

Poor Copy

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

APPENDIX

R.A.F. FORM 541.

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

By 405 Squadron, R.C.A.F.

**SECRET**

PAGE No. 1

(7472) W/L 242291650. 1806. 8/40. P.L. 51-7751.

FOR THE MONTH OF May, 1942

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
30/31/5/42						88th OPERATION COLOGNE 16 A/C detailed	
	<u>HALIFAX II'S</u>					Bomb load: 3x1,000, T.D.O.025, 95BC (90x4 lbs) 35BC(8x50lbs)	
✓	"J" W7709	W/C Fauquier, Sgt. King, E/L Lambert, F/S Gardiner, Sgt. Foot, F/S Morrison				All aircraft carried cameras except "R", "W", "Q"	
		Sgt. Mandle, E/L Walkington	2356	0455		From the Dutch coast on Captains found clear conditions to the target where visibility was excellent except for smoke	
✓	"H" W.7708	S/L Fraser, Sgt. Shields, P/O Wernham, Sgt. Kerr, F/S Porter, Olsen, Sgt. Forbes, E/L MacLean	2358	0458		the numerous fires already a light and which rolled up to 8,000ft. Earlier arrivals found the fires chiefly confined to the central and northwest parts of the city and attacked those parts of the city which were as yet untouched. Accuracy of their attack is concluded since later arrivals reported that	
✓	"E" W.1112	F/S Hill, Sgts. Bennett, Craig, F/S Dornier, Sgt. Hamilton, P/O Murphy, Sgts. Bloomer, Smith, W.	2346	0510		the fires were spread over the whole of the city area and visible when 100 miles away on the return journey.	
✓	"S" W.1145	F/S Blizard, Sgts. Eit, Money, Nutt, F/S Witherick, Sgts. Butler, Mitchell	2355	0248		Ten aircraft "H", "J", "E", "R", "W", "Q", "ED", "A", "WP", "P" attacked successfully though none of these was able to observe bomb bursts owing to the flare of the fires.	
✓	"M" W7704	S/L Thiele, Sgt. Barnicot, P/O Baldwin, F/S Campbell, Philp, Sgts. Birch Burke	2353	0535		"J" W/C Fauquier released his bombs at 0212hrs. from 13500 ft. over southwest part of town which was as yet not ablaze. At 0214hrs. while at 13500ft. aircraft was obscured by searchlights	
✓	"R" W7710	P/O Higginson, Sgt. Fitzgerald, P/O Forbes, F/S McGill, Haycock, Jefferies Healey	0001	0447		when leaving target. Fired six red stars without effect.	
✓	"N" W1095	P/O Baltzer, Sgt. Tubbull, P/O Gerty, F/S Thompson, Jackson, Reid, Fortin	0008	0520		"H" S/L Fraser bombed from 14000ft. at 0214hrs. T.R.9 was received U/S. At 0207hrs. from 16,000ft. 7 miles north northE	
	"Q" W7703	F/S Field and Crew			CANCELLED	of HOLN saw aircraft fall in flames and explode on hitting ground.	
	"G" W1113	F/S Chinn and Crew			CANCELLED		
✓	"C" W.1110	F/S Scott, Sgt. Riches, F/S Philips, Sgt. Hughes, Cole, P/O Lacelle, Sgts. Rowland, Campbell				"E" F/S Hill bombed at 0510 hrs from 13,500ft. and reports centre and northwest part of city a mass of flames. At 0435 hrs. while flying at 135000 ft. approached from eastern by S.E. enemy aircraft without engaging. At 0333 hrs. at 51.43N by 02.42E saw steady light on water three miles to port and 32	

www.bombercommand.com

Power Copy

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
	"C" W.1096	P/O Swetman, Sgts. Devan, Moyes, Cook, Woodman, F/S Alley, Sgt. Laxford		0027	0541	miles 300 from above point saw intermittent light on water. At 0212 hrs. immediately NW of KOLN saw searchlight cone with flak bursts in it and burning fragments fall.	
	"D" W.1111	P/O Morris, Sgts. Fleming, Platt, Holland, Hackman, Montgomery, F/S Cattle, Sgt. Baillie		2349	0528	"E" F/S Blizard at 0035 hrs. at 9000ft. 52.25x 00.02E sudden severe icing while climbing through cloud stbd. engines cut but picked up again at 5000ft. but revs. on inner stbd. engines fluctuating. Jettisoned live 54.04N x0014E and turned back. "F" F/S Thistle reached target but unfortunately since electrical bomb release was U/S he had his bombs "hang up" and had to bring them back. At 0110 hrs. at 14000ft. and 0250hrs. 12000ft saw lights at 51.35N x 04.38E in form of "W" with apex pointing west. At apex there was a white rotating beacon and each of open ends a bright flashing white light.	
	"E" W.7707	M Sgt. Washman, Sgt. Action, F/S Welsh, P/O Sankey, Sgts. Henning, Pickett, McLean		0022	Missing	"G" P/O Higginson bombed target at 0210 hrs. from 14000ft but could not observe results because of smoke which rose to 800 ft. At 0217 hrs. from 13000ft. near EUSKIRCHEN saw an explosion in the air at 14000ft. 5 miles west of KOLN. At 0252hrs. from 15000ft. near AITWERP saw searchlight cone NW of town in the apex of which red light suddenly appeared for ten seconds in two or three instances.	
	"A" W.1092	Sgt. Albright, Sgt. Epperson, F/S Thurlow, Sgtw. Hexter, Western, F/S Morrison, Sgt. Colleton		2340	0508	"H" P/O Baltzer bombed target while approaching target at 0219 hrs. from 14000ft. saw aircraft over south part of KOLN and one engine burst into flame. Also at 0222hrs. near target saw aircraft explode over LOEN.	
	"B" W.1094	Sgt. Knight, Sgt. Clifton, P/O Leith, P/O Francis, Sgt. Biggs, F/S Smith, Sgt. McGregor		2352	0505	"I" F/S Scott bombed target from 14000ft. at 0212hrs. and observed what was believed to be explosion.	
	"P" W.1097	Sgt. West, Sgt. Gibbon, F/S Bandeen, Corieu, Madeau, Sgts. Watters, Pearce		2331	0515	"J" P/O Swetman owing to late take off captain calculated that time limit was expired before he reached primary and attacked DUSSELDORF where he bombed from 14000ft. at 0232hrs. Starting two fires.	
	"Q" R.9363	P/O Turnbull, Sgt. Douze, P/O Gardner, Curtis, Sgts. Couls, Laughlin, Danby		0020	0545	"K" P/O Morris despite engine trouble experienced when port outer engine cut out he succeeded in bombing target at 13500ft. at 0207 hrs. At 0204hrs. from 13500ft 6 miles NW of KOLN saw a/c one mile to port fall in flames and explode on hitting ground. In addition to known flames observed others were seen immediately NW and SE of suburbs of KOLN.	

www.bombercommand.com

