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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
15/16	LANCASTER III					<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "REGLIN" * 15 AIRCRAFT DETAILLED</b>	A-10
	"B"	J. 5795 W/C R. J. Lane, D.S.O., D.F.C., J. 1783 F/L G. M. Swan, D.F.C., RAF. 1585731 F/S S. F. Finchem, D.F.M., RAF. 1380016 W/O Mill W. R., R. 17230 W/O Douglas G. L., RAF. 648382 W/O J. B. Scannell, D.F.M., CAN. 6156-A SCT Bishop A. W.		1709	2343	(2) (W/C R. J. LANE, "D.S.O., D.F.C.") Bombload: 1 x 4 Flares Red/Green Stars; 2 LB and 2 ORD T.I. Bombs: 1 x 4,000 M.C.; 4 x 1,000 M.C.; 1 flare Green Steady. There was 10/10 cloud from 8 to 9,000 feet in target area. Target was identified by H.2.S. and also by Flares Red/Green. Load was released at 2112 hours from 19,500 feet by H.2.S. after H.2.S. fix on Newruppin and Neubrandenburg. Target marking started early. Own flares and T.I.'s fell in the centre of a cluster of 6 flares red/green. Continuity was good. No enemy fighter flares were seen. Dropped 1 flare green at 2329 hours at position 'Q'. Two others were seen very close. Returned to base undamaged.	
	"A"	RAF. 111176 F/L H. W. A. Trilsbach, J. 13823 F/O S. W. Armstrong, RAF. 139298 F/S A. D. M. Kanarans, RAF. 1312308 F/S A. G. Abbott, AUS. 406157 F/L R. G. Wood, RAF. 154247 F/S W. Bostock, RAF. 1623883 SGT J. Harrison.		1719	0018	(A) (F/L H. W. A. TRILSBACH) Bombload: 1 x 1 FLARE red/green stars; 2 LB and 2 ORD T.I. Green; 1 x 4,000 H.C.; 4 x 1,000 M.C.; 1 flare green steady. Visibility was good in target area with 10/10 cloud from 10 to 12,000 feet. Target identified by red T.I. cascading and also by red/green flares falling. Load was released at 2119 hours from 20,000 feet on 1 flare red/green. At 2124 hours, several green T.I. were seen cascading. On leaving target, red/green flares appeared to be well concen- trated. Aircraft landed base undamaged.	
	"B"	J. 19536 F/O Barrowes R. D., J. 18424 F/O Mitchell J., J. 22411 F/O A. Hinscliffe, R. 13045 W/O Montgomery R. L., R. 111793 W/O Spearman G. D., R. 104431 W/O Pothier B. F., RAF. 1583015 SGT Gunthorpe K.		1720	0021	(B) (F/O BARROWES R. D.) Bombload: (Same as 'A') Visibility was very good in target area with 10/10 cloud from 6 to 8,000 feet. Red and Green T.I. were seen cascading and also red/green flares in target area. Load was released at 2126 hours from 19,000 feet on 1 green T.I. cascading at 2126 hours, which was in the centre of a good concentration of markers. First red T.I. was seen cascading at 2110 hours. On arrival over target at 2124 hours, saw 2 green and approximately 6 red T.I.s cascading and 8 to 10 red/green flares falling. On leaving target area, marking appeared spread from East to West. Returned to base undamaged.	
	"W"	J. 7978 F/L J. R. McDonald, D.F.C., RAF. 1280273 W/O G. G. Bellamy, D.F.M., R. 75288 W/O H. W. Wright, D.F.M., J. 17590 F/O G. Gibbs J. G., J. 17175 F/O Griffiths R. A. M., R. 87577 W/O J. D. Bentledge, RAF. 61074 F/S Wright E. R.		1722	2351	(W) (F/L J. R. McDONALD, "D.F.C.") Bombload: 2 LB and 2 ORD T.I. Green; 1 x 4,000 H.C. 3 x 1,000 M.C.; 3 x 500 M.C.; There was 10/10 cloud from 6 to 7,000 feet in target area. Target was identified by H.2.S., flares red/green, and T.I. red and T.I. green. Load was released at 2121 hours from 19,000 feet on concentrated cluster of 8 flares red/green with T.I.'s red and green bursting below. Later marking was fairly well concentrated. Landed base undamaged.	

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FEB. 15/16	LANCASTER III					<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "BERLIN" (CONT'D)</b>	A-10
	"J"	US.O.886282 CAPT. Copenhagen L.B., DFC, J.11224 P/O J.F. Lewis, DFC, R.155736 P/S Leslie A.B., J.17172 P/L H.M. Shearer, J.26606 P/O Nordheimer K.A., R.78919 W/O Howard T.J., RAF.156684,8 SGT N. Flacey.		1723	0028	(J) (US. BAPT. L.B. COPENHAVER, D.F.C.) Bombload: (Same as 'V'). There was 10/10 cloud from 8 to 9,000 feet in target area. Lead was released at 2127 hours from 20,000 feet by H.2.S. after a good bunch of fires seen on Neubrandenburg and Lake Muritz. On approach, flares red/green and T.I. red were observed. Raid appeared to be a good one. On arrival found a good concentration of flares red/green and bombed on H.2.S. in centre of them. Landed back to base undamaged.	
	"D"	AUS.409894 P/O Chase W.M., J.23950 P/O Kemp G.W., RAF.151242 P/O Sinclair W., RAF.1575600 SGT Gill J.T., R.169114 SGT Sylwch C.M., RAF.2216175 SGT R.D. Daniels, RAF.2202638 SGT J.M. Buckley.		1710	2359	(D) (AUS. P/O CHASE W.M.) Bombload: 5 x 2,000 H.C. Visibility was good in target area with 10/10 cloud from 6 to 7,000 feet. Lead was released at 2112 hours from 19,000 feet. At time of bombing, 3 red/green flares and 2 red T.I.'s and 2 green T.I.'s were cascading. A good con- centration of red/green flares were seen on leaving. Landed back to base undamaged.	
	"G"	J.16709 P/O A.J. Van Rassel, D.F.C., RAF.141555 P/O Gillespie G.W., RAF.70065 SGT Howard W., R.109440 W/O F.D. Billingway P.D., R.211205 SGT J.C.Y. Bergeron, J.14183 P/O E.G. Gray, RAF.104338 SGT Beadnan G.O.		1711	0004	(G) (P/O A.J.O. VAN RASSEL, D.F.C.) Bombload: (Same as 'D'). There was 10/10 cloud from 10 to 12,000 feet in target area. Lead was released at 2112 hours from 20,000 feet by H.2.S. after fix on Neuruppin. At 0133 hours, a cluster of 12 flares red/green were seen but these were extinguished by flak. From 15 to 20 clusters of red/green flares followed all well concentrated. Landed back to base undamaged.	
	"E"	J.14820 P/L Coldrey G.E., J.5304 P/L Court G.K., RAF.144490 P/O O'Sullivan J., R.74682 W/O Johnston M., R.191174 SGT Benabo R., R.151941 SGT McGree L.A., R.93627 SGT Kelley D.A.		1712	2345	(E) (P/L COLDRY G.E.) Bombload: (Same as 'D'). There was 10/10 cloud from 10 to 12,000 feet in target area. Lead was released at 2112 hours from 20,000 feet by H.2.S. On arrival, flares red/green were falling. On leaving, flares red/green were well concentrated. Landed base.	
	"I"	J.19570 P/O McQuade A.E., R.126353 W/O Lemay D.M., R.133732 P/S R.H. Lew, RAF.1311594 P/S J. Fraser, R.185682 SGT W.C. Patten, R.123540 P/S Foster G.E., RAF.638686 SGT J. McCreadie.		1714	2358	(I) (P/O MCQUADE A.E.) Bombload: (Same as 'D'). There was 10/10 cloud from 6 to 7,000 feet in target area. Lead was released at 2113 hours from 19,500 feet by H.2.S. after H.2.S. fix on Neubrandenburg and Lake Muritz. On arrival, found 3 flares red/green in a cluster, and many flares red/green followed, all fairly well concentrated. One deep yellow fighter flare was seen along with others over target. Route-marking was very good. Landed base.	
	"K"	J.18760 P/O Long R.W., RAF.1395885 P/S Brock R., RAF.979445 SGT Edwards G.J., RAF.1575439 SGT Leavensley W.D., RAF.1813553 SGT Comday A.W., R.187162 SGT Stroud H.A., RAF.1819034 SGT York R.L.		1715	2354	(K) (P/O LONG R.W.) Bombload: There was 10/10 cloud from 12, to 14,000 feet in target area. Lead was released at 2111 hours from 20,200 feet by H.2.S. after H.2.S. fix on Neu Ruppin. Nothing was down on arrival. Landed back to base undamaged.	

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15/16	LANCASTER III					<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "BERLIN" (CONTINUED)</b>	A-10
	"W"	J.24134 P/O Biden D.E., AUS.402402 P/O Rose R.S., DFC, J.23590 P/O D.D. Orr, RAF.156035 P/O Pilling E., R.179556 SGT Galloway I.M., R.194059 SGT Lemley G.L.V., R.64157 SGT W.E. Vign.		1715	2348	(W) (P/O BIDEN D.E.) Bombed: (Same as 'D'). There was 10/10 cloud at 10,000 feet in target area with clear visibility. Load was released at 2112 hours from 20,000 feet by H.2.S. At 2111 hours, 3 red f.l.'s were seen cascading. Nothing else seen until after bombing when 2 red/green flares and 3 T.L. green cascaded at 2112 hours. On leaving, saw reflection of reddish fire. Aircraft was attacked by a JU.88 on the outward journey in clear visibility with no moon. Enemy aircraft was first sighted at a range of about 400 yards port quarter down, and rear gunner warned Captain but inter-com was semi-q/s, so pressed the port indicator light and Captain corked to port and enemy aircraft broke off to starboard beam. Enemy aircraft opened fire at about 200 yards to break away. Rear gunner opened fire at 150 yards, very short burst, and enemy aircraft broke away under starboard tail. Our aircraft sustained damage to port elevator and oxygen lines. Hits are claimed on them the enemy aircraft. No casualties to crew. Landed back to base.	
	"W"	J.21384 P/O Stronach M.P., J.21336 P/O Armstrong A.T., R.150844 P/S R.J. Phillips, RAF.133987 SGT Thornhill H.A., R.163537 SGT Glasgow P.H., R.189973 SGT Dagnais J.J.G., RNF.1065144 SGT Sharpley J.W.		1747	0008	(W) (P/O STRONACH M.P.) Bombed: (Same as 'D'). There was very good visibility in target area with 10/10 cloud from 7 to 8,000 feet. Target was identified by H.2.S. and flares red/green. Load was released at 2111 hours from 20,000 feet after H.2.S. fix on Neubrandenburg and Lake Murlitz. 2 or 3 flares red/green were seen on arrival, fairly well concentrated. After bombing, flares red/green seemed scattered. Many fighter flares to North-West. Landed back to base undamaged.	
	"R"	J.10969 P/O Christison R.L., R.143324 P/S Schwartz M.E., J.23637 P/O Shaw J.R., J.9216 P/L Fielding J.W., R.185802 SGT Robinson G.S., R.194119 SGT Faure E.L., RAF.1870924 SGT G.W. L. Tongie.				(R) (P/O CHRISTISON R.L.) Bombed: (Same as 'D'). There was 10/10 cloud at 8,000 feet in target area. Load was released at 2112 hours from 20,000 feet by H.2.S. after timed run from Brandenburg. On arrival saw 5 red/green flares dropping. Glow of fires were seen through cloud when leaving. Landed back to base undamaged.	
15/16						<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "FRANKFURT-ON-ODER" 1 A/C DETAILED</b>	A-11
	"C"	J.10255 S/L J.B. Millward, D.F.C., RAF.355928 P/L B.W. Oulpin, D.F.C., R.13105 P/S Milne R.D., RAF.144711 P/O R.G. Taylor, DFC, R.157822 W/O Hirschfeld G.D., R.171089 SGT Allard B.L., RAF.911058 SGT Stewart G.D.		1705	0007	(C) (S/L J.B. MILLWARD, D.F.C.) Bombed: 2 EB and 2 HD T.L. Red; 1 x 4,000 H.C.; 1 x 1,000 M.C. There was 10/10 cloud at 5,000 feet in target area. Load was released by H.2.S. at 2115 hours from 18,000 feet. Landed back to base undamaged. No observations made.	

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FEB. 15/16	LANCASTER III					<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON " FRANKFURT-ON-ODER " (CONTINUED)</b>	A-11
	"G"	J.19268 P/O MacKinnon L.L., J.22484 P/O Renton W.D., R.153981 P/S Bowden V.E., 1077021 SGT Connell G., (RAF), RAF.1563899 P/S Remick J.S., RAF.1533602 P/S Waters T., R.58024 SGT Chappell R.W.		1707	0012	(C) (P/O MACKINNON L.L.) Bombload: (Same as 'G') There was good visibility in target area with 10/10 cloud at 8,000 feet. Load was released at 2120 hours from 18,500 feet. At 2113 hours, first T.I. red cascaded, followed by T.I. red and T.I. green in excellent concentration. At 2110 hours, saw flares red/green and T.I. red over Berlin, well concentrated. H.2.S. and flashpans unsatisfactory throughout trip. Landed back to base undamaged.	
	"U"	J.16100 P/O G.P.A. Dales, D.P.M., J.24216 P/O Queale L.W., J.26343 P/O Swartz R.A., R.134763 P/S Darcy G.J., R.163220 SGT L.J. Lamb C.A., R.189722 SGT McCrea J.R., RAF.1604454 SGT R. Matthews.		1708	0016	(U) (P/O G.P.A. DALES, D.P.M.) Bombload: (Same as 'G') There was 10/10 cloud from 7 to 8,000 feet in target area. Load was released at 2125 hours from 17,000 feet by H.2.S. On arrival, 1 red T.I. was seen cascading. At 2116 hours, 2 green T.I.'s were cascading. At 2116 hours, 2 yellow fighter flares were observed but no sign of fighters. Returned to base undamaged.	
19/20						<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON " LISIENS " 14 AIRCRAFT DESTROYED</b>	A-12
	"Z"	J.15248 S/L G. Bennett, DFC, J.14781 P/O Baker E., R.153085 P/S Davies F.C., 1064439 P/S Rodgers, A., DFM, R.180404 P/S Jock W., R.167560 P/S Frame J.H., R.581572 SGT Rees J.L.		2348	0619	(Z) (S/L G. BENNETT, D.F.C.) 1 x 4 flares green/red stars; 2 LB and 2 ORD T.I. red; 1 x 4,000 H.C.; 4 x 1,000 M.C. (T.Inst); 2 x 500 M.C. (T.Inst). There was 10/10 cloud at 7,000 feet in target area. Load was released by H.2.S. at 0357 hours from 19,500 feet. At 0354 hours, 2 flares green/red were seen falling, widely spaced. At 0352 hours, 3 groups of flares green/red were seen cascading, well concentrated. At 0355 hours, several white fighter flares were seen in target area. Landed base.	
	"C"	RAF.111476 P/L Trilsbach H.W.A., J.13823 P/O Armstrong S.W., RAF.1392598 P/S Kamarens A.D.N., RAF.1312308 P/S A.G. Abbott, ADS.406157 P/L Wood R.G., RAF.1542477 P/S Bostock W., RAF.1623883 SGT Harrison J.		2349	0626	(C) (P/L TRILSBACH H.W.A.) Bombload: (Same as 'Z') There was 10/10 cloud from 8 to 10,000 feet in target area. Load was released on Wagonai flares at 0400 hours from 19,000 feet. Numerous flares were seen cascading, well concentrated, in target area. No other observations made. Landed back to base undamaged.	
	"H"	J.10954 P/L Eric A.B., J.14188 P/O Quayle D.B., R.115322 W/O Searles H.E., RAF.170294 P/O Dempsey J.H., J.27923 P/O Cole K.A., J.23984 P/O Edwards W., R.77685 P/S Galbraith B.E.		2350	0628	(H) (P/L ERIC A.B.) Bombload: (Same as 'Z') There was 10/10 cloud from 8 to 9,000 feet in target area. Target was identified by Wagonai flares and H.2.S., and H.2.S. was partly u/s, and a very poor image was obtained. Load was released in the centre of a group of four Wagonai flares at 0358 hours from 18,900 feet. When 10 miles from target, decided to bomb visually as H.2.S. image was very poor. No results were seen. Became supporter instead of Primary Blind Marker. Landed base undamaged.	
	"E"	J.19268 P/O MacKinnon L.L., J.22484 P/O Renton W.D., RAF.1383981 P/S V.E. Bowden, RAF.1677021 P/S Connell G., RAF.1563899 P/S Remick J.S., RAF.1533602 P/S Waters T., R.58024 SGT Chappell R.W.		2351	0613	(E) (P/O MACKINNON L.L.) Bombload: (Same as 'Z') There was 10/10 cloud from 7 to 8,000 feet in target area. Load was released at 0358 hours from 19,500 feet by H.2.S. after faulty timed run from Wittenburg. At 0357 hours, a good concentration of at least 12 flares green/red and some flares green/red were shot out by heavy flak. A large semi-circle of fighter flares was seen between Stendal and Berlin. Many aircraft seen shot down round Stendal. Landed base.	

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19/20	LANCASTER III					<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "LEIPZIG" (CONTINUED)</b>	A-12
	"D"	AIB. 409894 P/O Chase W.M., J.23950 P/O Knapp G.W., RAF. 151242 P/O W. Simpson, RAF. 1575600 SGT G.H. J.T., R.169114 SGT Sylva D.M., RAF. 2216175 SGT Daniels R.D., RAF. 2202638, SGT Buckley J.L.		2352	0650	(D) (P/O CHASE W.M.) Bombload: (Same as 'Z') There was 10/10 cloud at 5 to 6,000 feet in target area. Lead was released at 0352 hours from 19,000 feet by H.2.S. after timed run from H.2.S. fix on Wittenburg. At 0355 hours, first flares green/red and T.L. red, were seen, and others followed in a good concentration. At 0410 hours, nothing was down and there was a break in marking for several minutes. A few fighter flares to Northwest of target were seen. H.2.S. was unsatisfactory over target. Landed base (E) (P/O A.J.C. VAN RASSEL, "D.P.C.") Bombload: (Same as 'Z')	
	"O"	J.16709 P/O A.J.C. Van Rassel, D.P.C. RAF. 141555 P/O Gillespie G.W., RAF. 710165 SGT Howard W., R.109440 W/O Billingsley F.D., R.211205 SGT Burgeron J.C.L., J.14183 P/O Gray E.G., RAF. 1043385 SGT Beadman C.O.		2353	0646	There was 10/10 cloud in target area. Lead was released at 0358 hours from 19,800 feet by D.R. run from Wittenburg and identified this on E.T.A. A fairly good image 'split' in town not seen. At 0357 hours, first flares green/red were seen. Some T.L. were bursting just above cloud. At target, 20 scattered wargami flares shaped like 'L' North to South and East to West were seen. No results of bombing observed. Landed base undamaged. (F) (P/O BORROWES R.D.) Bombload: (Same as 'Z')	
	"B"	J.19536 P/O Borrowes R.D. J.18424 P/L Mitchell J., J.22411 P/O Hinchcliffe A., R.151045 W/O Montgomery R.J., R.111793 W/O Spearman G.B., R.104431 W/O Pothier B.F., RAF. 1802354 SGT Squires R.L.		2354	0634	There was very good visibility in target area with 10/10 low thin cloud. Lead was released at 0356 hours from 19,700 feet by H.2.S. with a good image but 'split' of built- up area not seen. A group of 5 or 6 red/green flares were seen below aircraft after bombing. Some T.L. red and 2 T.L. green were seen to burst just above cloud. One explosion was seen with blue light, on leaving. Landed base undamaged. (H) (P/L COLDRY G.E.) Bombload: (Same as 'Z')	
	"K"	J.1820 P/L Coldrey G.E., J.5304 P/L Court G.S., RAF. 144430 P/O Neil J., R.74682 W/O Johnston R., R.251450 P/O Brink P.H., R.151941 P/S McCrea J.A., R.93627 SGT Kelley D.A.		2355	0621	There was 10/10 cloud from 5 to 6,000 feet in target area. Lead was released at 0401 hours from 19,500 feet by H.2.S. after fairly timed run from Wittenburg. At 0354 hours, first flares green/red and T.L. red. At 0355 hours, 2nd flares green/red and T.L. red. Several more followed, all well concentrated. At 0412 hours, gap in marking T.L. Landed base undamaged.	
	"J"	US. G. 885282 CAPT L.B. Copenhagen, DFC J.11224 P/O J.F. Lewis, DFC, R.157736 P/O Leslie A.B., J.17172 P/L Shearer H.M., J.26506 P/O Northrup K.A., R.78919 W/O Howard T.J., RAF. 1566948 SGT Piercy N.		0018	0635	(J) (USA. CAPT. L.B. COPENHAGEN, D.F.C.) Bombload: 2 LB and 2 GRD T.L. Green; 1 x 4,000 H.C.; 5 x 2,000 M.C. (T.S. Inerts). There was 10/10 cloud at 6 to 7,000 feet in target area. Lead was released at 0412 hours from 19,500 feet by H.2.S. after checks with Witterfeld and Wittenburg. Just before bombing, an excellent concentration of up to 30 flares G/R with smaller concentration to West and a few to East, was observed. A string of fighter flares to West was seen after bombing. A big circle of fighter flares was seen round Stendal. Landed base undamaged.	

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	"X"	J.19570 P/O McQuade A.R., R.126353 W/O Lemley D.M., R.133732 P/S Law E., RAF.131159 P/S Fraser J., R.185682 SCT Patton W.C., R.123540 P/S Foster G.E., RAF.638666 SGT McCreadie J.		2356	0616	(X) (P/O McQUADE A.R.) Bombload: 5 x 2,000 H.C. There was 10/10 cloud at 8,000 feet in target area. Load was released at 0357 hours from 19,500 feet by P.O. LEMLEY. from Wittenburg, identified by E.T.A. and a good image on H.2.S. One red release point flare was seen approximately 0356 hours. No results seen. Landed base undamaged. (R) (P/O CHRISTISON R.L.) Bombload: (Same as 'X'). There was 10/10 cloud from 6 to 7,000 feet in target area. Load was released at 0405 hours from 19,500 feet on a con- centration of flares red/green. At 0406 hours, 5 flares green/red were observed. Glow of fires was seen through cloud on leaving. Route marking appeared good. Landed base (T) (P/O STRONACH M.P.) Bombload: (Same as 'X'). There was 10/10 cloud from 7 to 8,000 feet in target area. Load was released at 0400 hours from 19,300 feet on one flare green/red on Eastern edge of a good concentration. On run in, flares red/green went down in good succession. All route-markers were well placed. H.2.S. and Fishpond were generally unsatisfactory. Landed base undamaged. (V) (P/O JACKSON B.S.) Bombload: (Same as 'X'). There was 10/10 cloud from 6 to 8,000 feet in target area. Load was released at 0407 hours from 19,500 feet on M.F.L. of concentration of flares green/red. Landed base undamaged. No results of bombing seen.	
	"R"	J.10969 P/O Christison R.L., R.145326 P/S Schwartz M.E., J.23637 P/O Shaw J. J.9216 P/L FRADING J.W., R.185302 SCT Robinson G.S., R.191119 SGT Reare S.L., RAF.1870924 SGT Tongue G.W.L.		2357	0648		
	"W"	J.21384 P/O Stronach M.P., J.21336 P/O Armstrong A.T., R.15084 P/S R.J. Phillips, RAF.1333987 SGT Thornhill H.A., R.163337 SGT Gingsen P.H., R.189973 SGT Dagonais J.J.G., RAF.1865144 SGT Shermiles J.W.		2358	0642		
	"U"	J.21204 P/O Jackson B.C., J.11217 P/O Bedford J.A., J.22699 P/O Fiedlanger R.H., RAF.1575074 P/S Radstone P.G., G.7735 P/O Bostham D.J., R.182327 P/S Kay S., RAF.1862629 SGT Abery P.J.		2359	0650		
	"V"	RAF.1336729 W/O Darlow A.E., R.143080 W/O Lormer G.A., J.19356 P/O Methery L.A., RAF.1390377 SGT Burrell A., RAF.1814673 SGT Urban S.E., R.162337 P/S Copeland D.J., RAF.1603256 SGT Richardson P.W.		0001	0638		
20/21						<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "STUTTGART" 13 AIRCRAFT DETAIL</b>	A-13
	"X"	J.15248 S/L G. Bennett, DFC, J.11781 P/O Baker S., R.153088 P/S Davies F.G., RAF.1061159 P/S A. Rodgers, DFC, R.180104 P/S Jock W.H., R.187560 P/S Franc J.H., RAF.1381572 SGT Ross J.L.		0026	0625	(X) (S/L G. BENNETT, D.F.C.) Bombload: 1 x 4 flares green/red stars; 2 LB & 2 GRD T.L. red; 1 x 4,000 H.C.; 5 x 1,000 M.C. (T.Inst.). There was thin cloud with excellent visibility in target area. Load was released at 0359 hours from 20,000 feet in centre of 5 red T.L.'s cascading. On arrival at 0357 hours, 1 green/red flare was falling and a greenish-blue explosion was seen at 3/4 miles Northeast of centre of town. Three green T.L.'s began to cascade at 0358 hours and 4 red T.L.'s at 0358 hours. Marking appeared to be over Northern part of town. Some green/red flares were seen falling over woods Southeast of town. Dummy fire was seen in top part of South bend of river 1/4 miles Northeast of centre of town. Incendiary fires were starting in built-up area near Marshalling Yard. Black smoke was seen ascending to 10,000 feet. Landed base undamaged.	

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				UP	DOWN		
20/21	LANCASTER III					(CONTINUED) <b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "STUTTGART" " 15 AIRCRAFT DETAIL</b>	A-13
	"H"	J.10954 P/O Fife A.B., J.11388 P/O Quayle D.B., W.E. R.115322 W/O Seales H.B., RAF.170294 P/O Dempsey J.H., J.27923 P/O Cole K.A., J.23984 P/O Edwards W.S., R.97685 P/S Galbraith B.E.		0027	0637	(H) (P/O FIFE A.B.) Bombload: (Same as 'G'). There was very thin cloud in target area with good visibility. Target was identified by H.2.S. and one concentration of Green T.I.'s. Load was released at 0408 hours from 19,000 feet. At 0557 hours, on running in, 2 green/red flares followed by further 2 green/red approximately 1/2 mile from river, which could be seen. At 0359 hours, a cluster of 4 red T.I.'s were cascading over presumed Adming Point, Northwest of Marshalling Yards. At 0410 hours, flares were starting over a wide area, and on run out, a fire was seen approximately 3 miles Northwest of main concentration. Returned and landed base undamaged.	
	"W"	J.19536 P/O Borrowes R.D., J.18424 P/O Mitchell J., J.22411 P/O A. Hinscliffe, R.131045 W/O Montgomery R.J., R.111793 W/O Spearman C.D., R.104431 W/O Pothler B.F., RAF.1802354 Sgt Squires R.L.		0028	0621	(W) (P/O BORROWES R.D.) Bombload: (Same as 'G') There was two thin layers of cloud drifting across target, and a very thin layer at 19,000 feet in target area. Load was released at 0358 hours from 19,500 feet by H.2.S. with a good image and timed run from Lake Constance. Approaching target, 3 lots of Red T.I.'s were burning on ground in 1/2 mile triangle. One T.I. Red fell at 0357 hours. This was followed by a large blue explosion immediately first T.I. fell. The T.I.'s were recognized as being on the town and attack seemed spreading from North to South. One big fire was seen in middle of target area. No motion picture taken. Landed base undamaged.	
	"D"	AUS.409894 P/O Chase W.L., J.23950 P/O Knapp G. W., RAF.151242 P/O W. Sinclair, RAF.1575600 SGT GILL J.T., R.169114 SGT Sylveh C.M., RAF.2216175 SGT Daniels R.D., RAF.2202638 SGT J. M. Buckley.		0029	0655	(D) (P/O CHASE W.L.) Bombload: (Same as 'G') There was a thin layer of stratus 3/10ths, with good visibility in target area. Load was released at 0356 hours from 19,000 feet by H.2.S. and H.2.S. D.R. run from Lake Constance. On arrival at 0355 hours, nothing down. After bombing at 0358 hours, saw Green/Red flare and one T.I. Red cascading 3 miles North of centre of town. Whilst over target saw snow covered fields 3 miles North-Northwest of centre of town. Smoke from flares was coming up through cloud at 10,000 feet. When on West or East leg home from target, saw many fires in target area, very scattered. Landed base undamaged.	
	"G"	J.19268 P/O MacKinnon L.L., J.22434 P/O Benton W.E., RAF.1583981 P/W V.E. Bowden, RAF.1074021 P/S Cogswell G., RAF.1563899 P/S Rennie J.S., RAF.1533602 P/S Waters T., R.58024 SGT Chappell E.W.		0036	0623	(G) (P/O MACKINNON L.L.) Bombload: 1 x 4 Flares Green/Red Stars, 2 LB & 2 OED TI Green; 1 x 4,000 HD; 5 x 1,000 MG T.Inst. Visibility was good in target area with snow on ground. Target was identified by T.I.'s Red and river bend on East side and built-up area on West side. Load released at 0403 hours from 20,000 feet on Red T.I.'s. At 0357 hours, 5 Green/Red flares were drifting South or scattered Red T.I.'s. At 0357 hours, 2 Red T.I.'s were cascading above falling flares. Illumination from T.I.'s and flares and snow on ground showed up streets and houses. Landed base undamaged.	

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FEB. 20/21	LANCASTER III					<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "STUTTGART" (CONTINUED)</b>	A-13
	"G"	J.4426 P/L O'Grady C.E., J.5304 P/L Court G.L., RAF.14443 P/O O'Neil J., R.74682 W/O Johnston H., R.135079 P/S Renaud J.G.M., R.151941 P/S McCrea L., R.93627 SGT Kelley D.A.		0038	0645	(E) (P/L O'Grady G.E.) Bombload: (Same as 'G'). There was 2/10th's very thin cloud in target area. Ground detail was visible through cloud. Load was released at 0409 hours from 20,000 feet by H.2.S. and timed run from Lake Constance. Saw Red T.I.'s at 0357 hours, which was first load seen. Built up area was seen from when immediately above target. T.I.'s seen obliquely under cloud on approach. One one T.I. astray, all being mostly very concentrated. Red glow seen from 150 miles away on homeward journey. Landed base undamaged.	
	"G"	J.16709 P/O A. Van Rassem, D.F.C., RAF.141555 P/O Gillespie G.W., RAF.710165 SGT Howard W., R.109440 W/O Billingsley P.D., R.211205 SGT Bergeron J.C.L., J.14183 P/O Gray E., RAF.1043385 SGT Beaman C.O.		0039	0657	(O) (P/O A.J.G. VAN RASSEM, "D.F.C.") Bombload: (Same as 'G'). Visibility was clear with 2/10th's thin (or possibly smoke) in target area. Load was released at 0414 hours from 19,000 feet by H.2.S. and a very good timed run from Lake Constance. On run in, concentration of wargard flares with Red T.I.'s on ground and some Green T.I. incendiaries were seen among built up area, fields around covered with snow. Two lots of incendiaries overshoots to North also one T.I. red and one Green/Red flare four miles due North. Believed suburb on fire and woods burning. Majority of attack to South of this. Saw glow 150 miles away. Landed base undamaged.	
	"J"	USA.O.886282 CAPT L.B. Copenhagen, DFC, J.11224 P/O Lewis J.F., "MPO", R.155736 P/S Leslie A.E., J.17172 P/L Shearer H.M., J.26606 P/O Nordheimer K.A., R.191089 SGT Allard B.L., R.64157 SGT Vine W.E.		0035	0650	(O) (CAPT L.B. COPENHAVER, "D.F.C.") Bombload: 2 TB & 2 OGD T.I. Green, 1 x 4,000 HC, 5 x 1,000 MC T.I. Inst. Excellent visibility with no cloud in target area. Load was released at 0401 hours from 20,000 feet on a large building approximately 1/2 mile West of river bend near marshalling yard. At 0358 hours, one red and one green 1 mile apart 2 1/2 miles Southeast of centre of built-up area, illuminating woods. Incendiaries were seen to fall on woods. At 0400 hours, 5 T.I. red in line south of North 1/2 mile Southeast of aiming point. At 0400 hours, 3 T.I. red were cascading in line South to North approximately one mile Southeast of Aiming Point. At 0401 hours, line of green T.I.'s were lying South-West East to West 1 mile North of aiming point. Large fire seen from 70 miles. Landed base undamaged.	
	"X"	J.19570 P/O McQuade A.R., R.126353 W/O Lantry D.M., R.123732 P/S Law R., RAF.1311594 P/S Fraser J., R.185682 SGT Fatten W.C., R.123540 P/S Foster G.E., RAF.638686 SGT McCreadie J.		0030	0653	(X) (P/O McQuade A.R.) Bombload: 10 x 1,000 M.C. T. Inst. Visibility was good in target area with some haze. Load was released at 0405 hours from 19,000 feet on centre of four red T.I.'s which were then on ground. On arrival at target at 0358 hours, saw 3 green/red flares falling near bend in river 2 1/2 miles Northeast of centre of town. Oil tank on fire at same position on right hand bank of river. At 0358 hours, 4 red T.I.'s began to cascade. Bombed on these when they were on ground, at same time 3 green T.I.'s (P.T.O.)	

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20/21	LANCASTER III					<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "SCUTTIGART" (CONTINUED)</b>	A-13
	"X"	J.19570 P/O McQuade A.R. (Continued)				(X) (P/O MCQUADE A.R.) (Continued) ceased 1 1/2 miles South of aiming point. Snow was seen in fields North of town. Impression on leaving target was that fires were concentrated around marking. Route-markers were seen at position "P" at 0350 hours, 21,000 feet. Landed base undamaged.	
	"R"	J.10969 P/O Christian R.L., R.145286 P/S Smartz M.E., M.J.25637 P/O Shaw J.R., J.9216 E/L Fielding J.W., R.185802 SGT Robinson G.S., R.194119 SGT Poure B.W., RAF.187092d SGT Tongue G.W.L.		0031	0655	(R) (P/O CHRISTIAN R.L.) (Bombload: Same as 'X'). There was 4 to 7/10th's smoke cloud with good visibility in target area. Load was released at 0357 hours from 19,600 feet by H.2.S. and timed run from 9 miles Northwest of Lake Constance (6 miles North of Route-Marker Red Steady Flare). On approaching target at 0357 hours, saw seven green/red flares falling. At time of bombing, incendiary fires seen burning below cloud. After bombing, saw fires in built up areas. Snow covered fields to West of aiming point and near South bend in river 1/2 miles Northeast of aiming point. Impression on leaving target area was that THERE WAS A GOOD FIRE BELOW and many fighter-flares seen at turning point North of target. Route-markers seen Position "P". Landed base undamaged.	
	"R"	J.21384 P/O Stronach M.P., J.21336 P/O Armstrong A.T., R.15084d P/S R.J. Phillips, RAF.133397 SGT Thornhill H.A., R.163537 SGT Ganges P.L., R.18973 SGT Dagnard J.W.G., RAF.186514d SGT Sherrles J.W.		0032	0631	(R) (P/O STRONACH M.P.) (Bombload: Same as 'X'). There was very thin 8/10 cloud from 7 to 8,000 feet in target area. Bombed on D.R. from Lake Constance at 0356 hours from 19,100 feet. Nothing in bombsight. Nothing down at target on arrival. Bombed on D.R. - saw flares and T.I. had dropped immediately after bombing immediately below bombing points. On leaving, marking seemed very concentrated and appeared to be spreading South to North. Landed base undamaged.	
	"K"	J.21204 P/O Jackson B.G., J.114217 P/O Radford J.A., J.22699 P/O Freilburger R.H., RAF.157507a P/S Redstone P.G., C.8835 P/O Eastham D.J., R.182327 P/S Kay S., RAF.186262d SGT Abern P.J.		0033	0715	(K) (P/O JACKSON B.G.) (Bombload: Same as 'X'). Slight haze with scattered cloud and fair visibility in target area. Load released at 0403 hours from 19,500 feet on one red T.I. approximately 1/2 mile Northwest of aiming point. On arrival, large area appeared to be bombed by line of Red T.I.'s on either side and line of green T.I.'s on Northern end. At 0405 hours, HQ seen bursting South of river bend - small scattered fires over wide area. Landed back to base undamaged.	
	"Y"	RAF.133672d W/O Darlow A.E., R.143080 W/O Lorimer G.A., J.19356 P/O Hothory L.A., RAF.190577 SGT Burrell A., RAF.1814673 SGT Utton T.L., R.182337 P/S Captain D.J., RAF.1603266 SGT Richards P.W.		0034	0650	(Y) (W/O DARLOW A.E.) (Bombload: Same as 'X'). Visibility varying from clear to 8/10th's cloud at approximately 5,000 feet in target area. Load was released at 0402 hours from 19,300 feet on 3 red T.I.'s in 1/2 mile triangle. On run in, all tank seen about 2 1/2 miles short of bombing point. Bombed 3 red T.I. seen in 1/2 mile triangle on Eastern edge of cluster of wanganui flares. Bombing point seemed approximately 1 mile North of town centre. Some warehouses seen slight to Northeast of town. One T.I. had seen to east of river and two west side of river on leaving. Base.	

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Feb. 24/25	LANCASTER III					<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "SCHWEINFURT" - FIRST ATTACK</b> <b>3 AIRCRAFT DETAINED</b>	A-11
	"W"	J.5795 W/O R.J. Lane, " DSO DFC ", J.17183 P/L Ewan G.M., " DFC ", RAF.1385731 W/O S.F. Finchan, " DEM ", R.147280 W/O Douglas C.L., RAF.619382 W/O J.B. Scammell, " DEM ", CAN-6152.A Sgt Bishop A.W., RAF.120993 S/L J. Baker, " DFC " Visual A/E.		1852	0123	(E) (W/O R.J. LANE, " D.S.O., D.F.C. ") " VISUAL MARKER " Bombload: 1 x 4 flares green/red stars, 1 x 4 flares white, 4 IS & 6 OED T.I. Red, 1 x 4,000 H.C. Excellent visibility in target area with nil cloud. Target was identified visually. Many details of town and adjacent country positively identified. Load released at 2303 hours from 17,000 feet on aiming point. Ran up river from South- west. Six cans of flares white (1st can 2309 hours), and T.I. green over woods 2 to 3 miles South <del>west</del> of target. Target not sufficiently illuminated. Aiming Point not seen until over it. Circled to starboard and made 2nd run from Southeast along railway. Found one visual marker T.I. red on aiming point, another on East end of marshalling yard, and another in the new town. Own T.I. red undershot 6 to 700 yards to Southeast. Saw one large bomb burst on island immediately South of Aiming Point. By 2310 hours, whole town area well covered with incendiaries with 3 very good fires, but many incendiaries and several red T.I.'s were spreading up to 5 miles West of town. Route-marking good, times not recorded. Landed base undamaged. (C) (S/L J.B. MILLWARD, " D.F.C. ") " VISUAL MARKER " Bombload: (Same as "W"), Visibility was clear in target area. Aiming point was iden- tified visually. Load was released at 2301 hours from 16,800 feet on aiming point, cluster of buildings North of bridge at Northeast end of island in river. Saw first white flares going down at 2359 hours and green T.I. burst about 2 miles Northeast of aiming point. At 2359 hours, visually identified river and island in river and picked out A.P. Pressed bomb tit but gradual light failed. Made another run and released 1st bulb. By this time, the red was spreading back with one T.I. red cascading over A.P. and others spreading back to open fields approximately 5 to 6 miles from A.P. Another concentration of red T.I.'s were in fields to East of A.P. and a lot of bomb bursts seen in open fields. On leaving target, it was evident that the attack was exceedingly scattered with a tendency to undershoot. Saw the glow of fires from factory West of town which was probably the result of the daylight attack. Smoke from flares concealed East of the built-up area on our second run. Landed base undamaged. (E) (P/O A.J.C. VAN RASSEL, " DFC ") " BLIND BACKER UP " Bombload: 3 x 4 flares green/red stars, 1 x 4,000 H.C., 6 x 1,000 M.C., 1 flare red steady. <b>EXCELLEN P.T.C.</b>	
	"O"	J.10255 S/L J.B. Millward, " D.F.C. " RAF.159922 P/L Gwynn B.W., " DFC ", NZ.415105 P/O Milne R.D., RAF.144711 P/O Taylor E.C., " DFC ", R.137822 W/O Hirschfeld G.D., RAF.109507 S/L Gull N.M., RAF.911058 SGT Stewart G.D., J.9983 P/L G.A. Swang, " DFC " Visual A/E.		1853	0127		
	"E"	J.16709 P/O A.J.C. Van Rassel, DFC, RAF.141555 P/O Gillespie C.W., RAF. 710165 SGT Howard W., R.109440 W/O Billingsley F.D., R.211205 SGT J.C.Y. Bergerson, J.14183 P/O Gray E.G., RAF.1043385 SGT Beadman C.C.		1856	0149		

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24/25	LANCASTER III					<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "SCHNEIDWURT" - FIRST ATTACK (CONT'D)</b>	A-14
	"B"	J.16709 P/O A.J.G. VAN RASSEL, DFC (Continued)				(R) (P/O <del>XXX</del> A.J.G. VAN RASSEL, D.F.C.) (Continued). MI cloud with good visibility in target area. Load was released at 2305 hours from 19,200 feet in centre of 5 T.I. red in bombsight. Computer unit w/s, bombed using emergency sighting angle. Ran up river from Southwest. At 2359 hours, first T.I. green cascaded. On arrival, found 5 T.I. reds and green T.I.'s on ground, on and around estimated position of marshalling yard. Another T.I. green approximately one mile to West-Northwest. Believed town area well carpeted with incendiaries, with much smoke over North part, and 3 good fires in centre. BUILT UP AREA NOT SEEN. Positions estimated from shape of river. Landed base undamaged.	
	"K"	J.21204 P/O Jackson B.G., J.14217 P/O Bamford J.A., J.22699 P/O Freiburger R.M., RAF.1575074 P/S Badstone P.G., C.7735 P/O Eastham D.J., R.182327 P/S Ray S., RAF.1862629 SGT Aberly P.J.	1854	MISSING		(R) (P/O JACKSON B.G.) * SUPPORTER * Bombload: 10 x 1,000 M.C. Missing. Nothing heard from aircraft after take off.	
	"K"	J.10969 P/O Christison R.L., R.145326 P/S Schwartz M.L., J.23637 P/O J.R. Shaw, J.9216 P/L J.W. Fielding, R.185302 SGT Robinson G.S., R.194119 SGT Poure E.L., RAF.1870924 SGT C.W.L. Tongue.	1855	MISSING		(R) (P/O CHRISTISON R.L.) * SUPPORTER * Bombload: (Same as "K"). Missing. Nothing heard from aircraft after take off.	
24/25						<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "SCHNEIDWURT" - SECOND ATTACK 9 AIRCRAFT DETAIL.</b>	A-15
	"B"	J.19536 P/O Barrowes R.D., J.18424 P/L Mitchell J., J.22411 P/O A. Hinscliff, R.131045 P/O Montgomery E.J., R.111793 P/O Spearman G.D., R.104431 P/O Pethier R.F., RAF.1802354, SGT Squires R.L.	2054	0401		(B) (P/O BARROWES R.D.) * PRIMARY BLIND MARKER * Bombload: 2 LB & 2 OHD T.I. Green; 1 x 4,000 H.C., 1 T.I., 1 flare green/red stars, 1 flare red steady. No cloud with excellent visibility in target area. Load released at 0208 hours from 18,500 feet; 1st T.I. of cluster of 6 red T.I. in built up area to North of a bend in the river. Saw glow of fires from last turning point. H.2.S. w/s on approach to target. Nothing down but 2 T.I. green cascaded over open country to Northeast of fires. Cirled to starboard and made 2nd run. Numerous red T.I.'s cascaded on built up area to N.E. of fires seen on run up and N. of the river, and other T.I. reds further N. in open country. Numerous fires and much smoke, also on built up area. Landed base undamaged.	

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FEB. 24/25	LANCASTER III						
	"B"	RAF.111476 P/L Trillbach H.W.A., J.13823 P/O Armstrong S.W., RAF.132298 P/S Kanarera, A.D.N., RAF.1312308 P/S Abbott A.G., AUS.406157 P/L Wood R.G., RAF.1542177 P/S Bostock W., RAF.1623883 P/S J. Harrison.		2055	0357	BOMBING ATTACK ON "SCHEINPUKT" SECOND ATTACK " (cont'd) A-15 (D) (P/L TRILLSBACH H.W.A.) " PRIMARY BLIND MARKER " Bombload: (Same as 'B'). Clear in target area with some smoke haze. Load released at 0102 hours from 15,000 feet by H.2.S. obscured by timed run from Wurtzburg. When 80 to 100 miles away, saw fires which on hearing proved to be the target. On arrival the whole town seemed to be alight. A large factory to West of town was well ablaze. After dropping bombs to N.E. of town, could see T.I.'s well backed up with a gradual spread back to Southwest. When leaving target, visually identified river bend to East of marshalling yard and large explosions seen in N.E. area of town. Fires could still be seen when 120 miles away on homeward route. Landed base undamaged. (D) (P/O CHASE W.L.) " PRIMARY BLIND MARKER " Bombload: (Same as 'B'). 2 to 3/10th's stratus cloud at 5,000 feet with good visibility in target area. Load was released at 0102 hours from 17,500 feet on centre of several large fires. Saw fairly scattered fires from last turning point before target. H.2.S. failed 5 minutes before E.T.A. Target, no T.I. down. Bombed centre of 4 or 5 good fires. One green T.I. passed one mile to North as we bombed. After turning away, saw several rather scattered T.I. Many fires and smoke after leaving. Saw Stadium by bomb flash and got sight of river on run up. Conclude that first attack was on S.W. of town and 2nd attack on centre and N. Landed base undamaged.	
	"D"	AUS.409894 P/O Chase W.L., J.23950 P/O Knapp G.W., RAF.131242 P/O W. Sinclair, RAF.1575600 SGT Gill J.T., R.169114 SGT Syivah Cal., RAF.2216175 SGT Daniels R.D., RAF.2202538 SGT Ruckley J.H.		2056	0352	(E) (P/O CHASE W.L.) " PRIMARY BLIND MARKER " Bombload: (Same as 'B'). 2 to 3/10th's stratus cloud at 5,000 feet with good visibility in target area. Load was released at 0102 hours from 17,500 feet on centre of several large fires. Saw fairly scattered fires from last turning point before target. H.2.S. failed 5 minutes before E.T.A. Target, no T.I. down. Bombed centre of 4 or 5 good fires. One green T.I. passed one mile to North as we bombed. After turning away, saw several rather scattered T.I. Many fires and smoke after leaving. Saw Stadium by bomb flash and got sight of river on run up. Conclude that first attack was on S.W. of town and 2nd attack on centre and N. Landed base undamaged.	
	"G"	J.19268 P/L MacKinnon L.L., J.2218, P/O Ranton W.D., RAF.136391 P/S V.E. Bowden, RAF.1077021 P/S Connell G., RAF.1563899 P/S Herrie J.S., RAF.1533602 P/S Waters T., R.5802, SGT Chappell E.W.		2100	0340	(G) (P/L MACKINNON L.L.) " BLIND BACKER UP " Bombload: 2 LB & 2 ORD T.I. Red, 1 x 4 flares green/red stars, 1 x 4,000 H.C., 4 x 1,000 M.C., 1 flare red steady. No cloud with excellent visibility in target area. Load released at 0105 hours from 19,000 feet in centre of 3 T.I. green. Good fires burning on run up from S.W. At 0102 hours, first T.I. Green followed by another forming a triangle estimated to enclose main built up area and to N.E. of the large area already well alight. One T.I. Green obscured just short of the most easterly T.I. Green and illuminated eastern edge of built up area. Also saw river to S. and estimate that fires referred to above were on and around the marshalling yard and that second attack was on the centre and N. part of town where there was a good concentration of T.I.'s red and green after leaving, with many incendiaries and flares with much smoke. Landed base undamaged.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				UP	DOWN		
24/25	LANCASTER III						
	"H"	J.10954 P/L Fyfe A.B., J.14188 P/L Quayle D.B., R.115322 W/O Searles H.B. RAF.170294 P/O Dempsey J.H., J.27223 P/O Cole K.A., J.23984 P/O Edwards W.S. R.37685 P/S Galbraith E.S.		2102	0001	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "SCHNEIDFURT" * SECOND ATTACK (CONT'D)</b> <b>(H)</b> <b>BLIND BACKER UP: Missing Bomload: (Same as 'G').</b> Mission was abandoned 59.30 N. 00.40 E., 2205 hours, 10,500 feet, engine trouble. Jettisoned safe, 53.20 N. 00.46 E., 2326 hours, 9,000 feet. Starboard outer engine u/s. Landed base undamaged.	A-15
	"U"	R.37592 P/L Perry J.W., RAF.144456 P/O Bryce H.S., R.134603 W/O Hancock A.J., J.18625 P/O Hollins G.B., R.18824 SGT McDermott A.E.H., R.189722 SGT McCrea J.R., RAF.1608234 SGT Boach T.J.		2057	0354	<b>(U) * SUPPORTER Bomload: 5 x 2,000 H.C.</b> Clear with good visibility in target area. Target identi- fied visually, 5 T.I. green and 3 T.I. red cascading. Load released at 0105 hours from 17,000 feet on 3 T.I. green with 1 red T.I. in centre which were then on ground. At approximately 2359 hours, with 60 miles away from target, saw fires which on hearing proved to be the target. On arrival at 0100 hours, fires were burning fiercely. One about 1/2 mile S. of marshalling yard, another very good con- centration in centre of town and many incendiary fires on E. side of river near the islands. Another fire to W. of town was going well. The first T.I.'s went down at 0105 hours over the central concentration of fires and was well backed up. There appeared to be dummy fires 1/2 miles S. and S.E. of town. Rectangular in shape and evenly spaced. Landed base undamaged.	
	"V"	RAF.1336729 W/O Darlow A.E., R.143080 W/O Lorimer G.A., J.29556 P/O Methery L.A., RAF.1390377 SGT Burrell A., RAF.1814673 SGT Utton T.E., R.182337 P/S Copeland D.J., RAF.1603266 SGT Richards P.W.		2058	0415	<b>(V) * SUPPORTER Bomload: (Same as 'U').</b> 5 to 7/10th's cloud (or haze or smoke) in target area. Target identified by T.I. green, confirmed by H.2.S. Load released at 0105 hours from 17,500 feet on centre of 5 green T.I. At target, 2 rows of fires arranged in 'V', pointing N. 5 green T.I.'s in 'V' of fires. Two red T.I. fell at bombing time. At W. side of fires, incendiaries burning white. Saw five loads of incendiaries to W. and 2 loads of incendiaries to S. of area attacked. Landed base undamaged.	
	"W"	J.21384 P/O Stronach M.P., J.21336 P/O Armstrong A.T., R.150844 P/S R.J. Phillips, RAF.1333987 SGT Thornhill H.A., R.163537 SGT Cingras P.H., R.189973 SGT Degenais J.J.G., RAF.- 186514 SGT Searles J.W.		2059	0103	<b>(W) * SUPPORTER Bomload: (Same as 'U').</b> Clear in target area with no cloud. Target identified visually by green T.I., checking on H.2.S. - good image. Load released at 0103 hours from 17,200 feet on green T.I. cascading into fires previously burning. On arrival at target, fires already burning from NNE and SSE, in string across town. Four fires N. to S. Fires at S. end of town. One load of incendiaries to S. of town 2 miles. At target, whole place was a mass of fire. On leaving, a big explosion was seen at 0130 hours. Landed base undamaged.	

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24/25	LANCASTER III						
	"J"	USA.0.886282 CAPT L.B. Copenhaver, DFC J.11224 P/O Lewis J.W., DFC, R.155796 P/S Leslie A.B., J.17172 P/L H.M. Shearer, R.183628 WPT Officer J.W., J.26606 P/O Nordheimer K.A., R.64157 Sgt Vins W.L.		2101	0350	BOMBING ATTACK ON "SCHNEIDFUERT" SECOND ATTACK (CONT'D) (U) "VISUAL BACKER UP" Bombload: 2 LB & 2 GRD T.I. Red, 1 x 4,000 H.C., 4 x 1,000 M.C., Clear in target area with excellent visibility. Target identified by red T.I.'s, built up area W. of island in river. Load released at 0106 hours from 19,000 feet, on 1 red T.I. Bombed on red T.I. - estimated few miles S. of A.P. At 0106 hours, cluster of red T.I.'s dropping in centre of green. Five large fires were standing out, 2 N.W. of red T.I.'s, 1 approximately 1 1/2 miles S. on E. side of river. Pilder N.W. of town clearly seen when photo flash exploded. Red and green T.I.'s seen cascading from 200 miles. Landed base undamaged.	A-15
25/26							
	"B"	J.129536 P/O Burrows R.D., J.18124 P/L Mitchell J., J.22411 P/O Hinchliffe A., E.131045 W/O Montgomery R.J., R.111793 W/O Spearman G.D., R.104431 W/O Pothier B.F., RAR.1802354 SGT R.L. Squires.		1849	2121	BOMBING ATTACK ON "AUSBURG" FIRST ATTACK II AIRCRAFT DETAIL. (B) (-) "BLIND HANGER ILLUMINATOR" Bombload: 5 x 4 flares white C & S, 2 LB & 2 GRD T.I. Green, 1 x 4,000 H.C., 3 x 1,000 H.C. T.I.'s, 1 flare green/red stars. Jettisoned load 50.09 H. 00.33 H. 2033 hours, 10,000 feet, when starboard inner engine w/s. Saw aircraft blow up in sky and pieces fell in sea at 50.25 H. 00.40 H., 20.01 hours, 15,000 feet. Wagon flare fell from explosion - no parachutes seen. Phone to Group at 2230 hours. Landed base.	A-16
	"E"	J.1220 P/L Coleridge G.E., J.5304 P/L Court G.L., RAF.114430 P/O O'Neill J.H. R.74582 W/O Johnston M., R.135079 P/S Reynold J.C.M., R.151941 P/S McCrea L.A., R.95627 SGT Kelley D.A.		1901	0143	(B) "BLIND BACKER UP" Bombload: 1 x 4 flares green/red stars, 1 x 4,000 H.C., 5 x 1,000 H.C. T.I.'s. Clear in target area with smoke covering whole area. Load released at 2248 hours from 19,000 feet on centre of six red T.I.'s. At 2258 hours, two green T.I.'s were dropping. At 2239 hours, red/green T.I.'s cascading on top of green. Built up area between rivers picked out. Fires burning to N. of concentrated T.I.'s. Smoke rising to 8,000 feet. S. of P/C T.I.'s, large pillar of smoke and large fire. Estimated near marshalling yards. On run out from turning point, large column of black smoke seen rising to 10,000 feet. Landed base undamaged.	
	"G"	J.15248 S/Lt G. Bennett, DFC, J.14781 P/L Baker B., R.153085 P/S Davies F.C. RAF.1061159 P/S A. Rodgers, DFM, R.180104 P/S Joel W.V., R.167560 P/S J.H. Frome, RAF.1381572 SGT Rees J.L. 120393 S/Lt J. Baker, DFC, Visual A/B.		1848	0120	(U) "VISUAL HANGER" Bombload: 3 LB & 3 GRD T.I. Red; 3 LB & 2 GRD T.I. Green, 1 x 4 flares white C & S, 1 x 4,000 H.C. Clear visibility in target area. A.P. identified. Rivers, marshalling yards, etc., seen. Ldn. Area by H.2.S. and visually. All recognized. Load released at 2241 hours from 18,500 feet when A.P. in bombsight. One green T.I. fell at (P.T.C.)	

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				Up	Down		
25/26	LANCASTER III					<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "AUSBURG" "SERIOUS ATTACK (CONT'D) FIRST"</b>	A-16
	"M"	J.15248 S/L G. Bennett, D.F.C. (Cont'd)				(M) (Continued) 2238 hours. Flares seen falling just short of target 3 to 4 miles. Illuminating target very good. Second lot of flares seconds only after, to E. of town, roughly along river line. On running in, visual marker load seen cascading near A.P. with bombs dead on factory. Second load in "W" of river near factory. Own bombs landed on factory. On leaving, whole area attacked and creeping S. and spreading. Running out to N. smoke from fires to 2,000 feet with 3 separate areas of fire S.W. of markers, i.e., town centre. Landed base undamaged.	
	"O"	J.10255 S/L J.B. Millward, "D.F.C." RAF.155922 P/L Culpin B.W., "DFC" RAF.13105 P/O Milne H.D., RAF.144721 P/O R.G. Taylor, "DFC", R.137522 W/O Hirschfeld G.D., R.151039 SGT B.L. Allard, RAF.911058 SGT Stewart G.D. J.9783 P/L G.A. Sweeny, DFC, 2nd A/B.		1847	0151	(O) "VISUAL MARKER" Bombload: (Same as "M"). Clear with good visibility in target area. Target identified visually. Saw join in river and factory area. Load released at 2241 hours from 15,000 feet. Aiming Feind factories in bombight at time of bombing and for dropping T.I.s. Picked up Amer. lake on H.2.S. and saw river near Ostering. On arrival at target, a string of flares white from S.W. to N.W. on S.W. side of town seen at 2249 hours. Another string of flares white and green T.I.s fell from S. to N. and illuminated whole town. Dropped bombs in first run only as T.I.s were not selected. Made second run and dropped T.I.s. Visual markers marking well placed. Bombing was just starting up and appeared to be well on target. Fighter flares were dropped W. of town 10 miles on edge of S/L perimeter N. to S. Landed base undamaged.	
	"O"	J.16709 P/O Van Rassel A.J.G., DFC, RAF.131555 P/O Gillespie G.W., RAF.710165 SGT Howard W., R.109449 W/O Billingsley F.D., R.211205 SGT Bergeron J.C.Y., J.14183 P/O Gray E.G. RAF.1043385 SGT Beadman C.O.		1902	0207	(O) ("BLIND HAZARD UP" Bombload: (Same as "E"). Clear in target area with smoke haze. A.P. identified by H.2.S., checked by timed run from lake Amer. Load released at 2231 hours from 18,800 feet. On arrival at target found it hazy with smoke. Saw four or five red T.I.s on ground and incendiary fires, well concentrated. Too smoky to identify anything in particular. On leaving, saw heavy black smoke to 3,000 feet. Fighter flares to N.W. and W. of target. At 2316 hours, saw large orange explosion in target area. Landed base undamaged.	
	"U"	J.4498 P/L Morrison R.A., J.24216 P/O Queale L.W., J.26343 P/O Swartz R.A., R.154763 P/S Darcy G.J., R.163220 SGT LeJembs C.A., R.132761 P/S Kubiak W., RAF.1604454 SGT Matchan R.		1903	0152	(U) "VISUAL HAZARD UP" Bombload: 2 LB & 2 QED T.I. Red, 1 x 4,000 H.C., 1 x 1,000 M.C. T.Inst. Clear with good visibility in target area with smoke haze over centre of town. A.P. identified by H.2.S. and red T.I.s. Load released at 2250 hours from 18,000 feet on red T.I.s. From last turning point while illuminating flares seen dropping ahead, river to starboard clearly identified and running on to T.I.s - river to port seen. At 2248 hours, ten red T.I.s in circle with a few green T.I.s scattered round. Large area covered in smoke with a continuous succession of large explosions. Saw fires S. of town but main attack concentrated. Landed base undamaged.	

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FEB 25/26	LANCASTER III					<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "AUGSBURG" - FIRST ATTACK (CONT'D)</b>	A-16
	"J"	J.7578 F/L J.R. McDonald, "D.F.C.", RAF.1280273 W/O Bellamy G.C., "DEM" J.19820 F/O R.W. Wright, "DEM" J.17590 F/O Gibbs J.C., J.17375 F/O Griffiths B.A.M., R.87577 W/O J.D. Routledge, RAF.610744 F/S Wright E.R.		1900	0146	(J) "VISUAL BACKER UP" (Bombload: Same as 'U') No cloud with excellent visibility in target area. Load was released at 2246 hours from 19,000 feet on centre of five T.I. red. On run in, first recognized small suburb to W. of town and woods to S. of town with snow background and scattered buildings on S. edge of town. Flares commenced on E. edge of town 3 to 5 miles short of target. One green cascaded in distance, seemed N. of A.P., another green cas- caded nearer, probably over town area. On run in (three minutes before bombing), several T.I. red fell close together. One red T.I. was seen burning four miles W. of town, four minutes before bombing. Attack appeared overshooting slightly and slightly to E. town area covered by carpet of incendiaries 5 miles x 1 1/2 miles. Our bombs believed to hit near W. bank of E. river. Autobahn recognized on leaving target. Landed base undamaged.	
	"A"	J.9192 F/L Perry J.W., RAF.144456 F/O Reynolds K.H., R.134403 W/O Wilcock A.J., J.18625 F/O Helles G.B., R.188284 SGT Coleman A.L.H., R.189722 SGT McCrea J.R., RAF.1608234 SGT T.J. Beach.		1850	0141	(A) "SUPPORTER" Bombload: 9 x 1,000 M.C. T.Inst. Very good visibility in target area. Load released at 2239 hours from 18,000 feet on centre between two green T.I.s. Picked up Ammer Lake on H.2.S. On arrival at target, saw several dull red glows near marshalling yard. First green T.I. fell in centre of town. Plainly saw built up area which appeared to be snow covered. Second Green T.I. fell over factory area. On leaving, saw bomb bursts in S.E. part of town. T.I.s seemed spread from N.E. to S.E. and fires were taking hold, much smoke seen. Flames seemed to curl up. Landed base undamaged.	
	"W"	J.21384 F/O Stronach M.F., J.21336 F/O Armstrong A.T., R.150844 F/S R.J. Phillips, RAF.1333987 SGT Eborahill H.A., R.163537 SGT Cingrus P.H., R.189973 SGT Degenadi J.J.G., RAF.1865144 SGT Sharples J.W.		1851	0150	(W) "SUPPORTER" Bombload: (Same as 'A') Clear visibility with no cloud in target area. Fair image of A.P. on H.2.S. Load released at 2239 hours from 17,800 feet by H.2.S. Timed run not effective - uncertainty of lake at Ammer. H.2.S. image clear at distance - found slightly to E. at target. Target, saw greens to W. 5 seconds after bombing. Bombing believed slightly underhit to S.E. Saw one red only as bombed - believed near A.P. Four or five five red T.I. fell together slightly ahead of first red. River and town features could be seen on leaving covered with incendiaries with focus of attack at A.P. Saw red spot fire at 2236 hours, effective. Landed base undamaged.	
	"W"	J.18760 F/O Long R.W., RAF.1395885 F/S Brook R., RAF.979665 SGT Edwards G.J., RAF.1575439 SGT Leavelley W.D., RAF.1813553 SGT Cowdy A.W., R.187162 SGT Stroud H.A., RAF.1819034 SGT R.L. York.		1853	0148	(W) "SUPPORTER" Bombload: (Same as 'A') Very clear with excellent visibility in target area. Load released at 2240 hours from 17,000 feet on red and green T.I.s. On run in, lane of white illuminating flares running parallel with river. At 2238 hours these clusters of green T.I. dropping. At 2239 hours, two red T.I.s on top of green after bombing. Bunch of G/R T.I.s dropping in centre of red T.I.s. Numerous fires to N.W. of town. Red glow seen from 60 miles. Identified railway to N.W. of town on run out. Base.	

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25/26	LANCASTER III					<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "AUSSEBURG" "FIRST ATTACK (CONT'D)</b>	A-16
	"X"	RAF.1356729 W/O Darlow A.E., R.143080 W/O Lottman G.A., J.19536 P/O Mathery L.A., RAF.1390577 SGT Burrell A., RAF.1814673 SGT Utton T.E., R.182357 P/S Copeland D.J., RAF.1603266 SGT Richards P.W.		1852	2124	(X) "SUPPORTER" Bombload: (Same as 'A'). Mission abandoned 51.22 N. 00.50 E., 1934 hours, 6,000 feet, complete intercom failure. Jettisoned bombload and fuel from No. 1 starboard tank, 53.25 N. 01.26 E., 2032 hours, 7,000 feet. Landed base.	
25/26						<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "AUSSEBURG" "SECOND ATTACK"</b> <b>3 AIRCRAFT DETAINED.</b>	A-17
	"H"	J.10954 P/L Fyfe A.B., J.11188 P/L Quayle D.B., R.115322 W/O Searles H. B., RAF.170294 P/O Dempsey J.H., J.27923 P/O Cole K.A., J.23984 P/O Edwards W.S., R.97685 SGT Galbreith B.E.		2117	0102	(H) "PRIMARY BLIND MARKER" Bombload: 2 LB & 2 OZ T.M. Green, 1 x 4 flares G/R Stars, 1 x 4,000 H.C., 4 x 1,000 M.C. T.Inst. No cloud with good visibility except for smoke to 10,000 feet in target area. Load released at 0112 hours from 19,000 feet by H.2.S. after H.2.S. check on Amber Lake. Saw glow of fires when 100 miles from target. On approach, 3 large orange fires seen with heavy layer of smoke to 10,000 feet. A central plume to 12,000 feet. Flak and bombing started at approximately 0105 hours, well before any markers were seen. Fires from first attack covered area the size of town, but no ground detail seen. Smoke was drifting Westward and a carpet of fresh incendiaries lay on E. side of old fires. No markers seen before own flares G/R which ignited right over old fires and 2 other loads ignited close by immediately after. After leaving, flares G/R were in good cluster over fires. No T.I.s seen at any time. Moderate, heavy and light flak, and numerous S/L waving ineffectively. Landed base undamaged.	
	"D"	AIN.109894 P/O Chase W.M., J.23950 P/O Knapp G.W., RAF.151242 P/O Sinclair W., RAF.1575600 SGT Galt J.W., R.169114 SGT Sylvia G.M., RAF.2216175 SGT Daniels R.D., RAF.2202638 SGT J.M. Buckley.		2118	0108	(D) "PRIMARY BLIND MARKER" (Bombload: Same as 'H'). There was 3 to 4/10th's cloud and smoke at 6,000 feet in target area. Load released at 0113 hours from 19,000 feet by H.2.S. after H.2.S. check on Amber Lake. Saw glow of fires 130 miles from target. Light flak from target at 0100 hours. Old fires very concentrated covering two to three square miles with thick layer of smoke to 6,000 feet. Fresh incendiaries underfooting to S., some definitely in open country. No markers seen before our own which were right over old fires. No other markers seen until 0121 hours when flares G/R and T.L. Red were seen over fires. No ground detail identified. Landed base undamaged.	

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FEB- 25/26	LANCASTER III					BOMBING ATTACK ON " AUGSBERG " SECOND ATTACK (CONT'D)	A-17
	"C"	RAF.111476 F/L Drilsbach H.W.A., F.13623 F/O Armstrong S.W., RAF.1392598 F/S Kemarans A.D.N., RAF.1312308 F/S Abbott A.G., RUS.106157 F/L Wood R.G., RAF.1542477 F/S Bostock W., RAF.152383 F/S J. Harrison.		2149	0124	(C) ( " HAND BACKER UP " ) Bombard: 2 10 & 2 GMD T.I. Red, 1 x 4 flares G/R Stars, 1 x 4,000 H.C., 4 x 1,000 M.C. T.Inst. No cloud with good visibility in target area. Load released at 0115 hours from 19,000 feet on centre of 3 T.I. Green in line E. to W. Glow of fires seen 90 miles from target. On arrival found a large concentration of fires in position believed identified in S.W. part of town near Central Station, with other good fires running to N. through town. Fresh incendiaries burning on old fires and spreading to W. Three T.I. Greens with flames G/R above were ascending over N. end of fires, probably on or near the A.P. and own T.I. green went down on these. Main force appeared to ignore markers and were mostly bombing old fires to S.W. No other markers seen. Landed base undamaged.	
						TOTAL NUMBER OF SORTIES FOR FEBRUARY 71	
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