

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. Support 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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TYPE	CLASS	ALLOTMENT	SORTIES	REPORTING				HELS-	USAGE				INTERESTS		RESULTS		
				PRIME	ALY.	OVER	NOT		FLY	LAUNDER	BILL.	NOT	INT. CH.	INT. CH.	HE.	IB.	
				ARR.	ARR.	E.T.	OVER				DOE TO	ED	ED				
BASE	8	Msg. XVI	36	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	92.9	2.2
		Msg. XX	10	9	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Msg. XXIV	26	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
FOR IN COMM.			74	73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24x1000 HE.	12x1000 HE.
NUCLEAR	6	Msg. XVI	8	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.5	
																5x1000 HE.	2x1000 HE.
MEDIA	8	Msg. XI	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.7	.4
		Msg. XXV	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
MEDIA TOTAL			4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BOARDS TOTAL			86	84	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
MINDLING																	
FIELD CLERK	5	Msg. IV	5	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		2 wires
FIELD SUPERVISOR	100	Various	70	68	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
DIVISION BY	5	Lanc.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SQUAD	7	Lanc.	46	43	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	91	Mail.	21	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	92	Mail.	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
DIVISION BY SQUAD TOTAL			98	95	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SQUAD PATROLS	100	H-3 M.	5	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
MSG. PROC.	8	Msg.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
GRAND TOTAL			209	203	1	5	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
INT. CH.			20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

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* NOT INCLUDED IN GRAND TOTAL.

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BOMBING REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS
1/2nd March, 1945.

TARGETS FOR LOS UNITS:

- Berlin (Town):
- Erfurt (Town):
- Oldenburg, Bremen, Hamburg and Lubeck (Towns):

SUMMARY:

Berlin: 46/51 Mosquitos bombed the town through 4-8/10ths thin cloud (tops 3,000 ft.). Marking was scattered. Some aircraft bombed markers and others bombed the fires seen in the marked area.

A second attack was carried out about an hour later by 44 Mosquitos in similar conditions.

Erfurt: 39/40 Mosquitos bombed the town through 10/10ths cloud (tops 3,000 ft.). Markers were well grouped and bombing was accurately placed. One large explosion was observed.

Oldenburg, Bremen, Hamburg and Lubeck: 3/3 Mosquitos bombed Oldenburg and Bremen, and 2/3 bombed Hamburg and Lubeck on H.2.S.

Counter-Measures: 12 aircraft carried out High Level Intruder patrols. Aircraft operated a WAND screen, and 20 aircraft dropped WANDOW. Mosquito completed a Night Ranger patrol in Germany.

Signals Patrols: 4 aircraft completed Signal patrols.

Net. Reconnaissance: 2 Mosquitos completed net. recce flights.

WEATHER OVER BASES

Forecast: Fit.

Experienced: Fit.

STATS

No. of a/c despatched	145
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area	139
No. of abortive sorties	6
No. of aircraft missing	1

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

Forecast: Over W. Germany broken convection clouds with high tops increasing in intensity inland.

Experienced: 10/10ths cloud over Erfurt and 4-8/10ths thin cloud over Berlin.

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WEAPY DEFENCES

10. There was moderately accurate predicted heavy flak at Berlin. No fighter reaction was evident.

CASUALTIES

11. No aircraft was lost.

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MARCH 2 - DAY RAID BY 858 AIRCRAFT ON COLOGNE

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1945. (1) REPORT CLOSURE-SECRET-DEPT. AIR. - 1/2nd. March, 1945.

T. UNIT	GRADE	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	NO. RE-ENTERED		DAMAGE		MISSED	FUEL	FIGHTERS	BRIT. INC. DOWN	NOV. DOWN TO R/W	AIRCRAFT DOWN	RESULTS
				TO FLAK	TO GROUND	TO GROUND	TO GROUND							
HEADQUARTERS 1st. WING	S	Monq. XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38.8 2.1
		Monq. XX	10	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Monq. XIV	40	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HEADQUARTERS 1st. WING			51	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HEADQUARTERS 2nd. WING	S	Monq. XX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Monq. XIV	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HEADQUARTERS 2nd. WING			4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HEADQUARTERS 3rd. WING	S	Monq. IX	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.7 .7
		Monq. XVI	37	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HEADQUARTERS 3rd. WING			40	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000 No. 2.
HEADQUARTERS 4th. WING	S	Monq. XX	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9 .4
		Monq. XX	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HEADQUARTERS 4th. WING			6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HEADQUARTERS TOTAL			98	92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HEADQUARTERS 5th. WING	100	Various	41	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HEADQUARTERS 6th. WING	100	H. & H.	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HEADQUARTERS 7th. WING	100	Monq.	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HEADQUARTERS TOTAL			145	139	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 803

SECRETBOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS
23rd March, 1945TARGETS FOR MOSQUITOS:

Kassel (Town);
 Berlin (Town);
 Wiesbaden, Darmstadt, Mannheim and Stuttgart (Towns);

Summary

1. Kassel: 66/67 Mosquitos attacked in conditions of 10/10ths cloud. 7/8 Mosquitos marked the target, and the glow was clearly visible as the markers cascaded through cloud tops. Bomb bursts in a close concentration were seen in the marked area followed by the glow of fires.
2. Berlin: 18/18 Mosquitos bombed in clear weather. A good continuity of marking was achieved and they were well grouped. The attacking force all bombed with the markers in their sights.

1½ hours later 4/4 Mosquitos carried out a second attack in 5/10ths cloud conditions.
3. Wiesbaden, Darmstadt, Mannheim and Stuttgart: 3/3 Mosquitos bombed all four towns, and 2/3 bombed Darmstadt on H.2.S.
4. Harlowing: 15/16 Mosquitos and Halifaxes laid 50 mines in the Kiel Canal and off Norway.
5. Diversionsary Sweep: 68/69 heavies completed a Diversionsary Sweep.
6. Special Operations: 21 aircraft of 3 Group were despatched in special operations.
7. Counter-Measures: 10 Mosquitos completed High Level and 21 Mosquitos completed Low Level Intruder patrols. 14 aircraft operated a LINDBERG screen and 26 dropped WILLOW.
8. Signals Patrols: 6 aircraft completed Signals patrols.
9. Net. Recce: 1 Mosquito completed a Net. Recce flight.

WEATHER OVER BASIS

10. Forecast: Fine, with moderate visibility.
- Experienced: as forecast.

DETAILS

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| 11. No. of aircraft despatched | 278 |
| No. of aircraft reporting attack on primary area | 250 |
| No. of abortive sorties | 7 |
| No. of aircraft missing | - |

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WEATHER DATA SUMMARY

12. forecast: Kassel: Patches of st. clouds likely to persist during the night in the Kassel area.

E. Germany: Small amounts of cloud with good visibility.

experienced: Kassel: 10/10ths cloud.

Berlin: Clear weather at Berlin.

AIRWAY DATA DATA

13. Some fighters were active in North West Germany.

CASUALTIES

14. There were no losses.

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31st March, 1945.

TARGET	GROUP	RELEASED TYPE	SORTIES	NO. OF BOMBS				MIS- DIR.	REASON				DITCHED/CRASH		RESULTS		
				BLD. WKS.	ALT. WKS.	OVER S.T.	NOT OVER S.T.		FLAME	FIGHTER INC.	NOT DUE TO R/C.	APPROX. NO.	APPROX. NO.	Hi.	Lo.		
KASSEL	B	Hsq. IX	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75.9	2.3
		Hsq. XVI	29	28	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Hsq. XX	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Hsq. XXV	31	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	24,000 ft.
GRAND TOTAL			67	66	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BERLIN	B	Hsq. XX	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	1B	-	-	1	-	14.8	1.5
		Hsq. XXV	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			18	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	1B	-	-	-	-	-	
KASSEL	B	Hsq. XX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Hsq. XXV	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
KASSEL	B	Hsq. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7	-
		Hsq. XXV	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4	-
GRAND TOTAL			3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7	-	
GRAND TOTAL			92	91	-	1	-	-	-	1	1B	-	-	1	-	-	
KIEB. AREA	B	Hsq. IV	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Hsq. XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Hsq. XX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Hsq. XXV	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50 mins
GRAND TOTAL			10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
KIEB. AREA	B	Hsq. I	6	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Hsq. III	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			16	15	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			100	73	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			100	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			7	69	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			257	250	-	2	5	-	-	1	1B	-	-	1	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			2	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 654

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS
3/4th March, 1945

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TARGETS FOR HEAVIES

Kamen (Synthetic Oil Plant):
Ladbergen (Aqueduct):
Oslo and Kattegat (Minelaying):

TARGETS FOR MOSQUITOS

Berlin (Town):
Wurzburg (Town):

SUMMARY

1. 221/234 Lancasters and Mosquitos bombed the Synthetic Oil Plant at Kamen and 20 days after the attack the plant was still inactive. The attack by 211/222 Lancasters and Mosquitos on the Ladbergen Aqueduct rendered the canal 100% unserviceable. Mosquitos bombed Berlin and Wurzburg, and mines were laid in the Kattegat and Oslo Fjord. Heavies carried out a diversionary sweep over the North Sea, and 100 Group were active on Bomber Support missions. In addition, aircraft of 3 Group carried out special operations. 9 aircraft failed to return from these attacks.

WEATHER OVER BASES

2. Forecast: Fit.
Experienced: As forecast.

KAMEN - LADBERGENPLANS OF ATTACK

3. Kamen: OBOE groundmarking. H = 220 P.S.T.
Ladbergen: 5 Group controlled NEWHAVEN with direct bombing.
H = 2200 P.S.T.

SORTIES

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4. No. of aircraft despatched	234	222
No. of aircraft reporting attack on primary area	221	211
No. of aircraft reporting attack on alternative area	1	-
No. of abortive sorties	12	11
No. of aircraft missing	-	7
		(5.1%)

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

5. Moqn: $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
Kamen: Forecast: 5/10ths or less cloud (base 8,000 ft. and tops 12/14,000 ft.).
Experienced: 9-10/10ths thin st. cu. (tops about 6,000 ft.).
Wind at target, 360 degs., 60 m.p.h.
Ladbergen: Forecast: 5/10ths or less cloud (base 8,000 ft., tops 12-14,000 ft.).
Experienced: 7-9/10ths st. cu. (tops 5/6,000 ft.).

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NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHIC PLOTS

6. H.2.S. plots of Kamen indicated a promising attack.

NARRATIVE OF ATTACKS

7. Kamen: The attack was made in 8-10/10ths thin cloud (tops 6-8,000 ft. The glow of markers was clearly seen and a good concentration was maintained throughout the attack. Many large explosions were observed. Fires were developing as crews left the target, and the glow could be seen for some distance on the homeward route.

Ladbergen: The aqueduct was attacked in 10/10ths cloud (tops 5/6,000 ft. with layers of thin stratus down to approximately 3,500 ft. Marking was spread over a fairly wide area, but one group of markers was estimated to have fallen close to the aiming point.

RESULTS OF ATTACKS

8. Kamen: The intention was to complete the destruction of the Synthetic Oil Plant.

Photographic cover showed that the plant was severely damaged, and was still completely inactive on the 24th March. No repair work had been started.

Ladbergen: The intention was to destroy the aqueduct, safety gate and canal banks.

At least two major breaches were effected in the canal walls both north and south of the safety gate, and the canal was again rendered completely un navigable. Photographs taken 17 days after the attack showed that repairs were in hand to the Western Canal but not to the Eastern Canal, but both were 100% unserviceable.

ENEMY DEFENCES

9. The enemy's interception tactics fell into two phases - an attempt at target and route interception, and an attempt at following the bombers back to this country and attacking them over their airfields.

Simultaneous attacks were made on Kamen and Ladbergen. The line of their approach was heavily WINDLOWED in advance and a MANDREL screen was also in operation. A diversionary sweep was carried out over the North Sea, and feint attacks were made on Emden and Leppon. Enemy fighters were airborne in the Duisburg area 50 minutes before the attack began. They concentrated on plots which tracked the Ladbergen force to its target. Meanwhile the turn away to Kamen was virtually concealed and there was only slight fighter interest in this raid. At the same time several combats took place around Ladbergen. Moderate heavy flak was experienced at Ladbergen, and some predicted at 14,000 ft. There was also intense light flak from 15-20 guns. At Kamen there was a slight heavy flak barrage, with some predicted fire.

Meanwhile the enemy started his intruder operation, and 7 or 8 Gruppen of North West and Western Germany took off about 2330 hours. The total force was 70/80 aircraft, and they reached Britain in two waves - the first in East Anglia just before midnight and the second in Norfolk about 0130 hours. They flew mainly at 3/5,000 ft. intruding first on Norfolk and then moving up country until they engaged 6 Group aircraft and attacked airfields. In some cases they shot up bombers as they were landing. Enemy aircraft made 43 attacks on our aircraft over or near bases. In addition, 27 airfields were attacked by machine gun, cannon fire or bombs.

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ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

1. 1 twin engine enemy aircraft was claimed destroyed, and 1 Ju.88 damaged.

CASUALTIES

2. 9 aircraft were lost on this night. 7 of the Ludbergen force were lost, 3 being shot down by fighters, 2 by light flak and 2 by unknown causes. 1 minelayer and 1 aircraft on the bomber support mission was lost.

19 of our bombers were brought down by intruders over this country.

BERLIN

3. 58/64 Mosquitos attacked the capital from 22/26,000 ft. in nil cloud with moderate visibility. Markers fell in three clusters and appeared to form a line approximately N.E./S.W. across the target area. The main force bombed in three groups, the greater part of the bombing being confined to the two most westerly clusters which were closer together. Considerable searchlight activity hampered observations of results, but a large explosion was reported.

WURZBURG

3. 31/32 Mosquitos attacked in 8-10/10ths cloud (tops 8/10,000 ft. and base approximately 5,000 ft.). A good concentration was achieved in the immediate vicinity of the aiming point, and a concentrated attack developed. Many bomb flashes were seen. An explosion was reported and a large fire left burning which was visible for 50 miles on the return journey.

MINELAYING

4. 29/31 Lancasters laid 173 mines in Oslo Fjord and the Kattegat.

DIVERSIONARY SWEEP

5. 63/96 heavies carried out a diversionary sweep over the North Sea.

BOMBER SUPPORT

6. 29 Mosquitos completed High Level Intruder patrols. 8 were active on HOSTILE and PIPERACK patrols. 12 aircraft dropped WINDOW. 16 aircraft formed a SMOKE screen. 17 aircraft dropped flares on McFFEN in a feint attack.

SIGNALS PATROLS

7. 7/8 aircraft completed signals patrols.

RECONNAISSANCE

8. 1 Mosquito was despatched on a Det. Reconnaissance flight.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

9. 17 aircraft of 3 Group carried out special operations.

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D.1734R, and D.1948R.
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UNIT	GROUP	SUBJECT TYPE	SORTIES	% OF SORTIES				DAYS	DAMAGE				DISTRIBUTION		REMARKS
				DOWN	DOWN	OVER	NOT		FLY	FIGHTER	INC.	NOT	DOWN	DOWN	
				DOWN	DOWN	E.T.	DOWN	FLY	FIGHTER	INC.	NOT	DOWN	DOWN	REMARKS	
K. 21	L	Hal. III	183	175	1	-	7	100	20	20	-	10	10	751.1	1.3
		Hal. VI	18	17	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	40000 HC	
		Lanc. I	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40000 HC	
		Lanc. III	17	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Mosq. IX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Mosq. XVI	10	6	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-			
K. 21 TOTAL			234	221	1	-	12	100	20	20	-	12	2		
B. 21	B	Mosq. XVI	13	11	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58.9	1.3
		Mosq. XX	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	110000 HC	
		Mosq. XXV	42	38	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-		
B. 21 TOTAL			64	58	1	1	4	-	-	-	-	-			
B. 22	B	Mosq. IX	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45.6	1.7
		Mosq. XVI	30	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20000 HC	
B. 22 TOTAL			32	31	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-			
L. 21	L	Lanc. I	137	130	-	4	3	5	5	10	-	-	1	1019.2	9.1
		Lanc. III	75	72	-	3	-	2	-	10	1.0	-	1		
		Mosq. IV	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Mosq. XX	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Mosq. XXV	3	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
L. 21 TOTAL			222	211	-	8	3	7	5	20	1.0	2			
TOTAL TOTAL			552	521	2	10	19	7	100	20	20	1			
K. 21	L	Lanc. I	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Lanc. III	5	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	173 miles	
K. 21	L	Lanc. I	9	8	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Lanc. III	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
K. 21 TOTAL			31	29	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-			

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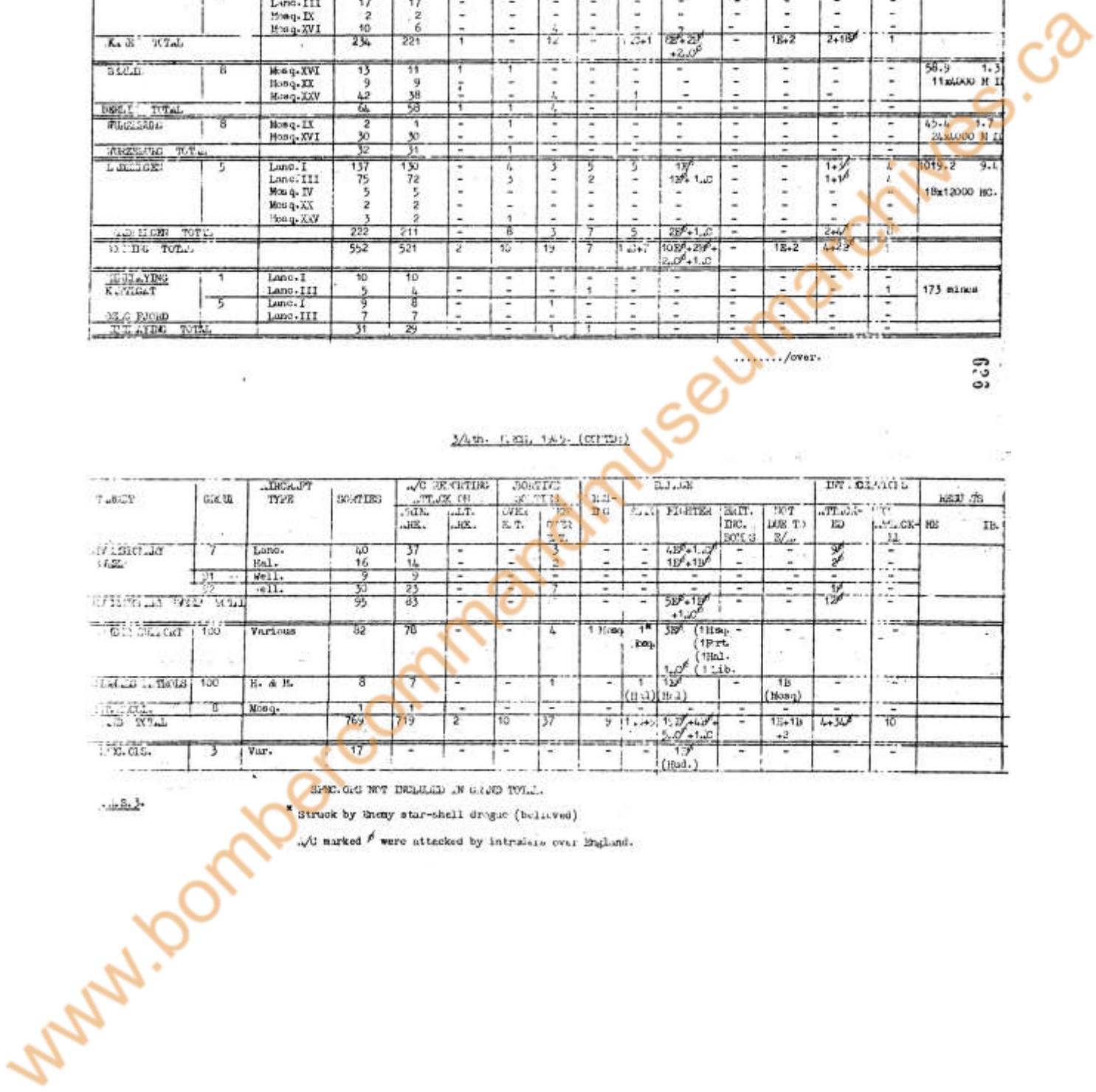
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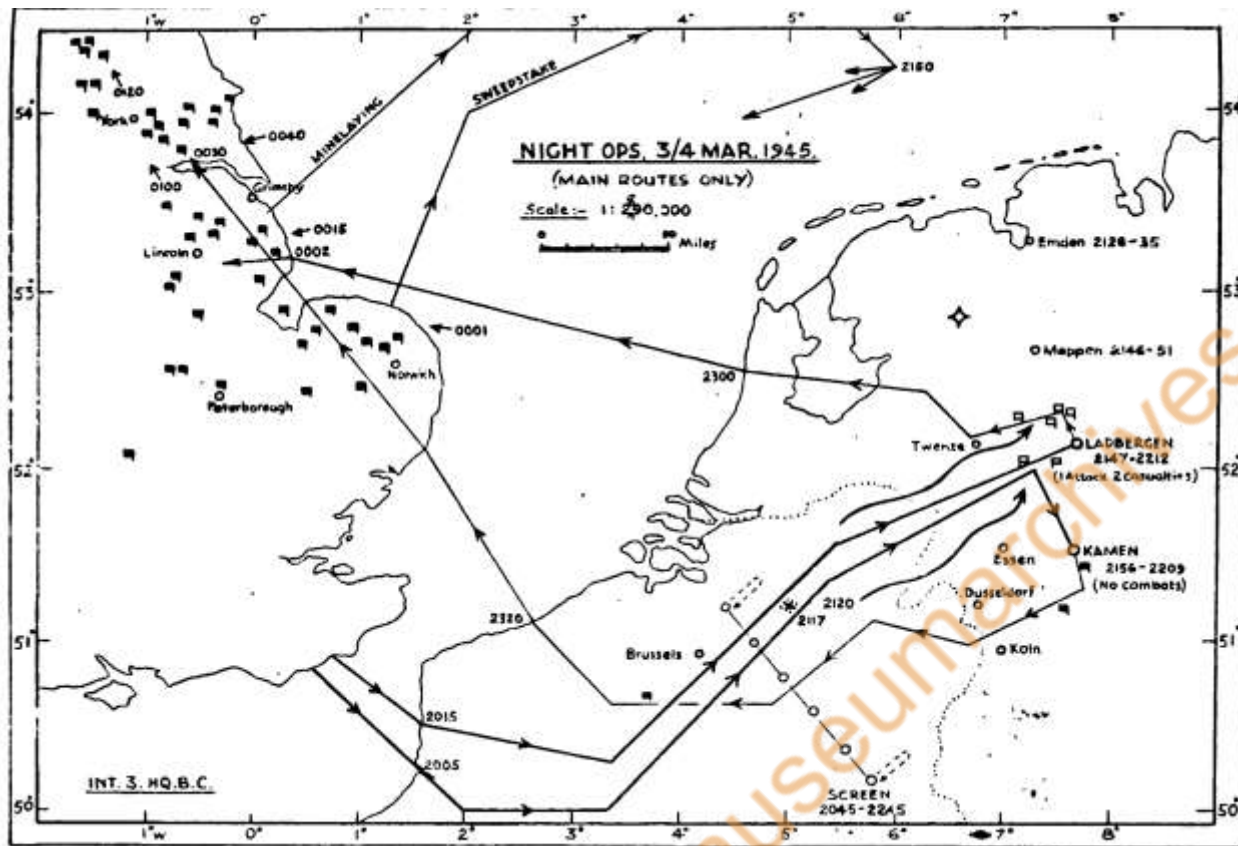
GROUP	SUBJECT TYPE	SORTIES	% OF SORTIES				DAYS	DAMAGE				DISTRIBUTION		REMARKS
			DOWN	DOWN	OVER	NOT		FLY	FIGHTER	INC.	NOT	DOWN	DOWN	
			DOWN	DOWN	E.T.	DOWN	FLY	FIGHTER	INC.	NOT	DOWN	DOWN	REMARKS	
K. 21	L	Lanc. I	40	37	-	3	-	-	10	1.0	-	1		
		Hal. VI	16	14	-	2	-	-	10	1.0	-	1		
		Well.	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Well.	30	25	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	1		
K. 21 TOTAL			95	85	-	8	-	-	-	-	2			
B. 21	B	Various	62	70	-	4	1	10	10	1.0	-	-		
		H. & B.	8	7	-	1	-	1	10	1.0	-	1		
B. 22	B	Mosq.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Various	76	79	2	10	37	9	10	1.0	1	10		
K. 21	L	Var.	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

SPECIAL NOT INCLUDED IN GRAND TOTAL.

* Struck by enemy star-shell (believed)

✓ marked were attacked by intruder over England.





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SECRETNIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 855 **17298**BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS
4/5th March, 1945TARGET FOR HEAVIES

Heligoland (Minelaying):

TARGETS FOR MOSQUITOS

Berlin (Town):

Essen (Town):

Bremen (Deschimag Shipyards):

Kiel-Lubeck-Hamburg-Wilhelmshaven (Towns):

SUMMARY

1. Berlin: 30/31 Mosquitos bombed the town from 23/27,000 ft. through 8/10ths cloud. Markers fell in a line running W.S.W/E.N.E. and bombing was reported as fairly evenly distributed between the markers. Low cloud hampered observation of results.
2. Essen: 23/24 Mosquitos bombed the town from 23/26,000 ft. through 10/10ths cloud. The majority of crews bombed on the glow of markers with good navigational aid checks. Bomb flashes were seen under the glow and one large explosion was observed lasting for 10 seconds.
3. Bremen: 3/4 Mosquitos bombed the Deschimag shipyards from 30,000 ft. through 9/10ths cloud on OBOE.
4. Kiel-Lubeck-Hamburg-Wilhelmshaven: 6 Mosquitos were despatched to bomb these four towns. 5/6 bombed Kiel, 4/6 bombed Lubeck, 3/6 bombed Hamburg and 5/6 bombed Wilhelmshaven, all from 25/26,000 ft. Weather was clear over the first three targets but there was 9/10ths cloud at Wilhelmshaven.
5. Minelaying: 12/12 Halifaxes laid 48 mines off Heligoland.
6. Counter-measures: 2/2 Mosquitos completed High Level and 3/4 Mosquitos completed Low Level Intruder patrols.
7. Met. Reconnaissance: 1 Mosquito carried out a Met. Reconnaissance flight.
8. Special Operations: 16 aircraft of 3 Group were despatched on special operations. 2 Stirlings were lost.

WEATHER OVER BASES

9. Forecast: Cold front across N.E. England drifting slowly south and occasional light rain or drizzle expected with cloud base 1,000 - 1,500 ft.

Experienced: As forecast.SORTIES

- | | | |
|-----|--|-------|
| 10. | No. of aircraft despatched | 100 |
| | No. of aircraft reporting attack on primary area | 77 |
| | No. of abortive sorties | 7 |
| | No. of aircraft missing | 2(2%) |

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

11. Forecast: From Hamburg to Ruhr cloud base 4-5,000 ft. tops 6-8,000 ft. with chance of good breaks.

Experienced: 5/10ths over Berlin and 10/10ths over Essen.

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ENEMY DEFENCES

12. There was no evidence of fighter reaction although one bomber reported being followed by a Ju.52 over Denmark. There was moderate accurate predicted heavy flak, bordering at times on intense at Bremen. Elsewhere defences were slight.

CASUALTIES

13. 2 aircraft were lost and could not be accounted for.

BC/S.24949/1/Int.1.
4th April, 1945.

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	✓C REPORTED		DAMAGE		DROPPED	LOSS		DEFENCES		REMARKS	
				PRIM.	ACT.	DOWN	OVER		DOWN	REPAIR	REPAIR	REPAIR	REPAIR	REPAIR
BREMEN	B	Mosq. XVI Mosq. XX Mosq. XXV	1 6 26	1 5 26	- - -	- 1 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	19.6 2.4
BREMEN TOTAL			31	30	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
ESSEN	B	Mosq. IX Mosq. XVI Mosq. XXV	5 12 9	2 12 9	- - -	1 - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	20.3 9x1000 H II
ESSEN TOTAL			24	23	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
KIEL	C	Mosq. XVI	4	3	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	5.4 1x1000 HC 2x1000 H II
KIEL *	B	Mosq. IX Mosq. XXV	3 1	4 1	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1.8
LUBECK *	B	Mosq. IX Mosq. XXV	5 1	3 1	- -	2 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	.9
H. BREMEN *	B	Mosq. IX Mosq. XXV	5 1	2 1	- -	3 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	.7
WILHELMSHAVEN *	B	Mosq. IX Mosq. XXV	5 1	4 1	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2.0
KIEL-LUBECK-HAMBURG- WILHELMSHAVEN TOTAL			6	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BOFORS TOTAL			65	59	-	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
HINDELOW	B	Hal. III	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48 mines
BOMBER FLIGHT	100	Mosq.	6	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
WEST. BRITAIN	B	Mosq.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			86	77	-	6	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	
SP. OPS.	3	Various	14	-	-	-	-	2	1.0	-	-	-	-	(stirlings)

O.R.S. 3
SP. OPS. NOT INCLUDED IN GRAND TOTAL.
* These 6 Mosquitos were detailed to attack Kiel-Lubeck-Hamburg-Wilhelmshaven.

SECRET

NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 856

BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS
5/6th March, 1945

TARGETS FOR HEAVIES

Chemnitz (Town):
Bohlen (Synthetic Oil Plant):

TARGETS FOR MOSQUITOS

Berlin (Town):
Gelsenkirchen (Feint attack on town):
Mannheim (Town):
Hallendorf (Benzol Plant):
Kiel, Lubeck, Hamburg and Hannover (Towns):

SUMMARY

1. Over 1,000 bombers were despatched to Germany, of which 683/720 Lancasters and Halifaxes attacked the town of Chemnitz and 233/258 Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked the Synthetic Oil Plant at Bohlen. Mosquitos bombed Berlin, Hallendorf, Kiel, Lubeck, Hamburg and Hannover, and feint attacks were made against Gelsenkirchen and Mannheim. 100 Group despatched 79 aircraft on bomber support missions and signals patrols. 2 Mosquitos completed Mt. Reconnaissance flights. 25 heavies were lost.

WEATHER OVER BASES

2. Forecast: Variable st. cu. (base 1,500 ft.) in layers to 6/8,000 ft. with thin medium layers between 10/20,000 ft. Visibility moderate.

Experienced: 8/10ths st. cu. (base 1,500-3,500 ft. tops 8/10,000 ft.). Light and moderate rime. Severe icing after take-off in Yorkshire.

CHEMNITZ and BOHLEN

PLANS OF ATTACK

3. Chemnitz: Controlled NEWHAVEN and emergency skymarking. H = 2145 B.S.T.
Bohlen: 5 Group NEWHAVEN with indirect bombing and emergency skymarking. H = 2200 B.S.T.

SORTIES

	<u>G.</u>	<u>B.</u>
4. No. of a/c despatched	720	258
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area	683	233
No. of a/c reporting attack on alternative area	6	9
No. of abortive sorties	31	16
No. of a/c missing	20	4
	(2.8%)	(1.5%)

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

5. Chemnitz: Forecast: Half cover of st. cu. (tops about 6,000 ft.) with only thin medium above 15,000 ft.
Experienced: 10/10ths st. cu. (tops 10,000 ft.) with patchy thin medium 15/18,000 ft. Wind at 18,000 ft., 350 degs., 55-60 m.p.h.

Bohlen: Forecast: St. cu. (tops about 6,000 ft.) with thin medium above 15,000 ft. Risk of low stratus.
Experienced: 10/10ths st. (tops 10,000 ft.) with moderate rime. Wind at 15,000 ft., 350 degs., 45 m.p.h.

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NARRATIVES OF ATTACK

6. Chemnitz: Lancasters, Halifaxes and Mosquitos bombed the town through 10/10ths cloud. Sky markers were employed in view of cloud conditions and were well maintained throughout the attack. Bombing, which was concentrated, began on markers and later on the glow seen through cloud. One exceptional explosion was noted.

Approximately 2 hours later 6 Mosquitos bombed on the mass of flames which were well concentrated and burning fiercely.

Bohlen: Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked the synthetic oil plant through 10/10ths cloud. Sky marking was employed and crews reported the glow of fires beneath the flare pattern. Some crews, however, claimed to have seen the target through a cloud break and reported several bursts on the plant.

RESULTS OF ATTACKS

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

Photographic cover obtained on 7th and 15th March also included the U.S. raids on 2nd, 3rd and 5th March. The old town and area surrounding it, stretching to the North as far as the main railway centre, were completely devastated. Most factories South of the town were severely damaged, and there was some damage to railway facilities.

Bohlen: The intention was to destroy the synthetic oil plant.

Photographic cover obtained on 7th March included an attack by Bomber Command on 19/20th February and by the U.S. 8th Air Force on 2nd March, and showed scattered damage to the synthetic oil plant. The only sign of activity on the plant was some smoke coming from one chimney of the boiler house, and production of synthetic oil is likely to be suspended for 1-2 weeks.

ENEMY DEFENCES

8. Night fighters opposed our forces on the inward journey to Chemnitz and Bohlen. At 2119 hrs. night fighters were told Halle was the target, but soon after their attention was diverted to Dresden and then to Chemnitz. The return from Chemnitz attracted all the attention at the expense of the route back from Bohlen. From 10 miles North of Chemnitz to 25 miles South there were 9 attacks, 10 combats and several aircraft were lost. Heavy flak was negligible at Chemnitz. Slight heavy flak and meagre light flak were experienced at Bohlen.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

9. 5 Ju.88 were claimed destroyed, and 2 Ju.88 and 2 Me.110 were claimed damaged.

CASUALTIES

10. 25/1170 (1.3%) aircraft were lost on this night. 15 were believed shot down by fighters, and 4 shot down by flak. 2 were lost in collision, and the fate of the remaining four was unknown.

BERLIN

11. 71/75 Mosquitos attacked the town in clear weather with some ground haze. Dummy markers and searchlights made identification of the genuine markers difficult and reports indicated that the main attack was a bit scattered.

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NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 856 (cont'd)S E C R E T

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GELSENKIRCHEN

12. 14/15 Mosquitos made a faint attack on the town through 10/10ths cloud, 3 on OBOE, 3 on D.R., 4 on Gee and 4 on red T.I.'s.

MANNHEIM

13. 8/8 Mosquitos bombed the town through 9-10/10ths cloud, 3 on OBOE, 4 on D.R. and 1 on Gee.

HALLENDORF

14. 6/8 Mosquitos bombed the Benzol plant on OBOE in conditions of 10/10ths cloud.

KIEL, LUBECK, HAMBURG & HANNOVER

15. 3/5 Mosquitos bombed these four towns on H.2.S. and 2 bombed Kiel on D.R. Cloud varied from 5/10ths to 9/10ths.

BOMBER SUPPORT

16. 11/13 Mosquitos completed High Level and 12/14 completed Low Level Intruder patrols. 11/12 aircraft operated a MANDREL screen and 24 dropped WINDOW. 8 aircraft completed JCSTLE patrols.

SIGNALS PATROLS

17. 5/8 aircraft completed Signals patrols.

MET. RECONNAISSANCE

18. 2 Mosquitos carried out Met. Reconnaissance patrols.

EC/S.24949/1/Int.1.
12th April, 1945.

REFERENCES

Day Reconnaissance - Interpretation Reports
K.3899, K.3902 & D.1687R.
Enemy Defences - Interception/Tactics 55/45.

Type	Group	Aircraft Type	Sorties	No. Destroyed		No. Damaged		No. Lost		No. Missing		No. Captured		Remarks		
				By Flak	By Bombs	By Flak	By Bombs	By Flak	By Bombs	By Flak	By Bombs	By Flak	By Bombs	By Flak	By Bombs	
General	1	Lang. I	169	102	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	112.1 B57.2	
		Lang. III	70	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150,000 HB	
		Lang. VII	181	166	4	-	11	-	4+1B ¹	5	-	-	-	-	100,000 HB	
		Lang. VI	15	13	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200,000 HB	
		Lang. VIII	60	53	-	-	7	-	3+1B ¹	2	-	-	-	-		
		Lang. VII	41	39	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-		
		Lang. I	31	31	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-		
		Lang. X	53	53	-	-	-	-	1+1B ¹	1	1	-	-	-	-	
		Lang. I	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lang. III	82	81	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
(2nd. Attack)		Lang. XV	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
GRAND TOTAL			720	683	6	2	29	1+1B ¹	11	1	1	1	1	19		
General	5	Lang. I	110	125	9	2	4	-	1+1B ¹	1	1	1	1	2	80.7 5.4	
		Lang. III	108	98	-	10	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	180,000 HB	
		Lang. IV	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	180,000 HB	
		Lang. XVI	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Lang. XX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Lang. XXV	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
GRAND TOTAL			238	233	9	12	4	1+1B ¹	1	1	1	1	2			
General	6	Lang. XVI	34	32	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80.8 1.0	
		Lang. XX	11	10	-	-	1	-	1B ¹	-	-	-	-	-	200,000 HB	
		Lang. XXV	30	25	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	290,000 HB	
GRAND TOTAL			75	71	2	-	2	1B ¹	1	-	-	-	1			
General	7	Lang. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.9 .4	
		Lang. XVI	8	7	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300,000 HB	
		Lang. XXV	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
GRAND TOTAL			15	14	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-			
General	8	Lang. IX	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.3 .8	
		Lang. XVI	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
GRAND TOTAL			8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			

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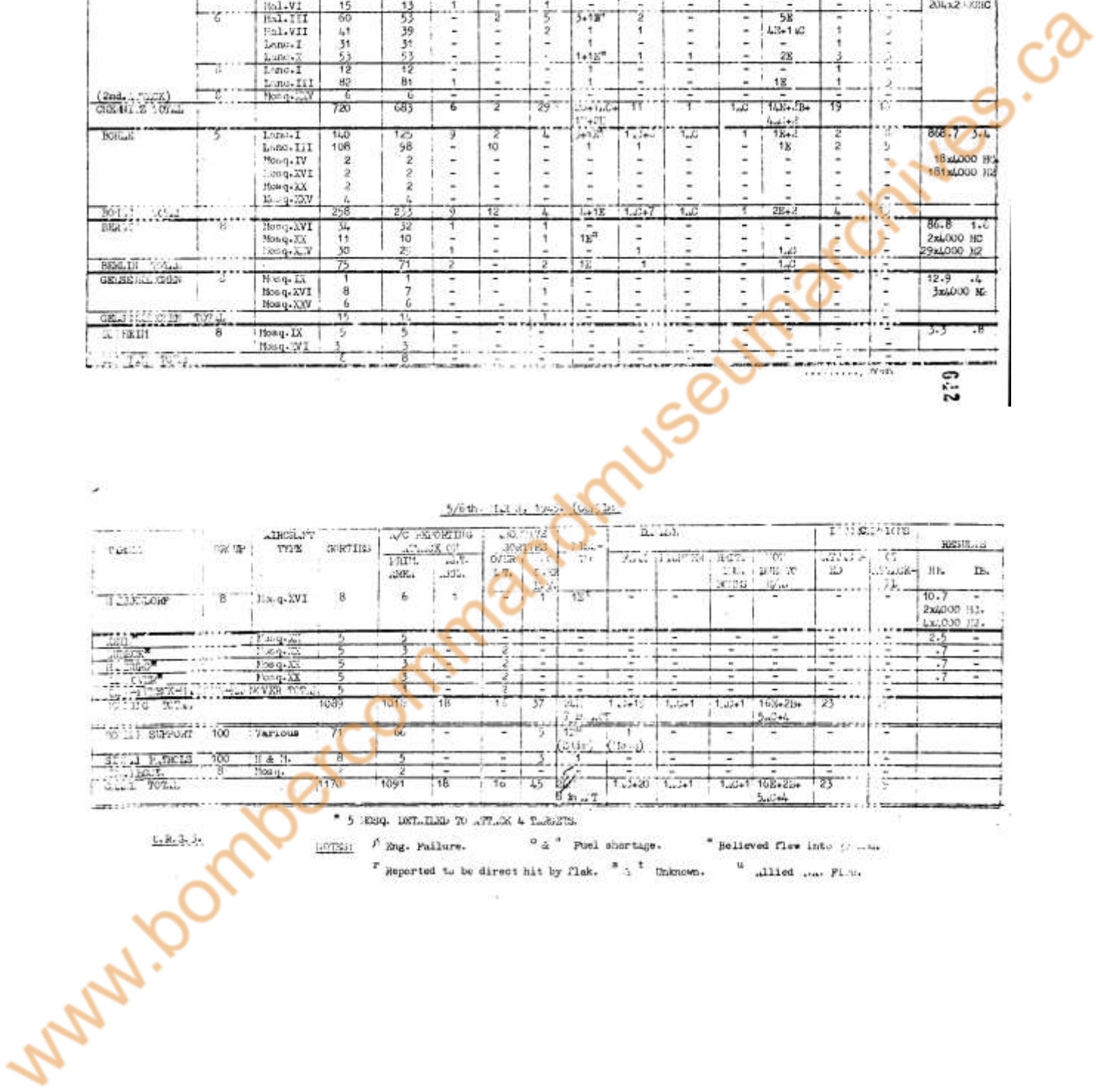
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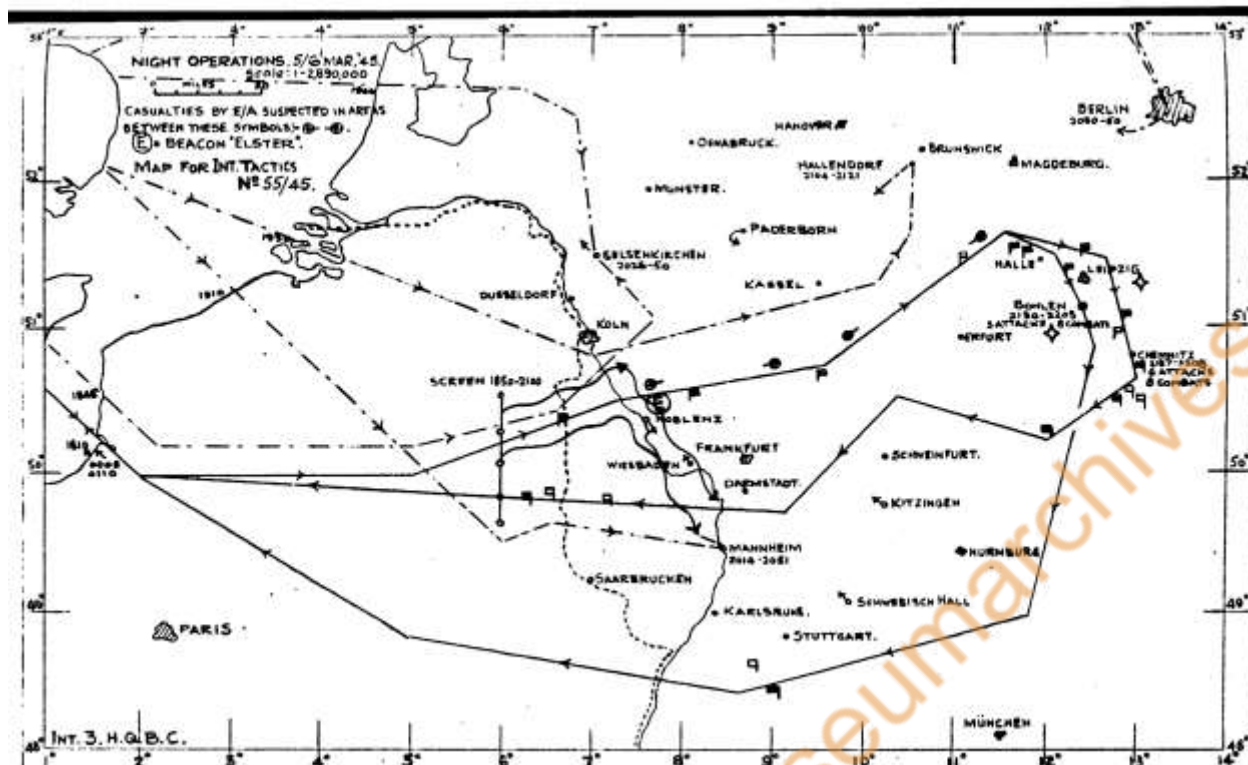
Type	Group	Aircraft Type	Sorties	No. Destroyed		No. Damaged		No. Lost		No. Missing		No. Captured		Remarks	
				By Flak	By Bombs	By Flak	By Bombs	By Flak	By Bombs	By Flak	By Bombs	By Flak	By Bombs	By Flak	By Bombs
General	8	Lang. XVI	8	6	1	-	-	1B ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.7 .7
General	9	Lang. XVI	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5 .1
General	10	Lang. XVI	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7 .1
General	11	Lang. XVI	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7 .1
General	12	Lang. XVI	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7 .1
GRAND TOTAL			109	101	16	1	37	1+1B ¹	1	1	1	1	1	23	
GRAND TOTAL	100	Various	71	66	-	-	5	1+1B ¹	1	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL	100	H & T	8	5	-	-	3	(3) (1B ¹)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL	8	Lang. XVI	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			117	109	16	1	45	1+1B ¹	1	1	1	1	1	23	

* 5 LANG. DEST. DUE TO OFF-LK & TARDY.

L. & S. J.

NOTES: ¹ Eng. Failure. ² Fuel shortage. ³ Believed flew into ground. ⁴ Reported to be direct hit by flak. ⁵ Unknown. ⁶ Allied ... Plan.





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SECRETNIGHT RAID REPORT NO.857BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS
6/7th March, 1945.TARGETS FOR HEAVIES

Sassnitz (Shipping and port installations):
 Wesel (Town):
 Sassnitz (Minelaying):

TARGET FOR MOSQUITOS

Berlin (Town):

SUMMARY

1. Shipping and port installations at Sassnitz, and troop concentrations and equipment at Wesel, were the targets for heavies; Berlin was bombed by Mosquitos, and mines were laid off Sassnitz. 1 aircraft was lost.

WEATHER OVER BASES

2. Forecast: Variable amounts of cu. and st. cu. in layers from 4,000 to 10,000 ft. Freezing level 3-4,000 ft.

Experienced: As forecast.

PLANS OF ATTACK

3. Sassnitz: Main Force A on Naval and Shipping Installations :-
 5 Group NEWHAVEN. H = 2300 B.S.T.
 Main Force B aiming at shipping :-
 Visual bombing in the light of flares. H = 2300 B.S.T.

Wesel: G.H. bombing. 1st attack H = 2100 B.S.T.
 2nd attack H = 0530 B.S.T.

SORTIES

	<u>S.</u>	<u>W.</u>
4. No. of a/c despatched	198	138
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area	186	129
No. of a/c reporting attack on alternative area	-	1
No. of abortive sorties	12	8
No. of a/c missing	1	-
	(0.05%)	

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

5. Sassnitz: Forecast: Patchy medium cloud with extensive clearances in st. cu. cloud.

Experienced: 6-8/10ths cloud, 3,500 to 8,500 ft.

Wesel: Forecast: 10/10ths cloud.

Experienced: As forecast.

NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHIC PLOTS

6. H.2.S. plots of the shipping area at Sassnitz indicated a good attack.

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NARRATIVES OF ATTACK

7. Sassnitz: Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked the harbour and port installations, and shipping in or near the harbour, through 6-8/10ths cloud (tops 5/8,000 ft.). Marking was accurate and bomb bursts were seen on the water front. Ten crews attacked a large liner and near misses were claimed. A destroyer was attacked and left enveloped in smoke, and a flak ship and 2 M/V's were also attacked with unobserved results.

Wesel: Between 2009 and 0314 hours Mosquitos carried out individual attacks by bombing approximately every 8 minutes through 10/10ths cloud on OBCE. At 2101 hours Lancasters bombed the town on G.H. and bomb flashes were seen. At 0528 hours Lancasters bombed again on G.H. Explosions and the glow of fire were seen through the clouds.

RESULTS OF ATTACKS

8. Sassnitz: The intention was to destroy harbour and port installations, and shipping.

Photographs showed damage to the town just North of the harbour. Off the port a Narvik-class destroyer, a trawler type auxiliary and a passenger liner were sunk in shallow water and were resting on the bottom.

Wesel: The intention was to destroy such elements of the enemy army as succeeded in escaping across river.

Damage to this already partly devastated town was heavy, and debris and craters caused roads to be well blocked.

ENEMY DEFENCES

9. Three Gruppen were airborne but only slight fighter contact was made. There was intense light flak from shipping at Sassnitz.

CASUALTIES

10. 1 Lancaster was lost from the Sassnitz force - cause unknown.

BERLIN

11. 36/42 Mosquitos bombed the town through 5-10/10ths cloud (tops 10/15,000 ft.). Markers were visible and well positioned in relation to the lakes west of the target which were visually identified by special crews. Bombing appeared good, numerous bomb bursts being seen with one large explosion from the Potsdam area at 2045 hours. Crews also reported a terrific explosion when over the Rheine area at approximately 1935 hours on the way to the target.

MINELAYING

12. 15 Lancasters laid 82 mines off Sassnitz.

BOMBER SUPPORT

13. 4 Mosquitos completed Low Level ranger patrols. 2 aircraft carried out a JOSTLE patrol.

SIGNALS PATROLS

14. 1 aircraft completed a signals patrol.

BC/S.24949/1/Int.1.
13th April, 1945.

REFERENCES

Day Reconnaissance - Interpretation Reports
K.4003, K.3916.
Enemy Defences - Interception/Tactics 56/45.

CARRIER	DATE	ALPHA TYPE	BOMBS	✓ U.S. REPORTED TRACKS		✓ POSITIVE SIGHTS		RESCUED	LOSS				REMARKS		TOTALS	
				PREL. OBS.	A.Y. OBS.	O.V. T.	NOV. OVER		PLAN	FIGHTER	BELY. TALS. BOYD	NOT LOST TO BOYD	TOTAL	REMARKS	HE.	IB.
SUBTIVE (Ship, Ing)	5	Lanc. I	119	112	-	3	4	1	-	-	-	1.0	1	-	673.9	5.0
		Lanc. III	72	67	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	1.0	1	-	-	-
		Mosq. IV	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19x1200	-
		Mosq. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XV	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal			198	185	-	7	5	1	-	-	1.0	2	-	-	-	
Bomber (1st)	8	Mosq. XII	12	9	3	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	35.3	2.1
		Mosq. XX	11	10	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4x1000 HB	-
		Mosq. XXV	19	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	5x1000 HB	-
Subtotal			42	38	3	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	
WR30 (1st)	3	Lanc. I	32	31	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	460.5	-
		Lanc. III	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal			38	37	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
WR30 (2nd)	2	Lanc. I	42	40	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1x1000 HB	-
		Lanc. III	7	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9x1000 HB	-
Subtotal			49	46	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	8x1000 HB	-	
WR30 (3rd)	1	Mosq. IX	12	9	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	1.0	1	-	-	-
		Mosq. XVI	39	38	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal			51	47	1	1	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	
Subtotal			178	163	4	12	7	1.0	2	-	-	3x2.0	5	-	-	
MIDWAY (3rd)	5	Lanc. I	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62 mines	-
		Lanc. III	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal			15	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
NO BOMBS	400	Various	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NO BOMBS	400	Various	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal			400	375	4	12	9	1.0	2	-	-	3x2.0	5	-	-	

C.R.S.B.

* Engine Failure.

Shot down by Home Defenses - (Fighter)

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Bomber Command Report on Night Operations
7/8th March, 1945.

TARGETS - HEAVIES

Dessau (Town);
 Harburg (Ishermania & Ebon. Oil Refineries);
 Heide (Oil Refinery);
 Flensburg and Eckorfurde (minelaying);

TARGETS - LIGHTS

Berlin (Town);
 Frankfurt (Town);
 Munster (Town);
 Hannover-Berlin-Dessau (Towns);

SUMMARY

1. 1269 bombers flew to Germany and 506/526 Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked the town of Dessau which lies on the route between Leipzig and Berlin. The Ishermania and Ebon. oil refineries were attacked at Harburg, and the Heide oil refinery near Hemmingstedt. Mines were laid off Flensburg and Eckorfurde. Mosquitos bombed Berlin, Frankfurt, Munster, Hannover and Dessau, and 1st Group aircraft were active on Bomber Support and Signals patrols. 38 heavies (3%) were lost.

WEATHER OVER BASES

2. Forecast: Fit with 8-11/10ths str. cu. (base 2-3,000 ft. tops 8-9,000 ft.).
 Visibility moderate to good.
Experienced: as forecast, with light rain.

PLANS OF ATTACK

3. Dessau: Controlled NEWHAVEN II with emergency sky-marking. H = 2200 B.S.T.
Harburg: 5 Group NEWHAVEN with emergency sky-marking. H = 2130 B.S.T.
Heide: Controlled NEWHAVEN II. H = 2200 B.S.T.

SURTIES

	<u>Des.</u>	<u>Har.</u>	<u>Hei.</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
4. N. of a/c despatched	526	241	261	221
N. of a/c reporting attack in primary area	506	221	279	202
N. of a/c reporting attack in alternative area	3	6	-	10
N. of abortive surties	17	14	2	9
N. of a/c missing	18	13	5	2
	(3.4%)	(5.4%)	(1.9%)	(0.9%)

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

5. Dessau: Forecast: Little or no cloud - good visibility. Wind at 15,000 ft. 36 kts. 65 m.p.h.
Experienced: Sc. varying from 8-9/10ths. Good visibility. Wind at 15,000 ft. 35 kts. 70 m.p.h.
- Harburg and Heide: Forecast: Well broken str. cu. (base above 5,000 ft.) with thin layers of medium above 15,000 ft. Wind at 10/11,000 ft. 35/36 kts. 45/55 m.p.h.
Experienced: 8-10/10ths thin v/st. at 10/11,000 ft. Wind at 11/12,000 ft. 35/36 kts. 52/55 m.p.h.
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CHARACTERISTICS OF ATTACK:

6. Dessau: Lancasters and Mosquitoes bombed the target through 8-1/10ths cloud. Cloud obscured the T.I.'s and the Master Bomber called for sky-markers, which were fairly well concentrated across the target at first, but later became rather scattered. Several gas fires were started and some large explosions were reported. By the end of the raid the town was covered by fires, and their glow was visible for 100 miles on the return journey.

Hamburg: Lancasters and Mosquitoes attacked the Rhensia and Ebona oil refining plant through 8/10ths thin cloud. Marking, controlling and bombing were all reported as excellent. Explosions and large fires giving off black smoke up to 6,000 ft. were reported.

Heide: Halifaxes and Lancasters attacked the oil refinery in conditions of nil to 4/10ths cloud but owing to ground haze it was difficult to identify the target visually. Flares provided fair illumination but some crews experienced difficulty in distinguishing the yellow T.I.'s in the dazzle of the flares. Bombing improved in the later stages of the attack. Some fires were started and two large explosions were reported giving off a large column of black smoke.

NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHIC PLATS

7. Dessau: Plots indicated that the weight of the attack fell in the target area.

Hamburg: Plots indicated a successful attack.

Heide: Night photographs indicated that the attack fell 2 to 3 miles south of the target area.

RESULTS OF ATTACK

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

Heavy damage was caused throughout this town, including further damage to the parent factory of the Junkers concern engaged in development and production of aircraft aero engines and Jet units.

Hamburg: The intention was to destroy the oil refining plants of Rhensia and Ebona.

Considerable fresh damage was caused to both the oil refineries, and on the 19th March there were no signs of activity in any part of either plant.

Heide: The intention was to complete the destruction of the synthetic oil plant.

This was attacked again on 21/21st March and no photographic reconnaissance was obtained between these attacks, but from the evidence of night photographs it appears that this raid was abortive.

FRANK REFERENCES

9. Simultaneous attacks were made against Dessau, Hamburg and Heide, although the main forces were unrelated. Fighters contacted the Dessau force as it passed out of the Rhine area and approached Kassel. For a period of 40 minutes there was little activity until the bombers were passing Brunswick and Magdeburg when fresh fighter contact was made. A few contacts were made on the Havel route. There was slight heavy flak at Dessau. Ground defences were intense and extremely active at Brunswick and Magdeburg. On the return journey the defences of Pforzheim and Stuttgart were active.

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The Harburg raid was closely plotted and at least 4 Gruppen reacted. Fighters were first sent to Kiel. There were 5 attacks and 6 combats over the target, and at the southerly turning point and along the next 30 miles there were 4 attacks and 15 combats followed by two attacks off the Weser Estuary. There was moderate to intense inaccurate heavy flak up to 14,000 ft. at the target, and slight light flak. Ground defenses at Lubeck and Broderhaven were also active.

At Heide 4 attacks and 1 combat were made. Slight light flak, and slight heavy flak was experienced.

LOSS OF AIRCRAFT DESTROYED.

10. 5 Ju.88, 2 F.W.19, 2 He.119, 1 He.410, 1 F.E./E... and 1 U.I./E.A. were claimed destroyed; 1 Ju.88 probably destroyed, and 4 Ju.88 and 1 Ju.188 damaged.

RESULTS

11. 38 heavies did not return. 18 of the Dessau force were lost - 11 to fighters, 6 to flak and 1 to unknown causes. 14 of the Harburg force were lost - 9 to fighters, 3 to flak and 2 to unknown causes. 5 were lost on the Heide raid (including the Master Biter) - 2 to fighters, 1 to flak and 2 to unknown causes. 1 Windowing Halifax was also lost - cause unknown.

BERLIN

12. 64/75 Mosquitos bombed Berlin through 7-10/10ths cloud. Markers were well placed and crews had no difficulty in making either the cascading T.I.'s or their fl w. Bomb flashes were observed around the markers and an explosion was reported at 2200 hours.

FLANSBURG

13. 1/10 Mosquitos made a feint attack on the town, 4 on CB&E and 6 on green and red T.I.'s.

MUNSTER

14. 9/9 Mosquitos made a feint attack on the town, 5 on CB&E, 1 on Gou and 3 on red T.I.'s.

WARRING-BERLIN-DESSAU

15. 5 Mosquitos were despatched to bomb all three towns. 5/5 bombed Hannover and Berlin and 4/5 bombed Dessau - all on H.2.S.

INFLAYING

16. 5/5 Lancasters and 15/15 Halifaxes laid 66 mines off Flensburg and Eckerforde.

SUPPORT

17. 32 Mosquitos carried out High Level and 11 Mosquitos carried out Low Level marker patrols. 15 aircraft formed a WINDOW screen and 24 aircraft dropped WINDOW. 10 aircraft operated JUSTUS and PIPELACK.

SIGNALS PATROLS

18. 5/7 aircraft completed signals patrols.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE

19. 3 Mosquitos completed photographic reconnaissance flights.

30/3.249.9/Int.1.
18th April, 1945.

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Army Defences - Intercept/Tactics No. 57/45.

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C INTERRUPTING ATTACK ON		AGGRESSIVE SORTIES		MISS-ING	DAMAGE			INTERCEPTIONS		RESULTS	
				PRIM. AREA	ALT. AREA	OVER E.T.	NOT OVER E.T.		FLAK	FIGHTER	BRIT. INC. DUMBS	NOT DUE TO E/A	ATTACK-ED	NOT ATTACK-ED	H.K.
BESAU	1	Lanc I	177	170	2	2	3	68+1*	1	10+2AC+5	LAC	-	15	6	744.7
		Lanc III	66	64	-	-	2	6M	-	-	-	-	1	2	959.9
	3	Lanc I	110	105	-	1	4	2M	2	-	-	LAC+1	-	8	1x2000 HC
		Lanc III	14	14	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	25x4000 HC
	6	Lanc I	25	25	-	-	-	2M	-	-	-	-	-	1	25x4000 M. II
Lanc X		57	56	-	-	1	1M	1	LAC	-	-	1	1	127x2000 HC	
8	Lanc I	7	7	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	15x2000 M. II	
	Lanc III	64	59	1	2	2	1M	LAC+2	10+3AC	-	-	4	-	-	
		Monq XVI	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BESAU TOTAL			526	506	3	5	12	104+1*	LAC+20	20+LAC+5	LAC	LAC+1	21	19	-
HAMBURG/HARBURG	5	Lanc I	152	141	5	3	3	6M	5	1	-	-	12	15	1031.3
		Lanc III	82	73	1	6	2	5M	LAC+5	-	-	-	4	6	0.1
		Monq IV	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50x4000 HC
		Monq XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	119x4000 M. II
		Monq XX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17x2000 HC
HAMBURG/HARBURG TOTAL			261	221	6	9	5	13M	LAC+10	1	-	-	16	21	-
HEIDE (near FEMMINGSDT)	4	Hal III	151	149	-	-	2	2M	1	LAC+1	-	LAC	3	2	717.5
		Hal VI	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.9
	6	Hal III	57	57	-	-	-	1M	2	LAC	-	-	1	1	-
		Hal VII	43	43	-	-	-	1M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Lanc I	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Lanc III	20	20	-	-	-	1M	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
HEIDE TOTAL			261	279	-	-	2	5M	4	2AC+1	-	LAC	5	4	-
BERLIN	8	Monq XVI	28	25	3	-	-	1M	-	-	-	-	-	-	70.9
		Monq XX	10	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0
		Monq XXV	37	31	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	30x4000 HC
BERLIN TOTAL			75	64	10	-	1	1M	-	-	-	1	-	15x4000 M. II	
FRANKFURT	8	Monq IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5
		Monq XVI	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6
		Monq XXV	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3x4000 HC
FRANKFURT TOTAL			10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

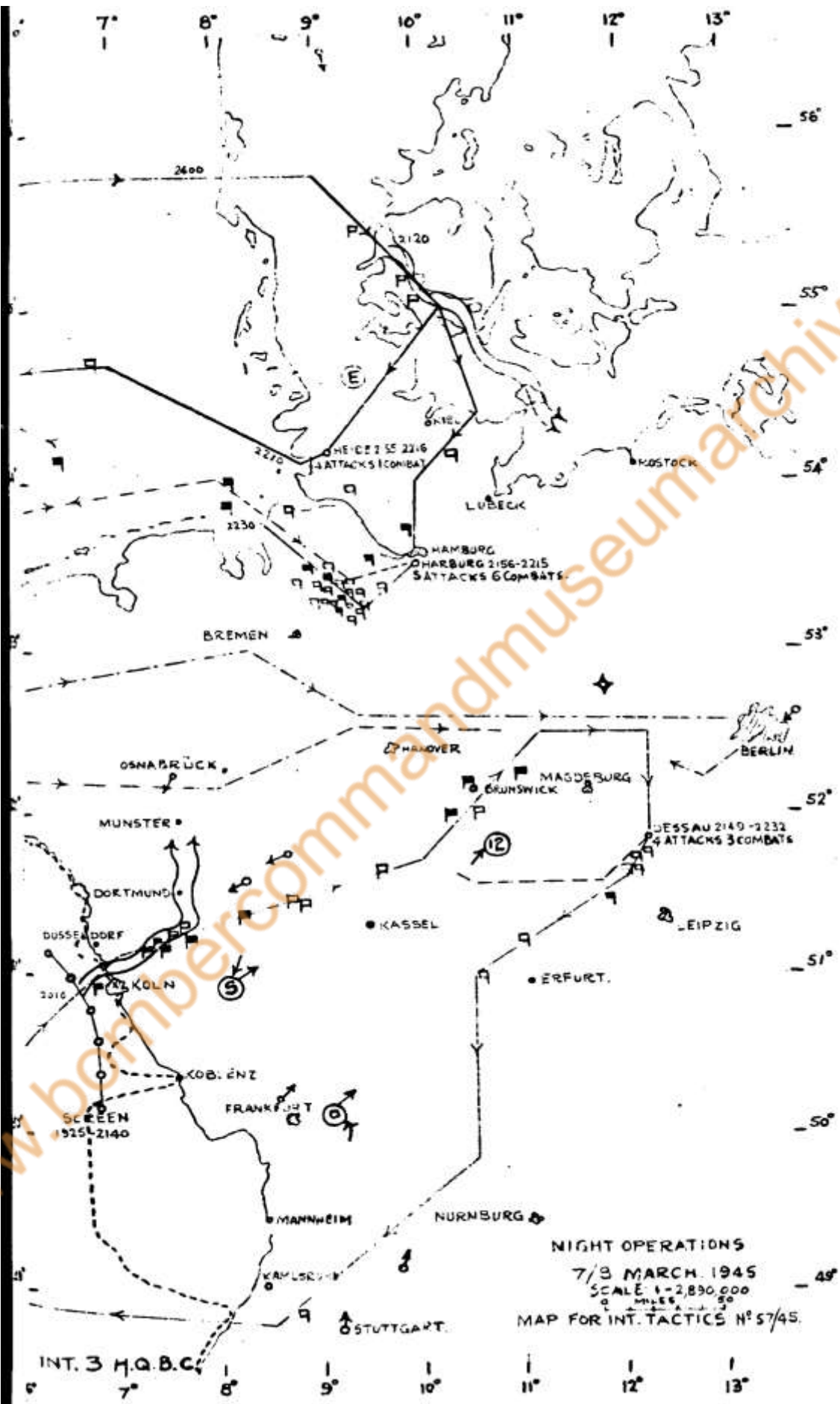
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TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C INTERRUPTING ATTACK ON		AGGRESSIVE SORTIES		MISS-ING	DAMAGE			INTERCEPTIONS		RESULTS		
				PRIM. AREA	ALT. AREA	OVER E.T.	NOT OVER E.T.		FLAK	FIGHTER	BRIT. INC. DUMBS	NOT DUE TO E/A	ATTACK-ED	NOT ATTACK-ED	H.K.	I.D.
MUNSTER	8	Monq IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6	
		Monq XVI	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0	
		Monq XXV	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MUNSTER TOTAL			9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MUNSTER *	8	Monq XX	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1	
		Monq XX	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6	
MUNSTER *	8	Monq XX	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.6	
		Monq XX	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MUNSTER, ETC. TOTAL			5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MUNSTER TOTAL			147	149	19	14	20	30+1*	21	3	2+LAC+5	LAC	LAC+2	43	46	-
MUNSTER	3	Lanc I	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Hal III	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Hal VI	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MUNSTER TOTAL			20	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MUNSTER	5	Monq	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Monq	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MUNSTER TOTAL			3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MUNSTER	100	Various	5	5	-	-	6	2M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Various	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MUNSTER	100	Hal I	7	5	-	-	2	LAC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Hal I	7	5	-	-	2	LAC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MUNSTER TOTAL			126	120	19	14	20	30+2*	21	3	2+LAC+5	LAC	LAC+2	43	44	

- * by Fighter
- δ Engine failure
- 1 Fort. on Harburg; 1 Hal. on Point to Munster

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NIGHT OPERATIONS
 7/3 MARCH 1945
 SCALE 1-2,850,000
 50 MILES
 MAP FOR INT. TACTICS N° 57/45

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NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 659

BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS
8/9th March, 1945.

TARGETS FOR HEAVIES

Kassel (Town):
Hamburg (Blohm & Voss Shipyards):
Hamburg, Heligoland Light and R. Weser (Minelaying):

TARGETS FOR MOSQUITOS

Berlin (Town):
Hannover (Town):
Hagen (Town):
Osnabruck-Hannover-Bremen (Towns).

SUMMARY

1. 266/276 aircraft attacked the town of Kassel, and 304/312 aircraft attacked the Blohm & Voss shipyards at Hamburg. Mines were laid off Hamburg, in the Heligoland Light and in the River Weser. Mosquitos bombed the towns of Berlin, Hannover, Hagen, Osnabruck and Bremen. 100 Group were active on Bomber Support and Signals patrols. 2 Mosquitos were despatched on Lat. Reconnaissance flights, and 3 Group were active on special operations. 2 Halifaxes and 1 Mosquito were lost (1.5%).

WEATHER OVER BASES

2. Forecast: Fit, with broken st. cu. below 5,000 ft.
Experienced: As forecast.

PLANS OF ATTACK

3. Kassel: OBOE ground and sky-marking with emergency H.2.S. sky-marking.
H = 2130 B.S.T.
Hamburg: 8 Group controlled NEWPLAN with emergency sky-marking.
H = 2130 B.S.T.

SORTIES

	<u>Kass.</u>	<u>Hamb.</u>	<u>Mines</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
4. No. of a/c despatched	276	312	37	172
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area	268	304	36	159
No. of a/c reporting attack on alternative area	1	-	-	-
No. of abortive sorties	7	6	1	6
No. of a/c missing	1	1	-	1
	(0.4%)	(0.3%)		(0.6%)

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

5. Kassel: Forecast: Much st. cu. Wind at 20,000 ft. 005 degs., 85 m.p.h.
Experienced: 7-10/10ths thin st. cu. Wind at 20,000 ft., 360 degs., 77 m.p.h.
Hamburg: Forecast: Breaks in st. cu. but risk of thin patchy medium cloud. Wind at 19,000 ft., 010 degs., 90 m.p.h.
Experienced: 4-9/10ths cloud in thin layers (tops 6-9,000 ft.). Wind at 18,000 ft., 005 degs., 90 m.p.h.

DESCRIPTIVES OF ATTACK

6. Kassel: Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked the town through 8-10/10ths thin cloud (tops 6,000 ft.). The attack started promptly with both ground and sky-markers and the former were clearly seen through the thin cloud. The majority of crews bombed on the ground markers and a good concentration resulted. Many fires were started over a large area and a number of explosions were reported. The glow of fires was still visible for about 100 miles on the homeward route.

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NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 859 (cont'd)

Hamburg: Halifaxes, Lancasters and Mosquitos bombed the Blohm & Voss shipyards through 4-10/10ths thin drifting cloud (tops 6,000 ft.). In the early stages groundmarkers were used but later, owing to cloud, skymarkers were released. Marking throughout was fairly well concentrated and bombing accurate. Numerous fires and explosions were reported. A glow covering a large area of the target was visible to crews on the return route.

NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHIC LOGS

7. Kassel: Plots indicated that the main weight of the attack fell in the target area.

Hamburg: Plots indicated that the attack fell outside the target area to the S.W.

RESULTS OF ATTACK

8. Kassel: The intention was to complete destruction of town and stop production of associated tank and jet engine factories and rail facilities.

Day cover included 2 raids by the U.S. 8th Air Force on 28th February and 9th March, and showed that the remaining part of the town had suffered severe damage. Damage was inflicted on important industrial concerns including the Henschel A.P.V. and A.T. works. The Kothenditzold Marshalling yard and the Wilhelmshöhe station were also damaged.

Hamburg: The intention was to destroy the Blohm & Voss shipbuilding yard assembling prefabricated U-boats.

No fresh damage was caused to the shipyards.

WINDY DEFENCES

9. In support of the Kassel force a WINDOW feint was flown into the Ruhr and taken for the main force against which night fighters were concentrated, while in fact the main force slipped by a little further North. They were at Osnabruck before the situation was clear to the enemy controllers, and then turned South. Attacks were negligible and the bomber force was never caught. Slight to moderate heavy flak at 15-21,000 ft. was experienced.

The Hamburg force was not appreciated until it approached very near to Denmark, and only one combat was reported overland. There was slight to moderate heavy flak, mainly in barrage form.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

10. 1 Ju.188 was claimed destroyed, 1 Ju.88 probably destroyed and 1 Me.110 damaged.

CASUALTIES

11. 3 aircraft were lost. 1 Halifax was shot down by flak over Hamburg. 1 Mosquito of the Kassel force was lost - cause unknown. The cause of the missing Windower was also unknown.

BERLIN

12. 38/39 Mosquitos attacked the town through 7-9/10ths cloud (tops 8-10,000 ft.). A good concentration of markers was achieved and bomb bursts were seen in close proximity to the markers.

HANNOVER

13. 28/28 Mosquitos bombed the town from 32,000 ft. through 5-6/10ths cloud (tops 6/8,000 ft.). Marking was concentrated and aircraft bombed on the red T.I.'s seen through gaps in the cloud or on the glow seen through thin cloud. Two fairly large explosions were observed.

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HAGEN

14. 7/7 Mosquitos made a feint attack on Hagen, 5 bombing on OBCE, 1 on Gea and 1 on D.R. from an OBCE fix.

OSNABRUCK - HANNOVER - BREMEN

15. 5 Mosquitos were despatched to bomb Osnabruck, Hannover and Bremen. 4 bombed all three towns on H.2.S., and the fifth also bombed Bremen on Gea.

LINELAYING

16. 36/37 Halifaxes and Lancasters laid 165 lines off Hornburg, in the Heligoland Bight and in the River Weser.

SPECIAL DUTIES

17. 5 aircraft of 3 Group completed special operations.

BOMBER SUPPORT

18. 12 Mosquitos completed Low Level and 24 Mosquitos completed High Level Intruder patrols. 11 aircraft dropped WINDOW. 8 aircraft were active on JOSTLE and PENNACON patrols. 24 heavies formed a MANDREL screen.

AET. RECONNAISSANCE

19. 1 Mosquito carried out a 1st. Reconnaissance flight.

SIGNALS PATROLS

20. 7 aircraft were despatched on Signals patrols.

BC/S.24949/1/Int.1.
21st April, 1945.

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Enemy Defences - Interception/Tactics No.56/45.

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPORTING ATTACK ON		AGGRESSIVE SORTIES		MISS-ING	DAMAGE			OPERATIONS		RESULTS H.E. I.D.
				FLY. AREA	ALT. AREA	OVER E.T.	NOT OVER E.T.		FLAK	FIGHER	BRIT. INC. DOMS	NOT DUE TO S/A	ATTACK-ED	
BRUSSEL	1	Lanc I	103	159	1	-	3	0-LAC	1-LAC	-	1-LAC	-	2	502.7 49.6 201x10000 29x10000 35x20000
		Lanc III	72	72	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	4	
	0	Lanc I	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc III	22	21	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Moag IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Moag XVI	7	6	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Moag XXV	6	6	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-			
BRUSSEL TOTAL		276	290	1	2	5	1-LAC	3-LAC	-	1-LAC	-	6		
HAMBURG	4	Hal III	340	136	-	-	4	-	3	-	-	1	3	639.6 4.0 7x10000 29x10000
		Hal VI	16	15	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	6	Hal III	42	42	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	
		Hal VII	43	42	-	-	1	-	2	-	1-LAC	-	-	
		Lanc I	56	56	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
	0	Lanc III	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Moag XVI	6	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Moag XX		1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Moag XXV	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
HAMBURG TOTAL		519	304	-	-	8	1	6	-	1-LAC	1	4		
ERLIN	0	Moag XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27.5 2.7
		Moag XX	12	11	-	-	1	-	-	-	1-LAC	-	-	
		Moag XXV	26	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
ERLIN TOTAL		39	38	-	-	1	0-LAC	-	-	-	-	-		
HANNOVER	0	Moag XVI	22	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30.0 10x10000
		Moag XXV	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HANNOVER TOTAL		28	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
MAGEN	0	Moag IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.7 .0
		Moag XVI	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MAGEN TOTAL		7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
GANDERBACH *	0	Moag IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
		Moag XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Moag XX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Moag XXV	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	

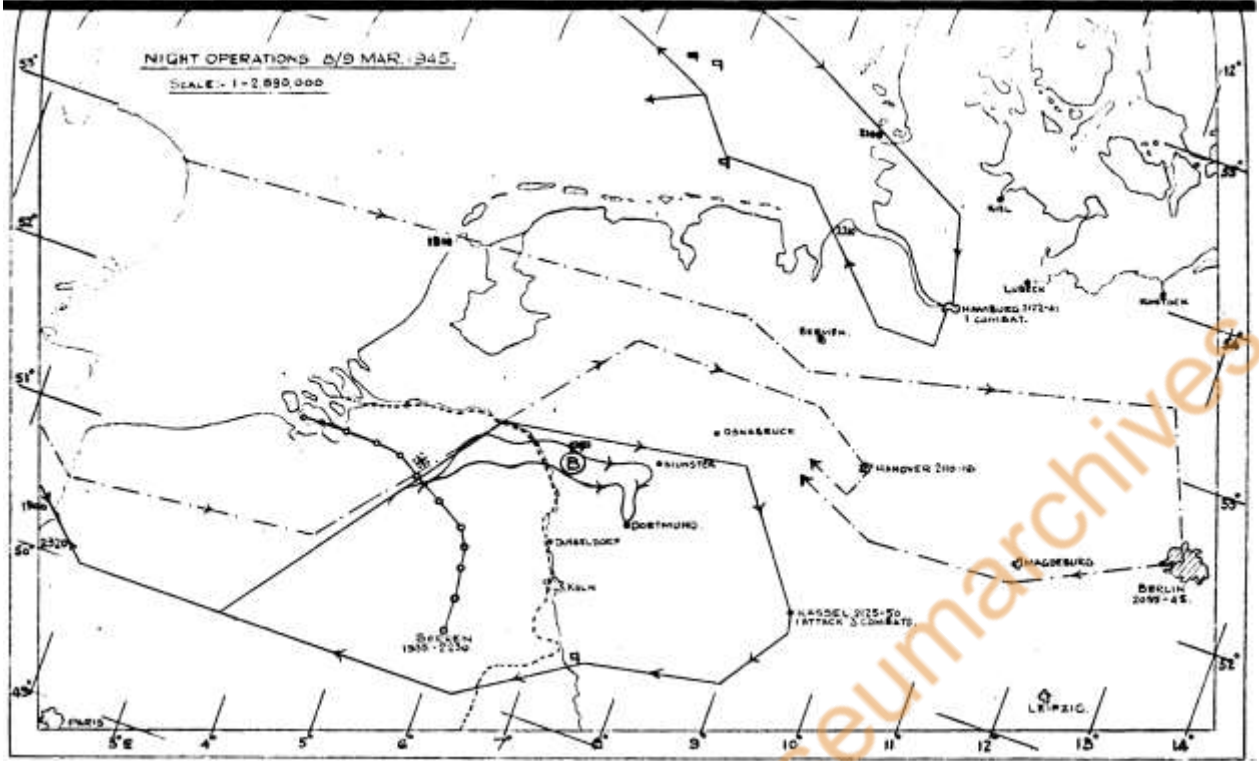
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3/2 MARCH 1962 (contd.)

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT Type	SORTIES	A/C REPORTING ATTACK ON		AGGRESSIVE SORTIES		MISS-ING	DAMAGE			OPERATIONS		RESULTS H.E. I.D.
				FLY. AREA	ALT. AREA	OVER E.T.	NOT OVER E.T.		FLAK	FIGHER	BRIT. INC. DOMS	NOT DUE TO S/A	ATTACK-ED	
HANNOVER *	0	Moag IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
		Moag XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Moag XX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Moag XXV	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MAGEN *	0	Moag IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2
		Moag XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Moag XX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Moag XXV	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GANDERBACH, ETL. TOTAL *		5	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BOMBING TOTAL		667	645	1	3	14	1-LAC-1E	3-LAC	-	1-LAC	2-LAC	2	10	
MIELAYING (HAMBURG)	4	Hal III	5	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	165 mines
		Hal VI	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MIELAYING (HAMBURG, BRUSSEL AND ERLIN)	0	Hal III	13	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc I	14	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MIELAYING TOTAL		37	36	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
FOREIGN SERVICE	100	various	79	73	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	
SIGNALS STATIONS	100	H.S.M.	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
NET. JERSEY	0	None	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			792	767	1	3	21	2-LAC-1E	3-LAC	-	1-LAC	2-LAC	10	
SPECIAL OPERATIONS	0	Various	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

- Special Operations not included in Grand Total
- * 5 a/c were detailed to attack these three targets
- 1 a/c Cat. LC Juvincourt - engine trouble
- 1 a/c Cat. E. Belgium H. Flak (ran out of fuel trying to land at Brussels)

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A. LIA. CO. AND A. S. I. IN NIGHT OPERATIONS
3/10th March, 1945

Sorties for Minelayers

Kattegat, Oslo Fiord (Minelaying):

Sorties for Bombers

Berlin (Town):

Wilhelmshaven-Bremer-Hannover-Osnabruck (Towns):

SUMMARY

- Berlin: 88/92 Mosquitos attacked the town through 10/10ths cloud. Crews bombed on the glow of markers, and bomb bursts were well grouped on the glow of T.I's below the cloud. A large explosion was reported in the centre of the marked area.
- Wilhelmshaven-Bremer-Hannover-Osnabruck: 4 Mosquitos were despatched to attack these four towns. 3 bombed all four towns on H.2.S., and the fourth bombed Osnabruck on Gee.
- Minelaying: 20/21 Halifaxes laid 80 mines in Oslo Fiord and the Kattegat.
- Counter-measures: 6/6 Mosquitos completed High Level and 6/6 Mosquitos completed Low Level Intruder patrols. 14/16 aircraft dropped WINDOW and 9/10 aircraft formed a MADRELL screen.
- Signals Patrols: 3/3 aircraft completed Signals patrols.

WEATHER OVER BASES

- Forecast: Fit.
Experienced: As forecast.

SORTIES

	<u>Mines</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
7. No. of a/c despatched	21	137
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area	20	129
No. of a/c reporting attack on alternative area	-	2
No. of abortive sorties	1	6
No. of a/c missing	-	-

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

- Oslo and Kattegat: Forecast: Well broken st. cu.
Experienced: 8/10ths cloud (tops 5/6,000 ft.).
- Berlin: Forecast: Much st. cu. (tops 12,000 ft.).
Experienced: 10/10ths cloud.

ENEMY DEFENCES

- A feint was flown by 100 Group aircraft across the North of the Ruhr and was accepted by the enemy as a real attack. 3 Gruppen were airborne for about half an hour in the North Ruhr.

During the penetration by Mosquitos to Berlin and minelayers to the Kattegat, fighter flares were occasionally sighted, but these were the only evidence of activity.

CASUALTIES

- No aircraft was lost.

S/S. 249-9/1/Int.1.
22nd April, 1945.

REFERENCES

Enemy Defences - Interception/Incidents 59/45.

2/10th MARCH 1945

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SIGHTS	A/C INTENTIONS				MISSED	DAMAGE				INCIDENTS		RESULTS	
				ATTACK ON		SUSPECTS			FLAK	FIGHTER	BUILT. INC. DMTG	NOT DUE TO E/A	ATTACK-ED	NOT ATTACK-ED	H.E.	I.D.
				PRIM. AREA	ALT. AREA	OVER E.T.	NOT OVER E.T.									
BERLIN	C	Moq XVI	43	41	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	L/C	-	-	102.0	2.2
		Moq XX	14	15	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	316,000	11
		Moq XXV	35	34	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	HC
BERLIN TOTAL			92	90	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	L/C	-	-		
WITTKELSHAVEN*	C	Moq XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		.7
		Moq XX	3	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
IGREMEN *	C	Moq XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		2.5
		Moq XX	3	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		100,000
HANNOVER *	C	Moq XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		.7
		Moq XX	3	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
OSNABROCK *	C	Moq XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		1.5
		Moq XX	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
WITTKELSHAVEN TOTAL *			4	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-			
OSNABROCK TOTAL			96	94	2	2	1	-	1	-	-	L/C	-	-		
MIDDELING																
KATZENAU	4	He I VI	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		60 mines
OSLC FACED	5	He I III	10	9	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
MIDDELING TOTAL			21	20	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BOMBER SUPPORT	100	Various	33	35	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SIGNALS PATROLS	100	Various	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
GRAND TOTAL			150	149	2	2	5	-	1	-	-	L/C	-	-		

* 4 a/c were detailed to attack these 4 targets

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SECRET

NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 861

BOEHR COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS
10/11th March, 1945.

TARGETS FOR ASSAULTS

Berlin (Town):
 Gotha (Town):
 Weimar (Town):
 Jena (Town):

SUMMARY

1. Berlin: 57/60 Mosquitos attacked the town through 10/10ths thin cloud from 16-29,000 ft. Mosquitos equipped with H.E.S. were employed as markers. A good concentration resulted and formed a compact glow which was attacked by the main force. Bomb bursts were seen in the marked area.
2. Gotha: 4/4 Mosquitos bombed the town through 10/10ths cloud, 3 on OROE and 1 on P.R.
3. Weimar: 4/4 Mosquitos bombed the town through 10/10ths cloud, 3 on OROE and 1 on D.R.
4. Jena: 3/4 Mosquitos bombed the town through 10/10ths cloud, 2 on OROE and 1 on P.R.
5. Counter-Measures: 10/10 Mosquitos completed High Level Intruder patrols, 12/13 aircraft formed a MANDREL screen, and 16/17 aircraft dropped W.L.D.W.
6. Signals Patrols: 5/5 aircraft completed Signals patrols.
7. Net.Reconnaissance: 1 Mosquito completed a Net. Reconnaissance flight.

WEATHER OVER BASES

8. Forecast: Cloudy, and moderate visibility.
- Experienced: Fit, with moderate visibility.

SCORTIES

9. No. of a/c despatched	118
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area	74
No. of 100 Group a/c fulfilling mission	38
No. of a/c reporting attack on alternative area	2
No. of abortive sorties	4
No. of a/c missing	-

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

10. Forecast: Much st. cu. (tops 8-10,000 ft.) and thin layers of medium cloud above.
- Experienced: As forecast.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT

11. 100 Group flew a feint in the direction of Munster which was taken to be a weak formation, but there was slight evidence of enemy aircraft being airborne. Only slight flick was reported from all targets.

CASUALTIES

12. All aircraft returned safely.

R/S. 24949/1/Int.1.
 21st April, 1945.

APPENDICES

Enemy Defences - Interception/Tactics No. 63/45.

MARCH 11 - DAY RAID BY 1079 AIRCRAFT ON ESSEN

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BERLIN, GOTHA, WEDDAR, JENA, ETC. 10/11th MARCH, 1945

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPORTING ATTACK ON				MISS-ING	DAMAGE				INTERCEPTIONS		RESULTS	
				PRIN. AREA	ALT. AREA	ABORTIVE SORTIES			FLAK	FIRE	BRIT. INC. BOMBS	NOT DOWN TO ENEMY ACTION	ATTACK-ED	NOT ATTACK-ED	H.E.	I.B.
						OVER B.T.	NOT OVER B.T.									
BERLIN	8	Mosq. XVI " IX " XXV	28	27	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	68.5	2.0
			9	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 x 4000 M.II	
			23	22	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BERLIN TOTAL:			60	57	2	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-			
GOHA	8	Mosq. XVI	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.1	-	
														2 x 4000 H.C.		
														2 x 4000 M.II		
WEDDAR	8	Mosq. XVI	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.1	-	
														2 x 4000 H.C.		
														2 x 4000 M.II		
JENA	8	Mosq. IX " XVI	1 3	1 2	- -	- 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2.7	-	
JENA TOTAL:			4	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
BOMBING TOTAL:			72	68	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-			
BOMBING SUPPORT:	100	Var.	40	38	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-			
SIGNALS P. TROOPS:	100	H & M	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
GEN. RESERVE:	8	Mosq.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
GRAND TOTAL:	/		118	112	2	2	2	-	2	-	-	-	-			

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SECRETNIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 66230. AIR COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS
11/12th March, 1945TARGETS FOR HELICOPTERSHattegat (Landing):
Oslo Fiord (Landing):TARGETS FOR BOMBERSBerlin (Town):
Hannover-Brunswick-Lagdeburg (Towns):SUMMARY

1. Berlin: 69/80 Mosquitos attacked the town through 10/10ths broken layer cloud (tops 12,000 ft.). Markers were dropped in a good concentration and bombing was well placed on the markers.
2. Hannover, Brunswick, Lagdeburg: 6 Mosquitos were despatched to attack all three targets. 5/6 bombed Brunswick and Lagdeburg on H.2.S. and 4/6 bombed Hannover on H.2.S.
3. Landing: 21/22 Lancasters laid 125 mines in Oslo Fiord and in the Hattegat.
4. Counter-Measures: 4/4 Mosquitos completed Low Level Intruder patrols.
5. Net. Reconnaissance: 1 Mosquito carried out a Net. Reconnaissance flight.

WEATHER OVER BASES

6. Forecast: Fit.
- Experienced: As forecast.

SORTIES

7. No. of a/c despatched	103
No. of a/c reporting attack in primary area	115
No. of 100 Group a/c fulfilling mission	4
No. of a/c reporting attack on alternative area	1
No. of abortive sorties	3
No. of a/c missing	-

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

8. Forecast: Much layer cloud over Germany.
- Experienced: As forecast.

ENEMY DEFENCES

9. Moderate flak at Berlin was the only opposition experienced.

REMARKS

10. There were no losses.

EC/S.3349/1/Int.1.
13th April, 1945.

REFERENCES

Enemy Defences - Interception/Tactics Report
No. 61/45.

MARCH 12 - DAY RAID BY 1108 AIRCRAFT ON DORTMUND

BERLIN, HANNOVER-BRUNSWICK - MAGDEBURG, MINSK, ETC.

11/12th MARCH, 1945

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPORTING ATTACK ON		POSITIVE SORTIES		MISS-ING	DAMAGE			INTERCEPTIONS		RESULTS		
				FRM. ATTK.	ALT. LOSS	OVER E.T.	NOT OVER E.T.		PLANES DOWN	ENGINES DOWN	NOT DUE TO E/ACTION	ATTACKED	NOT ATTACKED	H.E.	IR.	
BERLIN	B	Mosq. XVI * XX * XXV	36	35	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	103.6	2.0
			14	14	-	-	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	33 x 4000 H.I.	-
			40	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BERLIN TOTAL:			90	89	-	-	1	-	1.0	-	-	1E	-	-	-	-
HANNOVER	* B	Mosq. XI Mosq. XXV	4 2	3 1	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	-	-	0.9
BRUNSWICK	* B	Mosq. XX * XIV	4 2	3 2	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	-	-	2.2
MAGDEBURG	* B	Mosq. XI * XXV	4 2	3 2	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	-	-	1.3
HANNOVER ETC. TOTAL:			6	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOMBING TOTAL:			96	93	1	1	1	-	1.0	-	-	1E	-	-	-	-
MINERALOG. CAP. BALT	1	Lanc. I * III	5 6	5 5	- -	- -	- 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	125 mines
	5	Lanc. I * III	6 5	6 5	- -	- -	- -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OSLO UNCORR. MINERALOG. TOTAL:			11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOMBER SUPPORT:			100	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:			196	193	1	1	1	-	1.0	-	-	1E	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL:			296	293	1	1	2	-	1.0	-	-	1E	-	-	-	-

* 4 a/c were detailed to attack three 3 targets.

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SECRETNIGHT MAIL REPORT NO. 663REAR COMBAT REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS
12/13th March, 1945LOSS OF HEAVIES

Kattgat (Involving):

TARGETS FOR MOSQUITOSBerlin (Town):
Stendal-Ingdeburg-Halle (Towns):SUMMARY

1. Berlin: 80/81 Mosquitos attacked the town from 20,25,000 ft. through 10/10ths cloud (tops 12,000 ft.). Marking and bombing was generally very good. A large explosion was reported.
2. Stendal-Ingdeburg-Halle: 3/3 Mosquitos bombed these three towns on H.2.S.
3. Involving: 14/19 heavies laid 79 mines in the Kattgat.
4. Signals Patrols: 2 aircraft were despatched on signals patrols.

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

5. Forecast: Broken st. cu. Visibility 1,000-1,500 yards.
Experienced: Little cloud. Smoke and haze.

SORTIES

	<u>Mines</u>	<u>Loss</u>
6. No. of a/c despatched	19	66
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area	14	85
No. of a/c reporting attack on alternative area	-	1
No. of abortive sorties	2	-
No. of a/c missing	3	-
	(15.8%)	

WEATHER OVER BASES

7. Kattgat: Forecast: 10/10ths st. cu. and patches of low stratus below 1,000 ft.
Experienced: Considerable sea haze, and nil - 4/10ths cloud (tops 8,000 ft.).
- Germany: Forecast: 10/10ths st. cu. (tops 10,000 ft.).
Experienced: 10/10ths st. cu. (tops 12,000 ft.).

ENEMY DEFENCES

8. The involving force which crossed North Jutland to and from the target area was opposed by fighters operating from Grove. Some light flak was experienced.

CASUALTIES

9. 3 Lancasters were lost. 2 were shot down in the Aarhus region and 1 in sinkjobbing Fiord.

BC/S.24349/1/Int.1.
24th April, 1945.R E F E R E N C E SEnemy Defences - Interception/Tactics Report
No. 62/45.

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BERLIN, STENDAL-MAGDEBURG-HALLE, MINELAYING ETC.

12/13th MARCH, 1945

TARGET	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SERIES	A/C REPORTING ATTACK ON		AGGRESSIVE SERIES		MISS-ING	DAMAGE				INTERCEPTIONS		RESULTS		
				PRIM. AREA	AFT. AREA	OVER E.T.	NOT OVER E.T.		PLAN	FIGHTER	BRIT. INC. BOMBS	NOT DAE TO E/ACTION	ATTACK-ED	NOT APPL. Ch-ED	HE	IB	
BERLIN	8	Meq. XVI	38	37	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	97.3	1.3
		" XI	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45x4000 M. II	
		" XXV	31	31	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-		
BERLIN TOTAL:			81	80	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-			
STENDAL	8	Meq. XX	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7	-	
MAGDEBURG	8	" XI	3	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	.7	-	
HALLE	8	" XI	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7	-	
STENDAL ETC. TOTAL			3	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-			
COMBING TOTAL:			84	83	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-			
MINELAYING KAVIRGAT	1	Lanc. I	10	7	-	-	1	2M	-	1GC	-	-	4	1		79	
	6	Lanc. I Hal. III	6	5	-	-	-	1M	-	-	-	-	-	-		mines	
MINELAYING TOTAL:			19	14	-	-	2	3M	-	1GC	-	-	1	1			
STORM PATROLS	100	H.M.	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
GRAND TOTAL:			105	99	1	-	2	3M	3	1GC	-	-	4	1			

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SECRETNIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 764/29BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS
13/14th MARCH, 1945.TARGETS FOR HEAVIESHerne (Erin Benzol Plant):
Gelsenkirchen (Dahlbusch Benzol Plant):TARGETS FOR MOSQUITOSBerlin (Town)
Bremen (Town)
Frankfurt (Town):SUMMARY

1. 98/112 Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked the Erin Benzol plant at Herne and 105/115 Lancasters and Mosquitos the Dahlbusch Benzol plant at Gelsenkirchen. Mosquitos bombed Berlin, Bremen and Frankfurt, and 100 Group were active on Bomber Support and Signals patrols. 2 aircraft were lost.

WEATHER OVER BASES

2. Forecast: Fit.
Experienced: Haze. Fog in Lincolnshire after 2100 hrs.

PLANS OF ATTACK

3. Herne: OBQE groundmarking. H = 2030 B.S.T.
Dahlbusch: OBQE groundmarking. H = 2045 B.S.T.

SORTIES

	<u>Herne.</u>	<u>Gels.</u>	<u>100 Group.</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
4. No. of a/c despatched	112	115	95	82
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area	98	105	-	79
No. of a/c reporting attack on alternative area	-	1	-	2
No. of 100 Group a/c fulfilling mission	-	-	93	-
No. of abortive sorties	14	9	2	1
No. of a/c missing.	-	1	1	-
		(0.9%)	(1.1%)	

ROUTES

5. Herne: Reading - Le Touquet - 5040N 0625E - Herne - 5123N 0726E - 5036N 0540E - Le Touquet - Reading.

Gelsenkirchen: Reading - Le Touquet - 5040N 0625E - Dahlbusch - 5138N 0625E - 5043N 0440E - Le Touquet - Reading.

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

6. Herne: For c. st: Little cloud, but much haze. Wind at 15,000 ft. 010 degs. 25 m.p.h.

Experienced: 9/10ths cloud (tops 12,000 ft.). Wind at 15,000 ft. 350 degs. 15 m.p.h.

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Gelsenkirchen: Forecast: Little cloud, but much haze. Wind at 15,000 ft. 010 degs. 25 m.p.h.

Experienced: Clear, with some haze. Wind at 15,000 ft. 350 degs. 15 m.p.h.

NARRATIVES OF ATTACK

7. Herne: Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked the Benzol plant in conditions of 9/10ths cloud. Cloud obscured the markers and most crews relied on navigational aids. It was reported that the attack lacked concentration.

Gelsenkirchen: Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked the Benzol plant in good weather apart from haze. Markers were plentiful and compact and a good concentration of bombing followed. Many large explosions were noted in the target area.

NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHIC PLOTS

8. Herne: H.2.S. plots indicated a good attack.

Dahlbusch: H.2.S. plots indicated a good attack.

RESULTS OF ATTACKS

9. Herne: The intention was to destroy the Erin Benzol distillation plant and associated coke oven batteries.

Slight damage was caused to the plant and 3 days after the attack the smallest battery of coke ovens was thought to be in action but the two remaining batteries were inactive. A length of about 200 ft. of the pipe line from the southern battery of coke ovens was seen lying on the ground, and it is estimated the battery would be out of action for a month.

Gelsenkirchen: The intention was to destroy Dahlbusch Benzol distillation plant and associated coke oven batteries.

Severe damage was effected throughout the target area and 6 days after the attack there were no signs of activity in any part of the plant.

ENEMY DEFENCES

10. The enemy plotted the bomber stream as it emerged from the MANDREL screen and tracked it into the target. The target was thought to be Dortmund and although enemy fighters were airborne they were apparently confused by the targets, as well as by our counter measures, and were unable to make a single contact.

Thick ground haze made accurate flak difficult.

CASUALTIES

11. 1 Lancaster was seen to go down over Gelsenkirchen and 1 Intruder Mosquito on Münster was also lost. Cause of loss of both aircraft was unknown.

BERLIN

12. 46/50 Mosquitos attacked the town through 9-10/10ths cloud. Marking done by aircraft equipped with H.2.S. and with the floaters clearly visible concentrated attack was effected.

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SECRET

NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 865.

BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS
14/15TH MARCH, 1945.

TARGETS FOR HEAVIES

Lutzkendorf (Synthetic Oil Plant):
Zweibrucken (Town):
Homburg (Town):

TARGETS FOR MOSQUITOS

Berlin (Town):
Bremen-Brunswick-Berlin (Towns):

SUMMARY

1. 245/255 Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked the synthetic oil plant at Lutzkendorf. 221/230 heavies and Mosquitos attacked the town of Zweibrucken and 151/161 attacked the town of Homburg, both these targets being laid on at the request of the Army. Mosquitos bombed Berlin, Bremen and Brunswick. 100 Group were active on bomber support and signals patrols, and 1 Mosquito carried out a Net. Reconnaissance patrol. 11 aircraft were lost (1.4%).

WEATHER OVER BASES

2. Forecast: Fit. Fog in Lincolnshire on return.
Experienced: As forecast.

PLANS OF ATTACK

3. Lutzkendorf: 5 Group NEWHAVEN with direct bombing. H = 2200 B.S.T.
Zweibrucken: Controlled musical NEWHAVEN (with long stop). H=2015 B.S.T.
Homburg: Controlled musical NEWHAVEN (with long stop). H = 2030 B.S.T.

SORTIES

	<u>Lutz.</u>	<u>Zwei.</u>	<u>Homb.</u>	<u>100 Grp.</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
4. No. of a/c despatched	255	230	161	79	76
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area	245	221	151	-	69
No. of a/c reporting attack on alternative area	2	-	-	-	2
No. of 100 Group a/c fulfilling mission	-	-	-	76	-
No. of abortive sorties	8	9	10	3	5
No. of a/c missing	8	-	1	2	-
	(3.1%)		(0.6%)	(2.5%)	

ROUTES

5. Lutzkendorf: Gravesend - Dungeness - 5000N 0200E - 4820N 0600E - 4830N 0920E - 4920N 1010E - 5100N 1110E - Lutzkendorf - 5110N 1200E - 5012N 1142E - 4907N 0930E - 4830N 0630E - Reading.
Zweibrucken: Reading - 5000N 0200E - 4915N 0540E - Zweibrucken - 4905N 0730E - 4830N 0630E - 5000N 0200E - Reading.
Homburg: Reading - 5000N 0200E - 4915N 0540E - then to Homburg - 4925N 0720E - 4925N 0630E - 5000N 0200E - Reading.

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WEATHER OVER TARGETS.

6. Lutzkendorf: Forecast: Patches of thin a/cu. about 12,000 ft. Poor visibility. Wind at 13,000 ft. 290 degs. 25 m.p.h.

Experienced: Patches of thin a/cu. above 13,000 ft. Wind at 13,000 ft. 330 degs. 30 m.p.h.

Zweibrucken & Homburg: Forecast: Little or no cloud. Very hazy and poor visibility. Wind at 13,000 ft. 320 degs. 12 m.p.h.

Experienced: No cloud, but hazy. Wind at 340 degs. 20 m.p.h.

NARRATIVES OF ATTACK.

7. Lutzkendorf: Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked the synthetic oil plant on markers which were reported as accurate, and a good concentration of bombing was reported. Many fires and explosions were seen.

Zweibrucken: Halifaxes, Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked the town in clear weather but with slight haze. The target was marked with red and green T.I's and flares, and parts of the built up area were identified under the light of the flares. Numerous fires and explosions were reported.

Homburg: Halifaxes, Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked the town in clear weather but with some ground haze. Marking was concentrated and navigational checks indicated that they were accurately placed. Bombing was concentrated on the markers and several explosions were reported.

RESULTS OF ATTACK.

8. Lutzkendorf: The intention was to complete destruction of the synthetic oil plant.

Only moderate damage was effected to the Bergius and Fischer Tropsch plants, but a week after the attack they were both inactive. Repairs, however, were in hand.

Zweibrucken: The intention was to block road and rail routes and destroy enemy airmen and troops.

Cover was obtained on the day following the attack and the centre of the town was shown to be completely devastated. Roads were blocked and rail tracks severed.

Homburg: The intention was to block road and rail routes and destroy enemy airmen and troops.

On the day following the attack, photographic cover revealed that the town area was heavily damaged. Roads were blocked, rail tracks severed, and the Saar marshalling yards pitted with craters.

ENEMY DEFENSES.

9. Lutzkendorf: Enemy fighters were active and 20 Lancasters were intercepted involving 11 attacks and 17 combats. At the target there was a moderate heavy flak barrage up to 10/12,000 ft., and also slight light flak. Near Weimar accurate heavy flak was experienced.

Zweibrucken: No combats or attacks were reported. Slight to moderate heavy flak and sporadic light flak was experienced.

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Hamburg: There was one combat, which took place after leaving the target. There was slight heavy flak at 8-12,000 ft. and slight flak up to 10,000 ft. at the target.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED.

10. 1 Ju.88, 1 Me.163 and 2 unidentified twin engined aircraft were claimed destroyed, and 1 F.W. 190, 1 Me. 410 and 1 Ju.88 damaged.

CASUALTIES

11. 8 Lancasters, 1 Halifax, 1 Fortress and 1 Mosquito were lost. 9 of the Lutzkendorf force were lost - 2 to flak, 4 to fighters and 3 to unknown causes. 1 of the Hamburg force and 1 Intruder were lost to unknown causes.

BERLIN

12. 66/69 Mosquitos attacked the town in nil cloud but considerable ground haze. Marking and bombing were reported as concentrated and several large explosions occurred.

BREMEN-BRUNSWICK-BERLIN

13. 6 Mosquitos were despatched to attack these three towns. 6/6 bombed Bremen (4 on H.2.S., 1 on Gee and 1 on D.R.), 3/6 bombed Brunswick on H.2.S., and 2/6 bombed Berlin on H.2.S. One aircraft also bombed Hannover.

BOMBER SUPPORT.

14. 21 Mosquitos carried out High Level and 6 Mosquitos carried out Low Level Intruder patrols. 13 aircraft formed a MANDREL screen, and 23 aircraft dropped WINDOW. 7 aircraft carried out JOSTLE and PIPERACK patrols.

SIGNALS PATROLS

15. 9 aircraft carried out Signals patrols.

LET. RECONNAISSANCE

16. 1 Mosquito was despatched on a Let. Reconnaissance patrol.

BC/S.24949/1/Int.1.
29th April, 1945.

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TYPE	GROUP	ALLOTMENT TYPE	BOMBERS	% REPORTING				DAMAGE				INTERRUPTIONS		RESULTS			
				PRIM. REPT.	SEC. REPT.	OV. E.T.	OV. CVT.	FLAK	FLAK	FLAK	FLAK	ATTACKED	NO. OF	HE.	IB.		
LONDON BOMB	5	Line I	150	143	2	-	-	7	11+1.0	-	-	1+3.0+1E	6	10	921.5	6.7	
		Line III	96	92	-	-	2	1	7+1.0	1+2.0	-	2.0	4	10	1200.000 HC.	800.000 M2.	
		Line IV	4	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Line XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Line XX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
LONDON BOMB TOTAL			253	240	2	1	7	8	18.2.0	1+2.0	-	1+5.0+1E	10	20			
BERLIN	4	Line III	51	49	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	806.5	12.2	
		Line VII	47	45	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
		Line I	39	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	980.000 HC.	
		Line X	59	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Line I	13	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BERLIN	5	Line III	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Line IX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Line XVI	6	2	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Line XX	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Line XXV	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BERLIN TOTAL			230	221	-	6	3	-	-	-	1	1E	-	-			
NO BOMB	4	Line III	96	96	-	-	2	1+1E	-	-	-	-	1E	-	456.7	11.3	
		Line VII	31	29	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Line I	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Line III	21	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Line IX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
NO BOMB TOTAL	161	Line XVI	6	1	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Line XX	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Line XXV	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Line XXV	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Line XXV	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
NO BOMB TOTAL			161	151	-	5	5	1+1E	-	-	-	1E	-	1			
BOMB	5	Line XVI	35	32	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	81.0	1.3	
		Line XX	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300.000 M2.		
		Line XXV	22	22	-	-	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BOMB TOTAL			69	66	2	-	1	-	1.0	-	-	-	-				

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14/15th. MARCH, 1945. - CONTD.

TYPE	GROUP	ALLOTMENT TYPE	BOMBERS	% REPORTING				DAMAGE				INTERRUPTIONS		RESULTS		
				PRIM. REPT.	SEC. REPT.	OV. E.T.	OV. CVT.	FLAK	FLAK	FLAK	FLAK	ATTACKED	NO. OF	HE.	IB.	
BOMB	8	Line XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.9	-
BOMB	5	Line XX	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3	-
BOMB	5	Line XX	5	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOMB	5	Line XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5	-
BOMB	5	Line XX	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	-
BOMB	6	Line XX	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	-
BOMB TOTAL			21	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	-
BOMB	100	Various	70	67	-	-	3	1+1E	1 (part)	-	-	-	-	-		
BOMB	100	H. & H.	9	9	-	-	-	-	1 (part)	-	-	-	-	-		
BOMB	1	Line I	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BOMB TOTAL			81	76	1	-	3	1+1E	1 (part)	-	-	-	-	-		

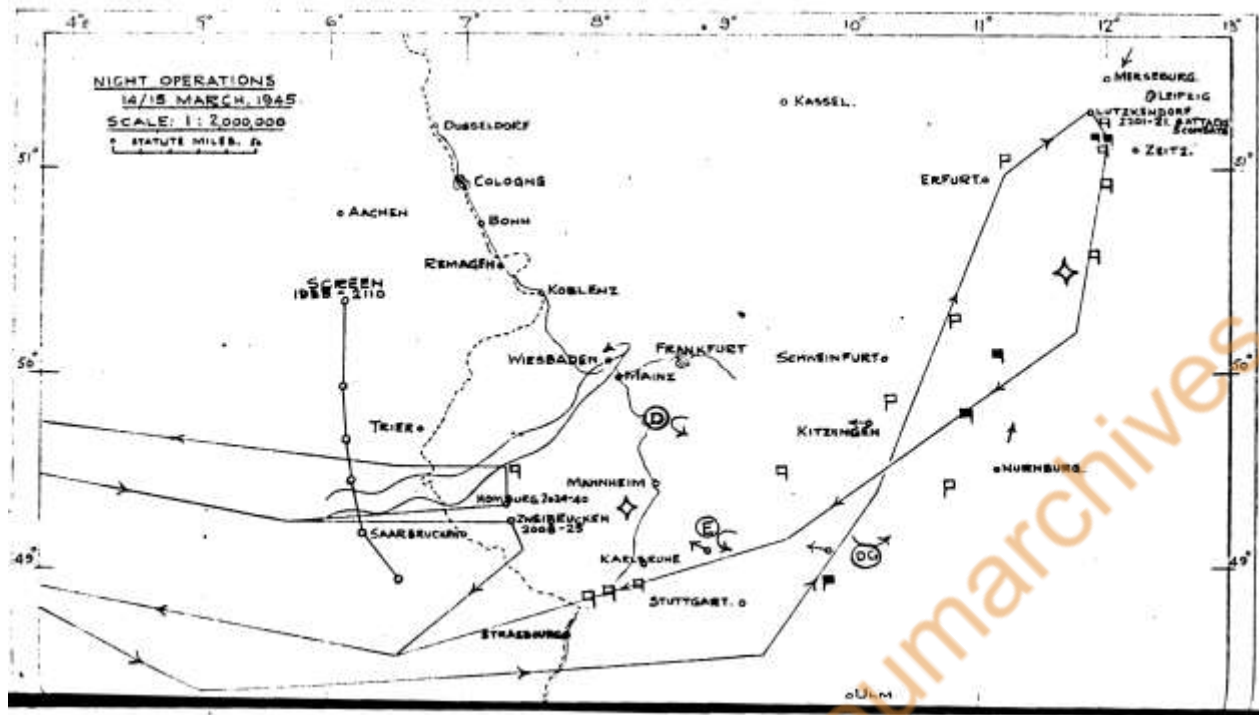
6 MOSQUITOES WERE DETAILLED TO ATTACK BRIDGE-BRICKS-VICK-BERLIN.

1. a/c. Cat. E. Florence - Flak, engine failure; hit mosquito on landing.

Due to Flak.

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SECRETNIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 76031BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS
15/16TH MARCH, 1945.TARGETS FOR HEAVIESMisburg (Oil Refinery):
Hagen (Town):TARGETS FOR MOSQUITOSBerlin (Town):
Erfurt (Town):
Mannheim (Town):
Erfurt-Weimar-Jena (Towns):SUMMARY

1. 213/265 Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked the oil refinery at Misburg and 267/277 Halifaxes, Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked the town of Hagen. Mosquitos bombed Berlin, Erfurt, Mannheim, Weimar and Jena. 100 Group aircraft were active on Bomber Support and Signals patrols. 3 aircraft were despatched on Mat. Reconnaissance patrols. 6 Lancasters and 2 Halifaxes were lost (1.1%).

WEATHER OVER BASES2. Forecast: Broken st. cu. and moderate visibility.Experienced: As forecast.PLANS OF ATTACK3. Misburg: Musical NEWHAVEN with emergency ground and skymarking.
H = 2100 B.S.T.Hagen: Musical NEWHAVEN with emergency ground and skymarking.
H = 2015 B.S.T.SORTIES

	<u>Mis.</u>	<u>Hagen.</u>	<u>100 Grp.</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
4. No. of a/c despatched	265	277	90	103
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area	253	267	-	93
No. of a/c reporting attack on alternative area	2	-	-	1
No. of 100 Group fulfilling mission	-	-	82	-
No. of abortive sorties	10	10	8	9
No. of a/c missing	4	4	-	-
	(1.5%)	(1.4%)		

ROUTES5. Misburg: Reading - 5010N 0130E - 5015N 0405E - 5100N 0530E - 5045N 0640E - 5055N 0730E - 5107N 0900E - 5140N 0945E - Misburg - 5228N 1000E - 5220N 1012E - 5150N 1015E - 5113N 1000E - 5045N 0810E - 5014N 0705E - 5010N 0130E.Hagen: As above to 5055N 0730E, then to Hagen - 5125N 0737E - 5120N 0643E - 5100N 0530E - 5015N 0405E - 5010N 0130E - Reading.WEATHER OVER TARGETS6. Misburg: Forecast: Cloudless conditions, but with ground haze. Wind at 18,000 ft. 280 degs. 20 m.p.h.Experienced: As forecast, but wind at 18,000 ft. 275 degs. 20 m.p.h.

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Hagen: Forecast: Cloudless conditions, but ground haze. Wind at 18,000 Ft. 270 degs. 15 m.p.h.

Experienced: As forecast, except wind at 16 m.p.h.

NARRATIVES OF ATTACK.

7. Misburg: Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked the oil refinery in conditions of no cloud and good visibility except for slight ground haze. Marking was reported as accurate and bombing concentrated on the markers. Large fires soon enveloped the target and large explosions occurred. The glow of fires could be seen for 100 miles on the return journey.

Hagen: Halifaxes and Mosquitos attacked the town in cloudless conditions although there was considerable ground haze. Marking was plentiful and generally concentrated although there was some evidence of undershooting. By 2030 hrs. T.I's were almost obliterated by smoke rising to 3/4,000 ft. and the Master Bomber called for skymarking. Several explosions were reported, and the glow of fires could be seen for 80 miles on the return journey.

1 1/2 hours later 10 Mosquitos carried out a feint attack against Hagen.

NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHIC PLOTS.

8. Misburg: H.2.S. plots indicated a good attack.

Hagen: Plots indicated a good attack within the target area.

RESULTS OF ATTACK

9. Misburg: The intention was to complete destruction of oil refinery.

Day cover on 30th March showed that the bulk of the attack had, in fact, fallen south east of the target area. Nevertheless, one of the two boiler houses was severely damaged and scattered damage throughout the rest of the plant was sufficient to put it temporarily out of action. Repairs were seen to be in progress and it was estimated that the plant would be capable of resuming some crude distillation within a week.

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

Photographic cover showed that nearly all the remaining undamaged built up area was destroyed and there was extensive additional damage to industries and rail facilities.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

10. At least 10 Gruppen were airborne, but only 2 combats were reported by the Misburg force on the return journey between Brunswick and Kassel, and 12 attacks: 3 combats on the homeward journey by the Hagen force, mostly in the area North of Aachen.

There was moderate, heavy flak at Misburg, and slight predicted heavy flak and some barrage fire at Hagen.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

11. 1 Me. 410 and 1 Ju.88 were claimed destroyed, and 1 Ju. 88 damaged.

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CASUALTIES

12. 6 Lancasters and 2 Halifaxes were lost. Of the Bisburg force 2 were shot down by fighters and 2 were lost in collision after leaving the target. 4 a/c were lost on the Hagen rail, 2 to flak and 2 to fighters.

BERLIN

13. 52/54 Mosquitos bombed the town in conditions of no cloud but some haze. Markers formed a good concentration, and although numerous decoy T.I.'s were reported all round the town, crews had no difficulty in picking out the genuine markers.

ERFURT

14. 19/22 Mosquitos carried out a feint attack on Erfurt.

MANNHEIM

15. 16/16 Mosquitos carried out a feint attack against Mannheim.

ERFURT-WEIMAR-JENA

16. 5 Mosquitos were despatched to attack these three towns. 3/5 aircraft bombed all three towns on H.2.S. and a fourth aircraft also bombed Erfurt.

BOMBER SUPPORT

17. 23/25 Mosquitos carried out High Level and 12/12 Low Level Intruder patrols. 21/24 aircraft formed a MANDREL screen and 14/15 aircraft dropped WINDOW. 7/9 aircraft were active on JOSTLE and PIPERACK patrols.

SIGNALS PATROLS.

18. 5/5 aircraft completed signals patrols.

LET. RECONNAISSANCE

19. 3/3 Mosquitos completed let. Reconnaissance patrols.

BC/S.249-9/1/Int.1.
3th April, 1945.

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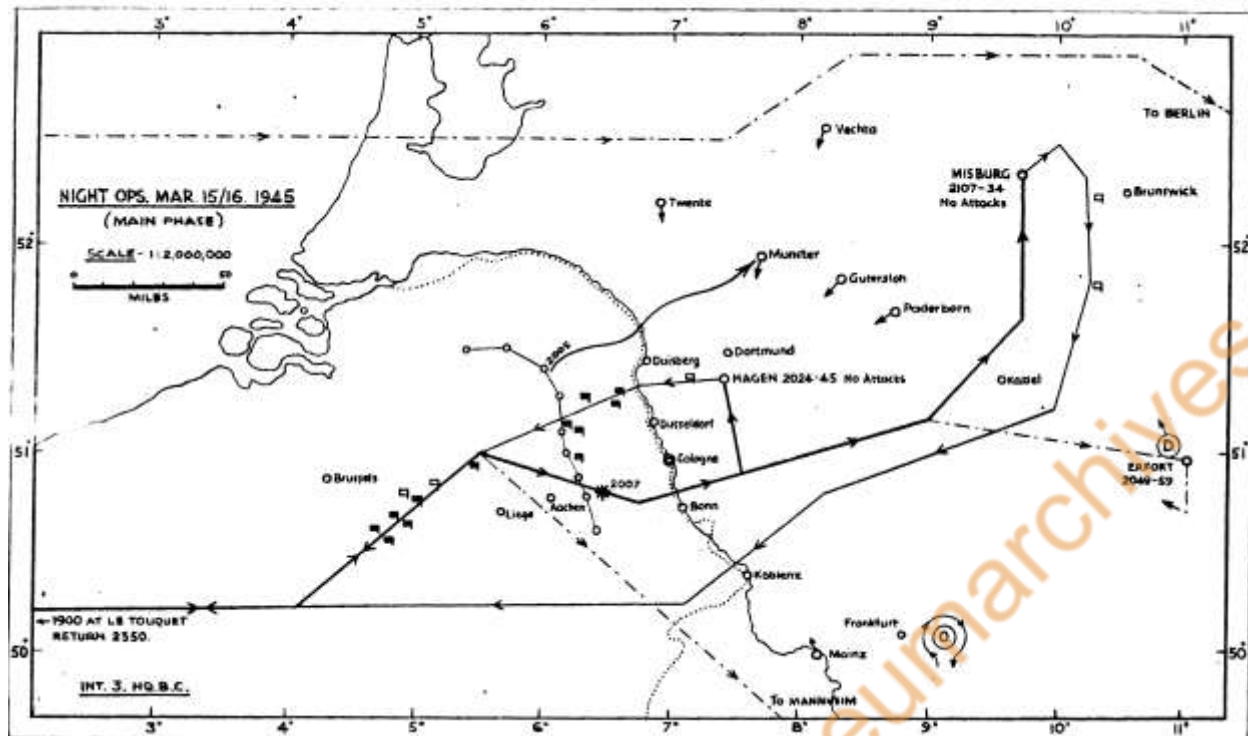
SQUADRON	GROUP	DISCREPANT TYPE	SORTIES	✓/C REPORTING		ADVERSIVE		MILES	DAMAGE		INVESTIGATION		RESULTS		
				PLUCK	OVER	NOT	FLY		FIGHTER	PLUCK	NOT	RE.	IB.		
WISBURG	1	Lanc. I	151	1	-	-	2	1.0	-	-	-	-	267.9	45.8	
		Lanc. III	50	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	147x1000 HQ.	-	
		Lanc. I	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20x1000 HQ.	-
		Lanc. III	39	38	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. IX	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XVI	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
WISBURG TOTAL			205	253	2	7	3	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1st Bomb	4	Halix. III	79	76	-	1	2	1.2	1	-	-	2x	4	264.7	568.0
		Halix. III	21	21	-	-	-	1+10*	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
		Halix. VII	22	22	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	-
	8	Lanc. I	41	41	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	100x1000 HQ.
		Lanc. III	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	5x1000 HQ.
		Lanc. I	55	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	96x1000 HQ.
		Lanc. I	10	10	-	-	-	1+13*	7	-	1	-	6	-	-
		Lanc. III	25	25	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
		Mosq. IX	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XVI	9	5	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1st Bomb TOTAL			267	257	-	8	2	1.4	1	-	2	1+22*	15	7	
2nd Bomb	8	Mosq. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.8	1.0
		Mosq. XVI	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XXV	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2nd Bomb TOTAL			10	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
3rd Bomb	8	Mosq. XVI	19	17	1	1	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	55.4	2.3
		Mosq. XX	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4x1000 HQ.
		Mosq. XXV	26	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3rd Bomb TOTAL			54	52	1	1	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	
4th Bomb	8	Mosq. IX	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25.1	.4
		Mosq. XVI	15	15	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12x1000 HQ.
		Mosq. XX	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XXV	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4th Bomb TOTAL			22	29	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

15/16th. FLIGHT, 1943. (CONT'D.)

SQUADRON	GROUP	DISCREPANT TYPE	SORTIES	✓/C REPORTING		ADVERSIVE		MILES	DAMAGE		INVESTIGATION		RESULTS		
				PLUCK	OVER	NOT	FLY		FIGHTER	PLUCK	NOT	RE.	IB.		
WISBURG	1	Mosq. XVI	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.9	.9
		Mosq. XXV	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6x1000 HQ.
			16	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2nd Bomb	8	Mosq. XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3	.3
		Mosq. XX	3	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XXV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3rd Bomb	8	Mosq. XVI	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7	-
		Mosq. XX	3	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XXV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4th Bomb	8	Mosq. XVI	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.7	-
		Mosq. XX	3	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Mosq. XXV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WISBURG TOTAL			639	610	3	21	5	1+4*	1+2.0	-	2	1+22*	15	7	
2nd Bomb TOTAL			85	77	-	6	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
4th Bomb TOTAL			100	95	-	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Grand Total			724	695	3	21	12	1+4*	1+2.0	-	2	1+22*	-	-	

* 1 ✓/C. Cat. E. Belgium - Fighter.
 * 1 ✓/C. Cat. E. Belgium - Fighter (no slight flak damage).
 (4 ✓/C. Cat. E. (Dr. Krefeld - Fighter.)
 (France - Fighter.)
 (Dr. Krefeld - Fighter.)
 (Belgium - Unknown.)
 = Due to fighter.

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SECRETNIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 667BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS
16/17th March, 1945.TARGETS FOR HEAVIES

Nurnberg (Town):
 Wurzburg (Town):
 Kattegat and Heligoland (minelaying):

TARGETS FOR MOSQUITOS

Berlin (Town):
 Hanau (Town):
 Osnabruck-Berlin-Brunswick (Towns):

SUMMARY

1. A total of 716 aircraft was despatched. 283/293 Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked the town of Nurnberg, and 230/236 Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked Wurzburg. Mosquitos bombed Berlin, Hanau, Osnabruck and Brunswick, and mines were laid in the Kattegat and off Heligoland. 100 Group were active on Bomber Support and Signals patrols, and 2 Mosquitos carried out 1st. Reconnaissance patrols. 30 aircraft (4.2%) were lost.

WEATHER OVER BASES

2. Forecast: Fit.
Experienced: As forecast.

PLANS OF ATTACK

3. Nurnberg: Controlled Musical NEWHAVEN with emergency H.2.S. skymarking. H = 2130 B.S.T.
Wurzburg: 5 Group controlled NEWHAVEN with sector bombing and emergency skymarking. H = 2135 B.S.T.

SORTIES

	<u>Nurn.</u>	<u>Wurz.</u>	<u>Mines</u>	<u>100 Gp.</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
4. No. of a/c despatched	293	236	24	81	82
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area.	283	230	23	-	67
No. of a/c reporting attack on alternative	4	-	-	-	6
No. of 100 Group a/c fulfilling mission	-	-	-	79	-
No. of abortive sorties	6	6	1	2	9
No. of a/c missing	24	6	-	-	-
	(8.2%)	(2.5%)			

ROUTES

5. Nurnberg: Reading - 5010N 0200E - 4820N 0700E - 4827N 0900E - 4913N 0955E - Nurnberg - 4926N 1112E - 4910N 1120E - 4850N 1025E - 4817N 0900E - 4750N 0720E - 5000N 0200E - Reading.

Wurzburg: Reading - 5010N 0200E - 4840N 0700E - 4850N 0855E - Wurzburg - 4940N 1010E - 4835N 0935E - 4840N 0700E - 5010N 0200E - Reading.

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

6. Moon: New moon setting about 2140 B.S.T.

Nurnberg: Forecast: May be some thin medium cloud above 15,000 ft.
 Wind at 14,000 ft. 265 degs., 28 m.p.h.
Experienced: as forecast, except wind at 270 degs.

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Warzburg: Forecast: May be some thin medium cloud above 15,000 ft. Wind at 10,000 ft. 270 degs. 25 m.p.h.

Experienced: As forecast, plus ground haze. Wind at 10,000 ft. 260 degs. 20 m.p.h.

NARRATIVES OF ATTACK

7. Nurnberg: Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked the town in conditions of clear sky with patches of thin medium cloud. Bombing started on the markers and was then switched to overshoot them, and finally was concentrated on the centre of the smoke rising up from the many fires which had quickly developed.

Warzburg: Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked the town in conditions of fairly clear sky but ground haze. Marking was reported as accurate and bombing concentrated on the markers.

NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHIC PLOTS

8. Nurnberg: H.2.S. plots indicated a successful attack in the target area.

Warzburg: H.2.S. plots indicated a successful attack.

RESULTS OF ATTACKS

9. Nurnberg: The intention was to complete the destruction of the built up area and associated industries and rail facilities.

Heavy damage was caused to the eastern and south-eastern parts of the town and practically completed the devastation of the built up area. Industries and rail facilities were heavily damaged.

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

This was a devastating attack causing very severe damage throughout the town, and 82% of the built up area was destroyed. Transportation facilities, industrial plants and public utilities suffered heavy damage.

ENEMY DEFENCES

10. Nurnberg: Enemy fighters were very active and there were 5 attacks and 6 combats en route to the target, and 10 attacks and 6 combats at the target. Only 1 attack was reported after leaving the target. Moderate predicted heavy flak was experienced at Nurnberg, at Stuttgart, Schwabisch Hall, Crailsheim and Ansbach. Flak was more effective than usual.

Warzburg: There were 5 combats and 1 attack en route to the target, 5 combats at the target, and 2 more on leaving the target. Fighters made three more attacks S.W. of Stuttgart. Heavy flak was negligible but there was slight light flak.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

11. 7 Ju.88, 1 Me.109 and 1 Ju.88 were claimed destroyed, 1 Ju.88 probably destroyed and 4 Ju.88 and 1 Me.410 damaged.

CASUALTIES

12. 30 Lancasters did not return. 24 of the Nurnberg force were lost, 16 to fighters, 4 to flak, 2 in collision and 2 to unknown causes. Of the Warzburg force, 2 were shot down by fighters, 1 by flak, 2 in collision and 1 to unknown causes.

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BERLIN

13. 45/50 Mosquitos bombed Berlin through 10/10ths cloud. Skymarking was used in addition to groundmarking, and bombing was reported inside the marked area.

H.M.U.

14. 20/24 Mosquitos bombed Hamm through 8 to 10/10ths cloud.

OSNBRUCK-BERLIN-BRUNSWICK

15. 6 Mosquitos were despatched to bomb these three towns. 5/6 bombed Osnbruck on H.2.S., 4/6 bombed Berlin on H.2.S. and 1/6 bombed Brunswick on D.R.

GENERAL

16. 23/24 Halifaxes and Lancasters laid 114 mines in the Kattegat and off Heligoland.

BOMBER SUPPORT

17. 28 Mosquitos carried out High Level and 12 Mosquitos carried out Low Level Intruder patrols. 17 aircraft formed a WINDOW screen, and 10 aircraft dropped WINDOW.

SIGNALS PATROLS

18. 5 aircraft were despatched on signals patrols.

DET. RECONMISS, NCB

19. 2 Mosquitos carried out Det. Reconnaissance patrols.

BC/S.249-9/1/Int.1.
1st. May, 1945.

REFERENCES

Day Reconnaissance - Interpretation Reports Nos.
K.4066, K.4024.
Enemy Defences - Interception/tactics Report No.
66/45.

OPERATIONS REPORTS: BRITISH ISLANDS OPERATIONS-BRITAIN-RECORDS - 1/17th March, 1945.

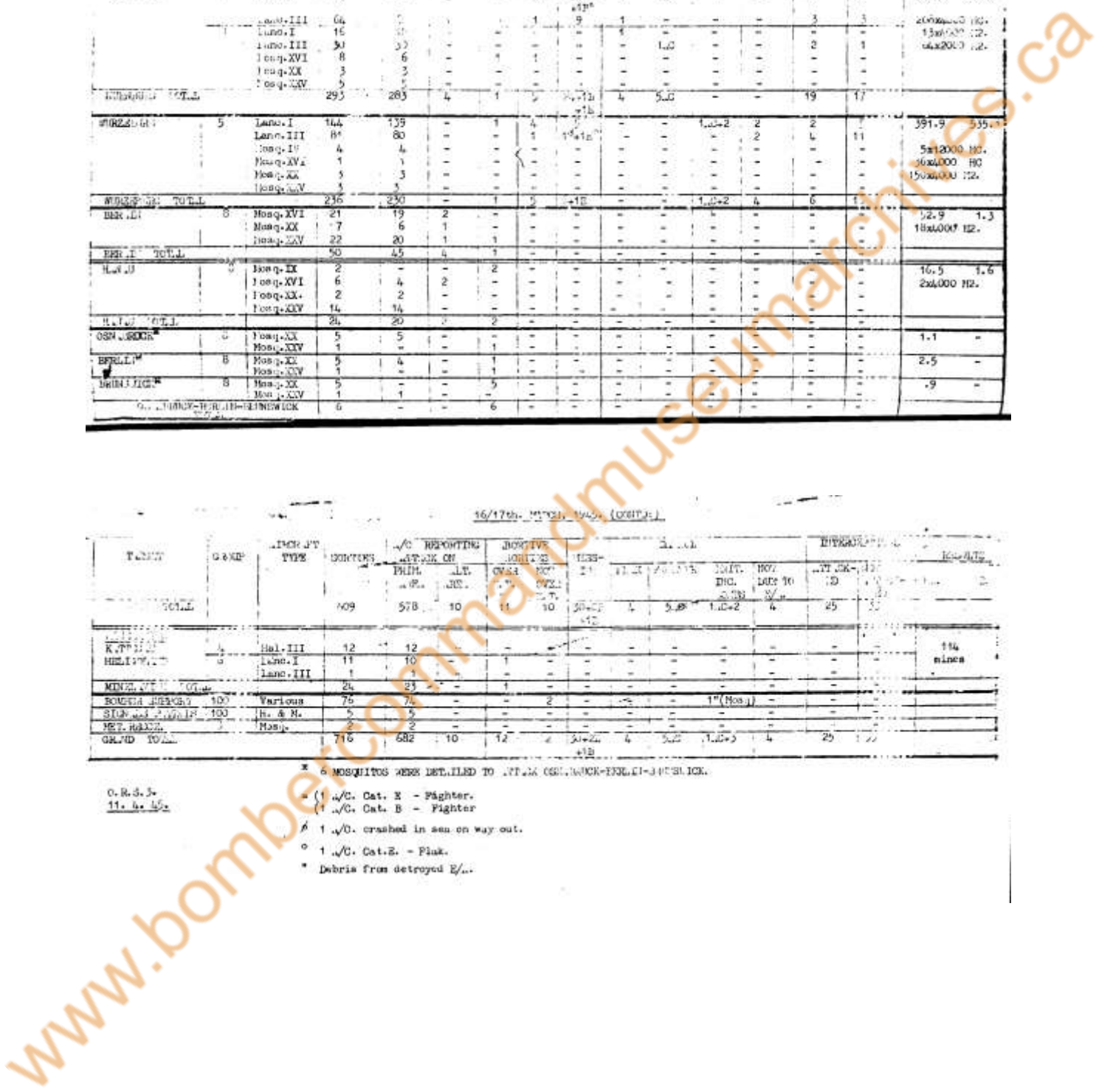
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				PH. R.	ALL. JCS.	OVSA	OVSL		11.3	12.15	13.0	14.0	15.0	16.0	17.0	18.0
WRENS	1	Lanc. I	167	14	-	-	5	15+1	-	-	-	-	-	-	503.0	621.2
		Lanc. III	64	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2000000 HD.	
		Lanc. I	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150000 HD.	
		Lanc. III	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	600000 HD.	
		Monq. XVI	8	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Monq. XX	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
WRENS TOTAL			293	283	-	4	1	5	15+1	-	-	-	-	19	17	
WRENS	5	Lanc. I	144	139	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	391.9	555.0
		Lanc. III	84	80	-	-	-	1	1	15+1	-	-	-	-	-	
		Monq. XV	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500000 HD.
		Monq. XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	600000 HD.
		Monq. XX	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1500000 HD.
WRENS TOTAL			236	230	-	-	1	5	-1E	-	-	-	-	6	11	
WRENS	8	Monq. XVI	21	19	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.9	1.3
		Monq. XX	7	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	180000 HD.
		Monq. XXV	22	20	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WRENS TOTAL			50	45	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
WRENS	9	Monq. XX	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16.5	1.6
		Monq. XVI	6	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20000 HD.
		Monq. XXV	14	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WRENS TOTAL			20	20	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
OSN. BRICK	6	Monq. XX	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1	-
		Monq. XXV	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BRILLIANT	8	Monq. XX	5	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5	-
		Monq. XXV	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BRILLIANT	8	Monq. XX	5	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9	-
		Monq. XXV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OSN. BRICK-BRILLIANT-BRICK			6	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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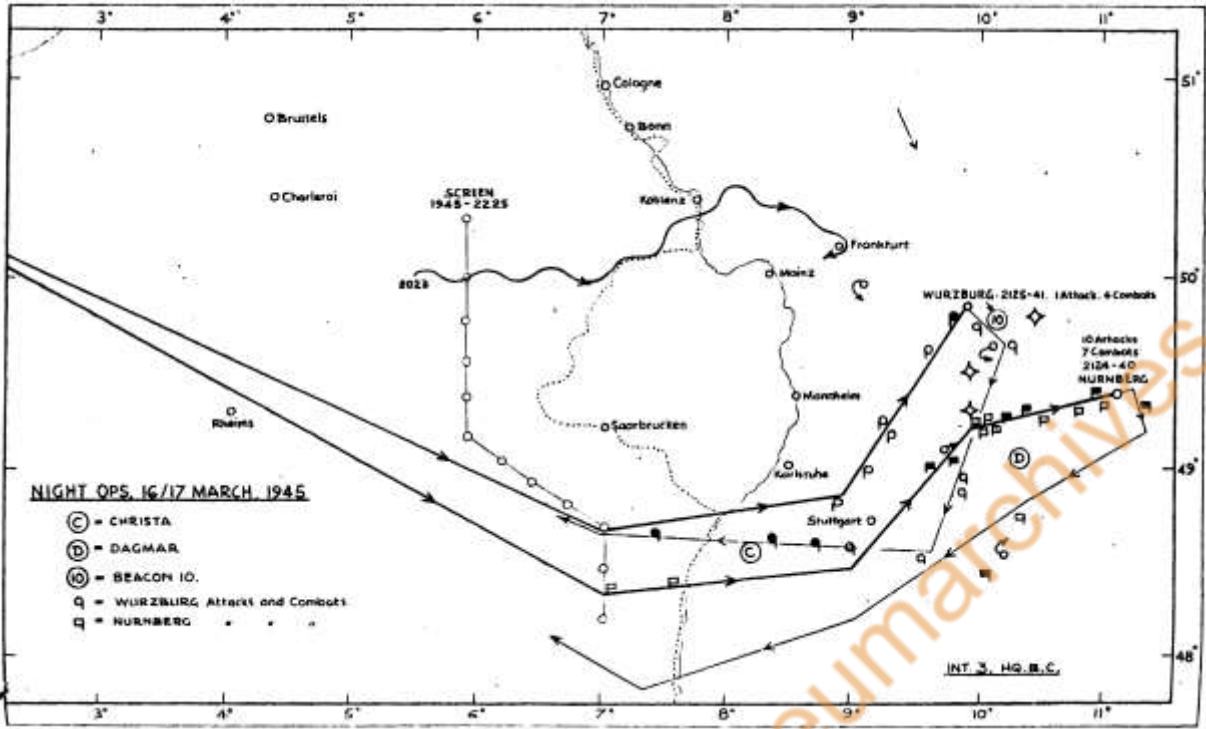
UNIT	GR. NO.	AIRCRAFT TYPE	COUNT	✓/O REPORTING		✓/O POSITIVE		MISS-	RESULTS				RESULTS			
				PH. R.	ALL. JCS.	OVSA	OVSL		11.3	12.15	13.0	14.0	15.0	16.0	17.0	
TOTAL			609	578	10	11	10	20+2	4	5.8	1.0+2	4	25	22		
K. T. P. S. S.	4	Hal. III	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	114	since
		Lanc. I	11	10	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Lanc. III	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MINOR TOTAL			24	22	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOGNER BRIDGE	100	Various	76	74	-	-	2	-	-	-	17 (Nos.)	-	-	-	-	-
SUN. BRIDGE	100	H. & N.	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NET. BRIDGE	1	Monq.	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			716	682	10	12	2	20+2	4	5.8	1.0+2	4	25	22		

* 6 MOSQUITOS WERE DETAILED TO 17th. BRICK-BRILLIANT-BRICK.

- O.R.S.S. 11. 4. 45
- (1) ✓/O. Cat. E - Fighter.
- (1) ✓/O. Cat. B - Fighter.
- 1 ✓/O. crashed in sea on way out.
- 1 ✓/O. Cat. E - Fiat.
- * Debris from destroyed E/...



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SECRETNIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 868.BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS
17/18TH MARCH, 1945.OPERATIONS BY HELIXES

Diversionary Sweep.

TARGETS FOR LOSQUITOSBerlin (Town):
Nurnberg (Town):
Mannheim & Stuttgart (Towns):SUMMARY

1. Berlin: 37/38 Mosquitos bombed the town from 21/28,000 ft. through 10/10ths st. cu. (tops 10/11,000 ft.). Markers fell in two groups and bombing appeared to be equally divided between them. No results were observed although a good explosion was reported.
2. Nurnberg: 37/39 Mosquitos bombed the town through 8-10/10ths st. cu. (tops 8/9,000 ft.). Crews reported fires still burning from the previous night's attack. Markers were well grouped and bomb bursts seen in close proximity to the markers suggested a concentrated attack.
3. Mannheim and Stuttgart: 2/2 Mosquitos dropped bombs on Mannheim and Stuttgart.
4. Diversionary Sweep: 26/29 Halifaxes and 62/66 Lancasters of 7 Group, and 1 Liberator and 1 Halifax of 100 Group carried out a diversionary sweep over France in the direction of Strasbourg.
5. Counter-measures: 5/5 Mosquitos carried out Low Level Intruder patrols during the course of which bombs were dropped on Pforzheim and Haifingen and the airfields at Biblis and Kitzingen. 4/4 Mosquitos carried out Low Level anti-intruder patrols. 6/6 Mosquitos completed High Level Intruder patrols.
6. Signals patrols: 2/2 aircraft completed signals patrols.

WEATHER OVER BASES

7. Forecast: Fit.
- Experienced: As forecast.

SORTIES

	<u>100 Group.</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
8. No. of a/c despatched	21	174
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area	-	164
No. of 100 Group a/c fulfilling mission	19	-
No. of abortive sorties	2	10
No. of a/c missing	1	-
	(5%)	

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

9. Berlin: Forecast: Much thick st. cu. (tops 10/12,000 ft.).
- Experienced: 10/10ths st-cu. (tops 10/11,000 ft.).

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Murnberg: Forecast: Much thick st. cu. (tops 10/12,000 ft.).

Experienced: 5-10/10ths st. cu. (tops 8/9,000 ft.).

ENEMY DEFENCES

10. A diversionary sweep across France towards Strasbourg brought up 5 Gruppen of fighters from the Middle Rhine area. Fighters were also active in the Karlsruhe, Worms and Crailsheim areas.

At 2100 hours, when our bombers could have been expected to be taking off for a large operation over Germany, 18 Ju. 88 took off in two waves from Twente, Marx, Leeuwarden and Steenwijk, and 12 intruded upon our airfields. (One non-operational bomber was shot down just North of the Humber).

Slight to moderate predicted heavy flak was experienced at Berlin.

C. SULTIES

11. The missing 100 Group Mosquito was briefed to patrol the Zuider Zee area and the cause of its loss is unknown.

BC/S.24949/1/Int.1.
2nd May, 1945.

REFERENCES

Enemy Defences - Interception/Tactics Report
No. 67/45.

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HEADQUARTERS, BOMBERS STAFF, T.O. - 1/16th, 1945, 1945.

TYPE	NO.	GROUP	BOMBS	NO. REPAIRS		NO. REPAIRS		TOTAL	STATUS		REMARKS	
				ATTACK	DEFENSE	ATTACK	DEFENSE		OK	NOT OK	REMARKS	REMARKS
				13								
			13	12				1				
			22	20				1	1			
			4	4								
			12	12								
			39	37				1	1			
			1	1								
			1	1								
			1	1								
			2	2								
			79	76								
			15	15								
			2	2								
			29	26								
			66	62								
			2	1								
			1	1								
			1	1								
			99	90								
			195	183								

* 2 MOSQUITOS WERE DETAINED TO BE RE-CLASSIFIED.

SECRET

NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 869

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

TARGETS FOR HEAVIES

Hanau (Town):
 Witten (Town):

TARGETS FOR MOSQUITOS

Berlin (Town):
 Kassel (Town):
 Nuremburg (Town):

SUMMARY

1. A total of 846 aircraft were despatched. 279/285 Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked Hanau, and 311/324 Halifaxes, Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked Witten. Mosquitos bombed Berlin, Kassel and Nuremburg. 70 aircraft carried out a diversionary sweep across France, and 100 Group aircraft were active on Bomber Support and Signals patrols. 2 Mosquitos carried out Met. Reconnaissance patrols. 9 aircraft were lost (1.1%).

WEATHER OVER BASES

2. Forecast: Fit for take off, but rain and drizzle on return.
Experienced: Fit until 0300 hrs. then rain and bad visibility.

PLANS OF ATTACK

3. Hanau: Controlled Musical Newhaven with emergency skymarking. H = 0430 B.S.T.
Witten: CBOE groundmarking with emergency skymarking. H = 0415 B.S.T.

SORTIES

	<u>Han.</u>	<u>Witt.</u>	<u>100 Grp.</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
4. No. of a/c despatched	285	324	93	144
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area	279	311	-	131
No. of a/c reporting attack on alternative area	-	-	-	1
No. of 100 Group a/c fulfilling mission	-	-	89	-
No. of abortive sorties	6	13	4	2
No. of a/c missing	1	8	-	-
	(0.4%)	(2.5%)		

ROUTES

5. Hanau: Reading - 4955N 0100E - 5000N 0620E - 5043N 0620E - 5100N 0806E - Hanau - 5002N 0900E - 4950N 0650E - 4945N 0610E - 5010N 0700E - 5000N 0300E - Reading.
Witten: 5005N 0100E - 5006N 0300E - 5050N 0630E - 5135N 0600E - 5150N 0632E - Witten - 5115N 0715E - 5065N 0617E - 5020N 0600E - 5000N 0300E - Reading.

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

6. Hanau: Forecast: Clear skies, Wind at 11,000 ft. 320 degs. 30 m.p.h.
Experienced: Patches of st.cu. and small amounts of alto.cu. at 12,000 ft. Wind at 11,000 ft. 310 degs. 35 m.p.h.

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Witten: Forecast: Clear skies. Wind at 18,000 ft. 315 degs. 30 m.p.h.

Experienced: Cloudless, moderate haze. Wind at 18,000 ft. 280 degs. 40 m.p.h.

NARRATIVES OF ATTACK

7. Hanau: Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked the town in fairly clear weather but some ground haze. The target was identified visually and marking was well grouped around the aiming point. Bombing was reported as concentrated.

Witten: Halifaxes, Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked the town in clear weather with some ground haze. The target was visually identified and marking and bombing was well placed and concentrated. The glow of fires could be seen for 100 miles on the return journey.

RESULTS OF ATTACK

8. Hanau: The intention was to complete destruction of built up area and associated rail facilities and industries.

The destruction of the built up area of the town was completed, and there was further damage to rail facilities.

Witten: The intention was to complete the destruction of built up area and associated rail facilities and industries.

Heavy damage was caused throughout the entire built up area. Rail tracks were cut and industrial concerns, including the Gasstahlwert and an important railway equipment depot, were heavily damaged.

ENEMY DEFENCES

9. A diversionary sweep was carried out in the direction of Strasbourg over two hours before the main attack. Only after this force turned for home did the main forces cross the channel en route for Hanau and the Ruhr. The route to Hanau was unorthodox in that it went via Cologne and Bonn and pointed towards Kassel, and enemy fighters from North East of the Ruhr were ordered to Kassel. Only one Gruppen of fighters from South West Germany went to Hanau and even these were ordered to Kassel just as the attack on Hanau began. Only 1 attack and 1 combat were reported at the target.

1 attack and 5 combats were reported by the Witten force.

Slight heavy flak and moderate to intense light flak was encountered at Hanau, and moderate but accurate heavy flak at Witten.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

10. 2 Ju. 88, 1 He. 219 and 1 Me.110 were claimed destroyed, 1 unidentified enemy aircraft probably destroyed and 1 Ju.88 damaged.

CASUALTIES

11. 9 aircraft were lost - 6 Halifaxes, 2 Lancasters and 1 Mosquito. Only 4 aircraft were accounted for, 2 being lost to flak and 2 to fighters in the Ruhr.

BERLIN

12. 30/30 Mosquitos bombed the town through 10/10ths cloud (tops 10/15,000 ft.) on sky markers which formed a tight cluster, and bombing was reported as accurate.

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KASSEL.

13. 23/24 Mosquitos carried out a feint attack on the town through 10/10ths cloud (tops 9,000 ft.). Markers fell in two clusters and bombing was reported as being well placed.

NUREMBERG

14. 18/18 Mosquitos bombed the town through 10/10ths cloud (tops 7/12,000 ft.). 8 bombed on OBCE and 10 on red and green I.I's.

BOMBER SUPPORT

15. 42 aircraft carried out protective patrols. 30 Mosquitos carried out High Level and 13 Mosquitos carried out Low Level Intruder patrols.

SIGNALS PATROLS

16. 8 aircraft completed Signals patrols.

MET. RECONNAISSANCE.

17. 2 Mosquitos completed Met. Reconnaissance patrols.

DIVERSIONARY SWEEP.

18. 56 aircraft of 7 Group, 7 aircraft of 5 Group and 7 aircraft of 6 Group carried out a diversionary sweep across France to Strasbourg.

BC/S.24949/1/Int.1.
5th April, 1945.

REFERENCES.

Day Reconnaissance - Interpretation Reports
K. 4060 and K. 4029.
Enemy Defences - Interception/Tactics Report
No. 68/45.

TARGET	GROUP	RECEIPT TYPE	SORTING	✓/C REPORTING ATTACK ON				DAMAGE		DAMAGE TO				RESULTS			
				PACIFIC		OTHER		DIBS-100	M. J.	DIBS-100	DIBS-100	DIBS-100	DIBS-100	DIBS-100	DIBS-100	DIBS-100	
				NO.	PERCENT	NO.	PERCENT										
HAWAII	B	Palmyra	104	161	-	-	3	1	2	-	30+2	10+10	2	5	50.5	670.5	
		Palmyra	50	50	-	-	1	1.0*	-	1.0	-	-	2	5	100.0	100.0	
		Palmyra	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Palmyra	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Palmyra	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HAWAII TOTAL	B		285	277	-	-	4	1+10	2	1.0	30+2	10+10	5	8			
		Palmyra	104	160	-	-	3	2	1.0+6	-	-	20	1	4	107.4	577.4	
		Palmyra	32	32	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	10+10	2	4	100.0	100.0	
		Palmyra	38	38	-	-	-	2+10*	1	-	-	10	2	2	170.0	170.0	
		Palmyra	45	45	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	2	2	3	250.0	250.0	
		Palmyra	18	17	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
		Palmyra	27	25	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Palmyra	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HAWAII TOTAL	B	Palmyra	13	8	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Palmyra	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
			324	311	-	-	6	6+10*	10+12	-	-	20+10	7	13			
HAWAII TOTAL	B	Palmyra	17	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19.9	1.1	
		Palmyra	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0	
		Palmyra	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300.0	300.0	
HAWAII TOTAL	B		30	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
			7	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
			2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HAWAII TOTAL	B		15	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
			24	23	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
			3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HAWAII TOTAL	B		13	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
			2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
			18	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HAWAII TOTAL	B		681	661	1	8	11	9+23*	10+11	10	30+2	10+10	12	21			

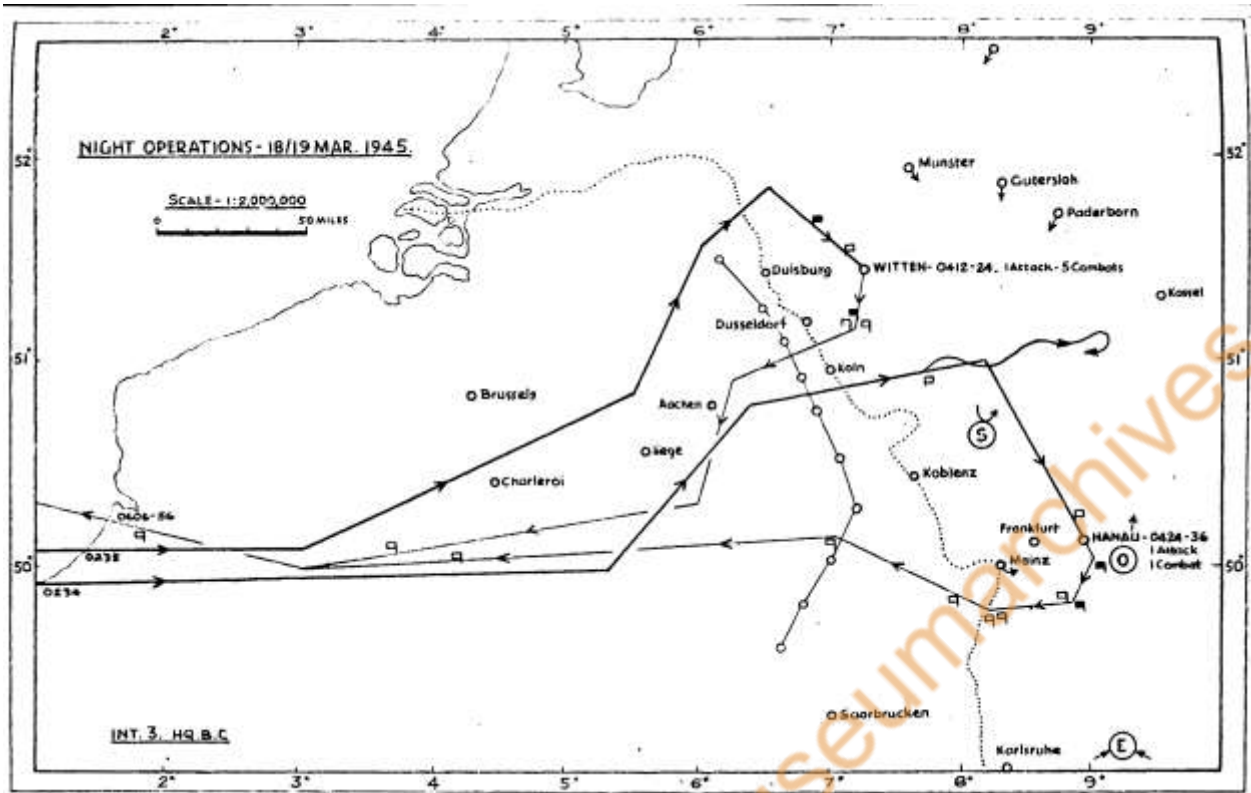
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TARGET	GROUP	RECEIPT TYPE	SORTING	✓/C REPORTING ATTACK ON				DAMAGE		DAMAGE TO				RESULTS		
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				NO.	PERCENT	NO.	PERCENT									
Palmyra	100	Various	85	81	-	-	10*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Palmyra	100	H. & M.	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Palmyra	50	Various	70	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Palmyra	0	None	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Palmyra TOTAL	B		86	82	1	8	17	9+30*	10+11	10	30+2	10+10	13	21		

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12.4.45.

- * Cause not yet known.
- † Collided with 100 up. (Bomber).
- ‡ Engine Failure.
- § Collided with a 6 Group B-17.

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SECRETNIGHT RAID REPORT N. 870:BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS
19/20th MARCH, 1945.TARGET FOR MOSQUITOS

Berlin (Town):

SUMMARY

1. Berlin: 32/34 Mosquitos bombed the town. Marking and bombing was reported as fairly accurate.
2. Met. Reconnaissance: 1 Mosquito carried out a Met. Reconnaissance patrol.

WEATHER OVER BASES.

3. Forecast: Low cloud
- Experienced: As forecast.

SORTIES

	<u>Berlin</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
4. No. of aircraft despatched	34	1
No. of aircraft reporting attack on primary area	32	1
No. of aircraft reporting attack on alternative area	1	-
No. of abortive sorties	1	-
No. of aircraft missing	-	-

WEATHER OVER TARGET

5. Forecast: Little cloud below cirrus.
- Experienced: 8/10ths cloud (tops 6/10,000 ft.).

ENEMY DEFENCES.

6. No enemy fighters were encountered, but there was slight to moderate heavy flak at Berlin.

CASUALTIES

7. No aircraft was lost.

SO/S.24949/1/Int.1.
6th May, 1945.

REFERENCES.

Enemy Defences - Interception/Tactics Report N. 69/45.

DATE	TIME	ALLEGED TYPE	HOSTILES	W/O RECEPTION		30 SECONDS		MISS	TOTAL		TOTAL		TOTAL		
				ATTACK ON		SIGHT			FALL	FALL TIME	NO. OF	NO. OF	NO. OF	NO. OF	
				PLANE	GROUND	PLANE	GROUND								PLANE
		Bomb XVI	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22.8	1.7
		Bomb XX	4	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Bomb XXV	25	22	-	-	1	-	1.02	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Subtotal	32	32	1	1	1	1.02							
		MT. ENGINE	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		G.I.D. TOTAL	35	33	1	1	1	1.02							

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS
20/21st. MARCH, 1945:

TARGETS FOR HEAVIES

- Bohlen (Synthetic Oil Plant):
- Halle (Feint):
- Hemmingstedt (Heide Oil Refinery):
- Heligoland (Mining):
- Strasbourg area (Diversionary Sweep):

TARGETS FOR LBS UNITS

- Kassel (Feint):
- Berlin (Town):
- Bremen (Feint):

SUMMARY

A total of 678 aircraft were despatched. 220/235 Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked the synthetic oil plant at Bohlen, and 100/166 Lancasters attacked the Heide oil refinery at Hemmingstedt. Mines were laid off Heligoland, and a diversionary sweep was flown across France to Strasbourg. Feint attacks were made against Halle, Kassel and Bremen, and Mosquitos also bombed Berlin. 100 Group aircraft were active on Bomber Support and Signals Patrols. 3 aircraft were active on Det. Reconnaissance patrols. 13 aircraft were lost. (1.9%).

WEATHER OVER BASES

- Forecast: almost cloudless - moderate visibility.
- Experienced: as forecast.

PLANS OF ATTACK

- Bohlen: 5 Group NEWHAVEN with emergency WINGAMUI by blind markers. H = 0345 B.S.T.
- Hemmingstedt: Controlled NEWHAVEN II. H = 0430 B.S.T.

SORTIES

	Boh.	Halle.	Hann.	100 Grp.	Asc.
No. of a/c despatched	235	12	166	102	163
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area	220	12	166	-	150
No. of a/c reporting attack on alternative area	6	-	-	-	-
No. of 100 Group a/c fulfilling mission	-	-	-	100	-
No. of abortive sorties	9	-	-	2	13
No. of aircraft missing	9	1	1	2	-
	(3.8%)	(8.3%)	(0.6%)	(2.0%)	

COORDINATES

- Bohlen: Reading - 5000N 0200E - 5010N 0740E - 5040N 0835E - 5040N 1010E - 5110N 1200E - Bohlen - 5050N 1220E - 5032N 1120E - 5040N 0835E - 5010N 0740E - 5000N 0200E - Reading.
- Flare force of 41 Lancasters: Reading - 5000N 0200E - 5033N 0653E - 5111N 1220E - 5137N 1025E - Bohlen - 5058N 1220E - 5032N 1120E - 5040N 0835E - 5010N 0740E - 1000N 0200E - Reading.
- Hemmingstedt: 5430N 0400E - 5430N 0630E - 5355N 0700E - Hemmingstedt - 5143N 0910E - 5430N 0400E.

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

- Bohlen: Forecast: Clear skies, but patches of thin stratu. Wind at 12,000 ft. 280 degs. 55 m.p.h. (S.W.).
- Experienced: 3-6/10ths thin layer cloud (tops 6-8,000 ft.). Wind at 12,000 ft. 300 degs. 50 m.p.h. / ver

Hemmingstedt: Forecast: Clear sky, but may be thin str. cu. Wind at 9,000 ft. 290 degs. 60 m.p.h. (S.W.).

Experienced: Clear skies, but slight ground haze. Wind at 9,000 ft. 300 degs. 55 m.p.h.

NARRATIVES OF ATTACK

7. Bohlen: Lancasters and Mosquitoes attacked the synthetic oil plant through 3-6/10ths thin layer cloud (tops 6-8,000 ft.). A good concentration of markers was reported with bombing fairly concentrated in the target area.

Hemmingstedt: Lancasters attacked the Heide oil refinery in clear weather with slight ground haze. Visibility was good and ground detail was clearly visible in the light of flares and readily identified by crews. Markers and flares were reported as plentiful and the Master Bomber's directions were clearly heard by the main force. During the latter half of the attack the target became completely enveloped in smoke but with the aid of the Master Bomber's instructions the attack continued to be well concentrated.

RESULTS OF ATTACK

8. Bohlen: The intention was to complete the destruction of synthetic oil section of the plant.

Very heavy damage rendered the synthetic oil plant incapable of production. It was still inactive when captured by Allies.

Hemmingstedt: The intention was to complete the destruction of the Heide refinery.

The entire plant was shown to be in a devastated condition, and was still inactive when captured by Allies.

ENEMY DEFENCES

9. When a diversionary sweep was turning back from the Strasburg area at 0300 hours, the Bohlen force had crossed the Rhine and were heading for Kassel, while their flare force converged on this town from the Cologne area, and in the north Hemmingstedt force was crossing the North Sea. The threat to Kassel was heightened by a WINDOW feint on Kassel, while the main force flew on to Bohlen. Near Erfurt another feint was thrown off to Halle and 12 Lancasters broke off to bomb this town.

The enemy decided that a big attack on Kassel was impending and 12 Gruppen fighters were airborne from North East and East of the Ruhr, assembling on the E side of the main force route and near the flare force route which had been plotted earlier than the main body. They were thus on the side to which the WINDOW feint broke away, and in turning their attention to these diversions were led away from the main force.

In the North very few enemy aircraft reacted to the Hemmingstedt force, and 2 combats were reported.

Moderate heavy flak, and multi-colored tracer up to 10/12,000 ft. was experienced at Bohlen, and there was slight to moderate predicted heavy flak at Hemmingstedt.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

10. 1 Ju. 109, 1 He. 110, 1 He. 219 and 1 unidentified enemy aircraft were claimed destroyed.

CASUALTIES

11. 11 Lancasters, 1 Fortress and 1 Liberator were lost. 12 of the Bohlen (including Halle and Bomber Support) forces were lost - 7 to fighters, 1 to flak, 2 were in collision near Kassel, and 2 to unknown causes. 1 of the Hemingstedt force was shot down by a fighter near the target.

HALLE

12. 12/12 Lancasters carried out a feint attack on Halle.

KASSEL

13. 12/16 Mosquitos carried out a feint attack on Kassel.

BERLIN

14. 35/38 Mosquitos attacked the town from 21,500/28,000 ft. in clear weather. I.I's were seen burning close together on the ground and were bombed by nearly all crews. Bombing was reported as concentrated.

BRLEN.

15. 27/27 Mosquitos carried out a feint attack on the town, and marking and bombing was reported as well concentrated.

MINELAYING

16. 9/9 Lancasters successfully laid 63 mines off Heligoland.

BOMBER SUPPORT

17. 41 aircraft carried out protection patrols. 14 Mosquitos carried out Low Level and 33 Mosquitos carried out High Level Intruder patrols. 8 Mosquitos carried out anti Intruder patrols.

SIGNALS PATROLS

18. 5/6 aircraft completed signals patrols.

DIVERSIONARY SWEEP

19. 64/70 aircraft carried out a diversionary sweep in the direction of Strasbourg.

INT. RECONNAISSANCE

20. 3/3 Mosquitos carried out Int. Reconnaissance patrols.

IC/3.249-9/1/Int.1.
11th May, 1945.

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Enemy Defences- Interception/Tactics Report
No.70/45.

TARGET	GROUP	EJECT TYPE	BOMBS	% REPORTED		DROPPED		MISS-ING	DAMAGE				RESULTS		
				PRIN. ORG.	ALT. ORG.	PLAC.	PIRATES		DEATHS	WOUNDS	PROP. DESTROYED	RE.	IR.		
SOUTH	5	Lanc-I	138	14	1	7	5	2.0	1	10	3		500L	5.4	
		Lanc-III	45	77	5	1	2	5+10	2.0	1	3		88x1000 HC.		
		Hsq-IV	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102x1000 HC.		
		Hsq-XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Hsq-XX	3	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Hsq-XXV	3	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
TOTAL			235	220	6	3	6	5+10	4.0	1	10+10	6			
HULL	5	Lanc-I	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56.2	
		Lanc-III	5	5	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	12x1000 HC.	
TOTAL			12	12	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	
HEAVY	4	Lanc-I	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	705.2	5.4
		Lanc-III	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	151x1000 HC.	
		Lanc-I	51	51	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6x1000 HC.	
		Lanc-III	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30x2000 HC.	
		Lanc-X	58	58	-	-	-	1	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL			66	66	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HEAVY	3	Lanc-I	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc-III	39	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL			166	166	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	
K. III	8	Hsq-XVI	8	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6	3.0
		Hsq-XXV	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL			16	12	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HULL	7	Hsq-XVI	14	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56.6	1.0
		Hsq-XX	9	7	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6x1000HC.	
		Hsq-XXV	15	14	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6x1000HC.	
TOTAL			38	35	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HULL	8	Hsq-XVI	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.3	2.1
		Hsq-XX	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4x1000 HC.	
		Hsq-XXV	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1x1000 HC.	
TOTAL			27	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL			494	472	6	7	9	11	9+10	4.0	1+10	10+10	6	11	

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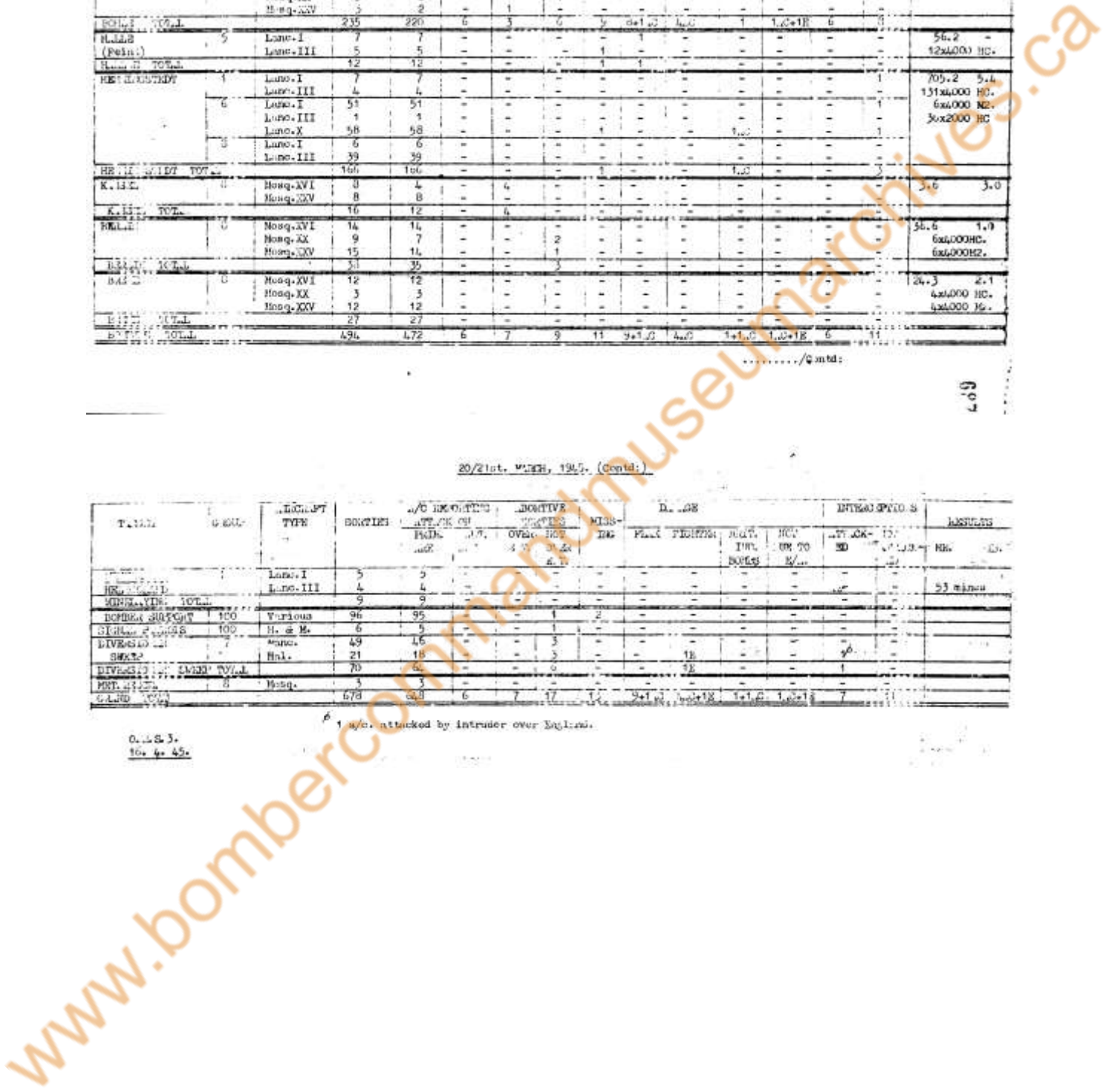
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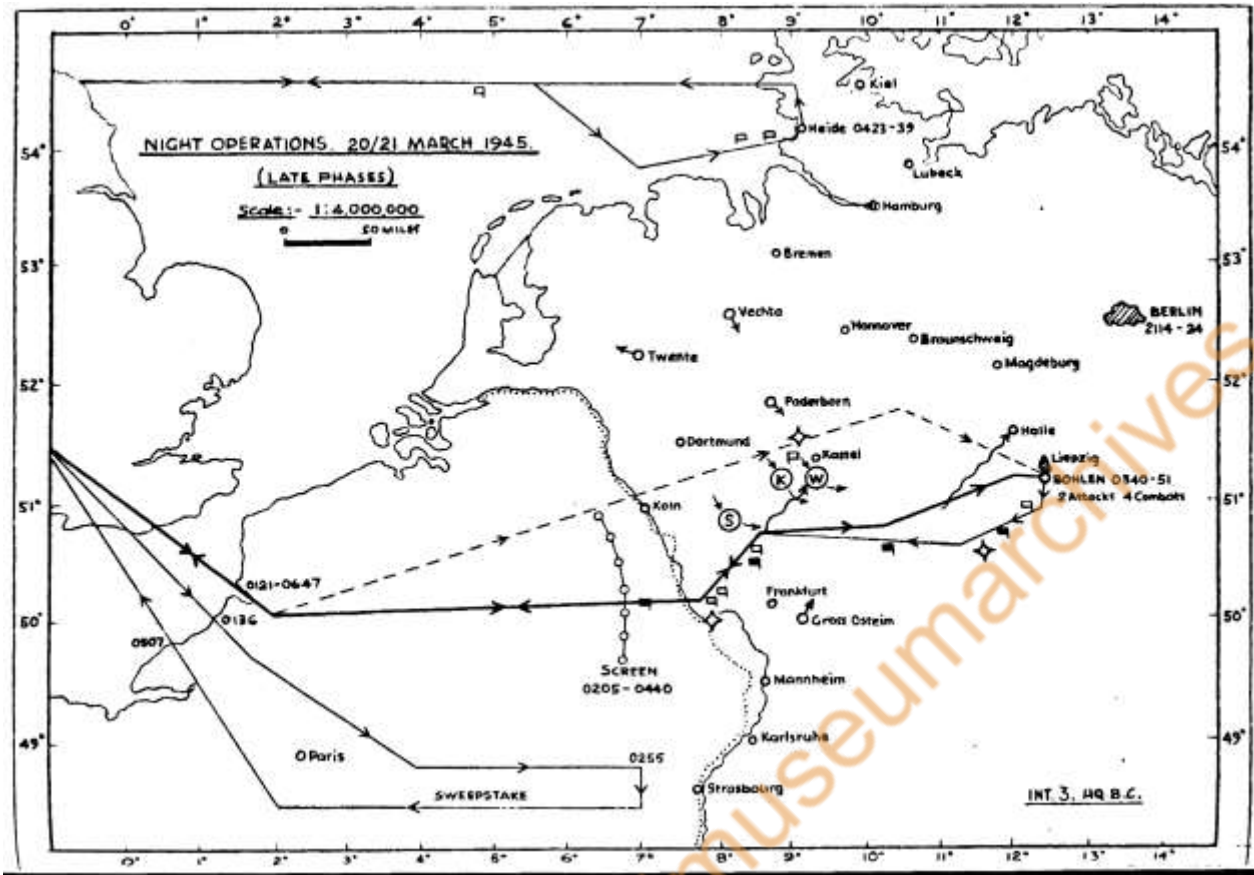
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TARGET	GROUP	EJECT TYPE	BOMBS	% REPORTED		DROPPED		MISS-ING	DAMAGE				RESULTS		
				PRIN. ORG.	ALT. ORG.	PLAC.	PIRATES		DEATHS	WOUNDS	PROP. DESTROYED	RE.	IR.		
HULL	1	Lanc-I	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc-III	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	53 mins
TOTAL			9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BOMBING	100	Various	96	95	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SIGNAL	100	H. & M.	6	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DIVERSION	7	None	49	16	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DIVERSION	7	Hull	21	18	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	
DIVERSION	7	SMISS	70	66	-	4	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	
HEAVY	8	Hsq.	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL			678	648	6	7	17	12	9+10	10+10	1+10	10+10	7		

1 w/c. attacked by intruder over England.

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BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS
21/22nd MARCH, 1945.

TARGETS FOR HEAVIES

Hamburg (D.F.W.G. oil refinery):
 Bochum (Bruchstrasse Benzol Plant):

TARGETS FOR LOS LIGHTS

Berlin (Town):
 Bremen (Feint):
 Jade & Weser Rivers (Minelaying):

SUMMARY

1. A total of 537 aircraft were despatched. 149/159 Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked the D.F.W.G. oil refinery at Hamburg, and 137/143 Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked the Bruchstrasse Benzol plant at Langendreer near Bochum. Mosquitos made two attacks against Berlin, and a feint attack was carried out against Bremen. Mines were laid in the Jade and Weser Rivers. 7 aircraft were lost. (1.3%).

WEATHER OVER BASES

2. Forecast: Broken st. cu. with moderate visibility.

Experienced: As forecast.

PLANS OF ATTACK

3. Hamburg: 5 Group NEWHAVEN. H = 0415 B.S.T.

Bochum: OBQE groundmarking. H = 0415 B.S.T.

SORTIES

	<u>Hamb.</u>	<u>Boch.</u>	<u>Mines.</u>	<u>100 Grp.</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
4. No. of a/c despatched	159	143	7	82	146
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area	149	139	5	-	140
No. of a/c reporting attack on alter- native area	1	2	-	-	-
No. of 100 Group a/c fulfilling mission.	-	-	-	81	-
No. of abortive sorties	9	4	2	1	6
No. of a/c missing	4	1	-	1	1
	(2.5%)	(0.7%)		(0.7%)	(0.7%)

ROUTES

5. Hamburg: 5300N 0030E - 5430N 0400E - 5420N 0810E - 5345N 0630E - Hamburg - 5350N 1000E - 5428N 0835E - 5435N 0500E - 5300N 0300E (52 Lancasters omitted last turning point before target).

Bochum: Reading - 5000N 0200E - 5000N 0440E - 5122N 0600E - Bruchstrasse 5129N 0722E - 5120N 0720E - 5020N 0600E - 5030N 0200E - Reading.

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

6. Hamburg: Forecast: Very small amounts of st. cu. - hazy. Wind at 16,000 ft. 310 degs. 28 m.p.h.

Experienced: Slight thin stratus at 3,000 ft. Wind at 16,000 ft. 315 degs. 20 m.p.h. / over

Bochum: Forecast: Small amounts of st. cu. - hazy. Wind at 17,500 ft. 310 degs. 27 m.p.h.

Experienced: Clear weather. Wind at 17,500 ft. 315 degs. 17 m.p.h.

NARRATIVES OF ATTACK

7. Hamburg: Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked the D.P.A.G oil refinery over thin stratus. Marking and bombing were reported as accurate and concentrated.

Bochum: Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked the Bruchstrasse Benzol plant in clear weather. Marking and bombing were reported as concentrated.

RESULTS OF ATTACKS

8. Hamburg: The intention was to destroy the D.P.A.G. oil refinery.

Photographic cover showed damage to the distillation plant and processing section. More than 20 storage tanks were destroyed, and the plant was rendered inactive, and remained so until captured by the Allies.

Bochum: The intention was to destroy the Bruchstrasse Benzol distillation plant and coke oven batteries.

Damage was widespread throughout the plant. The coking ovens were damaged by a direct hit and the plant was still inactive when captured by the Allies.

ENEMY DEFENCES

9. The Hamburg force, which was plotted across the North Sea, gave off WINDOW feints towards Kiel and Bremen at a point where the main force turned South East to the Weser Estuary, and only a few enemy fighters reacted.

The Bochum force was concealed by a LAMUREL screen as far as O600E, and although 6 Gruppen of fighters were airborne from airfields in the Vechta, Gutersloh, Paderborn and Ruhr areas these aircraft achieved very little in the way of interception, failing to catch our bombers when they turned sharply S.W. towards Belgium.

At Hamburg there was spasmodic heavy flak, sometimes intense between 14-18,000 ft and moderate light flak. At Bochum there was slight light flak, and slight, sometimes moderate, but never very accurate, heavy flak.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

10. 1 single engine enemy aircraft was claimed destroyed.

CASUALTIES

11. 5 Lancasters, 1 Mosquito and 1 Fortress were lost. 5 of the Hamburg force including 1 Bomber Support aircraft were lost as follows: 1 to fighters, 3 to flak at Cuxhaven, Hamburg and Kiel Canal, and 1 to unknown causes. The missing Bochum aircraft was shot down by fighters, and the cause of the loss of the Mosquito on Berlin was unknown.

BERLIN

12. Mosquitos made two attacks on the town in clear weather. In the first attack by 102/104 aircraft marking was reported as accurate and crews identified ground detail bomb flashes. Approximately 3½ hours later 35/36 aircraft made a second attack in 8/10ths cloud, and the majority of crews bombed on the glow of markers.

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BREWMEN

2/3 Mosquitos carried out a feint attack in clear weather.

MINELAYING

5/7 Mosquitos laid 10 mines in the Jade and Weser Rivers.

BOMBER SUPPORT

19 Mosquitos carried out High Level and 11 Mosquitos Low Level Intruder patrols. Aircraft carried out protective patrols.

SIGNALS PATROLS

7 aircraft completed signals patrols.

MET. RECONNAISSANCE

1 Mosquito completed a Met. Reconnaissance patrol.

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May, 1945.

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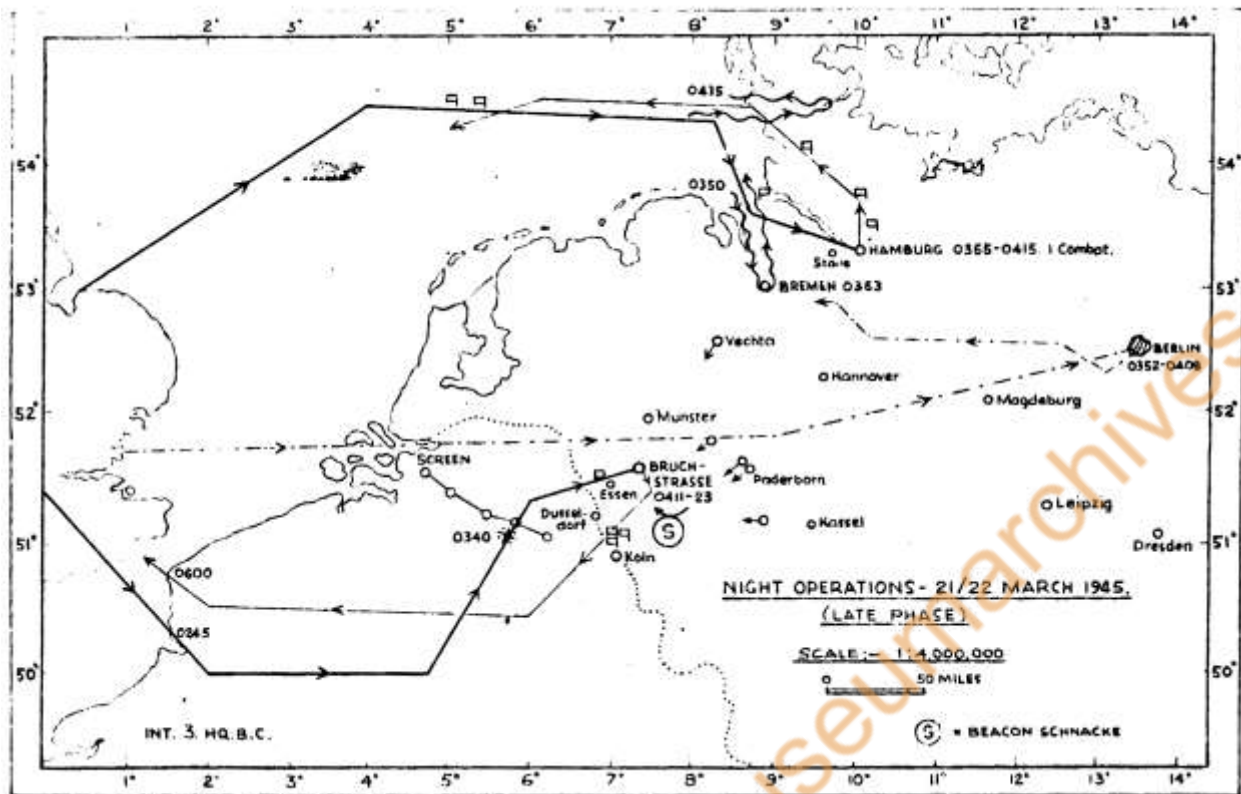
TABLE	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	W/O OBSERVING		DAMAGE		MISG-ING	RESULTS				REMARKS				
				PRIM. A/R.	SEC. A/R.	OVN. E.T.	HOT OVN. E.T.		FLY. LOSS	HOT LOSS	REPAIRS	REMARKS	REMARKS	REMARKS			
BOMBER	5	Lano-I	82	75	-	-	2	1	7+2.0	-	-	-	1	5	105.0	4	
		Lano-III	69	65	-	-	2	3	1	-	-	1.0	-	1	102x4000 HC.		
		Mosq-XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17x4000 HC.	
		Mosq-XX	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq-XXV	3	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BOMBER TOTAL			159	149	1	5	4	4	8+2.0	-	-	1.0	1	5	-		
BOMBER (Landing)	1	Lano-I	77	74	-	-	1	1	-	1.0	-	-	-	1	4	612.5	9-L
		Lano-III	40	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lano-I	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lano-III	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BOMBER (Bomber)	1	Mosq-IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq-IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq-XVI	11	8	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BOMBER TOTAL			153	137	2	3	1	1	-	1.0	-	-	2	1	-		
BOMBER 1st Attack	0	Mosq-XVI	42	41	-	-	1	1+1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	164.9	3-5
		Mosq-XX	14	12	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16x4000 HC.	
		Mosq-XXV	50	49	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1E	-	-	-	39x4000 HC.	
BOMBER 1st. TOTAL			106	102	-	3	1	1+1.0	-	-	-	1E	-	-	-		
BOMBER 2nd Attack	0	Mosq-XVI	18	17	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq-XX	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq-XXV	15	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BOMBER 2nd. TOTAL			36	35	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BOMBER	0	Mosq-IX	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq-XVI	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BOMBER TOTAL			3	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BOMBER TOTAL			447	425	3	12	7	6+1.0	3+2.0	1.0	-	1.0+1E	3	10	-		
MINELAYING	5	Mosq-IV	6	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	
		Mosq-IX	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	mine	
MINELAYING TOTAL			7	5	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
BOMBER SUPPORT	100	Various	75	74	-	-	1	1(lost)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		H. & K.	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BOMBER SUPPORT TOTAL			82	81	-	-	1	1(lost)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SIGNALS PATROLS	100	H. & K.	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SIGNALS PATROLS TOTAL			8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
MET. RECON.	1	Mosq-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MET. RECON. TOTAL			2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
GRAND TOTAL			537	512	3	16	8	7+1.0	3+2.0	1.0	-	1.0+1E	3	20	-		

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* 1 a/o. believed ditched.

** 1 a/o. Cat. D. Mustang - engine failure.

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SECRET

NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 673.

BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS
22/23rd MARCH, 1945.

TARGETS FOR HEAVIES

Oslc Field (Minelaying):

TARGETS FOR MOSQUITOS

Elbe River (Minelaying):
Berlin (Town):
Paderborn (Town):
Bochum (Feint):

AIRY

Berlin: Two attacks were made against the town. In the first attack 53/54 mosquitos attacked from 22/28,000 ft. Markers were well grouped and clearly seen, bombing was concentrated in the marked area. Approximately one hour later mosquitos made a second attack.

Paderborn: 8/8 Mosquitos attacked the town in clear weather conditions.

Bochum: 5/6 Mosquitos made a feint attack from 23/33,000 ft.

Minelaying: 28/29 Lancasters and Mosquitos laid 137 mines in Oslc Field and the River.

Counter-Measures: 16 Mosquitos carried out High Level and 14 Mosquitos carried Low Level Intruder patrols. 23 aircraft dropped WINDOW and 10 aircraft formed MANDREL screen.

Signals Patrols: 4/6 aircraft completed signals patrols.

Met. Reconnaissance: 1 Mosquito completed a Met. Reconnaissance patrol.

WEATHER OVER BASES

Forecast: - Some low stratus.

Experienced: As forecast.

RESULTS

	<u>Mines</u>	<u>100 Group</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
No. of a/c despatched	29	69	71
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area.	28	-	60
No. of a/c reporting attack on alternative area.	1	-	1
No. of 100 Group a/c fulfilling mission.	-	66	-
No. of abortive sorties	-	3	2
No. of aircraft missing	-	2	-
		(3%)	

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

All targets: Forecast: Clear weather.

Experienced: As forecast.

ENEMY DEFENCES

A Mosquito over Berlin was attacked by a single engine enemy aircraft. A LOW force operated in conjunction with a MANDREL screen appeared to cause a reaction elements of 6 Gruppen which were sent to the North East of Cologne. In the meantime, two aircraft engaged on leaflet operations were mistaken for a strong formation coming from the Rhine area towards Mainz and 4 of the 6 Gruppen originally airborne detached in haste to Frankfurt, where 3 more Gruppen from the Middle Rhine and Germany joined them. They landed soon afterwards. /over

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ENEMY DEFENCES (cont'd)

Ground defences in the mindelaying areas were unusually inactive and no incidents occurred. Ground defences at Berlin and Bochum were also very slight.

CASUALTIES.

12. 2 Mosquitos on Low Level Intruder patrols over Twente and Munster did not return - reason unknown.

C/S. 24949/1/Int.1.
5th May, 1945.

REFERENCES

Enemy Defences - Interception/Tactics Report
No. 72/45.

REF ID: A66000 01; DOC ID: 1001; DATE: 22/23rd. 11.05.1945.

THEATRE	GROUP	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SQUADRON	% OF OBSERVING				DAMAGE				DIFFICULTIES		REMARKS	
				W/1	W/2	W/3	W/4	W/1	W/2	W/3	W/4	INC.	DOE TO		
NORTH	G	Mosq. XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5/10
		Mosq. XX	9	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1600000
		Mosq. XIV	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL			37	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
NORTH	G	Mosq. XVI	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Mosq. XX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL			2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
NORTH	G	Mosq. XVI	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.5
															400000
TOTAL			8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	400000
NORTH	G	Mosq. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2
		Mosq. XVI	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1
TOTAL			6	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL			70	67	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
NORTH	G	Lanc. I	15	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Lanc. III	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL			23	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	157
NORTH	G	Mosq. IV	7	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	minea
		Mosq. XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL			8	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL			29	20	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL			100	63	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL			100	6	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL			1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL			169	162	2	1	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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NIGHT RAID REPORT NO. 874.

BOMBER COORDINATE REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS
23/24th MARCH, 1945.

TARGETS FOR HEAVIES

Wesel (Troops):
Lannheim area (Diversionary Sweep).

TARGETS FOR MOSQUITOS

Berlin (Town):
Aschaffenburg (Point):

SUMMARY

1. A total of 464 aircraft were despatched. 201/218 Lancasters and Mosquitos attacked Wesel. Mosquitos bombed Berlin and a feint attack was made against Aschaffenburg. A diversionary sweep was carried out across France to the Lannheim area and 100 Group were active on Bomber Support missions. 2 Mosquitos were lost (0.4%).

WEATHER OVER BASES

2. Forecast: Moderate visibility - low stratus.
Experienced: As forecast.

PLANS OF ATTACK

3. Wesel: 5 Group visual marking in moonlight plus 8 Group O&A groundmarking.
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SORTIES

	Wesel.	Div. Sweep	100 Grp.	Misc.
4. No. of a/c despatched	218	78	80	88
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area	201	75	-	86
No. of a/c reporting attack on alternative area	-	-	-	1
No. of 100 Group a/c fulfilling mission	-	-	76	-
No. of abortive sorties	17	3	4	1
No. of a/c missing	-	-	-	2
				(2.3%)

ROUTES

5. Wesel: Reading - 5020N 0200E - 5030N 0420E - 5105N 0610E - Wesel - 5143N 0620E - 5030N 0600E - 5040N 0200E - Reading.

Diversionary Sweep: Reading - 5048N 0040W - 5000N 0200E - 4910N 0600E - 4935N 0700E - 5000N 0700E - 4940N 0600E - 5020N 0130E - 5048N 0040W - Reading.

WEATHER OVER TARGET

6. Wesel: Forecast: Fine, shallow layers of mist and fog on low lying ground.
Wind at 10,000 ft. 170 degs. 17 m.p.h.

Experienced: Clear weather with good visibility and very slight ground haze.
Wind at 10,000 ft. 160 degs. 12 m.p.h.

NARRATIVE OF ATTACK.

7. Wesel: Lancasters and Mosquitos visually identified the target and markers were reported as accurately placed. It was confirmed by night plots that the main weight of the attack fell on the North West part of the town as planned.

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RESULTS OF ATTACK

8. Wesel: The intention was to destroy troops and defended positions.

Photographs also covered the day raid on 23rd March, and showed that heavy damage was caused throughout the town and many streets were blocked by craters and debris. The outstanding success of these two raids on Wesel was remarked upon by Field Marshal Montgomery, who said that "they were a masterpiece and a decisive factor in making possible the army's entry into that city before midnight".

ENEMY DEFENCES

9. When the bomber force approached Wesel 3 Gruppen of fighters were sent to the area North East of Cologne and thence towards Wesel. However, extensive WINDON confused the situation and the fighters, already too late, were redirected to the North East of the Ruhr. Slight heavy flak was encountered over Wesel.

There were several sightings of single engine enemy aircraft over Berlin.

CASUALTIES

10. 2 Mosquitos were lost over Berlin. Cause of losses unknown.

BERLIN

11. 63/65 Mosquitos made a concentrated attack on the town in conditions of night but slight haze.

ASCHAFFENBURG

12. 23/23 Mosquitos made a feint attack on Aschaffenburg. Marking was reported excellently concentrated into a single cluster which was bombed by all aircraft.

DIVERSIONARY SWEEP

13. 75/78 Lancasters and Halifaxes carried out a diversionary sweep across France to the Mannheim area.

BOMBER SUPPORT

14. 21/21 Mosquitos completed Low Level and 17/18 Mosquitos High Level Intruder patrols. 14/15 aircraft formed a WINDON screen and 20/22 aircraft dropped WINDON. 2/2 aircraft carried out PIPERACK patrols.

SIGNALS PATROLS

15. 2/2 aircraft completed signals patrols.

BC/S, 24949/1/Int.1,
17th May, 1945.

REFERENCES.

Day Reconnaissance - Interpretation Report No. E.

Enemy Defences - Interception/Tactics Report No. F.

TASK	GRADE	DESIGN TYPE	SORTIES	% REPORTING				ABORTIVE SORTIES			DAMAGE				SUBTOTAL		
				ATTACK ON		OVER E.T.	NOT OVER E.T.	DROPPED	FUELED	NOT FUELED	TOTAL	DROPPED	TOTAL	HE.	DE.		
				PHILIPINES	JAP.											PHILIPINES	OVER E.T.
BOMB	5	Lineo. I	132	123	-	5	3	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1100.4	7.3
		Lineo. III	63	60	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Req. IV	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Req. XX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Req. XXV	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Req. IX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
REQ. TOTAL			218	201	-	14	3	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BOMB	6	Req. XVI	32	30	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	77.2	1.7
		Req. XX	7	7	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Req. XXV	26	26	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-		
REQ. TOTAL			65	63	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	
ASCHLAFERBOMB	6	Req. IX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21.2	2.6
		Req. XVI	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Req. XXV	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
REQ. TOTAL			23	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BOEING TOTAL			306	287	1	14	4	24	-	1	-	-	1	3	-	-	
BOEING SUPPORT	100	Various	78	76	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SEPTAS 1.780LS	100	H. & H.	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DIVERSIONARY	7	L. & H.	78	75	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL			454	438	1	14	11	24	-	1	-	-	1	4	-	-	

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SECRETNIGHT R.J.D. REPORT IC.675.BOEHRER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS
24/25th MARCH, 1945.TARGETS FOR MOSQUITOS

Berlin (Town):
 Nordheim (Marshalling Yards):
 Magdeburg-Berlin (Towns):

SUMMARY

1. Berlin: 62/67 Mosquitos attacked the town in clear weather. Landing and bombing were reported as concentrated.
2. Nordheim: 7/8 Mosquitos bombed the marshalling yards on O&E.
3. Magdeburg-Berlin: 2/2 Mosquitos under training bombed both towns in clear weather.
4. Counter-Measures: 16 Mosquitos carried out High Level and 17 Mosquitos carried out Low Level Intruder patrols. 23 aircraft dropped WINDOW and 12 formed a WINDOW screen.
5. Signals Patrols: 3 aircraft carried out Signals patrols.
6. Int. Reconnaissance: 1 Mosquito carried out a Int. Reconnaissance patrol.

WEATHER OVER BASES

7. Forecast: Fit.
- Experienced: As forecast.

SCRIPTS

	<u>Misc.</u>	<u>100 Grp.</u>
8. No. of a/c despatched	78	71
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area	72	-
No. of a/c reporting attack on alternative area	4	-
No. of 100 Group a/c fulfilling mission	-	64
No. of abortive sorties	2	7
No. of aircraft missing	-	-

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

9. Germany: Forecast: Clear weather.
- Experienced: As forecast.

ENEMY DEFENCES

10. A few enemy fighters were airborne but there were no attacks. Flak was very slight.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

11. Intruder claimed to have probably destroyed 1 Me.109 and damaged 1 F.W.190.

CASUALTIES

12. No aircraft was lost.

C/S.2.949/1/Int.1.
 19th May, 1945.

TARGET	GROUP	EQUIPMENT	SQUADS	AS REPORTED				DETAILED				INTERPRETATION		RESULTS		
				ATTACK ON		SQUADS		MISSED		BATT. INC. DUE TO LOSS	NOT DUE TO LOSS	ATTACKED	NOT ATTACKED	H.L.	I.L.	
				RAIL	WATER	OVER	NOT OVER	BY	BY							
DORLIN	J	M sq. XVI	34	31	2	-	1	-	1.0	-	-	-	1	-	70.8	1.2
			8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	290000
DORLIN TOTAL			25	23	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	alt. res.	
DORLIN TOTAL			67	62	3	-	1	-	1.0	-	-	-	1	-	6	2
NORDEN	J	M sq. XVI	8	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5-5	
NORDEN TOTAL															alt. res.	
H. GORING	J	M sq. XX	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	
DORLIN	J	M sq. XXV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1	
DORLIN TOTAL			2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
DORLIN TOTAL			77	71	4	-	1	-	1.0	-	-	-	1	-		
DORING TOTAL	100	Various	63	61	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
STIN J. S. TOLS	100	H. J. H.	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
WEST BRIDGE	J	M sq.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
GRAND TOTAL			149	136	4	-	1	-	1.0	-	-	-	18	-		

* 2 Mosquitoes were detailed to attack Nuremberg-Dorlin.

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NIGHT RAID REPORT No. 876.

BOMBER COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS
25/26th. MARCH. 1945.

TARGETS FOR HEAVIES

The Hague (Leaflets):

TARGETS FOR MOSQUITOS

Berlin (Town):

SUMMARY

1. The Hague: 1 Lancaster dropped leaflets in the Hague area.
2. Berlin: 8/8 Mosquitos bombed the town from 20/25,000 ft. in clear weather conditions.
3. 1st. Reconnaissance: 1 Mosquito carried out a 1st. Reconnaissance patrol.

WEATHER OVER BASES

4. Forecast: Low stratus and rain.

Experienced: As forecast.

RESULTS

	<u>Berlin.</u>	<u>Hague</u>	<u>1st. Recon</u>
5. No. of a/c despatched	8	1	1
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area	8	1	1
No. of aircraft missing	-	-	-

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

6. Berlin: Forecast: Clear skies.

Experienced: As forecast.

ENEMY DEFENCES

7. Only 1 enemy aircraft was seen South West of Berlin, and there was no flak opposition.

CASUALTIES

8. No aircraft was lost.

S/S. 24949/1/Int.1.
26th May, 1945.

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TARGET	GROUP	MILITARY TYPE	SQUADS	NO. AIRCRAFT				RESULTS	RESULTS				DESCRIPTIONS		RESULTS	
				ATTACKED		DROPPED			DOWN	DAMAGED	DROPPED	DAMAGED	DROPPED	DAMAGED	DROPPED	DAMAGED
				PLANE	ENGINE	OVER	NOT									
BERLIN	0	Hess-XX Hess-XXV	6 2	6 2	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	0.4	.9
BERLIN TOTAL			8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
LE FLERS (THE HARBOR)	3	Land	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
NET. REECE	0	Force	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
GRAND TOTAL			10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

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SECRETNIGHT RAID REPORT No. 877.COMBATTANT REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS
26/27th MARCH, 1945.TARGETS FOR MOSQUITOS

Berlin (Town):
 Magdeburg - Berlin (Towns):
 Erfurt (Town):
 Paderborn (Town):

SUMMARY

1. Berlin: 80/86 Mosquitos attacked the town in clear weather. Marking and bombing were reported as accurate and the built up area was clearly identified.
2. Magdeburg-Berlin: 1/2 Mosquitos bombed both towns on OBOE.
3. Erfurt: 2/2 Mosquitos bombed Erfurt on OBOE.
4. Paderborn: 2/2 Mosquitos bombed Paderborn on OBOE.
5. Det. Reconnaissance: 1 Mosquito completed a Det. Reconnaissance flight.

WEATHER OVER BASES

6. Forecast: Cloudy.
- Experienced: As forecast.

SORTIESBerlin. Misc.

7. No. of aircraft despatched	86	7
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area.	80	6
No. of a/c reporting attack on alternative area.	3	1
No. of abortive sorties.	3	-
No. of aircraft missing.	-	-

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

8. Berlin: Forecast Cloudy (base at 20,000 ft.).
- Experienced: Clear weather.

ENEMY DEFENCES

9. Fighters were reported in the Hanover and Berlin areas. Slight heavy flak was experienced at Berlin.

CASUALTIES

10. There were no losses.

SC/S.24949/1/Int.1.
 20th May, 1945.

TARGET	YOB	AIRCRAFT TYPE	SORTIES	A/C REPORTING ATTACK ON		DAMAGE		100- LBS	PERC.	LIFELOS			RESULTS	
				PRIM. AREA	SEC. AREA	OVER S.T.	NOV OVER			PROP.	BREIT. S.S.	TOP DOZ TO S.S.	PROP. TO S.S.	HE.
BERLIN	B	Moag XVI	51	48	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	109.9	1.7
		Moag XX	7	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Moag XXV	28	27	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOMBING TOTAL			86	80	3	1	2		1					
BERLIN - MAGDEBURG*	B	Moag XX	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	Magdeburg
FRANK	B	Moag XVI	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.1	4,000
MAGDEBURG	B	Moag XVI	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6	24,000
BOMBING TOTAL			92	85	4	1	2		1					
FRANK	B	Moag	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			93	86	4	1	2		1					

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* 2 Moagites were detailed to attack Magdeburg-Berlin.

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NIGHT RAID REPORT No. 278

27th COMBND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS
27/28th MARCH, 1945

TARGETS AND RESULTS

Berlin (Town):
 Erfurt (Town):
 Bremen (Town):
 Bremen-Hanover-Wehldorf (Towns):
 Elbe river (Inlaying):

SUMMARY

- Berlin: 79/82 Mosquitos attacked the town. Marking was accurate and bombing was confined to the marked area.
- Erfurt: 4/4 Mosquitos bombed the town on WAE from 23,000 ft. in 7/10ths cloud.
- Bremen: 4/4 WAE Mosquitos made a diversitary attack on the town.
- Bremen-Hanover-Wehldorf: 2/3 Mosquitos bombed all three towns through 1/10ths cloud.
- Inlaying: 7/8 Mosquitos laid 12 mines in the river area.
- Counter Measures: 14/15 Mosquitos completed High Level and 8/8 Mosquitos completed Low Level Intruder patrols. 12/12 aircraft formed a window screen, and 24/24 dropped WLDOW. 2/2 were active on piperack patrols.
- Signals Patrols: 7/8 aircraft carried out signals patrols.
- Int. Reconnaissance: 2 Mosquitos completed int. reconnaissance patrols.

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

- Forecast: Low cloud and moderate visibility.

Experienced: As forecast.

STATISTICS

	Berlin	Other	Total	Loss
No. of a/c despatched	82	8	69	13
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area	79	7	-	12
No. of a/c reporting attack on alternative area ..	2	-	-	-
No. of 1st Group a/c fulfilling mission	-	-	67	-
No. of abortive sorties	1	-	2	2
No. of aircraft missing	3	1	-	-
	(3.7%)	(12.5%)		

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

- Germany: Forecast: Belt of fine weather lying N.E. to S.W.
Experienced: Berlin: No cloud - slight haze.
Erfurt: 7/10ths cloud.
Bremen-Hanover-Wehldorf: 1/10ths cloud.

NOTES

- While Mosquitos were flying to Berlin a window screen was in operation off Denmark and a window point was flown towards Bremerhaven. The enemy reacted by

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putting elements of 3 night fighter Gruppen into the air. Only one attack was reported. There was slight flek at all targets.

CASUALTIES

13. Mosquitoes were lost - 3 at Berlin and 1 Lincolner - cause unknown.

REFERENCES

IC/S.249.9/Int.1.
22nd May, 1945.

Army Defences - Interception/Tactics Report
No. 77/45.

(Map Ref. omitted) (Source: Bomber Command Operations Report No. 27/28th March, 1945.)

TARGET	GROUP	ALBISCHT TYPE	SORTIES	% REPORTED				INDEX	DAMAGE				REMARKS			
				ATTACK ON	DEFENSE	OTHER	OTHER		FLAK	FALLING	BRIT.	HOT	ATTACKED	NO.	IB.	
				FRONT	REAR	FLY	ON									
BERLIN	G	Koosq. XVI	46	44	1	-	-	3							59.3	1.7
		Koosq. XX	3	3	-	-	-	-							5.000	
		Koosq. XXV	33	32	1	-	-	-								
BERLIN TOTAL			82	79	2	1	-	3								
ESSEN	G	Koosq. XVI	4	4	-	-	-								7.1	
															10000	
BRUNNEN	B	Koosq. XVI	4	4	-	-	-		2+1.0						5.8	.5
															10000	
BRUNNEN	G	Koosq. XX	3	3	-	-	-									
H. F. D. S.	G	Koosq. XX	3	2	-	1	-									.4
H. F. D. S.	G	Koosq. XX	3	2	-	1	-									.4
BRUNNEN - HANNOVER - MAGDEBURG TOTAL			3	2	-	1	-									
BRUNNEN TOTAL			93	89	2	-	-	3	2+1.0							
MINDEN	5	Koosq. IV	6	5	-	-	-	1								
		Koosq. XVI	1	1	-	-	-	-								12
		Koosq. XIV	1	1	-	-	-	-								lines
MINDEN TOTAL			8	7	-	-	-	1								
BOBBI GUERDORF	100	Various	61	60	-	-	1									
BERLIN PATROLS	100	H. & H.	8	7	-	-	-									
MIN. BRUNNEN	B	Koosq.	2	2	-	-	-									
GRAND TOTAL			172	165	2	2	2	4	2+1.0							

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* 3 Mosquitoes were detailed to attack Bremen-Hannover-Magdeburg.

SECRETNIGHT RAID REPORT No. 879RAID COMMAND REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS
29/3th March, 1945.TARGETS AND SORTIES

Berlin (Town):
 Harburg (Blohm & Voss):
 Bremen-Hanover (Towns):

SUMMARY

- Berlin: 46/48 Mosquitos attacked the town on sky-markers through 10/10ths cloud.
- Harburg: 7/7 Mosquitos bombed the Blohm & Voss shipyard on 10/10ths cloud.
- Bremen-Hanover: 3/3 Mosquitos bombed both towns on H.S.S. from 25,000 ft.

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

- Forecast: Low cloud and cold front.
Experienced: As forecast.

SORTIES

	<u>Berlin</u>	<u>Bisc.</u>
5. No. of aircraft despatched	48	10
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area	46	10
No. of a/c reporting attack on alternative area	1	-
No. of abortive sorties	1	-
No. of aircraft missing	-	-

WEATHER OVER TARGETS

- Germany: Forecast: Much layer cloud.
Experienced: 10/10ths cloud.

ENEMY DEFENCES

- Apart from a sighting of one single engine enemy aircraft West of Berlin, there was no fighter reaction. There was slight to moderate flak at Berlin.

CASUALTIES

- There were no losses.

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22nd May, 1945.

TYPE	GROUP	TYPE	BOATERS	✓C REPORTING		✓C ACTIVE		MISS	REMARKS				REMARKS	REMARKS	
				PAID	MT.	OVN.	NOT		REMARKS	REMARKS	REMARKS	REMARKS			
BOMB	B	seq. XVI	23	26	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	10.3	1.8
		seq. XX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23.00	-
		seq. XXV	18	18	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOMB TOTAL			43	46	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	
BOMB	B	seq. IX	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.7	1.4
		seq. XVI	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOMB TOTAL			7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BOMB	B	seq. XX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.7	0.3
		seq. XXV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOMB	B	seq. XX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3	-
		seq. XXV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOMB TOTAL			3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BOMB TOTAL			50	56	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	

* 3 ✓C. were detailed to attack Brown-Burnover.

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18. 4. 42.

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100th AIR COMBAT GROUP REPORT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS
30/31st. MARCH, 1945.

TARGETS FOR MOSQUITOS

Berlin (Town):
 Nordlingen (Town):
 Erfurt (Town):
 Harburg-Kiel (Towns):
 Jade & Weser Rivers (Landing):

ACTIVITY

- Berlin: 40/43 Mosquitos attacked the town. Bombers were well concentrated and bombing centred on the Markers. Identification of ground features confirmed the attack having fallen within the built up area.
- Nordlingen: 4/4 Mosquitos bombed the town on CDEE through 2-6/10ths cloud (tops 5/10,000 ft.).
- Erfurt: 43/43 Mosquitos attacked the town in clear weather with slight ground haze. Bombers were well grouped in the built up area, and bombing was well concentrated on the Markers.
- Harburg-Kiel: 3 Mosquitos were despatched to attack both towns. 3/3 bombed Harburg and 2/3 bombed Kiel.
- Landing: 5/6 Mosquitos laid 8 mines in the Jade and Weser Rivers.
- Counter-measures: 30/30 Mosquitos completed Low Level and 1/1 Mosquito completed High Level Intruder patrols. 20/20 aircraft dropped WINDOW and 11/12 aircraft operated SMOKE screen.
- Signals patrols: 4/4 aircraft completed signals patrols.
- St. Reconnaissance: 1 Mosquito carried out a St. Reconnaissance flight.

OTHER OVER B.S.S.S

- Forecast: Local thunderstorms.
- Experienced: Rain.

RESULTS

	Berlin.	Kiel.	100 Group.	Disc.
No. of aircraft despatched.	43	6	67	27
No. of a/c reporting attack on primary area	40	5	-	26
No. of 100 Group a/c fulfilling mission	-	-	66	-
No. of abortive sorties	3	1	1	1
No. of aircraft missing	1	-	-	-
	(2,3)			

OTHER OVER TARGETS

- Berlin: Forecast: Heavy convection cloud.
- Experienced: Clear weather with small patches of st. cu. (tops up to 10,000 ft.).

REFERENCES

- Enemy fighters were more active than usual around Berlin, and 4 of the 40 aircraft striking the target were attacked. Flak was only slight.
- 100 Group aircraft were mistaken for a formation of heavy bombers and fighters of the 1st Airborne were airborne in N.W. Germany. They were concentrated at Benden Guelle near Berlin, but after 50 minutes landing orders were given. / over

CASUALTIES

13. 1 Mosquito was lost over Berlin - cause unknown.

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22nd. Div. 1945.

REFERENCES

Enemy Defences - Interception/Tactics
Report No. 79/45.

UNIT	TYPE	SQUADS	NO. REPORTED		NO. DOWN		NO. IN	NO. IN	NO. IN	NO. IN	NO. IN	NO. IN	NO. IN	NO. IN
			DOWN	DOWN	DOWN	DOWN								
HEAVY	Mosq. XVI	21	19	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47.8
	Mosq. XX	8	7	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00
	Mosq. XXV	14	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL			43	40	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HEAVY	Mosq. XVI	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.1
	Mosq. IX	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	157.2
	Mosq. XVI	28	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2100.00
TOTAL			36	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HEAVY	Mosq. XX	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.9
	Mosq. XXV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
TOTAL			3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HEAVY	Mosq. XI	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4
	Mosq. XXV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.3
TOTAL			3	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL			93	89	-	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
HEAVY	Mosq. IV	5	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8 miles
	Mosq. XXV	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL			6	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SEARCHLIGHT	Various	63	62	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SIGNAL LIGHTS	H. & H.	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MOSQUITO	Mosq.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL			167	161	-	4	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	4

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19. 4. 45.

3 Mosquitoes were detailed to attack Lueburg-Kiel.