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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
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August 1, 1944	Lancaster III & V						
	"W" MD 980	J. 9192 S/L Perry J.W., RAV/14456 P/L Reynolds R.H., S. 2397 P/O Niccott R. RAV/136656 P/S Stanley S.E., R. 211205 P/O Simpson V.C., R. 18454 P/S M.E. Robinson, RAV/168233, SGT Beach T.W., RAV/168727 P/O Pettitt A.C. Bombload: 4 IR. 5L Yellow, 4 Gd. TL Yellow, 5 x 1,000 TD.025 ARM.59.	1923	2118	Bombing Attack On "KILDE CRUIX LES BRUYERES" (DAYLIGHT) Aircraft Detailed.	A-309	
	"W" ME 655	J. 86251 P/O Oudegan T.G., R. 158484 P/O Williams R.G., S. 24521 P/O Holmes G. R. 165719 P/S Woolf T.C.L., R. 205001 P/S Hamilton J.D., RAV/1285432 SGT Kitch D., S. 87312 P/O Simpson J.W., RAV/132873 P/O Hayward W. Bombload: 4 IR. and 4 Gd. TL Yellow, 6 x 1,000 TD. 025 ARM. 59.	1924	2115	"W" DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER:- Abortive O.E.T. Returned from 5040 M. 0210 E., at 2025 hours, at 14,500 feet on M.B.'s orders. Flew above unbroken cloud from inside English Coast. Approaching target, still above 10/10 cloud, tops above 4,000 feet. 2025 hours, M.B. gave "Balters" (Abandon Mission). 8 T.L. Yellow and 6 x 1,000 ARM. 59. 2025 brought back. Landed base.		
3rd August 1944							
	"B" EB 262	J. 85050 P/O Herbert S.G., J. 20236 P/L Eldon R.A., J. 47885 P/O Gardin H.B., RAV/131874 P/S Owen S.A., R. 121003 P/S Allard R.L., RAV/128004 P/S Crisp H.A., RAV/142760 SGT Omland H.B. Bombload: 11 x 1,000 ARM. 65 TD.025, 5 x 500 Gd. IR., 1 x 500 ARM. 64 TD.025.	1225	1534	Bombing Attack On "L'ETRE ADAM DUMP" - S A/C DETAILED (DAYLIGHT) ACCIDENT	A-110	
	"W" ME 616	J. 86050 P/O Coffey J.H., J. 24725 P/O Bayne R.J., R. 158487 P/S Strigell W. J. 86052 P/O Rutherglen H.A., R. 116556 SGT Hart W.L., J. 86001 P/O Howdler R. RAV/128824 SGT Willoughby R.H.G. Bombload: (Same as "B").	1228	1539	"B" BOMBER:- Clear visibility. Bombed at 1400hrs from 13,000 feet on smoke rising from centre of woods. At 1357 hours, heard M.B. say "Undershoot red T.L.s by 200 yards", repeated several times. On run up, identified river and woods but thick smoke obscured markers. Hit by burst of heavy flak, and starboard outer engine caught fire, but extinguished after diving to 13,000 feet. Bombed centre of smoke and two smoke trails from T.L.s seen rising. Two fires seen burning on North-East edge of wood. Aircraft hit by heavy flak over L'Etire Adam at 1359 hours, 15,000 feet causing damage to wing and hit starboard outer engine which caught fire. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "W" BOMBER:- 4 to 5/10ths cumulus cloud with good visibility. Bombed at 140512 hours from 15,000 feet on plume of smoke. At 1355 hours, M.B. said "Bomb 100 yards under- shoot of T.L.s red". 1400 hours, M.B. said "Bomb 100 yards under- shoot of smoke". All we could see of the target on run up was smoke, until right over the top when red T.L. seen as in centre of target area. Some bombing was to West of target area on the other side of river. Photograph attempted. Landed base.		

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August 5 1944	Bombardier III & V					Bombing Attack On "L'ISLE ADAM DUMP" (Continued)	A-110
	'E' EB 185	(All RAF) 3322 W/O Goulson S.F., 161428 P/O Bennett H., 163612 P/O H. Michell, 168756 P/O Isherwood R.D.F.M., 155826 P/O Crowhurst P.O.; R.F.O., 157626 P/O Heath I.G., 189462 SGT Pilot R.M.S. Bombload: (Same as 'E').		1226	1525	"E" BOMBING - 3/10 cloud. Bombed at 1402 hours from 15,000 feet on thick smoke. At 1401 hours, saw yellow T.L.s ascending. Identified wood and consider markers were well placed. Did not hear M.B. and T.E.s had disappeared into smoke, so bombed centre of smoke. Rear Gunner said bombing was very well concentrated. 1 x 1,000 AMM. 65 TD.025 brought back, owing to hang up. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'E' EB 988	J.1365 P/O Webb G.W., J.23470 P/O Painter V.F., R.166255 W/O Young G.A., R.169371 P/O Dove G., R.252500 P/O H. McParland, R.208615 SGT Scarffe G.L., RAY/187610 SGT Whitehouse J.M. Bombload: (Same as 'E').		1227	1522	"E" BOMBING - 4 to 5/10 cumulus cloud with good visibility. Bombed at 1403 hours from 14,000 feet on centre of smoke. At 1358 hours, M.B. said "Undershoot the red T.L.s by 100 yards", and later he said, "Undershoot the smoke". Then "Bomb centre of smoke", which we did. Bombing was concentrated in target area with smoke coming from all parts. One small fire seen on Northern edge of target. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'Q' ND 584	J.13468 P/O Millison T., J.24697 P/O Charley W.A., J.26648 P/O McKinnon D., RAY/136952 SGT Henderson R.G., R.212187 SGT Stowe R.S., R.216578 SGT Stevens F.A., RAY/182527 SGT McP., 11 A. Bombload: (Same as 'E').		1230	1526	"Q" BOMBING - 3 to 4/10 cumulus cloud, tops 3 to 4,000 feet. Visually identified river and smoke coming from woods. Bombed at 1402:15 hours from 13,500 feet on North-west corner of target area. At 1406 hours, M.B. said "Undershoot the smoke". We were already on bombing run and it was too late to give correction. Had two small buildings similar to block-houses in bombights. Bombing well concentrated in target area. 1 x 500 GP. 1D. brought back owing to hang up. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'Q' EB 233	J.24254 P/O Kettlewell T.W., J.25054 P/O Martin W.F., R.159124 P/O Shopland R.W., J.27791 P/O Blair T.J., R.183905 P/O Briggs W.F., RAY/179613 P/O Conna G., RAY/187561 SGT Branch W.G.M. Bombload: (Same as 'E').		1229	1521	"Q" BOMBING - Clear visibility. Bombed at 1404 hours from 15,000 feet on thick smoke. At 1400 hours, heard M.B. say "Undershoot red T.L.s by 100 yards. Repeated 3 times then changed to "Bomb edge of smoke". "Bomb centre of smoke". Lot of smoke seen obscuring centre of wood which was identified. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'Q' NR 180	J.22523 P/O Tate J., R.16325 P/O Ridge R.D., J.15523 P/O Davy H.D., R.183494 SGT Basso G.F., R.144882 SGT Ryndak J., R.5727 SGT Mathies J.G., R.118812 SGT Drivitt J.W. Bombload: (Same as 'E').		1227	1537	"Q" BOMBING - 3 to 5/10 cloud with good visibility. Visually identified river, and smoke from woods. Bombed at 1402:10 hours from 15,000 feet on building on Northern edge of wood. At 1358 hours, M.B. said "Undershoot red T.L.s by 100 yards". Later, "Undershoot the smoke". "Bomb centre of smoke". "Overshoot the smoke". One red T.L. was in centre of target area. Bombing was concentrated. 1 x 1,000 AMM. 65 TD.025 and jettisoned safe 5227 E. 0043 W., at 1433 hours, from 17,000 feet owing to hang up. Bomb exploded when hitting the water. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'A' EB 129	J.87249 P/O Smith H.L., J.87196 P/O Copping R.E.M., R.171294 P/O Olander D.G., RAY/148109 P/O Callaway E., R.139322 P/O Graham G.M., R.209002 P/O Cartwright G., RAY/2211672 SGT With G.		1231	1528	"A" BOMBING - 3/10 cloud with clear patches. Bombed at 1406:12 hours from 15,200 feet on centre of smoke. At French Coast, heard M.B. say "Bomb red T.L.s 100 yards under-shoot". Ran in and identified river and woods but could not see T.L.s. A big concentration of smoke covered centre of wood. 1406 hours, M.B. said "Bomb centre of smoke". Photograph attempted. Landed base.	c.w.p.

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August 3, 1944	Lancaster III & V	*V* ND 855 J. 26251 P/O Oadegan R.G.; R.158484 W/O Williams R.G., J.26251 P/O McNamee G.A., R.166719 P/O Wolf T.G.K. R.20500 P/O Howland J.D., R.1836832 SGT Kitto R., G.87319 P/O Shannon J. R.152275 P/O Raymond W. Bombload: 4 LB. T.L. Yellow 'A', 4 Ord. T.L. Yellow 'A', 6 x 1,000 MG. 2D.025.		1856	2058	Bombing Attack On "FORET DE NIKEPPE (G)" "3 A/C Detailed. (DAYLIGHT ATTACK) *V* VISUAL BACKER UP- 6/10 cloud, tops 6,000 feet. Identified A.P. visually and by one T.L. yellow cascading also by bomb bursts. Bombed at 2006:30 hours from 15,000 feet on one T.L. yellow cascading over A.P. When 20 miles away, some cloud seen over target area. M.B. ordered "Bomb T.L. yellows" at 2002:30 hours approximately. Had clear view of A.P. on bombing run and T.L. Yellow seen on South- edge of A.P. Bombing very concentrated. Saw one stick of bombs one mile to North of goal - Only 2 T.L. yellows seen and first burst out before arrival over target. One T.L. s on A.P. and M.B. ordered main force to bomb target. Photo- graph attempted. Landed base.	A-111
				1855	2102	*D* VISUAL BACKER UP- 5 to 7/1000's cloud, at 6,000 feet. Identified A.P. visually and by T.L. yellow cascading and burning on ground on A.P. Bombed at 2008:12 hours from 14,000 feet on positive of smoke through cloud. Arriving identified target from 20 miles away and later picked up A.P. at target; cloud obscured aim. Bomb run but cloud and smoke prevented accurate aim at actual aiming point, so did not drop T.L.s. Very concentrated bombing. Only bombs seen astray were 6 to 7 sticks 600 yards to North of A.P. 8 T.L. yellow brought back, owing to aiming point partly obscured by cloud on bombing run. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
				1857	2300	*D* VISUAL BACKER UP- 4 to 5/10 cloud, only over target at 7 to 8,000 feet. Bombed at 2009:15 hours from 14,000 feet on smoke trail of yellow T.L. M.B. ordered at 2002 hours, "Bomb yellow T.L. Run on". Arriving at target saw 4 to 5 loads of bombs at Bois Des Mifs Run (small wood 3 to 4 miles North of target). No T.L.s seen there. Saw smoke trails of yellow T.L. at target and bomb these. Bombing concentrated on target. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
August 4, 1944	*V* BA 981	J.18760 P/L Long R.W., R.174649 P/O Brock B., R.177700 P/O Edwards G.W., R.1575439 P/S Lowrey W.D., R.1813555 P/S Gowing A.W., R.187162 P/S Stroud H.A., R.1819034 SGT York R.E. Bombload: 11 x 1,000 MG. 2D.025, 2 x 500 ANM. G. 2D.025, 2 x 500 GP. M.		1126	1415	Bombing Attack On "FORET ADAM DORE" (DAYLIGHT ATTACK) 5 Aircraft Detailed *V* SUPPORTER- 3/10 cumulo cloud, tops to 8,000 feet. Bombed at 1257:54 hours from 15,000 feet on A.P. When we bombed, ops red lay in centre of target area, West of A.P. Bombing had not started. At 1258:30 hours, M.B. said "Bomb T.L.s red" and at 1302 hours, M.B. said "Bomb yellows going down" and later said "overshoot yellows". Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-112

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August 4, 1944	Lancaster III & Y					Bombing Attack On "LESLIE ADAM DUMP" (Continued)	A-112
	"V" ND 855	J.1984 P/O Fisher G.H., RAF/86600 P/L Bruce J.S., J.12962 P/O Kemp K.D. E.109440 W/O Billingsley F.D., J.26608 P/W Rymaszewski K.S., E.108428 P/S J.W. Garten, RAF/1871640 SGT Jolly E.H., J.23966 W/O Gilhoun W.W. Bombload: 4 L.B. T.L. Yellow, 4 Brd. T.L. Yellow, 6 x 1,000 AMM 65 TD.025.		1125	1420	"V" = DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER: 1/10 cumulus cloud, tops 5 to 5,000 feet. Target identified visually and by red T.L.s near A.P. Bombed at 1258:06 hours from 15,000 feet on A.P. M.B. at 1256 hours, ordered "Back up A.P.". M.B. later said "overshoot red to port by one second". Identified A.P. and bombed A.P. Bombing was very concentrated on and around A.P. Three of four reds slightly to West of A.P. and one yellow on edge of wood to North-west. All other T.L.s on or near A.P. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"W" ND 900	J.2322 S/L Ferry J.W., RAF/144456 P/L Reynolds K.H., J.29571 P/O Hiscott H. RAF/1386456 P/S Stambly H.S., E.211205 P/S Beggan J.C.L., E.194524 P/S B.E. Kilmanon, RAF/1608334 SGT Beach T.J., RAF/168727 W/O Pettitt A.C. Bombload: 4 LB. T.L. Yellow, 4 Brd. T.L. Yellow, 5 x 1,000 AMM 59 TD.025, 1 x 1,000 MD. TD.025.		1124	1423	"W" = MASTER BOMBER: 1 to 2/10 cumulus cloud, tops 5 to 5,000 feet. Identified A.P. visually. Bombed at 1257:54 hours from 15,000 feet on A.P. At 1256 hours, saw reds on A.P. and spreading 400 to 500 yards South-west. We aimed our yellows at A.P. and told Deputy to run up on reds. Cloud then covered A.P. until 1300 hours when yellows were seen on A.P. with one yellow in North North-East corner of target area. Told Main Force to ignore the latter. At 1300 hours, told V.B.U. to back up yellows. B.U.s yellows went 50 to 100 yards North-East of A.P. 1304 hours, told Main Force to overshoot yellows. Bombing was heavily concen- trated on A.P. 1306 hours, told Main Force to bomb well up into smoke. 1311 hours, large explosion from centre of target area, i.e., 4 to 500 yards South-West of A.P. Told Main Force to bomb explosion. 1315 hours, left target. Main Force bombing was excellent. Only stick (5) men outside target area. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"U" ER 982	RAF/66562 S/L P. Main-Smith, D.F.O., RAF/115387 P/L Goddard W., RAF/1586855 P/S King D.S., RAF/118079 P/O Watson H.R., E.127253 SGT Honabe R., RAF/2211605 SGT Hilton K., RAF/2211605 SGT Varley J.W. (Passenger) Bombload: 11 x 1,000 AMM 100 TD.025, 4 x 500 AMM 100 TD.025.		1127	1438	"U" = SUPPORTER: Small amount of cumulus cloud, tops 5 to 8,000 feet. Identified A.P. visually. Bombed at 1257:54 hours from 11,500 feet on A.P. Identified A.P. and bombed it. Red T.L.s lay in centre of target area, due West of A.P. 1258 hours, M.B. said "Bomb reds". 1300 hours, M.B. said, "Back up yellow". Yellows were on A.P. 1302 hours, M.B. said "overshoot yellows". A few sticks of bombs seen, all on A.P. H.T.L. and G.W. from take- off. Slight damage to aircraft from heavy flak over Run- wick at 1302 hours, flying at 14,000 feet. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"S" ER 577	J.1638 S/L D.J. McQuinn, D.F.O., RAF/141555 P/L Gillespie G.W., RAF/260161 P/O Howard W., J.17767 P/O Beeke J., J.19058 P/O Geaves G.S., J.14148 P/O Gray K.G., RAF/1043785 P/S Bodman G.O., J.15248 P/L Waterson G. Bombload: (Same as "V").		1128	1432	"S" = MASTER BOMBER: 1 to 2/10 cloud from 1 to 2,000 feet. Identified A.P. visually and bombed at 1300:06 hours from 14,600 feet on A.P. with T.L. yellow on it. "Map-read" to target, which was clearly identified. On approach at 1258 hours, M.B. said "Bomb reds". On arrival, saw T.L. yellow on A.P. Bombing well on it also. M.B. said "Back up yellow". Did so and as our yellows were falling, M.B. said "Bomb these yellows" and when they were on the ground, said, "Bomb yellow with 100 yards overshoot." Later heard M.B. say "Bomb well up into smoke. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	C.W.P.

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August 4, 1945	Lancaster III & V					Bombing Attack On "TROSSY/ST. MAXIMIN (DUMP)" 11 Aircraft Detailed.	A-113
	'C' NE 180	RAF/174075 P/O Connor E., RAF/172692 P/L Blair J.W.C., RAF/2390722 P/S S. Manickam, RAF/138434 P/S Kristow J.B. E.151450 P/S Irving P.H., E.173551 P/S Ryan J.S., RAF/156694 P/S Henderson J. Subloads: 11 x 1,000 lbs. T.O. 025, 2 x 500 lbs. T.O. 025, 2 x 500 lbs. T.O. 025.		1136 1/2	1415	'C' BOMBER - Clear visibility with scattered cumulus cloud around. Bombed at 1314:40 hours from 14,500 feet on centre of smoke concentration. At approximately 1313 hours, M.B. said "Bomb the red T.I.s". Later he said "Bomb the centre of smoke concentration but do not undershoot". Engineer, who was in the nose, was hit in knee approximately 40 seconds before landing. Hydraulics were shot up. Bomb aimed at centre of smoke concentration as M.B. instructed. Aircraft slightly damaged by heavy flak over target at 1314 hours flying at 14,500 feet. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'D' EB 292	J.28283 P/O Tite J., J.36325 P/O Ridge R.D., J.35523 P/O Davy H.B., R.183432 SGT Rhase G.T., R.148828 SGT Wynski J. R.26717 SGT Mathias J.G., R.128827 SGT Davies J.H. Subloads: 11 x 1,000 lbs. T.O. 025, 2 x 500 lbs. T.O. 025.		1138 1/2	1437	'D' BOMBER - 2 to 3/10ths cloud at 5 to 6,000 feet. Bombed at 1315:30 hours from 15,200 feet on red T.I. A.P. identified. Running up, M.B. ordered at 1314 hours and reported "Bomb red". Red T.I. appeared to be approximately 500 yards to West of A.P. West of bombing to West of A.P. Second lot of T.I.s fell on leaving closer to A.P. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'J' EB 113	J.15228 P/L Gorman G.H., J.15765 P/O Munton A.E., J.15340 P/O J.M. Neagher D.P.M., J.15828 P/O Barclay Y.H., J.19680 P/O J.E. Dorje, D.P.M., RAF/19229 P/O Williams G.J., G.19690 P/O Madar W.J., RAF/142885 P/O W.T. Swinman, D.P.M. Subloads: (Same as 'C').		1135	1442	'J' BOMBER - 1 to 1/10ths cloud, tops 6 to 7,000 feet. A.P. identified visually and also by red T.I. ascending. Bombed at 1314:50 hours from 15,700 feet on A.P. M.B. say "Bomb red" at approximately 1313 hours. Already on run to bomb A.P. visually. One red T.I. fell 4 to 500 yards to West of A.P. Bombing centred around railway West of A.P. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'X' EB 282	(All 187) 13472 P/O Givison S.H., 161128 P/O Bennett H., 163612 P/O H.B. Mitchell, 168256 P/O Shawwood R., D.F.M., 157626 P/S Heath L.C., 1284562 SGT Hollet H.M. Subloads: (Same as 'D').		1137 1/2	1447	'X' BOMBER - Clear by 1/10ths scattered cumulus cloud around. Bombed at 1314:40 hours from 15,000 feet on centre of 3 red T.I.s. At 1313 hours, M.B. said "Bomb the red T.I.s". Three red T.I.s were forming a triangle in centre of target area. Own bombs burst in centre of T.I. concentration. Bombing was well concentrated and lots of smoke was drifting South. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'H' EB 185	J.15503 P/L Johnston L.J., J.15856 P/L Fisher G.F., J.18009 P/O BRUNNENBERG RUSSELL W.G., J.18708 P/S Langlands J., J.17625 P/O Gidman B.A., RAF/54862 P/O J.B. Scammell, D.F.M., RAF/2285411 SGT Holland G.H. Subloads: (Same as 'H').		1138	1445	'H' BOMBER - 3/10 cloud from 5 to 6,000 feet. Bombed at 1315:20 hours from 14,400 feet on A.P. Ran up on yellow T.I. seen ascending at 1312:30 hours. Found yellow T.I. to be 2,000 yards to West South-West. Identified A.P. changed course and bombed. One red T.I. hit ground at same time as own bombs. M.B. ordered "Bomb red" on centre of dust and smoke. Received these orders after our bombs gone. One red T.I. fell North North-West of A.P. 3 to 100 yards. Bombing slightly West North-West and one stick near bridge over river. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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August 4, 1944	Lancaster III A.Y.					Bombing Attack on TROSSY/ST. MAXIMIN (DUMP) (Continued)	A-113
	"G" EB 233	J.1530E P/O Wicker W.J.L., RAF/1339400 Sgt New E.J., J.27278 P/O McDowell J.B. J.12102 P/O Brown D.H., R.18558 P/S Muir R.B., R.8960, W/O Martin M.J., RAF/229080 Sgt Abba N.A. Bombload: (Same as "G").		1133	2440	"G" BOMBER - 4/10 cumulus cloud with good visibility. Identified A.P. by means of red T.I.s; and visually identified river and wood North of A.P. Bombed at 1314:12 hours from 15,000 feet on concentration of red T.I.s. At 1313:30 hours, M.B. said "Bomb the red T.I.s". One red A.A. was a few yards to West of concentration of 3 to 4 others. The one T.I. had received some bombing but main bombing was on the concentration. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"H" ND 616	J.26090 P/O Coffey John, T.24725 P/O Bayne R.J., R.158497 P/S Dingwall M.M. J.26032 P/O Murray John E., R.116556 Sgt Hart L.A., J.86051 P/O McWhorter R.L., RAF/128834 Sgt Wainwright D.H. Bombload: (Same as "G").		1135 1/2	2434	"H" BOMBER - 4/10 cloudy, tops 9 to 10,000 feet; base 3 to 4,000 feet. Identified A.P. by red T.I.s. Bombed at 1314:54 hours from 15,000 feet on first red T.I.s seen to fall. At 1312 hours approximately, one red T.I. fell. At 1313 hours, M.B. said "Bomb centre of red T.I.s". There was too much smoke and dust to identify A.P. Smoke and dust covering 1/2 mile area. Some T.I. reds seen after bombing 500 yards North-East of red T.I.s bombed and these T.I. reds believed to be on A.P. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"H" EB 229	J.24254 P/O Kettlewell T.W., J.25054 P/O Mearns W.F., R.129124 W/S Shepland R.W., J.27734 P/O Nelson T.J., R.193905 P/S Magee W.F., RAF/1796419 P/S Gona G., RAF/1875611 Sgt Branch W.C.R. Bombload: (Same as "G").		1141	2439	"H" BOMBER - Clear with scattered cumulus cloud around, and good visibility. Bombed at 1313:36 hours from 15,500 feet on red T.I.s. Heard M.B. say "Bomb the red". Red T.I. seemed to be bang on. Bomb burst slightly to starboard and at same time a yellow T.I. cascaded near the ground not far from the red. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"H" EA 988	J.23754 P/O Webb G.W., J.23478 P/O Rafter V.F., R.168253 W/O Young G.A. R.169974 P/S Dowd W.J., R.20300 P/S McFarland E.J., R.208035 Sgt Bennett G.W., RAF/1876410 Sgt Whitehouse J.B. Bombload: 10 x 1,000 lb. TD, 2 x 500 CP, 2 x 1,000 AMM .63 TD, 1025.		1140 1/2	2443	"H" BOMBER - Scattered cumulus cloud with good visibility. Bombed at 1328:48 hours from 15,000 feet on centre of smoke concentration. At 1314:30 hours, M.B. said "Bomb red T.I.s, bang on". Ran up for bombing but cloud was hiding T.I.s so orbited for second run when M.B. said, "Bomb centre of smoke". Bombing seemed well concentrated in target area with lots of smoke coming from it. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"G" ND 524	J.13468 P/O Ellison T., J.24697 P/O Charley W.A., J.25648 P/O McKinnon B. RAF/135592 P/S Henderson R.G., R.212187 Sgt Brown E.S., R.210578 Sgt Stevens T.A., RAF/1895278 Sgt McFall A. Bombload: (Same as "H").		1139 1/2	2435	"G" BOMBER - Clear scattered cumulus cloud around with good visibility. Bombed at 1316:06 hours from 14,500 feet on red T.I. At 1313 hours approximately, M.B. said "Bomb red T.I.". After that, we were unable to hear M.B. as well as M.B. so set out M.B. T.I. was slightly West of A.P. but well within target area and was well lit. Aircraft damaged by heavy flak at 1326:30 hours, flying at 14,500 feet when over target. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"A" EB 229	J.27229 P/O Smith H.M., J.27196 P/O Copping H.H.M., R.17159 P/S Calder D. RAF/148108 P/S Callaway E., R.199322 P/S Graham G., R.209002 P/S Carruthers R.L., RAF/221162 Sgt Walsh S. Bombload: 6 x 1,000 lb. TD, 4 x 500 lb. TD, 1025.		1142	2449	"A" BOMBER - Scattered cumulus cloud with good visibility. Bombed at 1315:45 hours from 15,000 feet on red T.I.s. At 1311 hours, M.B. said "Bomb red T.I.s". This was repeated several times until he said, "Bomb concentration of smoke". Red T.I.s seemed slightly to North of A.P. Bombing was well concentrated around the A.P. Photo attempted. Landed base.	C.W.P.

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August 5, 1944	Lancaster III & V						
	7 th FB 239	J.1984 P/O Fisher C.H., RAF/86608 P/L Bruce S.S., J.12362 P/O Kemp K.D., E.109440 W/O Billingsley F.D., J.26606 P/O McWhorter K.L., E.188428 P/S Car- ter J.W., RAF/871640 SGT. Solby H.M., J.23966 P/O Calhoun M.B. Bombload: 4 LB HI Yellow, 4 Cdn. T.L. Yellow, 6 x 1,000 MC TD.025.		1431	2205	Bombing Attack On "BOURNAUX - BASSERS" B A/C Detailed - (Daylight Attack)	A-11A
	7 th FB 113	J.15824 P/L Gosman W.H., J.15765 P/O Clouston A.E., J.16504 P/O Mearns J. D.F.M., J.15859 P/O Hartley W.H., J.19680 P/O Donda J.E., D.F.M., RAF/109507 S/L Quill H.M., G.13090 P/O Madden W.J., RAF/14288 P/O W.E. Troiman K.T., D.F.M. Bombload: (Same as 7 th).		1436	2119	"D" DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER: Drifting cumulus nimbus cloud down to 5,000 feet. Bombed at 1823:00 hours from 6,000 feet. Map read into target. Identified A.P. and dropped T.L. yellow and bombs, and immediately ran into cloud. Orbitted North of target. Bombing was very good. Many big explosions with dull red fires flaring up, and heavy black smoke. Saw yellows on South-East corner of target and others went into centre of smoke. About 6 sticks bombs in river and one or 2 on opposite bank. All others right on target. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	7 th FB 989	J.2932 S/L Pinsky J.W., RAF/155922 S/L D.W. Ogden, D.S.O., D.F.C., RAF/1380722 P/S Mackenzie S., R. RAF/1386156 P/S Shanley H.E., R.211205 P/O Sangron A.G.T., R.284674 P/S Makonen S.E., RAF/160823, SGT Beach T.J. RAF/168727 P/O Butcher A.M. Bombload: (Same as 7 th).		1430	2150	"J" VIRTUAL BOMBER USE: P.O.C.'s patches, 10 to 15 miles visibility, cloud base 4,000 feet. Bombed from 10,500 feet at 1858:24 hours on centre of smoke as per M.B.'s instructions. On M.B.'s instructions, came down from 10,000 feet to 5,000 feet. M.B. warned supporters to remember bomb timing - identified target and on run in M.B. said "You don't need T.L.s - bomb these fires". Saw fires and bombs spurs through a main cloud. Bombing was very well concentrated in target area. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
						"W" MASTER BOMBER: Drifting cumulus nimbus cloud from 18,000 feet to 2,000 feet. Bombed at 1858:30 hours from 4,800 feet on A.P. At 1846:30 hours, and 1848:12 hours, gave basement 15,000 feet. 1851 hours and 1854 hours, gave basement 8,000 feet. Deputy M.B. just ahead said "6,000 feet no good". 1855 hours, told Main Force to approach round cloud. 1855 hours, said "target timing". 1856 hours, Deputy M.B. dropped T.L. yellow and bombs in centre of target. 1857:30 hours, said "basement 5,000 feet, bomb base of smoke cloud". (from Deputy M.B.'s bombs). Made dummy run owing to cloud. Dropped T.L.s on second run and immediately ran into cloud. Later saw T.L.s (probably ours and one backer up) had drifted on to South edge of target. Another 1861 or yellows went in centre of target. T.L.s lost among fires and smoke but not required anyway. Main Force bombing successful. Succession of oil explosions misdirected to 2,000 feet and then we left at 1907 hours, target was cover- ed with smoke and apparently devastated except for a few buildings in North-East corner. Sold into accidents to bomb these buildings. Much back-chat from believed Austral- ian Pilot from 8-32 interfered with our bombing run and with our broadcasting. Photo attempted. Landed base.	

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August 5, 1944.	Lancaster III & V					Bombing Attack on "BORDEAUX - BASSONS" (Continued)	A-13A
	"B" FB 185	J.15585 P/O Johnston Wisher G.C., J.18009 P/O Pascook K.G. J.18709 P/O Langlands Grimes R.A., J.17466 P/O Le G. Stevens, D.F.M., RAJ/220644 SPT Bellard G.L. Bombload: (Same as "D").	R.J., J.15636 P/L	1837	2211	"B" VISUAL BOMBING: 2/10 cloud with clear patches. Identified A.P. visually. Bombed at 1906:28 hours from 5,000 feet on building in centre of target. Heard M.B. commenting from 1846 hours. He gave basement varying heights from 12,000 to 5,000 feet on run in. Target could be identified clearly from several miles and M.B. said "Bomb visually, yellow T.I.s bang on, but you don't need them". One bomb seen to straddle large building in centre of target area. On leaving, M.B. told Main Force to aim at factories in North-West corner. Several explosions seen. One stick of bombs went in river and someone bombed on opposite bank of river. Aircraft damaged by medium flak over target, flying at 5,000 feet, at 1906:28 hours. Hole in port tail. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"B" BA 988	J.19654 P/O Webb G.W., J.2470 P/O Palmer W.P., E.16625 P/O Doug G.A. E.19371 P/O Bate W., E.23100 P/O McDonald E.B., E.20882 SPT Scarffe G.L., RAJ/187610 SPT Whitehouse J.B. Bombload: 5 x 1,000 MC. TD .025, 4 x 500 AMM .64 TB .025.		1852	2208	"B" SUPERVISOR: 3/10th's cumulus cloud, base 4,000 feet. Bombed at 1856:28 hours from 4,500 feet on South-West corner of target area. At 1845 hours, heard M.B. say "O.K. to bomb at 15,000 feet" and then changed to 14,000 feet; 6,000 feet and finally 6,000 feet, and told Supporters to go in and bomb visually. Target was clearly identified on run in and saw own bombs go down on South-West corner and hit a bank. At the same time yellow T.I.s seen to hit ground dead in centre. 1859 hours, M.B. said "Bomb port side of smoke". Whole area was exploding in patches and fires had started. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"I" FB 282	J.28254 P/O Estlewell T.W., J.29094 P/O Martin W.F., E.15828 P/O E. W. Shoyland, J.27791 P/O M. J. M. L., E.135905 P/O Magee W.E., RAJ/1796413 P/O Conn G., RAJ/1875611 SPT Branch V. G.L. Bombload: (Same as "B").		1852	2158	"I" SUPERVISOR: 4 to 6/10th's cloud, cumulus, from 4 to 20,000 feet. Visually identified A.P. and by T.I. yellow which cascaded on A.P. Bombed at 1859 hours from 5,500 feet. Approaching, saw bombing on target and on A.P. A.P. visually identified and T.I. yellow actually on target. First run baulked by cloud. M.B. ordered, "Come in on any heading, you don't need T.I.s at height 4,000 feet". Large explosion seen approximately 1900 hours and black smoke and red flame seen. Just before bombing, aircraft hit by flak. Bomb height 4,500. Believe own bombs overshot. 1 x 1,000 MC. E.16025 jettisoned 45:50 W. 01:30 W. at 1925 hours, from 5,000 feet, owing to hang up over target. Bomb height damaged by flak, which made it u/s. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"A" FB 129	J.87249 P/O Smith H.M., J.87198 P/O Copping H.M., RAJ/2324 P/O Calder R.G., RAJ/148109 P/O Callaway R., E.135382 P/O Graham G.M., E.209008 P/O Carothers G., RAJ/2211672 SPT Wish G. Bombload: (Same as "B").		1854	2215	"A" SUPERVISOR: 5 to 7/10 stratus cumulus cloud from 4 to 15,000 feet. Visually identified A.P. and yellow T.I. seen after bombing. Bombed at 1856:42 hours from 6,200 feet on A.P. On arrival, there was cloud immediately above A.P. but this did not obstruct bombing run. There was a small fire on North side of A.P. area before bombing. Target lost to view after bombs gone below cloud. No results seen. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	C.W.P.

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August 5, 1944	Lancaster III & V "G" ND 524	J.13468 P/O Ellison T., J.24697 P/O Gething R.A., J.26644 P/O McKinnon R. RAF/116092 P/S Sanderson R.G., R.28287 SGT Shawe R.A., R.28078 SGT Stevens F.A., RAF/1815274 SGT McCall A. Bombload: (Same as "F").		1435	2210	Bombing Attack On "BORISLAV & BASSINS" (Continued) "G" SORTIE:- Clear visibility. Identified A.F. visually and by yellow T.L.A. Bombed at 1858:30 hours from 4,000 feet, with slight overshoot. M.B. directed bombing height from 17,000 feet down to 4,000 feet. Bombight a/s and changed height too quickly to adjust emergency. At 1856 hours, yellow T.L.A. caused. Bombs seen to hit A.F. and another tall slightly South. One bomb fell in open field South-East of target. Slight overshoot approximately 100 yards. Very big explosion seen. Red fires and black smoke rising. Two oil tanks seen on fire. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-114
August 5, 1944	"B" JB 484	J.25090 P/O Herbert R.A., J.20356 P/O Haden R.A., J.67544 P/O Garino M.D., RAF/131874 P/S Owen L.F., R.191089 P/S Allard R.L., RAF/1890041 P/S Crisp R.A., RAF/1124760 SGT Gililand R.A. Bombload: 11 x 1,000 MC. TD .025, 4 x 500 GP. ML		1800	2103	Bombing Attack On "BOGALLE EN CHAUSSEE II" (DAYLIGHT) 4 Aircraft Detailed. "B" SORTIE:- Abortive O.E.T. 5010 N. 0140 E., at 2004 hours from 17,000 feet. Cumulus nimbus cloud caused icing and broke up formation. 4 x 1,000 MC. TD.025 jettisoned 5025 N. 0112 E., at 2007:18 hours, 14,000 feet as safety precaution to reduce A.O.W. Landed base.	A-115
	"H" FB 223	G.2980 P/O Burnard L.B., J.20252 P/O Ryan G.O., J.23154 P/O Nicholl G.F., RAF/157321 SGT Cox G., R.19418 P/S Connolly J.R., RAF/147432 SGT O'Hanlon L.J.S., RAF/155432 SGT Maloney P.J.		1800	2106	"H" SORTIE:- Abortive O.E.T. 5012 N. 0155 E., at 2007 hours from 17,000 feet. Cumulus nimbus cloud caused icing and broke up formation. 4 x 500 GP. LD. jettisoned 5030 N. 0112 E., at 2016:30 hours from 16,000 feet as safety precaution. Landed base. Bombload: (Same as "B").	
	"Q" JB 233	J.25901 P/O Weinker R.A., RAF/133940 SGT Rex R.A., J.27278 P/O J.S. McDowell, J.12102 P/O Brown R.H., R.18358 P/O Nairn R.A., R.28604 P/O Martin R.A., RAF/959480 SGT Abbe K.A. Bombload: (Same as "B").		1801	2109	"Q" SORTIE:- Abortive O.E.T., Bogalle En Chaussee II Area, 3007 hours, at 16,500 feet. TD/10 cloud. Flow in and out of TD/10 cloud for last 20 miles and came out of cloud at 2007 hours and saw an aircraft ahead for approximately six seconds and then saw his bombs go. Two seconds after, another aircraft further ahead bombing and considered it was too inaccurate to do likewise, so turned off and came back. 4 x 500 GP. LD jettisoned 5030 N. 0120 E., at 2016 hours, from 15,000 feet, as instructed. Landed base.	
	"R" ND 616	J.26090 P/O Garby J.R., J.24725 P/O Bayne R.J., R.168487 P/S Dingwall M. J.26092 P/O Batherlyan R.A., R.116554 SGT Hart E.A., J.26051 P/O McWhirter R.A., RAF/1288344 SGT Willoughby R.H. Bombload: (Same as "B").		1800	2100	"R" SORTIE:- TD/10 cloud, tops 30,000 feet. Bombed on leader formation at 2006:04 hours from 17,400 feet. Four minutes before target, formation broke up. TD/10 cloud and icing. Saw rear of formation turn off and started own turn and came into clear patch, saw smoke puff from Mosquito bombing. Mosquito was immediately ahead. Swung back into line and dropped own bombs. Saw 3 aircraft approximately 2,000 yards behind dropping bombs - very scattered formation. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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7/8 August 1944	Lancaster III & V "D" PB 239	J.1984 W/O Fisher G.H., RAV/86600 W/L Bruce J.S., J.12962 W/O Kemp L.D. R.10940 W/O Briffingley F.D. J.26606 W/O Brindley H.A., R.28848 W/O Carter J.M., RAV/187160 SGT N.N. Jolly, J.23966 W/O Gilman M.M. Bombload:- 6 L.B. T.I. Green, 6 Ord. T.I. Green, 2 x 1,000 M.C. T.Dnst.		2344	0018	Bombing Attack On "TOTALISE A/P 1" 2 Aircraft Detailed	A-116
						"D" VISUAL BACKER UP:- Abortive, O.M.T., Totalise A.P. 1, at 2304 hours, 8,000 feet. One cluster of green T.I.s fell at 2257:30 hours and a second at 2259:30 hours. At 2259:30 hours, M.B. said "Bomb the concentration of green T.I.s". 2302 hours, M.B. said bombing was underfooting and called on T.M.B.'s to back up the green T.I.s. 2303:30 hours, M.B. called to abandon mission and not drop bombs. Some sticks were seen bursting after this. We crossed the A.P. bang on time and could have backed up the green T.I.s but would have recommended going in at lower height. There was no flash. Very few star shells seen. No searchlights and no motors. Gun artillery was firing "Bang on", the green T.I.s. 6 L.B. T.I. Green, 6 Ord. T.I. Green and 2 x 1,000 M.C. T.Dnst. brought back as instructed by M.B. Landed base.	
						"E" VISUAL BACKER UP:- Abortive, O.M.T., Totalise A.P. 1, at 2308 hours, 8,000 feet as instructed by M.B. came back. When approaching target could see the glow of green T.I.s. As arrival as marking as first. Suspected some T.M.B.'s late in arriving. The M.B. said first, "Bomb the centre of green T.I.s", followed by "Bombing underfooting back up the green T.I.s". At 2304:30 hours, he gave "abandon mission". No searchlights or motors. Saw the occasional flash of artillery. Bombload brought back. Landed base.	
7/8 August 1944	"K" PA 281	J.18760 W/L King R.H., RAV/74668 W/O Brock R., RAV/17700 W/O Edwards G.J., RAV/1575435 W/O Mansley E.D. W/O 1813553 W/O Gowdy A.W., R.187162 W/O Stroud H.A., RAV/2819034 SGT Mark R.L. Bombload:- 11 x 1,000 M.C. T.Dnst. 4 x 500 M.C. T.Dnst.		2228	0018	Bombing Attack On "TOTALISE A/P 5" 12 A/C Detailed	A-317
						"K" BOMBER:- Clear with slight haze. Bombed at 2339:48 hours from 8,000 feet on centre of red T.I.s. Approaching target saw red star shells which looked like low fuses, fired over falling red T.I.s. T.I.s fell continuously from 2336 hours; very well placed. Position checked O.M. with Gee release pointer. Yellow T.I.s seen approximately 2 to 3 miles to east of reds. 2337 hours, M.B. said "Bomb centre of red T.I.s" and repeated it several times. 2341 hours, M.B. changed instructions to "Bomb part of red T.I.s". Photos graph attempted. Landed base.	
						"K" VISUAL BACKER UP:- Clear visibility. Bombed at 2342:18 hours from 8,000 feet on port edge of red T.I.s. From good distance may saw red star shells fired over red T.I.s. Position of red T.I.s which associated at 2335 hours, checked O.M. with our Gee run. M.B. said "Bomb centre of reds". As third lot of red went down, M.B. said "Bomb port edge of reds". Gun red T.I.s appeared to centre on concentration of markers. Bombing very well concentrated. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
7/8 August 1944	"P" PB 113	J.18288 W/L Goman G.H., J.15765 W/O Gustion A.E., J.16304 W/O G.M. Maughey, D.F.M., J.23889 W/O Barclay R.H., J.19680 W/O J.L. Berle, D.F.M., R.2875862 W/O J.B. Schmitt, D.F.M., G.19690 W/O Maddox K.S., RAV/142886 W/O W. B. Trotman, D.F.M. Bombload:- 6 L.B. T.I. Red, 6 Ord. T.I. Red, 2 x 1,000 M.C. T.Dnst.		2227	0308	Bombing Attack On "TOTALISE A/P 5" 12 A/C Detailed	A-317
						"P" VISUAL BACKER UP:- Clear visibility. Bombed at 2342:18 hours from 8,000 feet on port edge of red T.I.s. From good distance may saw red star shells fired over red T.I.s. Position of red T.I.s which associated at 2335 hours, checked O.M. with our Gee run. M.B. said "Bomb centre of reds". As third lot of red went down, M.B. said "Bomb port edge of reds". Gun red T.I.s appeared to centre on concentration of markers. Bombing very well concentrated. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
						"P" VISUAL BACKER UP:- Clear visibility. Bombed at 2342:18 hours from 8,000 feet on port edge of red T.I.s. From good distance may saw red star shells fired over red T.I.s. Position of red T.I.s which associated at 2335 hours, checked O.M. with our Gee run. M.B. said "Bomb centre of reds". As third lot of red went down, M.B. said "Bomb port edge of reds". Gun red T.I.s appeared to centre on concentration of markers. Bombing very well concentrated. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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7/6 August 1944	Lancaster III & V					Bombing Attack On "TOTALINE A/P 5" (Continued)	A-117
	"Y" EB 970	J.15318 W/O C.W. Palmer, D.F.C., J.37731 P/O Robert G.P., J.82528 P/O Wilcock A.J., RAF/158331 P/O Isahley C.E., R.163220 P/O Dejeube G.A., R.132761 W/O Rudiak W., R.62157 SGT Vera W.E. Bombload: (Same as 'X').		2222	0105	"Y" BOMBED: No cloud with heavy visibility. Bombed at 2344:16 hours from 8,000 feet on part of red T.L.s as ordered by M.B. Arriving, red T.L.s seen and before tracer with some faint yellow to port. Mid-bomb run as red T.L.s obscured by smoke. Saw own searchlights came on. No T.L.s astray. One stick of bombs 200 yards short. One stick of bombs 200 yards to left. Bombing very concentrated. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"Y" ED 900	J.9192 S/L Perry J.W., RAF/152922 P/O E.W. Gilpin, D.S.O., D.F.C., J.29572 P/O Elliott R.W., RAF/138645 P/O E.H. Stanley, R.212205 P/O Bergeron J.C.L., R.29469 P/O Maloney S.R., RAF/160825 SGT Beach T.J., RAF/168727 P/O Pettitt A.G. Bombload: (Same as 'Y').		2226	0057	"Y" VISUAL BACKER UP: Clear with slight haze. Bombed at 2345:24 hours from 8,300 feet on concentration of red T.L. At target, bombs falling at regular intervals in good concentration. At opening of raid, three sticks of bombs went to East of red T.L.s, otherwise bombing all in centre of T.L. reds which were obscured by smoke at one period but later backed up. One stick of red T.L.s overshot 100 yards. M.B. kept bombing on original concentration. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"X" ED 616	J.8600 P/O Coffey J.R., J.24745 P/O Byrne E.T., R.158497 P/O Birgeall M. J.66032 P/O Rathglen R.A., R.116554 SGT Hart K.A., J.66021 P/O McArthur R.H., RAF/126834 SGT Whiloughby D.H. Bombload: (Same as 'Y').		2223	0053	"X" BOMBED: No cloud with some haze. Bombed at 2340:51 hours from 8,000 feet on red T.L. and M.B.'s orders. At target, saw artillery tracer and some star shells and own searchlights marking target. Bombing concentrated except for three sticks undershooting 500 yards. No T.L.s astray. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"P" TA 908	J.15804 P/O WBB G.W., J.23470 P/O Pinter V.P., R.166255 P/O Young G.A. R.168972 P/O Nova G., R.251500 P/O E. McFarland, R.208215 SGT Scarffe G.R. RAF/167641 SGT Whitehouse J.B. Bombload: (Same as 'Y').		2224	0055	"P" BOMBED: Clear with no cloud. Bombed at 2343:22 hours from 8,000 feet on concentration of red T.L.s. Good concentration of red T.L.s seen at A.P. M.B. ordered "Bomb centre of red T.L.s". No bombing or T.L.s astray. Good attack. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"G" ED 524	J.13468 P/O Ellison G., J.21697 P/O Charley W.A., J.26648 P/O McSturme D. RAF/136082 P/O Henderson R.G., R.212287 P/O Stone H.S., R.210578 P/O Stevens F.A., RAF/182527A SGT McCall A. Bombload: (Same as 'Y').		2225	0058	"G" BOMBED: Clear with visibility four miles. Bombed at 2344:06 hours from 8,100 feet on centre of red T.L.s. At 2340 hours, red glow seen, identified as red T.L.s in light of star shells. These appeared to be exploding above red T.L.s. Bombs fell in compact little heap covering approximately 50 square yards. M.B. said "Bomb centre of red T.L.s". Most of bombing appeared to be to port of reds. Saw yellow T.L.s on run in, well to starboard of reds. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"Q" EB 233	J.2825 P/O Rattlewell T.W., J.25054 P/O Merritt E.W., R.19124 P/O Shopland D.H., J.27721 P/O Birt E.A., R.233945 P/O Magee W.P., RAF/179649 P/O Gann G., RAF/167641 SGT Branch W.C.E. Bombload: (Same as 'Y').		2226	0057	"Q" BOMBED: Clear visibility. Bombed at 2341:28 hours from 8,500 feet on centre of red T.L.s. Arriving, saw cluster of red T.L.s and searchlights and artillery tracer and star shells. There was continuous backing up of the markings. Only stick of bombs undershooting by 5 miles. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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August 7/8 1944	Lancaster III & V					Bombing Attack On "TOTALISE A/P 5" (Continued)	A-117
	'A' BA 128	J. 87249 P/O Smith H.M., J. 87198 P/O Copping H.M., R. 171594 P/S Calder D. RA7/145439 P/S Callaway R., R. 199522 P/S Crahan G.H., R. 209084 P/S Carruthers G.R., RA7/221672 SGT Walsh G. Bombed: (Same as 'T').		2230	0103	"A" BOMBER: Clear visibility. Bombed at 2345:50 hours from 8,000 feet on concentration of red T.L.s. At target, saw red tracer from artillery and own searchlights. Red T.L.s in two bunches merging into one. No T.L.s or bombing astray. 2346 hours, M.B. ordered "Bomb part of reds". Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'T' BA 577	J. 20186 P/O Hannah H.A., J. 28782 P/O Pope J.L., J. 28504 P/O Gray G.H., R. 188353 P/S Burns J.O., R. 202642 P/S Hiris L.L., R. 202891 P/S Fernd R.L., RA7/1867791 SGT Gattin R.L. Bombed: (Same as 'T').		2232	0113	"T" BOMBER: Clear visibility. Bombed at 2345:50 hours from 8,000 feet on centre of red T.L. Arriving, saw searchlights and red tracer and red T.L.s. Red T.L. very compact. Nothing astray. All bombing on T.L.s. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'V' ND 895	J. 25025 P/O Witter Sgt. J. 27503 P/O Weiss R.G., J. 28938 P/O Martee A.B., R. 84523 P/O Rafter R.H., R. 252261 SGT Macgregor P.A., R. 210526 SGT Budd A.C., R. 183240 SGT Buscheld J.L. Bombed: (Same as 'T').		2229	0102	"V" BOMBER: Clear visibility. Bombed at 2346:30 hours from 8,000 feet on concentration of bombed rd. Arriving, saw red T.L.s and searchlights and before, tracer. Red T.L.s seen concentrated in 100 yard circles. Bombing concentrated. No T.L.s astray. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'U' BA 982	J. 27719 P/O Kye H.S., J. 29850 P/O Pookay P., J. 29669 P/O Milton P.G., J. 87445 P/O Walsh J.A., R. 176895 SGT Hilday R.P., R. 151457 SGT Campbell W. RA7/289145 SGT King H.A. Bombed: (Same as 'T').		2231	0110	"U" BOMBER: Clear visibility. Bombed at 2346:50 hours from 8,000 feet on South-East corner of red T.L.s. Before crossing coast, saw red T.L.s cascade, and continued dropping until reached target. At 2348 hours, M.B. said "Bomb centre of red T.L.s". Saw red star shells fall over red T.L.s. Yellow T.L.s seen at 2344 hours, a few to starboard of reds. 2343 hours, "Bomb part of red T.L.s", then changed to "Bomb centre of red T.L.s" and at 2347 hours, "Bomb part and South of reds". Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
August 8/9 1944						Bombing Attack On "FORT DE LUQUER" 15 A/C Detailed	A-118
	'V' ND 855	J. 24254 P/O Kettlewell T.W., J. 25058 P/O Martin W.F., RA129124 P/S Brodman R.W., J. 27791 P/O Main T.J., R. 193905 P/S Magee W.F., RA7/179643 P/S Conn G., RA7/1875611 SGT Brough W. G. M. Bombed: 24 7° Hooded flares, 5 x 1,500 lb. EP - 025.		2218	0112	"V" ILLUMINATOR: Clear visibility. Bombed at 2345:48 hours from 12,500 feet on centre of red T.L.s. At 2346 hours, red T.L.s seen burning, all flares went down. 2346 hours, M.B. said "Red T.L.s bang on". "Bomb them". Dropped our bombs, identified wood, markers well placed over estimated A.P. 2346 hours, green T.L.s went down. 2346:30 hours, M.B. said "Bomb green T.L.s". Much smoke seen when leaving target. Flares brought back, not required. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'W' ND 980	J. 9132 S/L Ferry J.W., RA7/15222 S/L B.W. Culpin, R.S.O., D.F. Co. J. 29571 P/O Macott R.W., RA7/186056 P/S H.E. Stanley, R. 211205 P/S Bergeron J.C.Y., R. 194654 P/S Minkanen S.L., RA7/160823 SGT Beach T.J., RA7/16872 P/O Pettitt A.C.		2208	0118	"W" BOMBER: All cloud with slight haze. Bombed at 2350:20 hours from 14,000 feet on North edge of fires around A.P., which was identified visually. Red T.L.s were on time, very concentrated, and very close to A.P., perhaps 100 yards East. Illumination very good. Several sticks across A.P. and some over North edge of wood. T.L.s were difficult to see among the trees. At 2348 hours, told /over...	C.W.F.

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August, 6/9 1944	Lancaster III & V "W" ND 980	(Continued) Bombload: 4 L.B. E.L. Green, 4 Ord. T.L. Green, 8 7 th Hooded flares, 4 x 1,000 MG. M.Inst.				Bombing Attack On "FORST DE LOCHREUX". (Continued)	A-118
	"B" EB 239	J.13844 P/O Fisher G.H., RAF/85600 P/L Bruce J.S., J.12942 P/O Kemp L.D. R.18840 W/O Billingsley F.D. R.18848 P/O Carter J.N., J.26606 P/O Bordheimer K.A., RAF/187250 P/O Jolly R.N., J.23966 P/O Calhoun M.H. Bombload: (Same as "W").		2209	0207	"W" MASTER BOMBING: (Continued) Main Force "Bomb reds if you can see them, if not, bomb base of smoke". Cold Reserve illuminators to bomb reds. 2344:18 hours, to Main Force, "Undershoot reds by 1 second". Cold Deputy M.B. to mark A.F. His greens went on A.F. and singled with reds. 2346:48 hours, to Main Force, "Bomb greens with 1 second undershoot". Bombing was very concentrated and many fires, and explosions, followed, with much smoke. At 2348:30 hours, to Main Force, "Bomb fires with 1 second undershoot". 2349:38 hours, to Main Force, "Bomb slightly to port of fires." Dropped own greens slightly to North of A.F. to spread the attack. Greens seen lost under smoke. 2351 hours, to Main Force, "Bomb greens as centre of smoke". 2351 AND 2353:30 hours to Main Force, "Bomb centre of fires". Yellows were lost among fires and smoke. 2354 hours, to Main Force, "Bomb smoke with 1 second undershoot". 2355 hours, to Main Force, "Bomb fires on starboard of red glow". Right leg 7 th Hooded flares brought back, not being required. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"B" EB 183	J.15583 P/L Johnston A.J., J.15636 P/L Fisher G.O., RAF/1528439 W/O S.L. Watts, J.18709 P/O Inglis J.L. J.17625 P/O James K.A., J.17646 P/O L.P. Stevens, D.F.M., RAF/220884 Ballard G.H., J.18003 P/O Roscock W.G. Bombload: 4 L.B. E.L. Yellow, 4 Ord. E.L. Yellow, 4 x 1,000 MG. M.Inst.		2221	0220	"B" VISUAL BACKE UP: Clear visibility. Identified A.F. visually and bombed at 2352:18 hours from 11,000 feet on port edge of fires. By light of flares, identified woods on run in. Lot of smoke covered estimated A.F. At 2351 hours, saw a bank of yellow T.L.s down and these were well placed, but, soon disappeared in smoke. At 2351 hours, M.B. said "Bomb left side of fires", and did so and own yellow T.L.s also went into smoke. Bombing well concentrated. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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August 6/9 1944.	Lancaster III & V					Bombing Attack On "FOREST DE LIGNES" (Continued)	A-118
	'J' BH 115	J.15228 P/O Gosman G.H., J.15745 P/O Gibson A.K., J.16304 P/O J.M. Hoagber D.E.M., J.15833 P/O Barclay W.H., J.19080 P/O W.H. Boman, D.P.M., RAF/618259 W/O William G.J., G.19690 P/O Haddock W.L., RAF/112888 P/O W.T. Crotman, D.P.M. Bombload:- 4 x 1,000 AIM .65 TD .025, A Ord. T.L. Yellow, 6 x 1,000 AIM .65 TD .025		2220	0057	"J" VISUAL BOMBING:- Clear visibility. Bombed at 2348:38 hours from 12,000 feet on A.P. which was identified visually and by Green T.L.s. At 2342 hours, saw illuminator flares go down and heard M.B. ask Deputy to mark A.P. At 2346 hours, green T.L.s burst. M.B. said these were "hang on", followed by "Bomb short of green T.L.s". M.B. called up B.U. to back up with yellow T.L.s. Identified A.P. and consider green T.L.s were 2 to 300 yards South-East. After dropping own load, heard M.B. say "Bomb centre of fires". Smoke from fires rose to 8,000 feet. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'Y' BH 970	J.14898 W/O Morrison H.A., J.24216 P/O Gault H.W., J.26343 P/O Gault H.A., R.154763 W/O D'Arcy G.J., R.163220 P/O Lambert G.A., R.132781 W/O Hibik W., RAF/608465 P/O Hatcher E. Bombload:- 24 7" Bombed Flares, 6 x 1,000 AIM .65 TD .025, 2 x 1,000 AIM .65 TD .025		2210	0055	"Y" ILLUMINATOR:- No cloud with good visibility. Ident- ified A.P. visually and dropped 24 7" bombed flares at 2343:50 hours from 12,000 feet on red T.L.s. Dropped 6 x 1,000 AIM .65 TD .025 and 2 x 1,000 AIM .65 TD .025 at 2343:50 hours from 12,000 feet on T.L. Green. At 2342 hours, red T.L.s believed 2 to 300 yards North-East of A.P., very well concentrated. Illumination flares well placed and to time. Outline of wood seen clearly. Deputy M.B.'s greens went down 2 to 300 yards East of A.P. At 2351:20 hours, a big explosion was observed. M.B. W/O on forward run. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'K' BH 981	J.18760 P/L Long E.W., RAF/17468 P/O Brook R., RAF/17700 P/O Edwards G.J., RAF/157538 P/O Lowndes W.D., RAF/183553 P/O Gowley A.W., R.187462 P/O Stroud H.A., RAF/1819034 SGT York R.E. Bombload:- (Same as 'Y').		2211	0101	"K" ILLUMINATOR:- Clear with no cloud. Dropped 24 7" bombed flares at 2343:10 hours from 12,000 feet on G.P.L. and red T.L.s. Bombs released at 2349:06 hours from 12,000 feet on centre of concentration of red and green T.L.s. First red T.L. fell at 2340 hours and another at 2342:30 hours. At 2344 hours, M.B. said "Red T.L. on A.P." 2344:30 hours, "Undershoot red by 1 second". 2345 hours, "Main flare to run up on red". 2348 hours, "Bomb slightly to port with one second undershoot". 2349 hours, "Bomb fires if you cannot see T.L.s.", repeated at 2350 hours. T.L.s were in wood and bits of black smoke and red glow were seen. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'A' BH 229	J.15818 W/O G.W. Palmer, D.P.O., J.17731 P/O Roberts J.P., J.85331 P/O Wilcock L.J., RAF/158131 P/O Kishley G.H., G.85485 P/O Fox P.J.A., RAF/108997 P/L M.K. Scull, R.84157 P/O Fine W.E. Bombload:- (Same as 'Y').		2214	0135	"A" ILLUMINATOR:- Clear visibility. Flares dropped at 2343:30 hours from 12,000 feet on centre of red T.L.s. Bombs released at 2348 hours from 12,000 feet on green T.L.s with one second undershoot. On run in, saw red T.L.s going down followed by flares which illuminated wood. Position of red T.L.s checked well with own G.P.L. run. Dropped own flares and at 2346 hours, saw Deputy's flares green T.L.s go down and disappeared into smoke. M.B. said "Undershoot green T.L.s by one second". Bombing very well concentrated. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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August 8/9 1944	Lancaster III & V "B" JB 484	J. 65050 P/O Herbert R.G., J. 20236 P/O Hodge F.A., J. 67238 P/O Gordon M.B., RAF/1318176 P/S Owen L.F., R. 151689 P/S Allard R.L., RAF/189081 P/S R.A. Crisp, RAF/1421760 SGT Gilman R.E. Bombload: (Same as 'A').		2222	0122	Bombing Attack On "FORGET DE LUCHEUX" (Continued) "B" ILLUMINATOR - Clear visibility with no cloud. Flares released at 2345 hours from 12,000 feet on centre of large pall of smoke. Bombight was n/s but was set up manually by Air Bomber. Bomba released same place at 2346:42 hours from 12,000 feet. Saw two red T.L.s side by side at 2342:30 hours. At 2345 hours, M.B. said "Run up on reds". 2347 hours. "Bomb greens". 2347:06 hours. "Undershoot greens by 1 second", followed shortly after by "If you cannot see T.L.s bomb centre of smoke". Several concentrated fires and pall of black smoke to 2 to 3,000 feet. At 2348 hours, a large explosion seen, dull red. 1 x 1,000 M.C. brought back owing to electrical failure which hung up. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-118
	"H" EB 229	G. 2980 P/L Burnard L.B., J. 20252 P/O Tynn G.G., J. 23134 P/O Nicholl G.F., RAF/1575171 SGT Cox G., R. 194184 P/S Connolly J.F., RAF/1874132 SGT O'Hanlon L.J.S., RAF/1554432 SGT McEneaney P.J. Bombload: 4 L.B. T.L. Yellow, 4 Qd. T.L. Yellow, 6 x 1,000 MG. Bd. 025.		2222	0103	"H" VISUAL BOMBER UP - Clear with good visibility. Bomb released at 2352:30 hours from 12,000 feet on centre of fires on M.B.'s orders. On run in, saw red T.L.s just disappearing in smoke and greens covering them. 2350 hours, M.B. said "bomb greens with 30 second undershoot", followed by "bomb fires, that's the A/P". Saw one yellow T.L.s centre and on fires. Bombing very well concentrated. At 2350 and 2352 hours, two large explosions seen. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"U" BA 982	RAF/66562 S/L P. Mains-Smith, D.F.C., RAF/143387 P/L Godward W., RAF/1586823 P/S King D.E., RAF/118079 P/O Watson H.F., R. 127923 P/S Blake J., R. 191174 SGT Penne R., RAF/2211605 SGT Hilton E. Bombload: (Same as 'A').		2223	0110	"U" ILLUMINATOR - Clear visibility with no cloud. Flares dropped at 2345:15 hours from 12,000 feet on T.L. and red T.L. Bomb released at 2348 hours from 12,000 feet which undershoot green T.L. by 1 second. First red T.L. seen at 2340 hours. At 2343:48 hours, M.B. said "red T.L.s hang on A/P". 2344 hours, M.B. to Illuminator "Undershoot red T.L.s by 1 second". 2344:12 hours, M.B. to Main Force to run up on red T.L.s. 2346:30 hours, M.B. said "Bomb the greens they are on A/P". 2347 hours, "undershoot green T.L.s by 1 second". 2347:30 hours, "If you don't see greens go for smoke". 2347:52 hours, M.B. to V.S.U. "Back up the greens". 2350 hours, large fire and explosion followed by numerous minor ones. 2352 hours, whole area seemed to be blazing and there was a black pall of smoke up to 8,000 feet. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"M" MB 616	J. 66050 P/O Coffey J.E., J. 24725 P/O Myre R.J., R. 158487 P/S Ringell M. J. 66092 P/O Rutherford R.E., R. 116596 SGT Hart L.A., J. 66051 P/O McWhirter R.E., RAF/128834 SGT Willoughby R.E. Bombload: (Same as 'A').		2223	0214	"M" ILLUMINATOR - No cloud with slight haze. Bombed at 2349:30 hours from 12,000 feet on T.L. Green. On run in, reds appeared to go out very quickly but were seen on ground when passing overhead and were very close to A/P. Three loads flares across target, and three further north. 2348 hours, M.B. said "Bomb 1 second short of reds". M.B. then called for greens and later said, "Bomb fires if no T.L.s seen". Greens and remains of reds and big fire were illuminated up when we bombed. Bombing well on T.L.s. 2351 and 2355 hours, big explosions. Flares brought back, not called for. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	C.W.P.

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August 8/1944.	Lancaster III 'Q' EB 233	J.15301 P/O Weicker W.J.L., RAF/133940 Sgt Max E.J., J.27278 P/O McInnes J. J.12102 P/O [REDACTED] Brown D.H. R.18554 P/O Baird R.H., R.89688 W/O Martin K.J., RAF/959480 Sgt Alms L.A. Bombload: (Same as 'V').		2215	0818	Bombing Attack On "FOREST DE L'INFERIEUR" (Continued) "O" ILLUMINATOR:- Clear visibility. Flares released at 2345:18 hours from 12,000 feet on centre of red T.L.s. Bombs released at 2351:30 hours from 12,000 feet on centre of green T.L.s. 2355 and 2348 hours; red T.L.s. down and identified wood and consider these were dead on A.P. 2343 hours, flares down. 2344 hours, more reds burst, marking very compact. Dropped own flares and orbited. Heard M.B. say "Bomb red T.L.s.", then "Bomb fires", and finally "Bomb green T.L.s.". No big explosions seen in target area. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "P" ILLUMINATOR:- In cloud with good visibility. Flares released at 2345:36 hours from 12,000 feet on red T.L. Bombs dropped at 2350:12 hours from 12,000 feet on red T.L. in smoke. Reds were in a tight cluster. M.B. said "Reds bang on". Illumination was good. M.B. called for reserve illuminators. M.B. said "Bomb greens if you can see them. If not, bomb smoke". Bombed red T.L. in smoke. Could not pinpoint them. Bombing was concentrated at 2350 hours, but not quite so good later. H.2.S. w/s outward. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "T" ILLUMINATOR:- Clear visibility with no cloud. Bombed at 2345:48 hours from 12,000 feet on centre of four red T.L.s. At 2344 hours, M.B. said "Red T.L.s bang on - bomb reds". Followed immediately afterwards by "undershoot the reds by 1/2 second". T.L.s. seemed slightly to North of A.P. Fires were burning in vicinity of T.L.s and several small explosions. At 2348 hours, M.B. said, "Bomb concentration of green T.L.s". On leaving, a huge pall of black smoke was seen. Flares brought back - not required by M.B. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-118
	'R' EB 988	J.19654 P/O Webb C.W., J.23470 P/O Painter V.F., R.166255 W/O Young G.A. R.16971 P/O Bow G.; R.251500 P/O McFarland S.J., R.204615 Sgt Scarffe G.E., RAF/287610 Sgt Whitehouse J.B. Bombload: (Same as 'V').		2217	0055		
	'T' EB 977	J.13468 P/O Ellison T., J.24697 P/O Cherley W.A., J.26848 P/O McKinnon D. RAF/1365052 P/O Henderson R.G. R.21218 P/O Stone E.S., R.210578 P/O Stavish T.A., RAF/1865278 Sgt McFall M. Bombload: (Same as 'V').		2216	0104		
August 9 1944.	'W' MD 980	J.9132 S/L Perry J.W., RAF/155922 S/L B.W. Gulpin, DSO, DFC, J.29571 P/O R.W. Riscott, RAF/1386156 P/O Stanley H.L., R.211805 P/O Bergeson J.G.T., R.194654 P/O Kirkman G.H., RAF/1608234 Sgt Beach L.O., RAF/168727 P/O Pettitt L.G. Bombload: 4 Lb. T.L. Yellow 860 A, 4 Ord. T.L. Yellow 840 A; 4 x 1,000 ANM AA TD .025, 2 x 1,000 ANM .65 TD .025.		1956	2219	Bombing Attack On "COULONVILLERS - Construction Works" 2 Aircraft Detailed (Daylight Attack) "W" MASTER BOMBING:- Nil cloud with perfect visibility. Identified A.P. and bombed on it initially at 2112:06 hours from 15,000 feet. At 2111 hours, first red T.L.s. On arrival found four reds well concentrated but had overshoot by 250 yards East of A.P. Main Force arrived about 2116 hours. At 2116:30 hours, gave "Omex II (D.M.E.) red T.L.s overshoot by one field". At 2112:30 hours, gave "Big boy (Main Force) T.L.s overshoot by one field". At 2112:36 hours, gave "Big boy (Main Force) T.L.s cascaded over A.P. but drifted East and overlapped reds, but slightly closer to A.P. Told Main Force repeatedly to undershoot the reds, but all appeared to undershoot the reds, but all appeared to be aiming at T.L.s, and great majority of bombs overshoot A.P. Bombing also rather scattered. Own bombs went across South corner of target area. 4 Lb. T.L. Yellow and 4 Ord. T.L. yellow brought back, not required. Photograph attempted. Landed base. C.W.B.	A-119

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August 9 1944	Lancaster III & V						
	'F' EB 185	J.15585 W/L Johnston A.J., J.15636 W/L Fisher G.C., RAF/1527439 W/O Watts S., J.18709 W/O Langlois J.L., J.37685 W/O Swaine-Baker, J.37766 W/O Stevens L.G., D.F.M., RAF/2206444 SGT Bolland G.E., J.18009 W/O Peacock W.E. <u>Bombload:- (Same as 'F')</u>		1957	2217	Bombing Attack On "COULONVILLE - Construction Works" (Continued) * B * DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER - No cloud with good visibility. Bombed visually at 2112:54 hours from 14,600 feet on A.E. Red T.L.s had overshoot by 2 to 300 yards. M.B. told us to undershoot reds. Own greens cascaded over A.P. but dropped East and fell slightly North of reds and partly overlapping them. Another red cascaded over A.P. as we bombed but also drifted East and followed those previously dropped. Heard M.B. telling Main Force to undershoot the T.L.s. Bombing was scattered and mostly overshooting. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-119
9/10 Aug 1944							
	'D' EB 239	J.15664 W/O Fisher G.H., RAF/86600 W/L Bruce J.S., J.12662 W/O Kemp K.D., E.10940 W/O Billingsley J.D., J.26606 W/O Nordheimer L.A., R.188428 W/S Carter J.W., RAF/1870640 SGT E.N. Jolly, J.25986 W/O Calhoun M.E. <u>Bombload:- 4 L.B. T.L. Green 674, 4 Ord. T.L. Green 674, 4 x 1,000 AMM 65 TD 1025, 4 x 1,000 AMM 65 TD 1025, 2 x 1,000 AMM 65 TD 1025.</u>		2236	0013	Bombing Attack On "FOREST DU GROC - Construction Works" Aircraft Detailed * B * DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER - No cloud with good visibility. Bombed at 2353:54 hours from 11,000 feet on centre of 5 red T.L.s. Rep-red to target area, then red T.L.s affected vision and their position could not be distinguished at first. There were 5 red T.L.s in a circle about 200 yards diameter. Dropped own greens inside circle of reds and told Deputy to back up. At 2354:30 hours, told Main Force to bomb centre of concentration of T.L.s. Deputy M.B.'s greens went outside reds, but slightly further East than ours. Then identified A.P. by photo-flashes. Reds were partly on A.P. and Deputy M.B.'s greens were slight overshoot. At 2356:16 hours, told Main Force to undershoot greens by 100 yards (referring to Deputy M.B.'s greens which were brighter than ours). At 2358 hours, told Main Force to bomb T.L.s. They were undershooting too much. Last order "Bomb 100 yards short of greens" (All other markers out). Main Force bombing was widely scattered. Only about 4 sticks seem to go across the T.L.s. Photograph attempted. Landed base. * J * DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER - No cloud with good visibility. Bombed at 2355:07 hours from 12,000 feet on centre of 5 red T.L.s. At 2350 hours, first reds. Found four or five reds in small circle. Position not identified visually. M.B.'s greens fell on Western edge of reds. M.B. told us to back up and our greens went a little further East but still on the reds. We left before Main Force got going. A few sticks seen, mostly South of T.L.s. At 2354 hours, heard M.B. shout tell Main Force to bomb concentration of reds and greens. L.L.B. T.L. Green 674 brought back. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-120
	'J' EB 113	J.15228 W/L Goman G.H., J.15765 W/O Stinson A.E., J.16384 W/O J.M. Hougher, D.F.M., J.15439 W/O Barclay W.L., J.19680 W/O J.L. Davis, D.F.M., RAF/619259 W/O Williams G.J., G.19690 W/O Madder W.J., RAF/112885 W/O W.C. Brotman, D.F.M. <u>Bombload:- (Same as 'D')</u>		2259	0055		

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10/11 Aug- 1944.	Lancaster III "K" PA 981	J.18760 P/O Long R.W., RAF/174668 P/O Brook R., RAF/177700 P/O Edwards G.J. RAF/157543 P/S Lawrence W.D., RAF/183553 P/S Cowley A.W., R.187162 P/S Stroud H.A., RAF/813034 SSM York R.I.	RAF/174668 P/O RAF/177700 P/O RAF/157543 P/S RAF/183553 P/S RAF/813034 SSM	2019	0135	Bombing Attack On "LA FALLICE A/P "B" 10 A/C DETACHED "K" ILLUMINATOR:—Clear visibility. Flares dropped at 2253:18 hours from 15,500 feet on G.P.L. run, and bombs dropped at 2259:00 hours from 15,000 feet between 2 green T.L.s. Identified Flar on run in. No markers down and number of ships seen in harbour and a fire burning steadily on tip of jetty. Dropped flares and bombs and on second run saw one green T.L. down approximately 200 yards North- East of A.P. and another slightly South-East. At 2255 hours, M.B. said "Bomb between 2 greens -- undershoot by 200 yards". At 2302 hours, another green cascaded. This fell South of A.P. and appeared to extinguish in sea. 1 x 1,000 AIM .65 T.L. .025 jettisoned 450E N. 0156 W. at 2314:30 hours from 14,000 feet owing to hang up. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-121
	"G" NE 180	RAF/174075 P/O G'Connor E., RAF/171692 P/L Cairn J.W.G., RAF/1390722 P/S E. Barker, RAF/138443 P/S Bisset J.B. E.151450 P/S Bwing R.H., E.173351 P/S Renn J.G., RAF/1548005 SSM Gunthorpe E.	RAF/174075 P/O RAF/1390722 P/S RAF/138443 P/S RAF/1548005 SSM	2010	0116	"G" ILLUMINATOR:—Clear visibility. Flares dropped at 2255:12 hours from 15,000 feet and bombs dropped at 2258:54 hours from 15,000 feet on centre of two green T.L.s. At 2258 hours, saw first illuminating flares. At 2255 hours, green T.L.s fell North; North-East 250 yards North North-East. M.B. said at 2257 hours, to undershoot green T.L.s by 200 yards. Some green T.L. fell in water just South of A.P. in small harbour. No fires but much smoke around A.P. and T.L.s hidden from view. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "G" ILLUMINATOR:—Clear visibility. Bombed at 2258 hours from 12,500 feet on centre of green T.L.s as instructed by M.B. Arrived late, and could not get height or airspeed. Arriving, saw illuminators well placed. Red and Green fell at 2255 hours, approximately 700 yards apart in distance. 2256:10 hours, one green fell and overshoot by 200 yards. Greens seen to be 250 yards on each side of A.P. No bombing seen enough men which were between 2 green T.L. Flares brought back, not needed. Late on target and target was well illuminated. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "D" DEWY MASTER BOMBING:—Clear visibility. A.P. iden- tified visually and bombed at 2254:15 hours from 10,000 feet on A.P. At target, illuminator flares fell approximately one minute early. They were well placed and illumination was good. Gun markers were 150 yards North North-East of A.P. Second greens fell South-East 200 yards, half in water and half out. Third in small harbour South of A.P. Fourth green T.L. near A.P. on jetty. Very little bombing seen; but some North-East of A.P. 200 yards and some on jetty South-East of A.P. Only four sticks seen after greens down. Some bombing before markers down, approximately South-East 1,300 yards. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"R" JR 188	J.85050 P/O Herbert R.O., J.20236 P/O Edon F.A., J.87548 P/O Cardo M.B. RAF/132876 P/S Green J.P., R.193089 P/S Allard R.L., RAF/189001 P/S B.A. Clegg, RAF/1125780 SSM O'DIAM H.K.	J.85050 P/O J.20236 P/O RAF/132876 P/S RAF/189001 P/S RAF/1125780 SSM	201A	0226	"R" ILLUMINATOR:—Clear visibility. Bombed at 2258 hours from 12,500 feet on centre of green T.L.s as instructed by M.B. Arrived late, and could not get height or airspeed. Arriving, saw illuminators well placed. Red and Green fell at 2255 hours, approximately 700 yards apart in distance. 2256:10 hours, one green fell and overshoot by 200 yards. Greens seen to be 250 yards on each side of A.P. No bombing seen enough men which were between 2 green T.L. Flares brought back, not needed. Late on target and target was well illuminated. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "D" DEWY MASTER BOMBING:—Clear visibility. A.P. iden- tified visually and bombed at 2254:15 hours from 10,000 feet on A.P. At target, illuminator flares fell approximately one minute early. They were well placed and illumination was good. Gun markers were 150 yards North North-East of A.P. Second greens fell South-East 200 yards, half in water and half out. Third in small harbour South of A.P. Fourth green T.L. near A.P. on jetty. Very little bombing seen; but some North-East of A.P. 200 yards and some on jetty South-East of A.P. Only four sticks seen after greens down. Some bombing before markers down, approximately South-East 1,300 yards. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"D" EB 239	J.19844 P/O Fisher G.H., RAF/86600 P/L Bruce J.S., E.12362 P/O Kemp R.D. E.109440 P/O Millingsley F.D., E.188228 P/S Guster J.W., J.24606 P/O Hornsbein K.A., RAF/187160 SSM Jolly R.H., J.82246 P/O Galtoun M.B.	J.19844 P/O RAF/86600 E.12362 P/O E.109440 P/O RAF/187160 SSM J.82246 P/O	2006	0115	"D" DEWY MASTER BOMBING:—Clear visibility. Bombed at 2254:15 hours from 10,000 feet on A.P. At target, illuminator flares fell approximately one minute early. They were well placed and illumination was good. Gun markers were 150 yards North North-East of A.P. Second greens fell South-East 200 yards, half in water and half out. Third in small harbour South of A.P. Fourth green T.L. near A.P. on jetty. Very little bombing seen; but some North-East of A.P. 200 yards and some on jetty South-East of A.P. Only four sticks seen after greens down. Some bombing before markers down, approx- imately South-East 1,300 yards. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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19/11 August 1944.	Lancaster III 'H' FB 229	G.2980 W/L Burnard Iqn., J.20252 P/O Ryan G.G., J.23154 P/O Nicholl G.F. RAF/157571 SGT Cox G., R.234184 P/S Conolly J.F., RAF/157132 SGT L.J.G. O'Hanlon, RAF/1554632 SGT McElroy P.J. Rebloaded - (Same as 'K').		2011	0124	Bombing Attack On "LA PALMICE A/P 'B' " (Continued). "H" VISUAL BOMBER - Clear visibility. Bombs dropped at 2308:54 hours from 15,200 feet and bombs dropped at 2309:54 hours from 15,000 feet to starboard of one green T.L. as instructed by M.B. At target, saw string of illumination flares, and A.P. picked up. Own flares dropped. On orbit, received instructions from M.B. "Bomb between two green T.L.s". One had burned out and M.B. said "200 yards to starboard of T.L. left". Some bombing seen near A.P. One oil explosion on run out at 2308:30 hours, lasting 20 seconds. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-121
	'J' FB 113	J.15224 P/L Gosman G.H., J.15765 P/O Sturston A.E., G.16504 P/O J.M. Macpherson, D.F.M., J.15839 P/O Barclay W.H., J.19630 P/O J.K. Davis, D.F.M., RAF/619259 W/O Williams G.L., G.19490 P/O Madder W.J., RAF/112885 P/O Proctor W.T., D.F.M. Rebloaded - G.L.B. T.L. Green, 3 x 1,000 ANM -65 TD,025, 4 x 1,000 ANM -44 TD,025.		2008	0127	"J" VISUAL BOMBER UP - Clear visibility. Bombed at 2308:48 hours from 9,500 feet between two greens under shot by 100 yards. On run in identified A.P. Saw one Green T.L. lying North of A.P. and one slightly South-East. At 2309 hours, M.B. said "Bomb between the two greens with 200 yards under shot". Think own green T.L. hit A.P. Slight bombing to North of A.P. but no evidence of many other aircraft attacking target. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'H' FB 185	J.15589 P/O Johnston M.S., J.15636 P/O Fisher G.G., RAF/157439 W/O G.L. Wiles, J.18709 P/O Langford J.L., J.17625 P/O Gimes R.A., J.17166 P/O L.G. Stevens, D.F.M., RAF/230544 SGT Holland G.E., J.18008 P/O Pascock W.G. Rebloaded - (Same as 'J').		2012	0130	"H" VISUAL BOMBER UP - Clear with good visibility. Bombed at 2259:12 hours from 9,800 feet on A.P. Saw jetty as we ran in. Many illumination flares down. At 2258 hours, heard M.B. say "Bomb middle of green T.L.s and under shot by 200 yards". One green lay approximately 200 yards North and another lay near South-East. Considered own green T.L.s fell in water, under shot to North-East of A.P. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'W' ND 980	J.9192 W/L Perry J.W., J.11442 S/L G.B. Eldwood, D.F.C., J.29571 P/O Macpherson R.W., RAF/158646 P/S H.K. Stanley, W.21205 P/L Bergerson J.C.Y., R.234454 W/L Hickman S.B., RAF/2608254 SGT Beach T.J., RAF/168727 P/O Pettitt A.G. Rebloaded - G.L.B. T.L. Green, 3 x 1,000 ANM -44 TD,025.		2000	0110	"W" VISUAL BOMBER - Clear visibility. Visually identified whole of target area and A.P. Bombed at 2256 hours from 10,500 feet on A.P. At target, illuminators fell 1/2 minute early at 2252:12 hours, well placed and lit up A.P. Recognized A.P. Deputy M.B. greens fell at 2255:00 hours 150 yards North-North-East. Bombed and greens fell 200 yards South-South-East. Held Main Screen to bomb between greens. First W.B.U. green T.L. fell in water. Second W.B.U. green T.L. fell on A.P. Main Screen told to bomb middle green. Surprisingly little bombing seen and no flares. Beds of other kind "Bint", "O", almost stretched to A.P. 'B' and fires seen at 'O'. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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10/11 Aug 1944	Bombardier III "A" BA 977	J.15818 W/O G.W. Palmer, D.F.C. & Bar J.37751 P/O Roberts J.F., J.85391 P/O Wilcock A.J., RAF/158451 P/O Linsley G.E., J.85493 P/O Frey F.J.A., RAF/54962 P/O J.B. Sennell, D.F.C., R.64257 P/O Vine K.E. Bombload: (Same as "K").		2009	0112	Bombing Attack On "LA FALLICE A/P 'B'" (Continued) "B" - ILLUMINATOR: Clear visibility. Flares dropped at 2255 hours from 15,000 feet on visual A.P. on A.P. Bombed dropped at 2306:12 hours from 11,500 feet on green T.L. Arriving at target, sticks of flares seen and red T.L.s on A.P. - Dropped illuminator flares on first run - Did dummy run as M.B. ordered to bomb starboard green T.L. and fought this 500 yards from A.P. Bombed 3 green T.L.s just to port of centre green. No bombing seen except before green T.L. down. Saw one stick on end of jetty, one across A.P. and one stick in South-East 1,000 yards. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-121
	"B" BA 233	J.15501 P/O Weicker W.W., RAF/1339400 SGT New E.J., J.27278 P/O Madowell J.S., J.12102 P/O Brown D.E. R.183594 P/S Baird R.B., R.49604 P/O Martin M.J., RAF/359080 SGT Abbs K.L. Bombload: (Same as "K").		2013	0120	"B" - ILLUMINATOR: Clear visibility. Flares dropped at 2253 hours from 15,500 feet on G.P.I. run, and bombs dropped at 2300 hours from 15,000 feet between two green T.L.s 200 yards underfoot. One stick of flares went down on either side of jetty and illuminated whole of target area. Dropped own flares and orbited. At 2254:45 hours, green T.L.s ascended. On second run, these were seen lying either side of jetty North and South-East of A.P. M.B. said "Bomb between the two greens with 200 yards underfoot" and on leaving target, heard him change directions to "Bomb starboard of green T.L.". At 2300 hours, saw green T.L.s go down on sea. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
August 12 1944	"W" BA 980	J.29192 S/S J.W. Parry, RAF/255922 S/S R.E. Gulpin, "DSO, DFC", J.29571 P/O R. Houghton, RAF/1366456 P/S Spanley K.E., R.211202 P/S Bergman J. G. Y., R.394521 P/S Hildeman G.S., RAF/160823 SGT Beach T.L., RAF/168727 P/O Pettitt A.S. Bombload: 4 L.B. and 4 Ord. T.L. Yellow, 2 x 2,000 AP. TD.1, 2 x 1,600 AMM 59-24625.		1340	1711	Bombing Attack On "LA FALLICE" & A/O Detailed (DAYLIGHT) "W" - MASTER BOMBER: Good visibility with no clouds. Visually identified A.P. and whole of port area. Bombed at 16:58:13 hours from 16,000 feet on A.P. Deputy's T.L.s ascended at 18:59 hours and on reaching ground were lying just off A.P. with edge touching A.P. At 1500 hours, told M.P. to underfoot the yellow T.L.s by half second, repeated at 1500:42 hours, and 1901:30 hours, said bomb centre of smoke. At 1502 hours, bomb centre of smoke, you cannot see T.L.s. At 1502:42 hours, centre of smoke is A.P., repeated at 1502:06 hours. At 1506 hours, centre of smoke is A.P. No T.L.s visible. Own bombs fell in roadway 300 yards South-East of A.P. Smoke completely obscured A.P. so retained own T.L.s. Bombing was well concentrated. 4 L.B. Yellow and 4 Ord. Yellow T.L.s brought back, not required owing to too much smoke. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-122
	"D" BA 239	J.19844 P/O Fisher G.H., RAF/66608 P/O Bruce J.S., J.12962 P/O Kemp K.L., R.109440 W/O Billinghley F.D., R.188428 P/S Carter J.W., J.26606 P/O Nordheimer K.A., RAF/1671640 SGT Jolly E.N., J.23966 P/O Calhoun M.E. Bombload: (Same as "W").		1250	1735	"D" - DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER: Clear visibility with no clouds. Flares dropped at 14:57:54 hours from 14,800 feet on A.P. Bombs dropped at 1505:48 hours from 12,600 feet on A.P. Own T.L.s fell on A.P. One stick of bombs fell half mile South of A.P. One stick fell across docks 200 yards West of A.P. Best of bombing good. A.P. covered with bluish-grey smoke and dust. Over La Fallice from 14:57 to 1506 hours, from 12,600 to 14,800 feet, aircraft hit by 14k flak, causing holes in fuselage, main plane, booster hit and one engine u/s through coolant leak on way home. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	C.W.B.

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August 12, 1944.	Lancaster III "G" NR 180	J.2695 P/L Whittall H.E., J.28913 P/O Pitts J.G., J.2887 P/O McDonnell W.A. R.194768 SGT Cox G.A., R.224492 P/S M. Beach R.214769 P/S Sperring C.A., R27545144 SGT Jones H. Bombload: 4 x 2,000 AB, TD-1. 2 x 1,000 AM 59 TD 3025.	J.28913 P/O	1152	1705	Bombing Attack On "LA PALMIRA" (Continued) "CP" SUPPORTER: Clear with no clouds. Bombed at 1459:26 hours from 14,000 feet on A.P. When at A.P., aircraft ahead bombed first, his bombs falling 2-30-300 yards South of A.P. Ran up on A.P. and bombed, immediately afterwards aircraft was shaken and engine was hit in right thigh by flick. Captain weaved aircraft, got out as soon as he could. Rear Gunner says he saw lots of smoke coming from A.P. Aircraft damaged by flick at 1459:40 hours over target area, flying at 11,000 feet, causing damage to starboard bomb hatch window. Aircraft attempted photograph and landed base. "SP" SUPPORTER: Clear downwards, and some haze to horizon. Bombed at 1458:40 hours from 14,500 feet on A.P. Saw A.P. on approach and bombed. Rear Gunner saw some T.L.s. on leaving, slightly overshooting 100 to 150 yards and one stick bombs bursting across A.P. No other results seen. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-122
	"M" BA 977	J.27739 P/O Kye M.S., J.29850 P/O Brookly P., R.29669 P/O Fallow R.O., J.87445 P/O Walsh J.A., R.176895 SGT. Hindley H.K., R.151457 SGT Campbell W. R275452145 SGT King H.A. Bombload: (Same as "G").	J.29850 P/O	1152	1719	"CP" SUPPORTER: Clear downwards, and some haze to horizon. Bombed at 1458:40 hours from 14,500 feet on A.P. Saw A.P. on approach and bombed. Rear Gunner saw some T.L.s. on leaving, slightly overshooting 100 to 150 yards and one stick bombs bursting across A.P. No other results seen. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
12/13 Aug. 1944.	"P" BA 972	J.4498 P/O Morrison H.A., J.21216 P/L Gosle J.W., J.26343 P/L Swartz E.A., R.154763 P/O M'Arty G.J., R.222222 SGT R.152768 P/O M'Arty G.J., R.222222 SGT R.132761 P/O Ruzak W., R275450458 P/S Mitchell H., J.13400 P/L Harvey H. Bombload: 8 x 7" Hooped Marqs. 5 x 1,000 B.16 Red T.L. 5 x 1,000 B.16 Green T.L. 5 Ord. T.L. Bpd, 5 Ord. T.L. Group.	J.21216 P/L	2355	0234	Bombing Attack On "RUSSKISHIN" "11 A/C Detailed "VV" PRIMARY VISUAL MARKER: 5 to 6/10 layer of alto cumulus cloud at 10 to 12,000 feet with moderate visibility. Bombed at 0014 hours from 16,200 feet on A.P. Many searchlights active but ineffective on run-in. Flares were on time, but scattered, and mainly to the North of estimated target area. Cloud interfered with observation. On first run, when overhead, the river was seen with built-up area in estimated position of target. Bombs back on reciprocal along the river. Definitely identified the A.P. and dropped our red/green T.L.s. Could not see where they fell owing to cloud but M.B. then said "Bomb centre of red/green T.L.s". Some bombing seen in built-up area around A.P., but green T.L.s were scattered mainly South of town, with one North of river. No other red/green or red T.L.s seen. Saw h.l. greens at 2340 hours, accurate. H.E.S. and intercom u/s. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "G" SECOND VISUAL MARKER: Bay with 2 to 3/10 cloud at 6,000 feet. Flares dropped at 0022:30 hours from 15,500 feet on G.P.L. Bombs dropped at 0014:30 hours from 15,000 feet on centre of green T.L.s as instructed by M.B. Good fix for dropping illuminators. No ground detail seen. M.B. ordered, "Bomb green T.L.s". Saw three groups in 200 yards triangle, and bombed centre. Another group of red and green T.L.s were 800 yards to South-East. Only one stick of bombs seen. It fell near red T.L.s. Later, M.B. said, "Bomb red and green T.L.", and on leaving, M.B. ordered "Bomb flares". No fires seen while at target. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-123
	"G" BA 253	J.16501 P/L Welcker W.J.L., R2754539400 SGT New H.J., J.27276 P/O McDowell J.S., J.12162 P/O Brown D.H. R.220224 P/S Peira R.D., R.220224 P/O Martin H.J., R275453980 SGT Alms L.A.	J.27276 P/O	2159	0241	"G" SECOND VISUAL MARKER: Bay with 2 to 3/10 cloud at 6,000 feet. Flares dropped at 0022:30 hours from 15,500 feet on G.P.L. Bombs dropped at 0014:30 hours from 15,000 feet on centre of green T.L.s as instructed by M.B. Good fix for dropping illuminators. No ground detail seen. M.B. ordered, "Bomb green T.L.s". Saw three groups in 200 yards triangle, and bombed centre. Another group of red and green T.L.s were 800 yards to South-East. Only one stick of bombs seen. It fell near red T.L.s. Later, M.B. said, "Bomb red and green T.L.", and on leaving, M.B. ordered "Bomb flares". No fires seen while at target. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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12/13 Aug. 1944	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On "RUSSKISHIM" (Continued)	A-123
	"P" PA 988	J.18760 F/L Bang R.W., RAF/174668 F/O Brook R., RAF/177700 F/O Edwards G.J., RAF/157539 F/S Kenvelley W.D., RAF/158355 F/S Cowley A.W., RAF/162 F/S Stroud H.A., RAF/183004 SGT York R.L. Bombload:- 24 7" Hoded Flares, 4 L.B. T.L. Green, 1 x 1,000 H.C. Minol & x 500 H.C. T.D.025.		2156	0239	"P" BLIND MARKER ILLUMINATOR:- Clear, no cloud and fair visibility. Bombed at 0009 hours from 17,500 feet by H.2.S. checked by fix on Darmstadt. At 000830 hours, on arrival, two batches of flares fell and one green flare at 0009 hours. Re-selected green T.L.s as we could not identify town but T.L.s went with bombs and flares. On leaving target area marking was scattered. Bombing appeared to be in built-up area. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"M" MD 616	J.86050 F/O Coffey J.R., J.24725 F/O Bayne B.J., H.15887 F/S Dingwall M. J.86052 F/O Rutherglen H.A., J.86056 SGT West R.A., J.86051 F/O McWhirter R.E., RAF/188894 SGT D.H. Willoughby. 24 7" Hoded Flares, 3 x 1,000 AMI .65 T.D. .025, 2 x 1,000 AMI .44 T.D. .025.		2159	0228	"M" BLIND ILLUMINATOR:- Sky with poor visibility. Bombed at 0009 hours from 17,000 feet by P.R. and S.T.A. H.2.S. u/s. On arrival, flares were falling. Bombed on E.T.A. too busy to see any ground detail. Immediately after bombing, red and green T.L.s fell scattered around the flares. When looking back on leaving target area, centre T.L.s were being bombed. Large red explosion similar to oil seen at 0011 hours. Photograph attempted. Landed base. Flares brought back owing to H.2.S. u/s.	
	"J" PB 113	J.86050 F/O Herbert R.G., J.20236 F/L Edon F.A., J.87548 F/O Cardo M.D., RAF/151817 F/S Owen L.F., R.191089 F/S Allard R.L., RAF/183001 F/S Gripp R.A., RAF/182470 SGT Gilford H.R. Bombload:- 24 7" Hoded Flares, 4 L.B. T.L. Green, 1 x 1,000 H.C. Minol, 1 H.Inst & x 500 H.C. T.D. .025.		2157	0226	"J" BLIND MARKER ILLUMINATOR:- Thin layer cloud with fair visibility. Bombed at 0009 hours from 17,500 feet by P.R. checked by E.T.A. H.2.S. u/s. On arrival, nothing seen. First flares fell as we bombed at 0009 hours. Flares were to port and slightly ahead. On leaving target, saw red and green T.L.s falling. Flares brought back owing to H.2.S. being u/s. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"U" PA 982	RAF/66562 S/L P. Madin-Smith, D.F.C., RAF/145387 F/L Goddard W., RAF/15868 S/L F/S King D.S., RAF/149079 F/O H.F. Watson, R.127823 F/S Baile J., R.191174 SGT Bamba R., RAF/2211605 F/S Egton E. Bombload:- (Same as "J").		2158	0230	"U" BLIND MARKER ILLUMINATOR:- 4 to 5/10 stratus cumulus cloud, tops at 12,000 feet with fair visibility. Bombed at 000832 hours from 18,500 feet by H.2.S./G.P.L. bearing and distance on Mainz. No flares or T.L.s seen before cur- sighted and came back on reciprocal. Round six greens and four reds down, and one red falling in centre. T.L.s cov- ered an area about one mile East to West, all lying close to south bank of the river. Town not seen. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"O" MD 524	J.24254 F/O Kettlewell T., J.25054 F/O Martin W.F., R.159121 F/S Shopland E.W. J.27721 F/O Mairn T.A., R.193981 F/S Hague W.P., RAF/179445 F/S Conn G., RAF/1875611 SGT Branch W.C.E. Bombload:- 6 x 2,000 H.C. N. INST.		2201	0232	"O" BLIND SUPERVISOR:- 5/10 cloud with some cloud above 18,000 feet and some below 18,000 feet. Bombed at 000814 hours from 17,800 feet on G.P.L. At target, bombed on G.P.L. Nothing to be seen. Green fell as we bombed slightly to port. Only one lot of greens seen. Whole area bombed. Not concentrated. No results seen. Red and Green at 2310 hours, seen in distance behind. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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12/13 Aug. 1944.	Lancaster III "R" EB 285	RAF/171675 P/O G'Connor S., RAF/171698 P/L Mann J.R.C., RAF/1390722 P/S S. Maudsley, RAF/1388344 P/S Bristol J.R. R.15450 P/S Brigg H.S., R.173351 P/S Ryan J.C., RAF/1563025 P/S Gunthorpe H. Bombload:- 4 Red/Yellow Stars, 1 x 4,000 L.C. MISOL, M. Inst., 10 x 500 AMM -65 T.D. -025, 4 x 500 M.C. T.D. -025.		2204	0213	Bombing Attack On "MISSISSIPPI" (Continued) "R" "BLIND BACKER" UP:- No cloud with good visibility. Bombed at 0005 hours from 17,700 feet on red T.I.s. When bombed, there was a good concentration of incendiaries with a spread to South for 2 to 3 miles, and 4 to 5 red T.I.s scattered among them; and one green off to North-West. No ground detail seen, but position bombed checked well with target on H.2.E. At 0013 hours, M.B. said, "Bomb centre of greens". Bomf flares red/yellow seen on "New Haven attack". H.2.S. not good enough for bombing. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-123
	"V" ND 855	687249 P/O Smith H.M., J.67198 P/O Ropping R.H.M., R.271594 P/S Calder D. RAF/1448209 P/S Callaway R., R.199322 P/S Wrenn E.M., R.209002 P/S Darnley G.H., RAF/2211672 SGT Walsh S. Bombload:- (Same as "R").		2200	0238	"V" "SUPPORTER":- 3 to 4/10 cumulus cloud at 10,000 feet. Bombed at 0005 hours from 16,500 feet on centre of green T.I.s and two red T.I. At target, saw green T.I. ascending and two reds on ground and green fell near. Bombed green T.I. Few bombs seen near Green T.I.s. No results observed. Red and green seen in distance after passing. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"X" EB 282	J.28145 P/L Smith H., J.22413 P/O D.P. Davies, RAF/1452651 P/S Woods G.L., RAF/1356299 P/S O'Toole T., R.146659 P/O King W.H., R.65725 P/O Reid G.H., R.6854 P/O McLean H.S. Bombload:- (Same as "R").		2203	0237	"X" "BLIND BACKER" UP:- 7 to 8/10 thin stratus cloud at 4 to 5,000 feet. Bombed at 0006-08 hours from 15,600 feet by G.P.L. On G.P.L. bombed very close to Red/Green T.I. which was slightly to North of main concentration of T.I.s and other bombing. Bulk of T.I.s covered two miles diameter circle and some scattered to North. 4 red/yellow stars brought back, not required. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"A" EB 129	J.25818 P/O G.W. Palmer, D.F.C., J.37731 P/O Roberts J.F., J.85391 P/O Wilcock A.J., RAF/158451 P/O Inshley G.S., J.85485 P/O Frey F.J., J.16959 P/O Tansikner I.L., D.F.M., G.17844 P/L J. Anderson, D.F.M. Bombload:- (Same as "G").		2202	0235	"A" "SUPPORTER":- Clear with good visibility. Visually identified river and built-up area checked by 5 or 6 green T.I.s on outskirts of built-up area. Bombed at 0021-22 hours from 17,000 feet on one green T.I. in Southern part of built-up area. Tracking in to target on G.P., had to make second run as first run was too short for bombing. Green T.I.s were scattered all around built-up area. Two flares and two red T.I.s were East of town, near wood. Clearly identified built-up area North of A.P. On leaving, markers still appeared very scattered all around outskirts of town. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
12/13 Aug. 1944.	"H" EB 226	G.2980 P/L Bernard L.B., J.28252 P/O Ryan G.G., J.23154 P/O Nicholl G.P., RAF/1575171 SGT Cox C., R.19418. P/S Connolly J.P., RAF/1274332 SGT O'Hanlon L.J.S., RAF/1554532 SGT McMonagle P.W. Bombload:- 24 7" Hooded flares, 6 x 1,000 AMM -65 T.D. -025, 2 x 1,000 AMM -44 T.D. -1025.		0046	0324	Bombing Attack On "MILWAUKEE" & AIRCRAFT DETAIL. "H" "SUPPORTER":- Lower layers stratus 10/10, with poor visibility. Flares released at 0209-51 hours from 5,000 feet on one red T.I. Bombs dropped at 0216-22 hours from 5,000 feet on two red T.I.s. On arrival, found one red T.I. fell at 0209:24 hours, and dropped flares on this. Second red T.I. fell at 0211:42 hours. M.B. said the right hand T.I. Just as Engineer passed the 1st, a green T.I. ascended right on top of starboard red T.I. M.B. then said "Bomb the green T.I.". At 0218 hours, two green T.I. ascended on top of the other green. Marking was "Bang on" and bombing .../over	A-124

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12/13 Aug 1944	Lancaster III sqd FB 229	(Continued)				Bombing Attack On "PALAISE" (Continued) = R = "UNIDENTIFIED" (Continued) well concentrated. Two yellow chandelier flares seen 12 miles South-South-West of target - 30 flares each cluster and hung in air for approximately five minutes. Photograph attempted. Landed base. = W = "UNIDENTIFIED" - 10/10 cloud at 1,500 feet. Flares released at 0210:05 hours from 7,600 feet on 2 red T.L.s and 2 on 2 the starboard red of the two red T.L.s as instructed by M.B. At target, saw 2 reds across track 200 yards apart. Dropped flares at reds on Gee line. Second run, M.B. ordered "Bomb right hand red T.L.". One bomb burst with two other sticks on red T.L. Very concentrated bombing on the red T.L. A mushroom of dust and smoke came up through cloud. Photograph attempted. Landed base. = X = "UNIDENTIFIED" - 8 to 9/10 cloud at 1,000 feet. Flares released at 0216:10 hours from 8,500 feet on red T.L.s. Bombs released at 0217:32 hours from 8,500 feet on green T.L.s. On run in, red T.L.s cascaded, glow of 2 heads close together, seen through cloud when overhead. On second run a cluster of greens lay 2 to 300 yards West of reds. M.B. said "Bomb greens". Bombing well concentrated on greens. Dust and smoke rose above cloud. Bombed on emergency bombing angle with nil drift. Photograph attempted. Landed base. = T = "UNIDENTIFIED" - 10/10 thin layer cloud at 4,000 feet. Flares released at 0220:40 hours from 8,000 feet on centre of two red T.L.s. Bombs released at 0225:50 hours from 8,900 feet on centre of cluster of greens. On first run, saw glow of 2 red T.L.s about 300 yards apart at right angles to our track. Dropped our flares between them. Orbits and on return, found a cluster of green T.L.s slightly South of the reds. M.B. said "Bomb greens" which we did. Bombing was well concentrated on greens. One Lancaster with Nav. lights only seen over target. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-124
	"M" ND 980	J.15583 P/O Johnston M.A., J.15636 P/L OOKS Fisher G.C., RAY/1527438 W/O Watts G. 7.18709 P/O Langlois J.L., J.17625 P/O Grimes R.A., J.11266 P/O LaG. Stevens, D.F.M., RAY/2206444 SGT Holland G.W., J.18009 P/O Pascoe W.C. Bombload: (Same as "M").		0005	0328		
	"K" PA 981	(All RAF) 13432 W/O Soutson S.F., 161428 P/O Bennett R., 163612 P/O Michael H.D., 264796 P/O Lakerwood R. D.F.M., 255826 P/O Chishurst P.O., D.P.C., 258926 P/O Heath T.C., RAY/1894562 SGT Hallat R.M. Bombload: (Same as "M").		0008	0531		
	"M" PA 977	J.28523 P/O Tate J., RAY/11155 P/L Gillespie G.W., RA P/160161 P/O Howard W., J.27767 P/O Beekie J., RA/36588 SGT Ryan J.B., J.14283 P/O Gwy L.C. RAY/103395 P/O Bannan C.O., J.15943 P/L Paterson G.M. Bombload: (Same as "M").		0008	0526		
August 14, 1944	"M" PA 970	J.4898 W/O Morrison H.A., J.24216 P/L Giles L.W., J.26343 P/L Smart E.A., 2432763 W/O R. Arty G., R.163220 P/O Laumba G.A., R.132741 W/O Rndiak W. RAY/160445 P/O Mitchem R., J.23400 P/L Davoni R.B. Bombload: 4 T.L. Yellow 'A', 4 Ord. T.L. Yellow, 'A', 6 x 1,000 ANM -65 T.B. -025.		124	1520	Bombing Attack On "TRACTABLE A/P 21a" (Daylight) 6 Aircraft Destroyed. = Y = "MISSED BOMBER" - No cloud with good visibility. Identified A.P. visually and bombed at 1405:24 hours from 7,600 feet on estimated position of A.P. At 1345 and 1346 hours, gave "Nil cloud". On arrival, found red T.L. 2 to 300 yards West of A.P. and Deputy M.B.'s yellows 100 yards to East. At 1348:36 hours, and 1400:30 hours, gave "Bomb centre of red and yellow T.L.s". Bombing was good except for one stick 800 to 1,000 yards short to North. 1401:30 hours, said "Get up on T.L.s". M.B.'s bomb smoke". 1402 hours, to Main Force and V.B.U.'s /over...	A-125

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August 14, 1944	Lancaster III PR 970	(Continued)				Bombing Attack On "TRACVARIAS A/P 21.8" (Continued) "Y" MASTER BOMBER:- (Continued) "Bomb reds if visible." 140524 hours, dropped own yellows, slight overshoot to starboard. 1404 hours said, "Bomb 25 to 50 yards to port of yellows". Greens went into smoke and were lost, but yellows could still be seen, so gave "Bomb yellow in smoke with 1/2 second overshoot" up to 1405:30 hours. 1406 hours, missed out one green on North-East corner of wood. 1406:30 hours, and 1407:35 hours, gave "overshoot same base of smoke by 1/2 second". 1408:24 hours, "Bang on bombing" and left target. Main B/Gs bombing was excellent except for the one stick mentioned. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "D" - REPORT MASTER BOMBER:- Hit cloud below with slight cloud above. Bombed at 1358 hours from 7,900 feet on A.P. which was identified visually. Map read to target. FOUND red T.I.s about 2 to 300 yards West of A.P. Own Yellows landed 100 yards East of A.P. M.B. then said "Bomb between reds and yellows". M.B.'s Yellows went into smoke and appeared to be slight overshoot to South. Only one load of greens seen to 500 yards North of A.P. Bombing was "Bang on" except for one stick about 1,000 yards short, and another about 2,000 yards over, and a few in between. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-125
	"D" PR 239	J.1298 W/O Fisher G.H., RAF/86600 P/L Bruce J.B., J.12962 P/O Kemp K.D., R.109410 W/O Billingsley F.D., R.18928 P/O Carter J.W., J.22606 P/O Wardheimer K.A., RAF/187850 Sgt E.N. Jolly, J.23266 P/O Callaghan M.B. Bombload:- (Same as "Y").		1246 1/2	1522		
	"E" PR 183	J.15583 P/L Johnston A.J., J.15636 P/L Fisher G.C., RAF/1627339 P/O Watts G.L. J.16709 P/O Langlois J.L., J.17625 P/O Brown R.A., J.17466 P/O InG Stevens, D.F.M., RAF/220644 Sgt Holland G.H., J.18005 P/O Pascoe W.C. Bombload:- 4 L.B. T.I. Green 'A', 4 Gd. T.I. Green 'A', 6 x 1,000 ANM .45 T.D. .025		1247 1/2	1519	"E" BAKER UP:- Clear visibility. Bombed at 1404:12 hours from 7,000 feet on estimated A.P. in smoke. At target, dirty brown smoke and dust from bombing seen on A.P. M.B. ordered "overshoot smoke and dust by 1/2 second". At 1405 hours approximately, M.B. "Aim to port of smoke 50 yards". Bombing of T.I.s seen stray from excellent concentration. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"J" PR 113	J.12824 P/L Cooman G.H., J.15765 P/O Guston A.E., J.16340 P/O Meagher J.M., D.F.M., J.15839 P/O Barclay W.H. J.19680 P/O G.E. Davis, D.F.M., RAF/32959 P/O Williams G.J., G.19690 P/O Madler W.J., RAF/142885 P/O W.T. Tomman, D.F.M. Bombload:- (Same as "E").		1247 1/2	1515 1/2	"J" BAKER UP:- Good visibility with no cloud and visually identified A.P. (square clearing in wood). Bombed at 1400:01 hours from 7,000 feet on A.P. Map read and followed read from Omen to targets. At 1358 hours, red T.I. masked, yellows followed immediately afterwards. Smoke screen laid by Army was seen. The red T.I. landed on ground to starboard and yellows to port. M.B. told us to back up between the two. Our bombs fell in the clearing in wood. M.B. said our T.I.s were O.K. Bombing generally was very good. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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	"B" BA 977	J. 6889 P/L D.J. McQuoid D.F.O., RAF/141555 P/O Gallespie G.W., RAF/160161 P/O Howard W., J. 17767 P/O Beckie J., J. 19058 P/L Stevens G.B., J. 11185 P/O Gray E.C., RAF/104385 P/S Beaman G.O., J. 15949 P/L G.A. Futerson.		1248	1509	Bombing Attack On "TRACASIS A/P 21-A" (Continued) "W" BOMBER:- No cloud. Bombed at 14:02:00 hours from 5,400 feet on yellows well up into smoke on estimated A.P. as instructed by M.B. On arrival, found heavy smoke driv- ing South from North edge of woods around A.P. Yellow T.I.s on A.P. seen through smoke. M.B. said bomb yellows up in smoke and did so. Green went on estimated position of A.P. All bombing well in target except for one stick about 1,000 yards North of A.P. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "G" BOMBER:- Good visibility with no clouds. Bombed at 14:06:30 hours from 7,500 feet on centre of pall of smoke checked by H.2.S., G.P.L. and Gee. At 14:05 hours, M.B. said "Bomb red T.I.s", then "Bomb the red and yellow T.I.s" and later "Bomb the smoke". Smoke covered whole target area. Bombing was well concentrated. Some Green T.I.s seen 200 yards short of target. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-125
	"G" ND 524	J. 2124 P/O Kettlewell T.W., J. 25054 P/O Martin W.F., R. 159124 P/S Shopland E.W., J. 27791 P/O Maden T.J., R. 139305 P/S Magee W.P., RAF/179643 P/S Gann G., RAF/1675411 SGT Branch W.G.E., Bombload:- (Same as "B").		1249	1517		
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	"A" EB 129	(All RAF) 33332 W/O Coulson S.P., 163426 P/O Bennett R., 163612 P/O H.D. Michell, 168776 P/O Inherwood R., DFM, 155826 P/O Crowhurst, F.C., D.F.O., 157626 P/S Heath L.C., 1894562 SGT Billet R.M. 18 x 500 H.G. H. Inst. 44 P. - Bombload		1332	1551	Bombing Attack On "TRACASIS A/P 22" (Daylight) 8 Aircraft Detailed. "A" BOMBER:- No cloud with good visibility. Bombed at 14:17 hours from 7,500 feet on yellow T.I. with one second overshoot, on M.B.'s orders. Target obscured by smoke on arrival, drifting South-South-West. Found two reds close together about 100 yards North of A.P. with a yellow-red 100 to 200 yards East and one yellow on North edge of smoke 100 to 200 yards North of A.P. M.B. said: "Bomb yellow with one second overshoot". Did so, stick ran from yellow slightly West of A.P. M.B. then said "Bomb yellow with 2 seconds overshoot". Bombing very concentrated except for one stick which undershot 600 yards, and several sticks to East. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	FORM A-326
	"V" ND 855	J. 26095 P/L Whitall H.R., J. 28913 P/O Ruite J.C., J. 28487 P/O McConnell W.A. R. 194760 SGT Cox G.A., R. 224432 P/S Beach F.C., R. 224769 P/S Spearing G. RAF/178640 P/O Stewart G.H. Bombload:- (Same as "A").		1326	1608	"V" BOMBER:- No cloud with slight haze. Bombed at 14:24:42 hours from 8,000 feet on red T.I. with 1 1/2 second overshoot on M.B.'s orders. Target covered with smoke drifting South-West. Reds were slightly West of centre of smoke with greens on North-East edge. M.B. said "Bomb reds and greens with 1 1/2 second overshoot", but then washed out the greens and said "Bomb reds and yellows with 1 1/2 second overshoot". Could not see yellows so bombed reds. Position bombed checked perfectly with G.P.L. runs. Green bombs went right across the reds. Bombing generally was very good. No wild bombing seen. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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August, 14, 1944.	Lancaster XXX III						
	"H" BA 982	J. 28523 P/O Site J., J. 56325 P/O Bigger M.D., J. 35523 P/O Dawy H.D., R. 183496 SPT Hesse G.C., R. 148282 SPT Rymaki J. R. 54747 SPT Mathier G.C., R. 110827 SPT Davitt J.F. Bombload: (Same as 'A').		1323	1554	Bombing Attack On "TRACTABLE A/P 22" (Continued) "H" BOMBER: - Heavy visibility with no cloud. Bombed at 1438:48 hours from 8,200 feet on yellow T.L. overshooting one second as instructed by M.B. Map read to target and visually identified A.P. - Saw yellow T.L. ascending to part of red T.L.s 200 yards. M.B. ordered "Overhoot yellow one second". Bombing at first on reds, then directed to yellow smoke T.L. M.B. after bombing said "Whout one yellow which undershot". M.B. warned against undershooting after one stick undershot 500 yards. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-26
	"H" BA 968	J. 67849 P/O Smith H.M., J. 67298 P/O Copping H.M., R. 171584 P/S Calder D. RAF/Lt. 109 P/S O'Leary R., R. 159522 P/S Graham G.M., R. 209002 P/S Carruthers G.S., RAF/221172 SPT Walsh S. Bombload: (Same as 'A').		1322	1552	"H" BOMBER: - No cloud with good visibility. Bombed at 1438:23 hours from 7,800 feet on T.L. yellow with one second overshoot on M.B.'s orders. Found reds on North edge of smoke, with yellows in the centre of smoke. M.B. said "Overhoot in excess of target yellows by one second". On bombs went slight West and over the yellow. Bombing fairly concentrated. No wild bombing. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"O" BA 233	J. 27729 P/O Kyte M.S., J. 29850 P/O Robley P., J. 29669 P/O Fallon P.G., J. 67445 P/O Walsh J.A., R. 176895 SPT HISLEY H.F., R. 151517 SPT Campbell W.R., RAF/1891456 SPT King W.A. Bombload: (Same as 'A').		1324	1556	"O" BOMBER: - Heavy visibility with no cloud. Bombed at 1439:20 hours from 8,000 feet on yellow T.L.s plus two seconds overshoot as instructed by M.B. Map read to target and saw black brown smoke and yellow T.L.s cascaded (No green T.L. seen). M.B. ordered 2 seconds overshoot of yellow T.L. M.B. later "Bomb Southern T.L. yellow and later overshoot T.L. yellow and Bomb green T.L. if you can see it. One stick of bombs 500 yards undershot. This aircraft bombed at approximately 1438 hours. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"B" BA 484	J. 20186 P/O Hannah H.A., J. 28702 P/O Ope J.L., J. 28504 P/O Gray G.H., R. 18455 P/S Burns J.G., R. 202642 P/S Mira A.L., R. 202881 P/S Farini R.R., RAF/1867751 SPT Oatkin R.H. Bombload: (Same as 'A').		1324	1603	"B" BOMBER: - No cloud. Bombed at 1441:12 hours from 7,500 feet on T.L. green with one second delay on M.B.'s orders. Map read to near target, then saw smoke ahead. On arrival, found target covered with smoke, smoke with greens on North-East edge, and reds running South from North-West edge. M.B. said "Bomb greens and yellows" but could not see yellows. M.B. then said, "Bomb greens with one second delay". Did so. Bombing was good, and fires seen in smoke. No wild bombing. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"H" BA 616	J. 85028 P/O Walter R.H., J. 27503 P/O Wrens R.C., J. 28958 P/O Darfee A.B., R. 84923 P/O Rafter R.H., R. 252261 SPT Misgrave P.A., R. 215226 SPT Dugg R.C., R. 149280 SPT Unscheld J.L. Bombload: (Same as 'A').		1325	1559	"H" BOMBER: - Clear and no cloud with fair visibility saw to smoke. Bombed at 1441:36 hours from 8,000 feet on green T.L.s with 2 seconds overshoot on M.B.'s orders. Map read from Green to A.P. - No smoke to identify A.P. visually. Heard M.B. say "Bomb green and red T.L.s" later "Bomb greens and yellows". At 1440 hours, "Bomb green T.L.s with 2 seconds delay". On way out from target, heard M.B. say "Ignore red T.L. North-East of target". Bombing appeared well concentrated. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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14 August, 1944	Lansmaster III "W" ND 980	J.19726 P/O McDonald J.W., J.11669 P/O Huss K.G., J.27588 W/O Whetter R.L.G. R.16237 W/O Lea G.N., R.21000 SGT Fyne B.R., J.28104 P/O Crowe G.N., RAF/2201790 SGT Burgess J. Bombload: (Same as "A").		1327	1600	Bombing Attack On "TRACTABLE A/P 22" (Continued) "W" BOMBER:- No cloud. Bombed at 144318 hours from 8,000 feet on T.L. Greens as instructed by M.B. Followed road down to close to target. Then saw smoke from target to 4,000 feet. Found green on West edge of smoke and also on North-East edge. M.B. washed out the latter and then said "Bomb centre of greens" - DMA so. Own stick went slightly East of greens. Bombing good and no wild sticks. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-126
15 August, 1944	"B" JB 48A	J.26185 P/O Hannah H.A., J.28702 P/O Cope J.L., J.28501 W/O Gray G.H., R.184353 W/S Burns J.C., R.202642 W/S Birdie A.L., R.202891 W/S Perini E.E., RAF/2867791 SGT Octon R.H. Bombload: 10 x 1,000 ANM .65 TL.025 2 x 500 ANM G4 TD .025, 2 x 500 GP TD		1021	1323	Bombing Attack On "VOLZEL - Airfield" - 2 A/C Detailed. (Daylight Attack) "B" SUPERBOMBER:- No cloud with very good visibility. Bombed at 115643 hours from 16,900 feet on intersection of Main Runways. Could not identify Deputy M.B. over Oxington. Later could not catch him. Followed about 2,000 yards behind M.B. and Deputy M.B. to target. Could not catch up. As we were running up on intersection of Main runways, T.L. Yellows went down, one on each runway slightly West of intersection. Own bombs overshot by 5 to 600 yards. Much smoke and dust seen over whole A/P after leaving. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-127
	"M" ND 616	J.85018 P/O Walter B.H., J.27507 P/O Wynn R.O., J.28938 W/O Burfee A.B., R.6823 W/O Rafter P.H., R.252261 SGT Misgrave P.A., R.215226 SGT BUDA A.C. R.H.9240 SGT Umscheid J.L. Bombload: (Same as "B").		1020	1322	"M" SUPERBOMBER:- No cloud with excellent visibility. Bombed at 115906 hours from 15,000 feet on T.L. yellow as instructed by M.B. Failed to identify Deputy M.B. over OXINGTON. On run in, to target, at 115630 hours, M.B. said "Bomb reds". On arrival, found yellow T.L.s on inter- section of main runways with red T.L.s further West on the North-West - South-East runway. M.B. said "Bomb yellow T.L.s" and did so. Own bombs went West - East across runways slightly West of yellows. Immediately after bombing, saw one stick go along North-East - South-West runway. Plenty of smoke and dust after we left. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
15 August, 1944	"D" FB 239	J.19844 P/O Fisher G.H., RAF/86600 W/S Bruce J.S., J.12662 P/O Kemp K.D. R.108440 W/O Millingsley E.D., J.26606 P/O Northcote K.A., R.188428 W/S Carter J.W., RAF/167640 SGT Jolly E. J.23966 P/O Calhoun H.B. Bombload: 4 LB. TL Red, 4 Ord TI Red, 6 x 1,000 ANM .65 TD .025.		1059	1308	Bombing Attack On "BUSSEIG/NEUSROCK - Airfield" 9 Aircraft Detailed (Daylight Attack) "D" DEPUTY MASHER BOMBER:- Clear with no cloud and good visibility. Bombed at 115616 hours from 17,000 feet by judgement on u/s bombsight whilst corkscrewing to avoid flak. Visually identified A.P., dispersals and railway. At 1145 hours, M.B. contacted us. Broadcast no cloud. Told us to mark A.P. Couldn't do this as bombsight u/s. Told M.B. at 1154 hours. He went in to mark and his T.L.s fell on the A.P. Released bombs on judgement whilst corkscrewing because of flak. Saw bombs burst a few yards from Southern-most .., over	A-128

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15 August, 1944	Lancaster III 'D' EB 279	(Continued)				Bombing Attack On "BRUSSELS/MELSBROEK - Airfield" (Cont'd) "D" = HEAVY MASTER BOMBER: (Continued) - tip of Airfield. Bombing was very good, practically all on the Airfield, except one stick which fell slightly North of South-East dispersal and caused a fire with dirty black smoke. Sticks seen bursting on East and South runways. Last order from M.B. was "We've got the A/P, now undershoot T.L.s by 100 yards to get dispersal". 4 LB TI Red and 4 Ord TI Red brought back owing to bomb-sight u/s. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-128
	'B' EB 113	JL1522, W/L Gorman G.H., J.15765 P/O Clouston A.E.; J.1630, P/O J.M. Meagher, D.F.M.; J.15899 P/O Harold W. J.19680 P/O G.E. Burt, D.F.M.; RAF/61925 W/O Williams G.J.; G.19690 P/O Maddar W.J., RAF/112885 P/O W.L. Trotman, D.F.M. Bombload: (Same as 'D').		1004	1319	"J" = BACKER UP: Clear visibility. Visually identified A.P. 'A'. Bombed at 1159:35 hours from 16,000 feet on A.P. 'A'. Target identified from distance. First reds seen to fall approximately 1156 1/2 hours on runway North of A/P. Own T.L.s fell just over runway on A/P. Some bombing seen around T.L.s. 2 LB TI Red 'A' and 2 Ord TI Red 'A' brought back owing to hang up. Over Brussels/Melsbroek at 1200 hours, flying at 16,000 feet. Aircraft suffered damage to starboard outer engine, radiator of inner starboard, tail plane and starboard wing-leading edge, from flak. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'A' EB 982	RAF/66962 P/O F. Blair-Smith, D.F.C.; RAF/11555 P/L Gallimore G.W.; RAF/208117 W/O W/S King D.R.; RAF/11979 P/O Watson H.F.; R.127923 P/S Ratke J., R.131174 SGT Bambo R.; RAF/2211605 P/S Hilton R., J.19400 P/L Baroni H.B. Bombload: (Same as 'D').		1056	1320	"U" = MASTER BOMBER: No cloud with perfect visibility. Bombed at 1156:12 hours from 16,100 feet on A.P. which was identified visually. Ran in from North-West with two Supporters in company. Deputy M.B. said his bomb-sight was u/s. Dropped own reds about 50 yards North-East of A.P. 'A' on the runway. Told Main Force to bomb 50 yards to starboard of red T.L.s on runway. Called in Visual Backers up. Their reds went down between our reds and the South dispersal and one red went on the runway 500 to 1,000 yards North-East of our reds. Told Main Force to bomb between reds on the runways. When the South dispersal area and East and South runways had been thoroughly bombed, told Main Force to bomb 100 yards short of red T.L.s on the runway and after I had repeated this several times, the bombing moved back on to the North dispersal. Bombing was very good. Only two or three sticks seen outside the Airfield. By the end of the raid the whole Airfield was covered with smoke and dust, except the North-East corner. Aircraft damaged by flak in starboard wing over Brussels/Melsbroek at 1150 hours when flying at 16,000 feet. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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August 15 1944	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On "BRUSSELS/HELSBROEK - Airfield" (Cont'd)	A-128
	"B" EB 183	J.15583 P/O Johnston A.J., J.15836 P/O Fisher G.G., RAF/1527439 W/O G.L. Watts., J.18709 P/O Langlois J.L., J.17625 P/O Grimes R.H., J.17668 P/O L.C. Stevens, D.F.M., RAF/2206444 SGT Roland G.N., J.18009 P/O Pascock W.G. Bombload: (Same as 'D').		1046	1305	"B" BAKER UP:- Clear visibility. Bombed at 1202:49 hours from 16,500 feet a little short of 2 red T.L.s as instructed by M.B. At target on run in, saw one T.L. red in middle of runway on North-West side of A.P. Second red T.L. just inside Airfield near runway. Our bombs fell in centre of aerodrome. One T.L. not seen. Bombing chiefly on South-East corner of Airfield. Later across North-East - South-West runway. One sheet of flame and smoke on North-West side mingled with other smoke. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"T" EA 977	S.6389 P/O D.J. McQuid, D.F.C., RAF/141555 P/O Gillespie G.W., RAF/150161 P/O Howard W., J.17767 P/O Beside J., J.19028 P/O Reeves G.H., J.14383 P/O Gray E.G., RAF/1843385 P/O Sanderson C.G., J.15949 P/O C.A. Petersen Bombload: (Same as 'D').		1045	1300	"T" BAKER UP:- No cloud with good visibility. Bombed at 1201:10 hours from 17,000 feet on red T.L.s on A.P. as instructed by M.B. On arrival, found red T.L.s on A.P. 'A' At 1158 hours, M.B. said "Bomb 50 yards starboard of red T.L.s". One red went on top of reds already down. Saw about a dozen sticks go across North dispersals. One stick went along runway on East side of Airfield. Later off smoke seen rising from South dispersal area. About 1203 hours, M.B. told "Main Force to move in and then said "bang on". Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"A" EB 129	(All RAF) 33232 W/O Coulson S.F., 161428 P/O Bennett H., 165612 P/O Michael H.D., 168756 P/O R. Isherwood, D.F.M., 155826 P/O F.G. Crowhurst, D.F.M., 157624 P/O Heath J.G., 188452 SGT Baillet Blot Bombload:- 10 x 1,000 LBS .65 TIL 025 2 x 500 LBS G. TD .025 2 x 500 G. ILL		1041	1313	"A" SUPPORTER:- Clear visibility. Bombed at 1156:31 hours from 17,000 feet on M.B. instructions. During time at target was 3 T.L. reds towards West apex of Airfield. Our bombs fell across North-East half of Airfield. Bombing was mostly concentrated on North dispersal area and runway. 12 craters counted on North runway by rear gunner. Three small fires on Airfield. No attack seen on dispersal on East side. Aircraft suffered damage from flak at 1200 hours, flying at 17,000 feet over Brussels/Helsbroek. Ten small holes. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"P" EA 988	J.87249 P/O Smith H.M., J.87198 P/O Copping H.H.M., R.175294 P/O Calder D.C., RAF/1494189 P/O Callaway R., R.199322 P/O Graham G.M., R.209002 P/O Orruthers G.E., RAF/2211672 SGT Walsh G. Bombload: (Same as 'A').		1043	1300	"P" SUPPORTER:- Clear visibility. Bombed at 1200:46 hours from 16,500 feet on starboard of red T.L. (Hangar West corner of Airfield) as instructed by M.B. Visually identi- fied A.P. 'A'. At target, saw one red T.L. towards West apex of aerodrome. M.B. ordered to bomb to starboard of this red T.L. 50 yards, which coincided with hangar at West apex of Airfield. All Airfield attacked except North-East corner. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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25 August, 1944.	Lancaster III No. ND 524	J. 21201 P/O Kettlewell T.W., J. 25054 P/O Martin W.F., R. 159124 P/S R.W. Shopton, J. 27791 P/O Mair E.J., E. 133905 P/S Magee W.F., RAF/1796419 P/S Conn G., RAF/1875611 SGT W.C.S. Branch. Bombload: (Same as 'A').		1042	1304	Bombing Attack On "BRUSSELS/NEWSHOPK - Airfield" (Cont'd) A-328 "G" SUPPORTER: Clear, no cloud and good visibility. Visually identified Airfield and dispersals. Bombed at 1157:50 hours from 15,500 feet on large building in Northern dispersal area. No markers visible. At 1156:30 hours, heard E.B. say "Red T.L.s were bang-on". When we arrived, no markers down at all, so bombed a large building in Northern dispersal area. Red T.L.s cascaded as bombs went. T.L.s were bang on A.P. Flares with black smoke were already burning in North dispersal area when we bombed. At 1209 hours, large column of flame to 500 feet which burned to smoke, from Southern dispersal. On leaving, saw bombs straddling the Airfield. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "W" SUPPORTER: Clear, no cloud and good visibility. Visually identified Airfield and cluster of red T.L.s on A.P. Bombed at 1201:25 hours from 16,500 feet on cluster of red T.L.s with 2 second overshoot. At 1154 hours, heard M.B. calling up. Soon afterwards, heard Deputy say his bombight was u/s. At 1159 hours, M.B. said "T.L.s were spot on A.P. mighty to starboard". Made an orbit after supporting M.B. and then came in to bomb. One stick of bombs burst all along East runway. Small explosion from South dispersal, similar to aircraft exploding. Main force bombing began as we left, approximately two miles later. Aircraft suffered damage from heavy flak at 1202 hours, flying at 16,500 feet over Brussels area, - the throttle broke, bomb doors believed damaged. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"W" ND 980	J. 19726 P/O McDonald J.W., J. 11669 P/O House K.P., J. 27588 P/O Whetter R.A.C., R. 163271 W/O Lee G., R. 210040 SGT Fyne D.R., J. 22104 P/O Cross G.H., RAF/220730 SGT Burgess J. Bombload: (Same as 'A').		1040	1315	Bombing Attack On "BRUSSELS/NEWSHOPK - Airfield" (Cont'd) A-328 "G" SUPPORTER: Clear, no cloud and good visibility. Visually identified Airfield and cluster of red T.L.s on A.P. Bombed at 1201:25 hours from 16,500 feet on cluster of red T.L.s with 2 second overshoot. At 1154 hours, heard M.B. calling up. Soon afterwards, heard Deputy say his bombight was u/s. At 1159 hours, M.B. said "T.L.s were spot on A.P. mighty to starboard". Made an orbit after supporting M.B. and then came in to bomb. One stick of bombs burst all along East runway. Small explosion from South dispersal, similar to aircraft exploding. Main force bombing began as we left, approximately two miles later. Aircraft suffered damage from heavy flak at 1202 hours, flying at 16,500 feet over Brussels area, - the throttle broke, bomb doors believed damaged. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
26/27 Aug 1944.	"W" ND 524	J. 21201 P/O Kettlewell T.W., J. 23054 P/O Martin W.F., R. 159124 P/S Shopton R.W., J. 27791 P/O Mair E.J., E. 133905 P/S Magee W.F., RAF/1796419 P/S Conn G., RAF/1875611 SGT Branch W.C. Bombload: 4 x 2,000 H.C. N. Inst.		2101	0446	Bombing Attack On "SWETIN" - Aircraft Detailed, A-329 (One Missing) "G" SUPPORTER: Traces of medium cloud below with heavy visibility. Bombed at 0054:12 hours from 16,500 feet by H.P.S. Nothing down on arrival. No ground detail identified. Three or four minutes after leaving, saw illuminating flares with scattered T.L. greens to the South-East of them, and reds further to the South-East. Scattered bomb-flashes among the greens. One big explosion among the T.L.s. When East of Bugen Island, good fires seen. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"W" ND 855	J. 87249 P/O Smith H.M., J. 87198 P/O H. Daggins, E. 171534 P/S Calder R.G., RAF/1484109 P/S Callaway R., R. 199322 P/S Graham G.M., R. 207002 P/S G.M. Darruthers, RAF/2211672 SGT Walsh S. Bombload: (Same as 'G').		2059	0451	"W" SUPPORTER: Clear over target with good visibility. Bombed at 0102:07 hours from 12,000 feet on Visual Marker's red/green T.L.s. Flares all across target area on arrival. Three or four visual marker red/greens and several T.L. greens in good concentration believed on docks area East of A.P. One green was short to North-West. Bombing was well concentrated among T.L.s. At 0102:50 hours, big oil .../over C.W.P.	

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16/17 Aug-1944	Lancaster III "Y" NO 855	(Continued)				Bombing Attack On "STENTIN" (Continued) "Y" SUPERFUSER:- (Continued) explosion from among T.I.s T.I.s and bombing tended to develop in semi-circle round looks to East of A.P. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "P" SUPERFUSER:- 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 "U").	A-129
	"H" BA 968	J.85018 P/O Walter B.H., J.27503 P/O Wiens R.G., J.28956 P/O Darlow A.B., R.34923 W/O Rafter R.H., R.82261 SGT Mcgrave T.L., R.21522 SGT Bird A.G. W.12210 SGT Unsheld J.H.		2100	MISSING		
	"H" JB 484	J.15726 P/O McDonald P.W., J.11669 P/O Housie K.G., J.27588 P/O Whittier R.J., R.162357 W/O Lea G.N., R.210010 SGT Pyne D.H., J.22104 P/O Crowe G.N., RAF/2201790 SGT Burgess J. Bombload:- (Same as "U").		2102	0505	"B" SUPERFUSER:- 5 to 5/10 medium cloud in target area with clear patch over target. Bombed at 0056 hours from 16,000 feet by H.2.S. with G.P.I. check. Two aircraft bombed before we did. Green T.I. ascended immediately after we bombed, on track just ahead. Visual Markers' red/greens and reds went down after we left, fairly concentrated, on built-up area, just West of water. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
16/17 Aug-1944	"K" BA 961	J.15618 W/O C.W. Palmer, D.F.C., J.37731 P/O Roberts J.F., J.85391 P/O Willook A.J., RAF/158131 P/O Inshley G.H., J.25455 P/O Fry F.W., J.16959 P/O Luckner L.L., D.F.C., G1784 W/L H.J. Anderson, D.F.M. Bombload:- 3 lb. T.I. Green, ... 3 Ord. T.I. Green, 1 red/yellow flare, ... 24.7" hooded flares, ... 2 x 4000 lb. H.2.S. Hest. Harold		2115	0237	Bombing Attack On "KBL" * 12 A/O Detailed (3 Missing) "K" BLIND MARKER ILLUMINATOR:- 3/10 cloud at 14,000 feet with heavy visibility. Flares released at 0004 hours from 18,200 feet and bombs released at 0004:30 hours from 10,200 feet on G.P.I.s with H.2.S. check and with a perfect image. From distance approaching target, saw no activity. Only identified the built-up area seen. Later, approximately 7 T.I. Green seen probably close to A.P. In bombload one mile long. No reds seen. On T.I.s seen apex of harbour and own bombmarker apex. Saw one explosion, 4,000 lb. on own side of harbour. Believed bombing overshooting A.P. slightly. Red/yellow flare brought back, not required. Landed base. "O" BLIND MARKER ILLUMINATOR:- 4/10 thin cloud at 12,000 feet with heavy visibility. Flares released at 0002 hours from 18,000 feet (24.7" hooded), and remainder of bombload released at 0002:24 hours from 18,000 feet on G.P.I. with H.2.S. check (perfect image). On arriving, illuminating flares beginning to break. Nothing seen at target. Harbour not identified. Some green T.I. fell at time of bombing at 0002:24 hours. More green fell at 0004:30 hours. No posi- tions seen of T.I.s as too far away. No reds seen. H.2.S. check made bombing near A.P. One red/yellow flare brought back, not required. Landed base. "V" VISUAL MARKER:- 7/10 broken thin stratus cloud at 13 to 14,000 feet with some at 18,000 feet. Bombed at 0007:06 hours from 16,500 feet on green T.I. with good H.2.S. check, and H.2.S. orders. On approach, saw illuminating flares with green T.I. at 0002 hours. No built-up area identified. T.I.s were in clusters 4 miles area in oval .../over	A-130
	"O" ME 180	RAF/174075 P/O O'Connor E.A., RAF/171692 P/L Martin E.W.C., RAF/1590722 P/S S. Mantoria, RAF/158434 P/S Bristol J. R.152450 P/S Brigg P.H., R.173351 P/S Renn J.C., RAF/158885 P/S Gunthorpe K. Bombload:- (Same as "K").		2119	0222		
	"W" BA 270	J.4698 W/O Morrison R.A., J.24216 P/L Quale L.W., J.26343 P/L Swarts R.A., R.34743 W/O D'Arcy G.J., R.163226 P/S Lambie O.A., R.132701 W/O Ribiak W., RAF/160454 P/S Hutchins R., J.19100 P/L Baroni R.B.		2113	0232		

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16/17 Aug. 1944.	Lancaster III						
	'E' EB 183	(Continued) Bombload:- 4 x B.24 1,000 lb. ST. 24, 4 x 2,000 HG. N. Inst.				Bombing Attack On "KIM" (Continued)	A-330
	'G' EA 977	J. 6389 P/L D.J. McQuidd, D.F.C., RAF/111557 P/L Gillespie G.W., RAF/160161 P/O Howard W., J. 17767 P/O Reekie J., J. 19058 P/O Geaves G.S., J. 11183 P/O Gray E.C., RAF/1043385 P/S Bowman C.O., J. 15949 P/L G.A. Peterson. Bombload:- (Same as 'E').		2129	0226	'E' VISUAL CENTER:- (Continued) M.B. not heard. By perfect H.2.S. image, bombing believed 1 1/2 miles to West of A.P. a and underfootings landed there. 'G' VISUAL CENTER:- 7 to 10/10 thin stratus cloud at 10,000 feet. Bombed at 0006:18 hours from 17,000 feet on centre of line of Green on T.I.s as instructed by M.B. Approaching at target, approximately six green T.I.s seen at 0003:30 hours. More green fell forming line one mile long. At 0006 hours, M.B. ordered "Bomb Green". Four to six reds also down to West of greens in semi-circle which became complete circle on leaving. Bombing was scattered. Better view was obtained on approach than at target looking down through cloud. Landed base. 'H' BLIND MARKER ILLUMINATOR:- 4/10 stratus cloud in poor visibility. 24 7th hooded flares released at 0003:12 hours from 18,700 feet and 3 L.B. and 3 Ord. T.I. Green, and 1 x 4,000 HG. Mine released at 0003:36 hours, from 18,700 feet on G.P.I. checked by H.2.S. on timed run from Eckenforde. First green T.I.s seen in line as we bombed at 0003:36 hours, one red T.I. cascaded in the middle of the greens at 0005 hours. Identified the canal and harbour; T.I.s were crossing from East to West. Later, on leaving, some greens seen 6 to 7 miles South-West of target area. Too early to see any bombing. Two straight lines of incendiaries fires in L shape, seen approximately 16 miles South-West of target area (possibly decoy), which attracted some bombing. Glow from target still seen when crossing enemy coast. One red/yellow flare brought back, not required. Landed base.	
	'H' EA 982	RAF/66562 P/L P. Mains-Smith, D.F.C., RAF/14587 P/L Goddard E., RAF/156685 P/S King D.E., RAF/149079 P/O Watson H. R. 127923 P/S Reake J., R. 191174. SGT Berabo R., RAF/2211605 P/S Hilton E. Bombload:- (Same as 'E').		2117	0235	'H' BLIND MARKER ILLUMINATOR:- Patches of stratus cloud, tops 12,000 feet with poor visibility. 24 7th hooded flares and 1 x 4,000 H.G. Mine released at 0000:12 and 0000:42 hours from 18,000 feet, consecutively on G.P.I. checked by H.2.S. timed run from Eckenforde. First marking seen at 0003 hours when green T.I.s were cascading. More fell at 0004:06 hours. Unable to assess the correctness of marking. No ground detail visible. 3 L.B. T.I. Green and 3 Ord. T.I. Green and one red/yellow flare brought back, not required. Landed base.	
	'Q' EB 233	J. 15301 P/L Weicker W.J., RAF/1339408 SGT New E.J., J. 27278 P/O McDowell J. J. 12102 P/L Brown D.H., R. 183594 P/S Neill R.D., R. 89604 P/O Martin M.H., RAF/590000 SGT Abbs R.A. Bombload:- (Same as 'E').		2118	0231	'Q' BLIND MARKER ILLUMINATOR:- Patches of stratus cloud, tops 12,000 feet with poor visibility. 24 7th hooded flares and 1 x 4,000 H.G. Mine released at 0000:12 and 0000:42 hours from 18,000 feet, consecutively on G.P.I. checked by H.2.S. timed run from Eckenforde. First marking seen at 0003 hours when green T.I.s were cascading. More fell at 0004:06 hours. Unable to assess the correctness of marking. No ground detail visible. 3 L.B. T.I. Green and 3 Ord. T.I. Green and one red/yellow flare brought back, not required. Landed base.	

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16/17 Aug- 1944	Lancaster III "M" ND 616	J.86050 P/O Coffey J.R., J.24725 P/O Bayne R.O., R.158497 P/S Dingwall M., J.86052 P/O Batherghen R.A., R.116556 SGT Hart R.A., J.86051 P/O McWhirter R.A., RAF/128834 SGT Willoughby D.H. Bombload:- 12 Hrd / Yellow Flares, 1 x 4,000 H.C. Minol.		2127	0229	<u>Bombing Attack On "KIEL" (Continued)</u> "M" * <u>BLIND BACKER UP</u> :- Heavy visibility with some thin stratus cloud below at about 14,000 feet. Bombed at 0009:12 hours from 17,000 feet on G.P.I. run. H.S.S. check, with a poor image. On approach, Kiel Canal dimly recognised and some saw front North of A.P. - Kiel Canal picked up on H.S.S. but not working badly. Saw Harbour on set, bombed on G.P.I. Our bomb seen to explode along edge of water on West side of Harbour. Some scattered Green T.L.s seen but no results. Landed base.	A-130
	"J" EB 113	J.28523 P/O Mice J., J.36325 P/O H.D. Biggs, J.35523 P/O Davy H.D., R.183496 SGT Hume G.T., R.148262 SGT Rymck J. R.56717 SGT Mathieu J.C., R.118817 SGT Devitt J.W. Bombload:- (Same as "M").		2128	0230	"J" * <u>BLIND BACKER UP</u> :- 3/10 cloud at 17,500 feet. Bombed at 0012:30 hours from 17,900 feet on concentration of red T.L. on H.S.S. orders:- On approach, red and green T.L.s fell 2 to 3 minutes before bombing at 0009 hours approximately. Some red T.L. 1/2 mile to West. T.L.s arranged North to South in oval two miles long. H.S. ordered several times to "Bomb T.L. reds to South". Some orders before not clear. Most bombing to starboard of T.L.s short of own bombing. All illuminators further back on track. Twelve red/yellow flares brought back, not required. Landed base.	
16/18 Aug- 1944	"J" EB 113	J.15224 P/L Gorman G.H., J.15765 P/O Clouston A.E., J.16504 P/O J.M. McHugh, D.F.M., J.15859 P/L W.H. Barclay, W/J.19600 P/O J.E. Dorde, D.F.M., RAF/128229 P/O G.L. Williams, G.19690 P/O Madder W.J., RAF/142885 P/O W.T. Crofton, D.F.M. Bombload:- 3 L.B. T.L. Green 'A', 3 Ord. T.L. Green 'A', 8 x 1,000 ANM -65 TD, 025		2301	0235	<u>Bombing Attack On "STRENGTH" - 3 Aircraft Destroyed</u> "J" * <u>VISUAL BACKER UP</u> :- 3/10 cloud with ground haze. Bombed at 0059 hours from 16,500 feet on centre of red T.L.s. On run in one mile from release point, saw red T.L.s lying approximately 6 miles South of estimated target area, which was marked by red and green T.L.s 2 to 500 yards apart, greens lying South. Ground haze prevented visual identification. At 0100 hours, green T.L.s cascaded towards position of red and green T.L.s. 3 Ord. and 3 L.B. T.L. Green brought back owing to bombsight off following evasive action over targets. Starboard tank No. 3 holed by heavy flak over Starboard at 0058:30 hours, flying at 16,500 feet. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-131
	"M" EA 977	J.6389 P/L D.J. McQuaid, D.F.C., RAF/111225 P/L Gillespie G.W., RAF/160161 P/O Howard W., J.17767 P/O Beale J., J.19028 P/O Seaves G.H., J.11185 P/O Gray R.G., RAF/101335 P/S Beacham G.O., J.15319 P/L G.L. Peterson Bombload:- (Same as "J").		2300	0231	"M" * <u>EA 977</u> - <u>VISUAL BACKER UP</u> :- Some cloud below, with much haze and poor visibility. Bombed at 0055:30 hours from 18,000 feet between 2 red T.L.s 3 to 400 yards apart. Tracked over one red T.L. which was about 10 miles short of 2 reds 3 to 400 yards apart. The position of the latter was 8 miles short of A.P. Judged by an H.S.S. fix and 2 1/2 minutes short on E.T.L. However, we bombed between these 2 reds and as we turned away, a third red fell close to them and they were backed up by 2 green T.L.s slightly short to West. A fourth red was seen about 5 miles further East, possibly a decoy. Bombing was well concentrated in the cluster of 3 reds. 3 L.B. and 3 Ord. T.L.s green brought back because felt doubtful about position of 3 red T.L.s seen. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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18/19 Aug. 1944.	Lancaster III "B" IB 185	J.15583 P/O Johnston S.F., J.15636 P/L Fisher G.C., RAF/1587439 W/O G.L. Wicks, J.18709 P/O Ingram J.L., J.17625 P/O Grimes R.A., J.17466 P/O G. Stevens, D.F.M., RAF/2206444 Sgt Holland G.E., J.18008 P/O Pascock W.C. Bombload:- (Same as "J").		2302	0244	Bombing Attack On "SPEERDALE" (Continued) "B" - VISUAL BOMBING:- Heavy with fair visibility. Bombed at 0100 hours from 17,400 feet on fire from an explosion where 3 red T.I. had fallen but were then burned out. Checked by H.2.S. and G.P.L. Whilst waiting time, 3 red T.I. were seen on ground. On bombing run, these reds burned out. An explosion from same position left a fire burning so we bombed there. Two green T.I. were on ground 75 to 100 yards South of A.P. Too busy to identify ground detail but saw river in light of photo flash. Big green T.I.s cascaded into the fires at which we aimed. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-31
18/19 Aug. 1944.	"T" PR 970	J.1886 W/O Morrison H.A., J.21216 P/L Gwido L.W., J.26343 P/L Swartz R.A., R.15473 P/O D'Arcy H.J., R.163220 P/S LaJamba O.A., R.132761 W/O Rublak W., RAF/160445 P/S Mahoban H. Bombload:- 20 Hooded Flares "B", 3 L.M. T.I. Green "A", 3 Ord. T.I. Green "A", 1 x 4,000 H.C. Minol, 1 Flare green/yellow.		2130	0218	Bombing Attack On "GROEN" - 12 Aircraft Detailed. "Y" - BLIND MARKER ILLUMINATOR:- No cloud with slight haze. Bombed at 0005:48 hours from 17,500 feet by H.2.S. H.2.S. checked within 3 miles by G.P.L. run from DeMenhorst. Illuminator flares on arrival lit up target area very well. Identified bridges on bend in river South of A.P. and Eastern end of docks. Immediately after we bombed, 4 green T.I.s went down, one on East end of docks, 2 about 1,500 yards East of A.P. and one further East still. At 0008 hours, 2 mixed red/green T.I.s went just North-West of A.P. and another went just East of it. Two more red/greens followed and two more later, all on or very close to A.P. Two reds seen on North edge of town North of A.P. Bombing was well on the markers. Big explosion seen at 0009 hours. 6 Green T.I., 1 flare green/yellow brought back because H.2.S. not good enough to drop markers. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-32
	"Q" NR 180	RAF/171075 P/O O'Connor E., RAF/171692 P/L Hain J.W.C., RAF/190722 P/S S. Manders, RAF/13844 P/S Bristol J., R.151450 P/S Bwing P.L., R.173351 P/S Sgt J.C., RAF/156604 P/S Henderson J.R.D. Bombload:- (Same as "T").		2134	0226	"G" - BLIND MARKER ILLUMINATOR:- Slight haze. 20 Hooded flares released at 0005 hours from 18,000 feet and 1 x 4,000 H.C. Minol released at 0005:24 hours from 17,500 feet 4 miles North-East of target, on H.2.S. and G.P.L. checks. H.2.S. goods. Ran in and identified bridge over river South of A.P. One green T.I. cascaded on either side of estimated position of A.P. At 0005:30 hours, big explosion East of A.P. At 0005:54 hours, red T.I.s cascaded, centred on greens. 0009:12 hours, reds down. At 0011:18 hours, reds down. Marking well placed and bombing concentrated. One 4,000 lb bomb hung up over target but was jettisoned approximately 4 miles North-East of A.P. 4 Hooded flares, 6 green T.I.s and one flare green/yellow brought back owing to distributor 4/s, and hung up. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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18/19 Aug- 1944	Lancaster III *K* PA 981	J.15818 W/R G.W. Palmer, D.F.C., J.37731 P/O Roberts J.F., J.85391 P/O Wilcock A.J., RAF/158151 P/O Laidley G. J.85493 P/O Frey F.J.A., J.16979 P/O L.L. Mackner, D.F.C., C-17844 P/L H.J. Anderson, D.F.M. Bombload: (Same as 'Y').		2131	0232	Bombing Attack On "BRUNNEN" (Continued) "Y" * BLIND MARKER ILLUMINATOR:- Day with fair visibility. 24 Hooded flares released at 0005 hours from 18,000 feet and 3 L.B. and 3 Ord. T.L. green, and 1 P-4000 H.2.S. flares released at 0005:30 hours from 18,000 feet on H.2.S. checked by G.F.I. On approaching target, saw string of flares, then saw a circle of green T.L.s. These were over built-up area on Southern bank of river. One red/green T.L. cascaded by railway bridge over river. Two red T.L. were in built-up area immediately North of railway bridge in the 'U' formed by railway lines. Bombing was mostly around the main concen- tration of houses. One green/yellow flare brought back, not required. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "H" * BLIND MARKER ILLUMINATOR:- Day, no cloud and good visibility. Bombed at 0002 hours from 17,500 feet by H.2.S. but not checked by G.F.I., missed datum point. On approach could not easily pick up Delmenhorst, and what taken to be this position suddenly became recognizable as Brunnen. We were too close to target to select flares and T.L.s, so dropped bomb only. No marker or illuminator flares were down, one aircraft bombed as we released. On leaving target, marking was beginning. At 0007 hours, one green T.L. cascaded. At 0007 hours, red/green T.L. cascaded. At 0010:30 hours, red T.L. cascaded. Explosions seen at 0004, 0008:50 and 0013 and 0015 hours. Glow from target seen 100 miles away. One flare green/yellow, 24 Hooded flares and 3 L.B. and 3 Ord. T.L. green brought back. Unable to identify target until too late. Aircraft suffered slight damage from heavy flak over Brunnen at 0005 hours, flying at 17,500 feet. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-132
	H PE 229	C.2980 P/L Burnand L.B., J.20252 P/O Kyan G.G., J.23154 P/O Nicholl G.F. RAF/2573172 SGT Cox G., R.19418 P/S Cannolly J.F., RAF/1874152 SGT O'Han- lon J.L.S., RAF/1554452 SGT McDonaghe P.J. Bombload: (Same as 'Y').		2154	0222	"H" * BLIND MARKER ILLUMINATOR:- Clear, slight haze but good visibility. Bombed at 0005:42 hours from 18,600 feet on G.F.I. H.2.S. returns poor and not good enough to drop over T.L.s; so dropped flares on G.F.I. run and two other sticks went down to port and starboard simultaneously. Identi- fied bend in river, and think this was directly South of A.P. One green lay at the East edge of the dock West of the A.P. and a further green lay East, of A.P. On 4,000 lb. bomb was followed by a big explosion. At 0008 hours, red/ green T.L.s cascaded. At 0014 hours, big explosion. Bombing appeared well concentrated on the red/green T.L.s. 6 T.L. green and one flare green/yellow brought back owing to H.2.S. not good enough. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	H PA 982	RAF/66562 S/L P. Hains-Smith, D.F.C., RAF/215987 W.A. Goddard W., RAF/158688 P/S King D.E., RAF/149079 P/O Watson H. R.127985 P/S Raiter J.J. R.191174 SGT Borabo R., RAF/2211605 P/S Hilton E. Bombload: (Same as 'Y').		2131	0237	"H" * BLIND MARKER ILLUMINATOR:- Clear, slight haze but good visibility. Bombed at 0005:42 hours from 18,600 feet on G.F.I. H.2.S. returns poor and not good enough to drop over T.L.s; so dropped flares on G.F.I. run and two other sticks went down to port and starboard simultaneously. Identi- fied bend in river, and think this was directly South of A.P. One green lay at the East edge of the dock West of the A.P. and a further green lay East, of A.P. On 4,000 lb. bomb was followed by a big explosion. At 0008 hours, red/ green T.L.s cascaded. At 0014 hours, big explosion. Bombing appeared well concentrated on the red/green T.L.s. 6 T.L. green and one flare green/yellow brought back owing to H.2.S. not good enough. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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	'X' BA 965	J.18445 P/L Smith H., J.22413 P/L D. Davies, RAF/1452651 P/S Woods G.L., RAF/1156259 P/S O'Toole T., R.146659 W/O King W.H., R.65735 W/O Reid G.M., R.65904 W/O McLean H.G. <u>Bombload:-</u> (Same as 'Y').		2152	0224	'X' * BLOOD MARKER ILLUMINATOR:- Clear visibility. Bombed at 0003:54 hours from 18,500 feet on S.P.I. run. At 0003:21 hours, green T.L.s and flares seen cascading towards bridge over river which was clearly seen. At 0008:42 hours, red/green T.L.s went down, backed up by reds well centred on target area. At 0008:50 hours, large explosion with big flame followed by blue smoke. On leaving, much concentrated bombing. One green/yellow flare brought back, not required. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'O' EB 233	J.15301 P/L Weicker W.J.L., RAF/13394-00 SGT Newbury, J.27278 P/O McDowell J.S., J.12102 P/L Brown D.H., R.183554 P/S Malin R.B., R.89404 W/O Martin M., RAF/559080 SGT Abba K.A. <u>Bombload:-</u> 8 x 1,000 ANM 65 TD.025 3 x 1,000 ANM 44 TD.025 4 Flares green/yellow.		2139	0246	'O' * BLOOD MARKER UP:- Slight haze and slight cloud. Bombed at 0009:30 hours from 17,000 feet on centre of red/green T.L.s. Identified built-up area and an area of approximately 3 miles was well marked by a circle of green T.L.s. At 0008:30 hours, red/green T.L.s cascaded, dropped in centre of circle. After own bombs gone, more red/green T.L.s went down and formed a crescent, slightly South of circle of greens. Bombing was well concentrated. Series of big explosions at 0011:30, 0013, and 0013:54 hours and a very big one at 0014:42 hours, with blue smoke rising in columns. Four flares green/yellow brought back, not required. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'B' JB 484	J.26095 P/L Whittall H.E., J.28813 P/O Bulst J.G., J.28887 P/O McConnell W.A.S., R.194760 SGT Cox G.A., R.224482 P/S Beach B.C., R.214769 P/S Spering G.A., RAF/176610 P/O Spewart G.D. <u>Bombload:-</u> 8 x 1,000 ANM 65 TD.025 3 x 1,000 ANM 44 TD.025		2137	0243	'B' * SUPERNOVA:- No cloud, slight haze and good visibility. Visually identified two bridges on bend in river with fully built-up area on both banks with mixed red/green T.L.s on estimated A.P. Bombed at 0008:42 hours from 15,500 feet on mixed red/green T.L.s. Went off track slightly to starboard on run in to avoid searchlights and arrived at target slightly to starboard at 0003:28 hours and found target area very well illuminated. First greens went down at 0004 hours approximately. Orbited and found target area closely ringed with green and red/green T.L.s in centre of estimated A.P. Bombing well concentrated on markers. Two big explosions seen. Target area well alight and glow seen from North Sea on return. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'M' ND 616	J.86090 P/O Duffay J.E., J.24725 P/O Payne R.J., R.158487 P/S Dingwall M., J.86032 P/O Rutherford R.A., R.116554 SGT Hart K.A., J.86011 P/O McWhirter R.R., RAF/288344 SGT Willoughby D.H. <u>Bombload:-</u> (Same as 'O').		2140	0230	'M' * BLOOD MARKER UP:- No cloud with slight haze. Visually identified bridge in bend of river with built-up area on both banks. Bombed at 0010:30 hours from 15,000 feet on red/green T.L. (centre of 3) on estimated A.P. At 0003 hours first green T.L.s cascaded. At 0006 and 0008 hours, red/green T.L.s cascaded. Crossed river about 1/2 mile East of bridge on bend. One red/green T.L. lay on estimated A.P. Another lay slightly West and a third lay about the same distance East. Rather scattered greens lay North and South of target. Two red T.L. went down on the red/greens later. Bombing was very concentrated on the red/greens. Big explosions at 0013:00, 0012 and 0014 hours. Very good fires with smoke to 18,000 feet seen after leaving. Four flares green/yellow, Newhaven attack. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	CWS

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18/19 Aug. 1944.	Lancaster III "D" FB 402	J.2823 F/O Tate J.A., J.16325 F/O H.D. Biggs, J.5523 F/O Davy H.D., E.183496 Sgt. Hase G.S., E.14282 Sgt. Ryski J. E.5717 Sgt. Mathies J.C., R.118817. SPT Devitt J.F. Bombload:- (Same as 'O').		2141	0241	Bombing Attack On "BREMEN" (Continued) "D" BLIND BACKER UP:- Ground base with fair visibility. Bombed at 0014 hours from 18,200 feet by H.2.S. checked by G.P.I. sup. from Dalmshorst. On run-up, saw a large concentration of green and red T.L.s in centre of built-up area. Two red T.L.s were approximately 5 miles North but these did not appear to attract any bombing as they were so obviously astray. A large explosion from target area was seen at 0016 hours followed by large fires. Glow could be seen when 50 or 60 miles away. Four flares green/yellow brought back, not required. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "V" SUPERVISOR:- Clear visibility. Bombed at 0003:55 hours from 17,800 feet by H.2.S. - At 0003:50 hours, green T.L.s cascaded as we ran in to bomb, and identified river bend South of A.P. and green T.L.s fell slightly North of river bend. At 0003:51 hours, big explosion from the edge of green T.L.s. After turning out of target, red T.L.s cascaded towards greens. Own bombs dropped on H.2.S. and went down slightly West of estimated A.P. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-132
	"W" ND 980	J.28186 F/O Hannah H.A., J.28702 F/O Ope J.A., J.28504 F/O Gray G.H., E.124353 F/S Burns J.C., R.202642. F/S Rids E.L., E.202891 F/S Perint E.E., R.A.P.1867791 SPT Oatlin R.H. Bombload:- (Same as 'B').		2136	0239	"V" SUPERVISOR:- Bombed unidentified town in the Bremen area. Believed to be target but doubtful as MARKING TAVER appeared at another position. Some ground base and fair visibility. Bombed at 0003:36 hours from 16,500 feet by H.2.S. checked by E.T.A. Picture on screen of H.2.S. was not clear. Did not compare exactly with Bremen but checked with E.T.A. so we believed we were over target and bombed. At 0003 hours, before we bombed, we saw a green T.L. a few miles ahead which we took to be the spoof. Illuminator flares fell at 0003:30 hours ahead and starboard near where green T.L. had reached ground. Attack then opened in that area and we therefore presume we bombed at the wrong position. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"V" ND 855	J.27719 F/O Kyte H.S., J.29850 F/O Footkey F., J.29669 F/O Fallon F.C. J.87445 F/O Welch J.A., R.176895 SPT Bradley B.F., E.151457 SPT Campbell W.R., R.A.P.189145 SPT King W.A. Bombload:- (Same as 'B').		2138	0228	Bombing Attack On "RUSSWALDHEIM" 16 Aircraft Detailed. "C" BLIND MAZIMANOV:- Clear, no cloud and good visibility. Bombed at 0052:06 hours from 18,000 feet by G.P.I. bearing and distance from Darmstadt checked by H.2.S. G.P.I. with H.2.S. check was not good enough for dropping flares. Bombing was taking place before we bombed and illumination flares fell approximately one minute afterwards. On leaving the target, we clearly saw the bend of river immediately North and red/green T.L.s appeared on A.P. Bombing was scattered at opening of attack, some falling to North of river. East of Mainz, saw two lines of fires in T shape with a small weak red T.L.s cascading, believed to be 40 7" hooded flares brought back owing to G.P.I. and H.2.S. not good enough for dropping. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-133
25/26 Aug. 1944.	"G" ND 524	J.13468 F/O Ellison T., J.24697 F/O Garsley W.A., J.26644 F/O McKinnon D. R.A.P.1365052 F/S Henderson R.G., E.21287 F/S Stone R.S., E.210578 F/S Stevens F.A., R.A.P.1865274 SPT Hobill A. Bombload:- 40 7" hooded flares; 4 x 1,000 AIM 65 TD, 025.		2059	0357		

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25/26 Aug. 1944.	Lancaster III 'P' EB 262	J.19654 P/O Webb G.W., J.23470 P/O V. Painter, R.166255 W/O Young G.A. R.169371 P/S Boyd G., R.251500 P/S McFarland E.J., R.208615 SGT Scarffe G.S., RAF/2576419 SGT Whitehouse J.B. Bombload:- (Same as 'Q').		2100	0559	Bombing Attack On "RUSSELSHEIM" (Continued) "P" BLIND ILLUMINATOR:- Clear, no cloud and good visibility. 3 7" hooded flares released at 0052:24 hours from 17,500 feet and 4 x 1,000 AIM 65 released at 0052:48 hours from 17,500 feet by G.P.L. bearing and distance from Darmstadt checked by H.2.S. Three aircraft bombs bombed before we dropped our first flare. The 3 sticks burst side by side. Only 3 of our flares fell, the rest hung up. In the light of flares, saw bend of river North of target and built-up area. First mixed red/green T.I.s fell at 0054 hours, followed by others at 0055:48 and 0057:30 hours. First T.I.s cascaded over target area. Saw some red T.I.s cascaded approximately one mile West of target. We were too early to assess attack. 37 7" hooded flares brought back owing to hang up. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "D" BLIND ILLUMINATOR:- Clear visibility. Bombed at 0055:12 hours from 18,000 feet on concentration of red/green T.I.s. Gee, H.2.S. and Monica u/s. Navigated on D.R. to target and waited until Illuminator flares seen. These were followed by red/green T.I.s and T.I.s illuminated bend in river, also built-up area. Consider red/green marked A.P. at 0056 hours; red T.I.s fell slightly South/West. Dummy red T.I.s seen approximately 4 miles North. Bombing began to be well concentrated on markers. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-333
	'D' MD 616	J.28523 P/O Hite J., J.36325 P/O H.D. Edge, J.35523 P/O Davy H.D., R.185496 SGT Basse G.P., R.148282 SGT Ryndak J. R.54717 SGT Mathieu J.C., R.118817 SGT Devitt J.F. Bombload:- (Same as 'Q').		2101	0549	"D" BLIND ILLUMINATOR:- Clear visibility. Bombed at 0055:12 hours from 18,000 feet on concentration of red/green T.I.s. Gee, H.2.S. and Monica u/s. Navigated on D.R. to target and waited until Illuminator flares seen. These were followed by red/green T.I.s and T.I.s illuminated bend in river, also built-up area. Consider red/green marked A.P. at 0056 hours; red T.I.s fell slightly South/West. Dummy red T.I.s seen approximately 4 miles North. Bombing began to be well concentrated on markers. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'T' EA 970	J.4898 W/O Morrison H.A., J.24216 P/L Quale L.W., J.26343 P/L Smith R.A. R.154763 W/O D'Arcy G.J., R.163220 P/S Encombe G.A., R.132761 W/O Ehrlich W., RAF/1604454 P/S Mather R. J.19400 P/L Barton R.B. Bombload:- 8 x 7" Hooded Flares, 3 x 1,000 T.I. Red B.16 3 x 1,000 T.I. Green B.16.		2106	0547	"T" PRIMARY VISUAL MARKER:- No cloud and good visibility. Bombed at 0055:24 hours from 19,900 feet on A.P. which was identified visually. At 0052 hours, first flares. Illumination was very good. Supporters were bombing in built-up area before the flares were dropped. A.P. definitely identified. Our red/green T.I.s were the first dropped and went on A.P. spreading slightly to North. At 0055:28 hours, two other loads red/green went slightly North-East of ours. At 0055:36 hours, one load red/green went slightly South-East of ours. At 0100:30 hours, reds cascaded and believed overshoot. Bombing was concentrated and on the markers. Starboard outer only half serviceable from take-off. Coolant temperature very high all the way. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'K' EA 981	J.18760 P/L Long E.W., RAF/174668 P/O Brook E., RAF/177700 P/O Edwards G.J. RAF/157439 P/S Leavelley W.D., RAF/183553 P/S Gowley A.W., R.187162 P/S Stroud H.A., RAF/1819034 SGT R.L. York. Bombload:- 2 Qds. and 2 LB TT Green 4 Flares red/yellow Stars, 1 x 1,000 MD Minol, 6 x 500 MD MD.025.		2107	0559	"K" BLIND MARKER:- No cloud, slight haze and moderate visibility. Bombed at 0058:18 hours from 18,000 feet on G.P.L. run from H.2.S. fix on Darmstadt. First flares seen at 0052:54 hours. First red/green T.I.s cascaded at 0053:55 hours. When we bombed, two mixed red/green T.I.s were down and one was cascading, all very close together. Bombs were exploding across the T.I.s. No ground detail seen. Four TT green and 4 flares red/yellow brought back, not required, as red/green T.I.s seen. Photo attempted. Landed base.	CWP.

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25/26 Aug- 1944	Encounter III *U* RA 989	RAF/66562 S/L P. Maing-Smith, D.F.C.; RAF/145587 F/L Goddard W., RAF/158685 P/S King, D.F.C., RAF/19079 P/O Watson H. R.12793 P/S Baker J., R.13117. SGT Benato R.; RAF/221605 P/S Milton E. Bombload: (Same as 'K').		2108	0402	Bombing Attack On "RUSSELSHAM" (Continued) *U* VISUAL MARKER : No cloud with slight haze. Bombed between 2 red/green T.I.s at 0058:20 hours from 18,600 feet. On approach, flares and T.I. red/green seen ahead. On arrival, found one red/green T.I. believed close to A.F. with another lying slightly North-West and closer to the river. Incen- diaries were burning in a carpet all over estimated target area. Smoke rose up to 15,000 feet. Reds were slightly South-East of the best red/green and greens were slightly South-West of it. A T.I. Green brought back, not required. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-133
	H EB 229	J.27719 P/O Kyte H.S., J.29850 P/O P. Foolkley, J.29669 P/O Fallon P.G., J.87445 P/O Welch J.A., J.57610 P/O RINLEY B.F., J.87870 P/O Campbell W. RAF/189156 SGT King W.A. Bombload: 4 x 2,000 H.C. TD.025.		2105	0351	*H* SUPPORTER : Clear visibility. Bombed at 0051:50 hours from 18,000 feet on G.P.F. checked by H.2.S. fir on Darmstadt. No markers down on arrival. Dropped on H.2.S. and illuminators and T.I. red followed, astern about 2 seconds later. Turned out from target and saw illuminator flares and bombs and red/green T.I.s in concentrated area. Bombs centred well on T.I.s. There was a few small explosions. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	QI BE 180	RAF/174075 P/O O'Connor E., RAF/171692 P/L Bairn J.W.C., RAF/1390722 P/S S. Munich, RAF/138434 P/S Bristol J. J.8796, P/O Biring F.H., R.17355E P/S Egan J.C., RAF/156044 P/S Henderson J. R.D. Bombload: (Same as 'K').		2109	0411	*QI* VISUAL MARKER : Clear, no cloud and good visibility. Identified A.P. by G.P.I. with bearing and distance check from Darmstadt checked by H.2.S. and visually identified river and built up area. Bombed at 0057:48 hours from 18,000 feet on mixed red/green T.I.s on ground. On arrival, at 0051 hours, one red T.I. was cascading. Illumination flares fell at 0052:48 hours. Visually identified bend in river by target and built up area. At 0054, 0054:12 and 0054:36 hours, mixed red/green T.I.s cascaded. All T.I.s appeared to be on A.P. to East of target area. When 15 minutes away from target saw a large explosion followed by large fires from target area. Two ord. and 2 I.E. T.I.s Green (as briefed) and 4 flares red/yellow stars brought back, not required. Aerial shot away by heavy flak at 0058:48 hours when flying at 18,000 feet over Russelsham. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	B EB 183	J.15585 P/S Johnston A.F., J.15636 P/L Fisher G.C., RAF/1527839 P/O G.L. Watts, RAF/171477 P/W D.V. Langley, D.F.M., J.17625 P/O Springs R.A.S., J.17466 P/O L.C. Stevens, D.F.M., RAF/220644 SGT Holland G.H., J.18009 P/O Peacock W.G. Bombload: 4 LB & 4 GND. 12 Red, 1 x 4,000 H.C. TD.025, 5 x 500 H.C. TD.025.		2110	0409	*B* VISUAL MARKER : Clear visibility. Bombed at 0057:45 hours from 17,000 feet on centre of red/green T.I.s. ONE IN AREA saw illuminating flares and at 0055 hours first salvo of red/green T.I.s cascaded. These dropped in West part of town, which was clearly seen. More red/green T.I.s fell further West. Ord. load went down on large cluster of red/green T.I.s near centre of town. Consider these were marking A.P. Bombing very concentrated but on leaving tar- get area attack appeared to move slightly South-West. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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25/26 Aug. 1944	Lancaster III "A" ND 855	J. 86051 P/O Oudegan P.O., R.15048 W/O Williams R.G., J.42355 P/O McNamee G.L., R.16879 P/S W. Gifford J.C., R.203001 P/S Donaldson J.C., RAF/1836232 P/S Kitch D., G.87319 P/O J.W. Simpson, J.17574 P/L Everson P. Bombload:- (Same as 'E').		2113	0433	Bombing Attack On "RUSSKUSHERM" (Continued) "A" - VISUAL CONTACT: Clear with slight haze. Bombed at 0103 hours from 18,000 feet on centre of red T.L.s. Illuminator flares down on arrival. Many bomb flashes. Saw flames fields on run in South of target. At 0053 hours, salvo of red/green T.L.s went down followed by red T.L.s 2 or 3 minutes later. A few of these fell approximately 200 yards to port. More reds fell only slightly to port. Bombing concentrated on T.L.s. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-133
	"B" BA 977	J. 6389 P/L McQuoid D.J., D.F.O., RAF/111552 P/L Gillespie G.W., RAF/160161 P/O Howard W., J.17767 P/O Baskin J., J.19058 P/O Gosson G.S., J.14183 P/O Gray R.G., RAF/1043385 P/S Bondman G.O., J.15949 P/L C. G. Paterson. Bombload:- (Same as 'E').		2111	0553	"B" - VISUAL CONTACT: Slight haze and no cloud. Bombed at 0059:36 hours from 18,200 feet on centre of red/green T.L.s. Ten miles short of target, dummy red T.L.s went down very bright. 12 to 15 candles extinguished quickly and did not cascade, dropping haphazardly. No ground detail seen at target. Reflection of flares on haze prevented this. Red/Green T.L.s and reds down close together within 400 yards radius. Dropped on centre and 2 red T.L.s went down 0059 hours and fell on top. At 0103 hours, one red down on centre. Bombing good. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "C" - BLIND SKY MARKER: No cloud and heavy visibility. Bombed at 0101:06 hours from 18,000 feet on G.F.L. run from H.2.S. fix on Darmstadt. Illuminator flares burning and red/green T.L.s down on arrival. Four flares red/yellow was not required. Jettisoned 1930 H. 0700 E. at 0120 hours, flying at 18,000 feet following attack by fighter. No warning of fighter attack. Went into steep dive for several thousand feet. Aircraft would not pull out at first. Rear Gunner called up and said he was injured and that rear of fuselage was on fire. Navigator found fumes and smoke but no fire. Found W/O, Mid-Upper Gunner and Flight Engineer had baled out. No orders given to bale out or stand by to bale out. Rear Gunner remained in turret. Aircraft severely damaged by fighter. Photograph attempted. Landed base damaged. The following three members of crew baled out: (W/O) GAV/112102 P/L Brown D.H., (W/O) GAV/R.183594 P/S Martin B.H., (P/S) 259080 Sgt. Alma L.L. Warrant Officer Martin was moderately wounded in right ankle and was taken to hospital immediately after aircraft landed.	
	"D" EB 233	J.14301 P/L Weisker W.J.L., RAF/1339- 400 Sgt New E., J.47278 P/O McDowell J.S., J.12102 P/L B. B. B., R.24859 P/S Laird E.B., R.89604 W/O Martin L. RAF/959080 Sgt Alms J.A. Bombload:- 4 flares red/yellow Stars, 1 x 4,000 M.C. Minol, 8 x 500 M.C. TD 4025.		2112	0406	"D" - BLIND SKY MARKER: Hazy with fair visibility. Bombed at 0105:12 hours from 14,000 feet on large fires and lots of smoke (used emergency sighting angle) Bombsight u/s. On arrival, saw Illuminator flares fall at 0053 hours, then mixed red/green T.L.s cascaded and these continued until they were lost in the smoke. Bombsight was u/s just before bombing. Bombed with emergency sighting angle. At 0105 hours, large red explosion enveloped by black smoke in East corner of target area. No ground detail visible. Bombing was well concentrated. Several red flares turning to 3 green balls seen at Mainz-Frankfurt and Mannheim. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"E" EB 402	J. 86050 P/O Coffey J.R., J.24725 P/O DAVIS R.T., R.158497 P/S Dringwall H. J. 86052 P/O Bithersham R.A., R.116556 Sgt Hart K.A., J. 86051 P/O McArthur R.E., RAF/128834, Sgt Willoughby D.H. Bombload:- (Same as 'D').		2114	0427	"E" - BLIND SKY MARKER: Hazy with fair visibility. Bombed at 0105:12 hours from 14,000 feet on large fires and lots of smoke (used emergency sighting angle) Bombsight u/s. On arrival, saw Illuminator flares fall at 0053 hours, then mixed red/green T.L.s cascaded and these continued until they were lost in the smoke. Bombsight was u/s just before bombing. Bombed with emergency sighting angle. At 0105 hours, large red explosion enveloped by black smoke in East corner of target area. No ground detail visible. Bombing was well concentrated. Several red flares turning to 3 green balls seen at Mainz-Frankfurt and Mannheim. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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25/26 Aug. 1944	Y1 PA 965 Lancaster III	J.26095 F/L Whittall H.R., J.28913 F/O Pills J.O., J.28487 F/O McConnell W. R.184760 SGT Cox G.W., R.284492 F/S Boach P.O., R.214769 F/S Spearing G. RAF/178640 F/O Stewart G.D., J.16267 F/O Dunn W.G. Bombload:- (Same as 'H').	H.R., J.28913 F/O Pills J.O., J.28487 F/O McConnell W. R.184760 SGT Cox G.W., R.284492 F/S Boach P.O., R.214769 F/S Spearing G. RAF/178640 F/O Stewart G.D., J.16267 F/O Dunn W.G.	2102	0555	Bombing Attack On "MISSEDEN" (Continued) "Y" * SUPPORTER :- Clear, no cloud and moderate visibility. Bombed at 0052:18 hours from 18,000 feet on D.R. run and checked from Darmstadt checked by H.F.A. - A.P.I. and G.P.I. u/s, so dropped bombs on D.R. run from Darmstadt. Some bombing before we bombed. After bombing, illumination flares fell where our bombs had dropped. Lots of smoke seen. Cluster of mixed red/green T.I.s cascaded right over the smoke. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "B" * SUPPORTER :- Heavy visibility. Bombed at 0052:26 hours from 18,200 feet by G.P.I. with good H.F.A. check. Nothing down on arrival. Bombed and approximately 50 seconds later, illuminator flares lit up target area and river bend and built up area identified. Own bombs had gone approximately 1 1/2 miles West of A.P. At 0053 hours, red/green T.I.s. These were well placed slightly East of A.P. From 100 miles, glow from fires could be seen. At 0056 hours, a dummy fire four miles West of Mainz and dummy red T.I.s seen cascading over fire. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "W" * SUPPORTER :- Clear visibility with slight haze. Bombed at 0052:44 hours from 18,000 feet on G.P.I. with check on H.F.A. fix from Darmstadt. Nothing down on arrival. Dropped own load on G.P.I. and after bombing, illumination flares went down at 0053 hours. Identified bend of river clearly and built up area, and saw many bomb bursts in centre. Approximately 3 minutes after bombing, red/green T.I.s went down after we turned out. These appeared to be well placed. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-133
	'B' JB 484	J.21254 F/O Kettlewell T.W., J.25054 F/O Martin W.F., R.199124 F/S Shopland R.W., J.27791 F/O Main T.J., R.195905 F/S Hayes W.F., RAF/1796419 F/S Conn G., RAF/1875611 SGT Branch W.O.E., J.19402 F/O Wilson G.E. Bombload:- (Same as 'H').	J.25054 F/O Martin W.F., R.199124 F/S Shopland R.W., J.27791 F/O Main T.J., R.195905 F/S Hayes W.F., RAF/1796419 F/S Conn G., RAF/1875611 SGT Branch W.O.E., J.19402 F/O Wilson G.E.	2103	0404		
	'W' ND 980	J.28186 F/O Hannah H.A., J.28702 F/O Cope J.L., J.28504 F/O Gray C.H., R.184353 F/S Burns J.G., R.202642 F/S Kipps A.L., R.202891 F/S Ferini E.E. RAF/1867791 SGT Galin K.L. Bombload:- (Same as 'H').	J.28702 F/O Cope J.L., J.28504 F/O Gray C.H., R.184353 F/S Burns J.G., R.202642 F/S Kipps A.L., R.202891 F/S Ferini E.E., RAF/1867791 SGT Galin K.L.	2104	0415		
26/27 Aug. 1944	Y1 PA 970 Lancaster III	J.4898 W/O Morrison H.A., J.21215 F/L Gieale L.W., J.26541 E/M. Sarkis E.L., R.154763 W/O D'Arcy G.J., R.191174 SGT Benabo R., R.132764 W/O Eshak W., RAF/1604454 F/S Mitchem R., J.19400 F/L Baxton R.B. Bombload:- 3 LB & 3 Ord. TI Green, 8 7" Hooded Flares.	H.A., J.21215 F/L Gieale L.W., J.26541 E/M. Sarkis E.L., R.154763 W/O D'Arcy G.J., R.191174 SGT Benabo R., R.132764 W/O Eshak W., RAF/1604454 F/S Mitchem R., J.19400 F/L Baxton R.B.	2001	0417	Bombing Attack On "KIEL" 13 Aircraft Detailed. "Y" * PRIMARY VISUAL MARKER :- Abortive; returned from Kiel, at 2305 hours, flying at 16,000 feet. Aiming Point not identified. Scattered flares were burning on arrival. On first run, identified two small lakes and other ground detail adjacent to A.P. when right overhead. Orbitted. On second run, found Southern part of town and A.P. covered with smoke-screen blowing from the East bank of Kiel Hafen. Soon after leaving, saw two or three green T.I.s and then two red T.I.s., all believed well North of A.P. Bombing was generally scattered, but mostly on Southern part of town and on both sides of the Kiel Hafen. No mixed red/green T.I.s seen 6 T.I. Red, 6 T.I. Green and 8 x 7" hooded flares brought back owing to A.P. not identified. Landed base.	A-134

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26/27 Aug 1944	Lancaster III "K" PA 981	J.18760 P/L Long R.W., RAF/17668 P/O Brook R., RAF/17700 P/O Edwards G.J. RAF/1575439 P/S Leavelley W.B., R.127923 P/S Baile J., RAF/1813553 P/S Cowday A.W., RAF/1819054 SGT York R.L. Bombload:- 2 LB & 2 Ord TI Green, 4 Flares red/yellow stars, 1 x 4,000 HC Kinol, 3 x 500 AMM 4-ED-025, 2 x 500 MC TD-025.		2011	0135	Bombing Attack On "KIEL" (Continued) "K" BLIND MARKER:- Clear but effective smoke screen covering target area. Bombed at 2307:30 hours from 18,000 feet by H.2.S. H.2.S. goods - River picked up and abutted up area. Did not see any markers, illumination flares seen. At 2312:24 hours, red T.L.s cascaded. From 20 miles away, out over sea, saw smoke screen and many incendiary fires. Bombing appeared to be undershooting estimated position of A.P. These may have been dummy fires as they formed an extraordinary straight line West to East. 2 x 500 AMM 4-ED-025-jettisoned 5155 N. 0542 E at 0000 hours from 6,000 feet owing to "hang up" over target. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-136
	"O" NE 180	RAF/174075 P/O O'Connor E., RAF/171692 P/L Mairn J.W.G., RAF/1390722 P/S S. Manierka, RAF/1384434 P/S Bristow J. J.87964 P/O Ewing R.L., R.173351 P/S Egan J.G., RAF/156604 P/S Henderson T.R.D. (Same as "K" - Bombload)		2015	0121	"O" BLIND MARKER:- No cloud with haze or smoke screen with visibility good otherwise. Bombed at 2306:48 hours from 18,000 feet by H.2.S. with a very good image. G.P.L. gun did not check well following poor datum fix. Illumination was good. Southern part of Kiel Hafen obscured by haze or smoke screen. As we bombed, one green T.L. cascaded close to A.P. which was identified. On greens not seen. Deoxy T.I. (Light Red) seen well to North-East of target. Looking back, green T.L.s were scattered and smoke screen seen operating from East bank of Hafen and blowing South-West. Four flares red/yellow brought back, not required. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"O" EB 253	J.13468 P/O Ellison F., J.24697 P/O Charley W.A., J.26648 P/O McKinnon D. RAF/1385052 P/S Henderson R.G., R.22287 P/S Stone B.S., R.220578 P/S Stevens F.A., RAF/1882274 SGT Korbil A. Bombload:- 40 7" Hooded flares, 4 x 1,000 AMM 4-ED-025.		2002	0132	"O" BLIND ILLUMINATOR:- No cloud with excellent visibility. Visually identified A.P. and Kiel Hafen identified. Bombed at 2304 hours from 18,000 feet on first cluster of flares seen dropped over built up area. Arrived on time with H.2.S. u/s. Nothing down but bomb flashes seen in built up area close to estimated A.P. Waited time until first cluster of flares appeared then turned on to proper heading and dropped flares on them. Saw smoke screen blowing from East bank of Hafen. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"K" PA 977	J.6389 P/L D.J. Moquosa, D.P.G., RAF/141555 P/L Gillespie G.W., RAF/160161 P/O Howard W., J.17767 P/O Beckie J., J.19058 P/O Geaves G.E., L.14183 P/O Gray E.G., RAF/1043585 P/S Beadash G.C. Bombload:- (Same as "K").		2010	0134	"K" BLIND MARKER:- "Think best" Bombed at 2309 hours from 18,000 feet on centre of green T.L.s. H.2.S. u/s., no action as Main Force and ran in and identified river visually. At 2305 hours, red T.L.s cascaded and fell approximately 4 to 5 miles North-West and scattered down towards A.P. and many incendiaries were burning amongst these reds. At 2308 hours, 2 green T.L.s cascaded and considered they were within 1,000 yards of A.P. slightly North. Bombed centre of greens. At 2310 hours, green T.L.s cascaded. On leaving, bombing on red T.L.s and green T.L.s stretched in a line North and South of estimated position of A.P. 2 LB and 2 Ord. TI green and 4 flares red/yellow brought back owing to H.2.S. u/s. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	C.W.P.

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26/27 Aug. 1944.	Lancaster III *A* EB 402	J.86050 P/O Goffey J.R., J.24725 P/O Bayne R.W., R.15047 P/S Dingwall M. J.86032 P/O Babington R.A., R.116596 Sgt Hart L.L., J.86051 P/O McArthur R.R., RAF/128834 SGT Willoughby-B.H. Bombload:- 4 Flares red/yellow Stars 1 x 4,000 HC Minol, 1135 x 1 lb. Incendiaries		2018	0145	Bombing Attack On "KIKI" (Continued) *M* BLIND SKY MARKER - No cloud with ground haze and smoke screen. Bombed at 2313:18 hours from 17,500 feet on centre of 3 or 4 scattered red T.I.s. Released over couple of lakes and approaching target, saw 3 or 4 red T.I.s scattered 1,000 yards apart forming a triangle; appeared to be South-West of river but smoke screen prevented visual confirmation of position. Centred on reds and saw 2 greens South of reds approximately 1,000 yards. Incendiaries and 4,000 lb. bomb bursting over large area in a large circle covering red T.I.s and green T.I.s. At 2306 hours, red T.I.s cascaded. At 2307 hours, green T.I.s cascaded. Photograph attempted. Landed base. *D* BLIND ILLUMINATOR - No cloud with ground haze or smoke. Bombed at 2304:14 hours from 17,500 feet on H.2.S. and G.P.I. A few scattered flares on arrival. No ground detail seen owing to haze or smoke. A few bomb flashes seen in the haze. Green T.I.s and red T.I.s (not mixed) seen in estimated target area after leaving, and believed decoy T.I.s (dull red) seen well to East of target. Photograph attempted. Landed base. *B* SUPPORTER - No cloud with good visibility. Bombed at 2300:18 hours from 18,200 feet by H.2.S. and G.P.I. We arrived and bombed before flares started. Own bombs went in built up area. At 2306 hours, green T.I.s cascaded. Others followed for 2 or 3 minutes, then reds seen, all in good concentration. Decoy fires seen South of Bokan-forder. At 2308 hours, big explosion from target area. Photograph attempted. Landed base. *F* BLIND ILLUMINATOR - Clear with smoke screen over target. Bombed at 2302:42 hours from 18,000 feet by H.2.S. H.2.S. good and no markers down on arrival. Own illuminator flares showed up river and streaks of smoke from screen covering river, think own bombs were near A.P. At 2305:30 hours, red T.I.s down and very scattered. At 2306:42 hours, green T.I.s down which dropped South of reds. No much bombing apparent. Photograph attempted. Landed base. *X* SUPPORTER - Good clear visibility but smoke screen over target. Bombed at 2308:30 hours from 18,000 feet by H.2.S. Arrived on time. D.R. compass w/s and according to H.2.S. we were slightly off so did orbit and identified river and saw red T.I.s down, lying North of estimated A.P. Greens cascaded South of reds. As we bombed, red T.I. followed and a green T.I. cascaded. Smoke screen was blowing from East side of river and covering West bank. Few sticks of bombs seen to burst in river. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-34
	D MD 616	J.28523 P/O Tite J., J.36325 P/O H.D. Riggs, J.35523 P/O Day H.D., R.18346 SGT Haase G.T., R.148282 SGT Rynski J. E.54717 SGT Mathieu J.C., R.118817 SGT Davitt J.F. Bombload:- (Same as *O*).		2004	0146		
	B JB 408	J.24254 P/O Kettlewell T.W., J.25054 P/O Martin W.P., R.159124 P/S Shogland E.W., J.27791 P/O Miller T.J., R.159905 P/S Magee W.P., RAF/179649 P/S Conn G., RAF/1875611 SGT Branch W.C.E., J.19402 P/O Wilson G.E. Bombload:- 6 x 2,000 HC N.Inst.		2005	0141		
	P EB 262	J.19654 P/O Webb C.W., J.23470 P/O V. Brentner, R.186255 W/O Edung C.A., R.169371 P/S Bova G., R.251500 P/S McFarland H.J., R.200615 SGT Scarffe C.E., RAF/1876410 SGT Whitehouse J.B. Bombload:- (Same as *O*).		2005	0140		
	X PA 965	J.26095 P/S Whittall H.R., J.28913 P/O Pulze J.G., J.28487 P/O McConnell W.A. R.194760 SGT Cox G.L., R.221432 P/S Bach F.G., R.214769 P/S Spearing G. RAF/178640 P/O Stewart G.D., J.12267 P/O Dunn W.G. Bombload:- (Same as *B*).		2006	0143		

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26/27 Aug. 1944.	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On "KIEL" (Continued)	
	"W" ND 980	J.26186 P/O Hannah H.A., J.28702 P/O Cape J.L., J.28504 P/O Gray G.H., R.184353 P/S Burns J.C., R.202642 P/S Kirk R.L., R.206891 P/S Purini E.R. RAF/186791 SGT O'Hlin R.H. Bombload: (Same as "W").		2007	0125	"W" SUPERFORMER- No cloud and ground base or smoke from smoke screen. Bombed at 2301-19 hours from 18,000 feet by H.2.S. run with G.P.I. check on Malmstrom. No markers down; so ran in and bombed on first pass with a good image. At 2302 hours, illuminator flares went down and lit up smoke screen which appeared to start along East edge of river and was blowing over target, practically on ground level. On leaving, green T.I.s cascaded and fell in scattered pattern but not much bombing. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-134
	"A" EB 129	J.19726 P/O McDonald J.W., J.14669 P/O House K.G., J.27588 P/O Whetter R.J.C., R.162357 W/O Lea C.N., R.188284 P/S McLehman A.R.H., J.22104 P/O Crowe G.H., RAF/2201790 SGT Burgess J. Bombload: (Same as "W").		2009	0138	"A" SUPERFORMER- Clear visibility. Bombed at 2300:48 hours from 18,000 feet by H.2.S. with G.P.I. check on Malmstrom. Lakes and rivers picked up well on H.2.S. No markers down on arrival. Bombed on H.2.S. and at 2305:30 hours, red T.I.s down fell North of estimated A.P. followed by green at 2307 hours which appeared to mark A.P. In light of illuminator flares, picked up ground detail on landing target and consider marking was very scattered and North of A.P. Aircraft suffered damage to A Visual panel and also few holes in wings from heavy predicted flak at 2300:30 hours flying at 18,000 feet over target. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
27 August, 1944.	"H" EB 228	J.27719 P/O Kyte M.S., J.29850 P/O Bonkay F., J.23669 P/O Fallon F.C. J.87445 P/O Welch J.A., J.87810 P/O Baker B.F., J.87820 P/O Campbell W. RAF/1891456 SGT King W.A. Bombload: (Same as "H").		2008	0119	"H" SUPERFORMER- 3/10 cloud, tops 3,000 feet with good visibility. Bombed at 2302:03 hours from 17,700 feet on H.2.S. and checked by G.P.I. and E.T.A. Arrived 5 minutes early and made 180° turn before crossing enemy coast and saw 3 single-engined fighter making for Hamburg. At target, 3 or 4 aircraft bombed ahead. Bombed on H.2.S. and on leaving saw Southern tip of Kiel Hafen with red T.I.s on ground and also red T.I.s and green T.I.s cascading all on or close to aiming point. Bombing was in target area. Some red T.I.s (ours) were cascading at 24:35 N. 1000 E. at 2307 hours from 17,000 feet and a deep sea at 5428 N-1008 E. at 2305:30 hours, 17,000 feet, oblong fires spreading and smoking, poor effort. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"Y" ND 855	J.66291 P/O Odagan P.C., R.15818 W/O Williams R.G., J.26351 P/O G.A. Molness, R.166719 P/S Wolf T.G.K., R.209001 P/S Donaldson J.D., RAF/4896232 P/S Kitta D., G.87319 P/O Simpson J.W., J.17574 P/L Everson E. 6 Ord. 71 Yellow A.860 1 x 4,000 HC Wincol.		1224	1525	Bombing Attack On "HAMBURG" (Detailed) 3 A/O Detailed. "Y" BLOCK IER- 5/10 cumulus cloud, tops 8 to 9,000 feet. Identified A.P. Visually and bombed at 1400:27 hours from 18,500 feet on A.P. On approach, to target, heard exchanges between M.B. and D.M.B. which indicated they had failed to mark target owing to clouds. We found a clear patch and identified the A.P. but no T.I.s. were down so we retained our T.I.s. Our bombs burst about 100 yards South-West of A.P. and another burst was seen 2 to 300 yards to South-West. 15 seconds later, red T.I.s cascaded 100 to 200 yards North of A.P. No other T.I.s seen. About 30 aircraft were on target ahead of us and were told by H.2.S. to bomb on D.M. or visually if no T.I.s seen. Some bombing seen off the target to the South, T.I.s brought back owing to no others down. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-135

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27 August, 1944.	Lancaster III "G" ND 524	J.27859 P/O Friedman L.A., J.28216 P/O Robertson J.D., R.166876 SGT D.S. Smith, R.186182 SGT Denton L.B., R.148561 P/S McDermott T.B., R.201301 P/S Irembury R.B.; RAF/1880256 SGT Preese P.S.V. Bombload:- 1 x 4,000 HD Mincol 8 x 500 ND ED .025.		1217	1224	Bombing Attack On "HONGKONG" (Continued). "G" SUPPORTER:- 7/10 broken cloud, tops 7 to 8,000 feet. Bombed at 1357:50 hours from 18,000 feet by D.R. run. Ar- rived on time, directly behind Deputy. Heard M.B. ask Deputy to drop his T.I.s as M.B. could not identify the target which was obscured by 5/10 broken clouds. Dropped own bombs on D.B. and landing away from target, saw river and built up area through "break". Consider own bombs fell S.E. of estimated position of A.P. At 1358:10 hours, saw white smoke from bursting T.I.s. Cloud obscured the colour, but they were dropping on built up area. On leaving, saw main force coming in. Photo attempted. Landed base. "U" SUPPORTER:- 5/10 stratus cumulus cloud at 5 to 6,000 feet. Identified and bombed A.P. visually at 1357:12 hours from 16,000 feet. Arrived over Downham Market on time and waited but no other aircraft appeared. Picked up M.B. and D.M.B. when approaching English Coast. M.B. and D.M.B. were apparently unable to mark A.P. owing to clouds. M.B. told early arrivals to bomb on D.B. or visually if no T.I.s seen. Identified A.P. through a break and bombed visually. On bursts not seen owing to evasive action, nor any others, though three aircraft were on target before us. No T.I.s seen but M.B. was later heard to say "Bomb concentra- tion of markers". Landed base.	A-135
	"U" BA 989	J.25956 P/O McKnighton D.A., J.27491 P/O Small L.V.O., J.28392 P/O Gilbert G.L.; RAF/178904 P/O Sharp S.C., R.25470, P/S Harper K.A.T., R.201927 P/S Hunt P.F., RAF/621781 SGT R.L. Foraydo. Bombload:- (Same as "G").		1216	1221		
28 August, 1944.	"W" ND 980	J.9192 S/L Perry J.W., J.37731 P/O J. Roberts, J.29571 E/L Hiscott R.W., RAF/138656 P/S Stanley H.S., R.211205 P/S Bergeron J.C.Y., R.194654 P/S S.E. Niskanen, RAF/169824 P/S Beach T.J. RAF/168727 P/B Pettitt A.G. Bombload:- 4 Qd. T.I. Green 'A', 4 L.B. T.I. Green 'A', 4 x 1,000 ANM 44 ED .025, 2 x 1,000 ANM 65 ED .025.		1915	2231	Bombing Attack On "LES DE CHERBOURG" 2 A/C Detailed. "W" MASTER BOMBER:- Clear with cloud at 15,000 feet but good visibility. Identified island visually when 15 miles away and by red T.I. cascading. 4 x 1,000 ANM 44 and 2 x 1,000 ANM 65 released at 2103:45 hours from 15,000 feet and 4 Qd. and 4 LB T.I. Green released at 2107:18 hours from 15,000 feet, all on A.P. and built up area. Marginal A.P. when 15 miles away from it then saw 6 red T.I.s casca- ding at 2059:15 hours. These fell slightly East of A.P. with small undershoots. At 2100:55 hours, 4 more reds casca- ded. At 2101:42 hours, 3 more reds. At 2101:58 hours, 3 reds cascaded, all were around the A.P. but one fell on a rock 300 yards N.W. At 2103:24 hours, 6 yellow T.I.s casca- ded to W. of A.P. - One T.I. green fell between red and green T.I.s. Saw one small explosion 100 yards E. of A.P. Bombing strayed to Western end of island mostly on island but some in sea. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-136

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26 August, 1944	Lancaster III *J* EB 113	J.15224 P/O Gosman G.H., J.15765 P/O Gustien A.E., J.1630 P/O J.M. Meagher, D.F.M., J.15839 P/O Barclay W.H., J.19680 P/O Dorie J.E., D.F.M., RAF/629259 W/O Williams G.V., G.19690 P/O Maddox W.J., RAF/142885 P/O W.T. Trobony, D.F.M. Bombload:- 4 Ord. T.I. Yellow 'A', 4 LB T.I. Yellow 'A', 2 x 1,000 ANM 65 TD .025, 4 x 1,000 ANM 14 TD .025.		1916	2229	Bombing Attack On " ISLE DE CEZEMBE " (Continued) * J * DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER:- Clear below cloud base of 15,000 feet with good visibility. Identified visually when 30 miles away and by red T.I.s cascading. 4 Ord. and 4 LB T.I. Yellow and 1 x 1,000 ANM 65 released at 2103 hours from 11,500 feet and 1 x 1,000 ANM 65 and 4 x 1,000 ANM 14 released at 2107:36 hours from 11,000 feet on A.P. Visually identified island when 30 miles away. Once M.B. gave time check at 2050 hours and at 2056 hours, he gave No cloud and told Deputy to back up. Saw red T.I.s cascade at 2100 and 2101:30 hours on Western half of island, the nearest to A.P. was 150 yards West. Some fell in sea W. and N. of island. Our yellow T.I.s fell on roads 200 yards W. of A.P. and at 2104 hours, M.B. said "Bomb 200 yards West of Port of yellows". At 2106 hours, "Bomb between yellows and reds". At 2108 hours, T.I. green cascaded on A.P. and M.B. said "Bomb T.I. Green.". Bombing was on Western half of island and in sea. The island was shelled from the mainland at 2120 hours. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-156
28 August, 1944	"H" BA 982	J.24254 P/O Kettlewell T.W., J.25054 P/O Martin W.P., R.19124 P/S Shopland R.W., J.27791 P/O Nash T.V., R.19390 P/S Magee W.P., RAF/1796419 P/S Conn G., RAF/2875611 SGT Marsh W.C.E., J.19402 P/O Wilson G.E. Bombload:- 4 Ord. T.I. Yellow 'A', 4 LB T.I. Yellow 'A', 8 x 500 ANM 64 TD .025.		1841	2048	Bombing Attack On " L'ETRE CONSTRUCTION WORKS " (DAYLIGHT) - 2 Aircraft Detained. * H * DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER:- Clear and no cloud. Identified A.P. visually and by red T.I.s. Bombed on A.P. at 1953:48 hours from 14,000 feet. Flew with 1000 ft to French Coast, and map read from there to target which was clearly identified. At 1950 hours, first red T.I.s went down and these completely covered A.P. which was identified before reds went down. At 1951 hours, M.B. told Main Force to "Bomb centre of reds", and continued with this instruction throughout attack. Orbits and saw second lot of reds going down. These centred on first reds. Dropped own load and yellow T.I.s overlapped reds with slight overshoot S.E. A few sticks of bombs were seen to straddle A.P. One or two went 2 or 3 miles S. of target. At 1957:50 hours, M.B. called up and said he was setting course home. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-137
	E EB 183	J.15583 P/L Johnston A.J., J.15636 P/L Fishes G.C., RAF/152739 P/O Watts G.L., RAF/171477 P/L B.J. Darley, D.F.M., J.17682 P/O Grimes R.H., J.17466 P/O L.C. Stevens, RAF/220644 SGT Belland G.S., J.18009 P/O Pasfrok W.G. Bombload:- (Same as "H").		1840	2050	* E * MASTER BOMBER:- No cloud. Identified A.P. visually. Bombed at 1956 hours from 13,100 feet on A.P. Approached target with Deputy ahead. First red T.I. cascaded at 1950:18 hours and fell slightly N.E. of A.P. and overlapping the target area as outlined on the photo (Neg. 38803). As we passed over, the 2nd red T.I. fell the same distance, i.e. 100 to 150 yards S.W. of A.P. Meanwhile the Deputy had made a dummy run owing to inaccurate fix. We orbited to starboard and a third red fell right on the A.P. The Deputy made a second run and dropped his yellows 100 to 200 yards S.E. of A.P. Bombing was good. Two sticks seen / over	C.W.P.

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28 August, 1944.	Lancaster III "E" EB 183	(Continued)				<p>Bombing Attack On "L'HEV - Constructional Works" (Cont'd) A-137</p> <p>"E" MASTER BOMBER:- (Continued) - slightly over and one to port. All the rest were right on. We were the last to bomb and retained our green T.I.s. M.B. gave the following orders to Main Force:- At 1951, 1951:30, 1952, 1952:30 and 1953 hours, "Bomb red T.I.s". At 1953:20 hours, "Red T.I.s bang on". At 1954, 1954:30 and 1957 hours, "Bomb middle of red T.I.s." 8 T.I. Green brought back, not required. H.2. S. W.4 from take-off. Photograph attempted. Landed base.</p>	
28 August, 1944.	"Y" ND 855	J.26251 P/O Cadogan F.C., R.15848 W/O Williams R.C., J.26351 P/O G.A. Melness, R.166719 P/S Woolf T.C.K., R.203001 P/S Donaldson J.D., R.283627 P/S Kittle D., G.67319 P/O Simpson J.W., J.17578 P/L Everson E. Bombload:- 4 Ord. T.I. Green 'A', 4 L.B. T.I. Green 'A', 8 x 500 ANM 64 TD .025.		1930	2141	<p>Bombing Attack On "FROMENTEL - Constructional Works" A-138</p> <p>"Y" AIRCRAFT DETAIL:-</p> <p>"Y" MASTER BOMBER:- No cloud and excellent visibility. Identified and bombed A.P. visually at 20:3:05 hours from 10,000 feet. At 20:37 hours, called Deputy "Are you receiving me?". He replied "Loud and clear". Went into target ahead of Deputy. At 20:40 and 20:41:16 hours, red T.I.s cascaded. On close approach identified camouflaged buildings of A.P. and saw red T.I.s were 200 yards overshoot. At 20:2:30 to Deputy. "Undershoot red T.I.s by 200 yards". Bombed as we passed over. Our bombs overshoot by 100 yards and slightly to starboard. Deputy's yellows overshoot reds by 200 to 300 yards. At 20:45 and 20:46 hours, to Main Force "Undershoot red T.I.s by 200 yards". Main Force were close behind us over the target and by the time we had completed our orbit, bombing had finished. Bombing was mostly overshooting and to starboard. Several sticks were up on the yellows, but the last 2 or 3 aircraft were on the A.P. At 20:47:30 hours, to Deputy "Let's go home". 8 T.I. Green brought back owing to no opportunity to remark target. Gee and Mendon w/s. Photograph attempted. Landed base.</p> <p>"H" DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER:- Clear with fair visibility. Identified and bombed A.P. visually at 20:3:30 hours from 10,000 feet. Map read to target. Identified A.P. and red T.I.s were down with approximately 200 yards overshoot. At 20:42 hours, M.B. said "Undershoot reds slightly and repeated this frequently until 20:4:06 hours. At 20:4:30 hours, dropped own load and saw our yellow T.I.s overshoot A.P. by approximately 4 to 500 yards, with edge overlapping reds. At 20:4:48 hours, called up M.B. and said "Our T.I.s have overshoot. Undershoot by at least 400 yards". Saw own bombs burst among reds. At 20:4:54 hours, M.B. again instructed Main Force to undershoot reds but Main Force bombs continued to burst on reds, toward end of attack few hits seen on A.P. At 20:47 hours, M.B. called up and said he was going home. Photograph attempted. Landed base.</p>	
	"H" EB 229	J.26095 P/L Whittall H.R., J.28913 P/O Puts J.G., J.28487 P/O McConnell W.A.S., R.194760 SPT Cox G.A., R.224492 P/S Hoach F.C., R.211769 P/S Spearing G.A., R.217864 P/O G.D. Stewart, J.16267 P/O Dunn W.G. Bombload:- 4 Ord. T.I. Yellow 'A', 4 L.B. T.I. Yellow 'A', 8 x 500 ANM 64 TD .025.		1931	2148		

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29/30 Aug 1944	Lancaster III 'C' NE 180	RAF/171875 F/O O'Connor E., RAF/171692 F/L Nairn J.W.C., RAF/1390722 F/S S. Manieray, RAF/338434 F/S Bristow J., J.87964 F/O Bwing F.H., R.173551 F/S Egan J.C., RAF/156604 F/S Henderson J.R.D.		2118	0557	Bombing Attack On "SUEVIN" 16 Aircraft Detailed. * C * BLIND MARKER - 8/10 cloud above, base 18,200 feet. Good visibility. Bombed at 0200:06 hours from 18,000 feet by G.P.I. with check on Politz and H.2.S. check. Attack opened late. Saw illumination flares on arrival and one mixed red/green T.L. This was to starboard when we bombed. Master Bomber said the T.L. was on Aiming Point after we had bombed. Saw river immediately E. of A.P. Bombs were to left of A.P. and on one of the islands. Demy T.L. red seen three miles South of Aiming Point. Master Bomber instructed to ignore this. 2 LB and 2 Ord. TI green dropped on M.B.'s instructions. 4 flares red/yellow stars brought back, not required. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-199
	'J' EB 117	J.15224 F/L Gosman G.H., J.15765 F/O Glustien A.E., J.16304 F/O J.M. Meagher, D.F.M., J.15839 F/L W.H. Barclay, J.15680 F/O J.E. Dorie, DFM, RAF/619259 W/O Williams G.J., G.19690 F/O Maddox W.J., RAF/112885 F/O W.T. Trotman E.F.M.		2122	0645	* J * VISUAL CENTER - 4/10ths low cumulus cloud, tops 5 to 6,000 feet. Bombed by H.2.S. at 0157:42 hours from 13,500 feet. Aiming Point identified visually also. At 0150 hours, heard Master Bomber give "Baseant 12,000 feet". Went down to 13,000 feet, no illuminator flares or markers down and could not see any ground detail owing to glare of searchlights, so started a blind run, almost at release point when illuminator flares dropped at 0158 hours. In light of these, identified Aiming Point quite clearly but as A.P. was immediately to starboard, retained own T.L.s and dropped bombs, which fell approximately 1 1/2 miles S.S.W. of A.P. on the edge of a wood. At 0159 hours, more red/green T.L.s cascaded. 3 Ord. and 3 LB-TI Red brought back owing to no red/green markers down. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'A' EB 129	J.15818 W/O G.W. Palmer, D.F.C., J.37731 F/O Roberts J.F., J.85391 F/O Wilcock A.J., RAF/15131 F/O Mashley C.E., J.85483 F/O Frey F.J.A., J.16959 F/O I.H. Laidinger, D.F.C., G.17844 F/L H.J. Anderson, D.F.M.		2118	0717	* A * BLIND MARKER - Thin cloud just below 17,000 feet with good visibility above. Bombed at 0201:36 hours from 17,400 feet by H.2.S. Illuminators were late on target but target was well lit up after 0157 hours. The Primary Visual Markers' red/green T.L.s were seen in good concentration on and around the Aiming Point and were well backed up by the Visual Center with reds. Several explosions were seen close to A.P. followed by columns of dense smoke. 4 red/yellow stars brought back, not required. Landed at Downham Market. Photograph attempted.	
	'E' EB 183	J.15585 F/L Johnston A.J., J.15636 F/L Fisher G.O., RAF/1527439 W/O G.L. Watts, RAF/171477 F/A D.J. Langley, D.F.M., J.117685 F/O James R.A., J.17466 F/O L.G. Stevens, D.F.M., RAF/2206111 SGT Holland G.E., RAF/168727 F/L Pettitt A.G.		2116	0645	* E * PRIMARY VISUAL MARKER - 7/10 stratus cloud, tops 15,000 feet with good visibility. Visually identified A.P. Bombed at 0201:30 hours from 15,000 feet on A.P. First illuminating flares seen at 0158 hours and were well placed. One red/green T.L.s overshoot A.P. by about 100 yards, and T.L.s appeared to be well concentrated, and Main Force bombing well concentrated on T.L.s. Landed at Downham Market at 0645 hours. Photograph attempted.	CWP
		Bombload:- 2 LB & 2 Ord TI Green, 4 Flares Red/Yellow Stars, 1 x 4,000 HC. Minol, 1 x 500 AIM 64 TD .025.					
		Bombload:- 3 LB & 3 Ord TI Red, 1 x 4,000 HC. Minol, 3 x 500 HC TD .025.					
		Bombload:- (Same as 'C').					

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28/30 Aug. 1944	Lancaster III "G" ND 524	J.13468 W/O Ellison F.S., J.26648 F/O Crawley W.A., J.26648 F/O McKinnon D. RAF/136502 F/S Henderson R.G., R.21287 F/S Snow R.S.; R.210578 F/S Stevens F.A.; RAF/1885274 SGT McPhail A.	J.26697 F/O	2127	0259	Bombing Attack On "SPENTIN" (Continued) "G" BLIND SKY MARKER:- Abortive sortie. Returned from 5645 N. 0807 E. at 0005 hours from 9,000 feet. Starboard inner engine u/s and also inter-com u/s. - 1 x 4,000 lb. Minol jettisoned safe 5650 N. 0754 E. at 0010:05 hours from 8,000 feet, for safety. Flares and incendiaries brought back. Landed base.	A-139
	"I" EA 977	Bombload:- 4 Flares red/yellow stars, 1 x 4,000 lb. Minol, 60 x 4 lb. Incend. 30 "X" Incendiaries. J.6389 F/L D.L. McQuid, D.E.C., RAF/121555 F/L Gallopie G.W., RAF/160861 F/O Howard W., J.17767 F/O Beeke J., J.19058 F/O Geaves G.E., J.12185 W/O Gray T.G., RAF/1043385 F/S Beadman G.C., J.12949 F/L G.A. Paterson. Bombload:- (Same as "I").		2124	0556	"I" VISUAL COVER:- Clear visibility. Identified A.P. visually and bombed at 0201:42 hours from 16,100 feet on centre of red/green T.L.s. Approaching Stuttgart, saw a dummy fire N.W. of target, very obvious, and appeared to be incendiaries. 0155 hours, red T.L.s seen cascading. 0158 hours, red/green T.L.s went down, and fell on A.P. which was identified visually. More red/green T.L. centred on first load. Markers and bombing were concentrated on the target area within 1,000 yards radius. Saw own red T.L.s burst amongst red/green T.L.s. On leaving, bombing tended to spread slightly E. Saw a 4,000 lb. bomb burst very near to estimated A.P. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "X" BLIND SKY MARKER:- 4/10 cloud below with good visi- bility. Identified aiming point by H.2.S. also one green/ red and one green and one red T.L. Bombed at 0205:18 hours from 16,500 feet by H.2.S. and saw one green/red, one green and one red T.L.s. On arrival, saw illuminator flares falling and two red/green T.L.s cascaded at 0210:16 hours. On run up, three T.L.s were on ground in order left to right, green/red, green and red, at right angles to track, but to starboard side of flares. Bombing was concentrated and there were lots of flares. Bombing was concentrated and there were lots of flares. G.P.I. was u/s. Four flares red/yellow stars brought back, not required. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"X" EA 965	J.18445 F/L Smith H., J.22413 F/L D. Evans; RAF/1152621 F/S Woods G.L., RAF/116259 F/S O'Rourke S.A. R.188284 F/S McLennan A.H., R.65753 W/O G.S. Reid, CAV/6156 A. SGP Bishop A.W. Bombload:- 4 Flares red/yellow stars, 1 x 4,000 lb. Minol, 60 x 4 lb. Incendiaries, 25 "X" Incendiaries.		2126	0632	"X" VISUAL COVER:- 6/10 clouds base 16,500 feet with good visibility. Visually identified aiming point confirmed by mixed red/green T.L.s. Bombed at 0207:39 hours from 17,300 feet on mixed red/green T.L.s. First flares at 0256 hours. Illumination was inadequate, but A.P. identi- fied by burning incendiaries and mixed red/green T.L. which lit up streets of "Spider Web" N.E. of A.P. First red/green T.L.s fell at 0258 hours and was on the A.P. and we dropped our bombs on it. Another red/green fell 500 to 1,000 yards N.W. of aiming point. Other bombs centred the red/green. Not much bombing seen but all around T.L.s. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"Y" ND 855	J.86251 W/O Oadgen F.G., R.15848 W/O Williams R.C., J.26351 F/O G.A. Mottam, R.168749 F/S Wood F.C.K., R.205001 F/S Donaldson J.D., RAF/1856232 F/S Kitch D., G.87519 F/O Simpson J.W., J.17578 F/L Everson E. Bombload:- (Same as "I").		2125	0607	"Y" VISUAL COVER:- 6/10 clouds base 16,500 feet with good visibility. Visually identified aiming point confirmed by mixed red/green T.L.s. Bombed at 0207:39 hours from 17,300 feet on mixed red/green T.L.s. First flares at 0256 hours. Illumination was inadequate, but A.P. identi- fied by burning incendiaries and mixed red/green T.L. which lit up streets of "Spider Web" N.E. of A.P. First red/green T.L.s fell at 0258 hours and was on the A.P. and we dropped our bombs on it. Another red/green fell 500 to 1,000 yards N.W. of aiming point. Other bombs centred the red/green. Not much bombing seen but all around T.L.s. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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29/30 Aug. 1944.	Lancaster III "H" EB 229	J.87249 P/O Smith H.H., J.57198 P/O H. Copping, R.17334 P/S Calder D.C., R.A.P./22109 P/S Callaway R., R.139322 P/S Graham G.M., R.209002 P/S Carruthers G.H., R.A.P./221172-93T Walsh S. Bombload:- (Same as "P").		2115	0553	Bombing Attack On "SWEETIN" (Continued) "H" SUPPORTER:- 2/10 stratus cloud, tops 17,000 feet with slight haze. Identified Aiming Point by G.P.I. with check from Politz checked by H.2.S. Bombed at 0151:50 hours from 19,300 feet on G.P.I. with check from Politz checked by H.2.S. No marking on arrival. Image on H.2.S. for Stetting was not clear. G.P.I. checked with H.2.S. Rear gunner was missed red/green T.L.s cascades and reason ground but no ground detail owing to haze. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "O" SUPPORTER:- 10/10 thin cloud from 16 to 17,000 feet. Bombed on D.R. at 0151:06 hours from 16,000 feet. After bombing, saw red/green T.L.s and rather scattered reds go down to North. Estimate we bombed 15 miles E.S.W. of target. H.2.S. u/s from Sweden. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-139
	"O" EB 413	J.25956 P/O McNaughton D.A., J.27491 P/O Small L.V., J.28892 P/O Gilbert G.L., R.A.P./17854 P/O Spary S.C., R.29979 P/S Harper K.A., R.208917 P/S Hint F.F., R.A.P./621781 SGT R.A. Forsythe Bombload:- (Same as "P").		2121	0551		
	"K" EB 981	J.19726 P/O McDonald J.W., J.14669 P/O House L.G., J.27588 P/O Whetter R.J.G., R.162357 P/O Lea G.N., R.21004 SGT Pyne D.R., R.22204 P/O Crowe G.H., R.A.P./220179 SGT Burgess J. Bombload:- (Same as "P").		2117	0630	"K" SUPPORTER:- Thin low stratus cloud. Bombed at 0152:18 hours from 18,000 feet on G.P.I. run from Politz checked by H.2.S. Lots of searchlights on arrival on both sides of town. No markers down. Bombed and illuminated. Flares dropped at 0157:36 hours on nose track as own bombing run. 0202 hours red/green T.L.s cascaded in centre of flares. Climbed into medium cloud at 18,500 feet. Could not see any ground detail. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"B" JB 481	J.85050 P/O Herbert R.G., J.20236 P/L Eden F.A., J.87548 P/O Chardo M.B., R.A.P./118176 P/S Owen L.F., R.191089 P/S Allard B.L., R.A.P./189004 P/S B.A. Cisp, R.A.P./1124760 P/S Oldland H.R. Bombload:- (Same as "O").		2120	0658	"B" BLIND MARKER:- Cloud base 15,000 feet, with thin layer below with few breaks. Bombed at 0204:06 hours from 14,500 feet on centre of red/green T.L.s. 0154 hours, heard Master Bomber give basement 12,000 feet. Run in and identified docks visually. Red/green T.L.s cascaded after illumination flares. High smoke and thin cloud covering area where red/green T.L.s fell. Our H.2.S. u/s so retained green T.L.s and bombed centre of red/greens. A fair amount of bombing was directed on the markers and fires had started. Fires seen when leaving target. 2 Ord. and 2 LB. TL. green and 4 flares red/yellow stars brought back owing to H.2.S. u/s. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
<p>TOTAL NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL SORTIES FOR MONTH AUGUST 211 TOTAL NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL FLYING HOURS " " 962:52 TOTAL NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT MISSING " " 2 TOTAL NUMBER OF NON-OPERATIONAL FLYING HOURS " 350:49</p>							
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1. As all operational sorties should appear in F.541, the total of the individual listings on that form should correspond to the total number of operational sorties for the month given in F.540. In the referenced months discrepancies between the two forms have been noted:-

<u>Month</u>	<u>F.540</u>	<u>F.541</u>
July	224	227
August	211	213
September	211	143

2. May it be advised, please, which form gives the correct total. Because of the large discrepancy in September, it is thought that perhaps the August total was repeated by mistake in F.540.

3. It would be appreciated if the total number of operational trips and hours for killed and missing aircrew were supplied in future. This is valuable information for the Historical Records Section.

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