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NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 826

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31st. JANUARY/1945. TWENTY 1945.

Hansa and Bruckhausen 10000000000.

SUMMARY

1. 8/8 Mosquitos bombed the landing plant at Dortmund/Hansa, and 6/6 others attacked that at Duisburg/Bruckhausen. 10 aircraft was lost, but one came down near Knoeke because of engine trouble, and sustained slight damage.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Bases:- Poor weather.

Targets:- 10/10ths. over Ruhr.

RESULTS

3.	No. of aircraft despatched.....	14
	" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	14
	" " " missing.....	0

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

4. 10/10ths. to 29,000' at both targets.

ENEMY DEFENSES

5. Nil.

CASUALTIES

6. No losses. One Mosquito had to come down near Knoeke on return because of engine trouble, but was only slightly damaged.

WLM/ST.  
FC/S. 26342/6/CRS4,  
2nd. May, 1945.



TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPORTING ATTACK ON		ABORTIVE SORTIES		MISS-ING	DAMAGE				INTERCEPTIONS		RESULTS H.E. I.B.		
				PRIM. AREA	ALT. AREA	OVER E.T.	NOT OVER E.T.		FLAK	FIGHTER	BRIT. INC. BOMBS	NOT DUE TO E/A	APPLIED ED	FOT ATTACK ED			
DORMUND (IGNSA)	B	Monq IX	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.5	
		Monq XVI	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43000	
DORMUND TOTAL			8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BRUCENAUSEN	B	Monq IX	6	6	-	-	-	0-1/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43000
		Monq XVI	6	6	-	-	-	0-1/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BOMBING TOTAL			14	14	-	-	-	0-1/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

1 A/C O.T.D. Knocks - Engine trouble

O.R.S.3

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GENERAL COLLATED SUMMARY OF NIGHT OPERATIONS

1/2nd. FEBRUARY, 1945.

LUDWIGSHAFEN: MAINZ: SIEGEN: Berlin: Paderborn: etc.

SUMMARY

1. Despite bad weather at bases and the presence of thick fog over the Continent, 1,274 aircraft were despatched. Ludwigshafen, Mainz and the W/Y at Siegen were heavily attacked, and considerable damage was caused, despite the weather, especially at Ludwigshafen. 11 Mosquitoes attacked Berlin in two waves, and elaborate counter-measures were put into effect, with the result that we lost only 11 aircraft; although 7 others were destroyed by collisions or in landing accidents in conditions of low cloud. 5 (probably 7) enemy fighters were shot down.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Bases:- Rain until 2200 in S., 2300 in W., with solid cloud from 500' to 15,000'. Bases will clear after these hours.

Targets:- Large amounts of stratu. medium cloud should clear to E. of targets. Better breaks might be found later in the night, but this would involve take-off difficulties.

LUDWIGSHAFEN: MAINZ: SIEGEN.

PLANS OF ATTACK

- 3. Ludwigshafen 1000 ground marking + emergency H23 sign-marking. H = 1915.
- 4. Mainz " " " " " H = 1930.
- 5. Siegen 5 G., controlled "HAWK". H = 1915.

SCORTIES

	1.	H.	S.
6. No. of aircraft despatched.....	396....	340....	232
" " " reporting attack on primary target.....	377....	321....	270
" " " " " " alt. " .....	1....	1....	0
" " abortive sorties.....	10....	13....	12
" " aircraft missing.....	5:...	0....	4
	(1.3)		(1.4)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

7. 5-10/10ths. stratu. over Ludwigshafen and Mainz, 10/10ths. over Siegen. All targets, tops 5,000'. Base 2,500' at Siegen. No moon until 2200 (after operations). 10/10ths. over all the routes, with snow and much static over North Sea on return. Very lumpy; light to moderate icing.

NARRATIVE OF ATTACKS

8. Ludwigshafen Most crews attacked on str markers, although some bombed the T.I. or their glow. Through breaks in the cloud, buildings and streets were visible, and fires were seen burning on both sides of the river, especially in the E. of the town. The fires were visible for 75 miles.

..../5. Mainz.

9. Mains A few early crews passed through a rapidly closing gap on the T.I., which were reported as concentrated. Not attacked on sky markers, which were in plentiful supply throughout the raid.

10. Siegen Aircraft bombed in the glow of markers, which rapidly merged into a glare from incendiaries. Reports indicated that the bombing was spread over a wide area.

#### DAMAGE TO TARGETS

11. Ludwigshafen (K. 3721) Useful damage was caused to the W/Y, the depot being rendered 50% u/s; transshipment shed 50% u/s; passenger station 10% u/s; storage sidings 50% u/s; wagon repair shops 60% u/s; reception sidings 10% u/s; the 3 lots of sorting sidings respectively 60%, 20% and 8% u/s, and the whole yards 35% u/s. Scattered damage was caused throughout the town involving most notably the police barracks, the J... Senckiser G.m.b.H. (pr. 1+) and the repair works N. of the yards. Some of this damage may have been caused by the 70 American heavies which attacked the yards a few hours earlier, by daylight and through 10/10ths. cloud.

12. Mains (K. 3740) Light and scattered damage was caused to the city, involving the Police Kaserne barracks and the market. The W/Y were untouched.

13. Siegen (K. 3845) The passenger station was one-third destroyed, and several tracks in the carriage siding were severed, resulting in the destruction of a quantity of rolling stock. Much serious damage was caused to the town centre, several industries being hit, including the Waldrich tool factory.

#### ENEMY DEFENSES

14. Cloud cover, darkness and W/PCW and Mosquito patrols against the Ruhr and Rhineland prevented fighters from making any interceptions. The Ludwigshafen raiders reported 5 attacks over the target and 4 more on the way home. The Mains attack was mistaken for a feint, and no fighters were encountered at all, while only one bomber on Siegen was attacked. (These figures, as usual in the reports, exclude combats which resulted in bomber losses). Flak was everywhere slight to moderate through the dense clouds.

#### ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

15. 6 (probably 7) E/A were claimed destroyed on this night. 2 were shot down near Ludwigshafen and 1 near Siegen (all U/I), while intruders destroyed 1 (probably 2) Me.110, 1 Ju.188 and 1 He.219.

#### CASUALTIES

16. Ludwigshafen 5/396 aircraft (1.3%) were lost: 4 to fighters (2 at target and 2 over the first 50 miles of the return route); and 1 to flak near Landau. 3 others crashed near Nancy, as the result of collisions; and 2 more were completely wrecked in landing accidents.

17. Mains No losses, but one aircraft crashed on return.

18. Siegen 4/282 (1.4%) aircraft were lost - 3 to fighters (2 at target and 1 near Koblenz on return) and 1, attributed to unknown causes. Another crashed in England.

#### REMARKS

19. 71/74 Mosquitoes attacked Berlin from 2022-2114, and 15/16 from 0356-0414 in all instances through 10/10ths. cloud. Both attacks were considered good. No aircraft was lost, although 3 were badly injured in landing accidents and 2 others had to come down in allied territory on the Continent because of engine failure. None of these was wrecked, however. On 8th February, full cover of Berlin was obtained for the first time since 8th May 1944, and showed very severe destruction in the heart of the capital. An area 1 1/2 miles square was .../... stated, apart fr

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as stated, apart from numerous incidents throughout the city. Government offices along the Wilhelmstrasse have suffered most seriously and many public buildings and several industries have been hit. In the period since the last photographic cover, Mosquitoes have visited the city on many occasions, and American aircraft have bombed by day and night. (S. M. Report No. 3722).

BRNO BLANKET

20. 8/8 OBOB Mosquitoes bombed the Benz plant at Bruchhausen without incident, between 1901 and 1920.

REINHARDT STUTTGART

21. 4/4 Mosquitoes carried out feint attack on Mannheim and Stuttgart, from 1929-9 at the former town and from 1946-53 at the latter.

MURZBURG

22. 4/4 OBOB Mosquitoes attacked Murzburg between 0033 and 0132.

HANNOVER

23. 3/6 OBOB Mosquitoes bombed Hannover between 0059 and 0258.

BOMBER SUPPORT ETC.

24. 100 Group provided a long HENDREL screen across E. France from N.W. to S.E., and organized WESLOW feints towards the Ruhr and (during the Siegen raid) towards Ludwigshafen. 9 American aircraft operated JOSTLE, and 78 Mosquitoes (including 31 of Fighter Command) intruded, destroying 1 (probably 2) He.110, 1 Ju.188 and 1 He. 219. Other aircraft carried out recon flights, signals patrols and special operations. No losses were sustained.

MLI/JT.  
BC/S. 26312/4/0.14,  
26th April, 1945.

TARGET	GROUP	REPORT TYPE	SORTING	NO. REPORTS				RESULTS				RESULTS					
				PRIM. ILL.	SEC. ILL.	OVER. ILL.	OVER. ILL.	FLAK	PLAK	YIELD	BTIT	NOT	ACTUAL	NOT	IB.	IB.	
LUDWIGSBURG	1	Lans-I	195	190	-	-	3-0 <sup>0</sup>	2	-	-	1-0+2	5	1	911.5	705.7		
		Lans-III	82	79	-	-	2-1 <sup>0</sup>	2	-	-	1-0	1	2	203x1000	HC.		
		Lans-I	15	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 <sup>0</sup>	1	-	-	-		
		Lans-X	45	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-		
		Lans-III	45	43	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	109x1000	HC.	
		Mosq. IX	4	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
LUDWIGSBURG TOTAL			396	377	1	6	12	5-0 <sup>0</sup>	5	1-0+1	1-0	4+1-0	9	3	-	-	
LUDWIGSBURG	1	Hal-III	206	193	-	-	11	-	1	-	-	1 <sup>0</sup>	1	713.5	315.0		
		Hal-III	60	57	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Hal-VII	26	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Lans-III	43	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Mosq. IX	5	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
LUDWIGSBURG TOTAL			340	321	1	4	16	-	2	-	-	1 <sup>0</sup>	2	-	-		
LUDWIGSBURG	5	Lans-I	160	158	-	-	2	3-1-0	-	-	1 <sup>0</sup>	1 <sup>0</sup>	1	871.6	435.1		
		Lans-III	111	101	-	-	9	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-		
		Mosq. IV	7	7	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1x1000	HC.	
		Mosq. XX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	178x1000	HC.	
		Mosq. XXV	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
LUDWIGSBURG TOTAL			282	270	-	9	3	4+1-0	1	-	1 <sup>0</sup>	1 <sup>0</sup>	1	3	-		
LUDWIGSBURG	6	Mosq. XVI	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5-2	1-0	
		Mosq. XXV	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
LUDWIGSBURG TOTAL			8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
LUDWIGSBURG	8	Mosq. XVI	32	30	1	-	1	2-0 <sup>0</sup>	1	-	-	1 <sup>0</sup>	-	335.9	1-7		
		Mosq. XX	10	9	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46x1000	HC.	
		Mosq. XXV	32	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
LUDWIGSBURG TOTAL			74	71	1	-	2	2-0 <sup>0</sup>	1	-	-	1 <sup>0</sup>	-	-	-		

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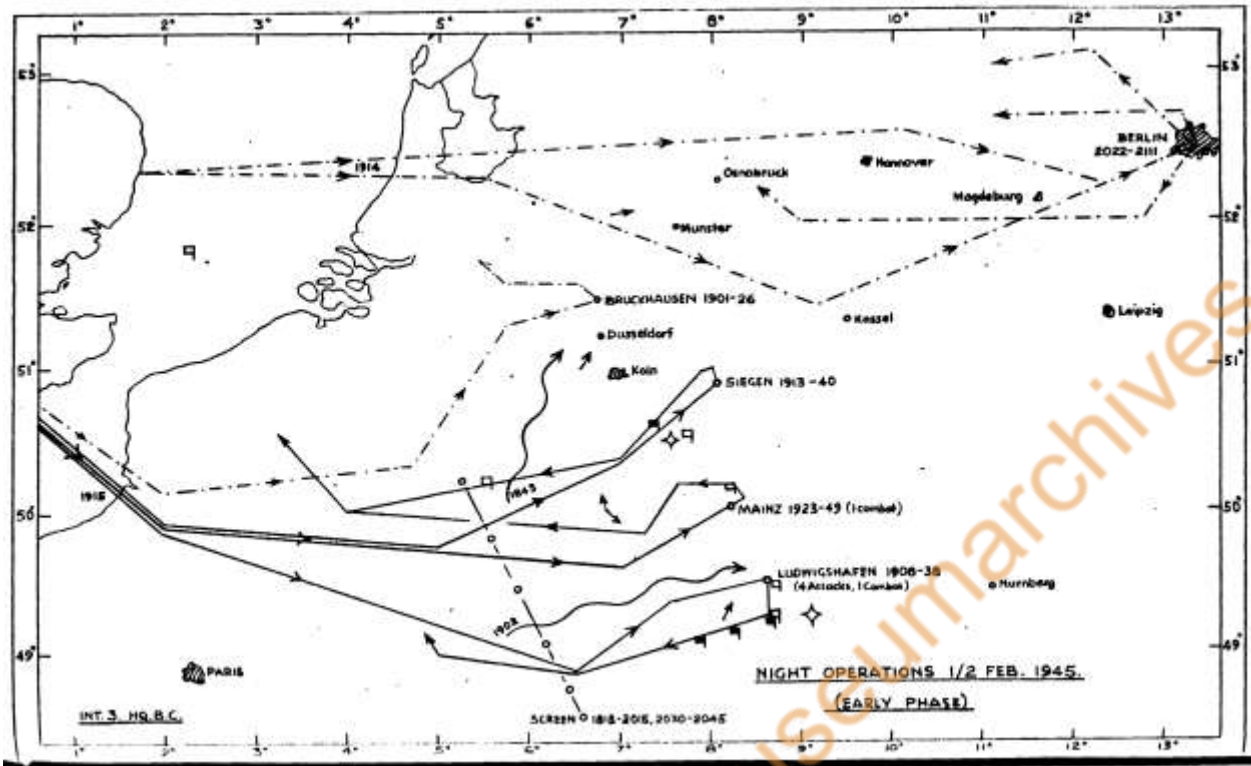
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TARGET	GROUP	REPORT TYPE	SORTING	NO. REPORTS				RESULTS				RESULTS				
				PRIM. ILL.	SEC. ILL.	OVER. ILL.	OVER. ILL.	FLAK	PLAK	YIELD	BTIT	NOT	ACTUAL	NOT	IB.	IB.
PERSHORE	8	Mosq. XVI	20	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XX	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XXV	25	22	1	-	2	-	-	-	2 <sup>0</sup>	1	-	-	-	-
PERSHORE TOTAL			48	45	1	-	2	-	-	-	2 <sup>0</sup>	1	-	-	-	-
PERSHORE	8	Mosq. IX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	Munster	5
		Mosq. XVI	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1x1000	HC.
PERSHORE TOTAL			4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	Stuttgart	8
PERSHORE	8	Mosq. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3-6	-
		Mosq. XVI	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PERSHORE TOTAL			4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PERSHORE	8	Mosq. XVI	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10-7	-
															6x1000	HC.
PERSHORE TOTAL			1102	1100	4	19	35	3+3 <sup>0</sup>	10	1-0+1	1 <sup>0</sup>	6+3-0+	10	8	-	-
PERSHORE TOTAL	100	Various	100	99	-	-	1	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-
PERSHORE TOTAL	100	H. & H.	5	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PERSHORE TOTAL	100	Lans	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			11274	11210	4	19	11	9+3 <sup>0</sup>	11	1-0+1	1 <sup>0</sup>	4+3-0+	10	8	-	-
GRAND TOTAL	3	Various	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

C.B.S. 3-7.3.45.

- \* NOT INCLUDED IN GRAND TOTAL.
- † due to collisions; crashed nr. Lancy (5)
- ‡ due to flak; landed Juvinsonart (1)
- § due to engine failure; landed at Brunsels (1) and Ociey (1)

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NIGHT BOMBING REPORT NO. 828

DATE: 16

BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS2/3rd FEBRUARY, 1945.WIESBADEN: WANN EICKEL synthetic oil plant; KARLSRUHE: Magdeburg; etc.SUMMARY

1. In fair weather, our bombers attacked Wiesbaden (between Koblenz and Mainz), the synthetic oil plant at Wann Eickel and the town of Karlsruhe. Only the first-named target was seriously damaged. Fighters were unopposed over Karlsruhe, but the third force met little opposition. 20/1242 aircraft were lost, with 13 more wrecks beyond repair.

WEATHER SUMMARY

2. Clouds: - Fit all night.

Targets: - 10/1 ths. over all targets in evening, decreasing to 5-8/10ths. by 2300, with a good chance of less than half cover after midnight.

WIESBADEN: LINE FROM KARLSRUHEPLANS OF ATTACK

3. Wiesbaden OCE groundmarking. OCEs were to be on GEE if no T.I. were visible. H = 2330.
4. Wann Eickel as for Wiesbaden. H = 2315.
5. Karlsruhe 5 Gp. MEH WEN + emergency skymarking. H = 2015.

SCATTER

	Wies.	W.E.	K.
6. No. of aircraft despatched.....	497	323	261
" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	463	295	233
" " " " " alt. " ".....	1	0	1
" " " " " " " ".....	33	28	27
" " " " " " " ".....	7	3	10
	(1.4%)	(1.0%)	(3.8%)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

7. Wiesbaden 10/10ths., base 10,000', tops 20,000', with layers beneath. Fine and moderate to heavy icing in cloud. Wind at 18-20,000': 230-240°/55-60mph. Route: 10/10ths. to 18,000' by 0500 E., with layers down towards target. Electrical storm about 0500 E.
8. Wann Eickel 10/10ths. in layers to above 21,000', solid in places. Wind as at Wiesbaden. Route: 10/10ths. in layers across Continent, tops to 20,000'.
9. Karlsruhe 10/10ths., tops 13-14,000'. Some thin cloud above 18,000'. Wind as at Wiesbaden. Fairly solid cloud to 13,000' en route from 03-0700 E.
10. Moon: three quarters, rising during operations at about 2250 hrs. at 0800 E.

....., HEADLINE OF ATTACK.



NEGATIVE OF ATTACK

11. No results could be observed at any of the targets. At Wiesbaden, the glow of markers suggested that they were concentrated.

DAY RECONNAISSANCE

12. Wiesbaden (K.3745) Considerable, though scattered damage was caused throughout the town, especially to the large residential houses and blocks of flats on the outskirts. At least 4 buildings of the municipal gasworks and several platforms of the main railway station were destroyed, together with several public buildings. A number of industries were affected, and it was noticeable that little repair work had been effected in the Kalle plant, which has been severely hit on 19th. Sept. 1944.

13. Wanne Eickel (K.3706) Several buildings sustained minor damage.

14. Karlsruhe (K.335) No visible damage was caused by this raid.

ENEMY DEFENCES

15. The fighter opposition over Karlsruhe was the worst that our bombers have experienced on the Continent for a considerable time. E/A were assembled at bases N. of Karlsruhe and E. of Trier nearly half an hour before the first markers fell on Karlsruhe, and at least 4 Gruppen were within reach of the target in time for the latter half of the raid, which lasted for 28 minutes. 7 attacks and 15 combats were reported over Karlsruhe, nearly all with Ju.88's, several more on the way home. The cloud below the bombers was brightly illuminated by the moon. In the later phase, the Wanne Eickel force drew a large number of fighters northwards to Düsseldorf, and the Mosbach raiders had little trouble. The Wanne Eickel force was intercepted on return between 0630 and 0500 E., and casualties resulted. E/A were slight at Karlsruhe, and almost negligible at Wiesbaden, but some extremely accurate bursts were put at Wanne Eickel.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

16. Bomber crews claimed to have destroyed 4 (probably 6) aircraft, with one more damaged - all Ju.88's and all on Karlsruhe. Our intruders claimed 1 Ju.88 destroyed and 1 damaged.

CASUALTIES

17. The causes of loss are estimated as follows:-

	Fighters.	Flak.	Anti-air weapons.	Unknown.
Wiesbaden	2	1	-	4 = 7 (1.4%)
Wanne Eickel	2	1	-	- = 3 (1.0%)
Karlsruhe	7	1	1	1 = 10 (3.8%)

and 1945 repair aircraft were wrecked beyond repair (see table).

MAGDEBURG

18. 42/43 Mosquitoes attacked Magdeburg between 1956 and 2007 through 4-8/10:30-st-ou. The markers were concentrated, and the bombing was accurate and apparently centred within the built-up area. No losses.

MUNSTER

19. 13/20 Mosquitoes carried out a raid on Münster from 2324-53. No casualties.

507th BOMBING GROUP

20. 100 Group provided a long, complete, 1. ILL screen from 225-0040. JOSTLES and A.O.S. support and WINDOW points to Duisburg and Mannheim. Missiles (including 20 of Fighter Command) intruded, destroying 1 Ju.88 and Messerschmitt, another. 5/8 aircraft carried out antisub patrols. No losses.

H VJT.  
 10/S. 25 & 2/3/17.  
 27th April, 1945.

REMARKS: WARRICK: WIND: WARRICK: WARRICK: 2/3rd. 25/4/1945.

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	% RECORDING				BOMBING				RESULTS							
				PRD. ARA.	ALT. ARA.	OVER E.T.	NOV. OVER	FTG	FLY	BOMB	BMT. INC. POINTS	DOT. DUE TO R/A	APPROX. NO	APPROX. NO	HL.	LB.			
WARRICK	5	Lano-I	156	145	-	8	3	100%	3	-	-	2.0	1.0	7	10	792.0	791.2		
		Lano-III	94	92	-	8	3	-	-	-	-	-	5	6					
		Mosq-IV	6	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
		Mosq-XX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
		Mosq-XXV	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
K. S. S. TOTAL			251	233	-	21	6	100%	3	-	-	2.0	1.0	12	16				
WARRICK	10	Hal-III	170	159	-	11	4	100%	1	-	-	-	1E+2	-	1	1	170.5	1.8	
		Hal-III	75	71	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Hal-VI	32	23	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Lano-I	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Lano-III	24	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
WARRICK TOTAL			323	297	-	14	10	100%	1	-	-	-	1E+2	-	1	1			
WARRICK	1	Lano-I	100	100	-	0	0	34.3E	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	751.3	792.6
		Lano-III	67	62	-	5	-	41.7E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lano-I	133	124	1	-	8	24.0E	2	-	-	2.0	1E+1.0	-	-	-	-	1E+2000 HO.	2E+8000 HO.
		Lano-III	26	23	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3E+4000 HO.	10E+4000 HO.
		Lano-I	10	9	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lano-X	55	53	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	1E	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lano-I	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lano-III	27	25	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq-IX	3	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
WARRICK TOTAL			497	465	1	8	25	74.3E	3	-	2.0	2E+1.0	-	-	1	6			

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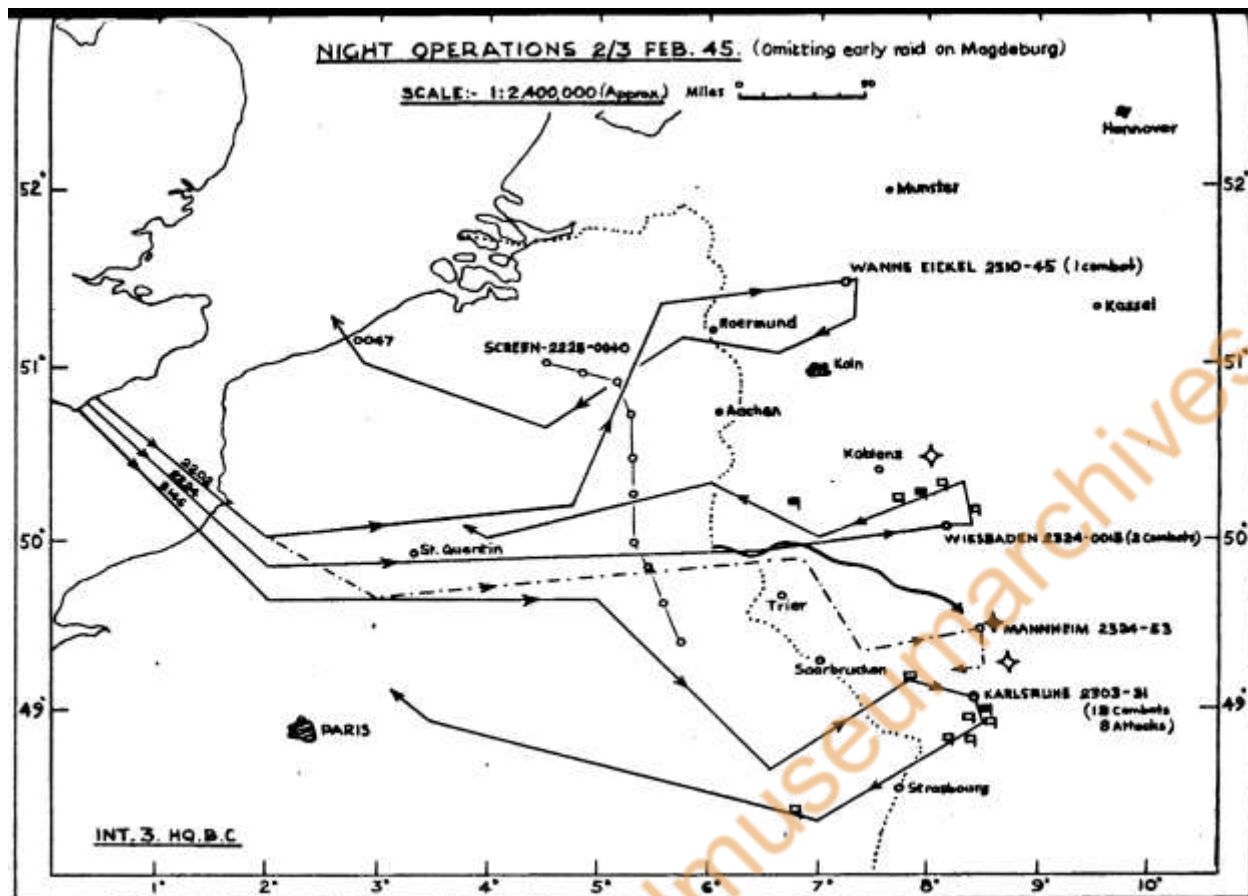
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2/3rd. 25/4/1945. (Contd.)

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	% RECORDING				BOMBING				RESULTS						
				PRD. ARA.	ALT. ARA.	OVER E.T.	NOV. OVER	FTG	FLY	BOMB	BMT. INC. POINTS	DOT. DUE TO R/A	APPROX. NO	APPROX. NO	HL.	LB.		
WARRICK	8	Mosq-XVI	14	13	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42.9	1.1
		Mosq-XX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11E+000 HO.
		Mosq-XXV	27	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
WARRICK TOTAL			43	42	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
WARRICK	3	Mosq-XVI	6	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq-XX	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq-XXV	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WARRICK TOTAL			20	18	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BOMBING TOTAL			1144	1051	5	39	40	20+8E	1E+2.0	-	4.0	4E+2.0	14	20				
BOMBING TOTAL			92	87	-	-	5	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BOMBING TOTAL			6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BOMBING TOTAL			1242	1144	5	39	50	20+8E	1E+2.0	-	4.0	4E+2.0	14	20				

- (a) 2 due to engine failure, 1 incendiary bombs.
- (b) cause unknown.
- (c) 2 due to collision, 1 to engine failure.
- (d) Engine failure.
- (e) Incendiary bombs.

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BOMBER COMBINED REPORT OF RESULTS OPERATIONS

3/4th. NIGHT RAID, 1945.

DORTMUND/Hansa plant: 100 BOMBER PLANT: Osnabruck  
Viesbaden.SUMMARY

1. Low cloud and rain at bases limited our effort to 510 aircraft, Lancasters attacked Hansa plants in the Ruhr in clear weather, severely damaging that at Proper, and Mosquitos bombed Osnabruck and Viesbaden. We lost 9/510 aircraft, while 4 more crashed in allied territory.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Bases:- Low cloud and rain will develop towards midnight.

Targets:- Less than 5/10ths. str-ou. over Ruhr, with wide clear areas. Moderate visibility, with industrial haze.

Hansa: PROSPERPLANS OF ATTACK

3. Hansa GH groundmarking + emergency GH skymarking. H = 1930.

4. Proper OBOE groundmarking + emergency H23 skymarking. H = 1930.

SORTIES

	H.	P.
5. No. of aircraft despatched.....	149	210
" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	133	198
" " " " " " " " lt. " .....	9	0
" " abortive sorties.....	7	12
" " aircraft missing.....	4	5
	(2.7%)	(2.4%)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

6. Both targets were clear of clouds, although there was ground haze. No moon. Wind at 15,000': 330-340°/55-60 k.p.h.

RELATIVE OF ATTACKS

7. Both attacks were reported as accurate and concentrated, sending smoke to great heights.

DAY RECOGNISABLE

8. Hansa (K.3771) The weight of the bombing evidently fell to the W. and N.W. of the plant, the only visible damage being the destruction of the S.W. section of the rail lines and a considerable amount of roof stripping. A few hits were scored on rail lines to the E. of the target.

9. Proper (K.3773) Damage to this plant was severe and widespread; moreover, the main offices of the parent Rheinische Stahlwerke were heavily hit, and all rail lines, spurs and sidings in the area were cut.

...../ENEMY DEFENCES.

HEAVY DEFENSES

10. 40-11 Gruppen of E/A were air. The German controllers boldly advanced their fighters to protect the Ruhr line, before they can have been our that our objectives lay there, and 200 searchlights exposed in the clear weather. Flak, indeed, claimed more victims than fighters. In this night, the heavy guns firing very accurately at coned aircraft. The fighters made only 1 attack on Hansa and 2 over Prosper, and although they harassed our bombers energetically on the return route, they achieved only 2 victories.

HEAVY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

11. Bombers destroyed a Me.110 near Dortmund and a FW. 190 near Bottrop. Our intruders made no claims.

CASUALTIES

12. Hansa 4/149 aircraft were lost (2.7%) - 2 to flak, 1 to fighter and one to unknown causes. One Lancaster was wrecked by non-hostile action.

13. Prosper 5/210 aircraft were lost (2.4%) - 3 to flak, 1 to fighters and 1 to unknown causes. 3 others crashed and were destroyed - 2 from fighter attack, and 1 from unknown causes.

OSNABRUCK

14. 19/20 Mosquitoes carried out a feint attack on Wiesbaden from 1904-1924, bombing accurately through drifting clouds. No casualties.

WIESBADEN

15. 41/42 Mosquitoes delivered another feint attack from 1908-1924, against Wiesbaden. Their bombing was scattered, despite clear conditions. No casualties.

HELIKOPF

16. 17/19 Halifaxes laid 68 mines in the Elbe, the Lake Weser and Heligol. Light. No serious incidents were reported.

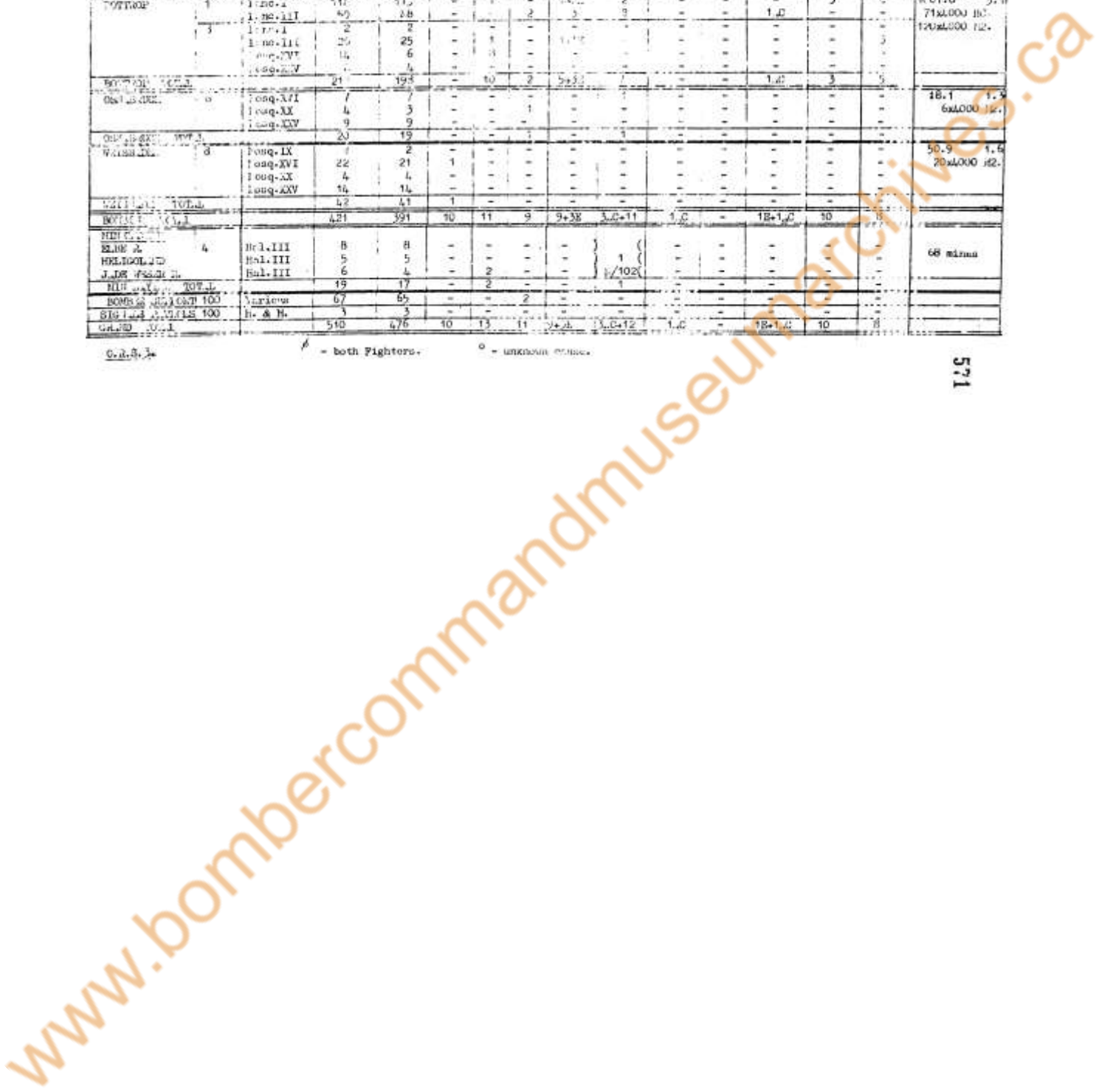
BOMBER SUPPORT ETC.

17. 14 Halifaxes and Stirlings operated a MADREL screen; 5 aircraft provided TLE support; 20 heavies dropped WINDOW towards Wiesbaden, and 28 Mosquitoes intruded (together with 28 of Fighter Command) but made no claims. 3/3 Halifaxes and Mosquitoes of 192 Squadron carried out signals patrols. No casualties.

M.M./JT.  
IC/S. 26342/3/ORS4,  
27th. April, 1945.

UNIT	TYPE	NO. OF	TOTAL		KILLED		MIA		RECOVERED		REMARKS		TOTAL		
			RECOVERED	NOT RECOVERED	KILLED	MIA	RECOVERED	NOT RECOVERED	RECOVERED	NOT RECOVERED	RECOVERED	NOT RECOVERED	RECOVERED	NOT RECOVERED	
GROUP 1	1. No. I	15	11	4	9	5	5	5	5	5	5	1E	6	2	507.0
GROUP 2	1. No. II	14	11	3	5	1	4	4	4	4	4	1E	7	1	2,000.00
TOTAL	1. No. I	11	11	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1E	3	2	1,000.00
	1. No. II	40	28	12	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1E	1	1	710,000.00
	1. No. III	2	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1E	1	1	100,000.00
	1. No. IV	25	25	0	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1E	3	3	
	1. No. V	14	6	8	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1E	3	3	
	1. No. VI	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1E	0	0	
GROUP 3	1. No. VII	21	19	2	10	2	8	8	8	8	8	1E	3	5	
GROUP 4	1. No. VIII	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1E	0	0	18.1
	1. No. IX	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1E	1	1	6,000.00
	1. No. X	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1E	0	0	
GROUP 5	1. No. XI	20	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1E	1	1	50.9
GROUP 6	1. No. XII	22	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1E	1	1	20,000.00
	1. No. XIII	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1E	0	0	
	1. No. XIV	16	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1E	0	0	
TOTAL		47	41	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1E	1	1	
GROUP 7	1. No. XV	421	391	30	11	9	9+3E	9+11	9	9	9	1E+1E	10	10	
GROUP 8	1. No. XVI	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1E	0	0	
GROUP 9	1. No. XVII	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1E	0	0	
GROUP 10	1. No. XVIII	6	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1E	2	2	68 miles
GROUP 11	1. No. XIX	19	17	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1E	2	2	
GROUP 12	1. No. XX	67	65	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1E	2	2	
GROUP 13	1. No. XXI	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1E	0	0	
TOTAL		510	476	34	13	11	9+3E	9+11	9	9	9	1E+1E	10	10	

G.R. 8. 3 - both Fighters. 0 - unknown status.





incidents occurred S.E. of the V.

10. Nordstern (K.3774). The vicinity of the rail fell to the S. of the target where several barges on the canal were damaged, 2 being sunk. The barge plant sustained only slight damage.

11. Osterfeld (K.338) A few crates occurred within the target area, but no fresh damage was visible.

#### FIGHT DEFENSES

12. Fighter opposition was very slight, in the cloudy conditions. Risk was slight to moderate. No claims were made by our crews.

#### CASUALTIES

13. Only 1 aircraft was lost, over Bonn, unknown causes. 2 more collided near Genau on the way out, and crashed in flames. One returning aircraft was seriously damaged.

#### ROUTE: WURZBURG, HANNOVER, MAGDEBURG.

14. 11/12 Mosquitoes bombed Dortmund from 2020-2044; 2/3 attack Wurzburg at 1945 and 2002; 46/50 attacked Hannover from 1937 to 1949, and 4/4 bombed Magdeburg from 1950-2004. One Mosquito was lost without trace on Hannover, another crashed on the way home from Bonn, because of fuel failure. All the targets were covered with layer cloud, aircraft bombing on the glow of markers or by navigational aids. A fair concentration was reported at Hannover.

#### MINELAYING

15. 12/12 Lancasters and Halifaxes laid 137 mines in the Elbe and Jade West rivers, and in Heligoland Bight. 2 Lancasters were attacked by T/E. E/A. N. of Frisians, and both were extensively damaged; but no bomber was lost, and one of the fighters was destroyed. The targets were covered with 10, 10ths. cloud.

#### BOMBER SUPPORTING

16. 100 Group provided a HINDRE screen, and flooded the Nordstern-Osterfeld area with WINDOW ahead of the main force. JOSEF aircraft operated, and 53 Mosquitoes (including 11 of Fighter Command) intruded, but made no claims. 5/6 Halifaxes and Mosquitoes carried out signals patrols. No casualties.

MLM/JT.

BC/S. 26342/3/CRS4,  
28th. April, 1945.



GROUP	TYPE	COUNT	PUSH-UP				PORTALS				REPAIRS				REMARKS		
			DOWN	UP	DOWN	UP	DOWN	UP	DOWN	UP	DOWN	UP	DOWN	UP	REMARKS	REMARKS	
DOWN	6	Bl. III	102	93	1	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	520.1
	5	Bl. VII	20	19	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	720000 HC.
		Line-I	14	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300000 HC.
		Line-VI	57	56	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	8	Line-I	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Line-III	17	15	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	Line-XVI	13	7	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	Line-XXV	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	TOTAL	238	218	3	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
DOWN	4	Bl. III	96	90	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.2
	5	Line-III	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100000 HC.
		Line-IX	6	2	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Line-XVI	6	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	TOTAL	120	107	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
DOWN	6	Bl. III	71	69	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.7
		Bl. VII	29	28	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200
	8	Line-III	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	110000 HC.
		Line-IX	3	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Line-XVI	9	3	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	TOTAL	123	113	-	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
DOWN	8	Line-XVI	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.7
		Line-XX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30000 HC.
		Line-XXV	6	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	TOTAL	12	11	-	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DOWN	8	Line-XVI	4	2	-	-	1	1E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.4
		Line-XVI	23	22	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56.0
		Line-XX	5	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20000 HC.
		Line-XXV	22	21	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	190000 HC.
	TOTAL	54	48	3	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DOWN	8	Line-XVI	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.1
		Line-XVI	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10000 HC.
	TOTAL	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30000 HC.

4/5th. Period, 1945. (Contd.)

GROUP	TYPE	COUNT	W/C REPAIRS		W/O REPAIRS		TOTAL		REMARKS		REMARKS
			DOWN	UP	DOWN	UP	DOWN	UP			
TOTAL		550	501	49	23	478	520	30	30		
DOWN	Line-I	5	5	-	-	5	-	-	-		
	Line-I	5	5	-	-	5	-	-	-		137
DOWN	Line-III	5	5	-	-	5	-	-	-		lines
	Line-III	12	12	-	-	12	-	-	-		
TOTAL		27	27	-	-	27	-	-	-		
DOWN	Line-I	5	5	-	-	5	-	-	-		
	Line-I	5	5	-	-	5	-	-	-		
TOTAL		10	10	-	-	10	-	-	-		
TOTAL		678	622	56	49	678	671	7	7		

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- Collide  
- Fuel system failure.

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BOHEMIA COMMAND SPECIAL OPERATIONS

5/8th. AIR TWR, 1945.

Berlin: Wurzburg: Magdeburg.

SUMMARY

- 1. Berlin 55/63 Mosquitos bombed Berlin through dense cloud from 0356-0429. One Mosquito was lost without trace - the night's only casualty.
- 2. Wurzburg 4/6 Mosquitos attacked Wurzburg from 2002-2030; a fifth bombed the approximate target area, and the sixth was abortive.
- 3. Magdeburg 7/7 Mosquitos attacked Magdeburg between 1959 and 2115.
- 4. Signals, etc. 1/1 Mosquito carried out a signals investigation patrol; and another completed a net. recee. flight.

WEATHER FORECAST

5. Bases:- Thunderstorms, with serious risk of large Cb. towering to 30,000', and containing static and heavy icing.

Targets:- Much cloud over Germany, with very high tops in places.

SORTIES

6.	No. of aircraft despatched.....	78
	" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	68
	" " " " " alt. " " .....	7
	" " abortive sorties.....	3
	" " aircraft missing.....	1

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

7. 10/10 hrs. to 30,000' or above over all targets.

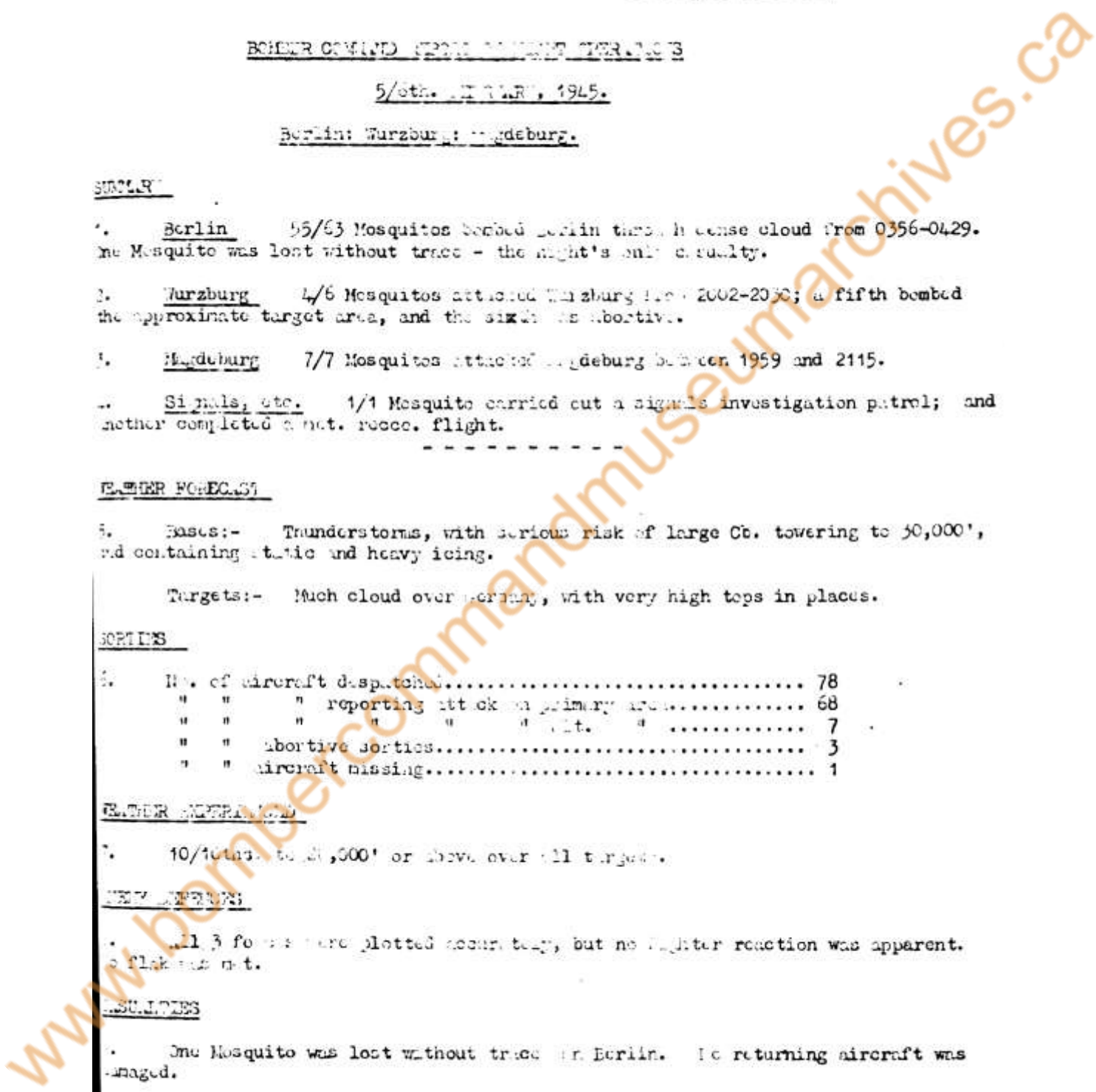
FLY OPERATIONS

8. All 3 forces were plotted accurately, but no fighter reaction was apparent. No flak was met.

RESULTS

9. One Mosquito was lost without trace in Berlin. No returning aircraft was damaged.

DW/JT.  
C. S. 20542/6/ORS4,  
8d. May, 1945.



TACON	C-Code	SERV TYPE	SOMTIES	NO. OF VESSELS				DAMAGE	DAMAGE				TOTALS				
				ATTACK ON		OVER			DAM	BLK	PIL	BRT.	NOT	PLACED	NOT	D.	D.
				PRD.	CR.	E. T.	OVES										
BDRD		100q. XVI	24	19	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.9	2.2		
		100q. XX	10	9	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	16x1000	12.		
		100q. XXV	29	27	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BDRD	V. 1		63	55	5	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BDRD		100q. XVI	6	4	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.9	-		
														5x1000	12.		
BDRD		100q. XVI	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.7	-		
		100q. XX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5x1000	12.		
			7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
			76	69	7	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
			1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
			1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
			78	68	7	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

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BOMBER CONTROL REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

7/8th. FEBRUARY, 1945.

KLEVE and GOCH (Army support); LADBERGEN canal; Haguenau; Bonn; etc.

SUMMARY

1. A few hours before the Canadian advance in the Dutch-German frontier region, towards Kleve and Goch, bombers attacked these 2 towns at an interval of 15 minutes. Both were covered with clouds, but clouds descended to 5,000' and bombed from below the base. 2 hours later, Lancasters attacked the Dortmund-Ems canal at Ladbergen, to nullify repair work, but their bombing fell in the adjacent fields. Mosquitoes attacked a variety of targets. Fighters pursued the Goch force hotly on their return over Belgium, but only 16/1196 aircraft including 2 British fighters, were lost or wrecked beyond repair. At least 9 enemy fighters were destroyed.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Base:- Fit all night.

Targets:- Cold front will clear Kleve and Goch by 2000, but a second front may have arrived, giving 10/10ths. to 10,000'. If not, clouds will be 4-8/10ths. to 6-8,000'. If this front has passed through, tops will tower to 15,000'. Ditto for Ladbergen, with 2 hrs. delay.

KLEVE: GOCH: LADBERGEN.

PLANS OF ATTACK

- 3. Kleve Mixed controlled OBCE ground-marking + 8 Gp. NEMLVII. H = 2200.
- 4. Goch " " " " " " " H = 2215.
- 5. Ladbergen 5 Gp. controlled NEMLVII with direct bombing. H = 2349.

SCORTS

	K.	G.	L.
6. No. of aircraft despatched.....	305.....	464.....	188
" " " reporting attack on primary base.....	235.....	155.....	173
" " " " " alt. ".....	0.....	2.....	1
" " abortive sorties.....	19.....	307.....	14
" " aircraft missing.....	0.....	2.....	3
		(0.4%)	(1.6%)

WEATHER REPORTS

7. Kleve and Goch: 7-10/10ths. st.-cu., base 5,000', tops 7,000'.  
 Visibility below cloud: 5 miles. No moon. Wind at 5-15,000': 280°/50-55 n.p.h.  
 Route: little cu. 1 st.-cu. to 0500E., thence increasing rapidly to 9-10/10ths.

8. Ladbergen as above, with some tops to 9-10,000'.

...../NARRATIVE OF ATTACKS.

NARRATIVE OF ATTACKS

8. Kleve The Master Bomber ordered crews at H - 10 to descend below the cloud, where they found the target brilliantly illuminated and well marked. The bombing was most concentrated, under the precise directions of the Master Bomber.

9. Goch The Master Bomber decided that the markers were accurate, and ordered crews to bomb from below the cloud. The early bombing was concentrated but later the target became obscured by smoke and the bombing became scattered. At 2225, crews were told to cease bombing; hence, the large number of abortive sorties.

10. Ludbergen The Master Bomber assessed the markers as fairly accurate. Most crews bombed through cloud gaps, the rest attacking the glow. Results could not be observed, owing to the presence of delay fuzings.

DM RECOGNISABLES

11. Kleve (K.3770) Heavy damage was caused in the sparsely built-up southern half of the town. 2 large industrial plants were very severely hit, and rail facilities and residential property suffered considerably. Both rail spans over the canal were out. This attack, together with previous ones, resulted in the devastation of the southern centre of Kleve.

12. Goch (K.3729) Damage was severe and widespread, the heaviest concentration being in the N.W. and the N.Y. areas. 10 craters in the N.Y. cut tracks. Industries, defence positions and roads suffered badly. Residential property was most heavily hit in the N.E., but the most densely built-up area of the river escaped fairly lightly.

13. Ludbergen (KN.339) No damage was caused to the N. canal, the crater being concentrated in adjacent fields.

ENEMY DEFENCES

14. Enemy fighters arrived in the battle area too late to make more than a attack on the Kleve force, but they pursued the Goch raiders fiercely over the first 50 miles of the return route, and continued to attack them as far as Bra. Most of our casualties were caused by T/B aircraft, using upward-firing guns, assisted by allied searchlights which illuminated our bombers. Some of these fighters were used again against the Ludbergen raiders, whom they contacted soon after they left the canal target, causing 3 casualties. The flock was not intact although our aircraft were attacking from low level.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

15. Our bombers claimed to have destroyed 6 E/A. (5 on Goch and 1 on Ludbergen) and to have damaged 3 more. 100 Group intruders claimed to have shot down 3 He.110's.

CASUALTIES

16. 2 aircraft were lost on Goch and 3 on Ludbergen, while 8 more crashed in England or allied territory and were destroyed. At least 8 of these casualties were caused by fighters, 1 (probably 2) by a collision, and possibly 1 to flak.

MAGDEBURG: BOMN: KASSEL: KOBLENZ: MAINZ: DUISBURG:  
DUSSELDORF: READING:

17. Mosquitoes attacked Magdeburg, Kassel, Mainz, Koblenz, Bonn, Duisburg, Düsseldorf, in that order, between 1945 and 2310. All the targets were wholly or partly covered with cloud, and many crews had to bomb by means of navigational aids. 1 Mosquito was lost without trace on Mainz, no other aircraft sustaining damage. 7 of the Düsseldorf aircraft WERE DOWNED, for the Goch force. Later, the Ludbergen attack was supported by a faint against Hannover, which was carried out with some loss.

.....ATTACHED

MINELAYING

189. 29/30 Halifaxes and Lancasters laid 145 mines in the Kiel area, through thick cloud. They were consistently plotted by the fighter controllers, and 3 Gruppen were airborne against them, but no combats or losses resulted.

BOMBER SUPPORT ETC.

190. 100 Group provided a long MADRYX screen across the Low Countries from N.W. to S.E., as-logged for the first 2 attacks, and straight for the third (Ludbergen). WILLOW was dropped towards Bonn and Düsseldorf; JOURNAL aircraft were active, and 45 Mosquitos intruded, destroying 3 B-24s for the loss of 2 British fighters. 8/9 Halifaxes and Mosquitos completed signals patrols, and 5 Stirlings and Hudsons were engaged on special operations. No further losses were sustained, but a Fortress was seriously damaged in combat, and a Halifax in a landing crash.

191/JT.  
 O/S. 26342/2/CRS4.  
 1st. May, 1945.

TARGET	GROUP	INCRPT TYPE	SORTIES	% REPORTING				DISEMPOWERED	DAMAGE				RESULTS				
				ATTACK ON	ABORTIVE	FLAK	POISON		BUILT	NOT	ATTACKED	NOT	HE.	IB.			
				PRIN. AREA.	ALT. AREA.	OVER K.T.	NOT OVER	FLAK	POISON	BUILT INC. DUE TO D.F.C.S	NOT DUE TO E/W.	ATTACKED	NOT				
KLEVE (Army Support)	8	Lanc-I	178	171	-	5	2	1B	-	-	-	-	-	-	138.2	12.3	
		Lanc-III	72	68	-	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	149,000 HB.		
		Lanc-I	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	94,000 HB.		
		Lanc-III	44	43	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
		Mosq. IX	5	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
		Mosq. XVI	5	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
KLEVE TOTAL			305	286	-	15	2	1B	1	-	-	-	-				
GOCH (Army Support)	6	Hal. III	201	73	2	120	6	2+2B	3	11	-	1, C+2	12	3	104.3	10.2	
		Hal. III	91	16	-	75	-	-	1	-	-	-	9	-	114,000 HB.		
		Hal. VII	40	20	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	84,000 HB.		
		Lanc-I	16	3	-	13	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-			
		Lanc-X	53	10	-	43	-	-	-	-	-	1B	1	1			
		Lanc-I	7	4	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-		
		Lanc-III	40	25	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-		
		Mosq. IX	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	1, C+1	-				
		Mosq. XVI	12	4	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
GOCH TOTAL			464	155	2	301	6	2+2B	5	11	-	1B+2, C	24	6			
MADRID	8	Mosq. XVI	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39.1	1.3	
		Mosq. XX	10	9	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	114,000 HB.		
		Mosq. XXV	16	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
MADRID TOTAL			38	37	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-				
BOHEMIA	0	Mosq. XXV	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.3	.7		
KOPPEL	0	Mosq. XVI	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.7			
KOPPEL TOTAL			12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64,000 HB.			
KASSE	0	Mosq. XVI	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.9			
KASSE TOTAL			10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	104,000 HB.			
... (partially obscured)	0	Mosq. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23.2	.9		
... (partially obscured)	0	Mosq. XVI	15	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	124,000 HB.			
... (partially obscured)	0	Mosq. XXV	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				

7/8th. SEABURY, 1945. (Contd.)

TARGET	GROUP	INCRPT TYPE	SORTIES	% REPORTING				DISEMPOWERED	DAMAGE				RESULTS			
				ATTACK ON	ABORTIVE	FLAK	POISON		BUILT	NOT	ATTACKED	NOT	HE.	IB.		
				PRIN. AREA.	ALT. AREA.	OVER K.T.	NOT OVER	FLAK	POISON	BUILT INC. DUE TO D.F.C.S	NOT DUE TO E/W.	ATTACKED	NOT			
... (partially obscured)	5	Mosq. XXV	8	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.1		
... (partially obscured)	5	Lanc-I	105	93	1	8	1	3	2	-	-	-	4	7	610.2	4.9
		Lanc-III	74	72	-	2	-	2B	-	-	-	-	-	6		
		Mosq. IV	7	5	-	2	-	-	1, C+1	-	-	-	-	-		
		Mosq. IX	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Mosq. XXV	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
... (partially obscured)	0	Mosq. XVI	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.4	.4	
... (partially obscured)	0	Mosq. XX	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64,000 HB.		
... (partially obscured) TOTAL			1058	714	3	329	7	1, C+9	1B	-	1B+2, C	29	21			
... (partially obscured)	5	Hal. III	15	15	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-		143	
		Lanc-I	12	11	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Lanc-III	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
... (partially obscured) TOTAL			30	29	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-			
... (partially obscured)	100	Various	99	92	-	7	2 (ground)	1 (Port)	-	1B (Hull)	-	-	-			
... (partially obscured)	100	H. & H.	9	8	-	1	2	1, C+1	2B	-	1B+1B+2, C+4	29	21			
... (partially obscured) TOTAL			1196	843	3	330	20	3+7B	1, C+1	2B	-	1B+1B+2, C+4	29	21		

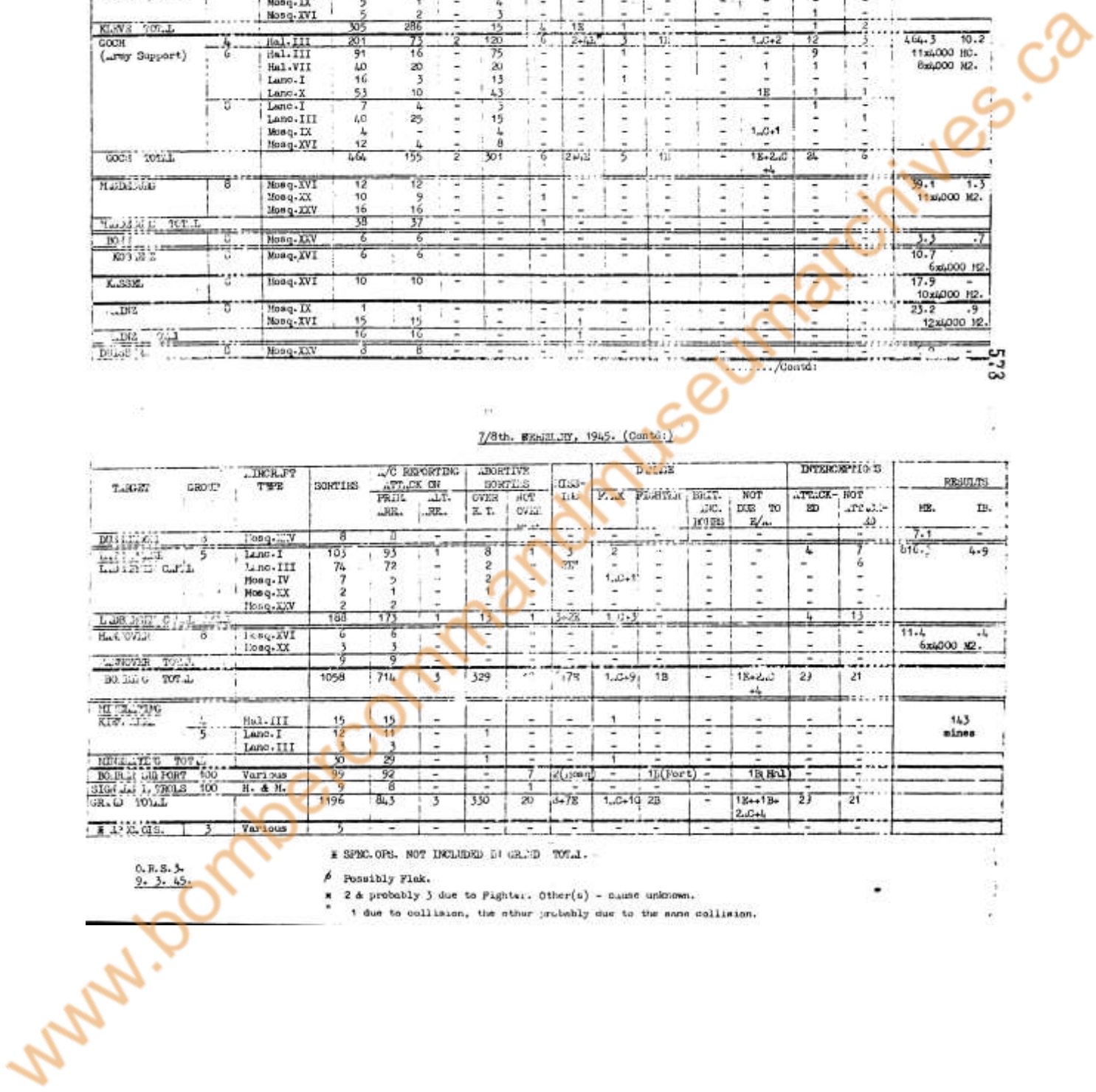
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\* SPEC. OPS. NOT INCLUDED IN GRAND TOTAL.

\* Possibly Flak.

\* 2 & probably 3 due to fighter. Other(s) - cause unknown.

\* 1 due to collision, the other probably due to the same collision.

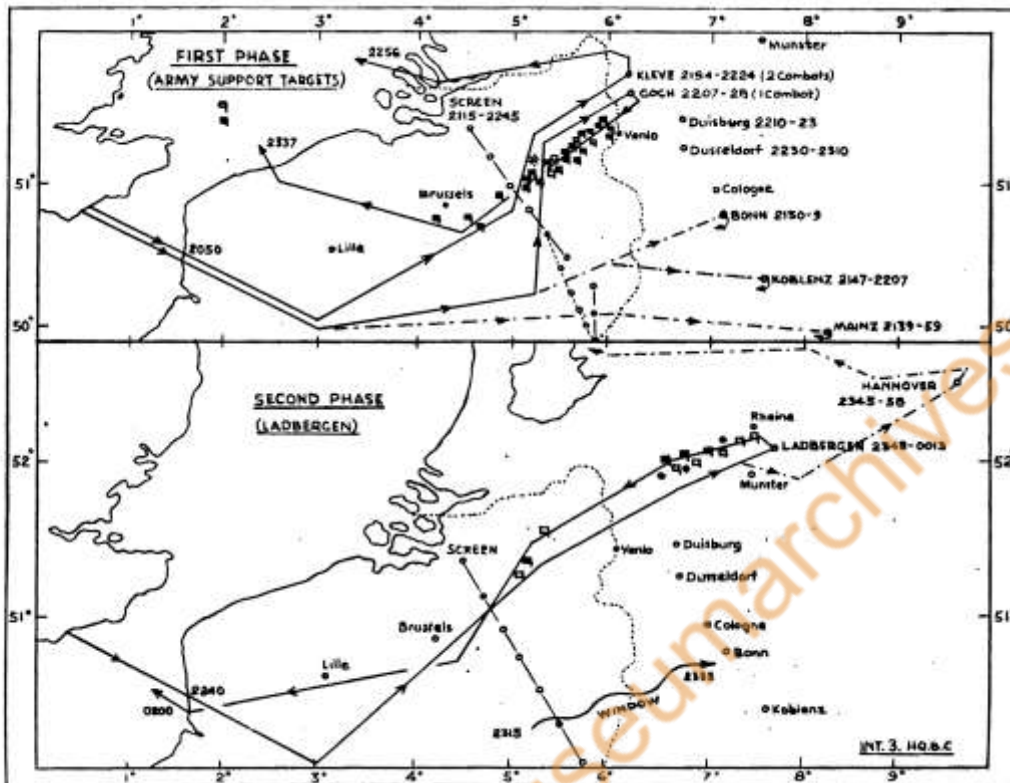


**NIGHT OPERATIONS**

**7/8 FEB 1945**

(OMITTING ATTACK ON  
MAGDEBURG AND  
MINNLAYNG)

SCALE = 1:2,890,000 Approx.







10. Wanne Bickel and Hehentudberg Up to 10/10 this, then drifting layer cloud, tops 6,000', with thin broken layers below to 12,000'. Jan. at 20,000 3000/55-60 n.p.h. Belt of cu. and ct. to 10-12,000' at 0500E., with layer static in tops.

10. None on during any of these operations.

#### NARRATIVE OF ATTACKS

11. Politz A smoke screen was operating when the first attack arrived but this proved quite ineffective. The marking point was visually accurate, and the marking and bombing of the first force were accurate. Big fires were started, and black smoke rose to 5,000'. The second force, coming below cloud, visually identified the A.P., and their attack, too, was very concentrated. It met an increased number of fires, with smoke rising to 10,000'; and one of the big explosions which were observed lasted 5 seconds.

12. Wanne Bickel and Hehentudberg The accuracy of these attacks was rather accurate, the latter as rather scattered.

#### DAY RESULTS SUMMARY

13. Politz (R. 3957) This attack reduced the synthetic oil plant to a shambles. All the major buildings and nearly all the storage tanks were severely hit, and no portion of the target escaped. The maximum repair effort could not have enabled production to be restarted for at least 2-3 months, and the complete absence of repair work when photographs were obtained (on 3rd March) suggested that the plant had to all intents and purposes been abandoned.

14. Wanne Bickel (K. 3792) Damage to the target was slight, the water gas plant, the A.P.C. plant and the boiler house, all in the centre of the target, being mildly affected. Many craters were visible around the target in business and residential property.

15. Hehentudberg (K. 336) Partial cover showed no new damage.

#### ENEMY DEFENCES

15. The first Politz force was not detected until it was 40 miles from the Danish coast, and over Denmark it was protected by thick cloud. 6 or more Gruppen of German Fighters, including those based in N. Denmark, were withdrawn to cover the approach to Berlin, and so were only able to intercept our bombers over the last 60 miles into Stettin. The pursuit then no further than the Baltic coast on return, and no incidents were reported over Denmark or the Baltic. The second force reported only one attack, although they were well plotted and their attack lasted for 43 minutes. The flak at Politz was remarkably poor, considering that it was, at this time, one of the most highly defended targets in Germany. Our aircraft attacked from low level in clear weather, and yet met the most moderate opposition. Perhaps the heavy guns had been turned to use against ground forces, in view of the nearness of the Russian Army. A few S/E. fighters opposed the Ruhr attacks, together with light predicted flak.

#### ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

16. The first Politz force claimed to have destroyed 3 enemy fighters. No other claims were made by our bombers or fighters.

#### CASUALTIES

17. Politz 10/234 a/c were lost (4.7%) in first attack: 7 to fighters, 1 to target flak, 1 to Swedish flak (this aircraft made a forced landing in Sweden) and 1 to unknown causes. One aircraft was wrecked in an accident. The second force lost 1/234 a/c (0.4%), to unknown causes. One Lancaster collided with high terrain on take-off, but proceeded to bomb the target and returned safely. 3 aircraft were wrecked in crashes.

...../18. Wanne Bickel.

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18. Wanne Bickel This force sustained no losses, but 3 aircraft were wrecked in crashes - one in this country, one in allied territory on the Continent (because of an engine fire) and the third in the pocket of no-man's land adjoining Dunkirk. One member of this force was rescued by allied soldiers the other 6 being captured by the Germans.

19. Hohenburg 1/151 a/c was lost (1.7%), to unknown causes. Another crashed in Belgium with 2 engines on fire.

#### NEUBRANDENBURG

20. 9/9 Mosquitos carried out a night attack against Neubrandenburg from 2058-2113, to distract fighters from the first Politz raid. They bombed without opposition in clear weather. No casualties.

#### NEURUPIN

21. Between 2215 and 2228, 3/4 Mosquitos bombed Neurupin through 10/10ths. cloud. No defences or casualties.

#### BERLIN

22. 45/47 Mosquitos delivered a concentrated attack against Berlin from 2259-2317 through 0-5/10ths. layer cloud. One great explosion gave out quantities of smoke. 200 searchlights exposed, but flak was slight and no fighters were seen. No casualties.

#### MINDELING

23. 9/10 Lancasters laid 40 mines off Swinemunde. The tenth was abortive. One aircraft was attacked and damaged by a fighter, but no losses were sustained.

#### BOMBER SUPPORT ETC.

100 Group provided MUSKEL and WIDOW support for the Ruhr attacks, though not for the Politz raids. JOSIE aircraft operated, and 42 Mosquitos intruded, but made no claims. 7/7 aircraft completed signals patrols. One Halifax was lost as the result of colliding with a Lancaster in cloud off Jutland.

EM/JT,  
S/S. 26342/2/ORS4,  
1st May, 1945.

8/9th. FEBRUARY, 1945.

TARGET	GRADE	ALERT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPORTING ATTACK ON				ABORTIVE SORTIES		LOSS-ES	DAMAGE				INTERCEPTION		REMARKS
				PRDL. REA.	ALY. ARR.	OVER E.T.	NOT OVER E.T.	PLAK	FIGHTER		FLAK	WRECK.	HOT	DOOR TO	REMARKS	REMARKS	
POLICE	5	Lanc. I	138	131	-	3	4	3	2	2,0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1077.4 12.7
		Lanc. III	89	83	-	5	3	7	1	1+1B	-	-	-	-	-	-	1077.4 12.7
		Lanc. IV	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1254000 12
			151	148	-	8	7	10	3	-	-	-	-	-	-		
POLICE	5	Lanc. III	51	48	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc. I	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
			58	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
POLICE 2nd. TOTAL			211	202	-	3	6	1	4	-	-	-	1+1,0	-	-	-	
CRUISE MISS	5	Lanc. I	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.0 1.7
		Lanc. III	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MIDLAND TOTAL			9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MIDLAND	5	Mosq. XVI	15	13	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.3 1.6
		Mosq. IX	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12x1000 12
		Mosq. XIV	27	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MIDLAND TOTAL			47	45	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MIDLAND	5	Mosq. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.7 -
		Mosq. XVI	5	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MIDLAND TOTAL			6	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
WINGS 2100	5	Hul. III	102	96	2	-	5	-	3	-	-	-	1,0	-	-	-	620.4 9.0
		Hul. III	60	57	-	1	2	22	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Hul. VII	38	38	-	1	4	-	4	-	-	-	1,0	-	-	-	12x1000 12
		Lanc. III	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq. IX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
WINGS 2100 TOTAL			210	210	3	4	11	28	11	-	-	1,0-1,0	-	-	-		
HULL. 2100	5	Lanc. I	121	121	1	-	4	1+15*	1	-	-	-	2	4	-	-	629.9 3.1
		Lanc. III	23	22	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	5x1000 10
HULL. 2100 TOTAL			151	145	1	-	5	1+1B	2	-	-	-	2	5	-	-	1392,000 12

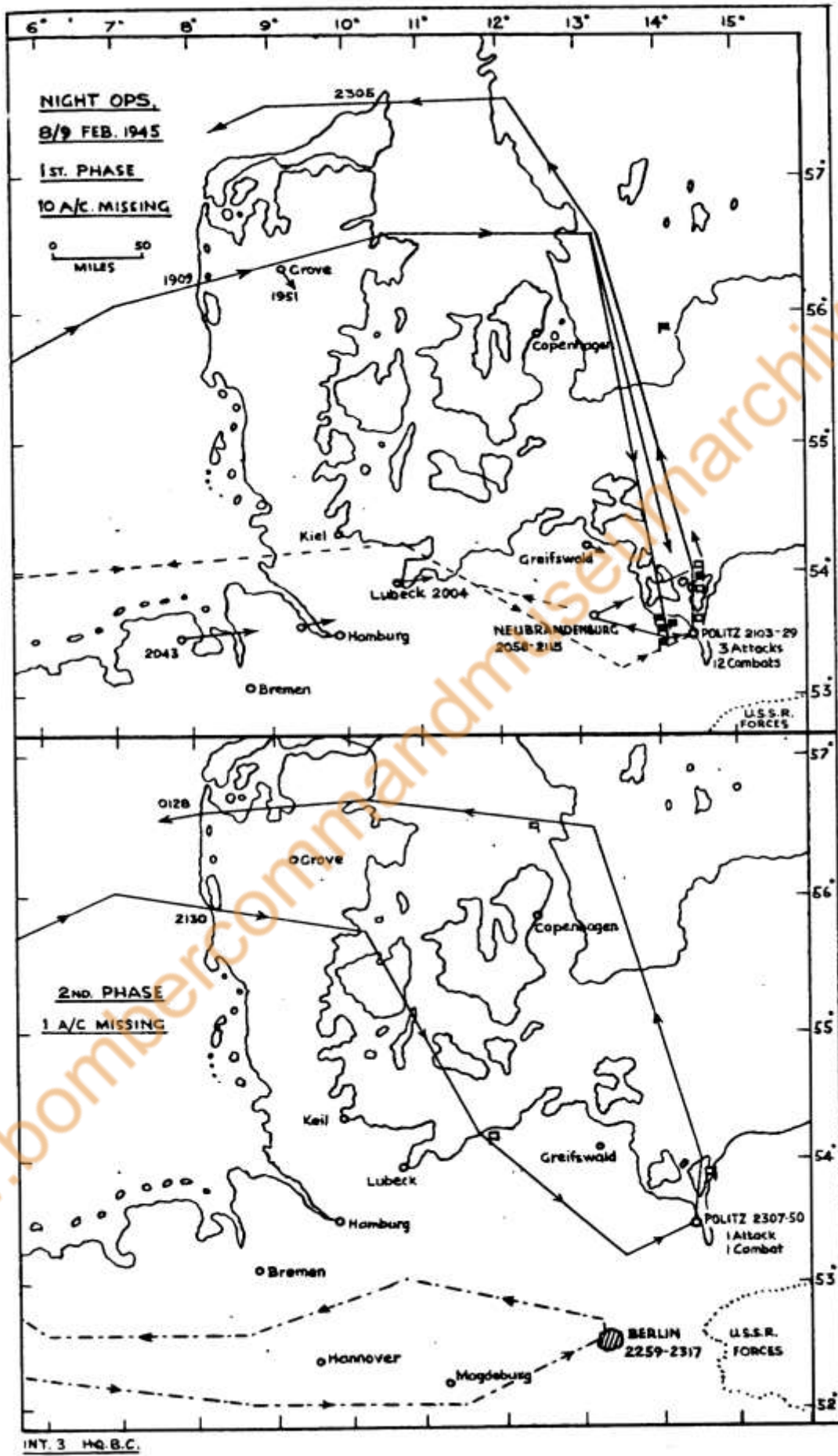
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TARGET	GRADE	ALERT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPORTING ATTACK ON				ABORTIVE SORTIES		LOSS-ES	DAMAGE				INTERCEPTION		REMARKS
				PRDL. REA.	ALY. ARR.	OVER E.T.	NOT OVER E.T.	PLAK	FIGHTER		FLAK	WRECK.	HOT	DOOR TO	REMARKS	REMARKS	
BOMBING TOTAL			1013	954	6	14	39	15+38	20	1+3,0	-	-	3+2,0	10	23		
MIDLAND	5	Lanc. I	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc. III	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MIDLAND TOTAL			10	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BOMBING TOTAL			100	74	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SIGNALS TOTAL			100	74	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			1013	954	6	14	39	15+38	20	1+3,0	-	-	3+2,0	10	23		

- \* 1 a/c. Cat. B. - Near Dunkirk - Flak at Dunkirk.
- \* 1 a/c. Cat. B. - Near Ypres - Engine fire.
- \* 1 a/c. Cat. B. - Belgium - unknown (cr. with 2 engines on fire)

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SECRETNIGHT BOMB REPORT NO. 834COPY NO. 16BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS9/10th. FEBRUARY, 1945.Special Operations.SUMMARY

1. 7 Stirlings were despatched on special missions; but all were abortive, and one was lost. 1 Mosquito carried out reconnaissance patrol.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Clouds:- Much rain until 0100 hrs., then mainly fit.

Targets:- Good clearances in st-co. inland in Germany; good visibility.

STATISTICS

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

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

4. As forecast.

KEY DEFENCES

5. None reported.

CASUALTIES

6. One Stirling on special operations was lost without trace.

ML:JT,  
 13/S. 26342/6/ORG4,  
 10th. May, 1945.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS: SIG. RES. BATTALION - 9/10th, FEBRUARY, 1945.

TARGET	GROUP	SQUAD	SERIES	A/C RESORTING		A/C RESORTING		A/C	A/C		A/C		TOTAL
				NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.		NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	
SP. O. 1	2		7	-	-	-	7	1	-	-	-	-	
SIG. 1	2	100	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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SECRETNIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 835COPY NO. 16BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS10/11th. FEBRUARY, 1945.Hannover: Essen.SUMMARY

1. Hannover 78/82 Mosquitos delivered a most concentrated attack on Hannover, between 2326 and 0036. No aircraft was lost on this night.
2. Essen 11/11 Mosquitos bombed Essen between 0253 and 0318 hrs.
3. Bomber support etc. 100 Group feigned an attack on the Ruhr at the time of the Essen raid. A thin WANDREL screen was set up over S. Holland and Belgium, and 13 heavies WINDOWED from Ostend, fanning out to cover the area from Cologne to N.W. of Duisburg. This force was plotted continuously as "strong formations of heavy bombers", and 6-8 Gruppen were sent up to oppose them. The enemy reaction lasted an hour, and was a pure waste of fuel and effort. 22 Mosquitos intruded at high and low level, but made no claims, and other aircraft carried out signals patrols and recon flights.

WEATHER FORECAST

4. Bases:- Fit.
- Targets:- Variable cloud.

SORTIES

5. No. of aircraft despatched.....	140
"    "    " reporting attack on primary area.....	126
"    " abortive sorties.....	14
"    " aircraft missing.....	0

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

6. 5-8/10ths. low stratus at first over Hannover, later clearing to nil. Good visibility. 8-10/10ths. over Essen, tops 10-15,000'.

ENEMY DEFENSES

7. No fighters were encountered. Numerous searchlights exposed ineffectively at Hannover, where flak was slight at first, and later decreased to nil. No flak at Essen.

CASUALTIES

8. None.

MLM/JT,  
BC/S. 2634.2/6/CRSL,  
3rd. May, 1945.



RECOVER: RESEN: ETC: - 10/11/41. 2 (88) (10) (10) (2)

TARGET	GROUP	INCL. PT TYPE	SIGNALS	% REPORTING				RE- SID	D. TIME				INTERCEPTION	
				ON		OFF			NOT DIE TO S. 8/10	NOT DIE TO S.	NOT DIE TO S.	NOT DIE TO S.		
				PRE- ARR.	ALT. ARR.	OVER- E. T.	OVER- OVEN							
RECOVER	B	Seq. IX	5	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Seq. XVI	40	38	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Seq. XX	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Seq. XXV	28	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RECOVER	8			82	78	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-
RESEN	B	Seq. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Seq. XVI	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RESEN	100			11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOMBING	100	Various	95	89	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOMBING	100	Various	45	33	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
SIGNAL	100	Seq.	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RESEN	8	Seq.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND	100		120	120	-	-	3	11	-	-	-	-	-	-

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SECRETNIGHT R.I.D. REPORT NO. 836CCIF NO. 16BOMBER COMBINED REPORT ON BOMB OPERATIONS12/13th. FEBRUARY, 1945.Stuttgart: Wurzburg: Misburg: H2S trials.SUMMARY

1. Stuttgart 68/72 Mosquitos delivered a finely concentrated attack on Stuttgart between 1924 and 1955. No casualties were sustained on this night.
2. Wurzburg 4/4 OBOE Mosquitos bombed Wurzburg from 2014-2019, 1 on OBOE and 3 on D.R.
3. H2S trials 3 H2S Mosquitos were sent to bomb Cologne, Wiesbaden, Koblenz and Frankfurt on a round trip. One was abortive on Cologne and Coblenz.
4. Signals, etc. 1/1 Mosquito completed a signals patrol, and 1/1 a net. recon. flight.

WEATHER FORECAST

5. Bases:- 10/10ths. everywhere till 0300.  
Targets:- 10/10ths. over battle area all night. Much low cloud over W. Germany.

SORTIES

6.	No. of aircraft despatched.....	92
	" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	87
	" " " " " alt. ".....	2
	" " abortive sorties.....	3
	" " aircraft missing.....	0

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

7. 5-10/10ths. thin cloud to 7-8,000' over Stuttgart. 10/10ths. elsewhere.

ENEMY DEFENCES

8. No fighters reacted, the Mosquitos being accurately plotted, and their number correctly guessed. Flak was very slight.

CASUALTIES

9. None.

MLM/ST.  
BC/S. 2632.2/5/ORS4,  
3rd. May, 1945.

TARGET	GROUP	INCLPT TYPE	SORTDS	NO REPORTING		REPORTING		D. 1945		DISTRIBUTION		Totals	
				ATTACK	ON	ON	ON	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
STUTTGART	8	1945-XXI	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	1.0
		1945-XXII	34	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		1945-XXIII	9	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		1945-XXIV	26	25	-	-	1	-	-	-	-		34000
STUTTGART TOTAL			72	68	2	-	2	-	-	-	-		
WIRZENBURG	8	1945-XXI	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	40000
WIRZENBURG	8	1945-XXII	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.6	110000
COLOGNE		1945-XX	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1.4	
		1945-XXI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
KOHLING		1945-XX	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1.8	
		1945-XXI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
WISSING		1945-XX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	
		1945-XXI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
FRANKFURT		1945-XX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5	
		1945-XXI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
COLOGNE ETC. TOTAL			3	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-		
BOHLING TOTAL			90	85	2	1	2	-	-	-	-		
STUTTGART TOTALS 100		1945	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
WEST. AREA	8	1945	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
GRAND TOTAL			92	87	2	1	2	-	-	-	-		

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT OF NIGHT OPERATIONS

13/14th. FEBRUARY, 1945.

BOHLEN synthetic oil plant: DRESDEN: Magdeburg: Nuremberg: etc.

SUMMARY

1. Dresden received its first visit of the war from Bomber Command. Two forces of Lancasters, totalling 805 aircraft, bombed it in separate waves with a 3-hour interval, and devastated 85% of the fully-built-up area. Rail facilities and industries suffered immense damage. Another force of 358 aircraft, mainly Halifaxes, visited the big synthetic oil plant at Bohlen, near Leipzig, but their bombing was scattered. Cloud cover and successful counter-measures completely deceived the German fighters, and we lost only 5 of the 1,407 aircraft despatched, with 3 more wrecked in crashes.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Bases:- Generally fit.

Targets:- 10/10ths. over most of route, tops lowering to 6,000' beyond 05-07°E., with chance of breaks to 5/10ths. in Dresden and Leipzig areas. Risk of thin medium cloud layers spreading over between 15,000' and 20,000'.

BOHLEN: DRESDEN.

PLANS OF ATTACK

- 3. Bohlen Controlled NEWHLVEN I. H = 2200.
- 4. Dresden 1st. attack. 5 Gp. NEWHLVEN with sector bombing and emergency skymarking. H = 2215.
- 5. 2nd. attack. Controlled NEWHLVEN II + emergency skymarking. H = 0130.

SORTIES

	<u>Bohlen.</u>		<u>Dresden.</u>	
	1st.	2nd.	1st.	2nd.
6. No. of aircraft despatched.....	368.....	254.....	551	
" " " reporting attack on primary area.....	335.....	244.....	529	
" " " " " " alt. ".....	2.....	1.....	4	
" " abortive sorties.....	31.....	9.....	18	
" " aircraft missing.....	1.....	1.....	4	
	(0.3%)	(0.4%)	(0.7%)	

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

- 7. Bohlen and Dresden (1st) 9-10/10ths. st.-cu., tops 9,000', some medium cloud at 15,000'. Wind at 18,000': 260°/70 m.p.h. No moon. 10/10ths. over whole route, rising to 15,000' in frontal belt 02-0400E., and lowering again eastwards. Icing in frontal belt. Little cloud W. of 0500 E. on return.
- 8. Dresden (2nd) 5-7/10ths. variable drifting cloud patches, tops 6,000'. No moon. Wind at 20,000': 265°/85 m.p.h. Route: clear to 0400E., then frontal belt with cloud to 17,000', rising static, breaking beyond 0900E. to 3-6/10ths., tops 6,000'.

...../RELATIVE OF ATTACKS.

NARRATIVE OF EVENTS

9. Bohlen The Master Bomber force draws to seek the glow of groundmark but both the marking and bombing were scattered.

10. Dresden The first force achieved line concentration, and left fires visible for 100 miles. The second force reported that their marking and bombing too, were concentrated, and that the resultant fires were visible for 150-200 miles. Defences were negligible.

DAY RECONNAISSANCE

11. Bohlen No reconnaissance was undertaken for this attack.

12. Dresden (K.3742; 4020; 4174). Full photographic cover was not obtained until 22nd. March, when immense damage was revealed. Some of this must be attributed to the American daylight raids of 7th. October, 1944, 16th. January, 14th. February, 15th. February and 21st. March 1945 (the first 3 in clear weather the last 2 through 10/10ths. cloud), but the attack under review was unquestionably the chief factor. 85% of the fully built-up area was destroyed; the old town was virtually wiped out, together with most of the inner suburbs, although the outer suburbs escaped comparatively lightly. Many industries were affected, the gasworks and 2 tramway depots were severely damaged, and railway facilities suffered most heavily. Bridges over the Elbe and public buildings were well hit. Barracks and military camps were less troubled, being mostly situated on the outskirts; and a number of industries escaped for the same reason. But the total damage was very great indeed.

ENEMY DEFENCES

13. Fighter opposition was of the slightest. Good cloud cover and convinced WINDOW feints entirely deceived the German fighter controllers, so that only 9 of the 1,160 returning aircraft reported being attacked. Our bombers made no victory claims. Flak was negligible at Dresden; moderate at first at Bohlen, gradually decreasing.

CASUALTIES

14. 1 aircraft was lost on Bohlen, to unknown causes. One was destroyed by British bombs over Dresden in the first attack, and 4 were lost in the second - 1 to fighter E. of Stuttgart, 1 in a collision S.E. of Frankfurt, and 2 to unknown causes (one while approaching the German airfield outboard and the other at the target). Several aircraft made forced landings in France, but only one was wrecked. 2 were destroyed in landing or taxiing accidents in this country.

MAGDEBURG

15. 52/53 Mosquitoes delivered an accurate attack on Magdeburg from 2130-2140 despite 10/10ths. clouds. Nearly 3 1/2 hours later, 9/9 bombed the city again. No casualties.

NUREMBERG; DORTMUND; BONN; HISEBURG:

16. 7/8 Mosquitoes attack Nuremberg from 2159-2215; 5/6 bombed Dortmund from 2104-2106; 16/16 bombed Bonn from 0014-0024, and 7/8 attacked Hiseburg (near Hannover) from 0130-0147. No fighters were met, and no casualties were sustained.

BOEMER SUPPORT ETC.

17. 100 Group provided a long MJDREL screen from N to S. behind the battle line for both attacks. WINDOW aircraft feinted against the Mainz-Mannheim area while the Halifaxes slipped through N. of Koblenz on route to Bohlen; and others threatened the Cologne-Koblenz area to assist the second Dresden force. 83 Mosquitoes, including 24 of Fighter Command, intruded; they made 24 chases, and destroyed 2 Me.110's near Frankfurt. JOSTLE, recon and signals investigation flights were also carried out all without loss.

MEM/ST,  
BC/S. 2130/2/024,  
3rd. May, 1945

311 AMERICAN B-17'S BOMBED DRESEN NEXT DAY. DAMAGE TO DRESEN WAS EXTENSIVE

OPERATIONAL RECORDS: NO. 10000: DATE: 15/14th. PG. 144. 1945.

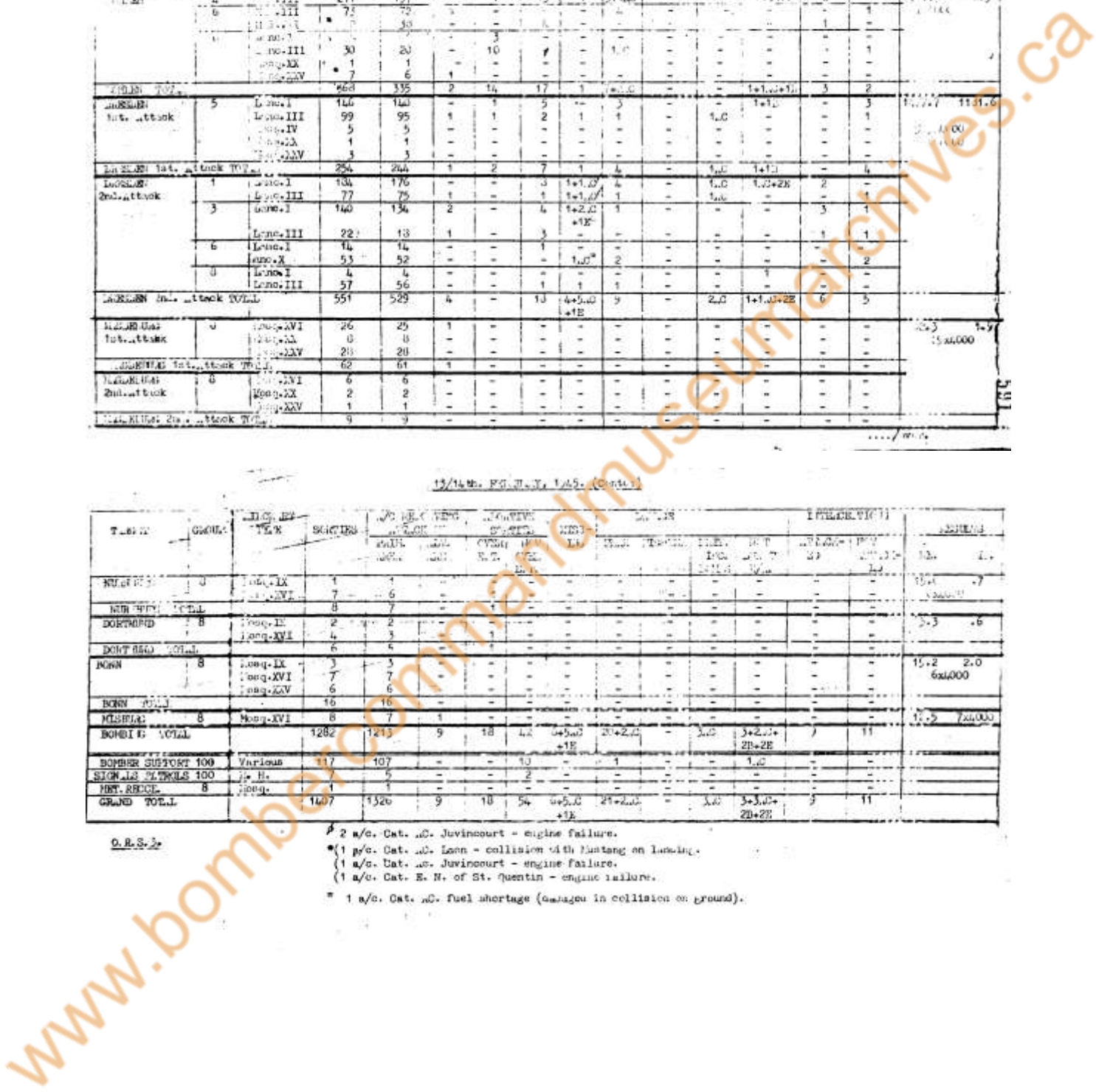
TARGET	GROUP	SQUADRON	SERIES	A/C IN CONTACT		DAMAGE		DROPPED	RESULTS				TOTAL	D.		
				NO.	PERCENT	OVER	NOT		DOWN	DOWN	DOWN	DOWN				
DRESEN	4	111	211	197	-	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	2	1.3		
			72	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1		
			43	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
			30	20	-	10	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
			1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DRESEN TOTAL			668	335	2	14	17	1	-	-	-	3	2			
DRESEN Int. Attack	5	111	140	140	-	1	5	-	3	-	-	1+1	3	1131.6		
			99	95	1	1	2	1	1	-	1.0	-	1	-		
			5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
			1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
			3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DRESEN Int. Attack TOTAL			254	244	1	2	7	1	4	-	1.0	1+1	-	4		
DRESEN 2nd Attack	3	111	134	176	-	-	3	1+1.0	4	-	-	1.0	1.0+2E	2	-	
			77	75	1	-	1	1+1.0	1	-	-	1.0	-	1	-	
			140	136	2	-	4	1+2.0	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	
			22	13	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
			14	14	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DRESEN 2nd Attack TOTAL			551	529	4	-	10	4+5.0	9	-	2.0	1+1.0+2E	6	5		
DRESEN 3rd Attack	8	111	26	25	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
			8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
			28	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DRESEN 3rd Attack TOTAL			62	61	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
DRESEN 4th Attack	8	111	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
			2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
			1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DRESEN 4th Attack TOTAL			9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

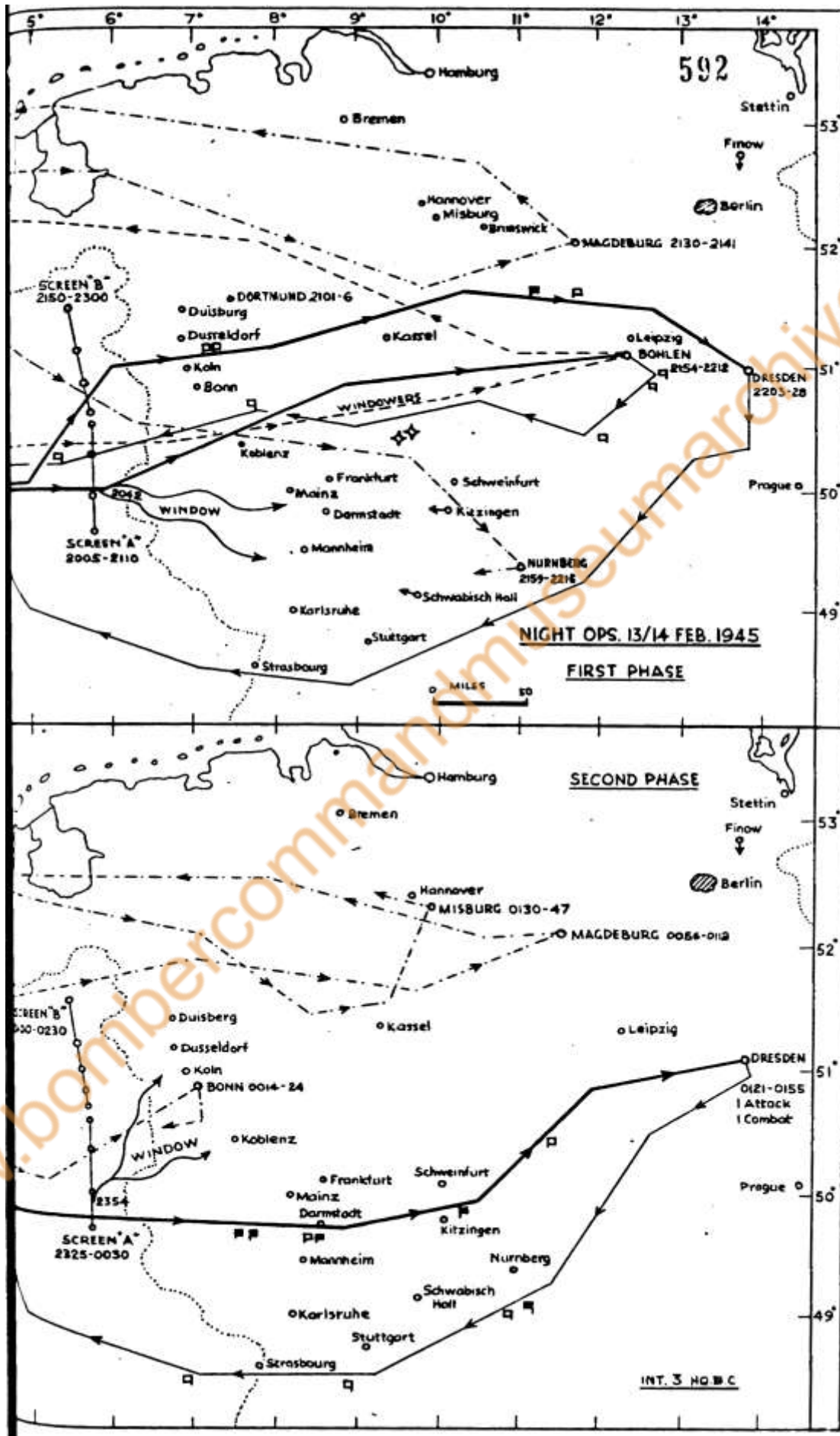
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TARGET	GROUP	SQUADRON	SERIES	A/C IN CONTACT		DAMAGE		DROPPED	RESULTS				TOTAL	D.
				NO.	PERCENT	OVER	NOT		DOWN	DOWN	DOWN	DOWN		
NUREMBERG	8	111	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			7	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NUREMBERG TOTAL			8	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DORTMUND	8	111	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DORTMUND TOTAL			6	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BONN	8	111	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BONN TOTAL			16	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BONN 2nd	8	111	8	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			1282	1243	9	18	4	4+5.0	3+2.0	-	1.0	3+2.0	7	11
BONN 2nd TOTAL			1290	1250	10	18	4	4+5.0	3+2.0	-	1.0	3+2.0	7	11
BOMBER SUPPORT 100	8	111	117	107	-	-	10	-	1	-	-	1.0	-	-
			7	5	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOMBER SUPPORT 100 TOTAL			124	112	-	-	12	-	1	-	-	1.0	-	-
BOMBER SUPPORT 100	8	111	147	132	9	18	54	4+5.0	21+2.0	-	1.0	3+3.0	7	11
			1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOMBER SUPPORT 100 TOTAL			148	133	9	18	54	4+5.0	21+2.0	-	1.0	3+3.0	7	11

D.R.S.S.

- \* 2 a/c. Cat. 100. Juvincourt - engine failure.
- \* 1 p/c. Cat. 100. Leen - collision with Mustang on landing.
- (1 a/c. Cat. 100. Juvincourt - engine failure.
- (1 a/c. Cat. E. H. of St. Quentin - engine failure.
- \* 1 a/c. Cat. 100. fuel shortage (damaged in collision on ground).





BOMBING CONTROL REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

14/15th. FEBRUARY, 1945.

ROSITZ oil refinery: CHEMNITZ: Dilsdorf: Mainz: etc.

SUMMARY

1. 1,316 aircraft were despatched, for the sites of M. Chemnitz and the nearby oil refinery at Rositz were the main targets, and useful, though not severe damage was caused. Mosquitoes raided Berlin and several other targets, and our intruders and bombers claimed 2, probably 5 fighters destroyed.

WEATHER FORECAST

2. Basis:- Pit.

Targets:- Chemnitz cloudless. (Later forecast: risk of broken thin medium and possibly st.-cu. and thin low st.). Ditto Rositz.

ROSITZ: DILSDORF.

PLANS OF ATTACK

3. Rositz 5 Gp. controlled HEXELMEN. H = 2100.
4. Chemnitz (a) Controlled HEXELMEN II + emergency HES skymarking. H=2100  
 (b) " " " " " " H=0030.

SORTIES

		Rositz.	Chemnitz.
5.	N. of aircraft despatched.....	232.....	329.....388
	" " " reporting attack on primary area....	215.....	313.....358
	" " " " " alt. ".....	3.....	4.....6
	" " abortive sorties.....	14.....	12.....24
	" " aircraft missing.....	3.....	6.....4
		(1.3%)	(1.7%) (1.0%)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

6. Rositz Patchy thin st.-cu. to 5,000'. 10/10ths. thin a.-cu., base 9,000', tops 10,000'. 10/10ths. a.-st., base 12,000', tops 13-14,000'. Icing in top layer. Moderate visibility. No moon (for any of the attacks). Wind at 10,000': 320°/42 m.p.h. Little cloud en route to 0900E., then medium cloud at 11-13,000'. Similar for return.
7. Chemnitz (a) 8-10/10ths. thin layers to 15-18,000'. Wind at 18,000': 320°/60 m.p.h. Little cloud en route to 11-1200E., thence as at target. Return similar.
8. Chemnitz (b) 9-10/10ths. st.-cu., base 14-15,000', tops 18-22,000', with layers of thin a.-cu., one layer 1,000' thick at 17-18,000'. Wind at 18,000': 315°/50 m.p.h. Route as for first attack.

NARRATIVE OF ATTACKS

9. The attacks on Rositz and Chemnitz (a) were mainly delivered on groundmarkers; the second on Chemnitz was aimed at the glow on the cloud. All were reported as fair.

...../DAY RECONNAISSANCE



DAY RECONNAISSANCE

10. Rositz (K.3765) Most of the resultant damage was caused in the south third of the plant, which had been least affected by previous raids. Here, 3 distillation plants, 16 oil storage tanks and several minor buildings were destroyed or damaged. The refinery was inoperative 3 days after the raid, but much repair work was in progress.

11. Chemnitz (K.3767) Damage was scattered throughout the town, although no area was devastated. Several industries in the south were hit, and 6 were severely damaged. Rail facilities were unaffected, except one railway building. Great concentrations of craters were caused in open fields and sparsely built areas to the S.E. and W. of the town.

ENEMY DEFENCES

12. The Rositz and Chemnitz (a) forces reported only 3 attacks altogether on the way out; 2 over each target; and 1 on each homeward route. Fighters were distracted by a fight against the Ruhr, and realized their error too late to intercept effectively. The second Chemnitz raid attracted 10 Gruppen of I/A, at least 4 on second sorties, but they made only 8 attacks (resulting in 2 losses), although the target was correctly identified at H-20. Cloud cover and our jamming of their A.I. were chiefly responsible. Flak was slight at all targets.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

13. Our bombers probably destroyed 2 T/E over Rositz; a Ju.88 over Chemnitz (a), and a T/E on return from Chemnitz (a). Intruders shot down a Ju.88, and a He. 219.

CASUALTIES

14.	<u>Fighters</u>	<u>Flak</u>	<u>Collision</u>	<u>Bombs</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	<u>Total</u>
Rositz.	2		1			3
Chemnitz (a).	4	2				6
Chemnitz (b).	2			1	2	5

A Halifax crashed near Givet and a Lancaster at Valenciennes, both being destroyed. Another Halifax crashed in this country.

DUISBURG: MAINZ:BERLIN:NUREMBERG:BERLIN:BERG:DESSAU.

15. Feint attacks were carried out by Mesquitos against Duisburg and Mainz during the first phase of operations, and against Frankfurt, Nurenburg and Dessau during the second stage. 43/46 Mesquitos bombed Berlin in 2 waves during the first phase, attacking on sky markers through thick cloud. Most of the targets were almost clear. No combats or losses occurred among these forces.

MINELAYING

16. 45/54 Lancasters and Halifaxes laid 231 mines off Sassnitz and in the Kadet Channel between 2058 and 2142. The targets were covered with dense stragglers. Fighters intercepted our aircraft over Denmark and, more particularly Zealand, and slight flak was met from various coastal batteries. 6 aircraft, including 5 Halifaxes, were lost: 4 to fighters (3 over Zealand and Kadet Channel, and 1 S.W. of Grove) and 2 to flak. Our returning aircraft reported no combats.

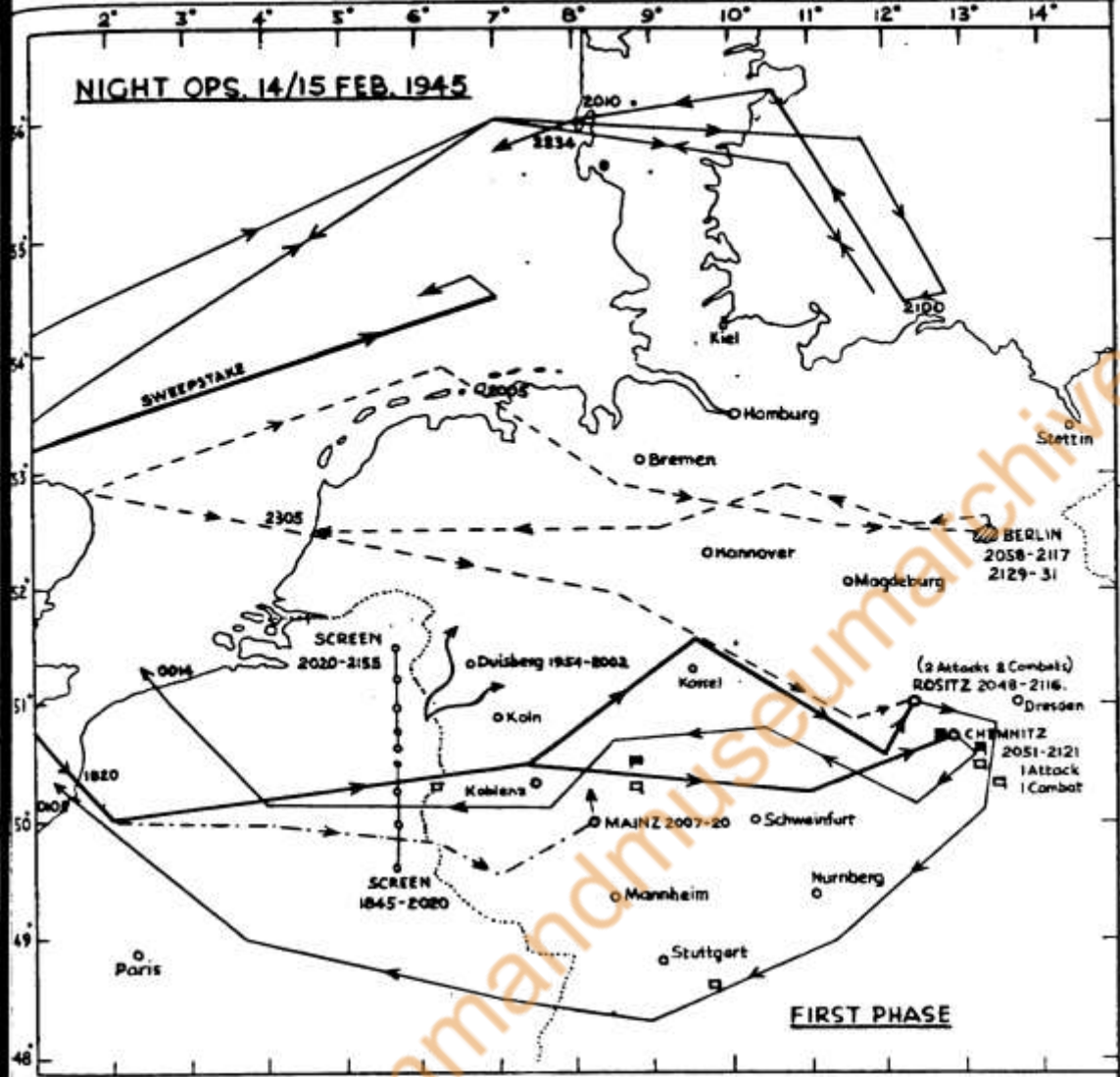
BOMBER SUPPORT ETC.

17. Part of 100 Group's counter-measures had to be cancelled, because bad weather threatened bases late in the night. However, they provided MANDREL screens, and WINDOW feints, first towards the Ruhr and then Mainz. 91/95 aircraft carried out a diversionary sweep over the North Sea in the first phase. JOSTLE and signals aircraft operated, and 87 Mesquitos intruded, destroying 1 Ju.88 and 1 He.219 in combat, damaging a T/E on the ground. These operations were concluded without

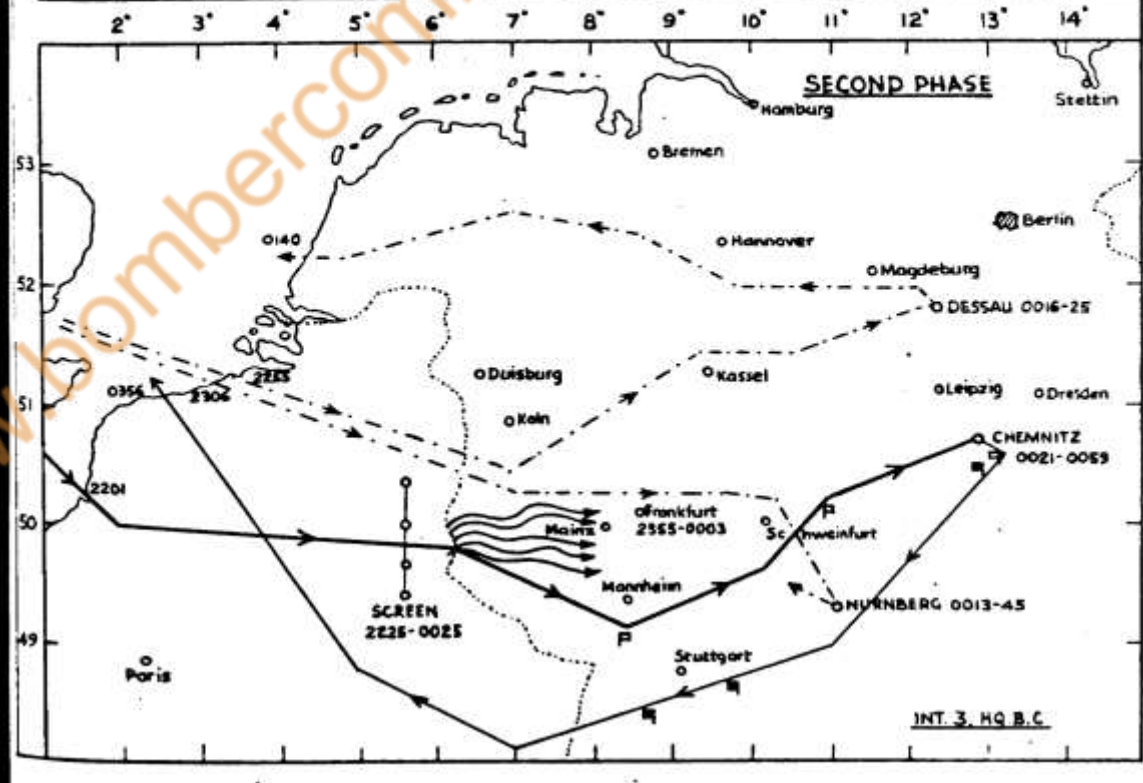
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EC/S. 26342/2/GRSL,  
3rd. May, 1945.



**NIGHT OPS. 14/15 FEB. 1945**



**FIRST PHASE**



**SECOND PHASE**

**INT. 3. HQ B.C.**

SECRETNIGHT LAID REPORT NO. 899BOMBING COORDINATE REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS  
15/16th MARCH, 1945.Mine laying: etc.SUMMARY.

1. Mine laying: 55 aircraft laid 272 mines in the Kattegat and Oslo Fjord.
2. Bomber Support: 6 Mosquitos were despatched on Intruder patrols, and 2 Mosquitos were active on Signals patrols.

WEATHER FORECAST.

3. Bases: Unfit from about 2200 hours onwards with fog and/or very low stratus.

Target: East of frontal belt to Kattegat, very variable at. cu. and st., tops not exceeding 6,000 ft. Actual amounts in Kattegat and Oslo Fjord very problematical. May be some medium cloud above 10,000 ft.

SOAILES.

4. No. of aircraft despatched. . . . . 63
- No. of aircraft reporting attack on primary area. . . . 60
- No. of abortive sorties . . . . . 3
- No. of aircraft missing . . . . . -

WEATHER EXPERIENCED.

5. Bases: Widespread mist, fog and low stratus.
- Target: 10/10ths sc. cloud (tops 2-4,000 ft.).

NIGHT DEFENCES.

6. Bombers crossing Denmark were plotted by the enemy, and night fighters operating from Grove were sent to oppose our mine layers returning from the Kattegat and Oslo Fjord. Only one combat took place.

CASUALTIES.

7. All aircraft returned safely.

BG/C.24949/1/int.1.  
15th March, 1945.

MINEBOMBS - 15/16th FEBRUARY, 1945

TARGET	GROUP	INCIDENT TYPE	BOMBS	REMARKS		FORGIVENESS		REASON	REASON				EXCEPTIONS		RESULTS	
				PREV. REAS.	REAS.	OVER E.T.	OVER E.T.		BLK	PTGNY	REAS.	NOT REAS.	REAS.	NOT REAS.	RE.	IB.
MINEBOMBS KATZEL	1	Lanc. I	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	272 mines	
		Lanc. III	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
		Lanc. I	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Lanc. III	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
OSLO FJORD	4	Hal. III	12	11	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-			
		Lanc. I	6	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-			
		Hal. III	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
MINEBOMBS TOTAL			55	52	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BOMBER SUPPORT 100		seq.	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SUPPORT 1. THOLS 160		seq.	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
GRAND TOTAL			63	60	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

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SECRETNIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 840.BORDER COLLAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS  
17/18th FEBRUARY, 1945.Bremen (Deschimag).SUMMARY.

1. Bremen: 6 OBOE Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against the Deschimag Shipyards building pre-fabricated U-boats.

WEATHER FORECAST.

2. Bases: In Southern Groups cloud base mainly about 1,000 ft. above sea level. Visibility 2-4,000 yds. In Northern Groups cloud base 800-1,000 ft. and visibility 1,000 - 3,000 yds.

Target: Poor visibility on Continent. Stratus and st. cu. cloud in North West Germany and Low Countries.

SORTIES.

3. No. of aircraft despatched. . . . . 6  
 No. of aircraft reporting attack on primary area. . . . . 6  
 No. of aircraft missing . . . . . -

WEATHER EXPERIENCED.

4. Target: 10/10ths fog or low sc.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

5. There was accurate, moderate, predicted heavy flak.

CASUALTIES.

6. No aircraft was lost.

BC/S.24949/1/Int.1.  
15th March, 1945.

BRHEM

17/18 FEBRUARY, 1945

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPORTING ATTACK ON		ABORTIVE SORTIES		MISS-ING	DAMAGE				INTERCEPTIONS		RESULTS	
				PRIM. AREA	ALT. AREA	OVER E. T.	NOT OVER E. T.		FLAK	FIGHTER	BRIT. INC. BOMBS	NOT DUE TO E/A	ATTACK-ED	NOT ATTACK-ED	HE	IB
BRHEM	8	MOSQ. XVI	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.7	-

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS  
18/19th FEBRUARY, 1945.

Mannheim: Berlin: Eisenach: Gotha: Erfurt:

Weimar: (town areas), Bremen (Deschimag): Minelaying:

SUMMARY.

1. Mannheim: 32/32 Mosquitos attacked Mannheim through 10/10ths stratus (tops 10/15,000 ft.) from 20/30,000 ft. in good visibility. The first markers were immediately lost in cloud but sky markers were well positioned. Concentrated bomb flashes were reported below cloud with one explosion.
2. Berlin: 5/6 Mosquitos attacked Berlin on H.2.S. from 26/27,000 ft. The remaining aircraft bombed Bremen on H.2.S. Results of bombing were not assessed owing to numerous decoy markers being scattered N.W. and S.E. of town by enemy defences.
3. Bremen: 6 OBOE Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against the Deschimag shipyards building pre-fabricated U-boats. The attack was carried out in conditions of clear sky and good horizontal visibility with slight ground haze. Two fires were seen developing in target area as late aircraft left.
4. Eisenach-Gotha-Erfurt-Weimar: 2/3 H.2.S. Mosquitos successfully bombed these four towns, all of which were covered in 10/10ths cloud. The third aircraft bombed Osnabruck on Gee.
5. Minelaying: 26 Lancasters and Halifaxes laid 130 mines off Heligoland and Laeso Rende and in the Jade and Weser Rivers.
6. Counter Measures: 15 heavies dropped WINDOW. 12 heavies operated a MANDREL screen. 18 Mosquitos were active on Intruder patrols. 7 aircraft were despatched on Signals patrols.

WEATHER FORECAST.

7. Bases: Moderate visibility. Broken st. cu., base above 1,000'.  
Targets: Ruhr, N.W. Germany and E. Germany, much stratus and st. cu. cloud with layers of medium above. In the Kattegat area, layers of st. cu. up to 6-8,000 ft.

SORTIES.

- |    |   |          |
|----|---|----------|
| 8. | No. of aircraft despatched. . . . .                           | 124      |
|    | No. of aircraft reporting attack on primary area. . . . .     | 119      |
|    | No. of aircraft reporting attack on alternative area. . . . . | 2        |
|    | No. of abortive sorties . . . . .                             | 1        |
|    | No. of aircraft missing . . . . .                             | 2 (1.6%) |



WEATHER EXPERIENCED.

9. 10/10ths cloud prevailed over Mannheim, Eisenach, Gotha, Erfurt and Weimar. Over Berlin and Bremen there was clear sky and good visibility, with slight ground haze.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

10. The Mosquito bombing missions were uneventful and though consistently plotted did not stir up any fighter opposition. A LANTERN screen was operated North of the Friesians and parallel to them, and a WINDOW force emerged from it and crossed Holland as if heading for the Ruhr, returning over the Zuyder Zee. The feint was heavily plotted and some aircraft of 2 Gruppen were sent to beacon Quelle (Elbe) when the WINDOW aircraft were turning southwards over Holland and the minelayers were over the North Sea. Ground defences were in action in the Cuxhaven area and at Friedrikshaven in North Denmark.

CASUALTIES.

11. 2 minelayers were lost on this night and it was believed that one was intercepted by a fighter just North of Wangerog and that the other was shot down by flak on that island or by nearby shipping.

BC/S.24949/1/int.1.  
15th March, 1945.

REFERENCES

Enemy Defences - Interception/Tactics  
Report No. 40/45.

NUMBER: 80000; REGION: BOMBERS; BOMBING: BOMBING-GROUND-REPORT-CONTROL; BOMBING: BOMBING - 18/19th FEBRUARY, 1945.

TARGET	GROUP	BOMB TYPE	SORTIES	NO REPORTS		ABORTIVE SORTIES		MISS-ES	A. LINE				INTERSECTIONS		RESULTS		
				PRELIMINARY	FINAL	OVER E.T.	NOT OVER		FLK	POSTER	BRIT. D.C. BONES	NOT DUE TO	FLK-ED	NOT	HL	IB	
MANCHESTER	B	Mosq. IX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49.1	49
		Mosq. XVI	30	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25x1000 H. 2.	
MANCHESTER TOTAL			32	32	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	25x1000 H. 2.	
BREITENBURG	B	Mosq. XX	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	
		Mosq. XIV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BREITENBURG TOTAL			6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BREMEN	B	Mosq. XVI	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.7	
																50x1000 H. 2.	
EISENHORN-GOBLER	B	Mosq. XVI	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6	
REPORT-WEIMAR																	
BOHEMIA TOTAL			47	47	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
MILWAUKEE																	
HELDWATER	1	Lang. I	9	9	7	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Lang. III	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
JACK KESER R.		Lang. III	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	6	Lang. I	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
LANSING		Hal. III	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
MILWAUKEE TOTAL			25	25	7	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-		
NO BOMB SUPPORT	100	Various	45	45	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SINGLETON PATROL	100	H. & H.	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
GRAND TOTAL			124	124	7	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-		

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS  
19/20th FEBRUARY, 1945.

BOHLEN (Synthetic Oil Plant): Erfurt (Town): Wurzburg (Town):  
Bremen (Deschimag Shipyards): Hannover (Town): Brunswick (Town):  
Osnabruck (Town): Munster (Town): etc.

SUMMARY

1. 239 Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked the synthetic oil plant at Bohlen. Mosquitos also bombed the Deschimag Shipyards at Bremen, and the towns of Wurzburg, Hannover, Brunswick, Osnabruck and Munster. 32 aircraft were active on counter-measures. From all these attacks only 1 aircraft was lost.

WEATHER FOR LAST

2. Bases: After 2200 hours threat of extensive fog, but owing to the advent of st. cu. cloud some stations may hold out longer than this.

Target: Good chance of little or no cloud below cirrus level, but high medium, probably above 12,000 ft. may be found in large amounts.

BOHLENPLAN OF ATTACK.

3. 5 Group NEUHAVEN. An alternative aiming point was detailed for use if it was impossible to mark the original marking point. If both of these failed, the Controller was to direct the force into Leipzig to deliver a sky marking attack. H = 0415. E.S.T.

SORTIES

4. No. of aircraft despatched. . . . .	260
No. of aircraft reporting attack on primary area. . . . .	239
No. of aircraft reporting attack on alternative area. . . . .	7
No. of abortive sorties. . . . .	14
No. of aircraft missing. . . . .	1 (0.4%)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED.

5. Bases: Poor visibility and patchy low stratus, with occasional light rain towards dawn.

Target: 10/10ths cloud in two layers - 5/8,000 ft. and 10/14,000 ft. Rain and glazed frost. Wind at 10/13,000 ft., 010 degs., 15-20 m.p.h.

NARRATIVE OF ATTACK.

6. An effective smoke screen was in operation which precluded marking on the aiming point, but crews bombed on glow of red T.I.'s on the alternative aiming point at Bohlen and reports indicate a scattered attack.

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RESULTS OF ATTACK.

7. The intention was to destroy the synthetic oil section of the plant. The following was achieved:-

Reconnaissance was not obtained before this plant was again attacked by the 8th Bomber Command U.S.A.A.F. Strike photographs, however, taken at the commencement of their attack showed the plant to be active. There is no other evidence to show where the 5 Group attack fell but at the most it cannot have inflicted more than superficial damage on this target.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

8. There was slight to moderate heavy flak and moderate to intense light flak up to 11-12,000 ft. at the target. Very few enemy aircraft were seen, and only 3 combats took place in the target area.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED.

9. Bombers claimed 1 F.W. 190 damaged.

CASUALTIES.

10. The only casualty, the loss of the master bomber's Mosquito, was evidently caused by flak at the target, as owing to 10/10ths layer cloud and the smoke screen the marker aircraft had to orbit below cloud base and became the target for light flak.

ERFURT

11. 79/82 Mosquitos bombed Erfurt town through 4 to 10/10ths thin cloud (tops 7/12,000 ft.). The target was visually identified, marking was accurate and bombing concentrated on and around the markers. Two heavy explosions were reported with smoke rising to several thousand feet. Numerous substantial fires were left burning.

WURZBURG

12. 5/6 OBOE Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against the town. The sixth aircraft bomb. the target on D.R.

ERLEN

13. 4/6 Mosquitos bombed the Beschling shipyard building pre-fabricated U-boats on OBOE. The fifth aircraft bombed the target on D.R., and the sixth was abortive.

HANNOVER-BRUNSWICK-OSNABRUCK-MUNSTER

14. 12 Mosquitos were despatched to bomb these four towns. 10/12 bombed Hannover, Brunswick and Osnabruck, and 7/12 bombed Munster. All four targets were covered in 10/10ths layer cloud with tops up to 15,000 ft.

COONIER, ASBURES, etc.

15. 29 Mosquitos were active on intruder patrols, and 3 Fortresses operated JOSTLE. 6 Halifaxes and Mosquitos were despatched on Signals patrols.

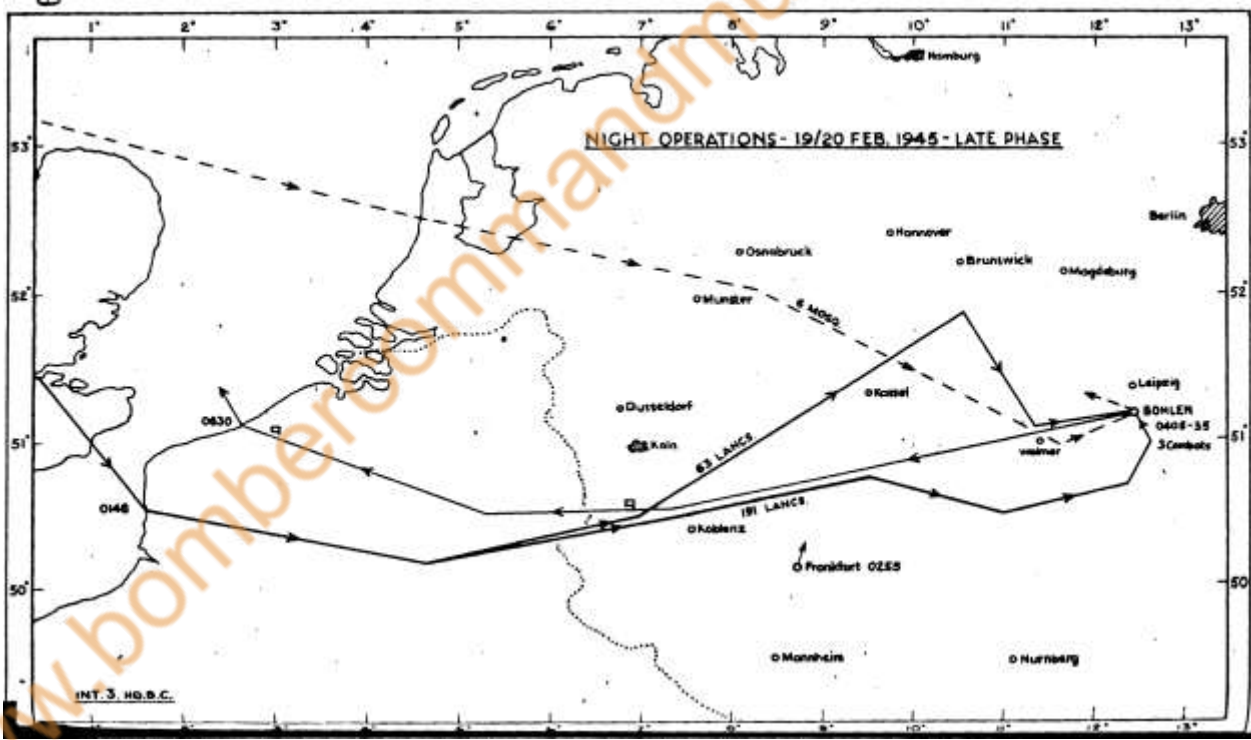
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EC/S.249.9/Int.1.  
18th Dec. 1945.

TITLE	GROUP	INCRP TYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPORTED DOWN		BORNE BOMBS		IC33-110	EJECT				INTERCEPTION		RESULTS		
				WHILE ENROUTE	ON GND	OVER E.T.	OVER E.T.		FLAC	PIRME	BIT. D.C. BOMBS	MYT DUE TO EJECT	UNDETECTED	NOT DETECTED	HS.	IB.	
BOHLER (S. of LEIPZIG)	5	Lanc. I	154	143	2	6	3	-	1	-	-	-	18+3.0	-	2	965.4	2.2
		Lanc. III	100	92	5	3	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	3	209x1000	N.2
		Hsq. XX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Hsq. XXV	5	3	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.0+1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18+3.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>	
SUPPORT	8	Hsq. LX	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99.1	.7
		Hsq. XVI	38	37	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	34x1000	N.2
		Hsq. XI	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Hsq. XXV	38	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
WURZBURG	8	Hsq. XVI	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.7	-	
															32x1000 H.C.	-	
															32x1000 H.2.	-	
BRUNSWICK	8	Hsq. XVI	6	5	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.9	-	
															24x1000 H.C.	-	
															32x1000 H.2.	-	
HANNOVER-BRUNSWICK	8	Hsq. XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.7	-
OSNABRUCK		Hsq. XX	7	7	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	12x1000	H.2.
LEIPZIG		Hsq. XXV	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.0+4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18+3.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>			
BOHLER SUPPORT	100	I. & F.	22	31	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOHLER SUPPORT	100	H. & N.	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.0+4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18+3.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>			

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BOMBER COLMAID REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS  
20/21st February, 1945

DORTMUND (Town): GRAVENHORST (Canal Embankments): REISHOLZ (Oil Refinery):  
MONHEIM (Oil Refinery): Mannheim (Feint attack): Berlin (Town):  
Diversionary Sweep: Bomber Support: etc.

SUMMARY

3 major attacks were made on this night against the town of Dortmund, and the oil refineries at Reisholz and Monheim. A fourth major attack was planned against the canal embankments at Gravenhorst but owing to weather conditions the Master Bomber instructed crews to abandon mission. A feint attack was made against Mannheim, and 2 minor attacks were delivered against Berlin. A diversionary sweep was carried out over the North Sea, and 100 Group despatched over 100 aircraft on bomber support missions. 6 aircraft were active as signals patrols, and 3 on special operations.

WEATHER FORECAST

Bases: Little or no cloud, but there may be local fog by 0600 hours on 21st.

Target: Thickening cloud over Germany may be encountered up to 22,000 ft.

DORTMUND: GRAVENHORST: REISHOLZ: MONHEIM:

DETAILS OF ATTACK

Dortmund: OBOE groundmarking with emergency H.C.S. sky marking. H = 0100.

Gravenhorst: 5 Group controlled NEWHAVEN with direct bombing. H = 0100.

Reisholz: OBOE ground marking. H = 0125.

Monheim: OBOE ground marking. H = 0140.

STATISTICS

	<u>D.</u>	<u>G.</u>	<u>R.</u>	<u>M.</u>
No. of a/c despatched .....	528	165	173	128
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area .....	512	21	157	120
No. of a/c reporting attack on alternative area .....	1	1	2	-
No. of abortive sorties .....	15	143	14	8
No. of a/c missing .....	12	-	4	2
	(2.3%)		(2.3%)	(1.6%)

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

Dortmund: ) 9-10/10ths sc. (tops about 6,000 ft.) thin in places.

Reisholz: ) Wind at 15-20,000 ft., 320 degs., 35-40 m.p.h.

Monheim: )

Gravenhorst: 10/10ths low stratus, base 300 ft. (tops 2,500 ft.) Wind at 10,000 ft., 340 degs., 40 m.p.h.

CHARACTERISTICS OF ATTACK

Dortmund: Markers were well concentrated and their glow easily seen. Bombing was concentrated on markers. Many explosions and fires were reported.

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Gravenhorst: There was 10/10ths cloud over the target, and the Master Bomber instructed crews to abandon mission.

Reisholz: Most crews bombed on glow of markers. 4 explosions were reported, and a column of black smoke was seen rising through the cloud.

Mannheim: Aircraft bombed the glow of markers, which were well grouped. There were two large explosions.

#### RESULTS OF ATTACKS

7. Dortmund: The intention was to complete the destruction of the built up area in the Southern half of the town and associated industries.

Photographic cover was obtained on the afternoon following the Bomber Command attack, and also included 2 attacks by the U.S. 8th Air Force on 16th and 19th February, and this was followed by complete cover on 2nd March. South of the old City centre and South West of Dortmund-Süd Station severe damage was seen and on cover of 19th February large fires were still burning in this area which is made up chiefly of business, residential and light industrial buildings.

Reisholz: The intention was to destroy the oil refinery and finishing plant.

On the afternoon of the 22nd photographic cover revealed that this plant had been severely damaged and that production was suspended.

Mannheim: The intention was to destroy the oil refinery and finishing plant.

When photographic cover was obtained on the afternoon of the 21st February parts of the target were obscured by cloud and smoke from fires, but new severe damage was shown to the oil refinery. The large oil tank area was seen to be burning fiercely. On 14th March further cover revealed that there were no signs of activity in the severely damaged refinery section.

Both Reisholz and Mannheim were eventually abandoned.

#### ENEMY DEFENCES

8. Bombers were supported by a "MANDREL" screen behind the front line, a WINDOW feint from the Bonn area towards Hannover and another past Mannheim to Heilbronn, strengthened by a Mosquito raid on Mannheim and an attack by Liberators on Neustadt. A diversionary sweep made across the North Sea was designed to hold fighters in North West Germany and prevent them from flying against the main force. This was successful in that 3 enemy aircraft engaged our aircraft in combat over the sea, although knowledge of fighter movements in that area was virtually nil.

Ruhr based fighters managed to inflict casualties on our main forces. Interceptions were made on the last half of the Dortmund stream and there was intense combat along the route to Dortmund, over the target, and on the way out of the Ruhr. After the fighters had been drawn up towards Dortmund some of them found fresh contacts in the Cologne area upon the arrival from the east of the Halifaxes attacking Reisholz and Mannheim.

There was slight to moderate heavy flak at Dortmund and accurate predicted heavy flak to the North of Düsseldorf. Very slight heavy flak was experienced at Gravenhorst. At Reisholz there was a moderate to slight heavy flak barrage and some predicted flak. At Mannheim there was slight heavy flak from 7-17,000 ft. and some predicted.

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ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

1. 1 Me.110, 1 Me.109, 1 Ju.88, 1 Me.110 and 1 unidentified twin-engine aircraft were destroyed. 1 Me.110 and 1 Ju.88 were probably destroyed, and 2 Me.110's were damaged.

LOSALTES

10. 18 aircraft were lost on this night. 12 were lost from the Dortmund raid, 9 to fighters, 2 to flak and the fate of the 12th was unknown. 6 aircraft did not return from Reisholz and Linnheim, 4 being shot down by fighters and 1 by flak, and the 6th to unknown causes.

MANNHEIM

11. 2 attacks were made against Mannheim through 9-10/10ths str. cu. In the first, 11/12 Mosquitos bombed the town on Goe and the 12th on D.R. In the second, 3/4 Mosquitos bombed the town on OBOE and the fourth on I.R.

BERLIN

12. 2 attacks were made against the capital. The first attack was made by 12 Mosquitos through 7 to 9/10ths cloud (tops 7/12,000 ft.). Bomb bursts were seen in the target area. Approximately an hour later, a second attack was made by 50/54 Mosquitos through 2-7/10ths str. cu. (tops 5/10,000 ft.). Markers were well grouped and all aircraft bombed on markers. Many bomb bursts were seen, and a large explosion was reported.

DIVERSIONARY SWEEP

13. 91 heavies were despatched on a diversionary sweep over the North Sea.

BOMBER SUPPORT

14. 45 Mosquitos were active on intruder patrols. 20 Stirlings and Halifaxes operated a LONDAEL screen. 29 heavies dropped WINDOW. 10 aircraft operated JOSTLE. 1 aircraft was lost.

SIGNALS PATROLS

15. 6 Halifaxes and Mosquitos were despatched on Signals patrols.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

16. 6 Stirlings carried out special operations.

C/S.24949/1/Int.1.  
13th March, 1945.

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				PRD. ARR.	J.T. ARR.	OVER E.T.	NOT OVER E.T.	PER.	PL. CK.	FLIGHTS	NOT DUE TO BOB	PL. CK. ED	NOT DUE TO BOB					
DOZ ...	1	Lano-I	194	192	-	-	2	-	10+1	1,0+1	1,0+1	1,0+1	10	8	807.0	144.2		
		Lano-III	77	76	-	-	1	-	1+1	-	-	-	3	1	-	-		
	3	Lano-I	98	92	1	-	5	-	-	3	-	-	-	2	6	12800	82.	
		Lano-III	13	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	6	Lano-I	31	31	-	-	-	-	0+10	-	1,0	-	1 (Self Inflicted)	3	1	2132000	82.	
		Lano-X	53	53	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	1	7	772000	82.	
	8	Lano-I	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lano-III	44	44	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1,0	1,0 (N.G.)	2	3	-	-	
		Mosq. IX	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq. XVI	12	6	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			528	512	1	6	9	12	10+1	7+1	2,0+1	1+5,0	2+1,0+1E	23	20	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL (Dr. Rhine)	5	Lano-I	93	2	1	09	1	-	-	-	-	-	1+1,0	1	3	-	-	
		Lano-III	61	16	-	44	1	-	-	-	-	-	3 (Trayng)	-	1	-	-	
		Mosq. IV	5	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq. VI	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq. XX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			165	21	1	140	3	-	-	-	-	-	4+1,0	1	5	-	-	
RESEARCH	4	Hal. III	156	147	2	7	-	-	10+20	3+1,0	10+2,0	-	1,0+1E+1	11	6	370.9	2.2	
		8	Lano-I	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			Lano-III	4	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,000
			Mosq. IX	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32,000
GRAND TOTAL			173	157	2	14	-	10+20	3+1,0	10+2,0	-	1,0+1E+1	11	6	-	-		
RESEARCH	6	Hal. III	70	69	-	-	1	-	1	-	1,0	-	-	-	5	303.8	2.0	
		Hal. VII	42	42	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	24,000		
	8	Lano-III	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq. IX	5	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq. XVI	5	1	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			128	120	-	6	2	2	-	1,0	-	-	-	7	-	-		

(a) Cat. X., Belgian, Fighter. (c) Cat. C., Spinor, Eng. failure. Swung on landing. (b) Cat. E., Heimsberg, Cause O/K. (d) Cat. E., Julich, Fighter.

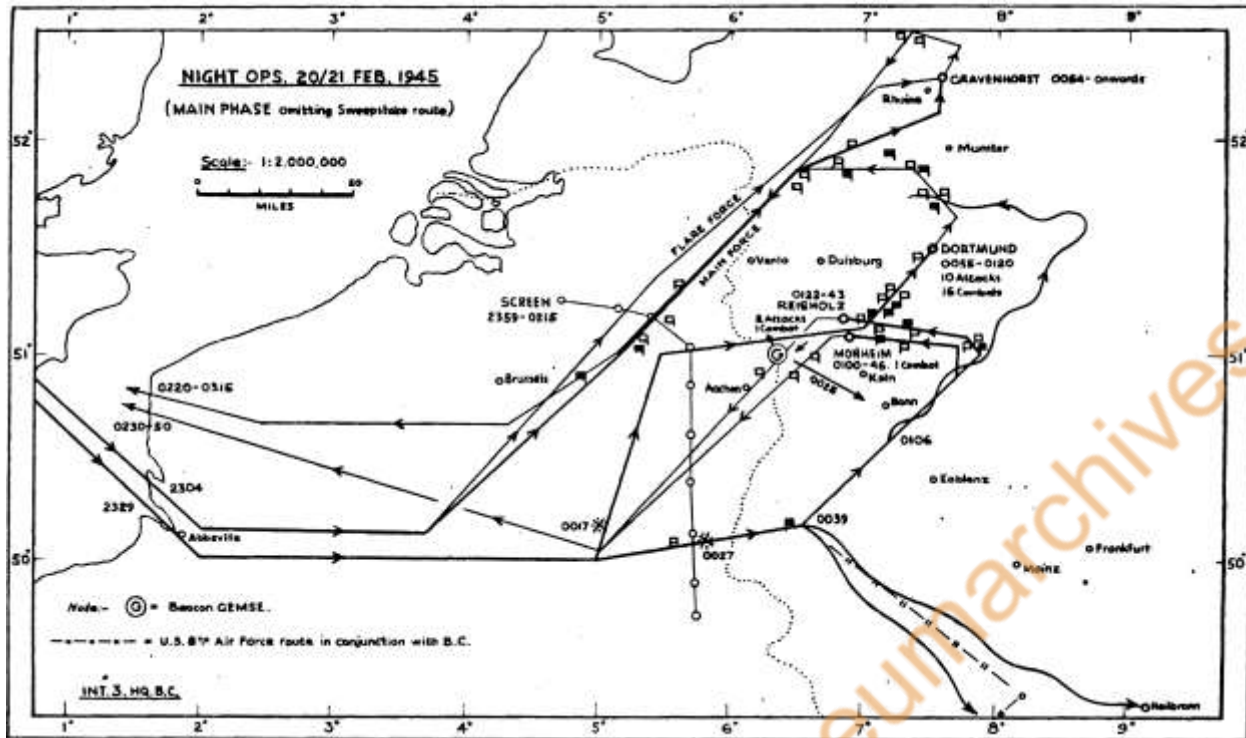
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TABLE	GROUP	A/C REPORT TYPE	BORTES	A/C REPORTING				RESULTS				TOTAL		HE.	IB.		
				PRD. ARR.	J.T. ARR.	OVER E.T.	NOT OVER E.T.	PER.	PL. CK.	FLIGHTS	NOT DUE TO BOB	PL. CK. ED	NOT DUE TO BOB				
RESEARCH	6	Mosq. XI	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq. XXV	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		GRAND TOTAL			12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RESEARCH	6	Mosq. IX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq. XVI	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		GRAND TOTAL			4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RESEARCH	8	Mosq. XVI	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq. XX	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq. XXV	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
RESEARCH	8	Mosq. XVI	19	18	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq. XX	7	7	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq. XXV	28	25	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			54	50	3	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			1076	888	7	167	14	184	11+1,0	1+5,0	1+5,0	1+5,0	7+3,0	30	11	-	-
RESEARCH	7	Lano.	64	61	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
		Hal.	26	25	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
		Stir.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			91	87	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	
RESEARCH	100	Various	104	103	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
RESEARCH	100	H. & H.	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			1277	1084	7	167	19	184	11+1,0	1+5,0	1+5,0	7+3,0	30	13	-	-	
RESEARCH	3	Various	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

0-1-3. \* NOT INCLUDED IN GRAND TOTAL





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BOMBER COLLECTIVE REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS  
21/22nd February, 1945

WORDS (Town): DUISBURG (Town), GRAVENHORST (Canal Embankments);  
Berlin (City): Bremen (Deschimag Shipyards): etc.

CARRY

3 major raids were carried out on this night against the towns of  
Duisburg and Gravenhorst, and the canal embankments at Gravenhorst. Mosquitoes bombed  
Berlin and the Deschimag Shipyards at Bremen. Aircraft were also active on  
Inner Support, Signals and 1st. Reconnaissance patrols, and 3 Group aircraft  
carried out special operations. From a total of 1,111 aircraft despatched, 34  
were lost (3.1%).

WEATHER FORECAST

Base: Fit, with moderate visibility, and little or no cloud South  
of the Wash, and broken str. cu. at 2,000 ft. North of the Wash.

Tarrets: Generally hazy with patches of cirrus.

WORDS: DUISBURG; GRAVENHORST;

PLANS OF ATTACK

- Words: OBOE groundmarking with emergency H.S.S. marking. H = 2030.  
Duisburg: OBOE groundmarking with emergency H.S.S. sky marking. H = 2300.  
Gravenhorst: 5 Group controlled GRAVENHORST with direct bombing. H = 2030.

WEATHER EXPERIENCED

Moon: Half full.

Words: No cloud. Wind at 18,000 ft., 035 degs., 55-60 m.p.h.

Duisburg: Small patches of str. cu. or str. cir. and cirrus contrails semi-  
persistent at 19,500 ft. Wind at 18,000 ft., 040 degs.,  
50-55 m.p.h.

Gravenhorst: Clear. Visibility moderate downward, excellent  
horizontally. Wind at 11,000 ft., 260 degs., 40 m.p.h.

RESULTS

	W.	D.	G.
No. of a/c despatched .....	349	373	177
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area .....	339	364	163
No. of a/c reporting attack on alternative area .....	1	-	-
No. of abortive sorties .....	10	9	14
No. of a/c missing .....	17	7	9
	(4.8%)	(1.9%)	(5.1%)

NARRATIVES OF ATTACK

Words: Marking was reported as accurate, well concentrated and  
plentiful throughout the attack. Size crews were able to identify the target  
visually. Bombing was considered concentrated although there was some evidence  
of undershooting. Fires obtained a good hold and several explosions were  
observed with 4 particularly large ones. Fires left burning were visible for  
50 miles on the homeward journey.

/over ....

Duisburg: Winds were different from those forecast and the majority of aircraft reached the target a little late, by which time darkness had disappeared into cloud and crews experienced difficulty in identifying the exact target area. Reports indicated that although some bombing was accurately placed around the works, there was a tendency for some of the later bombing to undershoot. A number of explosions occurred with black smoke rising to 12,000 ft.

Gravenherst: Bombing was reported as accurate and this was confirmed by night photos.

#### RESULTS OF ATTACKS

7. Worms: The intention was to destroy the built up area and associated industries and rail facilities.

Photographic cover obtained on the 28th February revealed very extensive destruction with large areas of complete gutting. The town centre was almost completely destroyed and there was severe damage to the industrial area to the South of the town. The inland port and marshalling yard which lie to the North of the town escaped with comparatively minor damage.

Duisburg: The intention was to complete the destruction of the built up area, and to cause the maximum disruption of road and rail transport.

On the afternoon following the raid extensive new damage was seen round the mining point, including damage to business and residential buildings, transportation facilities and industrial premises.

Gravenherst: The intention was to destroy canal embankments.

Very heavy and concentrated damage was caused to the canal and day reconnaissance on 9th March revealed that although reconstruction was in progress the canal at Gravenherst was still 100% unserviceable. Repairs which had been effected since our raid on 1st January were all annulled by the attack on 21/22nd February.

#### ENEMY DEFENCES

8. There were two phases of operations. In the first phase, simultaneous attacks were made on Worms (S.W. Germany) and Gravenherst (N.E. of the Ruhr). Both the approach routes were covered by separate searchlight screens. Between the two main forces a WINDOW feint was flown from Duisburg to Cologne. The Gravenherst force was plotted an hour before T.O.T. and fighters were sent up from Wehrta to meet the incoming bombers in the S. and S.E. of St. Tr. n. Other fighters came up from the Ruhr and Twente and contacted the Gravenherst force as it turned S.W. for home across Holland. Combats continued over the battle front, one unit following to the Channel. In the South a plot was obtained 45 minutes before the attack on Worms began, and fighters were sent to Mannheim, whence they contacted a few bombers approaching the target, a large number at the target, and some more on the homeward route. There was slight light flak at Worms, and slight to moderate light flak at Gravenherst with a few bursts of heavy flak up to 12,000 ft.

In the second phase, 2½ hours later, the target was Duisburg, and a WINDOW feint covered Cologne. Fighters were airborne 40 minutes before the attack started and intercepted on the way out from the target and across Holland, causing losses. There was slight to moderate predicted heavy flak.

#### ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

9. The following enemy aircraft were claimed destroyed :- 2 Ju.88, 2 FW.190, 1 Me.262, 1 Me.410, 1 Me.110, 1 Me.109, 2 single-engine and 1 unidentified enemy aircraft. 1 Ju.88 and 1 Me.110 were probably destroyed, and 2 Me.110, 1 Me.410, 2 Ju.88 and 1 FW.190 were claimed damaged.

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CASUALTIES

10. 33 aircraft failed to return from these attacks. 17 were lost from the Worms attack - 10 to fighters, 2 to flak and the fate of the remaining 5 was unknown. 7 were lost from Duisburg - 4 to fighters and 3 to flak. 9 were lost from Gravenhurst, 6 to fighters, 1 to flak and 2 in a collision.

BERLIN

11. 2 attacks were made against the capital. The first attack by 28/31 Mosquitos was made on the markers which were fairly scattered. Approximately 4 hours later 42/46 Mosquitos made a second attack and bombed on markers which were generally well grouped. The built up area was clearly visible and a good fire was reported.

BRUNNEN

12. 3/5 CBOB Mosquitos bombed the Deschamps Shipyard on D.R.

BOOPER SUPPORT

13. 33/35 Mosquitos carried out Low Level Intruder patrols, and 6/6 completed High Level Intruder patrols. 20 Stirlings and Halifaxes formed a screen, and 23/25 aircraft dropped WILSON. 9/9 aircraft operated JUSTICE and PIPEBACK.

SIGNALS PATROLS

14. 5/6 aircraft completed signals patrols.

LET. RECONNAISSANCE

15. 1 Mosquito was despatched on a Let. Reconnaissance.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

16. 28 Stirlings and Hudsons were despatched on special operations. 1 aircraft was lost.

BO/S.24943/1/Int.1.  
23rd March, 1945.

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Enemy Defences - Interception/Tactics 43/45.

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPORTED ATTACK ON				AGGRESSIVE SORTIES				INTERCEPTIONS				RESULTS	
				PHIL. AREA	ALT. AREA	OVENS E. P.	NO. OVER	INT. INT.	INT. INT.	INT. INT.	INT. INT.	ATTACKED	NOT ATTACKED	IA.	IB.		
GR. VICTORIES	5	Lanc. I	102	95	-	5	2	10+22	1	-	-	-	1.0	4	6	11.8	4.7
		Lanc. III	65	61	-	4	-	3+28	-	-	-	-	1.0	3	3	-	-
		Lanc. IV	5	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc. XX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc. XXV	3	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GR. VICT. TOTAL			177	163	-	11	3	10+22	1	-	-	2.0	7	9	-	-	
WORKS	4	Bal. VI	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	55.7	577.1
		Bal. III	17	17	-	-	2	10	1	1.0	-	18	7	5	-	-	
		Bal. VII	69	69	-	-	-	17	3	-	-	1	4	4	-	-	
		Lanc. I	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
		Lanc. III	35	34	1	-	-	10+18	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
WORKS TOTAL			119	119	1	6	34	17+18	3	1.0	-	12+1	13	11	-	-	
BERLIN	8	Lanc. XVI	14	12	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.4	2.5
		Lanc. XX	4	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12x1000 HC	-
		Lanc. XXV	13	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20x1000 HC	-
BERLIN TOTAL			31	28	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BERLIN	8	Lanc. XVI	24	22	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc. XX	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc. XXV	16	14	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BERLIN TOTAL			46	42	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BERLIN	8	Lanc. XVI	5	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.8	-
TOTAL			1083	1036	8	25	14	31+32	10+14	1.0	50+1	13+22	33	31	-	-	

- NOTES:
1. Both fighter.
  2. One fighter, one unknown.
  3. One flak.
  4. One engine failure.

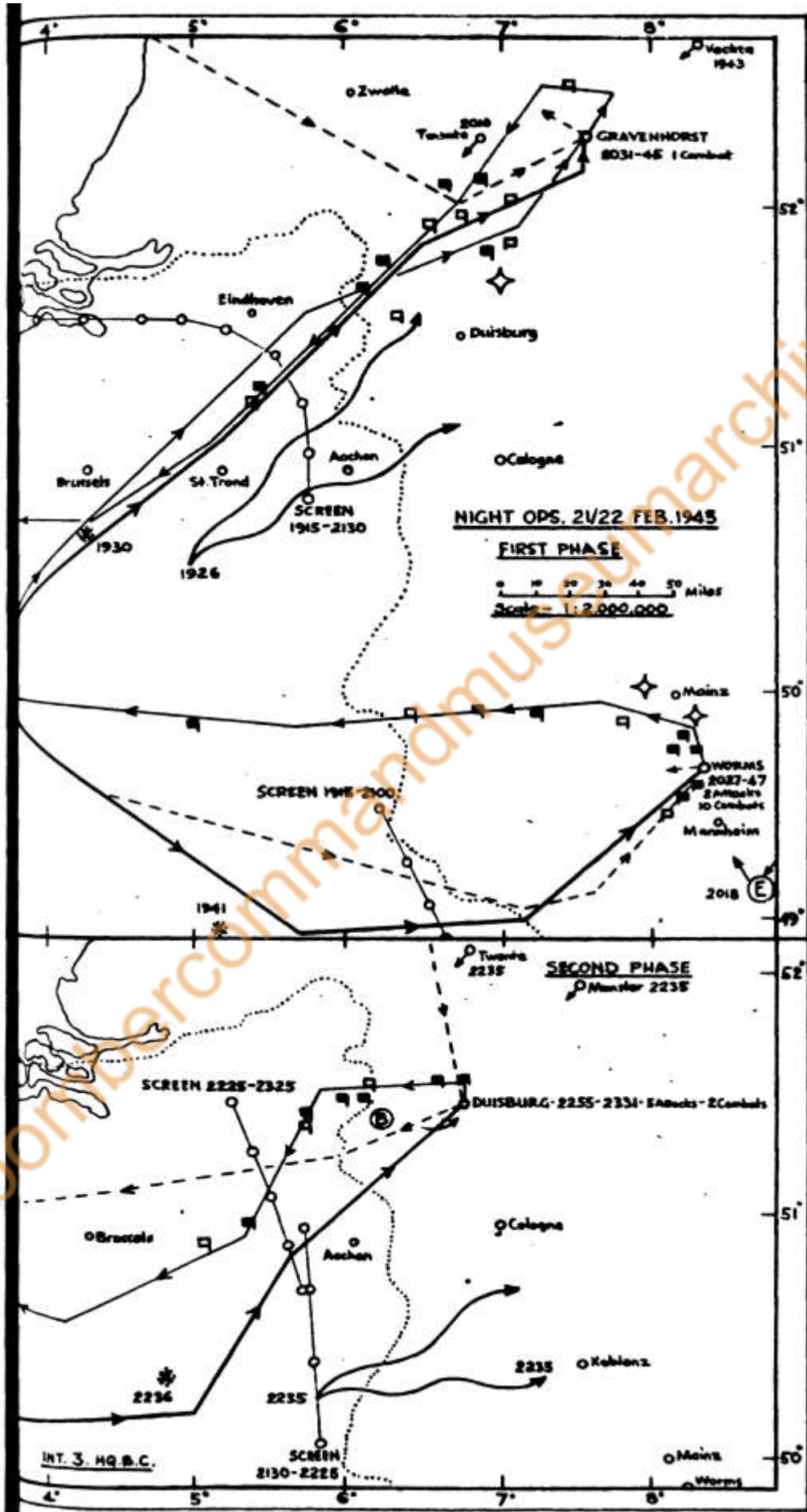
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TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPORTED ATTACK ON				AGGRESSIVE SORTIES				INTERCEPTIONS				RESULTS	
				PHIL. AREA	ALT. AREA	OVENS E. P.	NO. OVER	INT. INT.	INT. INT.	INT. INT.	INT. INT.	ATTACKED	NOT ATTACKED	IA.	IB.		
DISBURG	1	Lanc. I	177	170	-	7	2	5+28	2	-	-	-	-	5	5	105.5	928.3
		Lanc. III	68	67	-	-	1	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10x1000 HC	-
		Lanc. I	30	30	-	-	1	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	3	-	10x1000 HC	-
		Lanc. X	55	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	20x1000 HC	-
		Lanc. I	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10x1000 HC	-
DISBURG TOTAL			373	364	-	7	2	7+28	10+14	1.0	50+1	13+22	33	31	-	-	
TOTAL			981	939	-	25	9	33+32	10+14	1.0	50+1	13+22	33	31	-	-	
DISBURG	100	Various	95	91	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DISBURG	100	H. & H.	6	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DISBURG	8	Lanc.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL			1083	1036	8	25	14	31+32	10+14	1.0	50+1	13+22	33	31	-	-	
DISBURG	3	Various	28	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

D.R.S. 3.

NOT INCLUDED IN GR. VICT. TOTAL

- NOTES:
5. One fighter, one (possibly) flak.
  6. One flak - also damaged by fighter.



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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS

22/23rd February, 1945

TARGETS FOR LOS QUITUS:

Berlin (City):  
 Erfurt (Town):  
 Bremen (Deschimag Shipyards):  
 Osnabruck-Paderborn-Kassel-Göttingen (Towns):

SUMMARY

1. Berlin: 72/73 Mosquitos bombed the capital through 10/10ths cloud (tops 12/15,000 ft.). Marking was accurate and the majority bombed on sky markers. The attack was well concentrated and numerous bomb bursts were seen in the marked area. Two explosions were reported.
2. Erfurt: 3/4 Mosquitos bombed the city through 10/10ths cloud (tops 8,10,000 ft.).
3. Bremen: 4/6 CBCE Mosquitos made successfully controlled runs against the Deschimag Shipyards. The other two aircraft bombed the target on Gee.
4. Osnabruck-Paderborn-Kassel-Göttingen: 3/3 Mosquitos bombed these four towns through 10/10ths cloud (tops 8/10,000 ft.).
5. Counter Measures: 23/23 Mosquitos carried out High Level Intruder patrols, and 11/16 carried out Low Level Intruder patrols. 16 aircraft dropped WINDOW and 12 operated a MANDREL screen.
6. Signals Patrols: 4 aircraft completed signals patrols.
7. Met. Reconnaissance: 1 Mosquito completed a Met. Reconnaissance patrol.
8. Special Operations: 19 aircraft of 3 Group were despatched on special operations.

WEATHER OVER BASES

9. Forecast: Cloud base probably at 1,000 ft. at worst, with light rain and moderate visibility, and layers of medium cloud above.

SORTIES

10. No. of aircraft despatched .....	158
No. of aircraft reporting attack on primary area .....	150
No. of aircraft reporting attack on alternative area .....	1
No. of abortive sorties .....	7
No. of aircraft missing .....	-

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

11. Forecast: S.E. of a line C-1 pre-Stettin, fine with haze.  
Experience: All targets - 10/10ths cloud.

ENEMY DEFENCES

12. Enemy defences were negligible.

CASUALTIES

13. No losses were incurred on this night.

N/S. 2/942/1/Int. 1.  
 23rd March 1945.



TARGET	GROUP	SQUADRON TYPE	SORTIES	A/C SORTING		APPROXIMATE SORTIES		CLASS	RESULTS				DISTRIBUTION		RESULTS		
				PREL. OK	L.T. OK	OVER	NOT		OK	PLACED	REPT. DC.	NOT	PLACED	NOT	11.	12.	
BERLIN	8	Squad. XVI	23	22	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	750	1.1
		Squad. XX	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	214,000	12.
		Squad. XV	48	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BERLIN TOTAL			73	72	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
REPORT	8	Squad. XVI	4	3	-	-	1	1E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
RUSSIA	8	Squad. XVI	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GEN. BRUCE- P. DERBORN - GOTTING	8	Squad. XX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Squad. XV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	
GEN. BRUCE- P. DERBORN - GOTTING TOTAL			3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BOMBING	100	Various	86	84	1	-	1	1E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BOMBING	100	Various	67	61	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SIGNAL PLACES	100	H.	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
NET. REPT.	8	Various	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			158	150	1	-	7	1E	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
REPT. ONLY	3	Various	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

O. R. S. J.

<sup>a</sup> Due to fuel shortage.

<sup>\*</sup> NOT INCLUDED IN GRAND TOTAL.

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COMBEP COMBINED REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS  
23/24th February, 1945

TARGETS FOR HEAVIES:

Pforzheim (Town):  
Horten (U-Boats and Shipping):  
Oslo Fjord and Frierikstad (Minelaying):

TARGETS FOR SORTIES:

Berlin (Town):  
Worms (Town):  
Darmstadt (Town):  
Frankfurt (Town):  
Essen (Town):

SUMMARY

1. A successful attack was made by 369/375 Lancasters and 11 squirts on Pforzheim, resulting in large scale destruction. U-boats and shipping were bombed at Horten, and mines were laid in Oslo Fjord and Frierikstad. Berlin was bombed, and feint attacks were made against Worms, Darmstadt, Frankfurt and Essen. 100 Group aircraft carried out bomber support missions, and 3 Group despatched aircraft on special operations.

WEATHER OVER BASES

2. Forecast: Reasonably fit.

Experienced: Cloud base 500-1,000 ft. for take off. In East Anglia and Lincolnshire fog and mist about midnight.

PFORZHEIM and HORTEN

PLANS OF ATTACK

3. Pforzheim: Controlled NEWHAVEN with OBOE groundmarking and emergency skymarking. H = 2000 P.S.T.

Horten: 5 Group NEWHAVEN and indirect bombing, 11 squirts to mark the aiming point or the alternative area North of the Canal and as near as possible to the aiming point. As a last resort crews could bomb shipping visually if in open water and North of 5915 N. H = 2040 P.S.T.

SORTIES

	<u>P.</u>	<u>H.</u>
4. No. of aircraft despatched .....	375	83
No. of aircraft reporting attack on primary area .....	369	83
No. of abortive sorties .....	6	-
No. of aircraft missing .....	10	1
	(2.7%)	(1.2%)

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

5. Home:  $\frac{3}{4}$  full.

Pforzheim:

Forecast: Probably no low cloud. Medium cloud, if any, will be thin with base above 16,000 ft. Visibility poor.

Experienced: Clear, local ground haze. Wind at 5,000 ft., 280-300 degs., 20 m.p.h.

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Horten:

Forecast: St. cu. cloud (tops 6,000 ft.), and probably well broken medium cloud above 15,000 ft. Visibility good.

Experienced: As forecast.

RESULTS OF ATTACKS

6. Pforzheim: The intention was to destroy the built up area and associated industries and rail facilities.

This was an outstanding attack with destruction on a scale as complete as any target ever attacked. There was hardly a single building left intact throughout the whole area, and apart from the tremendous gutting by fires many areas of buildings were levelled to the ground. Damage to railway facilities was also heavy, the goods yard was completely burnt out, rolling stock destroyed, two of the river bridges had collapsed and the road over the rail bridge spanning the marshalling yard was hit and rendered unserviceable.

Horten: The intention was to sink U-boats and shipping, and to destroy dock-yard facilities.

Cover obtained on the day after the attack showed very severe damage to the dockyard area which has been practically devastated. A large floating crane, a floating workshop and many vessels which were seen alongside before the attack were no longer present at the time of photography.

ENEMY DEFENCES

7. Bombers flew South of Paris at a low altitude (below 5,000 ft.) to attack Pforzheim, preserving signals silence, and having only 60 miles of enemy territory to cross. At the same time a WINDOW feint was directed towards Neuss strengthened by a MADRAEL screen moving up with it, while COBALT Mosquitoes bombed Essen. The enemy put up locally based fighters about the time our bombers reached the battle line, and an order was received 3 minutes after zero hour instructing them to fly towards the flares which must have been visible in the clear conditions prevailing. 3 attacks and 1 combat were made over the target, 6 attacks and 6 combats on the first two legs out, and 1 attack and 1 combat on the western route home. There was heavy and light flak at Pforzheim and visual targets were accurately engaged.

There was little fighter reaction at Horten, and light flak which was greater in volume than anticipated, diminished after marking was completed.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

8. 4 Ju.88, 1 Ju.188, 2 Me.262 and 1 Me.410 were claimed as destroyed, and 2 Me.410 as damaged.

CASUALTIES

9. 14/648 (2.2%) were lost. 12 were lost from the Pforzheim and Signals Patrol forces, 8 to fighters, 3 to flak and the remaining aircraft fate unknown. 1 Lancaster was shot down by a Ju.88 over Horten. 1 Mosquito did not return from Berlin. In addition, 1 Stirling failed to return from special operations.

BERLIN

10. 70 Mosquitoes bombed the capital through 15/10ths cloud (tops 20/30,000 ft. Some bombed on markers and others on navigational aids. A number of bomb flashes were seen in the marked area and an explosion was reported.

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WOLFS

11. 6/6 Mosquitos made a feint attack on the town and bombed on Gee through 10/10ths cloud.

DRESDEN

12. 4/4 Mosquitos made a feint attack on the town and bombed on Gee through 10/10ths cloud.

FRANKFURT

13. A feint attack was made on the town through 10/10ths cloud. 3/4 bombed on D.R. and the fourth on Gee.

ESSEN

14. 3/4 Mosquitos made a feint attack on the town through 10/10ths cloud and bombed on GBOE. The fourth aircraft bombed on D.R.

MINELAYING

15. 21/22 Lancasters laid 126 mines in Oslo Fjord and off Friedrikstad.

BOMBER SUPPORT

16. 18/19 Mosquitos carried out High Level and 6/6 Mosquitos Low Level Intruder patrols. 10/10 aircraft operated a WINDMILL screen and 8/8 aircraft operated JUSTICE and PIPERACK. 26/27 aircraft dropped WINDOW.

SIGNALS PATROLS

17. 7/9 aircraft completed signals patrols.

MET. RECONNAISSANCE

18. 1 Mosquito was despatched on a Met. Reconnaissance.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

19. 13 aircraft of 3 Group were despatched on special operations. One failed to return.

EC/S.24949/1/Int.1.  
25th March, 1945.

REFERENCES

Day Reconnaissance - Interpretation Reports  
K.3838 and E.3840.  
Enemy Defences - Interception/Tactics 45/45.

MARKET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	% REPORTING ATTACK ON				MILES	DIRECTION				RESULTS			
				PRIL		OVER			L.A.	P.L.	B.R.	N.O.	A.P.	N.O.	H.L.	I.B.
				REL.	REL.	E.T.	O/R									
PPOBZEL	1	Lanc. I	190	190	-	-	-	1.0	1	1.0	18+1.0	1.0	5	1	731.5	820.7
		Lanc. III	68	68	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	1	158x1000 HC.	
		Lanc. I	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72x1000 HC.	
		Lanc. X	50	50	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	52x2000 HC.	
		Lanc. I	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Lanc. III	50	50	-	-	-	1E	-	-	-	-	1	1		
		seq. IX	4	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		seq. XVI	8	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
seq.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
NET & MIDW. LOSS				375	369	-	6	-	10+1.0	1	1.0	18+2.0	1.0	11	6	
PPOBZEL TOTAL																
BURLIN	8	seq. XVI	38	38	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	51.1	1.3
		seq. XX	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36x1000 HC.	
		seq. XXV	25	25	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BURLIN TOTAL				70	70	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-			
WORM	8	seq. XXV	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	1.0	
D. HILL	8	seq. XXV	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	1.0	
FL. K. HILL	8	seq. XXV	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	1.0	
ROSS	8	seq. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4.5	4	
seq. XVI	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2x1000 HC.		
ROSS TOTAL				4	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-			
BORTON	5	Lanc. I	34	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	216.5	4.9
OSLO FJORD		Lanc. III	39	39	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
seq. IV		4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
seq. VI		1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
seq. XX		2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
seq. XXV	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
BORTON TOTAL				83	83	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-			
BOMBAY TOTAL				546	539	-	6	-	12+2.0	1	2.0	18+2.0	1.0	11	6	

a. Incendiary Bombs. b. Fighter. c. .../over.

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MARKET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	% REPORTING ATTACK ON				MILES	DIRECTION				RESULTS			
				PRIL		OVER			L.A.	P.L.	B.R.	N.O.	A.P.	N.O.	H.L.	I.B.
				REL.	REL.	E.T.	O/R									
WALSLEY	5	Lanc. I	5	8	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OSLO FJORD		Lanc. III	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WALSLEY TOTAL	6	Lanc. I	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1		
NET & MIDW. LOSS	100	Various	70	68	-	2	-	-	-	-	1E	-	-			
NET & MIDW. LOSS	100	b. & h.	9	7	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
NET & MIDW. LOSS	8	seq.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
GRAND TOTAL				648	636	-	7	4	14+2.0	2	2.0	18+2.0	1E+1.0	11	7	
NET & MIDW. LOSS				15	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-		

0.0.3. NOT INCLUDED IN GRAND TOTAL.

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BOEHR COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS  
24/25th FEBRUARY, 1948.

TARGETS FOR HELMIES

Kattegat, Oslo, Forsgrund, Sandefjord (Minelaying):

TARGETS FOR MOSQUITOS

Berlin (Town):  
Neuss (Town):  
Dessau-Halle-Airport (Towns):

SUMMARY.

1. Berlin: 63/63 Mosquitos attacked the capital in clear to 3/10ths cloud and good visibility. Crews experienced no difficulty in identifying the excellent concentration of markers although the enemy deployed dummies in some profusion. Reports indicated that the main concentration of the attack appeared to fall in the built up area between the Unter-den-Linden and the Tempelhof aerodrome. Fires were started which later gave off much smoke.
2. Neuss: 15/16 Mosquitos bombed the town on Red T.I.'s which were reported as exceedingly well grouped. Bomb bursts were observed in the vicinity of the markers, one causing an explosion.
3. Dessau-Halle-Airport: 1/3 aircraft bombed all three towns on H.P.S. The other 2 a/c bombed Berlin on H.P.S.
4. Minelaying: 32/35 Lancasters laid 160 mines in the Kattegat, in Sandefjord, off Oslo and Forsgrund.
5. Diversionary Sweep: 74/75a/c carried out a diversionary sweep over North France.
6. Int. Reconnaissance: 2 Mosquitos completed Int. Recon flights.
7. Counter-Measures: 13 Mosquitos carried out High Level and 10 Mosquitos carried out Low Level Intruder patrols. 11 aircraft formed a MANDREL screen and 2 a/c carried out signals patrols. 24 a/c dropped WINDOW.

WEATHER OVER P.A.S.S

8. Forecast: Fit, with well broken sc. above 1500 ft. and moderate or good visibility.

Experienced: as forecast.

SORTIES

9. No. of a/c despatched . . . . .	256
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area . . . . .	244
No. of a/c reporting attack on alternative area . . . . .	2
No. of abortive sorties . . . . .	10
No. of a/c missing . . . . .	5 (2.0%)

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WEATHER OVER TARGETS.

10. Ruhr:

Forecast: Patches of st. cu. below 5,000 ft. Good chance of less than 5/10ths.

Experienced: Clear conditions, bright moonlight.

Kattegat & Oslo:

Forecast: Variable amounts of sc. about 5/10ths (tops 5-6,000 ft.). Layers of medium cloud (base - 10/12,000 ft.).

Experienced: Clear conditions, bright moonlight.

ENEMY DEFENCES:

11. The enemy reacted to our MANDREL screen and WINDOW feint against Neuss with his Ruhr based fighters, probably about 30 a/c in all. The fighters which appeared over the target soon after the attack began took advantage of bright weather conditions and shot down 5 bombers. There was a good deal of predicted flak in the Neuss area.

The minelayers going to Norway were plotted but no incidents occurred except to one Lancaster briefed to lay mines off N.W. Jutland, which was intercepted by a Ju.88 returning Skagerrak. There was some accurate predicted flak over Oslo Fiord.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED.

12. 1 Me.410 and 1 Ju.88 were claimed damaged.

CASUALTIES.

13. 5 a/c were lost - believed to have been shot down by fighters.

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28th March, 1945.



TABLE	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	✓G REPORTING ATTACHE'S				DAMAGE					RESULTS			
				PHIL. ABL.	INT. ABL.	OTHER	NOT OVER	BLG	POLE	PROP. TR.	HTY. INC. DO. HAI	ROOF DO. HAI	ATTACH. DO.	NO. HAI	DE.	IR.
RESULTS	8	Boeq. XVI	32	32	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	76.8	3.1
		Boeq. XX	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Boeq. XXV	20	20	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	50x1000	DE.
RESULTS TOTAL			63	63	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RESULTS	8	Boeq. IX	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.9	1.3
		Boeq. XVI	12	10	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	DE.	DO. HAI
		Boeq. XXV	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RESULTS TOTAL			18	15	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RESULTS	8	Boeq. XX	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	DEBRIS
		RESULTS TOTAL			3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
RESULTS	1	Lanc. I	9	8	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc. III	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	180
		Lanc. I	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	mines
		Lanc. I	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc. III	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc. I	10	8	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RESULTS TOTAL			35	32	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL SORTIES		Various	58	55	-	-	3	1 (Port)	1 (Loss)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SIGHTED TARGETS		Boeq.	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DIVERSIONARY SWEEP		Lanc.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc.	25	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Hal.	19	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Ball.	15	14	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Ball.	15	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DIVERSIONARY SWEEP TOTAL			75	74	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL		Boeq.	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			250	244	2	4	6	5	3	-	-	-	-	18	-	1

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BOMBER COASTAL REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS.  
25/26th FEBRUARY, 1945.

TARGETS FOR HEAVIES.

Oslo Fiord (Minelaying):

TARGETS FOR MOSQUITOS.

Erfurt (Town):  
Berlin (Town):  
Mainz (Town):  
Bremen (Deschimag Shipyards):

SUMMARY.

1. Erfurt: 59/63 Mosquitos attacked through 10/10ths cloud (tops 10,000 ft. base 6,000 ft.) and scattered cloud below. Most aircraft came below cloud and bombed on the T.I.'s which were well placed, and bombing was accurate. Numerous fires were seen as crews left the target and explosions were observed.
2. Berlin: 8/10 Mosquitos bombed through 10/10ths cloud, 7 on E.S. and 1 on D.R. No results were observed, but the enemy reacted with numerous dummy markers some miles North and West of the target.
3. Mainz: 9/10 Mosquitos bombed from 18/28,000 ft. through 10/10ths cloud (tops about 15,000 ft. with layered cirrus above up to 25,000 ft.). Crews bombed on markers or on their glow in the cloud. No results were observed.
4. Bremen: 5/6 Mosquitos bombed the Deschimag shipyards on OEDE. The sixth bombed on D.R.
5. Minelaying: 9/10 Halifaxes laid 36 mines in Oslo Fiord.
6. Counter-Measures: 9/11 Mosquitos completed Low Level and 12/12 Mosquitos completed High Level Intruder patrols. 6/8 aircraft formed a JAGGER screen.
7. Special Operations: 20 a/c of 3 Group completed special operations.

WEATHER OVER BASES.

8. Forecast: Generally workable with low cloud 1200-1500 ft. or above. Moderate visibility, and perhaps occasional outbreaks of light rain.

Experienced: As forecast.

SCREENS.

9. No. of a/c despatched . . . . .	131
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area . . . . .	119
No. of a/c reporting attack on alternative area . . . . .	3
No. of abortive sorties . . . . .	6
No. of a/c missing . . . . .	1 (C.I.)

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WEATHER OVER TARGETS.

10. Forecast: Continent N. of 50° N. much medium and low cloud in layers (tops to 18-20,000 ft.) merging near the N. coast of Germany.

S.E. Oslo - clearances better than over Germany.

Experienced: Germany - 10/10ths multi-layer cloud from 26,000 to 3,500 ft. with icing from 7-11,000 ft.

Oslo Fiord - clear skies.

EARLY DEFENCES.

11. A MINNREL screen supported the Mosquito attack on Mainz, but no fighter reaction was traced.

There was moderate to intense light flak in the Oslo Fiord region.

CASUALTIES.

12. 1 mine-layer was lost - believed hit by flak from a ship in Oslo Fiord.

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28th March, 1945.

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TARGET	GROUP	MINE PT TYPE	BOUNTIES	A/C REPORTING ATTACK ON		BOUNTIES SCHEDULE		ESS-LOG	D.I.F.F.				DESCRIPTIONS		RESULTS	
				PRIME .RES.	SEC. .RES.	OVER E.T.	NOT OVER E.T.		FILE	PLUM	TYPE	HT	APPROX. HZ	NOT APPROX. HZ	...	IR
OSLO FJORD	B	req. IX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72.1	.7
		req. XVI	25	25	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,000 ft.	-
		req. XX	30	29	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		req. XXV	6	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			63	59	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BERLIN		req. XVI	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.1	-
		req. XX	6	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		req. XXV	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			10	8	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MAINZ	B	req. XVI	10	9	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.6	.7	
														23,000 ft.	-	
BERGEN	B	req. XVI	6	6	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	10.7	-	
														5,000 ft.	-	
														1,000 ft.	-	
			89	82	3	2	2	-	1,042	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MINNREL																
OSLO FJORD	B	M.L. III	10	9	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	36 mines.	
MINNREL	100	M.L. III & B.	21	27	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
OSLO FJORD	B	req.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			131	119	3	2	6	1	1,042	-	-	-	-	-	-	
EXCL. OSLO FJORD			20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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\* NOT INCLUDED IF GR.D. 1000.

BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS  
26/27th FEBRUARY, 1945.

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TARGETS FOR MOSQUITOS

- Berlin (Town):
- Munberg (Town):
- Emden, Oldenburg, Bremen, Osnabruck (Towns):

SUMMARY.

1. Berlin: 36/38 Mosquitos bombed in clear weather. Large fires were reported still burning from the U.S.A.A.F. day attack. Markers were well grouped in the aiming point area and all aircraft bombed on them.
2. Munberg: 35/38 Mosquitos bombed through 10/10ths cloud (tops 7,000 ft.). Aircraft bombed on markers and many bomb flashes were seen close to marked area.
3. Emden, Oldenburg, Bremen, Osnabruck: 2/3 Mosquitos bombed all four towns on H.2.S. and the ~~third~~ bombed Osnabruck on Gee.
4. Counter-Measures: 6/6 Mosquitos carried out Low Level Intruder patrols.
5. Signals Patrols: 1 a/c completed a Signals patrol.
6. Met. Reconnaissance: 1 a/c was despatched on a Met. Recce flight.
7. Special Operations: 18 a/c of 3 Group carried out special operations.

WEATHER OVER BASES.

8. Forecast: Thick cloud to great heights, but probably with lanes at the higher levels.

Experienced: As forecast.

SORTIES

9. No. of a/c despatched . . . . .	87
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area . . . . .	82
No. of a/c reporting attack on alternative area . . . . .	2
No. of abortive sorties . . . . .	3
No. of a/c missing . . . . .	-

WEATHER OVER TARGETS.

10. Forecast: Heavy convection cloud will extend a short distance inland over Germany. South of front over Germany 10/10ths st.cu. generally with a few breaks and only patches of medium cloud.

Experienced: Clear weather over Berlin. 10/10ths cloud over Munberg.

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EARLY DEFENCES.

11. Slight flak was experienced at Nurnberg. There was no fighter reaction.

CASUALTIES.

12. 1 a/c of 3 Group on special operations was shot down by flak.

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31st. March.1945.

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	% REPORTED ATTACK ON SORTIES				LOSS-INC	LOSS				INFLICTIONS		RESULTS		
				PRIM. A/R.	LT. A/R.	OVER E. T.	NOV. OVER E. T.		DOWN	FLATER	DIRT. DCS. BOMBS	NOT DUE TO E/...	ATT. TO DO	ATT. TO DO	HE.	IB.	
BERLIN	B	Hooq-XX Hooq-XXV	12 26	11 25	1 -	- -	- 1	- 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	27.5	1.3
BERLIN TOTAL			38	36	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MUNICH	B	Hooq-IX Hooq-XVI	3 35	2 33	1 1	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	54.3	1.2
MUNICH TOTAL			38	35	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,000	12.
STRASSBURG-GRAND-GRAND	B	Hooq-XVI Hooq-XX Hooq-XXV	1 1 1	1 1 1	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	.4 .4 .4	- - -
STRASSBURG TOTAL			3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5	-
BOHEMIA TOTAL			79	74	2	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOHEMIA SUPPORT	100	Hooq.	6	6	-	-	-	1 (Hooq)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
STRASSBURG TOTALS	100	Hooq.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL	B	Hooq.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			87	82	2	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EXC. OPS.	3	Various	18	-	-	-	-	1 (Strategic)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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\* NOT INCLUDED IN GRAND TOTAL.

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS  
27/28th FEBRUARY, 1945.

TARGETS FOR MOSQUITOS

Berlin (Town)  
Bremen (Deschimag Shipyards):

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SUMMARY.

1. Berlin: 2 attacks were made on the town through 10/10ths cloud. The first attack was made by 55/55 Mosquitos from 22/28,000 ft. The majority of crews bombed on markers before they disappeared into cloud. The remainder bombed on floater T.I's which were clearly visible forming a line N.E./S.W. across the target. Bomb flashes seen through the cloud indicated that the attack was generally confined to the centre of the marker concentration.

Six hours later 41/41 Mosquitos made a second attack from 24/27,000 ft. The majority of crews bombed on floater T.I's which were seen W - E across the target. The remainder bombed the glow of markers as they fell into cloud. Bombing was generally directed at the centre of the marker group, but weather conditions prevented any observations of results or bomb flashes.

2. Bremen: 6/6 Mosquitos carried out a feint attack on the Deschimag shipyards from 30,000 ft. through 10/10ths cloud. 5 bombed on OBOE and 1 on D.R.

3. Diversionary Sweep: 85 aircraft completed a diversionary sweep over the North Sea.

4. Counter-Measures: 27/29 Mosquitos carried out High Level and 3 Mosquitos carried out Low Level intruder patrols. 16/17 aircraft formed a LAMBRILL screen and 32 aircraft dropped WINDOW.

5. Signals Patrols: 9/10 aircraft were despatched on Signals patrols.

6. Met. Recce: 1 Mosquito carried out a Met. Reconnaissance flight.

WEATHER OVER BASES.

7. Forecast: Broken st. cu. cloud, base 1500-2000 ft., tops 6-8,000 ft. Moderate visibility. Freezing level 9,000 ft.

SORTIES.

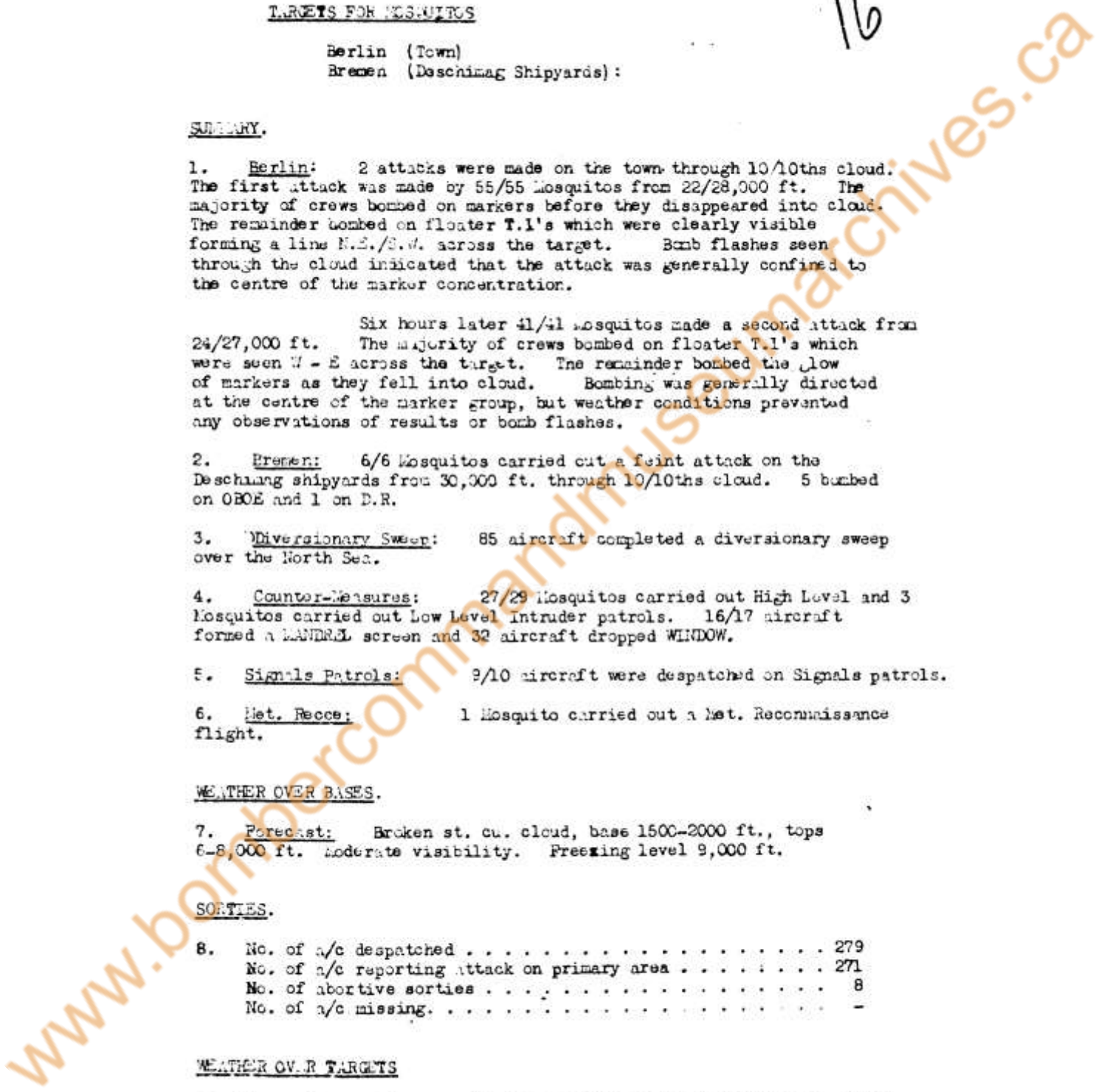
8. No. of a/c despatched . . . . .	279
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area . . . . .	271
No. of abortive sorties . . . . .	8
No. of a/c missing. . . . .	-

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

9. Forecast: Germany will be generally covered with st. cu. cloud, base 2000 to 3000 ft., tops about 5,000 ft., with patches of low stratus.

Experienced: 10/10ths cloud.

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ENEMY DEFENCES.

10. A diversionary sweep was made across the North Sea and was treated by the enemy as a major attack and 6 to 8 Gruppen reacted mainly from N.W. Germany. The only contact was by a Halifax on Signals patrols off Sylt.

CASUALTIES.

11. There were no losses.

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31st. March, 1945.

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C RECORDED		ABORTIVE SORTIES		RELI- HEC	DAMAGE				ILLUSSIONS		RESULTS		
				FRONT AREA	REAR AREA	OVER S.T.	NOT COVER S.T.		FLY	FIGHTER	BRIT. INC. HOURS	NOY BUS NO H/W	ATTACK AD	NOT ATTACK- ED	NR.	IB.	
BRITISH	0	Monq. IX Monq. XVI	1 5	1 5	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	8.0	1
BRITISH TOTAL			6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		120,000 M2.
BRITISH (1st. attack)	0	Monq. XVI Monq. IX Monq. XXV	58 4 13	58 4 13	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	107.1	5.3
BRITISH TOTAL			55	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		200,000 M2.
BRITISH (2nd. attack)	8	Monq. XVI Monq. IX Monq. XXV	1 8 32	1 8 32	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -		120,000 M2.
BRITISH TOTAL			41	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BRITISH TOTAL			102	102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BRITISH SUPPORT	100	Various	81	78	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
INVESTIGATORY	1	Land.	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	1	Land.	52	49	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	1	Nav.	25	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	100	Lib.	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	1	Fort.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
DEFENSIVE FORCE TOTAL			85	81	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SIGNALS PATROL	100	H. & H.	10	9	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
RELIANCE	5	Monq.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
GRAND TOTAL			279	271	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

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SECRET.NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 851BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS  
28th FEB/1st. MARCH, 1945.TARGETS FOR LOSQUITOS.

Berlin (Town):  
 Nurnburg (Town):  
 Munich (Town):  
 Kiel Canal (Minelaying):

SUMMARY.

1. Berlin: 73/74 Losquitos attacked through 10/10ths cloud from 6/8,000 ft. Markers were clearly visible and were well placed around the main group. Bombing was concentrated and several explosions were reported including 2 particularly large ones. Decoy markers dropped North and South of the target failed to attract any bombing.
2. Nurnburg: 7/8 Losquitos bombed from 32,000 ft. There were a few patches of st. cu. over the target with clear weather to the South and 10/10ths to the North.
3. Munich: 4/4 Losquitos bombed the town on Loran.
4. Minelaying: 1/5 Losquitos laid 2 mines in the Kiel Canal.
5. Count Measures: 21 Losquitos completed High Level and 10 Losquitos completed Low Level Intruder patrols. 23 aircraft dropped WINDOW and 16 aircraft formed 2 MAGDREL screens.
6. Diversionsary Sweep: 95/98 carried out a diversionsary sweep over the North Sea.
7. Met. Recon: 1 Losquito carried out a Met. Reconnaissance flight.
8. Special Operations: 20 a/c of 3 Group were despatched on special operations.

WEATHER OVER BASES.

Forecast: St. cu cloud reforming during early night. Moderate visibility.

Experienced: as forecast.

SORTIES.

10.	No. of a/c despatched . . . . .	265
	No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area . . . . .	253
	No. of a/c reporting attack on alternative area . . . . .	1
	No. of abortive sorties . . . . .	11
	No. of a/c missing . . . . .	1 (0.4

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WEATHER OVER TARGETS.

11. Germany:

Forecast: Local clearances in st. cu. cloud after dusk; cloud increasing and becoming generally 10/10ths during night, cloud base 6,000 ft., tops 7,000 ft., with patches of cloud round 1,000 ft.

Experienced: As forecast.

Denmark:

Forecast: Thin layers of medium cloud with much st. cu. beneath.

Experienced: As forecast.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

12. A diversionary sweep over the North Sea was ignored, but a WINDOW force in the South was plotted and resulted in 5 Gruppen of night fighters becoming airborne. Two units were held in the Frankfurt area. Fighters remained airborne for over half an hour.

CASUALTIES.

13. One a/c detailed to attack Berlin did not return and its fate was unknown.

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31st. March. 1945.

TYPE	GRADE	ACCEPT TYPE	SORTIES	% REPORTING				% SORTIES		HELS- TMS	DAMAGE				INTERLUDES		RESULTS	
				PRIME ARE.	ALT. ARE.	OVER E. T.	NOT OVER E. T.	FLY	LAUNDER		BILL. INC. BOISE	NOT DUE TO S/W	AT CL. ED	AT CL. ED	HE.	IR.		
BASE	8	Msg. XVI	36	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1E	-	-	92.9	2.2	
		Msg. XX	10	9	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-			
		Msg. XXIV	26	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24x1000 HE.	12x1000 HE.	
FOR IN LOCAL			74	73	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1E	-	-			
MILITARY	6	Msg. XVI	8	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.5	-	
																5x1000 HE.	2x1000 HE.	
MILITARY	8	Msg. XI	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.7	.4	
		Msg. XXV	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
MILITARY TOTAL			4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
BOEING TOTAL			86	84	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1E	-	-			
MILITARY	5	Msg. IV	5	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	none	
REPAIR SUPPORT	100	Various	70	68	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
DIVISION BY	5	Lanc.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
SQUAD	7	Lanc.	46	43	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	91	Hal.	21	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	92	Wall.	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
DIVISION BY SQUAD TOTAL			98	95	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
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