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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
2/3-12-43	LANCASTER III					BOMBING ATTACK ON "BERLIN" 12 AIRCRAFT DETAILED	A-1
	"V"	J.10822 S/L W. Weiser, DFC, J.11442 P/O G.B. Ellwood, DFC, J.18838 P/O F. Cousins, DFC, J.18381 P/O Maxon F., J.18127 P/O Coburn L., J.12855 P/O Banks H.C.C., C.18909 P/O Sondergaard A.C.		1711	2259	(V) (S/L W. WEISER, D.F.C.) Bombload: 1 x 4 Flares Red/Green Stars; 2 LB and 2 Ord T.I. Red; 1 x 4,000 HB; 4 x 1,000 M.G. and T. Inst.; 2 x 2 LB T.I. Red. There was 10/10 stratus cumulus cloud at 8 to 10,000 feet with good visibility in target area. Identified primary on 12.5. After timed run from fix on Brandenburg which was also identified by 12.5. Three or four loads of T.I. Red were down on arrival which could be seen through cloud with several Wagonni Flares above. These T.I.'s were rather scattered. Other Reds and a few Greens followed, and the concentration improved considerably except for one T.I. Green three to four miles North of main concentration. Enemy Fighter Flares formed a lane West to East across the target. Load released at 2008 hours from 19,000 feet. After leaving, incendiaries could be seen burning beneath the cloud. Returned to base undamaged.	
	"W"	J.21942 S/L H. Sattler, DFC, 155160 P/O Fawcett H., DFC, J.18179 P/O Card H.C., J.16777 P/O MacLeod G.G., J.13558 P/O Anderson W.R.W., DFC, J.18808 P/O McSwan L., 57675A P/S James D.B.		1713	2305	(W) (S/L H. SATTLER, D.F.C.) Bombload: (Same as 'V'). There was six to eight tenths thin stratus cumulus cloud at 5 to 6,000 feet in target area. Load released on primary at 2012 hours from 19,000 feet. Two Red T.I. had fallen at time of bombing. Most aircraft appeared to be South of route and probable bombing fell South East of Berlin. Aircraft returned to base undamaged. 1 x 1,000 H.C. hung up and also 4 Flares Red/Green Stars. Four T.I. Red were retained because late on arrival at target. 1 LB T.I. Red also retained because not sure of position. Jettisoned these at 2030 hours 5238 N. 0945 E.	
	"B"	J.17018 S/L H. Cowan, DFC, 155922 P/O Quipin B.W., 413105 P/S Milne R.D., 1376009 P/S Langley D.J., R.137822 P/S Hirschfeld G.D., 1356926 P/S Mace C.F., R.58023 P/S Hurst H.R., J.4898 P/L Morrison H.A. 2nd Pilot.		1712	2312	(B) (S/L H. COWAN, D.F.C.) Bombload: (Same as 'V'). Southeast of target was clear with remainder covered by 3/10 cloud at 8 to 10,000 feet. Load released at 2008 hours from 20,000 feet. Two T.I. dropped shortly before arrival about one minute before bombing at 2003 hours between two to three miles apart. Cluster of Flares Red/Green were seen approximately two minutes after bombing and more of bombing appeared to be concentrated on them. Brought back one Route Marker because uncertain of position. Returned to base undamaged.	
	"X"	J.15218 P/L G. Bennett, DFC, J.11781 P/O Baker E., R.153085 P/S Davies F., 1061159 SGT A. Rodgers, DFM, R.180101 P/S Joel W.V., R.167360 P/S Frame J., 1581572 SGT Rees J.J.		1721	2315	(X) (P/L G. BENNETT, D.F.C.) Bombload: (Same as 'V'). Believed no cloud in target area but considerable haze. Saw unidentified lakes on run-in. On arrival found 10 to 15 P.I. Red mostly well concentrated with 2 T.I. Green near the centre and these were followed by numerous Reds and Greens all concentrated within an area 5 miles across. Load was released at 2015 hours from 19,000 feet. Smoke was seen to rise up to 8,000 feet but no fires. Many fighter flares were seen over target and others seen to the south. Landed back at base undamaged.	

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2/3-12-43	LANCASTER III					BOMBING ATTACK ON "BERLIN" (CONTINUED)	A-1
	"H"	J. 40254 P/O Fyfe A.B., J. 11768 P/O Quayle D.S., R. 115322 P/S Searles H., S. 49456 SGT Dempsey J.L., J. 27923 P/O Cole K.A., J. 23984 P/O Edwards W.S., R. 97689 SGT Gairbrith B.E.		1714	2324	(H) (P/O FYFE A.B.) Bombload: (Same as 'I'). Clear at aiming point but cloud 8/10 around at 10,000 feet with quarter moon. Bombed on 'I' with a good image at 2013 hours from 18,000 feet. On approaching target, saw one Red-Green Stars at 2009 hours and one T.I. Red at 2006 hours. Good concentration except four or five Red T.I. astray 10 miles to North plus four or five Red T.I. 10 miles astray to South. These Red T.I. not bombed by anyone. Smoke rising up to 5 to 10,000 feet and good fires over two or three mile area. Brought back 2 LB T.I. Red, 2 Ord. T.I. Red, 1 LB T.I. Red and 1 x 4 Flares Red/Green Stars, because time check unsatisfactory. Returned to base undamaged. (G) (P/S MACKINNON L.L.) Bombload: 2 LB. T.I. Green; 2 Ord. T.I. Green; 1 x 4,000 H.C.; 1 x 1,000 H.C.; 1 x 1,000 GP LB. 8/10 cloud in target area at 4 to 5,000 feet with 1 moon. Lead released at 2010 hours from 20,000 feet, on centre of concentration of T.I. Red cascading and reflection was seen beneath cloud. On Green T.I. seen to fall. Some white fires seen in line 1/2 miles in length. Landed base undamaged.	
	"G"	R. 130672 P/S MacKinnon L.L., J. 22484 P/O BENTON W.D., J. 38381 P/S Bowden V.E., 1077021 SGT Connell G., J. 156389 SGT Bennie J.S., J. 153562 SGT Waters T., R. 58024 SGT Chappell E.W.		1720	2307	(G) (P/S MACKINNON L.L.) Bombload: 2 LB. T.I. Green; 2 Ord. T.I. Green; 1 x 4,000 H.C.; 1 x 1,000 H.C.; 1 x 1,000 GP LB. 8/10 cloud in target area at 4 to 5,000 feet with 1 moon. Lead released at 2010 hours from 20,000 feet, on centre of concentration of T.I. Red cascading and reflection was seen beneath cloud. On Green T.I. seen to fall. Some white fires seen in line 1/2 miles in length. Landed base undamaged.	
	"B"	40984 P/O CHASE W.M., J. 23950 P/O Krupp G.W., J. 12122 P/O Simlair W., 1575600 SGT Gill J.T., R. 169114 SGT Sylvan G.L., J. 2216175 SGT Daniels R., 2202638 SGT Buckley J.J.		1727	2327	(B) (P/O CHASE W.M.) Bombload: (Same as 'G'). No cloud with some ground haze in target area. Target iden- tified by T.I. Red, T.I. Green and Wanganui Flares. Lead released at 2025 hours from 19,000 feet on cluster of T.I. Green. On run in, saw one Green T.I. and 2 Red T.I. about 10 miles Northwest of a fairly good concentration of T.I. Red which was well backed up by T.I. Green and Wanganui Flares. Glow of numerous small fires were seen through haze. Many fighter flares were seen over target. Returned to base undamaged.	
	"A"	111476 P/L Trilsbach H. W.A., J. 402402 P/O Rose N.S., J. 192598 SGT Kanarens A.D.N., J. 112308 SGT Abbott A.G., 406157 P/O Wood R.G., J. 1542477 SGT Spacock W., J. 1623883 SGT Harrison J.		1715	2357	(A) (P/L TRILSBACH H.W.A.) Bombload: 5 x 2,000 H.C. Path of thin layer cloud in centre of ring of searchlights in target area. Dropped lead on Red T.I. at 2008 hours from 19,000 feet. Found at cluster of 3 T.I. Red burning on arrival. One had started a good fire in built up area, with much smoke. Other Reds seen after, but no Greens. Incendiaries were burning under cloud, which were seen after leaving. 1 x 2,000 H.C. hang-up and was dropped safe at 2327 hours from 11,000 feet, but was seen to explode. Aircraft returned to base undamaged.	

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2/3-12-43	LANCASTER III	(Continued)				<u>BOMBING ATTACK ON "BERLIN" (CONTINUED)</u>	A-1
	"K"	J.10255 S/L J.B. Millward, DFC, J.11224 E/O J.F. Lewis, DFC, J.15445 S/L L.C. Goodall, DFM, R.74682 P/S Johnston W., J.26606 P/O Nordheimer K.A., G.88122 LT W.M. Maxwell, DFC, 947720 SGT Corrigan W.		1716	2321	(X) (S/L J.B. MILLWARD, D.F.C.) Bombload: (Same as 'A') 6/7 tenths cloud with clear areas to West and East of target. Target identified by concentration of Red and Green T.I. cascading and Flares Red/Green. Load released at 2015 hours from 20,000 feet on centre of glow of about 8 Red T.I. on GROUND. On FWH in a group of Red and Green T.I. were seen cascading, together with flares Red/Green Stars. T.I.'s appeared well concentrated. Two very good fires were observed on leaving and glows of fires could be seen under the cloud. Believed attack fell to South and Southeast. Returned to base undamaged.	
	"R"	1015525 P/S Robinson A.W., J.17674 P/O Laberge J.R.A., DFC, 656618 P/S Evans G.R., 1162204 P/S Clarke J.D., 137381 P/O Young G.R., R.82062 P/S Nolan T.H., R.165968 SGT Blakely W.V.		1718	2326	(R) (P/S ROBINSON A.W.) Bombload: (Same as 'A'). 6 to 7/10 cloud at 5,000 feet in target area. Target identi- fied by T.I. Red, T.I. Green, and Red/Green Stars. Load dropped on Cluster of Red T.I. on ground at 2015 hours from 20,000 feet. No fires were seen. Trimming tab load from target to base. Returned undamaged.	
	"Z"	J.18849 P/O Floren H.A., J.11784 P/L Thatcher W., J.21524 P/O Astbury J.W., J.15900 P/O Southland J.J., R.100629 P/S Annis L.D., R.53024 P/S Léoné W., R.81110 SGT McMillan E.C.		1717	2318	(Z) (P/O FLOREN H.A.) Bombload: (Same as 'A'). 7/10's cloud at 8,000 feet in target area. Identified primarily by T.I. Red cascading and on ground, and also waxgand flares. Load released on centre of T.I. at 2014 hours from 20,000 feet. One fire seen on leaving target area. Returned to base undamaged.	
	"S"	116422 P/O Bowring N.H., 89843 P/L Belcher G., 157131 P/O Anderson J., R.112252 P/S Acorn G.W., 1027022 P/S Davis G.A.; DFM; R.1204312 P/S Holder G.H., 1566848 SGT Piercy N.		1719	2310	(S) (P/O BOWRING N.H.) Bombload: 2 L.B. T.I. Green; 2 Ord. T.I. Green; 1 x 4,000 H.C.; 4 x 1,000 H.C.; 1 x 1,000 GP (LD). 6/10 cloud at 5,000 feet in target area. Identified primarily by T.I. Red cascading. Bombed centre of T.I. Red cascading at 2012 hours from 19,000 feet. NO fires or explosions seen. All own markers dropped were well placed. Returned to base undamaged but some icing encountered.	
3/4-12-43						<u>BOMBING ATTACK ON "ISTITZ" "LA AIRCRAFT DETAIL"</u>	A-2
	"S"	J.10313 P/O Cloutier W.B.B., 129369 P/O Reville G.B., J.18901 P/O March J., 1386456 SGT Stanley H.B., R.137114 SGT Purser A.S.; R.133754 SGT Lawrence A., 947720 SGT Corrigan W.		0018	0650	(S) (P/O CLOUTIER W.B.B.) Bombload: 1 x 4 Flares Red/Green - Stars; 2 L.B. T.I. Red; 2 Ord. T.I. Red; 1 x 4,000 H.C.; 5 x 1,000 H.C. 10/10 thin layer cloud at 10,000 feet in target area. Target identified on H.C.S. Load released at 0358 hours from 18,000 feet. At 0354 hours, one T.I. Red cascaded into cloud 2 to 1 mile Southeast of the position we bombed. Other Red T.I.'s and some Green T.I. followed in the same area, all quite well concentrated. Brought back 1 x 4 Flares Red/Green - hang up. All route-markers were seen and well placed. Landed base undamaged.	

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5/4-12-43	LANCASTER III	(Continued)					
"Y"	J.10822 S/L Weiser W., DFC, J.11412 P/O Elliott G.R., DFC, 118838 P/O F. Damsine, DFC, J.118341 P/O Mayou F.D., J.18127 P/O Coburn L., J.12855 P/O Banks H.G.G., G.18900 P/O Sondergaard A.C.	DFC, J.11412		0020	0705	<u>BOMBING ATTACK ON "LEIPZIG" (CONTINUED)</u> (Y) (S/L W. WEISER, D.F.C.) Bombload: (Same as 'S'). 10/10 cloud at 8,000 feet in target area. On arrival about 10 scattered T.I.'s and flares in line from North to South in target area. Load released at 0358 hours from 18,000 feet. Two T.I.s dropped just after bombing, well to South. One T.I. well in centre with a good image. Bombing believed to be scattered in line North to South with considerable overshoot. Glow of incendiaries seen below cloud. Two explosions seen at 0403 hours and 0406. Landed base undamaged. (Z) (S/L H. GOSMAN, D.F.C.) Bombload: (Same as 'S'). 10/10 cloud at 10,000 feet in target area. Identified primary on H.2.S. Load released at 0358 hours from 17,000 feet. On arrival saw at 0355 hours, Red T.I. and at 0356 hours, Red T.I. seen again. These appeared to be scattered. One explosion was seen after leaving target at 0406 hours. Good image for own T.I. Route markers on way out very effective but homeward journey, these tended to be scattered. (N) (S/L H. GOSMAN, D.F.C.) Bombload: (Same as 'S'). 10/10 cloud in target area between 5 and 6,000 feet. Identified primary on H.2.S. Load released at 0358 hours from 18,000 feet. Target marked by flares and T.I.s and a group of Red T.I. falling all round as aircraft bombed, with flares R/L on both sides. One Red T.I. seen well to South of target. Bombing appeared to be well concentrated. Returned to base undamaged.	A-2
"Z"	J.17018 S/L H. Gosman, DFC, 155922 P/L Dilgin B.W., 413105 P/S Milne R.D., 1376009 P/S Langley D.S., R.137822 P/S Hirschfeld G.D., 1356926 P/S Mace C.P., R.58023 P/W Hunt H.R., J.4293 P/L Morrison H.A., 2nd Pilot.	DFC, 155922 P/L		0021	0731		
"N"	J.21942 S/L H. Sattler, DFC, 155160 P/O Fawcett H., DFC, J.18179 P/O Card H.C., J.16777 P/O Macleod G.C., J.13558 P/O Anderson W.R.W., DFC, J.18608 P/O Newman L., 57674 P/S James D.B.	DFC, 155160		0026	0654		
"H"	J.10954 P/O Fyfe A.B., J.11188 P/O Quayle D.B., R.115322 P/S Searles H., 1049636 SGT Dempsey J.H., J.27923 P/O Bois K.A., J.2398 P/O Edwards W.S., R.27685 SGT Galbraith B.E.	J.11188 P/O		0040	0738		
"X"	J.21371 P/O Campbell A.P., R.120735 SGT Gavin T.D., R.119435 P/S Dunne J., 1042952 SGT Redhead J., J.26496 P/D Thompson D.N., R.65760 P/S Cameron B., 1804724 SGT Leslie D.F.	R.120735		0047	0732		

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3/4-12-43	LANCASTER III	(Continued)				BOMBING ATTACK ON "IRIPZIE" (CONTINUED)	A-2
	"G"	R.130672 P/S MacKinnon L.L., J.22184 P/O RENTON W.D., 1383901 P/S BOWDEN V., 1077021 SGT Connell G., 1563899 SGT Rennie J.S., 1533602 SGT Waters T., R.58024 SGT Chappell E.W.		0044	0717	(G) (P/S MACKINNON L.L.) Bombload: 2 L.S. and 2 Ord. T.I. - Green; 1 x 1,000 H.C.; 3 x 1,000 H.C.; 1 x 500 M.C. 10/10 thin layer cloud at 12,000 feet in target area. Dropped load at 0406 hours from 18,000 feet. Saw Red T.I.s and Green T.I.s cascading above cloud, all well concentrated, except for one T.I. Red 15 miles to South. The Flares Red/Green were also well concentrated with flash-bursting among them. Route-markers were well placed in all the detailed positions; but there was one T.I. Red seen at 5234 N. 0946 E. at 0300 hours and two T.I. Yellows at 5225 N. 1222 E., at 0315 hours. Returned to base undamaged.	
	"J"	R.135047 P/S Borrowes R.D., J.18124 P/O Mitchell J., J.2211 P/O Hinscliffe A., R.131045 P/S Montgomery R.W., R.111793 P/S Spearman G.D., R.104431 P/S Poshier S.F., 1802354 SGT Squires R.L.		0049	0721	(J) (P/S BORROWES R.D.) Bombload: (Same as 'G'). 10/10 cloud with good visibility in target area. Dropped load on concentration of Green T.I. on ground at 0409 hours from 17,000 feet. On arrival, saw explosion at 0403 hours, followed by another at 0407 hours. Flares Red/Green Stars over an area with a circle of Green T.I. Some scattered P.I. but bombed the circle of Green which appeared well concentrated. Explosion seen to North of concentration. Glow of fires was seen on leaving. Route-markers, going in, etc., but on homeward journey they appeared to be scattered. Returned to base undamaged.	
	"H"	116422 P/O Bowring N.H., 89843 P/I Belcher G., 157131 P/O Anderson J., R.112252 P/W Acorn G.W., 1027022 P/S Davis G.A., DEM, 1204312 P/S Holder G.H., 53318 P/O Holland G.C.		0024	MISSING	(H) (P/O BOWRING N.H.) Bombload: 1 x 4,000 H.C.; 4 x 1,000 M.C.; 1 x 500 M.C. This aircraft failed to return from this operation and nothing has been heard from this crew since time of take off. This was Flying Officer Bowring's 13th operation.	
	"A"	J.18349 P/O Floren H.A., J.111784 P/I Theobald W., J.21524 P/O Astbury J.W., J.12990 P/O Smedley W.V., R.100015 W/O Annis L.D., R.53724 W/O Leone W., R.51110 SGT H681218 E.C.		0023	0701	(A) (P/O FLOREN H.A.) Bombload: (Same as 'H'). 10/10 thin layer cloud from 8 to 10,000 feet in target area. Identified target by H.2.S. Load released at 0357 hours from 19,000 feet. Saw several T.I. Red and T.I. Green with Wanganui Flares above, all well concentrated. Returned to base undamaged.	
	"Z"	J.18508 P/O Countess R.E., J.15190 P/O Solumson K.A. (Nakon Medal), R.147843 P/S Kwas M., 1387614 SGT Piler W.G., R.198740 SGT Beasant H., R.182002 P/S Lawson V.M., 1684805 SGT Ready A.F.		0027	0725	(Z) (P/O COUNTESS R.E.) Bombload: (Same as 'H'). 10/10 cloud at 7,000 feet in target area. Target identified by T.I. Red cascading and Wanganui Flare. Load released on Wanganui Flare at 0358 hours from 17,000 feet. T.I. Red and T.I. Green and Wanganui Flares scattered all around target area. No fires or explosions seen. Returned to base undamaged.	
	"B"	101525 P/S Robinson A.W., J.17674 P/O Leberg J.R.A., HFC, 656618 P/S Swans G.R., 1162204 P/S Clarke J.D., 137341 P/O Young G.H., R.88068 P/S Nolan T.H., R.165968 SGT Blakely W.J.		0034	0712	(B) (P/S ROBINSON A.W.) Bombload: (Same as 'H'). 10/10 cloud at 8,000 feet in target area. Load released at 0357 hours from 18,000 feet on glow of Red T.I. seen cascading at 0355 hours. On arrival, Red T.I. and Flares were seen and were well concentrated. Bombed centre of these. Bombing appeared concentrated with glow under cloud on leaving. Landed base undamaged.	

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"2"	J.14820 E/L Coldrey G.S.E., J.5304 E/L Court G.L., 144130 P/O O'Neil J.H., R.74682 P/S Johnston W., R.135079 SGT Renard J.3.M.; R.79433 SGT Ducost R., R.04728 SGT Cole F.S.			0030	0658	BOMBING ATTACK ON "LEIPZIG" (CONTINUED) (R) (E/L COLDREY G.S.E.) Bombload: (Same as 'M'). 10/10 cloud at 7,000 feet in target area. Bombed centre of T.I. Red cascading at 0358 hours from 16,000 feet. Wargami and T.I.s Red and Green were well concentrated in target area. No fires or explosions seen. Returned to base undamaged.	A-2
"3"	J.16306 P/O Brimble G.R., 116797 P/O Jarvis R.E., J.17111 P/O Gibbey J.F., 1181648 E/O Hamblin A., R.168827 SGT Peterson R.F., J.24386 P/O Davies C.L., 691328 SGT Lane S.A.			0057	0709	(K) (P/O BRIMBLE G.R.) Bombload: (Same as 'M'). 10/10 cloud at 5,000 feet in target area. Dropped load on one Red T.I. Cascading at 0358 hours from 17,000 feet. Wargami Flares were scattered all around target. T.I. Red and T.I. Green covered an area of over two miles. T.I. Red also seen cascading well South of target. Landed base undamaged.	
16/17-12-43							
"2"	J.5795 W/O Lane R.J., SFC, DFC, J.17183 E/L Evans G.M., DFC, 1395731 P/S Finchan S.F., 1340016 P/S Mill W., R.147280 W/O Bergine G.W., 649382 W/O Scannell J.B., DFL, 1623883 SGT Harrison J.			1643	0011	BOMBING ATTACK ON "BERLIN" BY AIRCRAFT DETACHED (Z) (W/O R.J. LANE, D.S.O., D.F.C.) Bombload: 1 x 4 Flares Red/Green Stars; 2 L.B. T.I. Green; 2 Ord. T.I. Green; 1 x 4,000 H.C.; 3 x 1,000 H.C.; 1 x 500 G.P.; 1 x D.D.	A-3
"3"	J.10822 S/L W. Weiser, DFC, J.111442 S/L Ellwood G.B., DFC, 148858 P/O F. Cousins, DFC, J.18381 E/O Mayen F.D., J.18127 P/O Coburn L., J.12855 P/O Banks H.G.G., 618909 P/O Sondergaard A.C.			1629	0011	10/10 cloud at 6,000 feet in target area. Primary identified on H.T.S. Load released at 1958 hours from 20,000 feet. Nothing seen going on. At 1958 hours, first Red T.I. seen. Marking very good, especially Wargami Flares. At 2002 hours, a good concentration of T.I. Reds could just be seen through cloud. At 2003 hours, first Fighter Flares seen. At 2007 hours, Red T.I.s still going down, all well concentrated. No fires were observed. At 2010 hours, dummy Red T.I.s were seen East, North and West of target which were much smaller than ours and cascading from 6,000 feet. All route markers were accurately placed and well concentrated. Landed base undamaged. (V) (S/L W. WEISER, D.F.C.) Bombload: 1 x 4 Flares Red/Green Stars; 2 L.B. T.I. Red; 2 Ord. T.I. Red; 1 x 4,000 H.C.; 1 x 1,000 H.C. 10/10 cloud from 6 to 8,000 feet in target area. Primary identified on H.T.S. Load released at 1956 hours from 20,000 feet. Being early on target, on way in nothing was seen. On leaving target, a glow from incendiaries was seen. The T.I.s over target appeared to undershoot and overshoot in a long straight line West to East. No fires or explosions were seen. T.I. Yellow was seen 5238 N. 0945 E. which were well placed. Returned to base undamaged.	

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16/17-12-43	LANCASTER III	(Continued)				BOMBING ATTACK ON "BERLIN" (CONTINUED)	A-3
	"B"	J.17018 S/L H. Cowan, DFC, 155922 P/L B.W. Culpin, DFC, 113105 P/S Milne R., 1376009 P/S Ladgley B.J., R.137822 W/O Hirschfeld G.D., 1336926 P/S Maco G.P., R.38023 P/S Hurst H.R.		1631	0108	(B) (S/L H. COWAN, D.F.C.) Bombload: 1 x 4,000 H.C.; 5 x 1,000 M.C.; 4 x Red/Green Stars; 4 x Red T.I.s. 10/10 cloud at 5 to 4,000 feet in target area. Identified primary from H.2.S. - Load released at 1956 hours from 20,000 feet. Several Red T.I.s seen on run up, and a very good concentration of Red/Green Stars. At 1942 hours, a good concentration of Yellow T.I. was observed. Landed MARMAN undamaged.	
	"B"	J.21942 S/L M. Sattler, DFC, 155140 P/O H. Fawcett, DFC, J.18179 P/O H. Cardy, J.16777 P/O MacLeod G.C., J.13558 P/O Anderson W.R.W., DFC, J.18808 P/O Medman I., 376744 P/S James D.B.		1632	2324	(T) (S/L M. SATTLER, D.F.C.) Bombload: (Same as 'B'). 10/10 cloud at 5 to 6,000 feet in target area with hazy visibility above. Identified primary on H.2.S. continued at 1959 hours from 19,000 feet. On arrival, three loads of Red T.I. were falling into cloud in a tight cluster with waggamii flares above. Numerous waggamii flares and T.I. Red seen after leaving, all well concentrated. All route markers were well placed and quite well concentrated. Returned to base undamaged.	
	"C"	J.10313 P/O Cloutier W.B.B., 129369 P/O Neville S.B., J.18901 P/O March J., 158135 P/O Pilling B., R.137114 W/O Parker A.S., R.133754 W/O Lawrence A., 641790 892 Dumett G.A.		1633	2336	(C) (P/O CLOUTIER W.B.B.) Bombload: (Same as 'B'). 10/10 cloud at 3,000 feet in target area with good visibility. Identified target on H.2.S. Load released at 1957 hours from 19,100 feet. T.I.s cascaded all well concentrated. Cloud prevented observation of results. Landed BOURNE undamaged owing to weather conditions.	
	"H"	J.15218 P/L Bennett G., DFC, J.14781 P/O Baker E., R.153085 P/S Davies F., 1064359 892 Rodgers A., DFC, R.180404 P/S Joel W.V., R.167560 P/S Frame J., 1381372 892 Rees J.		1639	0037	(H) (P/L BENNETT G., D.F.C.) Bombload: 1 Red/Green Stars; 3 x 1,000 M.C.; 1 x 500 G.P. L.D.; 1 x 4,000 H.C.; 3 x T.I. Yellow; 4 x T.I. Green. 10/10 cloud at 5,000 feet in target area. Target identified on H.2.S. Load released at 2008 hours from 20,000 feet. Landed MARMAN owing to weather conditions.	
	"X"	J.21371 P/O Campbell A.F., J.19119 P/O Gavin E.D., R.184935 P/S Burns J., 1048952 892 Redhead J., G.26496 P/O Thompson D.N., R.65760 P/S Cameron B., 1804724 892 Leslie D.J.		1646	0055	(X) (P/O CAMPBELL A.F.) Bombload: (Same as 'H'). 10/10 cloud at 3 to 5,000 feet in target area with poor visibility. Load released at 2005 hours from 19,000 feet on concentration of Flares Red/Green Stars. No observations made. Returned undamaged and landed MARMAN owing to poor weather conditions.	
	"Y"	J.10954 P/O Fyfe A.B., J.14188 P/O Quayle D.B., R.115322 P/S Searles H., 1048656 892 Dempsey J.H., G.27923 P/O Cole K.A., J.23984 P/O Edwards W.S., R.97685 892 Galbraith B.E.		1648	0129	(Y) (P/O FYFE A.B.) Bombload: (Same as 'H'). 10/10 cloud at 10,000 feet in target area with good visibility above. Identified primary by T.I. Red and this was boxed in the centre at 2011 hours from 19,000 feet. At 1959 hours, first Red T.I. and 4 markers seen with a good concentration. One Red and one Green T.I. dropped about 5 miles North of main concentration. Two areas seen glowing through cloud, but cloud very thick. Returned undamaged and landed at MARMAN WARGOYS owing to weather conditions.	

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16/17-12-43	LANCASTER III	(Continued)					
	"B"	R.110672 F/S MacKinnon L.L., J.22424 F/O Ranton W.D., 13838 F/S Bowden V., 107702 SGT Connel G., 156389 SGT Bennie J.S., 153502 SGT Waters T., R.58022 SGT Chappell E.W.		1640	2347	(c) (F/S MACKINNON L.L.) Bombload: 2 L.B. T.I. Green; 2 Ord. T.I. Green; 1 X 4,000 H.C.; 4 X 1,000 H.C. 10/10 cloud at 5,000 feet in target area. Load released at 2002 hours from 20,000 feet on centre of 1 Red T.I. and 1 Green cascading. On run up, saw Red T.I., Green T.I. and 1 Wanganui in line 15 miles West to East. On E.T.A., bombed four Red and 1 Green T.I. cascading in concentrations. Saw one Green T.I. and 1 Red T.I. cascading at 2010 hours, West of target eight miles. Returned to base unharmed.	A-5
	"D"	F.20576 F/O McLennan B.A., J.11170 F/O Sheppard W.F., R.121528 SGT XXXXXXXXXXXX CRASHED 0050 Schneider G.R., 148721 SGT Halliwell E., R.189695 SGT Roobroek H.P.V., R.87404 W/O S.H. Meebing, D.M., 1723590 SGT Corwell H.L.		1647		(D) (F/O MCKENNA B.A.) Bombload: (Same as 'C'). This aircraft crashed when returning from operations owing to lack of petrol and bad weather. All members of this crew were killed with the exception of W/O Nutting, D.F.M., (Rear Gunner), who was only slightly injured and is at present in Ely Hospital. This was W/O Nutting's 45th operation, the last operation to complete his tour with Path Finder Force. This was F/O McLennan's 17th operation.	
	"K"	J.16306 F/O Dennis G.R., 116797 F/O Marvie R.B., J.17444 F/O Gilbey J.F., 1181648 W/O Haslehurst A., R.168827 SGT Peterson R.F., J.24306 F/O Davies C.L., 631329 SGT Linn E.A.		1634	2345	(K) (F/O DENNIS G.R.) Bombload: 5 X 2,000 H.C. 10/10 cloud at 5,000 feet in target area. Target identified by H.2.S. confirmed by F.I. Red, T.I. Green and flares Red/Green Stars. Load released at 1958 hours from 18,500 feet. Timed run from Bathurst which was identified on H.2.S. Fair concentration of Wanganui flares and T.I. Red well backed up by T.I. Green. Marking spread later along a line West Northwest. All route-markers well placed and fairly well concentrated. Returned to base unharmed.	
	"O"	J.6935 F/L Allan W.C., J.21532 F/O Stammers D.H., J.23592 F/O Collier M., 1600557 SGT Joslyn K.S., R.171882 SGT Strang G.L., R.173351 SGT Egan J.C., 180058 SGT Kirt A.S.S.		1636	2358	(O) (F/L ALLAN W.C.) Bombload: (Same as 'K'). This aircraft crashed near Crawley at 2358 hours, when returning from operations, owing to lack of petrol and poor weather conditions. The three members of this crew who were killed as a result of this accident are, F/O Stammers (NAV); F/O COLLIER (W/A) and SGT Strang (W/O). F/L ALLAN is on the Dangerously Injured List and SGT Joslyn, SGT Egan and SGT Kirt were not seriously injured and are at present in hospital.	
	"R"	J.9419 F/O Drew E.B., 425183 F/S Meisner V., R.130592 F/S Saunders H.J., R.99045 W/O Dobson W.L., R.198740 SGT Bassett L.R., R.151911 SGT McCook L., R.47720 SGT Corrigan W.		1637	CRASHED 0225	(R) (F/O DREW E.B.) Bombload: (Same as 'K'). This aircraft crashed at 0230 hours near MATHAM when returning from operations, owing to lack of petrol and bad weather conditions. ALL were killed with exception of F/O Drew, who is on the Seriously Injured List and SGT McCook who was uninjured.	

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20-21-12-43	LANCASTER III						
"V"		S/L W. Weiser, DFC, J.11142 S/L R. Ellwood, DFC, 148938 P/O F. Cousins, DFC, J.18361 P/O Mayou P.D., J.18127 P/O O'Quinn L., J.12855 P/O Banks H.C.C., C.18909 P/O Sondergaard A.O., J.9783 P/O G.A. Sweeney, DFC.		1725	2212	<p>BOMBING ATTACK ON "FRANKFORT" TO AIRCRAFT DETAIL</p> <p>(V) (S/L W. WEISER, D.F.C.) Bombload: 1 Bangalore Flare; 2 LB and 5 Ord. T.I. Red; 1 x 1,000 H.C.; 3 x 1,000 G.P. (G. Inst.); 1 T.I. Green.</p> <p>9/10 thin layer cloud at 7,000 feet in target area. Identified primary by Yellow T.I.s. Released load at 1936 hours from 15,000 feet between two Yellow T.I.s. Encountered thin layer cloud from Wiesbaden to just South of target, with numerous Flares all the way. Yellow T.I.s were widely scattered, especially East to West. Saw incendiaries burning in built-up area with several Yellow T.I.s one to two miles North. It was very difficult to estimate the centre of the Yellows. Only one T.I. Green seen at 1942 hours. After leaving, saw numerous Fighter Flares North of target in cones running North to South. One decoy T.I. Red seen well to North of the Yellows. On outward journey, numerous very scattered "Reds" seen, some believed Red Spot Flares, many obviously decoy Red T.I.s. On homeward journey, no route-markers were seen. Landed base undamaged.</p>	A-1
"T"		J.21942 S/L M. Sattler, DFC, 155160. P/O Furgott H., DFC, J.18179 P/O Card H.O., J.16777 P/O MacLeod G.G., J.13558 P/O W.R.W. Anderson, DFC, J.18006 P/O McEwan I., 57678 P/S James D.S.		1715	2154	<p>(T) (S/L M. SATTLER, D.F.C.) Bombload: 5 x 4 Flares White; 1 Bangalore Flare; 1 LB and 1 Ord. T.I. Yellow; 1 x 1,000 H.C.; 5 x 1,000 GP T.Inst.</p> <p>10/10 thin stratus cloud just over target. Identified primary on H.2.S. Load released at 1930 hours from 16,000 feet. Nothing was seen on arrival. One load dropped just ahead. On bombs fell on these and following this, Yellow T.I. and Flares went down and appeared fairly well concentrated. A T.I. Red seen about 10 miles East, with a Green T.I. on it. Brought back 5 x 4 Flares White, not required because there was enough flares already. Red Spot seen on outward and homeward journey which were very scattered. Landed back to base undamaged.</p>	
"S"		J.10313 P/O Cloutier W.B.E., 129169 P/O Neville S.E., J.18901 P/O March J. 158435 P/O Pilling E., R.13714 W/O Parker A.S., R.13754 W/O Lawrence A., 641790 SGT Dimmett G.A., J.17137 P/O Donnelly T.H., DFM, 2nd Pilot.		1719	2204	<p>(S) (P/O CLOUTIER W.B.E.) Bombload: (Same as 'T').</p> <p>9/10's thin cloud at 5,000 feet in target area. Identified primary by T.I. Yellows cascading and a couple on ground. Bombed centre of T.I. Yellow at 1930 hours from 19,000 feet. On way in at 1929 hours, at 17,000 feet, saw T.I. Yellow cascading. The T.I. Yellows appeared to be fairly well concentrated. Saw glow of fires over target area. No explosions were observed. Returned to base undamaged.</p>	
"Z"		J.5795 W/O R.J. Lane, DSO, D.F.C., J.17183 P/L Swan G.H., DFC, 138731 P/S Fincham S.F., 1380016 P/S Mill W., R.117280 W/O Douglas G.L., 649382 W/O Scannell J., DFM, 1623883 SGT Harrison J.		1713	2202	<p>(Z) (W/O R.J. LANE, D.S.O., D.F.C.) Bombload: (Same as 'T').</p> <p>5/10's thin cloud with very thin patch over target. Bombed on H.2.S. at 1928 hours from 19,000 feet. T.I. Yellow appeared well concentrated with one T.I. Yellow well to East. On way out, possible to see below cloud and main bombing appeared to be undershooting. Yellow T.I. and flares did not show up well against searchlight which stretched from Wiesbaden to target. Several T.I.s believed decoy seen on East of concentration. Main bombing appeared undershoot. Landed base.</p>	

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20/11-12-43	LANCASTER III	(Continued)					
"a"	J.17018 S/L H. Gorn, DFC, 155922 P/L Gipin E.W., DFC, 41305 P/S Milne R., 137609 P/S Langley, D.J., R.157822 W/O Hirschfeld G.D., 1356926 P/S Mace G.F., R.58029 P/S Hest-H.R., G.171 C/C G.P. Dunlop, APO, 2nd Pilot.			1717	2229	BOMBING ATTACK ON "FRANKFURT" (CONTINUED) (S) (S/L H. GORN, D.F.C.) Bombload: (Same as 'a'). 5 to 7/10's thin cloud in target area. Dropped load on Green T.I. at 1938 hours from 18,000 feet. On arrival unable to distinguish Yellow T.I. in cloud and then made second run and Green T.I. seen, which were bombed. Bombing appeared to be covering area of town and spreading West to East. Two orange explosions seen at 1944 hours with Green T.I. cascading on top of explosion. Red Spot seen on out- ward and homeward journeys which were quite scattered. Landed base undamaged.	A-4
"b"	R.135047 P/S Barrowes R.D., J.18424 P/O Mitchell J., J.23111 P/O Hinscliffe A., R.131015 P/S Montgomery R.J., R.111793 P/S Greenan G.D., 1542477 SST Bostock W., 180254. SST Squires R.L.			1739	2224	(D) (P/S BARROWES R.D.) Bombload: 2 IB and 2 Ord T.I. Green. 1 x 1,000 H.C.; 6 x 1,000 G.P. 8/10 to 10/10 cloud at 8 to 10,000 feet in target area. Dropped load at 1945 hours from 18,700 feet on centre of a cluster of T.I. Green seen through cloud. Several seen to cascade but no times recorded. Approaching target, several Yellows were seen burning under cloud. When over target, only Green T.I.s seen. Numerous scattered fires seen through breaks in cloud. Landed base undamaged.	
"c"	J.14898 P/L Morrison H.A., J.24216 P/O Goske E.W., J.26343 P/O Swarts R.A., R.154763 P/S Percy G.W., R.161220 SST McLumbe C.A., R.132761 SST Kabbak W., R.8110 SST Houlding E.C.			1721	2302	(U) (P/L MORRISON H.A.) Bombload: 6 x 2,000 H.C. Primary was not attacked owing to error in navigation. Released load on T.I. Green in centre of T.I. Yellow at MANHEIM at 1945 hours from 18,000 feet. Saw a large explo- sion and quite a few fires burning. Returned to base undamaged.	
"d"	J.7278 P/L McDonald J.R., DFC, 1280275 W/O Bellamy G.C., DFC, R.75288 W/O Bright E.W., DFC, J.17520 P/O Gibbs J.C., J.16125 P/O Duff T.R., R.87577 W/O Routhledge J.D., G.6741 P/S Wright P.R.			1722	2240	(X) (P/L McDONALD J.R., D.F.C.) Bombload: (Same as 'a'). 5 to 7/10's thin layer cloud at about 8,000 feet in target area. Bombed built-up area in centre of rather scattered Yellow T.I.s at 1936 hours from 17,400 feet. Several Yellow flares cascaded on runway, and others followed successively further East until a fairly wide area was covered. Built- up area seen in approximate centre of the Yellows. Bombing was scattered over area covered by the Yellows. At 1937 hours, two Flares Red/Green seen over built-up area in centre of Yellows. All very scattered and many paraballs. Geocoms. Returned to base undamaged.	
"e"	J.19268 P/O MacKinnon E.W., J.22484 P/O Renton W.D., 13839 P/S Bowden V., 1077621 SST Campbell G., 196399 SST Rennie J.S., 1533602 SST Waters T. R.58021 SST Campbell E.W.			1739	2201	(C) (P/O MACKINNON E.W.) Bombload: (Same as 'a'). 8/10's cloud in target area. Load released at 1932 hours. TWO 18,000 FEET ON CENTRE OF YELLOW T.I. WHICH CASCADED AT 1928 hours. Yellow T.I. all round scattered East to West. Difficult to see as there were too many flares. Only one Green T.I. seen appeared to be North Central. Landed back to base undamaged.	

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20/12-12-43	LANCASTER III	(Continued)					
	"H"	J.16306 P/O Drimble G.R., 116797 P/O Jarvis E.D., J.17744 P/O Gilbey J.E., 118263 W/O Haslehurst A., R.168827 SGT Peterson R.A., 137641 SGT Smith D.F., 621329 SGT Lane E.A.		1720	2216	BOMBING ATTACK ON "FRANKFURT" (CONTINUED) (R) (P/O DRIMBLE G.R.) (Bombload: (Same as "U"). Main lower stratus cloud at 9 to 10,000 feet over target. Target identified visually and built-up area seen, confirmed by H.2.S. Load released on centre of Yellow T.I. in built-up area at 1934 hours from 19,000 feet. Three runs made over target and built-up area could be definitely seen but rain pointed. Raid appeared to all be in the built up area but covering a large area. Several fires and explosions seen. One explosion seen at time of bombing. At 1934 hours, an orange flame and much black smoke was observed. Red Spot seen on outward and homeward journeys which were very scattered. Returned to base undamaged.	A-4
20/12-12-43	"H"	J.15248 P/L G. Bennett, DFC, J.14781 P/O Baker E., R.153085 P/S Davies F., 105432 P/S Rodgers A., DFM, R.180104 P/S Joel W.V., O.886172 LT Siple J.R., 1501572 SGT Rees J.L.		1710	2218	BOMBING ATTACK ON "MANNHEIM" 3 AIRCRAFT DESTROYED (H) (P/L G. BENNETT, D.F.C.) Bombload: 5 x 4 Flares White; 1 Mangrove Flare; 2 LB and 2 Ord. T.I. Red; 1 x 4,000 H.C.; 4 x 3,000 G.P., T.Inst. 3/10 cloud at 5,000 feet in target area. Load dropped by H.2.S. at 1922 hours from 19,000 feet. At 1922 hours, saw "I. Red ascending and two burning on ground. Returned to base undamaged. (R) (P/O CAMPBELL A.P.) Bombload: (Same as "H"). No cloud in target area. Bombed centre of concentration of fires at 1937 hours from 19,000 feet. One large orange coloured explosion seen at 1926 hours and also a few small ones. Returned to base undamaged. (H) (P/O FIFE A.B.) Bombload: (Same as "H"). No cloud in target area. Load released at 1932 hours from 19,000 feet. Target identified on H.2.S. One large explosion seen at 1940 hours. A few scattered fires were seen. Raid was well concentrated. Believed T.I. fell on edge of town. Returned to base undamaged.	A-5
	"R"	J.21371 P/O Campbell A.P., J.19119 P/O Gavin T.D., R.113435 P/S Dimes J., 1048952 SGT Redhead J., J.25496 P/O Thompson D.W., R.55740 P/S Cameron E., 180472 SGT Leslie D.J.		1712	2227		
	"H"	J.10924 P/O Fife A.B., J.14188 P/O Quayle D.B., R.115122 P/S Searles H., 1049636 SGT Dempsey E.J., J.27923 P/O Cole R.A., J.23984 P/O Edwards W.S., R.97685 SGT Galbraith B.B.		1709	2243		
23/12-12-43	"H"	J.17018 S/L H. Cowan, DFC, 155922 P/L Osipin B.W., 111105 P/S Milne R.D., 1376009 P/S Langley D.J., R.137822 W/O Hirschfeld G.H., 1390265 P/S MacC G.P., R.59023 P/S Hurst H.R.		0017	0744	BOMBING ATTACK ON "BERLIN" 13 AIRCRAFT DESTROYED (S) (S/L H. COWAN, D.F.C.) Bombload: 3 LB & 3 Ord. T.I. Red; 1 x 4 Flares Red/Green; 1 x 4,000 H.C.; 3 x 1,000 G.P./Inst.; 1 x 500 G.P./Inst. 10/10 cloud at 10,000 feet in target area. Identification mainly by H.2.S. confirmed by Flare Red/Green slightly to starboard. Timed run from Wickeswolds and released load at 0400 hours from 19,500 feet. When over target saw only one flare Red/Green. At 0537 hours, faint glow of Red T.I.s seen through cloud. After leaving, saw good concentration of flares Red/Green running mainly East to West for about 1 1/2 miles. Glow of fires seen after leaving. (continued)	A-6

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23/21-12-45	LANCASTER III	(Continued)				BOMBING ATTACK ON "BERLIN" (CONTINUED)	A-6
	"B"	(Continued)				(E) (S/L H. GOWAN, D.F.C.) (Continued) 1 x 4 Flares Red/Green hung up over target area. All route-markers outward were well placed and concentrated. At 0400 hours when over Berlin, at 18,500 feet, aircraft suffered damaged from heavy flak to hydraulics, Intercom and 1396 was w/s. Returned to base. (F) (P/L G. BISHOP, D.F.C.) Bombload: (Same as (E)). 8/10 cloud at 10,000 feet in target area. Bombed on H.2.S. with a good bang at 0358 hours from 20,000 feet. Timed run from Luckenwalde. Wanganji flares were well concentrated. No fires were seen but bomb explosions judged to be concentrated. Returned to base undamaged. (S) (P/O FIFE A.E.) Bombload: 3 LB 2 3 Ord TI Red; 1 x 4 Flares Red/Green; 1 x 4,000 HC; 3 x 1,000 GP T.Inst; 1 x 500 GP T.Inst. 15/10 cloud at 12,000 feet in target area. Target identified by H.2.S. continued after bombing by Flares Red/Green. Load released at 0357 hours from 20,000 feet. Timed run from Luckenwalde. Nothing seen on arrival. Shaged by accurate predicted flak. A few flares Red/Green were seen shortly after bombing, well concentrated. No T.I.s seen over target. Saw TI Yellows in two concentrations to Port and Starboard of track. All other route-markers were well placed and concentrated. Returned to base undamaged. (G) (P/S SOMERSON R.D.) Bombload: 3 LB 2 3 Ord TI/Green; 2 x 4,000 HC; 4 x 1,000 GP/T.Inst.; 9/10 cloud at 12 to 15,000 feet in target area. Target identified by flares Red/Green. T.I. Red and T.I. Green. Load released on one T.I. Green at 0405 hours from 19,000 feet. On run-up saw flares Red/Green, T.I. Red and T.I. Green going down beneath cloud all well concentrated. On arrival over target, saw only one T.I. Green which ascended into cloud - bombed it. Reflection of fires was observed through cloud. All route-markers were very well placed and concentrated. Returned to base undamaged. (K) (P/O CHASE W.M.) Bombload: (Same as (F)). 5/10 cloud in target area. Identified target by glow of T.I. Red and T.I. Green through clouds and also three Wanganji flares. Load released on centre of T.I. Red and T.I. Green at 0408 hours from 18,500 feet. At 0409 hours, saw glow through cloud of what appeared to be concentrated fires. The T.I.s and Wanganji flares were well concentrated. Returned to base undamaged.	
	"B"	J.15248 P/L G. Bennett, DPO, J.14761 P/O Baker E., R.153085 P/S Davies F., 1064159 P/S Rodgers A., DMI, R.180404 P/S Joel W.V., R.167560 P/S France J., 1381572 SGT Reas J.L.		0018	0709		
	"B"	J.10954 P/O Fife A.E., 129369 P/O S. Neville, J.18901 P/O Marsh J.J., 156135 P/O Pilling E., R.137114 W/O Parker A.S., R.133734 W/O Lawrence A., 641790 SGT Dunnett C.A.		0029	0659		
	"B"	E.135047 P/S Borrowes R.D., J.18224 P/O Mitchell J., J.22111 P/O Hinchcliffe A., R.131015 P/S Montgomery B.L., R.111733 P/S Spearman G.D., R.104431 P/S Pothier B.F., 1802354 SGT Squires R.L.		0033	0731		
	"B"	109894 P/O Chase W.M., J.23950 P/O King G.W., 151242 P/O Siplair W., 1575600 SGT Gill J.L., R.169114 SGT Sylvan G.M., 226175 SGT Daniels R., 2202638 SGT Buckley J.M.		0043	0734		

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23/12-12-43	LANCASTER III	(Continued)				BOMBING ATTACK ON "BERLIN" (CONTINUED)	
	"B"	R.13132 P/O Bonikowsky A., J.17676 P/O Leberge J.R.A., DFC, R.149118 P/O O'Neil G.H., R.97113 W/O Buchanan G., R.71560 SGT Binarsot S., R.96581 SGT Charest J.H.A., 1801728 SGT Cole F.S.		0032	0728	(2) (P/O BONIKOWSKY A.) Bombed: (Same as 'A'). 10/10 cloud at 6,000 feet in target area. Target identified by flares Red/Green. Load released on cluster of flares Red/Green, the first of which ignited at 0358 hours. Load dropped at 0404 hours from 20,000 feet. From 0358 hours there was a succession of flares Red/Green all going down in the same spot. Several Red T.I.s cascaded into cloud and disappeared leaving only a faint glow. A few fighter flares were seen to West of target. Saw 2 W.F. Yellow scattered over 15 to 20 miles. Returned to base undamaged.	A-6
	"C"	J.19266 P/O MacKinnon L.L., J.22401 P/O Renton W.D., 1383981 P/O Bowler V.E., 1077021 SGT Cornell G., 1563899 SGT Rennie J.S., 1538602 SGT Waters J., R.50024 SGT Chappell E.W.		0021	0726	(3) (P/O MACKINNON L.L.) Bombed: 2 x 2,000 H.C. 9/10 cloud at 10,000 feet in target area. Target identified by W.F.S. with a Fair Image. Tined run but interrupted by flares. Load released at 0400 hours from 20,000 feet. On tined run from Luckenwils, boxed barrage net with, so turned back. No markers seen. Turned back from near Kesselhof at 0354 hours - made second run and 30 Wagonni flares seen in concentration and glow of T.I.s only seen below cloud. Returned to base undamaged.	
	"C"	J.10255 S/L Hillward J.E., DFC, J.11224 P/O J.P. Lewis, DFC, J.15445 S/L L.G. Goodall, DFC, 144711 P/O R. Taylor, DFC, J.26506 P/O Nordheimer K.A., O.88622 LT Maxwell W.M., DFC, 911058 SGT Stewart G.D.		0023	0748	(3) (S/L HILLWARD J.E., D.F.C.) Bombed: (Same as 'C'). 7/10 cloud at 15,000 feet in target area. Dropped load on Wagonni flares at 0406 hours from 21,000 feet. Wagonni flares and T.I. concentrations was very good. No fires or explosions were observed. Landed base undamaged.	
	"U"	J.14898 P/L Morrison H.A., J.24216 P/O Quisite L.W., J.25743 P/O Swales F.A., R.154763 P/S Darcy G.H., R.163220 SGT Lajambe G.A., R.152761 SGT Kubiak W., 181304 SGT York R.L.		0024	0754	(U) (P/L MORRISON H.A.) Bombed: (Same as 'C'). 10/10 cloud at 10,000 feet in target area. Target identified by glow of T.I. Red seen through cloud. Bombed several Red T.I. burning on ground at 0359 hours from 20,000 feet. The glow of several unmistakable Red T.I. were seen through the cloud on arrival. The concentration was good. No results observed owing to cloud. All the route-markers were well placed. Returned to base undamaged.	
	"B"	1015565 W/O Robinson A.W., J.17496 P/O Sutherland F.A., R.135736 P/S Leslie A.H., 1162204 P/S Clarke J.D., 121974 P/S Anderson J., R.82062 W/O Nolan T., R.165968 SGT Blakely W.J.		0025	0722	(B) (W/O ROBINSON A.W.) Bombed: (Same as 'C'). 9/10 cloud at 10,000 feet in target area. Identified primary by concentration of T.I. Red cascading and three Wagonni flares. Load released on T.I. Red on ground at 0358 hours from 21,000 feet. No fires or explosions seen owing to being early on, and also cloud cover. Returned to base undamaged.	

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				UP	DOWN		
23/24-12-43	LANCASTER III	(Continued)				BOMBING ATTACK ON "BERLIN" (CONTINUED)	A-6
	"0"	J.10296 P/O Patterson B.D.C., J.22233 P/O Evans D.C., T.190218 P/O James F., A.1568 P/S Kaiser P.F., R.19371 SGT Besant W.P., T.21306 P/O Davis G.L., 1672359 SGT Allan J.		0026	0751	(C) (P/O PATTERSON B.D.C.) Bombload: (Same as "0"). 10/10 thin cloud in target area at 6 to 8,000 feet. Target identified by 2 Red and 2 Green flares seen through thin cloud. Bombs hung up for two minutes from Aiming Point. Searchlights only in bombight when load released at 0406 hours from 20,000 feet. On bombing run on 2 T.I. Green and 2 T.I. Red, bombs hung up and switches checked and Navigator's bomb switch was not operating. Switched to single salvo and all bombs went; plus camera, plus motor flash. Two minutes past Aiming Point camera operated three times. No bombing results seen. Aircraft returned to base undamaged. (E) (P/O VAN BASSEL A.J.C., D.F.C.) Bombload: (Same as "0"). 10/10 cloud at 10,000 feet in target area. Target identified by six Waganai flares. Load released on five or six sky markers in a good concentration at 0350 hours from 20,000 feet. On run up, waganai flares were falling at 0357 hours. No bombing results were observed. At 0424 hours, a very large red explosion was seen on target for several seconds. Aircraft landed back to base undamaged. (Y) (P/O McDONALD J.R., D.F.C.) Bombload: (Same as "0"). 10/10 cloud at 8 to 10,000 feet in target area. Target identified by T.I. Red and flares Red/Green. Load released on T.I. Red at 0405 hours from 20,000 feet. On run up saw 7 clusters of flares Red/Green all well concentrated with one T.I. Red burning beneath on ground. After leaving, the flares Red/Green appeared more scattered and reflection of fires on cloud was observed. Returned to base undamaged.	
	"1"	J.16709 P/O Van Rassel A.J.C., DFC 11555 P/O Gillespie G.W., 710165 SGT Howard W., R.109440 P/O Ballingale F.D., R.132678 SGT Vanier J.T., R.72919 P/O Howard J.T., 1043365 SGT Beaman C.O.		0030	0806		
	"Y"	J.7978 P/L McDonald J.R., DFC, 1280275 P/O Bellamy G.C., DFC, R.75288 W/O Wright R.W., DFC, J.17290 P/O Gibbs J.O., J.16185 P/O Duff T.R.M., R.87577 W/O Routledge J.D., 610741 P/S Wright E.R.		0031	0757		
29/30-12-43	LANCASTER III					BOMBING ATTACK ON "BERLIN" - 1st AIRCRAFT DETACHED	A-7
	"1"	J.17018 S/L H. Cowan, DFC, 159922 P/L Culpin E.W., DFC, 111105 P/S Mills R., 1378009 P/S Longley B.T., J.17375 P/O Griffiths R.A.M., 1316926 P/S MacC G., R.58083 P/S Hurst H.L.		1702	2332	(E) (S/L H. COWAN, D.F.C.) Bombload: 3 LB & 3 CRU TT RED; 1 x 4 Flares Red/Green Stars; 1 x 4,000 H.C.; 4 x 1,000 H.C./Tmt.; 1 LB TT Yellow "Y" P/M. 10/10 cloud at 10,000 feet in target area. Target identified visually by 5 waganai flares covering an area of 18 miles. Load released on centre of concentration of 5 waganai flares at 2006 hours from 19,000 feet. H.2.S. partly serviceable on way to target but not good enough to bomb on and failed entirely after leaving target. On run to target, waganai disappeared very quickly after one minute in to cloud. One T.I. Red seen at 1957 hours. No results observed. Returned to base undamaged.	

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29/30-12-43	LANCASTER III	(Continued)					
"11"		J.15248 P/L Bennett G., EPO, J.11781 P/O Baker S., R.15308 P/S Davis P.O., 106159 P/S A. Rodgers, W.S. R.18340 P/S Joel W.V., R.16746 P/S Price J., 136152 SGT Rees J.L., J.18939 P/O Wilson K.C. 2nd Pilot.		1703	2352	BOMBING ATTACK ON "BERLIN" (CONTINUED) (M) (P/L G. BENNETT, D.F.C.) Bombload: (Same as '11'). 10/10 cloud at 10,000 feet in target area. Target identified by Flares Red/Green and T.I. Red. Load released at 1936 hours from 19,000 feet. On approach to target, saw good concentration of flares Red/Green and several T.I. Red. Hit by heavy flak six miles South of target. Jettisoned bombs. Struck East side of Berlin and saw a line of wanganui flares about 2 mile long. Jettisoned 6 T.I. Red, 1 x 4 Flares Red/Green, 1 T.I. Yellow 'J' and 2445 W. at 2343 hours from 19,000 feet, following flak damage. H.2.S. and Gee u/s following flak damage. (N) (P/O PYTE A.B.) Bombload: (Same as '11'). 10/10 cloud at 1,000 feet in target area. Identified primarily by T.I. Red and flares Red/Green. Load released at 2003 hours from 19,000 feet on centre of 3 T.I. Red seen burning through cloud. On run up saw T.I. Red obscuring into cloud - one at 1953 hours. On arrival, the glow of these could be seen through the cloud and appeared well concentrated. One flare Red/Green seen slightly to East. No results observed except an explosion at 2002 hours. Brought back 6 T.I. Red, 1 Flare Red/Green and 1 T.I. Yellow, because H.2.S. was u/s. Returned to base undamaged. (G) (P/O HAGENHORN L.S.) Bombload: 3 LB & 3 QBD TI Green 'C'; 1 x 4 Flares Red/Green Stars; 1 x 4,000 H.C.; 3 x 1,000 GP/T/Inst; 2 LB TI Yellow 'J' R/I. 10/10 cloud from 6 to 7,000 feet in target area. Identified target visually by concentration of 10 to 12 wanganui flares and red glow below cloud. Load released on concentration of wanganui flares at 2020 hours from 19,000 feet. Saw Red T.I.s burning above cloud, after TI Yellow route marker dropped. Found Wittenburg and chased a false H.2.S. Return which upset timed run. H.2.S. not used as did not agree with timed run. Brought back 6 x Green T.I. plus 1 x 4 Flares Red/Green. Returned to base undamaged. Unsuccessful timed run. Brought back 1 Yellow TI route marker. (B) (P/S BORGOWES R.D.) Bombload: 3 LB & 3 QBD TI Green 'C'; 1 x 4,000 H.C.; 4 x 1,000 GP/T/Inst. 10/10 cloud at 10,000 feet in target area. Identified primarily visually by 6 wanganui flares. Load released on these at 2002 hours from 19,500 feet. On reaching target, one Red T.I. burst half in cloud so decided to hold T.I.'s. Brought back T.I.'s. Monica U/s. Returned to base undamaged.	A-7
"12"		J.10954 P/O Pyte A.B., J.11188 P/O Quayle D.B., R.11322 W/O Searles H., 1046636 SGT Despey J.W., J.27923 P/O Cole K.A., J.23981 P/O Edwards W.S., R.97685 SGT Galbraith W.S.		1704	2330		
"13"		J.19268 P/O MacKinnon L.S., J.22484 P/O Renton W.D., 138981 P/S Bowden V.S., 1077021 SGT Connell G., 1565899 SGT Rennie J.S., 1531602 SGT Waters T., R.58021 SGT Chappell E.W.		1727	2339		
"14"		R.135047 P/S Borrowes R.D., J.18124 P/O Mitchell J., J.22411 P/O Miniciffre A., R.131045 P/S Montgomery R., R.11793 P/S Spearman G.D., R.104432 P/S Pothier B.F., 1802354 SGT Squires R.L.		1712	2325		

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29/30-12-43	LANCASTER III	(Continued)				BOMBING ATTACK ON "BERLIN" (CONTINUED)	A-7
	"Z"	J.12889 P/O Floren H.A., 116797 P/O Jarvis R.B., 2,21524 P/O Astbury J., J.15900 P/O Souillard J.J., R.100619 W/O Annis L.D., R.53024 W/O Lyons W., R.81110 SGT Hoolding J.C.		1728	2350	(Z) (P/O FLOREN H.A.) Bombload: (Same as 'B'). 10/10 cloud at 12,000 feet in target area. Load released on centre of four or five wargami flares at 2017 hours from 15,000 feet. At 2018 hours, saw a large yellow glow which appeared to be flare burning. The wargami flares were well concentrated. Brought back 3 LB and 3 Ord. T.I. Green owing to 10/10 cloud. Monica W/O. Returned to base undamaged. (B) (P/O CHASE W.M.) Bombload: (Same as 'B'). 10/10 cloud at 10 to 12,000 feet in target area. Load dropped on centre of 5 wargami flares at 2007 hours from 19,500 feet. On arrival found a concentrated group of 5 flares Red/Green, followed by 2 more in same position at 2007 hours. No results of bombing observed. Brought back 6 T.I. Green owing to 10/10 cloud. All route-markers were well planned and concentrated. Landed back to base undamaged. (C) (P/O BONIKOWSKY A.) Bombload: 5 x 2,000 H.C. Mission abandoned when starboard outer engine completely failed. Bombs jettisoned 5240 N. 0900 E. at 1908 hours from 19,000 feet. H.215 failed with starboard outer. Returned to base.	
	"B"	109894 P/O Chase W.M., J.23950 P/O Krupp G.L., 70265 SGT Howard W., 1575400 SGT Gill J.T., R.160111 SGT Swish G.M., 2216175 SGT Daniels R., 2202538 SGT Buckley J.M.		1715	2344	(B) (P/O CHASE W.M.) Bombload: (Same as 'B'). 10/10 cloud at 10 to 12,000 feet in target area. Load dropped on centre of 5 wargami flares at 2007 hours from 19,500 feet. On arrival found a concentrated group of 5 flares Red/Green, followed by 2 more in same position at 2007 hours. No results of bombing observed. Brought back 6 T.I. Green owing to 10/10 cloud. All route-markers were well planned and concentrated. Landed back to base undamaged. (C) (P/O BONIKOWSKY A.) Bombload: 5 x 2,000 H.C. Mission abandoned when starboard outer engine completely failed. Bombs jettisoned 5240 N. 0900 E. at 1908 hours from 19,000 feet. H.215 failed with starboard outer. Returned to base.	
	"O"	R.134132 P/S Bonikowsky A., J.17674 P/O Leberg J.R.A., DFC, R.140118 P/S O'Mall G.M., R.27143 W/O Buchanan G., R.71360 SGT Einarsson S., R.56501 P/S Charost J.H.A., 1504728 SGT Cole P.S., J.10255 S/L J.B. Millward, D.F.C., J.11221 P/O J.P. Lewis, D.F.C., J.15445 S/L L.G. Goodall, DFM, 144711 P/O H.C. Taylor, DFC, J.26606 P/O K. Hardman, O.86122 Lt Maxwell W.M., D.F.C., 911058 SGT Stewart G.D.		1705	2210	(O) (P/O BONIKOWSKY A.) Bombload: 5 x 2,000 H.C. Mission abandoned when starboard outer engine completely failed. Bombs jettisoned 5240 N. 0900 E. at 1908 hours from 19,000 feet. H.215 failed with starboard outer. Returned to base.	
	"C"	J.11221 P/O J.P. Lewis, D.F.C., J.15445 S/L L.G. Goodall, DFM, 144711 P/O H.C. Taylor, DFC, J.26606 P/O K. Hardman, O.86122 Lt Maxwell W.M., D.F.C., 911058 SGT Stewart G.D.		1706	2348	(C) (S/L J.B. MILLWARD, D.F.C.) Bombload: (Same as 'B'). 10/10 cloud at 12,000 feet in target area. Primary identi- fied visually by 4 wargami flares. Load released on con- centration of four released point flares at 2007 hours from 20,000 feet. Wittenberg picked up on H.215, indistinct but agreed with E.T.A. Spoof on Leipzig seen and spoof on Male- burg seen. One wargami fell on target at 2001 hours and then 8 wargami flares at 2000 hours fell in concentration of about three miles. Three very large explosions seen with white flashes from same place on target and at 2017 hours a fourth and slightly smaller explosion was seen. Landed back to base undamaged.	
	"U"	J.14998 P/L Morrison H.A., J.24216 P/O Queale L.W., J.26343 P/O Swartz P.A., R.194763 P/S Darcy G.J., R.163220 SGT Lalonde G.A., R.132741 SGT Kubiak W., 183904 SGT York R.L.		1707	2323	(U) (P/L MORRISON H.A.) Bombload: MAXIMUM (Same as 'B'). 10/10 cloud at 12,000 feet in target area. Load released on H.215 at 1958 hours from 20,000 feet. On way out saw good concentration of T.I. Red and T.I. Green. Owing to cloud, no fires or explosions seen. Landed base undamaged. (V) (P/L J.R. McDONALD, D.F.C.) Bombload: (Same as 'B'). 10/10 cloud at 10,000 feet in target area. Load released on one flare Red/Green at 1959 hours from 20,000 feet. One Flare Red/Green seen on Leipzig, and another followed after bombing, 4 miles due East and also a succession of Wargami flares followed, covering an area estimated at 5 miles diameter. All route-markers were well planned and concentrated. Returned to base undamaged.	
	"V"	J.7978 P/L J.R. McDonald, DFC, 1280273 W/O Boloney G.W., DFM, R.75288 W/O R.W. Wright, DFM, J.17550 P/O Gibbs J., J.16125 P/O Durr T.H.W., R.57577 W/O Routledge J.D., 610741 P/S Wright E.		1708	2320	(V) (P/L J.R. McDONALD, D.F.C.) Bombload: (Same as 'B'). 10/10 cloud at 10,000 feet in target area. Load released on one flare Red/Green at 1959 hours from 20,000 feet. One Flare Red/Green seen on Leipzig, and another followed after bombing, 4 miles due East and also a succession of Wargami flares followed, covering an area estimated at 5 miles diameter. All route-markers were well planned and concentrated. Returned to base undamaged.	

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29/30-12-43	LANCASTER III	(Continued)				BOMBING ATTACK ON "BERLIN" (CONTINUED)	A-7
	"B"	W/O Robinson A.W., 141555 P/O Millsaps G.W., R.155736 P/S Leslie A., 116220 P/S Clarke J.D., 1219743 P/S Anderson J., R.132062 W/O Ngian T.H., R.165968 SGT Blakely W.J.		1709	2335	(B) (W/O ROBINSON A.W.) Bombload: (Same as 'B'). 19/10 cloud at 22,000 feet in target area. Load released on centre of 6 or 8 Flares Red/Green at 1959 hours from 20,000 feet. Target identified by Wagonai flares. Owing to cloud, nothing seen except the wagonai flares which were fairly well concentrated. Landed base undamaged.	
	"X"	J.17137 P/O Donnelly T.H., DEM, J.14787 P/O Salaba A.J., 143901 SGT Good W., 153786 SGT West P.S., R.161576 SGT Watts R.D., R.186556 SGT Zimmer R., 160516 SGT Miller L.P.R.		1710	2342	(X) (P/O DONNELLY T.H.) Bombload: (Same as 'B'). 10/10 cloud at 10,000 feet in target area. Load released on centre of 3 clusters of 4 Flares Red/Green, one of which ignited at 1959 hours. Load dropped from 19,000 feet at 2001 hours. No results observed owing to cloud. Brought back 1 x 2,000 H.C. which hung up over target. Returned and landed to base undamaged.	
	"W"	R.96822 P/S McQuade A.R., R.126353 W/O Lunney D.M., R.137732 P/S Law R.H., 1311594 P/S Draser J., R.185682 SGT Patter W.C., R.123540 P/S Foster G.E., 638686 SGT McCreadie J.		1711	0001	(W) (P/S McQuade A.R.) Bombload: (Same as 'B'). 10/10 cloud at 8,000 feet in target area. Target identified on H.2.S. and Brandedburg. Load released by H.2.S. after fix on Brandedburg. Load dropped from 19,500 feet at 1955 hours. Nothing down on arrival so bombed on H.2.S. with intense heavy flak and aircraft was hit. After turning starboard a good concentration of flares Red/Green were seen over the target. Aircraft was hit by heavy flak at 1955 hours, 19,500 feet, causing damage to starboard outer engine and also port inner engine hit. H.2.S. was w/s when starboard outer feathered. Main air pressure bottle was holed. Encountered more heavy flak over Bremen at 2103 hours. Aircraft was hit by heavy flak just before bombing. Starboard outer and port inner began to fail at once and failed completely and were feathered an hour later. Aircraft hit again near Bremen. Returned on two engines and crossed enemy coast at 8,000 feet and landed at Woodbridge.	

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December 22, 1943.

Funerals for the ten R.C.A.F. Officers and N.C.O.'s and one Australian N.C.O. who were killed on the night of 16/17th December, 1943, were held at Regional Cemetery, Cambridge. Full Service Honours were accorded the deceased. Photographs of the funeral are attached. Private funerals for the three R.A.F. N.C.O.'s killed on the same night were held at their own homes.

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