

NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 779

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS30th.NCV/1st.DECM.BR, 1944.DUISBURG: Hamburg: Hildesheim: etc.SUMMARY

1. 576 aircraft were despatched on night 30 the Ruhr zone of Duisburg and although they found the target covered in 10/10ths. cloud, they achieved a good concentration and effected considerable damage in the town. 3 aircraft were lost in this attack. Mosquitoes also bombed Hamburg and Hildesheim, without loss. 88 aircraft were active on bomber support activities, from which 1 aircraft failed to return.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Bases:- Generally fit.

Target:- Above variable St.Cu. averaging 5/10ths. or less (tops not above 6-7,000 ft.) there will be little or no cloud apart from extensive cirrus..

DUISBURGPLAN OF ATTACK

3. OBCE ground marking with emergency sky-marking. M = 2000.

SORTIES

4. No. of aircraft despatched.....	576
" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	553
" " " " " alternative area.....	1
" " abortive sorties.....	22
" " aircraft missing.....	3 (0.5)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

5. 10/10ths. st.-cu. with tops 7/ ,000' over Duisburg. Full moon all night.

NARRATIVE OF ATTACK

6. The attack opened with ground markers and the resulting red glow from beneath suggested that these markers were well grouped. Sky-marking commenced six minutes later and an effective concentration was built up, well positioned in relation to the glow from ground markers. Markers fell in good succession throughout the attack.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE

7. Photographic cover revealed scattered damage over a wide area stretching from Hambern in the North to Ruckingen in the South. The most important industrial target hit was the distillation plant of gas. Für Isolverwertung (Heiderich) which suffered considerably. South of Duisburg the priority factory of Heiderichsche Hutte was severely damaged, and the Duisburg Kabelwerke was also hit. In the same area, two factories making bicycles and light electrical apparatus was also hit. In the town of Duisburg a direct hit was scored on the main railway station and at least 6 hits on tracks south of it. Immediately north at least 14 hits were visible on railway sidings by the Inner Hafen, and 4

....factories in the same

factories in the same area were also damaged. Several railway bridges near the main station, and railway yards in vicinity east of the Rheinhausen/Hochfeld railway bridges also suffered damage.

ENEMY DEFENCES

8. Our bombers flew across the Channel to the Borne and turned eastwards into the Ruhr, consequently having only 50 miles of enemy territory to cross. They were aided by the protection of a strong WILLOW screen, and the enemy was kept guessing as to our objective. WILLOW force also managed to swamp the enemy's radar plotting in Holland; he managed to plot these aircraft, but could not ascertain the size of the approaching force. Unfortunately he was able to plot the formations over the Channel, off Le Touquet long before he should have had any indications of a force in that direction. Even so only 3 aircraft were missing from this raid. The ground defences put up a slight to moderate barrage of heavy flak. Very few night fighters made contact.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

9. 1 He.117 and 1 Ju.88 were claimed destroyed and 1 Ju.188 and 1 He.410 probably destroyed - all by intruders.

CASUALTIES

10. 3/576 (0.5%) were lost. 1 was destroyed by flak and 2 were lost in collision. 20 aircraft were damaged by flak, 1 of these very badly. 1 aircraft was slightly damaged by fighters.

HAMBURG

11. 51/53 Mosquitos attacked Hamburg in 10/10ths. cloud (tops 10/15,000 ft.), from 22/28,000 ft. The majority of the aircraft were able to bomb on the markers or their glow and the attack appeared to have been quite concentrated. The other 2 aircraft bombed the approximate target area.

HALLENDORF

12. 3/7 OBOE Mosquitos made a successfully controlled run against Hallendorf. 3 bombed the target area on D.R. 1 was abortive.

BOEING REPORT

13. 52 Mosquitos and Fortresses were active on Intruder, SERPENTE and JOSTLE patrols. They destroyed 1 He.177 and 1 Ju.88, and probably also 1 He.410 and 1 Ju.188. 20 aircraft dropped WILLOW. 12 Stirlings and 1 Halifax operated a MANDREL screen: 1 of these aircraft was lost. 2 Mosquitos were despatched on a Net.Recco., and 4 Mosquitos and Halifaxes were active on special signals patrols.

HCC/JT
BC/S. 26342/2/ORS,
21st. February, 1945.

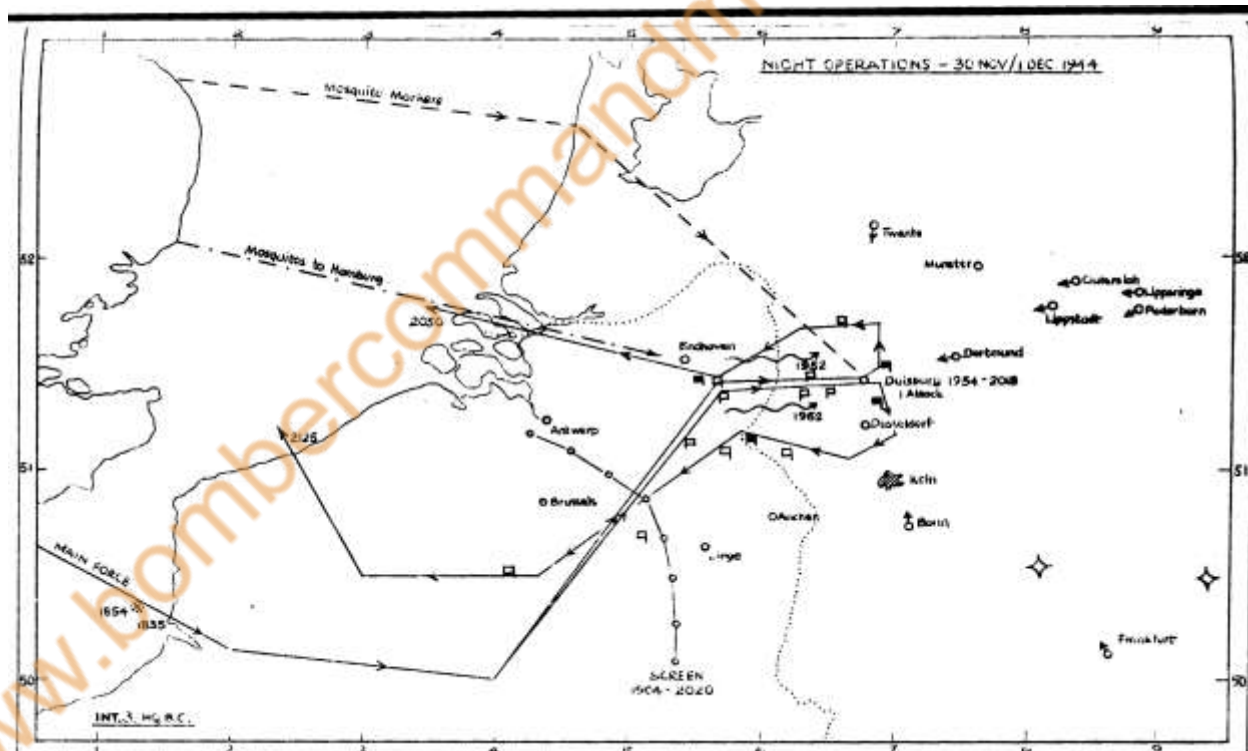
REFERENCES

Day Reconnaissance - Interpretation Report No.K. 3424.
Enemy Defences - Interception/Tactics No. 297/44.

TARGET	Q. NO.	ALLOCATION TYPE	QUANTITY	MOSQUITOES				MOSQUITOES				TOTAL		REMARKS
				PL. RE.	PL. RE.	PL. RE.	PL. RE.	PL. RE.	PL. RE.	PL. RE.	PL. RE.			
DUTCH	1	Lanc. I	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	123x1000
		Lanc. III	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	4	Hal. III	251	251	-	1	2	1	7	-	-	1	4	
	6	Lanc. X	52	48	1	2	1	1	1+1B	-	-	1	2	
		Hal. III	125	121	-	1	3	2	7	-	-	1	1	
	Hal. VII	66	64	-	5	1	-	3	-	-	2	-	2	
	8	Lanc. III	58	50	-	-	-	-	1	1+1B	-	-	-	
		Mosq. IX	11	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq. XVI	10	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq. XX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq. XXV	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL			576	553	1	4	7	3	19+1B	1+1B	-	4	5	12
INDONESIA	8	Mosq. XVI	28	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62.1
		Mosq. XX	11	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23x1000
		Mosq. XXV	14	13	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4LT. 4RS.
TOTAL			53	51	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
INDONESIA	8	Mosq. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.6
		Mosq. XVI	6	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6x1000
TOTAL			7	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL			636	610	3	10	7	3	19+1B	1+1B	-	4	5	12
BOEHRER ON WPT	100	Various	84	71	-	-	13	1	-	-	-	1+1B	-	-
WALLS POINTS	100	Li. & H	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LA. REFUGE	8	Mosq.	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			726	687	3	16	20	4	19+1B	1+1B	-	5+1B	5	12
MO. EC. OPS.	3	Various	9	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-

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NOT INCLUDED IN GRAND TOTAL



SECRETNIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 780COPY NO. 16BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS1/2nd DECEMBER 1944Karlsruhe : Hellendorf : DuisburgSUMMARY

1. Karlsruhe 69/71 Mosquitos attacked Karlsruhe through dense cloud. An excellent concentration of markers was achieved, clearly visible through the cloud, and the bombing was admirably concentrated on and round them. Several large explosions were observed, one of which gave off vivid blue flashes and a column of smoke which rose to 8,000 ft. 3 good fires were started. No losses were sustained on this night.
2. Hellendorf 5/6 OBOE Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against the Reichswerke A.G. steel works at Hellendorf, the sixth aircraft bombing on D.R.
3. Duisburg 2/4 OBOE Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against the Gelsenkirchen Bergwerke A.G. at Duisburg/Hamborn. The other 2 bombed on D.R.
4. Bomber Support, etc. 22 Mosquitos were active on STRATE and intruder patrols, but made no interceptions. 7 Stirlings provided a MANDREL Screen, and 14 heavies dropped WINDOW over the Ruhr; the enemy supposed that a raid was intended on Duisburg or Dusseldorf, but some of the MANDREL aircraft had to return early, and few fighters reacted. 1 Mosquito completed a met.recc. flight, and 3 aircraft carried out signals patrols.

WEATHER FORECAST

5. Bases Variable cloud
Targets Much cloud over W.Germany.

SORTIES

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| 6. | No. of aircraft despatched | 128 |
| | No. of aircraft reporting attack on primary area | 123 |
| | No. of abortive sorties | 5 |
| | No. of aircraft missing | 0 |

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

7. 9/10ths to 5,000 ft. over Karlsruhe. 10/10ths to great heights over Ruhr.

ENEMY DEFENCES

8. No fighters. Very slight flak.

CASUALTIES

9. No aircraft was lost. 3 aircraft were slightly damaged by flak.

MEM/MTL
BC/S.26342/4/CRS4
19th March, 1945

Locality	Group	Mosq. Type	Screens	No. Mosquitoes				Mosquitoes per Screen	Days				Insects		Results		
				Total		Positive			1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total	Hb.	Tb.	
				Caught	Released	Caught	Released										
K. L. Camp	B	Mosq. IX	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	79-9	2-3
		Mosq. XVI	37	36	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29x1000
		Mosq. XX	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XXV	20	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K. L. Camp	B	Various	71	69	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
H. L. Camp	B	Mosq. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10-
		Mosq. XVI	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6x1000
D. L. Camp	B	Mosq. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7-1
		Mosq. XVI	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1x1000
D. L. Camp	B	Mosq. IX	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XVI	81	79	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H. L. Camp	100	Various	63	10	-	-	3	-	2-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Various	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H. L. Camp	3	Mosq. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XVI	128	125	-	2	3	-	1-2-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

2/3rd. DECEMBER, 1944.

HAGEN: Giessen: etc.

SUMMARY

1. An attack made on Hagen by 504 aircraft from above 10/10ths. cloud caused considerable damage over the entire town and its suburbs. Difficult weather conditions were probably a great handicap to the considerable force of enemy fighters sent to oppose the raid and only one bomber failed to return.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Bases:- Fit except for local smoke.
Targets:- Thin st.-cu. probably at about 8,000 ft.

HAGEN

PLAN OF ATTACK

3. OBOS ground marking. H = 2100.

RESULTS

4.	No. of aircraft despatched.....	504
	" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	465
	" " " " " alt. "	3
	" " abortive sorties.....	36
	" " aircraft missing.....	1 (0.2%)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

5. Target:- 10/10ths. cu. and ab. (top 12-14,000'). Good visibility. Wind at 20,000': 250°/80 m.p.h. The moon was just past full, rising at 1640 hrs. There was heavy icing over 7,000 ft.

NARRATIVE OF ATTACK

6. Owing to 10/10ths. cloud the writers could not be seen and crews were obliged to bomb on navigational aids in the glow of the flares. There appeared to be a fair concentration and three explosions were reported. A red glow could be seen below cloud at the end of the attack.

DAY RECONNAISSANCE

7. Photographic reconnaissance on 15th. December revealed that further damage was caused over the entire area of Hagen and its suburbs. The plant of Accumulatoren Fabrik A.G. (priority 1) was very severely damaged - most of the major buildings being affected. The main building of the Markort-Zicken G.m.b.H. in the Wehringhausen District was also severely damaged, and other buildings belonging to it were destroyed. Residential and business property east of the main station sustained many hits.

REMARKS

8. There was inaccurate slight heavy flak at Hagen. Counter-measures and bad weather conditions made it difficult for night fighters, 6 or 8 Gruppen of which were sent towards the target, to locate the bomber stream with accuracy.
..//although a few combats

Although a few combats occurred on the approach to the Ruhr, after leaving Hagen the bombers flew the whole of the homeward route without a single combat.

CASUALTIES

9. Only 1/504 (0.2%) aircraft was lost on this night, although 1 Lancaster had icing troubles and was completely wrecked when it crashed in France. 14 aircraft were hit by flak over Hagen. 2 aircraft were damaged in collision over this country. 1 was damaged by fire caused by an electrical defect and another had hydraulic failure and sustained some damage.

GIESSEN

10. 60/66 Mosquitoes attacked Giessen through 7 to 8/10th. st. cu. (tops 4/8,000 ft.). Markers were well placed and bombing concentrated. There were several good fires in the town towards the end of the attack and a large explosion was also reported. A few of these aircraft also attacked Koblenz, Worms and Hanau.

BOMBER SUPPORT Etc.

11. 96 aircraft were despatched on bomber support missions. 8 Liberators and Halifaxes dropped WINDOW. 24 heavies operated a HINDLE screen. 62 Mosquitoes and 2 Fortresses were active on Intruder and JOSTLE patrols respectively. 11 aircraft were despatched, 10 on Signals patrols and 1 on a Met. Recon. 1 Mosquito on Intruder patrol did not return.

HCC/JT.
BC/L. 25342/4/GHS,
12th. March, 1945.

REFERENCES

Day Reconnaissance - Interpretation Report No. 3435.
Enemy Defences - Interception, Tactics Report 299/4.

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	BOATERS	W/C REPORTED ATTACK ON		POSITIVE RESULTS		MIS- DIR	DAMAGE				INTERDICTIONS		RESULTS	
				PHYS. AREA	ALT. AREA	OVER 500 FT.	NO. OF W.C.		FLAK	FIGHTER	BRUT. INC. BOMBS	HOT DIR TO S/W	ATTACKED	NOT ATTACKED	HE	IB
BARREN	1	Lanc. I	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1540.2	277.1
		Lanc. III	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Hal. III	263	228	-	-	15	-	4+1.0	-	-	1+1.0	-	1		
		Lanc. X	68	47	-	-	1	0+1.0	-	-	-	-	-	1		
	6	Hal. III	93	87	2	-	4	1	4+1.0	-	-	2	-	3	85x1000	
		Hal. VII	58	57	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	1		
		Moq. IX	8	1	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Moq. XVI	11	3	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
B	Moq. XXV	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Moq. XXV	32	31	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Lanc. III	32	31	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SUBSET TOTAL			504	465	3	16	20	1+1.0	12+2.0	-	-	3+1.0	-	6		
GIBRALTAR	B	Moq. IX	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69.4	.9
		Moq. XVI	35	31	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26x1000	
		Moq. XX	13	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Moq. XXV	16	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SUBSET TOTAL			66	60	2	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-			
TOTAL			570	525	5	19	21	1+1.0	12+2.0	-	-	3+1.0	-	6		
COOPER SUP-GRPT 100	Various	96	88	-	-	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COOPER SUP-GRPT 100	Various	10	9	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NET. BRUCE	B	Moq.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			677	623	5	19	30	2+1.0	13+2.0	-	-	3+1.0	-	6		
NET. BRUCE	3	Star.	10	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

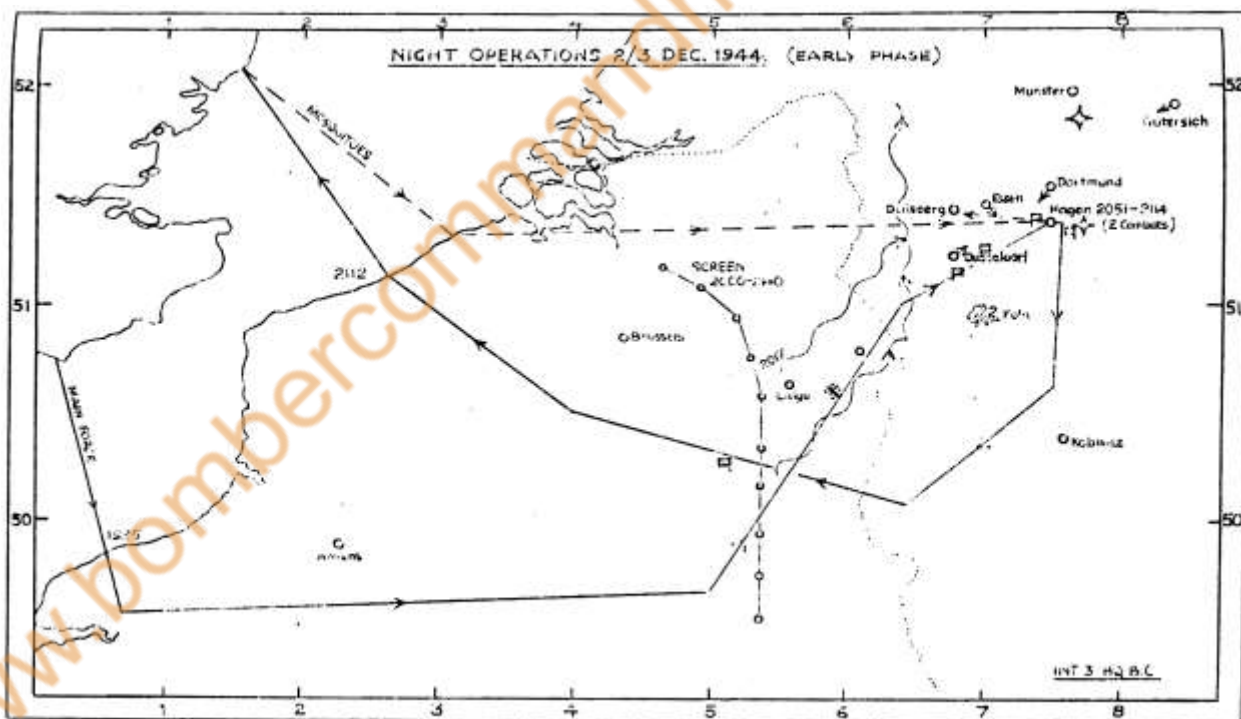
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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

5/4th DECEMBER 1944

Halle/Lord.

SUMMARY

1. Halle/Lord 9/11 OBOE Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against the Reichswerke A.G. steel works at Halle/Lord, the 5th of 2 bombing in D.R. No casualties were sustained on this night.
2. M.G. Recce. 1/1 Mosquito carried out a net. recce. flight.

WATER FORECAST

3. 20 Risk of frontal conditions
10/11 Much cloud everywhere W of 10°E

SCREENS

- | | | |
|----|--|----|
| 4. | No. of aircraft destroyed | 11 |
| | No. of aircraft damaged/black in primary area | 12 |
| | No. of aircraft missing | 0 |

WATER BARRIERS

5. 10/10th et. a.

WATER DISTANCES

6. Negligible

WATER TYPES

7. None.

15/11/44
 P.O.S. 26342, 1/CPS:
 10/11/44, 13/5

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TABLET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	BORNE	A/C REPORTING ATTACK ON				A/C REPORTING POSITIVE RESULTS				DAMAGE				DISTRIBUTION		RESULTS	
				PRIM. A/C.	A.T. A/C.	OVER E.T.	NOT OVER E.T.	MISS-ING	FLAC	FEETTER	BRIT. INC. BOMBS	NOT DUE TO E/A	ATTACK-ED	NOT ATTACK-ED	IL	IB			
BALLBOY	8	100q. IX 100q. XVI	2 9	2 9	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	17.9	50,000	
BALLBOY TOTAL			11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
HIT. RECD.	8	100q.		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
GRAND TOTAL			12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

4/5th. DECEMBER, 1944.

KARLSRUHE: HEILBRONN: Hagen: Hamm: etc.

SUMMARY

1. On this night Bomber Command turned its attention to South West Germany. 535 aircraft were despatched to attack Karlsruhe and 292 to attack Heilbronn. Heavy damage was caused to both towns. Bombers also bombed Hagen, Hamm and Bielefeld without loss, and 95 aircraft were despatched on bomber support missions. 13 aircraft failed to return.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Bases:- Fit, with small amounts of broken cu. Visibility good generally. Isolated showers in the north.

Targets:- 75-120 m.p.h. wind at 15,000 ft. will probably carry a cloud sheet between 8,500 and 12,000 ft. over the target in a direction bringing it just north of Karlsruhe and Heilbronn.

KARLSRUHE: HEILBRONN.

PLANS OF ATTACK

3. Karlsruhe OBE ground marking and emergency blind marking. H = 1930.
4. Heilbronn 5 Group controlled NEMULEN with sector bombing. H = 1900.

SORTIES

	<u>Karlsruhe</u>	<u>Heilbronn</u>
5. No. of aircraft despatched	535	292
" " " reporting attack on primary area...	516	265
" " " " " " alt. "	2	20
" " abortive sorties.....	17	7
" " aircraft missing.....	2	11
	(C.L.)	(3.7.5)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

6. Karlsruhe 10/10ths. patch of thin medium cloud (tops 10-12,000 ft). Wind at 19,000 ft., 290/80-85 m.p.h. three quarters moon, rising about 2050 hrs.
7. Heilbronn Small patches only of stratus at 4-5,000' near target, but almost cloudless at target. Visibility excellent. W.S. at 12,500 ft., 230°/55-60 m.p.h.

NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHIC STATISTICS

8. Heilbronn

No. of aircraft plotted in target area.....	125
" " " " off " "	56
" " " estimated to have been (max..... 55).....	236(92.7%)
within 3 pls. of $\sqrt{2}$. (min..... 151)	mean
" of aircraft estimated to have been (max..... 176).....	161(55.5%)
within target area (min..... 125)	mean

...../DERIVATIVE OF ATTACK.

NARRATIVE OF ATTACK

9. Karlsruhe Markers were concentrated but quickly disappeared in cloud, and although some crews obtained visual identification through gaps, the majority bombed on the glow of markers. Some ground fires were started and bombing was observed in the dock area. The glow of fires was seen for 150 miles.

10. Heilbronn Marking practical and accurate. Loading was fairly well concentrated, resulting in many fires gaining a hold with several large explosions.

DAY RECONNAISSANCE

11. Karlsruhe No photographic cover was obtained between September and December, but day reconnaissance at the end of December revealed fresh damage scattered over the whole town of Karlsruhe. There were many incidents in the area between the Main Station and the Schlossgarten. In the industrial district west of the town very many incidents were also visible. The industrial section stretching south east from the dock area was severely damaged and almost every identified industry in this region was affected. Priority factories hit included the Deutsches Michelin Pneumatik A.G., Deutsche-Waffen, Junker and Ruh A.G., Schaerer and Co., and Carl Metz. Transportation suffered less than industry. The already heavily damaged main station was again affected, and numerous small buildings throughout the marshalling yards were destroyed. The wagon and machine shop and boiler house were hit again. Three barrack areas were affected and slight damage was seen at the Thermal Power station and Staedtisches Gas Werk I. Residential property and public buildings in the central part of the city were hit.

12. Heilbronn Photographic cover revealed a very large area of very severe damage and devastation to business and residential property and public buildings to the East, South East and North East of the inland port. At least 9 medium to large industrial concerns, including the sugar factory and the plant of C. H. Kner were severely damaged. The police station was practically gutted, and the prison was also affected. Several buildings and a gasholder in the gas works were hit. Severe damage was caused to rail facilities to the south of Winter Hafen where the main station was seen to be half-gutted. The goods depot and at least 4 of the buildings in the nearby loco depot were destroyed.

ENEMY DEFENCES

13. The diversionary operations provided, including Mosquito attacks on Hagel and Hase, were successful in causing a large force of fighters to be sent to the Ruhr, thereby drawing them away from the more southerly raids. However, fighters from two Gruppen based in S.W. Germany were not diverted from their own area and they were able to intercept the Heilbronn force which made the slightly deeper penetration. Slight opposition from both heavy and light flak was encountered. At Heilbronn the R. P. was mostly barrage, with light flak fired spasmodically.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

14. Intruders claimed to have destroyed 4 Me.110's and 2 Ju.88's, and probably 1 Ju.88. 5 Group also claimed to have destroyed several enemy aircraft.

CASUALTIES

15. Karlsruhe 2/535 (0.4%) were lost from the raid on Karlsruhe. One was lost over the target and the other on the way home, the cause of loss not being observed in either case. 4 aircraft were hit by flak. 1 Lancaster was completely wrecked - cause unknown. 3 aircraft were involved in mid-air collisions, but none was seriously damaged.

16. Heilbronn 11/292 (3.7%) Lancasters were lost from the attack on Heilbronn. 4 of them were lost to fighters over the target and 4 on the first out-of-the-target. The other 3 were probably lost to fighters. 2 aircraft

..../were hit by flak.

3.

were hit by flak. 4 aircraft were slightly damaged by fighters. 4 aircraft were damaged in landing accidents, 1 very badly.

H2S

17. 48/54 Mosquitos attacked Hagen in conditions of 7-10/10ths. cloud (tops 10/15,000 ft.). Markers appeared to be scattered and rapidly disappeared in cloud. Crews bombed on the glow of markers or by navigational aids. No aircraft were lost.

HAMM AND BIELEFELD

18. 10/12 Mosquitos bombed Hamm and Bielefeld on H2S. The other 2 bombed the approximate target area. All aircraft returned safely. 1 aircraft was badly damaged in a landing accident.

BOMBER SUPPORT

19. 15 Halifaxes and Stirlings operated a MUNDREL screen. 17 Fortresses, Liberators and Halifaxes dropped WINDON. 3 Liberators and Fortresses operated JOSTLE. 60 Mosquitos were active on intruder patrols. 12 heavies were engaged on special signals patrols, and 1 Mosquito on net. None of these aircraft was lost.

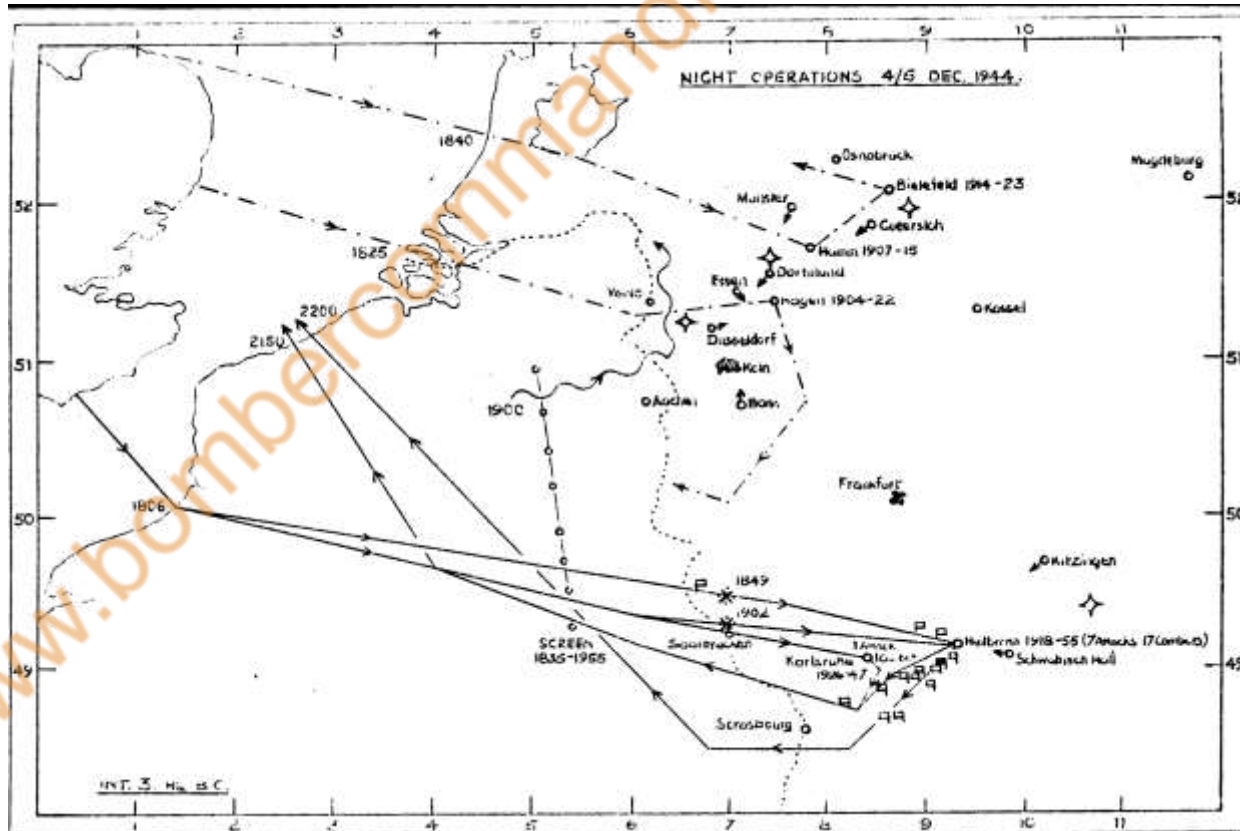
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5th. March, 1945.

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GROUP	ALLOCATION	L. HOURS	RESULTS										TOTALS				
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
BOMBING (COMB. & VV)	Group I	151	147	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Group II	151	157	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Group III	7	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Group IV	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL BOMBING		291	292	18	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
BOMBING	Group I	149	149	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Group II	110	103	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Group III	40	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Group IV	110	108	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Group V	44	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL BOMBING		535	510	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
BOMBING	Group I	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Group II	40	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Group III	12	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL BOMBING		56	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOMBING	Group I	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Group II	9	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Group III	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL BOMBING		12	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL		893	856	21	14	11	13	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
BOMBING	Various	85	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Various	12	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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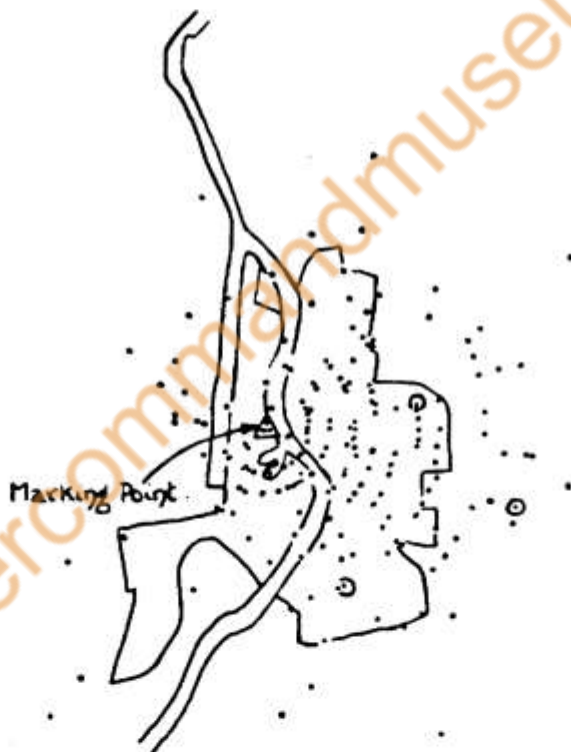
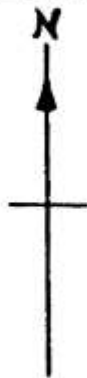
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SECRET 455

FINAL PLOT OF NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHS

TAKEN 4/5th DECEMBER 1944 TARGET HEILBRONN (TOWN)



Plotted in target area	=	125
Plotted outside target area	=	56
Main Force	=	.
Marker Aircraft	=	⊙
Scale	1 inch = 1 mile	

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BOMBER DIVISION REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

5/14th. DECEMBER, 1944.

SOEST W/V: Marchen; Duisburg; Ludwigshafen.

BRIEF

1. 474 aircraft effectively attacked the manufacturing yards at Soest, S.E. of Hamm. Mosquitoes in strength bombed Marchen and Ludwigshafen, and others made an experimental attack on a benzol plant at Duisburg. Only 2/664 aircraft (0.3%) were lost.

WEATHER FORECAST

1. Bases:- Fit all night. Well broken clouds and good visibility.
Targets:- Good chance of less than 5/10ths. below 3,000' at Soest, except for temporary increases in showers. Slight risk of patchy residual a-cu. at 2,000'.

SOEST

MODE OF ATTACK

1. OBON and blind ground-attack. H = 2100.

STATS

No. of aircraft despatched.....	497
" " " reporting attack in primary area.....	474
" " abortive sorties.....	23
" " aircraft missing.....	2 (0.4%)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

1. The target was clear, although surrounded by 7/10ths. cu. and st-cu., tops 3,000', patches of which occasionally drifted across the town. Three quarters moon, rising over the Ruhr at 2000. Wind at 17,000'. 290°/55 m.p.h. Wind at 3,000': 305°/55 m.p.h.

QUALITY OF ATTACK

1. The markers were concentrated near the W/V. They were well and continuously looked up, and the bombing was accurately concentrated on them. The target was burning fiercely over a wide area.

POST-OPERATIVE

1. Full photographic cover was obtained on Christmas Day, and showed extensive damage to most of the major rail facilities in Soest. Both the eastbound and westbound sidings were still out of action; the transshipment shed had been virtually destroyed, together with all the buildings of the goods depot. Considerable damage had also been caused to the westbound reception sidings and the holding sidings, but by the time of photography these had been made operational again by extensive repair work. The locomotive depot was still 50% u/s, because of the destruction of the roundhouse and other buildings; and the wagon repair shops had been wholly demolished. The wrough lines had been cut in several places, but had since been repaired.

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ENEMY DEFENCES

8. Fighter opposition was very weak; no attacks were made over Soest, and 2 combats occurred S. of Bonn on the way home. The enemy controllers were confused by our counter-measures, including a "light" raid on Düsseldorf, and supposed Hagen or Dortmund to be the objective. Enemy threat was slight to moderate.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

9. No claims were made by our bomber crews, but Fighter Command intruders probably destroyed a Me.110.

CASUALTIES

10. 2/497 aircraft (0.4%) were lost. Neither can definitely be accounted for, but one was probably destroyed by a fighter S.E. of Cologne. 2 Halifaxes collided on the way out near Northampton, and both crashed, with the loss of all members of the crews. A third aircraft swung on take-off, and was wrecked.

ENEMY LOSS

11. 28/32 Mosquitos attacked Würzburg at the same time that the main force was bombing Soest. There was 4-10/10ths. cloud over the town; the markers were well grouped, and crews reported 2 large fires at the N. and S. ends of the town, with 12 fires in the centre. No casualties were sustained.

WULFENBUTTEL TOWN

12. 4 CBOE Mosquitos were assigned against the benzol plant at Duisburg/Hamborn. One made a successfully controlled run; one landed on D.R.; and the others were abortive.

NOTES ON THE

13. An hour after the main raid, 54/53 Mosquitos attacked Ludwigshafen very accurately through 0-5/10ths. cloud. No aircraft was lost or seriously damaged, although one had to come down near Lille because of engine failure.

BOMBER SUCCOM, ETC.

14. 40 Mosquitos of 100 Group and 9 of Fighter Command were active on high and low level intruder patrols. 12 Stirlings and Halifaxes provided a MANDREL screen; a Liberator and a Fortress operated JOSTLE; and 14 Halifaxes, Liberators and Fortresses dropped WINDOW. 5/8 aircraft completed signals investigation patrols; a Stirling made a special sortie, and 2 Mosquitos carried out net. and phot. recon. flights. None of these aircraft was lost, and a Fighter Command Mosquito probably destroyed a Me.110.

MM/JT.
 RL/S. 26342/3/CRS4,
 15th. March, 1945.

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T. & C.	GROUP	INCIDENT TYPE	COUNTS	% REPORTING ATTACK ON		% ACTIVE BOMBERS		BOMBERS	DAMAGE				INTENSIVE LOSS		REPAIRS	
				PREL. ARS.	ACT. ARS.	OVER 2. T.	NOT OVER 2. T.		PLANT	PIPING	BRIT. ENG. BOMBS	NOT INT. TO BOMBS	PLANT	INT. TO PLANT	HR.	IN.
BOMBS	1	Lanc. I	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	154.9	285.2
		Lanc. III	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4	Hal. III	233	226	-	-	7	-	7	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
		Lanc. X	43	41	-	-	2	-	1+1.0	-	-	-	1X	-	-	-
	6	Hal. III	126	120	-	-	6	1	3	-	-	-	1.0	-	1	-
		Hal. VII	26	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2X	1	-	-
8	Hoaq. IX	6	4	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Hoaq. XVI	6	1	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BOMBS TOTAL		Lanc. III	47	46	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	
			497	474	-	-	7	16	2	11+1.0	-	-	2.0+3X	2	2	
MUNITION	8	Hoaq. XVI	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22.3	1.1
		Hoaq. XI	10	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Hoaq. XIV	20	18	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MUNITION TOTAL			32	28	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DAMAGE/REPAIRS	8	Hoaq. IX	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.7	-
		Hoaq. XVI	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	-
DAMAGE/REPAIRS TOTAL			4	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
LUDWIGSLUDE	8	Hoaq. IX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	-	-	74.5	2.8
		Hoaq. XVI	47	45	-	-	2	0+1	1	-	-	-	-	-	390,000	-
		Hoaq. XI	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LUDWIGSLUDE TOTAL			53	51	-	-	2	0+1	1	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	
BOMBS TOTAL			585	555	1	9	21	2+1	12+1.0	-	-	3.0+3X	2	2	-	-
BOMBER SUPPORT	100	Various	58	58	-	-	10	-	1+1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SEWAGE P. TRCL	100	Various	8	5	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PHOTO RECOR.	8	Hoaq.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NET. RECOR.	8	Hoaq.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			664	620	1	9	34	2+1	13+2.0	-	-	4.0+3X	2	2	-	-
SPEC. O.S.	1	Str.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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* NOT INCLUDED IN GRAND TOTAL

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS6/7th. DECEMBER, 1944.OSNABRUCK: MERSEBURG/LEUNA. Synthetic oil plants: GIessen: N/Y:Schwerte: Berlin: Hanau: etc.SUMMARY

1. On this night Bomber Command aircraft attacked three major targets. The first target was Osnabruck, where fresh damage was caused to the town. Approximately half an hour later, the synthetic oil plant at Merseburg/Leuna was bombed with great effect. The third objective was the marshalling yards at Giessen, where many direct hits were scored rendering the yards unserviceable. Minor raids were made on Schwerte, Berlin and Hanau. In addition, 700 Group despatched 84 aircraft on bomber support missions. From a total of 1355 sorties despatched, our losses were only 20 aircraft.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Bases:- Local showers. Cloud base generally above 2,000 ft. Visibility moderate or good.

Targets: Osnabruck: Small amounts of low cloud (tops below 10,000 ft.) Layer of cirrus with base probably about 17,000 ft.

Merseburg/Leuna: Probably 7/10ths. str.-cu. (tops below 10,000 ft.).

Giessen: 5/10ths. or less (tops 10,000 ft.).

OSNABRUCK: MERSEBURG/LEUNA: GIessen.PLANS OF ATTACK

3. Osnabruck OBE groundmarking with emergency sky marking. H = 1940.

4. Merseburg/Leuna 3 Group TWELVE ground marking with emergency sky marking. H = 2045.

5. Giessen 5 Group controller TWELVE. H = 2000.

SORTIES

	<u>Osnabruck</u>	<u>Leuna</u>	<u>Giessen</u>
6. No. of a/c despatched.....	453	497	265
" " " reporting attack on primary area....	415	465	255
" " " " " alt. "	2	2	-
" " abortive sorties.....	35	30	10
" " aircraft missing.....	8	4	7
	(1.7%)	(0.8%)	(2.6%)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

7. Osnabruck 9/10ths. cloud (tops 10-15,000') with variable patches up to 25,000'. Wind at 13,000 ft., 290°/40-50 m.p.h.

8. Merseburg/Leuna 9-10/10ths. cu. and sc. (tops 10,000 ft.), locally 14,000 ft., good clearance to N.W. and S.W. Wind at 13,000 ft., 290°/45 m.p.h.

..../9. Giessen

9. Giessen Little or no visibility, good. Wind at 10,000 ft., 270-280°/35-40 m.p.h.

NARRATIVE OF ATTACKS

10. Osnabruck Very few crews saw any markers and the majority bombed on navigational aids. Several large explosions occurred. The glow of fires was seen by crews when leaving the target area.

11. Merseburg/Leuna The majority of crews bombed on markers which were well grouped, and the remainder on navigational aids. There were several large explosions, and the glow of fires was visible for a considerable distance on the return journey.

12. Giessen There were two lining points - the marshalling yards and the town area. Marking in both cases was accurate and bombing concentrated. There were large areas of fire.

DAY RECONNAISSANCE

13. Osnabruck Only slight damage was caused in the town and was mainly confined to business and residential property on the northern outskirts although there were a few incidents in the centre of the town. Some 4 or 5 buildings of the Osnabrucker Kupfer u. Drahtwerke A.G. were affected. Fresh hits were seen on the goods station, but very little new damage was seen in the marshalling yard.

14. Merseburg/Leuna Considerable new damage was caused throughout the synthetic oil plant. The oil refinery, fertilizer and new plant sections at the Southern end were heavily damaged. One of the most important plants affected was the water gas plant at the South end. In the gas compression section, 3 compressor houses were seen to be almost roofless. Boiler houses received hits, and many buildings in the new plant also sustained damage. Photographs revealed that repairs were being carried out in the central part of the target and that some had been completed at the Northern end. (The Interpretation report covered 3 other attacks).

15. Giessen A part of the town centre and most of the town immediately north of it were devastated. Industries involved include a rubber factory, Poppe u. Co., Giessener Gummiwarenfabrik (which was severely damaged) and Schuler u. Ebe, which was moderately damaged. Other factories were also severely damaged. Public utilities, including the power station, gas and water works, were also hit. Many public buildings were gutted. A heavy concentration of craters were seen in the marshalling yard, where damage to railway tracks and facilities was very great. On 24th. December the marshalling yard was still completely unserviceable. (This interpretation report also covered 3 other attacks).

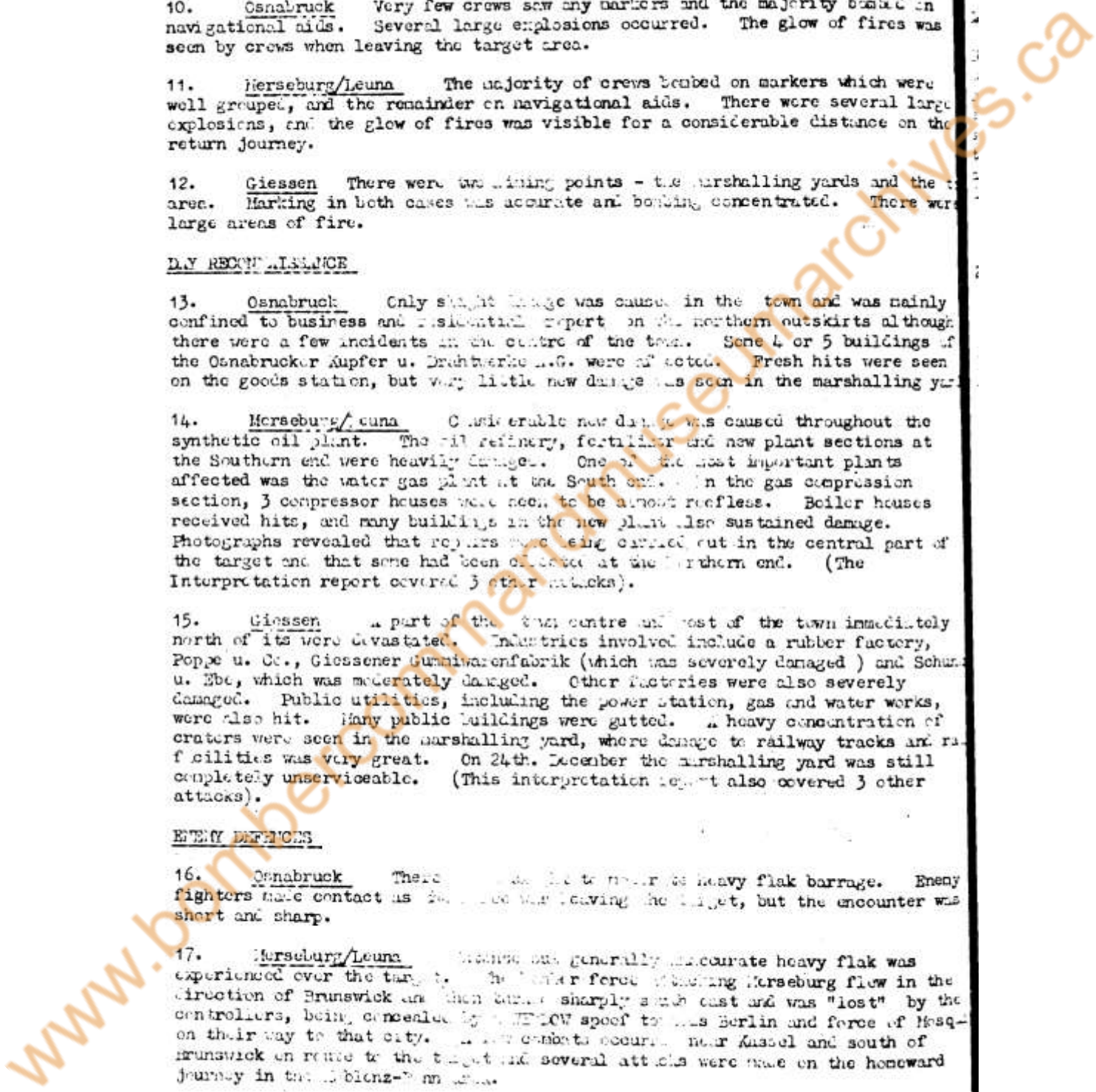
ENEMY DEFENCES

16. Osnabruck There was no report of heavy flak barrage. Enemy fighters made contact as the bombers were leaving the target, but the encounter was short and sharp.

17. Merseburg/Leuna Evidence of generally inaccurate heavy flak was experienced over the target. The bomber force attacking Merseburg flew in the direction of Brunswick and then turned sharply south east and was "lost" by the controllers, being concealed by the ME109 speed towards Berlin and force of Messerschmitts on their way to that city. A few combats occurred near Kassel and south of Brunswick en route to the target and several attacks were made on the homeward journey in the Koblenz-Bonn area.

18. Giessen There was slight to moderate heavy flak at 10-13,000 ft., and moderate light flak at 5-8,000 ft. Intercepting force made in force over the target by night fighters of all types. Suspected jet aircraft were said to have been seen near the target on the homeward journey, 4 more Lancasters were attacked and ten were involved in combat.

..../3 ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED



ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

19. Bombers destroyed 1 Me.163, 1 Me.410, 2 Ju.88's and 2 He.110's. 1 Me. 109, 2 Ju.88's and 1 He.110 were probably destroyed, and 1 He.110 was damaged. Intruders destroyed 1 He.110 and 1 Ju.88. 2 Ju.88's were damaged.

RESULTS

20. 20 bombers failed to return from this night's operations. It was estimated that 10 were shot down by fighters, 2 by flak and the fate of the remaining 8 was unknown. 27 aircraft were hit by flak, 26 sustaining only slight damage. 3 sustained slight damage by fighters. 9 aircraft suffered slight damage not due to enemy action; 1 in a landing accident and 1 in a taxiing accident; 1 collided with a Halifax; another dived out of control; another was hit by incendiary bombs. A Halifax hit a wire and was seriously damaged. 2 were completely wrecked in landing accidents.

SCHWERTE

21. 8/10 Mosquitos bombed Schwerte 5 on OBOE and 3 on I.R. 2 were abortive.

BELOU

22. 40/42 Mosquitos bombed the capital through 10/10ths. str. (tops 18,000 ft.). Markers were fairly well concentrated and the majority of crews bombed on markers, the remainder on navigational aids. 1 Mosquito was late at the target and went on to attack Leuna, the other aircraft bombed the Brandenburg area.

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23. 2 OBOE Mosquitos had complete failure of their precision devices and bombed the approximate target area on D.R.

BOEING SUPPORT Etc.

24. 47 Mosquitos were active on Intruder patrols. 15 heavies operated a WREGL screen. 5 Fortresses and Liberators dropped WREGL. 9 Fortresses and Liberators were despatched on JOSTLE patrols. 8 aircraft were active on signals patrols. 2 Mosquitos were despatched on reconnaissance missions, 1 str. and 1 Photographic.

HCC/JT.

EC/S. 26342/2/OHS,
13th. March, 1945.

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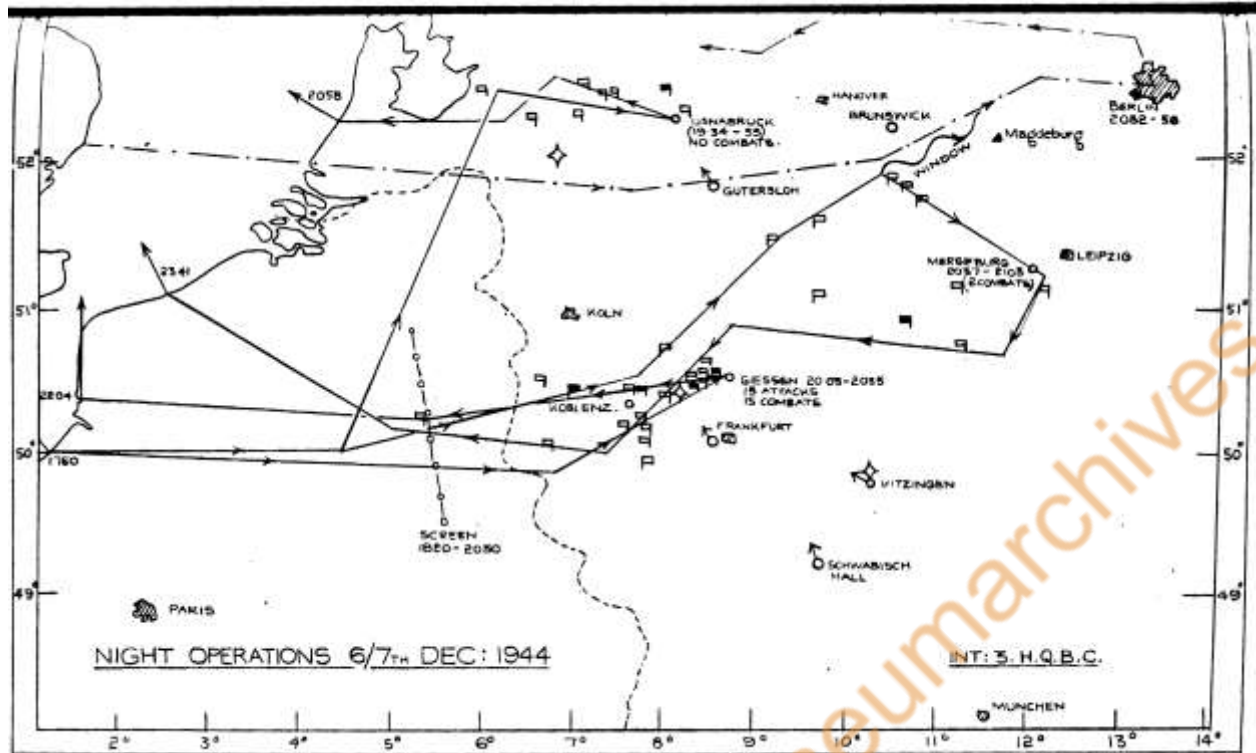
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				PAID	NET	GRAND	TOTAL	PER	PER	PER	PER	HT.	LT.	
OSI/ROCK	1	Lano-I	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1145.5	224.9
		Lano-III	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2	Lano-III	207	192	2	-	13	1	1	-	-	1.0+1B	1	2
		Lano-X	43	40	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	1	1
		Hal-III	128	119	-	-	1	8	2	3	-	1.0	1	1
	3	Hal-VII	28	26	-	-	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
		Lano-III	23	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Hseq-IX	5	3	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Hseq-XVI	5	3	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	1.0	-	-
		Hseq-XX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OSI/ROCK TOTAL			453	416	2	9	2	8	8	-	1+3.0+1B	2	6	
MESH/LSL	1	Lano-I	179	170	2	-	7	2	8+1.0	-	-	1+1.0	-	5
		Lano-III	112	105	-	-	1	2	1	2	-	1.0	-	-
	3	Lano-I	29	28	-	-	11	0+1	3	-	-	1B	3	3
		Lano-III	26	21	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3	Lano-III	71	69	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	3
		Hseq-XVI	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hseq-XX		3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MESH/LSL TOTAL			427	405	2	3	27	14+1	14+1.0	-	1+2.0+1B	3	16	
SCHEDULE N/Y	3	Hseq-IX	5	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.1
		Hseq-XVI	5	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SCHEDULE N/Y TOTAL			10	8	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SCHED	3	Hseq-XVI	19	18	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	45.0
		Hseq-XX	9	8	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	174000
		Hseq-XXV	16	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SCHED TOTAL			44	40	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	
TOTAL			1000	950	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6	24000

6/7th. SCHEDULE 1944- (2017)

EJECT	GROUP	EJECTOR TYPE	BOGIES	% WEIGHT				DISTRIBUTION				RESULTS		
				PAID	NET	GRAND	TOTAL	PER	PER	PER	PER	HT.	LT.	
MESH	3	Lano-I	117	112	-	-	4	6+1	2	2.0	-	1	9	997.0
		Lano-III	138	134	-	-	1	1	1	1.0	-	6	800000	
		Hseq-IV	7	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Hseq-XX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Hseq-XXV	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MESH TOTAL			265	255	-	-	6	7+1	3	3.0	-	1+1.0	15	
TOTAL			1269	1185	2	1	13	20+2	24+1.0	3.0	-	3+6.0+1B+1B	30	
SCHEDULE N/Y	3	Hseq-IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Var.	76	56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SCHEDULE N/Y	3	Var.	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Hseq-IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL			1355	1250	2	1	13	20+2	24+1.0	3.0	-	3+6.0+1B+2B	30	

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

7/8th DECEMBER, 1944

Cologne? Hanau

SUMMARY

1. Cologne. 51/53 Mosquitos bombed Cologne through thick cloud. Several bomb bursts were, however, seen in the marked area, and crews observed a strong glow on the cloud as they left. No aircraft was lost on this night.
2. Hanau 5/7 OROE Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against Hanau. A sixth attacked the primary on D.R.; and the remaining aircraft bombed Mannheim.
3. Signals patrols etc. 2/3 aircraft completed special investigation patrols, and a Mosquito carried out a met. recce flight.

WEATHER FORECAST

4. Bases: Much heavy cloud, with snow and sleet showers.
- Targets: Much low and medium cloud over Germany.

SORTIES

5.	No. of aircraft despatched.....	64
	" " " reporting attack on primary area....	60
	" " " " " alt. area.....	1
	" " abortive sorties.....	3
	" " aircraft missing.....	0

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

6. 10/10ths. over both targets.

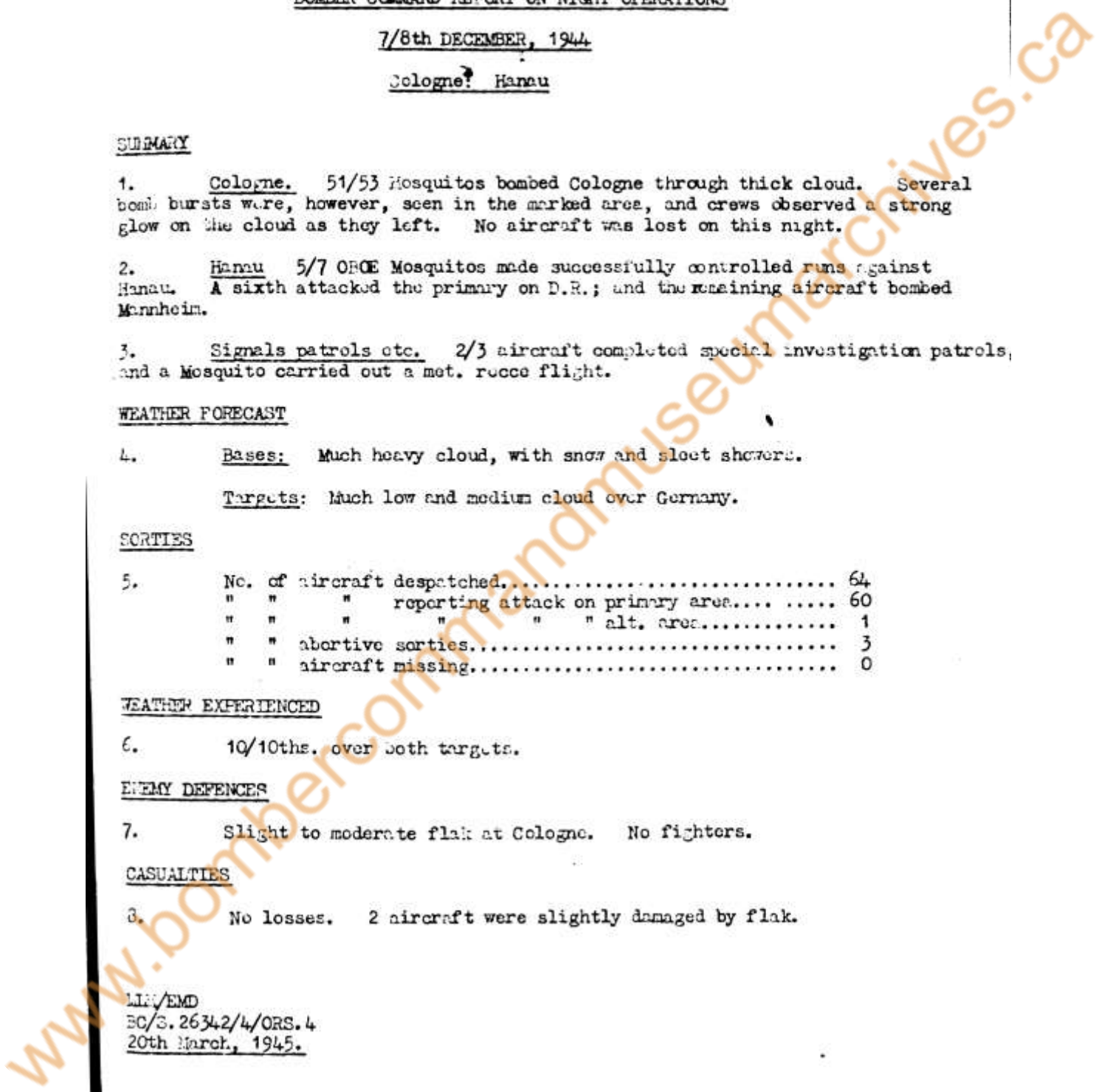
ENEMY DEFENCES

7. Slight to moderate flak at Cologne. No fighters.

CASUALTIES

8. No losses. 2 aircraft were slightly damaged by flak.

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20th March, 1945.



Y. OR	GRADE	INCL. OF TYPE	QUANTITIES	L/C & OTHERS				REMARKS					RESULTS			
				CHECK OF		REMARKS		ISS- NO	FUEL	WATER	BATT. D.C. (VOLTS)	PROP. LATS TO R/M	ATTACH- ED	HDD	HS.	LX.
				PHIL. AGE.	ALT. RE.	OTR. S. V.	RE- CORR.									
001008	B	Msg. IX	5	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	59.4	2.9
		Msg. XVI	31	29	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Msg. XX	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Msg. XXV	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GROUP TOTAL			55	54	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	
001009	B	Msg. XVI	7	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.7	-	
GROUP TOTAL			60	57	1	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	62.000	-	
TOTAL P. 1000			3	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL P. 1100			1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL			64	60	1	1	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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SECRET.NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 787.COPY NO. 16BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS.9/10TH. DECEMBER, 1944.Berlin: Coblenz: Meiderich.SUMMARY.

1. Berlin. 56/60 Mosquitos attacked Berlin. There was only 3-5/10ths. cloud over the capital, but the markers were late and fell in a line across the target from E. to W. The bombing was scattered. Many decoy markers were used by the enemy, but attracted little if any bombing. Two small fires were started. One aircraft was lost, and three others were wrecked beyond repair.

2. Coblenz. 5/8 OBOE Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against Coblenz. One attacked on GEE and one was abortive.

3. Duisburg/Meiderich. 4/4 OBOE Mosquitos bombed the Gelsenkirchener Bergwerke A.G. at Meiderich, two on OBOE and 2 on D.P.

4. Bomber support etc. 100 Group despatched 2 WINDOW forces through a HADEL screen, one to Coblenz and one to the N.W. of Augsburg. The intention was to create in S.W. Germany the confusion that had been caused over a long period to the defences of the Ruhr, and thereby to destroy the foundation of trust in the aircraft reporting system, which has always been the enemy's only real basis for fighter interception. The enemy controllers disposed their aircraft so as to meet all the possible threats. 28 Mosquitos carried out high level intruder patrols, without effecting any interceptions; 3/3 aircraft completed signals patrols, and 1 Mosquito carried out a noct. recon. flight. One WINDOW Halifax was lost without trace. Towards dawn, 230 aircraft took off to attack a target in W. Germany, but all were recalled because of bad weather at bases.

5. WEATHER FORECAST.Bases. Mainly fit all night.Targets. Much cloud over all Germany.SORTIES.

6. No. of aircraft despatched.	137.
" " " reporting attack on primary area.	121.
" " abortive sorties	16.
" " aircraft missing	2.

WEATHER EXPERIENCE

7. 3-5/10ths. st-c. and cu. at Berlin. 10/10ths. at Duisburg and Coblenz.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

8. No fighters were encountered by our bombers, although the German controllers reacted sensitively to the activities of 100 Group. Flak was everywhere slight, although many searchlights exposed at Berlin.

CASUALTIES.

9. 1 aircraft lost without trace; one Mosquito crashed at Romilly, after the crew had baled out successfully, and two others were wrecked in landing accidents.

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DC/S. 25342/14/ORS.1.

21st March, 1945.

TARGET	GROUP	MISC. OF TYPE	BOGUS	REPORTING				RESULTS				RESULTS			
				PREL. JCS.	ACT. RES.	OVRS. S. T.	100% OVRS. S. T.	NO. BOMBS	NO. BOMBS	NO. BOMBS	NO. BOMBS	NO. BOMBS	NO. BOMBS		
KLEIN BRIDGE BRIDGE	1	Group XVI	32	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70.9	1.7
		Group XX	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Group XXV	16	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL			60	56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28x4000	
KORLA 2	1	Group III	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.7
		Group XVI	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KORLA 1	1		3	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DOI	1	Group II	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6
METZGER	1	Group XVI	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BRISBANE	1		4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DOUBT	1		72	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DOUBT	1	Various	61	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SEAL	1	Various	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NET	1	Group	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL			117	121	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28

1. C. G. V. E. M. KELLY - CREW BOMBERS

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230 a/s, dispatched to Target in W. Germany, but were recalled before reaching enemy territory owing to bad weather.

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SECRETNIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 788COPY NO. 16BOEMER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS11/12th DECEMBER, 1944Hannover: Hamburg: Schwerte M/Y: Bielefeld: BruckhausenSUMMARY

1. Hannover 38/38 Mosquitos bombed Hannover. The markers were quickly obscured by the dense cloud covering the target, but most crews were able to attack them on their glow. The bombing was concentrated and fires were observed. All aircraft returned safely.
2. Hamburg 25/28 Mosquitos delivered a concentrated attack on Hamburg through 10/10ths. cloud. One aircraft did not return from this raid.
3. Schwerte M/Y. 8/9 OSOE Mosquitos attacked the marshalling yards at Schwerte, 6 on OSOE and 2 on D.R. The ninth aircraft bombed Dortmund. No further losses were sustained on this night.
4. Bielefeld 8/8 OSOE Mosquitos attacked Bielefeld, 3 making successfully controlled runs. One crashed at Newmarket on the way home, the crew being killed.
5. Duisburg/Bruckhausen 4/6 OSOE Mosquitos attacked the benzol plant at Bruckhausen. The other 2 were abortive.
6. Met. Recce. One Mosquito carried out a met. recce flight.

WEATHER FORECAST

- 7. Bases Generally fit until midnight; thereafter, poor visibility.
- 8. Targets Broken stratu. over W. Germany. Risk of thick medium cloud.

RESULTS

No. of aircraft despatched.....	90
" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	84
" " " " " alt. "	1
" " abortive sorties.....	5
" " aircraft missing.....	1

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

7-10/10ths at Hannover, Schwerte, Bielefeld and Bruckhausen. 10/10ths at Hamburg. Tops everywhere 10-23,000'.

ENEMY DEFENCES

Fighter activity was suspected at Hamburg, although no E/A were seen. Moderate flak was encountered at Hannover and Hamburg. Elsewhere, ground opposition slight.

CASUALTIES

One Mosquito was lost without trace on Hamburg, and another crashed at Newmarket on return from Bielefeld. No other casualties were sustained.

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S. 26342/4/ORS.4
12 March, 1945.

TARGET	GRU	EJECTOR TYPE	SPOTS	NO. MISSILES		NO. MISSILES		DROPS	DAMAGE				DAMAGE		RESULTS			
				DOWN	DOWN	DOWN	DOWN		FLAME	SMOKE	HAZ. D.C.	HAZ. D.C.	HAZ. D.C.	HAZ. D.C.	HAZ. D.C.	HAZ. D.C.		
H. POWER	3	Mosq. XVI	22	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40.0	7	
		Mosq. IX	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20x1000	
		Mosq. XXV	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
H. POWER TOTAL			34	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
H. BULL	3	Mosq. XVI	10	0	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23.9	1.1
		Mosq. XI	4	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5x1000
		Mosq. XXV	14	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
H. BULL TOTAL			28	25	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SCHLAGE DIVY	3	Mosq. IX	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.1	
		Mosq. XVI	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	ALT. AREA
SCHLAGE DIVY TOTAL			9	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9	
BILSPALD	3	Mosq. IX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.1	
		Mosq. XVI	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BILSPALD TOTAL			8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DUISBURG/BOCKUM	3	Mosq. IX	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6	
		Mosq. XVI	4	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DUISBURG/BOCKUM TOTAL			6	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
NO BOMB TOTAL			89	83	1	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			90	86	1	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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MEMORANDUM REPORT NO. 789

COPY NO. 16BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

12/13th. DECEMBER, 1944.

ESSEN: Osnabruck: etc.SUMMARY

1. 2 attacks were made on Essen, the first by 517 aircraft and the second by 10 Mosquitos. Day reconnaissance revealed that considerable new damage had been caused to the town. 6 aircraft were lost from these attacks. Mosquitos also attacked Osnabruck, and 100 Group despatched 36 aircraft on Bomber Support and Signals patrols.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Bases:- Generally fit.

Target:- There will be a few breaks in stratu. cloud (tops 6,000 ft.)

ESSENPLAN OF ATTACK

3. OBOE ground marking and sky marking with emergency blind marking.
H = 1930.

SORTIES

4. No. of aircraft despatched.....	550
" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	527
" " abortive sorties.....	23
" " aircraft missing.....	6 (1.1)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

5. 8-10/10ths. stratu. (tops 7-10,000 ft.). Thin a/cu. patches 15-20,000 ft.
Wind at 20,000 ft., 300°/25-30 m.p.h.

NARRATIVE OF ATTACK

6. Markers were well placed and bombing concentrated. Several large explosions were reported and late aircraft reported a column of black smoke rising to 20,000 ft. with dull red glow at base.

DAY RECONNAISSANCE

7. A complete cover of Essen town and district showed many points of new damage, particularly in the East, south and south east, where many buildings have been destroyed. New hits were scored on the Krupp armament works, and other damage appeared to be the result of the collapse of roofs or other structures damaged in the concentrated attacks of last October. 3 foundries at the south end of the works were heavily damaged. New and further damage was also caused to 33 identified and 14 unidentified buildings. In addition to the Krupp works, 17 industrial premises were damaged. Damage to business and residential property (already very extensive) was revealed in several districts, particularly in the south and east of the town.

...../WEMY DFFERC B.

ENEMY DEFENCES

8. A route was decided upon to Essen which involved a considerable detour, but the screening was so good that although the enemy had warning for an hour before the attack began he was unable to decide along which line the heavies would approach. 4 Gruppen of night fighters were airborne but were given the correct target much too late to intercept. There were very few combats or attacks by fighters. There was some predictor controlled unseen heavy flak at the beginning of the attack, and later a moderate heavy flak barrage was reported.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

9. High Intruders claimed to have destroyed 2 Ju.88's and 3 Me.110's, and 1 Me.110 damaged.

CASUALTIES

10. 6 Lancasters were lost from the raid on Essen. 3 were believed to have been shot down by flak and 1 by a fighter. The fate of the other 2 was unknown. 10 aircraft were hit by flak, all slightly. 2 aircraft sustained slight damage, 1 in a landing accident, and 1 due to a hydraulic defect. 3 aircraft were undamaged, 2 in landing accidents and 1 in a collision.

OSLERBUCK

11. 49/49 Mosquitos attacked Oslerbruck through 10/10ths cloud (tops 8/10,000 ft.). Markers fell in a good concentration, and crews achieved a good concentration of bombing. Aircraft attacked from 20/27,000 ft. All aircraft returned safely.

BOMBER SUPPORT Etc.

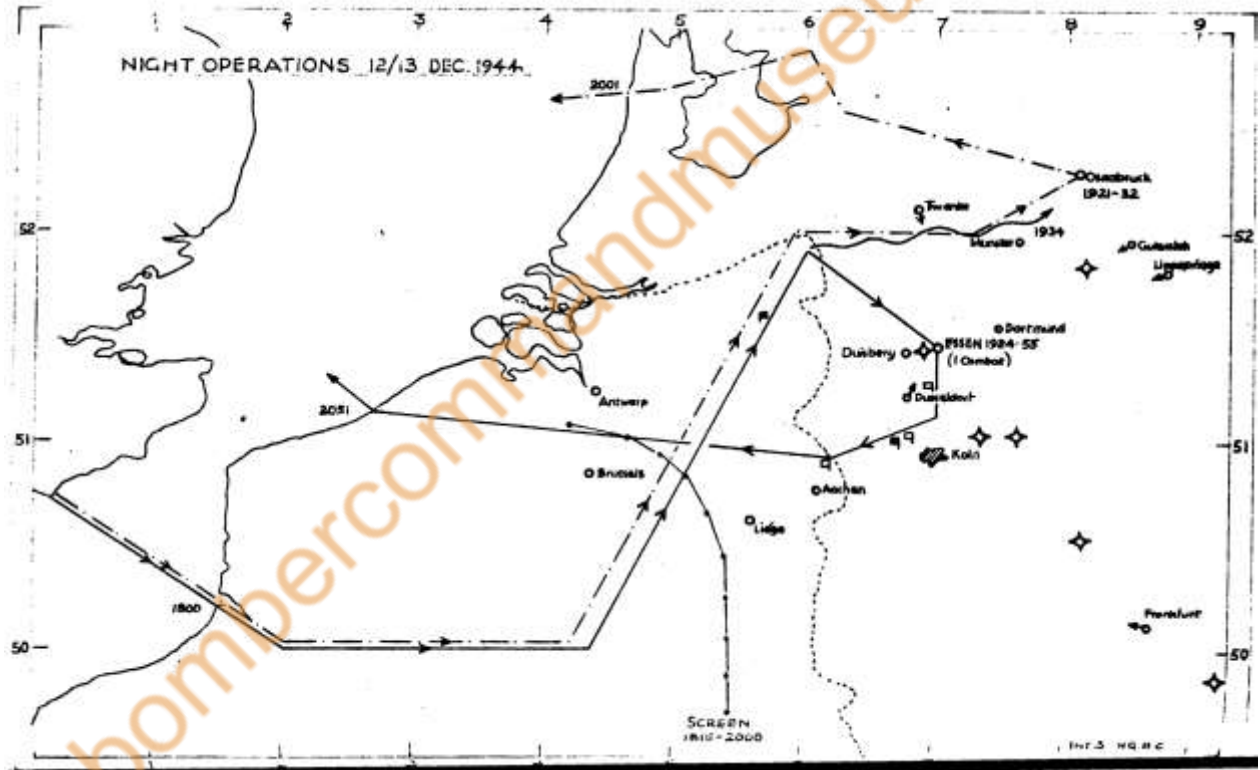
12. 16 heavies operated a WINDOW screen. 19 heavies dropped WINDOW. 2 Fortresses and 1 Liberator were active on JOSTEL. 41 Mosquitos carried out intruder patrols. 7 aircraft were despatched on Signals patrols.

HCC/JF.
EC/S. 26342/6/ORS,
14th. March, 1945.

REFERENCES

- Day Reconnaissance - Interpretation Report No. K. 3454.
Enemy Defences - Interception/Tactics Report No. 308/44.

UNIT	GROUP	OPER. TYPE	SORTIES	W/C REPER. TO. CK (C)		ABORTIVE SORTIES		REPAIRS	DAMAGE				TOTAL RESULTS		RESULTS	
				DOWN.	DEST.	OVER.	NOT OVER.		BLIND.	REPER.	BLIND.	REPER.	DOWN.	DEST.		
BOMB (Main Task)	1	Lanc. I	164	159	-	1	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2259.4 118.1
		Lanc. III	102	102	-	-	-	-	2	1+1.0	-	-	-	-	-	
		Hul. III	163	158	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc. III	83	83	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2+2.0	-	-	
		Hseq. IX	16	8	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Hseq. XVI	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Hseq. XV	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BOMB (Main Task) TOTAL			540	517	-	11	12	6	7+2.0	-	-	1+2.0	-	5	3994.000	
		Hseq. XX	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Hseq. XXV	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BOMB (2nd Task) TOTAL			10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
OFT. BOMB		Hseq. XVI	29	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61.6 2.7	
		Hseq. XV	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Hseq. XV	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
OFT. BOMB TOTAL			49	49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
BOMB TOTAL			599	576	-	11	12	6	7+2.0	-	-	1+2.0	-	5	2694.000	
		Hseq. XX	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
		Hseq. XXV	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BOMB SUPPORT			100	71	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
TOTAL SUPPORT			7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
TOTAL TOTAL			685	654	-	11	12	6	7+2.0	-	-	1+2.0	-	5		



SECRET.NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 790.
COPY NO. 16.BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS.13/14. DECEMBER, 1944.SHIPPING IN OSLO FJORD.SUMMARY.

1. Widespread fog over bases limited operations to a raid by 59 aircraft on shipping in Oslo fjord. The weather over the capital was clear, but the main target, the 6-inch cruiser Koln, had moved N. from its expected position. Visual identification was difficult; and no reconnaissance was undertaken. Other aircraft laid mines in the Kattogat and off Oslo. No casualties were sustained.

WEATHER FORECAST.

2. Much fog at bases. Oslo; probably clear - at worst, 5/10ths. at-cu.

SORTIES.

		Oslo.	Mine-laying.
3.	No. of aircraft despatched.....	59	19.
	No. " " reporting attack on primary area....	46	18
	No. " abortive sorties.....	13	1
	No. " aircraft missing.....	0	0

WEATHER OBSERVED.

4. Clear weather over Oslo fjord.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

5. No fighters were encountered. Moderate light flak was fired from the shore and from outlying ships.

CASUALTIES.

6. None.

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BC/S. 26342/4/ORS 4.

19th March, 1945.

T. No.	GROUP	INCRPT TYPE	SORTING	NEGATIVE SORTING				NO. OF	SOURCE				RESULTS			
				STRIKES		NO. OF			11.1	11.2	11.3	11.4	11.5	11.6	11.7	11.8
				PREL.	FIN.	CV	NO.									
GROUP 5		Leno-I	8	5	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	149.8	2.7
		Leno-III	44	38	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Leno-IV	5	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Leno-VI	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Leno-VII	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
TOTAL			59	46	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GROUP 1		Leno-I	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59	since
		Leno-III	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	since
TOTAL			10	10	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	91	since
TOTAL			69	56	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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SECRETNIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 791COPY NO. 16BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS14/15th DECEMBER, 1944MinelayingSUMMARY

1. 37/39 Lancasters and Halifaxes laid 200 mines in the Kattegat and off Laeso Rende. No casualties were sustained.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Bases: Very doubtful weather. Risk of cloud at 500' in S.
Targets: Much fog over N.W. Germany. 10/10ths over mining areas.

SORTIES

3.	No. of aircraft despatched.....	39
	" " " reporting mines laid in primary area.....	37
	" " abortive sorties.....	2
	" " aircraft missing.....	0

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

4. As forecast.

ENEMY DEFENCES

5. The minelayers were thoroughly plotted on their return over Denmark, but only one was attacked. The E/A was a Ju. 88, but neither aircraft was damaged. No flak was reported.

CASUALTIES

6. None.

MLM/END

BC/S. 26342/4/ORS.4
22nd March, 1945.

GROUP	GROUP	LORRY TYPE	SCORING	/C RE-GETTING				OVER-ALL	REMARKS	DAMAGE				REPAIRS		RESULTS	
				PERCENTAGE	NO.	OVER-ALL	REMARKS			REPAIRS	REPAIRS	REPAIRS	REPAIRS	REPAIRS	REPAIRS	REPAIRS	
48th BOMB	1	Lans-I	3	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lans-III	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KINGST	3	Lans-I	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lans-III	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LANS BOMB	4	Bal. III	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Bal. III	5	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lans-I	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
48th BOMB	5	Lans-I	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lans-III	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	TOTAL		32	37	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200 times

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Csnabruck area. Flak was slight to moderate; searchlights were ineffective in the h.z.c.

CASUALTIES

9. Only 1/334 aircraft (O.57) was lost. It was seen to explode over the target, but the cause was not observed. Another aircraft crashed on landing and was wrecked. No serious injury was sustained from enemy action.

HANNOVER

10. 57/62 Mosquitos attacked Hannover through 10/10ths. cloud. 39 aircraft bombed on the glow of markers, the rest by navigational aids or on the centre of bomb bursts, many of which were seen in a compact area around the markers. Flak was slight to moderate; no fighters were met. All aircraft returned safely.

CSNABRUCK

11. 11/11 Mosquitos delivered a concentrated attack on Csnabruck through 10/10ths. cloud. No fighters, and slight flak.

DUISBURG/BRUCKHAUSEN

12. 3/3 OBOE Mosquitos attacked via Kassel/Rochester for strike A.G. at Duisburg/Bruckhausen, 1 on OBOE and 2 on D.R.

MINELAYERS

13. 19/23 Lancasters and Halifaxes laid 82 mines in Duese Becke and vicinity. One minelayer was lost, to "unknown causes." 2 others were attacked by fighters.

FOSTER SUBMUT ETC.

14. 100 Group provided a MADREL screen and WILLOW diversions towards Mainz and Giessen. 38 intruders were active, but effected no interceptions. Other Mosquitos carried out signals patrols and Mt. Race. flights. No casualties were sustained.

MLH/JT.

BC/S. 26342/3/CNS4,

26th. March, 1945.

REFERENCES

- Day Reconnaissance - Interpretation Report No. K.3442.
- Enemy Defences - Interception/Tactics No. 311/44.

TARGET	GROUP	INTERPT TYPE	SORTING	NO REPORTING		NO. OF		MAG	PAGE				TOTAL		NO. IN.
				PREL. RE.	REV.	CONF.	CONF.		CONF.	CONF.	CONF.	CONF.	CONF.	CONF.	
LUNDAWEN	1	Lanc. I	162	160	2	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	1006.5 117.8
		Lanc. III	82	79	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc. V	51	51	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc. III	45	43	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq. IX	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
LUNDAWEN TOT		Mosq. XVI	12	7	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	1.0	-	309x1000	
			334	320	2	0	6	1	6	-	-	1.0	1		
H. 1000	8	Mosq. IX	4	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	18	-	75.0 4
		Mosq. XVI	34	32	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq. XX	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq. XXV	18	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
H. 1000 TOT		62	57	1	2	2	-	1	-	-	18	-	28x1000		
G. 1000	8	Mosq. XVI	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.8	
		Mosq. XX	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Mosq. XV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
G. 1000 TOT		11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0		
BOMBING TOTAL	8	Mosq. XVI	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0	
			410	391	3	8	8	1	9	-	-	1.1	1		
MISCELLANEOUS	4	Lanc. III	8	6	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	82 minet	
		Lanc. I	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	-	-	-		
TOTAL	5	Lanc. III	9	7	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	82 minet	
			23	19	-	-	2	1	1	-	1.0	-	-		
BOMBING TOTAL	100	Various	67	63	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	82 minet	
		Mosq.	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
TOTAL	8	Mosq.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82 minet	
			503	476	3	10	10	2	9	1.0	-	1.1	1		

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NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 793

COPY NO 16BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS16/17th DECEMBER, 1944WiesbadenSUMMARY

1. One Mosquito was sent to Wiesbaden, but was abortive; and 1/2 Wellingtons carried out signals patrols. No casualties were sustained.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Bases Generally fit.
Targets Little cloud in S.W. Germany.

SORTIES

3. No. of aircraft despatched.....3
 " " " completing mission.....1
 " " abortive sorties.....2
 " " aircraft missing.....0

ENEMY DEFENCES

4. Nothing of interest.

CASUALTIES

5. None.

MLM/END
 BC/S. 26342/4/ORS.4
22nd March, 1945.

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	✓/C REPORTED				ISS- DNG	DETAILS				INTERCEPTIONS		CASUALTIES		
				WRECK SGL.	WRECK SGL.	WRECK K.T.	WRECK O.V.I. E.T.		WRECK SGL.	WRECK SGL.	WRECK SGL.	WRECK SGL.	WRECK SGL.	WRECK SGL.	WRECK SGL.	WRECK SGL.	WRECK SGL.
WIESBADEN	B	Mosq. XVI	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SIGNAL BATTERIES	100	Well.	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			3	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

COPY NO. 16BOMBER COLLATERAL REPORT OF NIGHT OPERATIONS17/11th. DECEMBER, 1944.ULM: MUNICH: DUISBURG: Kraus: HANNOVER: Munster.SUMMARY

1. In the early evening, Ulm (in S.W. Germany) and Munich were strongly attacked in good weather, and against slight opposition. After these forces had returned, other aircraft left to attack Duisburg, where unexpectedly large amounts of cloud were found, so that crews had to bomb on skymarkers. This force was heavily engaged by fighters; even so, the whole night's operations cost us only 9/1,313 aircraft lost, with another 12 wrecked beyond repair. All the targets were severely damaged.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Bases:- Fit all night.

Targets:- Good chance of small amounts of st-cu. at Ulm and Munich, although thick frontal cloud will be met en route. Duisburg will be threatened by this front at least until 0300, and even then cloud will clear slowly.

ULM: MUNICH: DUISBURG.PLANS OF ATTACK

3. Ulm Controlled CBOE groundmarking, with emergency skymarking. H = 12,000.
4. Munich 5 Group NEMELV N, with sector bombing. H = 2200.
5. Duisburg CBOE groundmarking. H = 2,015.

SORTIES

	<u>Ulm</u>	<u>Munich</u>	<u>Duisburg</u>
6. No. of aircraft despatched.....	330	288	513
" " " reporting status on primary area....	318	261	432
" " " " " alt. "	0	1	3
" " abortive sorties.....	12	20	31
" " aircraft missing.....	2	4	3
	(0.6%)	(1.4%)	(0.6%)

WEATHER AS REPORTED

7. Ulm Large amounts of thin st. or st-cu. Wind at 11,000': 220°/35 m.p.h. Just inside France, a frontal belt of thick cloud extended to above 20,000', clearing between 04-05°E. This belt was met at 0630E on return.
8. Munich 0-3/10ths. St-cu., tops 5,000', good visibility. Wind at 12,000': 220°/30 m.p.h. Much St-cu. over France, tops 4,500'.
9. Duisburg 10/10ths. St-cu. over target en whole route, tops 10-12,000', with 7-10/10ths. broken medium cloud above to 20,500', containing static and St. Elmo's fire, but with good lanes. Wind at 22,000': 220°/40 m.p.h.

New moon, setting half an hour after nautical twilight (1837 at Ulm).

...../NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHIC STATISTICS.

NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHIC STATISTICS10. Munich

No. of aircraft plotted in target area.....	149
" " " " " off " " "	3-
" " " estimated to have landed within (max.....206) =	193
target area (min.....149)	
" " " " " have landed within 5 miles (max..248) =	231 =
of 1/2 (min..179)	89.9%

NARRATIVE OF ATTACK

11. Ulm Thin low stratus obscured ground detail in the town, but the Master Bomber identified landmarks on the outskirts. He reported that the marking was accurate and concentrated throughout, and that the bombing was well directed except for a tendency to undermark. A large area was left ablaze; the glow of the fires was visible for 100 miles, and a late Mosquito found the town "well alight".

12. Munich Here, the marking and bombing were very well placed in excellent weather.

13. Duisburg The markers soon disappeared into the cloud, and crews had to bomb on their glow or by navigational aids.

DAY RECONNAISSANCE

14. Ulm A large area of the city centre was devastated; at least 30 industries were damaged, many being wrecked; rail facilities were widely affected and many of the numerous barracks and ordnance depots were destroyed. The industrial district S. of the marshalling yards was reduced to a shambles, and other notable incidents included the gutting of the main passenger station and of the great goods depot at the 1/4, and severe damage to the thermal power station.

15. Munich This city, too, suffered severe and widespread damage, especially the old centre and the districts N. and S. of the main station. The industries, which are mainly situated in the outskirts, were less heavily hit than residential property, although 12 factories were damaged. Much destruction was caused to the railway repair shops (pr. 1) at Freising. The main station, the south station, the Holzkirchner goods station, the main 1/4 and the yard at 1/4 were damaged in varying degrees.

16. Duisburg Full photographic cover was not obtained for nearly a month and, since no adequate cover had been obtained since 20th. October, the damage revealed was caused over a long period. In that time, Bomber Command had delivered one major attack besides that under review, and 6 small raids; and the U.S. 8th Air Force had paid one large and one small visit. The damage was widespread, the S., S.W., and E. being most severely affected. No concentration of damage was visible, except in the area of the central 1/4. 17 of the 30 industrial plants were damaged, 5 very seriously; and 25 unmetallurgical industries and coalmines were hit, 6 being entirely destroyed and 12 seriously damaged. The gas and waterworks by the Heiderich coking plant was the only public utility to be seriously damaged. Transport facilities suffered widespread damage, and the central areas N. and S. of the inland port were badly affected; the central 1/4 were still largely out of commission on 11th. January.

EMPTY DEFENCES

17. Only the Duisburg force, flying through very bad weather towards dawn, met serious fighter opposition. They were intercepted over the target after the first 10 minutes of their rather prolonged attack, and were effectively attacked on the N.W. leg out of the Ruhr. At least 5 Gruppen of fighters were up against them. The Ulm force was supported by 1/4 droppers threatening the Frankfurt-Munheim area, and only 3 aircraft were engaged in combat. The Munich raiders/no fighters anti-

not no fighters until they reached the target, and no attacks were reported until they had left. Flak was everywhere sought to be avoided.

NEW AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

18. Our bombers claimed no aircraft factories, and only one No. 252 was reported to have dived and crashed at Munich. British interceptors destroyed 2 No. 110 near Ulm, and damaged a Ju. 88G. in the Wiesbaden area.

CASUALTIES

19. Ulm 2/350 aircraft (0.3%) were lost. 1 fell in combat over the target; the fate of the other is unknown. A tail gun was destroyed in a collision over France.

20. Munich 4/288 (1.4%) were lost - 2 fell to target flak, one was lost to a fighter on the way home, and the fourth must be attributed to "unknown causes". 4 others were wrecked: one crashed near Auen, one fell (probably to Allied A.A.) at Beveland, one collided over Saint Gerold, and one was destroyed in a landing accident.

21. Duisburg 3/523 (0.3%) were lost. Only 2 of these losses were observed: one was caused by fighters over the Ruhr, and another by target flak. But 6 other aircraft were wrecked beyond repair: 2 collided and crashed over Charleroi, 2 crashed in Belgium and a third in the battle area, and one was wrecked in a taxiing accident. No returning aircraft was seriously damaged by enemy action on this night.

HULLS

22. 40/44 Mosquitos bombed Haupt B. of Frankfurt, through 10/10ths. thin cloud. The marking was concentrated, but patches of low drifting cloud obscured the T.I. and bombing was scattered. Some fires were started. One aircraft was lost, but one overshot on return, hit a tree and was destroyed.

WING LOSS

23. 3/5 OBOE Mosquitos attacked the Hermann Goering works at Hailendorf, one on OBOE and 2 on D.P. The other 2 aircraft bombed Osnabruck.

WINGS

24. 24/26 Mosquitos attacked Munster at the same time as the Duisburg attack.

WINGER SUPPORT INC.

25. 100 Group despatched WIDOW Droppers to the Rhineland to cover the Ulm raid, and provided a MANDREL screen to cover the Duisburg attack. 50 intruders were active, mostly at high level, and 1 destroyed 2 No. 110 and damaged a Ju. 88G. Other aircraft were engaged in signals patrols and search flights. None of these aircraft was lost.

M.M./JT.
RC/S. 26342/3/CRSL,
28th. March, 1945.

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FLIGHT	MODE	SCHEDULE TYPE	SORTIES	W/ REPAIRS				W/ REPAIRS				W/ REPAIRS				RESULTS			
				PRDM. LOST	OVFL. E.T.	OVFL. OVER	OVFL. E.T.	OVFL. OVER	OVFL. E.T.	OVFL. OVER	OVFL. E.T.	OVFL. OVER	OVFL. E.T.	OVFL. OVER	OVFL. E.T.	OVFL. OVER	HE.	IB.	
M. 101	C	Lanc. I	187	186	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0	2	4	590.1	704.2
		Lanc. III	76	75	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	1	1		
		Lanc. IX	4	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Mosq. XVI	9	4	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
M. 101 TOTAL			286	271	-	-	10	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	3.0	3	5		
M. 102	C	Mosq. IX	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.9	1.2
		Mosq. XVI	27	25	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	-	-		
		Mosq. XX	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Mosq. XXV	13	12	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
M. 102 TOTAL			44	40	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
M. 103	C	Mosq. XVI	5	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Lanc. I	168	159	1	5	3	2+2 ^B	2	-	-	-	-	-	3.0	1	1	469.6	487.3
		Lanc. III	132	115	-	10	7	2+1 ^B	7	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	2	1		
		Mosq. IX	7	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
M. 103 TOTAL			312	283	3	16	10	4+2	9	-	-	-	-	4.0+1.0	3	2			
M. 104	C	Hal. III	228	214	-	2	12	1+3 ^B	9+2 ^B	1	-	-	-	-	2+1.0+	7	3	1430.2	378.2
		Hal. III	160	126	3	2	3	1	5	-	-	-	-	1.0	6	3			
		Hal. VII	50	49	-	1	-	1+2 ^B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2		
		Lanc. X	42	42	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-		
M. 104 TOTAL			480	422	3	5	15	3+2	16	1	-	-	-	2+1.0+	17	8			
M. 104 TOTAL			525	482	3	16	22	3+5	16+2 ^B	1+1.0	-	-	-	2+1.0+	23+1.0	15			

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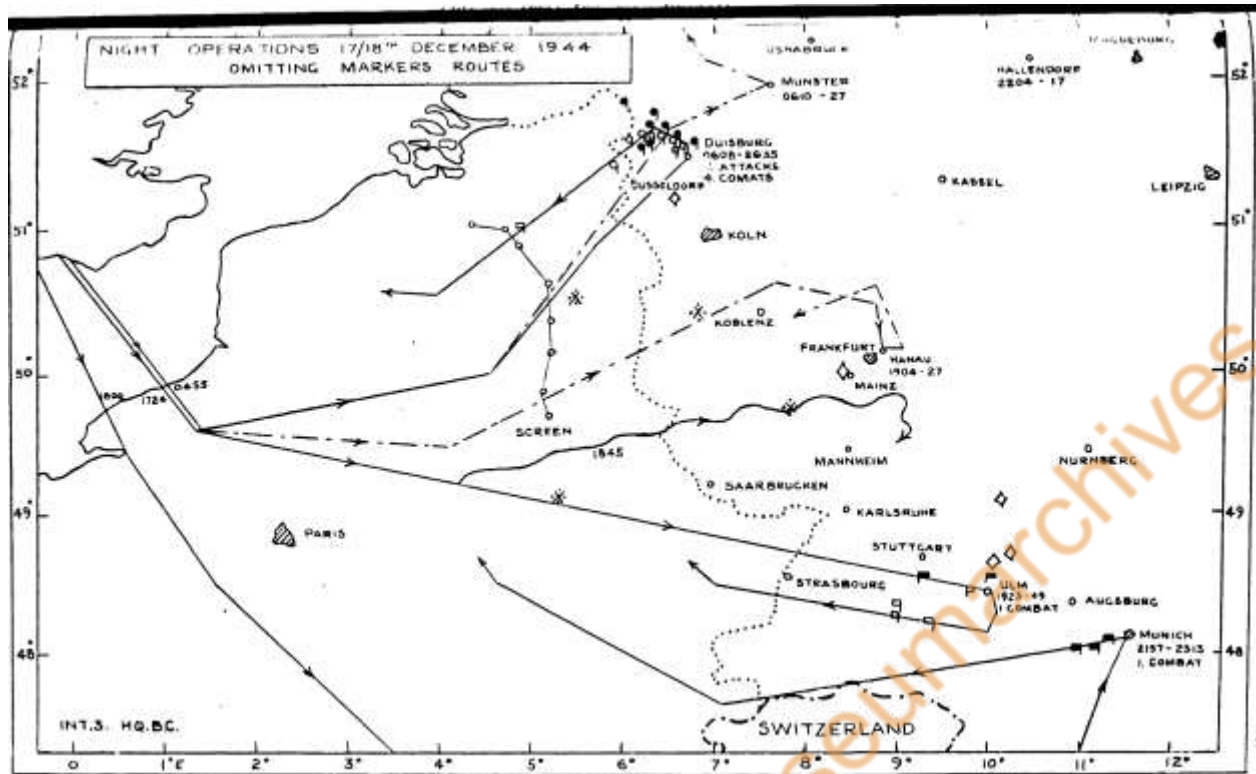
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FLIGHT	MODE	SCHEDULE TYPE	SORTIES	W/ REPAIRS				W/ REPAIRS				W/ REPAIRS				RESULTS			
				PRDM. LOST	OVFL. E.T.	OVFL. OVER	OVFL. E.T.	OVFL. OVER	OVFL. E.T.	OVFL. OVER	OVFL. E.T.	OVFL. OVER	OVFL. E.T.	OVFL. OVER	OVFL. E.T.	OVFL. OVER	HE.	IB.	
M. 105	C	Mosq. XVI	11	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Mosq. XX	8	7	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Mosq. XXV	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
M. 105 TOTAL			26	24	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
M. 105 TOTAL			1216	1120	6	42	40	9+3	27+2.0	1+2.0	-	-	-	-	2+7.0+	23	15		
M. 106	C	Mosq. XX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Various	87	56	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
M. 107	C	M. & H.	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Mosq.	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
M. 107 TOTAL			131	120	6	42	61	9+9	27+2.0	1+2.0	-	-	-	2+7.0+	23	15			

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- 1 a/c. Cat. E. near Leon - Collision.
- 1 a/c. Cat. E. Beveland - (?) Allied down.
- 1 a/c. Cat. E. Ste. Lenehould - Collision.
- 1 a/c. Cat. E. near Rouen - Unknown.
- 1 a/c. Cat. E. Battle of the Somme - Unknown.
- 1 a/c. Cat. E. Belgium - Unknown.
- 1 a/c. Cat. E. Belgium - Unknown.
- 1 a/c. Cat. E. near Ghent - Collision.
- 1 a/c. Cat. E. Charleroi - Collision.

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NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 795

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS18/19th. DECEMBER, 1944.Gdynia (Shipping): Main target: Danzig.SUMMARY

1. The Polish port of Gdynia, in Danzig Bay, received its first N.F. attack (except for a small raid in 1942) when 227 B-24 bombers bombed shipping and dock installations. The weather was clear, and much damage resulted. Little opposition was met. Mosquitoes attacked Hamburg and Danzig; only 5/352 aircraft (1.4%) were lost.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Bases:- Fit until 0200; then, widespread mist & fog.
Targets:- Little cloud in Gdynia area. Patchy fog over Nuremberg.

GdyniaPLAN OF ATTACK

3. 5 Group NEMLVN. H = 2200.

SORTIES

- | | | |
|----|---|----------|
| 4. | No. of aircraft despatched..... | 236 |
| | " " " reporting attack on primary area..... | 227 |
| | 2 " abortive sorties..... | 9 |
| | " " aircraft missing..... | 4 (2.6%) |

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

5. Clear over target, except for 2/10th. low stratus. Moon: first quarter, setting at 2000 at London. Moderate rain en route in front off W. Denmark, but no icing. Large patches of low stratus over Baltic. Wind: variously reported as 110-190° - velocity, 15-20 m.p.h.

RESULTS OF ATTACK

6. Despite the absence of clouds, visibility was poor over Gdynia, either because of haze or on account of a smoke screen. The DUEZOW was identified by some crews, but most aircraft attacked the position of the ship in relation to the jetty. The marking and bombing of the port area were reported as accurate and concentrated.

D.Y. RECONNAISSANCE

7. The Schlesien class battleship in the free docks basin was low in the water by the stern when photographed on 21st. December, and 3 small vessels had arrived alongside. 3 craters were visible on the quay alongside a M/V 390' in the coal basin, which was down by the stern; and another vessel 200-250' had evidently been damaged and was listing heavily. A M/V 400' in floating dock in No. 3 basin received possible damage to the stern, this dock was undamaged, but the small floating dock alongside had gone down, with a small vessel inside, as the result of a direct hit. 2 other M/V, each 200-250', were sunk, and several harbour craft etc. were damaged. In the new shipyard W. of No. 3 basin, the large floating dock and 2 of the principal buildings were severely damaged.▲ large concentration of

A large concentration of craters was visible in the main dockyard, and at least 16 hits were scored on the rail tracks to the S.

ENEMY DEFENCES

8. No opposition was met on the way out. A few Fw 190 were over the target early in the attack, but 100 Group's diversion in the Munster area diverted most of the fighters guarding the U.S. Only one combat occurred on the return route. 30 searchlights operated in 5 groups to the S.W. of the port, and the heavy gun fired an intense barrage to 13,000' against the first arrivals. The flak decreased however, as the attack progressed. Little trouble was met en route.

CASUALTIES

9. 1/236 aircraft (2.6%) were lost. 2 fell to target flak, and the other to "unknown causes". No returning aircraft was seriously damaged.

MUNSTER

10. 39/40 Mosquitos bombed Munster. The markers soon disappeared into the dense cloud, but their glow suggested that they were lying in a line 2 miles across the target from N. E. to S.W. Bombing was concentrated about the center of this line. No fighters, and slight flak. All aircraft returned safely.

MUNSTER

11. 14/16 Mosquitos bombed Munster through 10/10ths. cloud.

MUNSTER

12. 10/14 Lancasters laid 30 mines in 2 large bays. No fighters were met. No casualties were sustained.

BOMBER STAFF REPORT

13. 100 Group staged a diversion towards Munster with 11 DEEL and 11200 aircraft, causing the enemy to retain at least 4 Gruppen of fighters there. 11 Mosquitos intruded, losing 1 aircraft but destroying a He.129. Other aircraft carried out signals patrols and recon flights.

MLG/PT.
EC/S. 26542/3/0164,
27th. March, 1945.

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F. TYPE	GROUP	S. C. TYPE	BOGIES	NO. OF P. TINS		NO. OF GIVE		NO. OF	D. L. S.				D. L. S. (T. I.)		TOTAL	
				1911-12	1912-13	OV. L.	NOT		PL. S.	PL. S.	B. I. T.	NOT	PL. S.	NOT	T. I.	T. I.
GENERAL	5	Line I	122	117	-	2	3	4	3+1.0	1	-	-	1	2	10.5	13.0
		Line III	114	110	-	2	2	-	3+1.0	1+1.0	-	-	4	3		
			236	227	-	4	5	4	3+2.0	1+1.0	-	-	5	5		
MATERIAL	8	nos. XVI	19	18	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.5	2.5
		nos. XX	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		nos. XXV	13	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
			40	39	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
MATERIAL	8	nos. XVI	16	14	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1.0	-	-	16.7	.7
					292	280	2	4	4	3+2.0	1+1.0	-	1.0	5	5	24.000
MATERIAL	5	Line I	4	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Line III	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
GENERAL	5	Line I	4	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Line III	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
			54	10	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
SIGNALS 100			43	40	-	-	2	1	1+1.0	-	-	-	-	-		
SIGNALS 100			2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SIGNALS 100			1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SIGNALS 100			1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SIGNALS 100			352	333	3	7	9	5	3+2.0	1+1.0	-	1.0	5	5		

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

19/20th DECEMBER, 1944

Minelaying

SUMMARY

12/12 Lancasters laid 54 mines in the Kadet Channel without loss.

WEATHER FORECAST

Bases: Widespread fog after midnight.

Targets: Much cloud over W. Germany. Much stratus and fog over Denmark.

LOSSES

No.	No. of aircraft despatched.....	12
"	" " " reporting mines laid in primary area...	12
"	" " " missing	0

ENEMY DEFENCES

Nothing of interest.

CASUALTIES

One Lancaster was slightly damaged by flak.

JA/EMD
SC/S. 26342/4/ORS. 4
22nd March, 1945.

OPERATIONAL REPORT - 19/20th DECEMBER, 1944.

DATE	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	MOMENTS	A/C REPORTING RESULTS				CASUALTIES	ENEMY DEFENCES				RESULTS		
				PRIM. AC.	SEC. AC.	OVSR. AC.	DOWN AC.		FLAK	SEARCHLIGHTS	IR	SEARCHLIGHTS	H.K.	I.B.	
19/12/44	1	Lanc.I Lanc.III	9 3	9 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54 mines.
INCLUDING TOTAL			12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS.

21/22nd. DECEMBER, 1944.

BONN: COLOGNE M/Y: POLITZ SYNTHETIC OIL
PLANT: Schneidemuhl:

SUMMARY.

1. The city of Bonn, the Nippes M/Y at Cologne and the synthetic oil plant at Politz (N. of Stettin) were visited in medium strength, fog at bases limiting the Command's effort. Bad weather conditions were met over western Europe and, although there was no cloud at Politz, none of the targets was seriously damaged. Enemy fighters had little success, and only 3/541 aircraft (0.5%) were lost.

WEATHER FORECAST.

2. Bases. Fog will form early in the night. Few stations fit.
Targets. 10/10ths. St. and St-cu. at Bonn and Cologne, probably solid to 6,000'. Politz; probably clear skies after midnight. 10/10ths over Kattogot.

BONN: COLOGNE: POLITZ:PLANS OF ATTACK.

3. Bonn. OBCE groundmarking with blind skymarking. H = 1820.
 4. Cologne. " " " " " H = 1835.
 5. Politz. 5 Group controlled NEWHAVEN. H = 2230.

SORTIES.

	B	C	P
5. No. of aircraft despatched.	114.	136.	207
" " " reporting attack on primary area.	107.	126.	183
" " abortive sorties	7.	10.	24
" " aircraft missing	0.	0.	3
			(1.5%)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED.

7. 10/10ths. at Cologne and Bonn, tops 3,000' similar for all the route, with tops 6,000'. Clear at Politz, and from 140CE but very bad weather up to that longitude. Nearly half moon, setting at 2359 at London. Much mist and fog at bases until 0300.

NARRATIVE OF ATTACKS.

8. Bonn. The first markers were punctual and accurate, but soon disappeared into the cloud. Some crews bombed the glow; others attacked on the well grouped skymarkers which followed. The bombing seemed concentrated in the marked area.

9. Cologne. Most crews here bombed on the glow of the groundmarkers, although a few attacked the skymarkers.

10. Politz. The markers were estimated to have fallen 300 yds. N. of A/P. Good fires and explosions were observed. 145 aircraft landed in Scotland on return.

DAY RECONNAISSANCE.

11. Bonn. Photographs of good quality revealed no additional damage in Bonn.

12. Cologne. Damage to the Nippes M/Y was light, and was confined to the north-bound and southbound sorting sidings. Two tracks in the former and 19 in the latter were cut; some 30 vehicles were derailed or damaged; and a few sheds were demolished.

13. Politz; One of the two large chimneys of the power station was demolished by this raid, breaking a section of the nearby pipeline. Both smoke ducts leading to the stack were damaged; the roofs of the boiler house and of the gas generating plant were partly stripped; 11 workers' huts were destroyed, and 8 more damaged;

/Over.....

and the pipelines were fractured at various points throughout the works. Generally, however, the plant cannot be said to have suffered seriously from this attack.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

14. The forces visiting the Rhine targets were virtually unprotected by counter-measures, as bad weather prevented MANDREL aircraft from operating. German fighters were active 45 minutes before these attacks began, but they obtained no good track in time, and only one aircraft of the two forces was engaged in combat. The Politz raiders excited fighters from airfields as far distant as Königsberg and Lübeck, but these seem to have concentrated on countering any possible threat to Berlin, and only one bomber of this force was attacked. Flak was assigned at Bonn and Cologne, and surprisingly slight at Politz; only 30 heavy guns - one tenth of the expected number - were active, and no large batteries opened up. The guns fired from a belt W. of the target, perhaps hoping to deceive the bombers as to the location of the factory. 50-60 searchlights operated ineffectively, despite the clear weather.

CASUALTIES.

15. Casualties were extremely light; no aircraft was missing from the Bonn and Cologne attacks, and only three failed to return from Politz. All these were lost without trace. The bad weather over W. Germany contributed to the enemy's losses. Seven returning aircraft were, however, wrecked beyond repair; one by flak and six in landing accidents.

SCHNEIDEMUHL.

16. 4/4 Lancasters broke away from the Politz force to attack Schneidemühl to the S.E., as a feint to the main effort. All four bombed the aircraft assembly plant in clear weather, and returned undamaged.

MINELAYING.

17. 48/53 Lancasters and Halifaxes laid 237 mines in the Kattegat and off Skagen and Oslo. All the targets were cloud covered. No fighters were encountered, and no losses were sustained.

BOMBER SUPPORT.

18. 100 Group's activities were limited by the weather. 12 Mosquitos carried out high intruder patrols, 5 aircraft operated JOSTLE and 10 dropped WINDOW. No reports were reported. All aircraft returned safely.

DEFENCES.

Day reconnaissance - Interrogation reports Nos. K. 3471 (Cologne).
K. 3444 (Politz).

Enemy Defences - Interrogation tactics No. 316/44.

MLA/EUP.

DC/S. 26342/2/ORS. 4.

25th March, 1945.

TABLE	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SERIES	NO. AIRCRAFT				TOTAL	DAYS				RESULTS				
				PHASE I	PHASE II	OVERSEAS	OTHER		1	2	3	4	OK	IB			
1957	1	Lanc-I	36	33	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	513.4	38.9	
		Lanc-III	43	43	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc-III	20	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc-IX	3	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc-XVI	8	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1958	4	Lanc-III	194	197	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc-X	50	47	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc-III	46	46	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc-III	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc-III	21	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1959	8	Lanc-III	4	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc-IX	4	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc-XVI	5	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc-XVI	5	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc-XVI	6	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1960	5	Lanc-I	112	102	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc-III	94	30	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1961	5	Lanc-III	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc-XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			207	143	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SCHEDULED	5	Lanc-I	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc-III	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			461	420	-	-	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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21/22nd, 1944, 1945, (20-45)

TABLE	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SERIES	NO. AIRCRAFT				TOTAL	DAYS				RESULTS			
				PHASE I	PHASE II	OVERSEAS	OTHER		1	2	3	4	OK	IB		
1944	1	Lanc-I	9	8	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc-III	14	10	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc-III	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc-I	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc-III	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1945	5	Lanc-III	11	9	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc-III	11	10	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			53	40	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1944-45	Various	Lanc-III	27	26	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc-III	27	26	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			501	492	-	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WRECKAGE REPORT ON NIGHT OF RAIDS

22/23rd DECEMBER 1944

BINGEN R/Y : COBLENZ R/YSUMMARY

1. Bad weather was again experienced at bases for most of the night, and no more than 318 sorties could be despatched. The Mosel marshalling yards at Coblenz and the Bingerbruck yards at Bingen were bombed in rather better conditions than had been expected, and useful damage was caused, especially to the latter target. Only 5 aircraft were lost, but 5 more were wrecked in landing crashes. Our intruders destroyed 5 enemy aircraft.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Bases Frontal conditions over bases: low stratus and poor visibility.
Targets 10/10ths st.cu. to 5-6,000 ft. at Bingen and Coblenz, perhaps with thin broken layers of medium cloud above.

PLANE OF ATTACK

3. Bingen OBOE groundmarking with H2S skymarking H = 1835
Coblenz OBOE and H2S skymarking. H = 1850

RESULTS

	Bingen	Coblenz
4. No. of aircraft despatched	106	168
No. of aircraft reporting attack on primary area	93	162
No. of aircraft reporting attack on alt. area ...	1	0
No. of abortive sorties	12	6
No. of aircraft missing	3	0
	(3.0)	

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

5. Small amounts of st.cu. at Bingen; some haze. 5-8/10ths. St.cu. at Coblenz, to 7,000 ft. Wind at 18,000 ft : 050°/55 m.p.h. Half moon, setting at 0100.

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACKS

6. Bingen The initial markers were estimated to have fallen directly on the target. A good concentration of markers was built up around these, and the bombing was accurate, apart from a slight tendency to undershoot.

7. Coblenz The marking was well placed in the building area, and the bombing was accurate. Most crews claimed to have identified the area. Visibility, and the marking, seemed to be placed between the confluence of the Moselle and the Rhine.

WRECKAGE DAMAGE

8. Bingen Craters resulting from main attack spread over an area from the base of the sorting sidings to just N. of the entry converging points. The depth of these craters measured 90" in diameter, and cut several tracks at these converging points. Nearly every track in the sorting siding area severed. Some craters were detailed. The cumulative damage to this target was, at this date very considerable: most of the tracks (except the through lines) were out, and quantities of wagons and stores had been destroyed. Hardly any repairs had been carried out since the previous cover 9 days earlier.

...../10. Coblenz.

10. Coblenz: Incomplete cover... 100% unserviceability in the holding sidings, and 7 craters on the siding, the large engine shed. The Lutzel VY (also at Coblenz) suffered more but most of this damage must be attributed to the American raids on that

ENEMY DEFENCES

11. Fighters were airborne early and were sent to a position dead on route to intercept our bombers; but they failed to intercept the force, perhaps, because of the effectiveness with which WIDOW and PIERCE used airborne radar. Only 2 aircraft of this force were attacked, both just leaving the target.... The Coblenz force was not intercepted at all. Flight slight and inaccurate at both targets.

CASUALTIES

12. 3/106 aircraft failed to return from Liege. One fell to flak W target; the fate of the other 2 remains uncertain, although one went down unknown cause between Liege and Luxemburg. No aircraft was lost on Coblenz. 4 aircraft crashed on landing, in bad weather.

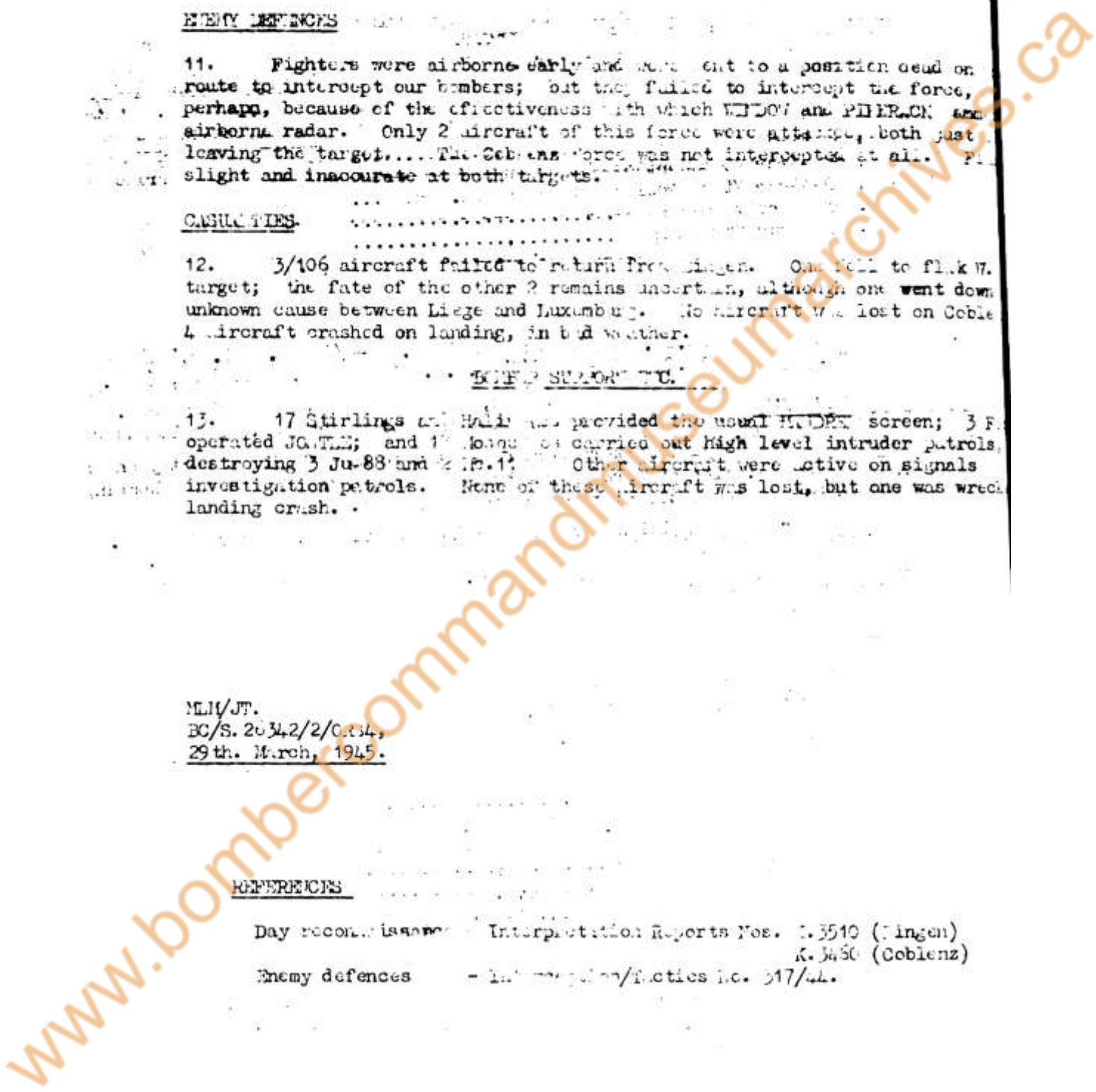
BATTLE SUPPORT T.U.

13. 17 Stirlings and Halibut provided the usual WIDOW screen; 3 F. operated JOULE; and 1 Mosquito carried out high level intruder patrols, destroying 3 Ju-88 and 2 Me.109. Other aircraft were active on signals investigation patrols. None of these aircraft was lost, but one was wrecked landing crash.

MLH/JT.
BC/S. 20342/2/C34,
29th. March, 1945.

REFERENCES

- Day reconaissance - Interpretation Reports Nos. T. 3510 (Lingen)
K. 3450 (Coblenz)
- Enemy defences - Interpretation/Statistics No. 317/44.



UNIT	NO.	TYPE	QUANTITY	NO. REPAIRS		NO. REPAIRS		NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	
				PRE-ARR.	ADJ. AREA	COL. E. T.	NO. OVER E. T.											
MOTOR	7	Mod. II	81	80	1	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	1,00+12	2	1	318.1	7.5	
	8	Mod. III	14	12	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mod. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mod. I	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80,000	
MOTOR TOTAL			106	93	1	4	1	3	-	-	-	-	1,00+12	-	1	-	-	
MOTOR	1	Mod. I	118	114	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	-	-	914.5	-
		Mod. III	28	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	6	Mod. III	10	8	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	550,000
		Mod. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mod. XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MOTOR TOTAL			168	162	-	3	3	-	2	-	-	-	28	-	-	-	-	
MOTOR TOTAL			274	255	1	7	4	3	2	-	-	-	1,00+12	-	1	-	-	
MOTOR TOTAL			318	292	1	7	4	3	3	-	-	-	1,00+12	-	1	-	-	
MOTOR TOTAL			318	292	1	7	4	3	3	-	-	-	1,00+12	-	1	-	-	

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

23/24th DECEMBER, 1944

Limburg M/Y: Siegburg M/Y: Bremen, etc.MARKY

Limburg 50/52 Mosquitos attacked the marshalling yards at Limburg through cloud varying from C-7/10ths. The marking was good throughout, and the bombing was concentrated. Crews considered the attack very successful. No aircraft was lost on this night, although 2 crashed on return.

Siegburg 38/40 Mosquitos bombed the marshalling yards at Siegburg. The target was clear of cloud, but haze prevented any assessment of results. The aircraft attacked in 4 waves, mostly aiming at T.I.

Bremen-Hannover-Osnabruck-Munster. 7/7 HZS Mosquitos carried out training flights, all bombing Bremen, Hannover, Osnabruck and Munster. None of the targets was obscured by cloud, but haze made it difficult to estimate the accuracy of the bombing. No incidents were reported.

Bomber support etc. 100 Group provided a MINDFEL screen W. of the battle area, through which a WINDOW force struck eastwards to Mainz and then turned south. Gruppen of night fighters reacted; but, on finding that no large bomber force was present, these E/W were diverted to tactical missions against ground targets from Verdun to the S. of Florence. Long range intruders claimed a Ju.88 and a Me.110 destroyed, and probably also a second Ju.88, as well as causing evident trouble to the German fighters. Other aircraft carried out signals patrols, net. recce flights and special operations. No losses were sustained.

WEATHER FORECAST

Bases Low cloud and fog.

Targets Little cloud over Germany: visibility 1-2,000 yards.

RESULTS

No. of aircraft despatched.....	162
" " " reported attack on primary area.....	153
" " " " " alt. area.....	1
" " abortive sorties.....	8
" " aircraft missing.....	0

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

Clear at Siegburg, Bremen, Hannover, Osnabruck and Munster, except for trace. variable cloud (C-7/10ths) at Limburg.

DEFENCES

Fighters reacted strongly to the WINDOW spoof, and to our intruders, but failed to intercept the Mosquito bombers. Flak was everywhere slight.

REMARKS

No aircraft was lost; but 2 were wrecked and a third seriously damaged in landing accidents.

IN/END
R/C. 26342/4/CRS.4
22nd March, 1945

TARGET	GROUP	ALOCRAFT TYPE	SERIES	L/C REPORTING AT AGE ON		L/DATIVE BOMBS		MISS-ING	DAMAGE			DESCRIPTIONS		RESULTS				
				HELL AREA	ALL AREA	OVER E.T.	NOT OVER E.T.		FLAK	FIGHTER	BRIT. INC. BOMBS	NOT DUE TO E/A	ATTACK-ED	NOT ATTACK-ED	H.E.	I.B.		
DIERING	8	Hseq. XVI " XX " XXV	24	23	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.9			
			1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
			15	14	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1E	-	-	19 x 4000		
DIERING TOTAL:			40	38	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1E	-	-				
LIERING	8	Hseq. IX " XVI " XX " XXV	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61.4	2.7		
			32	31	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,C	-	-	-		
			1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 x 4000	
			17	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1B+3E	-	-	-	-	
LIERING TOTAL:			52	50	-	2	-	-	-	-	1,C+1B+3E	-	-	-	-			
GREEN-HILL-OVER-OSKARBUCK-MUNSTER	8	Hseq. XVI " XX " XXV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6 (HUNGER)			
			5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6 (HUNGER)			
			1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3 (OSKARBUCK)			
GREEN-HILL-OVER-OSKARBUCK-MUNSTER TOTAL:			7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.8 (HUNGER)			
GREEN TOTAL:			99	95	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	1,C+1B+3E	-	-	-			
GREEN SUBJECT:	100	Var.	57	52	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-			
GREEN SUBJECTS:	100	Var.	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
GREEN SUBJECTS:	8	Hseq.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
GREEN TOTAL:			162	153	1	2	6	-	-	-	-	1,C+1B+3E	-	-	-			
GREEN SUBJECTS:	5	Var.	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

24/25th. DECEMBER, 1944.

COLOGNE/WIPPESS M/Y: BONN/LENGELAR M/T: Munster.

SUMMARY

1. For weather at bases limited our effort, forces of just over 100 aircraft each being despatched against the Wippes M/Y at Cologne and the Lengelar airfield at Bonn. Excellent weather prevailed over western Europe, and both attacks were extremely successful. Our intruders also enjoyed a profitable night, destroying 6 E/s and damaging 3 more. 6/305 aircraft (2.0%) failed to return.

WEATHER FORECAST

- 2. Bases:- Much fog and poor visibility.
- Targets:- No cloud over Cologne or Bonn.

COLOGNE: 30%

RESULTS OF ATTACK

- 3. Cologne OBOE ground-marking. H = 1830.
- 4. Bonn O-1 ground-and-sky-marking. H 1830.

SORTIES

	<u>Cologne</u>	<u>Bonn</u>
5. No. of aircraft despatched.....	102	101
" " " reporting attack on primary target.....	94	100
" " abortive sorties.....	8	4
" " aircraft missing.....	5	1
	(5.0%)	(1.0%)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

6. Fine weather at both targets, with good visibility, but ground haze. Three quarters moon. Wind at 15,000': 090°/55 m.p.h. Fine weather over the whole route.

NARRATIVE OF ATTACKS

- 7. Cologne Excellent marking, and accurate and concentrated bombing. Good fires.
- 8. Bonn Aircraft attacked on vectors N on W-H; the L.T. fell in 2 sets, half a mile apart. Thick smoke obscured details of the bombing.

DAY RECONSTRUCTION

9. Cologne This attack rendered the Wippes M/Y 100% unserviceable. All trucks in the sorting sidings were either destroyed; hits were scored near the junctions at the N. end of the yard; trucks were disrupted on both the northbound forwarding and southbound reception sidings; the loco. depot, the repair shops and the wagon repair shops at the N. end were all further damaged; and quantities of rolling stock were derailed and destroyed. The storage sidings were rendered 100% u/s, and all through running lines were cut.

10. Bonn The landing ground of the hangar airfield was blanketed by craters. The hangar area and N. dispersal area were also affected. Buildings were damaged, with 4 more probably damaged. Several shelters and buildings hit.

ENEMY DEFENCES

11. German fighter reaction was comparatively small, 5 Gruppen being active but they achieved a few interceptions on the homeward routes. 3 of the group came from the Stuttgart area, and were distracted by a WINDOW force threatened Mannheim. The haze hindered the searchlights, but accurate predicted flak met at Cologne, where the guns hit less WINDOW aircraft than usual to hamper their range-finding devices.

C.S.U. RESULTS

12. 5/102 aircraft (5.0%) were lost in Cologne, and 1/104 (1.0%) on Bonn. 3 were probably destroyed by direct hits from predicted flak, and one was destroyed in combat. The fate of the other 2 is unknown. One aircraft was badly damaged by heavy flak but landed successfully at Mireannes; one was wrecked in a taxiing accident, and one crash-landed in bad weather and was destroyed. Few aircraft were hit by flak.

MUNSTER

13. 1/2 OBOE Mosquitos bombed Munster, and other aircraft being alternative

MPELANTIC

14. 12/12 Halifaxes laid 48 mines in Gode harbour. One overshoot on land and was badly damaged.

EMBER SUPPORT ETC.

15. 100 Group provided a MURDER screen from N. to S. inside France (see map), and despatched WINDOW droppers towards Mannheim and Munster. 42 intras were active, destroying 4 He.110 and 1 Ju.88 G. in combat, and damaging 1 He. 1 Ju.52 and 1 Ju.88 on the ground at Roschbron airfield near Breisach. Night Command Mosquitos destroyed another Ju.88. 6/6 aircraft completed signals patrols, and 8/8 Stirlings carried out special operations. None of our aircraft was lost.

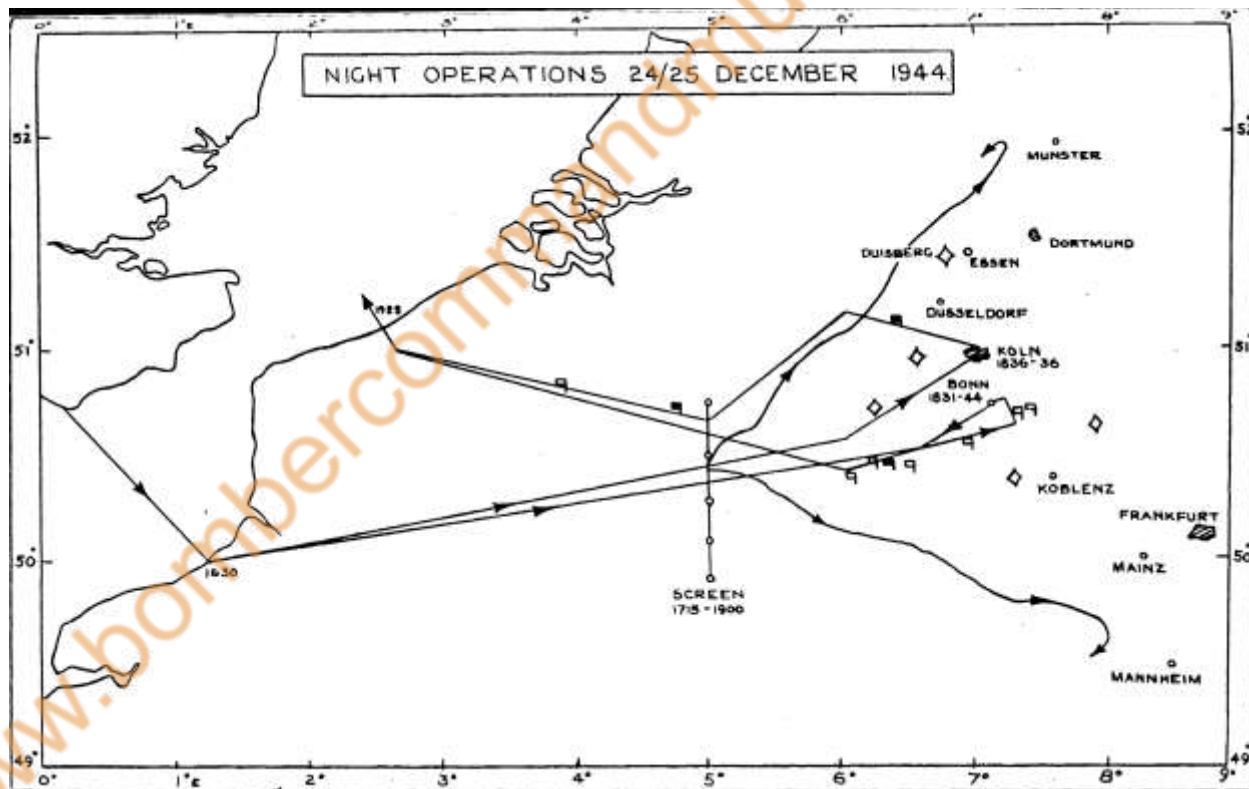
HM/JT.
EC/S. 26342/2/GRS4,
30th. March, 1945.

REFERENCES

- Day Reconnaissance - Interception Reports Nos. 1.3496 (Cologne) 1.3497 (Bonn)
- Enemy Defences - Interception/Tactics No. 313/4.

TARGET	GROUP	SUBGROUP TYPE	BORINGS	A/C RESOURCES		BORING DATES		MISS	LOSS			INT. EFFICIENCY		RESULTS			
				PREL. A/C.	A/C.	OVER S.T.	OVER L.C.		FIGHTER	HEAVY	NOT	ATTACKED	NOT	HE.	IB.		
COLOGNE	1	Lanc. I	43	42	-	-	1	5	1	-	18	-	-	551.3	2.7		
		Lanc. III	38	36	-	-	1	1	2+1	1	-	-	-	-	-		
	8	Lanc. III	16	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	-		
		Lanc. XVI Hooq. IX	3 2	1 -	-	-	2 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75x1000		
COLOGNE (TOT.)		100	94	-	-	5	3	5+1	3	-	28	1	-	-			
BOHN/ELFENBERG	5	Lanc. I	97	94	-	-	-	3	1	2+1	-	1	4	7	487.4	7.1	
		Lanc. III	7	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BOHN/ELFENBERG (TOT.)		104	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
ELFENBERG	8	Hooq. XX	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	1
		Hooq. XXV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
ELFENBERG (TOT.)		2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BOHN/ELFENBERG (TOT.)		208	195	-	-	6	7	6+1	4+1	-	2+28	5	-	-	-		
ELFENBERG (TOT.)	13	Hooq. III	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	18	1000
		Various	79	76	-	-	-	3	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	
ELFENBERG (TOT.)		91	88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL		305	289	-	-	6	10	6+1	5+2	-	2+28	5	-	-	-		
SUBTOTAL	3	Various	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Q. H. S. J. * 1 A/C. Cat. C In Flammes - Heavy Flak.
SPECIAL OPS. NOT INCLUDED IN GRAND TOTAL.



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BOEING CO. NIGHT RAIDS - NIGHT OPERATIONS

27/28th. 1944

OPLADEN railway works: H2S trials.

SUMMARY

Bad weather at bases severely limited the Command's effort, but 319 aircraft were able to take off towards dawn and bomb the railway workshops at Opladen, N. of Cologne. There was thick fog over the target, but many hits were scored on the tracks and buildings. Mosquitos carried out H2S trials, each hitting 4 different towns on a round trip. 2 aircraft were lost.

OPERATIONAL

Bases:- Fitt. N. of bases, and airfield further S.

Targets:- Cologne area: thick fog, but good vertical visibility.

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACK

CBON groundmarking. H = 0.50.

STATISTICS

No. of aircraft despatched.....	319
" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	309
" " abortive sorties.....	10
" " aircraft missing.....	2 (0.6%)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

10/10ths. low stratus or fog. No other clouds. Three quarters moon, above horizon.

CHARACTER OF ATTACK

Visibility was good above clouds, so that crews, although unable to identify ground detail, achieved an excellent concentration on the brightly lit markers. 3 large explosions were observed.

OPPOSITION ENCOUNTERED

Opposition to early sorties was met, but no losses seem to have resulted. Searchlights could not penetrate the fog, and the flak was fired in a loose barrage of varying intensity. Very little predicted flak.

INCIDENTS

2/319 aircraft (0.6%) were lost. Both probably went down simultaneously over the target, either because of fuel or a collision; but this incident may have involved one aircraft exploded and broke into 2 parts. One aircraft burst into flames while taking off, crashed and was destroyed. 13 aircraft were hit by flak, one was seriously damaged.

...../OPLADEN (EARLY ATTACK)

OPERATION (EARLY ATTACK)

9. 3½ hours before the main attack, 179 C-47 Bessies bombed the railway workshops at Opladen, 4 on OBE and 5 on WE or L.R.

WES TRIALS

10. 13/14 Bessies carried out WES trials, 7 bombing Bonn, Kassel, Eisenach and Frankfurt, and 6 attacking Homburg, Hannover, Munster and Osnabruck, on round trips. All the first 4 targets were clear, and all the last 4 covered with 10/10ths. No incidents were reported.

BOMBER SUPPORT ETC.

11. 100 Group provided a MADRE screen, and WE DTY cover towards Mainz. JOSTLE, CARPET and PIPERACK aircraft found the enemy's communications and ranging devices, and 37 Bessies intruded at high altitude level. They made no interceptions but claimed hits on transport targets. 2/3 aircraft completed signals patrols. No losses.

H.M./J.T.

BC/S. 263, C/2/CR34,
20th. March, 1945.

REFERENCES

1. Reconnaissance - Intercept Report No. 3529.
2. References - Interception/Tactics No. 521/44.

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OPERATION (EARLY ATTACK) - 27/28th. MARCH, 1945.

TARGET	GROUP	JETTY TYPE	BOMBERS	A/C REPORTING ATTACK OF		POSITIVE RESULTS		MISS-ES	DAMAGE				INCIDENTS		RESULTS	
				FRONT	REAR	OVER	UNDER		FLY	FLYING	DET. BOMBS	NOT IN R/W	ATTACKED	NOT	HR.	IR.
OPLADEN (W.I. ATTACK)	4	He I. III	122	120	-	1	1	-	4	-	-	-	1	3	1153.5	16.2
	6	He I. III	74	71	-	2	1	-	5	-	-	1E	3	3		
		He I. VII	31	31	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	2		
		Lanc. X	45	44	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	1		
	8	Lanc. III	21	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	Monq. IX	4	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	Monq. XVI	14	13	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	Monq. XIV	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
OPLADEN TOTAL			319	309	-	7	3	2	15	-	-	1E	7	9		
OPLADEN (Early Attack)	8	Monq. IX	4	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Monq. XVI	5	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
OPLADEN (Early Attack) TOTAL			9	4	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
KASSEL-ETZBACH-WEIMBURG	8	Monq. XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.3	
		Monq. IX	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	Monq. XIV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
HOMBERG-FL. OVER	8	Monq. XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.2	
		Monq. IX	4	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	Monq. XIV	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
HOMBERG Etc. TOTAL			7	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BOMBING TOTAL			342	326	-	12	4	2	13	-	-	1E	7	9		
BOMBER SUPPORT 100		Various	66	62	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SIGNALS P. 100		H. & H.	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
TOTAL TOTAL			411	390	-	12	9	2	14	-	-	1E	7	9		

BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS23/29th DECEMBER, 1944BONN M/Y : MUNCHEN-GLADBACH M/Y : OSLO FJORD : FRANKFURTSUMMARY

The marshalling yards at Bonn and Munchen Gladbach, close behind the enemy's battle front, were attacked through 10/10ths cloud, and Lancasters bombed shipping in the Oslo Fjord. The weather reduced the effectiveness of the raids, but useful damage was caused; and we only lost 4/83 aircraft.

WEATHER FORECAST

Bases Generally fit, except loss in 5 Group.

Targets Very poor visibility over Ruhr, or low stratus, tops 500-1000 ft. Half cover of stratus above. No cloud at Oslo. Half cover over Kattegat.

BONN: MUNCHEN-GLADBACH: OSLO FJORDPLANS OF ATTACK

Bonn OCE groundmarking with emergency sky-marking. H = 1345

Munchen-Gladbach OCE groundmarking with emergency sky-marking. H = 1900

Oslo Fjord 5 Group sea-marking. Before H-hour, one Mosquito was to search the Channel off Horten between 5920N and 5925N, and to drop a flare (red/green stars) if it located the cruiser, Köln. 54 base Lancasters were to aim more of these flares at that already dropped, together with marine floats. If the cruiser could not be located, the largest visible ship was to be marked in this way. The main force were to attack as directed by the Master Bomber. A second force was to attack shipping in Verle Bay near Moss, and N. of Moss near Kanto. Mosquitos were to search these areas and mark shipping with flame floats; then the Lancasters were to attack as directed by the Master Bomber. H = 2350.

RESULTS

	Bonn	M-G.	Oslo
No. of aircraft despatched	178	136	68
No. of aircraft reporting attack on primary area	171	167	65
No. of aircraft reporting attack on alt. area ...	0	1	0
No. of abortive sorties	7	18	3
No. of aircraft missing	1	0	0
	(0.6%)		

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

10/10ths over Bonn and Cologne, tops 4-5000 ft. Wind at 16000 ft. 350°/30 knots. cloud below 15000 ft. at Oslo: good visibility. Three quarters moon.

RESULTS OF ATTACKS

Bonn The bombing was centred on the sky-markers or on the diffused glow of T.I. over the cloud, and a fair concentration was achieved.

Munchen-Gladbach The early marking was scattered, but a better concentration achieved later, and the bombing was accurate.

10. Oslo Fjord A thin layer of A-st. at 15-20000 ft, reduced the brilliant moonlight, and cast deceptive shadows on the water which made identification of shipping difficult. A patch of light flak N.E. of the harbour mole seemed to come from a large merchant ship, and this area was marked and bombed. Some crews claim to have attacked a large vessel moving from this area, but no results were observed. 41/43 aircraft attacked this target, at Horten. 24/25 Lancasters bombed a large ship near Moss, scoring several near misses at least, and causing quantities of smoke. A few crews also bombed a merchant vessel nearby.

DAY RECONNAISSANCE

11. Donn The weight of the attack fell on the M/Y and its environments. Considerable damage was caused to the yards; a transshipment shed was 1/5 destroyed, roadbridge over the yard was demolished, and a number of wagons were derailed. Through tracks were uncut. The town gasworks suffered severely, and several factories including the Rumpf precision instrument works, were affected. Numerous incidents occurred among business/residential property.

12. München-Gladbach A few craters were caused in the M/Y, but little damage was caused. The through running lines were, however, damaged in 3 places, all of the tracks being severed. Several roads leading to the yards were blocked, and further damage was caused to the transshipment shed, but most of the bombs fell on the already devastated area E. of the main station.

13. Oslo Fjord No reconnaissance was undertaken for this attack.

ENEMY DEFENCES

14. Low cloud covered the German airfields, and few fighters became airborne. One Lancaster on Donn and another on Oslo were engaged in inconclusive combat. Flak was slight at both Ruhr targets, but moderate to intense light flak was met on the ships off Oslo, and E-beams opened up against low-flying aircraft in the Kattegat.

CASUALTIES

15. Only 1 aircraft was missing from these 3 raids; its fate is unknown. Another crashed on return - possibly after being damaged in combat - and was destroyed.

FRANKFURT

16. 79/79 Mosquitoes attacked Frankfurt at the same time that the first bombs were falling on Bonn and München-Gladbach. 2 distinct concentrations of markers were seen, and the weight of the bombing probably fell on Wiesbaden, where a large fire emitted smoke to 5,000 ft. Little opposition was met. An hour later, 4/8 OBOE Mosquitoes bombed the M/Y at Frankfurt (2 on OBOE and 2 on D.R.), the rest attacking the approximate area. One aircraft of this force crashed near Rouen because of engine failure.

MINELAYING

17. 25/27 Lancasters and 2 Halifaxes laid 125 mines off Oslo and Laeso Rende, and in the Skaggerak. One aircraft was lost; it was seen to fall near the Norwegian coast of the Skaggerak, but the cause was not observed.

BOMBER SUPPORT, ETC.

18. 14 Stirlings and Halifaxes provided a WANDREL screen; 13 aircraft dropped bombs towards Frankfurt, to strengthen the impression created by the strong Mosquito force visiting there; 4 Fortresses operated JOSTLE, and 45 Mosquitoes carried out high altitude intruder patrols, without effecting any interceptions in the poor weather. 10 aircraft were engaged on rescue flights and special operations. No casualties were sustained by these aircraft.

MLM/MTA
DC/S. 26342/4/ORS4
30th March, 1945

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	W/C REPORTING ATTACK ON				ADVERSIVE SORTIES		LOSS- ING	DAMAGE				INTERDICTORS		RESULTS	
				FRONT AREA	ALT. AREA	OVER R.T.	NOT OVER R.T.	PLAN	FUELER		MUT. INC. DUMPS	NOT DUM TO R/C	ATTACKED	NOT ATTACKED	HE.	IB.		
																	PLAC.	FUELER
OSLO WY.	1	Lanc. I	92	90	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1.0+1E	1	-	876.2	38.7	
		Lanc. III	41	41	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq. IX	29	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq. XVI	15	11	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1174000	
GRAND TOTAL			178	171	-	5	1	1	1	1	-	-	1.0+1E	1	-	-	-	
OSLO - GLIMMOR	1	Lanc. I	52	50	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	705.1	1.7	
		Lanc. III	51	49	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
		Hal. III	46	39	1	-	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	234000	-	
		Mosq. IX	26	25	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			186	167	1	9	9	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	
OSLO (Shipping)	5	Lanc. I	39	39	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	345.3	5.2	
		Lanc. III	28	25	-	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
		Mosq. XXV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			68	65	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
PR. REQUEST WY.	8	Mosq. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.4	-	
		Mosq. XVI	7	3	4	-	-	-	1*	-	-	-	-	-	-	304000	-	
GRAND TOTAL			8	4	4	-	-	-	1*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
PR. REQUEST WY. TOTAL	8	Mosq. XVI	35	35	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	109.3	2.1	
		Mosq. XX	14	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	434000	-	
		Mosq. XXV	30	30	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			79	79	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			519	486	5	15	13	1+1*	7	-	-	-	1.0+1E	2	2	-	-	
MILITARY LINES BARRAGE	5	Lanc. I	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc. III	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc. I	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65 mines	
		Lanc. III	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
OSLO MILITARY LINES	5	Hal. III	8	6	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28 mines	-	
		Hal. III	8	8	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	32 mines	-	
GRAND TOTAL			27	25	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	125 mines	-		

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28/29th, DECEMBER, 1944. CONTD.

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	W/C REPORTING ATTACK ON				ADVERSIVE SORTIES		LOSS- ING	DAMAGE				INTERDICTORS		RESULTS	
				FRONT AREA	ALT. AREA	OVER R.T.	NOT OVER R.T.	PLAN	FUELER		MUT. INC. DUMPS	NOT DUM TO R/C	ATTACKED	NOT ATTACKED	HE.	IB.		
																	PLAC.	FUELER
BOGNER AIRFIELD	100	Various	76	69	-	-	7	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SPECIAL AIRFIELD	100	W. & H.	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
NET. AIRC.	5	Mosq.	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL	205	Various	83	86	5	16	21	2+1*	9	-	-	-	1.0+1E	2	2	-	-	
SPECIAL AIRC.	5	Various	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

SPEC. OPS. NOT INCLUDED IN GRAND TOTAL.

O.R.S. 1.

* 1 W/C. Later known to have crashed near house - Eng. Failure.

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS.29/30TH DECEMBER, 1944.SCHOLVEN-BUER synthetic oil plant. TROISDORF M/Y.SUMMARY.

1. Bad weather at time limited the Command's effort to 604 sorties. The Scholven-Buer synthetic oil plant was severely damaged, and an unsuccessful attack was delivered against the M/Y at Troisdorf, N.W.E. of Bonn. We lost four aircraft.

WEATHER FORECAST.

2. Bases. Poor visibility except in N. of 6 Group. Haze and fog.
Targets. Poor chance of no cloud over Ruhr; but poor visibility, probably fog. Possibly some thin patches of St-cu. below 6,000'.

PLANS OF ATTACK.

3. OBCE groundmarked; with emergency skymarking at both targets. H = 1900 at Scholven-Buer; 1920 at Troisdorf.

SORTIES.

	S-B.	T
4. No. of aircraft despatched	337	187
" " reporting attack on primary base	324	176
" " " " " alt. base	0	4
" " abortive sorties	13	7
" " aircraft missing	4	0
	(1,2,3)	

WEATHER EXPERIENCED.

5. 10/10ths. some St-cu. over both targets, tops 3-4,000'. Much low stratus or fog over inland part of route, tops 2-3,000'. Wind at 18,000': 035/45-50 mph.

NARRATIVE OF ATTACKS.

6. Both the attacks were reported as accurate and concentrated.

DAY RECONNAISSANCE.

7. Scholven-Buer. The synthetic oil plant was severely hit. The compressor house and the paste preparation and injector house were seriously damaged, the latter being four-fifths destroyed. 4 medium-sized storage tanks were destroyed, and 2-3 others damaged. 2 large gasholders had their roofs holed, and 10 unidentified buildings and a cooling tower were variously affected. The weight of the raid fell on the N.E. of the plant.

8. Troisdorf Little damage was caused to the M/Y. The locomotive and repair facilities and the through running lines were unaffected, but a goods shed and an unidentified building were slightly damaged, and a few wagons were derailed. The built-up area N. of the yards suffered more seriously, several buildings of the large explosive works of Dynamit A.G. being hit.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

9. Western Germany was covered with thick fog or low cloud, and few fighters reacted to our raids. Only 1 attack was reported. A moderate amount of inaccurate flak was encountered from both targets, decreasing as the attacks developed.

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CASUALTIES

10. The only losses were sustained by the Scholven Buer force, 4 of which (1,2) failed to return. 2 probably fell to target flak, and one to non-enemy action in the Channel on the way out. The fate of the fourth is unknown. No returning aircraft was irreparably damaged, despite the poor weather at home.

MINELAYING

11. 20/24 Mosquitos and Lancasters laid 32 mines off Osle and in the Elbe. All returned safely.

BOMBER SUPPORT ETC.

12. 10 Stirlings and 4 Liberators provided the usual MANDREL screen, while 12 aircraft dropped WINK bombs and canisters. 3 aircraft operated JOSTLE, and 28 Mosquitos carried out low level intruder patrols, damaging 1 Ju.88 in combat. 3/3 aircraft completed searchlight investigation patrols. No aircraft was lost.

MLM/EUB
BC/S.26342/4/CDF
1st April, 1945.

References

Day reconnaissance - Interpretation reports Nos. K. and K.3642.

Enemy defences - Interception/Tactics No. 323/44

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SCHOLVEN-BUER: THROSDORF N/Y: MINELAYING: ETC. - 20th/30th: NIGHT OPS: 1945

TARGET	ORIG.	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPORTS		BOMBS		TOTAL	ATTACK				DEFENCES		RESULTS			
				DOWN	RETR.	DOWN	RETR.		FLAK	SEARCH	ENEMY	NOT	ATTACKED	NOT	NO.	TD.		
SCHOLVEN-BUER	1	Lanc. I	151	148	-	-	3	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1621.1	3.5
		Lanc. III	88	87	-	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc. X	18	17	-	-	1	-	1+1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2974.000
		Lanc. III	28	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XVI	11	6	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
THROSDORF	6	Lanc. III	108	102	4	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	1B	-	-	-	705.4	2.7
		Hal. VIII	41	40	-	-	1	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc. III	24	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	124.000
		Mosq. IX	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XVI	9	6	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
THROSDORF	TOTAL		187	176	4	-	4	3	3+1.0	-	-	-	1B	-	-	1	-	
			524	500	4	13	7	4	14+2.0	-	-	-	2+2.0	1B	2	-	-	
MINELAYING	5	Mosq. IX	8	4	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	6 mines	
		Lanc. I	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60 mines	
		Lanc. III	5	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24 mines	
MINELAYING	OSLO	Hal. III	5	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12 mines	
			21	20	-	-	2	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
BOMBING	100	Various	53	48	-	-	5	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SEARCHLIGHTS	100	Various	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL			604	574	4	13	14	4	15+2.0	1.0	-	-	3+2.0	1B	2	-	-	

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BOEING COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

30/31st DECEMBER, 1944

COLOGNE (Kalk Nord 1/Y): HOUFFALIZE (Enemy concentration): Duisburg: HannoverSUMMARY

1. The Kalk Nord marshalling yards at Cologne were attacked by 457/470 aircraft through dense cloud. The bombing seemed good, but the recce photographs were too poor in quality to show whether serious damage had been inflicted. Towards dawn, 5 Group bombed German troops in the village of Houffalize, 8 miles N. of Bastogne in Ramet it's winter salient; but the attack was unsuccessful. 3 aircraft were lost during the night, and a fourth crashed in allied territory.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Basics. Generally fit for the first half of the night.

Targets. The front should clear Cologne by 2000, leaving thin low str. and well broken T.I. The front will clear Houffalize at about 0300; this target will more probably be clear of thick cloud by 0500, when it will have similar conditions to those at Cologne.

COLOGNE: HOUFFALIZEPLANS OF ATTACK

3. Cologne 3000 roundmarking with emergency skymarking. H=2100
 4. Houff 1200 roundmarking. H=0300 (altered during night to 0500)
 5. Targets as P.S.T., unless otherwise stated).

RESULTS

		Cologne	Houffalize
3.	No. of aircraft despatched.....	470	166
	" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	457	97
	" " " " " alt. area.....	1	0
	" " " " " sorties.....	12	69
	" " " " " missing.....	2	0
		(0.4%)	

WEATHER EXPERIENCE

6. 10/10ths at 5,000', tops 8-10,000', over Cologne. 5-7/10ths at 5,000' over Houffalize.

NARRATIVE OF ATTACK

7. Crews at Cologne looked on the skymarkers, which were well grouped, and reports indicated that the bombing covered the area between the yards and the river. A few aircraft attacked ground markers visible through the cloud. The markers at Houffalize were punctual, and crews identified them through a gap in the cloud. Crews descended beneath the cloud and reported a fair concentration around the markers. But 69 aircraft could not see the T.I. and brought their bombs back; all the attack was thought to have been unsuccessful.

RECONNAISSANCE

8. Cologne reconnaissance photographs were of poor quality, and no reliable intelligence could be given of the damage caused in this attack. The only

identifiable incident was the puncturing of the roof of the transshipment shed in 5 places.

9. Houffalize No reconnaissance was undertaken to cover this attack on Houffalize.

ENEMY DEFENCES

10. Fighters again failed to make any but the slightest contact with our forces. Only 2 attacks were reported during the whole night. Flak, too, was almost negligible.

CASUALTIES

11. 2/470 aircraft (0.4%) were lost, one to target flak and the other to "unknown causes". One aircraft was badly damaged by flak at Houffalize, and crashed in allied territory on the return flight. No returning aircraft was badly injured.

DUISBURG

12. 8/0 Mosquitoes carried out a diversionary raid on Duisburg, all bombing on GEL.

HANNOVER

13. 60/0 Mosquitoes, delivered a concentrated attack against Hannover through scattered clouds.

BOCHUM

14. 4/5 Mosquitoes made successfully controlled runs against the Gelsenkirchener Bergwerk A.G. at Bochum, the fifth bombing on D.R.; and 3/4 attacked the Carolinenglück mining plant at the same time, the remaining Mosquito bombing the town.

MINELAYING

15. 11/11 Lancasters laid 36 mines in the Heligland Eight.

BOMBER SUPPORT ETC.

16. 10 Stirling provided a HINDREL screen; 12 aircraft dropped WINDOW; 3 operated JOSTLE, and 50 Mosquitoes carried out high and low level intruder patrols. No serious incidents were reported. Other aircraft were engaged on signals patrol, reconnaissance flights and special operations, and one of these was lost without trace.

MLM/END
BC/S. 26342/4/CRS.4
2nd April, 1945.

References Day reconnaissance (Cologne) - Interpretation Report No. K.3535

Enemy defences - Interception Tactics
No. 324/44

TARGET	GROUP	SUBJECT TYPE	BOMBS	% OF BOMBS				TOTAL	DAMAGE				INTERDICTED		RESULTS	
				PLACED	NOT PLACED	OVER	NOT OVER		PLACED	NOT PLACED	PLACED	NOT PLACED	PL.	INT.		
EIGHT PLANE COLOGNE (K.L.K. (K.L.K.) WY.	4	Inc. III	205	205	-	-	2	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	1035.1	223.9
	6	Lanc. I	49	49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Inc. III	110	109	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	540,000	-
		Inc. VII	41	40	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	8	Inc. III	44	42	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Inc. IX	4	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Inc. XVI	14	8	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Inc. XX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COLOGNE TOTAL			470	457	1	7	5	2	9	-	-	5+1.0	2	2	-	-
DUISBURG	8	Inc. XVI	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.6	.8
		Inc. XX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Inc. XXV	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DUISBURG TOTAL			8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HANNOVER	8	Inc. XVI	29	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	79.2	2.0
		Inc. XX	13	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	290,000	-
		Inc. XXV	20	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1B	-	-	-	-
HANNOVER TOTAL			68	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HOCHIM	8	Inc. XVI	9	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16.1	90,000
	5	Lanc. I	88	54	-	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	527.0	2.6
		Lanc. III	66	37	-	29	-	1B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HOCHIM TOTAL			166	97	-	69	-	1B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HOFFMANN	3	Lanc. I	9	9	-	-	5	2+1B	9	-	-	5+1.0+1B	2	2	-	-
		Lanc. III	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56 mines	-
		Various	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HOFFMANN TOTAL			22	22	-	-	5	2	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TUNDELING	100	Various	61	57	-	-	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	100	Various	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Various	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TUNDELING TOTAL			69	65	-	-	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EISENHUTTEN	1	Lanc. I	21	21	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	5+1.0+1B	1	1	-	-
		Lanc. III	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Various	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EISENHUTTEN TOTAL			23	23	-	-	-	1	-	-	5+1.0+1B	1	1	-	-	

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SECRETNIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 805COPY NO. 16BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS31st DECEMBER, 1944 / 1st JANUARY, 1945OSTERFELD M/Y; Oslo Fjord (shipping); Berlin; LudwigshafenSUMMARY

1. 155/166 aircraft attacked the marshalling yards at Osterfeld, in the Ruhr, but caused little damage. Lancasters bombed shipping in Oslo fjord, and Mosquitos visited Berlin and Ludwigshafen. 4/372 aircraft failed to return.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Bases Generally fit until nearly morning.

Targets Half cover of St-cu. and Cu. over Ruhr, to 10,000'. Oslo, Skaggerak and Kattegat will have no cloud and good visibility.

OSTERFELD M/YPLAN OF ATTACK

3. OBOE groundmarking. H = 1845.

SORTIES

4.	No. of aircraft despatched.....	166
	" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	155
	" " " " " alt. area.....	1
	" " abortive sorties.....	10
	" " aircraft missing.....	2 (1.2)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

5. 7-10/10ths. thin cloud, tops 5-10,000'.

NARRATIVE OF ATTACK

6. The markers fell in a tight group straddling the W. end of the yard. Most crews bombed their glow, and a good concentration was achieved. Several fires took hold, and were visible for 60 miles, despite the cloud.

DAY RECONNAISSANCE

7. The sidings were rendered 35% w/s, and the facilities 20% w/s. A crater blocked the service tracks of the roundhouse at the E. end; 12 craters were caused in the sidings, and a number of wagons and other vehicles were damaged. One of the wagon repair shops was hit, and an unidentified building was gutted. The through running lines were not affected. Some of this damage may have been caused in the daylight raids of 20th November and 11th December.

ENEMY DEFENCES

8. 3 to 5 Gruppen of German fighters opposed the Osterfeld force, but their controllers plotted our bombers so inaccurately that they achieved only 6 interceptions, 2 of those developed into attacks, and in one of them a Lancaster shot down a Me.109. Flak was slight to moderate.

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9. 2/166 aircraft (1.25) were lost on Osterfeld. One was coded and shot down by heavy flak at 12,000' over Julich, 2 others were irreparably damaged in combat, one crashing near Liege and the other in England.

OSLO FJORD (SHIPPING)

10. 28 Lancasters were despatched to attack the cruisers KOLN and EMDEN, lying at anchor in Oslo fjord. The flares fell wide, but the KOLN was bombed by moonlight. When the bombing began, the cruiser began to mov. northwards at a high speed. Bombs fell close to the EMDEN, and one near miss was obtained on her port side. This ship swung to starboard and came to a standstill after the bombing. No fighters were met, and flak was slight. One Lancaster was destroyed in combat off the Norwegian coast of the Skaggerak. No reconnaissance was undertaken.

BERLIN

11. 67/73 Mosquitos delivered a concentrated attack on Berlin through 8-10/10ths. cloud. All returned safely.

LUDWIGSHAFEN

12. 12/12 OBOE Mosquitos bombed the I.G. Farbenindustrie chemical factory, and an oil refinery, both at Ludwigshafen. 11 aircraft made successfully controlled runs, the twelfth bombing on D.R. No aircraft was lost; but one landed at Brussels after being mildly injured by flak, and was destroyed on the ground on the next day by a strafing enemy aircraft. Another was seriously damaged by fighter attack.

MINELAYING

13. 24/26 Halifaxes and Lancasters laid 112 mines in the Kattegat and the Skaggerak, and off the Norwegian port of Frederikstad at the S.E. tip of Oslo fjord. One Lancaster was shot down by a fighter into the Skaggerak.

BOMBER SUPPORT ETC.

14. 10 Stirlings provided a WINDOW screen; 2 Fortresses operated JOSTLE, and 17 aircraft dropped WINDOW towards Osnabruck, to distract fighters from the Osterfeld raiders. 33 Mosquitos carried out intruder patrols, destroying a He.129 in the Cologne area 15 minutes before the first markers fell on Osterfeld. Other aircraft were engaged on recon flights, signals patrols and special operations. No further losses were sustained.

MLM/END

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3rd April, 1945.

References: Day reconnaissance - Interpretation
Report No. K.
Enemy Defences - Interception/
Tactics No. 325/44.

THEATRE	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPORTING ATTACK ON				A/C DOWN	DAMAGE	DAMAGE				RESULTS			
				PRIN. ARE.	ALT. ARE.	OVER R.T.	NOT OVER R.T.			FLAK	FIRE	DRY. INC. BOMBS	NOT DUE TO R/A	PLACED	NOT PLACED	1B.	1B.
OSTERFELD	1	Lanc. I	87	85	-	-	2	2-10	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	751.4	59.1
		Lanc. III	46	46	-	-	-	-	2	1B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	8	Lanc. III	16	15	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. IX	5	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XVI	9	4	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mosq. XIV	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
OSTERFELD TOTAL			166	155	1	7	3	2-10	3	1B	-	-	2	4	-	-	-
OSLO FJORD (Shipping)	5	Lanc. I	12	10	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc. III	16	16	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OSLO FJORD TOTAL			28	26	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BERLIN	9	Mosq. XVI	32	30	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XI	15	14	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XIV	26	23	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BERLIN TOTAL			73	67	2	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LUDWIGSHAFEN	8	Mosq. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mosq. XI	11	11	-	-	-	-	1 ^a	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
LUDWIGSHAFEN TOTAL			12	12	-	-	-	1 ^a	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LUDWIGSHAFEN TOTAL			23	23	-	-	-	1 ^a	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MINE AIDING	5	Lanc. I	4	3	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc. III	6	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F. GOSSELING	6	Hal. III	8	8	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Hal. III	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MINE AIDING TOTAL			10	8	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DUNKERQUE	100	Various	100	61	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		W. & H.	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DUNKERQUE TOTAL			104	65	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MINE AIDING	8	Lanc. I	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc. III	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MINE AIDING TOTAL			8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL			21	20	3	12	4	2-10	12	1B	-	-	2	4	-	-	-

^a 1 A/C. Cat. D. (1, Brunswick) 1 shot on 10/11/42 due to R/A on 10/11/42.
 1 A/C. (8, Paris Liege) - Fighter.

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