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POCKLINGTON	lst Ju	ne 142	Nor Sorties.	
and the same of the same of			POCKLINGTON OPS ORDER NO. 105.	
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			Twelve aircraft to attack Essen	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			89th Operation	
			All of the twelve captains were guided to the target area by glow of fires but canada prevented	
***************************************			visual pimpointing at target and bombing was chiefly carried out by navigational aid. Many scatter fires some large, mostly west of Ruhr were seen reflected on cloud.	red
			"T" - W7713 is missing from this operation. Nothing heard from the aircraft after its takeoff	
		14:000-03111-0	at 2346 hours to determine the fate of the missing crew. Crew consisted of: CAN. J15343 P/O Baltzer	
			Captain. 56948 Sgt. Turnbull, J.E. Flight Engineer: CAN. J15170 P/O Certy Observer: CANESTONE F/Sgt.	-7303
			Jackson, E.D., NGunner. CAN. R53909 F/Sgt. Reid, S.L., NGunner. CAN. 2510 F/Sgt. Fortin, N. NG-unner. and N 57930 F. S. Shampan, JA	
			POCKLINGTON OPS. ORDER No. 107. Six Aircraft to attack ESSEN.	
			Weather: Fine becoming overcast with slight rain afternoon. Visibility improving considerably after cloud break.	
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	2nd, Ju	ine, 42	One day Sortie. (50 minutes.) Local Flying practice.	
			Four of the aircraft reached and attacked the target area with navigational aid. All received no	
			help attal from flares and J.C. aand H, report similarly except perhaps that they were a general	
			guide to the target area. Some bursts and samil fires were seen but there was no evidence of any	
			weight of attack. G was attacked by e/a over target and wasforced to jettisen bombs during evasive	
	1.5	- 1	action. B returned early with engine trouble bringing bombs back.	
			Casualty. Missing. Sgt. Costling F.L. 1255168 Observer detahoed to Driffiled is missing on	
			Operations from that Squadron on the night of June 1st, 1942.	
			POCKLINGTON OPS ORDER NOW 108. Seven aircraft to attack BREGER	
			Seven aircraft to attack BRANCAL	
	- 1	0.0	Weather: Considerable S.C. at 2,000 - 3,000 feet but dispersing in the afternoon. Smoke haze until cloud broke then vis. improved to over five miles.	
	3rd Ju	ne 11.2	No. Sorties.	
	بات میر	10 44	91st Operation: Bremen.	
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			J was able to identify the aiming points by the light of flares, but B, A, M and S attacked the	
			believed on nav. aid alone. Some bursts were seen and a few small fires. "C" returned early with petrol trouble. "C" was cancelled. Weather: Small amounts of medium and high cloud dispersing to	
			nil during morning. Despite smoke haze vis. steadily improved to excellent in the evening.	
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<b>₽</b> OCKLINGTON	4th June	142	Two Day Sorties. (1.30 Hours.) Air Tests. Weather: Cloudless except for a slight cirrus. Vis. moderate to good becoming exceptent in the evening.	
	5th June	142	No Sortein: Weather: Fir with good vis. throughout the day.	
	6th June	142.	One Day Sortie. ( 30 minutes.) Landing practice.	
	7th June	, 142.	the target which was well illuminated by flares. Early arrivals reported isolated fires but later arrivals the whole town area covered with fire with other fires in the docks area southwest of the	
			town. P, turned back thrity miles short of target with engine and turret trouble so jettisoned in the seas Weather: Fig to Fair with C.U. Cloud during daylight. Vis. bery good.	
	8th June	, 142	No sorties: FOOK. OFS GRIER NO. 116. Eleven a/c to sttack ESSE. Weather fine becoming air with some C.U. During the day. Occasional showers chring the afternoon. Vis. bery good.	
	9th, June	, 142	93rd Operation, ESSEN.  There was little doubt that J, O, and N, E. and C along with A managed to reach the target area but the terriffica opposition intense S/L glare and ground haze prevented any identification of ground features and bombing was carried out with ragitional aid. Very little evidence was seen of any weight of attack atthough conditions made observation next to impossible. All Captains were engaged in taking the most violent evasive action. J and C had to lose height from 19,000 feet	
			to 3,000 and from 20,000 to 900 feet respectively. Five aircraft bombed target area and the other bombed undentified area. One aircraft was forced to return with engine trouble. D, H, and U are missing.	
		Ż	"D." P/O Morris, missing. No message received after take off 2255 hours 8-6-42. Crew, CAN. J15342 P/O Morris, Captain: 936192 Sgt. F/E Fleming: CAN. R69669 Sgt/Observer Platt: 1167380 Sgt. WOP/AG Holland: 1180364 Sgt, WOP/AG Jackman: CAN. R69146 F/Sgt. A/G Montgomery: CAN. R53564 F/Sgt. Bomb. Cattle:	
			"H" F/tt. MacLean, Missingl Message received S.O.S. WHT PET/FIX Over Holland. Missing 0340 hours Grew; CAN.CliOf F/tt. MacLean Captain: 544866 Sgt. Shields F/Engs. CAN.J6144 P/O. Wernham: Obs: CAN.R68554 Sgt. WCP/AC Kerr: CAN.R51849 F/Sgt. WCP/AD.Potter: CAN.R59688 F/Sgt. Olsen, A/G: 997362 Sgt. Bomb. Porthes.	
3	,	7 -	"U" P/O Higginson, Missing. No message recieved after take off. Crew: GAN J15279 P/O Higginson Company 50298 3gt. "Effect Higginson Company 50298 3gt." MENGA MGG111:  EELA 529508 F/Sgt. WOP/AC Heyrock: CAN. F5831 F/Sgt. A/O Jefferies; 976225 F/Sgt. Bomb. Heftey:	
			Weather: Fair becoming cloudy with C.U. Cloud increasing day, becoming overcast with slight rain towards midnight. Vis. Very Good.	
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		- Marine J. Carro	dawn. Cloudy during the day but clearing to nil towards dusk. Vis. Excellent.	(
	llth,	June 142,		
	12th	June *42.	Mo Sorties. Weather: Fair to aloudy with good vis.	
J	13th,	June '42	No Sorties:	
			Weather: Cloudy, with continuous rain with cloud base down to 1800 feet. Vis. Mod to Good.	
	14th,	June 142	No. Sorties: Weather: Cloudy with intermittent rain becoming continuous in Theorem	
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	15th,	June '42	Nor Sorties. Westher: Cloudy with continuous rain until evening Cloud base 1,000 feet lifting when rain ceased Vis. Moderate.	
	16th,	June *42	Weather: Cloudy with a few slight shows the house the ho	The same of the sa
-			POCK. OPS. ORDER NO. 111 Eight a/o to attack ESSEN.	
	17th,	June 142	One day sortie: (1:00 hour) Local landings and Clud	
			Six Cartains found breaks in cloud and by	
			a/c found 10/10 cloud at Born so continued to rice whole trip. One of the remaining	***************************************
			small fires. Remaining a/c forced back and the other crews observed no results other than	
	-211		after dawn then clearing with excellent vis.	
	18th,	June 142.	Three Day Sorties: (12.20 hours) See Sanual	400000000000000000000000000000000000000
			Weather: Gloudy with intermittent rain and drixxle during morning becaming cloudy after madday Vis. Good.	
	19th, 7	June '42	Four Day Sorties: (9.35 Hours) Air Tests and local flying practice.	
	************		Vis. Good.	
	20th, J	June 4,2	Four Day Sertice: (14,50 Hours) Air tests and Local orose country flight and flying practice.	
	/11/10/10/10/10/10		Five a/c bombed EMIEN area through 10/10 cloud. Flares were also seen falling in the area. No	PW1101
1	1		N/E of EMEN with navigational aid u/s. remains captian bombed three miles N.W. of Osnabruck.	

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POCKLINGTON		June '42.		Appendi
XXXXXXXXXXX			One Day Sortie: (345 Hours) Sea Search.	
		1	POCK OPS OFFICE NO 113	
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	-		MOUNTAIN 96th OPERATION, EMDEN.	100
	1		All a/c attacked EMDEN Area with nav. aid and help of flares. The flares were of little use in	
	-		Lighting up ground detail because of baze or as "C" J, and G suspected, a smaoke screne over the	
	1		target area. A few large and a number of small fires were observed but could not be pinpointed.  Weather: Cloudy, vis. Moderate.	
	4	··································	Weather: Cloudy, vis. Moderate.	
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	22, 7	alma 122		
	20,00	me, we.	Four Day sorties. (7.40 Hours) Air Tests.	
	1		POGA. OPS ORDER NO. 114.	
	( )		The state of the s	
	formation of	1 2 2 3	Weather 16/10 medium gloud broading to 1441	
	(	1	Weather 16/10 medium cloud breaking to little or no cloud at 07:00 hours. Vis. 2,000 yards improving	
	1	1 7	to 4 to 6 miles.	
	93, T	une '42	The state of the s	
	(2), 00		No. Sorties:	
	(	f	97th. OPERATION: EMDEN.	
	i) //	1	All a/c attacked west the tayout with the	
	įI	Language	Local de not be also be a local title exception of "O" who, tho he made three runs over the target	41
		1 7	could not get his bomb doors to open. He jettisoned in the see when he eventually managed to get them open on the burdeward journey. Cantains had no MCCC and the see when he eventually managed to get	and the second second
· ************************************	,	.L	them open on the beneward journey. Captains had no difficulty in identifying the target which was	
		ı J	well lit up by flares. Water features and the built up area of the town were clearly visible and the first arrivals found about a dozen small fires all the second the town were clearly visible and	
	L	1 1	the first approvals found the town were clearly visible and	- 90 ) 4444600 100 111 114 144
1	, 1	1	at least twenty (20) large Sizes and little all ready alignt. Those who bombed later reported	1
	,T	í	at least twenty (20) large fires burning in the town. Weather: Gloudy. Vis Good.	
	24, June	40 122	One day sortie: (2.20 Hours.) Airtest.	
		10 46	One day sortie: (2.20. Hours.) Airtest.	
		( J	, vice - Flight Lieutenant S. T. Trutterviews Double Boundary Regulator of the Squadron wef 24-6-42	
		·	vice - Flight Lieutenatt S.T. TATACKERON Douglas to RAF Station POCLIMETON wer same date. Weather Cloudy with fair periods. Vis. Very Good.	
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	25th, Jur	17.2	One day South	
1	47	18 '4E	Une day Sortie: (40 minutes) Local Phrine	
		,	POCK. OPS. ORDER No. 115.	
-	1	1 8	Seventeen a/c to attack property	
	,	,	Weather: Mainly cloudy in early morning with thre to four thousand foot ceiling vis. very good.	
1	1		study in early meaning with thre to four thousand feet ceiling vis. very good.	
	26th, J	maid 12.	No. Sorties.	
10		100	NO. SOTTLES.	
			98th Operation: ARELET : 200	
No. of the said			Operation was distinct	
	-	-	9.4/9 while the other comprising 8 a/o left at 23:50 hours aptains found 10/10 eloud over target with few small breaks but attacked chiefly carried out a blad to be small breaks but attacked chiefly carried out a blad to be small breaks but attacked chiefly carried out a blad to be small breaks but attacked chiefly carried out a blad to be small breaks but attacked chiefly carried out a blad to be small breaks but attacked chiefly carried out a blad to be small breaks but attacked on the small breaks but attacked but	
Million Market Comment			With few small breaks but the total aver to ment	
			with few small breaks but attacked chiefly carried out on blind bombing. Thirteen a/c attacked primary area while two sought alternatives. Two captains to be small breaks but attacked	A-84114444444444444444444444444444444444
100000000000000000000000000000000000000		1	primary area while two sought alternatives. Two captains had to turn back through engine and technical failures, one large fire was seen through a gap and the durn back through engine and technical failures.	
			mical failures, one large fine was a set to turn back through engine and tech-	
201		1.	was reflected on clouds weether him a subject of widespread fires	
and the same of the	ACCOMPANY OF THE		evening . Vis. Poor improving to very good.	
			. VIS. FOOT LINEOVING to vowe good	

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POCKLINGTON	June	27th. *42	Pooks Ops. Order No. 116 - Eleven A/C to Attack ROPENS	
	Time	28th. 42	Weather: Cloudy. Vis. Good.	
	June	28the 42	AMERICAN AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND A	
			99th OPERATION = ERECON	
			Seven Captains definitely bombed target with the aid of special equiptment while another also claims to have bombed primary on 5,7.A. No ground details whiseever were visible but the glow of some fires was seen reflected on cloud. One 4/C returned early with engine trouble bringing bomb back while two are missing nothing having been heard from them to determine their fate.	<b>3</b>
			Cress W/O Scottswill Cape Re 64651; Can. Re 70586 Sgt. F/E Tatham, G.B.; Can. Re \$62639 F/S  Obs. Philips.G.M.; 966479 Sgt. WGF/AG Phighes.J.J.; Can. Re 64719 F/S A/G Colleg.J.E.; Can F/O  B. Hantacelle, A/G; 849085 Sgt. A/G Rowland, S.B.  "UT (F/Sct. Field) 3. Nations.	J15165)
			Crew: CAN.R56351 F/Sgt. Pilot Field W.E. Captain: 1213401 Sgt. F/Eng. Ansell, R.: CAN.R69615 F/Sgt. Obs. Fitzgerald R.C.: 1109531 Sgt. WCP/AG Smith: CAN.R68523 F/Sgt. A/Gunner Alley, Weather Cloudy of Carrier WIN Kleisdorff, N.R.:	
	Tune	- 110	Weather Cloudy clearing in the eveing Vis. Excellent.	
	Jurie 2	29, '42	1 Day Sortie (1.15 Sours) Air Tests.  Pook. Ops. Grder No. 117r - Nine A/O to attack ERIGHT  Weather: Large amounts of cloud throughout day vis. bery good all day.	
	June	30th '42	No. Sorties.	
			100th Operation - BPGEN	***************************************
			Three acc bombed target area with newlands	
			were observed owing to weather donditions. One captain jettisoned his bombs 8 miles south east	
			of Aldenburg owing to engine trouble another jettisoned in the sea and returned to base with	
			reaf guns w/s. Three aircraft failed to return. A few xxxx small fires were observed in Target	
			"G" ( F/Sgt Chinn) is missing.	
			"G" (F)Bgt Chinn) is missing.	
			Grew. ANS 402 223 F/Sgt. Pilot Chimm, H.A.: Captain: 571779 Sgt. F/Eng. Simpson, A: CAN. R64880 F/Sgt. Obs. Bell.J.W.: CAN. P56216 P/Sgt. W07/16 CAN. R64880	
		-	F/Sgt. Obs. Bell, J. W.: CAN. R56246 F/Sgt. WOF/AG Oneson, P. P.A; CAN. R84563 Sgt. WOF/AG Diok-	
		1	"H" (F/LF. Liversidge) is minning	
	- 1		Crew: F/Lt Tiversides Cartain, 569905 C-t 3/2	
		-	CAN. R93140 Sgt. WOP/AC Dearlove IR. 135996 Sgt. A/G Foot, J.P. GAN. R108349 Sgt. A.G. Drummond J.W. GAN. R91255 Sgt. WOP/AC McPec. A.G.	
		1	J.W. CAN.R91235 Sgt. WOP/AC Moree, A.G.	
			"A" (F/Spt. Sydney) is missing	
			Crew: CAN. R58551 N/Sgt. Pilot Sydney L: Captain; CAN. R54847 Sgt. F/Eng Walsh, C.S. CAN. R74994 Sgt.  Obs. Brennan, E.K.; CAN. R62217 N/Sgt. WDP/15	
			972384 F/Sgt. A/C Philm. C. 1062325 Col. WOY/AC WILL H. A. 912/80 Sgt. WOP/AG Gunn, T.G.	
		100	Weather: Mainly Cloudy with good vis.	

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