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FOR THE MONTH OF **APRIL** 19**44**

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| 9/10th | Lancaster III          |   |      |      |      | <b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "LITTLE" (Marshalling Yard) / AIRCRAFT FACILITIES.</b>  | A-25       |
|        | "H"                    | R.14997 P/O Smitton F.A., R.15061A W/O Stringham E.W., J.25740 P/O L.R. Stein, R.17267 P/S Sturwell J.W., R.157234 SGT Moore G.E., RAB/1050063 SGT Shaw J.M., RAB/1607735 SGT E.L. THORN        |      | 2257 | 0154 | "H" "SUPPORTER" (Bombload: 12 x 1,000 MG; 2 x 500 MG) 4/10ths cloud with fair visibility in target area. Load released at 0050 hours from 16,000 feet on centre between 2 T.L. reds seen cascading at 0042 hours. On approaching target at 0042 hours, saw 2 T.L. reds cascading. Bombed on these which were then on ground and dying out. Several fires seen burning on run in. At 0052 hours, saw large yellowish explosion. Landed base undamaged. Photograph attempted.  |            |
|        | "W"                    | J.19844 P/O Fisher G.H., R.85995 P/O Johnson A.E., J.23966 P/O Calhoun W., R.98269 W/O Mose P.M., R.193120 SGT Miserferi F., R.182958 SGT Ferguson C. RAB/1871640 SGT Jolly E.N.                |      | 2259 | 0200 | "W" "SUPPORTER" (Bombload: Same as 'H'). 4 to 6/10ths cloud at 8 to 9,000 feet, thin, in target area. Load released at 0058 hours from 16,000 feet on centre of five red T.L.s. On first run, one red T.L. only, seen under nose and bomb flashes. During 2nd run, 5 red T.L.s seen, 4 very concentrated, 1 was 1/2 mile underhoist and 2 green T.L.s fell approximately one minute after bombing. At 0053 hours, a big orange explosion was seen. All bombing was concentrated at T.L.s. Landed base. Photo attempted.  |            |
|        | "S"                    | J.3467 S/L Henkinson E.W., J.14749 P/L Allen L.A., J.14373 P/L Bessley D. P.F.O., RAB/1314683 P/S Bessley J.S., R.60335 P/S Foster L.A., R.52304 P/S Clifford R.H., G.19795 P/O Booth R.A.      |      | 2303 | 0243 | "S" "SUPPORTER" (Bombload: Same as 'H'). 6 to 7/10ths thin stratus cloud at 7,000 feet in target area. Load released at 0056 hours from 16,000 feet on concentration of red T.L.s. One stick of bombs seen 1 mile due N. of target. One explosion seen at 0053 hours, and one at 0054 hours, on target. Only one T.L. green seen by rear gunner, amid approximately 100 red T.L. Landed base. Photograph attempted.  |            |
|        | "U"                    | J.13998 P/O Morrison D., J.19421 P/O Egan A.F., J.19400 P/O Baroud E.R. RAB/172308 P/O Fletcher H., RAB/173040 P/O McMane P.V., J.85041 P/O Johnson G.S., RAB/172218 P/O Baly E.                |      | 2300 | 0150 | "U" "SUPPORTER" (Bombload: Same as 'H') Thin scattered cumulus cloud at 17,000 feet in target area. Load released at 0051 hours from 16,000 feet on concentration of red T.L. previously seen cascading. Red T.L. seen in good concentration through some thin stratus cumulus cloud. Bombing was very concentrated. At 0045 hours, a very large explosion was seen. At 0052 hours, a very large red explosion with black smoke was seen. Landed base. Photo attempted.  |            |
|        | "V"                    | J.18290 P/O Meaden W.H.D., J.18687 P/O Barker J.D., J.21564 P/O Smith G.J., RAB/162625 P/O Calderwood W., R.134942 W/O Alexander R.R., CAN/6190.A W/O McMan R.A., RAB/172308 P/O Chamberlain H. |      | 2258 | 0248 | "V" "SUPPORTER" (Bombload: Same as 'H'). 2/10ths stratus cloud with good visibility in target area. Load released at 0052 hours from 16,400 feet in centre of concentration of 4 T.L. reds on ground. First T.L. reds seen at 0051 hours. Several well concentrated fires burning before bombing. At 0052 hours, saw large red explosion followed 20 seconds later by a huge orange explosion which lit-up the whole area. Two balls of black smoke rose to 8,000 feet. Many well concentrated fires burning well on leaving target area. Landed base. Photograph attempted. |            |

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| 9/10th Apr.<br>(Continued) | Zanoster III              |  |      |      |      |   |            |
|                            | "J"                       | J.9192 P/L Perry J.W., RAB/144456 P/O<br>Reynolds E.K., J.2957 P/O Hiscott R.,<br>J.18625 P/O Hellems G.B., R.188284 SGT<br>McLennan A.E.H., R.18722 SGT McCrea J.,<br>RAB/160823 SGT Beach T.J.   |      | 2302 | 0155 | BOMBING ATTACK ON "LILLE" (Marshalling Yard), (Cont'd).<br>"J" "SUPPORTER" (Bombload: Same as "H").<br>7/10ths thin cloud from 4 to 5,000 feet in target area.<br>Lead released at 0051 hours from 14,150 feet on 20 to 25<br>red T.I.s in concentration. Three red T.I.s seen burning<br>on ground. Only one T.I. in main part of run. There were<br>20 to 25 red T.I. in bombsight at time of bombing, all very<br>concentrated. T.I.s may have been obscured during bombing<br>run by clouds. At 0052 hours, big explosion with a second<br>explosion shortly after. Only one green T.I. seen among<br>red. Landed base. Photograph attempted.   | A-25       |
|                            | "Y"                       | J.11403 P/O Keshan J.L.J., J.21632<br>P/O Wickens H.A., J.85040 P/O Better<br>A.J., RAB/139359 SGT Marchant W.S.,<br>J.85037 P/O Byers J.H., J.85047 P/O<br>Ellis R.O., R.114479 SGT Smith E.G.  |      | 2301 | 0146 | "Y" "SUPPORTER" (Bombload: Same as "H").<br>There was 5/10ths cloud at 7,000 feet with good visibility<br>in target area. Lead released at 0049 hours from 15,700<br>feet on 2 T.I. reds seen at 0040 hours. First T.I. reds<br>seen on ground at 0040 hours. At 0041 hours, saw large<br>orange explosion. At time of bombing, saw 2 T.I. reds<br>together and a third 1 to 200 yards West. Bombed on the<br>latter at 0051 hours. A very large orange explosion seen<br>with a large fall of black smoke rising in mushroom form<br>500 to 1,000 feet. Landed base. Photograph attempted.   |            |
| 10/11th                    |                           |  |      |      |      |   |            |
|                            | "J"                       | J.9192 P/L Perry J.W., RAB/144456 P/O<br>Reynolds E.K., J.2957 P/O Hiscott R.,<br>J.18625 P/O Hellems G.B., R.188284 SGT<br>McLennan A.E.H., R.18722 SGT McCrea J.,<br>RAB/160823 SGT Beach T.J.<br>Bombload: 6 x 1,000 G.P. (T.Inst.)<br>6 x 1,000 H.G. (N.Inst.) |      | 0147 | 0555 | BOMBING ATTACK ON "LACH" 7 AIRCRAFT DETAIL<br>"J" "SUPPORTER"<br>Visibility clear in target area. Lead released at 0547 and<br>0557 hours from 21,000 and 15,000 feet respectively, on<br>concentration of green T.I. When 20 miles away on run up,<br>saw a good concentration of red T.I. but all reds burned out<br>on arrival. Good concentration of green T.I. burning at<br>bombing time. Believe last of own string of bombs 100<br>yards (approximately) short of green T.I. One small fire<br>seen landed base. Photograph attempted.  | A-26       |
|                            | "H"                       | R.119907 P/S Smitton F.A., R.150834<br>W/O Stringham E.W., J.25740 P/O Stein<br>L.R., R.182667 P/S Sharvell J.W.,<br>R.157236 SGT Moore G.E., RAB/1050043<br>SGT Shaw J.M., RAB/1607735 SGT Thorn<br>R.S.  |      | 0153 | 0525 | "H" "SUPPORTER" (Bombload: Same as "J").<br>Very small amounts of cloud with downward visibility good<br>in target area. Lead released at 0548 hours from 13,500<br>feet on two overlapping T.I. green on ground. Both cascaded<br>at 0546 hours. On arrival, T.I. reds had just burned out.<br>Bombed two overlapping T.I. green which illuminated railway<br>tracks and with moonlight showed up adjacent ground details.<br>The T.I. greens were on Western exit from sorting sidings<br>and bombing was on the greens and to the immediate Northwest.<br>At 0547 hours, one T.I. green cascaded about one mile S.S.W.<br>of target, but attracted no bombs. Landed base. Photograph<br>attempted. |            |

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| 10/11th<br>(Continued) | Lancaster III             |  |      |              |              | <b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "LAGON" (Continued)</b>  | A-26                            |
|                        | "W"                       | J.1984 P/O Fisher G.H., R.85595 W/O Johnson A.B., J.23966 P/O Calhoun M.B. R.99169 W/O Rice P.H., R.19120 SGT Misereri F., R.188958 SGT Ferguson C. RAB/187164.0 SGT Jolly E.N.                  |      | 0154         | 0528         | "W" "SUPPORTER" (Bombload: Same as 'J'). 5 to 6/10 cloud at 8,000 feet with haze in target area. Load released at 0349 hours from 14,000 feet on two green T.I.s. Ten minutes from target, red T.I.s seen, which burst at 3 minutes before arrival. Green T.I.s fell after reds burned out. Two green T.I.s cascaded close together. Those were bombed with other concentration of bombing. One green T.I. one mile to S.W. attracted no bombing. Some bombing was towards the centre of the triangle formed by the three green T.I.s. Landed base. Photograph attempted.   |                                 |
|                        | "V"                       | J.18290 P/O Menden W.H.D., J.18687 P/O Becker J.D., J.21264 P/O Smith G.D., RAB/162625 P/O Calderwood W., R.134962 W/O Alexander R.R., OAR/6190.A. W/O McMan R.A., RAB/172208 P/O Chamberlain H. |      | 0151         | 0517         | "V" "SUPPORTER" (Bombload: Same as 'J'). 1/10 cloud at 6 to 8,000 feet in target area. Load released at 0347 hours from 14,500 feet on concentration of red T.I.s. Saw red T.I. on run up. Saw green cascading at 0355 hours. Here red at 0357 hours. Three green T.I. at 0344 hours. Cluster of green T.I. at 0358 hours. Red T.I. at 0402 hours. All bombing close around T.I.s. Landed base. Photograph attempted.   |                                 |
|                        | "O"                       | J.85090 P/O Herbert R.G., J.20236 P/O Edson F.A., R.158805 P/S Cardie M.B., RAB/1318174 SGT Owen A.E., R.75742 SGT Miles R.I., RAB/189004 SGT Crisp B.A., RAB/1421760 SGT O'Leary R.R.           |      | 0207         | 0543         | "O" "SUPPORTER" (Bombload: Same as 'J'). Slight ground haze in target area. Load released at 0405 hours from 14,000 feet on T.I. red which cascaded at 0401 hours. Arrived late owing to miscalculation on time-wasting leg. On approach saw T.I. reds but burned out on arrival at 0357 hours, when no markers were visible. While circling, T.I. greens went down in short line North to South, and on bombing run one T.I. red went down very close to Greens on East side. Own bomb flashes seen across red. No other bombing seen at that time. Moderate red glow of fires after leaving. Landed base. Photograph attempted. | 547-10-401<br>27 000749<br>11/1 |
|                        | "S"                       | J.19951 P/O De Maria G., J.85427 P/O Pearson W.H., J.25638 P/O Simpson H., R.67992 W/O Reddick A.R., RAB/228694 SGT Strapps L., RAB/1865285 SGT Dickinson J., RAB/157604 SGT Hamilton A.         |      | 0146         | 0523         | "S" "SUPPORTER" (Bombload: Same as 'J'). No cloud with slight general haze in target area. Load released at 0352 hours from 14,000 feet. On arrival found three loads of T.I. red in close proximity concentration with a heavy concentration of T.I. green on the North side of the reds and practically touching these. Many bomb flashes seen among reds. Much smoke on leaving. Landed base. Photograph attempted.  |                                 |
|                        | "U"                       | J.23317 P/L McDonald S.C., J.22509 P/O McIntyre J.A., J.23870 P/O Parsons W. J.20718 P/O Weaver G.H., R.188880 SGT Service Det., R19904 P/O Shepherd J. RAB/173083 P/O Bursaby L.A.              |      | 0159<br>0250 | 0531<br>0532 | "U" "SUPPORTER" (Bombload: Same as 'J'). No cloud but haze in target area. Load released at 0347 hours from 15,000 feet on mass of 6 to 8 green T.I.s. On run in, red T.I. which cascaded at 0355 hours, burned out, but green down at same spot. Three greens were short of main concentration possibly 1/2 miles. Bombed main concentration of 6 to 8 green T.I.s. Bomb bursting on heavy concentration of green T.I. Landed base. Photo attempted.   |                                 |

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| 11/12th<br>April | Lancaster III             |   |      |      |      | <b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "AACHEN" - 10 AIRCRAFT DETAILED</b>   | A-27       |
|                  | "S"                       | J. 3467 S/L Menkings R.W., J.14769<br>S/Sgt E.A. Allen L.A., J.12973 P/L<br>Ramsay D., D.F.C., RAE/1314683 P/S<br>Bradley J.S., R.60335 P/S Foster L.A.<br>R.52304 P/S Clifford M.H., G.19795<br>P/O Booth R.A. |      | 2050 | 0010 | "S" "SUPPORTER" (Bombload: 13 x 1,000 M.G.)<br>3/10th's thin cloud at 7,000 feet in target area. Load<br>released at 2244 hours from 17,500 feet on cluster of 8 to<br>10 T.I. reds. Approaching target, saw T.I. reds cascading<br>in cloud. On arrival, found 2 weak 2000-amp concentrations<br>of 8 to 10 T.I. red with 3 or 4 T.I. groups slightly to NW.<br>Bombing was well concentrated on T.I.s. After leaving<br>several big fires seen around T.I.s, with smaller ones<br>slightly to N. Landed base undamaged. Photo attempted.<br>"S" "SUPPORTER" (Bombload: Same as 'S'). |            |
|                  | "T"                       | J. 3892 P/L Perry J.W., RAE/144156 P/O<br>Reynolds K.H., J.29571 P/O Hiscott R.<br>J.18625 P/O Mallens H.E., R.18828 SGT<br>Molennan A.E.H., R.189722 SGT McCrean<br>J.R., RAE/1608234 SGT Beach T.J.           |      | 2051 | 0024 | 3/10th's thin cloud at 8,000 feet in target area. Load<br>released at 2244 hours from 17,500 feet on M.P.L. of cluster<br>of 4 or 5 T.I. red. T.I.s seen burning on ground through<br>gaps in clouds. Bombardment cluster fairly widely, but<br>incendiaries and small fires scattered fairly widely, but<br>centered on the T.I.s. LARGED BASE. Photograph attempted.<br>"T" "SUPPORTER" (BOMBLOAD: Same as 'S').   |            |
|                  | "O"                       | J. 8505 P/O Herbert R.L., J.20236 P/O<br>Edon W.L., R.158805 P/S Curcio M.E.<br>RAE/1318176 SGT Owen L.F., R.75742 SGT<br>Miles R.L., RAE/189084 SGT Crisp B.<br>RAE/1424760 SGT Olland H.R.                    |      | 2052 | 0015 | 7/10 low cloud, with good visibility in target area. Load<br>released at 2242 hours from 17,000 feet on centre between<br>2 T.I. reds on ground, seen cascading at 2240 hours. Only<br>T.I. reds seen cascading at 2240 hours. Bombing was concentrated<br>around markers. On leaving target, saw a good glow<br>of fires, well concentrated. LARGED BASE. Photo attempted.<br>"O" "SUPPORTER" (Bombload: Same as 'S').  |            |
|                  | "M"                       | J.19951 P/O De Maria G., J.85427 P/O<br>Purdon W.H., J.23637 P/O Simpson M.<br>R.87992 W/O Badleton A.R., RAE/2208116<br>SGT Strapps L., RAE/1865285 SGT J.<br>Mckinson, RAE/156740 SGT Hamilton A.             |      | 2053 | 0012 | 7/10 thin stratus cloud at 1,000 feet in target area.<br>Load released at 2242 hours from 17,500 feet on concentra-<br>tion of T.I. red. Arrived early. One searchlight active.<br>At 2241 hours, first T.I. red followed quickly by more T.I.<br>reds forming an excellent concentration, tailing off slightly<br>to North. At 2244 hours, many H.S. and incendiaries on and<br>close around the markers, which now included a few T.I. green.<br>Many small fires, consolidated later. Landed base. Photo<br>attempted.<br>"M" "SUPPORTER" (Bombload: Same as 'S').                  |            |
|                  | "U"                       | J.19398 P/O Morrison D., J.19421 P/O<br>Hysan A.F., J.19400 P/O Baroni R.B.<br>RAE/172309 P/O Fletcher H., RAE/173080<br>P/O Molanus P.J., J.82041 P/O Johnson<br>C.S., RAE/172210 P/O Baly E.                  |      |      |      | 5/10 layer cloud from 12 to 13,000 feet in target area.<br>Visibility good. Load released at 2244 hours from 18,000<br>feet by H.S. checked by H.T.A. and glow of T.I. reds.<br>On approaching target, saw T.I. reds cascading at 2241 hours.<br>Just before bombing, these were well below cloud and only<br>glow seen. Bombed on H.S. Several concentrated fires<br>seen when leaving target. Landed base. Photo attempted.<br>"U" "SUPPORTER" (Bombload: Same as 'S').  |            |
|                  | "K"                       | J.14033 P/O Keenan J.L.G., J.21632<br>Widons H.A., J.85040 P/O Bitter A.J.<br>RAE/139389 SGT Marchant W.S., J.85037<br>P/O Hayes J.D., J.85047 P/O Ellis R.O.<br>R.114479 SGT Smith E.G.                        |      | 2055 | 0022 | Heavy with good visibility in target area. Load released at<br>2243 hours from 17,000 feet in centre of cluster of T.I. reds<br>on ground seen cascading at 2240 hours. First T.I. reds, 3<br>clusters in a row (approx. 8 T.I.s), seen cascading at 2240 hours.<br>Many incendiary fires seen. Bombing was well concentrated<br>around marking with a few spreading away. Base. Photo attempted.  |            |

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| 11/22nd<br>(Continued) | Lancaster III          | J.18290 P/O Headen W.H.D., J.18687 P/O<br>Barker G.R., J.22594 P/O Smith G.W.,<br>RAB/162625 P/O Calderwood W., R.134942<br>W/O Alexander R.R., CNY/61901A W/O<br>McEwan R.A., RAB/182546, SGT Hunter<br>E.W. |      | 2056 | 0007 | <b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "AACHEN" (Continued)</b><br>"W" "SUPPORTER" (Bombload: Same as 'S').<br>3/10ths cloud at 12 to 13,000 feet with base and good visibility in target area. Load released at 2243 hours from 18,500 feet on centre of three T.L. reds on ground, seen cascading at 2240 hours. At 2240 hours, saw 3 red T.L.s cascade, just before bombing noticed 3 green T.L.s on ground 1/2 mile North of T.L. reds. Other T.L. red seen at 2247 hours and 2252 hours. On leaving target, a large concentration of fires seen in target area. See railway lines West of town during photo flash burst. Landed base. Photograph attempted. | A-27       |
|                        |                        |   |      | 2057 | 0027 | "W" "SUPPORTER" (Bombload: Same as 'S').<br>2 to 1/10ths thin stratus cloud from 8 to 10,000 feet with heavy haze in target area. Load released at 2249 hours from 17,000 feet. Bombed with slight overshoot from one T.L. green towards position where a T.L. red had just burned out. Cloud dispersed over target. Nothing down on arrival. While circling, T.L. reds and T.L. greens cascaded. On bombing run, reds burned out, leaving one T.L. green. One red and several rather scattered T.L. greens followed. Bombing concentrated on T.L.s. Moderate fires. Landed base. Photograph attempted.  |            |
|                        |                        |   |      | 2058 | 0020 | "E" "SUPPORTER" (Bombload: Same as 'S').<br>3 to 4/10ths thin cloud at 8,000 feet in target area. Load released at 2244 hours from 16,500 feet on concentration of 8 to 10 T.L. red. At 2241 hours, first T.L. red seen. Others followed, forming a good concentration on T.L.s; one good explosion and one good fire. See unsatisfactory. Damage by flak over Aachen - fuselage and main plane holed. Landed base. Photograph attempted.  |            |
|                        |                        |   |      | 2059 | 0024 | "H" "SUPPORTER" (Bombload: Same as 'S').<br>6/10 cloud with good visibility in target area. Load released at 2282 hours from 18,000 feet on 4 T.L. reds on ground, seen cascading at 2257 hours. Four T.L. reds seen cascading at 2239 hours. Those were on ground when bombing. Many scattered incendiary fires seen. H.E. bombing appeared to be concentrated around the markers. Landed base. Photo attempted.  |            |
|                        |                        | J.1984 P/O Fisher C.H., R.8595 W/O<br>Johnson A.E., J.23946 P/O Gilhoun K.M.,<br>R.93169 W/O Hogg E.M., R.193120 SGT<br>Miserel F., R.182958 SGT Ferguson G.<br>RAB/187160 SGT Jolly E.M.                     |      |      |      |  |            |
|                        |                        | J.23317 P/L McDonald S.C., J.22588 P/O<br>McIntyre J.A., J.23971 P/O Parsons W.F.,<br>J.19918 P/O Weaver G.M., R.188880 SGT<br>Serviss D.T., J.19904 P/O Shepherd J.<br>RAB/173083 P/O Burnaby H.A.           |      |      |      |  |            |
|                        |                        | R.149307 P/S Smitton F.A., R.15081A<br>W/O Stringham J.W., J.25740 P/O L.H.<br>Stein, R.172667 P/S Sturvell J.W.,<br>R.197236 SGT Moore G.E., RAB/10500A3<br>SGT Shaw J.M., RAB/160725 SGT E.E.<br>Thorne.    |      |      |      |  |            |

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| 18/19th | Lancaster III             |   |      |      |      | <b>BOMBING ATTACK ON " PARIS: NOISY-LE-SEC "</b><br><b>8 AIRCRAFT DESTROYED.</b>  | A-28       |
|         | "G"                       | J-5795 W/C R.J. Lane, D.S.O., D.P.C.,<br>V.11142 S/L G.B. Ellwood, D.F.C.,<br>RAF/120393 S/L J. Baker, D.F.C.,<br>RAF/171877 F/O D.J. Kingley, D.F.M.,<br>R.19464 SGT Miskane S.E.,<br>RAF/69382 W/O Scannell J.S., D.F.M.,<br>R.22627 SGT Kelley D.E.<br><b>Bombload:</b> 3 L.S. T.L. Red,<br>3 L.S. T.L. Green, 3 Ord. T.L. Red,<br>3 Ord. T.L. Green, 6 x 1,000 H.G. |      | Z111 | 0131 | "G" "VISUAL MARKER"<br>No cloud with good visibility in target area. Aiming Point identified visually, and load released at 2353 and 2356 hours from 14,000 feet. Two Mustangs T.L. reds seen on approach. No flares. When overhead, T.L. reds seen to be within 200 yards of Aiming Point. Observed and made second run down canal from East-North-East. Marshalling yard well illuminated. Visual Marker mixed T.L. red/green seen on Aiming Point 600 yards South-west of Aiming Point and on West end of Marshalling Yard. Own T.L.s went 200 yards North of Aiming Point. Two T.L. green and one T.L. red seen towards end of attack one mile to North, not bombed. Estimated greater part of attack was on Western half of Marshalling Yard. Landed base. Photograph attempted. |            |
|         | "G"                       | J-16709 F/L A.J.G. Van Bommel, D.P.C.,<br>RAF/211555 F/O Gillespie G.W.,<br>RAF/160161 F/O Howard W., R.109440<br>W/O Millingdale F.D., R-211205 SGT<br>Bergerson J.C.M., G.11485 F/O Gray E.G.<br>RAF/1043385 SGT Bradman G.C.<br><b>Bombload:</b> 9 x 1,000 H.G.,<br>5 cluster hooded flares B.   |      | Z113 | 0120 | "G" "ILLUMINATOR"<br>Slight haze in target area. Load released at 2350 hours from 14,000 feet on red T.L.s. H.E.S. showed good returns up to Stamps - South of Paris bend in river Seine identified visually. At 2350 hours, four red T.L.s seen, followed by cluster of white flares. Bombed centre of red but while bombing big cluster of red/green T.L.s, seen to fall 5 to 6 miles North. Consider those marked correct target and we bombed shorts. At 2350 hours, two large buildings seen which appeared to be in centre of a field. Landed base. Photograph attempted.   |            |
|         | "F"                       | RAF/409884 F/L Chase J.M., J.23950<br>F/L Kemp B.W., RAF/212242 F/L Sinclair<br>W., RAF/1575600 W/S Gill J.L., J.85388<br>F/O RYMER G.L., RAF/2216175 SGT L.H.<br>Daniels, RAF/2202648 F/S Buckley J.M.<br><b>Bombload:</b> (Same as 'G').  |      | Z114 | 0114 | "D" "ILLUMINATOR"<br>1/10 stratus cumulus cloud with slight haze in target area. Load released at 2350 and 2355 hours from 14,000 and 13,500 feet, respectively on mixed T.L. red and T.L. Green. Bombed on D.H. following good sea check on R.T.A. Dropped flares only on first run. On bombing run, target well illuminated. Saw one T.L. red and 1/2K mixed T.L. red - T.L. green went down on to fire. These markers were on South edge of Marshalling Yard. Landed base. Photograph attempted.   |            |
|         | "B"                       | J-19516 F/O Borrowes R.D., J.1824<br>F/O Mitchell J., J.2211 F/O A.<br>Hindiffe, R.13105 W/O Montgomery<br>R.J., R.111793 W/O Spearman G.D.,<br>R.10431 W/O Rother E.E., RAF/17191<br>F/O Squires E.L.<br><b>Bombload:</b> (Same as 'G').   |      | Z115 | 0117 | "B" "ILLUMINATOR"<br>Clear with good visibility in target area. Aiming Point identified visually. Saw railway line near Marshalling Yard and checked by D.E. Load released at 2351 hours from 15,000 feet on railway track to East of Marshalling Yard. Nothing down on arrival at 2351 hours. Just before bombing, saw one red 2.5K on ground but as this was not seen ascending, did not use it for bombing in case it was a spoof. Bombed visually railway line. At 2353 hours, mixed red and green T.L.s cascading which lit up a shed immediately below. Landed base. Photograph attempted.  |            |

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| 18/19th<br>(Continued) | Lancaster III             |  |      |      |      | <b>BOMBING ATTACK ON PARIS: NOIST-LE-SEC (Continued)</b>  | A-28       |
|                        | "M"                       | J.1528 S/L G. Bennett, D.F.C.,<br>J.14781 P/L Baker E., J.85097 P/O<br>Davies F.G., RAF/1064159 P/S Rodgers<br>A., D.F.M., R.180104 P/S Joel W.V.,<br>R.167560 P/S Frens J.H., RAF/1381572<br>P/S Bass J.L.<br><u>Bombload:</u> (Same as 'Z')                          |      | 2142 | 0128 | "M" "VISUAL MARKER"<br>Clear with good visibility in target area. Aiming Point<br>identified visually. Saw shed in Marshalling Yards. Load<br>released at 2354 hours from 8,000 feet and at 2359 hours<br>from 8,000 feet, on repair shop in Marshalling Yard. Con-<br>centration of red and green T.L.s on ground. At 2349 hours<br>flares bursting over town. At 2351 hours, one red T.L. and<br>hooded flares fell. At 2353 hours, mixed red and green T.L.s<br>slightly to West of shed in Marshalling Yard. Dropped hooded<br>flares and one bomb to get photographs. Orbited to starboard<br>and ran in again to drop remainder of bombs on concentration<br>of red T.L.s. Ground detail was then blotted out by smoke.<br>Landed base. Photograph attempted. |            |
|                        | "S"                       | J.14328 P/L Stafford W.H., J.19110<br>P/O Hamell K.R., J.20820 P/O W.J.<br>Campbell, J.19635 P/O Perron F.J.,<br>J.13457 P/O McCourlik D.E., C.19047<br>P/O Bishop E.W., RAF/162618 P/O<br>Parmenter A.H.; J.9785 P/L Sweeney G.A.<br><u>Bombload:</u> 13 x 1,000 M.C. |      | 2152 | 0122 | "S" "SUPPORTER"<br>Good visibility with ground base in target area. Load released<br>at 2335 hours from 14,000 feet in middle of line from S.W.<br>to N.E. of red and green T.L.s. Aiming point identified.<br>At 2350 hours, one red T.L. cascading. Nothing but flares<br>fell until 2355 hours; when mixed red and green T.L.s began<br>cascading. Bombed on these which were then on ground.<br>Visually identified Railway lines and built-up area to<br>North-west. Too heavy to see results of bombing but marking<br>was concentrated. Landed base. Photograph attempted.   |            |
|                        | "U"                       | J.14033 P/O Keenan J.L.; J.21632<br>P/O Wickens H.A., J.85040 P/O Retter<br>A.J., RAF/1395289 SGT Marchant W.S.,<br>J.85057 P/O Hayes J.D., J.85047 P/O<br>Hillis R.G., R.134479 SGT Smith E.G.<br><u>Bombload:</u> Same as 'S'  |      | 2158 | 0128 | "U" "SUPPORTER"<br>Clear with good visibility in target area. Load released<br>at 0001 hours from 13,800 feet on cluster of red/green T.L.s.<br>At 2354 hours, white flares followed by one red T.L. and<br>three clusters of red/green T.L.s, all well concentrated.<br>Bombed centre, and several explosions and fires picked up<br>among T.L.s. M.C. not heard, 1196 too noisy. H.2.S. used<br>up to 234000 - good returns. Landed base. Photo attempted.  |            |
|                        | "E"                       | J.1984 P/O Fisher G.H., R.85595 W/O<br>Johnsdn A.R., J.23966 P/O Calhoun M.<br>R.99169 W/O Nice F.M., R.193120 SGT<br>Misefert P., R.182958 SGT Ferguson G.<br>RAF/1871640 SGT Jolly E.N.<br><u>Bombload:</u> (Same as 'S')  |      | 2154 | 0133 | "E" "SUPPORTER"<br>Heavy, but no cloud in target area. Load released at 2356<br>hours from 14,000 feet on centre of three groups of red/green<br>T.L.s. On run in, target illuminators seen five miles S.W.<br>of Paris. At target, well illuminated. Railway yard seen<br>but Aiming Point not identified. First red T.L. seen at<br>2353 hours. Flares illuminators followed immediately after.<br>Some red/green cascaded one minute before own bombing at<br>2355 hours. Landed base. Photo attempted.  |            |

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| 18/19th | Lancaster III             |   |      |      |      | BOMBING ATTACK ON "TERMINER" "B AIRCRAFT DETAIL"   | A-29       |
|         | "A"                       | RAP/11176 S/L Trilbach H.W.A.,<br>J.15823 P/O Armstrong S.W., RAP/17354<br>RAP/11176 P/O Harrison A.D.B.,<br>RAP/1312508 P/S Abbott A.G., AUS/10057<br>P/L Wood R.G., RAP/144277 P/S Booteck<br>W., RAP/162388 P/S Harrison J.<br>Bombload: 5 Cluster Hotted Flares B<br>5 x 1,000 M.C. |      | 2146 | 0055 | "A" "ILLUMINATOR"<br>Clear with good visibility in target area. Load released<br>at 2325 hours from 14,000 feet, and 2330 hours from 8,000<br>feet on mixed red and green T.I.s and approximately 10<br>flares falling. Aiming point identified visually. Saw<br>railway lines. On arrival at 2324 hours, saw Green T.I.s<br>ascending and red T.I.s on ground. First Green T.I. burst<br>out in 10 seconds. These T.I.s were in Northern part of<br>Marshalling Yard. Hotted Flares and green T.I.s were<br>falling 5 miles S.W. of Adming Point. On second run in,<br>mixed green and red T.I.s were ascending and on ground out-<br>side Marshalling yard to West. M.C. advised to bomb on<br>red T.I.s, but as they were outside yard, bombed visually<br>to East of main sheds. Bombs burst to west of shed. On<br>leaving, three very large fires were burning in town. Columns<br>of black smoke was rising to 7,500 feet and of white to<br>5,000 feet. Landed base. Photograph attempted.   |            |
|         | "B"                       | J.7978 S/L J.R. McDonald, D.F.C.,<br>RAP/17388 P/O Bellamy G.G., D.F.M.,<br>J.19820 P/O R.W. Wright, D.F.C.,<br>J.17590 P/O Gibbs J.C., J.16125 P/O<br>Duff T.R.N.; J.19988 P/O Routledge<br>J.D., RAP/14889 P/O Wright S.R.<br>Bombload: (Same as 'A').                                |      | 2147 | 0059 | "B" "ILLUMINATOR"<br>Slight haze with no cloud in target area. Aiming point<br>visually identified. Red/Green T.I.s seen to be slightly<br>to West of target. Load released at 2327 and 2336 hours<br>from 12,000 feet. On approach at 2325 hours, first Mosquit-<br>to T.I. red slightly to Northwest. Illuminator flares with<br>one green T.I. slightly to South-west and some on Marshalling<br>Yard. Target illuminated. At approximately 2325 hours, own<br>illuminator dropped, heading 280° at right angles in illum-<br>inator flares already down, which was North to South. Turned<br>around, overshoot, twice, made two dummy runs. At bombing,<br>saw several T.I.s red/green ascending according to M.C.,<br>"dead on". Yard clearly seen and bombed. Some bombs<br>among houses to West. Own stick started to North-east and<br>across yard to South-west. One explosion, 20 seconds, after<br>bombs, like oil explosions. At 2337 hours, M.C. several<br>times reported bombing good and checked aircraft from<br>bombing red/green T.I.s to West of target. Landed base.<br>Photograph attempted. |            |
|         | "C"                       | J.18760 P/O Long H.W., RAP/19588 P/S<br>Brook R., RAP/57965 P/S Edwards G.J.,<br>RAP/1575439 SGT Isaacsley W.D.,<br>RAP/1813253 SGT Gordon A.W., P.187162<br>SGT Stroud H.A., RAP/1819038 SGT E.I.<br>York.<br>Bombload: (Same as 'A').   |      | 2148 | 0046 | "C" "ILLUMINATOR"<br>No cloud with good visibility in target area. Load released<br>(two runs) at 2324 hours from 14,000 feet and 2329 hours<br>from 11,500 feet on cluster of T.I. Green. On approach<br>saw one T.I. green. Own flares first to be dropped. Many<br>others followed and illuminated details of target area.<br>(Marshalling Yard canal running along East edge of Marshalling<br>Yard, sheds to West, and canal junction to South). On bombing, run<br>saw concentration of T.I. Red on A.P., with T.I. green at N.<br>and red T.I. green 1 to 2 miles S.W. All bombing appeared<br>concentrated on the marshalling yard. Landed base. Photo taken.  |            |

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| 18/19th<br>(Continued) | Lancaster III             |  |      |      |      | <b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "TUSCHNER" (Continued)</b>   | A-29       |
|                        | "Y"                       | J.14898 P/L Morrison H.A., J.24216 P/L<br>Queble L.W., J.86343 P/O Smart R.A.,<br>R.154763 P/S Darcy G.L., R.165220 SGT<br>Lajamba O.A., R.152761 P/S Ribiak W.,<br>R.160454 SGT Matcham R.<br>Bombload: (Same as 'A').  |      | 2143 | 0051 | "Y" "ILLUMINATOR"<br>Excellent visibility in target area. Visual pin-point on<br>Southern part of Marshalling Yards and three red T.I.s.<br>Two runs. Load released at 2323 hours from 11,000 feet on<br>red T.I.s., and at 2333 hours from 7,000 feet on centre of<br>red/green T.I.s. Good returns on H.2.S. up to running point<br>South of Torguud. Second run from there to Marshalling Yards<br>which were identified by red T.I.s and then visually. The<br>crossroads at Southern end of yards seen. Flares dropped and<br>aircraft orbited to starboard and bombed centre of large<br>concentration of red/green T.I.s. Went down to 7,000 feet<br>to bomb but no results seen owing to blanket of black smoke<br>over target. Landed base. Photograph attempted.    |            |
|                        | "X"                       | J.19570 P/O McQuade A.R., J.85063 P/O<br>Lunney D.M., R.133752 W/O Law R.H.,<br>R.131129 W/O Fraser J., R.185682<br>SGT Patten W.C., R.125540 W/O Foster<br>G.R., R.153226 P/O Bingham W.N.<br>Bombload: 2 T.I.s. Green 'A'<br>2 Cl. T.I. Green 'A'<br>10 x 1,000 W.C. |      | 2153 | 0058 | "X" "VISUAL BACKER UP"<br>Quite clear in target area. Two runs. Load released at<br>2334 hours from 12,000 feet on W. T.I. green, and at 2357<br>hours from 12,000 feet on centre of cluster of red/green<br>T.I.s. At 2354 hours, white illuminating flares seen. At<br>2327 hours, one red T.I. followed by continual groups of<br>red/green T.I.s, very well concentrated. Bumping up on<br>T.I.s, Marshalling Yards identified. At 2334 hours, own<br>T.I.s dropped on centre of red/green down and aircraft did<br>orbit and bombed on second run on concentration of red/green<br>T.I.s. Much smoke rising with a few T.I.s. scattered<br>slightly West of big concentration. Landed base. Photo-<br>graph attempted.   |            |
|                        | "Q"                       | J.1467 S/L McKinross E.W., J.14769<br>P/O Allen L.A., J.18973 P/L Ramsay D.<br>P/O, R.131485 P/S Brasley J.S.,<br>R.60595 P/S Foster L.A., R.28204 P/S<br>Clifford N.H., R.19795 P/O Booth R.A.<br>Bombload: (Same as 'X').  |      | 2150 | 0103 | "Q" "VISUAL BACKER UP"<br>Quite clear visibility in target area. Aiming Point identi-<br>fied visually. Two runs. T.I.s released at 2334 hours<br>from 12,000 feet on Aiming Point. Bombs released at 2340<br>hours from 11,500 feet on centre of T.I. reds. H.2.S.<br>showed good returns up to 9 miles inside French Coast. Town<br>and Marshalling yards identified visually and on run in at<br>2328 hours, red/green T.I.s seen to go down. These were<br>Northwest of Marshalling Yards. On second run, bombed centre<br>of red T.I.s which according to M.C. were S.I. These were<br>south of first lot of red/green. Few bomb bursts seen West<br>of yards but one stick seen to straddle the big cluster of<br>reds we bombed on. Landed base. Photograph attempted. |            |
|                        | "P"                       | J.21384 P/O Stronach M.F., J.21336<br>P/O Armstrong A.T., R.159804 P/S H.J.<br>Phillips, R.133995 SGT Thornhill H.<br>R.163537 SGT Singwa H.L., R.189973<br>SGT Dagnada J.L.G., R.1865144 SGT<br>Sharples J.W.<br>Bombload: (Same as 'X').                             |      | 2157 | 0101 | "P" "VISUAL BACKER UP"<br>Visibility good in target area. Two runs. T.I.s released<br>at 2332 hours from 11,500 feet on group of red T.I.s. Bombs<br>released at 2340 hours from 11,400 feet to East of concentration<br>of red and green T.I.s. On approach, one red and green cluster<br>to West edge of target, one red and green on centre of Marshalling<br>Yard, one cluster red/green to West on town, clusters close together<br>and merging. M.C. said "Bomb to Starboard". (P.T.O.).  |            |

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| 18/19th<br>(Continued) | Lancaster III             |   |                |      |      | <b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "FREIGNER" (Continued)</b>  | A-29       |
|                        | "B"                       | J.21384 P/O Strobach  | M.P. & Crew    |      |      | "B" * * * VISUAL BOMBER UP * (Continued)<br>M.G. heard own bombing and said "Bang On". Said towards unit was creeping slightly towards town. Landed Base. Photograph attempted.  |            |
|                        | "B"                       | RAF/1336729 W/O Darlow A.E., R.143080<br>W/O Lorimer G.A., J.19356 P/O Methery<br>L.A., RAF/1390377 P/S. Barrall A.,<br>RAF/1814673 SGT Utton T.E., R.182337<br>P/S Depford D.W., RAF/1603266 SGT<br>Richards P.W.<br>Bombload: (Same as 'A').    |                | 2156 | 0056 | "B" * * * VISUAL BOMBER UP *<br>Clear above with haze below in target area. T.L.s released at 2335 hours from 11,800 feet (also 1 x 1,000 lb. G.), an group of red and Green T.L.s. Bombs released at 2338 hours from 11,000 feet on group of red and green T.L.s. On approach, a good concentration of red and green T.L.s at edge of centre of Marshalling yard. Own green T.L. dropped at 2335 hours, and seen to fall on North-East edge of concentration. Bombing run 350% at 2338 hours. All bombing was around concentration of T.L.s. On first run, one green T.L. to West (one mile), and one single red and single green to East (one mile). These were only T.L.s seen astray. One green cascaded 5 miles North of target at 2344 hours. Landed base. Photograph attempted.   |            |
| 20th/21st              |                           |   |                |      |      | <b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "LENS" IN AIRCRAFT DETAIL</b>   | A-30       |
|                        | "Z"                       | J.5795 W/C R.J. Lane, D.S.O., D.F.C.<br>J.11442 S/L G.B. Ellwood, D.F.C.,<br>RAF/120393 S/L J. Baker, D.F.C.,<br>RAF/172477 P/O D.W. Langley, D.F.M.,<br>R.65753 W/O Reid G.E., RAF/69382 W/O<br>J.B. Tomhall, D.F.M., R.95827 SGT<br>Kelley D.A. | D.S.O., D.F.C. | 2214 | 0111 | "Z" * * * MASTER BOMBER AND VISUAL BOMBER *<br>4/10 thin cloud at 7,000 feet in target area. Thick cloud from 500 to 1,000 feet. Load released at 2348 hours from 5,400 feet on T.L. greens. Flares were mostly dropped some before the Mosquitoes T.L.s green (which were about 3 minutes late) and were widely scattered. Saw Northwest end of Marshalling Yard West of river and estimate Mosquitoes T.L. greens were on Marshalling Yard East of Aiming Point. Made second run and T.L. reds were slightly East of Greens previously seen and probably off the Marshalling Yard and were being bombed. T.L. reds and T.L. greens slightly to North were also bombed. The Master Bomber said "Go for the Greens" and they were backed up. On third run, smoke prevented identification but greens were almost certainly in the Marshalling Yard and bombing was well concentrated, apart from some wastage to North and East. At 2345 hours, large explosion, believed petrol. Landed base. Photograph attempted. <i>Downy 17 11.1.46</i> |            |
|                        | "B"                       | J.1467 P/L Menkinson B.W., J.11749<br>P/L Allen L.A., J.12373 P/L D. Ramsey,<br>P/O, RAF/131663 P/S Bradley J.S., R.60338<br>P/S Foster L.A., R.54304 P/S Clifford<br>R.N., G.19795 P/O Bodth E.A.<br>Bombload: (Same as 'A').                    |                | 2153 | 0100 | "B" * * * VISUAL BOMBER *<br>7/10 status obscurus from 6 to 7,000 feet with good visibility in target area. Visually identified & P. on 3rd run. Used one green and one red T.L. on ground for bombing. Load released at 2346 hours from 5,000 feet. One shot 200 yards on one green and one red T.L. both on ground. On arrival at 2337 hours, saw illumination flares dropping Northwest and central section of Marshalling Yard. (Continued on next page.)  |            |

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| 20/21st (Continued) | Lancaster III          | J. 3467 S/L Hrenkinson E.W. & Crew   | (Continued) |      |      | <p><b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "LENS" (Continued)</b></p> <p><b>"S" "VISUAL MARKER" (Continued)</b></p> <p>One green T.I. cascaded at same time to Southeast. By the light of these flares, identified A.P. which was poorly illuminated. Made second run on similar heading but unable to identify A.P. owing to poor illumination. Third run made from Southeast to Northwest. Identified A.P. and called for permission to drop yellow T.I.s. Permission came too late. Made fourth run from Northwest to Southeast at 2345 hours, smoke prevented identification—saw large orange explosion at 2345 hours, flames did not last long. On 5th run, saw one T.I. green on port side and one T.I. red on starboard both on ground. These were in extreme Southeast corner of yard so overshoot by about 200 yards to get A.P. Bombing was concentrated but some bombing took place before zero hour. Landed base. Photograph attempted.</p> <p><b>"S" "VISUAL MARKER"</b></p> <p>9/10ths thin stratus cloud at 8,000 feet with patches below in target area. Lead released at 2347 hours from 5,000 feet on one red T.I. seen cascading at 2345 hours. No marking on arrival at 2345 hours, but illuminator flares were falling approximately 5 miles Northeast of target area. At 2357 hours, one green T.I. burst astern - orbited. At 2358 hours, one red T.I. burst and then on red and green T.I.s fell at 4 minute intervals. Could not identify A.P. on second run. Average height was 5,000 feet, but at one time went down to 3,000 feet. During 3rd run at 2345 hours, saw a terrific orange explosion with flames rising from 50 to 100 feet, which flared up momentarily and died out. At same time, 3 red and one green T.I. burst and cascaded. Bombed one red T.I. Marking was concentrated and bombing appeared well on the markers. Illuminator flares were scattered all around target area. Saw Mosquito coded in S/L near London and L/P gun shooting at friendly aircraft. Suggest defences are warned of our routeing. Landed base. Photograph attempted.</p> | A-30       |
|                     |                        | <p>J. 1528 S/L G. Bennett, D.F.C.,<br/>J. 14781 P/L Baker E., J. 85093 P/O<br/>Davies F.C., RAF/106133 P/S Rodgers<br/>A., D.F.M., R. 18010 P/S Joel W.V.,<br/>E. 167560 P/S Frame J.H., RAF/1381572 P/S<br/>Bass J.L., J. 5781 S/L Sheary G.A., D.F.C.<br/>Visual Nav/set/op.</p> <p>Bombload: (Same as 'E').</p> |             | 2152 | 0049 | <p><b>"S" "VISUAL MARKER"</b></p> <p>Spoken cloud at 8,000 feet. Sky, and no cloud below 6,800 feet in target area. Flares dropped on one red T.I. at 2336 hours from 6,000 feet. Bombs on one red and one green on ground and one green cascading at 2334 hours from 6,700 feet. First run at 2334 hours, dummy run at 8,000 feet on E.T.s. and some flares seen ahead. Second run, dropped out flares on one red T.I. Other flares dropping three miles to West. Third run bombing was concentrated on T.I.s and no explosive seen outside ring of T.I.s. At approximately 2345 hours, big orange red explosion, which commenced as red glare with flames to 1,000 feet. H.2.S. definition too poor to have been used for bombing. Landed base. Photograph attempted.</p>  |            |
|                     |                        | <p>RAF/111176 S/L T-Hilbach H.W.A., J. 13823<br/>P/L Armstrong S.W., RAE/17354 P/O<br/>Kanarens A.D.N., RAE/1312308 P/S A.G.<br/>Abbott, AUE/106157 P/L Wood R.C.,<br/>RAF/152247 P/S Bostock W., RAE/1623883<br/>P/S Harrison J.</p> <p>Bombload: 5 Cluster 7" Hooded flares.<br/>9 x 1,000 M.G.</p>              |             | 2154 | 0051 | <p><b>"S" "VISUAL MARKER"</b></p> <p>Spoken cloud at 8,000 feet. Sky, and no cloud below 6,800 feet in target area. Flares dropped on one red T.I. at 2336 hours from 6,000 feet. Bombs on one red and one green on ground and one green cascading at 2334 hours from 6,700 feet. First run at 2334 hours, dummy run at 8,000 feet on E.T.s. and some flares seen ahead. Second run, dropped out flares on one red T.I. Other flares dropping three miles to West. Third run bombing was concentrated on T.I.s and no explosive seen outside ring of T.I.s. At approximately 2345 hours, big orange red explosion, which commenced as red glare with flames to 1,000 feet. H.2.S. definition too poor to have been used for bombing. Landed base. Photograph attempted.</p>  |            |

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| 20/21st<br>(Continued) | Lancaster III             |   |      |      |      | <b>BOMBING ATTACK ON " IENS " (Continued)</b>   | A-30       |
|                        | "0"                       | J.16100 P/O Yates G.F.A., AUS/4024.02<br>P/L Ruse N.S., D.F.C., J.85391 P/O<br>Wilcock A.J., RAF/971618 W/O Hartley<br>E., J.13457 P/O McGourlick D.F.,<br>E.191089 SGT Allard M.L., RAF/1581015<br>SGT Gunthorpe K.                |      | 2201 | 0053 | " 0 " " VISUAL BACKER UP "<br>to 6/10 cloud from 5,000 to 7,000 feet in target area.<br>& T.I. green and 1 x 1,000 M.C. released at 2343 hours from<br>8,000 feet and 11 x 1,000 M.C. released at 2346 hours from<br>7,000 feet. On approach saw scattered green T.I.s at approx-<br>imately zero. Immediately after, 2 T.I. red fell and raid<br>was then concentrated. No ground detail identified. Own<br>green T.I.s fell on centre of 2 T.I. reds. Explosion seen<br>with red flare and black smoke near red T.I.s just after<br>own T.I.s dropped. At 2345 hours, very large explosion<br>occurred, possibly oil. Landed base. Photograph attempted.<br>" y " " ILLUMINATOR "                                       |            |
|                        |                           | Bombload: 2 LB. & 2 ORD. T.I. Green<br>22 x 1,000 M.C.  |      |      |      |   |            |
|                        | "y"                       | J.7978 S/L J.E. McDonald, D.F.C.,<br>RAF/173883 P/O G.G. Bellamy, D.F.M.,<br>J.19820 P/O E.W. Wright, D.F.M.,<br>J.17590 P/O Gibbs J.E., J.16125 P/O<br>Burt R.R.H., J.19988 P/O Routledge J.,<br>RAF/54439 P/O Wright R.R., D.F.M. |      | 2156 | 0041 | 6/10ths thin layer cloud at 7,500 feet in target area.<br>Flares released at 2335 hours from 8,000 feet and bombs<br>released at 2340 hours from 6,000 feet. H.2.S. and timed<br>run from Astons for first run, and sheds in S.E. corner of<br>Marshalling Yards for 2nd run. Made excellent H.2.S. run.<br>Nothing down on arrival. Dropped flares. Saw Marshalling<br>Yards through gap in cloud. Turned to Starboard and T.I.s<br>green went down just E.S.E. of our flares. Other flares<br>seen 5 miles to N.E. Dropped bombs visually on sheds in<br>S.E. corner of M/Y. T.I. green just E. of A.P. Heard<br>Master Bomber calling for illuminators. Landed base.<br>Photograph attempted.<br>" p " " ILLUMINATOR " |            |
|                        |                           | Bombload: (Same as 'A')   |      |      |      |   |            |
|                        | "p"                       | AUS/40989 P/O Chubb W.M., J.23990<br>P/L Kemp G.W., RAF/151242 P/L W.<br>Snelair, RAF/575648 P/S 8311 J.E.,<br>J.85382 P/O S.W. Chm., RAF/2216175<br>P/S Daniels R.D., RAF/2202658 P/S J.<br>Buckley.                               |      | 2155 | 0059 | 6 to 7/10 cloud at 6,500 feet in target area. Flares re-<br>leased on H.E. at 2334 hours from 8,000 feet and bombs<br>released on 2 green T.I.s amidst concentration of green<br>T.I.s at 2331 hours from 5,000 feet. On approach, nothing<br>to be seen. On flares first flares down at 2335 hours.<br>On orbit, one red T.I. fell at 2337 hours, about 2 miles<br>South of own flares at target. Second run (Dummy) cloud<br>obscured T.I.s. Third run, after waiting for target to<br>clear and suitable visual marking bombed at 2351 hours.<br>Bombed green T.I. on instructions from M.C. Landed base.<br>Photograph attempted.<br>" p " " ILLUMINATOR "  |            |
|                        |                           | Bombload: (Same as 'A')   |      |      |      |   |            |
|                        | "p"                       | J.19536 P/O Borrowes R.D., D.F.C.,<br>J.18424 P/L Mitchell J., J.22411 P/O<br>Hinselaffe A., R.131645 W/O Montgomery<br>R.J., R.111793 W/O Spearman G.D.,<br>R.104431 W/O Pothier B.F., RAF/171911<br>P/O Squires R.L.              |      | 2156 | 0016 | 4/10 thin cloud at 5,000 feet in target area. Flares re-<br>leased at 2335 hours from 7,800 feet by H.2.S. bearing and<br>Geo position line. Bombs released at 2343 hours from 7,000<br>feet - undershot on T.I. red and T.I. green. Arrived on<br>time. Nothing down. Dropped flares, other flares 1/2 mile<br>ahead to Northeast, well astern to S.W. and to S.E. T.I.<br>Green went down just to E. of our flares. Made dummy bombing<br>run - saw T.I. green with T.I. red close by on railway lines,<br>but point not identified. Made second run and bombed T.I.s.<br>Heard H.C. calling for illuminators. Landed base. Photo taken.  |            |
|                        |                           | Bombload: (Same as 'A')   |      |      |      |   |            |

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| 20/21st<br>Continued | Lancaster III             |  |      |       |      | <b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "LENS" (Continued)</b>  | A-30       |
|                      | "Y"                       | J.1898 F/L Morrison H.A., J.21216 F/L<br>Owale L.W., J.26343 F/O Swartz R.A.,<br>R.151763 F/S Darcy G.W., R.163220 SGT<br>Lejumbo C.A., R.132761 F/S Mibiak W.,<br>RAF/160454 SGT Maitson R.                               |      | 2157½ | 0055 | "Y" "ILLUMINATOR"<br>6 to 7/10 cloud with fair visibility in target area. Flares<br>released at 2335 hours from 8,000 feet by H.2.S. Bombs<br>released at 2352 hours from 7,500 feet on centre between<br>two green T.I.s seen cascading at 2350 hours. No marking<br>on arrival at 2355 hours, but illuminator flares were<br>dropping approximately two miles to N.W. of Marshalling<br>Yard. Visually identified bridge to N.W. of yard. Green<br>T.I.s on ground at 2337 hours, orbited awaiting yellow<br>T.I.s until heard M.C. instruct Main Force to bomb Green<br>T.I.s. Ran in and bombed two green T.I.s. Identified<br>railway line. Bombing appeared to be scattered. At<br>approximately 2355 hours, saw large orange explosion.<br>Landed base. Photograph attempted.   |            |
|                      | "T"                       | J.21384 F/O Stromach M.P., J.21356<br>F/O Armstrong A.T., R.15084 F/S R.W.<br>Phillips R.A., RAF/133987 SGT L.A.<br>Thornhill, R.165337 SGT Gingsas P.H.,<br>R.188973 SGT Daganais J.L.G.,<br>RAF/186514 SGT Sharpley J.W. |      | 2202½ | 0107 | "T" "VISUAL BACKER UP"<br>4 to 5/10 stratus cumulus cloud with good visibility in<br>target area. Flares released at 2344 hours from 6,600 feet<br>and bombs released at 2357 hours from 4,900 feet on one<br>green T.I. on ground first seen on ground at 2355 hours.<br>On arrival at 2359 hours, saw one red and one green clusters<br>of T.I.s on ground, made orbit and dropped T.I.s on second<br>run between red and green T.I.s. Could not see any part<br>of Marshalling Yard, owing to smoke. Made 3rd run - dummy.<br>Dropped bombs on fourth run between red and green T.I.<br>Marking was very scarce. Saw large yellowish flash -<br>larger than bomb burst at 2355 hours. Landed base.<br>Photograph attempted.   |            |
|                      | "W"                       | RAF/1336728 F/O Darlow A.E., R.143080<br>W/O Lorimer G.A., J.19356 F/O Methery<br>W.A., RAF/1390577 F/S Barrill A.S.,<br>RAF/1814675 SGT Utton T.E., R.182337<br>F/S Copeland D.J., RAF/1603266 SGT<br>Richards F.W.       |      | 2205  | 0105 | "W" "VISUAL BACKER UP"<br>None and 5/10 cloud at 7,000 feet in target area. Flares<br>and 1 x 1,000 M.C. released at 2321 hours from 6,500 feet<br>between red and green T.I., nearer red T.I. Bombs released<br>at 2355 hours from 6,800 feet on T.I. green. First run,<br>dummy run, (distributor jam stuck) at 2344 hours, on one<br>red T.I. (only T.I. down). Several lines illuminators to<br>South of target. Second run, one red and one green T.I.<br>seen, ½ mile apart. No ground detail seen. On T.I.s<br>seen between red and green. Third run, too busy to see<br>target details on starboard orbit. Bombed green on instructions<br>from Master Bomber. 4th F/O bombed 10 miles South of target.<br>Master Bomber warned against undershooting at approximately<br>2352 hours. Landed base. Photograph attempted. |            |
|                      |                           | Bombload: (Same as "A").   |      |       |      |  |            |
|                      |                           | Bombload: (Same as "O").   |      |       |      |  |            |
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| 20/21st<br>(Continued) | Lancaster III             |  |      |      |      |  | A-30       |
|                        | "J"                       | J. 2192 P/L Perry J.W., RAF/111156 P/O<br>Reynolds K.H., J. 29571 P/O Hiscott<br>R.W., J. 18625 P/O Hallena G.B.,<br>R. 188284 SGT McLenahan A.E.H.,<br>R. 189722 SGT McGree J.R., RAF/1608234<br>SGT Beach T.J. |      | 2158 | 0057 | <b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "LENE" (Continued)</b><br>"J" "SUPPORTER"<br>7/10 thin cloud at 6,000 feet in target area. Seven 1,000 M.C. released at 2346 hours from 8,000 feet on T.I. red. Seven 1,000 M.C. released on 2 T.I. green at 2351 hours from 7,000 feet. Arrived on time. Scattered flares and one load of T.I. green down. No ground detail seen. During orbit, second T.I. green followed in same place. Made second run, saw 2 red T.I.s and one green T.I. very close together (100 yards) bombed one red (others out). At 2346 hours, a big explosion seen. Made 3rd run and two greens overlapping and one red slightly Northeast. Other greens followed in close concentration. M.C. heard calling for illuminators and telling Master Main Force to bomb Greens. Landed base. Photograph attempted. |            |
|                        |                           | Bombload: 7 x 1,000 M.C.   |      |      |      |  |            |
|                        | "H"                       | J. 85050 P/O Herbert R.G., J. 20236 P/O<br>Edon F.A., R. 158805 W/O Cardno M.B.,<br>RAF/131876 SGT Owen L.F., R. 75782<br>SGT Miles R.I., RAF/189004 SGT Crisp<br>S.A., RAF/1121760 SGT Midland H.B.             |      | 2200 | 0103 | "H" "SUPPORTER"<br>8/10 thin cloud at 5,000 feet in target area. Seven 1,000 M.C. released at 2341 hours from 8,000 feet on T.I. red. Seven 1,000 M.C. released at 2354 hours from 7,000 feet on T.I. green. Slightly off track outward. Arrived one minute late. Flares scattered. T.I. green and T.I. red to S.W. of flares. Bombed 5 T.I. red. No pin-points. On second run, T.I. green only, held bombs and made third run and bombed T.I. green following Master Bombers orders. Landed base undamaged. Photograph attempted.   |            |
|                        |                           | Bombload (Same as 'J').  |      |      |      |  |            |
|                        | "K"                       | J. 19951 P/O De Maria D., J. 85217 P/O<br>Pearson W.H., J. 23635 P/O Simpson M.G.,<br>R. 87992 P/O Haddleton A.R., RAF/2208916<br>SGT Strapps L., RAF/186588 SGT J.<br>McKinson, RAF/156740 SGT Hamilton A.      |      | 2159 | 0043 | "K" "SUPPORTER" <i>3 loads x 1000 M.C.</i><br>Patches 8/10 and 10/10 thin stratus cloud from 5 to 6,000 feet in target area. Load released at 2343 hours from 7,200 feet, on cluster of 2 loads of T.I. red and one load of T.I. green. Arrived on time. Saw flares below clouds with one load of T.I. green cascading. Orbiting to Starboard, heard M.C. saying "Bomb Greens" and calling for illuminators. Two loads of T.I. reds and one T.I. green in close concentration seen through gaps in cloud and bombed. River and built up area seen on first run and greens appeared on right place. No yellow T.I. seen. Landed base. Photograph attempted.   |            |

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|         |                           |  |      | Up   | Down |  |                                |
| 22/23rd | Lancaster III             | J. 21384 P/O Strensham R.F., J. 21354<br>P/O Armstrong R.F., R. 15084 P/O R.F.<br>Phillips, RAV/152248 SGT Thomas D.I.<br>R. 16273 SGT Morgan R.F.,<br>R. 16273 SGT Morgan R.F.,<br>RAV/16244 SGT Sharpley J.W.                |      | 2326 | 0315 | <b>IMMEDIATE ATTACK ON "MUSKELBROT" 7 A/C INSTALLED</b><br>"X" "VISUAL BOMBING"<br>No cloud with smoke or vapour trails at 17,000 feet in target area. Lead released at 0312 hours from 16,400 feet on concentration of red and green T.I.s. On approach, noticed identified head of river and East bank was mass of fires, white and red, and smoke from incendiaries and buildings. T.I.s. red and green seen in concentration in centre of fires. Incendiaries overshooting west in great numbers to S. W. and S.W. 3 to 4 miles. Red orange sudden fire at 0330 hours, or explosion, burst to North edge of target. Great yellow explosion on target at 0340 hours. Landed base. Photograph attempted. | A-51                           |
|         |                           | J. 1407 S/L McKinstry R.W., J. 1470<br>P/L Allen L.A., J. 12773 P/L Emsay<br>D., R.N.C., RAV/114483 P/O Bradley<br>J.S., R. 60255 P/O Foster L.A.,<br>L. 52304 P/O Clifford K.H., G. 13795<br>P/O Booth R.H.                   |      | 2325 | 0301 | <b>"X" "VISUAL BOMBING"</b><br>Cloud in target area. Lead released at 0310 hours from 16,000 feet on cluster of red T.I.s. At 0316 hours, on approach, first lot of red T.I.s. went down. Lead as given identified and estimate that second lot of red T.I.s. were dropped slightly West of Aiming Point as they appeared to fall close to river. Built up area seen by photo flash. Bombing and marking concentrated but consider a fair percentage of Main Force bombed South of Aiming Point on dummy red T.I.s. Landed base. Photograph attempted.   |                                |
|         |                           | J. 16100 P/O Bates G.P.A., D.F.M.,<br>AW/102462 P/O H.S. Ross, D.F.C.,<br>J. 83398 P/O Wilson J.J., RAV/971618<br>P/O Bartley R., J. 17775 P/O Griffiths<br>R.N.C., R. 131089 SGT Aldart R.L.,<br>RAV/1583015 SGT Gunthergo K. |      | 2311 | 0247 | <b>"X" "VISUAL BOMBING"</b><br>No cloud with slight haze or vapour trails at 18,500 feet in target area. Lead released at 0244 hours from 18,500 feet on "X" and timed run from Aachen which agreed to 00, 20 minutes. Approaching target from third run from Aachen, good stage, interfered with by weaving owing to being covered by searchlights 7 miles from Düsseldorf. Moved and avoided S.W. and ran in and bombed on "George". No results observed owing to being covered on way out from target. Landed base. Photograph attempted. Aircraft suffered damage by flash, several holes, at 0250 hours, Düsseldorf.  | 22.20.00 (100)<br>16.40<br>2/2 |
|         |                           | J. 21455 P/O Rowan J. J., J. 21632<br>P/O Wilson R.A., J. 82640 P/O A.J.<br>Hester, RAV/179329 SGT Marchant R.L.<br>J. 82057 P/O Hayes J.R., J. 82847 P/O<br>Ellis R.O., R. 114479 SGT Smith E.G.                              |      | 2322 | 0252 | <b>"X" "VISUAL BOMBING"</b><br>Cloud with slight haze in target area. Lead released at 0318 hours from 17,000 feet on red T.I.s. Good returns on R.T.S. up to Düsseldorf. At 0312 hours, red T.I.s. went down and at 0315 hours, these were backed up by T.I.s. Green prior to bombing, distinguished ground detail at North and of Marshalling Yards. Consider red and Green T.I.s. were well placed, but one lot of red T.I.s. went down North of Aiming Point. Bombing generally ran North to South, but consider quite a lot under shot. Many fires and lots of smoke in target area seen from about 20 miles. Landed base. Photograph attempted.  |                                |

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| 22/23rd<br>(Cont'd) | Lancaster III             |   |      |      |      | <b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "MUSSELBORN" (Continued)</b>  | A-31         |
|                     | "                         | J.18200 P/O Madden W.L.D., J.18667 P/O<br>Burton J.R., J.21564 P/O Smith G.J.,<br>RAF/162625 P/O Calderwood W., G136A<br>W/O Hoffman R.A., R.13462 W/O R.A.<br>Alexander, RAF/17228 P/O Chamberlain<br>E. |      | 2333 | 0259 | Clear with good visibility in target area. Load released<br>at 0117 hours from 18,000 feet on three red T.L.s seen<br>passing at 0115 hours. No marking on arrival at 0115<br>hours. 3 red T.L.s, ascended. Immediately before bombing two<br>more red T.L.s ascended. Marshalling yard identified by<br>band in river area West. Cluster of 5 green T.L.s fell at<br>0125 hours. Red T.L.s dropped at 0127 hours. Green stretched<br>from North to South - 2 green T.L.s at 0136 hours. Attack<br>appeared concentrated in Marshalling Yard with a small con-<br>centration in gaps to S.W. Large crane explosion at 0130<br>hours in centre of Marshalling Yard. Large landed base.<br>Photograph attempted. |              |
|                     | "                         | J.18814 P/O Fisher G.L., R.85985 W/O<br>Minton A.R., J.23564 P/O Calhoun M.B.<br>R.59269 P/O Mize P.M., R.135228 SGT<br>Kilmer E., R.18258 SGT Ferguson G.L.<br>RAF/16260 SGT Kelly R.L.                  |      | 2334 | 0256 | Clear with slight haze above, in target area. Load<br>released at 0128 hours from 19,000 feet on two red and<br>mostly green T.L. in groups previously ascending. Red T.L.s<br>fell at 0134 hours, and green T.L. fell one minute later.<br>One in gap this group of T.L.s and bombed in built up area.<br>No results of bombing. Some fires starting. Raid appeared<br>to be underbaiting. 2 T.L.s. Many dummy flares appeared around<br>target. Landed base. Photograph attempted.   |              |
|                     | "                         | J.18387 P/O McDonald S.G., J.23540 P/O<br>McIntyre J.A., J.23571 P/O Parsons W.,<br>J.19316 P/O Weaver G.L., R.188880 SGT<br>McKee R.L., J.19904 P/O Shepherd J.<br>RAF/173083 P/O Barnaby M.A.           |      | 2335 | 0301 | Clear with slight haze above in target area. Load released<br>at 0120 hours from 18,000 feet on concentration of green<br>T.L.s. On run in built up area and band in river identifi-<br>fied visually. At 0113 hours, first lot of red T.L.s seen<br>followed by continuous stream of green and red T.L.s. Marking<br>well concentrated. Bombed centre of green T.L.s. Large<br>area covered by smoke haze. Many dummy flares seen South<br>of Düsseldorf contained in large semi-circle. Landed base.<br>Photograph attempted.  |              |
| 22/23rd             |                           |   |      |      |      | <b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "LACH" - 7 AIRCRAFT DETAIL</b>  | A-32<br>A-32 |
|                     | "                         | J.19387 P/L Perry J.K., RAF/14456 P/O<br>Byrnie L.H., J.29571 P/O Macgett E.,<br>J.18620 P/O Hollens G.R., R.188268 SGT<br>Schroeder A.R., R.13477 SGT McKee J.<br>RAF/162624 SGT Beach G.S.              |      | 2228 | 0209 | Clear visibility in target area. Load released at 0011<br>hours from 8,000 feet. At 2358 hours, illuminating flares<br>seen on run in. At 2359 hours, these were followed by a<br>bank of green flares. Saw up on these and ground detail.<br>Marking railway tracks, picked up visually. The green<br>T.L.s fell back off the edge of Marshalling Yard. Instructed<br>by M.C. not to bomb the green T.L.s, so orbited. On second<br>run, bombed North of green T.L.s as instructed by M.C. Just<br>before bombing at 0009 hours, a big explosion seen and M.C.<br>heard to say "Bomb explosion". Consider bombing seen and well<br>concentrated. Only one lot of red T.L.s seen. (Cont'd over)                |              |

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|                  |                        |   |      | Up   | Down |  |            |
| 22/23rd (Cont'd) | Lancaster III<br>"Y"   | (Continued)   |      |      |      | <p><b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "LACH" (Continued)</b></p> <p>"Y" (Continued)</p> <p>At a position of 49°34' N-03°30' E, aircraft was surprised by an enemy fighter identified by the W/O as a JU-88. The encounter was 0005 hours, while flying at 8,000 feet, before the bombs were released. Visibility was good with no cloud and no moon, slight smoke haze below. The first indication of attack was when his wings scored on the fin, port quarter. Only one short burst was fired which killed the rear gunner, setting fire to his parachute and the E.L.S., after which the fighter broke away port quarter up and was sighted by the W/O and identified. Only one attack was made and no word was received from the rear gunner (RAF/R.189722 SGT McKee J.R.), the mid-upper gunner did not sight the attack. Considerable damage was caused to the bomber which rendered unserviceable the following equipment: D.R. Compass, I.R.F., I/O, W/T, R/T, Elevation and rudover. Two fires were started, one in the rear turret and one in the E.L.S. compartment, these were extinguished by members of the crew. Motion was not in use at the time of the attack. Landed base. <del>Some damage done.</del></p> | a-3L       |
|                  | "J"                    | J.1951 P/O De Maria C., J.2527 P/O Pearson W.H., J.2565 P/O Simpson M.G., R.5792 W/O Madlister A.H., RAF/220216 SGT Strapp L., RAF/1865285 SGT J. Dickinson, RAF/156744 SGT Hamilton A.           |      | 2229 | 0217 | <p><b>"J" - BOMBING UP</b></p> <p>Good visibility in target area. Load released at 0011 hours from 5,000 feet on concentration of green and red T.L. Good returns on E.L.S. up to 30 miles off beach. At 0005 hours, green T.L. seen falling, but on approaching these, M.G. heard to say "Don't bomb green T.L.", and as we orbited for second run, illuminating flares came down followed by 2 groups of T.L.s red and green. On instructions from M.G., bombed between these two clusters - he also said "Ignore red T.L. placed North of other T.L.s". After bombing, ground obscured by smoke and a large fire seen. Landed base.</p>   |            |
|                  | "K"                    | RAF/174075 P/O O'Connor E., RAF/171622 P/O Hain J.W.G., RAF/139022 P/S E. Mearns, RAF/158443 P/S Whiston J.R., RAF/143418 P/S Foulds J., RAF/2206513 P/S Barr E., RAF/156284 SGT Henderson J.R.D. |      | 2229 | 0206 | <p><b>"K" - BOMBING UP</b></p> <p>Good visibility in target area. At 1,000 M.G. released at 0008 hours from 7,000 feet and at 1,000 M.G. released at 0012 hours from 5,500 feet. First run dropped bombs on one green T.L. and on second run dropped bombs on 2 red T.L.s. On approach, yellow T.L. seen ascending approximately 10 minutes before bombing. Very smoky over target. M.G. instructed "Don't bomb and orbit to port". At 0007 hours, told to bomb slightly North of green T.L. Bombed and orbited to port. Bombed 2nd run on red T.L. Mid Upper Gunner (RAF/143418 P/S Foulds J.) slightly injured by flak. <del>Some</del></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(continued over)</p>   |            |

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| 22/23rd (Cont'd) | Lancaster III          |  |      |      |         | <b>REKIDDE ATTACK ON "LACH" (Continued)</b>  |            |
|                  | "K"                    | (Continued)  |      |      |         | "K" (Continued)<br>Flies run on T.L.s seen on loop of Marshalling Yard. Bombing concentrated on Marshalling Yard. M.G.s. rumbled a concentrated bombing. Aircraft hit by flak at 0022 hours, over Leon, 5,500 feet, damaging tail wheel, elevator-crip, numerous small holes in fuselage and mid upper turret damaged. Landed base. <b>REKIDDE ATTACK ON "LACH" (Continued)</b>  | A-32       |
|                  | "M"                    | RAF/174017 P/O Darlow A.E., R.143080<br>W/O McRimar G.A., J.19356 P/O Berthory<br>L.H., RAF/139477 P/S Maxwell L.,<br>RAF/188475 SGT Utton T.E., R.38337<br>P/S Copeland D.L., RAF/1605266 SGT<br>Richard P.W.       |      | 2221 | 0215    | NO cloud with very slight haze in target area. 1 Mix<br>2,000 M.G. released at 0020 hours from 6,000 feet on<br>slightly north of Green T.L., and six 2,000 M.G. released<br>at 0027 hours from 6,500 feet on red T.L. on ground. On<br>approach at 0005 hours, illuminating flares and no target<br>indicators. At 0005 hours and 0005 hours, M.G. said "Be<br>not bomb". At 0005 hours, very big explosion (No. 1 ware-<br>house) in Marshalling Yard with fallow of black smoke to<br>5,000 feet. Two loads appeared to undershoot early, approx-<br>imately 0003 hours. Target was well illuminated and all<br>ground detail of aiming point recognised. Landed base.<br><b>REKIDDE ATTACK ON "LACH" (Continued)</b>   |            |
|                  | "N"                    | J.18445 P/O Smith H., J.22413 P/O<br>Davies R.P., RAF/1336239 SGT O'Toole T., R.146659<br>W/O King W.H., R.65753 W/O Reid G.E.,<br>R.68504, SGT Molan R.C., 158683 SGT<br>King D.E.<br><b>REKIDDE</b> (Same as "J"). |      | 2222 | 0231    | NO cloud and very good visibility in target area. Five<br>1,000 M.G. released at 0016 hours from 6,000 feet on one<br>T.L. red on ground, and six 1,000 M.G. released at 0023<br>hours from 7,000 feet on one T.L. red seen ascending at<br>0022 hours. One 1,000 M.G. hung up - Jettisoned at 0026 M.<br>0011 E. at 0125 hours, 11,000 feet. At 0002 hours, saw<br>two yellow T.L.s ascending, these were backed up by two<br>green T.L.s followed by 2 red T.L.s. The green fell in<br>fields 2 to 3 miles W.S.W. of Aiming Point - Marshalling<br>Yards identified by railway lines. Permission to bomb<br>North of green was given at 0007 hours, but this was mis-<br>cellled - to bomb red T.L. instead. On second run, greens<br>were dying out and M.G. was jammed at 0012 hours, so bombed<br>on solitary red T.L. on ground. Smoke obscured identifica-<br>tions on this run. Landed base. <b>REKIDDE ATTACK ON "LACH" (Continued)</b> |            |
|                  | "P"                    | R.129685 P/S Saltshewy R.A.,<br>R.157896 W/O Eliver W.R., R.120080 P/S<br>Alberts E.L., RAF/1393768 SGT Bosworth<br>S., RAF/175299 P/O Tuskys J.W.,<br>R.196404 SGT Grodzki J., R.81139 SGT<br>Berkey G.R.           |      | 2225 | MISSING | This aircraft failed to return from this operation and<br>nothing has been heard from any member of the crew since<br>time of take off.<br><b>REKIDDE</b> (Same as "J").   |            |

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| 21/25th (Cont'd) | Lancaster III          |  |      |      |      | <b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "KAMARU" (Continued)</b>   | A-33       |
|                  | "A"                    | J. 7978 S/L J. E. McDonald, D.F.C.,<br>RAF/173885 P/O G. G. Collins, D.F.M.,<br>J. 19820 P/O R. W. Wright, D.F.C.,<br>J. 17290 P/O Gibbs J. C., J. 16125 P/O<br>Buff. S. R. W., J. 19988 P/O Southledge J.,<br>RAF/24239 P/O R. E. Wright, D.F.M.,<br>Bombload: (Same as 'A').   |      | 2205 | 0540 | <b>"V" "BLIND-MARKED ILLUMINATOR"</b><br>Down with some cloud, bottom of cloud at 18,000 feet, in target area. Lead released at 0053 hours from 15,000 feet on aiming point and hit up area in marshalling yard. At 0054 hours, found we were north of target by three T.L.s. Green ascending to South at 0055 hours, and by E. 2. L. Run in along railway - T.L. green and illuminator flares seen and recognized built-up area and marshalling yard and aiming point. No further T.L.s. before bombing. Six bombs burst on yard. Smoke on edge of yard on buildings. Good fires in target area on leaving. Bombing was scattered until mid-noon way, mostly overshooting and to South, probably due to E. 2. L. bombings. Aircraft hit by flak over target at 0055 hours; 15,000 feet; causing three small holes on port side navigator's cabin and navigator hit in the leg. Aircrafts using from Aachen to target at 18,000 feet and homeward to Strasbourg, 18 to 20,000 feet. Gained vibration landed base. Photograph attempted. |            |
|                  | "B"                    | J. 15048 S/L G. Bennett, D.F.C.,<br>J. 124701 P/L Baker R., J. 85993 P/O F. Davies, RAF/286155 P/S Swigore A.,<br>D.F.M., R. 18046 P/S Joel W.V.,<br>R. 267280 P/S Evans J.H., RAF/1581572<br>P/S Ross J.L., RAF/180385 S/L J. Baker, D.F.C.<br>Bombload: 3 Ib. T.L. red, 3 Ord. T.L. Red;<br>3 Ib. T.L. Green, 3 Ord. T.L. Green;<br>1 x 4,000 H.G. Minol, 1 x 1,000 H.G. |      | 2200 | 0552 | <b>"V" "BLIND-MARKED ILLUMINATOR"</b><br>Drifting over target. Lead released at 0057 hours from 14,500 feet in cluster of 4 red T.L.s. At 0056 hours, first green. At 0057 hours, obvious heavy T.L. Red 5 miles South of target. For first 7 or 8 minutes, marking very concentrated. At 0057 hours, seven T.L. green, ranged city, with four E.L. reds in centre. Some T.L. reds dropped on West of main concentration. Some very scattered bombing all round target. Bombs seen in Mannheim area at 0059 hours. After leaving, very good fires seen in target area. At 0056 hours, one load of flares red/yellow seen 20 miles S.W. of target. Landed base. Photograph attempted.  |            |
|                  | "C"                    | AUX/40984 P/L Chass W.L., J. 23950<br>P/L Knapp G.W., RAF/151242 P/L W. Smead, RAF/1575600 P/S Gill J.T.,<br>J. 80382 P/S Sylvia G.L., RAF/2216175<br>P/S Daniels R.D., RAF/2202638 P/S Beckley J.H.<br>Bombload: 2 x 4,000 H.G. Minol, 5 x 1,000 H.G.<br>1 x 500 H.G.   |      | 2205 | 0544 | <b>"V" "BLIND-MARKED ILLUMINATOR"</b><br>5/10ths cloud at 20,000 feet with one big patch near target area. Lead released at 0062 hours from 15,000 feet on centre of concentration of red T.L.s. Green and smoke identified visually in light of photo flash - also built up area. At 0057 hours, from about 15 miles S.W. of target, first red T.L. seen and on run in two green T.L.s. seen down and just prior to bombing a red fell between these, so bombed on red T.L. A large fire south of concentration of markers seen and may more on leaving target. Consider a good percentage bombed north of town. Landed base. Photo attempted.   |            |

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| 26/25th<br>(Cont'd) | Lancaster III          | J.12760 P/O Long R.W., RAF/1395885<br>P/S Brock R., RAF/979645 P/S Edwards G.J., RAF/157255 SGT Leavelley W.R., RAF/181355 SGT Gowley A.W., R.187168<br>SGT Stroud H.A., RAF/1813034 SGT R.L. York.         |      | 2210 | 0020 | <b>DOUBLE ATTACK ON "KARLSRUHE" (Continued)</b><br>"C" "BLIND BAKER UP" (NO ATTACK)<br>Mission abandoned at 25:12 N. 02:30 E., 14,000 feet. Intense smoke from take-off. Load jettisoned 25:17 N. 02:34 E. at 2500 hours from 14,000 feet. Returned to base. Bombload: (Same as 'D').  | 4-58<br>A-33 |
|                     |                        | J.12820 S/L Coligny G.E., J.5304 P/L Court G.L., RAF/144430 P/O O'Neill J., J.85622 P/S Johnston M., R.135679 P/S Bernard J.G.H., R.151841 W/O McGee L., R.93667 SGT Keiley R.A.                            |      | 2229 | 0328 | "C" "BLIND BAKER UP"<br>Much cloud above at 18 to 19,000 feet, with nothing below except slight haze, in target area. Load released at 00:16 hours from 14,000 feet on concentration of T.L. red. Going to wind change, arrived over target at 00:16 hours. Missed dummy run on H.2.S. and obvious No.4. T.L. green down, and some reds. Missed second run to drop bombs - 22000 feet concentration of T.L. red and T.L. green with T.L. red predominating. Area close around T.L.s thickly carpeted with burning incendiaries. Miss leaving some solid areas of fires in obvious built up area. Landed base. Photograph attempted.  |              |
|                     |                        | Bombload: (Same as 'C').  |      |      |      |  |              |
|                     |                        | J.12467 S/L McKinney H.K., J.12479<br>P/L Allen L.A., J.12475 P/L Bessy B., RFC, RAF/1314683 P/S Bradley J.S., R.60332 P/S Foster L.A., R.52304 P/S Clatterd H.L., G.19795 P/O Booth R.A.                   |      | 2220 | 0538 | "S" "VISUAL BAKER UP"<br>Thin outer stratus cloud at 18,000 feet, broken in patches in target area. Load released at 00:17 hours from 18,500 feet on centre of red T.L.s. H.2.S. checked on bearing from Starbrucken. H.2.S. quite good up to Starbrucken - nothing picked up from there but from 30 miles West of Karlsruhe at 00:28 hours. Saw red T.L.s. going down and 11th anti-airing flares. They lit up river and docks and several roads were seen visually but nothing good enough to justify own markers. Bomb on centre of red T.L.s. and after bombing red/greens came down well placed and main force appeared to be entering on the concentration. Landed base. Photograph attempted. |              |
|                     |                        | J.2138 P/O Stronach M.P., J.2136<br>P/O Armstrong A.T., R.150844 W/O R.J. Phillips, RAF/1333967 SGT Thornhill H.A., R.165557 SGT Glasgow P.H., R.22977 SGT Hagenaie J.J.G., RAF/2865144<br>SGT Marples J.W. |      | 2237 | 0342 | "S" "VISUAL BAKER UP"<br>No cloud over target, but patches at 18,000 feet above. Load released at 00:18 hours from 17,200 feet on aim. 8 to 10 red and 6 to 7 green T.L.s. on run in, saw 7 T.L. red in groups at approximately aiming point. Saw after bombing some red T.L.s. 12 miles to South of target and one T.L. red H.L. one mile and one red 5 miles N.E. of target. Bombing was mainly around centre groups of red T.L.s. but some scattered mostly slightly under-shooting. Good fires burning in town and much smoke. Landed base. Photograph attempted.  |              |
|                     |                        | Bombload: (Same as 'S').  |      |      |      |  |              |

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| 24/25th (Cont'd) | Lancaster III          |   |      |      |      | <b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "KARLSRUHE" (Continued)</b>  |            |
|                  | "G"                    | J.16100 P/O G.P.A. Yates, D.F.M.,<br>SUN/402108 W/O Ross H.S., D.F.C.,<br>W/AG/100176 P/O Willock A.J., RAV/571618<br>W/O Bartley E., J.17375 P/O Griffiths<br>R.A.M., R.19108 SGT Allard B.L.,<br>W/AG/100115 SGT Guthrie's K. |      | 2204 | 0531 | "G" "SUPPORTER"<br>8/10 cloud above 18,000 feet and nothing below in target area. Lead released at 0037 hours from 17,000 feet on H.2.S. run following H.2.S. fix on Aschen. H.2.S. very unsatisfactory - from seen after Aschen. At H.2.S. target, nothing seen. Bombed on H.2.S. Just as we bombed, one T.L. green seen 2 to 6 miles to South, followed by numerous T.L. reds in excellent concentration. Intensified were in very heavy concentration around the markers, with a drag back to the Rhine and scattered leads well away in all directions, especially to West. Fires were very severe on town and just East of Harbour. Landed base. Photograph attempted. | A-33       |
|                  | "H"                    | J.85020 P/O Herbert R.G., J.20236 P/O<br>Edson P.A.; R.15885 W/O Gardin M.B.,<br>RAV/1380176 SGT Owen L.F., R.75742 SGT<br>Ellis E.L., RAV/183001 SGT Copley E.A.<br>RAV/188566 SGT Hunter H.W.                                 |      | 2205 | 0528 | "H" "SUPPORTER"<br>Believed bombed Speyer. Lead released at 0032 hours from 17,500 feet on H.2.S. following H.2.S. fix believed on Saarbrücken but probably Baumbrunn. H.2.S. unsatisfactory from Aschen. Had 20 minutes in hand when fix believed on Saarbrücken obtained. Water two minutes. Bombed Speyer in mistake for Karlsruhe. Raid then seen to start to South. Bombed very concentrated. Good fires to South, later. Some T.L. green seen to North of target. H.2.S. unsatisfactory from Aschen onwards. Landed base.   |            |
|                  | "I"                    | J.20921 P/O De Marin G., J.25247 P/O<br>Pearson W.H., J.23635 P/O Simpson M.<br>L.87992 W/O Hamilton A.R., RAV/2200815<br>SGT Stranges L., RAV/1866286 SGT J.<br>Dickinson, RAV/156704 SGT Hamilton A.                          |      | 2206 | 0534 | "I" "SUPPORTER"<br>10/10 cloud at 16,000 feet, clear below, in target area. Lead released at 0047 hours from 15,500 feet on H.2.S. Not very good returns on H.2.S. High picked up visually. Arrived late on target but from a good distance away at 0056 hours, first lot of green T.L.s seen - these were followed by more greens and reds. Marking was concentrated. Was in on red and green T.L.s and bombed centre of concentration on H.2.S. Centre of town was blazing. Lots of good fires seen on leaving but think many under-shot. On East side of river, to North of town, several red dummy T.L.s seen and a large dummy fire. Landed base. Photo attempted.     |            |
|                  | "J"                    | J.116033 P/O Eisman J.L.J., J.21632<br>P/O Wickers H.A., J.20080 P/O Hunter<br>W/O; RAV/1393499 SGT Shercock W.G.,<br>J.88487 P/O Hayes J.D., J.85067 P/O<br>Ellis E.L., R.114479 SGT Smith H.C.                                |      | 2207 | 0545 | "J" "SUPPORTER" (Believed Bombed KERSHUIS)<br>10/10 cloud at 18,500 feet in target area. Lead released at 0046 hours from 18,500 feet on H.2.S. Last certain H.2.S. fix obtained over Dutch Coast. Track from there uncertain owing to wind changes. Possession of wrong H.2.S. fix followed. Mistook Mainz for Kaiserlautern, Darmstadt for Mannheim, and Heidelberg for Karlsruhe. At 0046 hours, saw good fires in Karlsruhe area, with much widely scattered bombing. Got w/s from take off. Engaged by intense and accurate heavy flak and a/t for 17 minutes before bombing. Landed base.   |            |

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| 24/25th (Cont'd) | Lancaster III          | J.1964 P/O Fisher G.H., R.8595 W/O Johnson R.D., J.43964 P/O Gilburn R.H., R.99269 W/O Rice R.M., R.193120 SGT Misfari F., R.182995 SGT Ferguson G., R.9748760 SGT Jolly E.H.                                     |      | 2218 | 0230 | <p><b>BOMBING ATTACK ON KANIGAMBI</b> (Continued)</p> <p><b>"X"</b> <b>SUPPORTER</b></p> <p>Cloud in patches at 19,000 feet with heavy haze in target area. Load released at 0037 hours from 19,000 feet on centre of green T.L. Red T.L. up and compass was out at 0036 hours. Came out of cloud and saw one green T.L. ran up on this and bombed. On run out at 0045 hours, saw two red T.L.s come down. The greens had disappeared into cloud and thick haze obscured results of bombing. Landed base. Photograph attempted.</p>  | A-33      |
| 26/27th          |                        | J.7578 S/L J.R. McDonald, D.F.C., R.973883 P/O G.C. Bellamy, D.F.C., J.19820 P/O E.W. Wright, D.F.C., J.17290 P/O Gibbs J.C., J.16185 P/O Jeff R.H., R.970599 P/O Williams G.F., R.973429 P/O E.W. Wright, D.F.C. |      | 2312 | 0257 | <p><b>BOMBING ATTACK ON KANIGAMBI</b> <b>8 AIRCRAFT INVOLVED</b></p> <p><b>"Y"</b> <b>VISUAL OBSERVER</b></p> <p>Good visibility with 3/16 cirrus cloud at 19 to 21,000 feet. Load released at 0128 hours from 17,500 feet on one red T.L. seen ascending at 0128 hours. At 0128 hours, saw one red T.L. ascending. Bombed on this which was then on ground. Just after bombs released, 1/2 identified enemy sheds. Saw own bombs burst in built up area. Own T.L.s fell approximately 100 yards east of red T.L. After bombing passed over river. A large reddish explosion seen at 0135 hours. Three large fires burning in target area. Wanganui flares were burning at 20,000 feet at 0124 hours, and stage was falling above own aircraft. Landed base. Photograph attempted.</p> <p><b>"Y"</b> <b>SUPPORTER</b></p> <p>Nil cloud with good visibility in target area. Load released at 0128 hours from 18,500 feet on one load of T.L. red. A second load of T.L. red ascended almost on top of the first as we bombed at 0128 hours. At 0129 hours, approximately two greens ascended almost on reds. Many incendiaries, all well concentrated. Very good fires later. Landed base. Photograph attempted.</p> <p><b>"Y"</b> <b>SUPPORTER</b></p> <p>No cloud with slight haze in target area. Load released at 0129 hours from 18,600 feet on concentration of fires at position of red and green T.L. Red T.L. again ascending at 0125 hours in distance and wanganui with only one yellow star. Several green T.L.s ascending on red T.L.s. Then very concentrated bombing on the T.L.s, which were then obscured by smoke of bombing. On run up approximately 30 seconds after first red, a small explosion covering 100 yards rising 300 feet with orange flame, was observed. Very concentrated raid in early stages. Landed base. Photograph attempted.</p> | A-34      |
|                  |                        | J.9152 P/L Perry J.W., R.9744456 P/O Reynolds I.H., J.12971 P/O H. Scott R., J.18689 P/O Williams G.H., R.182995 SGT Johnson R.H., R.970599 P/O Jeff R.H., R.973429 SGT Smith T.J.                                |      | 2314 | 0259 | <p><b>Bomb load: 1 x 4,000 HP H.M., 5 x 500 SL, 6 x 1,000 H.M.</b></p>   |           |
|                  |                        | J.11025 P/O Evans J.L., J.21612 P/O Wickers H.A., J.85040 P/O Better R.D., R.9733329 SGT Merchant W.S., J.85287 P/O Ryan J.L., J.85287 P/O Ellis R.O., R.114479 SGT Smith T.G.                                    |      | 2326 | 0301 | <p><b>Bomb load: (Same as "Y").</b></p>  |           |

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| 26/27th (Cont'd.) | lanostes III           |  |      |      |      | <b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "ESSEN" (Continued)</b>  | 2033       |
|                   | "Y"                    | O.89022 CMT Ogenhaver L.B., W/O, J.11226 P/O Lewis J.W., W/O, RAY/15265 P/O Walker S.A., J.17172 P/O Smeater K.M., R.18828 SGT J.V. Carter, J.26606 P/O Brothman K.A., R.61157 SGT Vito W.L., J.82534 P/O Jenks A.B. |      | 2313 | 0506 | "Y" - <b>VISUAL OBSERVATION</b><br>No cloud with good visibility in target area. Load released at 0132 hours from 15,000 feet on centre of tight cluster of 3 T.L. red and one T.L. green. On arrival, 3 red T.L. and one green very close together with many incendiaries in good concentration. Subsequent marking continued with excellent concentration. After leaving, good fires were going. Sea up from English coast out. Landed base. Photo attempted.   | A-34       |
|                   | "X"                    | J.19884 P/O Fisher G.H., R.09999 W/O Johnson A.B., J.23964 P/O Calhoun M.H. R.99989 W/O Rice W.M., R.19320 SGT Macfarri P., R.18258 SGT Ferguson G. RAY/17160 SGT Jolly R.H.   |      | 2315 | 0509 | "X" - <b>SUPPORTING</b><br>No cloud with clear visibility in target area. Load released at 0132 hours from 19,000 feet on red T.L. and green T.L. concentrated. On approach at 0125 hours, one cluster of red T.L. cascaded. Green T.L. cascaded on reds approximately three minutes later. All bombing concentrated on S.L. concentration. At 0131 hours, attempted to bomb on centre of T.L. green but bombs hung up to 0132 hours. Cap bombs fell South of town 2 to 3 miles. Lots of fires and smoke on target. At 0143 hours, 3 Wagoni/Trikes fell on target. Landed base. Photograph attempted. |            |
|                   | "W"                    | J.43317 P/O McDonald S.G., J.122589 P/O McMillan J.A., J.2371 P/O Parsons R.F., J.19918 P/O Wesser G.H., R.18889 SGT Service D.R., J.19908 P/O T.L. Shepherd, RAY/17303 P/O Burasky M.A.                             |      | 2317 | 0511 | "W" - <b>SUPPORTING</b><br>Jettisoned load 10 miles Northwest of Essen at 0133 hours, from 15,000 feet - covered by searchlights. Clear with good visibility in target area. Jettisoned on S.E. following R.2.S. fix at 05:00 N. 06:30 E. Aircraft covered by approximately 100 searchlights in Master beam on reaching 5/2 belt. Moved violently but could not evade intense W.F. Jettisoned bombs when approximately 10 miles W/W of A.F. Saw marking of A.F. T.L. reds and greens. Last S.L. position before coming 52:22 N. 07:07 E. at 0112 hours, 15,000 feet. Landed base.                     |            |
|                   | "O"                    | J.89090 P/O Herbert R.G., J.20256 P/O Haden P.A., R.15885 W/O Garber M.H., RAY/138276 SGT Owen J.R., R.75742 SGT Miles R.L., RAY/189041 SGT Gray R.M., RAY/1424760 SGT Orland H.B.                                   |      | 2319 | 0528 | "O" - <b>SUPPORTING</b><br>No cloud with good visibility in target area. Load released at 0128 hours from 16,000 feet on one T.L. red. First T.L. red at 0128 hours, approximately, still burning on arrival, and bombed. Second T.L. red cascaded as we bombed at 0128 hours. Two to three minutes later, one T.L. green seen with no reds. Good fires well concentrated, seen later. Landed base. Photo attempted.  |            |
|                   | "U"                    | RAY/66562 P/O R. Waite-Smith, R.F.O., RAY/145387 P/O Giddard W., RAY/158625 SGT King D.K., RAY/145079 P/O Watson   |      | 2328 | 0534 | "U" - <b>SUPPORTING</b><br>Jettisoned on unidentified targets in Germany and France following sighting of hang up over target. No cloud with vapour trails at 22,000 feet. Bombs hung up and jettisoning bars failed to operate over target area although bomb doors opened 3 times. Landed base.   |            |
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| 24/27th | Lancaster III             |   |      |      |      |   |            |
|         | " B "                     | AUX/15924 W/L Chase W.M., J.23956<br>P/L Rouse S.W., RAV/15222 W/L W.<br>Simons, RAV/17369 W/S GILL J.T.,<br>J.8522 W/O G. Lamb G.L., RAV/22163 W/S<br>W/S Daniels R.H., RAV/22263 W/S<br>Buckley J.M.  |      | 2225 | 0204 | <b>BOMBING ATTACK ON VILLENUEVE ST. GEORGES</b><br><b>5 AIRCRAFT DESTROYED</b><br>" B " " ILLUMINATOR "<br>No cloud with clear visibility in target area. Lead released at 0028 hours from 10,000 feet on one red T.L. On run up, three of previous raid seen, then red T.L. fell and ran up on red T.L. The red T.L. fell at few seconds interval. Saw at 0031 hours, three reds ascending. Saw Centre's one of 3 red T.L. bombed. The two others (one port side and one starboard) very close together. T.L.s identified as diahous ally on marshalling yard at North of A.P. No results observed. Landed base.   | A-35       |
|         | " G "                     | Double: 4 x 1,000 GP,<br>5 x 1,000 H.C., 1 x 1,000 H.C. Minol,<br>5 clusters 7" hooded flares.<br>J.1822 W/L O'Leary G.M., J.5304 W/L<br>J.8202 W/O Schuster W/O 8 <sup>th</sup> Hall J.H.<br>Ramus J.G.M., R.15141 W/O McGee L.<br>R.32627 SGT Kelley D.A.                                   |      | 2221 | 0207 | " G " " ILLUMINATOR "<br>Clear visibility with cirrus cloud at 20,000 feet in target area. Lead released at 0031 hours from 12,000 feet on centre of stick of 3 red T.L.s ascending at 0031 hours. On arrival at 0031 hours, saw 3 red T.L.s ascending. Bombed on centre of these. Gun flares were first to illuminate the target. Gun flares fell almost immediately. No comments by Master or Deputy-bomber. Identified narrow neck between North and South yards. Three T.L.s were across yard from S.W. to N.E. One to Eastern edge of yard. Saw 3 good fires from first attack in Southern yard. Several fires seen after bombing. Saw explosion followed by Stinson's fireworks display, belated ammunition train. Landed base. Photograph attempted. |            |
|         | " A "                     | RAV/11176 W/L TWILMISH H.W.L.<br>J.13823 W/L Armstrong S.V., RAV/17351<br>W/O Manservants A.H.K., RAV/112308 W/S<br>Abbot A.G., AUX/48657 W/L Wood R.G.,<br>RAV/15227 W/S Bostock W., RAV/162348<br>W/S Davison J.  |      | 2222 | 0213 | " A " " ILLUMINATOR "<br>Clear with fair visibility in target area. Lead released at 0043 hours from 11,600 feet on one of three red T.L.s ascending at 0052 hours. Other two had burned out. On arrival at 0052 hours, saw 3 red T.L.s ascending. Did not hear Master or Deputy-bomber. Identified A.P. visually. T.L.s were between yard and built-up area to E. of A.P. Large explosion at 0045 hours; balls not ammunition train by fireworks display and purple flashes. Bombing seemed well concentrated. Good attack. Landed base. Photo attempted.  |            |
|         | " B "                     | Double: 5 x 1,000 H.C.,<br>1 x 1,000 H.C. Minol, 5 cluster 7".<br>100064 flares.<br>J.18760 W/O Long R.W., RAV/135885<br>W/O Brock R., RAV/97945 W/S Edwards<br>G.L., RAV/157538 SGT Jeavelley K.H.,<br>RAV/181355 SGT Gandy A.W., R.187162<br>SGT Stroud H.W., RAV/181303, SGT R.L.<br>Task. |      | 2226 | 0221 | " B " " ILLUMINATOR "<br>No cloud with fair visibility in target area. Lead released at 0039 hours from 12,000 feet on centre of 3 red T.L.s ascending at 0031 hours. On arrival at 0025 hours, saw flares from first attack and bomb bursts. At 0031 hours, saw 3 red T.L.s ascending to North of yard. Visually identified the railway line from E. to W. between N. and S. yards. Indicated by Master-bomber to bomb on centre T.L. at 0038 hours, at same time saw an orange explosion which burst into flames near Southern Yard in built-up area. A large white flash at 0046 hours, from target area. Landed base. Predicted heavy flak at 0115 hours, 49:25 N. 00:55 E at 12,000 feet.  |            |
|         |                           | Double: (Same as 'A').  |      |      |      |   |            |

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| 26/27th<br>(Cont'd) | Lancaster III             |   |      |      |      |   |              |
|                     | "M"                       | J.1528 S/L G. Bennett, W/O, J.1478<br>W/L Baker, J.1505 W/O Davies R.G.,<br>RAF/132159 W/L A. Rodgers, W/O,<br>R.12040 W/O Wood W.V., R.167560 W/O<br>Kane J.H., RAF/158573 W/O Ross J.L.<br>RAF/120395 S/L Baker J., W/O, VISUAL A/B.    |      | 2219 | 0226 | <p><b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "VILLERIEUX ST. GEORGES" (Cont'd).</b></p> <p>"M" - "SECRET BOMBERS"</p> <p>No cloud with clear visibility in target area. First run - released 3 hooded flares and 1 x 1,000 G.F. at North extremity of marshalling yard at 0028 hours from 6,000 feet. Second run - released 2 T.I. S.L. Green, 2 x 1,000 M.G., at 0045 hours from 6,000 feet - aiming point in bombight.</p> <p>On approach, main force failed to divert of target from 1st attack. Five fires in marshalling yard. Two fires between marshalling yard and river to west. Mosquitoes were late. Three red T.I. at 0031 hours, (one S.W. of A.P.), second North extremity of marshalling yard, third M.E. marshalling yard. Told Main Force to bomb centre T.I. red on heading with slight under shoot - also told M.E. to come round and drop red T.I. or A.P. which fell 2 to 3 hundred yards. One West of A.P. told to do another run with green and he reported bombight W/O. Aircraft illuminated for Deputy M.E. Another run and own green T.I. fell 2 to 300 yards west of A.P. Main Force told to bomb East of centre red and green T.I. Smoke from fires made identification possible only too late in run, so failed to illuminate for later bombers. Fires were going. Main Force told to bomb centre of fires. Thirteen fires at end of raid. 60 per cent of bombs in marshalling yard and some scattered bombing to N.E. between river and marshalling yards. Landed base.</p> | A-34<br>A-35 |
|                     | "S"                       | J.1467 S/L Mackintosh R.W., J.1474<br>W/L Allen L.A., J.2156 W/O Smith G.J.<br>RAF/1324683 W/L Bradley J.R., R.60335<br>W/S Foster L.A., R.52304 W/S Clifford<br>R.H., G.19795 W/O Booth R.A., J.12975<br>W/O Ramsey R., W/O, VISUAL A/B. |      | 2220 | 0231 | <p>"S" - "SECRET BOMBERS"</p> <p>No cloud with clear visibility in target area. First run - released 3 x 1,000 M.G. at 0025 hours from 6,000 feet, on aiming point. On run up, whole marshalling yard and A.P. identified. Two red T.I. fell (from Mosquitoes) at either side of North extremity. Second run - released 2 red T.I. at 0029 hours from 6,000 feet, on red T.I.s in bombight. Bombs just short of A.P. on marshalling yard near shed. Called on by M.E. to back up red T.I. and own fell same place. Third run - released 2 clusters hooded flares from 6,000 feet at 0044 hours on A.P. Fourth run - released flares from 6,000 feet at 0049 hours on A.P. Third run - dropped illuminated flares on own bombight w/o. Dropped flares for M.G. fell just South of A.P. Cycled and told M.E. white to bomb, i.e., East of red T.I. (800 yards). Told to drop last reserve flare for M.G. It fell but did not function. On leaving target area, smoke obscured whole area. No bombing results. Saw some concentrated area, but could not be pin point for smoke. All markers were 400 yards west of A.P. River said appeared East of M.E. in fields N.E. of S. - A.P. Landed base.</p>   |              |

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| 27/20th | Lancaster III          |   |      |      |   |                             |            |
|         | " D "                  | <p>WVA/0984 P/L Chase W.M., J.23950<br/>                     P/L Ruffy G.W., WAF/151842 P/L Simons<br/>                     W., RAF/157588 P/S Gill J.T., J.85382<br/>                     P/O Spink G.M., WAF/222675 P/S L.D.<br/>                     Daniels, WAF/222675 P/S Hookley R.M.</p> <p>Bombload: 5 Clusters 7" hooded flares,<br/>                     2 LB &amp; 2 ORD T.L. Green, 1 x 1,000 M.G.,<br/>                     1 x 4,000 M.G. Mine, 1 x 500 M.G.</p>                                 | 2230 | 0502 | <p><b>BOMBING ATTACK ON " BRIDGEMANRY "</b> <b>6 A/O DETAIL</b></p> <p>" D " <b>" BLIND MARKER ILLUMINATOR "</b><br/>                     No cloud with good visibility in target area. Eight hooded flares released at 0159 hours from 18,000 feet and 1 x 4,000 M.G. Mine, 1 x 1,000 M.G. &amp; T.L. Green and 12 hooded flares released at 0200 hours from 18,000 feet. Identified Aiming Point by H.S.S. after timed run from beam bearing on N.W. tip of Wooding-Lake. Nothing down on arrival. After bombing turned to starboard over lake and saw T.L. greens scattered over and around built up area, with mixed T.L. red and T.L. green about in the centre. When further away, saw good fires developing and soon noticed some fires, possibly in woods to East of target. At 0210 hours, large explosion from target area. Landed base. Photograph attempted.</p>  | A-36                        |            |
|         | " G "                  | <p>J.L.280 S/L Galdrey G.L., J.5104, P/L<br/>                     Court G.L., WAF/144430 P/O O'Neill J.M.<br/>                     J.85058 P/O Johnston K., R.135679 P/O<br/>                     Bannard J.G.M., R.151942 P/O McKee L.<br/>                     R.39627 SGT Dalley R.A.</p> <p>Bombload: (Same as 'D').</p>  | 2231 | 0530 | <p>" G " <b>" BLIND MARKER ILLUMINATOR "</b><br/>                     No cloud in target area. Five clusters 7" hooded flares released at 0159 hours from 18,000 feet. Remainder of bombload released at 0200 hours from 18,000 feet. Aiming point identified by H.S.S. checked by timed run from fix on South of Strabourgh. No marking seen on arrival at target. Dropped illuminating flares and T.L.s and bombs on H.S.S. and a few seconds before bombing, one green T.L. seen bursting S.E. of own position. Ran out and on burning coast time identified. M.G. heard to say "you are underbombing" and he instructed them to bomb certain T.L.s (colour not heard). Good concentration of bomb bursts seen in town area. Landed base. Photograph attempted.</p>  |                             |            |
|         | " H "                  | <p>J.L.280 S/L G. Bennett, WFC, J.L.1478<br/>                     P/L Baker E., J.85293 P/O Davies P.G.<br/>                     WAF/204359 P/S A. Baggott, WFC,<br/>                     R.13048 P/S Noel K.V., R.167568 P/O<br/>                     Frame J.H., WAF/158274 P/S Buss J.L.<br/>                     J.3783 S/L Sney G.L., WFC, Visual A/B.</p> <p>Bombload: 3 LB &amp; 3 ORD T.L. Red,<br/>                     3 LB &amp; 3 ORD T.L. Green,<br/>                     1 x 4,000 M.G. Mine.</p> | 2225 | 0508 | <p>" H " <b>" PRIMARY VISUAL MARKER "</b><br/>                     Clear with good visibility in target area. Visually identified wood to North of Aiming Point and two large factories to North East. Aiming Point was covered by red and green. T.L.s ascending and on ground. Load released at 0200 hours from 15,000 feet on built up area alongside road and green T.L.s. On arrival at 0200 hours, saw flares falling, then six clusters of green T.L.s cascaded at 0201 hours. Mixed red and green T.L.s cascaded at 0201 hours. Passed over aiming point well marked and corroborated and glare unreported definite identification, so retained T.L.s and only dropped H.S. Explosion from haystack, factory at 0204 hours. Head 1 1/2 miles West of aiming point, was well ablaze when leaving target. Intensity fires were creeping back Westward along bay. Smoke screen from generator seen at 0201 hours, but target was already well lit up and marked. Heard M.G. very clearly. Landed base. Photograph attempted.</p> |                             |            |

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| 27/28th<br>(Cont'd) | Lancaster III          |   |      |      |      |  |            |
|                     | " G "                  | J.4898 P/L Morrison H.A., J.24216 P/L<br>Quails L.W., J.26343 P/O Sparts R.A.,<br>R.154763 P/S Darcy G.J., R.163220 SGT<br>Le Jumbo O.A., R.32761 P/S Kmbiak W.,<br>RAV/169648 SGT Matcham R.                               |      | 2234 | 0537 | <b>BOMBING ATTACK ON " FROEDRIGSHAVEN " (Continued)</b><br>" G " <b>BOMBING REPORT</b><br>No cloud with slight haze and smoke, with moderate visibility in target area. Load released at 0209 hours from 16,500 feet on centre of 1st or 2nd T.I. in fairly small circle. At 0200 hours, first flames. On approach, saw rather scattered T.L. greens rather to North of estimated position of Mining Point. At 0202 hours, mixed T.L. red/green well backed up by T.L. red and later another T.L. mixed red/green. On arrival, mixed T.L. red/green were out, but several T.L. reds remained in good concentration and in the right places as judged by visual and H.2.S. observation of coast line. Secondaries were well concentrated with only a slight undershoot. After leaving, very good fires were going. Landed base. Photograph attempted. | 35<br>A-36 |
|                     | " O "                  | J.16100 P/O G.P.A. Yates, D.F.M.,<br>AUS/40240E P/L H.S. Ross, D.F.C.,<br>J.85321 P/O Wilcock A.J., RAV/971618<br>P/O Hartley R., J.17375 P/O R.A.M.<br>Gardiner, R.131089 SGT Allard R.L.,<br>RAV/1583015 SGT Ganthorpe K. |      | 2233 | 0659 | " O " <b>BOMBING REPORT</b><br>Clear with a thin layer of haze, in target area. Load released at 0159 hours from 18,000 feet on H.2.S. checked by timed run from North tip of Lake Constantine. H.2.S. exact - 26 mile range on H.2.S. - very good results. No markers down on arrival. Bombed on H.2.S. Dived off and saw town illuminated by white flames and 4 green T.L.s seen to fall at 0211 hours, spread over town East to West. Identified Bayback Meteorites North-east of railway. A sink of secondaries went down on these buildings. Meth heard at 0207 hours directing bombing into red/green T.L. He said they were on the Mining Point, and warned against undershooting. Fires seen from 60 miles away. Landed base. Photograph attempted.  |            |
|                     | " X "                  | J.19951 P/O De Maria G., J.85547 P/O<br>Pearson R.H., J.28835 P/O Simpson R.,<br>R.87992 P/O Middleton A., RAV/2203216<br>SGT Strappa L., RAV/1845285 SGT J.<br>Dickinson, RAV/156746 SGT Hamilton A.                       |      | 2232 | 0509 | " X " <b>BOMBING REPORT</b><br>Clear with good visibility in target area. Load released at 0207 hours from 18,500 feet on centre of concentration of 2nd and green T.L.s. Did not hear or adjusted Hero Hour owing to H.2.S. failure. So arrived 7 1/2 minutes late. When approximately 30 miles away from target saw first illuminator flames at 0208 hours followed by green T.L.s approximately one minute later, then one red and yellow flame. Mining Point was very well marked. Concentrated incendiary fires observed from Mining Point westwards for approximately 1 1/2 miles. Much white smoke seen, believed from generators. Place was well shown on leaving. Landed base. Photograph attempted.  |            |
| 27/28th             |                        |   |      |      |      | <b>BOMBING ATTACK ON " HERTFORD " 8 AIRCRAFT DETAIL</b>  | 36<br>A-37 |

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|                        |                           |  |      | Up   | Down |   |            |   |  |
| 27/28th<br>(Continued) | Lancaster III             | <p>"A" RAB/11176 S/L T. Clibb H.W.A.,<br/>P/O Bannerman A.H.I., RAB/17351<br/>Abbott A.G., RAB/132508 P/O<br/>RAB/254377 P/O Bostock W., RAB/260585<br/>P/S Harrison J.</p> <p>Released: 5 cluster 7" hooded flares<br/>9 x 1,000 M.G.</p> |      | 2350 | 0300 | <p><b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "MORTIMER" S AIRCRAFT DETAIL</b></p> <p>"A" P. ILLUMINATOR</p> <p>Went with visibility 3 to 5 miles, in target area. Lead released at 0124 hours from 12,000 feet on course between 2 red spot fires which were almost together. On arrival at 0124 hours, saw 2 red spot fires falling and land on ground. After dropping flares visually identified Marshalling Yard by wide section to South-east. Markers were 50 yards south of yard in field. Heard M.G. directing and talking to Deputy approximately one minute after bombing. Green T.L.s ascended at 0125 hours. White T.L.s ascended at 0125 hours. See early in raid to assess results. Landed base. Photo attempted.</p> | A-37       |   |  |
|                        |                           |  |      | 2353 | 0305 | <p>"Y" J. 1750 S/L J.R. Robinson, R.F.C.,<br/>RAB/27983 P/O G.H. Williams, D.P.M.,<br/>J. 4980 P/O R.W. Wright, D.P.M.,<br/>J. 1790 P/O G.H. J. G., J. 16125 P/O<br/>Duff L.R.F., RAB/11323 P/S Williams<br/>C., RAB/24233 P/O L.R. Wright, I.M.</p> <p>Released: (Same as 'A').</p>  |            | <p>"Y" ILLUMINATOR</p> <p>Went with visibility in target area. 5 cluster 7" hooded flares released at 0124 hours from 11,000 feet. Returns on E.O.G. very good. At 0122 hours, red spot fires seen dropping, followed by illuminator flares. No G.L.s down so made one run and dropped illuminator flares. On second run, Marshalling Yard identified visually. One green T.L. down approximately 200 yards North of A.P. and 2 greens 2,000 yards North and one red. M.G. instructed us to bomb slightly South of first green T.L. which we identified as the A.P. Bomb burst not seen owing to haze. M.G. and Deputy very clear. Landed base. Photograph attempted.</p> |  |
|                        |                           |  |      | 2351 | 0302 | <p>"J" H.S. 0.28022 CRTZ. J.M. Capenhaver, I.M.<br/>J. 1122 P/O Lewis J.F., D.P.C.,<br/>J. 6558 P/O Leslie A.P., J. 17178 P/O<br/>Shawyer R.M., R. 18228 SGT Carter J.M.,<br/>J. 26606 P/O Burdett L.A., R. 61157 SGT<br/>Vine R.E., RAB/12854 P/O Walker S.A.,</p> <p>Released: (Same as 'A').</p>   |            | <p>"J" ILLUMINATOR</p> <p>Went with good visibility and slight haze in target area. Lead released at 0124 hours from 12,000 feet on red spot fire. Bombed red spot fire. Bomb slightly undershot by 5 to 100 yards. Red spot was 2 to 300 yards off the S.E. end of Marshalling Yard. S.L. green followed in centre of Marshalling Yard and another 2 to 300 yards to North of it. Head Master Bomber say red spot was overshoot. Head Deputy Master Bomber say his P.L. white was on T.L. green and it was so. Heard M.B. order Main Force to bomb white. Saw numerous bombs apparently hang on. Landed base. Photograph attempted.</p>                                  |  |
|                        |                           |  |      | 2352 | 0308 | <p>"X" J. 3870 P/O Long P.W., RAB/130585 P/S<br/>Brook R., RAB/97645 P/S Edwards G.J.,<br/>RAB/2575439 SGT Invenley W.D.,<br/>RAB/2813553 SGT Gowley K.W., R. 187162<br/>SGT Stroud R.A., RAB/1819034 SGT Cook<br/>P.L.</p> <p>Released: (Same as 'A').</p>   |            | <p>"X" ILLUMINATOR</p> <p>Went with visibility 3 to 4 miles in target area. Lead released at 0124 hours from 12,000 feet on green S.L. seen ascending at 0125 hours. On arrival at 0125 hours, nothing down when over target according to M.T.A., but 2 red spot fires went down immediately underneath. Made orbit and came in again on same heading, 2 green T.L.s were ascending. One was on North edge of Yard by protrusion in yard and other approximately 1/2 mile North in field. Slightly overshoot S. and green T.L. to get bombs in yard. Heard M.G. instructing at 0125 hours. Saw some scattered bombing to N.E. of yard. Photo attempted. Landed base.</p>  |  |

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| 27/28th | Lancaster III          |   |      |      |      |  |            |
|         | " I "                  | L. 21364 P/O Stronach W.R., J. 21356 P/O Armstrong W.T., R. 12084 W/O Millidge R.J., RAB/131867 SGT Thornhill R.A., R. 16357 SGT Ganga P.L., R. 168973 SGT Degenia J.J.C., RAB/186514 SGT Sharpley J.W.   |      | 2354 | 0316 | <p><b>BOMBING ATTACK ON " MARSEILLE " (Continued)</b></p> <p><b>" I "</b> <b>ILLUMINATOR</b></p> <p>Clear with slight haze in target area. Lead released at 0128 hours from 12,000 feet on centre of red and green T.I.s. Very good returns on H.2.S. up to Montsen. At 0124 hours, first lot of illuminator flares seen and on run in, green and red T.I.s came down. Ground detail and Marshalling Yards seen obliquely but have observed actual identification when bombing the centre of red and green T.I.s. Consider these were well placed. M.C. said "Drop Illumination Flares" but nothing further. He was rather indistinct. Marking well concentrated. Landed base. Photograph attempted.</p>   | A-37       |
|         | " II "                 | RAB/17675 P/O Spencer E., RAB/171692 P/O Miru J. W.G., RAB/1390722 P/S. Baidin S., RAB/138443 P/S Ristow H.R., R. 17351 SGT Han J.C., RAB/120621 P/S Parr S., RAB/156604 SGT Benterson J.E.H.   |      | 2355 | 0314 | <p><b>" II "</b> <b>ILLUMINATOR</b></p> <p>Thin thin cloud at 4 to 5,000 feet with good visibility in target area. Lead released at 0124 hours from 10,500 feet on concentration of 2 to 3 T.I. whites and 2 T.I. greens. Beds followed to N.W. and S.W. of Yellows and white greens. Heard Master Bomber say Main Force was under-shooting and that they were to bomb the whites. Bombed as instructed. Landed base. Photograph attempted.</p>  |            |
|         | " Y "                  | <p><b>Bombload: (Same as 'A')</b></p> <p>J. 5795 W/O Lane R.J., D.S.O., D.F.C., J. 11842 S/L Wood G.B., D.F.C., J. 28600 P/O Beard B.B., RAB/172477 P/O Dow Langley, D.F.C., J. 67845 P/O Birchfield G.D., RAB/249382 W/O J.B. Small, J.F.M., RAB/91105 SGT G.L. Stewart, RAB/120751 S/L J. Baker, M.C.</p> <p><b>Bombload: 2 T.I. Red, 2 T.I. Green, 1 T.I. Yellow, 2 T.I. White, 3 clusters 7-headed flares, 3 x 1,000 G.P.</b></p> |      | 2349 | 0326 | <p><b>" Y "</b> <b>MAIN FORCE</b></p> <p>4/10ths thin cloud at 4,000 feet in target area. One T.I. green and 3 x 1,000 G.P. released at 0135 hours from 4,500 feet on T.I. Green. 2 T.I. white released at 0137 hours from 4,500 feet on T.I. green and T.I. white. Bomb opened one minute early with red spot fire 200 yards E.W. of A.Y. Mosquitoes T.I. red followed well off to North and 3 T.I. greens, one on centre of South edge of Marshalling Yards and 2 well off to South. Master Bomber directed Deputy Master Bomber to back up the best green, but his greens went just North of Marshalling Yards. M.B. then dropped greens and heard D.M.B. to say "Bang on". M.B. directed D.M.B. to drop T.I. white on these greens and 2 T.I. white went on top. Then M.B. directed main force to bomb T.I. white. At this time, a few aircraft were dropping bombs up to 10 miles short of the target, and there was the average amount of overshooting and undershooting, but in the main the bombing was very good indeed. Greens and whites then started to fall, and M.B. directed D.M.B. to back up, but he made a dummy run, so M.B. backed up with T.I. white, very slightly South. D.M.B. followed with T.I. yellow on what was left of greens and whites. A big fire was now burning in the centre of the Marshalling Yards and it is believed to have been the locomotive workshops. Smoke was drifting S.E. M.B. told Main Force to bomb the fire and left at 0200 plus 10. Timing was excellent especially the illuminators. A few L/F and H/F guns but no S/L over target. A lot of fighter activity seen in target area and homeward. Landed base. Photo attempted.</p> |            |

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| 27/28th<br>(Continued)                                  | Lancaster III<br>JA 976   | J. 3467 S/L R.W. Henderson, J. 3176<br>P/O Allen L.A., J. 2154, P/O Smith G.J.<br>P/W 131663 P/S Bradley J.S., R. 60335<br>P/S Porter L.A., R. 54384 P/S Clifford<br>R.H., G. 15775 P/O North R.A., J. 12973<br>P/L Ramsey R., D.F.C. |      | 0001 | MISSING | <b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "MONTGOMERY" (Continued)</b><br>"S" "REPORT MASTER MISSING"<br>This aircraft failed to return from this operation and<br>nothing has been heard from any member of this crew since<br>time of take off. This was S/L Henderson's 35th bombing<br>operation.<br>Sublocals (Same as 'Y'). | A-37                         |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF SORTIES FLOWN FOR MONTH OF APRIL        |                           |   |      |      |         | 288  | 110                          |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT MISSING FOR MONTH OF APRIL     |                           |   |      |      |         | 2  | 5-17-44-110<br>d.l. 27/28/44 |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL FLYING HOURS MONTH OF APRIL |                           |   |      |      |         | 435:22   |                              |

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