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FOR THE MONTH OF **September**, 1944

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
Sept. 1st 1944	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On "LA FOURCHIERE DAMP" (DAYLIGHT) 3 Aircraft Detailed.	A-110
	'T' BA 970	W/O Morrison A.A., J. 21216 P/O Quello L.W., J. 26343 P/O Scurie R.B., E. 151763 W/O Farrey G., E. 19117. Sgt Strabo R., E. 132761 W/O Ribiak W. RAF/260454 P/O Hutchins R., J. 19400 P/O Baroni R.B.		0728	0937	* Y * MISSED POSITION: 1/10 cumulus clouds, base 2,000 to 6,000 feet. Visually identified Aiming Point, also by DML roads and village, and red T.L.s. 1 Obs and 1 L.B. T.L. green released at 0841:42 hours from 11,500 feet on visual A.P. and D.M.L.'s green T.L.s. on A.P. Remainder of bomb load released at 0847:42 hours from 11,600 feet, same posi- tion. On arriving, found cloud at target. Red T.L.s. could be seen at 0824:00 hours. Could not assess T.L.s. as 1014 Main Force to orbit. Picked up village and A.P. Dropped T.L.s. on second run. Ordered Main Force to orbit. Missed aiming point to port at 0838, 0839 and 0839:30 hours. At 0840 hours, "Bomb between red T.L.s." At 0841 hours, "Bomb centre of red". At 0841:30 hours, 0842 hours, "Bomb centre of red". At 0842 hours, to V.L.U. "Bomb centre of red". At 0843 hours, "Bomb 50 yards to starboard". At 0843:30 hours, "Bomb red". At 0845, 0845:12 and 0845:30 hours, "Bomb green and red". At 0847:42 hours, "Bomb green, Green and red bang on". At 0848:30 hours, "Bomb centre of green and red". Bombing and marking was very concentrated and on aiming point. Yellow T.L.s. were undershoot 2 to 300 yards Southwest. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'E' BA 185	P/O Johnson A.J., J. 15636 P/O Fisher G.C., RAF/1527439 W/O G.L. Watts, RAF/158880 P/O Ransford R.J., J. 17685 P/O Grimes R.L., J. 17426 P/O L.G. Stevens, D.F.M., RAF/220644 SGT Dolland G.E., J. 18009 P/O Peacock W.G. Replaced: (Same as 'T').		0722	0935	* Z * MISSED POSITION: 1/10 broken clouds, base 7,000 to 10,000 feet. Identified A.P. visually and also by red T.L.s. Bombed at 0845:06 hours from 14,500 feet on centre of red/green T.L.s. On run in, identified village. Cloud covered A.P. so called up Master Bomber, and said: "Orbiting to port", and on second run saw red T.L.s. lying slightly East of A.P. which was well camouflaged fields, and these were also covering the road to A.P. from the village. Camouflage quite ineffective owing to obvious curve in railway running into A.P. from West and proximity of village. Did a dummy run and heard M.B. call up Main Force and B/U and told them to "Bomb centre of red". On third run drop- ped own load and saw our green T.L.s. drift into red T.L.s. and M.B. then directed bombing at the centre of concentration of red/green T.L.s. The yellow T.L.s. dropped by the B/U lay approximately 2 or 300 yards Southwest of A.P. Bombing was scattered at first but towards end of raid concentrated on A.P. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
Sept. 5th, 1944.	Lancaster III "B" NR 183	J.15583 P/O Johnston A.J., J.15636 P/O Fisher G.G., RAF/157739 W/O G.L. Bridges, RAF/158806 P/O Mansford R.J. J.17625 P/O Collins B.L., J.17466 P/O I.G. Stevens, D.F.M., RAF/200644 Sgt Holland G.H., J.18009 P/O Peacock W. Bombload: (Same as "A").		1747	2005	Bombing Attack On "LE HAVRE (Wave 4)" (Continued) "B" BOMBER UP - 1/10 cloud below and 10/10 cloud at 15,000 feet with good visibility. Visually identified A.P. which was flattened. Clearly saw beach West and docks im- mediately West of A.P. Also one red T.L. cascading. T.L.'s observed at 1901-05 hours from 14,800 feet on A.P. Bombs released at 1905-30 hours from 13,900 feet on A.P. On approach, at 1859 hours, saw one red T.L. cascading. On arrival, one green T.L. was on the wide beach Northwest of A.P. Another on the water's edge due West of A.P., and a third in a fire in a built up area East of A.P. Beds had either burned out or were covered by smoke. Bombing was concentrated. Master Bomber's instructions were at approximately 1901 hours, "Bomb 50 yards port of fire". At 1902:30 hours "Bomb the reds". Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-141
	"A" NR 855	J.82251 P/O Odagan E.C., E.15848 W/O Williams R.G., J.26358 P/O Holmes S. E.168719 P/O Wolf T.S.K., E.203001 P/O Donaldson J.D., RAF/1836232 P/O Kitts D., C.57319 P/O Spenson J.W., J.27576 P/O Swenson B. Bombload: (Same as "B").		1748	2005	"Y" BOMBER UP - 1/10 cloud below at 13,700 feet and 10/10 cloud above at 15,000 feet with good visibility. Saw 3 or 4 clusters of red T.L.s cascading and A.P. was flattened. Saw distinctive beach West and docks East of A.P. Bombed at 1905-18 hours from 13,700 feet on A.P. When approaching target at 1858 hours, saw 3 or 4 clusters of T.L. red cascading. At 1902:30 hours, green T.L.s cas- caded. Bed fell all around A.P. in built up area. One green fell in the reds and another fell near the water's edge due East of A.P. Did not hear K.B. owing to interfer- ence including noise. Did not hear as we turned too short and could not get bombs away in time. Whole of built up area covered by bomb bursts. On leaving, saw fires burning and an explo- sion seen near A.P. 6 x 1,000 AM.65 M.625 brought back, turned too short to get bombs away. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
Sept. 6th 1944.	"C" NR 180	J.26095 P/O Whittall H.R., J.28913 P/O Rids J.C., J.28487 P/O W.A.S. McConnell, E.134760 Sgt Cox G.H., E.224492 P/O Beach P.C., E.214769 P/O Spearing G.L., RAF/178640 P/O Stewart G.D., J.16267 P/O Dunn W.G. Bombload: 18 x 1,000 AM.65 M.625, 4 x 1,000 AM. At M.625.		1618	2028	Bombing Attack On "BOMBE" "7 A/O Detailed (Daylight)" "C" BOMBER. Came below but heavy above at 15,000 feet. Identified A.P. visually and saw whole town and submarine works. Bombed at 1826-38 hours from 17,400 feet on subma- rine works. Picked out whole target area and aimed at submarine works. Believed bombs underfoot to docks on West side of river and near a target. Saw a large explosion approximately 1833 hours on West bank. Lots of smoke on old town. No other bombing seen. Landed back to base.	A-312

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Sept. 6th, 1944	Manchester III "B" JA 58	J. 86652 P/O McIntyre H.B., J. 15769 P/O Mahler L.H., R. 25075 W/O A. J. J. W. Platte, R. 129648 W/O Stone S.A. R. 203012 Sgt Reddy R.C., R. 147033 Sgt Forster S.M., R. 170681 P/O W.F. Jowsey. Bombload: (Same as 'C').	H.B., J. 15769	1638	2037	Bombing attack on "BREMEN" (Continued) (Daylight) "B" BOMBERS - Clear visibility. Bombed centre of small railway yard at 1630:12 hours from 17,000 feet. A.P. iden- tified visually. Identified town and docks and picked out large railway yard North of Industry Harbour to bomb but several aircraft were above us very close apparently with same intention so bombed smaller railway yard slightly South on middle dock. Saw own bombs straddle buildings and big railway yard. Bombing by Main Force on town appeared con- centrated and a few good explosions seen. 5 x 1,000 lb. bombs jettisoned 530 N. 0655 E. at 1645 hours from 16,000 feet owing to being up over target. Landed base. "C" BOMBERS - Clear visibility below 17,000 feet. Bombed railway yard at 1629:54 hours from 17,000 feet. A.P. iden- tified visually. Saw few K.L.s going down on centre of town followed by much concentrated bombing. Saw great smoke looking for boats, but didn't see any so picked on large railway yard North of Industry Harbour and saw own bombs straddle it. High smoke coming up from town area. Landed base. "D" BOMBERS - No cloud with moderate visibility and 10/10 cloud above at 17 or 18,000 feet. Identified A.P. visually and saw whole town and Industry Harbour. Bombed East end of Industry Harbour at 1630:06 hours from 17,500 feet. Air- craft in cloud approaching target. Prepared to go blind and bombing run. Saw target too late to bomb but turned and bombed on reciprocal course the industry harbours. Saw bombs burst across Inner Industrial Harbour. Old City covered with smoke. No other bombing seen. Landed base. "A" BOMBERS - Fair visibility with slight haze below at 17,000 feet. Identified A.P. visually and bombed at 1630:54 hours from 18,000 feet. Ran in South of town. Many bomb bursts seen in South of built up area. Decided to bomb one of the docks but bombs failed to go and 2 or three minutes later saw them go down South-East of town. Landed base.	A-112
	"B" ND 58A	J. 16701 P/O Woods W.F., J. 29585 P/O Fisher S.G., J. 27458 P/O Galchrist W. J. 88079 P/O Lowman J.A., J. 38150 P/O Kerleaux J.B., J. 88138 P/O Beckley D. R. 109768 Sgt Williams S.J. Bombload: (Same as 'C').	J. 29585 P/O	1643	2022	"B" BOMBERS - Clear visibility below 17,000 feet. Bombed railway yard at 1629:54 hours from 17,000 feet. A.P. iden- tified visually. Saw few K.L.s going down on centre of town followed by much concentrated bombing. Saw great smoke looking for boats, but didn't see any so picked on large railway yard North of Industry Harbour and saw own bombs straddle it. High smoke coming up from town area. Landed base. "D" BOMBERS - No cloud with moderate visibility and 10/10 cloud above at 17 or 18,000 feet. Identified A.P. visually and saw whole town and Industry Harbour. Bombed East end of Industry Harbour at 1630:06 hours from 17,500 feet. Air- craft in cloud approaching target. Prepared to go blind and bombing run. Saw target too late to bomb but turned and bombed on reciprocal course the industry harbours. Saw bombs burst across Inner Industrial Harbour. Old City covered with smoke. No other bombing seen. Landed base. "A" BOMBERS - Fair visibility with slight haze below at 17,000 feet. Identified A.P. visually and bombed at 1630:54 hours from 18,000 feet. Ran in South of town. Many bomb bursts seen in South of built up area. Decided to bomb one of the docks but bombs failed to go and 2 or three minutes later saw them go down South-East of town. Landed base.	
	"D" ND 616	J. 27829 P/O Friedman L.A., J. 28216 P/O Robertson J.D., R. 166876 Sgt S.D. Smith, R. 186182 Sgt Banton L.D., R. 118561 P/O McErmott E.L., R. 158618 W/O Forster S.J., R. 1890196 Sgt Forster P.R.V. Bombload: (Same as 'C').	J. 28216	1620	2020	"B" BOMBERS - Clear visibility below 17,000 feet. Bombed railway yard at 1629:54 hours from 17,000 feet. A.P. iden- tified visually. Saw few K.L.s going down on centre of town followed by much concentrated bombing. Saw great smoke looking for boats, but didn't see any so picked on large railway yard North of Industry Harbour and saw own bombs straddle it. High smoke coming up from town area. Landed base. "D" BOMBERS - No cloud with moderate visibility and 10/10 cloud above at 17 or 18,000 feet. Identified A.P. visually and saw whole town and Industry Harbour. Bombed East end of Industry Harbour at 1630:06 hours from 17,500 feet. Air- craft in cloud approaching target. Prepared to go blind and bombing run. Saw target too late to bomb but turned and bombed on reciprocal course the industry harbours. Saw bombs burst across Inner Industrial Harbour. Old City covered with smoke. No other bombing seen. Landed base. "A" BOMBERS - Fair visibility with slight haze below at 17,000 feet. Identified A.P. visually and bombed at 1630:54 hours from 18,000 feet. Ran in South of town. Many bomb bursts seen in South of built up area. Decided to bomb one of the docks but bombs failed to go and 2 or three minutes later saw them go down South-East of town. Landed base.	
	"A" EB 129	J. 25956 P/O Hollington A.A., J. 27458 P/O Small L.W.J., J. 28882 P/O Gilbert G.L., R. 178504 P/O Shaw S.G., J. 88079 P/O Harper K.A.E., J. 88072 P/O Hunt P.E., R. 55904 P/O R.A. Boradyko. Bombload: 9 x 1,000 ANM -65 28,025, 5 x 1,000 ANM -44 18,025.	J. 27458	1619	2016	"B" BOMBERS - Clear visibility below 17,000 feet. Bombed railway yard at 1629:54 hours from 17,000 feet. A.P. iden- tified visually. Saw few K.L.s going down on centre of town followed by much concentrated bombing. Saw great smoke looking for boats, but didn't see any so picked on large railway yard North of Industry Harbour and saw own bombs straddle it. High smoke coming up from town area. Landed base. "D" BOMBERS - No cloud with moderate visibility and 10/10 cloud above at 17 or 18,000 feet. Identified A.P. visually and saw whole town and Industry Harbour. Bombed East end of Industry Harbour at 1630:06 hours from 17,500 feet. Air- craft in cloud approaching target. Prepared to go blind and bombing run. Saw target too late to bomb but turned and bombed on reciprocal course the industry harbours. Saw bombs burst across Inner Industrial Harbour. Old City covered with smoke. No other bombing seen. Landed base. "A" BOMBERS - Fair visibility with slight haze below at 17,000 feet. Identified A.P. visually and bombed at 1630:54 hours from 18,000 feet. Ran in South of town. Many bomb bursts seen in South of built up area. Decided to bomb one of the docks but bombs failed to go and 2 or three minutes later saw them go down South-East of town. Landed base.	
	"C" EB 413	J. 86156 P/O Brown A., J. 35004 P/O Garnford Y., J. 15285 P/O Robinson G. R. 110734 W/O Hardy L.G., R. 200574 Sgt Della G.R., R. 252617 Sgt Blaska K. R. 145691 Sgt Peare T.H. Bombload: (Same as 'C').	J. 35004 P/O	1621	2024	"C" BOMBERS - Hazy with no cloud below but 10/10 cloud above at 18,000 feet. Identified A.P. visually and saw town and Inner Harbour. Bombed Inner Harbour at 1630:00 hours from 18,000 feet. Approaching, chose Inner Harbour for target. One stick burst across Inner Harbour. No ships seen near docks. Lots of smoke over old town. Saw an explo- sion on leaving, 2 miles East of town. Landed base.	

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Sept. 6th 1944.	Lancaster III "P" EB 262	J.1365L P/O Webb G.W., J.23170 P/O Printer J.V., R.16825 P/O Young G.A. R.16937 P/O Dyer G., R.23150 P/O McFarland E.J., R.20821 SGT Sweeney G.R., RAF/1876410 SGT Whitehouse J.B. Bombload:- 4 x 1,000 AMM :65 TD.025, 4 x 1,000 AMM :65 TD.025.		1822	2017	Bombing Attack On "ROBIN" (Continued) (Daylight) "P" BOMBER:- Clear with slight haze. Identified A.P. visually and bombed dock and buildings at 1829:12 hours from 17,000 feet. Attack on centre of town already in pro- gressed. Bomber over dock and picked out unarmoured dock and buildings at extreme Eastern edge of Industry Harbour. Saw own bombs burst on dock and buildings. Adjacent docks to the West were being bombed. Many fires seen in the town and several explosions. Landed base.	A-142
Sept. 6th, 1944.	"Y" EB 570	J.1858 P/O Morrison H.A., J.26216 P/O Quail J.W., R.25343 P/O Martin E.A. R.15763 P/O D'Arcy G., R.19117 P/O Swain R., R.13276 P/O Buhak N. RAF/160464 P/O Malcolm R., J.19400 P/O Saxoni R.R. Bombload:- 4 Lib. T.L. Red 'A', 4 Ord. T.L. Red 'A', 2 x 1,000 AMM :65 TD.025, 4 x 1,000 AMM :65 TD.025.		1826	2044	Bombing Attack On "THE HAVES" (A.P. No. 6) (Daylight) "Y" BOMBER:- 10/10 low stratus cloud at 3,000 feet. Abortive sortie. On arrival at 1931 hours, at 8,000 feet, there was 10/10 cloud. Gave basement 10,000 feet. No flow around between 5,000 and 3,000 feet but low stratus cloud still persisted, and rain. Estimated cloud base 7 or approximately 800 feet. Saw various mission "missions" at half minute intervals from 1937 to 1946 hours. All bombs brought back. 10/10 low stratus cloud prevented visual identification. Returned on same route as out. Landed base. "Y" BOMBER:- Abortive sortie. All bombs brought back. Returned on K.L.'s instructions. Proceeded as briefed to 4956 N. 0012 W., then returned same way as out. Landed base. Bombload:- 4 Lib. T.L. Red 'A', 4 Ord. T.L. Red 'A', 6 x 1,000 AMM :65 TD.025.	A-143
	"W" ED 980	J.9192 S/L Dwyer J.W., J.37732 P/O J. Morris, J.2977 P/O Elliott R.W. RAF/28669 P/O Stenley H.M., R.81280 P/O Bergerson J.G.Y., R.19465 P/O R. Hickman, RAF/160823 P/O Baker T.J., RAF/168727 P/O Pettitt A.G.		1825	2027	"W" BOMBER:- Abortive sortie. Returned as instructed by Master Bomber. Landed base. All bombload brought back. Bombload:- (Same as "W").	
	"R" EB 183	J.15583 P/O Johnston A.J., J.15636 P/O Fisher G.C., RAF/152749 P/O G.L. Watts, RAF/158131 P/O Lashley G.L., J.17685 P/O Grimes R.A., J.17466 P/O L.G. Stevens, D.P.M., RAF/220644 SGT MILLARD G.L., J.18009 P/O Peacock W.G. J.26258 P/O Deane J.C., R.16846 P/O Williams H.G., J.20551 P/O G.A. Moloney, R.168719 P/O Cook T.G.K., R.205001 P/O Donaldson J.D., RAF/18- 6222 P/O Eitto R., R.87319 P/O Simpson J.W., J.17578 P/O Everson E.		1826	2025	"R" BOMBER:- Abortive sortie. Returned as instructed by Master Bomber. Landed base. All bombload brought back. Bombload:- (Same as "W").	
	"V" ED 855	Bombload:- (Same as "W").		1827	2029	"V" BOMBER:- Abortive sortie. Returned as instructed by Master Bomber. Arrived over the target at 8,000 feet but could not see anything owing to 10/10 low stratus cloud. Did not hear Master Bomber, so climbed to 16,000 feet and at 1940 hours, heard M.B. call "abandon mission". All bombload brought back. As briefed to target then 4947 N. 0001 E., to 5003 N. 0008 W., then as briefed, Landed base.	

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Sept. 8th, 1944.	Lancaster III					<u>Bombing Attack On "LE HAVRE A/F 13" 5 A/G Detailed. (Revisited)</u>	A-1144
	"R" EB 970	J.1498 W/O Morrison H.A., J.24216 P/L Quele L.W., J.26343 P/L Searls R.A., E.154763 W/O D'Arcy G.J., E.191174 P/S Bamber R., R.12761 W/O Bialak W., RAV/160454 P/S Katocha R., J.19400 P/L BARNETT R.K.		0657	MISSING	"R" MASTER BOMBER:- This aircraft failed to return from this operation and nothing has been heard from any member of this crew since time of take off. Bombardier:- 4 x 1,000 ANM 44 N.Inst., 4 x 1,000 ANM 44 N.Inst., 4 x 1,000 ANM 45 N.Inst.	
	"W" ND 980	J.9192 S/L Perry J.W., J.17731 P/O Roberts J.F., J.29571 P/L Hiscott R.W., RAV/182669 P/O Skanley H.E., E.211205 P/S Bargaron J.G.Y., E.194654 P/S S. Mahoney RAV/160853 P/S Beach T.J., RAV/168727 P/L Pettitt A.G.		0658	0912	"W" MASTER BOMBER:- Abortive sortie. 7 to 8/10 cloud below 3,000 feet, base 6,000 feet over Le Havre 10/10. Identified A.P. visually through broken cloud. At H - 15 0755 hours, Master Bomber ordered "Right Flan". At H - 2 Master Bomber ordered "Baseant 6". Ground could not be seen. Crossed coast at 4,000 feet in and out of cloud. Master Bomber could be seen. Master Bomber ordered MAIN Force to orbit at H - 2. M.B. asked D.M.B. if D.M.B. able to mark at 0809 hours approximately. Deputy at 3,500 feet, told M.B. "too low to drop T.L.s". At 0809 hours, T.L. green seen in target area but were a bit scattered, and some green T.L.s fell at intervals. D.M. four runs over target and still M.B. said "orbit". At approximately 0810 hours, M.B. said "I'll have a shot at it". Right Flan accurate but in small amounts. Flak concentrated on Master and Deputy. Nothing more heard of M.B. after 0812 hours approximately. At 0815 hours, took over as nothing heard of M.B. and told MAIN Force to orbit, and then abandoned mission. At 0807 hours, approximately, an oil explosion seen on coast South of airfield. On leaving, aircraft with red T.L.s seen burning on beach near South boundary of bomb line. 4 x 1,000 ANM 44 and 6 x 1,000 ANM 45 brought back. LARGED BOMB.	
	"R" EB 183	J.15283 P/L Johnston A.J., J.15636 P/L Elshor C.G., RAV/152739 W/O Watts G., RAV/166608 P/O Vockins A.D., J.17625 P/O Grimes R.A., J.17466 P/O Le G. Stevens, D.F.M., RAV/220644 SRE G.R., Holland, J.18009 P/O Peacock W.G.		0659	0929	"R" MASTER BOMBER:- 10/10 cloud at approximately 8,000 feet. 4/10 cloud at 3,000 feet with fairly good visibility. Identified woods immediately S.W. of A.P. Bombed at 0813 hours from 4,800 feet on A.P. At 0803:30 hours, M.B. gave cloud base at 6,000 feet. Heard M.B. and D.M.B. saying they could not mark the target. At 0809 hours, M.B. told MAIN Force to orbit and he continued to do so at intervals. At 0813 hours, we went in and dropped our T.L.s red which fell 30 yards S.W. of A.P. Saw some sticks of bombs in target area. At 0815 hours, heard D.M.B. give abandon mission. Saw an aircraft falling and 8 parachutes in close proximity. Aircraft crashed on beach 1 mile North of target and red T.L.s were seen burning in wreckage. 6 x 1,000 ANM 45 N.Inst. brought back as instructed by M.B. LARGED BOMB.	

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MAY	150	636.6	429.04	
JUNE	181	822.1	519.40	
JULY	224	943.9	782.26	
AUG.	211	812.8	962.52	
SEPT	139	435.7	962.52	
OCT.	171	733.2	678.37	
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The change in the nature of the operations was reflected in the choice of most of Bomber Command's targets during May, when emphasis was shifted from long-range strategic objectives to smaller but more numerous targets of tactical importance.

The R.C.A.F. had a busy month and in thirty-one days contributed to 24 attacks. This change of policy meant that the number of aircraft involved against any particular target was seldom of major proportions. The exceptions were the attacks against Guisberg, Dortmund, Aachen and Rouen Leopold.

The R.C.A.F. had a busy month and in 31 days contributed to 24 attacks. This increased tempo meant the stepping up of squadron activity to such an extent that night after night units were required to furnish a maximum number of aircraft. And proud were the squadron commanders and their men who could meet the recurring demand. Despite the increased operations the percentage of losses showed a most encouraging drop. In fact more than one squadron completed the month without the loss of a single member due to enemy action.

The general pattern of raids may be roughly described as a concerted attack on the enemy's communications coupled with due attention to what were vaguely described as "military installations" but are now known to have been, in many cases, the launching platforms for Goetz's much-valued robot bombs.

Seven of the Canadian attacks were against communications when railway centres were bombarded at St. Michel on the 4th; Hies St. Pierre on the 5th; Chant on the 10th; Folligne on the 11th, and Bevaix on the 12th. La Mare (Marshall's) was the target on the 22nd, with Aachen two nights later. In addition the wireless station at La Selve and the radar station at Mont Couple were both attacked on the last day of the month.

Gun emplacements were attacked at St. Valery-en-Caux on the 7th and 9th, with Salais also bombed on the latter night. Le Clipon and Marville-Franceville were objectives on the 19th, Le Clipon again on the 27th with Trouville on the 28th, while a rehabilitation camp at Lour, Leopold was also attacked on the 27th. A general industrial raid on Dortmund on the 22nd completed the major picture for the month.

But small numbers of aircraft were provided also against Montdidier on the 3rd, Nantes Cassinart on the 5th, Mont Couple and Le Mans on the 19th, Rennes St. Jacques on the 27th and Marvyck on the 28th. At the last named, a very

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Sept. 8th, 1944	Encounter III 'V' NO 855	J. 66251 P/O Odegan P.C., R.158484 W/O Williams R.G., J.26351 P/O G.A. McNamee, R.168719 P/O Wood T.G.L., R.20300 P/S Donaldson J.B., R.209622 P/S Kitter D., G.67313 P/O Simpson J.W., J.17576 P/L Swerston L. Rebloaded: (Same as 'V').		0700	0930	Bombing Attack On "LE HAVRE A/P 31" (Continued) (Daylight) "V" BACKER UP: Abortive sortie. 5/10 stratus cloud at 5,200 feet with fair visibility. At 0735 hours, Master Bomber gave "Basement as Flight Plan" and shortly afterwards at 6,000 feet. At 0800 hours, Master Bomber told Main Force to orbit, and he repeated this at intervals. Later, heard Deputy call up the M.B. but there was no reply. Deputy then told Main Force to orbit. Saw a Backer-Up drop his red T.L.s which fell very close to the A.P. Two aircraft were falling and two parachutes fell in the target area, five others drifting in. At 0814-30 hours, M.B. gave "Shandon mission". On return route, saw three aircraft jettisoning in a five-mile radius of 4950 R. 0855 W. at 0858 hours, near a convoy, and another approximately one mile south of Portsmouth. Bombed brought back, as instructed by M.B. Landed base.	A-34A
	'V' NO 977	J.26095 P/L Whitall H.L., J.28915 P/O White J.G., J.28987 P/O W.A.S. McNamee, R.158760 P/O G.A. McNamee, R.20300 P/S Donaldson J.B., R.209622 P/S Kitter D., G.67313 P/O Simpson J.W., J.17576 P/L Swerston L. Rebloaded: (Same as 'V').		0701	0935	"V" BACKER UP: 7 to 8/10 cloud, base 2,000 feet, tops 8,000 feet. Identified A.P. visually. Approaching target, "Flight Plan" ordered H-15. Later, approximately 0805 hours, "Basement 6,000 feet". 0806 hours approximately, ordered "orbit". Orders repeated "keep on orbiting". Green T.L.s seen and reds seen at 0813 hours falling on ground. Bombed from sea as of A.P. Bombed brought back. Landed base.	
Sept. 10th, 1944	'W' NO 980	J.5192 P/L Perry J.W., J.37751 P/O J. Roberts, J.28572 P/L Houghton R.E., R.26260 P/O Stanley H.L., R.211205 P/S Ferguson J.G.L., R.209622 P/S Kitter D., G.67313 P/O Simpson J.W., J.17576 P/L Swerston L. Rebloaded: 6 L.E. Tall Red, 6 Ord. Tall Red, 2 T.L. Yellow Smoke.		1600	1825	Bombing Attack On "LE HAVRE - ALIVE 3" (Daylight) 5 Aircraft Detailed. "V" BACKER-UP: No cloud and good visibility. Identified A.P. visually. At 1712 hours, made dummy run. Several green T.L.s lay 50 to 150 yards N.W. of A.P. Deputy dropped reds at 1717-30 hours approximately, and these lay from A.P. to 50 yards to N.E. From 1718:38 hours to 1721:12 hours, told Main Force to undershoot reds by 50 yards. Bombing started at once and was excellent. Made another dummy run. Last minute corrections were unsuccessful. One more load of red T.L.s went down. One close against A.P. on W. side. From 1721:48 to 1722:36 hours, told Main Force to bomb between the reds. Then two more loads of reds fell 100 to 200 yards N.E. of A.P. and we told Main Force to overshoot these reds by 50 yards. Bombing considered to be very good and only two sticks were off the markers. These were 2 or 300 yards over and under respectively. There was a slight drift of smoke to S.W. Surface wind appeared very light. Extract from Log-Orders given as follows: 1706, 1720, 1724 hours, Nelson, Basement Flight Plan; 1720:30, 1720:50 and 1721:02 hours, Nelson, undershoot red T.L.s by 50 yards. 1721:48 and 1722:36 hours, Nelson, bomb between the reds. 1723:42 and 1724:12 hours, Nelson, undershoot centre of smoke by 50 yards. 1724:48 hours /over	A-1A5

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Sept. 20, 1944	Bombardier III IW ND 980	(Continued)				Bombing Attack On "LE HAVRE - AUVRE" (Continued) (Daylight) "W" MASTER BOMBER (Continued) Nelson, do not overshoot. 1725 hours, Nelson, bomb the near edge of the reds. 1726:04 Nelson, overshoot the reds that just went down. 1726:36 Nelson, do not overshoot those reds. 1727:18 Nelson, overshoot the near reds by 50 yards. 1728:06 Nelson, bomb 50 yards starboard of red T.L.s. 1728:36 Nelson, overshoot reds on starboard by 50 yards. 1729:30 hours, Nelson, overshoot reds by 50 yards. 1730:10 Blacklag (No answer). 12 T.L. red and 2 T.L. yellow smoke brought back, not required. Landed base.	A-145
	'R' EB 185	J.15585 P/L Johnston A.J., J.15636 P/A Fisher C.G., RAV/157839 P/O G.L. Marks, RAV/16608 P/O Hopkins A.B., J.17685 P/O Gwynne E.L., J.17656 P/O L.G. Stevens, D.F.M., RAV/222044, SSG William C.E., J.18009 P/O Speech W.G. Bombload: 7 L.B. T.L. Red, 7 Ord. T.L. Red.		1610	1837	"R" DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER: 5/10 cloud and clear patches with good visibility. Identified A.P. visually and also saw green T.L.s. Bombed at 1721:41 hours from 10,000 feet on A.P. On run in; green T.L.s cascaded but were not down on the A.P. which was visually identified and think they fell North. Dropped half of own red T.L.s and saw them overshoot A.P. slightly (approximately 50 yards). 1723 hours, Master Bomber said "Overshoot red T.L.s by 50 yards". 1724 hours, M.B. said "Bomb between the red T.L.s". Bombing was very concentrated and only two sticks slightly off A.P. Smoke obscured A.P. as we did second run so retained other half of red T.L.s. 3 L.B. T.L. red and 4 Ord. T.L. red retained, owing to A.P. covered by smoke. Landed base. "R" VISUAL BAKER UP: Clear visibility with slight haze. Identified A.P. visually and dropped 4 L.B. T.L. red and 4 Ord. T.L. red at 1721:05 hours from 9,000 feet on A.P. 6 x 1,000 ANM .65 N.Inst. released at 1725:30 hours from 9,000 feet on A.P. Ran in and visually identified various landmarks in target area and finally picked out A.P. Red T.L.s were down. These had overshoot by approximately 50 yards. Dropped own T.L.s and saw them go down on A.P., slightly to starboard. Did orbit. Thick smoke was rising but A.P. could still be seen. Master Bomber said, "Bomb between red T.L.s". Saw red T.L.s going down to part of A.P. and some approximately 100 yards overshoot. Own bombs went down amongst reds. Landed base.	
	'R' EB 855	J.16282 P/O Chespen R.G., RAV/141555 P/O McIllegie C.W., P.28352 P/O G.L. Thomas, R.158719 P/O Woolf R.C.K., R.20308 P/O Donaldson J.D., RAV/185622 P/O Kitch D., G.87519 P/O Simpson J.W., J.17578 P/O Emerson E. Bombload: 4 L.B. T.L. Red, 4 Ord. T.L. Red, 6 x 1,000 ANM .65 N.Inst.		1611	1827	"R" VISUAL BAKER UP: No cloud with good visibility. Identified A.P. by red T.L. and landmarks adjacent to A.P. Bombed at 1727:15 hours from 9,700 feet on estimated position of A.P. On arrival at 1725 hours, smoke obscured A.P. and woods immediately to West. When overhead, saw red T.L.s on A.P. or perhaps slightly N.E. Saw no green T.L.s. Made second run and saw other red T.L.s slightly to West of estimated position of A.P., but A.P. itself was not identified owing to smoke so we retained our T.L.s. Heard M.B. say "Hit at centre of T.L.s", and later "Overshoot T.L.s by 50 yards". Bombing was very good, and right across the T.L.s except for two sticks which were over and under respectively by about 500 yards. 8 T.L. red brought back owing to A.P. not identified. Landed base.	
	'J' EB 113	J.26095 P/L Whittall H.R., J.28913 P/O Fyler J.G., J.28487 P/O W.M.S. McOmell, R.194700 SGT Cox G.L., R.28492 P/S Beach P.O., R.214700 P/S Sperring C.A., RAV/178410 P/O Stewart G.D., V.15267 P/O Dunn W.G. Bombload: 4 L.B. T.L. Red, 4 Ord. T.L. Red, 2 x 1,000 M.C. N.Inst., 4 x 1,000 ANM .44 N.Inst.		1612	1812	"J" VISUAL BAKER UP: No cloud with good visibility. Identified A.P. by red T.L. and landmarks adjacent to A.P. Bombed at 1727:15 hours from 9,700 feet on estimated position of A.P. On arrival at 1725 hours, smoke obscured A.P. and woods immediately to West. When overhead, saw red T.L.s on A.P. or perhaps slightly N.E. Saw no green T.L.s. Made second run and saw other red T.L.s slightly to West of estimated position of A.P., but A.P. itself was not identified owing to smoke so we retained our T.L.s. Heard M.B. say "Hit at centre of T.L.s", and later "Overshoot T.L.s by 50 yards". Bombing was very good, and right across the T.L.s except for two sticks which were over and under respectively by about 500 yards. 8 T.L. red brought back owing to A.P. not identified. Landed base.	

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Sept. 20, 1944	Lancaster III *U* BA 982	J.28523 P/O Hite J., J.36325 P/O Mays H.D., J.35523 P/O Day H.D., R.18349 P/O Shene G.T., R.14982 SGT Ryan J., R.54727 SGT Mathieu J.C., R.118817 SGT Devitt J.F., J.15949 P/L Peterson G. Bombload: (Same as 'V').		1615	1835	Bombing Attack On "LE HAYRE - ALVIE 1" (Cont'd) (Daylight) "U" VISUAL BOMBER IFF. Clear visibility. Identified A.P. visually and by red T.I.s. A.L.B. T.L. red and A.G.D. T.L. red dropped at 1725:36 hours from 10,000 feet on A.P. 6 x 1,000 AMM .65 H.Inst, dropped at 1732:30 hours from 20,000 feet on A.P. Identified A.P. visually. Red T.L.s already down overlapping A.P. Dropped own T.I.s on existing reds and at 1726 hours, heard Master Bomber say, "Under shot by 50 yards". At 1727 hours, Master Bomber said "Am at red T.L.s". Did second run and dropped bombs which straddled A.P. Bombs not rising to 2,000 feet from target at end of attack. Landed base.	A-345
Sept. 11, 1944	*O* BA 180	J.27732 P/O Kyle M.S., J.29850 P/O P. Roobay, J.29669 P/O Fallon F.G., J.87445 P/O Walsh J.A., J.87810 P/O Hahley R.F., J.87870 P/O Campbell W. RAF/2891456 SGT King W.A. Bombload: 1 x 4,000 HP 2000, 1 x 300 AMM .65, 2 x .025, 2 x 500 HP .025.		1657	2007	Bombing Attack On "CASTROP-BAUKEL" & A/C Detailed (Daylight) "O" SUPPORTER:- 1 to A/10 cloud with slight haze. Ident- ified town and saw red T.L.s and much smoke. Bombed at 1847:30 hours from 10,100 feet 400 yards to port of red T.L.s. 1841 hours, heard Master Bomber say "Bomb 400 yards starboard of red T.L.s, which he repeated at intervals. At 1842 hours, made heavy run as could not see any marking. On second run, there were too many aircraft around target bombing so made 3 rd run on reciprocal 400 yards to port of red T.L.s. Bombing was very concentrated and there was lots of smoke. At 1850 hours, there was a large explosion from a large building near A.P. Aircraft hit by flak at 1841 hours, flying at 10,300 feet over target. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-346
	O BA 125	J.86652 P/O McIntyre S.B., G.35789 P/O Mahler L.H., R.198075 W/O A.L. M. Pierre, R.129668 W/O Stone T.L., R.205012 SGT Pearty R.G., R.147933 SGT Bentley A.H., RAF/170681 P/O W.F. Jowsey. Bombload: (Same as 'O').		1658	2008	"O" BA 125 SUPPORTER:- Clear visibility with smoke haze. Identified A.P. by green T.L.s, red T.L.s and smoke. Bombed at 1847 hours from 10,000 feet on estimated position of A.P. at base of heavy smoke. 1848 hours, green T.L.s seen ascending but these had disappeared into smoke on run up to target. Arrived at 1842 hours, but smoke obscured all ground detail, so did an orbit and saw built-up area believed just N.W. of target. Early bombing caused dense black smoke rising to 12,000 feet. Do not consider this was a decoy. 1842:30 hours, red T.L.s seen to cascade into centre of smoke. Bombed base of smoke in estimated position of A.P. Master Bomber heard but gave no instructions regarding bombing. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	O BA 413	J.16161 P/O Woods V.L., J.29583 P/O Fisher R.G., J.27458 P/O Glickstein L. J.58879 P/O Kovacs S.L., J.38260 P/O Kerincour J.H., J.88138 P/O Beckley L. RAF/1057683 SGT Williams R.J. Bombload: (Same as 'O').		1659	2009	"O" SUPPORTER:- Clear visibility. Bombed centre of smoke at 1842:30 hours from 19,000 feet. Missing in to target engaged by predicted heavy flak from 1848 to 1849 hours and reportedly hit. Heavy smoke obscured a large area, blowing south. No ground detail seen. Believed red T.L.s seen amongst smoke. M.B. not heard so bombed centre of smoke. 1843 hours, M.B. said "Bomb 400 yards to port of red T.L.s. Parapex in pilot's screen. A.I. turret and radars wires covered by heavy flak. Photograph attempted. Base.	

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Sept. 11 1944	LANCASTER III WV PA 982	J. 29776 P/O Hts. W.J. Lindsay G.L., R. 28923 P/O Jackson E. R. 29771 P/O Smith G., R. 203268 P/O Turner K., R. 217825 P/O Jarvis J.D., RAF/1894697 SGT Page R.J.L., Bombardier (Same as 'O')	J. 28926 P/O H. R. 203268 P/O	1659	2020	Bombing Attack On "CASTROP RAUKEL" (Cont'd) (Daylight) W.P. SUPERSEEN - Good visibility with haze and smoke. Identified A.P. by H.2.S. check on top of Castrop Raunkel which checked with H.2.S. Bomb at 18:42:12 hours from 19,000 feet on a factory. Approximately 18:41 hours, M.B. said "Some 400 yards to starboard of red T.I.s". Approximately 18:43 hours, M.B. said "Don't bomb Dortmund as others have done". Engineer was unable to identify A.P. and no T.I.s were seen. Aircraft ahead were seen to bomb. Engineer selected a large factory building. MG-42 upper gunner saw a Marshalling yard and rear gunner saw 3 oil storage tanks. Not much smoke seen before bombing. Bombing appeared accurate. Paratrooper dropped. Landed base.	A-346
Sept. 12, 1944	"W" MD 980	J. 29192 S/L Pacey J.W., J. 37731 P/O J. Roberts, J. 29571 P/O Bracon R.W., RAF/20569 P/O Stanley H.E., R. 211205 P/O Burgess J.C.T., RAF/209587 S/L M.M. Coll, D.F.C., RAF/20564 P/O Bishop A.W., RAF/268727 P/L Pettitt A. Bombardier: A.L.B. T.I. and 'A', A.Crd. T.I. and 'A', 1 x 1,000 HB. Mine W/L, A x 1,000 HB. ED .025.	J. 37731 P/O J. Roberts, J. 29571 P/O Bracon R.W., RAF/20569 P/O Stanley H.E., R. 211205 P/O Burgess J.C.T., RAF/209587 S/L M.M. Coll, D.F.C., RAF/20564 P/O Bishop A.W., RAF/268727 P/L Pettitt A. Bombardier: A.L.B. T.I. and 'A', A.Crd. T.I. and 'A', 1 x 1,000 HB. Mine W/L, A x 1,000 HB. ED .025.	1208	1543	Bombing Attack On "WANNEN BRIDGE" 12 A/G Detailed (Daylight) W.P. MASTER BOMBERS - Bombed Marshalling Yard at Osnabruck 5057 N. 0750 E., owing to flak too heavy to go in alone at end of attack. No cloud and visibility good. Identified A.P. visually and bomb at 14:05 hours from 16,000 feet on Marshalling Yard. On run in, identified two branches of canal and Marshalling Yard North of Wanne Kanal. A smoke screen was in its early stages from East of the target area. Identified A.P. which was not concealed by smoke screen. Saw two green T.I.s seconds, leaving single streaks of smoke. These fell slightly West of A.P. There was an explosion at 13:57:30 hours followed by much smoke from built-up area 1/2 mile N.W. of A.P. This smoke covered A.P. and T.I. red and green were seen in the smoke. W.B.U.'s T.I.s yellow fell amongst the reds and greens but were quickly blotted out by bombing. A large explosion followed by black smoke in target area at 13:59 hours. Bombing was fairly concentrated but a lot fell short, suggesting aircraft's avoidance of flak. Master Bombers' pattern, as follows: 13:46:30 hours, basement, flight plan; transmitters off. 13:57:28 hours, time check 13:57:30 hours, to W.B.U.; 2 missed my run, mark the A.P. 13:58:30 hours, repeated instruction to W.B.U. 13:59:15 hours, bomb that explosion and fire at base of smoke. 14:01:12 hours, bomb base of smoke. 14:02:04 hours, repeated. 14:03:50 hours, repeated. 14:05:15 hours, the base of smoke is the A.P. Flak was heavy and did not relish going in alone at end of attack, so bombed a Marshalling Yard at Osnabruck on way home. A.L.B. T.I. red and A.Crd. T.I. red, which were brought back. T.I.s were lost in smoke and therefore useless. Landed base.	A-347

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Sept 22, 1944	Lancaster III 'M' EB 183	J.15583 P/L Johnston M.D., J.15616 P/L Fisher C.G., RAF/152739 W/O G. Watts, RAF/146608 W/O Fookins L.D., J.17625 W/O Grimes R.A., J.17466 W/O Lt. Stevens, R.F.M., RAF/220644 Sgt. Rolland G.M., J.18003 W/O Peacock W. Bombload: (same as 1W1)		1210	1537	Bombing Attack On "WATER BUCKS" (Cont'd) (Daylight) "M" = VISUAL BOMBING - No cloud with smoke base. Identified A/P visually and saw 2 branches of canal and marshalling yard N.E. of target. Bombed at 1558:54 hours from 17,500 feet on fires burning at A/P. On approach, identified 2 branches of the canal and marshalling yard N.E. of target. Did not see the opening green T.L.s but a fire was burning at the A/P so bombed it. Did not stay long in target area owing to flak but on leaving, saw several fires and much smoke. Lots of bombing N.E. of A/P. Aircraft damaged by flak at position 5143 N. 0257 E. at 1542 hours flying at 18,000 feet. Aircraft again damaged by flak over target area at 1558 hours, flying at 17,500 feet. Landed base.	A-3A7
	'A' EB 1290	J.15018 W/O G.W. Palmer, D.F.C., RAF/141555 W/O Gillespie G.W., J.25291 W/O Wilcock A.J., RAF/158131 W/O Isahay G.A., J.15241 W/O Rony J.A., J.16929 W/O I.L. Isachner, W/O G.17844 P/L H.J. Anderson, D.M., RAF/122868 W/L V.E. Bowden, W/O. Bombload: 4 x 2,000 lb. Yellow 'A', 4 x 1,000 lb. H.M. Kinol N/L, 4 x 1,000 H.M. TD 025.		1215	1542	"A" = VISUAL BOMBING - No cloud with smoke base. 4 x 2,000 T.L. yellow and 4 x 1,000 T.L. yellow and 4 x 1,000 H.M. Kinol dropped at 1400:54 hours from 18,000 feet on centre of red and green T.L.s. 4 x 1,000 H.M. released at 1406:00 hours from 18,000 feet on centre of smoke. On arrival, the whole area was covered by smoke from bombing. Flak was all around. Heard Master Bomber say "Bomb base of smoke column". Saw green and red T.L.s. in centre of smoke. There was a smoke screen starting up West of target and wind was blowing it towards the target. On second run, saw lots of smoke only. Master Bomber was saying "Bomb centre of smoke". Bombing appeared fairly concentrated but some dropping back N.E. of target. Landed base.	
	'Y' EB 282	J.26095 P/L Whittall H.R., J.26915 W/O Piter, J.C., J.26847 W/O Macdonnell W.A.S., R.284760 Sgt. Cox G.A., R.228432 W/S Beach F.C., E.214769 W/S Spearin G.A., RAF/178640 W/O G.D. Stewart, J.16567 W/O Dam W.G. Bombload: 4 x 2,000 T.L. Yellow 'A', 4 x 1,000 H.M. 165 TD 025, 1 x 4,000 H.M. Kinol N/L.		1218	1540	"Y" = VISUAL BOMBING - No cloud and heavy industrial base. Identified A/P visually. Bombed at 1402:15 hours from 17,500 feet on base of smoke and double canals N.E. of target. Estimated target area was covered with a huge cloud of smoke. Master Bomber said "Bomb base of smoke". One T.L. disappeared into the smoke. No other T.L.s seen. Believe raid was slightly short to N.W. Bomber W/S. Engine casing hit by heavy flak at position 5143 N. 0245 E. at 1534 hours flying at 16,500 feet. Landed base.	
	'Y' EB 855	J.26251 W/O Duggan F.C., R.195488 W/O Williams R.G., J.262381 W/O G.A. Holmes, E.168719 W/O Edif T.C.L., E.205003 W/S Donaldson J.D., RAF/183232 W/S Kitta D., G.87319 W/O Simpson J.W., J.17578 W/L Swenson B. Bombload: 4 x 2,000 T.L. Yellow 'A', 4 x 1,000 H.M. Kinol N/L, 2 x 1,000 H.M. TD 025, 2 x 1,000 H.M. 65 TD 025.		1217	1530	"Y" = VISUAL BOMBING - No cloud with ground base. Identified A/P visually and bombed it at 1401:56 hours from 18,000 feet. Bomb Aimer made good visual run-up and reported seeing red T.L.s. Identified target by railway junction. Aircraft was hit in nose and elsewhere by flak fragments immediately after bombing. Visual Bomb Aimer and Engineer slightly wounded. Bomb Aimer in hospital. Above second hand report received from other members of crew. One 2,000 T.L. yellow jettisoned 5150 N. 0257 E. at 1453 hours from 9,400 feet owing to hung up. Over target area at 1402 hours, flying at 18,000 feet, aircraft hit by flak. Landed base.	for wk

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Sept 12, 1944	Bombardier III B-24D 477	J. 28956 P/O Maffington B.A., J. 27491 P/O Small L.S., J. 28892 P/O Gilbert R.L., J. 27094 P/O Shaw S.G., J. 28097 P/O Harper K.A.S., J. 28072 P/O Hunt E.F., RAY/27094 P/O R.L. Forayke.		1211	1534	Bombing Attack on "WAGON RIDERS" (Cont'd) (Daylight) * F * SUCCESSFUL: No cloud with ground haze and smoke. Identified L.F. visually and bombed it at 1358:06 hours from 16,700 feet. On run in, identified inverted "W" smoke and double canals 5 1/2 miles W.N.W. of target and marshalling yard 1 1/2 miles N.W. of target. Identified target. A few aircraft had bombed before we did and several sticks burst across target as we bombed. No T.L.s seen. Landed base.	A-347
	B-24D 528	J. 27730 P/O Kyle R.S., J. 29850 P/O Bookley R., J. 29869 P/O Milton P.G., J. 27845 P/O Wilson J.M., J. 27085 P/O Hahley B.F., J. 27870 P/O Campbell W. RAY/189756 SGT King W.A.		1212	1535	* F * SUCCESSFUL: Good visibility and no clouds. Visually identified canal North of target and storage tanks in built up area of target. Bombed at 1357 hours from 16,500 feet on buildings in target area. Went in to target just ahead of Master Bomber and Deputy Master Bomber and was hit by flak before and after bombing. At 1357:30 hours, saw red T.L.s on side. The earth in areas bombed. A smoke screen was blowing West of target area. Landed base.	
	B-24D 981	J. 26256 P/O Boyan A., J. 35004 P/O Crawford V., J. 35106 P/O Robinson G.J., B. 130734 P/O Hardy L.S., R. 206674 SGT Wolfe G.K., R. 252667 SGT Clarke K.W., RAY/245691 SGT Brown J.H.		1215	MISSING	* F * SUCCESSFUL: This aircraft failed to return from this operation and nothing has been heard since time of take off. Bombload: (Same as 'B').	
	B-24D 402	J. 25776 P/O Hix W.F., J. 28326 P/O C. Eadsley, J. 28923 P/O Jackson R.E., B. 130731 P/O Smith G.H., R. 203168 P/O Turner R., R. 217015 P/O Jarvis J. RAY/189756 SGT Page R.J.		1213	1538	* F * SUCCESSFUL: No cloud and ground haze and smoke. Identified L.F. visually and bombed at 1358:30 hours from 16,500 feet. On run in, identified autobahn, railway marshalling yard and double canals W.W. of target. Identified target visually. Heard Master Bomber say "I've missed target" just before bombing. Several sticks were seen bursting across target. No T.L.s seen. After turning away, saw a good fire in marshalling yard 1 1/2 miles W.W. of target. Landed base.	
	B-24D 402	J. 26361 P/O Woods V.L., J. 29548 P/O Fisher R.G., J. 27458 P/O Gilbert R. J. 28073 P/O Lowman A., J. 38160 P/O Kesterson J.B., J. 28058 P/O Bookley R. RAY/109768 SGT Williams S.J.		1214	1525	* F * SUCCESSFUL: Clear visibility and no cloud. Visually identified 3 branches of canal and marshalling yard N.W. of target and built up areas of target. Bombed building in built up area of target at 1358:25 hours from 16,500 feet. Smoke screen West of target and blowing across when we arrived. Saw canal and railway marshalling yard N.W. of L.F. Clearly saw and bombed built up area. No marking seen. Just after bombing, heard M.B. say "Green T.L.s going down". Saw two trails of white smoke from aircraft immediately ahead and presumed T.L.s. Bombing seemed concentrated. Just before bombing, another aircraft ahead was hit by flak and immediately blew up. Aircraft damaged by flak at 1358 and 1359 hours flying at 16,500 feet over target. Crash landed at Woodbridge at 1525 hours, short of fuel.	

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Sep. 12/13 1944	Bombardier III					Bombing Attack on "FRANKFURT" (Continued) "X" BLIND MARKER (Continued) - Slight undershoot of the red/green T.L. After bombing, 2 more red/green fell slightly to starboard of others, but in good concentration. Two red T.L.s fell near the red/green. On leaving, saw much concentrated bombing and a good fire starting with cloud of smoke. Four flares red/yellow stars brought back, not required. Landed base. Photograph attempted.	A-148
	"B" EB 185	J.18760 P/L Long R.W. & Crew (Capt's)				Bombardier (Same as "X" EB 185)	
	"Y" EB 282	G.2980 P/L Burnard L.S., J.20232 P/O Ryan G.C., J.23154 P/O Nicholl G.P., RAF/151571 SGT Cox G., R.209333 SGT Small D.S., RAF/1874352 SGT O'Hanlon J.W., RAF/554032 P/O McNamee P. Bombardier (Same as "Y")		1924	0105	"X" BLIND MARKER ILLUMINATOR - Clear, slight haze and good visibility. Bombed at 2301:36 hours from 18,000 feet by G.P.L. run from Darmstadt checked by H.2.S. On arrival, illuminating flares were falling. Two red T.L.s cascaded, followed by 4 red/green T.L.s at 2307 hours. When immediately over target, these T.L.s were blown up by bombing, but 4 more red/green fell slightly to port of where others had been. River with built up area either side seen in glow of fires. Attack appeared good, a mass of T.L.s in good concentration. Glow of fires seen 150 miles away. 4 flares red/yellow stars brought back, not required. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"B" EB 477	J.18550 P/O Herbert E.C., J.20236 P/L Hudson E.A., J.27543 P/O Cardo E.R., RAF/182668 P/O Owen L.F., R.191089 P/S Allard E.L., RAF/189001 P/S B.L. Crisp, RAF/1421760 P/S Oldland H.R., G.2639 P/L Russell G.H. Bombardier (Same as "Y")		1909	0107	"X" BLIND MARKER ILLUMINATOR - Clear visibility and no cloud. Bombed at 2256:04 hours from 17,000 feet on ahead red and green T.L.s. Arriving, nothing down except flares. Identified bend in River. No built up areas seen. One red and green T.L. fell. Ran up and bombed this ahead red and green T.L. Two red T.L.s fell among red and green and other red very near. On bombing run. Lots of bombing around this red and green. One green T.L. fell 1 1/2 miles to North of A/P at approximately 2257 hours. One lot of illumination flares fell at 2242 hours near Wiesbaden. 4 flares red/yellow stars, brought back; same not required. 2 red T.L. green and 2 L.S. T.L. green brought back owing to H.2.S. u/s. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"B" EB 402	J.19468 P/L Ellison T., J.24097 P/O Charley W.S., J.26648 P/O McKimmon D., G.41287 P/S Stone R.P., R.216578 P/S Stevens P.A., RAF/182527 SGT McFall A., RAF/136502 P/S Davidson K. Bombardier 40 7 th Bombed Flares 'B', 4 x 1,000 AND 55 TB 053		1901	0100	"X" BLIND MARKER ILLUMINATOR - Clear visibility and no cloud. Bombed at 2252:36 hours from 18,000 feet by G.P.L. and H.2.S. checks. Only flares down on arrival and bend in river identified. Picked up marshalling yard. Explosion seen on run up 300 yards E. of A/P. Very little bombing seen as aircraft early in attack. One stick of flares several miles to West, near Wiesbaden at approximately 2250 hours. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"B" EB 113	J.18654 P/O Webb G.W., J.23470 P/O V. Baister, R.166255 P/O Young G.A., G.149371 P/S Dove G., R.251590 P/S McFarland L., R.206815 SGT Swartz G.E., RAF/1876410 SGT Whitehouse J.B. Bombardier (Same as "B")		1902	0058	"X" BLIND MARKER ILLUMINATOR - Clear, no cloud and visibility good. Bombed at 2251:54 hours and 2252:04 hours from 18,000 feet by G.P.L. run from Darmstadt, checked by H.2.S. One flare was first illuminator. Identified river and built up area which was well lit up by flares. 2256 hours, green T.L.s cascaded. 2256:30 hours, red/green cascaded. 2259:30 hours, more red/green fell. All seemed concentrated. Too early to assess any bombing. When 150 miles from target saw red glow from target area. Photo attempted. Landed base.	

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Sept. 12/13 1944	Lancaster III						
	'Q' NR 780	J. 27859 P/O Friedman L.A., J. 28216 P/O Robertson J.D., R. 166976 SGT Smith S., R. 166188 SGT Denton L.D., R. 148561 P/O McDermott T.R., RAY/1586104 W/O S.J. Proctor, RAY/1800136 SGT Fresson P.S.V.		1903	0102	Bombing Attack On "FRANKFURT" (Continued) "Q" = BLIND MARKER ILLUMINATOR. Clear visibility and no cloud. Identified by G.P.L. and H.2.S. and ground detail of river and bridges and built up areas. Bombed at 2025-2030 hours from 18,000 feet by G.P.L. and H.2.S. Nothing seen approaching target. Identified river and bridges and 10 flares down. Red and green T.L.s and red T.L. seen falling on leaving. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-148
	'D' NR 616	J. 28283 P/O Tite J., J. 16323 P/O Higgs H.D., J. 15583 P/O Day H.D., R. 183486 P/O Bessie G.J., R. 148283 SGT Symond J., R. 54717 SGT Mathieu J.C., R. 116817 SGT Devitt J.F.		1908	0115	"D" = BLIND MARKER ILLUMINATOR. No cloud and clear visibility. Identified A/P visually and river bend and mixed T.L.s red and green. Bombed at 2256 hours from 17,200 feet on mixed red and green T.L., H.2.S. and Gee u/s. Approach target on illuminator flares and found to starboard of target red and green by T.L.s falling below. Burned and bombed on 330 E. T.L.s red and green were near A/P. Heavy smoke noted. Beds slightly to East of red and green. Some fires on leaving. Illuminator flares very scattered over whole town. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
Sept. 13 1944	'J' NR 113	J. 19654 P/O Webb G.W., J. 23470 P/O Y. Painter, R. 166255 W/O Young G.A., R. 149371 P/O Dewar G., R. 251500 P/O McMichael E.J., R. 208615 SGT G.H. MacKinnon Smeiter, RAY/1876430 SGT Whitehouse J.H.		1631	1955	Bombing Attack On "MUNSTER" (Daylight) G.A/C Detailed. "J" = SUPERNOVA. Very heavy, no cloud at target. Bombed at 1827:50 hours from 18,000 feet by G.P.L. Ground details obscured by smoke and haze at target. Not much seen. One stack of bombs only seen one minute before bombing at 1828:50 hours. Bomb height u/s. Aircraft hit by heavy flak at 1828 hours over target area, flying at 18,000 feet, causing damage to starboard No. 2 tank and port wing and also nose. Landed base.	A-149
	'X' NR 968	J. 28286 P/O Hannah H.A., J. 28702 P/O Ope J.L., RAY/127850 P/O G.A. Martin, D.F.G., R. 208555 P/O Burns J.G., R. 202262 P/O Ririe A.L., R. 202891 P/O Purvis H.L., RAY/1867751 SGT Ocklin H.		1636	1952	"X" = SUPERNOVA. Very heavy and thin cloud 4 to 7/10. Identified A/P visually and saw canal, and saw red T.L.s on leaving. Bombed built up area in target area at 1829:20 hours. Hazy and smoke from generators. Target difficult to identify. Bombed built up area, believed A/P. Smoke generators seen around target. Bombs seen exploding on run up. One red T.L. fell on run in. Landed base.	
	'D' NR 616	J. 25776 P/O Rix W.P., J. 28916 P/O G. Lindsay, J. 28923 P/O Jackson H.R., R. 193731 P/O Smith G.B., R. 205166 P/O Turner L., R. 217015 P/O Jarvis J., RAY/1894097 SGT Page S.J.		1634	1957	"D" = SUPERNOVA. 4 to 10/10 cloud at 18,000 feet of varying thickness. A/P not identified. Saw Autobahn and double canals believed Martin and South of target respectively. Checked by G.P.L. run from fix on Munster. Bombed bridge over canal, believed just South of A/P at 1828 hours from 18,500 feet. Ran in with 3 or 4 aircraft ahead. Cloud thinned over position of target as checked by G.P.L. Picked up Autobahn and double canals. Aimed at bridge over canals and believe bombs hit 1,000 to 1,500 yards South of target. Beds seen after bombing. Our 1186 very noisy. H.2.S. not heard. Route in and tactics seemed very good. Landed base.	

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Sept. 13, 1944	Lancaster III "H" RA 982	J. 27722 P/O Krys M.S., J. 28850 P/O P. Boothby, J. 29669 P/O Fallon P.C., J. 27445 P/O Welch J., J. 27810 P/O Hartley S.M., J. 27870 P/O Campbell W. RAF/129456 SGT King W.S. Bombload: (Same as "J").	J. 28850 P/O P. Boothby, J. 29669 P/O Fallon P.C., J. 27445 P/O Welch J., J. 27810 P/O Hartley S.M., J. 27870 P/O Campbell W. RAF/129456 SGT King W.S. Bombload: (Same as "J").	1633	1953	Bombing Attack On "NORDSTERN" (Daylight) (Continued) "H" SUPPORTER: 4 to 5/10 also cumulus cloud, tops 14 to 15,000 feet. Run with visibility 2 to 6 miles. Identified A/P visually and checked by G.P.L. run from fix on Munster. Bombed bridge over canal just South of A/P at 1828:06 hours from 18,600 feet. No target received from Master Bomber. Run in over 10/10 cloud. Found clear patch right over target. Identified race-tracks adjacent to target and canals and bridges to South. A/P not clearly seen. Bombed bridge over canal just South of target. Red T.L.s seen when coming away. Position not identified. 1830 hours, T.L. said "Bomb post of T.L.s". 1832 hours, H.S. said "Bomb visually". Eastern area at 1827 hours, 18,600 feet, heavy flak. Landed base. "G" SUPPORTER: 4 to 7/10 thin cloud at 8 to 10,000 feet with general haze. A/P not identified. Bombed visually in target area after G.P.L. run from fix on Munster. Bombed junction of 3 railway tracks and adjacent buildings at 1826:06 hours from 18,000 feet. Run in over thatchy thin cloud. Saw no T.L.s. Heard nothing from Master Bomber when we looked, our G.P.L. run places us 1/2 mile to starboard of release point. Bombed junction of 3 railway tracks with adjacent buildings. Red T.L.s seen astern after leaving and heard Master Bomber say T.L.s had overshoot by 300 yards. Landed base. "Y" SUPPORTER: Thin cloud and much smoke. Bombed by G.P.L. run from H.2.S. fix on Munster at 1828 hours from 19,000 feet. Engaged by accurate heavy flak about 3 minutes before H.T.s. Arrival run was being attempted but owing to considerable haze and thin cloud, no pinpoints had been observed when we were hit by heavy flak a few seconds before H.T.s. Bombs were immediately dropped. Bomb aimer left the nose and results were unobserved. No T.L.s or bombing seen. Our run up to the time of dropping checked very well with G.P.L. 1 x 500 AMM 64 brought back owing to hang-up. Aircraft hit by heavy flak over Nordstern at 1825 hours flying at 19,000 feet. Landed base.	A-3A9
	"C" RA 180	J. 27823 P/O Friedman L.S., J. 28216 P/O Robertson L.D., R. 166876 SGT Smith S. R. 186182 SGT Burton I.S., R. 114861 R/S McDermott T.M., RAF/158623, P/O Proctor S.C., RAF/1800156 SGT Francis P. Bombload: (Same as "J").	J. 28216 P/O Robertson L.D., R. 166876 SGT Smith S. R. 186182 SGT Burton I.S., R. 114861 R/S McDermott T.M., RAF/158623, P/O Proctor S.C., RAF/1800156 SGT Francis P. Bombload: (Same as "J").	1632	1956	"G" SUPPORTER: 4 to 7/10 thin cloud at 8 to 10,000 feet with general haze. A/P not identified. Bombed visually in target area after G.P.L. run from fix on Munster. Bombed junction of 3 railway tracks and adjacent buildings at 1826:06 hours from 18,000 feet. Run in over thatchy thin cloud. Saw no T.L.s. Heard nothing from Master Bomber when we looked, our G.P.L. run places us 1/2 mile to starboard of release point. Bombed junction of 3 railway tracks with adjacent buildings. Red T.L.s seen astern after leaving and heard Master Bomber say T.L.s had overshoot by 300 yards. Landed base.	
	"W" RA 980	J. 28134 P/O Hartley J.R., J. 29389 P/O Dennis J.L., J. 29700 P/O Knox-Lest E. R. 167543 P/S Chevrolet H.C., R. 209333 SGT Small D.S., R. 124184 P/O Connelly J.F., RAF/1816540 SGT Williams W.R. Bombload: (Same as "J").	J. 29389 P/O Dennis J.L., J. 29700 P/O Knox-Lest E. R. 167543 P/S Chevrolet H.C., R. 209333 SGT Small D.S., R. 124184 P/O Connelly J.F., RAF/1816540 SGT Williams W.R. Bombload: (Same as "J").	1655	1940	"Y" SUPPORTER: Thin cloud and much smoke. Bombed by G.P.L. run from H.2.S. fix on Munster at 1828 hours from 19,000 feet. Engaged by accurate heavy flak about 3 minutes before H.T.s. Arrival run was being attempted but owing to considerable haze and thin cloud, no pinpoints had been observed when we were hit by heavy flak a few seconds before H.T.s. Bombs were immediately dropped. Bomb aimer left the nose and results were unobserved. No T.L.s or bombing seen. Our run up to the time of dropping checked very well with G.P.L. 1 x 500 AMM 64 brought back owing to hang-up. Aircraft hit by heavy flak over Nordstern at 1825 hours flying at 19,000 feet. Landed base.	
Sept. 24, 1944	"H" RA 283	J. 15224 P/O Gosman G.H., J. 15765 P/O Sinton L.K., J. 29700 P/O Knox-Lest E. R. 167543 P/S Chevrolet H.C., R. 209333 SGT Small D.S., R. 124184 P/O Connelly J.F., RAF/1816540 SGT Williams W.R. Bombload: (Same as "J").	J. 15765 P/O Sinton L.K., J. 29700 P/O Knox-Lest E. R. 167543 P/S Chevrolet H.C., R. 209333 SGT Small D.S., R. 124184 P/O Connelly J.F., RAF/1816540 SGT Williams W.R. Bombload: (Same as "J").	1641	1820	Bombing Attack On "WILKESHAVEN WEST A/P" (Daylight) 7 Aircraft Detailed. "X" MASTER BOMBER: Detailed. Returned from 5320 N. 0330 E. at 1749 hours at 500 feet. Bomb load brought back. Landed base. Bombload: 3 B&T T.L. Green 'A', 3 B&T T.L. Green 'A', 6 x 1,000 AMM .59 ED .025.	A-350

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Sgt. M. 1944.	Bombardier III "G" BR 180	J.2723 P/O Kyla M.S., J.23850 P/O P. Robbly, J.29668 P/O Ballou F.G., J.8745 P/O Macle J.A., J.67820 P/O Ridley R.R., J.87670 P/O Campbell W.R. RAV/1200196 SGT King W.A.		1644	1851	Bombing Attack On "WILHELMSHAVEN WEST A/F" (Daylight) (Cont'd) "G" "SUPERCHARGE" Recalled. Returned from 5318 N. 0325 E. at 1754 hours at 1,000 feet. Bombload brought back. Landed base. Bombload: 6 x 2,000 HD N/I.	4-350
	"G" BR 451	J.26095 P/L Whittall R.R., J.28203 P/O Potts J.G., J.28207 P/O McConnell R.R., R.194760 SGT Cox G.A., R.28442 P/O Beach F.G., R.214769 P/O Spending G.A., RAV/220160 P/O G.D. Stewart, J.16267 P/O Burn W.G.		1650	1906	"G" "BOMBER UP" Recalled. Returned from 5322 N. 0302 E. at 1607 hours at 1,000 feet. Jettisoned safe A x 1,000 AMM 59 TD 025, which did not explode at position 5322 N. 0302 E. at 1607 hours from 4,500 feet, to reduce weight. Remainder of bombload brought back. Landed base. Bombload: (Same as "G").	
	"X" BR 965	J.25786 P/O McDonald J.W., J.14669 P/O House K.G., J.27588 P/O Whetter R. R.16257 P/O Lee G.H., R.210040 P/O Ryan D.R., J.22101 P/O Crowe G.H., RAV/2201790 SGT Burgess J.		1642	2050	"X" "SUPERCHARGE" Recalled. Returned from 5324 N. 0334 E. at 1749 hours, 1800 feet. Bombload brought back. Bombload: (Same as "G").	
	"B" BR 477	J.16254 P/O Kesteven T.M., J.25054 P/O Martin W.R., R.159124 P/O R.W. Shogans, J.27792 P/O Adams T.V., R.135903 P/O Inge W.P., RAV/1790430 P/O Gunn G., RAV/207941 SGT Branch W.G., J.19402 P/O Wilson G.H.		1643	1845	"B" "EMPTY WAGON BOMBER" Recalled. Returned from 5318 N. 0325 E. at 1748 hours, 1,000 feet. 2 x 1,000 AMM .65 and 1 x 1,000 HD jettisoned safe, which did not explode. Jettisoned at position 5313 N. 0300 E. at 1749 hours from 1,000 feet, to reduce weight. Remainder of bombload brought back. Landed base. Bombload: 3 M.2 T.L. Green 'A', 5 M.2 T.L. Green 'A', 4 x 1,000 HD TD 1.025, 2 x 1,000 AMM .65 TD 1.025.	
	"B" BR 616	J.86628 P/O McIntyre H.B., J.15749 P/O Miller L.H., R.128075 P/O St. Pierre, R.129668 P/O Stone T.A., R.12793 P/O Hicks J., R.147023 SGT Foster A.H., RAV/2211602 P/O Hilton R.		1647	1904	"B" "EMPTY WAGON BOMBER" Recalled. Returned from 5312 N. 0245 E. at 1757 hours at 1,000 feet. 2 x 2,000 HD jettisoned 5349 N. 0226 E. at 1803 hours from 6,000 feet. Jettisoned safe but were seen to explode. Remainder of bombload brought back. Landed base.	
	"M" BR 102	J.27888 P/O Brudean L.A., J.28216 P/O Robertson J.D., R.166876 SGT Smith R.D., R.216022 SGT Benton T.D., R.148561 P/O McDermott T.L., RAV/1586106 P/O Proctor S.J., RAV/1580196 SGT Fyfe F.S.V.		1645	1924	"M" "SUPERCHARGE" Recalled. Returned from 5335 N. 0410 E. at 1755 hours at 1,500 feet. 1 x 2,000 HD N/I jettisoned safe at position 5325 N. 0329 E. at 1808 hours from 2,000 feet which was seen to explode. Remainder of bombload brought back. Landed base. Bombload: (Same as "G").	

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Sept. 15/26 1944.	Lancaster III 'K' FR 527	J.16760 P/L Long R.W., RAB/174668 P/O Brook R., RAB/17700 P/O Edwards S.J., RAF/157539 P/O Leavelley W.D., R.127923 W/O Baiko J., RAB/1813553 P/O Dowdy A.W., RAB/181994-207 Turk R.T. RAF/174075 P/L O'Connor E.; RAB/171692		2235	MISSING	Bombing Attack on "KILN" 12 A/C Detailed. (One Missing) "K" BOMBING MARKER. This aircraft failed to return from this operation and nothing has been heard from any member of the crew since time of take-off. Bombload:- 1 x 4 Red/Yellow Stars, 1 x 4,000 HD. Minol, 1,110 x 4 lb. Downunder, 60 x 4 lb. "X" Bomb "G" BOMBING MARKER. No cloud and good visibility. Bombed at 0139 hours from 17,000 feet on centre of cluster of 4 or 5 red T.L.s. Flares limited on run in. One red/ green cascaded rather to East of flares at 0109 1/2 hours, followed by others in good concentration. These were backed up by reds, four or five of which were burning on arrival. We bombed the centre of these. Bombing was con- centrated and many secondaries burning. No visual pin- points obtained. Believed smoke screen operating. 1 x 4 flares red/yellow brought back, not registered. H.2.S. so good for bombing. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "K" BOMBING MARKER. No cloud but ground haze and smoke. Bombed at 0113 hours from 16,400 feet on H.2.S. with G.P.L. checks - 0106 hours, flares - 0130 hours, 2 red/green flares On arrival, target was well illuminated but smoke screen obscured ground details. T.L.s seen through smoke. The red/green T.L.s were close together. One bomb went on H.2.S. to West of red/greens. As we turned away, two lots of reds went on red/greens. Bombing was well on the T.L.s but later appeared to be in two concentrations suggesting a spread back to the W. 1/4th West across the harbour. 0125 hours, decoy fires 10 to 20 miles South West of target. 2 Ord. T.L. Green, 2 1/2 T.L. green and 1 x 4 flares red/ yellow brought back owing to red/green T.L.s down. Photo- graph attempted. Landed base. "J" BOMBING MARKER. No cloud and good visibility. Bombed at 0111-20 hours from 15,000 feet on two red/green T.L.s. One in over cloud and found target clear and well illuminated. 0110 hours, two mixed red/green T.L.s. fell about 1/2 mile apart, lying W.G.W. - S.W. One a third red/green went down on the W. one, so we bombed that. The T.L.s were on built up area but no pinpoint obtained. Green T.L. seen well off target to N.W. after we bombed. Two ord. T.L. green, and 2 1/2 T.L. Green and 1 x 4 flares red/yellow brought back owing to red/green T.L.s already down. H.2.S. 4/5 from 1/2 mark onwards. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-251
	'O' ME 180	RAF/174075 P/L O'Connor E.; RAB/171692 P/L Madra J.W.C., RAB/139072 P/O S. Madra C.A., RAB/138434 P/O Bristol J.R. J.8794 P/O King R.H.; R.173521 P/O Kear J.C., RAB/156604 P/O Henderson J.E.B.		2239	0355	Bombload:- 1 x 4 Red/Yellow Stars, 1 x 4,000 HD. Minol, 1,110 x 4 lb. "X" Bomb	
	'P' FR 516	R.6289 P/L D.J. McLeod, D.P.C., RAF/141555 P/L Gaithepda G.W., RAF/160463 P/O Howard W., J.447707 P/O Beckle J., J.19958 P/O Garrow S.B., RAF/16362 P/O BURNETT J.E., D.P.M., RAF/187088 P/O Beaman G.O., C/795 P/O Harcou R.P., A.F.C.		2231	0344	Bombload:- 1 x 4 red/yellow stars, 1 x 4,000 HD Minol, 6 x 2,000 G.M. - 59 TD - 025, 1 x 500 GP. TD - 025.	
	'R' FR 477	J.8690 P/L Herbert R.G., J.20216 P/L Hobou P.A., J.87548 P/O Gardo M.B., RAF/182668 P/O Owen L.P., R.191088 P/O Allard R.H., RAB/189004 P/O Grip P.O., RAB/142466 P/O Gildard H.B., O.2659 G/O Russell G.H.		2232	0336	Bombload:- 2 Ord. T.L. Green, 2 1/2 T.L. Green, 1 x 4 red/yellow stars, 1 x 4,000 HD. Minol, 6 x 2,000 G.M. - 59 TD - 025, 1 x 500 GP. TD - 025.	

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Sept 15/26, 1944	Master III 137 EB 113	J.1522 S/L Gorman G.H., J.15765 W/O Glaston A.E., J.16304 W/O Mearns J., D.F.M., J.15839 W/O Barclay W.H., J.19688 W/O Doris J.H., D.F.M., R271286104 W/O Trevor S.J., G.19690 W/O Madder W.J., R2712885 W/O W.T. Trotman, R.F.M.		2229	0347	<p>Bombing Attack On "KIM" (Continued)</p> <p>"Y" PRIMARY VISUAL SEARCH: Trace of cloud at 18,000 feet with good visibility. Bombing started at 0107:45 hours from 16,500 feet on built-up area believed near A/P. 4 Ord. T.L. red, 2 L.S. T.L. Red, 4 Ord T.L. green, and 2 L.S. T.L. Green released at 0110:15 hours from 15,000 feet on A/P. 0110:30 hours, decoy red T.L. 15 miles N.E. of target. Arrived early having lit down below cloud on last leg. Recapped their cookies on built up area on first run when first flares were igniting. On second run illumination was good, aimed red/green went down ahead. These were about 200 yards South of A/P which was identified. Aircraft then hit by flak and the bomb aimer did not see where his own red/greens fell. As may be seen, rear gunner reported three loads of red/green T.L.s in good concentration with another 2 or 3 miles off to East, the last was not bombed or backed up, but the others were. Bombing was concentrated at first but spread back later. A smoke screen was in operation but A/P was still clear when we left. Slight damage to aircraft from heavy flak over flat at 0110:00 hours flying at 15,000 feet. Photograph attempted. Landed base.</p>	A-151
	137 EB 282	J.26095 W/L Whittall H.R., J.28913 W/O Ralts J.G., J.28487 W/O McCormall R.A.S., R.194760 SGT Cox G.A., R.224482 W/S Beach P.G., R.214769 W/S G.A. Spering, R27170640 W/O Stewart G.D. W.16867 W/O Ross W.G.		2242	0358	<p>"Y" VISUAL SEARCH: No cloud and slight haze. Bombed at 0122:36 hours from 17,500 feet on outskirts of 2 red T.L.s. Run in down the Rufen slightly to port of track and a few flares were still burning. Found two reds close together, believed rather East of A/P and one off to West 1,000 yards. Believe smoke screen operating on East of Rufen not much movement but covered T.L.s. Plenty of small yellow fires round T.L.s. One T.L.s. overshot 100 yards South of the two reds. Photograph attempted. Landed base.</p>	
	137 EB 965	R.12845 W/L Smith R., J.22413 W/L R.P. Davies, R271152651 W/S Woods G.L., R271156629 W/S V-Boots T., R.288888 W/S McEwan A.H.S., R271321011 W/O Bainsworth H.W., G.19618 W/S Bishop A.		2225	0330	<p>"X" WIND ILLUMINATION: Clear, no cloud with haze and smoke screen. Bombed at 0107:06 hours from 18,000 feet by H28s checked by D.B. On arrival, saw illuminating flares East of target approximately one mile. Our flares fell first immediately followed by another stick. When we left, the target area for one square mile was covered with flares. From where we were, there was no ground detail owing to smoke screen. At 0110 hours, first mixed red/green T.L.s. cascaded followed by another at 0111:30 hours and red T.L.s. at 0112:15 hours. The first red/green appeared to be in the middle of the flares. One green T.L. fell 3 or 3 miles W. of A/P. Some "cookies" were going off a few miles away on all sides of the target. Main bombing had not yet started. Photograph attempted. Landed base.</p>	

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Sept 15/16 1944	Bombardier III "Y" ND 855	J. 28186 P/O Hannah H.A., J. 28702 P/O Gope J.L., RAF/127850 P/L Martin G.A., D.F.C., R.184353 P/S Bruce J.G., R.202642 P/S Ririe A.L., R.202891 P/S Purini E.L., RAF/1867791 SGT O'Neill R. Bombload:- 6 x 2,000 HC.		2225	0539	Bombing Attack On "KIEL" (Continued) "Y" = SUPERVISOR:- Clear, no cloud and good visibility. Bombed at 0107:40 hours from 17,000 feet on H.2.S. checked by R.2. On arrival at 0107:20 hours, illumination flares were down and we identified the southern end of the harbour, built up area and fields beyond. Bombing was taking place near A/P in built up area. No T.L.s visible whilst we were over target but on leaving saw two red T.L.s on the ground in the centre of the flares. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "Z" = VISUAL OBSERVER:- Clear, no cloud and base from smoke screen. Bombed at 0120:30 hours from 18,500 feet with one second overshoot or concentration of red T.L.s. Saw mixed red/green T.L.s fall at 0110 hours. On arrival these were on ground and red T.L.s cascading over them. When we bombed red/greens had burned out. Bombing was concentrated on T.L.s which were scattered over an area of approximately 1,000 yards. Smoke screen covered whole target area stopping any identification, even of the water in harbour. Dummy fires were S.W. and S.E. of target approximately 5 miles and on E. bank 1/2 miles from target. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "BOMB ILLUMINATION":- Clear, no cloud and good visibility. Bombed at 0108:12 hours from 17,700 feet by H.2.S. checked by G.P.L. Gun point 5427.5 N. 1012 E. On arrival, at 0107:12 hours, 3 sticks of illumination flares were down. Clearly identified S. harbour and built up area with A/P across roads and fields beyond. Mixed red/green fall at 0108:30 hours almost immediately followed by others. These were on A/P but later markers red/green fell in field 2 miles S. of A/P. Bombing was concentrated around the A/P. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "X" = BLIND ILLUMINATION:- Clear, no cloud and good visibility. Bombed at 0106:12 hours from 17,000 feet by H.2.S. and G.P.L. check - Gun point 5427.5 N. 1012 E. On arrival, at 0105:42 hours, ONE STICK OF FLARES were falling immediately followed by many others and in their light identified S. end of harbour and built up area at A/P and fields beyond. Bombing at this time was scattered. On leaving at 0110 hours, first mixed red/green T.L. cascaded followed by others at 0111 and 0112 hours. 0113 hours, red T.L.s cascaded. The red/greens were scattered at first but later they became concentrated. Bombing appeared to concentrate on the red/greens. Smoke screen started up at 0107:12 hours and soon covered the target area. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-151
	"Z" ND 185	J. 28354 P/O Kettlewell R.W., J. 29054 P/O Martin W.F., R.151124 P/S Shoptland R.W., J. 27791 P/O Martin W., R.150901 P/S Magee W.F., RAF/1796119 P/S Conn E., RAF/1875611 SGT Branch W.C.E., J.19402 P/O Wilson G.E. Bombload:- (Same as "Y").		2241	0548		
	"P" ND 616	J. 28283 P/O Tate J.A., J. 36325 P/O Higgs, J. 35523 P/O Davy E.D., R.182496 P/S Innes G.R., R.148282 SGT Rynaki J.B., R.24717 SGT Mathieu J.C., R.115327 SGT Devitt G.F. Bombload:- (Same as "Y").		2226	0542		
	"M" EB 402	J. 86050 P/O Coffey J.R., J. 24725 P/O Byrne Rev., R.158497 P/O Dingwall M., J. 86032 P/O Rutherford R.A., R.116556 SGT Hart E.A., J. 86051 P/O Hamilton R.S., RAF/189093 P/O McIloughby D.H.C. Bombload:- (Same as "Y").		2224	0534		

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Sept. 15/16 1944.	Lancaster III "G" BR 451	E.107547 W/O W.G. Rosenberg, D.F.C., RAF/145387 P/L Goddard W., RAF/183198 P/O King D.E., RAF/158800 P/O R.J. Banford, R.164509 P/S MacKinnon A. RAF/170575 P/O Hanson I.L.G., RAF/1583461 P/S Meadows T.E.J. Bombload: (Same as 'X').		2227	0329	Bombing Attack On "KIEL" (Continued) "G" * FLEW IN THE DARK. No cloud and ground base. Bombed at 0157:00 hours from 17,900 feet by H.2.S. with G.P.I. check. On run in, saw red T.L. cascades 3 or 4 miles S.W. of target, which burned out while cascading. Own flares went over S. part of Kielhafen. Another stick went down slightly North of us. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-151
Sept. 17, 1944.	"W" BR 530	J.43192 S/L Perry J.E., J.29571 P/L Hiscott R.W., RAF/145355 P/L Gillespie G.W., RAF/183669 P/O Staggley H.E., E.211205 P/S Bergson J.C.L., RAF/19368 P/O S.B. Stannett D.F.M., RAF/54239 P/L E.R. Wright, D.F.M., RAF/168727 P/L Fettiitt A.G. Bombload: 6 Ord. T.L. Red 'A', 6 L.B. T.L. Red 'A', 2 T.L. Yellow Smoke 896/82.		0850	1025	Bombing Attack On "BOULOGNE-SUR-MER A/P L.A." (Daylight). 5 Aircraft Detailed. "W" * MASTER BOMBER. Clear, no cloud and good visibility. Visually identified A/P and picked out roads and cutting and village and many bomb craters around A/P. 6 L.B. T.L. Red 'A' released at 0957:48 hours from 10,300 feet on A/P. 6 Ord. T.L. red 'A' released on A/P at 0944:30 hours from 10,300 feet. At 0934 hours, on arrival, green T.L.s cascading followed by Deputy Master Bomber's red T.L.s. Green had undershot by 200 yards and one to starboard at 100 yards. Deputy Master Bomber's T.L. fell on the A/P. Own T.L.s undershot 100 yards and subsequent T.L.s blotted out by smoke. Bombing was very concentrated, only one stick overshot 7 to 800 yards. Lots of smoke covered target area but it was seen clearly as we left and we saw A/P covered by craters. latter 0938:30 hours, bomb between red and green. 0939 hours, further edge of red T.L.s. 0940 hours, bomb further T.L. (repeated several times). 6 T.L. yellow smoke 896/82 brought back, not required. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-152
	"J" BR 113	J.15288 S/L Gosman G.H., J.15765 P/O Gruetion A.E., J.16304 P/O Magher J.M., D.F.M., J.15839 P/L Barclay W. E.12680 P/O J.E. Dore, D.F.M., RAF/55933 P/O William G.S., D.F.C., E.13660 P/O Maden L.L., RAF/142885 P/O Trotman K.T., "W".		0851	1056	"J" * DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER. Clear and no cloud. Bombed at 0934:30 hours from 8,500 feet on A/P. On arrival we saw red T.L. seen but smoke trails seen in air at 0936 hours. Saw bomb craters around A/P. Dropped T.L. red on A/P. Bombing very good and on time. 7 T.L. red brought back not required. Photograph attempted. Landed base. Bombload: 7 Ord. T.L. Red 'A'; 7 L.B. T.L. Red 'A'.	
	"X" BR 282	J.26025 P/L Fettiitt H.R., J.28843 P/O Rutz J.C., J.28847 P/O McCannell W.S., R.134760 SGT DOX P.A., E.224192 P/S Beach P.L., E.214769 P/S Spearing C.A., RAF/176010 P/O Stewart G.D., J.16267 P/O Dunn W.G. Bombload: 4 Ord. T.L. Red 'A', 4 L.B. T.L. Red 'A', 6 x 1,000 ANM .65 TD .025.		0855	1048	"X" * MASTER BOMBER. Clear, no cloud and excellent visibility. Visually identified A/P, roadways, cuttings and lots of craters around A/P and red T.L.s. Bombed at 0945:12 hours from 10,000 feet on red T.L.s. overshot by one second, slightly to starboard edge. On arrival, saw red T.L.s on A/P. Clearly distinguished features of ground around A/P. First run was slung. On second run, we bombed. One set of red T.L.s were 100 yards W. and another batch 100 yards W. Bomb. M.B. gave basement flight plan. After bombs had dropped, M.B. said "Bomb between red and green", followed by "past edge of red T.L.s." Overshot red T.L.s by one second. Bombing was concentrated and not one stray stick seen. 4 Ord. and 4 L.B. T.L. red 'A' brought back over	

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Sept. 17, 1944	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On "BOULOGNE-SUB-MER A/F I.A." (Daylight)	(Cont'd) A-152
	'Y' EB 282	J.26095 P/O Whittall H.E. (Comd)				"Y" "MASTER BOMBER" - coming in Captain and bearing Visual's corrections. Too much noise on intercom. A/F was sufficiently well marked. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'Y' EB 283	J.26224 P/O Kettlewell T.W., J.25094 P/O Martin W.E., R.15512 P/S R.W. Shopland, J.27791 P/O Main J.S., R.13193 P/S Masse W.E., RAR/173619 P/S Gunn G., RAR/15751 SGT Branch W.C.S., J.18142 P/O Wilson S.A. Rebloaded: (Same as 'Y')		0854	1044	"Y" "MASTER BOMBER" - Clear at target; cloud 1 to 2/10th's at 6,000 feet. Identified A/F visually and red T.I.s on A/F. 8 T.I.s red dropped at 0942:30 hours from 5,500 feet on A/F with red T.I.s. Dropped 6 x 1,000 ANM .65 at 0946:12 hours from 5,000 feet on A/F with red T.I.s. First run put bomb switch off, but operated camera. Red T.I.s slightly (port - East) of A/F. Second run, dropped T.I.s slightly E. of A/F. (Second camera operation). T.I.s gave one second overshoot our T.I.s for rest of raid. Third, bombed close to A/F (North side). Operated camera third time. No yellow smoke or T.I.s seen. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
'Y' MD 855	J.86251 P/O Oudegan H.G., R.156184 W/O Williams R.G., J.26351 P/O G.A. Williams, R.25672 P/O Wolfe S.G.S., RAR/109528 S/O H.M. Gull, D.F.C., RAR/187623 P/S Kirtle D., RAR/158345 P/S Gunthorpe K., J.19097 P/O McKenzie S.A. Rebloaded: (Same as 'Y')		0856	1051	"Y" "MASTER BOMBER" - Clear, no cloud. Bombed at 0950:54 hours from 9,300 feet between two sets of T.I.s red near A/F. First run, A/F not definitely identified but red T.I.s seen and bombing and smoke. Second run, identified A/F and bombed T.I.s red on A/F. Bombing good. 8 T.I.s red brought back owing to target sufficiently marked. Aircraft damaged by heavy flak over target at 0945 hours, flying at 10,000 feet, causing damage to wings and port tyre. Photograph attempted. Landed base.		
Sept. 17, 1944	'J' EB 113	J.15224 S/L Gosman G.H., J.15765 P/O Winston Ash, J.16048 P/O Magher J., D.F.M., J.15839 P/L Barclay W.H., J.19680 P/O J.L. Dowie, D.F.M., RAR/55933 P/O Williams G.J., D.F.C., G.19690 P/O Madder W.J., RAR/142885 P/O Croxson W.L., D.F.M. Rebloaded: 6 Lbs. T.I. Red 'A', 2 x 1,000 ANM .59 TD .025		1714	1813	Bombing Attack On "BRIDGEWATER" (Daylight) 2 A/C Detailed	A-153
			"J" "MASTER BOMBER" - Clear and no cloud. Identified A/F visually, coastal, village and roads and green T.I.s seen and bombing and smoke. Bombed at 1814:06 hours from 9,000 feet on A/F. Saw green T.I.s at 1818:22 hours 200 yards N.W. of A/F. Deputy M.E. reds dropped at 1818:20 hours approximately 100 yards N.W. of A/F. Own bombs 50 yards S.E. of A/F with 12 T.I. reds. Ordered bomb centre of reds. Bombers began to undershoot. M.E. told Main Force not to undershoot at 1818 hours. Then ordered bomb reds with one second overshoot. This brought Main Force back to T.I.s. Smoke obscured all T.I.s and A/F, so ordered BAWWA at 1819 hours. All bombing then practically finished. One aircraft undershot 500 yards near coast. One aircraft short by one mile on east. Attack if anything to S. edge of target area. All own T.I.s reds dropped in salvo due to intercom trouble. Landed base.				

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Sept. 17, 1944	Master III "Y" FB 282	J. 26025 P/L Whitball R.R., J. 28933 P/O R.L. J.G., J. 28457 P/O McConnell W.A.S., R. 194760 SGT Cox G.A., R. 221492 P/S Roach P.C., R. 214769 P/S G.A. Sponsoring: RAB/178640 P/O Stewart G.D. J. 16267 P/O Dunn W.G. Bombload: (Same as "J").		1715	1909	Bombing Attack On "BIDGEKROON" (Daylight) (Continued) "Y" DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER: Clear and no cloud below. Identified A/P visually by camel, bridges, village and roads and green T.L. Bombed at 1812:12 hours from 12,000 feet on A/P. Arriving, identified A/P then saw green T.L.s 200 yards undershoot slightly to starboard. The reds (possibly) own short by 100 yards and slightly to port. Second red T.L. overshoot 100 yards. Orders by Master Bomber: at 1815 hours, bomb centre of reds (repeated till 1817 hours). At 1817 hours, one second overshoot on reds -> repeated. At 1822 hours, however, only one stick of bombs seen astray and this started at the coast. Remainder of bombing good tending to concentration to starboard of target area. 6 T.L.s red brought back, not required. Very noisy on G4A frequency. Interfered with intercom. Landed base.	A-353
Sept. 20, 1944	"V" ND 855	J. 86251 P/O Odegan P.C., R. 158484 P/O Williams R.G., J. 26552 P/O G.A. McLesse, R. 165719 W/O Wolff T.G.L., RAB/55500E P/O PUGH W., RAB/185623E P/S Kitch D., RAB/1585015 P/S L. Suntorpe, J. 19097 P/O McGuire A.A. Bombload: 11 x 1,000 ANM TD .025, 4 x 500 ANM .64 TD .025.		1628	1830	Bombing Attack On "GAIJIS REFERENCE AREA A/P G.A." (Daylight) Aircraft Detailed "V" SUPPORTER: No cloud, some haze and visibility 2 to 3 miles. Bombed at 1722:20 hours from 6,700 feet on estimated position of A/P, confirmed by position of red T.L.s and Master Bomber's orders. Arrived over target close behind Deputy Master Bomber. Saw his reds fall slightly starboard of estimated position of A/P. Haze dummy run. On second run Master Bomber said "bomb short of the port red". Identified fork in roads 500 yards N. of A/P. There were two reds close together on estimated position of A/P with one green slightly off to N.W. M.B. said "bomb 100 yards short of port T.L.". About 6 sticks of bombs seen, all slightly port of reds. Many bomb craters from first attack seen, all on and close around the A/P. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-354
	"W" FB 402	J. 27859 P/O Friedman L.A., J. 28216 P/O Robertson J.D., R. 166876 SGT S.D. Smith, R. 186182 SGT Henton I.D., R. 218561 P/S McBurnett T.B., RAB/1586104 W/O Proctor S.J., RAB/1880196 SGT Freese P.S.V. Bombload: 8 x 1,000 ANM .59 TD .025, 3 x 1,000 ANM .44 TD .025, 4 x 500 ANM .64 TD .025.		1629	1836	"W" SUPPORTER: No cloud, downward visibility good, with haze 3 miles. Bombed at 1726:30 hours from 6,000 feet - undershoot red T.L.s by 100 yards as instructed by M.B. Arrived 3 minutes early. M.B. said "don't bomb early", so did dummy run and saw greens to port. Bombs not released on second run so made a third run. Picked up A/P and reds appeared to be slightly port and starboard of it, with another red well off to port. M.B. ordered to undershoot reds by 100 yards. Did so and own bombs went across the T.L.s. Told to disregard the red T.L. to port. No yellow tails seen: lots of craters from previous raid. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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Sept. 20, 1944	Lancaster III 'D' ND 616	J. 2823 P/O Tate J., J. 3625 P/O H.D. Biggs, J. 3523 P/O Davy H.D., R. 1849 P/S Haase G.T., R. 142222 SGT Ryan J. R. 54717 SGT Mathieu J.G., R. 118217 SSG Devitt J.P. Bombload: (Same as 'V').		1631	1825	Bombing Attack On "GLAIS DEFENCE AREA A/P 6.A" (Cont'd) "D" SUPPORTER:- No cloud, slight haze and visibility about 5 miles. Bombed at 1718:20 hours from 7,500 feet on A/P. On approach heard M.B. say "Bomb to port of red T.L.s." On arrival found one green about 500 yards N.W. of A/P, with one red about 200 yards S.W. of A/P and another red about 150 yards S. of the A/P. Our stick started about 100 yards short and ran across the A/P and the T.L. to the S.E. - 1 x 500 - was a "spinner" and fell about 500 yards short. Another stick went between the reds. No other aircraft on at that time. After we bombed, M.B. said "Undershoot port red by 100 yards", and then "Good bombing". "Keep it up". Photograph attempted. Landed base. "E" SUPPORTER:- Thin cloud drifting in-wind and heavy visibility. Bombed at 1718:06 hours from 7,000 feet, on N.E. edge of concentration of T.L. red as instructed by M.B. On arrival at 1717 hours, red T.L.s. were cascading. Unable to see where these were going to land and lack of pin-points. M.B. gave instruction at 1700:30 hours "Bomb port edge of red T.L.s.". We did this and on leaving the target area saw 2 sticks of bombs straddle the T.L.s. One stick was ours. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-154
	'B' EB 516	J. 19726 P/O McDonald J.W., J. 14669 P/O House L.G., J. 27588 P/O Whetter R. R. 162357 W/O Lea G.N., R. 210040 P/S Payne M.E., J. 22104 P/O Crowe G.N., 2201790 SSG Burgess J. Bombload: (Same as 'V').		1630	1830	Bombing Attack On "GLAIS DEFENCE AREA A/P 6.B" (Daylight) "E" Aircraft Detailed. "W" MASTER BOMBER:- Clear visibility. Bombed at 1742:06 hours from 9,400 feet on A/P with Deputy M.B.'s reds. Picked up A/P on previous raid. Ran in second time and green T.L. cascaded and overshoot by 150 to 200 yards. Later green T.L.s. undershot to port, at 1716 hours. 75 to 100 yards. Deputy M.B.'s reds fell on A/P at 1756:42 hours. Our T.L. fell in smoke 50 yards overshoot. Bombing tended to drift to port of A/P. Initial order, "Bomb red T.L.s." repeated until red T.L. obliterated. Later red T.L. fell to port. Main Force told to overshoot 50 yards to starboard. Deputy Master Bomber marked again with very slight overshoot and first bomber, "Blow Deputy Master Bomber's T.L.s to bases" and Main Force put on to T.L.s slightly to starboard. No yellow T.L.s seen. One stick bombs undershot near coast. 6 T.L. red and 2 T.L. Yellow smoke, brought back, not required. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-155
Sept. 20, 1944	'W' EB 530	J. 9192 S/L Perry J.W., RAF/145387 P/L Goddard W., J. 23971 P/L Elliott R.W., RAF/282669 P/O Stanley H.E., R. 211285 P/S Bergeron J.C.T., RAF/54362 P/O J. Connell, D.F.M., CAN/6156 A P/S A.W. Bishop, RAF/168727 P/L Pettitt A.G. Bombload: 6 L.B. T.L. Red 'A', 6 T.L. Red 'A', 2 T.L. 'Y' Smoke.		1632	1856		

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Sept. 20, 1944.	Lancaster III *JF 113	J.1522 S/L Goman G.H., J.15765 P/O Whiston E.H., J.15304 P/O J.M. Meecher, D.F.M., J.15582 P/O Barclay W.H., R.19690 P/O J.L. Davis, D.P.M., RAF/52833 P/O G.L. Williams, D.F.C., C.19690 P/O Madder W.J., RAF/142885 P/O Trotman W.F., D.F.M. Bombload:- 7 Lb. T.L. red 'A', 7 T.L. Red 'A'		1635	1904	Bombing Attack On "CALATE REFERENCE AREA A/P C.B." (Cont'd) "J" REPORT MASTER BOMBER:- No cloud, slight haze and good visibility. 4 Lb. T.L. red 'A' and 3 T.L. red 'A' released at 1736 hours from 7,800 feet and 3 Lb. T.L. red 'A' and 4 T.L. red 'A' released at 1741:30 hours from 5,900 feet on A/P. Arrived at 1720:30 hours. Made wide circuit. On first run over our A/P found greens ahead overshoot by 3 or 400 yards. Dropped half our reds on the A/P. 1736:30 hours Master Bomber said "Bomb the reds". Main fusage was clear behind and there bombing was accurate. 1740 hours, Master Bomber asked us to re-mark A/P. Made second run and found one load of reds on A/P with two others slightly off to port N.E. Dropped remainder of our reds and did not see them hit, but immediately after Master Bomber said "Bomb to starboard of reds". Bombing continued to be ac- curate except for one stick about 1,000 yards overshoot to the south. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "H" BOMBER UP:- No cloud and visibility 4 to 5 miles. Identified A/P visually and bombed it at 1741:30 hours from 7,500 feet. Redd went down about 15 minutes before we ar- rived and lay between A/P's "A" and "B". Master Bomber said "Bomb starboard edge of reds". Identified A/P and dropped our reds, which fell on A/P and ran over for about 50 yards. M.B. said "Bomb starboard T.L.s and overshoot starboard T.L.s by one second". Most of bombing seen was on the first red. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "Y" BOMBER UP:- No cloud with heavy visibility. Bombed at 1744:30 hours at 8,000 feet on starboard T.L. of three red T.L.s on ground. On arrival, saw green T.L.s. These had overshoot by approximately 150 to 200 yards. Red T.L.s were assessed as on A/P. Identified roads in target area but could not identify the exact A/P. Made first run dummy, in an endeavour to identify the A/P on second run. Master Bomber's instructions at 1726 hours, "Bomment Flight Plan", 1736 hours, "Bomb the reds". This was re- peated until 1743 hours when he said, "Bomb starboard reds". On leaving saw one stick of bombs blow the red T.L.s sky high. 4 Lb. and 4 000 lbs. red brought back owing to visibility too heavy and smoky for visual identification. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "G" SUPERCHARGER:- No cloud and heavy visibility. Bombed at 1740:12 hours from 8,000 feet on smoke between green and red T.L.s. On arrival at 1737:30 hours, saw green T.L.s cascading. Red T.L.s followed these. We made an orbit and we weren't correctly placed for bombing as came in again and A/P was covered by smoke. M.B. said "Bomb starboard edge of red T.L.s". Saw only green T.L. in smoke but remembered where red T.L.s had been so bombed on 3rd ment. After bombing, M.B. called for target to be re-marked. Lower	A-155
	"U" FB 513	J.24254 P/O Kettlewell F.W., J.25054 P/O Martin W.F., R.199124 P/O S.E.W. Shoeland, J.27731 P/O Hahn T.J., R.19390 P/O Magee W.F., RAF/1796413 P/O Goman G., RAF/1673611 P/O Brunsch W.C.S., J.19482 P/O Wilson G.R. Bombload:- 4 Lb. T.L. red 'A', 4 T.L. Red 'A'		1654	1851		
	"Y" FB 282	J.26095 P/L Whittall H.R., J.28213 P/O Pultz J.G., J.28487 P/O McCannell W.A.S., R.194760 SDE Cox G.A., R.22482 P/O Beach P.C., R.214769 P/O Sparring Gals., RAF/178640 P/O Stewart G.D., J.16267 P/O Duns W.G. Bombload:- (Same as "U").		1653	1907		
	"G" HB 180	J.16561 P/O Woods V.T., J.29583 P/O Fisher R.G., J.27458 P/O Golembist W. J.32873 P/O Lomas J., J.32160 P/O Kerlocourt E., J.32134 P/O Beckley B. RAF/167483 SDE Williams S.J. Bombload:- 11 x 1,000 HB TD .025, 4 x 500 HB .64 TD .025.		1647	1848		

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Sept. 20, 1944	Invader III 'O' NS 180	P/O Woods & Crew (Continued)				Bombing Attack On "CALAIS DEFENSE AREA A/P 6-B" (Cont'd) "O" SUPPORTER - (Continued) - No scattered bombing seen. 1 x 1,000 MG TD .025 fissioned 5025 N. 0122 E. at 1756 hours from 7,800 feet owing to hang up over target. Opened bomb doors after a visual check and bomb fell out safe. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-155
	"G" EB 451	J.27719 P/O Kyle M.S., J.29850 P/O Bohley P., J.29669 P/O Nelson P.G. J.87445 P/O Welch J.A., J.87630 P/O MELBY R.F., J.87870 P/O Campbell W. RAF/1891456 SGT King W.A. Bombload: (Same as 'O').		1648	1854	"G" SUPPORTER - No cloud and slightly hazy downwards. Bombed at 1777:10 hours from 7,500 feet on red T.L. A/P not visually identified. M.B. ordered, "Bomb red T.L.s". One bomb through centre of T.L.s. M.B. ordered, "Bomb starboard side of T.L.s". Some bombing one mile to port. Some bombing one mile to starboard and overshoot. No orders heard from Langstop. Believe saw one yellow smoke fired from ground 1 mile to starboard (S. of A/P 'O'). Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"O" EB 233	J.15301 P/L Weicker W.J.L., RAF/133- 3400 SGT New E.J., J.27276 P/O J.S. McNeill, J.27927 P/O Goddard H.S., RAF/555307 P/O Robt F., RAF/1321011 P/O Hutchinson E.H., J.88225 P/O W.B. Wine, J.18194 P/O Walter L.S. 2 x Bombload: 11 x 1,000 MG TD .025, 2 x 500 ANM 64 TD .025		1650	1906	"O" SUPPORTER - Full cloud at target with very slight haze. Bombed at 1757:40 hours from 6,000 feet on red T.L. Identified A/P visually. Red T.L.s fell and greens seen on ground from directly above later. Red slightly to port of A/P 200 yards. No yellow seen. No bombs seen astray. Bombing concentrated. M.B. ordered "Bomb red T.L.s". Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"H" EB 229	G.2980 P/L Burnand L.B., J.20232 P/O Kym G.C., J.23196 P/O Ronald G.F. RAF/1575171 SGT Cox C., R.18628 P/S McLennan A.E.H., RAF/1874132 SGT L.J. O'Malley, RAF/1554622 P/S McKinnage P. J.18799 P/O Ross G.L. Bombload: (Same as 'O').		1649	1909	"H" SUPPORTER - No cloud with hazy visibility. Bombed at 1747:56 hours from 5,000 feet on starboard T.L. of three red T.L.s. One T.L. was down on arrival at 1758 hours. M.B. had not given any instructions when we were on first run so made a second run but this was also a dummy as bomb doors were not open. On third run carried out M.B. instruction and saw own bombs hit starboard red T.L. - No scattered bombing seen. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
Sept. 23, 1944	"J" EB 113	J.15224 S/L Gorman G.H., J.15765 P/L Gustien A.E., J.16304 P/O J.M. Maugher, D.F.M., J.15839 P/L W.H. Barclay, J.19680 P/O J.H. Dorte, DFM, RAF/52853 P/O C.J. Williams, D.F.C., G.19690 P/O Hadder W., RAF/112885 P/O W.L. Trotman, D.F.M. Bombload: 6 T.L. Red 8964/4, 3 IR. ST. Red 8964/4, 5 x 1,000 ANM 59 TD .025		1602	1757	Bombing Attack On "DONSURE A/P 1" 2 A/O DETAILED (Daylight) "J" MASTER BOMBER 3/10 cumulus cloud at 6,000 feet. Bombed at 1658:28 hours from 6,500 feet on A/P which was identified visually. Mosquito red T.L.s were scattered over 500 yards; one in sea - 1659:30 hours; Mosquito Red 1657:50 hours, Deputy M.B. T.L.s fell 50 yards to East of A/P. Green T.L.s of Bombers 45 to East and overshoot by 200 yards. Bombing slight tendency to undershoot but only one stick in water though several started in sea. 1658 hours, own bombs and T.L.s fell 150 yards to East. Orders given: H-25, Elevation 9,000 feet. 1659 hours, bomb starboard T.L. red - 1700 - carried not to overshoot (see Mosquito T.L. was off). 1700 - Main Force told not to undershoot (one stick in water) bomb red T.L.s. 1701:30 - concentrate on centre of smoke. 1701:06 - Bomber II to go home. Good raid. A/P area covered. At first slight tendency to undershoot. Main Force timing good. Photo attempted. Base.	A-156

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Sept. 25, 1944	Lancaster III "B" FB 185	J.15583 S/L Johnston A.J., J.15636 P/O Finster G.G., RAV/1527439 W/O G.L. Watts, J.18709 P/O Langlois J.L., J.17625 P/O Grimes R.L., J.16929 P/O L.L. Leuckner, D.F.C., RAV/2206444 SGT Holland G.E., J.18009 P/O Pasopok V. Bombload: (Same as 'A')		1605	1755	Bombing Attack On "DOLGERS A/F 1" (Continued) "B" DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER: - 2 to 3/10 cloud in area, with clear patches and good visibility. Bombed at 1657 hours from 8,200 feet on A/P. which was identified visually and red T.L.s. Identified A/P in relation to stacks lying S. and proximity of beach and cove. Red T.L.s. lay slightly S.W. of A/P and a few reds were in the Sea North of A/P. Bombed A/P and saw own red T.L.s. fall approximately 75 yards to N.E. 1657:40 hours, called up M.B. and said "Believe own T.L.s. slightly to port". 1658 hours, M.B. said "Bomb to starboard of red T.L.s.". 1700 hours, M.B. said "Bomb to starboard, red T.L.s. do not overshoot". 1702 hours, "Bomb centre of smoke". Big explosion seen on landing, which appeared to originate from centre of smoke. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "Y" BACKER UP: - 3/10 cumulus cloud with clear patches and tops 8,000 feet, base 4,000 feet. Identified A/P visually and by reds. Bombed at 1659:12 hours from 9,000 feet on A/P. 1659 hours, M.B. gave basement 9,000 feet - A/P identified. 1656 hours, red T.L.s. seen lying off beach N. of A/P. 1657 hours, red T.L.s. went down approximately 100 yards W. of A/P and on running up to bomb, a third load of reds went down to E. of A/P. M.B. not heard, so dropped own load on estimated A/P. - Own green T.L.s. fell approximately 150 yards E. and slightly overshoot. 1659 hours, heard M.B. say "Bomb the centre of the smoke". Only three sticks of bombs seen to scatter into sea. Remainder of bombing well concentrated. 1702 hours, big explosion from centre of smoke seen. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-156
Sept. 26, 1944	"T" FB 282	J.26095 P/L Whittall H.E., J.28913 P/O White J.G., J.28487 P/O W.A.S. McOmnell, R.194760 SGT Cox G.A., R.224789 P/O Beach F.G., R.214789 P/O Spang G.A., RAV/178640 P/O G. Stewart, J.16257 P/O Dunn W.G. Bombload: - 8 T.L. Green 826 A/L 6 x 1,000 ANM 59 TD .025.		1604	1800	Bombing Attack On "OLDAIS A/P 11" - 3 A/C Detailed (Daylight) "Y" MASTER BOMBER: - Mission Abandoned. - Oldais, 1807:30 hours, 1,800 feet. Combination of poor bombing conditions and intense accurate flak. Abortive sortie. Went in with previous raid at 2,000 feet with cloud base variable around 2,000 feet and visibility moderate. Defenses were light at first but increased rapidly. Heard M.B. hand over to Deputy M.B. Identified own A/P. Made circuit out to sea in rain showers. 1755 hours, gave basement 2,500 feet. 1802:30 to 1804 hours, gave basement 2,000 feet. - On run-in at 1800 feet, not well out to sea by intense and accurate light flak. Saw green T.L.s. scattered in area of our A/P. - Our Deputy M.B. broke off his bombing run owing to flak, and we had to do the same. Apart from flak, bombing conditions were not good, and with the flak were not practicable. 1807:30 hours, gave "Abandon mission" while one or two miles out to sea. Repeated "Abandon mission" until 1813 hours. As we turned away two Halifaxes seen continuing into target. Over	A-257
Sept. 26, 1944	"W" FB 550	J.9192 S/S Perry J.W., J.37751 P/L J. Roberts, J.22571 P/L Rescott E.W., RAV/182649 P/O Stapley E.B., R.211205 P/O Bergeron J.G., R.122600 P/O B. Allard, G.88225 P/O Wine W.E., RAV/168727 P/L Pettitt E.G. Bombload: - 3 LB TT Red, 6 Ord TT Red, 5 x 1,000 ANM 59 TD .025.		1711	1927	Bombing Attack On "OLDAIS A/P 11" - 3 A/C Detailed (Daylight) "Y" MASTER BOMBER: - Mission Abandoned. - Oldais, 1807:30 hours, 1,800 feet. Combination of poor bombing conditions and intense accurate flak. Abortive sortie. Went in with previous raid at 2,000 feet with cloud base variable around 2,000 feet and visibility moderate. Defenses were light at first but increased rapidly. Heard M.B. hand over to Deputy M.B. Identified own A/P. Made circuit out to sea in rain showers. 1755 hours, gave basement 2,500 feet. 1802:30 to 1804 hours, gave basement 2,000 feet. - On run-in at 1800 feet, not well out to sea by intense and accurate light flak. Saw green T.L.s. scattered in area of our A/P. - Our Deputy M.B. broke off his bombing run owing to flak, and we had to do the same. Apart from flak, bombing conditions were not good, and with the flak were not practicable. 1807:30 hours, gave "Abandon mission" while one or two miles out to sea. Repeated "Abandon mission" until 1813 hours. As we turned away two Halifaxes seen continuing into target. Over	A-257

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Sept. 24, 1944	Lancaster III "W" EB 530	S/L Perry J.W. (Continued)				Bombing Attack On "CALAIS A/P 11" (Continued) "W" MASTER BOMBER:- (Continued) - Returned and gave "Abandon mission" orders. One abandoned and the other was hit and crashed on land 3 or 5 miles E. of target. 3 LB TI red, 6 Ord. T.I. red and 5 x 1,000 ANM 59 brought back, owing to mission abandoned. Landed base.	A-157
	"W" EB 183	J.15583 S/L Johnston A.J., E.15636 P/L Fisher G.G., RAF/1587839 W/O G.L. Watts, J.18708 P/O Douglas J.L., J.17625 P/O Gwynes R.R., J.16929 P/O L.L. Lauckner, D.F.C., RAF/2206444 S/S Molland G.E., J.18008 P/O Peacock W. Bombload:- (Same as "W").		1712	1924	"E" DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER:- Abortive. Returned from Calais at 1810 hours from 8,000 feet. M.B.'s orders to abandon mission. 10/10 cloud, base, 2,500 feet. Approached target at 2,500 feet on orders from M.B. On second run (bombing run), engaged by intense and accurate light and heavy flak, and hit. (When over target with previous raid experienced only slight light flak). Jinked to avoid flak and could not drop bombs or T.I.s. Turned out for second bombing run and raid called off at approximately 1808:50 hours. Bombload brought back. Slight holes in nose and tail of aircraft owing to flak over target area at 1807 hours, 2,500 and 1,800 feet. Landed base.	
	"U" EB 513	J.26254 P/O Kettlewell T.W., J.25054 P/O Martin W.F., R.159124 P/S B.W. Shopland, J.27791 P/O Nairn T.J., R.153905 P/S Magee W.E., RAF/1796419 P/S Conn C., RAF/1875611 SGT Branch W.G.B., J.19498 P/O Wilson G.B. Bombload:- (Same as "W").		1729	1921	"U" BOMBER UP:- Abortive. Returned from Calais at 1810 hours, at 2,000 feet. M.B. ordered "Abandon mission". 10/10 cloud at 2,500 feet with good visibility at 2,000 feet. Approaching target at 1755 hours, M.B. ordered basement 2,500 feet. Approximately 1805 hours, M.B. ordered basement 2,000 feet. 1807:30 hours, M.B. ordered "Abandon mission". Repeated. Saw 1st green T.I. on first vision of coast line and it looked on A/P. 2nd green T.I. approximately at H - 2 slightly to East. No bombing seen. Bombload brought back. Landed base.	
Sept. 25, 1944	"B" EB 477	J.85050 P/L Herbert R.G., J.20216 P/L Edon P.A., J.87548 P/O Cardno M.B., RAF/182668 P/O Owen J.W., E.191089 P/S Allard B.L., RAF/1890041 P/S B.A. Crisp, RAF/1224760 P/S Garland H.R., J.18194 P/O Walter L.J. Bombload:- 11 x 1,000 ANM 59 TD .025, 4 x 500 ANM 64 TD .025.		0734	0938	Bombing Attack On "CALAIS - UNDERGO A/P 2.B" "A" Detailed (Daylight) "B" SUBBOMBER:- Abortive. Abandoned mission on M.B.'s orders. Returned from Calais at 0823 hours, 8,000 feet. 9/10 cloud, tops 5 to 6,000 feet. Bottoms-of-roads lying N.W. of A/P identified. Arrived at target and identified crossroads N. of A/P through small trees in thick cloud. 0817 hours, did dummy run, and saw green T.I.s cascading into cloud. 0823 hours, heard M.B. give "London" and abandoned mission. 2 x 500 ANM 64 and 2 x 1,000 ANM 59 jettisoned 502L N. 0106 E. at 0831:18 hours from 8,000 feet to reduce weight. Landed base.	A-158

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Sept. 25, 1944	Lancaster III 'X' BA 965	J.27719 P/O Kyle M.S., J.29850 P/O P. Pookay, J.29669 P/O Fallon F.C., J.87416 P/O Welch J., J.87610 P/O Ribley B.E., J.87670 P/O Campbell W. RAF/1091456 SGT King W.L. Bomload: (Same as 'X').	J.29850 P/O P. Pookay, J.29669 P/O Fallon F.C., J.87416 P/O Welch J., J.87610 P/O Ribley B.E., J.87670 P/O Campbell W. RAF/1091456 SGT King W.L. Bomload: (Same as 'X').	0754	0943	Bombing Attack On "CALAIS - UNESCO A/P 2.2" (Continued) "X" SUPPORTER: Mission abandoned. Returned from Calais at 0826 hours, 8,000 feet, on M.B.'s orders. Went in to target with M.B. and Deputy M.B. over 9/10-10-10 cloud, tops 6 to 7,000 feet. M.B. told us to orbit and then gave "London" (Abandon mission) at 0827 hours. 2 x 500 ANM TD .025, and 1 x 1,000 ANM 59 TD .025 jettisoned 5020 N. 0100 E. at 0844:30 hours, from 7,500 feet, "safe", to reduce weight. Landed base.	A-158
	'O' ME 180	RAF/174075 P/L O'Connor E., RAF/171692 P/L Mairo J.W.C., RAF/1390722 P/S S. Manierka, RAF/1388034 P/S Bristol J. J.87964 P/O Spring P.H., E.173351 P/S Egan J.C., RAF/156604 P/S Henderson J.R.D., J.18799 P/O Howe G.V. Bomload: (Same as 'X').	RAF/171692 P/L Mairo J.W.C., RAF/1390722 P/S S. Manierka, RAF/1388034 P/S Bristol J. J.87964 P/O Spring P.H., E.173351 P/S Egan J.C., RAF/156604 P/S Henderson J.R.D., J.18799 P/O Howe G.V. Bomload: (Same as 'X').	0752	0939	"O" SUPPORTER: Abortive. Mission abandoned and returned from Calais at 0823:18 hours, 8,000 feet, on M.B.'s orders. Went in to target with M.B. and Deputy M.B. over 9/10 cloud tops 4,000 feet. 0827:00Z, 0829:00Z, 0831:00Z and 0832:00Z hours, M.B. said "Orbit and wait for instructions". 0833:18 hours, M.B. said "London" (Abandon mission). No flak white over target, position of which was checked by Gee and G.P. 4 x 500 ANM .64 jettisoned safe at 5025 N. 0100 E. at 8,000 feet to reduce weight. Landed base.	
Sept. 25, 1944	"W" EB 550	J.3192 P/L Perry J.W., J.31751 P/L J. Roberts, J.29571 P/L Macott E.W., RAF/182669 P/O Stanley H.E., E.211205 P/S Beegon J.C.L., RAF/109507 P/L H.K. Gull, DFC, G.88825 P/O Vine W. RAF/169787 P/L Pettitt R.G. & L.B. T.L. Red, 6 QRS "T.L. Red", & 1,000 ANM .59 TD.025.	J.31751 P/L J. Roberts, J.29571 P/L Macott E.W., RAF/182669 P/O Stanley H.E., E.211205 P/S Beegon J.C.L., RAF/109507 P/L H.K. Gull, DFC, G.88825 P/O Vine W. RAF/169787 P/L Pettitt R.G. & L.B. T.L. Red, 6 QRS "T.L. Red", & 1,000 ANM .59 TD.025.	0905	1145	Bombing Attack On "CALAIS A/P 1.1" (Daylight) 5 A/C Detailed "W" BASTION BOMBERS: Abandoned mission. Returned from Calais 8 miles West of KILN HOMES, 1,500 feet in 9 to 10/10 cloud. Went in with previous raid. It was clear over channel and enemy coast was seen, but there was 9 to 10/10 cloud, tops 3,500 feet, base 1,500 to 2,000 feet over the target. Previous raid was abortive. Orbiting out to sea and came in behind Deputy. Gave "Basement Flight Plan". Later told MAIN FORCE to orbit and gave basement 5,000 feet. Deputy made several runs and called to say he had dropped T.L.s and believed they had undershot. Got a brief sight of smoke from T.L.s (colour not seen) through a small break, believed 250 to 300 yards undershot. We made five or six dummy runs and went down to 1,800 feet but were not clear of cloud. 1040:28 hours, Main Force were orbiting over land to S.W. of target. TOLD THEM TO EXIT OVER SEA. Gave "Abandon mission" 1041:24 hours as cloud appeared to be building up. Slight light and heavy flak. Orders given: 1015, Main Force, basement flight plan. Transmitters off. 1016:30, Main Force, time check. 1022, Main Force, Basement flight plan. 1025, Main Force, orbit. 1027, 1029, 1030, 1031, 1032, 1033, 1036, Main Force, orbit. Basement 6. 1038, V.B.H. "try to mark A/P". 1040:45, MAIN FORCE orbit over sea. 1041:24, at frequent intervals to 1046, Main Force, Moscow. XXXXX Bomload brought back. Landed base.	A-159

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Sept. 25, 1944	Lancaster III 'J' EB 113	J.15224 S/L Gosman G.H., J.15765 F/L Gustafson A.R., J.16304 F/O J.M. Meagher, DFM, J.15838 F/L Barclay W. J.19680 F/O J.E. Doris, DFM, RAF/55935 F/O G.J. Williams, DFM, G.19690 F/O Hatcher W., RAF/142885 F/O W.T. Brozman, DFM. Bombload:- (Same as 'W').		0904	1148	Bombing Attack On "CALAIS A/P J.A." (Continued) "J" VISUAL BOMBER:- 8 to 9/10 cloud with fair visibility. A.L.S. T.I.s. Red and G-UG. T.I. red dropped at 1031:48 hours from 5,500 feet on A/P which was identified visually and by green T.I.s. 4 x 1,000 MG TD .025 released at 1037:12 hours from 5,000 feet between A/P and red T.I.s on ground. Arrived over target at 0943 hours, during the previous attack. Could see nothing and heard Master Bomber give "Abandon Mission". Came back to Maidstone and set course again, arriving over target again at 1024 hours. Green T.I.s were down but had undershot by 200 or 250 yards. At 1025 hours, M.B. told Main Force to orbit. At 1029 hours, we made a dummy run as we could not see anything. We made another run and identified the A/P as dropped our red T.I.s at 1031:48 hours. These slightly overshot the green T.I.s and undershot the A/P by 150 to 200 yards. We orbited again and made another dummy run and on fourth run bombed after visually identifying the A/P through a break in cloud. At 1042 hours, M.B. gave "Abandon mission". Smokegraph situated. Landed base. "A" VISUAL BOMBER UP:- Abandoned mission. Returned from Calais 10 miles N.W. at 1043 hours, 5,200 feet on M.B.'s orders. Clear over channel and saw enemy coast on approach but found cloud over targets. Thin layer at 7,000 feet and 10/10 thin layer tops 2 to 3,000 feet. 1031 hours, M.B. said "Orbit to starboard". 1034, M.B. said "Basement 6". 1038, M.B. told V.B.U.'s to try and mark A/P. We went down to 4,800 feet but could see nothing. 1041, M.B. said "Moscow" (abandon mission). Bombload brought back. Landed base.	A-159
	'A' EB 129	J.15818 W/C G.W. Palmer, D.F.C., RAF/145387 F/L Goddard W., J.85581 F/L A.J. Wilcock, D.F.C., RAF/188131 F/O Beshley G.R., J.85483 F/O Frey F. J.16959 F/O I.L. Lauckner, D.F.C., G.17854 F/L R.J. Anderson, D.F.C., J.19002 F/O Pascoe W.G. Bombload:- (Same as 'W').		0948	1143	"A" VISUAL BOMBER UP:- Abandoned mission. Returned from Calais 10 miles N.W. at 1043 hours, 5,200 feet on M.B.'s orders. Clear over channel and saw enemy coast on approach but found cloud over targets. Thin layer at 7,000 feet and 10/10 thin layer tops 2 to 3,000 feet. 1031 hours, M.B. said "Orbit to starboard". 1034, M.B. said "Basement 6". 1038, M.B. told V.B.U.'s to try and mark A/P. We went down to 4,800 feet but could see nothing. 1041, M.B. said "Moscow" (abandon mission). Bombload brought back. Landed base.	
	'W' EB 513	J.24254 F/O Nettleswell T.W., J.25054 F/O Martin W.F., R.199124 F/S R.W. Shoptand, J.27791 F/O Martin E.J., R.199903 F/S Magee W., RAF/1726419 F/S Conn G., RAF/1875611 SGT Branch W.G., J.23402 F/O Ellison G.E. Bombload:- (Same as 'W').		0954	1143	"W" VISUAL BOMBER UP:- Abandoned mission. Returned from Calais 5 miles N.W. at 1042 hours, 6,000 feet, on M.B.'s orders. 1015 hours, received basement flight plan. Later M.B. said "Orbit" which we did at 8,000 feet over 8 to 9/10 cloud, tops 3,000 feet. M.B. gave basement 6,000 feet. 1038 hours, approximately M.B. told V.B.U.'s to try and mark A/P. We ran in towards target, but before we got there, received "Abandon mission" at 1042 hours. No flak while near target. A few bursts seen after leaving. Bombload brought back. Landed base.	
	'Y' EB 282	J.26095 F/L Whitball E., J.28915 F/O Potts J., J.28487 F/O McConnell W.A. R.196760 SGT Cox G., R.22492 F/S P. Beach, R.214769 F/S Shearing C., RAF/78660 F/O Stewart G.D., J.16267 F/O Dunn W.G. Bombload:- (Same as 'W').		0951	1146	"Y" VISUAL BOMBER UP:- Abandoned mission and returned from Calais at 1044 hours, 6,000 feet, on M.B.'s orders. At 6 to 6,500 feet, thin layers of stratus cloud, 9 to 10/10 cloud below, base 2,000 feet, tops 4,000 feet. 1038 hours, M.B. called V.B.U.'s to go in and try and mark target. Unable to identify A/P so orbited and at 1043 hours, M.B. gave "Moscow", so abandoned mission. 1043:30 hours, green T.I.s seen cascading, which disappeared into cloud. All bombs brought back. Landed base.	

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Sept. 26, 1944	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On * CAP GRIS NNE A/P 7.0. * (Daylight) 3 Aircraft Detailed.	A-160
	'O' ME 180	J.86652 P/O McIntyre H.B., J.3574.0 P/O Mether L.H., R.158073 W/O A.L.V. St. Pierre, R.129668 W/O Stone T.A., RAF/653002 W/O Price W., R.147033 P/S Posty A.M., RAF/221605 P/S Hilton E. Bombloads: 11 x 1,000 ANM -59 TD.025, A x 500 MC TD .025.		0852	1117	* G * SUPPORTER:- Perfectly clear with 15 miles visibility. Bombed at 0905-30 hours from 6,000 feet on vector of red T.L.s on M.B.'s instructions. Arrived at target just behind M.B. Identified A/P easily with excellent visibility. Green T.L.s down, one lot straddling road junction N.W. of A/P and second lot slightly S.E. of A/P. 0957 hours, red T.L.s went down and appeared to hit A/P. On bombing run, second lot of red T.L.s fell. These lay between the first lot of reds and the green T.L.s S. of A/P. M.B. said "Bomb first lot of red T.L.s" and a few seconds after own load went he changed to "Undershoot first red T.L.s by 50 yards". Bombing well concentrated. Photo attempted. Landed base.	
	'V' MD 855	J.10122 P/L Vann G., J.20708 P/O R. Spangler, J.28217 P/O Goushey H.H., R.145809 W/O White F.F., R.214700 P/S Marceau L., R.220282 P/S Robinson C. RAF/1895963 SGT Church J. Bombloads: (Same as 'O').		0857	1128	* V * SUPPORTER:- Clear visibility. Bombed at 1011-54 hours from 6,000 feet on gun emplacement, (square building with 2 gun turret on top). M.B. gave no basement so went down to 6,000 feet. Identified A/P as a square building with two-gun turret on top. Green T.L.s seen ascending on run in. Covered an area approximately 500 yards radius and overlapped A/P. Orbitted and two lots of red T.L.s went down, first lot slightly S.E. of A/P and second lot further S.E. 1000 hours, M.B. said "Bomb red T.L.s". 1005 hours, M.B. said "Undershoot reds slightly". Saw one stick of bombs hit gun emplacement and crown knocked off it. Majority of bombing overshoot to the right. 1 x 1,000 ANM -59 TD -025 jettisoned 5029 N-0058 E. at 1029-06 hours from 5,000 feet owing to hang up over target. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'X' MA 965	J.25766 P/O Dix W., J.28916 P/O C.L. Lindsay, J.28923 P/O Jackson E.H., R.193731 P/S Smith G.B., R.205168 P/S Surber K., R.217035 P/S Jarvis J.D., RAF/1894697 SGT Page A.W. Bombloads: (Same as 'O').		0851	1118	* X * SUPPORTER:- A/10 windy cloud with good visibility. Visually identified A/P and one red T.L. ascending at 0957 hours. Bombed at 1006 hours from 6,000 feet on red T.L. on ground. On first run at 0958 hours, one red T.L. was landing on A/P. Orbitted twice and more red T.L.s were down spreading approximately 100 to 200 yards N.W. of A/P but generally concentrated. On third run, we bombed red T.L.s which were close to A/P which was itself covered by smoke. M.B. said, "Bomb red T.L.s". On leaving, heard him say "Undershoot the red T.L.s". 1156 was jammed so used Marconi. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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Sept. 26, 1944.	Lancaster III						
	"H" EB 530	J. 3192 S/L Ferry J.W., J. 37731 P/L Roberts J.E., J. 29571 P/L Rowcott E. RAY/182609 P/O Stanley H.E., R. 211205 P/S Bergeron J.G.Y., RAY/1321011 W/O Hainsworth E.W., G. 88225 P/O Vine W. RAY/168727 P/O Pettitt A.E. Bombload: 4 L.B. T.I. Red, 6 Ord. T.I. Red, 4 x 1,000 MC TD .025.		1241	1408	Bombing Attack On "CAP GRIS NEZ A/P 7.2" (Daylight) 5 Aircraft Detailed. "W" MASTER BOMBERS - 5 to 6/10 cumulus cloud, base 3,000 feet at start, clearing rapidly. 3 Ord. T.I. red and 2 L.B. T.I. red and 4 x 1,000 MC. TD.025, released at 1250:24 hours from 3,000 feet on A/P. 3 Ord. T.I. red and 1 L.B. T.I. red released at 1255:06 hours from 2,400 feet on A/P. On run in, Mosquito greens cascaded over the sea. Deputy's first reds seen were in the sea west of A/P. His second load fell about 50 yards W.W. of A/P and we told Main Force to bomb 50 yards to starboard of them. We dropped half our load in a short stick S. to E. 50 to 100 yards W. of A/P and told Main Force to overshoot the starboard side (i.e., the best ones) by one second. Repeated this until 1244 hours. At 1244:36 hours, saw reds cascading on beach and in the sea. 1245:06 hours, told Main Force to ignore these reds. Gave further orders to keep Main Force on our reds and bombing was very good. Smoke now covered A/P from points between A/P and the sea, and at 1247 hours we told Main Force in overshoot the beach by two seconds into the middle of the smoke. Blackdog called up and suggested overshoot was too great and that Main Force should orbit until smoke had cleared. There seemed only to be four or five aircraft still to come in but at 1249 hours, we told them to orbit, and when the smoke had cleared we remarked 50 to 100 yards W. of A/P at 1255:06 hours. Made a final run at end of raid, area on and close around A/P was heavily cratered. Orders given continuously to Main Force from 1255 to 1258 hours. 2 L.B. T.I. red brought back owing to hang up. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "J" DEPUTY MASTER BOMBERS - 6/10 broken cloud, base 4,000 feet, tops 5,500 feet, with visibility 8 to 10 miles. 4 L.B. T.I. red and 1 Ord. T.I. red released at 1236:30 hours from 2,800 feet on A/P. 5 Ord. T.I. red and 4 x 1,000 MC TD.025 released at 1237:36 hours from 2,500 feet on A/P. At 1239 hours, M.B. gave basement 1,000 feet. On run in, saw Mosquito T.I.s green drop in sea W. of A/P which almost hit own aircraft. Saw bomb doors wouldn't open, and when they did, half red T.I.s went, hit bomb doors and fell on beach slightly N.W. of A/P. Deputy to M.B. "T.I.s gone". M.B. to Deputy. "Mark again T.I.s short". Observed to port and dropped remaining T.I. reds and bombs. T.I.s fell approximately 50 yards N.W. of A/P. 1238 hours, M.B. said "Bomb red T.I.s with one second overshoot". Target area was quickly obscured by smoke and Langstep called up and suggested to M.B. that Main Force should orbit and cease bombing until smoke cleared. M.B. did so and dropped his own red T.I.s and instructed Main Force to "Overshoot 50 yards to starboard of his red T.I.s". Whole of target area was well cratered. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-161
	"H" EB 113	J. 1522 S/L Gosman G.H., J. 15765 P/O Clouston A.E., J. 16304 P/O J.M. Meagher, DM, J. 15839 P/L Barclay W. J. 13680 P/O N.E. Doris, DM, RAY/55933 P/O G.J. Williams, DFC, G. 19480 P/O E.J. Madley, RAY/142885 P/O W.E. Trotman, DM. Bombload: (Same as "H").		1242	1358		

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Sept. 26, 1944	LANCASTER III 'A' FB 129	J.15816 W/O C.W. Palmer, D.F.C., RAF/15387 P/O Goddard W., F.05591 P/O A.J. Wilcock, D.F.C., RAF/258131 P/O Maishley C.E., J.05483 P/O Frey F. J.16252 P/O L.L. Luckner, D.F.C., G.17844 P/O Anderson H.J., D.F.M., J.18009 P/O Pascock W.C.		1200	MESSING	Bombing Attack On "CAP GRAS" N.E. A/P 7.D. (Continued) "A" VISUAL BACKER UP. This aircraft failed to return from this operation and nothing has been heard from this crew since time of take-off. This was King Commander Palmer's 10th Operation. Bombload: (Same as 'W').	A-161
	'T' FB 282	J.26095 P/L Whittall H.R., J.28913 P/O Potts G.G., F.28487 P/O McGonnell W.A.S., R.194760 SGT Cox G.A., R.224392 P/S WRIGHT P.O., R.214789 P/S Sperling T.A., RAF/139640 P/O G.D. Stewart, J.16267 P/O Dunn W.C.		1205	1345	"Y" VISUAL BACKER UP. 8/10 cumulus cloud, base 3,500 feet with good visibility. Identified A/P visually and bom- bed it at 12:23:30 hours from 3,000 feet. On run in, saw 1 load of rods 50 to 100 yards N. of A/P. A few streaks of bombs seen to go close to the A/P. 12:40:30 hours, M.B. said "overshoot by 2 second on red T.L.s". Saw our rods cascade but did not see them land and believe they undershot slightly. 12:44 hours, saw red T.L.s cascade on beach and 2 or 3 aircraft bombed them. 12:46 hours, M.B. said "ignore red T.L.s on beach". Photograph attempted. Landed base. "U" VISUAL BACKER UP. No cloud below but 7 to 8/10 cloud above with good visibility. Bombed at 12:44:36 hours from 3,000 feet on smoke, slightly undershooting road running from W. of A/P to N.W. Smoke and one cluster of red T.L.s on beach N.E. of A/P. M.B. gave directions to overshoot red T.L.s by one second. Saw bombs fall to starboard side of smoke and own T.L.s fell in smoke. 12:49 hours, M.B. said "make 2 second overshoot". 12:49:30 hours, M.B. told Main Force to orbit till smoke clears and await further orders. This followed the suggestion of "Longstop Bomber". Bombing concentrated smoke for one stick which overshoots 1 Ord. T.L. red jettisoned safe 5000 ft. OAS E. at 13:01 hours, from 2,500 feet owing to hang up over target. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	'W' FB 313	J.21234 P/O Kettlewell T., J.25054 P/O Martin W.F., R.195124 P/S R.W. Shopland, J.27791 P/O Martin T.J., R.193903 P/S Magee W.F., RAF/2798419 P/S Conn G., RAF/187611 SGT W.C., J.19402 P/O Wilson G.L.		1201	1355	Bombload: (Same as 'W').	
Sept. 27, 1944	'J' FB 113	J.15224 S/L Gosman G.H., J.15745 P/L Sinton A.E., J.16544 P/O J.M. Mather DFM, J.15839 P/L Barclay W.H., J.15609 P/O J.E. Davis, DFM, RAF/55923 P/O G. Williams, DFM, G.19690 P/O W.J. Hadden, RAF/142885 P/O W.E. Trotman, DFM.		0757	1121	Bombing Attack On "BOYTRON" (Daylight) 2 A/O Detailed. "J" MASTER BOMBER! - 10/10 thin cloud tops 8,000 feet with breaks to South. Bombed at 09:30:18 hours from 18,000 feet by D.R. run from H.2.S. fix on Arnhem. 09:15 hours, to Main Force, time check, "watch timing". Approaching target sets still over 10/10 cloud, tops about 8,000 feet. 09:25 hours, to Main Force, "prepare to do good D.R. run". Re- peated this several times until 09:35 hours. Over target found 10/10 tops about 8,000 feet, with breaks running E. and W., South of the target. 19:07 hours, asked Deputy M.B. if he could mark target. He replied it was impossible. From 09:28 to 09:36 hours, told Main Force to hold on good D.R. Completed our D.R. run and dropped our bombs at 09:30:18 hours from 18,000 feet. Orbited to starboard. Identified rocks 3,500 yards South of A/P through gap but could not see over	A-162

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Sept. 27, 1944	Lancaster III *J* EB 113	S/L Gosman G.H. (Continued)				Bombing Attack On "BOTTRUP" (Continued) *J* MASTER BOMBER:- (Continued) - mark A/P. Several aircraft seemed to be turning away short of target. Warned Main Force not to bomb short. Asked Deputy several times to try and mark A/P but he was unable to do so. Meanwhile the cloud breaks were drifting further South and further west points seemed hopeless. 0937 hours, all bombers had finished. Sold Deputy to get course for home and left target. 0940 hours, saw big mushroom of black smoke 1,000 to 2,000 feet above cloud in target area. Main Force came in over the target area in good concentration. There was considerable jamming on R/T. There was moderate accurate heavy flak predicted, unseen on first run and moderate to intense barrage later. 4 L.B. T.L. red and 8 Ord. T.L. red brought back owing to A/P not identified. Landed base.	A-162	
	I EB 282	J.26095 P/L Whittall H.R., J.28913 P/O Rite G.G., J.20487 P/O McConnell W.H. R.194760 SGT Cox G.A., R.221492 P/S Black P.O., H.216769 P/S Spearing G.A. RAF/17864 P/O Stewart G.D., J.16267 P/O Dunn W.G. Bombload:- (Same as 'J').			0759	1117	*Y* DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER:- 10/10 cloud, tops 6,000 feet. Bombed at 0927-30 hours from 18,000 feet by B.K. run from H.E.S. fix at 5150 N. 0640 E. At target, 10/10 cloud. Bombed on B.K. run (H.E.S. blacked out on evasive action). The only ground detail seen near target was a glimpse of canal S. of Bottrup and second bend in river N. of Duisberg on sun in. Some smoke trails of T.L.s disappeared in cloud at approximately 0925 hours. At 0938 hours, big black explosion, yellow flames and pitch-black smoke masses arose above 1,000 feet cloud at 6,000 feet covering approximately 800 miles. 4 L.B. T.L. red and 8 Ord. T.L. red brought back, not required. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	H EB 289	J.2980 P/L Burdard L.B., J.20252 P/O Ryan G.O., J.23154 P/O Hobell G. RAF/157517 SGT Cox G., J.87964 P/O King P.H., RAF/187432 SGT O'Hanlon L.J., RAF/1554632 P/S McMoraghe P.J. J.16799 P/O Rowe G.J. Bombload:- 4 L.B. T.L. Red, 4 Ord. T.L. Red, 6 x 1,000 ANM .59 TD.025.			0805	1122	*H* BOMBER UP:- 9 to 10/10 stratus cumulus cloud, tops 2,500 feet. Bombed at 0911-18 hours from 18,500 feet by G.P.L. run from H.E.S. fix on Wesel. Our R.P. was slightly to starboard of several other aircraft as our bombs went. Looked back and saw red T.L.s in fields close to cross-roads possible just N. of A/P. About one minute after bombing, saw through cloud gap factory buildings in target area with several tall chimneys, got two or three sticks of bombs. Later, saw big mushroom of smoke above cloud in target area. 4 Ord. T.L. red and 4 L.B. T.L. red brought back owing to no H.E.S. found to back up. Slight damage to aircraft from heavy flak at 18,500 feet, 0931 hours, over target area. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	H EB 513	J.24254 P/O Rattlewell T.W., J.25054 P/O Martin W.F., R.159124 P/S E.W. Shopland, J.27721 P/O Mann T.J., R.153903 P/S Magee W.P., RAF/1796419 P/S Gunn G., RAF/1875411 P/S Branch W.G.E., J.19402 P/O Wilson G.E. Bombload:- (Same as 'H').			0804	1108	*H* BOMBER UP:- 10/10 cloud, tops 8,000 feet, base 2 to 3,000 feet. Bombed at 0930 hours from 18,500 feet by G.P.L. run from gear uncertain H.E.S. fix on Wesel. Weather clear over Wesel and Dinslaken. On G.P.L. run, identified the forest of Wesel and big main road N. of Bottrup. Ran over road and bombed blindly. After bombing, saw red T.L.s down, lying on estimated position of A/P which was E. of own bombing. On leaving, a very large explosion seen. Big mushroom of smoke went up to 6,000 feet. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	

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Sep 27, 1944.	Lancaster III "D" MD 616	J. 86652 W/O McIntyre H.B., J. 35749 W/O Mahler L.H., R. 136075 W/O L.L.J. St. Pierre, R. 123668 W/O Stone T.A., RAF/653008 W/O Price W., R. 117053 W/S Rostay A.M., RAF/2211605 W/S Hilton E. Bombload:- 11 x 1,000 MC MD .025, 4 x 500 MC MD .025.	H.B., J. 35749	0758	1119	Bombing Attack On "BOTTROP" (Continued) "D" SUPPORTER:- 9/10 cloud at 8 to 9,000 feet with breaks to South and S.W. Bombed at 0928:36 hours from 19,000 feet by D.R. run from H.2.S. fix at 5146 N. 0610 E. H.2.S. failed, last fix at 5146 N. 0610 E. Proceeded then on by D.R. and in the bomb stream. We were in the bomb stream most of the way and we dropped our bombs in close company with three other P.F.F. aircraft. 0934 hours, saw plum of dark smoke rise above cloud in target area. Photograph attempted. Landed base. "D" SUPPORTER:- 9/10 cloud, tops 7 to 8,000 feet. Bombed at 0928:36 hours from 19,500 feet by G.P.I. set up from 5150 N. 0610 E. Cloud obscured target area. Ran in on G.P.I. which was set up on H.2.S. at detailed starting point. Cloud only seen except for smoke trails of T.I.s. No colours seen. (At 0926 hours approximately) ahead on track. 2 x 1,000 lbs., 25 jettimed 5150 N. 0920 E. at 1024 hours from 6,000 feet owing to hang up over target. One small hole from 11AK over target at 0927 hours, 19,500 feet. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	A-162
	"E" EB 516	J. 25776 W/O Dix W.F., J. 28916 W/O G. Kinley, J. 28223 W/O Jackson E.H., R. 123788 W/S Smith G.B., R. 203168 W/S Turner K., R. 217055 W/S Jarvis J. RAF/1291497 SGT Edge A.J. Bombload:- (Same as "D").		0801	1114	Photograph attempted. Landed base. "E" SUPPORTER:- 9/10 cloud, tops 7 to 8,000 feet. Bombed at 0928:36 hours from 19,500 feet by G.P.I. set up from 5150 N. 0610 E. Cloud obscured target area. Ran in on G.P.I. which was set up on H.2.S. at detailed starting point. Cloud only seen except for smoke trails of T.I.s. No colours seen. (At 0926 hours approximately) ahead on track. 2 x 1,000 lbs., 25 jettimed 5150 N. 0920 E. at 1024 hours from 6,000 feet owing to hang up over target. One small hole from 11AK over target at 0927 hours, 19,500 feet. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"F" EB 183	J. 27859 W/O Friedman L.A., J. 28216 W/O Robertson J.D., R. 166876 SGT S.D. Smith, R. 186182 SGT Benton I.D., R. 120561 W/S McDermott T.E., RAF/188404 W/O Proctor S.J., RAF/2880156 SGT Kenna F.S.V. Bombload:- (Same as "D").		0800	1111	"F" SUPPORTER:- 9/10 cloud, tops 8 to 9,000 feet breaking a few miles to South. Bombed at 0928:36 hours from 19,800 feet on red T.I.s and buildings. Navigated by D.R. from G.P.I. fix at 5142 N. 0521 E. Saw, through a small hole in cloud, red T.I.s on industrial buildings in position which checked within 4 minutes of our E.T.A. 0937 hours, saw sudden upheaval of smoke above cloud from target area. H.2.S. W/S from English coast. Photo attempted. Landed base. "F" SUPPORTER:- 10/10 cloud-up to approximately 5 miles off A/P then thin haze covering A/P and S. of river. Bombed at 0929:22 hours from 20,200 feet by G.P.I. run checked by "F" fix on Wesel. 0918 to 0925 hours, heard M.B. say "Bomb on D.R.". Bombed blindly and afterwards rear gunner saw red T.I.s. River seen and several big factories. One bomb burst on a railway junction. 0934 hours, big explo- sion from position where T.I.s were estimated to have fallen. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"G" EB 333	J. 29956 W/O McNaughton D.A., J. 27891 W/O Small L.V., J. 28882 W/O Gilbert G., RAF/178504 W/O Sharp S., J. 88097 W/O Harper L.A., J. 88072 W/O Hunt P. RAF/55904 W/O Foredyke R.A. Bombload:- (Same as "D").		0805	1126	"G" SUPPORTER:- 10/10 cloud-up to approximately 5 miles off A/P then thin haze covering A/P and S. of river. Bombed at 0929:22 hours from 20,200 feet by G.P.I. run checked by "F" fix on Wesel. 0918 to 0925 hours, heard M.B. say "Bomb on D.R.". Bombed blindly and afterwards rear gunner saw red T.I.s. River seen and several big factories. One bomb burst on a railway junction. 0934 hours, big explo- sion from position where T.I.s were estimated to have fallen. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"H" EB 402	J. 10122 W/L Vann G.C., J. 20768 W/O Spencer L., J. 28237 W/O Gouchay H. R. 145809 W/O White F., R. 214700 W/S Marceau L., R. 220282 W/S Robinson G. RAF/189563 SGT Church J. Bombload:- (Same as "D").		0802	1116	"H" SUPPORTER:- 9/10 cloud, with clear patches S. of Bottrop. Bombed at 0928:06 hours from 19,600 feet. 0926 hours, M.B. gave "bomb on good D.R.". Ran up through cloud and bombed and saw one bomb burst in fields and through a clear patch identified a large factory near a canal. 0929:30 hours, large explosion seen with a column of black smoke rising up to 6,000 feet. 2 or 3 smaller explosions seen on leaving. Photo attempted. Landed base.	

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Sept. 28, 1944	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On "CAP GRIS NER A/P 7.C. (Daylight) Aircraft Detailed.	A-165
	"W" EB 530	J. 9192 S/L Perry J.W., J. 37732 P/L J. Roberts, J. 29571 P/L Hascott R.W., RAV/182669 P/O Stanley H.E., R. 211205 P/S Bergeron J.C.F., R. 173558 P/S J. Egan, C. 88225 P/O Vase W.E., RAV/168727 P/L Pettit A.G.		1748	1944	"W" MASTER BOMBER:- Poor visibility, with hazy and fading light. 8/10 cloud at 2,500 to 3,500 feet, patchy. Identified A/P visually. At target, A/P visually identified while accompanying previous raid. This raid was orbiting for 10 minutes so gave Deputy M.B. instructions not to drop until instructed. Greens were seen spread over wide area from beach at Cap Gris Ner to A/P and one lot of green T.I.s overshoot. 1842 hours, Deputy M.B. ordered to mark and reds were scattered from beach to short of A/P 50 yards at 1844 hours. Orbiting A/P several times. T.I.s were too scattered. Main force were above cloud at 8,000 feet despite orders to 2,500 feet. Four a/e only seen below cloud. Gave orders from 1850 to 1852 hours, and from 1854 to 1856 hours, called raid off. Approximately six sticks of bombs seen all under shooting except one stick which overshoot by 300 yards. Bombs brought back. Landed base.	
	"U" EB 513	J. 24254 P/O Kettlewell T., J. 25054 P/O Martin W.F., R. 129134 P/S R.W. England, J. 27791 P/O Nairn T.L., R. 139905 P/S Hughes W., RAV/179629 P/S Conn G., RAV/187561 P/S Branch W.C., J. 19102 P/O Wilson G.E.		0804	1108	"U" DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER:- Hazy with cloud base at 3,000 feet. Identified and bombed A/P at 1045 hours from 2,700 feet. Green T.I.s down. Shook these lay approximately 500 yards N. of A/P which was identified. Dropped half our red T.I.s and orbited and saw red T.I.s down in a line from coast up to green T.I.s. Saw several sticks of bombs straddle green T.I.s and at 1845 hours, there was a big explosion. 1815, M.B. gave "Basement 2,500 feet". 1824, M.B. said "Hold off". 1827, Deputy to M.B., "Holding off". M.B. to deputy, "Come in and mark". 1829, M.B. said "Over shoot further red T.I.s by 1/2 second". 1846, "Abandon mission". Longstop asked M.B. why he gave instructions to abandon mission. M.B. replied, "We're too scattered". 4 Grd. T.I. red. 1 L.B. T.I. red and 4 x 1,000 ANM .59 brought back. Photograph attempted. Landed base.	
	"U" EB 477	J. 85050 P/L Herbert L.G., J. 20236 P/L Ebdon F.A., J. 87548 P/O Cardno M. RAV/182668 P/O Owen L.F., R. 121883 P/S Allard B.L., RAV/189004 P/S B.A. Crisp, RAV/112170 P/S Ordland H.R.		1801	1952	"U" MASTER BOMBER:- Shortive. Returned from target at 1846 hours at 7,500 feet. Instructed to abandon mission by Master Bomber. Base and broken cloud, tops 3,000 feet. Did not hear basement. Came in at 8,000 feet. Very thick haze obscuring A/P but red T.I.s down lying North of Green T.I.s and judged these to be North of estimated position of A/P. 1846 hours, M.B. gave "Abandon Mission". 1856 hours, yellow T.I.s seen going down on N.W. beach. Bombs brought back. Landed base.	

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Sept. 28, 1944	Lancaster III					Bombing Attack On "Cap Cris Nos A/F 7.B" (Daylight) 5 Aircraft Detailed.	A-164
	'J' EB 113	J.1522A S/L Gosman G.H., J.15765 P/L Gustison A.H., J.16304 P/O J.M. Meagher, IPN, J.15839 P/L Berdley W. J.15680 P/O J.E. Davis, IPN, RAP/55933 P/O C.J. Williams, IPN, G.15690 P/O Hadder W.J., RAP/112805 P/O W.E. Trovman, IPN.		1733	1941	'J' MASTER BOMBER:- Heavy with 5/10 cloud at 2,500 feet over sea, and 3,000 feet over target. A/P not identified. 1817. Gave orders from 1824 to 1841:48 hours. Gave abandon mission at 1838:58 and 1841:48 hours. Bombload brought back. Landed base. Bombload:- 6 Ord. T.I. Mod, 4 L.B. T.I. Mod, 2 x 1,000 ANM .59 N. Inst.	
	'K' EB 282	J.26025 P/L Whitall H.R., J.28913 P/O Bales J.G., J.28887 P/O McConnell W.A.S., R.194789 SFT Cox G.A., R.224492 P/B Roach F.C., R.214869 P/S Spearing G.A., RAP/178640 P/O Stewart G.D., J.16267 P/O Dunn W.G.		1734	1946	'K' DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER:- Abortive. Returned from target at 1844 hours, 3,200 feet as instructed by M.B. Thick haze and fading lights. Identified coast-line but thick haze obscured A/P. Estimated position of A/P in relation to coast-line and consider the green T.I.s which were down had undershot and lay N.E. of A/P almost on the beach. Orbited and did three runs over target and abandoned mission at 1846 hours on instructions from M.B. Listened to M.B.'s instructions from 1845 to 1840 hours. Bombload brought back. Landed base.	
	'M' EB 229	REMARKS:- G.2980 P/L Bernard L.B., J.20252 P/O Ryan G.W., J.23134 P/O Nicholl G.F., RAP/57517 SFT Cox G. J.67964 P/O King P.H., RAP/187132 SFT O'Hanlon L.J., RAP/154632 P/S McInnes R.J., J.18799 P/O Rowe G.J.		1747	1955	'M' MASTER BOMBER:- Abortive. Heavy with 3 to 4/10 cloud at 3,500 to 4,000 feet. Visibility about two mile area. Arrived at target at 2:500 feet. Only A/P was identified and actual A/P not found. Some green T.I.s seen down near coast, almost burned out, near 7.B. Held to orbit by M.B. at 1830:10 hours. Orbited to 1833 hours. Abandon mission from M.B. Bombload brought back. Landed base.	
Sept. 29, 1944						Bombing Attack On "BOTHROP SYNTHETIC OIL WORKS" (Daylight) 5 Aircraft Detailed.	A-165
	'M' EB 516	J.6389 P/L D.J. McQuibb, D.F.G., RAP/11555 P/L Gillepie G.W., RAP/160261 P/L Howard W., J.17747 P/O Reekie J., J.19058 P/O Geaves G.E., RAP/59462 P/O J.R. Stannell, D.F.M., RAP/135088 P/O Boshan G.O., RAP/112885 P/O W.E. Brown, D.F.M.		1018	1313	'M' MASTER BOMBER:- 10/10 cloud over primary target. Successful 'B'. Bombed at 1204 hours from 18,000 feet on D.R. run from Gee fix at 5154 N. 0522 E. 1244 hours, to Deputy, "Are you receiving me?". From Deputy "Yes". 1145, to Main Force "Time check". 1156, to Deputy, "Can you see T.I.s?". Deputy, "No". 1157:50, from Deputy, "Cannot bomb visually. Am dropping blind". 1158, to Main Force, "Sour grapes" (Attack alternative). 1200, to V.B.I. "Did you get my message to Main Force?". V.B.U., replied "No", so repeated at 1201 hours. 1202, 1203 and 1204, to Main Force, "Sour grapes". 1204:50, to Deputy, "Closing down". We arrived over target area over 10/10 cloud, in company with about 15 other aircraft. Our supporter stayed close with us all the way. Main Force were about 5 minutes late but were in good concentration and the target area should have been well covered with bombs. Our 2/4 was weak. All 5/10s brought back owing to 10/10 cloud. Landed base.	

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Sept. 30, 1944	Lancaster III "Y" EB 282	J.26095 P/L Whitall P/O Ralts J.G., J.28487 P/O McConnell E.A.S., R.194760 SGT Cox G.A., R.224492 P/S Beach P.C. R.214760 P/S Spearling RAF/178640 P/O Stewart G.D., J.16267 P/O Dunn W.S. Bombload: (Same as "Y")	H.R., J.28811	1020	1343	Bombing Attack on "BOTROP SYNTHETIC OIL WORKS" (Cont'd) "Y" DEPUTY MASTER BOMBER: Successful 'B'. 10/10 clouds at 7 to 8,000 feet. Bombed at 1158:12 hours from 18,500 feet. Bombed by G.P.I. run from H.2.S. fix on Wesel. Good run. Saw Haine and saw river and railway on track near Dortmund but found 10/10 clouds at target. Saw 1/4 of deck 4 to 5 miles E. of target. Good G.P.I. run. Bombed at 1158:12 hours. At 1158 hours, M.B. to Deputy, "OK you drop". At 1157:30 hours, Deputy M.B. "Hold it, cannot bomb visually, dropping blind". At 1158:30 M.B. "Bourgrapes", 1159, "Bombed 'Bourgrapes'", 1200, M.B. called V.L.A.U. "Did you receive last message?", 1200:30, V.L.A.U., "Did you receive message?", "Repeat", 1201, "Last message, Bourgrapes", 1202, repeated and 1203 repeated again. All T.I.s brought back, not reported. Landed base.	A-165
	"U" EB 513	J.21254 P/O Kettlewell P.W., J.25054 P/O Martin W.Y., R.139214 P/S R.V. Shopland, J.27721 P/O Main J.S., R.193905 P/S Magee W.P., RAF/1794239 P/S Conn G., RAF/1875611 P/S Beach W.G.R., J.19402 P/O Wilson G.E. Bombload: 4 E.L. T.L. Green, 4 Ord. P.L. Green, 5 x 1,000 ANM, 59 M. Dist.		1025	1356	"U" VISUAL BACKER UP: Successful 'B' on M.B.'s instructions. 10/10 thin stratus cloud. Bombed at 1200:12 hours from 18,500 feet. G.P.I. run from fix on Wesel. 1158, heard Deputy say he couldn't mark visually. 1159, M.B. gave "Attack alternative". Good image of H.2.S. of built up area of Botrop town. Retained T.L.s and no results seen from own bombs. T.L.s brought back. Landed base.	
	"V" ND 855	J.86283 P/O Gadsden P.C., R.156484 P/O Williams R.G., J.26551 P/O McNamee G.A., R.164729 P/O Macle T.G.K. J.88959 P/O Donaldson J.D., RAF/1836252 P/S Katto D., RAF/1543015 P/O Ganthage L., J.19097 P/O McKenzie A.A. Bombload: (Same as "U")		1026	1340	"V" VISUAL BACKER UP: Successful 'B' on M.B.'s instructions. 10/10 cloud, tops 7,500 feet. Bombed at 1202 hours from 19,000 feet by H.2.S. five mile circle method. Checked well with E.T.A. from H.2.S. fix on Wesel. Went into target in close company with Main Force who were in two good concentrations. 1145, from M.B. "Time check". 1159 BOMBS, M.B. gave "Bourgrapes", went on and bombed on H.2.S. T.L.s brought back. Landed base.	
	"K" EB 413	J.27719 P/O Kyte M.S., J.29650 P/O P. Roobay, J.29669 P/O Fallon P.G., J.57445 P/O Welch J., J.57610 P/O B. Hobley, J.57670 P/O Campbell W., RAF/189156 SGT King W.A. Bombload: 18 x 500, 40 x 100.		1019	1358	"K" SUPPORTER: Successful 'B' on M.B.'s instructions. 10/10 cumulus cloud at 10 to 12,000 feet. Bombed at 1201:30 hours from 18,000 feet with good image of centre of town area of Botrop. Came into target with M.B. 1157, he gave "Bomb alternative". No ground detail seen but a very good image of town of Botrop picked up on H.2.S. Landed base.	
	"O" NE 180	J.16561 P/O Woods V.L., J.29583 P/O Fisher R.C., J.27458 P/O Ginchrist W. J.88079 P/O Evans J.A., J.38160 P/O Kerleroux J.B., J.88158 P/O Beckley B. RAF/189768 SGT Williams S.J., J.28799 P/O Rowe C.J. Bombload: (Same as "O")		1021	1330	"O" SUPPORTER: Successful 'B' on M.B.'s instructions. 10/10 cumulus cloud at 6,000 feet. Bombed at 1159:30 hours from 18,500 feet by G.P.I. run from H.2.S. fix on Wesel. Came in behind Deputy on G.P.I. run and no T.L.s or ground detail seen. M.B. gave "Attack alternative" so did a quick turn and bombed town area of Stam Botrop. Landed base.	

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