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BONDER CONSIAND REPORT ON NIGHT OF RATIONS

30th SIPTE . ER/1st OCTOBER 1944

Hamburg : Aschaffenburg : Heilbronn : Sterkrade

S.CLRY

he bombing was finely concentrated. No bomber was lost on this night.

: Aschaffenburg 6 0303 Mosquitos bombed Aschaffenburg, one on OBOE and the rest on 0.2.

. <u>Heilbronn</u> 6 OBOE Mosquitos were sent to Heilbronn. One made a successully controlled run; the rest attacked Heilbrenn, Mannheim and Bischweiler areas n ...

. <u>Sterkrade</u> 5 OBOE Mosquitos were despatched against the synthetic oil ion at Sterkrade/Holten. 2 made successfully controlled runs; one bombed (Berfeld on 1.3. and the others were abortive.

Fighter Operations, etc. 20 Mosquitos carried out intruder and "ranger" strols, without effecting any interceptions. 4 Stirlings and a fellington made special sorties. One "ranger" was lost.

E THER FORDCLIST

. Mostly fit all night.

Targets Much cloud over France and N. Sermany.

JORTIES .

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#### BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON MIGHT OFERATIONS

## 1/2nd OCTOBER, 1944

## Brunswick: Heilbronn: Krefeld, Koblenz, etc.

MAY

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runswick 46/48 Mosquitos borbed Brunswick through dense cloud. The kers were well concentrated, but most crows had to bomb their glow. No aircraft bost on this night.

Heilbronn 6 OBOE Mosquitos were despatched to Heilbronn. 4 attacked sprimary, 2 on OBOE and 2 on D.R. A fifth bombed the town area on E.T.A., and premaining aircraft was abortive.

Krefeld 6/8 OBOE Mosquitos bombed Krefeld, 3 on OBOE and 3 on D.R. One

Koblenz 6/6 OBOE Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against

Special patrols. 2/2 Wellingtons carried out special patrols.

.TER FORECAST

Bases Generally fit until 0600, except for shower cloud in coastal areas.

Targets Brunswick will be clear of medium cloud (moving eastwards) after 30, but convection cloud will soon approach it. Berlin clear after 0400.

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THER EXPLAINCED

all targets: 7/10ths convection cloud, tops about 14,000' .. Good

## BY DEFENCES

No fighters were mot, and flak was slight.

#### JALTIES.

No aircraft was lost. 6 aircraft sustained slight damage.

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## BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

2/3rd OCTOBER, 1944

#### Brunswick : Dortmund : Pforzheim : Frankfurt

TALRY

es. Co Brunswick 33/34 Mosquitos bombed Brunswick in clear woother. The rking and bombing were both concentrated. No aircraft was lost on this night.

Dortzund 4 OBOE Mosquitos were sent against the Hoeseh works at ertmund. 2 bombed the target on OBOE, and 2 attached the town area on D.R.

7 OBOE Mosquitos were despatched against the railway traffic Pforzheim atro of Fforzheim. 3 bombod the target, one on 030E and 2 on D.R. 3 aircraft abed other targets; and one was abortive.

Fronkfurt 3/4 sircraft bombed an aircraft works on OBOE. The fourth tacked Cologne.

Bouber Support, etc. 39 Mosquitos were active on intruder patrols, but porte: no combats. 4 sireraft made special sorties, and 2 Mosquitos carried out t. reccc. flights.

THAN FOREC.ST

Bases A belt of rain should clear northing Groups by 2200 and southern ups by 030C.

Targets Large clear areas over Berlin and Middle Rhine.

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ε.	of aircraft	dospotched	92
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No.	of circraft	reporting attack on alternative area	7
No.	of abortivo	sorties	4
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LR DXPERIENCED

all corgets were clear of cloud below cirrus levels.

DEFENCES

Moderate heavy flak at Brunswick. No fighters.

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None.

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### BONDER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPER.TIONS

#### 3/4th OCTOBER 1344

#### Kassol : Pforzhoim : Komon, etc.

## SUNDLARY

1. <u>Kassel</u> 41/43 Musquites attacked Kassel. The markers seen disappeared into 10/10ths cloud, and only about 12 crews could bomb them or their glow. The rest attacked the estimated position, and the bombing was consequently scattered. Yo aircraft was lost on this night.

2. <u>Pforshoim</u> 6 OBOE Mosquitos were sent to Pforshoim. 2 bonded the target on USO. and a third on D.R. 2 others attacked the town area, and the sixth was abortive.

3. <u>Remon</u> 3/4 OBOE Mosquitos bombed Kamen by means of their precision devices, the fourth attacking the estimated target area on D.R.

.. <u>aschaffunburg</u> 6 OPDE Mosquitos bombed aschaffunburg, 4 on OBDE and 2 on

. <u>:tunster/Handorf</u> 5/5 OBGE Mosquites and successfully controlled runs against the Handorf oirfield at Hunster.

Ender Support, etc. 13/19 Mosquitos carried out intruder patrols, but reported no combats. A Liberator made a special sortic, and a Mosquito a met. recec. flight.

#### 3.THER FOR OT IST

Bases Fit, apart from local showers

Targets Much cloud over Germany.

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## THUR EXPERIENCED

10/10ths st.-cu. over all targets except Hendorf (clear sky).

#### MY DEFENCES

Nogligible.

## ULTES

None

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## 4/57H COTOBER, 1944.

#### Heiloronn: Pforzheim.

#### SURLLRY.

1, Heilbronn. 6 OBCE Mosquitos were sent against Heilbronn. Three attacked the primary, one on OBOE and two. on D.E. One aircraft released ten miles from the target and one was lost. one of the successful aircraft crashed on return.

2. Pforzheim. Six OBOE Mesquites were sent to Pforzheim, but all . I. TE Filure and attacked targets in the approximate area on D. .. All returned safely.

74/78 Lancasters and H. Lifaxes 1 dd 570 mines in

... Er ber Tuppert ett. 37/36 Mosquitos carried out introder patrols out reported no compute. 15/19 mircraft made special sorties, and a Monarito carried out a met. record. flight. All returned safely.

WEATHER KETTOLST. Frome t showers, with cloud falling to 800', ceasing 5. Bases. towards midnight.

Margets. Much cloud over Sermany. Less than 5/10 ths over Oslo and Kaltegal.

#### GALF

No. of aircraft reporting accede as prime area.....114. No. of abortive porties....... The of aircraft missing......

7. 1 /Lother to 10,000' ov.r German targets. Oslo cloudless. Katteg.t; variable st-cu.,0-8/ Oths., tops 6-3,000'. Good visibility. Rain and ising on route.

5. a ver ighters were active over Demark. Intense flak was met cy r Clo Arbour, and several towns opened fire on the route to the Kieve .t.

Pour amonift were lost. . . Mosquito duiled to return from Heilbronn, int rothing is known of its fite, Enery fighters as troyed two Lussaters over N.Lemarker route for the Kattegat; and a Halifax retarize iron Calo caught fire and dived into the set 150 miles N.E. of Plankorrigh Head. A most it consided on return from Heilbronn, and were prokely and another Lancaster was builty duraged in combat over the North Lut-

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#### BOILER COMPLED EXPORT OF MIGHT OFFER TIONS

#### 5/6 th SCR03 R 1944

## S. REHUCKEN : Berlin, etc.

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SUCCESSION

Two strong forces of bombers were sent to attock Gaarbrucken, 20 miles ahead f the U.S. Third write. The first force was detailed to bomb the mershelling yards, int found them " covered with broken cloud and thick haze. After several abortive orking attempts, the lister Homber ordered crows to abandon the mission. The second force, despatched to blanket the town, found the target clear of cloud, and alivered a devastating attack, destroying half of the built-up area and damaging any factories and berracks. Mesquitos visited forlin and several targets in W. ermany; and mines were laid in the Miel canal and off Heligoland. Only 5 of the 99 aircraft engaged were lost.

#### HR FO CO.ST

. <u>Reses</u> Generally fit until 0200. Diversions all night in 2.2. England. <u>Tarjots</u> Patches of residual convection cloud over N. Sermony. Local fog fter midnight. 10/10ths medium cloud at Searbrucken, probably based above 14,000 t. but st-ce. should closer.

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LIN OF MILLO

<u>Marshallin; Yards</u> Controlled NE H.V.N with emergency skymerking. ONOE issquitos were to drop green spot fires at H-14. Places were to follow at H-7, and the  $\sqrt{P}$  would then be marked visually with red and green T.I. If there was dense cloud, the release-point was to be marked with skymerice flares (red with yellow ters). H = 2030.

<u>Town</u> NE.(H.VEN with energency skymarking. Illuminators were to drop flares lindly at H-7, provided that there was less than 6/10ths cloud. Primary visual arkers were to release red and green T.I. at H-5, after definite visual identification. If unable to discorn ground detail, they would hold their markers. 2 IBOE markers are to drop more flores at H-4. 10 blind markers were to drop green T.I. at H-2 if no reds and greens were yet visible. ) visual contrars were to aim green T.I. at the centre of reds and greens from H-2 to H+3; if no T.T. were visible, they were to retain their markers. 4 blind skymericums were to keep flores (red with yellow stars) from H+1 to H+5, if there was more than 5/10ths claw'. H = 2230.

#### .MATIES

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	No.	of	aircraft	despatched	190	361
				ruporting attack on primary area	31	349
$\sim$	No.	of	oircraft	reporting attack on alternative area	43	0
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#### LTHR EXCLUSED

<u>Bases</u> idespread for before midnight. Mony aircraft were diverted.
 <u>Searbrucken</u> Patchy thin st-cu (0-6/10ths). Ground haze. Three quarters
 Don rising at 2040. 10/10ths cloud on route as far as 06002. Cloud had dispersed
 D nil by the beginning of the second attack.

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## HIGHT PLOTORAPHIC STATISTICS

#### 7. (Town)

#### MARGATIVE OF ATTACK

8. <u>Horshalling Yards</u> 2 Mosquitos marked the target, but the illuminiting flares were scattered, and the Master and Deputy could not identify the *P* through the cloud and haze, although each made several runs down to 10,000 ft. The Deputy backed up the existing markers, and some aircraft bombed these; but the bombing was scattered until, at H+3, the Master Bomber ordered errors to abandon the mission.

9. Town The target was well illuminated, and the T.I. were well grouped round the 1/P. The bombing was accurated and concentrated, and one exceptional explosion at H+16 illuminated the whole sky. Late reconnaissance Masquitos reported that the whole town was ableze.

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10. These two attacks, together with that delivered by the inverteens on 14th October, largely devistated the town. The old town 2. of the river was almost annihilated, and even outlying districts such as Burbach, Halstott and St.Johann wer badry hit. The great steel plant of Vareinigte Huttenwarke (pr.1) had every harge building damaged and almor buildings destroyed. Industrial damage was midespread; the Luttgens which factory, the Haschinenkeu ...C., the Portland Comentwarke and over 20 minor works were severely hit. Many sheds in the marchalling yards were destroyed, although the tracks escaped lightly. Military comps suffered heavily, the infantry berneeks, dragoon berracks and artillary borracks all being gutted. The main post office, the control fire station and many other public buildings were destroyed. 9 buildings of the gasworks were gutted, and 2 bridges across the daar scribusly lamined. These attacks were estimated to have destroyed 50, of the fully milt-up area.

#### ENERY D.FAICES

11. It the time of these attacks, Saarbrucken stool only 20 miles from the front line of the U.L. Third army; but fighters had been active in defence of this area in recent miles, and the bombers were briefel to fly below 2,500 ft. across Prance as for as 0.50E, and to preserve signals bilence. The first force sined at Mainz, but swam, southwords beyon! Trier, while aircraft were still climbing. None of this force reported being engaged in combat; and the juns were hampered by the haze and patchy cloud. In hour later, MEDOW droppers simulated another force bound for Mainz and Frankfurt, and Masariton bombed the latter town. Then the main force of the night flow due cast across France, contaivery low, towards Scarbrucken. These bombers lid report a few combats near the target, but in no instance was a British pircraft damaged. The flak was fired in the form of a loose berrage over a wide tree. Our bombers claimed no victories over energy fighters, but a minelayer destroyed a Juild8 and bomber support aircraft damaged 5 more 2/a.

## C.SU.LTL'S

2. Cosmulties were extremely light; 3/551 sircraft, all the losses being sustained by the carlier force on the marthalling yards. One fell to target flak, and the other 2 were seen to blow up over France on the way out. The cause of these losses is uncertain, but one is thought to have flown into a hillside. 15 aircraft were damged by flak, all slightly. No deange was sustained in compet; and no serious accidents occurred in landing or taxying.

(estimate = 303)

## BRLIN

3. 20/20 Mosquitos delivered a rather sonttered attack on Berlin in clear wather. No further losses becurred on this night.

## REFUD

1. 7 CEDE Mosquitos were sent to Krofel', but only one mode a successfully ontrolle' run. The rest attacked targets in the Ruhr on D.R.

### FR. KFURT

5. 5/6 Mosquitos, including 2 DBOE aircraft, carried out a faint attack on grankfurt between 2209 and 2243. One OBOE aircraft dropped markers by means of its precision device, and 4 others aimed T.I. on D.N., or at other T.I.

#### HIDORF

1. 4/5 (Besquites Combed the airfield of Hondorf.

#### DORTITIND

.7. 3/3 OBOE Mosquitos made successfully controllet runs against Dortmund.

### BRUINSDUTTELKOOG

1. 3/5 H2S Mosquitos successfully route-herked for the minologors on the Miel and; and 4 of these Mosquitos attacked Brunsbuttelkoog in clear weather, 3 on 23 and 1 visually.

#### MINELAYING

19. 19/19 Helifexes and Musquites this 49 minus off Heligoland and in the Kiel man. One destroyed a Ju.133 nour Heligolan', after being itself badly raked.

## SIGNARS MANUE, etc.

-C. 8 eircraft carried out signals investigation patrols without incident. -7 Esquitos intruled, damaged 3 E/1; and 28 Stirlings and Portresses operated LaDREL, JOSTER and WINDOW.

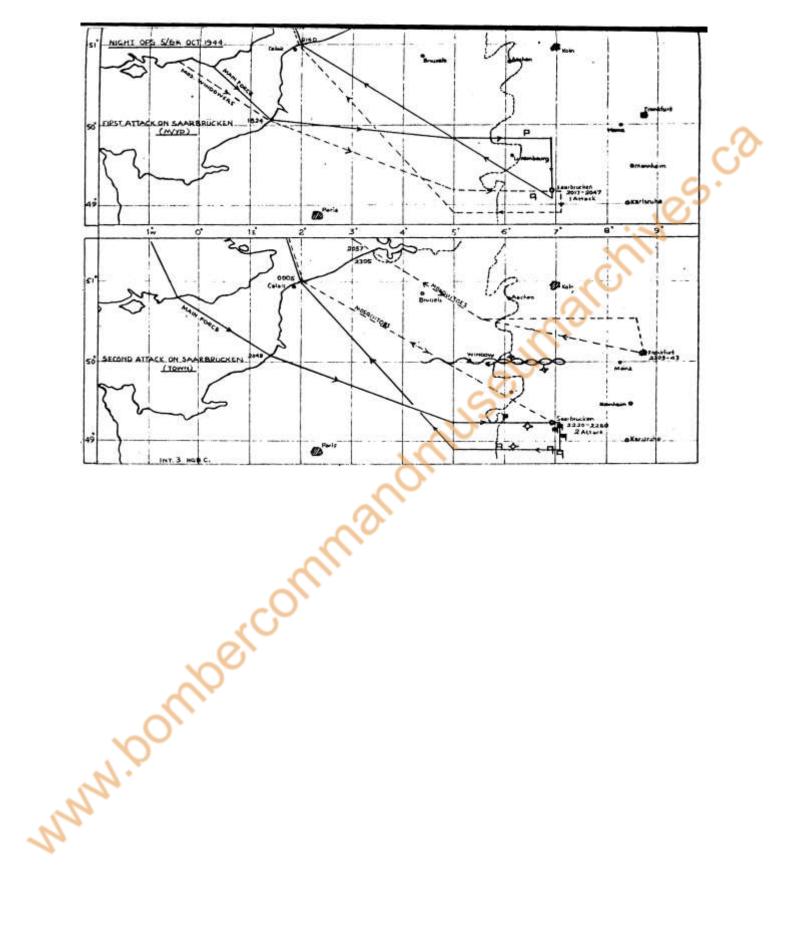
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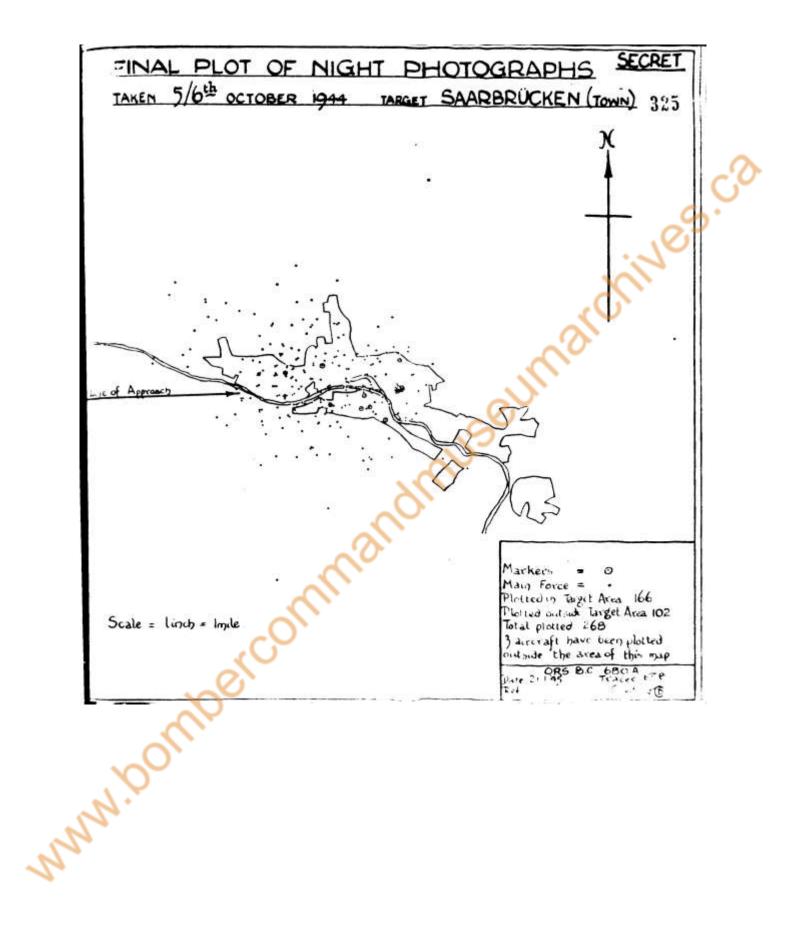
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## BOMBER COMMEND CLORES . Inthe MARITIC S

## 0/7th. COR 3. 1311.

## DORT U.D: MC.M: Lauri e to ta: Corlin: Saarbrucken.

## SURGLRY

1. Dorthund and Brench were both the deal of the area of trans in clear weather. In each instance the bonking test double of the instant tool. Friend towastation was caused in both cities. If though the or of the instant to be the traversed before nautical twilight, the energy's instance once to be little foreknowledge of the attacks, and only 13/949 first at (1. .) test lost. Frightes attacked several targets, including Berlin.

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## WE THER WORKLIST

2. Bases: - Widespread for I'. of dash by 0200. Jush of the to the S.

Targets:- Dorthund and Breger: probably clouders in early evening, although small patches of st.-ou. may perceist.

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4. Brench 5 Group MTTU.VE (blink no visual ground working). H = 2025.

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5.	No.	of	ircraft despatched	 253
		18	" reporting attack on primary area 484	 246
	**	18	" - U " alternative area S	
			Mortive sorties X	
	<u>n</u> .	.4	aircraft missing	 5 (2.0.)

WE.THER REPERIENCED

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Bases: - As forecast. Zast ... (1. )... (1. )... up) fit all night.

Dortrand. Three quarters norm, visit 1911. Visit 17,000' over Bromen: 070/25-30 m.p.h.

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

7. Both targets were commutery is a sectorized contracted attacks. Great fires were started, and there at 25 cm were contents on by Mosquite creat returning from Barlis.

## D.Y H DO WALSS. NOR

8. <u>Derthund</u> Extendely sover an theory of dates was caused, industrial and transport facilities suffering especially. Let the list h running tracks of the main passenger station were out, it an entring track were reneared ..../oj unserviceable.

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80% unserviceable. The goess appet, offices and passenger stations were severely hit, the former being completely knocked ut. All the approaches to the usrshalling yards were severed. Among in ustrics affected by the attack, the Vereinigte Stahlwerke, the Vereinigte Elek rigitatswarke and the numicipal power station (all priority 1) were bally among , no 15 ther facturies were also hit. Business/residential property the among by deviation, 70, of the furly-built up area being quite cestaryc.

9. Brenen The weight of the according to target the shown to have fallen on the team centre, large are so fithers, hoving hither to esepade unseather, were devastated. Houstail in all to there publical rightedly hit. 7 of the priority incustries were severally in all to the 3 decords of Pecke Wulf Plugzeughau ...G. (each pr. 3), the 2 0/1 optm of first 2.3. Lergward (pr. 1 and 2), Elemschanzein-restendendel ( 1981 pumps, st. ) and Franke-derke a.G. (engineers, pr.3). Several unread then trice were may affected; the thermal power station (pr.2), the guarantee, meluding almost the thermap depot were all hit; and they when uses, including almost the these on the Teerhof, were guited.

#### ME'Y DEFICICES

10. Both forces not very light rights which is the source scene over Bromen until the attack hid been in process if the instead, the controllers evidently being deceived by the under hid or is in the hist to the nouth of the Weser. Thereafter, numerous highters is there and there to the nouth of the Weser. Thereafter, numerous highters is then bettenly 2 attacks were reported. Our crews demond several E/., which have no attaches to return fir. The Dortmand benders were over Frence at histories, there are no attaches to return fir. The Dortmand benders were over Frence at histories, there are no attaches to return fir. The Dortmand benders were over Frence at histories, there are no attaches to return fir. The Dortmand benders were over Frence at histories, the border, there before nautical twilight, and when they crossed the near at border, the guites and WHECW-openers threateness the Manheim theory. This ruse diverted large numbers of fighters from the Ruhr, and although numerous fighters were sighted over the target, no more than 11 attacks were reported. Flak was less than expected at bortmand, but fairly intense at Bromen.

#### C.CH.C.PIPS

11. 10/776 directant were next on the 2 rails - 5/523 (0.9.) on Dertaund, and 5/253 (2.0.) on Bremen. Left the Dertaund losses were prelably due to flak (2 at the target and 2 to the F.E. of the Rahr); the fifth was probably destroyed in a mbat E. of Colegae. 2 of the affor it missing on Bremen fell t target flak, and one to a fighter J. of Based. The other 2 losses occurred F. of the Frisions and on the leg out in the target, the cluses being unknown. No irreparable due was subtained by target if.

#### LT FRS LVB

12. 10/11 Mesquites curried out a let i it is an Luideshulen, in connection with the Dortmuni raid. The ling was well a contrated in clear weather.

### BLCTI

13. 20/22 Misquitos attacked Berlin in clear eather; but the marking and bodding were southered. Fighters were active in the tillet area, and 1 Mosquin wis lost without trace.

#### S.L.RURUC ET

14. 2/2 OBOB Mosquitos nale successfully can a lice runs ganst Saarbrucken.

#### MET AY DG

15. 19/19 Luncaters and Halifaxes Laid 94 mills off Texel, Heligoland and the Vieser estuary.

## Contes Sorrich etc.

16. 76 M squites were letive in STERIA and intrader patrols. One Ju.38 was destroyed after a chase near located en; but the insquite failes to return. 6 Stirlings covered the apprendent the greenen force with a MCDRE screen; 14 Stirlings, Halifaxes and during modes to pped MEDOV in an simunheim, to relieve the Portmund force; and 5 F. Lineas togented July, and of these damaging a T/3 energy direction for the science of these damaging a T/3 energy direction patrols, e Stirlings and America made special sorties, and 2 Mesquites and e methodes flights. One Stirling failed to return from special operations.

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### BOMBER COMMAND REFORT ON NIGHT OPERAT CUS.

## 7/8TH OCTOBER, 1944.

### BOMBER SUFFCRT.

1. 100 Group staged a fuint attack with Hilblan, dilbor and intruders, on this night. A Stirlings provided a delbar action over the North Sea, through which WINDOW droppers and delbar and low-lovel intruders flow towards the Weser estuary, on the same route as that taken by the force which attacked Breach in the provious night. The enemy plotted the supposed force is prously, but sent up few fighters against them. Our intruders destroyed a Mallin investigation patr 1. All our aircruft returned undamaged.

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#### BOMBER CONTAID REPORT ON MIGHT OPERATIONS.

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

#### BOGHUM: Wilhelmshaven etc.

### SULMARY.

1. 435 aircraft were sent to Bochum, but found it covered with cloud, and their bombing was scattered. Useful industrial damage was, however, caused. Mosquitos delivered a concentrated attack against Wilhelmshaven, and others visited targets in the Ruhr and Rhineland. 6/577 aircraft were lost.

#### WEATHER FOLECAST.

 Bases. Widespread stratus; but many bases should remain fit until 0100. Targets. Much cloud over all Germany. 10/10ths at Bochum but none between 5,000 ft and 18,000 ft.

#### PLAN OF ATTACK.

OBGE ground and sky-marking. H = 2030.

## SORTIES.

No.	of	aircraft	despatched	
	n	"	reporting attack on primary area	
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**		abortive	sorties	27.
		aircraft	sortics	6 (1.4%).

#### EATHER EXPERIENCED.

Eases. Local mist and fog in Northern Groups towards midnight. Target. 8-10/10ths. st-cu., tops 6,000 ft, with thin layers of a-st. No mean until midnight.

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#### MATLATIVE OF ATTACK.

t. The groundmarkers were concentrated, the skymarkers scattered. Some crows managed to identify the former through gros in the cloud, but the attack was rather dispersed.

## DAY RECORDALSS.INCE.

7. Business/residential havings was confined to the C.J. outskirts; but the rolling mills, open hearth turnaces and tilting furnaces of Vereinigte Stahlwerke, the Eisen 1. Huttenwerke structural steelworks and several minor factories were hit and damiged in varying degrees.

#### ENELY DEFENCES.

8. Few fighters were not on the outward route, but a Gruppe from Cologne was airborne over the target by the time our aircraft arrived and several combats took place. The controllers were, however, distracted by a feint Mesquite raid on Wilhelmshaven and by WINDOW droppers who simulated a force bound for Bremen. The number of attacks reported by returning aircraft was only thirteen. The flak varied in intensity, being most effective at 13,000'ft. Our benbers destroyed a Ju.58 and damaged four other E/A.

#### CASULTIES.

7. 6/35 aircraft (1.45) were lost - two to fighters near Wuppertal and Humerich, two to flak near Cologne and the battle line, and two to unknown causes over the target. One Halifax ground-looped on landing and was iestroyed; another was badly injured in a taxying accident. 41 aircraft were hit by flak, but none seriously.

#### WILHERLIGH.VEN.

10. 46/47 Mosquitos carried out a feint raid on Wilhelmshaven. The marking and bombing were both concentrated, although there was 10/10ths. cloud. No further losses were sustained on this night.

#### SAL RBRUCKEN.

11. 3/4 OBOE Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against Saarbrucken, the fourth bombing the approximate target area on D.R.

#### FEFTID.

12. Five OBOE Mosquites were despatched against Kreicld; but only one made a successfully controlled run. Three benbed the Huhr on D.R., and one was abortive.

#### DUNCELDCRF.

13. 1/3 OFCE Mosquitos bombed the Lohausen mirfield at Duspeldorf by means of its precision device. The other two attacked the town on D.R.

## BOMBER SUPPORT etc.

U. 57 hosquitos were active on SERRITE and intruder patrols, but reported no combats. 26 Stirlings, Fortresses and Halifaxes operated (INDOW, MIND/EL, and JOSTLE, and undoubtedly distracted the enemy fighter controllers from the main effort on Bochum. Eight Mosquites and Halifaxos carried out special None of these aircraft was lost or damaged. patrols.

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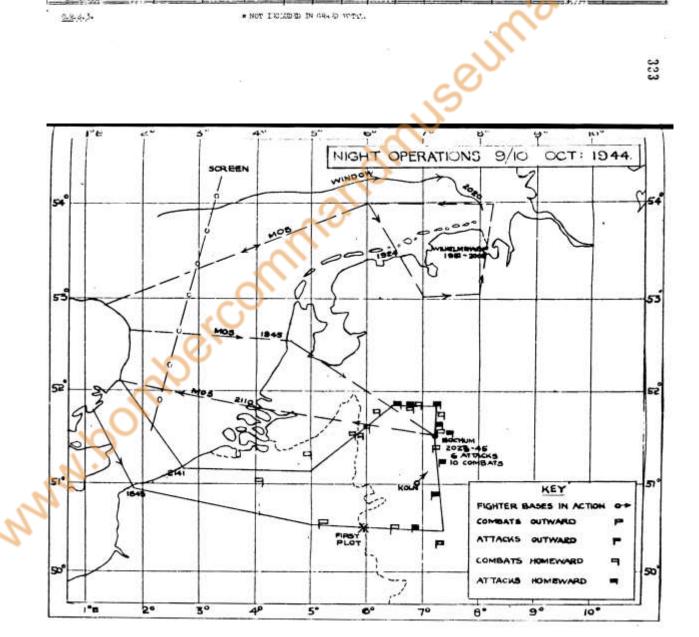
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# NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 737.

## BOMMER CONSCID REPORT ON NICHT OPERATIONS.

## 10/11TH OCTOBER, 1944

#### Cologne: Duisburg: Dusseldorf: etc.

SUMMARY.

1. <u>Cologne</u>. 47/49 Mosquites attacked Cologne through 10/10ths. cloud. Most crews banked the markers or their glow. No aircraft was lost on this night.

2. <u>Duisburg</u>. Five OBCE Mosquitos were sent to Duisburg, but all experienced 0ECE failure and attacked the primary on D.R.

3. <u>Dusseldarf</u>. Two ODCE Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against the Lohausen airfield at Dusseldorf.

4. <u>Aschaftenburg</u>. Six OBOE Mosquitos were sent to aschaffenburg. Four made successfully controlled runs; one banked the target on D.R. and the sixth aircraft attacked the town area.

5. <u>Pforzheim</u>. Six OBOE Mosquitos bombed Pforzheim, five on OBOE and one on D.R.

6. Signals patrol. One Liberator carried out a signals investigation patrol.

WELTER FOFECAST.

7. Bases. Widespread visibility troubles after 0200. Targets. 10/10ths. cloud over all Germany, toworing in places to great heights.

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ENERY DEFE CES. 10. Negligible.

CASUALTIES.

11. No circraft was lost, but one Mosquito was wrecked in a taxying accident.

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# SECHET. NIGHT RID REPORT NO. 738.

#### BOMBER CONSLAND REPORT ON MIGHT OPERATIONS.

## 11/12 H OCTOTER, 1944.

Berlin: Wicsbaden; Heilbronn.

#### SUMMERY.

1. Berlin. 38/46 Hosquitos attacked Berlin in cloudless but hazy weather. Only one of the seven X-vircieft dropped markers, and most crews boabed on D.R. The attack was rather scattered. Seven aircraft bombed alternative targets at Hannover, Cologne and Coblenz; one was abortive and one was lost.

2. Wiesbader. 8/8 OBOE Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against Wiesbaden. No further losses were sust incl on this night.

3. Heilbronn. 4/4 OBCE Mosquites bembed Heileron.

4. Met. Recce. One Mosquito carried out a not. recce. flight.

#### WL.THER FOREC.ST.

5. Bases. Much rain and low cloud. Targets. Variable St-cu. over Germany; good clearances in N. and W.

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7. Clear at Berlin. 10/10ths. thin st-cu. at Wiesbaden and Heilbronn.

ENELY DEFENCES.

8. Slight heavy flak at Berlin, although searchlights were active. A Mosquito was attacked by a fighter on the way home, but escaped damage.

9. One Mosquite was lost without truce on Berlin.

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NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 739.

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12/13TH. OCTOBER, 1944.

Humburg: Coblenz; Dusseldorf: etc.

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1. Hamburg. 46/52 Mosquitos delivered an accurate and concentrated attack on Hamburg in cloudless weather. One great explosion illuminated the sky for several seconds. One Mosquito did not return.

2. <u>Coblenz.</u> 2/4 OBOE Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against Coblenz. A third attacked the target on D.F. and the fourth boated an alternative target. No further losses were sustained on this night.

3. Dusseldorf. 3/5 OBCE Mosquitos nade successfully controlled runs against the Lohausen airfield at Dusseldorf. Inother attacked the primary on D.R., and the other two bonbed alternative targets.

4. Schweinfurt. Two OBOE Mosquitos bombed Schweinfurt by means of their precision devices.

5. Wiesbaden. 5/6 OBOE Mesquites actacked Wiesbaden, four on OBOE and one on D.R. The sixth aircraft bonbed Mainz.

WEATHER FORECAST.

6. Bases. Generally fit after 2200; risk of late visibility troubles in S.

Targets. Much cloud over Germany; but good clearances N. of Ruhr-Humburg.

7. No cloud below cirrus levels except at Coblenz (10/10ths.st-cu).

ENERY DEFE CES.

No fighters. Intense heavy flak at Hamburg.

CASUALTIES.

9. One Mosquito was lost without trace on Hamburg. Three other aircraft were slightly damaged by flak.

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DUISBURC: ENU 37104: Hanburg: Berlin: etc.

SURPARY

Luisburg was attached by 2 forces totaling 1,005 boobers. They found the target clear of cloud and surving fiercely from the attack which 1,015 of them had delivered in daylig!' a few near contains. Each the night raids (separated by a 2-hour interval) dansed widespill damage. 5 Group deviatated a large area of Brunswick, also in their weather, and Mosquitos boobed Berlin, Humburg and Mannheim. Elaborate counter-measures were planned to distract the enomy's fighters, and these were introdely medessful. Only 9/1,565 aircraft (0.55) were lost.

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2. Bases:- Fit all night. Little cloud.

Targets: - Little cloud over Ruhr, Brunsvick, Hamburg or Hiddle mine.

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4. <u>Brunswick</u> 5 grou whand merting (see the herding), with emergency blind marking. H = 0100.

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MARRATIVE OF ATTACKS

7. In each instance, the A/P wet accurately marked in perfect weather, and the subsequent bombing was highly concentrated. At Duisburg, fires were still burning from the great daylight raid.

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9. Brunnack Rearly all the old town, within the city most, and large reas clochere, expectially in the F.W., were leaded by this attach. The Regregerenturfabrik G.m.b.T. (pr.3) was guide, an events leaded was caused to the Pintherwarke (pr.3) one to 3 unrated plants. The size subset was caused tas destroyed, together with many public buildings.

NETY DEFE CES

10. The energy's defense system not with unprocedente' value of this night, coundering the number of boxbers engaged ind the copy of the Bruiswick penetration. Our counter-measures were allocate an concessful (see perigraph 17 below). Only 15 of the 1,238 returning boxbers reported being attacked by fighters; and 12 k opposition was very slight.

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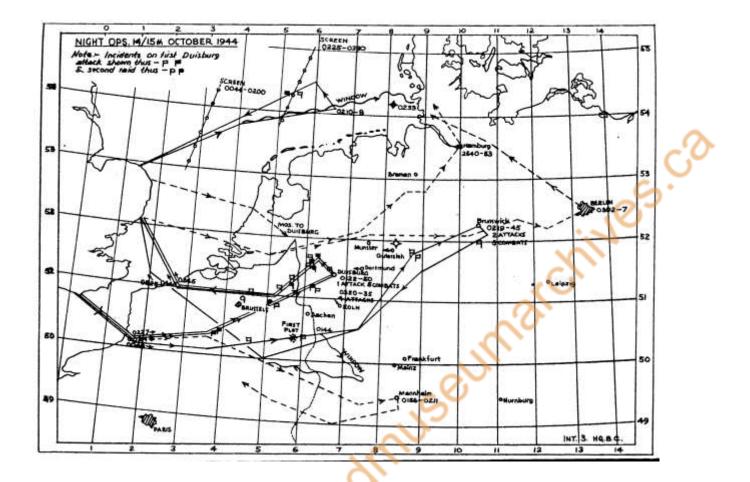
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1. list and fog at bases limited the number of sorties to 672. The main target was Wilhelmshaven, where severe damage was caused, despite poor visibility. Hamburg and targets in western cermany whre bunded by Hosquitos, and many mines were laid in the Kattegat. Il direraft work leat.

2. W ATTER FORECAST. Bases. Fit until 01-0200; then set as issued for.

Targets. Bad weather over the luhr. 19: than 4/10ths cloud bolow modium level over N. 7. coast; but thick layered modium cloud will approach this area from the S. J., approach t about 2100.

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5. Basos. Mist and fog over hast inglia and Yorks, successitated diversions.

Targets. 10/10ths. tenious -st., base 12-14,000', toga 16-20,000', with patches of a-cu. at 10,000'. Visibility poor from 10,000'. Similar conditions on mut, with light rive in cloud. Wind at 18,000': 230 dog/40 m.p.h. No moon.

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6. The groundmarkers were accurate and concentrated, and must crews succeeded in identifying them in spite of poor visibility. The carly bonbing wis good, but later there was sene scatter to the d.

DAY R. ONLISSINCE.

Junsiderable fresh damage was caused throughout Wilhelah ven, by this attack, mostly in the business/residential area N. of the Bauhafen and in an area to the W. extending northwards from the main railway station to the suburt of Newanda. Scattered drings occurred in the dock area, especially in the shipyards around the Bauhafen, which had been heavily hat in provious raids. At least welve buildings of the Marino Werft yorks (pr. 1.) ---- --- inusly affected. The main passanger station

EREA DEFINITIONS.

8. Thanks to the MANDREL sorven off the Dutch Islands, the barbers were not platted until they reached 0600E. Even then, fighters had half an h ur in which to gather near the threatened targets; but they or value only the slightest opposition. The target guns fired a moderate barrene; fow soarchlights could cope with the haze.

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7/50% bombers (1.40) wore lost; an eighth was irreparably dranged

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by flok, but regained its base. Two of the missing aircraft wave seen to go down in combat, one N. of Wangeroo, and the other 50 value N. of Schiermonnikoog; there is no evidence of what happened to the others.

H.MBURG.

10. 43/44 Losquitos attacked Hamburg, in two waves separated by an interval of twenty minutes. There was thin cloud and haze over the target, but bursts were seen near the markers.

S.L. BRUCKEN.

11. 5/6 losquitos attacked Sa rbrucken, three on OBOE and ty On D.R. The sixth aircraft boubed Neunkirchen.

L.SS.L.

12. 1/2 OBOE Mosquitos ande a successfully controlled run against Rassel. The other attacked on D.R.

DUSSELLORF.

13. 2/2 OBOL Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against the Lehausen airfield at Dusseld rf.

MINEL YIN.

14. 30/37 Langasters and Haliferes laid 141 mines in northern waters; 117 in the Kattegat, and 24 off Lasso Rende. Recent military operations had enormously increased the importance of the Kattegat as a German Liceline, and the approaches were found to be heavily defended. 30 might fighters were based in North Jutland. Four minelayers were lost; one to light flak and one to fighter off Jutland and one to an unidentified cause near Holstrobe. The fit to of the fourth is uncertain, but it seems to have gone down into the North Sea on the return route.

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15. 39/42 resolutes of 10° Group (together with 7/10 of 4.D.C.S) outpleted intruder and SERRITI patrols, destroying one 1 Mc. 110 eight mines 5. of Schleswig. 27/28, Fortresses, Halifaxes, Stirlings, and Libersfors operated WINDOW and H.MIREL: the MANDRUL screen was carried to a line nearly parallel with the Dutch Islands, and the WINDOW openers continued in a straight line towards Kiel from 07°3., while the main body force turned S.S'wards towards Wilhelmshover. One of these heavies damaged an E/m in combat. 4/5 aircraft completed signals investigation patrols; and two others made special sorties. All returned actely.

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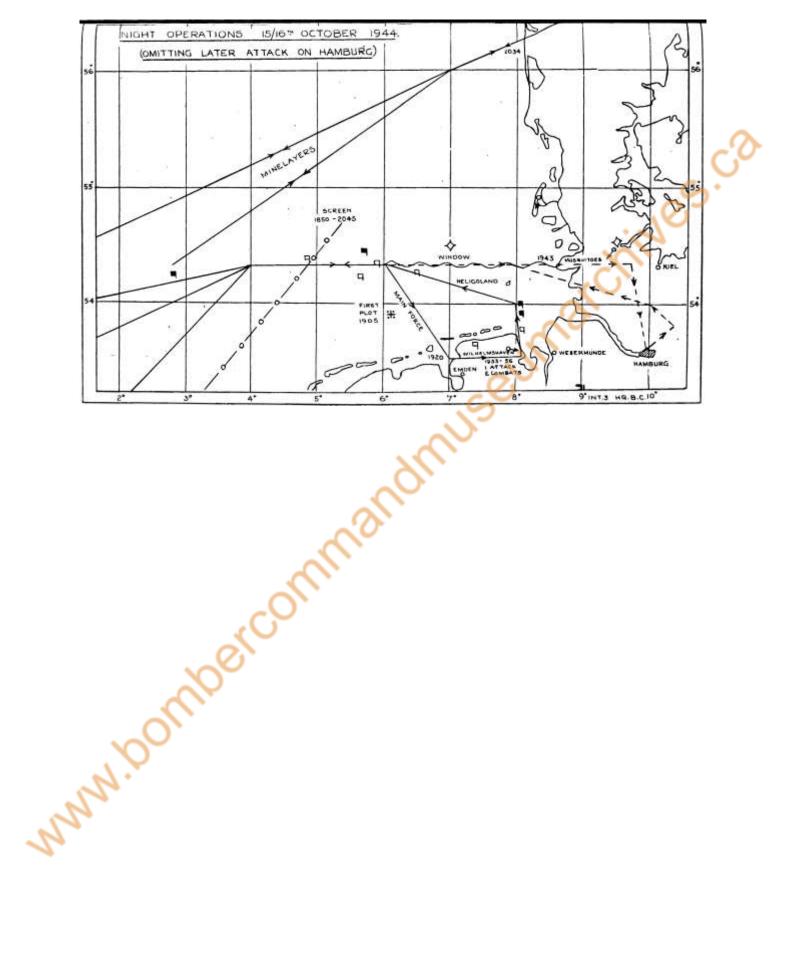
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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS.

16/17TH. OCTOBER, 1944.

Cologne.

es.0 35/39 Mosquitos bomber Cologne in two waves. On both lons, the target was cloud covered, and visibility was poor. first markers all failed to operate successfully, and crews to bomb on D.R. or E.T.A. In the second attack, the TI soon meared into the cloud, and most aircraft in this wave, too, had mb by means of navigational aids. No aircraft was lost.

ER FORECAST.

Bad weather; rain and low cloud. ases. argets. Thick cloud over Germany; fair chance of breaks to 5-7/10ths. utr.

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10/10ths over Cologne. tops 27,000' .

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No fighters. Slight flak.

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No aircraft was lost, but one crashed on landing and was wrecked.

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17/18TH. OCTOBER, 1944.

inti-flying-bomb-patrols.

11/12 Mosquitos completed patrols against flying-bombs; 1. but no interceptions were reported. Another Mosquito carried out a met. recce. flight. All our aircraft returned saf:ly.

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

18/19th OCTOBER 1944

Hannover : Mannheim : Dusseldorf, etc.

SUNCHARY

1. <u>Hannover</u> 19/19 Mosquitos attacked Hannover through broken cloud. The markers fell in a good group, and the bombing was concentrated round them. No aircraft was lost.

2. <u>Mannheim</u>. This target was cloud covered, but all the 18 Mosquitos despatched reported attack. Most crews bombed on the glow of the tightly grouped perfore. All aircraft returned undamaged.

3. <u>Dusseldorf</u>. 5/8 OBOE Mosquitos attacked the G.A.F. station at Dusseldorf. The rumpinder attacked alternative targets in the Ruhr.

L. <u>Pforzheim</u>. 2/5 OBOE Mosquitos bombed Pforzheim, the remainder bombing other targets. One Mosquito was lost.

5. <u>Micsbaden</u>. 3/4 OBOL Mosquitos bombed Wiesbaden; the other dropped its bombs in the opproximate target area.

TATHER PORECAST

Bases. Generally fit, despite high winds and occessional squalls.

Targets. Good breaks in convection cloud over N.W. Germany. High tops.

SORTIES

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8. 10/10ths over Middle Rhine, tops 15,000 ft. 4-6/10ths thin cloud over Hennover, tops 6-12,000 ft.

ENERY DEFENCES

No fighters. Moderate flak from Mannheim and Mannover.

CASUALTIES

10. One Mosquito was lost without trace on Pforzheim.

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STUTTGART: MUREMBURG: Wiesbaden: Jusselderf:

SUDDLARY

1,038 sorties were despatched for the loss of only 9 aircraft. strong forces raided Stuttgart with a 4-hour interval between the attacks; and Nuramburg received its first heavy raid since D-day. Severe camage was caused at both targets, although cloud hampered the bombers. Mosquitos carried out 2 feint attacks on Wiesbaden, and intruders were active in unusual strength. 4 E/A were destroyed and 4 more damaged.

EATHER FORECAST

2. Bases :-Rain and low cloud will spread from the ..., affecting 8 Group from 0400 and 1, 3 and 100 Groups in hour in ter. (From 0500, all bases will have 10/10 ths. at 1,000' and moderate rain.

Targets:- Good clearances in residual convection croud over W. Germany. Stuttgart and Nuremburg will probably have 5-3/10 the., nostly below 10,000', and little or no redium cloud. . .

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3. Mixed NEWH.WIT II and OBOE grounumarking, with umergency Stuttgart skymarking (both attacks). H = 2030 and 0100.

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Bases :- Mist patches in N. by 2400. Much of 4 and 6 Groups, and parts 6. of 1 and 5 Groups, affected by 0300. Little subsequent deterioration.

Stuttgart: - 9-10/10 ths., tops .12-14,000'. Wind at 16,000': 335°/40 n.p.h.

Nuremburg:- 9-10/10ths. in area, breasing over target to 7-8/10ths. Wind at 17,000': 325°/30 m.p.h.

No noon during operational perior.

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7. <u>Stattgart</u> In the first attack, in ground arburkers were obsoured by the dense cloud, but their glow could be seen no tany direct the bounded by this means. Other crews aimed at the skymarkers. The bound was southered. The second force saw the glow of fires from 50 miles way. In this attack, most crews aimed at skymarkers, which were well concentrated.

8. <u>Nuremburg</u> The initial markers were assessed through a gap in the clouds as being in the middle of the town. They were well, backed up; but the bombing, aimed at the glow of the markers, was rather scattered.

DAY RECO.TRATESLUCE

9. <u>Stuttgart</u> Fresh dunage was caused in Stuttgart over a wide area, especially in the Osthein and Bad Cannstatt districts. The Robert Bosch works in Fourbach the Sud-deutsche Kuhlerfabrik works and two buildings of the Kreidler's Metall and Drahlwerke were seriously hit. Transportation facilities were interrupted; the main goods Station and passenger station, the large locenetive depot in Ekmannstrisse on the second station at had Cannatatt being hit. The mulcipal gas works and a large infinity curriess, is well as other business all rest until property also suffered until conduct.

15. <u>Perturburg</u> The weight of the attack full on the apportant industrial rection in the 3. of the city, the sociaeval centre escaping comparatively lightly. 6 priority plants, including the line", tank factory, the severely damaged. 16 unrated industries were also bit; a gasworks and 2 barracks were damaged; and many buildings belonging to the south station and gools depot were destroyed.

ELETY DEFENCES

11. Little fighter opposition was encountered by ony of the 3 forces, although 300-400 F, were airborne. This war largely due to the effectiveness of our countermeasures; each attack on Stuttgart was accompanied by a feint raid on Wiesbuden, while WINDOW aircraft flew towards Mainz. At the same time, intruders were active in strength over energy affields, and a MADAEL screen was operated over liberatel France. We Stuttgart forces between thes only reported 13 attacks, and the Numenburg raiders no more than 3. Flak was slight to moderate at Stattgart, but fairly intense at Numenburg from 14-20,000'. Searchlights were hampered at both targets by the cloud.

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12. Que beablers orews claimed no victories in combat, although a Me.110 was denaged over Stuttgart in the second attack. Intruders, however, destroyed a Ju 39 near Karlaruhe, a Me.110 N. of Strasbourg, another Ju.88 at Bibliz, and a Ju.188 over Metz, as well as damaging 2 Ju.88 and a Me.410.

CASULTINS.

13. 6/274 aircraft (2.2%) were lost in the first attack on Stuttgart. 4 fell to target flak, and one to a fighter N. of stuttgart. The sixth may have been destroyed by flok near Strasbourg; but this incluent may have concerned one of the Nurenburg losses. Only one of these (3/270 - 0.7.0) can definitely be identified - to target flak. 2 losses quat therefore be attributed to "causes unknown". No aircraft was lost in the second Stuttgart attack. One aircraft orashed on return from the first raid on Stuttgart, and was wrecked.

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14. Each attack on Stuttgart wis accompanied by a feint Mosquito raid on Wiesbelen. 23 aircrift were engaged in the first of these attacks, and 25 in the second. In each instance, the arking and bonbing were reported to be well concentrated. Opposition with slight, and no losses were sustained.

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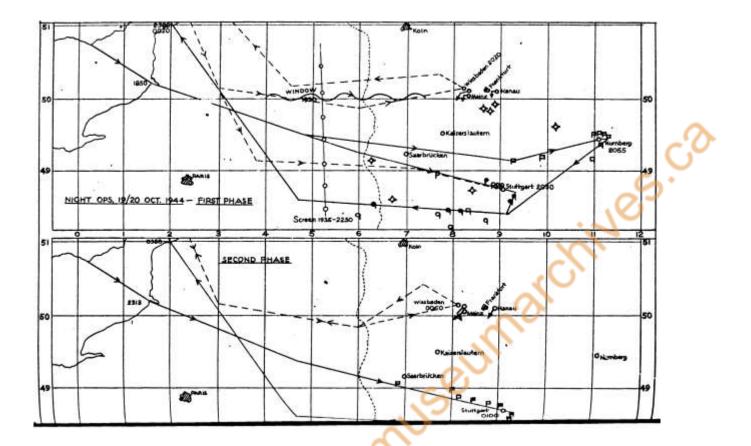
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SULC ARY.

1. Pforzheiu: 3/4 OBOE Mosquitos bombed Phorzheim, three on OBOE and one on D.R. The fourth attacked the area on D.R. No aircraft was lost on this night.

2. Colorne. Two OBOE Mosquitos were sent to Cologne, but both had OBOE failure and attacked other targets in the Ruhr.

Two OBCE Mosquitos bonbud Dusseldorf, one on OBCE Dusseldorf: and one on D.A.

4. Hannover etc. 263 heavies were despatched to Hannover and seven on minelaying sorties; but all were recalled on the way out, because of bad weather at bases.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Risk of very low stratus everywhere by Very unreliable. . Bases. Lidnicht.

Targets. Cloud will decrease eastward to small amounts over E. Germany.

SORTIES.

5. ** н. reporting attack on prin. area..... 17 3. ** " alt. rrea..... " aircraft missing C.

WEATSER EXPERIENCED. Fog and mist soon became widespread over bases. Variable st-cu. over targets.

ENERY DEFENCES. 8. _ Negligible.

CACUALTIES.

No aircraft was lost. One Halifax was badly damaged in a heavy landing.

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

22/23RD. OCTOBER, 1944.

Hamburg: Wiestaden: Cologne, etc.

SUDMARY.

I. Hamburg: 44/45 Mosquitos bombed Hamburg. The target was covered with cloud, into which the T.I. quickly disappeard; but they were well grouped, and the bombing was concentrated around their glow. One great explosion lit up the sky for ten minutes. No aircraft was lost on this night.

2. Wiesbaden: 4/4 OBCE Mosquitos attached Wiesbaden, two on OBCE and two on D.R.

3. Colorne: 2/2 OBOE Mosquitos attacked Cologne, one on OBOE and one on D.R.

L. Dusseldorf: 2/3 CHOE Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against Dusseldorf. The third aircraft burbed Essen.

5. Minelaying: 38/39 Lancasters and Halifaxes 1a11 190 mines in the Eattegat. One aircraft was damaged beyond repair in combat.

6. Bomber Support etc. 5/6 Mosquitos completed SERATE patrols, damaging one Ju.88. 6 sircraft of Ne.3. Group made special duty sorties.

WEATHER FORECAST.

7. Bases: Sorious threat of widespread fog soon after dusk.

Targets: Much St-cu. over Continent, with medium cloud spreading from the E.

SUPTIES.

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REAFERIENCED.

10/10th.s st-cu over all targets, very thin over Hamburg (tops 13,000').

TEM DEFENCES.

10. Molerate to intense flak at Henburg. Slight ground opposition clsewhere. A minelaying Lancaster was engaged in combat and very badly damaged.

CASUALTES. 11. No losses were sustained; but a Lancaster returning from the Kattegat was damaged beyond repair in combat. It succeeded, however, in reaching this country. Five Mosquitos were slightly damaged by ilak over Hamburg.

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#### BEMBER CON AND SPORT ON NIGHT OFERATIONS

#### 23, _4 th. OCTOFER, 1944.

# SITCLARY

1. 1,055 aircraft were sent to Essen, which they attacked with great effect through thick cloud. Enormous devistation was caused, especially in Krupps. The energy controllers gave their Pichters indequate warning, and opposition was slight. Mosquitos visited Barlin and targets in W. Germany. 8 aircraft were lost.

#### WE.THER FORECLIST

2. Dases: Fit.

Targets: Nuch cloud over all Germany. Essen: 10/10ths. st.-cu., all below 10,000'; probably none between 10,000' and 20,000'.

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# PLA OF ATTACK

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5. Bases:

Target: 10/10ths. ct.-su., cops 1-40,000', with 10/10ths. cirrus at 20,000'. Huch cloud on rout, with occ mich 1 tops so 2,000', and moderate icing. Tops lowered rapidly station in the truth to 10,000'. Half moon, setting at 2200. Wind at 14,000': 2100/20 topsh.

# SR. FIVE OF ATT.CK

the bombing was made on skym rkers, which were inly well concentrated and well maintained throught the raid. The attack was scattered at first, but became concentrated later. . strong red glow under the clouds increased as the sitick progressed.

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7. Photographic cover was obtained on 25th. October, by which time the city had received another heavy attack (on 25th.); and so a of the damage then revealed must be attributed to the latter inde. Wide press and severe destruction was enused, the latter inde. Wide press and severe destruction was enused, the latter inde. Wide press damage - nearly 200 buildings were seriously hit, and 2 of the largest shops, covering over 140,000 square yards, were destroyed. At least 13 other factories, 2 gasworks, 2 power stations, a transpicepet and 4 railway stations were also affected; and residential property was ridely devastated.

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#### BIRY DEFICES

8. Fighter opposition was very slight; the controllers were evidently distracted by our counter-ne sures, the fin force barg effectively screened by MUNDRE, and CARPET aircraft, while AFDOF openers there teened the Frankfurt-Mainz area and Mesquitos bonbed Viesbacch. Cally 9 of the 1047 returning aircr reported being engaged in combat. Flak opposition, too, was surprisingly moderate for so important a target, although the heavy guns fired an accurate barrige to 17-23,000'.

#### C.SULLTISS

9. 3/1055 (0.8%) aircrift were lost. 4 were destroyed by target flak, and by fighters over the huhr and to the N.T. The other missing aircraft cannot be accounted for. / oth aircraft, however, were wrecked beyond repair: one by flak, and 6 in landing accidents.

#### Late Land

10. 32,33 Mesquites bombed Berlin through 10/10 ths. aloue. The marking and bombing were both concentrated. Fighters are ative in the Hannever area on the way home; but no casualties were sustained.

# TERST .......

11. 10 Mosquitos, including 2 OBPE Mireral, were deputched to Wiesbaden. Both the markers had OBOE failure, but one of them propped markers after a time, run, and the rest of the force boobed on these, or by advigational aids.

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12. 2 CBOE Modquites were explatched to ischnischburg, but both had OPOE failure and attacked the approximate target area on D.P.

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13. 50 Mosquitos were active on 3733. I and intraicric totrols, but reported no combuts. 23 heavies flew with the min force totrics Essen as far as 0600E and then diverged on a triangular course, ropping 71 DOM, and feigning a sectattack on the target at 2142. 5 Stirlings operated a TATDREE and CLEPAT screet in a line parallel to the route of the min force (see moute map); and 5 JOSTE Fortresses flew to Essen. 8 Halifaxes and Mosquitos, and 1 Hudson, made specisorties.

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#### BONDER CONTINU REPORT ON NIGHT OPER TIONS.

#### 24/25TH OCTOBER, 1944.

#### Harmover: Aschaffenburg: Oberhausen: Minelaying etc.

SU HLPY.

1. Hannover. 54/57 Hesquites banbed Hannever above 10/10ths cloud with tops at 13,000 ft. The T.I's rapidly disapreared into the cloud and the majority of aircraft released their borbs on their glow. He aircraft was lost on this night.

2. Aschaffenburg. 2/6 OBOE Mosquites banbed Aschaffenburg on OBOE. The other four bombed targets in the area on D.R.

3. Oberhauser. 4/4 OBOE Hosquites berbed Oberhausen, two on OBOE and the rn D.R.

4. Minclaying. 25/25 Lancasters and 8/9 Halifaxes laid 181 mines in the Kattegat and cif Oslc.

5. B rber Support, etc. Three Stirlings (with six Liberators) operated a MANDREL screen and eleven Masquitos carried out Intruder patrols but made no interceptions. One aircraft made a special sertic.

#### THER FOREC.ST.

6. Fit for take off, though low stratus and/or fog is expected Basus. te develop generally from about 2400 hours. /

Target. Continent will have such cloud generally but chance of clearances in Northern Germany and Ruhr, Good chance of clear conditions in North East Germany.

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# ALLER EXCREMENCED.

8. All areas affected by mist and fog or low stratus. By "SUS. 2000 hours all operational Groups affecte . Later trable becaue general.

brgot. 10/10ths over Hennever. Tops at 10-15,000 f'. 10/10ths lager claus over Oslo and Entregat. Tops between 5,000- 10,000 ft. Win: 12,000 ft.

# X XY DAFENCES.

Fighter opposition was negligible. The minelayers evaded the Danish theel fighters by shirting the nertern tip of the peninsula and flying wirallel to the Swelich court. Unseen prolicted Tax at Harmover was nomento and at time intense.

Carl.LITES. 10. No aircraft was lost on this might. Seven aircraft were danged by flak. One H lifex was very bully in rol on landin through everynning the runway en recurning from Osle.

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#### Minelaying etc.

SURCERY.

1. Minelaying. 9/10 Lancasters laid 54 mines off Heligoland. One Lancaster was lost without trace.

2. Bombor Support. 41 Hosquites carried cut Intruder and SERRATE patrols One JU. 188 was damaged. 24 Heavies dropped , INDOW and two operated a HEDREL scruen.

# WILLHER FORECAST.

3. Bases. Fog is likely to be widespread in the cast of the operational Groups between 2000 and 2200 hours. In the west of Groups visibility will not deteriorate below the range of 1-3,000 yards and cloud will be above 1,500 ft.

8-10/10ths St. Cu. over Holigeland, base 1,500 ft., tops Target. 4-5.000 ft.

# SORTIES.

Nc. of aircraft missing..... 1.

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5. Bases. Euch fog and mist. Belt of rain and low cloud moved from North West acress base areas, reaching F. Laglia by dawn.

Target. 4/10ths low stratus cloud from English clast thickening about 50 miles out and becaming 10/10 the to target. T ps about 5,000 ft. Good visibility above cloud.

E THY LEFENCES. . Fighters in the vicinity of the target reacted to our WINDOW fromers al intrulers, and intercepted at least three of the sinelayers. A Prequise chined to have contacted and damaged a JU. S near Schleswig.

7. 0m One Lineaster was missing, the muse being unlatter. An intruling E squito was bally damaged by machine gun fire fran a Lancaster.

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1. In attack was made on the U-Boat pens at Bergen in conditions of 10/10 that bedium cloud and only 51/244 directift were able to bomb the target. He visible image was caused to the pens. 3 increft were lost. 2 attacks were made on Cologne. Mesquites bombed Rheine and K cloruise on 050%, and increaters laid mines off Oslo. Intruder patrols acre currick out, un heavies croped /NDOW and operated a /LNDREE screen. One is ducer wis lost.

#### E. THER FOREC. ST

2. Bases:- Fit.

Target:- Rather Soultful whether clium clou. will have cleared in the Bergen area, but probably only smill mounts will be encountered below 10,000 ft. Visibility good.

HARCEN !

ALL OF ATLAK

3. 5 Group - Visual marking. H = 2359 H - 14: blind marking with T.T.green (2g miles/315° 1 from ...P.). H - 12 and H - 10; target illuminate. ith faces. H - 9 and afterwards: 7 Hasquitos to part ...P. visually with red T.I.

JORTI'S

4.	Nc.	of	circraft despatched	244
		*	" reporting attack on princip area	51
			ab rtive sorties	193
		"	aircraft missing	3 (1.2.)

VE. THER KOPERI NOKD

5. 10/10 the medium cloud over target area, tops 8,000 ft., base 5-6,000 ft.

#### L.RR.TIVE OF ..TL.CK

5. The marking was considered accurate and the Haster herber brought the Hain force down to boob below the medium cloud at 5,000 :t. However, during the attack the Haster Bomber found that low clough & drifted below 5,000 ft. and this together with intense and accurate light finds and observition of results difficult. The Master Bomber then ordered crows to them on the mission.

#### D.Y RACOLIN. ISS. NCE

7. No visible damage who caused to the U-Da t shelters but a direct hit appeared to have destroyed a shall building inmediately of sound on the dest side. Further west in the Likes and shipperd a machine ship which has been damaged in a provious attack is now seen to have been completely which has been damaged in direct hits. 2 other buildings suffered slight damage.

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#### DIEM DEENC'S

8. The only real opposition cance from light flak at and near the siming point. There was also moderate heavy flak thinly at heights above our directed. Several S/E and a few T/E enemy aircraft and seen over the target at 5,000 ft. but none of these attacked.

#### C.SULTIS

9., 3/244 (1.2.) were lost. 2 fill to fläk and the 5: . is believed by another crew to have gene down over the Noith Sca in 1 soull on the outward journey. 2 aircraft were frequently charged, 1 in collision and 1 in a take-ff accident.

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# COLOG E

# RHEDTE

11. 2/3 DBOE Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against Rheine, the third bombing on D.R.

#### IL RLSRUHE

12. 2/4 OHCE Mosquites boobed Karlsruhe on OBCE. The other 2 bonbed the Karlsruhe area on D.R.

#### TEHELTEG

13. 10/14 Longesters laid 54 vines of Osle. The other 4 were abortive.

#### BOM CE SU22OUT

14. 5 M squites carried out intil or a trels. 5 Stirlings cropped MITDOW and 2 Stirlings operated a MATCHER server.

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

#### 29/30TH UCTUBER, 1944.

#### Cologno: Manhein etc.

SUD' RY.

Colorne. 2 attacks were made on Cologno by Mosquitos. In the first of these 30/31 aircreft bombed from 21,500/32,000 ft., in conditions of clear sky with good visibility but slight ground haze. On arrival at the target, any fires were seen burning from the attack of 28th October. The main force was abl. t bont n mrkors and many boub bursts were seen within the area marked. One large explosion as soon at 1930 hrs. Approximately half an hour later, 27/28 Haquitos attacked Cologno fran 22/32,000 ft. Marker's wore reported as being woll gr uped and bombing was good of rt from a fow scattered bursts. All aircraft roturned onfely.

2. Monnhui. 6/6 Mosquitos made on experimental att ok on il nuhuin.

3. Introders etc. 46/55 Mosquitos made Intruder Patrola. the thur nine were bertive. One Ho.III and one unidentified enony aircraft wore destroyed, but one Losquito was lost. Another Mosquito carried out a Net. Regona issues flight.

W...MER PO.LO.LT.

4. Bases. Rather frequent showers with moderate visibility in carl, art of night.

Target. Residual convection cloud with large patches f St. 30. percisting but with some extensive cluarames.

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S. THER EXELENCED.

Clear sky at Cologne.

7. Fighters in North West Germany attempted to intercept Hosquite busbers and Fighters in North West Germany attempted to intercept Hosquite busbers and intruders, and one of the latter was lost. Flak opposition was alight to moderate.

C.SULTIES.

8. One intruder was lost without trace, and six others were day jed by flak, five slightly and one badly. Another Intruder was hit by dubris from a desaged train.

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# 30/31at. 00 CIFE, 1912.

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# SUBSLARY

1. 905 aircraft were sent against Cologne, but fours it covered with thick cloud. Useful damage was, however, caused in the western half of the city. This operation was completed without loss. It squitos attacked Berlin and targets in Western Germany; and 100 aircrift were active on counter-measures and signals patrols. 2 Mosquitos were lost.

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#### T.TH'R FOR C.ST

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#### WE .THER EXPERIENCED

5. Bases:- Fit.

Tarhet:- 10/10 ths. st-cu., tops 12-13,000', probably in layers down to 1,000'. Good visibility above cloud. Nearly full mean, up all night. Wind at 22,000': 080°/20 n.p.h.

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

6. The skynarkers were punctual, and their flares were excellently grouped. Jorb flashes suggested that the attack was concentrated, and a red glow was seen visible through the cloud.

#### D.Y RECOMAISS.NC2

7. Full photographic over was at Solution until after the heavy attack of the 31st. October/1st. Nomber, when 277 incredit raided the city. During was shown to be mainly confined to the vectors districts, where Klettenberg, Lindenthal and Ehrenfeld were all scribbally hit. Elsewhere, damage was scattered and fairly light. Details of industries, etc., affected in these attacks will be given in light Raid Report No. 756.

..../TNEY DEFENCES.

### HIN DEPICES

8. Fighter opposition was extracely slight. The encay's airfields were covered with dense cloud and fog, and the controllers were evidently confused by the two WELOW forces which threatened Karlsrube and an area N. of the Ruhr at the same time as the main force was approaching Cologne. Only 4 attacks were reported. Heavy flak was nederate, in a loose barrage. Hardly any trouble wis encountered on route.

#### C.SU.LTIES

9. None of the 905 mircraft despendence the lest. One Helifux, however, was wrecked in a lending accident, and i other interaft more very hedly can be, one by flak and another by British interations.

#### 11.6.17

10. 58/62 Mesquites attacked for an in two waves - 2. In the first and 32 in the second. The capital was even a time thick class to 31,000', and nest crews bombed on 2.T... Several fighters tere seen, bu flak epocsition was moderate. I circraft, however, was shot crew by the cover juns, and 6 others were damaged.

# HEELCROIT

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# OT RUIDE!

12. 2/3 030E Masquites attacked Oberhausen by means of their precision advices, the third aircraft bombing on D.1.

# BOILER SU PORT etc.

13. 5 Stirlings (with 7 Liberators) operated a HAMMAN sorcen from N. to S. just beyond 05°E. (see route map). 23 heavies emerged from this screen eropping WHEOW, and flow in 2 steans towards Harlsruhe and N. of the Ruhr, at the same time that the mein force was approaching Cologne. ... Fortress operated JOSTLE; and 57 Mesquites curried but intruler and SERR.TE patrols. No interceptions were reported, however; and and intruler that lost. 12/12 aircraft conducted signals investigation patrols, and a Hosquite curried out a net. record flight.

121/JT. 10/S. 26342/3/01834, 17th. February, 1945.

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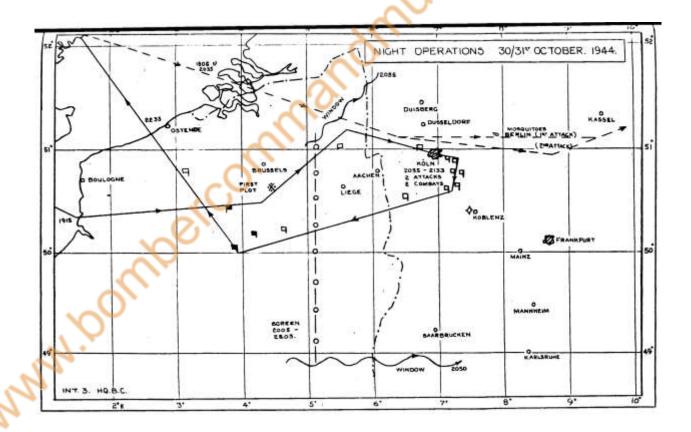
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### BOMBER COLMAND REPORT OF TIGHT OPER.TTO'S

#### 31st. OCTOBER/1st. NOVER 2, 1944

#### COLOGNE: Hanburg: Saarbrucken: Schweinfurt:

#### JULLIRY

t. Colegne was heavily attucke for the second accessive night; but again the target was covered with thick clau, and the resultant damage was largely enfined to the western suburis. Let carry foint all ek on the target deceived the energy into thinking that the mint's lowling the ended before midnight; and then the main force crossed the frontier, they were becaused by MDRW reports who drew the fighters south tenaris the derivative. Hosquitos booked the barried out OBOE tasts. 2/656 Liver 1: (0.5.) were lost.

#### E.THER FOREC.ST

Bases:- In occlusion will is a across operational bases, giving rain and tach cloud; but the base shoul invariant above 1,000' in nost areas. Visibility ill be reduced to 1,000-1,500 yards in soky are at elsewhere, 2 miles. Good iversions in C.W. England an S. Wales.

Targets:- 10/10 ths. over the the is is of dallar, base 600' in many creas.

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LL OF .TT.CK

OBCE and H2S skynarking. H = 2100.

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No.	of	aircraft despatched	493	
	18	" reporting attack on primary area		
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	1.00	abortive sorties	15	
.4	19	nireraft missing	1	(0.2.)

B.TER EPERISCO

Bases:- Hist and stratus, capter 117 in 5 ... 1 Groups.

Turget:- 10/10ths. st.-ou., i = 10-12,000'. Full neon, up all night. un at 18,000': 070°/30 n.p.h. 10/10ths. over the route.

JUL.TIVE OF .TT.:C.

The skynarkers were wall is each and tightly is used. The bombing was qually concentrated, and is the stack isvelopes, a low appeared beneath the load.

# J RECONTAINS . RE

Photographic cover whe lot obtained until 1.3. Fovember. Considerable fige was then reveried in the scatter districts of belogne, with scattered foldents thoughout the rest of the cate. Some of this destruction must have on caused by the attack of the previous right, then 667 mireraft bombed through ..., thick of so. thick cloud. Klettenberg, Lincenteri and Ehrenfeld were all seriously constant especially the last-mened district, where 4 priority-3 in untrice were affecte. 34 unrated industries were also hit; but near of the prest steel mills suffice damage. The Eifelter marshalling yird (a.2), the percent goods yard and stati (pr.3) and the Ehrenfeld goods istation and ered reversion goods yard and stati hit at transfeld and Ehrenfeld. The schere was esuade to the city centre.

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#### INDIY DEFICIES

8. Pighter opposition was a aim analytically slight, only 3 attacks being male on our bombers. Ifter a MATTELL screen had been set up from P to S. just E. of 05°E., MINDOW droppers and Modulities carries out a feint attack on Coloure, and deceived the energy into thinking that this constituted the whole of the night's work. When the real force energed from the Mattell Stell screen, they were accompanied by WINDOW droppers for any or raid on Frankfurt. The latter force was admirably plotted, and the fighters were sent to a point just E. of Coblenz about 15 minutes before the first kirkers went team on Cologne. As a result, fighter opposition over the tinget was almost replicible. The flak game fired a slight to moderate barrage, even lass effective than that encountered on

the previous night. ...fter their failure to intercept the bonbers, the fighter e mirollers attempted to attack the heavies operating the JaPaker screen, and one Stirling was engaged and damaged.

#### C.SU.LTISS

9. Only 1/493 aircraft (0.2.) was lost; clost cortainly to flak at or near the target. .nother aircraft was irreparably damaged, either by flak or cy bonds from another aircraft, but landed safely in Belgium. No more than 6 aircraft were hit by flak, and none by fighters.

# COLOGNE (PEINT ATT. CK)

10. Three-quarters of an hour before the main attack, 15/15 Mesquitos attacked Cologne from 23-32,000'. The markers were well grouped, and all the main force attacked either them or their glow in the cloud. J. 20M croppers accompanied these bombers, in order to coupl to the acception of the domain fighter controlled all these aircraft returned safely.

# HLA TBURG

11. LB/49 -Mosquitos bombed Hamburg in 2 vaves. The first attack began a few minutes before the main effort on Coloure, and the second force arrived about half an hour later. The target was covered on both occusions with 10/10 the cloud; but the marking and boating were well concentrated. To fighters were met, but the flak was fairly intense, and probably accounted for the one aircraft which failed to return.

#### S... FBRUCCEV

12. _____4/4 OBOE Mosquitos attacked Saarbrucken, 3 on OBOE and one on GIE.

#### SCHAEDFURT

1). 1/2 OBOE Mesquites made a successfully controlled run against Schweinfurt, the other bombing the approximate target area on D.R.

#### BOMBER SUPPORT Etc.

14. 59 Mosquitos carried out intruder and SARATE A. trols, destroying on Ju. 88 near Frankfurt. 24 heavies operated MINDREL and WINDOW, as described in paragraph 8 above; and 5 Portresses operated JOSTLE. 7 aircraft of 192 Squidron carried out signals investigation patrols. all returned safely, although one MINDRE. Stirling was engaged and damaged by a night-fighter.

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