhine.SUMMARY

1. Kiel received its third heavy night attack within a month. The weather was clear over the target, and the bombing was highly concentrated. The old town and modern shopping centre were devastated, and the naval arsenal and 3 great shipbuilding yards were severely damaged. Surprisingly few fighters were encountered, and only 6/490 bombers failed to return. 60 minelayers operated without loss; Mosquitos bombed Berlin, Lubeck and Rhine, and our fighters patrolled and intruded. Altogether, 11/356 aircraft were lost.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Bases:- Generally fit, with variable and well layered cloud. Patchy low cloud over N. Lines and Yorkshire soon after dusk.

Targets:- Cloud should break to nil beyond 06 E. Kiel should be cloudless, except for cirrus. Risk of much medium cloud at Brunswick. Oslo (minelaying): probably no medium, but risk of much St.-cu.

KIELPLAN OF ATTACK

3. NEHEAVEN groundmarking, with emergency skymarking. H = 0115.

SORTIES

4.	No. of aircraft despatched.....	490
	" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	465
	" " " " " alternative area.....	3
	" " abortive sorties.....	22
	" " aircraft missing.....	6 (1.2)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

5. Bases:- Fit.

Kiel:- 3-5/10ths. thin h-st. base 10,000'. No cloud below. No moon.
Route: well broken cloud in W. of North Sea, with rain from 03-05°E. and cloud at 2,000', falling to 300' in a frontal belt. This gave cloud in layers to 20,000' with cirrus above, and static. E. of 07°E., thin layers from 10-20,000', dispersing to small amounts near the target. Wind at 10,000': 130°/25 m.p.h.; at 20,000': 200°/20 m.p.h.

NARRATIVE OF ATTACK

6. The illuminating flares were punctual and accurate, and the A/P was clearly identified by their light. A good concentration of T.I. was built up and maintained, although a smoke screen obscured ground detail after the early markers had gone down. Bombing was accurate, except for a tendency to undershoot towards the end of the attack. The glow of fires was visible from the Danish coast; and a late reconnaissance Mosquito over the target at about H + 45 reported an area of fire 4-5 miles long and 1 mile wide, burning fiercest in the 3.

...../DAY RECONNAISSANCE.

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7. Adequate photographic cover was not obtained until 18th. September; and some of the severe damage then revealed must be attributed to the R.A.F. attack of 26/27th. August (see N.R.R. No. 690) and to the U.S. 8th. Air Force raid of 30th. August. Nevertheless, most of it was probably caused by the attack under review. The devastated area extends from the city marshalling yard for some 2½ miles along the west bank of the Hafen as far as Danenburg, and for 6 miles along the east bank to the suburb of Heikendorf. The 3 great shipbuilding yards and the naval arsenal which constitute the vital industry of Kiel were hard hit, together with the Neufeldt und Kuhne torpedo factory, the large munitions depot at Monkeburg and 5 other industrial premises. The old town, the modern shopping centre and the chief business/residential area of the city formed part of the devastated area.

ENEMY DEFENCES

8. Fighter opposition was astonishingly slight. Only 5 of our aircraft reported being attacked, and no more than one loss occurred in combat. (The E/A involved was itself destroyed). Our bombers flew below 2,000' as far as 0530 E., and kept signals silence until they reached 0700 E., thus denying the enemy early warning of their approach. The MADRELL SCREEN which moved a long way across the North Sea at 2300 hours helped to deceive the controllers, who apparently anticipated no more than a spoof attack or a minelaying effort. The ground defences were also slight, the heavy barrage exploding for the most part below our aircraft. Searchlights formed 5-10 cones, into which the light guns fired ineffectively.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

9. One fighter (S/E) was destroyed over the Little Belt, after it had shot down a bomber. 3 more German machines were damaged, 2 by bombers and 1 by a British fighter.

CASUALTIES

10. 6/490 aircraft (1.2%) were lost. Only one was seen to go down in combat, over the Little Belt. Flak losses were reported to have occurred E. of Esbjerg (2), over the target (3) and at Sylt (1-2); but some of these observations may refer to the 4 losses sustained by Bomber Support aircraft. One Halifax crashed soon after take-off and was wrecked. No serious damage (apart from the losses) was sustained from enemy action.

BERLIN

11. 24/27 Mosquitos bombed Berlin in good weather. The marking and bombing were concentrated, and 2 or 3 small fires were seen burning as the aircraft left. Flak was moderate to intense, and 2 Mosquitos were engaged by fighters. One of our aircraft was lost without trace.

LUBECK

12. 7/9 Mosquitos bombed Lubeck. The weather was clear and the markers fell in 2 clusters, both of which attracted some bombing. No fighters were met, and flak was slight. All aircraft returned safely.

RHEINE

13. 3 OBOE Mosquitos were sent to Rheine. 3 made successfully controlled runs against the marshalling yards; 3 attacked the town on D.R.; and the other 2 bombed alternative targets in the Ruhr. No losses were sustained, but one aircraft crash-landed and was badly damaged.

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MINELAYING

14. 64/68 Lancasters and Halifaxes laid 287 mines in the Baltic, the Kattegat, the Elbe estuary and Oslo harbour. Those visiting the Baltic took a tortuous route over Denmark and Sweden (see route map), and assisted in the deception of the German fighter controllers. None of our minelayers was lost or seriously damaged. One aircraft, unable to reach its primary, laid its mines usefully in enemy waters.

BOMBER SUPPORT

15. 44/56 Mosquitos of 100 Group carried out SLEWTE and intruder patrols. One B/A was damaged at Grove; but no victories were reported. 6/10 Stirlings provided MAUDREL SCREEN and 20/24 other aircraft completed diversionary, jamming or special signals patrols. 3 Mosquitos and a Stirling were lost, all over Germany. 145/164 aircraft carried out a diversionary sweep over N. France: one of these aircraft was lost.

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C/S. 26342/3/CRS4,
rd. January, 1945.

TARGET	GROUP	REPORT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPORTING				REPORTING				RESULTS				INTERDICTORS		RESULTS	
				ATTACK ON		OVER		DRO	FALL	LIGHTS	BURN	NOT	DUE TO	ATTACK	NOT	HR.	LB.		
				PRDL	ALT.	ON T.	OVER											INC.	INC.
KIEL	1	Lanc. I	5	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	663.2	788.3
		Lanc. III	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	4	Hal. III	186	175	2	1	8	2	7	-	-	-	1+2+0+	1	7	-	-	874.000	
	6	Lanc. X	28	28	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5		
		Hal. III	123	115	1	1	6	1	15+1+0	1	-	-	2+1+0	1	5	-	5		
8	Hal. VII	50	48	-	1	1	1	4	1	-	-	2	1	2	-	2			
KIEL TOTAL	1	Lanc. III	186	175	2	1	8	2	7	-	-	-	1+0	2	7	-	-		
		Lanc. VI	3	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Mosq. XVI	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
1	Mosq. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KIEL TOTAL			490	465	3	4	10	6	31+1+0	1	-	6+4+0+	5	20	-	-			
BONNEN	8	Mosq. XVI	15	14	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31.0	7
		Mosq. XX	42	40	-	1	1	1	2+1+0	1+13	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	130.000	
BONNEN TOTAL			27	24	1	1	1	2+1+0	1+13	-	-	-	2	-	-	-			
LUBBEK	8	Mosq. XVI	3	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.1	1.0
		Mosq. XX	7	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.000	
LUBBEK TOTAL			10	9	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
BONNEN TOTAL	8	Mosq. XVI	15	14	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31.0	7
		Mosq. XX	42	40	-	1	1	1	2+1+0	1+13	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	130.000	
BONNEN TOTAL			57	54	1	1	1	3+2+0	2+13	-	-	6+4+0+	7	20	-	-			

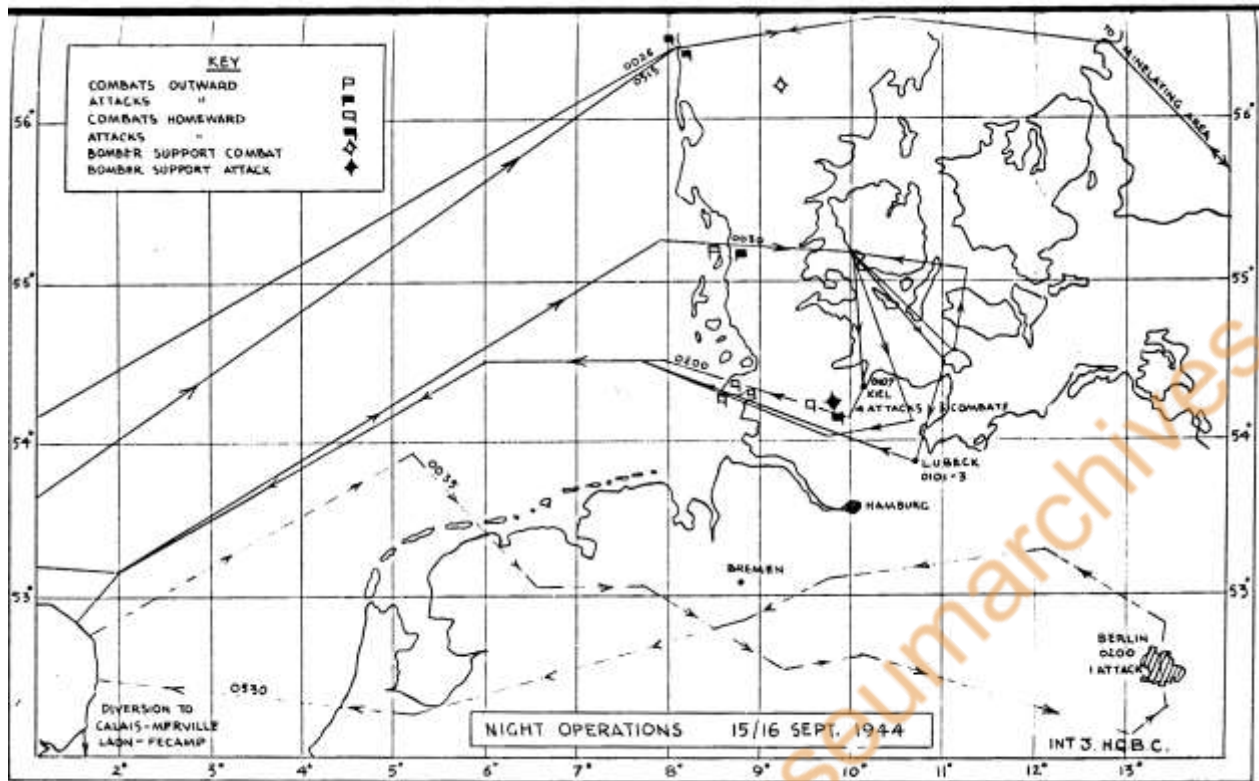
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TARGET	GROUP	REPORT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPORTING				REPORTING				RESULTS				INTERDICTORS		RESULTS	
				ATTACK ON		OVER		DRO	FALL	LIGHTS	BURN	NOT	DUE TO	ATTACK	NOT	HR.	LB.		
				PRDL	ALT.	ON T.	OVER											INC.	INC.
MILTON	1	Lanc. I	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	287 mines	
		Lanc. III	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
PILLAU	1	Lanc. I	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Lanc. III	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
KATINGSAT	1	Lanc. I	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Lanc. III	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
GEMSA	1	Lanc. I	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Lanc. III	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
KIE. HARBOR	3	Lanc. I	3	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Lanc. III	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
KIE. REVER	4	Hal. III	6	6	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Hal. III	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
KIE. HARBOR	6	Hal. III	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Hal. III	10	8	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
KIE. HARBOR	6	Hal. III	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Hal. III	10	8	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
MILTON TOTAL			5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
BONNEN TOTAL			57	54	1	1	1	3+2+0	2+13	-	-	6+4+0+	7	20	-	-			
SPECIAL SORTIES	100	Various	81	66	-	-	15	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
SPECIAL SORTIES	100	Various	9	7	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
DIVERSIONARY SWEEP	1	H&L	26	24	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		S&L	16	12	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Hal. III	7	4	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		S&L	11	13	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		H&L	33	29	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Well.	24	19	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Well.	26	25	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Well.	20	19	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Well.	16	14	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Well.	16	14	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
DIVERSIONARY SWEEP TOTAL			161	145	-	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
GRAND TOTAL			856	784	8	8	50	11	36+2+0	2+2+0	-	6+4+0+	13	25	-	-			

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

16/17th. SEPTEMBER, 1944.

MOERDIJK BRIDGE: HOPSTEN A/P: STEENWIJK A/P: LEEUWARDEN A/P: RHEINE A/P:Brunswick: Dortmund: etc.SUMMARY

1. Operations undertaken by Bomber Command on this occasion were designed to prepare for the First Airborne Army landing in Holland on the following day. They opened with an attack on the flak positions at Moerdijk, and continued with attacks on fighter airfields, in order to dislocate the fighter opposition to the landings which was expected. Neither of the two bridges at Moerdijk was seriously damaged, but many flak positions and other gun emplacements suffered near misses. At least two of the Dutch airfields were entirely unserviceable when the invasion took place, and the other two were heavily damaged. Defences encountered did not inconvenience the bombers to any extent, and the only aircraft lost on the major operations were two which were believed to have collided in the target area at Moerdijk. Mosquito raids were made on Brunswick, from which one aircraft was missing, and on Dortmund. 100 Group despatched patrolling aircraft in support of the bombers. One enemy fighter was claimed damaged by the bombers.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Bases:- Mainly fit all night with cloud dispersing soon after dusk, but Northern Groups expected to have local smoke troubles, with visibility 1000 to 2000 yds. about dawn.

Targets:- Up to 5/10ths. st/cu. base 2-3,000' tops about 5000'. Ruhr and West Germany: small amounts of St/cu or nil. No moon.

PLANS OF ATTACK

3. The methods planned for Moerdijk and the airfield targets were OBOE groundmarking. 5 Mosquitos were to drop red T.I., 2 a/c at H-3, 2 at H-2 and 1 at H-1. These were to be supplemented at Moerdijk by 6 Illuminators dropping hooded flares at H-2, as the bombing here was to be visual if possible, and at Hopsten by 3 more Mosquitos dropping red spot fires at H-14, H-13 and H-12. The main forces at each target were to bomb in one wave from H to H+2. They were to bomb the centre of red T.I. except at Moerdijk, where this was to be done only if visual identification was impossible. Zero hours and durations of attacks were as follows:-

Moerdijk:	H. 2255 hrs.	Duration 2252 to 2257 hrs.
Hopsten:	H. 2320 hrs.	" 2304 to 2322 "
Steenwijk:	H. 2345 hrs.	" 2342 to 2347 "
Leeuwarden:	H. 0225 hrs.	" 0222 to 0227 "
Rheine:	H. 0250 hrs.	" 0247 to 0252 "

...../SCRTIES.

<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>✓C.Desp.</u>	<u>✓C.att.</u>	<u>✓C.ab.</u>	<u>✓C.Missing</u>
4. Moerdijk.....	59	57	2	2 (3.4%)
Hopsten.....	53	51	7	0
Steenwijk.....	55	54	1	0
Leeuwarden.....	56	50	6	0
Rheine.....	54	51	3	0
TOTAL.....	282	263	19	2 (0.7%)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

5. Bases:- Mainly fine with moderate visibility until 03-0400 hrs. when local mist and fog patches began to develop in Lincolnshire and Yorkshire.

Targets:- Small amounts of cloud over North Sea; variable amounts up to 5/10ths. Sc. at 2-3000' over Dutch coastal areas; nil to 3/10ths. inland. Visibility good. Brunswick: Little cloud to 8'E. then 8-10/10ths. tops 15,000', with occasional thick patches of Cirrus at 28,000', obscuring target. Dortmund: Clear. Good visibility.

NARRATIVES OF ATTACKS

6. Moerdijk The target was very well illuminated by the flares and could be clearly identified by all crews. The T.I's were topped well on time by the Mosquitos and all fell in the immediate vicinity of the aiming point. Bombing was accurate and concentrated. One large fire, probably burning petrol, developed in the target area, and was visible for 2-3 miles on the return journey. Ground defences were negligible; 3 fighters were sighted, only one of which attacked. 2 aircraft did not return.

Airfields All four targets were attacked in good weather conditions, marking was punctual and accurate, except perhaps at Steenwijk, where the T.I's fell in two groups, one of which was well placed in the target area and attracted most of the bombing. Ground defences were slight at all targets, but one or two enemy fighters were encountered at Leeuwarden and Hopsten. No aircraft was missing from these operations.

DAY RECONSTRUCTION

7. Moerdijk Both the road and the railway bridges were intact. The rail line had been cut by two craters near the northern approach, one of the craters being very near to a light flak position. The road leading to the northern end of the bridge showed eight craters, none of which had completely cut it. Barracks on the east side of the highway was almost completely destroyed, and there were several near misses to pill boxes and flak and machine gun positions. The road banks and adjacent ground were heavily cratered.

Airfields Damage at all four targets was of a similar nature. All the runways at each airfield were pitted, some being completely unserviceable. The landing grounds were also heavily cratered. No damage was suffered by any of the hangars or workshops, and no aircraft appears to have been hit. Dispersal shelter was destroyed at Steenwijk, and there were near misses to flak positions at Leeuwarden and Hopsten. A large camouflaged dispersal shelter at Rheine had also been hit.

ENEMY DEFENCES

8. The fighter reaction to these attacks was smaller than might have been expected. The first lumber force (on Moerdijk) was met by a few fighters over the North Sea, but no losses were caused. The next force (on Hopsten and Steenwijk) was plotted just as the moral screen moved into position, but the last pair of raids on Rheine and Leeuwarden do not appear to have been anticipated by the enemy. It is interesting that the fighters which took off in the first stage of the operations did so from the very airfields which were attacked later on. Ground defences joined in the opposition from the Moerdijk
..../defences, but no losses

defences, but no losses were incurred.

CASUALTIES

9. No losses or damage were caused by enemy action to aircraft attacking the main targets, the two missing aircraft from the Noordijk raid were believed to have collided in the target area and two aircraft returning from Rheine were also damaged by a collision.

BRUNSWICK

10. 8 Group despatched 29 Mosquitos to attack Brunswick. 25 aircraft completed the mission. Ground targets were to be dropped by 15 aircraft, 8 of which were equipped with H2S, but, owing to 10/10ths. cloud over the target, the Main Force aircraft were unable to see them after they had fallen and bombed on D.R. Eleven aircraft however, bombed on what they believed to be the glow of T.I. through the cloud. Moderate heavy flak was reported. One aircraft did not return. None of the other aircraft was damaged.

DORTMUND

11. 4 CBOE Mosquitos took off to attack Dortmund synthetic oil plant. One was abortive over its base; 2 others suffered technical failures of their precision devices, and bombed Dortmund town. The fourth bombed its primary target. There was no damage and no casualties.

BOMBER SUPPORT

12. Serrate Patrols were flown by 11 of 13 Mosquitos detailed by 100 Group, in support of the bombers; three chases were reported, but no claims were made. 13 Mosquitos completed Intruder Patrols, 16 being despatched; 6 aircraft, also of 100 Group, completed special signals investigation patrols (8 a/c despatched) and 5 of 6 aircraft despatched completed Hendrel jamming patrols. There were no casualties.

HEB/T.
BC/S. 26342/2/ORS2a,
9th. February, 1945.

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C DISTRIBUTION				A/C STATUS		RESULTS					RESULTS			
				TYPE OF		SORTIES		ISSUED	PLR	PREDICTED	RET. INC. BOMBS	NOT DUE TO E/L	PLUCKED	NOT ATTACHED	HE.	IL.		
				PRM. SER.	ALT. SER.	OTHER E.T.	OTHER E.T.											
MORRIS	A	Lanc-I	37	37	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	2	24.0	1.3			
		Lanc-III	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
		Lanc-IV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
	B	Lanc-III	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
		Moq-IX	4	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
		Moq-XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
MORRIS TOTAL			59	57	-	2	2	-	-	-	1	2						
HIGSTE	A	Lanc-I	28	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	210.8	.9			
		Lanc-III	22	21	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
		Lanc-IV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
	B	Moq-IX	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
		Moq-XVI	6	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
		HIGSTE TOTAL			58	51	-	6	1	-	-	-	1			1		
STEIN	A	Lanc-I	28	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22.5	1.8			
		Lanc-II	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
		Lanc-III	21	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
	B	Moq-IX	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
		Moq-XVI	4	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
		STEIN TOTAL			55	54	-	1	-	-	-	-	-			-		
LINDSAY	A	Lanc-I	28	25	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	24.5	.9			
		Lanc-III	23	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2					
		Lanc-IV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
	B	Moq-IX	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
		Moq-XVI	3	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
		LINDSAY TOTAL			58	50	-	6	-	-	-	-	-			3		
BIRNIE	A	Lanc-I	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21.1	1.3			
		Lanc-III	41	40	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2.0	-					
		Moq-IX	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
	B	Moq-XVI	4	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
		BIRNIE TOTAL			54	51	-	3	-	-	-	-	2.0			-		
		BIRNIE	Moq-XVI	12	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	21.4	1.8
Moq-IX	17		16	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
BIRNIE TOTAL			29	27	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	11x1000					

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UPPER PORTION ON CHART BELOW MISSING ROWS.

CHART 1 HAS PAGE TOTAL OF 311 AIRCRAFT WHILE CHART 2 HAS RAID TOTAL OF 359 AIRCRAFT

311	359	1	19	10	1	-	-	-	2.0+1.8	-2	0
311 D TOTAL											

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS17/18th SEPTEMBER 1944Bremen : Dortmund.PRIMARY

Bremen 42/42 Mosquitos bombed Bremen in cloudless weather. The marking and bombing were concentrated, and several fires were gaining hold as our aircraft left. No aircraft was lost on this night.

Dortmund 6/6 OBOE Mosquitos attacked Dortmund, 4 on OBOE and 2 on D.R.

Diversionary Operation 39/40 Lancasters successfully carried out a diversionary operation in Holland.

Diversionary Sweep 195/201 heavy and medium bombers made a diversionary sweep to near the Dutch Islands, but excited little reaction from enemy fighters.

Bomber Support 29 Mosquitos of 100 Group were active on SERGATE and intruder patrols. 19 heavies operated MANDREL and dropped WINDOW. The fighters destroyed 2 Me.110, one near Hengelo and one near Emmerich.

Special Patrols 10/10 aircraft completed special patrols.

LATER FORECAST

Bases Generally fit until 0400, then widespread fog.

Targets Variable cloud over France, Holland and Germany.

STATISTICS

No. of aircraft despatched	347
No. of aircraft reporting attack on primary area	337
No. of abortive sorties	10
No. of aircraft missing	0

WINDS REPORTING D

No cloud, good visibility at Bremen. 3-3/10ths a-st. to 15-20,000 ft.
Dortmund.

ENEMY DEFENCES

Enemy fighters were airborne over the North Sea, and one Mosquito was attacked over Bremen, but escaped without damage. Flak became intense at Bremen when engaging our aircraft.

REMARKS

No aircraft was lost. 8 were damaged by flak, all lightly.

17/21
S/S. 26342/3/OR34
17th January 1945

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	BORINGS	A/C REPORTING				MIS- TR.	DAMAGE				DIRECTIONS		RESULTS		
				PREL. ABL.	ACT. ABL.	OVER- S.V.	OVER- M.T.		FLYING	FRONT	BRAT. DCC. ENGINE	NOT KING TO K/...	ATTACH- ED	NOT ATTACH- ED	HR.	IS.	
BAG BEL	8	Mosq. XVI Mosq. XI	25 17	25 17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56.0	1.3
BAG BEL TOTAL			42	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		26,000
DOWNY HILL	8	Mosq. XVI	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.4
DOWNY HILL TOTAL			6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BAG BEL TOTAL			48	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DIVISIONARY SWAG		Lanc.	40	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DIVISIONARY SWAG	1	L.S. H.	29	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DIVISIONARY SWAG	3	Stir.	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DIVISIONARY SWAG	4	Hull.	12	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DIVISIONARY SWAG	5	S.S. I.	21	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DIVISIONARY SWAG	6	Hull.	66	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DIVISIONARY SWAG	91	Well.	18	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
DIVISIONARY SWAG	92	Well.	28	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
DIVISIONARY SWAG	93	Well.	22	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
DIVISIONARY SWAG TOTAL			201	199	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
NO. 211 BURG PORT	100	Various	48	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
NO. 211 BURG PORT TOTAL			48	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			47	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS.

18/19TH. SEPTEMBER, 1944.

THEATRE/AREA: Berlin; Rhine;SUMMARY.

1. Bomber Command visited the port of Bremerhaven for the first time with 208 bombers, and devastated it. The enemy's fighters were distracted by diversionary measures, and only two bombers were lost. Mosquitos visited Berlin and Rhine. Intruders were active, and mines were laid in the Weser. Two fighters failed to return.

WEATHER FORECAST.

2. Bases. Fog will develop locally by 0100 and become widespread by 0300.

Germany. Rain and low cloud over France. Little cloud in N.W. Germany.

BREMERHAVEN.PLAN OF ATTACK.

3. 5 Group NEWHAVEN (blind and visual groundmarking). H = 2100.

SORTIES.

4. No. of aircraft despatched.....	217.
" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	208.
" " abortive sorties.....	5.
" " aircraft missing.....	2 (C.G.).

WINDSPEED WEATHERFIELD.

5. Bases. Fit for take-off, but affected by fog and mist before midnight.

Bremerhaven. Cloudless. Visibility one to two miles. Light winds.

NARRATIVE OF ATTACK.

6. The marking and bombing were accurate and concentrated in perfect weather.

DAY RECONNAISSANCE.

7. The old town and the Geesterunde suburb S. of the river Geeste were devastated. The three priority shipbuilding yards in the docks were heavily hit; nearly 100 warehouses were destroyed; four railway stations, a power station and numerous barrack buildings were partly gutted; and the port facilities, including the dry dock, lock installations and several merchant vessels, were severely damaged. Business and residential property suffered tremendously, 92% of all buildings in the fully built-up zone being destroyed or seriously damaged.

ENEMY AIRFORCES.

8. A HUNDE screen and a WINDOW diversion distracted the German fighter controllers and only one aircraft reported being attacked. Flak opposition was moderate. Our bombers claimed no victories in combat, but a 100 Group Mosquito damaged a Ju.88.

LOSSES.

9. 2/23 aircraft (10%) were lost. One went down over the target to unidentified causes. A third aircraft was wrecked in a landing accident. Only six aircraft were hit by flak, and none was damaged in combat.

BERLIN.

10. 22/33 Mosquitos bombed Berlin. Only two of the Y-aircraft dropped markers, and the bombing was scattered. Weather: 3-5/10ths, patchy low stratus. Flak was moderate to intense, with active searchlight co-operation. No fighters were encountered. All aircraft returned safely.

/Over.

RHEINE.

11. 6/6 OBOE Mosquitos attacked Rhine by means of their precision devices in clear weather. All returned unharmed.

MIDELANDS

12. 4/4 Lancasters laid 24 mines in the river Weser.

DOMER SUPPORT Etc.

13. 33 Mosquitos were active on SERRATE and intruder patrol. They damaged a Ju.88, but lost two aircraft. Twenty Stirlings and 4 Stirlings operated a HANDEREL screen and dropped WINDOW, deceiving the enemy into thinking that a large bomber force was crossing Denmark on route for a target in Eastern Germany. As a result, the Bromberghoven force was hardly molested. Ten aircraft were engaged on special patrols, and four more Mosquitos on "escort". No further losses were sustained.

MM/SUP,
BC/S.26342/5/ORS.4.
1st February, 1945.

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTERS	A/C REPORTING ATTACK (1)				MISS- I/G	RESULTS				DAMAGE		RESULTS		
				PRDA. AREA	A.S. REL.	OVER E.T.	DOY OVER R.T.		FLAK	FIGHTER	BREV. INC. BOMBS	NOT DUN TO E/A	ATTACKED	NO. BOMBS	H.B.	I.D.	
BREMEN	5	Lanc. I	83	78	-	2	3	1	2+1,0	-	-	-	-	1	-	51.3	812.6
		Lanc. III	123	123	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
		Mosq. IV	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BREMEN TOTAL		213	208	-	2	3	2	5+1,0	-	-	-	3+1,0+1E	1	-	-	-	
BRUNNEN	8	Mosq. XVI	24	18	6	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33.7	7
		Mosq. XI	9	4	2	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18x1,000
BRUNNEN TOTAL		33	22	8	2	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOENGLER	8	Mosq. XVI	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.4
		Mosq. XI	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOENGLER TOTAL		282	236	8	4	3	2	8+1,0	-	-	-	3+1,0+1E	1	-	-	-	-
MIN. I. TING																	
J. De WESER M.	5	Lanc. III	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24 mines
DOMER SUPPORT	800	Various	53	49	-	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SPREAD PATROLS	500	Various	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ESCAP. PATROLS	100	Mosq.	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			323	303	8	4	6	4	8+1,0	-	-	-	3+1,0+1E	1	-	-	-

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS.

19/20TH. SEPTEMBER, 1944.

München Gladbach and Rheydt.SUMMARY.

1. 233 aircraft gave München Gladbach and Rheydt their second severe night attack within a fortnight. The bombing was accurate and concentrated in clear weather. Five aircraft were lost.

WEATHER FORECAST.

2. Bases. Visibility will be poor everywhere after midnight.
Tarjots. Little or no low cloud over Ruhr: risk of patchy medium cloud.

MÜNCHEN GLADBACH AND RHEYDT.PLAN OF ATTACK.

3. 5 Group NEM/HAVEN (blind and visual groundmarking). H = 2145.

SORTIES.

4. No. of aircraft despatched.....	237.
" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	233.
" " abortive sorties.....	4.
" " aircraft missing.....	5 (2,1,2).

WEATHER REPORT OF OGD.

5. Bases. Much cloud below 1,000' during operational period. Moderate visibility. 91 Group fit for diversion.

Target. Little cloud; patchy layers above 15,000'. Some haze. No moon. Wind at 15,000': 145/25 m.p.h.

NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHIC STATISTICS.

6. No. of aircraft plotted in target area (ground detail..29)...	77.
" " " " " " " " (fire tracks....48)	
" " " " " " " " (ground detail..29)...	101.
" " " " " " " " (fire tracks....75)	
" " " " " " " " estimated to have bombed in target area (min...77)....	90.
" " " " " " " " (max...95)....	
" " " " " " " " within 3 miles of AP (min..157)....	160.
" " " " " " " " (max..187)	

NARRATIVE OF ATTACK.

7. The first AP was most accurately marked and bombed; but on the second AP, the TI of the Controller (who failed to return) are thought to have hung up, and some early crews attacked the third AP. Eventually, however, the second AP was properly marked, and the bombing appeared good. Smoke obscured ground detail during the later stages of the attack on the third AP, and crews were told to concentrate on the fires.

DAY RECONNAISSANCE.

8. Both the twin towns of München Gladbach and Rheydt sustained severe damage from this attack, especially the former. The western districts of Waldhausen and Waldhauserhöhe, which contain a complex of large industrial premises, suffered most heavily; and the factory district of Alsbrecht, in the N.E., was also swept by fire. Altogether, 22 factories were destroyed or severely damaged, as well as the main passenger station. Other industries were affected in lesser degree.

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ENEMY DEFENCES.

9. The force reached the target without loss, but the enemy succeeded in putting some fighters over the target during the raid, and others attempted to intercept our aircraft on the return. The recent Allied advance in the Low Countries meant that our aircraft only had to cross 50 miles of enemy-occupied territory. Flak opposition was moderate. No E/A were claimed as destroyed.

CASUALTIES.

10. 5/237 aircraft (2.1%) were lost. 4 fell to fighters - two over the target, a third near Turnhout and a fourth over the Dutch Islands. The fifth was lost without trace. Only two aircraft were damaged by flak and two by fighters, in no instance seriously; but a Lancaster hit the ground on return in attempting to avoid a collision, and was destroyed.

LOMBER SUPPORT.

17 Mosquitos carried out intruder and SERRATE patrols, and fifteen Stirlings and Fortresses dropped WINDCO and operated JOSTLE. No incidents were reported.

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BC/S.26342/5/CRS.

2nd February, 1945.

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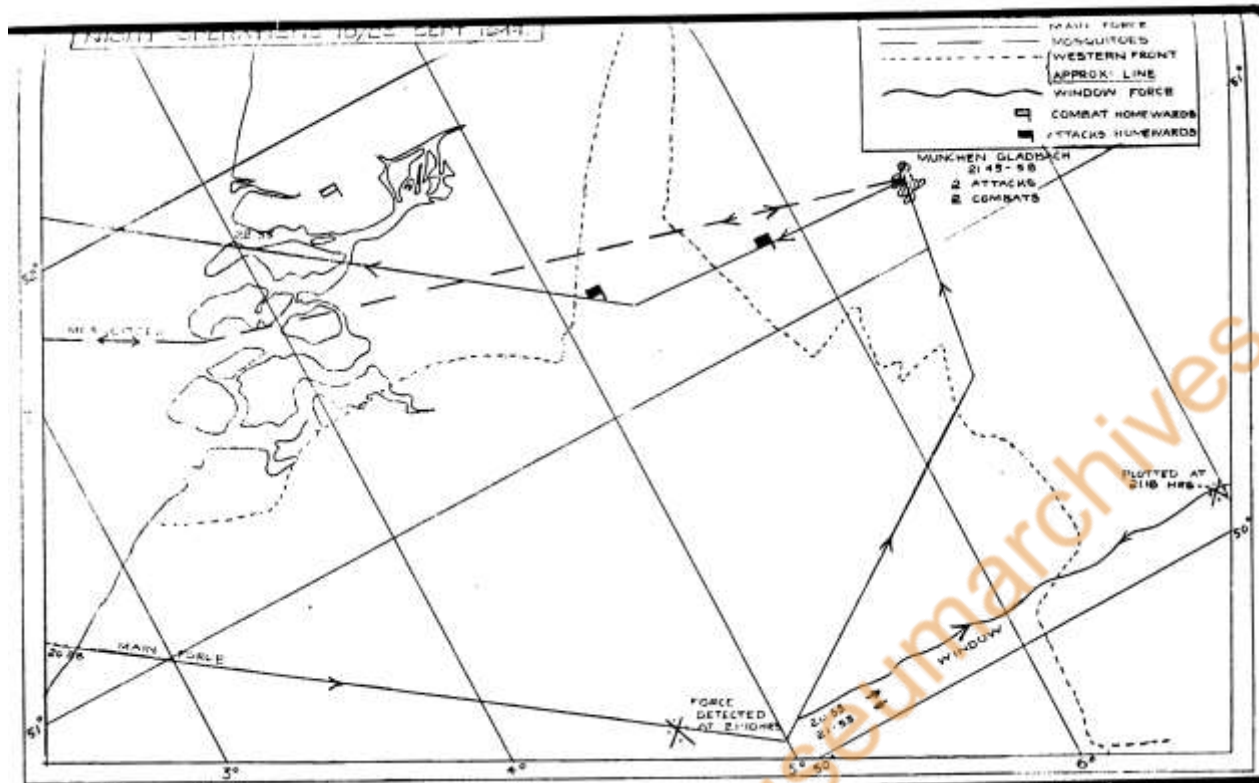
DAY RECONNAISSANCE - Interpretation Report No. K.1396.

ENEMY DEFENCES - Interception/Tactics No.232/44.

RE PARAGRAPH 7 - THE CONTROLLER WHO DID NOT RETURN FROM THIS RAID

WAS WING COMMANDER GUY GIBSON, VC, DSO, DFC

TARGET	DATE	ADSCRIPT TYPE	SORTIES	W/O REPORTING				LOSS- DUE	REASON				INTERCEPTS		RESULTS		
				PHYL ARRA	ALT. ARRA	OVER S.T.	NOT OVR E.V.		FLAK	FIGHTER	HOST. DRC. INCL	NOT DUE TO E/A	ATTACK- KD	NOT ATTACK- ED	HK.	B.	
MERCHEM - H. L. BRUNNEN & ABBEY.	1	Lanc. I	8	7	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	203.6	448
		Lanc. III	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	5	Lanc. I	81	80	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	90000	
		Lanc. III	136	136	-	-	1	3	2	1	-	12	4	4	-		
		MoSq. IV	4	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
MoSq. IX	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
REPORT TOTAL			247	233		1	5	5	2	1+1+0		12	6	4			
NO REPORT		Various	42	27			5										
GRAND TOTAL			289	260		1	10	5	2	1+1+0		12	6	4			



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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS2 / 21st SEPTEMBER 1944Counter-measures

Visibility at bases was poor throughout the night, and fog formed at midnight, so operations were limited to 3 sorties. 2 Mosquitos engaged on counter-measure patrols, and a Fortress on special investigation. No incidents were reported and all the aircraft returned undamaged.

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.26342/3/ORS4

February 1945

CONFIDENTIAL - SECURITY INFORMATION

TARGET	GROUP	COURSE TYPE	SORTIES	% REPORTING		% SORTIVE		MIS- ING	LOSS				INTERCEPTS		RESULTS		
				ATTACK ON		OVER	NOT		FLK	FLIGHTS	BRIT.	NOT	ATTACK	NOT	FR.	IS.	
				PREV. J.M.	J.T. ARM.	V. V.	OVER				INC.	DUX TO E/C.	ED	ATTACK			
COUNTER-MEASURES ESCORT	100	Home.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION		Port.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL			3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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BOEHRER COMBINED REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

23/24th. SEPTEMBER, 1944.

NEUSS: HANDORF A/F: MUNSTER AQUEDUCTS: Bochum: Rheine.

SUMMARY

1. 929 sorties were despatched. 549 aircraft went to Neuss, W. of Dusseldorf, and forces of over 100 aircraft were sent against the Dortmund-Ems canal (at Munster) and the Handorf airfield, also near the latter town. All the targets were cloud-covered. The most severe damage was caused to the Munster aqueducts, which were so widely breached that nearly 3 miles of the canal were drained. Few aircraft bombed the Handorf airfield, but much destruction was caused in the town of Munster; and fairly widespread damage was inflicted on Neuss. 22/29 aircraft (2.4%) were lost.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Bases:- Widespread rain by midnight; but cloud should remain above 1,000' except locally. After midnight, low patches will be more numerous.

Targets:- Patchy medium cloud over the Ruhr; but risk of large amounts of st.-cu and cu. Little st.-cu., patchy medium cloud, at Munster (including Handorf airfield.)

NEUSS: HANDORF A/F: MUNSTER AQUEDUCTS.

PLANS OF ATTACK

3. Neuss OBCE groundmarking. H = 2120.
4. Handorf A/F 5 Group MEMBLAVE. H = 2120.
5. Munster Aqueducts 5 Group MEMBLAVE. H = 2120.

SORTIES

	<u>N.</u>	<u>A/F.</u>	<u>Ag.</u>
6. No. of aircraft despatched.....	549	113	141
" " " reporting attack on primary area..	491	23	103
" " " " " alt. area.....	6	62	16
" " abortive sorties.....	52	28	22
" " aircraft missing.....	7	1	14
	(1.3%)	(0.9%)	(10.0%)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

7. Bases:- Slight rain before midnight, but cloud base remained above 2,000', except locally. Thereafter, conditions deteriorated.

Neuss:- 8-10/10ths. cloud, tops 12-15,000', base 7,000'.

Munster and Handorf:- 7-10/10ths. st.-cu. to 3-5,000'. Medium cloud cleared beyond 04⁰⁰E.

Moon:- First quarter, setting before 2200. Wind at 18,000': 250°/35-40mph.

...../NARRATIVE OF ATTACKS.

NARRATIVE OF ATTACKS

8. Neuss The markers quickly disappeared into the thick cloud, and crews bombed their glow. The bombing seemed fairly concentrated.
9. Handorf The Master Bomber did not reach the target, and there was some delay before the deputy took over. Insufficient markers were dropped, and the deputy ordered crews to bomb the town of Munster; but here, too, the cloud was dense, and most crews bombed the glow of markers.
10. Munster Aqueducts The Mosquitos marked the target accurately from below cloud. Some crews also came below the cloud; others attacked the glow of markers from above. Delayed fusing made it impossible to assess the accuracy of the bombing.

DAY RESULTS/ISSUANCE

11. Neuss Most of the damage from this attack occurred among the factories on the inland port E. of the yards and those E. of the reception sidings. All the important buildings on the quays between Lensiger Strasse and Mensa Strasse were destroyed or seriously damaged. All the rail lines serving the docks received many hits, and 2 boats were sunk. A building of the Bauer und Schaurte factory was badly hit; 2 locomotive depots were moderately damaged, and a few wagons were derailed in the sorting sidings.
12. Handorf \sqrt{F} . Since only 23 aircraft claimed to have attacked the airfield no reconnaissance was undertaken for this target; but fairly heavy damage was caused throughout the town of Munster, especially in the E. and S. Railway facilities suffered heavily, at least 50 craters being caused in the marshalling yards, where many wagons were derailed and destroyed. The Ludwig Hansen aircraft repair factory and several unidentified industrial concerns were severely damaged, together with 2 artillery schools and a training barracks. Some of this destruction must, however, be attributed to the American daylight raid of 30th. September. After these two attacks, 40% of the property in the built-up area was estimated to have been devastated.
13. Munster aqueducts Both the E. and W. branches of the Dortmund-Ems canal at the Glanc by-pass were breached by heavy calibre bombs. Despite the presence of water gates, a section of the canal $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles long as far south as the aqueduct over the Ems was drained. 21 barges were stranded here. At least 12 more barges were stranded N. of the by-pass, but only 2,000 yards of this stretch were covered.

ENEMY DEFENCES

14. 70-100 night fighters reacted to our effort on this night, but they are not thought to have achieved much success. A new radar reporting site, apparently in S. Holland, plotted the Neuss force as it passed S. of Ostend, but few fighters reached the target in time, and only 8 attacks were reported, although bombers were over the target for a total period of 50 minutes. No fighters reach Munster until the bombing had begun. The only serious ground opposition was met from the light guns protecting the Handorf airfield, which fired intense and accurate flak.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

15. No E/A were destroyed on this night. An intruder damaged a B.110.

RESULTS

16. 22 aircraft were lost on this night. The Lancasters visiting the Munster aqueducts lost 14/141 aircraft (10% of their force). The dense cloud caused aircraft to linger over the target while the Mosquitos were attempting to mark it. 6 of these losses were caused by fighters, all on the homeward route; 3 by flak; and 4 by collisions (one at the target and one just after the aircraft had turned for home). One of the fighter losses may, however, concern the single aircraft

..../which failed to return from

which failed to return from the Humberford airfield. 3 of the 7 losses on Meuss were caused by fighters (one over the target and 2 on the homeward route); 2 by Zaks; and 2 in a collision over the Essex coast. No fatal landing or taxiing accidents occurred; but one aircraft which regained its base was found to have been irreparably damaged in combat.

BOCHUM

17. 42/44 Mosquitos bombed Bochum. The markers formed a concentrated red glow in the dense cloud, and most aircraft attacked this. A good concentration of bombing was reported. No casualties were sustained.

RUHR

18. 6/6 specially equipped Mosquitos attacked Ruhr, without loss.

POWER SUPPLY Etc.

19. 46 Mosquitos carried out SERLATE and intruder patrols. One Me.110 was damaged near Gutersloh. 6 Stirlings provided a HINDER screen; 5 Fortresses operated JOSTLE, and 11 Stirlings and Fortresses dropped WINDOW over the North Sea towards the Elbe estuary. 9 aircraft were active on signals investigation patrols. All returned safely.

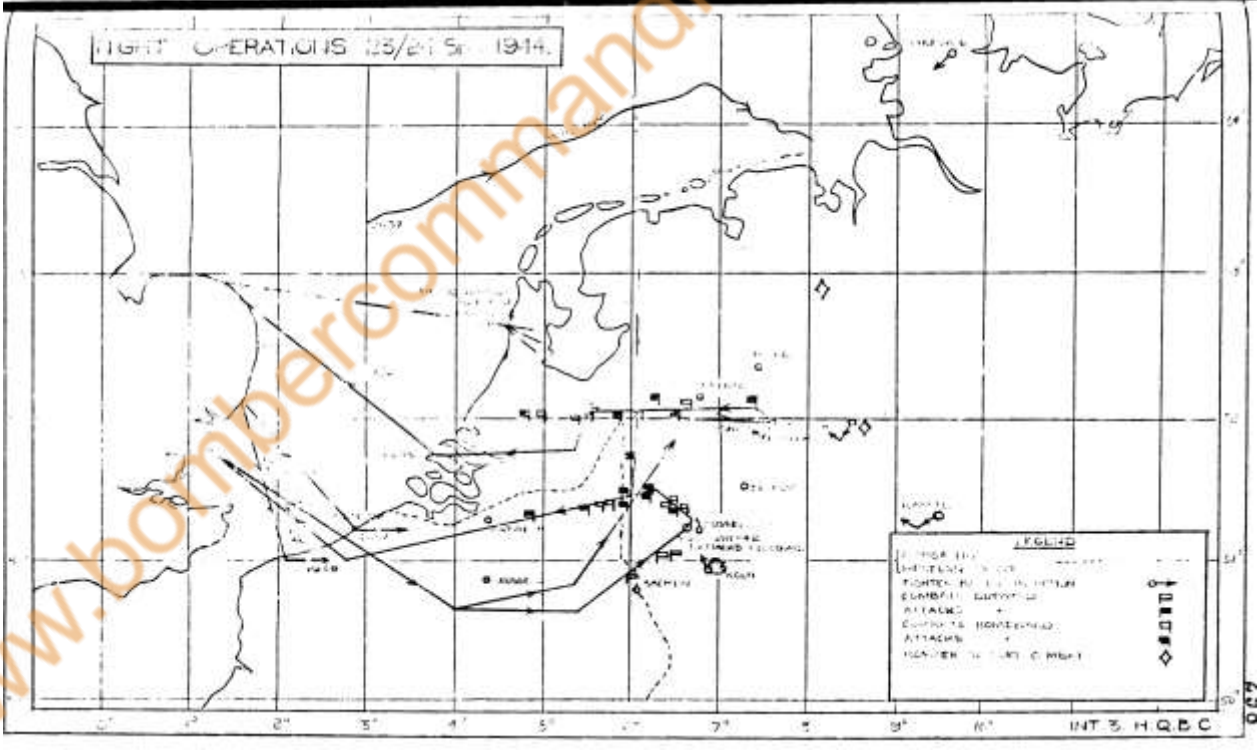
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C/S. 26342 /4/ORD4,
5th. March, 1945.

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UNIT	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	REPORTING STATUS OF				MISSED	DAMAGE					RESULTS		
				NEGATIVE		POSITIVE			FACIL.	PERSONS	MIL. ENG. BUILDS	MIL. DEX TO S/A	CIVILIAN		MILITARY	
				RE.	NO.	B. S.	NO.									
NRMS	1	Lanc. I	100	89	1	6	4	4	3+1,0	-	-	-	3	2	2057.8	3.1
		Lanc. III	104	94	4	5	1	1	4	1B	-	-	2	-		
	3	Lanc. I	112	100	-	6	6	-	2+3,0	-	-	1+1B	1	4		
		Lanc. II	3	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	4	Lanc. III	14	39	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-		
		Lanc. III	154	146	-	1	7	2	3	1,0	-	1+1,0	2	5		
	8	Lanc. III	15	14	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Moq. IX	5	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Moq. XVI	12	5	-	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-			
NRMS TOTAL			549	491	6	28	34	7	12+4,0	1,0+1B	-	3+1,0+1B	8	11		
MINSTER	5	Lanc. I	40	10	25	6	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	Handref 160.7 Hunter 387.1	1.2
		Lanc. III	67	11	38	17	1	-	4	-	-	-	5	-		
		Lightning	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Moq. IV	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Moq. XX	3	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
MINSTER TOTAL			113	23	62	26	2	1	4	-	-	2	6			
MINSTER	5	Lanc. I	58	38	6	14	6	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	510.8 9x12000	1.3
		Lanc. III	78	63	9	4	2	6	4+1,0	1	-	1B	2	2		
		Moq. IV	5	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
MINSTER TOTAL			141	103	16	20	2	16	4+1,0	1	-	1B	3	2		
BOCHUM	8	Moq. IX	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54.9 2x10000	1.9
		Moq. XVI	27	26	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Moq. IX	15	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BOCHUM TOTAL			44	42	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
BRUNNEN	6	Moq. XVI	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.8	.3
BRUNNEN TOTAL			65	66	8L	76	21	22	20+5,0	1+1,0+1B	-	3+1,0+2B	13	19		
BRUNNEN	100	Various	67	63	-	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-		
BRUNNEN TOTAL			929	737	8L	76	32	22	21+5,0	1+1,0+1B	-	3+1,0+2B	13	19		



TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPORTING		A/C REPORTING		MISS-ING	DAMAGE				DAMAGE		RESULTS		
				PRIM. AREA	ALT. AREA	OVER E-T.	NOT OVER E-T.		FLAK	FIGHTER	BULT. INC. BOMBS	NOT DUE TO E/T.	APPROX. ED	NOT APPROX. ED	HR.	LB.	
MUNICH	B	Moq. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59.4	1.3
		Moq. XVI	25	24	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Moq. IX	22	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,41000
MUNICH TOTAL			48	47	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PARIS-BOBENLY	B	Moq. XVI	4	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6
			52	48	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PARIS-BOBENLY TOTAL			56	49	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOULON SUPPORT	100	Moq.	29	24	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ES-RODCE	0	Moq.	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SPECIAL OPERATIONS	100	Various	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1E	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			86	77	3	1	5	1	-	-	-	1E	-	-	-	-	-
*PRES LANCE	100	Moq.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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* NOT INCLUDED IN GRAND TOTAL.

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS26/27th SEPTEMBER, 1944KARLSRUHE : Frankfurt : HonbergSUMMARY

1. 237 aircraft were despatched to Karlsruhe; and although they found the target unexpectedly covered with cloud, they achieved an excellent concentration and devastated a large area of the town. Earlier in the night, Mosquitoes bombed Frankfurt and the oil plant at Honberg. 2 of the 371 aircraft engaged were lost.

WEATHER FORECAST

1. Bases Fit, with good visibility
Targets Good chance of little or no cloud at Karlsruhe and Frankfurt.
 Risk of patchy st.-cu. Half cover over Ruhr.

KARLSRUHEPLAN OF ATTACK

1. 5 Group NEWHAVEN (blind and visual groundmarking). H = 04.00.

SORTIES

No. of aircraft despatched	237
No. of aircraft reporting attack on primary area	225
No. of abortive sorties	12
No. of aircraft missing	2 (0.8%)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

1. 9-10/10ths st.cu., base 5,000 ft., tops 6-8,000ft., from French coast to target. Half moon, setting at midnight. Hazy below cloud. Wind at 11,000 ft. : 190°/28 m.p.h.

NARRATIVE OF ATTACK

1. Unexpectedly dense cloud was found over the target, and the visual Mosquitos could not identify the A/P. The blind marking was, however, assessed as accurate, and the bombing was well centred on the T.I. A recon. Mosquito over the target an hour later reported considerable fires, with smoke rising to 8,000 ft.

DAILY RECONNAISSANCE

1. Large areas of Karlsruhe were devastated by this attack, especially the administrative centre. The Junker and Ruh munitions firm (pr.32) was heavily damaged, and several of the other smallish armaments factories which constitute the main industry of the town were hit. Many municipal offices were ruined, including the Propaganda Ministry, the Finance Ministry, The Justice Ministry, the main post office, the County Hall and the Land Office. The great castle, which used to dominate the city, was gutted.

ENEMY DEFENCES

1. The enemy fighter controllers had been deceived by the Frankfurt attack and a spoof WIDOW force earlier in the night, and had apparently decided that their night's work was finished. Our Lancasters, crossing France towards Luxembourg, appeared to

/be heading

be heading straight for Mannheim, and only turned S.E. over Kaiserlautern. No fighters were over the target until the attack had been in progress for 10 minutes, and only 3 of our returning aircraft were attacked. Flak was slight to moderate from below the cloud.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

9. 4 enemy aircraft were destroyed : 2 Me.410 by Lancasters over Karlsruhe, a T/E by another T/E E/A, and a He.111 by intruders.

CASUALTIES

10. 2/237 aircraft (0.8%) were lost. One was destroyed in combat over the target, the fate of the other remains unknown. Another Lancaster was wrecked in a landing accident. Only 4 aircraft were damaged by enemy action, and none of these sustained serious injury.

FRANKFURT

11. 46/47 Mosquitos delivered a concentrated and accurate attack against Frankfurt before the main effort on Karlsruhe. The weather was clear over this target and good fires were seen. 3 other Mosquitos separately carried out an experimental attack on a petrol storage depot in the town. All the Mosquitos returned safely.

HOMBURG/MERBECK

12. 6/6 OBOE Mosquitos bombed the synthetic oil plant at Homburg Merbeck.

BOMBER SUPPORT

13. 50 Mosquitos were active on SEARCH and intruder patrols. They destroyed one He.111 in combat. 17 heavies operated a MANDREL SCREEN during the Frankfurt raid, or dropped WINDOW towards that target. 2 other Mosquitos made net. recon. flights; and 9 aircraft carried out special patrols. All returned safely.

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BC/S.26342/5/ORS4
2nd February, 1945

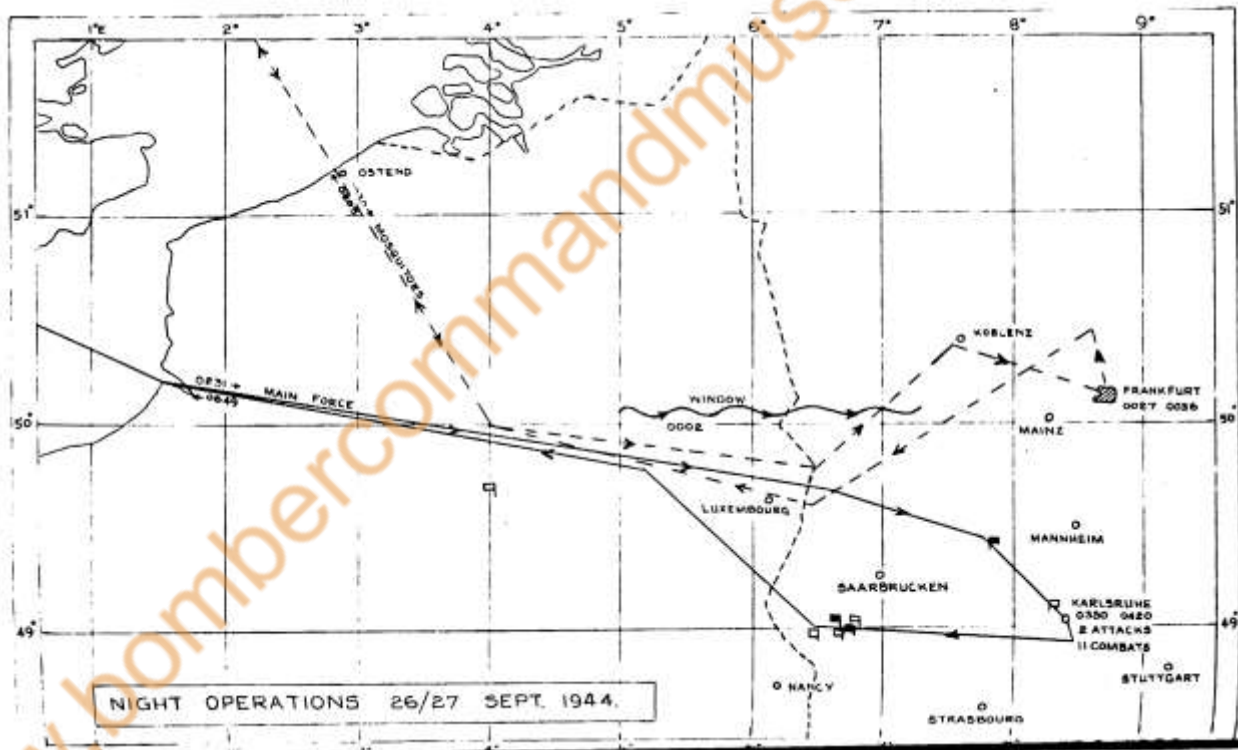
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ENEMY DEFENCES - Interception/Tactics No.239/44

TABLE	ACRE	A/C REPORT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPORTING		POSITIVE		DAMAGE				DIVISIONS		TOTAL		
				PRBL. A.K.	ALT. A.K.	OVEN. X. T.	HT. OVEN. X. T.	1234-10	1100-10	1200-10	1300-10	1400-10	1500-10	1600-10	1700-10	HR.
KARLSRUHE	1	lane-I	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	117.7	835
		lane-III	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		lane-I	77	77	-	3	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	10	-
		lane-III	139	134	-	2	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	2	9	21x1000
		lane-IV	8	7	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	-
		lane-XX	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
KARLSRUHE TOTAL			217	225	-	5	7	2	4	-	-	-	1,00+1E	3	10	-
FRANKFURT	8	lane-IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.7
		lane-XVI	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FRANKFURT TOTAL			3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FRANKFURT	8	lane-XVI	24	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,0	-	-	57.4
		lane-XX	23	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23x1000
FRANKFURT TOTAL			47	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,0	-	-	-
FRANKFURT	8	lane-XVI	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
		lane-XVI	293	280	-	5	7	2	4	-	-	-	2,00+1E	3	10	-
FRANKFURT TOTAL			299	286	-	5	7	2	4	-	-	-	2,00+1E	3	10	-
FRANKFURT	8	Various	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Various	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FRANKFURT TOTAL			11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FRANKFURT	8	lane-XVI	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FRANKFURT TOTAL			571	555	-	5	7	2	4	-	-	-	2,00+1E	3	10	-

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

27/28th. SEPTEMBER, 1944.

KAISERSLAUTERN: Kassel; Aschaffenburg; Heilbronn.SUMMARY

1. Kaiserslautern, on the Upper Rhine, received its first heavy night attack. 227 aircraft were sent against it; they bombed accurately from below dense cloud, and caused considerable devastation. 39% of the built-up area was destroyed. Mosquitos bombed Kassel, Aschaffenburg and Heilbronn, and our intruders were active. 2 bombers were lost.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Cases:- Fit all night, with variable st.-cu. and good visibility.

Targets:- Doubtful conditions at Kaiserslautern; probably 7-10/10ths. st.-cu., base 5,000', tops 7-8,000', with orographic st.-cu below at 2-3,000' above M.S.L. Similar conditions at Kassel, except that tops will extend to 10-12,000', and there may be showers. Variable st.-cu en route, 3-5,000'.

KAISERSLAUTERNPLAN OF ATTACK

3. 15 Group NEMALVEN groundmarking on both targets (town and marshalling yards). Indirect bombing on both targets. Emergency sky-marking on the town. H = 0100.

RESULTS

4.	No. of aircraft despatched.....	227
	" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	221
	" " " " " alternative area.....	2
	" " abortive sorties.....	4
	" " aircraft missing.....	2(0.9)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

5. Cases:- Fit.

Kaiserslautern:- 6-9/10ths. st.-cu. at 6,000', with very patchy st.-cu below at 3,000'. Good visibility. Three quarters moon, setting at H + 15. Wind at 4,000'; 320°/25 m.p.h.

NARRATIVE OF ATTACK

6. The marking was punctual, so that the main force had no need to orbit the target. The Master Bomber was clearly heard directing crews to overshoot the green S.I., and the resultant bombing was extremely accurate. 2 large areas of fire developed, one to the S. and one to the N. of the town centre; these converged, and a late piece. Mosquito reported that the target area was a single mass of fire.

DAY REQUISITIONANCE

7. The whole town of Kaiserslautern was severely damaged by this attack, especially the Meises district. The textile mills of Remagernspinnerei were half gutted, and the Gebruder Pfeiffer machinery works, the large railway workshops, the waterworks and pump station and numerous minor industries were hard hit.

.../The 4 priority industries

The 4 priority industries of the town were, however, unaffected. Business and residential property received the brunt of the bombing; 39% of the built up area of the whole town was devastated.

ENEMY RESPONSES

8. Many enemy fighters were airborne, but they apparently anticipated a deeper penetration (probably towards Karlsruhe), and only one of our returning bombers was attacked. No searchlights exposed at Kaiserslautern, and the only serious opposition came from the light guns defending the marshalling yards. No fighters were claimed destroyed.

CASUALTIES

9. Only 2 of the 227 aircraft were lost, both to light flak over the target. No crashes occurred.

KASSEL

10. 45/46 Mosquitos bombed Kassel through 7-10/10ths. cloud. 7 aircraft dropped markers in a good concentration, but the T.I. soon disappeared into the cloud, and most aircraft bombed on their glow. Some crews reported seeing the markers well grouped in a built-up area, with bombs bursting in their vicinity. Defences were very slight, and no aircraft was lost.

ASCHAFFENBURG

11. 6 OBOE Mosquitos were despatched against the marshalling yards at Aschaffenburg. 4 attacked the primary (2 on OBOE and 2 on D.R.), and the other 2 bombed Siegen and Giessen. No casualties were sustained.

HEILBRONN

12. 5 OBOE Mosquitos were sent to Heilbronn. 3 made successfully control runs against the railway centre; 2 bombed the town on D.R., and the sixth jettisoned its bombs over enemy-occupied territory because of the sickness of the pilot. All aircraft returned safely.

BOMBER SUPPORT

13. 21/27 Mosquitos of 100 Group and 13/21 of A.D.C.B. completed intruder patrols. Aircraft of 100 Group claimed to have probably destroyed a Ju.130 S.E. of Kaiserslautern, and to have damaged 3 U/I aircraft. 2 abortive chases also took place. 12 heavy aircraft carried out special duty and H/F jamming patrols. No aircraft was lost.

MLM/JT.
BC/S.26342/3/ORS4,
4th, January, 1944.

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPORTED		ADVERSE SORTIES		MLI	Damage				INCIDENTS		RESULTS				
				PREV. AREA	ADD. AREA	CRASH E.T.	NOY OVER E.T.		LG	FLAK	FIGHTER	BRIT. INC. BOMBS	NOT DIR TO E/L	ATTACKED	NOT ATTACKED	HR.	LD.		
KANS. BELAUBERN	1	Lanc. I	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75.6	736.2	
		Lanc. III	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1AC	-	-	-			
	5	Lanc. I	81	80	-	-	1	-	-	1AC	-	-	1+1B +1B	-	1	-	-	-	
		Lanc. III	126	121	2	2	1	1	2+2AC	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
		Hsq. IV Hsq. XX	7 3	7 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
KANS. BELAUBERN TOTAL			227	221	2	2	2	2	3+3AC	-	-	1+2AC +1B	1	1	-	-	-	-	
K. S. 111	B	Hsq. XVI	24	23	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57.6	1.6	
		Hsq. XX	22	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	230,000	-	
K. S. 111 TOTAL			46	45	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.0	1,600,000	
ASPHALT BRIDGE	B	Hsq.	6	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.0	1,600,000	
HELLBOMER R. L. L. C. 111 TOTAL	B	Hsq. XVI	6	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.0	500,000
			6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HELLBOMER TOTAL			12	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOMBER TOTAL			285	275	5	2	3	2	3+3AC	-	-	-	1+2AC +1B	1	1	-	-	-	-
BO. 111 SUPPORT	100	Various	33	27	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			318	302	5	2	9	2	3+3AC	-	-	-	1+2AC +2B	1	1	-	-	-	-
SPECIAL PATROLS	100	Various	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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* NOT INCLUDED IN GRAND TOTAL

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BOMBER COMBINED REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS.

28/29TH SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Brunswick: Heilbronn; Aschaffenburg:

SUMMARY.

1. Brunswick. 45/44 Mosquitos attacked Brunswick in clear weather. The marking was concentrated in the built up area on the E of the river, and the bombing was accurately placed on the TI. Several fires and explosions were observed. No bomber was lost on this night.

2. Heilbronn. Five OBOE Mosquitos were launched against the rail centre at Heilbronn. Three bombed the target on OBOE, and a fourth on D.R. The fifth intruder target approached target area on D.R.

3. Aschaffenburg. Four OBOE Mosquitos were sent to Aschaffenburg, but all had OBOE failure. One bombed the target on D.R., the others attacked Frankfurt, Partenstein and Obornburg areas.

4. Bomber Support etc. 48 Mosquitos carried out SERPENTE, and intruder patrols. They destroyed 1 Ju.188 near Twente; but one Mosquito was lost. 3/4 other Mosquitos made "ranger" patrols, shooting up four locomotives. 26 heavies operated MUNDRELAND WINDOW. 11/17 aircraft made special sorties, and 1 Mosquito carried out a net. recon. flight. No further losses were sustained.

WEATHER FORECAST.

5. Bases. Mostly fit until 02-0400. Then rain and cloud.
Targets. Much cloud over Ruhr and Pas de Calais. Good clearances over Middle Rhine and Hannover.

SCORTIES.

6. No. of aircraft despatched.....	132.
" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	122.
" " " " " " " " " alt. area.....	4.
" " abortive sorties.....	6.
" " aircraft missing.....	1.

WEATHER EXPERIENCED.

7. All targets were clear of cloud. Good visibility.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

8. No fighters were encountered by our bombers. The flak was moderate at Brunswick and negligible elsewhere. 1 intruding Mosquito destroyed 1 Ju.188 near Twente.

ACCIDENTS.

9. One intruding Mosquito crashed without cause. Another caught fire after landing, and was burnt out.

MMW/EUB.
EC/S. 26342/1/CRS 4.
31st January, 1945.

TERRITORY	GROUP	ALPHABET TYPE	SORTING	UNRECORDED SORTING				TOTAL	DAYS				DAYS		TOTAL		
				PRE-1944	AFT. 1944	OVER E. T.	NOT OVER E. T.		PLK	FEARLE	BRIT. D. B. C. S.	NOT LUK TO E. T.	PLK	NOT	IB.	I. B.	
BRUNSWICK	B	Noq. XVI Noq. XX	24 20	23 20	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55.8	1.3
BRUNSWICK TOTAL			44	43	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55.8	1.3
HELLANDIA	B	Noq. XVI	5	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.9	52,000
ISLANDIA	B	Noq. XVI	4	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6	24,000
ISLANDIA TOTAL			8	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6	24,000
TOTAL			52	48	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68.4	77,000
NO. 100	100	Various	74	70	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	-
NO. 100	100	Various	4	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NO. 100	100	Various	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			132	122	4	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	72.0	101,000
NO. 100	100	Various	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	-

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS.

29/30th. SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Karlsruhe.

SUMMARY.

1. Karlsruhe. 39/40 Mosquitos delivered an accurate concentrated attack against Karlsruhe in clear weather. The glow of fires they started could be seen for 50 miles. No aircraft was lost on this night.

2. Weathering. 13/15 Lancasters laid 83 mines in the attempt to hit the target.

3. Bomber Support etc. 42 Mosquitos carried out intruder and SERRAID patrols, damaging 2 T/E aircraft. 21 heavies were seen as far as 50 miles W. of Mainz later in the night, but evoked no fighter reaction. 4 aircraft of 192 Squadron made special sorties and a Mosquito carried out a net. recce. flight.

WEATHER FORECAST.

4. Bases. Fit all night, except for a brief period of light rain.

Targets. Variable cloud over France and Germany.

SORTIES.

5.	No. of aircraft despatched.....	123.
	" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	115.
	" " abortive sorties.....	8.
	" " aircraft missing.....	0.

WEATHER FORECAST.

6. No cloud at Karlsruhe.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

7. Negligible.

CASUALTIES.

8. No aircraft was lost. One Mosquito was slightly damaged by flak at Karlsruhe.

MEMO.

BC/S. 21/42/3/ORS.4.

31st January, 1945.

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UNIT	GROUP	DESCR. PT TYPE	SORTIES	J/C REPORTING				DEB- T/G	DAMAGE				DISSEMINATIONS		RESULTS		
				ATTACK ON		POSITIVE			PLANT	PERSONNEL	SERV. DRO.	PROP. DUR: 70 2/10	MATERIAL DRO	MATERIAL DRO	HE.	IB.	
				PRIM. ARR.	SEC. ARR.	OVER E.T.	NOT OVER E.T.										
KARLSRUHE	0	Hosq. XVI Hosq. XX	24 16	23 16	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52.6	1.3
KARLSRUHE	0	Hosq. XVI Hosq. XX	16	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23x1000
KARLSRUHE	0	Hosq. XVI Hosq. XX	40	39	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KARLSRUHE	3	Lanc. I Lanc. III	1 4	1 3	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	83 mines
KARLSRUHE	5	Lanc. I Lanc. III	6 4	5 4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KARLSRUHE	15	Various	15	13	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KARLSRUHE	100	Various	51	48	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KARLSRUHE	100	Various	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KARLSRUHE	8	Hosq.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Total			123	115		2			1								

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS30th SEPTEMBER/1st OCTOBER 1944Hamburg : Aschaffenburg : Heilbronn : SterkradeSUMMARY

1. Hamburg 45/46 Mosquitos attacked Hamburg accurately in clear weather. The bombing was finely concentrated. No bomber was lost on this night.
2. Aschaffenburg 6 OBOE Mosquitos bombed Aschaffenburg, one on OBOE and the rest on D.R.
3. Heilbronn 6 OBOE Mosquitos were sent to Heilbronn. One made a successfully controlled run; the rest attacked Heilbronn, Mannheim and Bischweiler areas on D.R.
4. Sterkrade 5 OBOE Mosquitos were despatched against the synthetic oil plant at Sterkrade/Holten. 2 made successfully controlled runs; one bombed Alberfeld on D.R. and the others were abortive.
5. Fighter Operations, etc. 20 Mosquitos carried out intruder and "ranger" patrols, without effecting any interceptions. 14 Stirlings and a Wellington made special sorties. One "ranger" was lost.

WEATHER FORECAST

6. Basics Mostly fit all night.
- Targets Much cloud over France and N. Germany.

SORTIES

7. No. of aircraft despatched	94
No. of aircraft reporting attack on primary area	66
No. of aircraft reporting attack on alternative area	11
No. of abortive sorties	7
No. of aircraft missing	1

WARRIOR EXPERIENCED

8. Variable cu. in Hamburg area, with large clearance. 10/10ths at other targets.

ENEMY DEFENCES

9. No fighters were encountered by our bombers or fighters. Heavy flak was moderate to intense at Hamburg, but no aircraft was hit.

CASUALTIES

10. One Mosquito did not return from "ranger" patrol. 2 others were destroyed in landing and taxiing accidents.

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TARGET	GROUP	ABCRPT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPORTED ATTACK ON		A/C REPORTED SORTIES		MISC-ING	LOSS				DISCUSSIONS		RESULTS	
				PRIM. AREA	ALT. AREA	OVER E.T.	NOT OVER E.T.		FLYER	FIGHTER	BOMBS	NOT DUE TO ETC.	ATTACKED	NOT ATTACKED	HS.	IB.
REMBURG	8	Moag XVI Moag XX	24	23	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1B	-	-	57.6	.5
REMBURG TOTAL			22	22	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1B	-	-	234,000	
SOULSTERNBURG	8	Moag XVI	6	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.7	624,000
REMBURG	8	Moag XI Moag XVI	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.4	34,000
REMBURG TOTAL			5	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
REMBURG TOTAL			6	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
REMBURG	8	Moag XVI	5	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1B	-	-	1.8	
REMBURG TOTAL			63	49	11	1	1	-	-	-	-	2B	-	-		
REMBURG BOMBERS	100	Moag	20	16	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
REMBURG SPECIAL OPS	100	Various	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
GRAND TOTAL			84	66	11	1	6	1	-	-	-	2B	-	-		
SPECIAL OPS	1	Various	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

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NOT INCLUDED IN GRAND TOTAL.

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