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NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 728

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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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 1st February 1945

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	BGT. INC. BOMB	NOT DUE TO E/...	ATTACKED	NOT ATTACKED	HS.	IB.
REAR	8	Moag XVI Moag XX	24	23	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1B	-	-	57.6	5
REAR TOTAL			22	22	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1B	-	-	234,000	
SO. FRONT	8	Moag XVI	6	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.7	62,000
REAR	8	Moag II Moag XVI	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.4	
REAR TOTAL			5	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,000	
REAR TOTAL			6	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SO. FRONT	8	Moag XVI	5	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1B	-	-	1.8	
REAR TOTAL			63	49	11	1	1	-	-	-	-	2B	-	-		
REAR B. ROLES	100	Moag	20	16	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SO. FRONT B. ROLES	100	Moag	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
GRAND TOTAL			84	66	11	1	6	1	-	-	-	2B	-	-		
SPEC. OPS.	1	Various	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

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NOT INCLUDED IN GRAND TOTAL.

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SECRETNIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 729COPY NO. 16BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS1/2nd OCTOBER, 1944Brunswick; Heilbronn; Krefeld, Koblenz, etc.SUMMARY

Brunswick 46/48 Mosquitos bombed Brunswick through dense cloud. The bombers were well concentrated, but most crews had to bomb their glow. No aircraft lost on this night.

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

Krefeld 6/8 OBOE Mosquitos bombed Krefeld, 3 on OBOE and 3 on D.R. One missed the town area, and one was abortive.

Koblenz 6/6 OBOE Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against ground.

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

WEATHER FORECAST

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

Targets Brunswick will be clear of medium cloud (moving eastwards) after 00, but convection cloud will soon approach it. Berlin clear after 0100.

STATISTICS

No. of aircraft despatched..	76
" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	59
" " " " alt. area.....	2
" " abortive sorties.....	5
" " aircraft missing.....	0

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

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

ENEMY DEFENCES

No fighters were met, and flak was slight.

CASUALTIES

No aircraft was lost. 6 aircraft sustained slight damage.

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February, 1945.

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPORTING ATTACK ON		ABORTIVE SORTIES		MISSING	DAMAGE				DESCRIPTIONS		RESULTS	
				PRIM. AREA	ALT. AREA	OVER E. T.	NOT OVER E. T.		FLYK	FIGHTER	BRIT. ENG. BOMB	NOT DUE TO E/A	ATTACKED	NOT ATTACKED	HR.	LB.
BRUNSWICK	B	Moq. XVI Moq. XX	24 24	23	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	50.0	1.3
BRUNSWICK TOTAL			48	46	-	1	1	-	2+2C	-	-	-	-	-	50.0	1.3
BRUNSWICK TOTAL	B	Moq. XVI	6	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1C	-	-	3.7	5.000
CHESHIRE	B	Moq. XVI	8	6	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.5	7.000
CHESHIRE	B	Moq. IX Moq. XVI	1 5	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.9	1.000
CHESHIRE TOTAL			6	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.4	8.000
DORSET	B	Moq. IX Moq. XVI	2 4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.1	
DORSET TOTAL			6	6	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-		
DORSET TOTAL			74	67	2	4	1	-	3+2C	-	-	1C	-	-		
SHREVEPORT	100	Mo. II.	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SHREVEPORT TOTAL			76	69	2	4	1	-	3+2C	-	-	1C	-	-		

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NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 730

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

2/3rd OCTOBER, 1944

Brunswick : Dortmund : Pforzheim : Frankfurt

OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

1. Brunswick 33/34 Mosquitos bombed Brunswick in clear weather. The working and bombing were both concentrated. No aircraft was lost on this night.
2. Dortmund 4 OBOE Mosquitos were sent against the Hoesch works at Dortmund. 2 bombed the target on OBOE, and 2 attacked the town area on D.R.
3. Pforzheim 7 OBOE Mosquitos were despatched against the railway traffic centre at Pforzheim. 3 bombed the target, one on OBOE and 2 on D.R. 3 aircraft bombed other targets; and one was abortive.
4. Frankfurt 3/4 aircraft bombed an aircraft works on OBOE. The fourth attacked Cologne.
5. Bomber Support, etc. 39 Mosquitos were active on intruder patrols, but reported no combats. 4 aircraft made special sorties, and 2 Mosquitos carried out alt. recon. flights.

WEATHER FORECAST

Bases A belt of rain should clear northern Groups by 2200 and southern Groups by 0300.

Targets Large clear areas over Berlin and Middle Rhine.

STATISTICS

No. of aircraft despatched .....	92
No. of aircraft reporting attack on primary area .....	81
No. of aircraft reporting attack on alternative area .....	7
No. of abortive sorties .....	4
No. of aircraft missing .....	0

GENERAL EXPERIENCES

All targets were clear of cloud below cirrus levels.

DEFENCES

Moderate heavy flak at Brunswick. No fighters.

REMARKS

None.

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TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	COURTESY	A/C REPORTING ATTACK ON		AIRCRAFT SORTIES		MBS	EJECTOR				INTERCEPTIONS		RESULTS	
				PRIM. A/C.	ALT. A/C.	OVER E.T.	NOT OVER E.T.		INC	PL. FIGHTER	BRIT. INC. MILES	NOT DUE TO E.T.	ATTACKED	NOT ATTACKED	IB.	IB.
BRISBANE	8	10sq. XVI 10sq. IX	12 22	12 21	- 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	57.1	.8
BRISBANE (Total)			34	33	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		120,000
DORMUND	8	10sq. XVI 10sq. IX	2 2	1 1	1 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -		3.6
DORMUND TOTAL			4	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
POWELL POINT	8	10sq. XVI	7	3	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		9.0 200,000
POWELL POINT TOTAL			7	3	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
FRANKFURT	8	10sq. IX 10sq. XVI	1 3	1 2	- 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -		4.5 200,000
FRANKFURT TOTAL			4	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BOMBING TOTAL			49	41	7	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BOMBER SUPPORT	100	10sq.	39	37	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SPECIAL PATROL	100	b. Lib.	3	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
MET. RECON.	8	10sq.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
GRAND TOTAL			92	81	7	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
USMC OPERATIONS	3	Various	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

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\* NOT INCLUDED IN G.E.S. TOTAL.

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SECRETNIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 731COPY NO. 16BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS3/4th OCTOBER 1944Kassel : Pforzheim : Kamen, etc.SUMMARY

1. Kassel 41/43 Mosquitos attacked Kassel. The markers soon 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. No aircraft was lost on this night.
2. Pforzheim 6 OBOE Mosquitos were sent to Pforzheim. 2 bombed the target on OBOE and a third on D.R. 2 others attacked the town area, and the sixth was abortive.
3. Kamen 3/4 OBOE Mosquitos bombed Kamen by means of their precision devices, the fourth attacking the estimated target area on D.R.
4. Aschaffenburg 6 OBOE Mosquitos bombed Aschaffenburg, 4 on OBOE and 2 on D.R.
5. Munster/Hendorf 5/5 OBOE Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against the Hendorf airfield at Munster.
6. Bomber Support, etc. 13/19 Mosquitos carried out intruder patrols, but reported no combats. A Liberator made a special sortie, and a Mosquito a net. success flight.

WEATHER FORECAST

- Bases Fit, apart from local showers
- Targets Much cloud over Germany.

STATISTICS

• No. of aircraft despatched .....	35
• No. of aircraft reporting attack on primary area .....	73
• No. of aircraft reporting attack on alternative area ....	4
• No. of abortive sorties .....	8
• No. of aircraft missing .....	0

OTHER EXPERIENCED

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

KEY DEFENCES

- Negligible.

REMARKS

- None

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February 1945

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	NO REPORTING ATTACK ON				AGGRESSIVE SORTIES		MIS- DIR.	LOSS				INTERCEPTION		RESULTS	
				PRM. REL.	ALL. REL.	OVER E. T.	NOV OVER S. T.	FLK	REPAIR		HAZ. D.C. WINS	NOT DUE TO R/A.	ATTACK-ED	NOT ATTACK-ED	HE.	IB.		
KASSEL	B	Hseq. XVI Hseq. XI	24 19	23 18	- 1	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	53.8	1.4	232,000	
KASSEL TOTAL			43	41	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
PFORZHEIM	B	Hseq. XVI	6	5	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.0	52,000		
KLEVE	B	Hseq. IX Hseq. XVI	1 3	- 3	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2.9			
KAMEN SYDNE			4	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
ASCHENBURG	B	Hseq. XVI	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.6	52,000		
MINSTER/LINTROP A/V.	B	Hseq. IX Hseq. XVI	4 1	4 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	4.5			
MINSTER TOTAL			5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
KOMBIED TOTAL			62	58	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
BOMBER SUBJECT	100	Hseq.	19	15	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
SPECIAL P. SQUAD	100	lib.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
INT. BOMBER	B	Hseq.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
GRAND TOTAL			85	73	4	2	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-				

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS.

4/5TH OCTOBER, 1944.

Heilbronn: Pforzheim.SUMMARY.

1. Heilbronn. 6 OBOE Mosquitos were sent against Heilbronn. Three attacked the primary, one on OBOE and two on D.F. One aircraft released ten miles from the target and one was lost. One of the successful aircraft crashed on return.
2. Pforzheim. Six OBOE Mosquitos were sent to Pforzheim, but all failed and attacked targets in the approximate area on D.F. All returned safely.
3. Mine-laying. 74/78 Lancasters and Halifaxes laid 570 mines in enemy waters; 328 in the Kattegat, and 42 off Oslo. Three mine-layers did not return.
4. Bomber Support etc. 32/36 Mosquitos carried out intruder patrols and reported no contacts. 15/19 aircraft made special sorties, and a Mosquito carried out a met. recon. flight. All returned safely.

WEATHER REPORT.

5. Bases. Frequent showers, with cloud falling to 800', ceasing towards midnight.
- Targets. Much cloud over Germany. Less than 5/10ths over Oslo and Kattegat.

RESULTS.

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|---|------|
| 6. No. of aircraft despatched.....                  | 130. |
| No. of aircraft reporting attack on prim. area..... | 114. |
| No. of aircraft reporting attack on alt. area.....  | 7.   |
| No. of abortive sorties.....                        | 6.   |
| No. of aircraft missing.....                        | 1.   |

REMARKS EXPERIENCED.

7. 20/100ft. to 10,000' over German targets. Oslo cloudless. Kattegat; variable str-cu., 0-8/10ths., tops 6-8,000'. Good visibility. Rain and icing en route.

ENEMY ACTIVITIES.

8. A few fighters were active over Denmark. Intense flak was met over Oslo harbour, and several towns opened fire on the route to the Kattegat.

LOSSES.

9. Four aircraft were lost. A Mosquito failed to return from Heilbronn, and nothing is known of its fate. Enemy fighters destroyed two Lancasters over N. Denmark en route for the Kattegat; and a Halifax returning from Oslo caught fire and dived into the sea 150 miles N.E. of Flathorugh Head. A Mosquito crashed on return from Heilbronn, and was wrecked; and another Lancaster was badly damaged in combat over the North Sea.

REFERENCE.

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4th February, 1945.

NEIGH R.I.D. REPORT NO. 755

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BOMBER COMBINED REPORT OF NIGHT OPERATIONS

5/6 th OCTOBER 1944

Saarbrücken : Berlin, etc.SUMMARY

Two strong forces of bombers were sent to attack Saarbrücken, 20 miles ahead of the U.S. Third Army. The first force was detailed to bomb the marshalling yards, but found them covered with broken cloud and thick haze. After several abortive marking attempts, the Master Bomber ordered crews to abandon the mission. The second force, despatched to blanket the town, found the target clear of cloud, and delivered a devastating attack, destroying half of the built-up area and damaging many factories and barracks. Mosquitoes visited Berlin and several targets in W. Germany; and mines were laid in the Kiel canal and off Heligoland. Only 3 of the 99 aircraft engaged were lost.

WATHER FORECAST

Bases Generally fit until 0200. Diversions all night in S.E. England.  
Targets Patches of residual convection cloud over N. Germany. Local fog after midnight. 10/10ths medium cloud at Saarbrücken, probably based above 14,000 ft. but st-cu. should clear.

SAARBRÜCKENPLAN OF ATTACK

Marshalling Yards Controlled NEHEVEN with emergency sky-marking. 300E Mosquitoes were to drop green spot fires at H-14. Flares were to follow at H-7, and the M/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 sky-marker flares (red with yellow stars). H = 2030.

Town NEHEVEN with emergency sky-marking. Illuminators were to drop flares blindly at H-7, provided that there was less than 6/10ths cloud. Primary visual markers were to release red and green T.I. at H-5, after definite visual identification. If unable to discern ground detail, they would hold their markers. 2 300E markers were to drop more flares at H-4. 10 blind markers were to drop green T.I. at H-2 if no reds and greens were yet visible. 3 visual controllers were to aim green T.I. at the centre of reds and greens from H-2 to H-3; if no T.I. were visible, they were to retain their markers. 4 blind sky-markers were to drop flares (red with yellow stars) from H-1 to H-5, if there was more than 5/10ths cloud. H = 2230.

SORTIES

	M/Y	Town
No. of aircraft despatched .....	190	361
No. of aircraft reporting attack on primary area .....	31	349
No. of aircraft reporting attack on alternative area ....	48	0
No. of abortive sorties .....	61	12
No. of aircraft missing .....	3	0
	(2.42)	

WATHER EXPERIENCED

Bases Widespread fog before midnight. Many aircraft were diverted.  
Saarbrücken Patchy thin st-cu (3-6/10ths). Ground haze. Three quarters moon rising at 2040. 10/10ths cloud en route as far as 0600. Cloud had dispersed to nil by the beginning of the second attack.

/7 .....



NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHIC STATISTICS

7. (Town)

No. of aircraft plotted in target area ..... 166  
 No. of aircraft plotted off target area ..... 102  
 No. of aircraft estimated to have bombed in target area : 166-226  
 (estimate = 210)  
 No. of aircraft estimated to have bombed within 3 miles  
 of A/P ..... 239-326  
 (estimate = 303)

RELATIVE OF ATTACK

8. Marshalling Yards 2 Mosquitos marked the target, but the illuminating flares were scattered, and the Master and Deputy could not identify the A/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 crews to abandon the mission.

9. Town The target was well illuminated, and the B.I. were well grouped round the A/P. The bombing was accurate and concentrated, and one exceptional explosion at H-16 illuminated the whole sky. Late reconnaissance Mosquitos reported that the whole town was ablaze.

DAY RECONNAISSANCE

10. These two attacks, together with that delivered by the Americans on 14th October, largely devastated the town. The old town S. of the river was almost annihilated, and even outlying districts such as Burbach, Halstatt and St. Johann were badly hit. The great steel plant of Vereinigte Huttwerke (gr.1) had every large building damaged and minor buildings destroyed. Industrial damage was widespread; the Lutgens wagon factory, the Maschinenbau A.G., the Portland Cementworks and over 20 minor works were severely hit. Many sheds in the marshalling yards were destroyed, although the tracks escaped lightly. Military camps suffered heavily, the infantry barracks, Dragoon barracks and artillery barracks all being gutted. The main post office, the central fire station and many other public buildings were destroyed. 9 buildings of the gasworks were gutted, and 2 bridges across the Saar seriously damaged. These attacks were estimated to have destroyed 50% of the fully built-up area.

ENEMY DEFENCES

11. At the time of these attacks, Saarbrücken stood only 20 miles from the front line of the U.S. Third Army; but fighters had been active in defence of this area in recent nights, and the bombers were briefed to fly below 2,500 ft. across France as far as 0450E, and to preserve signals silence. The first force aimed at Mainz, but swung southwards beyond Trier, while aircraft were still climbing. None of this force reported being engaged in combat; and the guns were hampered by the haze and patchy cloud. An hour later, HEDD/ Droppers simulated another force bound for Mainz and Frankfurt, and Mosquitos bombed the latter town. Then the main force of the night flew due east across France, again very low, towards Saarbrücken. These bombers did report a few combats near the target, but in no instance was a British aircraft damaged. The flock was fired in the form of a loose barrage over a wide area. Our bombers claimed no victories over enemy fighters, but a minelayer destroyed a Ju.188 and bomber support aircraft damaged 3 more B/As.

CASUALTIES

12. Casualties were extremely light; 3/551 aircraft, all the losses being sustained by the earlier force on the marshalling 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 damaged by flak, all slightly. No damage was sustained in combat; and no serious accidents occurred in landing or taxiing.

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BERLIN

3. 20/20 Mosquitos delivered a rather scattered attack on Berlin in clear weather. No further losses occurred on this night.

KREFELD

4. 7 OBOE Mosquitos were sent to Krefeld, but only one made a successfully controlled run. The rest attacked targets in the Ruhr on D.R.

FRANKFURT

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

HENDORF

6. 4/5 Mosquitos bombed the airfield at Hendorf.

DORTMUND

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

BRUNSBUTTELKOOG

8. 3/5 IZS Mosquitos successfully route-marked for the minelayers on the Kiel Canal; and 4 of these Mosquitos attacked Brunsbuttelkoog in clear weather, 3 on 23 and 1 visually.

MINELAYING

9. 19/19 Halifaxes and Mosquitos laid 49 mines off Heligoland and in the Kiel Canal. One destroyed a Ju.138 near Heligoland, after being itself badly raked.

SIGNALS, PARAGLS, etc.

10. 8 aircraft carried out signals investigation patrols without incident. 7 Mosquitos intruded, damaged 3 E/1; and 23 Stirlings and Portresses operated LADREL, JOSTLE and WINDOW.

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C/S. 26342/3/GRSA  
17th February 1945

REFERENCES Day Reconnaissance - Interpretation Report No. X.3341  
Enemy Defences - Interception/Tactics No. 248/44



TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPORTING ATTACK ON		ABORTIVE SORTIES		MISS-ING	DAMAGE				INTERCEPTORS		RESULTS		
				PROB. AREA	ACT. AREA	OVER E.T.	NOT OVER E.T.		FLAK	FIGHTER	B.IT. INC. BOMBS	NOT DUE TO E/A.	ATTACK-ED	NOT ATTACK-ED	HE.	IB.	
SALZBUCHEN A/C.	1	Lanc. I	11	9	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.8	29.6
		Lanc. III	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc. II	65	46	-	19	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	114,000
	3	Lanc. III	3	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc. III	32	15	-	16	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc. III	46	-	43	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc. VI	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	8	Mosq. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XVI	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XX	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL A/C TOTAL			190	81	48	61	-	3	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
SALZBUCHEN TOWN	1	Lanc. I	103	106	-	2	5	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	104.5	216.2
		Lanc. II	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc. III	124	121	-	3	-	5	-	5	-	-	1	1	2	-	2834,000
	3	Lanc. I	52	51	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-
		Lanc. III	11	11	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
		Lanc. III	47	46	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc. VI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	8	Mosq. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XVI	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL OWN TOTAL			261	249	-	2	10	-	2+1,0	-	-	1	6	6	-	-	
BULLIN	8	Mosq. XVI	11	11	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	25.0	1.0	
		Mosq. XX	9	9	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	114,000	-	
BULLIN TOTAL			20	20	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BUNFELD	8	Mosq. XVI	7	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.9	28.0	
FRANKFORT	8	Mosq. XVI	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2	.9	
		Mosq. XX	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SUBTOTAL TOTAL			6	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

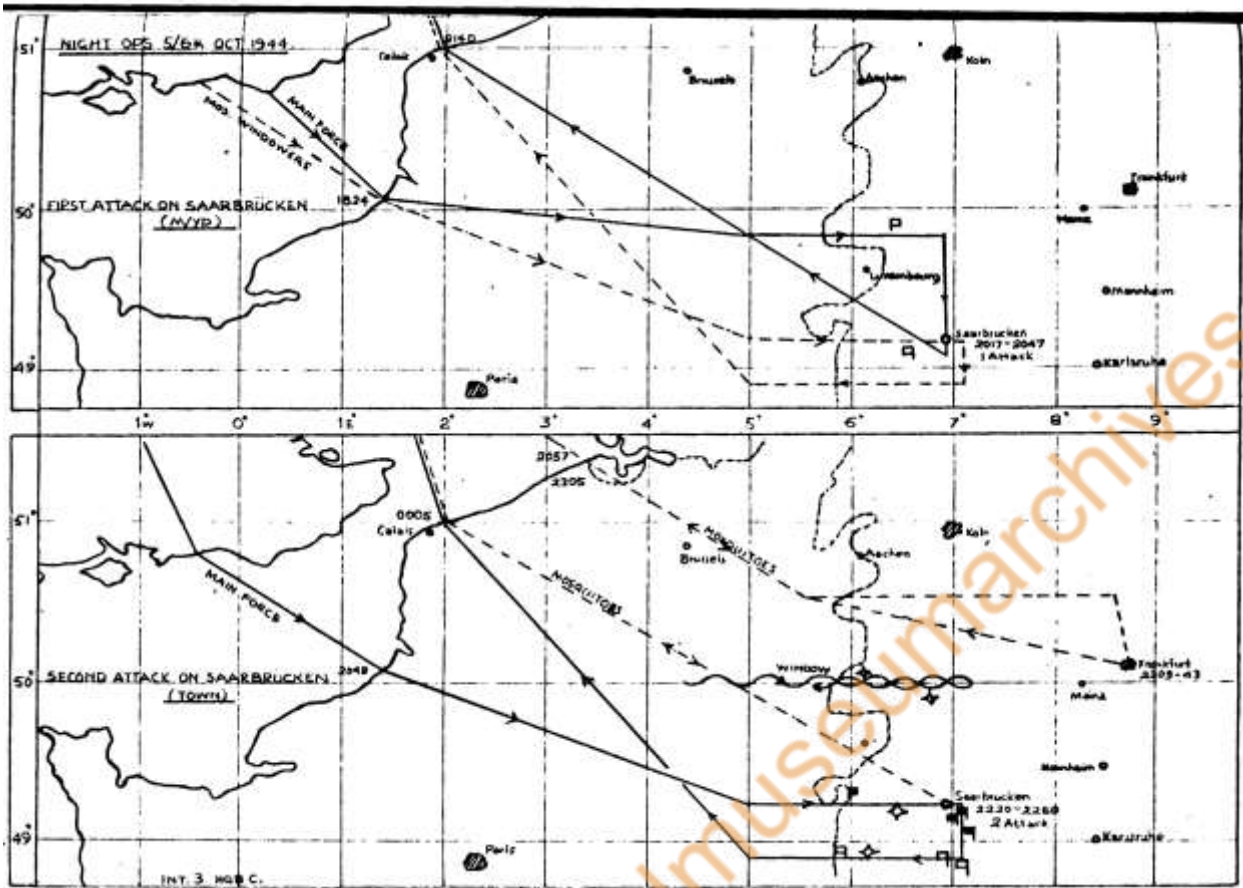
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TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPORTING ATTACK ON		ABORTIVE SORTIES		MISS-ING	DAMAGE				INTERCEPTORS		RESULTS	
				PROB. AREA	ACT. AREA	OVER E.T.	NOT OVER E.T.		FLAK	FIGHTER	B.IT. INC. BOMBS	NOT DUE TO E/A.	ATTACK-ED	NOT ATTACK-ED	HE.	IB.
HANNOVER A/P.	8	Mosq. IX	3	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6	-
		Mosq. XVI	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HANNOVER A/P TOTAL			5	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DORNBURG	8	Mosq. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.7	-
		Mosq. XVI	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DORNBURG TOTAL			3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HOUNSBURY	8	Mosq. XX	5	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3	1.3
HOUNSBURY TOTAL			5	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HULLING	8	Hal. III	10	10	-	-	-	-	1B	-	-	-	2	-	4.9	4.9
HULLING	8	Mosq. XVI	9	9	-	-	-	-	1B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HULLING TOTAL			19	19	-	-	-	-	2B	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
HINGLO BUNFELD	100	Various	8	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOMBER STATION	100	Various	75	60	-	15	-	3+1,0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			699	557	32	65	25	3	20+3,0	1B	-	1	8	7	-	-

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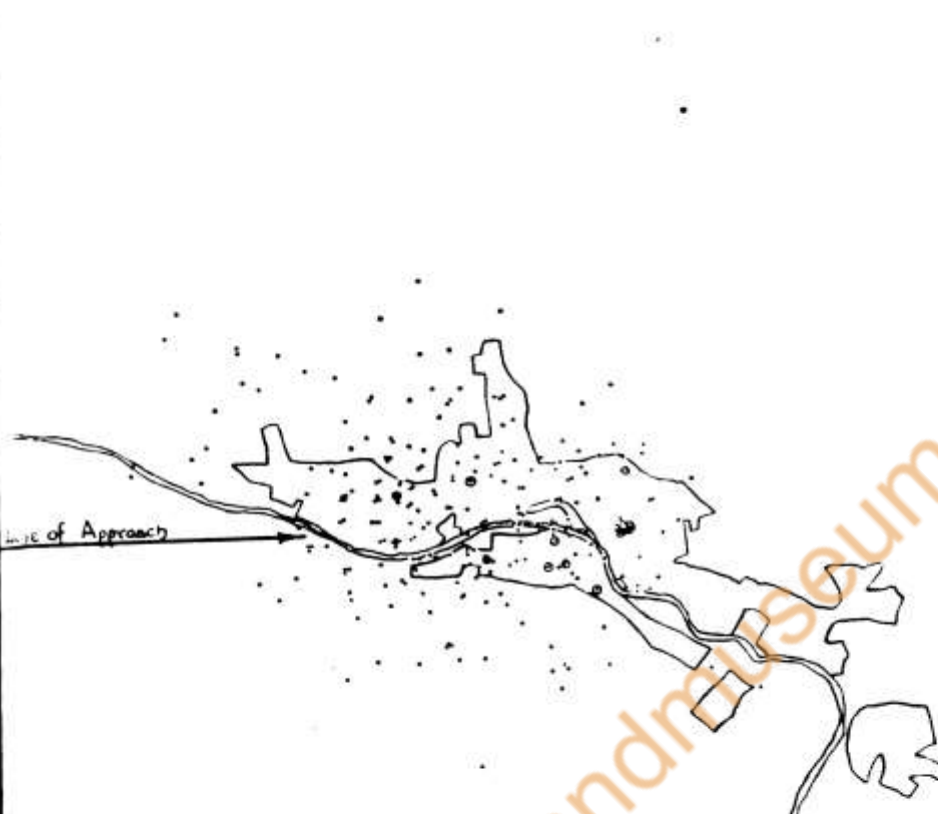


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TAKEN 5/6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 1944 TARGET SAARBRÜCKEN (TOWN) 325



Scale = 1 inch = 1 mile

Markers = ○  
Main Force = ●  
Plotted in Target Area 166  
Plotted outside Target Area 102  
Total plotted 268  
3 aircraft have been plotted  
outside the area of this map

Date	21/1/45	OR5 B.C.	680 A
Ret		Traced	W.P.

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BOMBER COMMAND EUROPEAN FRONT OPERATIONS

9/14th OCTOBER, 1944

DORTMUND: BREMEN: Ludwigshafen: Berlin: Saarbrücken.

SUMMARY

1. Dortmund and Bremen were both attacked by strong forces in clear weather. In each instance the bombing was accurate and concentrated. Great devastation was caused in both cities. Although the routes to be traversed before nautical twilight, the enemy's fighters showed little foreknowledge of the attacks, and only 13/949 aircraft (1.4%) were lost. Mosquitoes attacked several targets, including Berlin.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Bases:- Widespread fog N. of Wash by 0200. Much lighter to the S.  
Targets:- Dortmund and Bremen: probably clear by early evening, although small patches of str.-cu. may persist.

DORTMUND: BREMEN

PLANS ON ATTACK

- 3. Dortmund OBC: groundmarking with emergency flares. H = 2025.
- 4. Bremen 5 Group FIVEVEF (blind and visual groundmarking). H = 2025.

RESULTS

	D.	B.
5. No. of aircraft despatched.....	523	253
" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	484	246
" " " " " alternative area.....	9	0
" " abortive sorties.....	30	7
" " aircraft missing.....	5	5
	(0.9%)	(2.0%)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

6. Bases:- As forecast. East of Wash (including 3 Group) fit all night.  
Targets:- Both clear. No clouds in cloud over routes. Haze at Dortmund. Three quarters moon, moon at 2100. Wind at 17,000' over Bremen: 070/25-30 m.p.h.

NARRATIVE OF ATTACKS

7. Both targets were accurately hit, and received concentrated attacks. Great fires were started, and those at Bremen were accentuated by Mosquito crews returning from Berlin.

DAY RECONNAISSANCE

8. Dortmund Extremely severe and widespread damage was caused, industrial and transport facilities suffering especially. All the 2000 ft running tracks of the main passenger station were cut, and all railway signals were rendered unusable. ..../00/ unserviceable.



80% unscrutable. The goods depot, offices and passenger stations were severely hit, the former being completely knocked out. All the approaches to the marshalling yards were severed. Heavy industries affected by the attack, the Vereinigte Stahlwerke, the Vereinigte Elektrizitätswerke and the municipal power station (all priority 1) were badly damaged, and 15 other factories were also hit. Business/residential property in the largely devastated, 70, of the fully-built up area being quite destroyed.

9. Bremen The weight of the attack on this target did seem to have fallen on the town centre, large areas of which, having hitherto escaped unscathed, were devastated. Heustadt and the 5 were particularly badly hit. 7 of the priority industries were severely affected: the 3 factories of Pöcke Wulf Flugzeugbau A.G. (each pr. 3), the 2 1/2 works of Carl P. Bergward (pr. 1 and 2), Kleinschmiede-Rostenbau (air pumps, pr. 2) and Franke-Werke A.G. (engineers, pr. 3). Several unimportant firms were also affected; the thermal power station (pr. 2), the gasworks, 4 hatted camps (pr. 2) and the tramway depot were all hit; and many warehouses, including almost all those on the Teerhof, were gutted.

#### NEW DEFENCES

10. Both forces met very slight fighter opposition. No E/U were seen over Bremen until the attack had been in progress for 10 minutes, the controllers evidently being deceived by the unusual low-level approach direct to the mouth of the Weser. Thereafter, numerous fighters were seen, but only 2 attacks were reported. Our crews damaged several E/U, which made no attempt to return fire. The Dortmund bombers were over Bremen at low-level for nearly an hour before nautical twilight, and when they crossed the German border, Mosquitos and WRECCW-operators threatened the Rheinheim area. 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 Dortmund, but fairly intense at Bremen.

#### CASUALTIES

11. 10/776 aircraft were lost on the 2 raids - 5/523 (0.9%) on Dortmund, and 5/253 (2.0%) on Bremen. 4 of the Dortmund losses were probably due to flak (2 at the target and 2 to the N.E. of the Ruhr); the fifth was probably destroyed in combat E. of Cologne. 2 of the aircraft missing on Bremen fell to target flak, and one to a fighter N. of Bremen. The other 2 losses occurred N. of the Prisons and on the leg out from the target, the causes being unknown. No irreparable damage was sustained by German aircraft.

#### DISBURSEMENT

12. 10/11 Mosquitos carried out a night attack on Lahnstein, in connection with the Dortmund raid. The evening was well clouded in clear weather.

#### BREITENBURG

13. 20/22 Mosquitos attacked Berlin in clear weather; but the marking and bombing were scattered. Fighters were active in the target area, and 1 Mosquito was lost without trace.

#### SAARBRÜCKEN

14. 2/2 OBOE Mosquitos made successfully conducted runs against Saarbrücken.

#### MEINING

15. 19/19 Lancasters and Halifaxes laid 94 mines off Texel, Heligoland and the Weser estuary.

..../ICOMEX SUPPORT etc.

SCOUT SORTIES etc.

16. 76 Mosquitos were active on SEARCH and intruder patrols. One Ju.88 was destroyed after a chase near Luxembourg; but the Mosquito failed to return. 6 Stirlings covered the approach of the enemy force with a HINDLE screen; 14 Stirlings, Halifaxes and Fortresses dropped VEDOV bombs on Mannheim, to relieve the Dortmund force; and 5 Fortresses operated JAGGED, one of these damaging a T/3 enemy aircraft. 10 Mosquitos, Halifaxes and Liberators carried out signals investigation patrols, 3 Stirlings and Halifaxes made special sorties, and 2 Mosquitos made retrograde flights. One Stirling failed to return from special operations.

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BC/S. 26342/2/ORS4,  
15th. February, 1945.

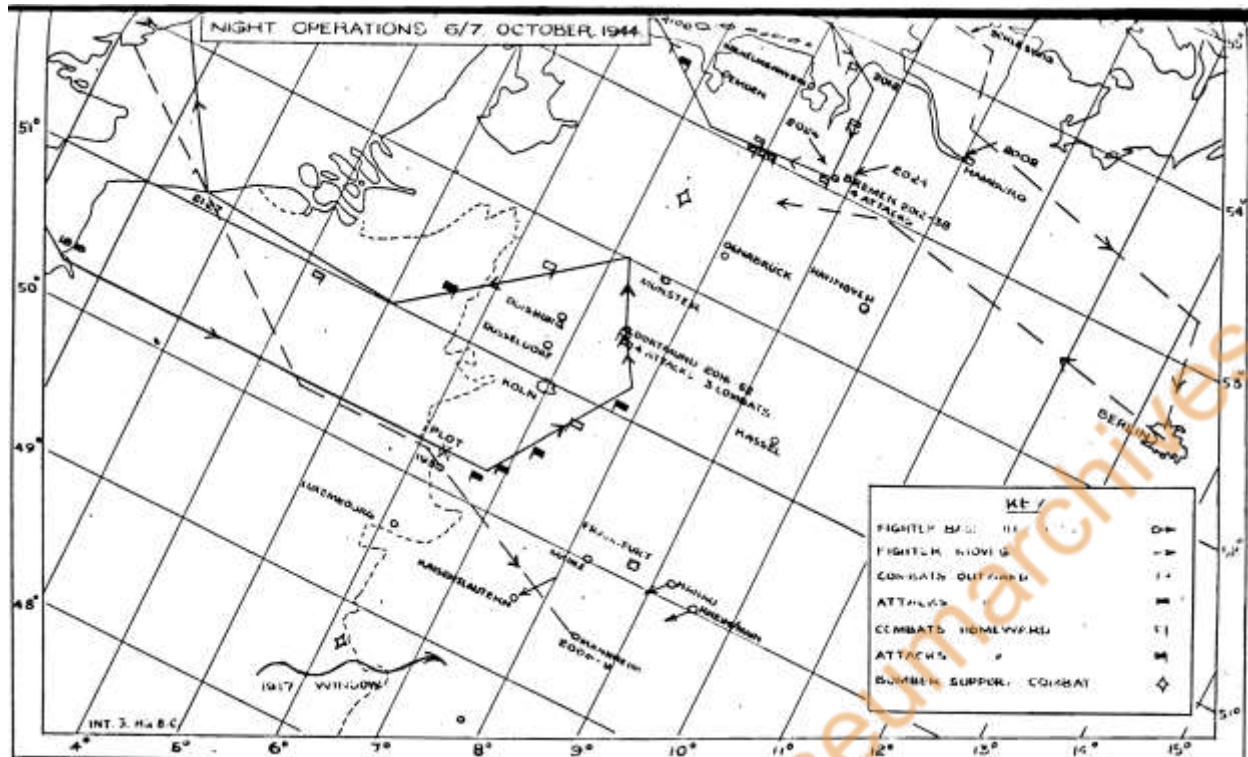
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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS.

7/8TH OCTOBER, 1944.

BOMBER SUPPORT.

1. 100 Group staged a feint attack with HERRON, WINDOW and intruders, on this night. 4 Stirlings provided a SMOKE screen over the North Sea, through which WINDOW droppers and high and low-level intruders flow towards the Weser estuary, on the same route as that taken by the Force which attacked Bremen on the previous night. The enemy plotted the supposed force vigorously, but sent up few fighters against them. Our intruders destroyed a Ju.88 and damaged a Ju.88. A Halifax separately carried out a signals investigation patrol. All our aircraft returned undamaged.

MH/101.  
 BC/S. 26342/6/ORS.1.  
4th February, 1945.

BOMBER SUPPORT ON 7/8 OCTOBER, 1944.

UNIT	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SOURCES	W/O REPORTING		W/O REPORTS		W/O	RESULTS				REMARKS
				NO.	PERCENT	NO.	PERCENT		DOWN	DAMAGED	NOT	REMARKS	
				NO.	PERCENT	NO.	PERCENT	DOWN	DAMAGED	NOT	REMARKS		
BOMBER SUPPORT	100	Var.	46	43	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	
SIGNALS PATROL	100	Hal.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
W/O TOTAL			47	44	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	

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NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 736.

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS.

9/10th October, 1944.

BOGHUM: Wilhelmshaven etc.SUMMARY.

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 FORECAST.

2. Bases. Widespread stratus; but many bases should remain fit until 0100.  
Targets. Much cloud over all Germany. 10/10ths at Bochum but none between 6,000 ft and 18,000 ft.

PLAN OF ATTACK.

3. OBCE ground and sky-marking. H = 2030.

SORTIES.

4.	No. of aircraft despatched.....	435.
	" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	405.
	" " " " " " alternative area.....	3.
	" " abortive sorties.....	27.
	" " aircraft missing.....	6 (1.4%).

WEATHER EXPERIENCED.

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

NARRATIVE OF ATTACK.

6. The groundmarkers were concentrated, the skymarkers scattered. Some crews managed to identify the former through gaps in the cloud, but the attack was rather dispersed.

DAY RECONNAISSANCE.

7. Business/residential damage was confined to the P.W. outskirts; but the rolling mills, open hearth furnaces and tilting furnaces of Vereinigte Stahlwerke, the Eisen u. Hüttenwerke structural steelworks and several minor factories were hit and damaged in varying degrees.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

8. Few fighters were met 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 faint Mosquito 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 18,000 ft. Our bombers destroyed a Ju.58 and damaged four other E/A.

CASUALTIES.

9. 6/55 aircraft (1.4%) 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 destroyed; another was badly injured in a taxiing accident. 41 aircraft were hit by flak, but none seriously.

/OVER....

WILHELMSHAVEN.

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.

SARBRUCKEN.

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

KREFELD.

12. Five OBOE Mosquitos were despatched against Krefeld; but only one made a successfully controlled run. Three bombed the Ruhr on D.R., and one was abortive.

DUSSELDORF.

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

BOMBER SUPPORT etc.

14. 57 Mosquitos were active on SERRATE and intruder patrols, but reported no combats. 26 Stirlings, Fortresses and Halifaxes operated WINDY, MANDREL, and JOSTLE, and undoubtedly distracted the enemy fighter controllers from the main effort on Bochum. Eight Mosquitos and Halifaxes carried out special patrols. None of these aircraft was lost or damaged.

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BC/S. 26342/3/ORE.4.  
8th February, 1945.

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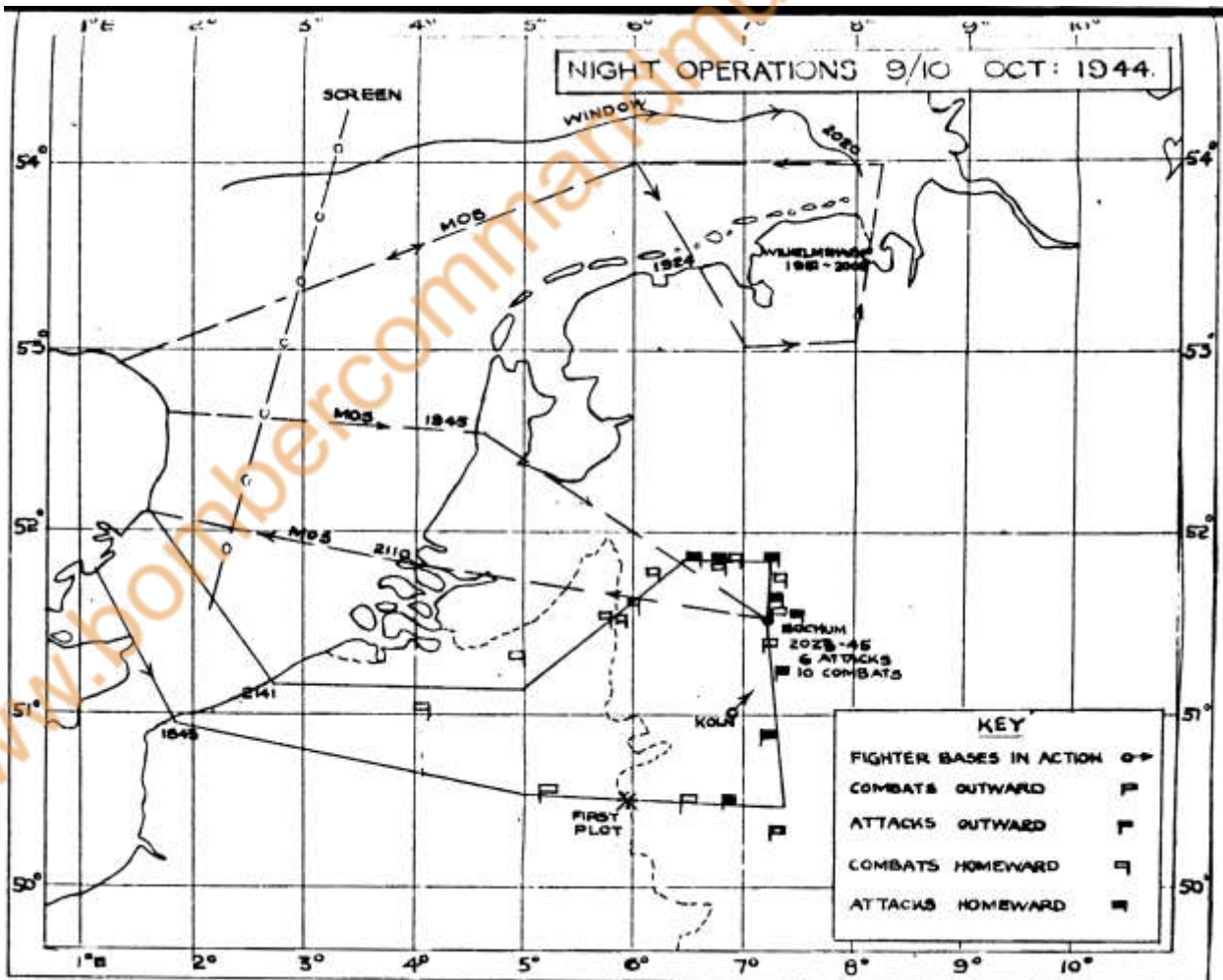


TABLE	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/D REPORTING		COMBAT		Loss I.G.	RESULTS				RESULTS			
				PREV. AREA	AUT. AREA	PREV. S.T.	AUT. S.T.		PLACED	WRECKED	RETR. INC. BOES	REP. DEX TO S/A	AT. OK= 80	RETR. 40	H.E.	I.B.
BOCHUM	1	Lano-I	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1177.4	275.7
	4	Hal-III	196	184	1	4	7	3	21+1.0	-	-	5+2.0 +1B	9	9		
	6	Lano-X	30	30	-	-	-	1	2-1.0	-	-	-	-	-		
		Hal-III	134	130	2	-	2	1	8+2.0	-	-	1B	2	2		
		Hal-VII	62	44	-	-	1	1	5	-	-	1	2	2		
	Moq-IX	7	2	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Moq-VI	13	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BOCHUM TOTAL			435	405	3	17	10	5	37+2.0	-	-	6+2.0+ 1B+1B	13	13	-	-
WILHELMSHAFEN			24	23	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1B	-	-	57.8	1.7
WILHELMSHAFEN TOTAL			24	23	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1B	-	-	23+0.00	-
TOTAL			47	46	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1B	-	-	7.1	1+0.00
BOCHUM			4	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.4	3+0.00
WILHELMSHAFEN			5	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.4	3+0.00
TOTAL			9	4	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.8	6+0.00
BOCHUM			494	456	9	18	11	6	30+2.0	-	-	6+2.0+ 1B+2B	13	13	-	-
WILHELMSHAFEN			83	78	-	-	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL			577	534	9	18	16	6	31+2.0	-	-	6+2.0+ 1B+2B	13	13	-	-
* NOT INCLUDED			8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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\* NOT INCLUDED IN GROUP TOTAL

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NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 757.

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS.10/11TH OCTOBER, 1944.Cologne; Duisburg; Dusseldorf; etc.SUMMARY.

1. Cologne. 47/49 Mosquitos attacked Cologne through 10/10ths. cloud. Most crews bombed the markers or their glow. No aircraft was lost on this night.
2. Duisburg. Five OBCE Mosquitos were sent to Duisburg, but all experienced OBCE failure and attacked the primary on D.R.
3. Dusseldorf. Two OBCE Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against the Lohausen airfield at Dusseldorf.
4. Aschaffenburg. Six OBCE Mosquitos were sent to Aschaffenburg. Four made successfully controlled runs; one bombed the target on D.R. and the sixth aircraft attacked the town area.
5. Pforzheim. Six OBCE Mosquitos bombed Pforzheim, five on OBCE and one on D.R.
6. Signals patrol. One Liberator carried out a signals investigation patrol.

WEATHER FORECAST.

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

SORTIES.

8.	No. of aircraft despatched.....	69.
"	" " " reporting attack on prim. area.....	66.
"	" " " " " alt. are.....	1.
"	" " abortive sorties.....	2.
"	" " aircraft missing.....	0.

WEATHER EXPERIENCED.

9. 10/10ths. layered cloud over all targets.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

10. Negligible.

CASUALTIES.

11. No aircraft was lost, but one Mosquito was wrecked in a taxiing accident.

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IC/S. 26342/6/ORS. 4.

4th February, 1945.

FACILITY	GROUP	DESCRPT TYPE	SORTING	NO REVERTING		ABORTING		RELE- ASE	DAYS				TOTALS		REMARKS	
				PHIL RE.	ALT RE.	OVER S. T.	NOV WER S. T.		BLACK	PERCENT	BRIT. INC. NO RE	DOT DUE TO RE	BLACK RE	NOV RE	R. E.	
...	H	seq. XVI	23	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	-	-	58.5	1.1
...		o. XX	20	20	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1B	-	-	200.000	
...			49	47	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1.0+1B	-	-		
...	B	seq. XVI	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.9	50.000
...	H	seq. XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.7	10.000
...		o. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
...			2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
...	B	seq. XVI	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.7	100.000
...	C	seq. XVI	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.7	100.000
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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS.

11/12TH OCTOBER, 1944.

Berlin: Wiesbaden: Heilbronn.

SUMMARY.

1. Berlin. 38/46 Mosquitos attacked Berlin in cloudless but hazy weather. Only one of the seven X-aircraft dropped markers, and most crews bombed 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. Wiesbaden. 8/8 OBOE Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against Wiesbaden. No further losses were sustained on this night.
3. Heilbronn. 4/4 OBOE Mosquitos bombed Heilbronn.
4. Met. Recce. One Mosquito carried out a net. recce. flight.

WEATHER FORECAST.

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

SORTIES.

6.	No. of aircraft despatched.....	59.
	" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	51.
	" " " " " alt. area.....	7.
	" " abortive sorties.....	1.
	" " aircraft missing.....	1.

WEATHER EXPERIENCED.

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

ENEMY 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.

CASUALTIES.

9. One Mosquito was lost without trace on Berlin.

MLM/EUE.

PC/S. 26342/6/ORS.4.

5th February, 1945.



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NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 739.

COPY NO. 16BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS.12/13TH. OCTOBER, 1944.Hamburg; Coblenz; Dusseldorf; etc.SUMMARY.

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. Coblenz. 2/4 OBOE Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against Coblenz. A third attacked the target on D.P. and the fourth bombed an alternative target. No further losses were sustained on this night.
3. Dusseldorf. 3/6 OBOE Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against the Lohausen airfield at Dusseldorf. Another attacked the primary on D.P., and the other two bombed alternative targets.
4. Schweinfurt. Two OBOE Mosquitos bombed Schweinfurt by means of their precision devices.
5. Wiesbaden. 5/6 OBOE Mosquitos attacked Wiesbaden, four on OBOE and one on D.P. The sixth aircraft bombed 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-Hamburg.

WEATHER EXPERIENCED.

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

ENEMY DEFENCES.

8. 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.

MIM/EUP.

BC/C. 26742/6/O.S.4.

5th February, 1945.



UNIT	GROUP	RECRUIT TYPE	SOURCES	ACCOMMODATION		SOCIATIVE		LOSS	DOLLARS				TOTAL			
				PRI. RES.	SEC. RES.	OPT. E. T.	NOV. OVER E. T.		FLK	PERMAN	TRAT. INC. HOUS	NOT DUE TO %	PLACED ED	ADJ.	REL	IR
R. 4879	B	100q-IX	25	21	1	1	2	-	2.0	-	-	-	-	-	57.6	.9
		100q-XIV	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		100q-XVI	24	22	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	220000
R. 4879 TOTAL			52	46	2	1	3	1	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
R. 4879	B	100q-IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.2	-
		100q-XVI	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40000
R. 4879 TOTAL			4	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
R. 4879	B	100q-XVI	6	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.2	50000
		100q-IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6
R. 4879 TOTAL			7	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
R. 4879 TOTAL			2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
R. 4879 TOTAL			6	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	50000
R. 4879 TOTAL			70	60	5	1	3	1	14.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS.

13/14TH OCTOBER, 1944.

REMARKS.

Cologne. 53/57 Mosquitos attacked Cologne. The city was covered with low cloud, but the bombing seemed well concentrated on the glow of the factories. No aircraft was lost on this night.

Stuttgart. 3/4 OBOE Mosquitos bombed Stuttgart. The fourth was abortive.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Basics. Generally fit, despite slight rain and low cloud in N.  
Targets. Good chance of less than half cover over Ruhr.

STATISTICS.

No. of aircraft despatched.....	61.
" " " reporting attack on prim. area.....	56.
" " " " " alt. area.....	2.
" " abortive sorties.....	3.
" " aircraft missing.....	0.

WEATHER EXPERIENCED.

10/10ths. to 18,000' over Cologne.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

No fighters. Slight to moderate heavy flak.

CASUALTIES.

No aircraft was lost, but a Mosquito was wrecked in a taxiing accident.

W/AM.

S. 26342/6/ORS.

February, 1945.

TABLE	GROUP	A/C DESCRIPTION	QUANTITIES	A/C RINGING				A/C TYPE		L.A.	DAMAGE				DISTRIBUTION		REMARKS		
				A/C RINGING		A/C TYPE		L.A.	DAMAGE		DISTRIBUTION	REMARKS	REMARKS	REMARKS					
				PRIN. A/C	L.T. A/C	OVER. A/C	NOV. A/C								PLAC.	REPAIR	REPAIR	REPAIR	REPAIR
COLUMBIA	B	Mosq. IX	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67.2	.8	
		Mosq. XVI	26	25	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq. X	26	24	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	24,000	
		Mosq. XIV	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL			57	54	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	
STATION			4	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.4	2.1
BOMBING			61	56	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	

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DAY RESULTS SUMMARY

8. Duisburg These 2 attacks, together with that delivered by the Command a few hours earlier in daylight, caused destruction throughout Duisburg. 16 of the 56 rated industries were destroyed, together with a further 24 unrated industries. August Thyssen Werke A.G. (pr. 1+), and Bergm. A.G. (pr. 1) were severely affected. 5 of the 14 listed public utilities were hit, notably the Thyssen gas and water works (pr. 2) the 2 gas-turbine power plants at Humborn-Alsum (pr. 2) and the Homburg gasworks. Widespread damage was caused to railway facilities, and on the following day there were no signs of activity in any of the Paris bindings, or through lines. Many craters were caused in the dock area, where several barges were sunk. At least 90 hits were scored on the airfield. 1292 acres of the town were estimated to have been devastated.

9. Brunswick Nearly all the old town, within the city moat, and large areas elsewhere, especially in the P.W., were hit by this attack. The Flugzeugreparaturfabrik G.m.B.H. (pr. 3) was gutted, and severe damage was caused to the Pantherwerke (pr. 3) and to 3 unrated plants. The main railway station was destroyed, together with many public buildings.

DAY DEFENSES

10. The enemy's defense system met with unprecedented failure on this night, considering the number of bombers engaged and the depth of the Brunswick penetration. Our counter-measures were elaborate and successful (see paragraph 17 below). Only 15 of the 1,238 returning bombers reported being attacked by fighters; and flak opposition was very slight.

DAY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

11. Intruders and SEPRATE Mosquitoes claimed a Ju. 88 destroyed and another probably destroyed near Gutersloh, and a Fw. 190 destroyed E. of Aachen. A bomber returning from the second attack on Duisburg was shot down S/W. enemy aircraft N. of Brussels.

CASUALTIES

12. Losses were extremely light: 5/675 (0.7%) in the first Duisburg attack; 1/330 (0.3%) in the second; and 1/240 (0.4%) on Brunswick. 2 of these casualties were caused by a collision over Duisburg in the first attack. At about the same time, 2 aircraft fell to target flak. Just after the second raid, a bomber went down to "unknown causes" in the Ruhr. This was claimed the only victim at Brunswick. 4 other aircraft were reportedly damaged: 1 by flak, 2 in landing accidents, and one by the enemy because its engine after it had crashed while taking.

REMARKS

13. 20/20 Mosquitoes bombed enemy airfields in the Ruhr and Aachen. The bombing and bombing were both done effectively and accurately. Some crews claimed to have identified the docks.

RESULTS

14. 16/16 Mosquitoes bombed Berlin. The target was clear of clouds, except for patches of thin stratus. 3 of the 5 Y-aircraft were shot down, and the Berlin was confined to the marked area. Crews observed fires burning in both Brunswick and Duisburg as they returned home. One Mosquito was lost without trace.

REMARKS

15. 6/3 Mosquitoes carried out a joint attack on Mannheim, which diverted fighters from the force proceeding towards Brunswick. All returned safely.

..../USSELLOR.

WEDDOW

16. 2/2 OBOE Mosquitoes (1) and the Liberator (1) held at Düsseldorf, and on OBOE and one on D.R.

DIVERSIONARY SWEEP: OBOE, WEDDOW, etc.

17. Unusually elaborate underground operations were arranged to cover the operations against Duisburg and Brunswick. A formation, composed of WEDDOW, jammed the coastal radar in N. Holland on 14/15, starting in the early part of the night. WEDDOW aircraft accompanied the formation as far as the Rhine, and then carried out a joint attack on Mannheim, accompanied by Mosquitoes. Meanwhile, 135/141 aircraft made a diversionary sweep across North's Helligoland; a threat which WEDDOW droppers carried as far as the Southern coast, suggesting a large-scale attack on Hamburg, which Mosquitoes had bombed before midnight. The Berlin raiders caused a further distraction after the attack on Brunswick; and 84 intruders were active over enemy airfields, destroying a FW.190 B. of Holland, and 1 (probably 2) Ju.88 near Gutersloh, in Holland. No casualties were sustained by these forces except for a Halifax of the diversionary sweep, which dived in flames into the North Sea. The cause is not known. In addition to these operations, 11/12 aircraft completed signals investigation patrols; 8 aircraft made special sorties; and 1 Mosquito carried out a reconnaissance flight.

M. J. J.

BC/S. 23342/2/ORS4,

16th. February, 1945.

THE RAID ON THE NIGHT OF 14/15 WAS PRECEDED BY A DAYLIGHT RAID OF 1013 AIRCRAFT. WITH THE RAID THE NIGHT OF 14/15 WITH 1573 SORTIES (1005 ON DUISBURG), BOMBER COMMAND HAD LAUNCHED 2585 SORTIES IN A 24 HOUR PERIOD. 525 AIRCRAFT WERE FROM RCAF SQUADRONS.



DURHAM: BRUNSWICK REGIONAL DISTRICT REPORT - ACTIVITY DURING 1944 - 10/15/44 - OCTOBER, 1944.

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPORTING ATTACK OF				A/C REPORTING SHORTS		MIS-DC	DAMAGE				INTERCOMMENTS		RESULTS	
				PRIME	ALT.	OVER	NOV	PRIME	ALT.		FLAK	WRECKED	ENVI.	NOT DUE TO	ATTACKED	NOT	HE.	IB.
				OR.	OR.	R.T.	OR.	OR.										
DURHAM 1st BLOCK	1	Lano-I	90	86	1	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4039.8	507.4	
		Lano-III	65	61	-	1	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	3	Lano-I	145	138	-	-	8	1	2	-	-	-	2	2	1	170x1000		
		Lano-III	47	45	-	-	2	-	2+10	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	
	6	Lano-I	41	39	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	7x8000		
	Hal-III	150	142	-	1	7	1	5	-	-	-	1+3.0	2	5	-	-		
	Hal-VII	49	45	-	1	3	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-		
	Lano-III	61	60	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	-		
	Moq-IX	9	3	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	Moq-XVI	17	10	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
DURHAM 1st. TOTAL			675	629	1	18	27	5	12+1.0	-	-	6+4.0	5	12				
DURHAM 2nd. BLOCK	1	Lano-I	13	12	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1				
		Lano-III	49	49	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-				
	4	Hal-III	228	217	-	2	9	-	11+1.0	-	-	2+4.0	6	4				
									+13			1B+1B						
	Lano-III	28	27	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	1					
	Moq-IX	6	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
	Moq-XVI	6	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
DURHAM 2nd. TOTAL			330	312	-	7	11	1	12+1.0	-	-	2+5.0	7					
									+13			1B+1B						
BRUNSWICK	5	Lano-I	98	97	-	-	1	1	4	1.0	-	2.0	1	9	162.5	68.6		
		Lano-III	135	130	-	1	4	-	7	-	-	1+1B	2	9	10x1000			
		Moq-IV	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
		Moq-XI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
		Moq-XV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
BRUNSWICK TOTAL			240	234	-	1	5	1	11	1.0	-	1+2.0	3	10				
H. BRUN	6	Moq-XVI	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23.7	.9		
		Moq-XX	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	9x1000			
		Moq-XIV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-				
H. BRUN. TOTAL			20	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-					

11/15th. OCTOBER, 1944. (Contd.)

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPORTING ATTACK OF				A/C REPORTING SHORTS		MIS-DC	DAMAGE				INTERCOMMENTS		RESULTS	
				PRIME	ALT.	OVER	NOV	PRIME	ALT.		FLAK	WRECKED	ENVI.	NOT DUE TO	ATTACKED	NOT	HE.	IB.
				OR.	OR.	R.T.	OR.	OR.										
BRUN	6	Moq-XVI	8	8	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19.2	.7	
		Moq-XA	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8x1000		
		Moq-XV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1B	-	-	-			
BRUN TOTAL			16	16	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1B	-	-				
M. BRUN	6	Moq-IX	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.8	.8		
		Moq-XVI	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Moq-XX	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
M. BRUN TOTAL			8	6	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
NO. BRUN	6	Moq-XVI	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6	2x1000		
NO. BRUN TOTAL			1291	1219	1	27	44	8	55+2.0	1B	3+1.0	-	9+11.0	15	30			
DIV. BRUN	100	Various	120	110	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	1	Hal.	18	17	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	2	B. & L.	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	3	Hal.	3	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	5	L. & B.	21	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1			
	6	Hal.	12	11	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	21	Walt.	13	15	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	22	Walt.	31	28	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1			
	13	Walt.	25	24	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1			
	DIV. BRUN TOTAL			141	135	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1			
SIG. BRUN	100	Various	12	11	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SIG. BRUN TOTAL			8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
GRAND TOTAL			1565	1478	1	27	44	9	55+2.0	1B	3+1.0	-	9+11.0	16	30			
SPECIAL OPS.			8															

O.R.S. 1.

\* NOT INCLUDED IN GRAND TOTAL.

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS.

15/16TH OCTOBER, 1944.

WILHELMSHAVEN; Hamburg; etc.SUMMARY.

1. Mist 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 Germany were bombed by Mosquitos, and many mines were laid in the Kattegat. All aircraft were lost.

2. WEATHER FORECAST. Bases. Fit until 01-0200; then serious mist and fog.

Targets. Bad weather over the Ruhr. Not more than 4/10ths cloud below medium level over N.W. coast; but thick layered medium cloud will approach this area from the S.W., arriving at about 2100.

WILHELMSHAVEN.PLAN OF ATTACK.

3. WILHELMSHAVEN groundmarking, with emergency sky-marking. H = 1945.

SORTIES.

4. No. of aircraft despatched.....	506.
" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	490.
" " " " " alt. area.....	1.
" " abortive sorties.....	15.
" " aircraft missing.....	7(1.4%).

WEATHER EXPERIENCED.

5. Bases. Mist and fog over East Anglia and Yorks, necessitated diversions.

Targets. 10/10ths. tenuous w-st., base 12-14,000', tops 16-20,000', with patches of a-cu. at 10,000'. Visibility poor from 15,000'. Similar conditions en route, with light rise in cloud. Wind at 18,000': 230 deg/40 m.p.h. No moon.

NARRATIVE OF ATTACK.

6. The groundmarkers were accurate and concentrated, and most crews succeeded in identifying them in spite of poor visibility. The early bombing was good, but later there was some scatter to the W.

DAY RECONNAISSANCE.

7. Considerable fresh damage was caused throughout Wilhelmshaven, 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 suburb of Neuende. Scattered damage occurred in the dock area, especially in the shipyards around the Bauhafen, which had been heavily hit in previous raids. At least twelve buildings of the Marine Werft yards (pr. 1.) were seriously affected. The main passenger station was badly gutted.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

8. Thanks to the MANDREL screen off the Dutch Islands, the bombers were not plotted until they reached 0600E. Even then, fighters had half an hour in which to gather near the threatened targets; but they provided only the slightest opposition. The target guns fired a moderate barrage; few searchlights could cope with the haze.

CASUALTIES.

9. 7/506 bombers (1.4%) were lost; an eighth was irreparably damaged /Over.....



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

HAMBURG.

10. 43/44 Mosquitos 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.

Saarbrücken.

11. 5/6 Mosquitos attacked Saarbrücken, three on OBOE and two on D.R. The sixth aircraft bombed Neunkirchen.

Kassel.

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

Düsseldorf.

13. 2/2 OBOE Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against the Lehausen airfield at Düsseldorf.

MINELAYING.

14. 30/37 Lancasters and Halifaxes laid 141 mines in northern waters; 117 in the Kattegat, and 24 off Læsø Rende. Recent military operations had enormously increased the importance of the Kattegat as a German lifeline, and the approaches were found to be heavily defended. 30 night 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 Holstebro. The fate of the fourth is uncertain, but it seems to have gone down into the North Sea on the return route.

BOMBER SUPPORT etc.

15. 39/42 Mosquitos of 100 Group (together with 7/10 of A.D.C.B) completed intruder and SERRATE patrols, destroying one Me. 110 eight miles S. of Schleswig. 27/28, Fortresses, Halifaxes, Stirlings, and Liberators operated WINDOW and MINIREL: the MINIREL screen was carried to a line nearly parallel with the Dutch Islands, and the WINDOW operators continued in a straight line towards Kiel from 07°E., while the main bomber force turned S.wards towards Wilhelmshaven. One of these heavies damaged an E/A in combat. 4/5 aircraft completed signals investigation patrols; and two others made special sorties. All returned safely.

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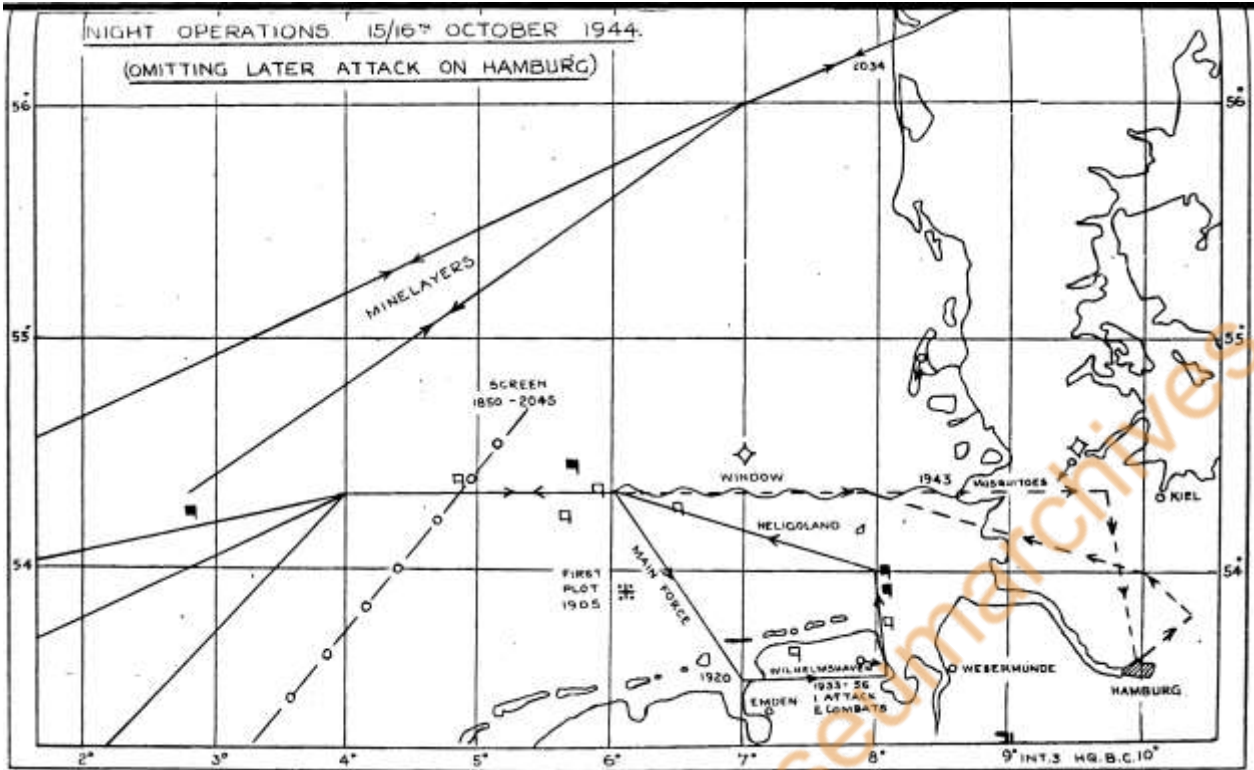
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9th February, 1945.

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS.

16/17TH. OCTOBER, 1944.

Cologne.

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38/39 Mosquitos bomber Cologne in two waves. On both waves, the target was cloud covered, and visibility was poor. First markers all failed to operate successfully, and crews did not bomb on D.R. or E.T.A. In the second attack, the TI soon disappeared into the cloud, and most aircraft in this wave, too, had to bomb by means of navigational aids. No aircraft was lost.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Conditions. Bad weather; rain and low cloud.  
Targets. Thick cloud over Germany; fair chance of breaks to 5-7/10ths, but not over the target.

RESULTS.

No. of aircraft despatched..... 39.  
" " reporting attack on prim. area..... 38.  
" abortive sorties..... 1.  
" aircraft missing..... 0.

WEATHER EXPERIENCED.

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

ENEMY DEFENCES.

No fighters. Slight flak.

CASUALTIES.

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

REMARKS.

S. 26342/6/ORS. 4.

February, 1945.

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/D REPORTED		LIGHTS		VTRC- D/C	CLOUSE				INTER-OFFICERS		RESULTS	
				FRIL %	ALL %	ON %	NOT OVER %		FLAK	FIGHTER %	ENLY DCL BOHE	NOT DUE TO %	AT %	NO %	HL	Ln
COLOGNE	G	Mosq. XVI	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	41	3
		Mosq. XX	24	23	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. LXV	4	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12x000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>39</b>	<b>38</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>5</b>			<b>18</b>					

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS.17/18TH. OCTOBER, 1944.Anti-flying-bomb-patrols.

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

MIM/EUB.  
BC/S. 26342/6/ORS. 4.  
6th February, 1945.

ANTI-FLYING BOMB PATROLS - 17/18th. OCTOBER, 1944.

LEGACY	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	✓ NO REPORTING		✓ POSITIVE		✓ YES	✓ NO				INTERCEPTIONS		RESULTS	
				PRE-ARR.	ARR.	BY 8 P.M.	OVER		FLY	FOOTER	RETT.	DOT	INT. ACC.	RETT.	RETT.	RETT.
ANTI-FLYING BOMB PATROLS	100	Mosq.	12	11	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MET. RECCE.		Mosq.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GR. D. COLLE.			13	12	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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SECRETNIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 745  
COPY NO. 16BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS18/19th OCTOBER 1944Hannover : Mannheim : Dusseldorf, etc.SUMMARY

1. Hannover 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. Mannheim. This target was cloud covered, but all the 18 Mosquitos despatched reported attack. Most crews bombed on the glow of the tightly grouped markers. All aircraft returned undamaged.
3. Dusseldorf. 5/8 OBOE Mosquitos attacked the G.A.F. station at Dusseldorf. The remainder attacked alternative targets in the Ruhr.
4. Pforzheim. 2/5 OBOE Mosquitos bombed Pforzheim, the remainder bombing other targets. One Mosquito was lost.
5. Wiesbaden. 3/4 OBOE Mosquitos bombed Wiesbaden; the other dropped its bombs in the approximate target area.

WEATHER FORECAST

6. Bases. Generally fit, despite high winds and occasional squalls.
- Targets. Good breaks in convection cloud over N.W. Germany. High tops.

SORTIES

- |  |    |
|--|----|
| 7. No. of aircraft despatched .....                        | 54 |
| No. of aircraft reporting attack on primary area .....     | 47 |
| No. of aircraft reporting attack on alternative area ..... | 7  |
| No. of aircraft missing .....                              | 1  |

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

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

ENEMY DEFENCES

9. No fighters. Moderate flak from Mannheim and Hannover.

CASUALTIES

10. One Mosquito was lost without trace on Pforzheim.

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6th February 1945



T. NO.	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SERIALS	NO. OF BOMBS		NO. OF BOMBS		STATUS					REMARKS		
				STOCKS		ISSUED		ISSUED TO	RECEIVED	NOT RECD	RECD TO	RECD BY	RECD DATE	RECD TIME	RECD PLACE
				PREL.	ACT.	PREL.	ACT.								
BOMBER	0	Bomb. XVI Bomb. XX Bomb. XXV	10 5 4	10 5 4	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	25.2 100,000	1.1
BOMBER TOTAL			19	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BOMBER	0	Bomb. XVI Bomb. XX Bomb. XXV	11 5 2	11 5 2	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	25.7 110,000	1.7
BOMBER TOTAL			18	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BOMBER	8	Bomb. LX Bomb. XVI	1 7	1 4	3 3	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	8.0 40,000	
BOMBER TOTAL			8	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BOMBER	8	Bomb. LX Bomb. XVI	2 3	1 1	2 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	6.9 30,000	
BOMBER TOTAL			5	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BOMBER TOTAL	0	Bomb. XVI	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BOMBER TOTAL			54	47	7	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-		

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

19/20th. OCTOBER, 1944.

STUTTGART: NUREMBURG: Wiesbaden: Dusseldorf:

SUMMARY

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

WEATHER FORECAST

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

Targets:- Good clearances in residual convection cloud over W. Germany. Stuttgart and Nuremburg will probably have 5-8/10ths., mostly below 10,000', and little or no medium cloud.

STUTTGART: NUREMBURG:

PLANS OF ATTACK

3. Stuttgart Mixed NEWLIVEN II and CBOE groundmarking, with emergency skymarking (both attacks). H = 2030 and 0100.

4. Nuremburg 5 Group NEWLIVEN, with emergency blind groundmarking and skymarking. H= 2055.

SORTIES

	<u>Stuttgart</u>		<u>Nur'bg</u>
	1st.	2nd.	
5. No. of aircraft despatched.....	274	309	270
" " reporting attack on primary area.....	234	298	257
" " " " " alternative area.....	1	0	1
" " abortive sorties.....	3	11	12
" " aircraft missing.....	6	0	2
	(2.2%)		(0.7%)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

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

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

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

No moon during operational period.

..../... RELATIVE OF ATTACKS.

NARRATIVE OF ATTACKS

7. Stuttgart In the first attack, the groundmarkers were obscured by the dense cloud, but their glow could be seen and many aircraft bombed by this means. Other crews aimed at the skymarkers. The bombing was scattered. The second force saw the glow of fires from 50 miles away. In this attack, most crews aimed at skymarkers, which were well concentrated.

8. Nuremberg 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 RECONNAISSANCE

9. Stuttgart Fresh damage was caused in Stuttgart over a wide area, especially in the Ostheim and Bad Cannstatt districts. The Robert Bosch works in Feuerbach the Sud-deutsche Kuehlerfabrik works and two buildings of the Kueidler's Metall and Drehwerke were seriously hit. Transportation facilities were interrupted; the main goods station and passenger station, the large locomotive depot in Ebnannstrasse and the goods station at Bad Cannstatt being hit. The municipal gas works and a large infantry barracks, as well as other business and residential property also suffered damage.

10. Nuremberg The weight of the attack fell on the important industrial section in the S. of the city, the railroad centre escaping comparatively lightly. 6 priority plants, including the D.M.W. tank factory, were severely damaged. 16 un-rated industries were also hit; a gasworks and 2 barracks were damaged; and many buildings belonging to the south station and goods depot were destroyed.

ENEMY DEFENCES

11. Little fighter opposition was encountered by any of the 3 forces, although 300-400 F/L were airborne. This was largely due to the effectiveness of our countermeasures; each attack on Stuttgart was accompanied by a feint raid on Wiesbaden, while WINDOW aircraft flew towards Mainz. At the same time, intruders were active in strength over enemy airfields, and a MARDER screen was operated over liberated France. The Stuttgart forces between them only reported 13 attacks, and the Nuremberg raiders no more than 3. Flak was slight to moderate at Stuttgart, but fairly intense at Nuremberg from 14-20,000'. Searchlights were hampered at both targets by the cloud.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

12. Our bombers crews claimed no victories in combat, although a Me.110 was damaged over Stuttgart in the second attack. Intruders, however, destroyed a Ju.89 near Karlsruhe, 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.

CASUALTIES

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 flak near Strasbourg; but this incident may have concerned one of the Nuremberg losses. Only one of these (3/270 - 0.7%) can definitely be identified - to target flak. 2 losses must therefore be attributed to "causes unknown". No aircraft was lost in the second Stuttgart attack. One aircraft crashed on return from the first raid on Stuttgart, and was wrecked.

REMARKS

14. Each attack on Stuttgart was accompanied by a feint Mosquito raid on Wiesbaden. 23 aircraft were engaged in the first of these attacks, and 25 in the second. In each instance, the marking and bombing were reported to be well concentrated. Opposition was slight, and no losses were sustained.

..../LUSSELLDORF.



DUSSELDORF

15. 6 OBOE Mosquitoes were despatched against Düsseldorf, but only one made a successfully controlled run. 4 others attacked the target on 2.R.; and the sixth was abortive. One aircraft crashed on return.

BOMBER SUPPORT etc.

16. 82 Mosquitoes were active on SEVENTH in intruder patrols over Germany. They destroyed 2 Ju.88, 1 Ju.188 and 1 He.119, and damaged 2 Ju.88 and 1 He.410. One Mosquito was lost. 26 heavies operated in 21ST screen over liberated France; and 10 heavies were despatched with 5th Stuttgart Raiders to drop WEDGOW towards Mainz, although only one was able to take off for the second attack. 7 Mosquitoes and 6 heavies carried out signals investigation patrols. No further casualties were sustained.

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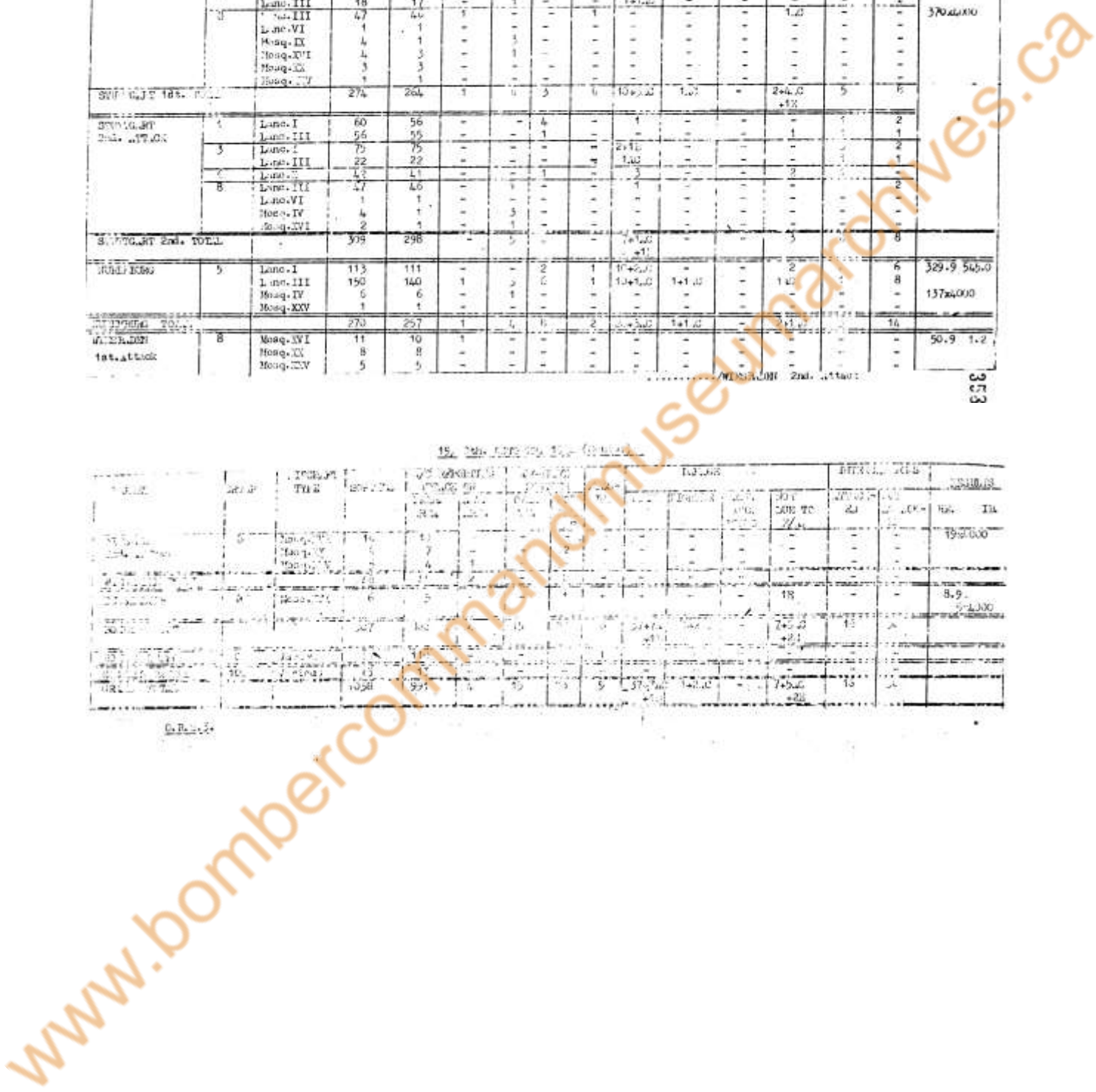
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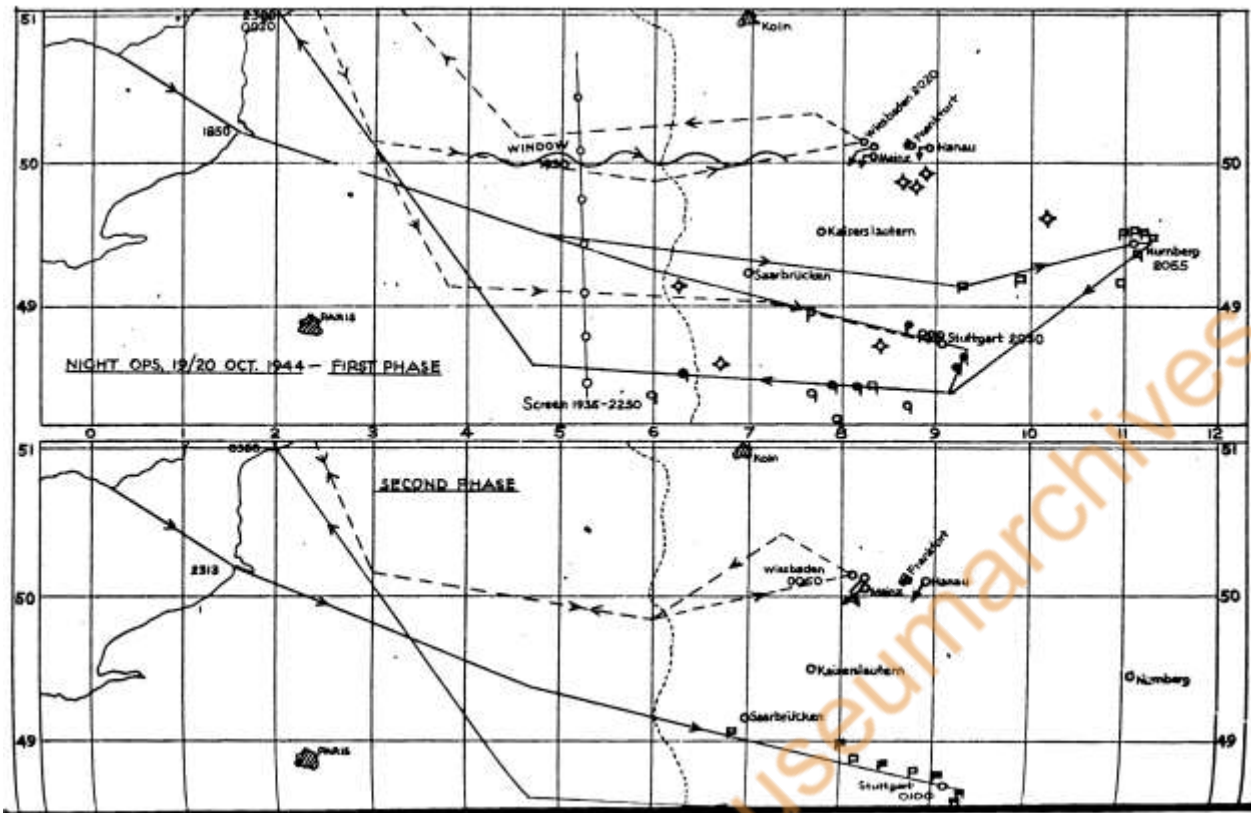
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				Acres	Value	Acres	Value		Acres	Value	Acres	Value	Acres	Value	Acres			
STATION ST 1st. ATTOR.	1	Lane I	57	55	-	1	1	1	1+1.0	1.00	-	-	2	1	1	3700.000	1776.0	669.5
		Lane III	78	77	-	1	1	2	1+1.0	-	-	2	1	2				
	3	Lane I	61	60	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	3	2			
		Lane III	18	17	-	1	1	-	1+1.0	-	-	-	-	2	2			
		Lane III	47	44	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1.0	-	-	-			
		Lane VI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
		Moog IX	4	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
		Moog XVI	4	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
		Moog XX	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
		Moog XXV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
STATION ST 1st. TOTAL			274	264	1	0	3	0	10+1.0	1.00	-	2+1.0	5	6				
STATION ST 2nd. ATTOR.	1	Lane I	60	56	-	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	329.9	505.0	1370.000	
		Lane III	56	55	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1				
	3	Lane I	75	75	-	-	-	-	2+1.0	-	-	-	2	2				
		Lane III	22	22	-	-	-	-	1.00	-	-	-	1	1				
	8	Lane III	43	41	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	2	5	2				
		Lane III	47	46	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2				
Lane VI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Moog IV	4	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Moog XVI	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
STATION ST 2nd. TOTAL			309	298	-	5	-	7+1.0	-	-	3	10	8					
STATION ST 3rd. ATTOR.	5	Lane I	113	111	-	-	2	1	10+1.0	-	-	2	6	50.9	1.2	50.9	1.2	
		Lane III	150	140	1	3	2	1	10+1.0	1+1.0	-	1+1.0	8					
		Moog IV	6	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
		Moog XXV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
		Moog XXV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
STATION ST 3rd. TOTAL			270	257	1	4	4	2	20+1.0	1+1.0	-	11						
STATION ST 4th. ATTOR.	8	Moog XVI	11	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.9	1.2	50.9	1.2	
		Moog XX	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
		Moog XXV	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
STATION ST 4th. TOTAL			24	23	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						

15. 1st. ATTOR. 1st. ATTOR.

Parcel	Group	Interest Type	Acres	1/2 Interest		3/4 Interest		Total	10/100					10/100		Total	Area	Value
				Acres	Value	Acres	Value		Acres	Value	Acres	Value	Acres	Value	Acres			
STATION ST 1st. ATTOR.	5	Moog XVI	16	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19.000	8.9	19.000	8.9	
		Moog XX	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
		Moog XXV	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
STATION ST 2nd. ATTOR.	5	Moog XVI	6	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.9	19.000	8.9	19.000	
		Moog XX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
STATION ST 3rd. ATTOR.	5	Moog XVI	12	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19.000	8.9	19.000	8.9	
		Moog XX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
STATION ST 4th. ATTOR.	5	Moog XVI	12	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19.000	8.9	19.000	8.9	
		Moog XX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
STATION ST 4th. TOTAL			24	23	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						

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NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 747.

COPY NO. 16BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS.21/22ND OCTOBER, 1944.Pforzheim: Cologne: Dusseldorf:SUMMARY.

1. Pforzheim: 3/4 OBOE Mosquitos bombed Pforzheim, three on OBOE and one on D.R. The fourth attacked the area on D.R. No aircraft was lost on this night.
2. Cologne. Two OBOE Mosquitos were sent to Cologne, but both had OBOE failure and attacked other targets in the Ruhr.
3. Dusseldorf: Two OBOE Mosquitos bombed Dusseldorf, one on OBOE and one on D.R.
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.

5. Bases. Very unreliable. Risk of very low stratus everywhere by midnight.

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

SORTIES.

6. No. of aircraft despatched.....	278.
" " " reporting attack on prim. area.....	5.
" " " " " alt. area.....	3.
" " abortive sorties.....	270.
" " aircraft missing.....	0.

WEATHER EXPERIENCED.

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

ENEMY DEFENCES.

8. Negligible.

CASUALTIES.

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

MIM/EUB.

DC/S. 26342/6/ORS.

6th February, 1945.

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPORTING ATTACK ON		ABORTIVE SORTIES		MISS-ING	DAMAGE				INTERCEPTIONS		RESULTS
				PRIM. AREA	ALT. AREA	OVER E. T.	NOT OVER E. T.		PLAK	FIGHTER	BRIT. INC. BOMBS	NO. DUE TO E/A	ATTACK-ED	NOT ATTACK-ED	
PFORZHEIM	B	Mosq XVI	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.2 1st COG
COLOGNE	B	Mosq XVI	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.8 1st COG
DUSSELDORF	B	Mosq XVI	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6 2nd COG
HANNOVER	A	Hal III	161	-	-	-	161	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C	Hal VII	54	-	-	-	54	-	-	-	-	1B	-	-	-
	D	Hal VII	47	-	-	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	B	Lanc III	21	-	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HANNOVER TOTAL			283	-	-	-	283	-	-	-	-	1B	-	-	-
BOMBING TOTAL			271	-	-	-	263	-	-	-	-	1B	-	-	-
JINELAYING	A	Lanc I	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	C	Hal III	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	D	Hal III	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JINELAYING TOTAL			7	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			278	5	3	-	271	-	-	-	-	1B	-	-	-

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NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 748.  
COPY NO.BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS. 1622/23RD. OCTOBER, 1944.Hamburg; Wiesbaden; Cologne, etc.SUMMARY.

1. Hamburg: 44/45 Mosquitos bombed Hamburg. The target was covered with cloud, into which the T.I. quickly disappeared; 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 OBOE Mosquitos attacked Wiesbaden, two on OBOE and two on D.R.
3. Cologne: 2/2 OBOE Mosquitos attacked Cologne, one on OBOE and one on D.R.
4. Dusseldorf: 2/3 OBOE Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against Dusseldorf. The third aircraft bombed Essen.
5. Minelaying: 38/39 Lancasters and Halifaxes laid 190 mines in the Kattegat. One aircraft was damaged beyond repair in combat.
6. Bomber Support etc. 5/6 Mosquitos completed SERATE patrols, damaging one Ju. 88. 6 aircraft of No. 1. Group made special duty sorties.

WEATHER FORECAST.

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

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

SOPTIES.

8.	No. of aircraft despatched.....	99.
"	" " reporting attack on primary area.....	95.
"	" " " " alt. area.....	1.
"	" abortive sorties.....	3.
"	" aircraft missing.....	0.

WEATHER EXPERIENCED.

9. 10/10ths st-cu over all targets, very thin over Hamburg (tops 13,000').

ENEMY DEFENCES.

10. Moderate to intense flak at Hamburg. Slight ground opposition elsewhere. A minelaying Lancaster was engaged in combat and very badly damaged.

CASUALTIES.

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 flak over Hamburg.

MIN/EUP.

PC/S. 263-2/6/ORS. 4.  
6th February, 1945.



TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	✓/C REPORTING		AIRCRAFT SORTIES		MISS-ING	REASON				INTERLUDES		RESULTS		
				PRE-ARR.	ACT. ARR.	NO. T.	NOT OVER		FLY.	LIGHTER	BRIT. INC. BOMBS	NOT DUE TO E/W	FLY-ING	NOT RE-LEASED	HE.	IB.	
HAMBURG	B	Mosq. XVI	24	24	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	54.9	1.5
		Mosq. XI	14	13	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XXV	7	7	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	230,000
HAMBURG TOTAL			45	44	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WIESBADEN	B	Mosq. XVI	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.1	40,000
COLOGNE	B	Mosq. XVI	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6	200,000
DUSSELDORF	B	Mosq. XVI	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6	200,000
DUSSELDORF TOTAL			54	52	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MIDDELBURG KATTELAT	1	Lanc. I	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
		Lanc. III	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	1E	-	-	-	-	-	190
KATTELAT KATTELAT	5	Lanc. I	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc. III	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KATTELAT KATTELAT	4	Hal. III	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Hal. III	10	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MIDDELBURG TOTAL			39	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
BOMBING TOTAL	100	Mosq.	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			99	95	1	1	2	-	5	1E	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
MISSING	3	Str.	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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NOT INCLUDED IN GRAND TOTAL

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NIGHT BOMBING REPORT NO. 749

COPY NO. 16BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS23rd. OCTOBER, 1944.SUMMARY

1. 1,055 aircraft were sent to Essen, which they attacked with great effect through thick cloud. Enormous devastation was caused, especially in Krupp's. The enemy controllers gave their fighters inadequate warning, and opposition was slight. Mosquitos visited Berlin and targets in W. Germany. 8 aircraft were lost.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Bases: Fit.

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

ESSSENPLAN OF ATTACK

3. OBE groundmarking with emergency W.P.C. H = 1930.

SORTIES

4.	No. of aircraft despatched.....	1055
"	" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	955
"	" " " " " alternative area.....	11
"	" " abortive sorties.....	89
"	" " aircraft missing.....	8 (0.8%)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

5. Bases: Fit.

Target: 10/10ths. st.-cu., tops 10,000', with 10/10ths. cirrus at 20,000'. Much cloud en route, with occasional tops to 24,000', and moderate icing. Tops lowered rapidly en route to target area to 10,000'. Half moon, setting at 2200. Wind at 10,000': 210°/20 k.p.h.

NARRATIVE OF ATTACK

6. The bombing was made on sky markers, which were fairly well concentrated and well maintained through the raid. The attack was scattered at first, but became concentrated later. A strong red glow under the clouds increased as the attack progressed.

DAY RECONNAISSANCE

7. Photographic cover was obtained on 21st. October, by which time the city had received another heavy attack (on 25th.); and some of the damage then revealed must be attributed to the latter raid. Widespread and severe destruction was caused, the Krupp works sustaining enormous 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 tramway depot and 4 railway stations were also affected; and residential property was widely devastated.

.../ENEMY DEFENCES.

BUFFY DEFENCES

8. Fighter opposition was very slight; the controllers were evidently distracted by our counter-measures, the main force being effectively screened by MUNDREK and CARPET aircraft, while WIDOW operators threatened the Frankfurt-Mainz area and Mosquitos bombed Wiesbaden. Only 9 of the 1047 returning aircraft reported being engaged in combat. Flak opposition, too, was surprisingly moderate for so important a target, although the heavy guns fired an accurate barrage to 17-23,000'.

C.SULTRIES

9. 3/1055 (0.8%) aircraft were lost. 4 were destroyed by target flak, and by fighters over the Ruhr and to the N.W. The other missing aircraft cannot be accounted for. 7 other aircraft, however, were wrecked beyond repair: one by flak, and 6 in landing accidents.

BERLIN

10. 32,38 Mosquitos bombed Berlin through 10/10ths. cloud. The marking and bombing were both concentrated. Fighters were active in the Hannover area on the way home; but no casualties were sustained.

WESSEL

11. 10 Mosquitos, including 2 OBOE aircraft, were despatched to Wiesbaden. Both the markers had OBOE failure, but one of them dropped markers after a time run, and the rest of the force bombed on these, or by navigational aids.

ASCHMUNSBURG

12. 2 OBOE Mosquitos were despatched to Aschmunsburg, but both had OBOE failure and attacked the approximate target area on D.R.

ESSEN SUPPORT etc.

13. 50 Mosquitos were active on 3333.11 and intruder patrols, but reported no combats. 23 heavies flew with the main force towards Essen as far as 0600E and then diverged on a triangular course, dropping WIDOW, and feigning a second attack on the target at 2142. 5 Stirlings operated a MUNDREK and CARPET screen in a line parallel to the route of the main force (see route map); and 5 JOSTLE Fortresses flew to Essen. 8 Halifaxes and Mosquitos, and 1 Hudson, made special sorties.

HJ/WT.  
 P./S. 26347/4/ORS4,  
 14th. February, 1945.





BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS.24/25TH OCTOBER, 1944.Hannover: Aschaffenburg: Oberhausen: Minelaying etc.SUMMARY.

1. Hannover. 54/57 Mosquitos bombed Hannover above 10/10ths cloud with tops at 13,000 ft. The T.I.'s rapidly disappeared into the cloud and the majority of aircraft released their bombs on their glow. No aircraft was lost on this night.
2. Aschaffenburg. 2/6 OBOE Mosquitos bombed Aschaffenburg on OBOE. The other four bombed targets in the area on D.R.
3. Oberhausen. 4/4 OBOE Mosquitos bombed Oberhausen, two on OBOE and two on D.R.
4. Minelaying. 25/25 Lancasters and 8/9 Halifaxes laid 181 mines in the Kattegat and off Oslo.
5. Bomber Support, etc. Three Stirlings (with six Liberators) operated a MANDREL screen and eleven Mosquitos carried out Intruder patrols but made no interceptions. One aircraft made a special sortie.

WEATHER FORECAST.

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

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

SORTIES.

7. No. of aircraft despatched.....	115.
No. of aircraft reporting attack on primary area.....	106.
No. of aircraft reporting attack on alternative area.....	5.
No. of abortive sorties.....	4.
No. of aircraft missing.....	0.

WEATHER EXPERIENCED.

8. Bases. All areas affected by mist and fog or low stratus. By 2300 hours all operational Groups affected. Later trouble became general.

Target. 10/10ths over Hannover. Tops at 10-15,000 ft. 10/10ths layer cloud over Oslo and Kattegat. Tops between 5,000-10,000 ft. Wind at 12,000 ft.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

9. Fighter opposition was negligible. The minelayers evaded the Danish coastal fighters by starting the northern tip of the peninsula and flying parallel to the Swedish coast. Unseen, predicted flick at Hannover was accurate and of little intense.

CASUALTIES.

10. No aircraft was lost on this night. Seven aircraft were damaged by flak. One Halifax was very badly damaged on landing through overrunning the runway on returning from Oslo.

HCC/ETC.

WC/S. 20342/6/ORS. 4.

17th December, 1945.

UNITS	GROUP	PROJECT TYPE	SORTERS	NO. OPERATORS				NO. CIVILIAN		TOTAL	RATES				TOTALS		REMARKS
				PER HOUR		PER DAY		PER HOUR	PER DAY		PER HOUR	PER DAY	PER HOUR	PER DAY	PER HOUR	PER DAY	
				NO.	AMOUNT	NO.	AMOUNT										
H. SNOWDEN	8	Proj. XVI	26	26	-	-	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.2 1.5
		Proj. XX	25	25	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2x4000
		Proj. XV	6	6	1	-	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
H. SNOWDEN	8	Proj. XVI	57	57	1	1	1	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SCH. P. 112	8	Proj. XVI	6	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.0 5x4000
GEN. 112	8	Proj. XVI	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.1 5x4000
BOYD	8	Proj. XVI	67	60	5	1	1	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
M. J. 112	5	Lanc. I	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
L. 112	5	Lanc. III	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc. I	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc. III	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc. I	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
K. 112	6	Lanc. III	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
OSD	6	Lanc. III	9	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
M. J. 112	5	Various	31	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BOYD	8	Various	16	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GR. 112	5	Various	115	100	5	2	2	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GR. 112	5	Various	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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\* NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS.

26/27TH OCTOBER, 1944.

Minelaying etc.

SUMMARY.

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

2. Bomber Support. 41 Mosquitos carried out Intruder and SERRATE patrols. One JU.188 was damaged. 24 Heavies dropped WINDOW and two operated a REDREL screen.

WEATHER FORECAST.

3. Bases. Fog is likely to be widespread in the east 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.

Target. 8-10/10ths St. Cu. over Heligoland, base 1,500 ft., tops 4-5,000 ft.

SORTIES.

4.	No. of aircraft despatched.....	10.
	No. of aircraft reporting mines laid.....	9.
	No. of aircraft missing.....	1.

WEATHER EXPERIENCED.

5. Bases. Much fog and mist. Belt of rain and low cloud moved from North West across base areas, reaching E. Anglia by dawn.

Target. 4/10ths low stratus cloud from English coast thickening about 50 miles out and becoming 10/10ths to target. Tops about 5,000 ft. Good visibility above cloud.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

6. Fighters in the vicinity of the target reacted to our WINDOW droppers and intruders, and intercepted at least three of the minelayers. A Mosquito claimed to have contacted and damaged a JU.18 near Schleswig.

COMMENTS.

7. One Lancaster was missing, the cause being unknown. An intruding Mosquito was badly damaged by machine gun fire from a Lancaster.

127/413.  
EC/S. 26342/C/GRS.  
10th February, 1945.

NOTE.

Report No. 752 Not obtainable.

CARGO	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C RESPONSE		POSITIVE SORTIES		LOSS- D/G	DAMAGE				EFFICIENCY		RESULTS	
				PRD. SRS.	ACT. SRS.	OVER E.T.	DCT OVR. E.T.		FALL	FIGHTER	BOMB. DAG.	DCT DMS TO E/W.	A/C NO.	A/C NO.	HE.	IB.
MINELAYING HELICOPTER	1	Loac.I Loac.III	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	54	mins
MINELAYING TOTAL			10	9	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2		
BOMB SUPPORT	100	Various	67	60	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-
SEARCH PATROL	100	Lang.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			78	70	-	7	1	-	-	-	-	13	1	2		

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

28/29th. OCTOBER, 1944.

BERGEN: Cologne: Rheine: Karlsruhe: Eintraying; etc.

SUMMARY

1. An attack was made on the U-Boat pens at Bergen in conditions of 10/10ths medium cloud and only 51/244 aircraft were able to bomb the target. No visible damage was caused to the pens. 3 aircraft were lost. 2 attacks were made on Cologne. Mosquitos bombed Rheine and Karlsruhe on 0800, and Lancasters laid mines off Oslo. Intruder patrols were carried out, and heavies dropped WINDOW and operated a WINDREEL screen. One intruder was lost.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Bases:- Fit.

Target:- Rather doubtful whether medium cloud will have cleared in the Bergen area, but probably only small amounts will be encountered below 10,000 ft. Visibility good.

BERGEN

PLAN OF ATTACK

3. 5 Group - Visual marking. H = 2359  
 H - 14: blind marking with T.I. green (2 1/2 miles/315° T from ...P.).  
 H - 12 and H - 10; target illuminated with flares.  
 H - 9 and afterwards: 7 Mosquitos to mark ...P. visually with red T.I.

SORTIES

4.	No. of aircraft despatched.....	244
	" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	51
	" " abortive sorties.....	193
	" " aircraft missing.....	3 (1.2)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

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

NARRATIVE OF ATTACK

6. The marking was considered accurate and the Master Bomber brought the Main force down to bomb below the medium cloud at 5,000 ft. However, during the attack the Master Bomber found that low cloud had drifted below 5,000 ft. and this together with intense and accurate light flares made observation of results difficult. The Master Bomber then ordered crews to abandon the mission.

DAY RECONNAISSANCE

7. No visible damage was caused to the U-Boat shelters but a direct hit appeared to have destroyed a small building immediately adjacent on the West side. Further west in the Lakeside shipyard a machine shop which had been damaged in a previous attack is now seen to have been completely wrecked by at least 2 direct hits. 2 other buildings suffered slight damage.



ENEMY DEFENCES

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

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9. 3/244 (1.24) were lost. 2 fell to flak and the 3rd is believed by another crew to have gone down over the North Sea in a squall on the outward journey. 2 aircraft were irreparably damaged, 1 in collision and 1 in a take-off accident.

COLOGNE

10. 2 attacks were made against Cologne. In the first of these, 15/15 Mosquitoes attacked from 24/26,000 ft. in conditions of nil to 1/10ths. cloud with good visibility. Marking and bombing were accurate. Crews reported that as a result of earlier attacks, there was an intense compact area of fire to the N.E. with numerous other fires scattered throughout the built up area and to the S.W. In the second attack 3 hours later, 15/15 Mosquitoes attacked from 25/28,000 ft. through 8 to 10 /10ths. cloud (tops 20,000 ft.). Aircraft bombed the glow of markers and fires. A small gap in the cloud showed streets clearly outlined in the blaze. No aircraft was lost.

RHEINE

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

KARLSRUHE

12. 2/4 OICE Mosquitoes bombed Karlsruhe on OBOE. The other 2 bombed the Karlsruhe area on D.R.

HEIDELBERG

13. 10/14 Lancasters laid 54 mines of Oslo. The other 4 were abortive.

BOMBER SUPPORT

14. 5 Mosquitoes carried out Intruder patrols. 3 Stirlings dropped WINDOW and 2 Stirlings operated a MADREY screen.

HCC/JT.

BC/S. 26342/3/ORS,  
18th. February, 1945.

References:

- Day Reconnaissance - Interpretation Report No. 3347.  
Enemy Defences - Interception/Tactics Report No. 268/44.

BERGHE: COLOGNE: BERGHE: KARLSRUHE: MINSLEYING: Etc. - 28/29th. OCTOBER, 1944.

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPORTING ATTACK ON		ABORTIVE SORTIES		MISS-ING	DAMAGE				DITCHED/LOST		RESULTS	
				FRONT AREA	ALT. AREA	OVER E. T.	NOT OVER E. T.		FLAK	FIGHTER	BRIT. INC. BOMBS	NOT DUE TO R/W	TOTAL ED	TOTAL LOST	HE.	IB.
BERGHE	5	Lanc. I	110	18	-	94	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	187.0	2.2
		Lanc. III	127	29	-	97	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1		
		Hseq. IV	4	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Hseq. XX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Hseq. XXV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<b>BERGHE TOTAL</b>			<b>264</b>	<b>51</b>		<b>191</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>				<b>1+2.0 +2B</b>		<b>2</b>	
COLOGNE	8	Hseq. XVI	24	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44.2	1.7
		Hseq. XX	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Hseq. XXV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<b>COLOGNE TOTAL</b>			<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>											<b>24.000</b>	
BERGHE	8	Hseq. IX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6	
		Hseq. XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		1.000
<b>BERGHE TOTAL</b>			<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>												
KARLSRUHE	5	Hseq. IX	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6	
		Hseq. XVI	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<b>KARLSRUHE TOTAL</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>											
<b>BOJING TOTAL</b>			<b>281</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>				<b>1+2.0 +2B</b>		<b>2</b>	
MINSLEYING	5	Lanc. III	8	7	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-		
		Lanc. III	6	3	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-		54 mins.
<b>MINSLEYING TOTAL</b>			<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>2</b>							
<b>BOMBER SUPPORT</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>Falcons</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>				<b>1</b>								
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>308</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>				<b>1+2.0 +2B</b>		<b>2</b>	

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BOMBER COMBINED REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS.

29/30TH OCTOBER, 1944.

Cologne: Mannheim etc.

SUMMARY.

1. Cologne. 2 attacks were made on Cologne by Mosquitos. In the first of these 30/31 aircraft bombed from 21,500/32,000 ft., in conditions of clear sky with good visibility but slight ground haze. On arrival at the target, many fires were seen burning from the attack of 28th October. The main force was able to bomb on markers and many bomb bursts were seen within the area marked. One large explosion was seen at 1930 hrs. Approximately half an hour later, 27/28 Mosquitos attacked Cologne from 22/32,000 ft. Marker's were reported as being well grouped and bombing was good apart from a few scattered bursts. All aircraft returned safely.

2. Mannheim. 6/6 Mosquitos made an experimental attack on Mannheim.

3. Intruders etc. 46/55 Mosquitos made Intruder Patrols. The other nine were abortive. One Ho.III and one unidentified enemy aircraft were destroyed, but one Mosquito was lost. Another Mosquito carried out a Met. Reconnaissance flight.

WEATHER FORECAST.

4. Base. Rather frequent showers with moderate visibility in early part of night.

Target. Residual convection cloud with large patches of St.Cu. persisting but with some extensive clearances.

SCORTIES.

5. No. of aircraft despatched. . . . .	121.
No. of " reporting attack on primary area . . . . .	109.
No. " " " " " alternative area . . . . .	1.
No. " abortive sorties . . . . .	11.
No. " aircraft missing . . . . .	1.

WEATHER EXPERIENCED.

6. Clear sky at Cologne.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

7. Fighters in North West Germany attempted to intercept Mosquito bombers and intruders, and one of the latter was lost. Flak opposition was slight to moderate.

CASUALTIES.

8. One intruder was lost without trace, and six others were damaged by flak, five slightly and one badly. Another intruder was hit by debris from a damaged train.

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EC/S.26342/5/CRS.

18TH FEBRUARY, 1945.



TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	✓/O REPORTING ATTITUDE				✓/O POSITIVE SORTIES		MISS/DNG	DAMAGE				DISTRIBUTION		RESULTS	
				PRDL. ARE.	JLT. ARE.	OVER E. T.	NOT OVER E. T.	FLAC	FIGHTER		MRT. INC. BOMBS	NOT DUE TO E/W	ATTACKED	NOT ATTACKED	HE.	IB.		
																	RESULTS	
COLOMBE 1st. ATFLCK	B	Hsq. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69.4	1.0	
		Hsq. XVI	19	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
		Hsq. XI	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
		Hsq. XXV	7	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	2nd. ATFLCK	B	Hsq. IX	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26x4000	
			Hsq. XVI	15	14	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
			Hsq. XX	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
COLOMBE TOTAL			59	56	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
MONTREAL	B	Hsq. XI	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.7		
		Hsq. XXV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
		Hsq. XXIV	8	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
MONTREAL TOTAL			14	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
BOULG. TOTAL			65	62	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
INTRADES	100		55	46	-	-	9	1	3+2.0 +1B	-	-	1	-	-				
LET. ACC.			1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
GRAND TOTAL			121	109	1	2	9	1	3+2.0 +1B	-	-	1	-	-				

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ENEMY DEFENCES

8. Fighter opposition was extremely slight. The enemy's airfields were covered with dense cloud and fog, and the controllers were evidently confused by the two WILLOW forces which threatened Karlsruhe 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 moderate, in a loose barrage. Hardly any trouble was encountered en route.

CASUALTIES

9. None of the 905 aircraft dispatched was lost. One Halifax, however, was wrecked in a landing accident, and 2 other aircraft were very badly damaged, one by flak and another by British searchlights.

BERLIN

10. 58/62 Mosquitoes attacked Berlin in two waves - 29 in the first and 32 in the second. The capital was covered with thick cloud to 31,000', and most crews bombed on E.T. Several fighters were seen, but flak opposition was moderate. 1 aircraft, however, was shot down by the heavy guns, and 6 others were damaged.

HEILBRONN

11. 2/3 OBOE Mosquitoes made successfully controlled runs against Heilbronn, the third aircraft bombing the appropriate target area on D.L.

OBERHAUSEN

12. 2/3 OBOE Mosquitoes attacked Oberhausen by means of their precision devices, the third aircraft bombing on D.L.

BOEMER SU-PORT etc.

13. 6 Stirlings (with 7 Liberators) operated a HUNDRELL screen from N. to S. just beyond 05°E. (see route map). 23 heavies emerged from this screen dropping WILLOW, and flew in 2 streams towards Karlsruhe and N. of the Ruhr, at the same time that the main force was approaching Cologne. A Fortress operated JOSTLE; and 57 Mosquitoes carried out intruder and SERRATE patrols. No interceptions were reported, however; and one intruder was lost. 12/12 aircraft completed signals investigation patrols, and a Mosquito carried out a net. recon. flight.

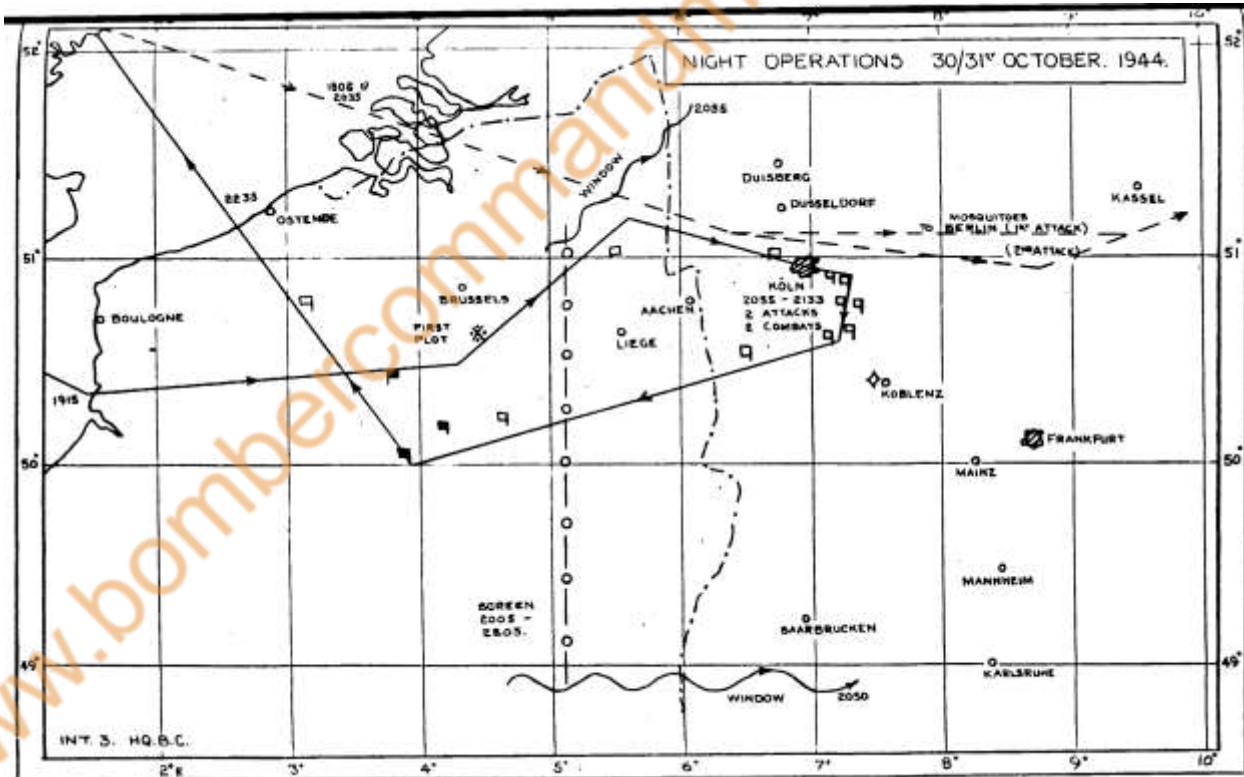
HLH/JT.  
IC/S. 26 & 2/3/ORS4,  
17th. February, 1945.

REFERENCES

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Enemy Defences - Interdiction/Tactics No. 274/44.



T. UNIT	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	% REPORTING				NO. OF BOMBERS	TOTAL	ALL LOSS				DISTRIBUTION		TOTAL	
				PHI .RE.	A.T. .RE.	OV II Z. L.	NO. CIVIL K.L.			FLWY	TOUR/HR	BURD. INC. BOMB	POW DUE TO R/A	PLACED TO	NO. OF BOMBERS	NO. OF BOMBERS	HR.
COLOGNE	1	Lanc. I	126	120	-	1	3	-	1	-	-	-	1.0	-	2	30.8	609.5
	3	Lanc. III	127	126	-	1	2	-	2+1B	-	-	-	-	5			
		Lanc. I	78	75	-	1	2	-	3	-	-	1.0	-	1	376x1000		
		Lanc. III	21	21	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-			
		Bel. III	235	218	-	1	16	-	2	-	-	7+2.0	1	2	34x8000		
		Bel. III	146	138	-	-	8	-	1	-	-	1+1.0+1B+1B	3	4			
		Bel. VII	57	55	-	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	2			
		Lanc. X	40	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1			
	Lanc. III	45	45	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1.0	-	1				
	Hoq. IX	14	12	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
	Hoq. XVI	18	17	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
COLOGNE TOTAL			905	867	1	4	33	-	15+1B	-	-	8+6.0+1B+1B	4	13			
HEILBRONN	B	Hoq. XVI	16	15	1	-	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	1	1	70.5	.2
		Hoq. XX	9	9	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Hoq. XXV	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25x1000	
		Hoq. XVI	13	11	1	1	-	-	1B	-	-	-	-	-	-		
2nd. FLICK	C	Hoq. XX	12	11	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Hoq. XX	10	10	-	-	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Hoq. XXV	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
HEILBRONN TOTAL			62	58	3	1	-	1	3+2.0+1B	-	-	-	1	1			
HEILBRONN	B	Hoq. XVI	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.4	3x1000	
OSSELUNGEN	B	Hoq. IX	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0	.2	
		Hoq. XVI	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
OSSELUNGEN TOTAL			3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
BOMBING TOTAL			973	929	6	5	33	1	18+2B+2.0	-	-	8+6.0+1B+1B	5	19			
HEILBRONN AIRCRAFT	100	Various	87	85	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-			
OSSELUNGEN AIRCRAFT	100	Various	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
TOTAL			100	100	1	1	-	-	10+2B	-	-	8+6.0+1B+1B	5	19			



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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

31st. OCTOBER/1st. NOVEMBER, 1944

COLOGNE: Hamburg: Saarbrücken: Schweinfurt:

SUMMARY

Cologne was heavily attacked for the second successive night; but again the target was covered with thick cloud, and the resultant damage was largely confined to the western suburbs. An early point attack on the target deceived the enemy into thinking that the night's bombing had ended before midnight; and when the main force crossed the frontiers, they were accompanied by ME109 fighters who drew the fighters south towards the darkness. Mosquitos bombed Hamburg and carried out OBOE tests. 2/656 aircraft (0.5%) were lost.

WEATHER FORECAST

Bases:- An occlusion will pass across operational bases, giving rain and much cloud; but the base should remain above 1,000' in most areas. Visibility will be reduced to 1,000-1,500 yards in some areas; elsewhere, 2 miles. Good diversions in S.W. England and S. Wales.

Targets:- 10/10ths. over the whole of Germany, base 600' in many areas.

DETAILS

LINE OF ATTACK

OBOE and H2S skymarking. H = 2100.

RESULTS

No. of aircraft despatched.....	493
" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	477
" " " " " alternative area.....	1
" " abortive sorties.....	15
" " aircraft missing.....	1 (0.2%)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

Bases:- Mist and stratus, especially in S. and S.W. Groups.

Target:- 10/10ths. stratus, base 10-12,000'. Full moon, up all night. Wind at 18,000': 070°/30 m.p.h. 10/10ths. over whole route.

RELATIVE OF ATTACK

The skymarkers were well placed and tightly grouped. The bombing was equally concentrated, and as the attack developed, a glow appeared beneath the cloud.

RECONNAISSANCE

Photographic cover was not obtained until 1st. November. Considerable damage was then revealed in the western districts of Cologne, with scattered accidents throughout the rest of the city. Some of this destruction must have been caused by the attack of the previous night, when 867 aircraft bombed through ... thick cloud.



thick cloud. Klotzenberg, Linenthal and Ehrenfeld were all seriously damaged, especially the last-named district, where 4 priority-3 industries were affected. 34 un-rated industries were also hit; but none of the great steel mills suffered damage. The Bifelter marshalling yard (pr.2), the general goods yard and station (pr.3) and the Ehrenfeld goods station suffered severely. Ironways depots were hit at Braunsfeld and Ehrenfeld. No devastation was caused to the city centre.

#### ENEMY DEFENCES

8. Fighter opposition was again exceptionally slight, only 3 attacks being made on our bombers. After a MEDELL screen had been set up from N to S, just E. of 05°E., WINDOW Droppers and Mosquitoes carried out a feint attack on Cologne, and deceived the enemy into thinking that this constituted the whole of the night's work. When the real force emerged from the MEDELL screen, they were accompanied by WINDOW Droppers feigning a major 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 markers went down on Cologne. As a result, fighter opposition over the target was almost negligible. The flak guns fired a slight to moderate barrage, even less effective than that encountered on the previous night. After their failure to intercept the bombers, the fighter controllers attempted to attack the heavies operating the MEDELL screen, and one Stirling was engaged and damaged.

#### C.SULTRIES

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

#### COLOGNE (FEINT ATTACK)

10. Three-quarters of an hour before the main attack, 15/15 Mosquitos 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. WINDOW droppers accompanied these bombers, in order to confuse the reception of the German fighter controllers. All these aircraft returned safely.

#### HAMBURG

11. 48/49 Mosquitos bombed Hamburg in 2 waves. The first attack began a few minutes before the main effort on Cologne, and the second force arrived about half an hour later. The target was covered on both occasions with 10/10th cloud; but the marking and bombing were well concentrated. No fighters were met, but the flak was fairly intense, and probably accounted for the one aircraft which failed to return.

#### SARBRUCKEN

12. 4/4 OBOE Mosquitos attacked Sarbrucken, 3 on OBOE and one on GEE.

#### SCHWEINFURT

13. 1/2 OBOE Mosquitos 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 SEARCHER patrols, destroying one Ju. 88 near Frankfurt. 24 heavies operated MEDELL and WINDOW, as described in paragraph 8 above; and 5 Fortresses operated JOSTLE. 7 aircraft of 192 Squadron carried out signals investigation patrols. All returned safely, although one MEDELL Stirling was engaged and damaged by a night-fighter.

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UNIT	GROUP	TARGET TYPE	COMPLTD	NO. BOMBERS		NO. BOMBERS		NO. BOMBERS		NO. BOMBERS		NO. BOMBERS		NO. BOMBERS		RESULTS		
				HEAVY	MED.	HEAVY	MED.	HEAVY	MED.	HEAVY	MED.	HEAVY	MED.	HEAVY	MED.	HEAVY	MED.	HEAVY
CHANCE	1	Lanc. I	106	103	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2032.1	370.3
		Lanc. III	113	111	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3	Lanc. I	56	56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc. III	15	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4	Hal. III	14	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Lanc. III	41	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Mosq. IX	10	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Mosq. XVI	8	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
COLOMBE TOTAL			493	477	1	3	12	1	5+1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
COLOGNE (SPOOF)	8	Mosq. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XVI	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XIV	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COLOGNE (SPOOF) TOTAL			15	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DUISBURG	8	Mosq. XVI	14	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60.3	1.9
		Mosq. XX	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1st ATTACK	8	Mosq. XVI	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XX	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XIV	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1st ATTACK TOTAL			29	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2nd ATTACK	8	Mosq. XVI	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XX	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2nd ATTACK TOTAL			23	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3rd ATTACK	8	Mosq. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XVI	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3rd ATTACK TOTAL			4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SCHWEDFURT	8	Mosq. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XVI	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SCHWEDFURT TOTAL			4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SOERHE	8	Mosq. XVI	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XVI	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SOERHE TOTAL			4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL			563	545	2	4	12	2	11+1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL SUPPORT			88	79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL PATROLS			7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			658	631	2	4	21	2	11+1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

