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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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2/3 June 1944	Lancaster III					<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "TRAPPEE - WEST (Marshalling Yard)</b> <b>5 Aircraft Detailed</b>	A-53
	" C "	J.4820 S/L Coldrey G.E., J.5304 S/L Court G.L., RAF/124430 P/L O'Neil J.H. J.85052 P/O Johnston N., R.135079 P/S Renaud J.G.M., R.151941 W/O McGree L.A. R.13647 SGT Malloy D.A.		2304	MISSING	" C " <b>ILLUMINATOR</b> :- This aircraft failed to return from this operation and nothing has been heard from any member of the crew since time of take off. <b>Bombload:</b> 8 x 1,000 MC TD, 6 Clusters 7" hooded flares.	
	" K "	J.18760 P/O Long R.W., RAF/174668 P/O Brock R., RAF/879645 P/S Edwards G.J., RAF/1575439 P/S Leavelly W.D., RAF/1815553 P/S Cowley A.W., R.187162 SGT Stroud H.A., RAF/1819054 SGT York R.L.		2305	0228	" K " <b>ILLUMINATOR</b> :- Clear with no cloud. 6 clusters 7" hooded flares released at 0045:18 hours from 12,000 feet on one red T.I. 8 x 1,000 MC released at 0049 hours from 11,500 feet on one yellow T.I. at 0049 hours, nothing down. One red T.I. fell approximately 0049 hours, 50 yards South of A.P. Dropped flares on this red T.I. at 0047:30 hours, green fell N.E. end of Marshalling Yard, and one white on N. edge of M/Y. 0048 hours, yellow T.I. fell on green T.I. 0049 hours, bombed yellow T.I. M.G. said at 0050 hours, "Bomb yellow T.I.". Instructions repeated several times. Recognised yellow as on M/Y. The bombing was concentrated and on the T.I.s. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	" B "	J.85050 P/O Herbert R.G., J.20236 P/O Ebdon F.A., R.158805 W/O Cardno M.B., RAF/1518176 P/S Owen L.F., R.75742 SGT Miles R.L., RAF/1890011 P/S Crisp R.A., RAF/1424760 SGT Oldland H.R.		2306	0836	" B " <b>ILLUMINATOR</b> :- Clear visibility. 6 clusters 7" hooded flares released at 0043:48 hours from 12,000 feet on illuminator flares. 8 x 1,000 MC TD released at 0043:06 hours from 12,000 feet on red T.I.s. 0042 hours, illuminator flares went down. 0043 hours, red T.I. cascaded. Identified M/Y on first run. ran over and dropped own flares on H.2.S. and centred these on existing flares. 0049 hours, heard M.G. say "Bomb red T.I." which was well placed on M/Y. ran over and bombed red T.I. Saw one white T.I. lying along side red. M.G. said "Bomb starboard of white T.I.". Much smoke covered the target and later bombing was well concentrated. Only bad marking appeared to be a bunch of white flares which fell South of the target at 0044 hours. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	" A "	RAF/113476 S/L Trilbach H.W.A., J.13823 P/L Armstrong S.W., RAF/173541 P/O Parsons A.B., RAF/1528368 P/S Abbott A.G., J.13457 P/O McQuirk D.F., RAF/109507 S/L Duff H.M., RAF/1623883 P/S Harrison J.		2307	0225	" A " <b>ILLUMINATOR</b> :- Clear with no cloud. 6 clusters 7" hooded flares released at 12,000 feet by H.2.S., datum point checked by BTA and GEL. 8 x 1,000 MC released at 0049:48 hours from 11,500 feet on A.P., identified in relation to T.I.s. Nothing down on arrival. Some illuminators fell before own. at 0043:16 hours N.W. of M/Y. Red spot flares fell at 0044:12 hours E. of A.P. (1/2 mile) and 100 yards from railway M/Y. Own illuminators fell across S.W. end of M/Y at 0043:36 hours. M.G. not heard. 0050:48 hours, white and yellow T.I.s fell N.E. of A.P. at end of M/Y. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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2/3 June 1944	Lancaster III "O"	J.16100 P/L G.P.A. Yates, D.F.M., AUS/102102 P/L N.S. Rose, D.F.C., J.85391 P/O Wilcock A.S.J., RAF/971618 W/O Hartley E., J.17375 P/O Griffiths R.L.M., R.191089 SGT ALLARD S.L., RAF/1583015 SGT Gunthorpe K.		2308	0233	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "TRAPPS - WEST - (Marshalling Yard) (Cont'd)</b> "O" ILLUMINATOR:- Clear and no cloud. 3 clusters 7" hooded flares released at 0043:56 hours from 12,000 feet by H.2.S. and time run from 'G' position line. 3 clusters 7" hooded flares released at 0047:30 hours from 11,800 feet <del>see</del> visual on red T.I. 8 x 1,000 MC released at 0051:18 hours from 11,400 feet on yellow T.I. (M.G.'s instructions). Nothing down on arrival. Dropped 3 flares on H.2.S. approximately 5 miles S.E. of target on another railroad. On arriving, at target, one red T.I. to S. of A.P. 200 yards. Released 3 flares on these across M/Y. Bombed on instructions of M.G., yellow T.I. Bombing concentrated on yellow T.I. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "U" ILLUMINATOR:- Very clear. 6 clusters 7" hooded flares released at 12,500 feet, at 0044:12 hours on red T.I. 8 x 1,000 MC released at 0048:42 hours from 12,000 feet on A.P. M/Y. 0049 hours, red T.I. send down on ground. Did first run checked accurately on H.2.S. White illuminator flares seen down S.E. of M/Y. Dropped own flares on red T.I. and when orbiting, heard H.G. at 0046 hours, saying "Bomb to port of red R.I.". On second run, saw one white T.I. ascends down slightly N. of A.P. which was identified visually. Saw own bombs burst from W. end of M/Y up to A.P. After bombing yellow T.I. went down between white and red. M.G. heard to say "Bomb starboard of yellow". (M.G.'s instructions were very clear on channel D. Main Force bombing was well concentrated on markers. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-53
	"U"	RAF/66562 P/L P. Maize-Smith, D.F.C., RAF/115387 W/O Goddard W., RAF/1586853 SGT King D.R., RAF/119072 P/O Watson H.P., R.127923 SGT Baiko J., R.191174 SGT Senabo R., RAF/2211605 SGT Hilton E.		2309	0232		
	"A"	RAF/111176 S/L Triltsch H.W.A., J.13525 P/L Armstrong S.W., RAF/173521 P/O Saunders A.D.M., RAF/1312308 P/S Abbott A.G., J.13457 P/O McGourlick D.F., RAF/109507 S/A Gault H.W., RAF/1623683 P/S Harrison J.		0154	0336	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "CALAIS - Heavy Coastal Battery"</b> "A" BLIND MARKER:- No cloud, thick haze and poor visibility. Load released at 0252 hours from 11,000 feet by H.2.S. and Ges. Ran along coast on H.2.S. Bombed one minute early. Nothing down on arrival. No ground detail or coastline seen. Within one minute after we bombed, one green and two reds went down in line with our green and our track in, the red being at the S.W. end of the line. Another green went down slightly to the S.W. of the line of T.I.s and went out quickly, -- was probably in the sea. Bomb flashes seen close around the T.I.s. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "O" BLIND MARKER:- Patches different cloud up to 11,000 feet with very poor visibility. Load released at 0257:54 hours from 11,000 feet by H.2.S. and Ges. Ran along coast on H.2.S. No ground detail or coastline seen. Blurred reflection of T.I.s seen through haze on arrival. There were 3 greens in a row running N.E. to S.W. and 100 to 200 (PTO)	A-54
4/5 June 1944	"A"	RAF/111176 S/L Triltsch H.W.A., J.13525 P/L Armstrong S.W., RAF/173521 P/O Saunders A.D.M., RAF/1312308 P/S Abbott A.G., J.13457 P/O McGourlick D.F., RAF/109507 S/A Gault H.W., RAF/1623683 P/S Harrison J.		0154	0336		
	"O"	J.16100 P/L G.P.A. Yates, D.F.M., AUS/102102 P/L N.S. Rose, D.F.C., J.85391 P/O Wilcock A.S.J., RAF/971618 W/O Hartley E., J.17375 P/O Griffiths R.L.M., R.191089 SGT ALLARD S.L., RAF/1583015 SGT Gunthorpe K.		0152	0345		

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4/5 June 1944	Lancaster III					<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "GLAIRS - Heavy Coastal Battery" (Cont'd)</b>	A-54
	"O"	P/L Yates, D.F.M. (Continued)				"O" (Continued) - yards apart, and another green well off to N.W. One red was 3 to 400 yards to E. of the west. Slightly green. Our green went slightly to S.W. of the 3 greens in a line. Bombing was rather scattered. Starboard outer surging and port inner failed soon after leaving target. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"U"	RAF/66562 P/L P. Madis-Smith, D.F.C., RAF/145587 P/O Goddard W., RAF/158685 Sgt King D.E., RAF/149078 P/O Watson P.F., R.127923 SGT Binks J., R.791174 SGT Bonabo R., RAF/211605 SGT Hilton E.		0155	0542	"U" <b>HAZARD MARKERS</b> - Patches thin cloud at 10 to 11,000 feet and heavy ground haze. Downward visibility very poor. Lead released at 0253:30 hours from 10,400 feet by H.2.S. and Gee. Ran along coast on H.2.S., coastline could not be seen owing to poor visibility. Immediately before E.T.L., saw 2 red T.L. and 2 green T.L.s in a line with our track and the reds were to S.W. and each T.L. was about 100 yards from the next. Our green went between the reds and the greens later, another green was seen to the N.W., away from the other T.L.s. Bombing was well on the 4 T.L.s first seen. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
5/6 June 1944						<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "LONGUES - Light Coastal Battery" 16 Aircraft Detailed</b>	A-55
	"J"	USA/688688 Capt. L.B. Copenhagen, D.F.C. RAF/159222 S/L Galpin B.V., D.F.C., J.5554 P/O Leslie A.B., R.17172 P/L Shearer H.M., R.188428 P/S Carter J.W. J.26606 P/O Northover K.A., R.64157 SGT Vane W.E.		0511	0608	"J" <b>BOMBER</b> - 8/10th's cloud, tops 3 to 4,000 feet, with thin layer above. Lead released at 0428:16 hours from 8,700 feet by Gee and H.2.S. At 0424:30 hours, T.L. red cascaded just above cloud. On arrival, glow of green T.L.s could be seen through the cloud. Three were in a line W. to E. slightly to N. of our track, and two slightly to S. <b>BOMB FLASHES</b> seen close around us. At 0432:30 hours, believed Red T.L. cascaded. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"K"	J.18760 P/O Long H.W., RAF/174668 P/O Brook R., RAF/379645 P/S Edwards G.L. RAF/1579439 P/S Leavelley W.D., RAF/483553 P/S Gowley A.W., R.187662 SGT Stroud H.A., RAF/1819054 SGT York R.L.		0510	0618	"K" <b>EMERGENCY MARKER</b> - 9/10 cloud below, tops 6,000 feet, and 10/10 cloud above, base 9,500 feet. Lead released at 0439:18 hours from 8,500 feet by H.2.S. and Gee. About one minute before bombing, saw glow of red T.L. through cloud, followed by a green cascading just above cloud, immediately before we bombed. Own green went slightly S. of other markers. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"A"	BombLoad - 1 LB TI Green (High) 1 LB TI Green (Low), 9 x 1,000 American 2 x 500 GP TD, 405 J.25050 P/O Herbert H.G., J.20236 P/O Edon H.A., R.158805 W/O Ordano M.R., RAF/1318176 P/S Owen L.F., R.75742 SGT Miles R.G., RAF/1890041 P/S Crisp B.A., RAF/1121760 SGT Gililand H.R.		0258	0602	"A" <b>EMERGENCY MARKER</b> - 10/10 cloud, tops 6 to 7,000 feet. Lead released at 0430:48 hours from 8,500 feet by H.2.S. and Gee. One green T.L. cascaded just above cloud on run up. On arrival, could only see red glow on cloud. A few bomb flashes seen around the red glow. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
		BombLoad - 1 LB TI Green (High), 11 x 1,000 MG 1 x 500 GP TD, 025.					

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5/6 June 1944	Lancaster III "D"	J.1098A P/O Fisher G.L., J.86066 P/O Johnson A.B., J.23966 P/O Calloun M.B. B.9219 P/O Ross P.M., R.193120 SGT Miesford R., R.188958 SGT Ferguson G.S., RAF/187160 SGT Kelly R.M. Bombardier (Same as "J")		0306	0622	BOMBING ATTACK ON "LONGHURST - Light Coastal Battery" (Cont'd) A-55 "D" BOMBING:- 10/10 cloud. Bombed on H.2.S. and Gee, 1.5 minutes and time of flight on coast, at 0421:18 hours from 8,000 feet. 10/10 cloud at target. Saw glow of red T.L. on cloud. Bombed on H.2.S. Tracked over Red and Green T.L. seen only from immediately above. T.L.s were in cluster covering approximately 2 miles diameter. Some clear landing crossing channel at 6 to 8,000 feet on return. Landed base. Photograph attempted.	
	"E"	J.14053 P/O Keenan J.L.J., J.21632 P/O Wickers H.A., J.85040 P/O Britter A.J., RAF/139329 P/O Marchant W.S., J.25037 P/O Hayes J.B., J.85047 P/O Ellis R.O., R.134477 SGT Smith K.G. Bombardier (Same as "J")		0307	0605	"E" BOMBING:- 8/10 thin cloud. Lead released at 0421:24 hours from 5,000 feet by H.2.S. and Gee. At 0415 hours, T.L. green fell, followed by others at time of bombing by H.2.S. and Gee. A green T.L. was in bombight. Saw a dull red glow from beneath cloud which may have been from red T.L. Bombing well concentrated around markers. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"W"	J.9182 P/O Perry J.W., RAF/144156 P/O Reynolds K.H., J.23571 P/O Hiscott R.W., J.18625 P/O Hallowell G.B., R.18828 SGT McEwan A.L.H., R.129458 SGT Rickman S.E., RAF/160823 SGT Beach T.L. Bombardier (Same as "J")		0308	0610	"W" BOMBING:- 5/10 cloud at 7,000 feet. Lead released at 0425 hours from 8,000 feet on green T.L. on ground. Shot to make bombing run, but turned out to be a dummy run owing to lack of markers. When saw 2 green T.L. through cloud, bombed one of these. Bombing appeared well concen- trated around markers. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"V"	J.1778 P/O J.R. McDermid, D.F.C., J.11442 P/O G.B. Ellwood, D.F.C., J.13880 P/O R.W. Wright, D.F.M., RAF/138656 P/O Stanley H.E., J.16125 P/O Duff T.E.N., RAF/138229 P/O G.J. Williams, RAF/182544 SGT Hunter K.W. Bombardier - 4 x 1,000 TI Green LB, 25 x 1,000 LB.		0229	0611	"V" VISUAL BACKER UP:- 10/10 thin stratus cloud at 5,000 feet. Lead released at 0422 hours from 5,000 feet on one red T.L. with 3 T.L. green adjacent. Approaching target, saw green T.L. cascading and red glow on cloud. Bombed one red T.L. Saw three green T.L. within 200 yards approximately. Some time loding at 6,500 feet crossing channel on return. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"T"	J.21386 P/O Stronach K.P., J.21356 P/O Armstrong A.T., R.15084 P/O R.V. Phillips, RAF/133287 P/O Thompson H.B., R.165337 P/O Glasgow P.M., R.182973 P/O Degenais J.J.G., RAF/186514 SGT Sharpley J.W., J.22230 P/O Hasty J.H. Bombardier - 4 x 1,000 T.L. Green LB, 2 x 1,000 LB, 8 x 1,000 American, RAF/14542 P/O P. Hais-Smith, D.F.C., RAF/115387 P/O Goddard W., RAF/1586823 SGT King H.L., RAF/148078 P/O Wilson H.R., R.127923 SGT Balke J., R.121178 SGT Bombe R., RAF/221160 SGT Hilder M. 1 LB TI Green, 1 Low; 1 LB TI Green (High) 12 x 1,000 (American), 1 x 500 GP ID. 025.		0300	0603	"T" VISUAL BACKER UP:- 10/10 cloud at 6,000 feet. Lead released at 0422:09 hours from 8,000 feet by H.2.S. and Gee. 0415:30 hours, green T.L. cascaded just above cloud. Soon after, red T.L. cascaded. Estimated 5 miles underheight. On arrival, only a very blurred pattern of green T.L.s seen through clouds, fairly well concentrated. A few bomb flashes seen close around T.L.s. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"C"	J.22230 P/O Hasty J.H. Bombardier - 4 x 1,000 T.L. Green LB, 2 x 1,000 LB, 8 x 1,000 American, RAF/14542 P/O P. Hais-Smith, D.F.C., RAF/115387 P/O Goddard W., RAF/1586823 SGT King H.L., RAF/148078 P/O Wilson H.R., R.127923 SGT Balke J., R.121178 SGT Bombe R., RAF/221160 SGT Hilder M. 1 LB TI Green, 1 Low; 1 LB TI Green (High) 12 x 1,000 (American), 1 x 500 GP ID. 025.		0258	0600	"C" EMERGENCY MARKER:- 8/10 cloud at 7,000 feet. Lead released at 0415:06 hours from 8,500 feet by H.2.S. and Gee. On arrival at 0415 hours, one white T.L. cascading. 0415:30 hours, red T.L. burst near green. 0418 hours, green T.L. seen - dropped T.L. green with bombs. Could not assess attack owing to cloud. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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5/6 June 1944	Lancaster III " I "	J.12845 P/O Smith L., J.22413 P/O D.P. Davison, R.142558 W/O Cassidy E.R., R.1276239 SGT O'Beah T., R.146639 W/O King W.E., R.67753 W/O Reid G.L., R.68994 SGT McLean K.C. Bombardier: (Same as "I").		0302	0622	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON " LAMBS - Light Coastal Battery " (Cont'd) A-55</b> " I " BOMBING:- 0/10 cloud at 6 to 7,000 feet. Lead released at 0421 hours from 8,500 feet by H.2.S. and Gee. 0426 hours, H.2.S. green cascaded above cloud. Made good run along coast on H.2.S., but no ground detail seen. Bombed on H.2.S./Gee, in a position corresponding to red glow on cloud of believed red T.L. Many photo and bomb flashes concentrated in area of glow. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	" M "	J.15304 P/O Welcker S.L., J.21960 P/O Pearson R.A., J.27278 P/O McEwen J., J.12102 P/O Brown D.H., R.148594 P/O Kohn R.E., USR/10601262 P/O Turner J.W., R.14795900 SGT Abbs K.L. Bombardier: (Same as "M").		0302	0620	" M " BOMBING:- 8/10 cloud at 6,000 feet in target area. Lead released at 0425:21 hours from 9,000 feet on green T.L.s on ground seen cascading at 0419 hours. On approach, red T.L.s cascaded at 0425 hours and 0426 hours. When over target at 0428:18 hours, these were obliterated by cloud and bombing appeared to be underestimating. Made second run and bomb flashes were seen cascading on ground. Part of it was definitely on the shore near the sea. Bombing was more concentrated around markers than in early stages of attack. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	" Y "	J.27405 P/O Clarke J.H., J.24321 P/O Johnson J.R., R.157135 SGT Ridd V.F., R.207620 W/O Britts A.J., R.1354430 SGT Davernett E., R.167132 SGT Stoyke M.E., R.1588856 SGT Gilbert P.H. Bombardier: (Same as "Y").		0505	0626	" Y " BOMBING:- 10/10 cloud at 8,000 feet with thin layer above. Lead released at 0421:12 hours from 9,000 feet by H.2.S. and Gee. 0416 hours approximately, 2 or 3 green T.L.s and one red T.L. cascaded on run-up. On arrival, found extensive glow of red T.L.s on clouds. Bomb flashes seemed quite well concentrated and on the glow. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	" P "	J.82958 P/O Swinton R.A., J.86072 P/O Stringer R.W., J.82740 P/O Stein L.R., R.172667 P/O Sharvell J.W., R.157256 SGT Moore G.E., R.1450063 SGT Shaw J.W., R.1667725 SGT Thorn E.E. Bombardier: (Same as "P").		0504	0558	" P " BOMBING:- 10/10 thin cloud at 8,000 feet. Lead released at 0420:24 hours from 9,200 feet by H.2.S. and Gee. 0416 hours, one green T.L. cascaded followed by red T.L. The green appeared to fill north of target which was identified on road H.2.S./Gee run. Cloud too thick to assess results. Think our bomb burst in centre of red glow seen below cloud. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	" H "	J.86083 P/O Malcolm R.E., J.20726 P/O West J.W., J.24656 P/O Stewart J., R.1494859 P/O Devine E., R.1464318 SGT Brattinaird R., R.1487239 SGT Bailey R.G., R.1516772 SGT Dinkin K.C. Bombardier: (Same as "H").		0505	0607	" H " BOMBING:- 10/10 cloud at 8,000 feet. Lead released at 0428 hours from 9,000 feet by H.2.S. and Gee. On run up, saw red glow ahead, followed by two green T.L.s cascading over same position. On arrival, only faint red glow seen through cloud, with bomb flashes in centre. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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5/6 June 1944	Lanester III " G "	R.37798 P/S Odgen P.O., R.25804 P/S Williams R.O., J.16351 P/O G.A. McNamee, R.16873 P/S Wolf T.O.L., R.20901 SGT Donaldson J.D., RAY/185632 SGT Kitta D., R.126219 SGT Simpson J.W.		0500	0617	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "LONGUES - Night Coastal Battery" (Cont'd)</b> A-55 " G " BOMBING - 10/10 cloud. Lead released at 0425 hours from 9,000 feet on green T.L. 10/10 cloud at target. Reflection of red T.L. on cloud. Bombed one green T.L. - only one seen. Photograph attempted. Landed base. Bombload - (Same as 'D').	
	" C "	R.159028 P/S Stewart D.J., R.23114 P/O Dunlop A.O., R.16288 P/O Greene P.O., R.10527 P/O Vivian J.L., R.191183 SGT Merrill W.S., R.18347 P/S Burr W.D., R.123750 SGT Roberts G.E. Bombload - (Same as 'D').		0256	0552	" C " BOMBING - 9/10 thin cloud at 6,000 feet. Lead released at 0427 hours from 9,000 feet on center of good concentration of T.L. greens. Reds and Greens seen cascading before we made last turning point before target. A large red glow on cloud followed, but this faded on arrival; only greens were seen. Made approach on H.T.S., but immediately before H.T.S.; saw a good concentration of T.L. greens through a gap and bombed visually. Position of T.L.s checked perfectly with H.T.S. and Coe. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
6/7 June 1944	" V "	J.7978 P/A J.R. McDonald, D.F.C., J.11142 S/L G.B. Ellwood, D.F.C., J.13820 P/L R.W. Wright, D.F.M., RAY/1386456 P/S Stanley H.H.; J.16125 P/L Burr T.S.S.; RAY/603200 P/O Williams H.J., RAY/54239 P/L H.L. Wright, D.F.M.		2354	0401	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "COUDE-SUR-MEREAU (Choke Point)"</b> A-56 <b>NO AIRCRAFT INSTALLED.</b> " V " BOMBING - 10/10 cloud at 6 to 8,000 feet. 9 Miss white released safe at 0152 hours from 5,500 feet on red T.L. 7 x 500 GR. T.L. 0255; 1 x 500 GR. LD, and one cluster 7" hooded flares released at 0255 hours from 5,500 feet on one green T.L. On arrival, saw red T.L. falling. Then 2 green T.L.s, one at 0149:30 hours. Bombed up red T.L. One T.L.s dropped safe, not seen to ignite. Second run bombed on green T.L. which fell close to red T.L. Red T.L. had burned out. Told M.C. red T.L. was "hang off" on first run. One fire on target. Smoke from St. Is and bombing smoke obscured accurate assessment of this. Two greens seen 2 miles to East. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	" A "	RAY/111476 S/L Williamson H.W.S., R.15825 P/L Armstrong S.W., RAY/171543 P/O Hammons A.L.N., RAY/1512306 P/S Abbott A.G., J.13457 P/O McLaughlin D.F., RAY/109507 S/L Small H.M., RAY/162383 P/S Swanson J., J.5783 P/L Sweeney G.A., D.F.C.		2353	0401	" A " BOMBING - Cloud at 5,100 feet and some breaks, with clear visibility below. Lead released at 0154 hours from 5,100 feet on red T.L. On approach, nothing down. Observed and 2 reds and one green fall, lunched together. Bombed Red T.L.s. Bombing concentrated on T.L.s. Instructions - (1) At 0150 hours, "Hold Main Force "Hold Bombs", (2) At 0154 hours, "Bomb reds". One green 1 1/2 miles to 2 miles East; some reds seen running into T.L.s, but no features identified. Smoke from T.L.s and bombs obscured ground details. T.L. Yellow, 5 GR. T.L. Yellow brought back. Could not identify A.P. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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7/8 June 1944	Laconster III						
	" J "	W.A. 886282 CPT Copenhagen E.L., JPC RAF/155822 S/L B.W. Gilpin, D.F.C., J.8533A P/O Leslie A.B., J.17172 P/A Shearer H.M., R.28888 P/S Carter J., J.26606 P/O Nordheimer K.A., R.4157 SOT Vins W.L.		0005	0357	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "BOMB" &amp; "CRIST" 13 A/C DETAILLED</b> (One cancelled owing to instrument failure)	A-57
		<b>Load:</b> 28 x 500 GP TD.025.				" J " <b>BOMB</b> : No cloud, slight haze and downward visibility good. Load released at 0155:48 hours from 4,000 feet on T.L. green with 2 seconds overshoot. On approach, found one or 2 green T.L.s with concentration of T.L. green and T.L. red about 5 miles to East and other greens and reds about 5 miles still further East. We bombed centre bunch which was backed up by greens and heavily bombed, but a good few fire seen after leaving puts these markers 4 miles West of A.P. M.C. heard to say "Bomb greens" but did not say which ones. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	" D "	J.1980A P/O Fisher G.H., J.85086 P/O Johnson A.H., R.23066 P/O Galtoun M. R.92149 P/O Rice P.M., R.193120 SOT Morgan K., R.128958 SOT Ferguson G. RAF/187260 SOT Jolly R.L.		0005	0327	" D " <b>BOMB</b> : Thin layer cloud and haze visibility. Load released at 0152:06 hours from 7,000 feet on one T.L. green on ground. On run up at 0141:36 hours, 2 red E.L.s cascaded. A few minutes later, 3 more reds cascaded. Some red T.L.s fell from an aircraft which blew up over the target at 0141:54 hours. First heard the M.C. at 0141:48 hours, calling Main Force to wait until he had dropped T.L. red. Next heard to say "Beware of the red T.L. and bomb T.L. green without indicating which one and even when some were visible. Many aircraft heard calling for more detailed instructions. At 0153:00 hours, he was heard to say "Bomb T.L. greens with 2 seconds overshoot". One T.L. green seen amongst several reds on ground 500 yards E.S.E. of A.P., but these did not appear to attract any bombs. Many fires seen in target area. Fires also seen at St. Lee. Heavy flak in target area at 7,000 feet. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
		<b>Load:</b> (Same as 'J').				" J " <b>BOMB</b> : Slight haze below 6,000 feet. Load released at 0147:50 hours from 3,800 feet on smoke and fires (five seconds overshoot to starboard of T.L. red). 0159 hours, red T.L. seen. 0141:42 hours, greens cascaded. Ran over target and by light of photo flash identified woods. Heard M.C. say "Leave reds and bomb greens". Did 5 second overshoot to starboard of red as green T.L.s not seen. Billowing black smoke over target area rising to 3,000 feet. M.C. kept repeating "Bomb greens" but Main Force seemed to be concentrating on red T.L.s as greens remained invisible until on leaving target, a bunch of greens seen cascading. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	" X "	J.14023 P/O Keenan J.L.J., J.57731 P/O Roberts J.P., J.82040 P/O Better A.J. RAF/132323 P/S Marchant W.C., J.85017 P/O Hayes J.D., J.89087 P/O Klips R.G. R.114479 SOT Smith R.G.		0004	0321	" X " <b>BOMB</b> : No cloud with haze visibility. Load released at 0149:48 hours from 4,000 feet on centre between 2 greens near cascading at 0147 hours. On arrival, saw 2 green T.L.s on ground. Double usually to identify target owing to smoke. At 0142 hours, heard M.C. say "Bomb the green T.L.s". Very large fire burning E.E. of T.L. Bombing appeared well concentrated. There was a cluster of T.L. green 5 to 10 miles E. of A.P., but these did not appear to attract any bombing. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
		<b>Load:</b> (Same as 'J').					
	" Y "	J.9182 P/A Perry J.W., RAF/144456 P/O Byrns L.H., J.29372 P/O Hiscott E. J.18625 P/O Mallon G.R., R.18628 SOT McGowan A.E.H., R.234694 SOT S.L. Makonen, RAF/160624 SOT Beach E.J., RAF/141809 P/O J. Harbottle, D.F.C.		0002	0333	" Y " <b>BOMB</b> : No cloud with haze visibility. Load released at 0149:48 hours from 4,000 feet on centre between 2 greens near cascading at 0147 hours. On arrival, saw 2 green T.L.s on ground. Double usually to identify target owing to smoke. At 0142 hours, heard M.C. say "Bomb the green T.L.s". Very large fire burning E.E. of T.L. Bombing appeared well concentrated. There was a cluster of T.L. green 5 to 10 miles E. of A.P., but these did not appear to attract any bombing. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
		<b>Load:</b> (Same as 'J').					

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7/8 June 1944	Lancaster III "G"	J.16100 P/L G.P.A. Yates, D.F.M., AUS/102402 P/L M.S. Ross, D.F.C., J.65391 P/O Wilcock A.J., RAF/972628 P/O Hartley R., J.17375 P/O Griffiths L.M., R.19108 SGT Allard R.L., RAF/168345 SGT Ganthorpe K.		0007	0517	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "FOREST OF GREEN" (Continued)</b> "G" - <b>BOMBERS</b> - Heavy visibility. Lead released at 0150 hours from 5,500 feet on green T.L.s. 0151:5 hours, 2 red T.L.s. seen to cascade approximately 2 miles apart. Bar up to target and saw one bunch of red T.L.s on ground and 2 greens. One an overshoot and one still further east. 0153 hours, M.C. said "Bomb greens". Repeated several times but didn't say which greens. Three lots approximately 2 miles apart. Main force appeared to be bombing on greens nearest to reds. Woods seen burning over largest area on leaving. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-57
	"I"	J.10445 P/O Smith R., J.22813 P/O D.R. Barlow, R.14328 P/O Cassidy L.R., RAF/113629 SGT O'Boyle T., R.14609 P/O King W.H., R.65753 P/O Reid G.R., R.6804 SGT McKean H.G.		2355	0514	"I" - <b>BOMBERS</b> - No cloud with heavy visibility. Lead released at 0140:00 hours from 6,000 feet on centre between 2 green T.L.s. One seen cascading at 0139 hours. On arrival at the target at 0138 hours, saw one green T.L. on ground in the woods. Red green T.L. cascaded at 0138 hours. Visually identified woods and cultivated fields East of A/P, but no direct instructions heard. Saw bomb bursts around T.L.s as bombed between the 2 greens on ground. Several fires seen on leaving the area. Heard M.C. at 0135 hours, just entering. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"J"	J.11501 P/L Wicker W.J.L., J.21980 P/O Pearson R.A., J.27278 P/O J.S. McGwall, J.12102 P/O Brown R.H., R.18324 P/O Cairns R.B., US80601626 P/O Warner J.W., RAF/95980 SGT Abbs L.A.		2356	0535	"J" - <b>BOMBERS</b> - Small amounts cloud above with slight haze below, with good visibility. Lead released at 0147:00 hours from 6,000 feet on T.L. green. On approach, saw T.L. red cascade on a fire 5 miles North of estimated position of A.P. Bombing followed. 0140 hours approximately, first green T.L. ahead. At 0140 hours, M.C. said "Hold back", orbited. M.C. said "Misregard reds and bomb greens". Did not see several other sticks go across greens. Red went down on these greens at 0150 hours approximately. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"K"	J.7905 P/L Virtue J.B., J.24921 P/O Johnson J.B., R.15713 SGT Deeds V.F., R.187500 P/O Ricatta A.J., RAF/1154430 SGT Davenport T., R.16732 SGT Stoyke M.S., RAF/158298 SGT Gilbert T.W.		2357	0530	"K" - <b>BOMBERS</b> - No cloud with ground haze and moderate visibility. Lead released at 0140 hours from 6,000 feet on red T.L. which cascaded at 0138 hours approximately. T.L. red cascaded at 0138 hours approximately and was bombed by us and many others. Then saw greens cascaded 5 or 6 miles ahead and to starboard. M.C. first said "Bomb reds" and later, "Ignore reds - bomb greens". But bombing continued on reds, and when we passed over the greens at 0142 hours, there was no bombing there. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"L"	J.80558 P/O Switten F.A., J.86072 P/O Shelton R.W., J.25740 P/O Steid L.M., R.17267 P/O Harvell J.W., R.157256 SGT Moore G.B., RAF/1090043 SGT Shaw J.M., RAF/160735 SGT Thorn R.E.		2358	0531	"L" - <b>BOMBERS</b> - No cloud with good visibility. Lead released at 0147 hours from 6,000 feet on one green T.L. on ground seen cascading at 0139 hours. On arrival at target saw one green T.L. cascading. When running up on this, heard M.C. say "Hold everything". I am going to assess the green T.L.". He dropped T.L. red at 0141:42 hours which overshoot the green T.L. by approximately 300 yards. M.C. (over)	

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7/8 June 1944	Lancaster III "P"	P/O Sutton K.A. & Crew				<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "FORST de GRUYER" (Continued)</b> "P" (Continued): then heard to say "Bomb the green T.L.". More red T.L.s cascaded at 0144:48 hours and green T.L.s at approximately 0148 hours. Bombing was well concentrated around the green T.L.s. Fires were seen at St. Le and these appeared to attract bombing as many bomb flashes seen. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-57
		Bombload: (Same as 'J').				"H" BOMBER: Slight cloud above. Visibility good. Lead released at 0145:06 hours from 6,000 feet on T.L. Green. One red T.L. went down in built-up area about 0141 hours. M.G. and Main bases not to bomb reds, but they collected some bombs. Greens followed soon after some miles to East and were backed up by reds. M.G. said "Bomb green" and good bombing followed. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
		"H"	J. 8663 P/O Malcombe A.M., J. 20716 P/O West J.H., J. 2665 P/O Gassett J. RAF/148692 P/O Devine S., RAF/168138 Sgt Hamilton H., RAF/1817259 Sgt Bailey P.C., RAF/1818772 Sgt Deakin A.G.	0000	0522	"K" BOMBER: Clear below 6,000 feet. Lead released at 0145:06 hours from 6,000 feet on green T.L.s. One red T.L. seen on ground. Made run over these. Could not identify ground detail and an approach saw at 0143 hours, green T.L.s go down, slightly N.W. of reds. 0138 hours, from this time and after at regular intervals, heard M.G. say "Bomb green". Dropped own lead. Bombing rather scattered appeared to be concentrated North of green T.L.s. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
7/8 June 1944	"K"	E. 159085 P/O Stewart C.J., J. 23114 P/O Gumbay A.G., R. 162040 W/O Greene T.S., R. 164217 W/O Vivian J.L., R. 161123 Sgt Macmillan W.S., R. 163847 P/O Huff W.D., R. 123750 Sgt Roberts G.L.	0002	0528	"Q" BOMBER: May with cloud at 7,500 feet, but fairly clear below. Lead released at 0146:50 hours from 6,000 feet on green T.L.s. 0143:12 hours, red T.L. on ground followed by another red T.L. close to it. 0143 hours, on arrival, heard M.G. say "Bomb green" which were not visible until running over target. One slave of green lying due East less than 100 yards from reds. Bombed on green T.L.s, and heard M.G. repeat instructions. Bombing fairly well concentrated on green T.L.s but a certain amount of scattered bombing. Photograph attempted. Landed base.		
		Bombload: (Same as 'J').				"Q" BOMBER: May with cloud at 7,500 feet, but fairly clear below. Lead released at 0146:50 hours from 6,000 feet on green T.L.s. 0143:12 hours, red T.L. on ground followed by another red T.L. close to it. 0143 hours, on arrival, heard M.G. say "Bomb green" which were not visible until running over target. One slave of green lying due East less than 100 yards from reds. Bombed on green T.L.s, and heard M.G. repeat instructions. Bombing fairly well concentrated on green T.L.s but a certain amount of scattered bombing. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
		"Q"	J. 86201 P/O O'Grady P.C., R. 158184 P/O Williams R.C., J. 26358 P/O G.A. Robinson, R. 168729 P/O Wolff T.C.L., R. 203041 Sgt Hamilton J.D., RAF/1856432 Sgt Kite D., R. 126629 Sgt Simpson J.M.	2359	0524	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "ACERUES - Junction Stritches" (Continued)</b> "A" MASTER BOMBER: Clear beneath cloud, bottom 7,000 feet, tops 8,500 feet. Lead released at 0118:18 hours from 6,300 feet on green T.L. with one second overcast. 0126 hours, approaching target, observed cloud height and told Main bases to "come down below cloud". 0117:28 hours, Main T.L. green cascaded and on first run over target, identified this as lying on N.W. corner of triangle of railway lines, which were clearly seen, also bridge crossing S.E. corner. Dropped own T.L. and bombload and at 0129 hours, told M.P. to "Bomb on Green". Deputy M.G. confirmed Green "Bang On", and M.G. repeated instructions to "Bomb Green" until it disappeared in glow of red T.L.s and fires. Continued with "Bomb centre of fire". Bombing very concentrated. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
7/8 June 1944	"A"	RAF/111476 S/L Triltsch H.K.A., J. 13823 P/L S.W. Armstrong, D.F.C., RAF/27594 P/O Kamarens A.B.N., RAF/1312308 P/O Abbott A.G., J. 13457 P/O McArthur D.E., RAF/109597 P/L Quill H.M., RAF/1623483 P/O Harrison J., J. 3783 S/L G.M. Swavy N.P.C.	2352	0255	Bombload: 6 Lb. T.L. Bd., 9 x 500 GP. Bd., 1 x 500 GP. Bd.		
		Bombload: (Same as 'J').					
		Bombload: 6 Lb. T.L. Bd., 9 x 500 GP. Bd., 1 x 500 GP. Bd.					

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7/8 June 1944	Lancaster III " Y "	J. 2774 S/L J.R. McDonald, D.F.C., J. 11442 S/L G.B. Elwood, D.F.C., J. 29820 S/L R.W. Wright, D.F.C., RAJ/136656 W/S Stanley H.P., J. 16125 W/L DOTT T.R.H., RAJ/615209 W/O G.J. Williams, RAJ/24239 S/L R.R. Wright, DFM.		2353	0254	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "GREENS - Junction Switches" (Cont'd)</b> " Y " DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER: 10/10 cloud, base about 5,000 feet. Lead released at 0121:18 hours from 5,000 feet on T.L. green - 0125 hours; first green - Approaching target, heard M.C. order M/W to go below cloud, and then asked W/S to assess greens but we were too far away and M.C. went in and backed up with red at 0118:30 hours, but overshoot slightly and told M/W to bomb green. M.C. told us to back up green and our reds went across the other markers. As we turned, saw another red go down. 0122:18 hours, bombing was very good. - Photograph attempted. - Photo flash hung-up and camera failed to turn over. Landed base. " Y " DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER: 4 to 6/10 cloud at 7,000 feet, but clear below. Lead released at 0122:25 hours from 6,900 feet on T.L. green with one second overshoot. 0122:30 hours, first T.L. green cascaded, followed immediately by 2 reds. Green was on A.P. with one red in centre of triangle of railway lines about 300 yards to East and the other red on South Switching points. Deputy M.C. said "Green is bang on" and M.C. said "Bomb green". Our reds went 2 to 300 yards S.W. of A.P. Bombing was very concentrated, with a slight tendency to undershoot. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-58
	" T "	J. 2138 W/L Stromach H.P., J. 21336 W/O Armstrong A.T., R. 15084 W/O R.J. Thornhill RAJ/133987 W/S Thornhill H.L., R. 15737 W/S Sharples P.H., R. 15973 W/S Eugenia J.J.G., RAJ/186544 SGT Sharples J.H., J. 22330 W/O Neely J.L.		0005	0357	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "GREENS - Junction Switches" (Cont'd)</b> " T " DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER: 4 to 6/10 cloud at 7,000 feet, but clear below. Lead released at 0122:25 hours from 6,900 feet on T.L. green with one second overshoot. 0122:30 hours, first T.L. green cascaded, followed immediately by 2 reds. Green was on A.P. with one red in centre of triangle of railway lines about 300 yards to East and the other red on South Switching points. Deputy M.C. said "Green is bang on" and M.C. said "Bomb green". Our reds went 2 to 300 yards S.W. of A.P. Bombing was very concentrated, with a slight tendency to undershoot. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
9/10 June 1944	" W "	J. 5332 W/L Perry J.W., RAJ/14456 W/O Bryant L.H., J. 29572 W/O Ripott R. J. 18625 W/O Malton G.B., R. 18828 SGT Korman A.H., R. 19463 SGT S. Kilgus, RAJ/160834 SGT Beach T.J. RAJ/241009 W/O J. Bartlett, D.F.C.		0057	0449	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "BENNES AIRFIELD" - 2 A/G DETAILS</b> (One cancelled - 405/H Bombs) " W " DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER: 10/10 cloud, base 7,000 feet, 4/10 cloud below 5,500 feet. Lead released at 0241:28 hours from 5,500 feet on T.L. yellow with one second overshoot. 0241:12 hours, M.C. said "Go below first layer". 0242:30, 0243:36 hours, M.C. called for flares on greens. 0245 hours, Deputy M.C. asked M.C. where T.L. green was, and M.C. said "Greens to starboard of A.P.". Made dummy run. 0245:54 hours, M.C. said, "Bomb yellow - don't be afraid of flak". 0250 hours, M.C. said "Bomb yellow with one second overshoot". Made bombing run. Details of A.P. clearly seen. T.L. yellow was on building slightly East of A.P. T.L. green and T.L. red lay close together to South, but inside N.W. - S.W. runway. Our stick went from edge of yellow S/E to railway line East of A.P. Other bombing was well on markers. M.C. was exceptionally good. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-58
	" D "	J. 13644 W/O Fisher G.H., J. 86086 W/O Johnson A.R., J. 23864 W/O Calhoun R. R. 9916 W/O Rice F.M., R. 195120 W/S Kisefuri F., R. 188370 SGT Ferguson G. RAJ/187640 SGT Jelly E.N., J. 12962 W/O Kemp F.D.		0055	0442	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "BENNES AIRFIELD" - 2 A/G DETAILS</b> " D " DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER: 10/10 cloud at 6,800 feet but clear below. Lead released at 0247:25 hours from 6,000 feet on yellow T.L. (M.C. instructions). 0247:42 hours, first green seen on ground. M.C. directed, "One below cloud" green to S/E of A.P. and called for illuminators (only 1 stick seen to fall - Miss S.L. - and yellow fell on A.P. near green. Another T.L. green to S.W. 1 1/2 miles on leaving. Benes, 0246:24 hours, 6,000 feet, light flak. One piece through parapet of rear turret. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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				Up	Down		
9/10 June 1944	Lancaster III " X "	J.12845 W/O Smith H., J.22813 P/O D. Davies, R.12358 W/O Cassidy L.F., R.1236259 SGT O'Keefe T., R.1246659 W/O King W.H., R.65753 W/O Reid G.L., R.68304 SGT McLean H.C.		0039	0048	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON " BONES AIRFIELD " (Continued)</b> " X " BOMBING - 7/20ths cloud, base 8,000 feet. Lead released at 0246:30 hours from 8,000 feet on yellow T.L. Arriving 1st green T.L. seen falling 0247:00 hours. Yellow T.L. 0245 hours on runway. Yellow T.L. 0248 hours. M.G. heard asking for illuminators to illuminate green T.L. on ground. Yellow fell 50 yards from green. One green S/V 4 to 5 miles, no one bombing it. Smoke and red glow covered target on leaving. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-79
				0040	0044	" X " BOMBING - Clear visibility. Lead released at 0247:12 hours from 6,500 feet on yellow T.L.s. 0248 hours, heard M.G. say "some below cloud". 0241 hours, one green T.L. seen. Identified this on run up as lying west of North tip of West runway. Airfield and hangars seen quite clearly. M.G. asked Deputy M.G. to assume position of green T.L. Deputy answered "starboard of centre of A.P." M.G. said "try and put bombs on green". 0245 hours, saw yellow go down, fell across West end of 2 runways. M.G. changed directions to "bomb yellow". Ran over yellow. Bomb release failed and jettisoned own bombs with approximately one mile overshoot. 0247 hours M.G. said "Do one second overshoot on yellow". Marking very good and M.G. very clear. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
				0204	0257	" X " BOMBING - 10/10 cloud at 7 to 9,000 feet but clear below. Lead released at 0247:12 hours from 6,500 feet on one yellow T.L. (M.G. instructions). Approaching target, green T.L. seen. 0241 hours, yellow T.L. fell on A.P. 1/2 mile to N.E. of green. 0245:30 hours, white T.L. fell near yellow T.L. M.G. instructed - at 0238 hours "descend below cloud". 0244 hours, bomb green T.L. 0244:47 hours, green slightly off to starboard. 0247 hours, bomb yellow, very accurate. All bombing very concentrated on A.P. Exploding at 0247 hours, approximately on North edge of target. Gashed Mast coast out at 5038 N. 0218 N. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
				0044	0052	" X " BOMBING - Clear below cloud. Base 15,000 feet. Lead released 0249:12 hours from 7,700 feet on yellow T.L.s. 0241 hours, heard M.G. say "come down below cloud". At 0245 hours, illumination flares and one T.L. green seen, one red T.L. followed and fell alongside green. Heard M.G. say "Bomb green". Target is to perch of green. Before we did run over, saw yellow T.L. go down slightly to port of observer. M.G. said "Bomb yellow" and kept repeating this. Did not observe bombing results owing to blanket of smoke covering A.P. Main force bombing well concentrated on markers. M.G. instructions were very clear. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	" P "	J.7905 P/L Virtue J.D., J.24621 P/O Johnson J.E., R.157135 SGT Dada V.F., R.107620 W/O Ritts A.J., R.12154430 SGT Davanport T., R.157132 SGT Stoyke H.S., R.121542250 SGT Gilbert P.N.					
	" Y "	R.159028 P/S Stewart G.J., J.23114 P/O Gansly A.C., R.162840 W/O Greene E.S., R.106517 W/O Widdow J.K., R.121123 SGT Merrill W.A., R.165427 P/S Huff E.D., R.123790 SGT Roberts G.E.					

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9/10 June 1944	Lancaster III "H"	J.14051 P/O Keenan J., J.21632 P/O Wickens H.A., J.85040 P/O Hetherington, R.A.F. 139599 P/S Macdonald W.S., J.86087 P/O Hayes J.D., J.85047 P/O Ellis R.G., R.A.F. 160454 P/S Mitchem R. Bombardier (Same as 'H').		0036	0038	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "REYNOLDS AIRFIELD" (Continued)</b> "H" BOMBER:- 10/10 thin clouds, base 6,500 feet, but clear below. Lead released at 0245:25 hours from 6,500 feet on T.I. Yellow. 0257 hours approximately, M.G. told N/W to go below cloud. 0241:16 hours, saw green T.I. on ground - M.G. called for flares, which came down 3 to 4 miles North of target. Then saw red T.I. on ground alone by green. 0243:30 hours approximately, saw yellow on ground. As we passed over, saw yellow on A.P. with green on S.W. edge of N/W - S/W runway and red between the green and yellow. Only 2 sticks bombs seen, but M.G. reports concentrated bombing. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "H" BOMBER:- 10/10 clouds, base 6 to 7,000 feet. Lead released at 0248:30 hours from 7,000 feet on yellow T.I. 0249:30 hours, first green T.I. followed immediately by flares about 2 miles to North. Red T.I. went down about 2 minutes later, close to group. Main runway run and as we turned off T.I. yellow, went down 0246:30 hours approximately. Bombed yellow which was very slightly North of A.P. with red and green to South and between the 2 runways. Plenty of bomb bursts seen. All well on the markers. M.G. not heard. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-59
10/11 June 1944	"G" (NO 52)	J.19268 P/L MacKinnon L.L., D.F.C. J.22884 P/L Renton W.D., J.85391 P/O Wilcock A.J., R.A.F. 14077021 P/S Osmell S., R.A.F. 156589 P/S Humez Romde J.S., R.A.F. 135502 P/S Macerby S., R.58008 SGT Campbell E.W., J.13940 P/O Brown R.S., Bombardier 2 clusters 7" hooded flares "B", 4 x 500 GP, 10 x 25, 1 x 500 GP 100, 7 x 500 GP, 10 x 25, 1 x 500 GP 100, J.7978 S/L J.S. McPhail, D.F.C., R.A.F. 141555 P/L Gilchrist G.W., R.A.F. 160661 P/O Howard W., R.A.F. 138656 P/S Stanley E.E., J.16125 P/L Duff S., R.A.F. 138227 P/O Williams G.D., R.A.F. 138239 P/L Wright R.S., D.F.C. J.19820 P/L R.W. Wright, D.F.C. Bombardier (Same as 'G').		2316	0504	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "VERMILION/NAVALYON (Economic Depot) RE 7 Aircraft Detached"</b> "G" DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER:- Clear with no clouds. Lead released at 0040:06 hours from 7,000 feet on Adming Point in Marshalling Yard. Red fell at 0053 hours S.W. of A.P. 200 yards. Two reds fell at 0054 hours, further to S.W. 1 1/2 yards. No further reds seen. Our yellow T.I. fell on A.P. All bombing seen was on T.I.s, in N/Y. 0042 hours, reported to M.G. "Finished Detail". Two flares, hooded, brought back, not required. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "G" MASTER BOMBER:- Clear with no clouds. Lead released at 0059:12 hours from 5,700 feet on A.P. in N/Y. Approaching saw 2 red T.I. which fell at 0034, 0034:12 hours, one on A.P., other far to South. Illumination flares fell immediately after at 0058:30 hours approximately. Own T.I. dropped visually. On run up, assessed red and ordered Main Force to bomb red with 2 seconds overshoot. Dropped own yellow T.I. and told Main Force to bomb yellow T.I. Deputy M.G. backed up close to and intermingled with yellow T.I. Main Force told to bomb centre of all yellow T.I. and later S.L. yellow and white. Bombing very concentrated on T.I.s. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-60

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REPORT ON LOSS OF AIRCRAFT ON OPERATIONS

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Date of Loss: 10/11th June, 1944 Target: Versailles Rly. Junction  
Cause of Loss: Fighter attack followed by fire.  
Position of Loss: Etampes area homewardbound  
Occupation from: F/Sgt. Gingras P.H. Mid Upper Gunner on 25th Operation  
Complement of Crew:

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Navigator:	F/O Armstrong A.T.	
Alt Bomber:	W/O Phillips R.J.	} on about 25th operation
W/Operator:	F/Sgt. Thornhill M.A.	
Ft/Engineer:	Sgt. Sharples J.W.	} On 9th Operation
Air Bomber:	F/O Emery J.L.	
Rear Gunner:	F/Sgt. D'Agenais J. on about 25th operation.	

En route: Base - Chelmsford - 5055 N 0045 E - 5000 N 0118 E - Target - 4842 N 0210 E - 4815 N 0130 E - 4847 N 0100 W - 4940 N 0230 W - Base.

Narrative:

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2. After leaving the target the Lancaster got clear of cloud and climbed steadily on a straight course to about 5-6,000 ft. at a speed of 170-180 knots. There was no moon but clear night and the visibility was excellent. About 15 minutes from the target, while still climbing, the Lancaster was attacked without any warning by a night fighter. The Mid Upper Gunner was keeping a look out astern at the time and he could see that the Rear Gunner was also doing so. Both Gunners were traversing their turrets continually so as to keep a watch on both sides. The informant is therefore confident that the attack must have come from underneath although he has no direct evidence that this was so. The Lancaster carried VISUAL MONICA, but the Wireless Operator did not report any indication before the attack. The instrument had certainly been functioning satisfactorily on the outward flight.
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6. Sgt. Gingras pulled at the carrying handle of the parachute for a few seconds before he realised his mistake and seized the ripcord. When the chute opened he lost consciousness for a short space but came to while still in the air. He must have jumped from about 5-6,000 ft. He did not see the ground at all before he hit it but landed comfortably on very soft ground in a barley field in the neighbourhood of Etampes.

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10/11 June 1944	Lancaster III 2944						
	" T "	J.2134 P/O Stomach M.P., J.2136 P/O Armstrong A.T., R.15084 W/O R.J. Phillips, RAF/1339987 P/S Thornhill R. R.16337 P/S Gingsra P.H., R.18973 P/S Ingemis J.J.G., RAF/1865144 SGT Sharyles J.W.		2326	MISSING	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "VERSAILLES/MARKIENS (Locomotive Depot)</b> (Cont'd) <b>A-60</b> " T " <b>BACON UP</b> - This aircraft failed to return from this operation and nothing has been heard as regards to their fate. This aircraft was heard by 405B over target; at 004:24 hours, reported "everything away". M.C. ordered "O.K. Go home".	
	" C "	J.18760 P/O Lang R.W., RAF/174668 P/O Brook R., RAF/57945 P/O Edwards G.J., RAF/157549 P/S Leavelly W.D., RAF/1813553 P/S Cowley A.W., R.187162 SGT Stroud H.A., RAF/1819054 SGT York R.L.		2318	0503	<b>Bombload:-</b> 10 T.L. White A, 7 x 500 GP. <b>TD.025, 1 x 500 GP. LD.</b> " C " <b>ILLUMINATOR</b> - No cloud with clear visibility. <b>6</b> clusters 7" hooded flares released at 0037:55 hours from 6,600 feet on red T.L. 10 x 500 GP released at 0044:24 hours from 6,500 feet on yellow T.L., as instructed by M.C. Arriving, 1st red T.L. at 0033:30 hours, 2nd red T.L. at 0034:30 hours. M.C. at 0036 hours, to Main Force; "It is the attic". Dropped own flares. 0040 hours, bomb North red T.L. 0040:36 hours, bomb between red and yellow T.L. 0041:24 hours, overshoot yellow T.L. by 2 seconds. 0042 hours, Deputy M.C. to M.C. "Finished detail". 0042 hours, bomb yellow T.L. 0042:36 hours, bomb centre of all yellow. 0044:42 hours, "T/405, "everything away". "O.K. Go home". Photograph attempted - landed base.	
	" A "	RAF/111476 S/L Tydlbach H.W.A., J.13623 P/O S.W. Armstrong, D.F.C., RAF/173541 P/O Eganens A.D.N., RAF/1312308 P/S Abbott A.C., J.13457 P/O McGeurlick D.F., RAF/102507 S/L Ocoll N.M., RAF/162388 P/S Harrison J.		2317	0257	" A " <b>ILLUMINATOR</b> - Clear with good visibility. 6 clusters 7" hooded flares released at 0038:06 hours from 6,400 feet on centre between 2 red T.L.s seen ascending at 0033:30 hours. 9 x 500 GP. <b>TD, 1 x 500 GP. LD.</b> , released at 0045 hours from 8,500 feet on centre between one red and one yellow T.L. Red T.L.s ascending at 0033:30 hours, when 15 miles before target. After dropping flares, visually identified railway lines. At 0040 hours approximately, M.C. instructed to bomb Northern T.L. red. At 0040:12 hours, T.L. yellows ascending. M.C. instructed to bomb between red and yellow T.L.s. Bombing was well concentrated around the markers. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	" B "	J.85050 P/O Herbert R.G., J.20236 P/O Rodon F.A., R.158805 W/O Oardis M.B., RAF/1318176 P/S Owen L.P., R.75742 SGT Miles R.L., RAF/1890041 P/S Crisp R.A., RAF/1124760 SGT Gilland H.R.		2319	0511	" B " <b>ILLUMINATOR</b> - Clear with good visibility. 6 clusters 7" hooded flares released at 0038:06 hours from 6,500 feet on centre between 2 red T.L.s on ground seen ascending at 0033:42 hours. 9 x 500 GP. <b>TD, and 1 x 500 GP. LD.</b> , released at 0045:24 hours, from 6,000 feet on one yellow T.L. on ground. First red T.L. seen ascending at 0033:12 hours. At 0036 hours, M.C. instructed "attic". 0040 hours, bomb Northern T.L. red. 0042 hours, bomb centre of yellow T.L. 0043:06 hours, mark dummy run. Too short a run up. Bombing was concentrated around markers. Smoke covered area from 0043 hours. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
		<b>Bombload:-</b> (Same as 'C').					

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11/12 June 1944							
" X "	J.18445 P/O Smith E., J.22113 P/O D. Davies, R.142358 W/O Cassidy J.F., RAF/1136259 SPT O'Boyle T., R.146629 P/O King W.E., R.65733 W/O Reid G.H., R.6254 SPT McLean H.G. Bombload- 16 x 500 GP. 10.025 2 x 500 GP. LD.			2208	0306	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON " TOURS RAILWAY JUNCTION "</b> <b>13 Aircraft Detailed.</b> " X " <b>BOMBER</b> - 5/10 stratus layers, tops, 7,000 feet, with good visibility. Bomb released at 0042 hours from 7,400 feet on one red T.L. on ground. On arrival, 2 red T.L.s. on ground in line ahead. First heard M.C. when only 1 minute away from target, saying "bomb the reds". Bomb first red T.L. Explosion at 0047 hours. Several fires seen to West of A.P. in town. Most bombing around first red T.L. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-61
" P "	J.7905 P/L Virtue J.D., J.21522 P/O Johnson J.R., R.157135 SPT Dodds V.F., R.107620 W/O Britts A.J., RAF/1354430 SPT Davernport E., R.167132 SPT Stayko M.S., RAF/1582850 SPT Gilbert P.H.			2209	0321	" P " <b>BOMBER</b> - Returned from primary at 0050 hours approximately. T.L.s. not seen owing to cloud. 10/10 cloud; tops, 7,500 feet; with broken cloud in layers down to 1,000 feet. 0044:30 hours, passed over target at 3,000 feet, saw faint red glow suggesting 2 T.L.s. through 10/10 cloud. Heard Deputy M.C. say "Bomb centre of reds and yellows". Orbits and went down to 1,000 feet. Still in cloud. Passed over target again. Could see nothing at all. 0049 hours, Deputy M.C. said, "Bomb yellow - signing off" - 1 x 500 GP. LD.; jettisoned safe 4840 ft. 0041 W. at 0045 hours, 7,500 feet. 1 x 500 GP. LD. jettisoned safe 4922 ft. 0252 W., at 0224 hours from 7,500 feet. 1 x 500 GP. LD. hung up at first attempt to jettison. Released later. Landed base.	
" M "	J.86050 P/O Coffey J., R.12725 P/O Rayne R.V., R.158497 SPT Dingwall M., J.86032 P/O Bitherglen R.A., R.116556 SPT Hart K.A., J.86031 P/O McWhirter R.H., RAF/1288344 SPT Willoughby D.H.			2207	0310	" M " <b>BOMBER</b> - Stratus cumulus cloud, base, 2000 feet with good visibility. Bomb released at 0047 hours from 1,500 feet on centre of clusters of yellow T.L.s. At 0041:06 hours, M.C. instructed to come below cloud. Made second run. At 0045 hours, M.C. said "Bomb to part of red T.L.s." At 0045 hours, M.C. instructed to bomb concentration of yellow T.L.s. visually identified 2 railway trains. Red T.L.s. were on the tracks and medium concentration of yellows spread between 5 to 6 tracks. Many <del>marks</del> seen and end of one train blown away. Exp. Good attack. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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11/12 June 1944	Lancaster III " V " ND 344	J. 86023 P/O Melcombe D. Esq., J. 20716 P/O West J. W., J. 24556 P/O Clement J. R. AF/146859 P/S Davine F., RAF/168513 SGT Breitwite H., RAF/1817259 SGT Bailey P. G., RAF/1828772 SGT Deakin A. R. 139028 P/S Stewart G. J., J. 23114 P/O Stubby A. G., R. 182840 P/O Greene P. S., R. 106217 P/O Vixian J. M., R. 191123 SGT Morrill W. A., R. 163427 P/S Hurr W. D., R. 123750 SGT Roberts C. E.		2210	MISSING	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON " TOURS RAILWAY JUNCTION " (Cont'd)</b> " V " BOMBER- This aircraft failed to return from this operation and nothing has been heard from any member of this crew since time of take off. Rebload:- (Same as 'X').	A-61
	" J "			2211	0517	" J " BOMBER- Stratus cumulus at 1,500 feet with good visibility. Load released at 0045:05 hours from 1,000 feet on centre between red and yellow T.L. clusters. On arrival saw one cluster of red and one cluster of yellow T.L. near A.P. Another cluster of red and yellow T.L.s were to East in M/Y near a bottleneck. When lining up on T.L.s, Engineer saw a large building which blew up just before bombing. Large orange explosion at 0046 hours, lasting a short time only. Bombing concentrated around markers near A/P. Saw many Crates and Trains smashed up. Rear Gunner fired at several Light Flak Gun positions and one was silenced, also fired at a train. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	" W "	J. 9192 P/O Perry J. W., RAF/144456 P/O Reynolds L. H., J. 29571 P/O Hiscott E. J. 18625 P/O Hallens G. B., R. 188284 SGT McEwan A. E. H., R. 294654 SGT Miskanen S. E., RAF/1608234 SGT Beach T. J., RAF/141802 P/O Harbottle J., D. F. G.		2200	0512	" W " BOMBER- Abortive. Returned from primary at 0050 hours approximately. T.L.s not clearly seen owing to cloud. 10/10 cloud, tops 4, to 5,000 feet with broken cloud below 1,000 feet. Ran in above 10/10 cloud at 4, to 5,000 feet. M.C. said "Qmp down below cloud, base 2,500 feet". Went down to 2,500 feet and then to 1,000 feet, where there was 7/10 broken cloud. Could only see vague red glow of T.L.s. 2 x 500 GP. LD. and 2 x 500 GP. TD. 025, jettisoned same 4320 M. 0248 W. at 0157 hours from 5,200 feet. T.L.s not clearly seen. 14 x 500 GP. TD. 025 brought back. Landed base.	
	" R "	J. 14033 P/O Keenan J. L. J., J. 21632 P/O Wickens H. A., J. 85040 P/O Better A. L., RAF/133299 P/S Marchant W. S., J. 85057 P/O Hayes J. L., J. 85047 P/O RILEY R. O. R. 114479 SGT Smith E. C.		2201	0255	" R " BOMBER- 10/10 cloud at 7,800 feet with very thin layer at 3,500 feet. Load released at 0040:48 hours from 5,500 feet to part of red T.L. During approach, M.C. said "Bomb white". "Bomb between white and red", and then "Bomb to port of red". On bombing run, saw markers through thin cloud. One white and one red lay very close together with one red 2 to 300 yards to North and 2 other reds approximately 3 to 500 yards to East of the white. After leaving, M.C. said "Bomb yellow". No bomb bursts seen. Rear turret W/S from just before target. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	" D "	J. 19844 P/O Fisher C. E., J. 86086 P/O Johnson A. E., J. 23966 P/O Colbourn M. B. R. 99169 P/O Rice F. M., R. 193120 SGT Misereri F., R. 182958 SGT Ferguson C. L. RAF/1871640 SGT Jelly E. N., J. 12962 P/O Kemp K. D.		2202	0259	" D " BOMBER- 10/10 cloud, but clear below 2,000 feet. Load released at 0041:48 hours from 2,000 feet on starboard edge of white T.L.s. On run in, saw riser and railway yard. One white T.L. was lying North of A.P. Red T.L.s down South of target area. 0039:46 hours, M.C. said "Come in and bomb at 2,500 feet." 0039:48 hours, M.C. said "Bomb white spot fire". 0042 hours, M.C. said "Bomb to port of red T.L.". Hit by burst of light flak on run over white T.L. Hit bomb bay. Dropped part of load safe. Main Force bombing seemed well concentrated on markers. Set Operator hit in legs. Base.	

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11/12 June 1944	Lancaster III						
" C "		RAF/174975 P/O O'Connor E., RAF/171692 P/O Rain J. W. G., RAF/1590722 P/S E. Manickam, RAF/138443 P/S Bristol J. R. 151450 P/S King P. K., R. 173351 P/S Egan J. G., RAF/156604 SGT Henderson J. R. D. Bombload: (Same as 'X').		2205	0502	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "FOURS RAILWAY JUNCTION" (Continued)</b> " C " BOMBER: 10/10 cloud, base 2,500 feet, tops 7,000 feet with very thin layer below, base 2,000 feet. Lead re- leased at 0043:36 hours from 1,500 feet on to port of T.L. red. 0048 hours approximately, M.G. said "Omb below cloud base at 2,500 feet". Orbitted to lose height. M.G. said, "Bomb between reds and yellows". Round tight cluster of 3 reds with cluster of 2 yellows and one white 100 to 200 yards to North. M.G. said "Bomb to port of reds". Did so and saw glow of another red 1 to 2 miles East of the main concentra- tion. Photograph attempted. Landed base. " G " BOMBER: Layer cloud from 6 to 8,000 feet. Stratus 5/10th's at 5 to 2,000 feet. Visibility good below cloud. Lead released at 0048 hours from 2,000 feet. Bomb sight w/s from time of second run. Tracking in along river judged the position for bombing. On arrival, T.L. red on ground. At 0049:30 hours, M.G. said "Do not bomb". Made second run. T.L. yellow on ground. M.G. said "Bomb between yellow and red". Run too short so made third run. Yellow to South and red to West of A.E. M.G. spoke once every four minutes. Own bombs slightly overshoot. Bombing well concentrated around the T.L.s. Target, 0044 hours, 5,000 feet, one flak shel through No. 2 port tank. Photograph attempted. Landed base. " Y " BOMBER: Patches of thick cloud below 4 to 5,000 feet. Lead released at 0042 hours from 1,000 feet between white and red T.L. on M.G. instructions. 0049:30 hours, 2 red T.L.s and one white lying approximately 50 yards to East of base. River seen on run in. White T.L. appeared to be South of A.E. Heard M.G. say "Base ment 2,500 feet", but at this height target still obscured by cloud. On run in, heard M.G. repeat several times, "Bomb between reds and whites". Did so. Did not see any results. Very little bombing. Photograph attempted. Landed base. " H " BOMBER: Mass from 1,500 to 2,000 feet with thin cloud below. Lead released at 0044:54 hours from 1,500 feet on red T.L.s. 8 minutes before target, heard M.G. say "Base ment 2,500 feet". Went down and saw river and bridges and one red T.L. lying South East of target area. 0045 hours, heard M.G. say "Bomb red T.L.s". Much smoke over target and 2 fires. As we bombed on red T.L.s, aircraft hit by burst of light flak. Many bomb bursts seen over town of Tours. Starboard fin holed by flak. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-61
" G "		J. 16100 P/L G.P.A. Yates, D.F.M., J. 37731 P/O Roberts J.F., J. 85391 P/O Whitlock A.J., RAF/971628 P/O Bartlett E., J. 17375 P/O Griffiths R.A.M., R. 150088 SGT Allard R.L., RAF/1585085 SGT Gunthorpe K. Bombload: (Same as 'X').		2206	0504		
" Y "		J. 4888 S/L Morrison R.A., J. 24216 P/L Quole L.W., J. 26343 P/L Swartz R.A., R. 154763 W/O Darby D.J., R. 163220 P/S Baldwin C., R. 163220 P/S Briak W., RAF/160444 P/S Mactohan R. Bombload: (Same as 'X').		2205	0500		
" H "		C. 2980 P/L Burnard N.D., J. 20252 P/O Tynan G.G., J. 23154 P/O Nicholl G.F., RAF/257522 SGT Cox G., R. 294188 SGT Conolly J.F., RAF/1874132 SGT J.L.S. O'Hanlon, RAF/2594634 SGT McDonaghe P. Bombload: (Same as 'X').		2212	0513		

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11/12 June 1944	Lancaster III "B"	J. 2050 P/O Herbert H.G., J. 20215 P/O Edon F.A., R. 158805 P/O Cardno M.B., R. 1312276 P/S Owen L.F., R. 75722 SGT Miles B.J., R. 1290041 P/S Crisp B.A., R. 124750 SGT Glavin H.R. Bombload: (Same as 'X').		2206	0256	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON TOURS RAILWAY JUNCTION (Continued)</b> "B" BOMBER: Patches of thin cloud below 4 to 6,000 feet. Lead released at 0046:30 hours from 4,600 feet on centre of yellow T.L. Red T.L.s down on arrival. Did not hear M.C. but went down below cloud. No ground detail seen. Ran over target and saw yellow T.L.s in centre of several red T.L.s. Bombed centre, no results seen. Went back into cloud. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-61
12/13 June 1944	"A"	R. 111176 S/L Killbuck H.W.A., J. 13823 P/L Armstrong E.W., D.F.C., R. 173541 P/O Rasmussen A.D.N., R. 1512408 P/S Abbott A.G., J. 13457 P/O Macourick D.F., R. 109507 S/L Cull N.H., R. 166388 P/S Harrison J. Bombload: 24 7" hooded flares, 8 x 500 GP TD 025, 2 x 500 GP TD.		2247	0223	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON BRIDGES - LONDON S A/C DETAILS</b> "A" BOMBER: Clear with good visibility. 24 7" hooded flares released at 0005:36 hours from 11,500 feet by R.L.S. checked by R.T.A. 8 x 500 GP TD 025 and 2 x 500 GP TD, released at 0009:48 hours from 11,500 feet on centre between red and yellow T.L. clusters. On arrival at 0005 hours, a red T.L. cascaded. Dropped own flares and a green T.L. cascaded and went in wood north of A.P. 0006 hours, yellow T.L. cascaded very close to A.P. M.C. said "Bomb yellow". 0006:12 hours, M.C. said "Bomb between Yellow and Red". View of target area was obscured by smoke and unable to assess raid. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-62
	"Y"	J. 7978 S/L J.E. McDonald, D.F.C., R. 141255 P/L Gillespie G.W., R. 144861 P/O Howard W., R. 1366456 P/S Goodby H.E., T. 26185 P/L Duff T., R. 132329 P/O Williams G.J., R. 128246 SGT Hunter E.W., J. 13620 P/L R.W. Wright, D.F.C. Bombload: 8 7" hooded flares, 4 12 T.L. Yellow, 4 T.L. Yellow, 6 x 500 GP TD 025, 2 x 500 GP TD.		2245	0227	"Y" BOMBER: Clear with no cloud. 8 7" hooded flares and 4 yellow T.L. released at 0007:28 hours from 6,500 feet visually on A.P. Also released (at same time 0007:28 hours) 4 x 500 GP TD 025, 2 x 500 GP TD. 4 yellow T.L. released at 0013:12 hours from 6,000 feet on previous own T.L. Yellow. One red T.L. at 0005 hours, slightly North of A.P. One Green at 0006 hours fell South in arcadrome. One T.L. yellow at 0007:28 hours on A.P. Told Main Force to bomb yellow T.L. Told Deputy M.C. to back up yellow. Yellow T.L. cascaded and overlapped own. One fell outside M/Y one West 2,000 yards, and told Main Force to ignore this. Main Force told to bomb cluster of yellow with red showing through. Y.B.U. locked up between 2nd T.L. red and 1st T.L. red on M/Y. Told Main Force to ignore West T.L. red and white. No bombing seen. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"G"	J. 13268 P/L L.L. MacRimmon, D.F.C., J. 22184 P/L Banton W.D., J. 23966 P/O Gilhoun H.B., R. 1677021 P/S Ormsall S., R. 156389 P/S Howie J.S., R. 1333602 P/S Waters T., R. 58024 SGT Chappell E.W., J. 13400 P/O Baroni R.B. Bombload: (Same as 'Y').		2246	0218	"G" BOMBER: Clear with no cloud. Lead released at 0008:24 hours from 7,500 feet on A.P. in N/W. 0005 hours, one red ahead. 0006:48 hours, green slightly starboard 2 to 300 yards. 0006:30 hours approximately, yellow from M.C. seen on A.P. Told to back up yellow by M.C. at 0007 hours approximately. Bombing concentrated on A.P. 0013:30 hours, more yellows fell. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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12/13 June 1944	Lancaster III " W "	L.9192 P/L Parry J.W., RAF/144456 P/O Byrnolds K.H., J.29571 P/O Hiscott A.W., J.18625 P/O Milles G.E., R.18204 SGT McLeenan A.M.H., R.28654 SGT Robinson S.B., RAF/168834 SGT Beach P.J., RAF/143839 P/O J. Herbertis, D.F.C. Bombload: 10 T.L. White, 6 x 500 GP TD #025; 2 x 500 GP LB		2252	0133	BOMBING ATTACK ON " ALIENS - KONGURAU " (Continued) " W " VISUAL BAGGER UP! - Clear with good visibility. Bomb released at 0011:54 hours from 8,500 feet on centre between red and yellow T.L. clusters. On arrival at target, one yellow T.L. was well placed in the Railway Junction. A red T.L. was in the W/Y to West of A.P. At 0006 hours, M.C. said "V.B.U. back up yellow T.L.s". 0009 hours, "Bomb centre of yellow and reds". 0009 hours, "Bomb red and Western yellow T.L.". There was a huge flare close to red T.L. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-62
	" K "	J.18760 P/L Long R.W., RAF/171668 P/O Brock R., RAF/573645 P/S Edwards G.J., RAF/1575439 P/S Leaveloy W.B. RAF/2813553 P/S Gaudy A.W., R.187162 SGT McCord H.A., RAF/1819054 SGT York W.E. Bombload: (Same as 'A').		2248	0125	" K " VISUAL BAGGER! - Clear with no clouds. 24 7/8 hooded flares released at 0006:12 hours from 11,800 feet on red T.L. - 8 x 500 GP TD #025 and 2 x 500 GP TD released at 0011:28 hours from 12,000 feet on centre of red and yellow T.L. on M.C. instructions. First red T.L. seen at 0004:48 hours. M.C. reported yellow "bang on" A.P. at 0007 hours. Red was North of yellow approximately 2 mile on opposite side of W/Y point of railway. Only bombing seen was close to T.L. yellow. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	" B "	J.89050 P/O Herbert R.C., J.20236 P/O Edson R.A., L.158005 P/O Gardno M.B. RAF/1338876 P/S Owen L.K., R.75782 SGT Miles R.L., RAF/189001 P/S Crisp H.A., RAF/1424760 SGT Graham H.K. Bombload: (Same as 'A').		2249	0147	" B " VISUAL BAGGER! - Clear with good visibility. 24 7/8 hooded flares released at 0006:12 hours from 12,000 feet by R.2.S. - 8 x 500 GP TD #025 and 2 x 500 GP TD released at 0011:48 hours from 12,300 feet on one cluster of yellow T.L. No flares or markers down on arrival. On flares were first to fall. Saw town but not A.P. 0005 hours, one red T.L. onclouded. 0005:30 hours, one yellow T.L. onclouded. 0006 hours, M.C. told V.B.U. to back up T.L. Yellow. 0009 hours, "Bomb centre of red and yellow T.L.s". 0009:30 hours, "Bomb light of yellow T.L.". 0011 hours, "Ignore Western Red T.L.". 0011:30 hours, "Bomb central group of red and yellow T.L.s". Made Army run at 0012:06 hours owing to bomb tit becoming w/e. On leaving target area, it was covered by smoke. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	" U "	J.89662 P/L R. Mains-Smith, D.F.C. RAF/143587 P/O Goddard W., RAF/1586823 SGT King R.L., RAF/149079 P/O Watson H.F., R.21205 SGT Bergerson J.G.L., R.291274 SGT Rembo R., RAF/221260 SGT Hilton E. Bombload: (Same as 'A').		2250	0130	" U " VISUAL BAGGER! - Clear with cloud above at 12,500 feet. 24 7/8 hooded flares released at 0006:12 hours from 12,000 feet on one red T.L. - 8 x 500 GP TD #025 and 2 x 500 GP TD released at 0010:00 hours from 11,600 feet on yellow T.L.s as interpreted by M.C. Saw flares fall first at 0008:30 hours approximately. Red yellow backing up onclouded and fell on 1st yellow on A.P. Bombing concentrated on T.L.s. On flares fell on North West corner of aerodrome. 0008:12 hours, M.C. "back up yellow, bang on". 0008:30 hours, orders were carried out. 0008:30 hours, "Bomb centre of red and yellow". 0009:24 hours, "Bomb western yellow repeated." Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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11/12 June 1944	Lancaster III "Y"	J.1898 S/L Morrison R.A., J.24216 P/O Giesle L.W., J.26343 P/L Swartz R.A., R.154763 W/O Darcy G.J., R.163220 P/S Lejube O.A., R.152761 P/S Ruziak W., R.156844 P/S Hatcher R.		2251	0038	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "AMIKS - LONGHEAD" (Continued)</b> "Y" ILLUMINATION: Clear with good visibility. 20 " hooded flares released at 0005:50 hours from 12,000 feet on H.2.S. 2 x 500 GP. ED .025 and 2 x 500 GP. ED released at 0011:42 hours from 12,000 feet on one cluster of yellow T.I.s on ground. On arrival, no marking or flares. Other flares fell the same time as own and a red T.I. hit ground at approximately the same time 50 yards North of A.F. Yellow T.I. cascaded over the A.F. M.G. said "Bomb Yellow T.I.". Most bombing was concentrated around the Yellow T.I. On 1st early in attack to assess. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-62
11/15 June 1944	"G"	J.18268 P/L L.L. MacKinnon, D.F.C., J.22484 P/L Renton W.D., R.97783 P/L G.A. Sweeney, D.F.C., R.1077682 P/S Connell G., R.1756499 P/S Dennis J., R.1753668 P/S Waters T., R.58024 SGT Chappell R.W., J.15400 P/O R.B. Baroni R.M.		2333	0022	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "CANAL TRACK CROSSINGS" 8 Aircraft Destroyed</b> "G" MASTER BOMBING: 20/1st dist. base, 2,000 feet, with slight haze below. Lead released at 0022:56 hours from 7,000 feet on A.F. and T.I. red. 0050 hours approximately, flares and 2 T.I. red cascaded. At 0055: hours approximately, there were three T.I. reds lying in line roughly North and South, the most southerly one being slightly North of the A.F. One Green T.I. was slightly S.E. of A.F. The flares were to the South and illumination was inadequate, but A.F. was identified by light of T.I.s. Own yellows went 100 to 200 yards S.W. of A.F., as told Main Force to bomb between yellows and reds. Orbitted, and told Deputy M.G. to mark A.F. or back up yellow. His yellow went on A.F. Told V.B.U. to back up yellow, which he did, snapping the A.F., but the colour remained predominantly yellow, as told Main Force to bomb concentration of yellow. Bombing was very scattered at times. Told Main Force not to bomb wildly. 1 Grd. T.I. yellow brought back - not required. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-63
	"D"	J.1984 P/O Fisher G.H., J.86086 P/O Johnson A.D., J.12962 P/O Kemp K.D., R.95268 W/O Mice P.M., R.133180 SGT Mansfield E., R.182958 SGT Ferguson G., R.182160 SGT Jolly K.N., J.23966 P/O Colhoun K.H.		2334	0025	<b>"D" DEPUTY MASTER BOMBING:</b> Clear over target. Lead released at 0055:42 hours from 7,000 feet on A.F. between red/yellow T.I.s. 0049:25 hours, saw illumination flares. My red up to target which was identified visually. 0049 hours, M.G. said "Come down to 2,000 feet." Went down to 5,000 feet, quite clear over target and on M.G.'s instructions, went back to 7,000 feet. 0049:48 hours, first red went down. Fell slightly South of A.F. and one red identified as lying approximately 2 to 300 yards West of A.F. Saw green went down close to first red T.I. M.G. said he was going in to mark A.F. Saw his yellow T.I.s go down 300 yards West of A.F. Only two T.I.s ignited. M.G. said "Go in and back up yellow", which we did. 0056 hours, M.G. told Main Force to concentrate their bombing which was scattered up to 1,000 yards from markers. W/F appeared to be bombing on red T.I. S. of A.F. Photo attempted. Landed base.	

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14/15 June 1944	Lancaster III					<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON CAMBRAY TRACK CROSSINGS. (Cont'd)</b>	A-63
	" G "	RAF/174075 P/O G. G. Connor E., RAF/171692 P/O Main J. G., RAF/1390722 P/S E. Henderson, RAF/138434 P/S Bristol J. R., R.151450 P/S B. B. B. R.173551 P/S Egan J. G., RAF/156604 SGT Henderson J. R. B.		2338	0218	" G " <b>ILLUMINATOR</b> - Small amount of cloud below with moderate visibility. 24 7" hooded flares 'B' released at 0055:27 hours from 11,700 feet on centre of cluster of red T.L.s. 7 x 500 GP. TD. .025 and 2 x 500 GP. LD. released at 0058:22 hours from 12,100 feet on centre of cluster of red T.L.s. Arrived early. Dropped flares on cluster of Y to L red T.L.s which were close to A.P. Orbitted. Yellow went down. Deputy M.C. said "Bomb roads" 'B' released at 0059:27 hours. M.C. told Main Force to get in and bomb the T.L.s. 1 x 500 GP. TD. .025 brought back owing to hang-up. H.2.S. u/s for bombing. Photograph attempted. Landed base. " G " <b>ILLUMINATOR</b> - Clear visibility. 24 7" hooded flares released at 0059:06 hours from 12,000 feet by H.2.S. 8 x 500 GP. TD. .025 and 2 x 500 GP. LD. released at 0056:12 hours from 12,000 feet between yellow and red T.L.s. No T.L.s down on arrival. Dropped own flares at 0050:05 hours and while dropping one red T.L. went down. This fell 50 to 100 yards S.W. of A.P. At 0054 hours, M.C. said "Bomb between red and yellow T.L.s." - Identified position of this yellow T.L. as South corner of triangle of tracks. M.C. complained to Main Force that bombing was scattered. Thought to be North and South of T.L.s. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	" A "	RAF/11476 P/S Trillipson H. W. S., J.13823 P/A E. W. Armstrong, D.F.C., RAF/173541 P/O Spurrans L. R., RAF/1312308 P/S Abbott A. G., J.13457 P/O McGourlick D. F., RAF/109507 S/L Oull N. M., RAF/162383 P/S Harrison J.		2335	0209	" A " <b>ILLUMINATOR</b> - Clear visibility. 24 7" hooded flares released at 0059:06 hours from 12,000 feet by H.2.S. 8 x 500 GP. TD. .025 and 2 x 500 GP. LD. released at 0056:12 hours from 12,000 feet between yellow and red T.L.s. No T.L.s down on arrival. Dropped own flares at 0050:05 hours and while dropping one red T.L. went down. This fell 50 to 100 yards S.W. of A.P. At 0054 hours, M.C. said "Bomb between red and yellow T.L.s." - Identified position of this yellow T.L. as South corner of triangle of tracks. M.C. complained to Main Force that bombing was scattered. Thought to be North and South of T.L.s. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	" R "	J.14653 P/O Keenan J. J., J.21638 P/O Wickens H. A., RAF/123767 P/O Crumley H. M., RAF/133299 P/S E. S. Marchant, J.85457 P/O Hayes J. D., J.86047 P/O Ellis R. G., R.134473 SGT Smith E. G., J.85040 P/O Better A. J.		2346	0226	" R " <b>VISUAL BACKER</b> - 7/10 cloud, base at 17,000 feet with heavy visibility. Load released at 0058:06 hours from 6,500 feet between red and yellow on M.C.'s orders. On approach, while turning in and out of cloud, saw T.L. reds and flares. On arriving found cluster of reds with T.L. yellow 100 to 200 yards to S.W. M.C. told us to mark A.P. or between red and yellow, and we did the latter. Bombing was scattered and M.C. called Main Force to bomb the T.L.s. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	" Y "	RAF/10 T.L. White A, 6 x 500 GP. TD. .025, 2 x 500 GP. LD. J.14898 P/L Harrison H. A., J.24216 P/L Quale L. E., J.26343 P/L Smart R. A., R.154763 P/O Darcy G. J., R.163280 P/S LaJambe O. A., R.132761 P/S Ribiak W., RAF/150442 P/S Mitchen K.		2336	0213	" Y " <b>ILLUMINATOR</b> - Small amounts of cloud below 12,000 feet. 24 7" hooded flares released at 0050:24 hours from 12,000 feet on red T.L.s. 8 x 500 GP. TD. .025 and 2 x 500 GP. LD. released at 0055 hours from 12,000 feet on red T.L. Reds went down slightly to starboard as we dropped flares. Orbitted and found three reds in cluster, with T.L. white slightly to S.W. M.C. said "Bomb concentration of reds". Markers were all very close to A.P. As we left, bombing was well on the T.L.s. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	" U "	RAF/66962 P/L P. Macdonald, D.F.C., RAF/145387 P/O Goddard E., RAF/158685 SGT King B. S., RAF/149079 P/O Watson H. F., R.127923 SGT Madke J., R.191174 SGT Bonabo E., RAF/2211605 SGT Hilton K.		2339	0228	" U " <b>ILLUMINATOR</b> - Clear visibility. 24 7" hooded flares released at 0059:12 hours from 12,400 feet by H.2.S. 8 x 500 GP. TD. .025 and 2 x 500 GP. LD. released at 0057 hours from 12,500 feet on red and yellow T.L.s. 0050:12 hours, no marking visible on arrival at target. As we dropped own flares, first red T.L. went down on top of our flares. Orbitted to (P.T.S.)	
		Bombload - (Same as 'G').					
		Bombload - (Same as 'A').					
		Bombload - (Same as 'R').					
		Bombload - (Same as 'Y').					
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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
14/15 June 1944	Bombardier III "U"	<b>W/L F. Meine-Smith, J.P.C. (Cont'd)</b>				<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "CAMBRAY TRACK CROSSINGS" (Cont'd)</b> "H" (Continued) - port and at 0055:12 hours, heard M.G. say "Bomb between red and yellow T.L.s. 0055:18 hours, M.G. changed instructions to "Bomb centre of red T.L.s." 0056 hours, heard M.G. tell Main Force not to bomb so widely. Bombing scattered but appeared to improve later. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-65
	"T"	<b>J.16100 P/L G.P.A. Yates, D.M.M., S.17124 P/O Roberts S.2., J.25521 P/O W.1004 Lt., RAF/571618 P/O Bartley E. J.17375 P/O G. Griffiths R.A.M., E.191089 SGT Allard H.L., RAF/1583015 SGT Gauthier E.</b> <b>Bombload: (Same as "C").</b>		2357	0221	"F" <b>ILLUMINATION</b> - Clear with patches of drifting clouds. 7" loaded flares released at 0052:54 hours from 12,000 feet on red and green T.L.s. 7 x 500 GP. TD 0025 and 2 x 500 GP. LB released at 0056:30 hours from 12,000 feet on centre of red T.L.s. 10/10 cloud to 9,000 feet, broke five minutes from target, when it was clear. 0056:12 hours, first red. Orbited and another red fell slightly North of first red. 0051 hours, green went down to South of reds and in line with them. Dropped flares on first red. M.G.s T.L. yellow was slight undershoot, i.e., slightly S.W. of first red. M.G. said "Bomb between red and yellow", then "Bomb concentration of red". Bombing scattered at first to South of A.P. and later to North. 2 x 500 GP. TD 0025 jettisoned 5110 H. 0053 H., at 0126:30 hours, from 12,000 feet, owing to hang up over target. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
15/16 June 1944	"O"	<b>J.24172 P/O Chabaluck H.L., J.24057 P/O McKillop H.C., E.141100 P/O Rgt. Trelaven R.M., RAF/1380169 P/S J.S. Baron, E.20440 SGT Woods G.S., RAF/152415 SGT Campbell J., RAF/2007787 SGT Meyers P.M.W. Bombload: 16 x 500 GP TD 0025 2 x 500 GP LD.</b>		2355	0234	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "LENS MARSHALLING YARD" "16 A/C UNATTACHED"</b> "O" <b>BOMBER</b> - Clear below 8,000 feet. Load released at 0051:50 hours from 7,000 feet on red T.L.s. Red T.L.s. on ground but could not ascertain position owing to much smoke. Heard M.G. say "Bomb red T.L.s.". After bombing, M.G. changed instruction to "Bomb between red/yellow T.L.s.". 0052 hours, saw a big explosion, with smoke rising to 1,000 feet. 4 x 500 GP TD 0025 jettisoned 5105 H. 0210 H. at 0206 hours owing to hang up. Landed base.	A-64
	"H"	<b>C.2980 P/L Burnard L.B., J.20252 P/O Kyan G.O., J.23154 P/O Nicholl G.F., RAF/1575171 SGT Cox G., E.136138 SGT Connolly J.F., RAF/1874132 SGT O'Han- lon J.S., RAF/1054438 SGT McMonagle P.S. Bombload: (Same as "O").</b>		2350	0258	"H" <b>BOMBER</b> : 10/10 cloud, base 7,500 feet, with visibility good below cloud. Load released at 0051:50 hours from 7,000 feet on cluster of T.L. white. At approximately 0040 hours, heard M.G. say "Base on target 7". When over target, M.G. said "Hold bomb" and immediately afterwards "Bomb the reds". Aircraft had overshoot A.P. so orbited. M.G. then said "Bomb whites". Visually identified town, canal and M/T's. Markers were very close to A.P. Beds slightly N.E. of whites. Too much smoke to assess attack. Explosion seen at 0048 hours, orange flash with black smoke. 0053 hours, large orange explosion with flame to approximately 500 feet, which lasted for approximately one minute - similar to gas. Landed base.	

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15/16 June 1944	Lancaster III					<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "LENS MARSHALLING YARD" (Cont'd).</b>	A-64
	"M"	J.86050 P/O Coffey J.E., J.24725 P/O Bayne R.J., R.15897 SGT Dingwall M. J.86032 P/O Rutherford R.S., R.116556 SGT Hart K.A., J.86051 SGT Hart K.A., J.86052 P/O McWhirter R.S., RAY/1288544 SGT Willoughby R.S.G.		2349	0225	"M" BOMBER - Clear below 9,000 feet. Load released at 0057 hours from 7,000 feet on red and yellow T.L. concentration on Railway tracks. Red, yellow and white T.L.s. down on arrival. 0050 hours, M.G. "Bomb red T.L.s.". Mid dummy run. 0057 hours, M.G. "Bomb on red, yellow and white". Bombing appeared concentrated. Chasers ran away at take off and photoflash hung up. Landed base.	
	"P"	Rebload- (Same as "M"). J.7505 P/O Kiria J.D., J.24821 P/O Johnson J.E., R.157135 SGT Dodds V.P. R.107620 P/O Britts Adj., RAY/1354450 SGT Davenport T., R.167132 SGT Stoyko M.S., RAY/1588950 SGT Gilbert F.H.		2351	0237	"P" BOMBER - 10/10 cloud above 8,000 feet. Load released at 0056:15 hours from 5,500 feet on centre of clusters of red T.L.s. Approximately 0057:15 hours, M.G. said "Bomb the reds.". At 0058 hours, there was a large explosion which lit up the whole sky. Swags flares and lots of smoke. M.G. instructed to bomb the centre of smoke and T.L.s. When running up the M.G. said "Bomb the reds.". Bombing concentrated around T.L.s. Illuminator flares were to S.E. of A.P. Landed base.	
	"X"	J.18445 P/O Smith H., J.22613 P/O D.P. Davies, RAY/1452652 SGT Woods G.L.S. RAY/1236629 SGT O'Keefe T., R.146659 W/O King W.H., R.65753 W/O Reid G.E., R.68504 SGT Holman R.G.		2348	0159	"X" BOMBER - Easy below 10,000 feet. Load released at 001:20 hours from 8,600 feet on red and yellow T.L. 0018 hours, M.G. said "Yellow T.L. overshoot red, Bang on white bombs Main Force". 0050 hours, "Bomb between red and yellow T.L.s.". BOMB cloud just before targets. Whole of town lit up. Very poor black out. Bombed between red and yellow T.L.s. M.G. said "Good bombing". 0053 hours, one big explosion and on leaving M/Y was covered in smoke. Landed base.	
	"J"	R.159028 P/S Stewart C.J., J.23114 P/O Ganshy A.C., R.142840 P/O Greene P.S., R.106517 W/O Vivian J.K., R.231123 SGT Morrill W.A., R.163427 P/S Huff R.D., R.123750 SGT Roberts G.		2352	MISSING	"J" BOMBER - This aircraft failed to return from this operation and nothing has been heard of any member of this crew since time of take off. Rebload- (Same as "O").	
	"K"	J.18760 P/L Long R.W., RAY/174668 P/O Brook R.S., RAY/279645 P/S Edwards G.J.S., RAY/1579439 P/S Leavelley W.D., RAY/186553 P/S Gossby A.W., R.187162 SGT Stroud M.A., RAY/189034 SGT York R.S.		2341	0204	"K" BOMBER - Clear below 7,000 feet. Load released at 0053:20 hours from 7,000 feet on centre of red and yellow T.L. (on M.G.'s instructions). Above cloud until 0054 hours. M.G. instructed "Basement 7". 0056 hours, saw red spot fire, 2 bunches flares and one more a few seconds later. At 0058 hours, M.G. "Hold bombing running in". 0058:30 hours, M.G. "Red bang on". 0059 hours, explosion like old tanks with orange flares and black smoke, also second explosion similar near town. Bombing was well concentrated, but smoke obscured ground detail. Landed base.	
	"N"	J.86050 P/O Herbert R.G., J.20236 P/O Edon F.A., R.158805 W/O Cardno M.B. RAY/118276 P/S Owen L.P., R.75748 SGT Miles R.L., RAY/189041 P/S Crisp R.S., RAY/242760 SGT Stiland R.E.		2347	0221	"N" BOMBER - Easy below cloud with fair visibility. Load released at 0051 hours from 8,500 feet on centre of red and yellow T.L.s. on ground. 0057:48 hours, heard M.G. call up M/P to hold bombs. 0058 hours, broke cloud and saw red and yellow T.L.s. on ground. 0059 hours, M.G. gave instructions to Main Force to bomb centre of yellow and red T.L.s. Bombing concentrated around markers. Illuminator flares appeared to be off target to S.E. Landed base.	

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				UP	DOWN		
15/16 June 1944	Lancaster III					<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "KING MARSHALLS YARD" (Cont'd).</b>	A-C
	"T"	J.16100 P/O W.H. G.P.A. Yates, D.F.M., J.37131 P/O Roberts J.F., J.85791 P/O Wilscock A.J., RAF/972418 P/O Bartley E., J.17375 P/O Griffiths R.A.M., R.19208 SGT Alford B.L., RAF/1505025 SGT Gunthorpe L.		2342	0251	"T" BOMBING: Clear below 7,000 feet. Load released at 0048:53 hours from 7,000 feet on A.P. 0041 hours, one green T.L. cascaded. 0046:40 hours, red T.L.s. went down followed by load of Illuminator Flares. A.F. identified. Red T.L.s. lying slightly East of A.P. Ran in and saw canal crossing N/Y quite clearly. 0048 hours, one yellow T.L. down. Fell East of reds. Overshot by approximately 200 yards. Own bombs straddled N/Y slightly overshoot A.P. First Illuminator Flares scattered, but second load very well placed and lit up whole of N/Y. Landed base.	
	"U"	RAF/66562 P/O E. Meine-Smith, D.F.C., RAF/243287 P/O Goddard W., RAF/198685 SGT King D.L., RAF/149079 P/O Watson H.F., R.12725 SGT Baker J., R.191174 SGT Bambo R., RAF/2211005 SGT Hilton K.		2346	0206	"U" BOMBING: Good 10/10 at 7,800 feet with good visibility below cloud. Load released at 0052:40 hours from 7,600 feet on centre of cluster of red and yellow T.L.s. At 0044:28 hours, M.C. instructed Basement 7. This was repeated at 0045:30 hours. At 0048:12 hours, M.C. said red T.L. was 'O.K.'. At that time, target identified by red and yellow T.L.s. on ground. At 0050:30 hours, M.C. said "Bomb centre of red and yellow T.L.s.". Bombed there. No ground detail seen but lots of smoke about. Bombing was very well concentrated around T.L.s. Explosion seen in target area at 0050:18 hours. Landed base.	
	"Y"	J.4898 S/L Morrison H.A., J.24216 P/O Guelle L.W., J.26343 P/L Swartz R.A., R.154763 W/O Darcy G.J., R.163220 W/S Kjaerbo O.A., R.132761 P/S Kubiak W., RAF/1604451 P/S Mchones R.		2345	0201	"Y" BOMBING: Clear below 8,000 feet with 10/10 cloud in layers. Load released at 0051:12 hours from 7,500 feet on red and yellow T.L. (M.C.'s instructions). Broke cloud near target on M.C. instructions at 7,500 feet. Saw everything down. Bombed on instructions from M.C. 0048 hours, told to "Hold Bombs". 0050 hours, M.C. told to bomb centre of red and yellow. Big yellow explosion on target at 0052 hours. Landed base.	
	"A"	RAF/112476 P/O T.11111 H.F.S., J.11142 P/O G.B. Elphinstone, D.F.C., RAF/173751 P/O Knapton A.D.M., RAF/112308 P/S Abbott A.G., J.13457 P/O McCoullick D.F., RAF/109507 S/A, Small H.M., RAF/162383 P/S Harrison J.		2345	0213	"A" BOMBING: Clear below 7,000 feet. Load released at 0051:57 hours from 9,000 feet between railway yard. No marking seen on arrival at target. Heard M.C. say "Bomb red T.L.s." followed by "Bomb between red and yellow T.L.s.". Engineer identified position of N/Y. Bombing seemed concentrated on Markers. Landed base.	
	"G"	RAF/27497 P/O G. Gann, RAF/27497 P/O Gann, RAF/27497 P/O Gann, RAF/139072 P/S S. Baudouin, RAF/139072 P/S S. Baudouin, J.R., R.131450 P/S King J.H., R.173531 P/S King J.C., RAF/156044 SGT K.S.B. Henderson		2344	0215	"G" BOMBING: Clear below 8,000 feet. Load released at 0050:24 hours from 7,500 feet between yellow and red on M.C.'s instructions. 10 minutes before target, ordered to break cloud at 7,000 feet. 0046 hours, flares fell. Saw 2 reds (one on North edge of A.P. and one on Southern edge of A.P.), at direct crossing. One yellow near red and 2 yellow overshoot to S.E. of A.P. by 100 yards. All bombing concentrated on A.P. 0048:18 hours and 0053 hours, two explosions. Yellow colour, flames to 500 feet and black smoke. Landed base.	

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15/16 June 1944	Bombardier III						
	" W "	J.2192 P/L Perry J.W., RAF/14456 P/O Reynolds J.H., J.2951 P/O Hiscott R.W., J.1825 P/O Holmes G.H., R.18828. SGT McKenna A.H., R.23454 SGT Mikansen S.E., RAF/16028 SGT Beach T.J., RAF/11809 P/O J. Harbottle, D.F.C.		2340	0155	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON " LENS MARSHALLING YARD " (Cont'd).</b> " W " BOMBED - Clear below 7,000 feet. Load released at 0049:06 hours from 7,000 feet on one red T.L. Broke cloud near target (approximately 10 miles away). One red seen on identified A.P. Deputy M.G. dropped T.L.s yellow. Under- shoot 300 yards. M.G. mid "Bomb red". On bombing, last 3 of stick believed hit oil tank with black smoke and red glow in vicinity of R.L. side of railway. Landed base. " W " BOMBED - This aircraft failed to return from this operation and nothing has been heard from any member of the crew since time of take-off. Bombload - (Same as '0').	A-6.
	" K "	J.2183 P/O Keenan J.L., J.21632 P/O Wickens H.A., RAF/23767 P/O Cumbly W.H., RAF/139523 P/O Merchant W.S., J.2507 P/O Hayes J.H., J.25067 P/O Ellis P.O., R.114479 SGT Smith R.G., J.2500 P/O Reister A.J.		2338	MISSING		
	J.B. 729						
	" C "	J.19268 P/L L.L. MacKinnon, D.F.C., J.22184 P/L Banton W.D., RAF/171868 P/L Banton V.E., D.F.C., RAF/1077022 P/S Connell G., RAF/156389 P/S J.S. Bunde, RAF/1533602 P/S Waters E., R.58028 SGT Chappell E.W., J.29400 P/O Barent R.H.		2339	0155	" C " BOMBED - Clear below 7,000 feet. Load released at 0049:30 hours from 6,800 feet on red T.L. and A.P. 0049:38 hours, one red T.L. went down and heard M.G. say "Main Bunde hold bombs". 0049:45 hours, red T.L.s and illuminator flares, T.L.s, down East side of canal, overshoot A.P. by approximately 150 yards. Ground detail very clear. M.G.'s instructions good. He told Deputy to mark A.P. Deputy answered "Red bang on". M.G. directed bombing between red and yellow T.L.s. Saw own bombs straddle A.P. On leaving, heard M.G. tell V.M.U. to bank up with 2 second overshoot. Landed base. Bombload - (Same as '0').	
16/17 June 1944							
	" C "	J.19268 P/L L.L. MacKinnon, D.F.C., J.22184 P/L Banton W.D., RAF/171868 P/L V.E. Banton, D.F.C., RAF/1077022 P/S Connell G., RAF/156389 P/S J.S. Bunde, RAF/1533602 P/S Waters E., R.58028 SGT Chappell E.W., J.29400 P/O Barent R.H.		2331	0509	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON " STERILDALE (BOMBEN) " 3 A/O DETAILED.</b> " C " VISUAL BACON UP - 10/10 cloud, tops at 10,000 feet, with good visibility. Load released at 0128 hours from 15,000 feet on R.T.L. and D.R. No marking on bomb bursts seen. Bombed on R.T.L. checked by D.R. Photographs taken. Landed base. Bombload - 2 L.B. T.L. Green E; 2 MISS T.L. Green E; 1 x 1,000 HC Nitro; 12 x 500 GP 100-000.	A-65
	" W "	J.2192 P/L Perry J.W., RAF/14456 P/O Reynolds J.H., J.2951 P/O Hiscott R.W., J.1825 P/O Holmes G.H., R.18828. SGT McKenna A.H., R.23454 SGT Mikansen S.E., RAF/16028 SGT Beach T.J., RAF/11809 P/O J. Harbottle, D.F.C.		2333	0507	" W " VISUAL BACON UP - 10/10 cloud, tops 10,000 feet, with good visibility. Load released at 0125:30 hours from 17,000 feet by D.R. checked by R.2.S. On arrival, no markers seen. Few bomb bursts. Bombed on D.R., checked by H.2.S. On leaving, bombing was very scattered. Landed base. Bombload - (Same as '0').	
	" D "	J.19268 P/O Fisher G.H., RAF/152928 P/O R.W. Ogden, D.F.C., J.12962 P/O Kemp K.D., R.99169 P/O Mace W.M., R.19320 P/S Misker F., R.183958 SGT Ferguson G.L., RAF/187640 SGT Jolly E.H., J.23966 P/O Calhoun M.B.		2332	0516	" D " VISUAL BACON UP - 10/10 cloud at 10,000 feet. Load released at 0227:22 hours from 16,000 feet by H.2.S. on estimated A.P. No markers seen on arrival. Several T.L.s reds descended just above cloud 2 to 3 minutes after bombing. Bombing was very scattered. Bursts seen up to 15 miles West and also well to South of estimated target position. Landed base.	

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				Up	Down		
16/17 June 1944	Lancaster III					<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "CONSTRUCTION WORKS BARRACKS" IN Aircraft Detailed.</b>	A-66
	"P"	J.7905 P/L Virnie J.H., J.24921 P/O Johnson J.H., E.257155 SGT Dods V.P., R.107688 W/O Rietts M.J., RAB/1354130 SGT Invenport F., E.267132 SGT Stoyko M.S., RAB/1388320 SGT Gilbert F.W. Bombload:- 16 x 500 LB. TD. 025. 2 x 500 GP. 12.		0007	0221	"P" BOMBER:- 10/10 cloud at 10,000 feet. Load released at 0058:45 hours from 11,000 feet on centre of glow of red T.L. On run up, some T.L. red seen cascading. Some red T.L. seen on ground through break on run up. At target, 10/10 cloud. Only glow visible on cloud. Some bomb flashes seen on cloud. Some yellow explosions larger than bomb flashes seen on target. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"H"	G.2380 P/L Bernard L.H., J.26252 P/O Ryan G.W., J.21154 P/O Nichol G.F., RAB/1573171 SGT Cox G., E.19418. P/S GIBSON J.P., RAB/2874135 SGT O'Hanlon L.J.S., RAB/2544632 SGT McDonaghe P.J. Bombload:- (Same as "P").		0008	0208	"H" BOMBER:- 10/10 cloud at 9,000 feet. Load released at 0100:32 hours from 11,000 feet near edge of red glow. 0057 hours, on approach, saw T.L. red through break in cloud. On arrival, saw only the glow. A few bomb flashes seen. Landed base.	
	"Q"	J.24172 P/O Chakaluk R.R., J.24037 P/O McKillop N.G., R.1143100 W/O R.M. Treleven R.M., RAB/1380169 P/S J.S. Baron, E.204040 SGT Urada G.S., RAB/1380154 SGT Campbell J., RAB/1307767 SGT Rogers F.L.W. Bombload:- (Same as "P").		0021	0214	"Q" BOMBER:- 10/10 cloud at 9,000 feet. Load released at 0058:21 hours from 11,000 feet on far edge of red glow. On run up, saw two T.L. red on ground and one cascading with bomb flashes on T.L. Bombs would not release on distributor. Made another run and bombs went single and salvo at second target attempt, causing slight overshoot. Bomb distributor failed. Landed base.	
	"M"	J.25220 P/O Gentry J.H., J.24725 P/O Payne R.W., R.158997 SGT Dignall E., J.26022 P/O Rutherford M.S., E.116256 SGT Hart L.A., J.26051 P/O McWhirter R.W., RAB/1388344 SGT Wroughton D.H. Bombload:- (Same as "P").		0005	0256	"M" BOMBER:- 10/10 cloud stratus cumulus at 6,000 feet. Load released at 0057:06 hours from 11,000 feet on nearest circle of glow cloud. No T.L.s seen cascading. H.S.S. and Gae both checked with R.E. Bombed glow of circle of red T.L. on cloud. Lots of bomb flashes seen on cloud at target area. Landed base.	
	"I"	J.24172 P/O Chakaluk R.R., E.15808. P/S Williams R.G., J.26751 P/O McNamee E., R.158719 P/S Wood T.G.L., E.205008 SGT Hamilton J.L., RAB/138232 SGT Kite D., E.24529 SGT Simpson J.W. Bombload:- (Same as "P").		0009	0209	"I" BOMBER:- 10/10 cloud, tops 9 to 10,000 feet, with good visibility. Load released at 0059:40 hours from 11,200 feet on glow of red T.L. in cloud. On arrival at 0057 hours, saw three T.L. reds on ground through cloud break, then one red T.L. cascaded into cloud. Bombed on the near edge of glow. Bombing was slightly scattered around the glow. Landed base.	
	"V"	J.25708 P/A Wicher W.L., J.21980 P/O Pearson R.A., J.27279 P/O McDowell J.H., J.21108 P/O Brown D.H., E.183394 P/S Hain R.H., RAB/10608206 P/S Varner J.W., RAB/259000 SGT Abbs R.A.		0008	0203	"V" BOMBER:- 10/10 cloud at 5,000 feet. Load released at 0056 hours from 10,000 feet near edge of red glow. No T.L.s seen cascading. No results observed. Landed base. Bombload:- (Same as "I").	
	"I"	J.23958 P/O Shatten R.A., J.26672 P/O Springs R.W., J.25740 P/O Stein L.H., R.172667 P/S Shurvell J.W., E.197236 SGT Moore G.E., RAB/1050083 SGT Shaw J.E., RAB/1607135 SGT Thorn T.L. Bombload:- (Same as "I").		0005	0211	"I" BOMBER:- 10/10 cloud at 6 to 7,000 feet. Load released at 0056:48 hours from 11,000 feet near edge of glow of T.L.s red. No T.L.s seen cascading at target. Only glow on cloud seen from T.L. red. Some bomb flashes seen on cloud on run up. Landed base.	

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16/17 June 1944	Lancaster III					<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "CONSTRUCTION WORKS - RENESCOURE" (Continued)</b>	A-66
	"K"	J18760 P/L R.W. Long, RAF/174668 P/O Beverly B., RAF/279645 P/S Edwards G.H., RAF/1175433 P/S Lavenley W.D., RAF/283553 P/S Gossard L.W., R.287162 SPT Stroud R.A., RAF/183004 SPT York R.L.		2359	0153	"K" BOMBER - 10/10 cloud at 6,500 feet. Load released at 0055:06 hours from 11,000 feet near edge of large red glow. No T.L. seen cascading. No results observed. Landed base. Bombload: (Same as 'P')	
	"B"	J185008 P/O Herbert R.G., R.20836 P/S Edon R.A., R.158805 W/S Cardo R.B., RAF/118176 P/S Owen L.F., R.75742 SPT Miles R.L., RAF/109001 P/S Crisp R.A., RAF/2424760 SPT O'Leary R.L. Bombload: (Same as 'P')		0002	0156	"B" BOMBER - 10/10 cloud, tops 3,000 feet, with poor visibility. Load released at 0055:06 hours from 10,700 feet near edge of glow of red T.L.s. 0055:30 hours, saw glow of red T.L. going down. Ran up and bombed near edge. When leaving target area, saw many bomb bursts near the glow. Landed base.	
	"C"	RAF/271705 P/O Gifford S., RAF/171692 P/O Mann J.W.G., RAF/130782 P/S S. Mandarin, RAF/138434 P/S Bristol J.B. R.131450 P/S King E.H., R.173351 P/S Egan J.C., RAF/156604 SPT Henderson J.R.D.		0001	0150	"C" BOMBER - 10/10 cloud; tops 10,000 feet. Load released at 0055:30 hours from 12,000 feet near edge of extensive red glow. No T.L. seen cascading. No results observed. Landed base. Bombload: (Same as 'P')	
	"A"	USA/O.886282 CAPT L.H. Openhaver, WFO, RAF/111325 P/O Williams G.W., RAF/260263 P/O Beard W., J.17172 P/L Shawyer H.V., R.188238 P/S Carter J.W. J.26606 P/O Northcote R.A., RAF/211058 SPT Stewart G.R. Bombload: (Same as 'P')		0000	0145	"A" BOMBER - 10/10 cloud, tops 8 to 10,000 feet. Load released at 0056 hours from 11,000 feet near edge of red glow. No T.L.s seen cascading. The glow of T.L.s was extensive. Bomb flashes were close around the glow and some appeared to be undershooting. Starboard inner W/S over Channel home ward. All blind flying instruments w/s 5 minutes later. Landed at Manston with engine failure.	
17/18 June 1944						<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "CONSTRUCTION WORKS OISEMENT/7 A/C Details. REUVILLE-AN-DEIN (A)</b>	A-67
	"G"	J13268 P/L L.L. Hamilton, D.F.C., J.22484 P/L Rendon W.D., RAF/171868 P/L V.H. Dorden, D.F.C., RAF/1077021 P/S Gennet G., RAF/1065899 P/S J.S. Renda, RAF/153368 P/S Waters T., R.58086 SPT Gwynnall M.V., J.139400 P/O Bayard R.M. Bombload: 8 7" hooded flares, 1 18" T.I. Yellow, 1 080 T.I. Yellow, 8 x 500 GP 2, Inc.		0150	0423	"G" MASTER BOMBER - 10/10 cloud below, tops 7,000 feet. Load released at 0907:30 hours from 11,000 feet on glow of red T.L. on cloud. Saw glow of red T.L. No reds seen to cascade. Backed up with T.L. yellow at 0907:50 hours. Told M/P to bomb North edge of glow. Later told M/P to bomb centre of glow. Later told M/P to bomb N/W edge of glow. No results seen. 8 7" hooded flares brought back. Not required. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"D"	J.29944 P/O Fisher G.H., RAF/155282 P/L R.W. Quinn, D.F.C., J.12962 P/O Kemp T.D., R.32819 P/O Hinde F.M., R.13120 P/S Miskell J.E., R.182958 SPT Ferguson G.L., RAF/172640 SPT Jolly R.M., J.23966 P/O O'Leary M.B. Bombload: (Same as 'G')		0152	0416	"D" HEAVY MASTER BOMBER - 10/10 cloud, tops 5,000 feet. Load released at 0910:36 hours from 9,000 feet on red T.L. glow on cloud. Saw red glow on cloud of T.L. bursting. M.O. instructed to back up along yellow T.L. Later M.O. told M/P to bomb North edge of glow. No results seen. 8 7" hooded flares brought back, not required. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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17/18 June 1944	Lancaster III					<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "CONSTRUCTION WORKS GISHMENT/NEVILLE-AL-POIS" (Continued)</b>	A-67
	"T"	J.26100 P/L G.P.A. Yates, D.F.M., J.27131 P/O Roberts J.E., J.25321 P/O Willook A.J., RAF/971518 P/O Hartley E., J.27375 P/O Griffiths R.A.M., R.193089 SGT Allard R.L., RAF/1583015 Sgt Southgate R. Bombload: 24 7" hooded flares, 10 x 500 GP bombs.		0153	0427	"T" ILLUMINATOR- 10/10 cloud. Load released at 0501:36 hours from 10,500 feet on glow of yellow T.L. 0502 hours, one red T.L. cascaded by another red. Heard M.C. say "Hold flares", and direct bombing on North edge of yellow T.L. with which he had backed up the red. Glow of yellow and red T.L.s seen through cloud. No bombing results seen. 24 x 7" hooded flares brought back, not required. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"K"	J.18760 P/L Long R.W., RAF/174668 P/O Brook R., RAF/97945 P/S Edwards G.J., RAF/1575439 P/S Lowndes W.D., RAF/1883553 P/S Gowley A.W., R.187162 Sgt Stroud R.A., RAF/1819034 SGT R.L. York. Bombload: (Same as "T").		0153	0439	"K" ILLUMINATOR- 10/10 cloud from cloud to target. Load released at 0506 hours from 10,000 feet on glow of red T.L. Glow of red T.L. seen in target area. 0505 hours, heard M.C. call up Deputy "Back up glow of red T.L.". 0507 hours, "Illuminator hold your flares". 0508 hours, "Main Force, bomb North side of red glow". 0509 hours, "Deputy 'Back up centre of red glow'". 0510 hours, "Hold flares". 0511 hours, to Main Force "bomb centre of glow". 0512 hours, deputy to M.C. "Bombs away - going home". 0509 hours, big sheet of flame which appeared to be an explosion. 24 7" hooded flares brought back, not required. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"U"	RAF/66562 P/L F. Mains-Smith, D.F.C., RAF/245387 P/O Goddard W., RAF/1568253 SGT King D.E., RAF/148079 P/O Watson R.F., R.12732 SGT Banks J., R.191174 SGT Benson R., RAF/2281605 SGT Hilton R. Bombload: (Same as "T").		0154	0425	"U" ILLUMINATOR- 10/10 cloud, tops 5 to 6,000 feet. Load released at 0506:18 hours from 10,000 feet on glow of red T.L. Saw glow on cloud approximately one minute before bombing. M.C. heard to say "Back up glow". Glow bombed. No results seen. 24 7" hooded flares brought back, not required owing to 10/10 cloud. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"C"	RAF/71075 P/O O'Connor E., RAF/171692 P/O Mair J.W.C., RAF/139022 P/S S. Manierka, RAF/138434 P/S Bristol J.E. RAF/151450 P/S Spring F.E., R.17332 P/S Egan J.G., RAF/156604 SGT Henderson J. Bombload: (Same as "T").		0155	0422	"C" ILLUMINATOR- 10/10 cloud. Load released at 0505:48 hours from 11,500 feet on red T.L. 0508:30 hours, red T.L. cascaded and disappeared into cloud. M.C. said "Hold flares and bomb North edge of glow of red T.L.". Told Deputy to back up red. Yellow T.L. went down 0507 hours, centred on red. No results observed. Many photo-flashes seen. Brought back 24 7" hooded flares, not required owing to 10/10 cloud. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"W"	J.2192 P/L Perry J.L., RAF/144456 P/O Wynolds K.H., R.2397 P/O Elliott R., RAF/238656 P/O Hendry H.B., R.18889 SGT McLennan A.E., R.19454 SGT S.E. McKenna, RAF/160824 SGT Beach T.J., RAF/141809 P/O J. Bartholme, D.F.C.		0156	0428	"W" BAKER HP- 10/10 cloud, tops 6,000 feet. Load released at 0512:36 hours from 10,500 feet on North side of glow (M.C.'s instructions). Red glow first seen at target on run up. Yellow on bombing run. M.C. instructed to bomb North side of glow. No results seen. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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21 June 1944	Lancaster III					BOMBING ATTACK ON "CONSTRUCTION WORKS - OUBERTIN/ 2 A/C Detailed. REUVILLE-AU-BOIS BOMBING ATTACK	A-68
	" U "	J.19268 P/L L.L. MacKinnon, D.F.C., J.22148 P/Ls Rendon Walk, RAF/171868 P/L W.E. Bowden, D.F.C., RAF/1077021 P/S Osmell G., RAF/1505889 P/S J.S. Hennis, RAF/1555602 P/S Waters T., R.50024 SGT Chappell E.W., J.19100 P/O Dalton R.B. Bombload: 4 x 1,000 Yellow 'A', 20 x 500 GP TD .025, 2 x 500 GP LB.		1852	2105	" U " MASTER BOMBER:- 10/10 cloud, tops 4,000 feet. Load released 40-45 seconds from 17,000 feet by H.2.S. and Gee after H.2.S. fix on Abbeville. Tracked over target at 17,000 feet with MAIN FORCE very close behind and 25000. No T.L.s or ground detail seen. Told Deputy H.C. and Main Force to orbit and went down to 7,000 feet, still nothing seen. Orbited, then gave "cauliflower" and set course for home. A few sticks of bombs seen going down. No fighter escort seen. 4 LB TI Yellow brought back. No other T.L.s or ground details seen. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	" T "	J.19844 P/O Fisher G.H., J.26086 P/O Johnson A.B., J.23966 P/O Calhoun E. R.52169 P/O Ross R.M., R.193120 P/S Kisner P., R.182958 SGT Ferguson C. RAF/187564 SGT Jolly M.N., J.12962 P/O Kemp R.H. Bombload:- (Same as "U").		1853	2105	" T " DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER:- 10/10 cloud, tops 5,000 feet. Load released at 2000 hours from 16,000 feet by H.2.S. after H.2.S. fix on Abbeville. Tracked over target at 17,000 feet with Master Bomber. H.C. told us to orbit and bomb. Did so. No T.L.s or ground detail seen. H.C. then gave "cauliflower". 4 LB TI Yellow brought back. No other H.I. or ground detail seen. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
25/26 June 1944						BOMBING ATTACK ON "OUBERTIN - Construction Works" 7 Aircraft Detailed.	A-69
	" V "	J.86251 P/O Odegan R.G., R.15848 P/S Williams R.G., J.26551 P/O G.A. Robson, R.16079 P/S Wood T.G.K., R.28908 P/S Bouchard G.R., RAF/1836432 SGT Kitch D., R.126219 SGT Simpson J.W., RAF/132873 P/O Rayward E. Bombload:- 10 x 1,000 MC TD .025, 2 x 1,000 GP LB, 2 x 500 GP LB.		0017	0207	" V " BOMBER:- 10/10th's cloud. Load released at 0105:55 hours from 12,600 feet on centre of red T.L.s. 0100 hours, one red T.L. cascaded and a few minutes later, second lot went down. 0100 hours, heard H.C. instruct Main Force to bomb on Gee and check position of T.L.s. Bombed on centre of red T.L.s, checked O.I. with Gee. Own bombs seen to explode and other bombing appeared concentrated on markers. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	" G "	J.15301 P/L Walker W.J.L., J.21980 P/O Pearson E.A., J.27278 P/O J.S. McDowell, J.12102 P/O Brown D.H., R.28908 P/S Bouchard G.R., USA/10601826 P/S Warner J.W., RAF/959007 SGT Ibbot L.A. Bombload:- (Same as "V").		0011	0200	" G " BOMBER:- 10/10 cloud, tops 5,000 feet. Visibility good. Bombed at 0100:30 hours from 14,300 feet by Gee checked on bombsight concentration of red T.L.s. Saw first red T.L. at 0094 hours, cascading. Will backed up. Could see T.L.s on ground through cloud when right overhead but not good for bombing by bombsight. H.C. said "Rocky Strike". Markers falling continually in same place. Very little bombing. Some slightly South of A.P. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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23/24 June 1944	"G"	J/7905 W/L Virtue J.E., J/24821 W/O Johnson L.E., R.15735 SGT Dadds V.P., R.167620 W/O Britts A.J., RAF/1554430 SGT Bevanport E., R.167132 W/S Stoyke M.E., RAY/1588890 SGT Gilbert P.M., RAY/168705 W/O McCarthy A.G. Bombload - (Same as 'Y').		0015	0210	<p><b>BOMBING ATTACK ON COURBOROUGH - Constructional Works</b> (Continued)</p> <p>"G" BOMBED - 9/10th cloud. Bombed at 0105 hours from 13,000 feet on centre of glow of red T.L.s. Bombed on gas, checked with glow of T.L.s. 0055 hours, red T.L. cascaded and second lot fell closely afterwards, slightly to port. On run in, heard M.G. say "Lucky Strikes" and we checked position of red T.L.s with gas. Consider T.L.s accurately placed. Many bomb bursts seen. Well concentrated on markers. Photograph attempted. Landed base.</p> <p>"E" BOMBED - 10/10 cloud with good visibility. Bombed at 0100/30 hours from 12,000 feet on centre of glow of red T.L.s. First red T.L. fell at 0055 hours, landed up at 0057 and 5100 hours. Marking well concentrated. M.G. said "Lucky Strikes" at 0056 hours. Not much bombing seen. Photograph attempted. Landed base.</p> <p>"H" BOMBED - 10/10 cloud. Bombed at 0105/24 hours from 11,000 feet on centre of red T.L. 0102 hours, 2 lots of red T.L.s cascaded. Run in and bombed main concentration of reds. M.G. not heard. T.L.s. too noisy. No results of bombing seen. Cloud too thick. Photograph attempted. Landed base.</p> <p>"H" BOMBED - 10/10 cloud. Bombed at 0102/12 hours from 13,500 feet on red T.L. 0055 hours, red T.L.s seen. Two more red T.L.s seen to cascade on run in. 0058 hours, M.G. said "Lucky Strikes". Bombed centre of cluster of red T.L.s. Cloud too thick to assess results. No scattered bombing. Photograph attempted. Landed base.</p> <p>"X" BOMBED - 9/10 cloud, with fair visibility. Bombed at 0106 hours from 12,800 feet on centre of glow of red T.L.s. First marking red T.L. seen at 0057/50 hours. M.G. not heard at all. Marker fairly well backed up. Some scattered overshooting. Photograph attempted. Landed base. Bombload - (Same as 'Y').</p>	A-69																		
								"E"	J/8025 W/O Smitton E.A., J.86072 W/O Stringer E.W., J.85740 W/O Stein L.R., R.172667 W/S Sturvell J.A., R.157236 W/S Moore G.L., RAY/1050013 SGT Shaw L.E., RAY/1667735 SGT Thoen E.E. Bombload - (Same as 'Y').	0012	0205	<p>"E" BOMBED - 10/10 cloud. Bombed at 0105/24 hours from 11,000 feet on centre of red T.L. 0102 hours, 2 lots of red T.L.s cascaded. Run in and bombed main concentration of reds. M.G. not heard. T.L.s. too noisy. No results of bombing seen. Cloud too thick. Photograph attempted. Landed base.</p> <p>"H" BOMBED - 10/10 cloud. Bombed at 0102/12 hours from 13,500 feet on red T.L. 0055 hours, red T.L.s seen. Two more red T.L.s seen to cascade on run in. 0058 hours, M.G. said "Lucky Strikes". Bombed centre of cluster of red T.L.s. Cloud too thick to assess results. No scattered bombing. Photograph attempted. Landed base.</p> <p>"X" BOMBED - 9/10 cloud, with fair visibility. Bombed at 0106 hours from 12,800 feet on centre of glow of red T.L.s. First marking red T.L. seen at 0057/50 hours. M.G. not heard at all. Marker fairly well backed up. Some scattered overshooting. Photograph attempted. Landed base. Bombload - (Same as 'Y').</p>	A-69												
														"M"	J.86059 W/O Coffey J.E., J.24725 W/O Payne R.J., R.158457 SGT Stimpall M., J.86082 W/O Bitharglen R.L., R.116256 SGT Hart K.A., J.86021 W/O McWhirter R.E., RAY/128854 SGT Willoughby R.E. Bombload - (Same as 'Y').	0016	0204	<p>"E" BOMBED - 10/10 cloud. Bombed at 0105/24 hours from 11,000 feet on centre of red T.L. 0102 hours, 2 lots of red T.L.s cascaded. Run in and bombed main concentration of reds. M.G. not heard. T.L.s. too noisy. No results of bombing seen. Cloud too thick. Photograph attempted. Landed base.</p> <p>"H" BOMBED - 10/10 cloud. Bombed at 0102/12 hours from 13,500 feet on red T.L. 0055 hours, red T.L.s seen. Two more red T.L.s seen to cascade on run in. 0058 hours, M.G. said "Lucky Strikes". Bombed centre of cluster of red T.L.s. Cloud too thick to assess results. No scattered bombing. Photograph attempted. Landed base.</p> <p>"X" BOMBED - 9/10 cloud, with fair visibility. Bombed at 0106 hours from 12,800 feet on centre of glow of red T.L.s. First marking red T.L. seen at 0057/50 hours. M.G. not heard at all. Marker fairly well backed up. Some scattered overshooting. Photograph attempted. Landed base. Bombload - (Same as 'Y').</p>	A-69						
																				"H"	J.24880 W/L Burnard L.E., J.20252 W/O Tyson G.G., J.23854 W/O Nicholl G.E., RAY/137517 SGT Cox G., R.139418 W/S Campbell G.F., RAY/157138 SGT McJannet O'Hanlon, RAY/155432 SGT McKeagle T. Bombload - (Same as 'Y').	0013	0159	<p>"E" BOMBED - 10/10 cloud. Bombed at 0105/24 hours from 11,000 feet on centre of red T.L. 0102 hours, 2 lots of red T.L.s cascaded. Run in and bombed main concentration of reds. M.G. not heard. T.L.s. too noisy. No results of bombing seen. Cloud too thick. Photograph attempted. Landed base.</p> <p>"H" BOMBED - 10/10 cloud. Bombed at 0102/12 hours from 13,500 feet on red T.L. 0055 hours, red T.L.s seen. Two more red T.L.s seen to cascade on run in. 0058 hours, M.G. said "Lucky Strikes". Bombed centre of cluster of red T.L.s. Cloud too thick to assess results. No scattered bombing. Photograph attempted. Landed base.</p> <p>"X" BOMBED - 9/10 cloud, with fair visibility. Bombed at 0106 hours from 12,800 feet on centre of glow of red T.L.s. First marking red T.L. seen at 0057/50 hours. M.G. not heard at all. Marker fairly well backed up. Some scattered overshooting. Photograph attempted. Landed base. Bombload - (Same as 'Y').</p>	A-69
24 June 1944	"J"	J.23268 W/L MacKinnon E.L., D.F.O., J.22438 W/L Ranton W.D., RAY/171868 W/L V.M. Borden, D.F.O., RAY/1077082 W/O Gossard G., RAY/1063689 W/S J.M. Bunde, RAY/155662 W/S Waters T., R.8026 SGT Campbell E.W., J.33400 W/O Baroni R.E. Bombload - 5 LB TI Yellow 'A', 5 TI Yellow 'A', 8 x 500 GP 20 .025.	1557	1805	<p><b>BOMBING ATTACK (DAYLIGHT) ON BOMBERS CONSTRUCTIONAL WORKS</b> 2 Aircraft Detailed.</p> <p>"J" MASTER BOMBED - No cloud with slight haze. Bombed at 1658 hours from 14,600 feet on A.P. Approached in formation with Deputy M.G. 1657 hours and 1658-30 hours, T.L. red cascaded, both slightly West of target; one being on the Western edge. Dropped own yellow and bombs on first run. They fell slightly S.W. of A.P. told Deputy M.G. we found and mark target, and told Main Force to bomb the red T.L.s with one second overshoot. The first few sticks were slightly short to starboard, so told Main Force to bomb to port of reds. The A.P. was then quickly smothered with a heavy concentration of bursts. Then told Main Force to bomb the concentration. Photograph attempted. Landed base.</p>	A-70																			

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24 June 1944	Lancaster III					<b>BOMBING ATTACK (DAYLIGHT) ON "NONMOT CONSTRUCTION WORKS" (Gone Inland)</b>	A-70
	"D"	J.13964 P/O Fisher G.H., J.86086 P/O Johnson A.B., J.12962 P/O King E.D., R.99169 P/O Rice F.M., R.293120 P/O Macleod F., R.88958 SGT Ferguson G. RAF/157160 SGT Jolly R.H., J.23966 P/O Calhoun E.E.		1558	1805	"D" DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER - No cloud with slight haze. Bombed at 1704:20 hours from 12,500 feet on centre of smoke which was over A.P. Judged by adjacent ground detail. Tracked into target close behind M.G. and saw 4th red burning approximately 1750 yards West and 2,000 yards N.W. of A.P. E.C. dropped 1st yellow and bombs about 2,000 yards S.W. of A.P. and told us to go round and mark A.P. Orbits and heard M.G. tell Main Force to bomb to port of side. When we got round again the target was being subjected to heavy and concentrated bombing and was covered by a pall of smoke. We dropped our T.L.s in the centre, though it was not really necessary. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
		Rebombed: (Same as 'D').					
24/25 June 1944						<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "MIDDLE STAGES CONSTRUCTION WORKS" (Aircraft Destroyed)</b>	A-71
	"K"	J.18760 P/L King R.W., RAF/174668 P/O Brock R., RAF/97965 P/S Edwards G.L., RAF/157938 P/S Leavelly W.D., RAF/188355 P/S Gwendy A.W., R.187162 P/S Strick E.H., RAF/128904 SGT Fort R.L.		0028	0222	"K" BOMBER - Clear with good visibility. Bombed at 0224:50 hours from 13,800 feet on centre of 2 red T.L. checked with Gee. On run in, 1st red T.L. fell at 0221 hours, and 2nd red T.L. fell at 0223 hours, 1 1/2 to 2 miles to S.E. 3rd fell near 2nd T.L.s and 4th fell near 1st to port. 5th fell to port of 4th 1/2 mile. Bombed between 1st and 4th which checked with Gee. Most bombing concentrated here. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"C"	RAF/174075 P/O O'Donovan E., RAF/174692 P/O Main G.W.G., RAF/1390722 P/S R. Manierke, RAF/138434 P/S Ristow J., R.15450 P/S King F.H., R.273351 P/S Ryan J.G., RAF/136604 SGT Henderson J.R.H.		0029	0210	"C" BOMBER - No cloud with good visibility. Bombed at 0226:25 hours from 13,500 feet by Gee, with T.L. red slightly to port. First red at 0221 hours. Second red at 0222:20 hours. On arrival, found two T.L. close together with two more about 1 1/2 miles to starboard and one about one mile to port. Our Gee led us slightly to starboard of the one to port. Bombing was scattered but mostly on the T.L. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"Q"	J.15508 P/L Macker W.J., J.121880 P/O Pearson R.H., J.12728 P/O McDowell J.S., J.12102 P/O Ryan R.H., R.188694 P/S Main R.D., USA/10601626 P/S Verner J.W., RAF/97966 SGT Abbe R.S.		0056	0234	"Q" BOMBER - No cloud with good visibility. Bombed at 0230:50 hours from 14,000 feet. Bombs cascaded at 0221, 0222 and 0223 hours. On approach, found two reds close together with two more about three miles to starboard and one about 1 1/2 miles to port. On arrival, the latter and one of the centre ones had burned out. Bombed the remaining centre red T.L. which checked perfectly with Gee for line; but appeared to be a slight overshoot. The centre and starboard T.L.s shared the bombing. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"P"	J.17905 P/L Virtue J.H., J.124821 P/O Johnson J.L., R.157135 SGT Dadds V.F., R.107620 P/O Britts A.J., RAF/135430 SGT Swagart T., R.167132 P/S Stoghm M.L., RAF/1582850 SGT Gilbert F.H., RAF/168705 P/O McCarthy A.G.		0058	0251	"P" BOMBER - No cloud with slight haze. Bombed at 0228:25 hours from 13,000 feet on red T.L. - the centre of three in a line. First red fell at 0221 hours, second red 0222:50 hours. On arrival, found three reds 2 to 500 yards apart in a line across our track, with two others together about 1 mile to starboard. Our Gee line led us to the centre of the port cluster and most of the bombing was on these T.L.s. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
		Rebombed: (Same as 'K').					

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				UP	DOWN		
24/25 June 1944	Lancaster III					<b>BOMBED ATTACK ON "MIDDLE STRANGE CONSTRUCTIONAL WORKS"</b> (Continued)	2000 A-72
	"Y"	J. 24216 S/L Morrison L.A., J. 24216 W/S Gossle L.W., J. 24216 W/L Spartz R.A., R. 154765 W/O Derry G.J., R. 154765 W/S Lamb G.A.; R. 154765 W/S Hubiak W., R. 154765 W/S Mather L. Bombload: (Same as 'K').		0025	0217	"Y" BOMBED: No cloud with slight haze. Bombed at 0126:00 hours from 12,500 feet on two T.L. red. 0121 hours first T.L. red fell. Two others fell 2 to 3 miles to starboard and one other fell about 1/2 mile to port, forming a line across our track. Another red fell close to the first one, and our own line led us right on to these two. There was little bombing when we bombed, but later the starboard appeared to be collecting most of the bombs. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"K"	J. 82958 W/O Sifton L.A., J. 86072 W/O Stringer L.W., J. 85740 W/O Sifton L.A. R. 172667 W/S Sturvell J.W., R. 197236 W/S Moore G.E.; R. 109008 SGT J.M. Snow, R. 1567155 SGT Thorn K.E. Bombload: (Same as 'K').		0051	0225	"K" BOMBED: No cloud with good visibility. Bombed at 0128:35 hours from 14,000 feet on middle red T.L. First red fell at 0121 hours. Second red fell at 0125 hours. Third red fell at 0125 hours. Spread in line across track for 3 miles. Bombed middle T.L. red which checked with one. Some bombing on 2 T.L.s to starboard, but mostly concentrated on 2 centre T.L.s. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"W"	J. 5132 W/L Perry J.W., R. 144456 W/O Reynolds K.H., J. 23571 W/O Hancock R. R. 138056 W/S Stanley H.A., R. 138284 W/S Molepnan A.S.L., R. 194654 W/S S. Rimanan, R. 150824 SGT Bosch T.J., R. 158727 W/O Pettit A.G. Bombload: (Same as 'K').		0030	0228 0030	"W" BOMBED: Clear with good visibility. Bombed at 0126:54 hours from 12,000 feet on centre of two red T.L.s. First red T.L. at 0121 hours, second red T.L. at 0122 hours. Five T.L.s seen in straight line 2 to 3 miles apart across track. Third and fourth fell to starboard one mile and fifth to port 1/2 mile. Bombed two centre T.L.s, which checked with one. One aircraft bombed red T.L. 1/2 mile to port. Most of bombing on two centre T.L.s. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"H"	J. 86950 W/O Gaffey J.R., J. 24725 W/O Byrne R.J., R. 158487 SGT Dingswall H. J. 86052 W/O Borthwick G.A.; R. 116556 SGT Hart L.A., J. 86051 W/O McWhirter L.A., R. 129354 SGT Willoughby H.H. Bombload: (Same as 'K').		0057	0235	"H" BOMBED: Clear with good visibility. Bombed at 0130:36 hours from 13,500 feet on one red T.L. seen cascading at 0122 hours. On arrival at 0122 hours, saw 3 red T.L.s cascading. Selected centre for bombing but as this went out on bombing run, selected left hand T.L. Two more red T.L.s were about 200 yards to starboard of those selected. Bombing was scattered. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"U"	R. 156562 W/L R. Hain-Smith, D.F.C. R. 155387 W/O Woodard K., R. 153683 W/L King L.A., R. 149073 W/O Watson H.F., R. 127323 SGT Binks J., R. 191174 SGT Rambo L., R. 221203 SGT Hillson L. Bombload: (Same as 'K').		0027	0212	"U" BOMBED: Clear with good visibility. Bombed at 0120:52 hours from 14,000 feet on centre between 2 red T.L.s on ground. At 0122 hours, one red T.L. fell slightly to port of track. At 0123 hours, 2 red T.L.s to starboard. At approximately 0123:50 hours, 2 red T.L.s went down dead on track and bombed centre between these. Bombing was quite scattered but most were falling around markers. Selected by ourselves. Lots of smoke. Photograph attempted.	

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24/25 June 1944	Lancaster III					<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "MINEE STRAPTS (CONSTRUCTION WORKS"</b> (Continued)	A-71
	" H "	J.2360 P/O Bernard L.B., J.20252 W/O Tyma G.G., J.23154 W/O Nicholl G.K., RAF/1573271 SGT Cox G., R.194184 P/S O'Moily J.P., RAF/1874132 SGT O'Hanlon L.J.S., RAF/1554632 SGT Monaghan P.J. Bombload- (Same as "K").		0052	0216	" H " BOMBING- No cloud with slight haze. Load released at 0127:42 hours from 13,200 feet on middle one T.L. - red which lined up with Gee. 1st T.L. fell 0121 hours. Red T.L. fell on run in, two to starboard, two to port; 5 miles between grouping. Bombing mostly on centre T.L. red. No bombing on starboard T.L. One other load seen on port T.L. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	" F "	J.16100 W/L G.P.A. Yates, D.P.M., J.17731 W/O Roberts J.P., J.185321 P/O Widdock A.J., RAF/728118 P/O Bartley P., J.17375 W/O O'Sullivan R.A.M., R.191089 SGT Allard H.L., RAF/1569215 SGT Guntherpe K. Bombload- (Same as "K").		0026	0220	" F " BOMBING- Clear with good visibility. Bombed at 0126:52 hours from 14,800 feet on centre between 2 red T.L. seen ascending at 0122:16 hours. On arrival, saw one red T.L. cascade at 0121:24. Burst at 0122:16 and 0122:34 hours. Bombed on those to starboard as these checked with Gee. Bombing was scattered around all T.L.s which were spread approximately 1/2 miles. Port outer out on run up, making aircraft late for bombing. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	" X "	J.13245 W/O Smith H., J.22413 W/O D.P. Davies, RAF/1452651 SGT BROWNE Woods G.L., RAF/136250 SGT O'Boyle T., R.146659 W/O King W.H., R.157753 W/O Brid G.W., R.168524 SGT Hoban R.C. Bombload- (Same as "K").		0053	0227	" X " BOMBING- Clear with no cloud. Bombed at 0126:12 hours from 12,500 feet, on two red T.L.s which checked with Gee and H.2.S. First red T.L. fell 0121 hours. Second red T.L. fell 0122 hours. Fall in distance ahead. On bombing run, saw five red T.L.s in line across track - three miles long. Bombed two centre T.L.s of line, where most of bombing concentrated and checked with H.2.S. and Gee. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	" Y "	J.16251 W/O O'Moily E.C., R.158184 P/S Williams R.G., J.26351 W/O Mollins G. R.168719 P/S Wolf T.C.K., R.205001 P/S Davidson J.D., RAF/1856232 SGT Kitto D., R.126219 SGT Simpson J.W., RAF/138875 P/O Hayward W. Bombload- (Same as "K").		0055	0229	" Y " BOMBING- No cloud but haze visibility. Bombed at 0130:45 hours from 12,100 feet by H.2.S. and Gee. On approach, saw T.L. reds lying in a line across our track. There were two close together, with two about 1/2 mile to starboard and one about 1/2 mile to port. On arrival, they had all burned out, but Gee led us to the approximate position of the centre reds. Bombing was scattered but mostly in the place where we bombed. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	" A "	J.24172 W/O Chablock H.R., J.24057 W/O McKillop W.C., R.145100 W/O R.L. Treleaven, RAF/118246 P/S Breen J.S., R.204640 SGT Urmada G.S., RAF/1624154 SGT Campbell J., RAF/1807787 SGT Myers R.K.W. Bombload- (Same as "K").		0058	0229	" A " BOMBING- No cloud with clear visibility. Bombed at 0130:59 hours from 13,500 feet on T.L. reds. First red 0131:04 hours followed by others to port and starboard forming a line well over one mile long. Another red fell close to the first red and these two checked perfectly with Gee, and we bombed them as they were just finishing. The others had burned out by then. The centre reds collected most of the bombing. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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				Up	Down		
27/28th June 1944	Lancaster III						
" J "		W/O G. 886282 CAPT L.B. Copenhagen, DFC RAF/13555 W/O Gilleste G.W.; RAF/160161 P/O Howard W.; J.17172 W/L Shearer E. R.200420 W/S Carter J.W.; J.26406 W/O Hordneser K.A.; R.64157 SGT Vins W.L. Bombload:- 16 x 500 lb TN 1025 2 x 500 lb TN		0016	0231	" J " BOMBED:- No cloud with heavy visibility. Bombed at 0129:30 hours from 13,000 feet on centre of two red T.L.s. 0128 hours, first red T.L. fell. Second red T.L. 200 yards to South. Bombed between these two red T.L.s. Wobles seen between two red T.L.s. Third T.L. red 100 yards to West of first two T.L. reds. All bombing concentrated on T.L.s. R.2.S. u/s on coast homeward. Landed base. Photograph attempted.	A-72
" G "		RAF/174075 P/O G'Connor E.; RAF/171692 P/O Bairn J.W.C.; RAF/1390722 W/S S. Manderson; RAF/1580434 W/S Brewster J. R.152450 W/S Bwing F.H.; R.173351 W/S Egan J.C.; RAF/156604 SGT Henderson J.R.D. Bombload:- (Same as "J").		0017	0211	" G " BOMBED:- 5/10 thin cloud with good visibility. Load released at 0132:47 hours from 13,000 feet on centre of four red T.L.s. seen cascading at 0126:50 hours. First red T.L. seen at 0126:53 hours. This was followed by another at 0127:09 hours. Green fell at 0131:05 hours, which slightly overshoot the reds. Another green fell in centre of red T.L.s. Bombing was concentrated around the red T.L.s. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
" T "		J.16100 P/O Bates G.F.A.; D.F.W., J.37731 W/S Roberts J.F.; J.85391 P/O Willcock A.J.; RAF/571618 P/O Hartley R. J.17375 P/O Griffiths R.A.M.; R.191009 SGT Allard R.L.; RAF/1583015 SGT L. Suthers. Bombload:- (Same as "J").		0018	0238	" T " BOMBED:- 2/10 cloud, thin, from 4 to 9,000 feet with good visibility. Bombed at 0129:30 hours from 12,100 feet on centre of four red T.L.s. on ground. On arrival, seen red T.L.s. seen. This was seen breaking up and four were down at 0128 hours. Bombing concentrated around markers. When leaving target, identified wood (A/P) in light of photo flashes and the T.L.s. were in the wood and concentrated. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
" Y "		J.96251 W/O Odegan F.G.; R.158628 W/O Williams R.G.; J.26351 W/O McNamee G.A. R.16879 W/S Woolf T.C.L.; R.205001 W/S Donaldson J.D.; RAF/1356232 SGT Kitty D.; R.126229 SGT Simpson J.W.; RAF/132873 W/O Byward W. Bombload:- (Same as "J").		0018	0236	" Y " BOMBED:- Clear with no cloud. Bombed at 0129:30 hours from 14,500 feet on first red T.L. seen to fall. First red T.L. fell at 0127 hours, identified as on A.P. Second red T.L. 1/2 mile to N/E. Third red T.L. 1/2 mile to S. Bombing appeared on line NNE/SSW on N/W edge of A.P. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
" Q "		J.15300 W/O Weicker W.J.; J.21980 P/O Pearson R.A.; J.27278 W/O Hollowell J.S.; J.22102 W/O Brown D.H.; R.183596 W/S Bairn R.B.; USA/10601626 W/S Varner J.W.; RAF/959080 SGT Abbe K.A. Bombload:- (Same as "J").		0023	0213	" Q " BOMBED:- Clear with patches of cloud. Bombed at 0132:20 hours from 13,000 feet on concentration of 4 red T.L. On arrival, 4 reds were burning on ground at approximately 500 yards circle. One red T.L. 1 mile to S.W. All bombing concentrated on red T.L.s. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
" P "		J.77905 W/O Vancos J.H.; J.21921 W/O Johnson R.H.; R.157135 SGT Dadds V.P. R.107688 W/O Britts A.J.; RAF/1356430 SGT Davenport T.; R.157132 W/S Stewart L.S.; RAF/1382840 SGT Gilbert F.W. RAF/168702 W/O McCarthy A.C. Bombload:- (Same as "J").		0029	0240	" P " BOMBED:- One 5/10th's cloud over target. Bombed at 0128:36 hours from 14,000 feet on first red T.L. which checked on N.E. from Abbeville and Gbe check. First red at 0126:30 hours ahead on track. Second T.L. overshoot of first of 2 to 300 yards. Third T.L. further overshoot of second. One bomb burst around first T.L. - Same green T.L. fell on leaving believed overshooting and to S.W. of red T.L. No results seen. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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27th/28th June 1944	Lancaster III					<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "OISSIMONT/NEUVILLE-EN-BOIS" (Cont'd)</b>	v A-72
	"K"	J.8558 P/O Swinton F.L., J.85072 P/O Stratton R.W., J.25700 P/O Stein L.L., E.172667 P/O Shurvell J.W., E.197236 P/O Moore G.L., RAF/105003 SGT Shaw J.M., RAF/160735 SGT Thorn R.E. Bombardier - (Same as 'K').		0024	0245	"K" BOMBING - 5/10 cloud, tops 8,000 feet. Bombed at 0324:00 hours from 13,500 feet on centre of red T.L.s. First red T.L. 0226 hours. Two red T.L.s at 0230 hours. 0231:30 hours. Observed. Green T.L. seen, under- ground detail observed. Red T.L.s fell in 'L' shape. One red to North and 2 were down to S.E. and 3/4. No other bombing seen. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"K"	J.86050 P/O Correy J.L., J.24725 P/O Byrne E., R.159837 SGT Dingwall M., J.86052 P/O Rutherford R.L., R.116556 SGT Hart K.A., J.86021 P/O Macfarlane R.L., RAF/128834 SGT Whiloughby D.H. Bombardier - (Same as 'K').		0020	0234	"K" BOMBING - Visibility good with no cloud. Bombed at 0230:50 hours from 12,000 feet on red T.L. 0228 hours, one red T.L. seen followed by another red at 0229 hours. On run up, identified woods in light of photo flash. One red T.L. was lying at N.E. corner and another red was 1/2 mile overshoot and the third red 1/2 mile overshoot. Bombed on first red T.L. and one minute after bombing, one green T.L. went down, assumed to be under-rocket. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"H"	G.2980 P/O Burman L.H., J.20252 P/O Kyan S.W., J.23354 P/O Nicholl G.F., RAF/157371 SGT Cox G., R.194184 P/O Oswally J., RAF/1520132 SGT O'Farrell J.G.S., RAF/1554632 SGT McInnes P.J. Bombardier - (Same as 'H').		0025	0248	"H" BOMBING - 7/10 cloud. Bombed at 0248:24 hours from 13,700 feet on centre of 4 red T.L.s. 0228:24 hours, bomb bursts seen in distance, followed by glow of red T.L.s. 0229 hours, one red T.L. seen on ground and on run over- target 3 other red T.L.s approximately one mile apart to N and South. Bombed centre of concentration. Other bombing concen- trated on markers. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"I"	J.12845 P/O Smith R., J.22813 P/O Davies D.P., RAF/1458621 SGT Woods G. RAF/1156229 SGT O'Boyle T., R.214659 P/O King R.L., R.65731 P/O Reid G.E., R.68546 SGT McKean H.A. Bombardier - (Same as 'I').		0021	0251	"I" BOMBING - Low cloud up to target, then clear. Bombed at 0251:00 hours from 13,000 feet on red T.L.s. 0226:00 hours, 2 to 3 red T.L.s dropped. 0228 hours, second lead of red T.L.s down. No ground detail seen. Bombed centre of con- centration of red T.L.s. Many photograph flashes but no results of bombing observed. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"E"	J.15228 P/O Osman G.H., J.15769 P/O Gustion A.L., J.16004 P/O Maughan J. J.15833 P/O Barclay W.L., J.13352 P/O Cleary G.G., J.19680 P/O Davis J.E., D.F.K., G.13690 P/O Hadden W.J. Bombardier - (Same as 'E').		0026	0258	"E" BOMBING - 7/10 cloud, tops 5,000 feet. Bombed at 0251:15 hours from 14,200 feet on red/green T.L.s. 0230 hours, red T.L. followed by green. Too busy to see ground. Bombed centre of red/green T.L.s. One red T.L. was down approximately 4 miles North-East of target. The other markers were well concentrated. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"B"	J.15335 P/O Bennett R.L., G.26642 P/O Morrow R.G., J.25298 P/O Emery R.G., J.13280 P/O Drew W.P., R.180667 SGT Ryth G.W., G.2878 P/O Gray G., RAF/1284153 SGT Garrett D.G. Bombardier - (Same as 'B').		0022	0255	"B" BOMBING - 3/10 cloud with good visibility. Bombed at 0252:36 hours from 13,500 feet on centre of concentration of approximately 6 red T.L.s. Marks on arrival; red T.L.s were marking target in oval pattern. No visual identification of A.P. Bombing was well concentrated around T.L.s. Photo attempted. Landed base.	
	"W"	J.15583 P/O Robinson R.L., J.15636 P/O Fisher G.G., J.18009 P/O Peacock W.W., R.189440 P/O Sallingway R.D., J.17225 P/O Jones R.A., J.17466 P/O Stevens L.G., D.F.M., RAF/2206144 SGT Dolland G.E. Bombardier - (Same as 'W').		0028	0302	"W" BOMBING - Some cloud, 5/10, but T.L.s seen through cloud. Bombed at 0255:00 hours from 14,000 feet on cluster of green T.L. among scattered red T.L.s. See w/s when near target. One in two miles South of A.P. T.L.s seen as red glow in cloud on arrival. On run up, saw T.L.s through break in cloud. Turned and bombed on reciprocal and ran over T.L. seen through break in cloud. Photo attempted. Landed base.	

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27th/28th June 1944	Lancaster III					<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "WIERNES - Constructional Works"</b> 2 Aircraft Detailed.	A-75
	" G "	J.19268 P/L L.L. MacKinnon, D.F.C., J.28281 P/L W.D. Hutton, D.F.C., RAF/1077021 P/S Connell G., J.19400 P/O BAYFORD R.B., RAF/1563889 P/S J.S. Bennie, RAF/1533602 P/S Waters E., R.58024, SGT Chappell E.W.		0255	0337	" G " <b>BOMBING UP</b> - Clear with good visibility. Bombed at 0247 hours from 15,700 feet visually. A.P. seen in light of photograph flashes. At 0245:30 hours, first red T.L.s seen. These were scattered and stretched approximately one mile. The red T.L. to port was nearest the A.P. when checking with Gee. Retained T.L.s as marking was so scattered. Bombed on visual identification of Quarry (A/E) seen in the light of photo flashes. 4 LB XI Green and 4 TI Green brought back, owing to marking being too scattered to R/U. Landed base.	
	" D "	J.19884 P/O Fisher G.H., R.66006 P/O Johnson A.B., J.12942 P/O Kemp E.D. R.99149 P/O Rice F.M., E.193120 P/S J. Mason E.182938 SGT Parkinson G.L. RAF/1871640 SGT Jelly E.H., J.23966 P/O Galhoun M.B. Bombload - (Same as 'G').		0256	0333	" D " <b>BOMBING UP</b> - Clear with no cloud. Bombed at 0248:12 hours from 14,000 feet on centre of 3 red T.L. First red T.L. 0245:54 hours identified as on A.P. One red T.L. one mile to N.E. but attracted no bombs. One red T.L. 500 yards S.W. later, another red fell near it and some bombs. Only good T.L.s seen were own which fell few yards S.E. of 3 red T.L.s. Landed base.	
28th/29 June 1944	" G "	J.19268 P/L L.L. MacKinnon, D.F.C., J.28281 P/L W.D. Hutton, D.F.C., J.9783 P/L G.A. Swaby, D.F.C., RAF/1077021 P/S Connell G., RAF/1563889 P/S Bennie J.S., RAF/1533602 P/S Waters E., R.58024, SGT Chappell E.W., J.19400 P/L R.B. Bayford.		2252	0406	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "WIERNES - Marshalling Yard"</b> 2 Aircraft Detailed.	A-76
	" G "	J.19268 P/L L.L. MacKinnon, D.F.C., J.28281 P/L W.D. Hutton, D.F.C., J.9783 P/L G.A. Swaby, D.F.C., RAF/1077021 P/S Connell G., RAF/1563889 P/S Bennie J.S., RAF/1533602 P/S Waters E., R.58024, SGT Chappell E.W., J.19400 P/L R.B. Bayford.		2252	0406	" G " <b>BOMBING UP</b> - No cloud with good visibility. Bombed at 0227:30 hours from 7,500 feet on A.P. Arrived at 0224 hours. Some flares were burning mostly S.W. of target, which was insufficiently illuminated. Called Deputy M.B. "Dummy run". Mark A.P.. Orbited left and called for more flares. Found target well lit up on second run. One cluster of reds lay about 200 yards N.W. of A.P. with three or four single reds about 100 yards further East. Told Main Force to bomb reds with 100 yards undershoot. Dropped own reds between Deputy M.B.'s reds and East edge of W/Y. Repeated order to Main Force to bomb 100 yards short of red. Called <del>undershoot</del> re-entrers to R/U 100 yards short of reds. Greens went on reds and W/Y. T.L.s were later partly obscured by smoke. Told Main Force to bomb centre of concentration of T.L.s. Left target at 0235 hours. Bombing was well concentrated on T.L.s except for several sticks West and S.W. of A.P. in earlier stages. Landed base. Photograph attempted.	

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28/29 June 1944	Lancaster III " D "	J.1984 P/O Fisher G.H., J.86086 P/O Johnson A.B., J.12962 P/O Kemp J.D., R.9269 W/O Rice P.M., R.195130 P/S Miserer F., R.18295 SGT Ferguson G. RAF/181760 SGT Jolly E.N., J.23966 P/O Calhoun M.R. Bombload:- (Same as 'G').		2253	0105	<b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "METZ - Marshalling Yard" (Cont'd)</b> " D " <b>REGULAR MASWER BOMBER</b> - No cloud with good visibility. Bombed at 0125:36 hours from 11,000 feet on A.P. First flares were S.W. of target. Running in from S.W. saw flares beneath. Other flares were dropped ahead and led us in to target, which was well illuminated. M.C. called "Dummy run" and told us to mark A.P. Rd se. One cluster of our reds fell just off N.E. edge of M/Y and 3 to 4 others were slightly scattered about 100 yards S.W. of main target. M.C. told Main Force to bomb 100 yards short of reds. Saw greens later, believed just off S.E. corner of M/Y. Bombing was well on the markers. Photo attempted. Landed base. " P " <b>BOMBER</b> - Clear visibility. Bombed at 0130:12 hours, from 12,000 feet on centre of concentration of red T.L.s. Town of Metz picked up on H.2.S. Saw flares as we ran in and one red T.L. which lay starboard of track. At first smoke obscured ground detail, but 2 red T.L.s seen adjacent to first one. The three reds formed a triangle. Heard M.C. say "Bomb centre of concentration". Our green T.L.s fell in centre of reds. Bombing was well concentrated on markers and on leaving, target was covered by thick smoke. Photograph attempted. Landed base. " Y " <b>BOMBER</b> - Clear visibility. Bombed at 0135:45 hours from 12,000 feet on T.L. red. Identified M/Y in light of flares. Main Force bombing appeared to be over- shooting by approximately 200 yards. Red and Green T.L.s were already down and M.C. told V.B.U. to bomb and mark 100 yards short of red T.L. Our green T.L.s slightly under- shot red T.L.s. Bombing seemed more concentrated on leaving target. Photograph attempted. Landed base. " J " <b>ILLUMINATOR</b> - Clear visibility. 2x 7" hooded flares released at 0124:36 hours from 11,700 feet by H.2.S. 7 x 1,000 MG TD .025 released at 0131:30 hours from 10,000 feet on centre of concentration of red/green T.L.s. Our flares appeared to be first down. Attack opened up nicely. All flares went down together. Orbitted and heard M.C. say "Red T.L.s 100 yards overshoot". Saw one green T.L. go down and this overshoot red by approximately 50 yards. M.C. instructed Main Force to bomb red/green T.L.s with under- shot. Identified M/Y and town clearly. Bombing appeared to be on west of M/Y at first, but concentrated on marking towards end of raid. Photograph attempted. Landed base. " X " <b>ILLUMINATOR</b> - No cloud with good visibility. 2x 7" hooded flares released at 0125:06 hours from 12,000 feet on H.2.S. run from H.2.S. fix on Verdun. 7 x 1,000 MG TD .025 released at 0131:18 hours from 12,000 feet - undershot T.L. by 100 yards, as ordered by M.C. Arrived one minute late. Two lead of flares already burning all over target area. (PTO)	A-74
	" P "	J.7905 P/O Virtue J.H., J.24921 P/O Johnson J.D., R.157135 SGT Dadds V.F., R.107680 W/O Britts E.J., RAF/133430 SGT Davenport T., R.167132 P/S Stoyke M.S., RAF/1582850 SGT Gilbert E.N., RAF/168703 P/O McCarthy A.G. Bombload:- 5 TI LB Green "A", 5 Gd. TI Green "A", 5 x 1,000 MG TD .025.		2305	0126		
	" Y "	J.86251 P/O Osdagan P.G., R.158188 W/O Williams E.C., J.26351 P/O G.L. McInnes, R.168719 P/S Roof T.C.K., R.201001 P/S Donaldson J.B. RAF/1816332 SGT Kitté D., R.126219 SGT Simpson J.W., RAF/132825 P/O W. Hayward Bombload:- (Same as 'P').		2304	0110		
	" J "	RAF/638828 CRPT JB, Degenhaver, DFC, RAF/21155 P/O Gillespie G.W., RAF/ 15081 P/O Ismond W., J.17172 P/O E. Sharron, D.F.C., R.18382 P/S Carter J.W., J.26606 P/O Butcher E.A., R.6167 SGT Vane E.E. Bombload:- 2x 7" hooded flares 18 7 x 1,000 MG TD .025		2256	0114		
	" X "	J.18768 P/L Long R.W., RAF/171668 P/O Brock R., RAF/57965 P/S Edwards G.J., RAF/157549 P/S Leavelley W.D. RAF/181355 P/S Cowday A.W., R.187162 P/S Stroud H.A., RAF/181304 SGT York R.L.		2254	0105		

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28/29 June 1944	Lancaster III "K"	P/L Long & Crew. (Continued)					
	"B"	RAF/174075 P/O G Connor R., RAF/171692 P/O Blair J.W.C., RAF/1390722 P/S S. Manister, RAF/1238438 P/S Bristow J.H., R.151450 P/S Reddy P.H., R.173224 P/S Ryan J.C., RAF/156014 SGT Henderson J.R.H.		2255	0121	<p><b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "MINE - Marshalling Yard" (Cont'd)</b></p> <p>"K" (Continued): Dropped own flares on H.2.S. on second run, found E.L. red slightly East of M.I. with E.L. green between it and Eastern edge of M.I. Bomb was well on the T.L.S. Photograph attempted. Landed base.</p> <p>"B" - ILLUMINATOR - Clear with smoke haze. Bombed at 0137:42 hours from 8,600 feet on centre of concentration of red and green T.L.S. M.2.S. good up to 0064 hours, when rendered u/s by evasive action taken avoiding enemy fighter. Went down to 7,000 feet and arrived at target too low to drop flares. Saw flares go down at 0125:50 hours followed by red T.L.S. at 0126 hours. 0128 hours, heard M.G. say "Bomb concentration of S.L.S." 0130 hours, under-shoot centre of concentration by 100 yards". 0130:42 hours, big explosion in target area. 0131:50 hours, M.B. said "Bomb centre of concentration. 0132 hours, saw flares go down. Did bombing from 8,600 feet, but too much smoke to observe results. Photograph attempted. Landed base.</p>	A-7A
	"T"	J.1498 S/L Morrison R.A., J.24216 P/L Qualls L.W., J.26343 P/L Smart R.A., R.154763 W/O D'Arcy G.J., R.163280 P/O Injambe O.S., R.132761 W/O Hrbak W., RAF/160445 P/S Metcham R.		2255	0100	<p>"T" - ILLUMINATOR - Clear visibility. 24 x 7" hooded flares released at 0123:12 hours from 12,000 feet by H.2.S. 7 x 1,000 MG SP. G.S. released at 0129:50 hours from 12,000 feet by visual identification. Dropped own flares on H.2.S. No other flares seen. Observed and heard M.B. say "Dummy run" and told Deputy M.B. to mark A.P. Sgt Deputy M.B.'s red T.I. hit ground at 0126 hours, and think it was a 75 yards under-shoot. M.B. said, "Bomb reds with 100 yards under-shoot." Heard M.B. tell V.B.U. to come in and mark. 0132 hours, green T.L.S. went down. Too much smoke to assume position. Bombing quite concentrated. Photograph attempted. Landed base.</p>	
	"U"	RAF/66562 P/L F. King-Smith, D.F.C., RAF/145387 P/O Goddard W., RAF/156853 P/S King D.E., RAF/143079 P/O Watson H.F., R.127925 SGT Binks J., R.151174 SGT Bonabe R., RAF/221605 SGT Hilton R.		2256	0112	<p>"U" - ILLUMINATOR - Clear with good visibility. 24 x 7" hooded flares released at 0123:56 hours from 12,000 feet by H.2.S. checked by timed run from Verden. 7 x 1,000 MG SP. G.S. released at 0130:56 hours from 12,000 feet on centre of concentration of red T.L.S. On arrival at 0124 hours, two sticks of Illuminator flares were going down. At 0124:56 hours, M.B. said "Drop your flares". M.B. asked Deputy to mark the A.P. First red T.I. fell at approximately 0125:30 hours and at 0126 hours, M.B. said "that was an under-shoot Marlow II". 0128 hours, M.B. instructed to bomb concentration under-shooting by 100 yards. Marking was on Eastern edge of railway lines in W/I. At 0129 hours, M.B. told B.U. to back up the concentration. Bombing was well concentrated. King Photograph attempted. Landed base.</p>	

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24/09 194A	Lancaster III " T "	J.16100 P/O G.P.A. Yates, D.F.M., J.37751 P/O Roberts J.F., J.85592 P/O Whitlock A.L., RAF/978688 P/O Bentley R., J.11375 P/O Griffiths R.A.M., R.29108 SGT Allard H.L., RAF/158508 SGT Gunthorpe K. Bombload - (Same as 'J').		2257	0559	BOMBING ATTACK ON " MUTE " - Marshalling Yard (Continued) " T " ILLUMINATOR - Clear with good visibility. 20,700 hooded flares released at 0123:20 hours from 12,300 feet by H.2.S. - checked by timed run from Verdun - 7 x 1,000 MG M.025 released at 0129:14 hours from 12,300 feet on rail- way tracks in Marshalling Yard - First flares fell at 0123:30 hours. Others seen fell. M.B. told Deputy to mark A.P. First red T.L. fell at 0126:12 hours. M.B. said this was overshot. M.B.'s markers also overshoot. Both markers were to East of M/Y. Bombed with slight undershoot. Bombs were bursting on and close to markers. Green T.L.s fell at 0130:48 hours. These also slightly overshoot. M.B. later told Main Force to bomb the concentration. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-7a
	" O "	J.15301 P/L Whicker M.J.L., J.21960 P/O Pearson R.A., J.27278 P/O McDowell J.S., J.12102 P/O Brown D.H., R.18359 P/S Nain R.B., USA/10661626 P/S J.W. Verner, RAF/959080 SGT Abbs K.A. Bombload - (Same as 'J').		2302	0118	" O " ILLUMINATOR - Clear visibility. Bombed at 0121:20 hours from 12,000 feet on concentration of red and green T.L.s. H.2.S. returns good. On first run in, saw flares. M.B. said, "Bomb on red T.L.s with 100 yards undershoot." Identified M/Y. M.B. said "Bomb concentration of red and green T.L.s. Main Force bombing spread came from East to West, scattered at beginning of attack, but appeared to concentrate on markers as raid progressed. Photograph attempted. Landed base. Flares brought back.	
	" E " PA980	J.85958 P/O Smith M.A., J.86072 P/O Stringer R.W., J.25740 P/O Stein L.R., R.17267 P/S Maxwell J.W., R.157236 P/S Moore G.E., RAF/1050013 SGT Shaw J.M., RAF/1607755 SGT Thorn H.M.		2302	MISSING	" E " ILLUMINATOR - This aircraft failed to return from this operation and nothing has been heard from any member of this crew since time of take-off. Bombload - (Same as 'J').	
	" H "	J.86050 P/O Coffey J.R., J.2725 P/O Byrne H.J., R.158937 SGT Kingwell M. J.86092 P/O Richardson K.A., R.116556 SGT Hart K.A., J.86091 P/O McWhirter R.H., RAF/1288144 SGT Willoughby D.H. Bombload - (Same as 'J').		2300	0109	" H " ILLUMINATOR - Clear with good visibility. Bombed at 0130:06 hours from 12,000 feet on concentration of red T.L.s. On arrival at 0125 hours, saw flares down. Made dummy run and retained flares, as target was well illuminated. 0126 hours, M.B. said "Bomb centre of concentration of red T.L.s." Green T.L.s fell at 0130:30 hours. These fell on the rails which were on the Eastern edge of railway lines in M/Y. Bombed centre of concentration of T.L.s. Some bombing passed to be undershooting, but main concentration was on and close to the markers. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	" X "	J.28145 P/O Smith H., J.28113 P/O D.P. Davies, RAF/1558631 SGT Woods G.L., RAF/1136223 SGT O'Boyle T., R.216659 P/O King W.H., R.6725 P/O Reid G.S., R.48904 SGT McLean H.S. Bombload - (Same as 'J').		2259	0117	" X " ILLUMINATOR - Clear with good visibility. Bombed at 0130 hours from 12,000 feet on centre of concentration of red T.L.s. On first run, by H.2.S., at 0125:48 hours, iden- tified the whole area visually. Flares were very well placed. Waited for instructions and had overshoot when M.B. said "Drop flares" at 0126:42 hours. When making second run at 0128:12 hours, M.B. said "undershoot the red T.L.s by 100 yards, so retained flares and bombed. Informed the M.B. Unable to see the position of markers as they were obscured by the bombing. Flares brought back. Photo attempted. Landed base.	

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30 June 1944	Lancaster III "H"	" <b>DEFILADE ATTACK</b> " G.2880 P/O Bernard L.B., J.20252 P/O Tynan G.G., J.23154 P/O Nicholl G.F., RAF/2575170 SGT Cox C., E.184184 P/S Obmolloy J.F., RAF/1871132 SGT O'Hanlon P/S; RAF/1554632 SGT McDonough P.S. Bombload:- 11 x 1,000 American, 3 x 500 GP TD .025.	1833	2107	" <b>BOMBING ATTACK ON "VILLERS BOUCHE" "10 A/C Detailed</b> "H" BOMBER:- Clear with good visibility. Bombed at 2002:05 hours from 11,000 feet on red T.I. on ground. On arrival, saw clouds of smoke. Whole town was obliterated. Identified 2 roads leading to town West of target. At 2002 hours, M.B. said "Green T.I.s no good; bomb starboard of concentration. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-75	
	"H"	J.86050 P/O Giffey J.H., J.24725 P/O Bayer R.J., E.185097 SGT Dingwall M.H. J.86032 P/O Buchanan R.A., E.116554 SGT Hart L.A., J.86051 P/O McWhirter R.E., RAF/228834 SGT Willeoughby D.H. Bombload:- 18 x 500 GP TD .025.	1832	2100	"H" BOMBER:- Clear with 5/10 stratus cumulus cloud above at 15,000 feet. Bombed at 2001:36 hours from 10,000 feet on starboard edge of smoke. On arriving, saw cirrus of smoke covering A.F. Roads and town identified. Bombing concentrated on A.F. with some short of target. Four sticks fell in wood slightly S.W. of A.F. One big explosion from west north of target; 25 seconds after bombing at 2002 hours approximately. Photograph attempted. Landed base.		
	"G"	J.15308 P/L Walker W.J.L., J.21980 P/O Pearson R.H., J.27278 P/O McDowell J.S., J.12108 P/O Brown D.H., E.185294 P/S Blair R.B., USA/1060626 P/S J.K. Verner, RAF/228080 SGT Biss K.A. Bombload:- (Same as "H").	1830	2110	"G" BOMBER:- Clear with good visibility. Bombed at 2001:55 hours from 10,000 feet on centre of SW wall of smoke. On arrival whole town was covered by smoke, but could identify roads leading to town from East and West. On route to target heard M.B. instructing to bomb the red T.I. At approximately 1958 hours, M.B. said "Bomb centre of smoke". On leaving target, saw red glow at A.F. lasting 3 seconds. Attack appeared to be spreading to fields West of A.F. Photograph attempted. Landed base.		
	"X"	J.18445 P/O Smith H., J.22615 P/O D.P. Davies, RAF/145853 SGT Woods G.L., RAF/1136258 SGT O'Brada T., E.116659 P/O King M.H., E.65753 P/O Reid G.E., E.68504 SGT Nelson H.C. Bombload:- (Same as "H").	1834	2101	"X" BOMBER:- Clear with good visibility. Bombed at 2000:18 hours from 10,800 feet on starboard side of smoke from bomb bursts. Checked on gas. At 1958 hours, red T.I.s seen cascading. Ran up on these, checking on Gee and just before bombing, the whole area became covered by smoke. M.B. instructed to "bomb starboard side. Bombing around A.F. was "terrific". At 2002 hours, green T.I.s were seen to starboard side of smoke. Yellow T.I. cascaded at same time. Photograph attempted. Landed base.		
	"B"	J.15588 P/L Johnston A.J., J.15636 P/L Fisher G.G., J.18009 P/O Hancock W.G., E.109440 P/O Billingsley R.D., J.17425 P/O Gimes R.H., J.17666 P/O Stevens L.C., D.F.M., RAF/220444 SGT Wilson G.L. Bombload:- (Same as "H").	1835	2104	"B" BOMBER:- Clear with no cloud. Bombed at 2001:12 hours from 13,400 feet on centre of smoke on A.F. (M.B.'s orders). On arriving, saw A.F. area covered with smoke, Red T.I. disappeared into smoke. A.F. concentrated with bombing. Before bombing, no instructions from M.B. owing to "noisy" net. Attack very concentrated. Photograph attempted. Landed base.		
	"Y"	J.15228 P/L Connor G.E., J.15765 P/O Gustien A.S., J.16306 P/O Muecher J. J.15893 P/O Barclay W.H., J.19680 P/O Baird R.E., D.F.M., J.19552 P/O G.C. Gentry, G.13690 P/O Madger W.C. Bombload:- (Same as "H").	1831	2112	"Y" BOMBER:- Clear with some cumulus cloud moving in at 3,000 feet. Bombed at 2005 hours from 3,000 feet on green T.I. on edge of smoke on A.F. On arriving, cloud of smoke seen and cloud came over at 2005:28 hours. Mid-way run M.B. said "Bomb starboard of town". Then told to bomb green T.I. Second run, bombed green T.I.s. All bombing was on A.F. and smoke. Photograph attempted. Landed base.		

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30 June 1944	Lancaster III "G"	J.25855 P/O Townsend W/O W.C., J.28798 P/O Pomeroy E.C. J.18400 P/O Dow E.P., R.18067 SGT Rlyth G.C., G.1724 P/O Gay C., RAY/1894153 SGT Carrott E.C. Bombload: (Same as "H").	J.2602 P/O Pomeroy E.C. R.18067 SGT Rlyth C., RAY/1894153	1816	2113	BOMBED ATTACK ON "VILLERS BOGUE" (Continued) "G" BOMBER: Clear over A.P. with good visibility and 5 large cumulus clouds near A.P. Bombed at 2005:30 hours from 10,000 feet on starboard edge of smoke. At approximately 2000 hours, heard M.B. say "Bomb slightly starboard of tail of smoke". Main concentration of bombing was in this area, but several sticks seen as far as 2 miles North of target following flak bursts. Explosion in target area at approximately 2005 hours, a sheet of dull red flame lasting 5 to 6 seconds, turning smoke brown and then black. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-75
	"Y"	J.86251 P/O Odagan E.C., R.15088 W/O Williams R.G., J.26551 P/O McNamee G.A., R.168715 P/S Wolf E.C.L., R.209001 P/S Donaldson J.D., RAY/1856232 SGT Kitch D., R.126219 SGT Simpson J.W. Bombload: (Same as "H").	R.15088 R.126219	1829	2105	"Y" BOMBER: Clear with no cloud. Bombed at 2001:10 hours from 9,500 feet on right of centre of smoke. Arriving saw smoke and some green T.L. 200 yards West. M.B. said "ignore green" and ordered bomb smoke; later bomb to right of centre of smoke. Most bombing around A.P. to West of drifting smoke. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"P"	J.7505 P/L Virtus J.H., J.24341 P/O Johnson J.H., R.157135 SGT Bead Y.P. R.107630 W/O Britts A.J., RAY/1359430 SGT Davoport E., R.167132 P/S Mayne M.S., RAY/1582250 SGT Gilbert R.H. Bombload: 17 x 500 lb TD 1025, 1 x 500 lb.	J.24341 P/O Johnson J.H., R.157135 SGT Bead Y.P. RAY/1359430 R.167132 P/S Mayne M.S., RAY/1582250 SGT Gilbert R.H.	1828	2109	"P" BOMBER: Clear above and below. Bombed at 1959:00 hours from 1,000 feet on red T.L. previously seen cascading. Saw red T.L. cascade very near A.P. on road junction. At 1959 hours, M.B. said "ascend 4". 1956:50 hours, "saw sheet red T.L. by one second". Bombed red T.L. Red T.L. and A.P. covered by stick of bombs. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"G"	RAY/174025 P/O O'Connor E., RAY/171692 P/O Hain J.W.C., RAY/1350782 P/S S. Manderson, RAY/138434 P/S Ristow J.H. R.181430 P/S Boring S.H., R.173952 P/S Egan J.C., RAY/156604 SGT Henderson J.R.H. Bombload: (Same as "H").	RAY/171692 RAY/1350782 P/S S. Manderson, RAY/138434 P/S Ristow J.H. R.173952 P/S Egan J.C., RAY/156604 SGT Henderson J.R.H.	1827	2105	"G" BOMBER: Good visibility. Bombed at 1958 hours from 1,000 feet on centre of crossroads (A.P.). On arrival saw one red T.L. approximately 300 yards N.E. and one red T.L. approximately 300 yards North of A.P. Just before bombing, saw one stick of bombs straddle centre of town. Another stick burst between these and own. Saw own bombs burst. First two in field immediately North of A.P. Third bomb in centre of crossroads. Fourth bomb hit large tall building on corner of road. On leaving, saw flames seen from A.P. and whole target area was becoming covered by smoke. Aircraft suffered small flak holes over Villers at 1959 hours, at 4,000 feet. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
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