

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK.

Appendix "A"

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## DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT.

From 1902 hrs. 7/3/44 to 0054 hrs. 8/3/44.

By NO. 408 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON N. LINTON-ON-ONSE

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Aircraft Type and No.	Crew.	Duty.	Time Up.	Time Down.	Details of Sortie or Flight.	References.
LANCASTER II No. 723 "H"	W/CR D.G. JACOB, WPC F/L T.E. McDUGALL, WPC SOT FAITON, R.N. F/O F.C. O'CONNOR F/O L.E. MORGAN F/O W.G. PHILLIPS SOT HENDERSON, M. Co. J. F/O FRANKLIN, S.	BOMBING IN HAND (France) (First Wave) (Second Phase)	1902	0026	This crew managed to reach the primary, but had to abandon the task at that position in accordance with instructions, as no T.I. Markers were seen. Bombs of 5 x 500 lbs. M.C. T.D. was jettisoned safe at position 4940° north - 0045° west from 15000 feet and at 2257 hours in order to lighten the load for landing. Nine 1000 pound G.F.T.D. was brought back. On arrival over the target area at 2145 hours, a red glow was visible through 10/10th clouds, but the T.I.s could not be definitely identified. Remained in the target area for ten minutes, doing two orbits, and went down to the cloud tops at 7000 feet, and still no T.I.s could be seen. It was then decided to return to base. A very large explosion was seen in the target area at 2159 hours, and many bomb bursts were visible mainly around the red glow. The load consisted of 9 x 1000 lbs G.F.T.D. 025 and 5 x 500 lbs M.C.	A. 2292
LANCASTER II D.S. 768 "J"	F/O A.G. OKEWILL F/O W.V. REID F/O K.G. FORTER F/O H. MORRIS SOT SMITH, F.E.A. SOT DAVIES, D.V. SOT KALAN, M.	- do - (Second)	1910	0029	Owing to the target not being identified, this crew abandoned the task. Ten tenths clouds with tops at 5000 feet and good visibility was found over the target. Four 1000 pound G.F. bombs were jettisoned safe at position 4940° north 0045° west at 2248 hours from 15000 feet. The remainder of the load was brought back. Owing to the T.I. Markers not being visible, the mission had to be abandoned. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2292.	A.2293
LANCASTER II D.S. 705 "K"	F/L F.W. THOMAS F/S QUINN, J.F. F/O E.J. CLIFT WOL M.J. HARRISON SOT REARD, L.A. F/S HICKER, M. SOT SCHELL, J.E.	- do - (Second)	1904	0054	In accordance with instructions, this crew had to abandon their mission at 2201 hours whilst over the target area, as no T.I. Markers were visible. The entire load of 9 x 1000 lbs. G.F. T.D. 025 and 5 x 500 lbs M.C. was jettisoned safe at position 4952° north 003 9° west at 2254 hours from 18000 feet in order to lighten the load as one engine was U/A. Arrived over the target at 2150 hours on three engines, orbited and abandoned the task at 2201 hours. Landed at SHIP-DHAM owing to petrol shortage.	A.2294
LANCASTER II D.S. 777 "M"	F/O A.A. HESON F/S LINDLEY, P.E. SOT THORPE, A.F. WOL E.J. GALLOWAY SOT REIDIN, R.N. SOT HOWLES, E.G. SOT MOORE, J.		1913	0035	Good visibility above 10/10th clouds was found over the target. Red T.I.s were visible, and the estimated centre of these T.I.s which were seen to cascade at 2136 hours and then disappear into the clouds, were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 2140 hours from 13000 feet on a 200° heading. Flak defences were seen in action, but no fires or other results were seen on the first phase. Bomb bursts were later seen and appeared to be well concentrated. The load was the same as on Sortie No. A.2292.	A.2295

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NIGHT 7/8/3-44 LANCASTER II D.S. 693 "A"	P/O W.G. PHILLIPS P/O R.H. WOOD P/S FORTEN, A.H. SGT ROGERS, J.A. P/S BIRCH, J.J. P/S LAFINCH, G. SGT WILSON, W. Co..P./S COCKE, W.G.	BOMBING LE MANS (France) (Second Phase) (First Wave)	1906	2359	Thin 10/10ths clouds up to 6000 feet and excellent visibility was found over the target. Red T.I.s were visible, and the centre of a cluster of these T.I.s which were seen to cascade at 2138 hours, were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 2142 hours from 13000 feet and on a 210°M heading. During the run up other T.I.s were seen cascading and numerous bomb bursts were seen. No fires were seen either from the first or second phase of the attack. The attack was considered as a success. The load was the same as on Sortie No. A.2292.	A.2296
NIGHT 7/8/3-44 LANCASTER II D.S. 722 "B"	WO2 C. MORGAN SGT STAMMARD, A.H. SGT STONE, A.H. SGT FLINCH, J.F. SGT SILVER, L.A. SGT LANDER, J.F. SGT DINE, J.	- do - (Second)	1911	0041	Good visibility with 10/10ths clouds up to 8000 feet was found over the target area. The target was identified visually by the marshalling yards. The fires in the yards were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 2203 hours from 8000 feet and on a heading of 230°M. On arrival over the target, no T.I.s were visible, but a Red glow was seen through the clouds. An orbit was made and an approach on the target was again made at 8000 feet. This time the marshalling yards were seen through the clouds. Some strings of fires were seen, and a large explosion was seen at 2159 hours. No particular difficulties were encountered. The load was the same as on Sortie No. A.2292.	A.2297
NIGHT 7/8/3-44 LANCASTER II D.S. 692 "B"	S/L H.T. MILLS, D.F.C. P/O J.R. MARINE P/L T.W. HARRIS, DFC P/L D.W.T. GIBLIN, DFC P/O S.C. SHIFFERD P/L J.R. HENSON P/S GRAYSON, H.L. Co..P./O W.S. FULLER	- do - (First)	1908	0002	Good visibility above 10/10ths clouds whose tops reached 7500 feet. The glow of Red T.I.s which were reflecting on the clouds were seen on the run up. The centre of the red glow on the clouds was in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2145 hours from 8000 feet and on a heading of 290°M. Clouds prohibited observation of the target. If the H.F.F.s were properly placed, considerable damage should have resulted. One 1000 lb. G.F. bomb was brought back due to hang up. The load was the same as on Sortie No. A.2292.	A.2298
NIGHT 7/8/3-44 D.S. 719 "C"	2ND/LT M.E. HENSHAW P/O A.G. BELL P/O A.L. MCGUINNESS SGT GIBSON, R.V. SGT CLARK, A. P/O W.H. LAUGHLIN SGT JOHNSON, A. Co..P./S MCGAFFREY, J.H.	- do - (First)	1918	0005	Good visibility with 10/10ths thin clouds up to 5000 feet was found over the target. Red T.I. Markers were seen on the run up, and the estimated position of these markers were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 2143 hours from 13000 feet and on a heading of 180°M. A concentrated glow of the T.I.s were seen only visible through the clouds. No difficulties, but there was too much clouds over the target. One 1000 lb G.F. bomb was brought back due to hang up. The load was the same as on Sortie No. A.2292.	A.2299

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From 002 hrs. 7 / 3 / 44. to 005 hrs. 8 / 3 / 44.

By NO. 408 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON, LINTON-CH-CHUR

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Aircraft Type and No.	Crew.	Duty.	Time Up.	Time Down.	Details of Sortie or Flight.	References.
LANCASTER II L.L. 657 "T"	W/O W.W. KASPER SOT ELWOOD, F.E. P/S HELLICAN, J. P/S SCOTT, R.G. SOT HALL, J.L. SOT MOORE, J. SOT NEWTON, L.G.	BOMBING LE MANS (France) (Second Phase) (Second Wave)	1930.	0045 THREE-THIRTY	This crew abandoned the task over the target, as no T.I. Markers were visible. Ten ten the clouds at 7000 feet were found over the target. An attempt was made to identify the target by a descent to 6000 feet. Small fires were seen, but the target was not identified. The route was good. The entire load was jettisoned at position <del>XXXXXX</del> 4942° north 0057° west from 12000 feet and at 2236 hours. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2292.	A.2300
LANCASTER II L.L. 725 "T"	P/S SMITH, F.A. P/S STRINGHAM, E.W. P/O L.M. STELL SOT SHERRILL, J.W. SOT MOORE, G.E. SOT SHAW, J.M. SOT THORPE, R.E. Co. P. P/S PATE, J.A.W.	- do - (Second)	1917	0038	Ten tenths clouds up to 8000 feet and good visibility was found over the target. A red glow was seen on the cloud base when approaching the target. Through the breaks in the clouds, fires were seen in a row as though box cars were on fire and these were bombed. While waiting for the T.I.s to appear, an orbit was made, but no T.I.s were seen to cascade. A terrific explosion was seen at 2200 hours which lit up the clouds with a white flash. The release of bombs was made at 2208 hours from 11000 feet and on a heading of 280°W. If the P.F.F.s were properly placed, the attack should have been good. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2292.	A.2301
NIGHT 15/16.3.44 LANCASTER III L.L. 723 "T"	W/C D.S. JACOBS, DFC P/L T.R. McDUGALL, DFC P/O J.R. DALLON P/O F.C. O'CONNOR SOT HERRICK, J.A. P/O L.E. MORRIS SOT NIGHTINGALE, H. Co. F. P/L J.F. RASTON	BOMBING STUTTGART (First Wave)	1940	0314	Scattered medium clouds with a thin layer up to the edge of the target and good visibility was found over the target. Green Flares with Red Stars and Red T.I. Markers and the built up area which was identified visually were seen on the run up. The centre of five Red T.I. Markers which were seen cascading at 2317 and 2321 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2322 hours from 22000 feet and on a heading of 035°W. Many incendiary fires were seen burning and the reflection of the fires was seen on the clouds and was visible from 125 miles away. The Monica III went U/S. No other difficulties were encountered except that the markers were not concentrated, there was a considerable discrepancy between the ground markers and sky markers, and no red and green salvos were seen. The load carried was 1 x 4000 lb HC Nose Inst., 162 x 4 lb. incends., 18 x 4 lb "T" Type Incends. and 8 x 30 lbs. Incends.	A.2302

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NIGHT 15/16/3-44 LANCASTER II L.L. 642 "B"	P/O A.A. BRISON P/S LIVENSKI, P.E. SGT TRENCH, A.F. P/S SMITH, T. SGT REDLIN, E.B. SGT BOWLES, E.G. SGT MOORE, R.	BOMBING STUTTGART (First)	1909	0041	Ten tenths Strato Cumulus clouds up to 6000 feet and good visibility was found over the target. Green Flares and Red Stars which were seen bursting at 2310 hours were seen on the run up. One Green Flare was in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2314 hours from 22000 feet and on a heading of 009°M. Scattered patches of incendiaries were seen through the break in the clouds. No particular difficulties were encountered. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2302.	A.2303
LANCASTER II D.S. 765 "J"	P/O D.T. RYAN WO2 R.D. WHISTON WO2 A.H. DOWDIN P/O G. GROUCHER SGT THESCOTT, H.E. SGT DICKIE, J.A. SGT SCOTT, B.	- do - (First)	1902	0240 WIDE	Nine-tenths clouds up to 8000 feet was found over the target area. Green T.I.s Markers with Red Flares were seen on the run up. Green T.I.s with Red Flares were seen in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2327 hours from 22000 feet and on a heading of 010°M. Fires were scattered over the town, and appeared to be well started. Incendiaries of 30 x 4 lbs were jettisoned at position 48.6°north - 004.8°east at 2109 hours from 21000 feet in order to maintain height. Incendiaries of 50 x 4 lb and 4 x 30 lbs. were brought back due to hang up. A good straight-forward trip. A diversion was made at Wing aerodrome. The load carried was 567 x 4 lb., 64 x 30 lb Incends and 65 x 4 lb. "X" Type Incends.	A.2304
LANCASTER II L.L. 633 "L"	P/O W.G. PHILLIPS P/O E.H. WOOD WO2 A.H. FORTIN SGT ROGERS, J.A. P/S BURKE, J.A. SGT REID, G.A. SGT WILSON, W. Co..P. P/O S. FRANKLING	- do - (First)	1908	0342	Good visibility with 2/10ths thin clouds up to 8000 feet was found over the target. On the run up to the target, the Red T.I.s were seen at 2306 hours and the Green T.I.s at 2309 hours. The Green and Red T.I. Markers were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2322 hours from 22000 feet and on a heading of 006°M. A carpet of incendiaries was seen, but no fires. Incends. of 60 x 4 lbs. were brought back due to hang up. The A.F.I. went U/S. No particular difficulties were encountered. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2304.	A.2305
LANCASTER II D.S. 797 "M"	P/O W.T. FULTON WO2 J.A. GARDNER P/O F.J. KING SGT PAGE, E.L. SGT THOMPSON, G.F. SGT SMITH, J.M. SGT WALSHLEY, E.	- do - (First)	1910	2417 3041	Nine tenths clouds up to 10000 feet and good visibility was encountered over the target. Green Flares with Red Stars and salvoes of Red T.I.s were seen on the run up. A Salvo of a Red T.I. which was seen to cascade at 2326 hours was in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2332 hours from 22000 feet and on a heading of 300°M. Many bomb bursts were seen on the run up. Incends. of 90 x 4 lbs and 8 x 30 lbs were brought back due to hang up. The A.F.I. went U/S. No difficulties were encountered, and the route was good. The attack appeared scattered. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2304.	A.2306



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By NO. 408 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON, LINTON-ON-OWE.

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LANCASTER II L.L. 722 "B"	P/O N. SUTHERLAND P/O R.W. HUTCHER P/O G.A. BOULTON P/S HOBBS, R.E. SOT HANFORD, A. SOT DICKILL, A.M.E. SOT HOBBS, H.E. Co..P...P/S COCKE, W.G.	BOMBING STUTTGART (First)	1901	0238	Light 4/10ths clouds up to 8/10000 feet and good visibility was found over the target. White Flares and one Green T.I. and Green Flares with Red Stars were visible on the run up. The estimated centre of the Green Flares with the Red Stars were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2316 hours from 23000 feet and on a heading of 049°M. Three explosions were seen on the railroad tracks at 2315 hours, but no fires were seen until after leaving the target area. Incendiaries of 8 x 30 lbs were brought back due to hang up. No particular difficulties were encountered. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2304.	A.2307
LANCASTER II D.S. 729 "D"	SOT/Lt M.H. HUMPHREY P/O A.G. BELL P/O A.L. MACQUARIE P/S BAXTER, D. SOT CLARK, A. P/O W.H. LAURENCE P/S JOHNSON, A. Co..P...P/S McCAFFERTY, J.H.	- do - (Third)	1919	0324 DOWN	Six to eight tenths clouds up to 10000 feet was found over the target area. Mixed Green and Red T.I. Markers and Green Flares with Red Stars were seen on the run up to the target. The centre of the Red T.I.s were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2326 hours from 23000 feet and on a heading of 026°M. Some ground details and P.F.V. Markings were seen clearly near large burning fires. Good fires were burning in the centre of Ground Markers mainly to the south west of the town. Landed at Burn aerodrome on the return journey. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2302.	A.2308
LANCASTER II D.S. 692 "B"	WO2 J.D. HARVEY P/O E.J. HIRD P/O S.W. DUNN P/O G.E. HUTCHART P/S DAVISON, K.L. P/S CAMPBELL, S.E. SOT MAISON, A. Co..P...WO2 C. MILDRED	- do - (Third)	1916	0304	Very good visibility with 5/10ths clouds up to 7000 feet was found over the target. Red and Green T.I.s and Green Flares with Red Stars and some built up area was seen on the run up. The centre of the Red and Green T.I.s were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2320 hours from 23000 feet and on a heading of 010°M. Incendiaries were seen burning and a few bomb bursts were seen at the time of bombing, but after leaving the target, large fires were seen to develop. The rear turret became U/S after leaving the target. The route proved good, but difficult to tell whether markings were accurate, as sky markers were so far away from the ground markers. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2302.	A.2309

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NIGHT OF 16/18/34 LANCASTER II D.S. 719 "B"	F/L W.B. STEWART F/O G.E. MALLORY F/O W.C. BURNS SOT BRAY, J. F/S OSCHNER, R.D. WO2 H.F. MURPHY SOT VANLEY, N. Co..P...F/L G.B. LATIMER	BOMBING STUTTGART (Third)	1911	0309	Very thin 5/10ths clouds up to 9000 feet and good visibility was found over the target. White Flares followed by Sky Markers (Green) were seen on the run up, and Red T.I.s were seen over the target. The Red T.I.s were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2322 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 012°M. Many bomb bursts were seen around the Red T.I.s, but no fires could be seen at the time of bombing. On leaving the target area, fires were starting and were visible about 60 miles away. There was no concentration of fires anywhere. The route was good, but the attack appeared scattered. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2302.	A.2310																																								
LANCASTER II D.S. 730 "B"	S/L H.T. MILES, DFC F/O J.R. MARLER F/O D.B. YOUNG F/O F.W. HUGHES F/O S.C. SHUMPERD F/S WILLIAMS, E.J. F/S GRAYSON, H.L. Co..P...F/L H.C. MEYER	- do - (Third)	1912	0254	Five to eight tenths clouds up to 15000 feet not more than 3000 feet thick, and good visibility was found over the target area. Green Flares with Red Stars and Red and Green T.I.s were seen on the run up. The centre of Red T.I.s which were cascading at about 2319 and 2320 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2321 hours from 23000 feet and on a heading of 010°M. The only results visible were a carpet of incendiaries. The Monica went U/S. A very easy trip, but very disappointing due to apparent inability of F.W. to mark the target. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2304.	A.2311																																								
LANCASTER II L.L. 725 "B"	F/O E.M.C. FRANKLIN SOT BARNUM, M. F/S DEANBY, T.J. WO1 E.M. BROWN SOT RORIDBAU, L.J. SOT WARD, E.J. SOT MEDCRAFT, L.J.	- do - (Third)	1909	0257	Three to four tenths clouds up to 8/10000 feet and good visibility was found over the target. Green Flares with Red Stars and Red and Green T.I.s were seen on the run up, and there were seen to burst at 2315 hours. The Green Flares with the Red Stars were in the bomb sights when the bombs were release, and this took place at 2324 hours from 23000 feet and on a heading of 350°M. During the run up, numerous bomb bursts were seen below the Green Flares with the Red Stars, and the bursts appeared widely scattered. One large explosion was seen at 2322 hours. The reflection of numerous fires were seen reflecting on the cloud base, and over a wide area. Incendiaries of 4 x 30 lbs and 50 x 4 lbs were brought back due to hang up. No difficulties were encountered along a good route. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2304.	A.2312																																								
LANCASTER II L.L. 718 "B"	F/O A.C. COOLVILLE F/O W.V. REID F/O M.A. SIDGONS WO1 A.C.K. HOBSON SOT SMITH, F.H.A. SOT DAVIES, R.V. SOT KALSB, M.T.	- do - (First)	1903	- - -	This crew and aircraft took off from this drone at 1903 hours to carry out bombing operations over Stuttgart, Germany. Since that time, no further word has been received from the crew. They were due to return from their mission at approximately 0300 hours. Since no further word has been received from them must unfortunately be listed as missing from operations. Listed hereunder are the names of the missing crew together with their Operational trips and hours.  <table><tr><th>CREW</th><th>NAME</th><th>POSITION</th><th>TRIPS</th><th>HOURS</th></tr><tr><td>CREW J.21864</td><td>F/O Alexander Colborne COOLVILLE</td><td>(Pilot)</td><td>4</td><td>24.21</td></tr><tr><td>CREW J.24232</td><td>F/O William VanFossem REID</td><td>(Nav)</td><td>2</td><td>11.14</td></tr><tr><td>CREW J.27697</td><td>F/O Moody Albert SIDGONS</td><td>(R.A.)</td><td>N I L</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>CREW J.21869</td><td>WO1 Arthur Coloe Kitchner HOBSON</td><td>(W/O)</td><td>1</td><td>6.05</td></tr><tr><td>RAF.1501964</td><td>SOT SMITH, Francis Ernest Albert</td><td>(A.G.)</td><td>2</td><td>11.14</td></tr><tr><td>RAF.1652786</td><td>SOT DAVIES, Dennis Vivian</td><td>(A.G.)</td><td>1</td><td>5.09</td></tr><tr><td>RAF.1600536</td><td>SOT KALSB, M.T.</td><td>(P/ENG)</td><td>1</td><td>5.09</td></tr></table>	CREW	NAME	POSITION	TRIPS	HOURS	CREW J.21864	F/O Alexander Colborne COOLVILLE	(Pilot)	4	24.21	CREW J.24232	F/O William VanFossem REID	(Nav)	2	11.14	CREW J.27697	F/O Moody Albert SIDGONS	(R.A.)	N I L		CREW J.21869	WO1 Arthur Coloe Kitchner HOBSON	(W/O)	1	6.05	RAF.1501964	SOT SMITH, Francis Ernest Albert	(A.G.)	2	11.14	RAF.1652786	SOT DAVIES, Dennis Vivian	(A.G.)	1	5.09	RAF.1600536	SOT KALSB, M.T.	(P/ENG)	1	5.09	A.2313
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From 1902 hrs. 18 / 3 / 44 to 0324 hrs. 18 / 3 / 44.

By NO. 408 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON, LITTON-ON-OUSE.

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LANCASTER II L.L. 637 "F"	F/S LUMDAIR, W.A. F/S PARKER, G. SOT TAYLOR, W. WOL W.L. DORAN SOT HUDSON, R.N. SOT HURT, R.G.A. SOT CRUICKSHANK, D.	BOMBING STUTTGART (Third)	1918	---	The marginally noted crew took-off from this base at 1918 hours to carry out bombing operations over Stuttgart, Germany. Since that time, no further word has been received from them. They were due to return to this base at approximately 0300 hours, but unfortunately have failed to do so. Since no further word has been received as to their whereabouts, they must be listed as missing from operations presumably over the target. Listed hereunder are their names together with their operational trips and hours.  <div> CAN. R157269 F/S LUMDAIR, Norman Andred (Pilot) 5 38.27  CAN. R161671 F/S PARKER, George (Nav.) 4 31.00  CAN. R149985 SOT TAYLOR, William (B.A.) 4 31.00  CAN. R106560 WOL William Lawrence DORAN (WOP/AG) 4 31.00  RAF. 3050164 SOT HUDSON, Robert Henry (A.G.) 4 31.00  CAN. R206418 SOT HURT, Robert George Alfred (A.G.) 2 31.00  RAF. 620944 SOT CRUICKSHANK, Douglas (F/SH G) 4 31.00 </div>	A.2314
NIGHT OF 18/19/3-44 LANCASTER II L.L. 642 "F"	F/O A.A. HUGHES F/S LINDSEY, F.R. SOT TRUNCE, A.F. WOL R.J. GALLOWAY SOT REEDLY, R.B. SOT ROWLES, E.G. SOT MOORE, R.	BOMBING FRANKFURT (Second)	1909	0041 HERMAN	Good visibility with slight haze was found over the target. The ret T.I. Markers were seen on the run up to the target, and the centre of these markers were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 2305 hours from 23000 feet and on a heading of 236°. Numerous incendiaries were seen around the markers, but the fires hadn't taken hold. Incendiaries of 4 x 30 lbs. were brought back due to hang up. No particular difficulties were encountered en route, but afterlanding at Hortham, taxied into a parked aircraft damaging four propellers and the perspex in cockpit. The load carried was 1 x 8000 lbs H.C.N. Inst. and 32 x 30 lbs incendiaries.	A.2315
LANCASTER II L.L. 725 "H"	F/S McCAPFRET, J.H. WOL R. MITCHELL F/O G.L. CROWE WOL A.F. MARSDEN SOT CRUICKSHANK, A.L. SOT HARTY, G.R. SOT FRANKS, P.	- do - (Second)	1907	0026 HERMAN	Poor visibility with haze was found over the target area. Green and Red T.I.s were visible on the run up, and the Green Markers were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 2302 hours from 22000 feet and on a heading of 180°. Patches of incendiaries were seen, but a bit too early to assess results of the attack. Incendiaries of 150 x 4 lbs incendiaries were jettisoned at position 5128° North 0222° East at 2359 hours from 21000 feet due to hang up whilst over the target. The Monia was U/S. This aircraft was attacked by a H.M. 110 over the target and an unidentified twin engine aircraft. Landed at Hortham aerodrome as per instructions. The load carried was 1 x 1000 lbs MWD, 025°, 930 x 4 lb., 56 x 30 lb. incendiaries and 100 x 4 lb "X" Type Incendiaries.	A.2316

Aircraft Type and No.	Crew.	Duty.	Time Up.	Time Down.	Details of Sortie or Flight.	References.
LANCASTER II D.S. 768 "J"	NIGHT OF 18/29/44 P/O D.T. KEAN WO2 R.D. WHITSON WO2 A.H. DUNNIN P/O G. CROUCHIE R SGT THUSCOOT, H.E. SGT DRIE, J.A. SGT SCOTT, R.	BOMBING FRANKFURT (Second)	1905	0105 HORHAM	A layer of thin 1/10ths clouds and fair visibility was found over the target. The Red T.I.s were seen on the run up, and a concentration of three of these T.I.s which were seen cascading at about 2207 hours were in the sights at the time of the release which took place at 2209 hours from 22000 feet and on a heading of 190°. Small fires were springing up near the markers. Green Flares at position "R" were not very effective. No particular difficulties were encountered. The mist rendered the searchlights ineffective. Landed at Horham in accordance with instructions. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2316.	A.2317
LANCASTER II D.S. 797 "K"	P/O W.T. FULTON WO2 J.A. GAROUY P/O F.J. KING SGT HARR, R.L. SGT THOMPSON, G.F. SGT SMITH, J.M. SGT WATKINS, R.	- do - (Fourth)	1910	0051 HORHAM	Ten tenths clouds up to 4000 feet and poor visibility was found over the target. Red T.I.s were seen on the run in and were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 2204 hours from 22000 feet and on a heading of 188°. Numerous small fires were seen and were beginning to take a good hold. Visibility did not permit a good assessment of the attack. The Monica III became U/S. No difficulties were encountered along a good route. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2316.	A.2318
LANCASTER II L.L. 722 "M"	P/O S. FRANKLING P/O T.J. DINGWALL SGT JAKUBIK, M. SGT BROWN, R.W. SGT GARDIN, J.A. U. SGT LEWARD, R. SGT HAYWARD, D.A.	- do - (Fourth)	1918	0035 HORHAM	Thin clouds or haze and poor visibility was found over the target. Red and Green T.I.s were seen on the run in, and the estimated centre of a concentration of Red T.I.s were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2213 hours from 21000 feet and on a heading of 190°. Numerous fires were seen during the run up, and were concentrated. Poor visibility limited assessment of target. Incends of 4 x 30 lbs were brought back due to hang up. If the F.F.s were properly placed, the attack should have been good. No difficulties were encountered along a good route. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2316.	A.2319
LANCASTER II D.S. 692 "N"	WO2 W.W. KASPER SGT ELBOURNE, F.E. P/S KELLIGAN, J. WO2 R.G. SCOTE SGT HALL, J.L. SGT MOORE, J. SGT NEWTON, L.C.	- do - (Fourth)	1925	0040 HORHAM	Thin clouds with poor visibility was found over the target. Red and Green Salvoes were visible on the run up. The centre of the Red and Green T.I.s which were seen to cascade at 2202 hours were in the sights when the release was made, and the release was carried out at 2205 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 210°. Owing to being early over the target, an assessment couldn't be made. No particular difficulties were encountered. Landed at Horham aerodrome in accordance with instructions. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2315.	A.2320
LANCASTER II L.L. 700 "P"	P/S PARK, J.A.M. P/S CLOUGH, G.F. P/O L.D. PROCTOR P/O R. MOROS SGT RICHERT, A.E. SGT BRADSHAW, D.H. SGT CURTIS, K.L.	- do - (Fourth)	1920	0030 HORHAM	Quite good visibility was found over the target. Red and Green T.I.s which disappeared quickly were seen on the run up. The centre of the Red T.I.s which were seen cascading at approximately 2203 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2204 hours from 21000 feet and on a heading of 186°. Only incendiary fires and bomb bursts were visible as the raid was just opening. Incends. 4 x 30 lbs hung up over the target and were jettisoned at position 5150° north - 0157° east at 2345 hours from 22000 feet. Searchlights were troublesome after leaving the target. Otherwise no particular difficulties were encountered. Landed at Horham in accordance with instructions. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2316.	A.2321



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From 1905 hrs. 18 / 22 / 1/40 0121 hrs. 19 / 3 / 44.

By NO. 408 (H.C. &amp; F.) SQUADRON, LONDON-GROUSE

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Aircraft Type and No.	Crew.	Duty.	Time Up.	Time Down.	Details of Sortie or Flight.	References.
LANCASTER II D.S. 759 "A"	F/O J.G. WHITE. F/O G. SCHWARTZ. F/O G.L. WOOD. F/S LEAH, F.G. F/O A.A. PRYCE. F/O J.I. LARSON. SOT BATES, J.E. Co-P., F/L J.W. WHITE	BOMBING FRANKFURT (Second)	1906	0111 HORHAM	Haze, but good visibility was found over the target. Red T.I. Markers were visible on the run up to the target, and the centre of a concentration of these markers were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2205 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 191°. Numerous bomb bursts were seen during the run up and the glow of many fires was seen reflecting off the clouds. Owing to the hazy condition a good assessment of the attack could not be had. Incendiaries of 4 x 30 lbs were brought back due to hang up. The Mark XIV Bomb-sight went U/S. No difficulties were encountered along a good route. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2315.	A.2322
LANCASTER II L.L. 633 "E"	F/S COCKLE, W.G. F/O N.G. SMITH. F/O B.G. PERKINSON. SOT HOGAN, L.M. SOT CLARK, G.C. SOT CUNNINGHAM, E.J. SOT NEWAN, N.	- do - (Second)	1908	0121 HORHAM	Poor visibility with haze was found over the target. Red T.I. Markers were seen on the run up, and the estimated centre of a concentration of these markers which were seen cascading at 2201 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2203 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 180°. Reflection of own bomb bursts were seen, and the cloud base was lit up by a white light at though from incendiaries only. Incendiaries of 4 x 30 lbs were brought back due to hang up. No difficulties were encountered along a good route. A diversion was made at Horham aerodrome in accordance with instructions. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2316.	A.2323
LANCASTER II D.S. 730 "F"	WO2 C. McLEOD. F/S NJANJASON, A.E. SOT STOCK, A.M. SOT FLEMING, J.F. SOT SILVER, L.A. SOT LANDER, J.F. SOT DINES, J.	- do - (Fourth)	1924	0100 HORHAM	Haze and fair visibility was found over the target. Red T.I. Markers were seen on the run up to the primary, and the estimated centre of these markers were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 2209 hours from 23000 feet and on a heading of 197°. F.F.F.s and incendiaries appeared scattered, but haze on cloud base was well illuminated with a white light. The A.S.I. and Altimeter went U/S after leaving the target and caused the navigator considerable difficulty. Landed at Horham in accordance with instructions received. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2316.	A.2324
LANCASTER II L.L. 725 "F"	F/O E.M.C. FRANKLING. F/S BACHMAN, M. F/S DEAN, T.J. WO1 E.M. BROWN. SOT HODGINS, L.J. SOT OLIVER, G.W. SOT MEECRAFT, L.J.	- do - (Fifth)	1922	0044 HORHAM	Thick haze with fair visibility was found over the target. Red T.I. with Yellow stars were seen on the run up, and the estimated centre of these markers which were seen bursting at 2209 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2210 hours from 22000 feet and on a heading of 180°. The cloud base was illuminated by a white light, and numerous bomb bursts were seen to be close together. The Bomb-sight went U/S. No other difficulties were encountered along the good route. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2316.	A.2325

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LANCASTER II D.S. 705 "K"	NIGHT OF 22/23/54 P/O A.A. BRISON P/S LINDSEY, P.S. SGT TRENCH, A.P. WO1 R.J. GALLOWAY SGT REIDIN, R.B. SGT BOWLES, E.G. SGT MOORE, R.	BOMBING FRANKFURT (Fifth Wave)	1915	0056	Four tenths light clouds and very good visibility was found over the target area. Red T.I. Markers were seen on the run in, and the centre of these markers which were seen cascading at 2145 hours onward were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2157 hours 23000 feet and on a heading of 166°. Pierce fires could be seen around all the T.I. markers. A large explosion in the centre of the fires at 2156 hours. Black smoke came billowing over the explosion area. On leaving the target, the whole town seemed to be well alight and the glow could be seen 130 miles away. The A.P.I. went U/S. A very concentrated effort and good results were attained. The load carried was 1 x 1000 lb MC, T.D, 025, 48 x 30 lbs, 1350 x 4 lbs. incendiary, and 150 x 4 lb "X" Type incendiary.	A.2326
LANCASTER II D.S. 765 "J"	P/O D.T. HYAM WO2 R.D. WHITSON WO2 A.H. DUNNIN P/O G. CROUCHER SGT TRUSCOTT, H.E. SGT IMBIE, R. SGT SCOTT, R.	- do - (Third)	1855	0044	Two tenths thin clouds up to 3000 feet and good visibility was found over the target. Red and Green T.I.s were seen on the run up to the primary. Salvoes of mixed Red and Green T.I.s which were cascading at 2155 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2157 hours from 22000 feet and on a heading of 120°. An assessment of the attack could not be had owing to being early over the target. No particular difficulties were encountered. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2326.	A.2327
LANCASTER II IL 633 "L"	P/O J.G. WHITE P/O G. SCHACHTER P/O G.L. WOOD P/S LEAHY, P.S. P/O R.B. PATTON P/O J.L. LADW SGT BATES, J.F. Co..P..P/O A.S. QUIDMAN	- do - (First)	1854	0045	One to two tenths thin clouds at 12000 feet and good visibility was found over the target. Salvoes of Red and Green T.I. Markers and two rivers were seen on the run up. These markers were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2154 hours from 22000 feet and on a heading of 170°. Own bombs were seen to explode along with others. Numerous fires were just taking a good hold at bombing time. The target could be identified for over 100 miles on the homeward journey. Incendiary of 150 x 4 lbs were brought back due to hang up. No difficulties were encountered along a good route. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2326.	A.2328
LANCASTER II L.L. 722 "H"	P/O N. SUTHERLAND P/O E.W. HUTCHER P/O G.L. HUGHSON P/S HOBBS, R.A. SGT HANFORD, A. SGT DOWELL, A.M.E. SGT ROSE, R.E. Co..P..J/L H.C. MEYER	- do - (Third)	1856	0035	Seven to ten tenths clouds with tops to 8/10000 feet and good visibility was found by this crew over the target. Red and Green T.I. Markers which were cascading at 2146 hours and followed by Red and Yellow Stars were seen on the run up. Mixed Red and Green T.I.s were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 2157 hours from 22000 feet and on a heading of 162°. Incendiaries were seen bursting, but did not seem to be taking hold. There were some fires, but nothing really big, and those that could be seen were somewhat scattered. No difficulties were met with. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2326.	A.2329
LANCASTER II D.S. 727 "O"	P/S COCKER, W.G. P/O H.G. SMITH P/O R.C. FERGUSON SGT HOGAN, L.M. SGT CLARK, G.C. SGT CUNNINGHAM, E.J. SGT BRYAN, H.	- do - (Third)	1850	0105	Four to five tenths clouds to 6000 feet with good visibility above these clouds was found over the target. Red Flares with Yellow Stars and Red T.I.s over the river below were identified on the run in. The centre of a cluster of three flares red with yellow stars were in the sights at bombing time, and bombing was carried out at 2201 hours from 22000 feet and on a heading of 190°. Good orange fires were burning, and seemed closely grouped inside the city area. The glow was visible for some considerable time on the return journey. Incendiary of 150 x 4 lbs were brought back due to hang up. The A.P.I. went U/S. Search lights were numerous, and and troublesome. The attack seemed successful. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2326.	A.2330

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From 18.3 hrs. 22 / 3 / 44 to 01.5 hrs. 23 / 3 / 44.

By NO. 408 (R.C.A.F.) SQUADRON, LONDON-CH-OUZE.

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LANCASTER II D.S. 688 "E"	P/O S.E. FRANKLING P/O F.J. DINGWELL SOT JENNINGS, M. SOT BROWN, R.W. SOT GORDON, J.A.U. SOT LUNNARD, R. SOT HAYWARD, E.A.	BOMBING FRANKFURT (Third)	18.4	00.8	Fatchy 8/10ths clouds and fairly good visibility was found over the target. Red T.I. and Red Sky Markers with Yellow Stars were seen on the run up. The Red T.I.s which were seen cascading from 2155 hrs. were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2158 hours from 24000 feet and on a heading of 189°. A very large patch of fires with many smaller ones around were seen in the target area. Many bomb bursts were seen, but some scattered out for some distance. Incends of 150 x 4 lbs were brought back due to hang up. The attack was considered as a successful one. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2332.	A.2331
LANCASTER II D.S. 692 "G"	S/L H.T. MILLS, DFC P/O J.R. MARLER P/O D.E. YOUNG P/O F.M. HUGHES P/O S.G. SHERRARD P/O WILLIAMS, E.J. Co..P./S J.F. EASTON	- do - (First)	18.2	00.6	Thin 10/10ths clouds up to 12000 feet and good visibility was found over the target. Mixed Red and Green T.I. Markers were visible on the run in to the primary, and the centre of about six Red T.I.s which were seen to cascade at 2154 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The bombs were released at 2155 hours from 21,000 feet and on a heading of 176°. A good carpet of incendiaries were seen burning, but owing to the attack just opening, a good assessment could not be given. The Monica went U/S. No particular difficulties were encountered. The load carried was 1 x 8000 lbs H.G. Nose Inst., 270 x 4 lbs., 24 x 30 lbs Incends. and 30 x 4 "X" Type Incends.	A.2332
LANCASTER II D.S. 719 "U"	P/O E.R.R. ROSEMAN SOT/AF E.S. SHIVE P/S DUTTON, G.F. P/S SMITH, T.J. SOT GIBBARD, D.T. SOT HINDY, R.E. SOT GILBERT, J.H.	- do - (Third)	18.53	01.15	Scattered 4/10ths thin clouds and good visibility was found over the target. Red and Green T.I. Markers and Red Flares with Yellow Stars were seen on the run up, and the latter markers were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 2158 hours from 22,000 feet and on a heading of 156°. One large orange coloured explosion was seen at 2157 hours along with several bomb bursts. The target could be readily seen for 100 miles after leaving same. Incends of 100 x 4 lbs. were brought back due to hang up. No difficulties were encountered along a good route. The load was the same as on Sortie No. A.2332.	A.2333
LANCASTER II L.L. 700 "X"	P/S MCAFHERN, J.H. W/O R. MITCHELL P/O G.L. CHOW W/O A.F. MARSHON SOT CAMPBELL, A.E. SOT HARVEY, G.E. SOT BRADSH, F.	- do -	18.51	01.12	Thin 4/10ths clouds up to 6000 feet and good visibility was found over the target. Glances of Red and Green T.I.s were seen on the run up, and were seen cascading two minutes before bombing time. The bombs were released at 2154 hours from 21000 feet and on a heading of 167°. Many small fires which were taking a good hold were seen. Several bomb bursts were seen close to the Green T.I.s. The glow of the fires was readily seen for 70 miles after leaving the target. Incends of 50 x 4 lbs fell out as a hang up. No difficulties were encountered along a good route. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2326.	A.2334



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LANCASTER II D.S. 726 "F"	NIGHT 22/23/54 P/O W.B. STEWART P/O G.E. MALLORY P/O W.C. BURNS SGT BRAY, J. P/S OCHSNER, R.D. WO2 H.F. MURPHY SGT VANLEY, N. Co..P..P/L G.B. LATIMER	BOMBING FRANKFURT (First)	1843	0053	A thin layer of 6/10ths clouds up to 15000 feet and good visibility above these clouds was found over the target. Red Flares with Yellow Stars and Red and Green T.I. Markers and the built up area in the target, were all identified on the run up to the primary. The centre of a cluster of Red T.I.s were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2200 hours from 21000 feet and on a heading of 160°M. Good fires were burning and the built up area could be seen in the fires. The glow from these fires could be seen from 150 miles away. Bombing seemed scattered at first, but improved later as more scattered bombs to the west probably due to the sky markers being on that side. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2332.	A.2335																																				
LANCASTER II L.L. 725 "F"	P/O E.M.C. FRANKLIN P/S BARTMAN, M. P/S DELANEY, T.J. WO2 E.M. BIRCH SGT RORDEMAN, L.J. SGT OLIVER, G.W. SGT MEDCRAFT, L.J. Co. P..P/S BAILLY, T.R.	- do - (First)	1844	0051	Thin 1/10ths clouds up to 5000 feet and good visibility was found over the primary target. Red T.I. Markers and Red Flares with Yellow Stars were visible on the run in. The estimated centre of the flares were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2159 hours from 21000 feet and on a heading of 190°M. During the run up, many bomb bursts and fires were seen. Several large orange coloured fires were seen within a small radius. The target could be readily identified for 150 miles on the return journey. No difficulties were encountered along a good route. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2332.	A.2336																																				
LANCASTER II D.S. 797 "F"	P/O W.T. FULFON WO2 J.A.W. GABOURY P/O F.J. KING SGT BARR, R.L. SGT THOMPSON, G.F. SGT SMITH, J.M. SGT WALSHLEY, R. Co..P...WO2 D.A.F. LEDEW	- do - (First)	1841	- - -	The marginally noted crew took-off from this base at 1841 hours to carry out bombing operations over Frankfurt, Germany. Since that time, no further word has been received from them. They were due to return to this base at approximately 0100 hours, but unfortunately have failed to do so. Since no further word has been received regarding their whereabouts, they must be listed as missing from operations presumably over the target. Listed hereunder are their names together with their operational trips and hours.	A.2367																																				
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NIGHT 24/25/3-44	LANCASTER II D.S. 729 "D"	S/L W.A. RUSSELL P/O M.E. HOWARD P/O J.C.L. MOORE P/O W.L. BARNETT WO2 W.B. LEBNICK P/S STERNARD, F.W. SOT CLARK, E. Co-P: P/O A.S. QUIGLEY	BOMBING REMIAN (First)	1857	0229 BOLCHIS HALL	This crew reports that if they had gone to the target, they would have been unable to return owing to the shortage of petrol. Consequently they were forced to abandon the task at 2230 hours at 21000 feet and at position 5152N - 1300E. Jettisoned live, 1 x 4000 lb. HC.HL. (Hmol); 3.5 x 4 lb., 40 x 30 lb. Incends. and 45 x 4 lb. "X" type Incends. Incends. of 8 x 30 lbs and 60 x 4 lbs were brought back. This crew reports further, that the target could not be identified as they were too far away, and this drifting was caused due to the winds being all wrong. Landed at Oulton Hall owing to shortage of petrol. The load carried was 1 x 4000 lb. HC.HL. (Hmol); 405 x 4 lbs., 45 x 30 lbs incends and 45 x 4 lbs "X" type Incends.	A. 2359
NIGHT 24/25/3-44	LANCASTER II L.L. 723 "H"	P/O A.A. HENSON P/S LINDSEY, P.E. SOT TRENCH, A.P. WO1 R.J. GALLOWAY SOT REMIAN, E.E. SOT HOWLES, E.C. SOT MOORE, E.	- do - (First)	1852	0157	Good visibility with 1 to 4/10ths clouds up to 4000 feet was found over the primary. Green T.I. Markers were visible on the run in, and salvo of these markers were in the sights when the bombs were released. The release was made at 2232 hours from 22000 feet and on a heading of 215°. Numerous bomb bursts were seen and three explosions between the hours of 2232 and 2234. The glow from the fires could be seen for 100 miles. Incends of 50 x 4 lbs and 4 x 30 lbs were brought back due to hang up. The Monica went U/S. The master co. commences was heard and to a good advantage. No difficulties were met with. The load carried was 1 x 1000 lb M.C., T.D., 610 x 4 lb, 90 x 4 lb. "X" type and 72 x 30 lbs. Incends.	A. 2360
NIGHT 24/25/3-44	LANCASTER II D.S. 768 "J"	P/O D.E. JEN WO2 E.D. HEITHEN WO2 A.E. DUNN P/O G. GREGGIE R. SOT THROSCOTT, W.E. SOT DIXIE, J.A. SOT SCOTT, E.	- do - (First)	1851	0226	Good visibility with 7/10ths clouds up to 1/3000 feet was found over the primary. Mixed Red and Green T.I.s followed by Red Sky Markers with Yellow stars were seen on the run in. Red and Green T.I.s which were cascading at 2236 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2238 hours from 22000 feet and on a heading of 360°. Fires were fair but scattered around the markers. Many incendiaries were seen burning. Incends of 100 x 4 lbs were brought back due to hang up. Owing to the HFFs being late, an orbit around the target had to be made. The trip seemed fair. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2359.	A. 2343
NIGHT 24/25/3-44	LANCASTER II D.S. 705 "K"	P/S COCKE, W.C. P/O M.G. SMITH P/O R.C. FERGUSON SOT HOGAN, L.M. SOT CLARK, G.C. SOT CUNNINGHAM, E.J. SOT HEVAY, H.	- do - (First)	1856	0133 COMFIS HALL	Seven tenths clouds up to 3000 feet and good visibility was found over the primary. Mixed Red and Green T.I.s and Red Flares with Yellow stars were visible on the run in. The Red and Green T.I.s which were cascading at 2225 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2228 hours from 21000 feet and on a heading of 190°. Only one carpet of incendiaries was seen through the break in the clouds. Some trouble was had turning to track owing to faulty wind broadcast. Landed at Oulton Hall owing to shortage of petrol. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2359.	A.2342

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NIGHT 24/25/344	LANCASTER II L.L. 633 "L"	P/O S.H. FRANKLING P/O T.J. DINGWALL Sgt JAKUBIK, M. Sgt BROWN, R.W. Sgt GORDON, J.A.U. Sgt LAMBERT, R. Sgt HAYWARD, E.A.	BOMBING BERLIN (First)	1858	0210	Good visibility with 9/10ths clouds up to 7000 feet was seen on the run up to the primary. Red Flares with Yellow Stars were also seen. These flares which were seen to burst at 2225 hours were seen in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2225 hours from 22000 feet and on a heading of 217°M. Arrived over the target at the zero hour, consequently no results could be obtained. The Mandrel went U/S. Incendiaries of 50 x 4 lbs were brought back due to hang up. Winds appeared stronger than broadcasted, thus causing navigational difficulties. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2343.	A.2343
NIGHT 24/25/344	LANCASTER II L.L. 722 "N"	P/O J.F. EASTON P/O R.D.J. LANGFIRE P/O WALKER, J.H. P/O R.S. GORDON Sgt ADAMS, E.H. P/O R.V. KERN Sgt SCOTT, F.	- do - (First)	1854	0236	Good visibility with 5 to 8/10ths clouds up to 10000 feet was found over the primary. Red Flares with Yellow Stars were seen on the run up, and the centre of five or six of these flares were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2253 hours from 21000 feet and on a heading of 220°M. Overshot the target on the first run in, then turned back, but made low speed on account of strong headwinds. Results of the mid seemed scattered especially to the south with quite a good red glow in the centre which was still visible for nearly 200 miles on the return journey. Incendiaries of 5 x 30 lbs and 300 x 4 lbs were brought back due to hang up. The main snag was caused by faulty winds which made navigation difficult. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2344.	A.2344
NIGHT 24/25/344	LANCASTER II D.S. 727 "O"	WO2 W.W. KASPER Sgt KILGORE, F.E. P/O NEALAN, J. WO2 R.G. SCOTT Sgt HAIN, J.L. Sgt MOORE, J. Sgt NEWTON, L.C.	- do - (Second)	1855	0829	This crew was forced to abandon the task at position 522N 1320E at 2214 hours from 21000 feet owing to being caught in search light cones. The target was unidentified. The aircraft was caught by cones of search light beams at the above mentioned position and received numerous strikes by light flares. The winds were much stronger than broadcasted, causing navigation to be difficult. The master of ceremonies was heard, jetting out the entire load live at the returning position. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2345.	A.2345
NIGHT 24/25/344	LANCASTER II D.S. 692 "B"	P/O McCAFFREY, J.H. WO2 R. MITCHELL P/O G.L. CROSS WO1 A.V. HANCOCK Sgt CARROLL, A.E. Sgt HARVEY, G.R. Sgt FRANKS, F.	- do - (Second)	1900	0215	Very good visibility with 7 to 8/10ths clouds up to 7000 feet was found over the target. Green and Red T.I.s and Red Flares with Yellow Stars were seen on the run up. The Flares were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2235 hours from 21000 feet and on a heading of 161°M. The glow of the fires remained still visible for 160 miles on the return journey. The Mid-Upper turret went U/S. Bombing was difficult as markers were not numerous and timing was difficult. The master of ceremonies was heard once, but faded out afterwards. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2346.	A.2346



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NIGHT 24/25/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 730 "Y"	WOL C. McLEOD F/S BARNARD, A.E. SOT STOKES, A.W. SOT FLECK, J.F. SOT SEEVER, L.A. SOT LANDER, J.F. SOT INNES, J.	BOMBING BERLIN (Second)	1902	0203	Good visibility with 7 to 7/10ths clouds up to 8000 feet and Red and Green T.I. Markers and mixed salvos Red and Green were visible on the run in to the primary. These salvos which were seen cascading at 2227 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2229 hours from 22000 feet and on a heading of 220°. Good fires appeared to have taken hold after leaving the target. A large explosion was seen at 2243 hours. Incendiaries of 60 x 4 lbs were brought back due to hang up. No particular difficulties were encountered, but some trouble was had keeping track due to the winds. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2339.	A.2347
NIGHT 24/25/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 726 "Y"	S/L H.T. MILES, DFC F/O J.H. MILLER F/O D.H. YOUNG F/O F.H. THOMAS F/O S.G. GIBBERD F/S WILLIAMS, W.J. SOT FERGUSON, H.A. Co. P. .... F/S BAKER, T.R.	- do - (Second)	1859	0154	Fair visibility with 4 to 5/10ths clouds up to 8000 feet was found over the primary. Red and Green T.I.s were visible on the run in, and two Red T.I.s which were seen cascading at 2231 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 2232 hours from 22000 feet and on a heading of 114°. There was too much cloud to assess the attack. The mission went U/S. No particular difficulties were encountered, but crews should have been warned of adjustable zero hour. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2339. On completion of this operation, the captain of this crew S/Ldr. H.T. Miles, DFC completed his second tour of operations, by doing 32 trips on his first tour and 19½ trips on his second.	A.2348
NIGHT 24/25/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 725 "Z"	F/L G.H. LAFITER SOT A. HANCOCK F/O G.F.H. GIBBERD WOL J. DUNNELL F/O J.E. GUTHRIE F/O F.O. McDONALD SOT WESTON, R.S.	- do - (Second)	1901	0217	Excellent visibility with 5/10ths clouds up to 12000 feet was found in the target area. Red and Green T.I.s and Red Flares with Yellow Stars were seen on the run up. The centre of three clusters of Red T.I.s which were seen to cascade at 2232 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2234 hours from 21000 feet and on a heading of 160°. Bomb bursts were visible, and the burning buildings were seen through the breaks in the clouds. The glow from these fires was visible about 100 miles away. Incendiaries of 8 x 30 lbs were brought back due to hang up. Wind forecast was very inaccurate, making navigation difficult. The Master bomber was not heard as the S.N. 1196 was defective. The load carried was the same as on Sortie A. 2340.	A.2349

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NIGHT 25/26/3-44	LANCASTER II L.L. 633 "L"	F/L J.F. EASTON P/O R.D.J. LANGRISH P/S WALKER, J.H. P/O R.S. GODDARD SOT ADAMS, K.R. P/O E.W. KIRBY SOT SCOTT, F.	BOMBING AUXILIARY (First Wave)	1930	0031	Haze with poor visibility was found over the target. Red T.I.s followed by Green ones were seen on the run in to the primary. Many bombs were seen bursting right across the T.I.s and a large explosion was seen when on the homeward run at 2204 hours. After the explosion, a large red glow was left with black smoke rising. A further explosion was seen at 2200 hours. The fires in the target area could be seen from 75 miles away. A very good trip, and if the T.I.s were on the aiming point, then the target was well attacked. The load carried was 3 x 1000 lbs G.P.D. 025; 3 x 1000 lb MD; 10 x 500 lbs G.F.	A.2350
NIGHT 25/26/3-44	LANCASTER II D.S. 726 "T"	F/L G.R. LATHAM P/O A.A. HARTENBERGER W/O J. DINGWALL P/O J.E. GUTHRIE P/O F.G. McDUGALL SOT WHITHEAD, R.S.	- do - (First)	1913	0016	No low clouds, but haze was found over the target area. Red and Green T.I. Markers were seen on the run in to the primary, and the centre of a concentration of the Red T.I.s which were seen cascading at 2144 hours onwards were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2149 hours from 7100 feet and on a heading of 028°M. Some bomb bursts were seen, and a pall of smoke developed. A large explosion was seen at 2158 hours. If markers were accurate, bombing should have been good. There was no opposition and no difficulties. The load carried was 4 x 1000 lbs G.P.T.D. 025; 10 x 500 lbs G.P.T.D. 025.	A.2351
NIGHT 25/26/3-44	LANCASTER II L.L. 726 "B"	F/O W.S. FULLER W/O S.W. FORBES P/O S.D. COFFEY P/S McILWEN, J.A. SOT HURST, E.R. W/O S.R. MORRISON SOT PATTING, H.J.	- do - (Second)	1921	0041	No low clouds, but some haze was encountered over the target area. Red and Green T.I.s and glimpses of the buildings in the target area were all seen on the run in to the primary. The centre of a concentration of Red T.I.s which were seen cascading at 2208 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2209 hours from 7000 feet and on a heading of 025°M. Activity from the previous waves could be seen while approaching the target, and a terrific explosion was seen at 2136 hours. Heavy smoke covered the target area. No difficulties were encountered and the attack was considered effective. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2350.	A.2352
NIGHT 25/26/3-44	LANCASTER II D.S. 692 "G"	F/S BAILEY, T.R. P/O F.I. NELSON SOT CAMPBELL, H.Y. W/O G.D. MURRAY SOT HADDER, W.D. SOT VAUGHAN, H.R. SOT WILKS, V.	- do - (Second)	1920	0039	Poor visibility with some haze, but no clouds was found over the primary target. Red T.I.s were seen on the run in, not were followed by Green ones. The Green T.I.s were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2209 hours from 7000 feet and on a heading of 050°M. The Green T.I.s were seen cascading at 2208 hours. A large fire was burning on arrival over the target, and some bombs were seen to burst close to these fires. An explosion was seen at approximately 2220 hours whilst on the homeward journey. The attack seemed very good. The T.I.s were on and everything went as ordered. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2351.	A.2353



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NIGHT 26/27/3-44	LANCASTER II L.L. 723 "H"	P/L G.B. LATIMER SUD/IT A. HAUSERBERGER P/O Q.T.R. CRIBBON WOL J. DINGHALL P/O J.T. GUTHRIE P/O J.C. McDUGALL SGT WESTROPE, R.S.	BOMBING ESSIN (Third)	1955	0124	Poor visibility on account of very thick vapour trails up to 22000 feet and 10/10ths clouds up to 8/10000 feet was found over the primary targets. Red T.I. Markers were seen on the run in, and the glow of these flares which were seen cascading at 2204 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2207 hours from 19000 feet and on a heading of 1209M. Nothing in the way of results could be seen when over the target, but when about 50 miles away, a glow appeared over the target area which may have been a fire glow. Incends of 20 x 30 lbs were brought back due to hang up. The A.P.I. and Monica went U/S. The trip was very quiet. The load carried was 1 x 2000 lb. H.M.: 675 x 4 lb., 72 x 30 lb Incends, and 75 x 4 lbs "X" Type Incends.	A.2354
NIGHT 26/27/3-44	LANCASTER II D.S. 760 "G"	P/O A.A. HUBBON P/O NEWBURY, P.M. SGT TRESCU, A.P. WOL H.C. GILLONAY SGT REKMAN, R.B. SGT BOWLES, E.C. SGT MOORE, E.	- do - (Third)	2017	0013	Good visibility with 10/10ths clouds up to 5/6000 feet was found over the primary targets. Red T.I.s were visible on the run in, and the estimated centre of these T.I.s which were seen cascading from 2157 hours onward, were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 2207 hours from 23000 feet and on a heading of 155M. Many flashes were seen on arrival which might have been bomb bursts, but owing to the clouds, it was difficult to tell. A Red glow on the clouds could be seen some distance away. Incends of 4 x 30 lbs were brought back due to hang up. The A.P.I. went U/S. Considered a very good trip and good route. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2354.	A.2355
NIGHT 26/27/3-44	LANCASTER II D.S. 705 "K"	P/L J.F. RADOCK P/O R.D.J. LANGFORD P/O WARRER, S.H. P/O R.S. GODDARD SGT ADAMS, K.E. P/O R.V. KIRKIN SGT SCOTT, F.	- do - (Third)	2009	0111	Visibility about 1000 yards and 10/10ths clouds up to 15000 feet and another layer at about 22000 feet was found over the target. Red T.I.s were seen as a glow through the clouds, with flares Red with Green Stars to the east, were all seen on the run in. The estimated centre of the Red T.I.s which were seen as a glow on the clouds, were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2206 hours from 21000 feet and on a heading of 1129M. An assessment could not be had owing to the clouds. Incends of 50 x 4 lbs were brought back due to hang up. The A.P.I. was not used. No difficulties were encountered. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2354.	A.2356

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NIGHT 26/27/54	LANCASTER II L.L. 633 "L"	P/O J.G. WHITE P/O G. SCHACHTER P/O G.L. WOOD P/S LEAHY, F.G. P/O L.A. PATTON P/O J.L. LARON Co..P. P/S HUGHES, J.R.	BOMBING ESSIN (First)	2012	0118	Good vis ibility with 10/10ths clouds up to 10/12000 feet was found over the primary target. Red and Green T.I.s were visible on the run up, and the Red T.I.s which were seen cascading at 2006 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2207 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 130°M. No results obtained. Dozens of 50 x 4 lbs were brought back due to hang up. No trouble was met with, but conditions were unfavourable due to ground markings. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2354.	A.2357
NIGHT 26/27/54	LANCASTER II L.L. 722 "H"	P/O N. SUTHERLAND P/O E.W. FUCHER P/O C.A. BOULTON P/S HUGHES, R.A. SOT HAMFORD, A. SOT BERTIE, E.H.E. SOT BURE, E.H. Co..P. P/S VAUGHAN, M.G.	- do - (Third)	2018	0054	Good visibility, but marred by vapour trails and 10/10ths low clouds up to 6000 feet was found over the target area. Red T.I.s and Red Flares with Green Stars to port were seen on the run in, and the Red T.I.s which were seen cascading at 2205 1/2 hours just above the clouds were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2206 hours from 21000 feet and on a heading of 160°M. No results were visible apart from some bomb bursts which were seen, through a break in the clouds, after leaving the target. The chief difficulty arose from unexpectedly overcast conditions over the target. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2354.	A.2358
NIGHT 26/27/54	LANCASTER II L.L. 636 "G"	P/O W.S. FULLAR WOT S.W. FUCHER P/O S.D. CUFFY P/S McILVERIE, J.A. SOT WHITE, E.H. WOT S.R. MOURISON SOT FANTINE, H.J.	- do - (Third)	2002	0134	Good visibility with 10/10ths clouds up to 6000 feet and haze was found over the target. Red cascading T.I. Markers and a red reflection on the cloud base was seen on the run in. The centre of a red glow reflecting on the cloud base was in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2220 hours from 18000 feet and on a heading of 160°M. The cloud base was lit up with a white orange and white light. Dozens of 50 x 4 lbs were brought back due to hang up. Specif flares, Red with Green Stars, were seen to port during the run up and were drawing a lot of flak. No difficulties were encountered, and the route was good. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2354.	A.2359
NIGHT 26/27/54	LANCASTER II D.S. 688 "R"	P/O J.D. HARVEY P/O E.J. BIRD P/O S.W. DEANER P/O G.R. HUTCHART P/S DAVISON, E.H. P/S CAMPBELL, S.M. SOT BURE, A.	- do - (First)	2010	0109	Good visibility with 10/10ths clouds up to 5/7000 feet was found over the primary. Red and Green T.I.s were seen on the run up, and the centre of a glow which were believed to be T.I.s were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 2201 hours from 23000 feet and on a heading of 163°M. No results were obtained owing to the clouds. No particular difficulties were met with apart from the clouds. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2354.	A.2360

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NIGHT 26/27/3.44	LANCASTER II L.L. 725 "A"	P/O E.M.C. FRANKLIN P/S BARTON, M. P/S DELANEY, F.J. WOL E.L. HERRICK SOT BORDMAN, L.J. SOT OLIVER, G.W. SOT MCHRAFT, L.J.	BOMBING ESSON (First)	1956	0059	Good visibility with 10/10ths clouds up to 10000 feet was found over the target. Red T.I. Markers were visible on the run in, and a glow presumed caused by these markers were in the sights when the release was made. The release was carried out at 2205 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 157°. No trouble was met with, but clouds obscured the target consequently no assessment could be had. The load carried was 1 x 8000 lb. H.C. Inst.; 405 x 4 lb.; 45 x 4 lb. "X" Type Incends. and 40 x 30 lbs Incends.	A. 2361
NIGHT 26/27/3.44	LANCASTER II L.L. 700 "A"	WOL W.V. KASPER SOT ELSON, F.E. P/S HILLMAN, J. WOL E.G. SCOTT SOT MAIR, J.L. SOT MOORE, J. SOT HENSON, L.G.	- do - (Third)	2011	0129	Thin patchy 6 to 8/10ths clouds up to 6000 feet and good visibility was found over the target. Red T.I. Markers were seen on the run in to the primary, and the estimated centre of these "A.I.s" which were seen cascading at 2206 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 2205 hours from 21000 feet and on a heading of 150°. The glow of fire was seen after leaving the target area. Incends of 150 x 4 lbs and 4 x 30 lbs were brought back due to hang up. Incends of 8 x 30 lbs dropped off at take-off. The Monica went U/S. No difficulties were encountered. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2354.	A. 2362
NIGHT 26/27/3.44	LANCASTER II D.S. 726 "A"	P/L W.E. STEWART P/O G.E. MALLORY P/O W.G. HERRICK SOT HUK, J. P/S DOWNER, R.D. WOL H.F. MURPHY SOT FARLEY, H. Co..P...P/S REID, C.A.	- do - (First)	2003	0121	Fair visibility apart from vapour trails and 10/10ths clouds up to 8000 feet was found over the target. The glow of Green T.I. Markers was visible on the run in, and this glow was in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 2205 hours from 21000 feet and on a heading of 160°. During the run up, the dead base was brightly illuminated. The target looked inactive as no bomb bursts were seen. Incends of 300 x 4 lbs were jettisoned at position 525°N - 0305°E at 2114 hours from 18000 feet in order to comply with instructions laid down, as height could not be maintained. The Monica went U/S. No difficulties were encountered and the route was good. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2361.	A. 2363
NIGHT 26/27/3.44	LANCASTER II D.S. 719 "A"	2ND/Lt M.E. HERRICK P/O E. SYMINGTON P/O A.M. MCHRAFT P/S BAKER, D. SOT CLARK, R. WOL E.L. LAUREN SOT JOHNSON, A. Co..P...P/S HERRICK, C.A.	- do - (First)	2019	0122	Good visibility with 10/10ths clouds to 8/10000 feet was found over the target. Red T.I.s and Spot markers had with Green Stars were seen on the run in. A faint red glow of T.I.s were in the sights when the release was made, and the release was carried out at 2205 hours from 19500 feet and on a heading of 133°. Results were difficult to assess owing to the clouds, but on leaving some fire glow was seen. A very quiet trip. Either the Jerrisa were taken by surprise or the Hur is not what it use to be. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2362.	A. 2364

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NIGHT 30/31/3-44	LANCASTER II D.S. 759 "A"	W/C D.S. JACOBS, DFC P/L T.R. McDUGALL, DFC P/O J.S. DILLON P/O F.C. O'CONNOR P/O L.E. MOR GAN P/O M.G. PHILLIPS P/O M. HENDERSON Co. Sgt. P/L J.W. WHITE	BOMBING NUMBERS (First)	2219	0536	A thin layer of clouds between 19/20000 feet and good visibility was found over the target. The target was identified by R.I.L. and visual identification of the lakes north west of the target. A concentration of fires were in the sights when the release was made, and same was carried out at 0126 hours from 19000 feet and on a heading of 276°M. Scattered incendiaries were seen and fires began to develop into large ones, which were seen on leaving the target. Some activity was seen south east of the target, but believed to be decoy. Incendiaries of 30 x 4 lbs were brought back due to hang up. No particular difficulties were encountered, apart from the lack of EPR which made identification of the target practically impossible. The load carried was 1 x 5000 lbs H.E. Nose Inst., 420 x 4 lbs., 48 x 30 lbs Incnds. and 30 x 4 lbs "X" Type Incnds.	A-2365
NIGHT 30/31/3-44	LANCASTER II L.L. 636 "C"	P/L F.W. HALLS P/S QUINN, J.F. P/O R.J. CLIFF WO1 M.J. HARRISON SOT BEARD, L.A. P/A HICKER, M. SOT SCAGELL, J.H.	- do - (Third)	2228	0604	Good visibility with thin 10/10th clouds up to 12/10000 feet. Mixed Red and Green T.I.s and Red Flares with Yellow Stars were visible on the run in. The centre of the Red Flares shown with the Yellow stars were in the sights when the release was made, and the release was made at 0118 hours from 21000 feet and on a heading of 175°M. Incendiaries were scattered over a wide area, but very little was seen in the way of fires. Incendiaries of 150 x 4 lbs were jettisoned live at position 5030N - 0620E at 0021 hours from 21000 feet due to smoke rising from the bomb bay, however, there was no damage. No particular difficulties were encountered. The load carried was 1 x 5000 lbs H.E. (U.S. 025) 830 x 4 lbs, 72 x 30 lbs Incnds. and 30 x 4 lbs "X" Type Incnds.	A-2366
NIGHT 30/31/3-44	LANCASTER II D.S. 768 "J"	P/O D.E. EVAN WO2 R.D. WOLTON WO2 A.W. JENNISON P/O G. CROUCHER SOT THURGOOD, H.E. SOT LIME, J.A. SOT SCOTT, R.	- do - (Third)	2220	0601	Foggy, but good visibility was found over the target area. Red T.I. Markers were visible on the run in, and the centre of these markers were in the sights when the release was made. The release was carried out at 0126 hours from 19000 feet and on a heading of 260°M. Numerous bomb bursts were seen. Incendiaries of 300 x 4 lbs and 8 x 30 lbs were jettisoned live at position 5113N - 0326E at 2344 hours from 18000 feet in order to maintain height. No difficulties were encountered and the route was good. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A-2365.	A-2367



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NIGHT 30/13/44	LANCASTER II L.N. 722 "H"	P/O N. SUTHERLAND P/O R.W. BUTCHER P/O G.A. BOULTON P/S HOBBS, R.A. SOT HANFORD, A. SOT DENTON, A.M.E. SOT HORN, H.R. Co. P/S VANHORN, M.C.	BOMBING HUNTERS (First)	2151	0536	Good visibility above 5/10ths clouds up to 14000 feet was found over the target. No markers were visible on the run in, so the well defended area was aimed at, and this corresponded with the R.T.A. The bombs were released at 0120 hours from 21000 feet and on a heading of 240°. Much bombing was seen where we bombed, and the fires were burning. At 0124 hours, white flares and red and Green T.I.s were seen about 25 miles east of where we were. Incendiaries of 30 & 4 lbs were brought back due to hang up. Not very happy about the trip, as bombing was divided between two places. An orbit was made ten minutes before bombing and it was then decided to drop the load, as it was believed that the primary was below. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. 2365.	A.2368
NIGHT 30/13/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 727 "Q"	2ND LT M.L. HENSTOCK P/O R. SHERBROOK P/O A.L. MacQUARIE P/S HARTLEY, D. SOT HENSTOCK, J.A. P/O W.H. LAUGHLIN SOT HENSTOCK, A. Co. P/S HENSTOCK, G.A.	- do - (First)	2154	0542 MORNING IN MARCH	Ten tenths clouds up to 15000 feet was found over the primary target. Red and yellow sky markers were visible on the run in to the primary. The centre of a very small concentration of Red and Yellow Sky Markers were in the sights when the release was made, and this was carried out at 0115 hours from 21000 feet and on a heading of 175°. A very big yellowish green explosion followed by clouds of smoke was seen on leaving the target at about 0125 hours. The A.E.I. was N/A. A diversion was made at Moreton-in-Marsh aerodrome. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2365.	A.2369
NIGHT 30/13/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 688 "B"	P/O J.D. HARVEY P/O E.J. HUND P/O S.W. DUNN P/O G.L. BUCHANAN P/S DAVIDSON, K.L. P/S CAMPBELL, S.R. SOT HANCOCK, A. W/OIR CAMPBELL, S.R.	- do - (First)	2153	0536 MORNING IN MARCH	Ten tenth clouds up to 10000 feet was found on the way to the target. The entire load was jettisoned at position 4952N - 0118E at 0118 hours from 21000 feet because no T.I. Markers were seen owing to heavy clouds. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2368. Landed at Moreton-in-Marsh aerodrome.	A.2370
NIGHT 30/13/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 719 "P"	P/O W.S. FULLER W/O S.W. FORBES P/O S.D. COOPER SOT HANFORD, J.A. SOT WILLY, R.A. SOT W.S. HENSTOCK SOT HANFORD, H.J.	- do -	2206	0530	Five to 8/10ths clouds and good visibility was over the target area. Mixed red and green T.I.s were visible on the run in to the primary, and these were seen to cascade at 0113 hours, and over also in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 0113 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 165°. Scattered incendiaries were seen, but no large fires. No difficulties were encountered, apart from P.P.F. Markings which were found very poor. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2365.	A.2371

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NIGHT 30/31/3-44	LANCASTER II D.S. 730 "Y"	P/S H.C. McIVOR P/O J.H. WYATT P/S GOODWIN, W.H. P/L T.O. FLEGGNER, DFC P/O C.W.G. HANCHAR P/O A. MURRAY SOT REID, G.A. SOT ROSSSELL, D.	BOMBING NUMBERS (Third)	2217	0515	Good visibility and 10/10ths clouds up to 15/20000 feet was found over the target. Red flares with Yellow stars were visible on the run in, and a group of three of these flares which were seen bursting from 0114 to 0118 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, which was made at 0120 hours from 21000 feet and on a heading of 175°M. No bomb burst were seen whilst over the target, but on leaving, some flares were visible. The glow of the flares on the cloud base could be seen for 50 miles on the return journey. Incendiaries of 50 x 4 lbs were brought back due to hang up. The Monica went U/S. No difficulties were encountered along a good route. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2366.	A. 2372
NIGHT 30/31/3-44	LANCASTER II L.L. 700 "X"	WO2 W.W. KAMBER SOT MACDONALD, E.R. P/S KUMALGAN, J. WO2 R.G. SCOTT SOT HADIS, J.L. SOT MOORE, J. SOT NEWTON, L.G.	- do - (Fifth)	2223	0553	Ten tenths clouds up to 6/8000 feet was found over the target. Sky Markers were seen at 0118 hour, and three Red Flares with Yellow stars were in the sights when the release was made, and this took place at 0123 hours from 21000 feet and on a heading of 175°M. Scattered fires were seen reflecting on the clouds. The attack appeared scattered. The Mandrel and Monica went U/S. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2366.	A. 2373
NIGHT 30/31/3-44	LANCASTER II D.S. 726 "Y"	P/L W.B. STEWART P/O G.E. MALLORY P/O W.G. BURNS SOT HAY, J. P/S OCHERIN, R.H. SOT R.F. BERTON SOT VANCE, W. Co. S. P/S REID, G.A.	- do - (First)	2152	0529	Two Green T.I.s were seen cascading at 0103 hours on way in to the target which was covered by 7/10ths thin clouds up to 14000 feet. Through a gap in the clouds was seen green T.I.s burning on the ground and these were in the sights when the release was made. The same was carried out at 0112 hours from 21000 feet and on a heading of 220°M. Gun flashes and heavy flak was seen, also heavy smoke and fires burning including bomb bursts of high explosives. Incendiaries of 4 x 3 lbs were brought back due to hang up. The target was difficult to identify owing to the lack of PFF Markers. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2365.	A. 2374
NIGHT 30/31/3-44	LANCASTER II L.L. 725 "T"	P/L G.R. LATIMER SOT L.E. A.A. HUNTER P/O G.W.E. CRIDGEMAN WO1 J. DINGWALL P/O J.T. GUTHRIE P/O F.C. McDONNELL SOT WESTROPE, R.H.	- do - (Third)	2205	0622	Many vapour trails with 9 to 10/20ths clouds up to 18000 feet covered the target area. Red Flares with Yellow Stars and the glow of scattered Red T.I.s were seen on the run in. The centre of two or three T.I.s (red) were seen through the break in the clouds and were in the sights when the bombs were released at 0129 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 185°M. The only results seen were incendiaries burning, and an explosion at 0127 hours. Incendiaries of 50 x 30 lbs were brought back due to hang up. Many fighters were met with on way into the target, and evasive action caused us to be late over the target. The main difficulty was the accurate observation of the target. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2366.	A. 2375

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30/3/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 633 "L"	P/O J.G. WHITE P/O G. SCHACHTER P/O G.L. WOOD P/S LEAHY, F.G. P/O A.A. PATTON P/O J.L. LADON SOT BATES, J.E. O/S P/S HUGHES, J.R.	BOMBING RUHRBERG (First)	2204	- - -	This crew took off from this base at 2204 hours to carry out bombing operations over RUHRBERG, Germany. Since that time, no further word has been received from them. They were due to return to this base at approximately 0552 hours, but unfortunately have failed to do so. Since no further word has been received as to their whereabouts, they must be listed as missing from operations presumably over the target. Listed hereunder are their names together with their operational trips and hours.	A-205
						OPERATIONAL TRIPS HOURS	
CAN. J.15445 P/O Joseph Gordon WHITE				(Pilot)		16 129.15	
CAN. J.22520 P/O Gordon SCHACHTER				(Navy)		16 127.39	
CAN. J.17697 P/O Gordon Leslie WOOD				(R.A.)		23 302.26	
RAF. 1338716 P/S LEAHY, Frank George				(WOP/ATR)		21 133.22	
CAN. J.19026 P/O Alvin Alston PATTON				(A.G.)		22 134.07	
CAN. J.18279 P/O John Ervin LADON				(A.G.)		25 189.06	
RAF. 1584552 SOT BATES, Jack Edwin				(P/ENG)		14 117.44	
CAN. KLA9956 P/S HUGHES, John Robert				(O/S Pilot)		1 5.06	

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