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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCE
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NIGHT 9/10/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 759 "A"	F/O A.S. QUINLAN F/O J.E. FISHER F/O K.G. FORSTER F/O J.A. DEERY F/O L.W. WILLS SGT LAMERT, G.D. SGT SPENCE, Z.W.J.	BOMBING VILLEROUVE ST. GEORGE (Second Wave)	2123	0236	Very good visibility with ground haze was found over the primary target. Red T.I. Markers and the river Seine was seen on the run in to the primary. The Red T.I.s which were seen cascading at 0011 hours were in the sights when the bombs were released, and this was done at 0012 hours from 14,500 feet and on a heading of 040°. Bombs were seen to burst on the ground and around the T.I.s. Bombing was well concentrated. One 500 lb. bomb G.P. was brought back due to hang up. The A.F.I. went U/S. The load carried was 7 x 1000 lbs MC 12 025 and 11 x 500 lb G.P.	A-2577
NIGHT 9/10/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 636 "D"	F/S COCKE, W.G. F/O H.G. SMITH F/O R.C. FERGUSON SGT JONES, L.M. SGT CLARK, G.O. SGT CURTIS, H.J. SGT DEAN, H.	- do - (Second)	2121	0230	Good visibility was found over the target area. On the run in to the primary, Red T.I. Markers, the river Seine and wagon construction of workshops in the southern half were observed. Cascading Red T.I.s were in the sights when the release was made, and this was carried out at 0018 hours from 14,700 feet and on a heading of 020°. Bombing was well concentrated, especially around the workshops. Several bomb bursts were visible. No difficulties were encountered along a good route. The load carried back was the same as on Sortie No. A-2577.	A-2578
NIGHT 9/10/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 768 "B"	F/S BOWMAN, G.A. F/S FINNEY, L.H.T. SGT GOODWIN, L.A. SGT BROWN, L. SGT RICHARDS, A.J. SGT CLAYTON, W.H. SGT HERRICK, R.M.	- do - (Second)	2122	0243	Some ground haze, but good visibility was found over the target area. Green T.I. Markers followed by three clusters of Red ones, also the river bend were seen on the run in to the primary. The Red T.I.s which were cascading at 0009 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 0011 hours from 14,500 feet and on a heading of 040°. Own bomb bursts were visible directly in the T.I.s. Others were seen about the target. Considered to be a very good trip. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A-2577.	A-2579
NIGHT 9/10/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 722 "B"	F/O J.M. FOULDER W/O E.C. HARVEY F/O J.A. MCKINLEY W/O J. KNIGHT F/O M.A. GREENHURST SGT CAMPBELL, D.K. SGT AQUIN, F. Co.F. W/C D.S. JACOBS, DFC	- do - (Second)	2130	0232	Good horizontal visibility with slight haze was found over the primary. Red and Green T.I. Markers were visible on the run in, and the Red T.I.s which were seen cascading at 0010 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. Release was carried out at 0014 hours from 14,500 feet and on a heading of 070°. Own bombs along with others were seen to burst across the markers, and were well concentrated. No other results were visible, but some explosions were seen on the run up. Two 500 lb bombs were brought back due to hang up. No difficulties were encountered. The attack seemed well concentrated. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A-2577.	A-2580

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NIGHT 9/10/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 725 "E"	P/L H.C. McIVER P/O J.H. WILBY P/S GOWEN, W.H. P/L T.O. FLEGER, DFC P/O C.A.C. HANCHAR P/O A. SPOFFORD SOT RUSSELL, D.	BOMBING VILLEROUVE ST. GEORGES (Second)	2117	0240	Unlimited visibility was found over the primary target. On the run in Red and Green T.I., the River Seine and sidings and sheds in the southern half of the marshalling yards were all seen. A concentration of Red T.I.s some of which were cascading at 0011 hours were in the sights when the release was made. This was carried out at 0015 hours from 11,500 feet and on a heading of 035°M. On arrival at the target at 0006 hours, no markers were visible, so an orbit was made. At this time, Red T.I.s were seen going down. The only results visible were numerous bomb bursts, but it was believed that own bombs landed across the northern half of the south marshalling yards. Two 500 lb bombs which hung up over the target were jettisoned at position 4952N 0025E at 0100 hours from 15,000 feet. No difficulties were met with, and the attack seemed successful. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2377.	A. 2381
NIGHT 9/10/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 700 "I"	P/S RYD, C.A. P/O G.D. BUTLER SOT SORLEY, J. SOT CECIL, J.A. SOT FREYHOFF, F.H. SOT FORSLITT, J.H. SOT SLAYTON, H.W.	- do - (Second)	2122	0224	Good visibility with bright moonlight was found over the target. Red T.I.s followed by Green ones and the river bend were seen on the run up to the primary. Cascading Red T.I.s were in the sights when the bombs were released, and this took place at 0010 hours from 11,250 feet and on a heading of 000°M. Own bomb bursts could not be distinguished as there were too many. The Markix went U/S. A nice easy trip. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2377.	A. 2382
NIGHT 9/10/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 692 "B"	P/S McCaffrey, J.H. W/O L. MITCHELL P/O G.H. CROSS W/O L.V. MARSHEN SOT CAROLINE, A.E. SOT HARVEY, G.H. SOT FRANKS, F.	- do - (Second)	2115	0234	Excellent visibility with no clouds, but slight haze was found over the target. Red and Green T.I. Markers and visual identification of the river and marshalling yards which could be clearly seen were all aids in reaching the primary. The railway tracks were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0009 hours from 11,300 feet and on a heading of 020°M. The bomb burst were obviously on the target as the marshalling yards were seen as clearly as though it was daylight. The target was so clearly identified, that it was not necessary to wait for markings. A very good trip. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2377.	A. 2383

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NIGHT 10/11/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 799 "A"	F/O A.A. HEYSON F/S LIEWICKI, P.E. SOT THORCH, A.P. WOL R.J. GALLOWAY SOT REDLIN, R.R. SOT ROWLES, H.G. SOT MOORE, R.	BOMBING LACE Marshalling Yards (First) (Wave)	0048	0603	Excellent visibility and no clouds was found over the target area. Red and Green T.I. Markers were visible on the run in to the primary, and a cluster of these markers which were cascading at 0332 hours were in the sights when the release was made. This was carried out at 0337 hours from 11800 feet and on a heading of 110°M. Bombing seemed to be concentrated mostly around the markers. The A.P.I. went U/S, and the Monica was not used. No particular difficulties were encountered. The load carried was 10 x 1000 lb MD TD 025 and 4 x 500 lb MD TD 025.	A.2384
NIGHT 10/11/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 729 "D"	S/L W.A. RUSSELL F/O M.E. HOWARD F/O J.G. MOORE F/O W.A. BARNETT WOL R.J. GALLOWAY F/O CAMPBELL, T.W. SOT CLARK, A. CoP... F/O D.L. BRIDGER	- do - (First)	0050	0600	Good visibility was found over the target. Red and Green T.I. Markers were seen on the run in to the target, and the Red T.I.s which were cascading at 0336 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. This was carried out at 0344 hours from 11500 feet and on a heading of 108°M. Bombing appeared to be well in the target area. One 1000 lb MD TD 025 bomb was brought back due to hang up. No particular difficulties were encountered. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2384.	A.2385
NIGHT 10/11/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 636 "G"	F/O H.R. CHICKADEE F/O N.C. MCILLOP WOL R.J. GALLOWAY F/S BARN, J.S. SOT URSKIN, G.S. SOT CAMPBELL, J. SOT MYERS, F.H.G.	- do - (First)	0047	0617	Clear to moderate visibility was found over the target. Green and Red T.I. Markers were seen on the run in to the primary, and the Red T.I.s which were cascading at 0335 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The bombs were released at 0339 hours from 11600 feet and on a heading of 115°M. Numerous bomb bursts were seen during the run up, and considerable smoke was seen over the target. One 1000 lb MD TD 025 bomb was brought back due to hang up. No difficulties along a good route. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2384.	A.2386
NIGHT 10/11/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 723 "H"	F/O D.S. JACKSON, WFC F/L T.R. McDUGALL, WFC F/O J.M. DALRYMPLE F/O R.A. O'CONNOR F/O L.M. MURPHY F/O W.A. MILLER F/O M. HENDERSON Mid Upd F/S J.R. BARNES	- do - (First)	0051	0340	Good visibility and no clouds was found over the target. Red and Green T.I. Markers were visible on the run up to the primary, and the Red T.I.s which were cascading at 0335 hrs. were in the sights at the time of the release. This took place at 0339 hours from 11500 feet and on a heading of 106°M. Bombs and markings appeared to be well on the target which was visually identified. A good trip with no difficulties. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2384.	A.2387
NIGHT 10/11/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 768 "J"	F/O D.F. HEYSON WOL R.J. GALLOWAY WOL R.J. GALLOWAY F/O G. CHICKADEE SOT THORCH, A.P. SOT THORCH, A.P. SOT SCOTT, R.	- do - (First)	0046	0556	Good visibility and no clouds was found over the target. Red and Green T.I. Markers were visible when on the run in, and cascading Red T.I.s were in the sights when the bombs were released. This took place at 0342 hours from 11700 feet and on a heading of 110°M. Black smoke and flames covered the target. Monica III was not used. A good trip with no difficulties. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2384.	A.2388

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NIGHT 10/11/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 705 "K"	P/L F.W. HALLES P/S GUMBLE, J.P. P/O R.J. CLAPP WOL R.J. HARRISON SOT BELLARD, L.A. P/S BUCKER, M. SOT SCHWELL, J.E.	BOMBING LACON Marshalling Yards (First)	0049	0536	Good visibility was found over the target, and on the run in to the primary was seen Green and Red T.I. Markers. The Red T.I.s which were cascading at 0335 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0337 hours from 11700 feet and on a heading of 095°. Bombing seemed to be all around the markers. No particular difficulties. The load carried was same as on Sortie No. A. 2384.	A. 2389
NIGHT 10/11/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 722 "N"	P/O M. SUTHERLAND P/O E.W. BUCHER P/O C.A. BOULATO N P/S HOBBS, W.A. SOT HAMPSON, A. SOT DUBIEL, A.M.E. SOT BORE, H.R.	- do - (First)	0052	0539	Good visibility and no low clouds was found over the target. On the run in to the target, Red and Green T.I.s were seen along with visual identification of the eastern town and hill. The Red T.I.s which were cascading at 0335 hours were in the sights when the release was made, and this was carried out at 0339 hours from 11500 feet and on a heading of 090°. Bomb bursts were numerous, mainly on the markers, with a slight spread to the south. A cloud of dust and smoke was seen to mushroom up. The Monica III was not used. No particular difficulties were encountered. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2384.	A. 2390
NIGHT 10/11/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 727 "O"	SUB/LT M.R. HUNTER SOT/LT A.A. HAUZENHEDER P/O H.L. BUCKWORTH P/S BAXTER, D. SOT CLARK, A. WOL C. LAFLEURE P/S JOHNSON, A. MIA Un G... SOT WILLIAMS, W.H.	- do - (First)	0053	0547	Perfect visibility with slight haze was found over the target. Green T.I.s followed by Red ones were visible on the run in, and the Red T.I.s which were cascading at 0335 hours were in the sights when the bombs were released. This was carried out at 0339 hours from 11700 feet and on a heading of 101°. Bombing was well concentrated and around the markers, and quite a lot of smoke was rising up to 10000 feet, but no fires could be seen through the T.I. glare. Considered a very good show. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2384.	A. 2391
NIGHT 10/11/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 688 "R"	P/O F.T.S. BRICE P/O A. GLENDONING P/O M. McNEIL WOL H.W. WILSON P/O J.G. GRAY WOL F. LAFLEURE SOT NIGHTINGALE, H.A. MIA Un G... SOT BROWN, J.A.	- do - (First)	0056	0626	Good visibility and no clouds was found over the target. Red and Green T.I. Markers were visible on the run in to the primary, and two Red T.I.s which were cascading at 0335 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 0337 hours from 11600 feet and on a heading of 095°. Bombs seemed to be well around the markers. No particular difficulties. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2384.	A. 2392
NIGHT 10/11/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 692 "S"	P/S MCCAFFREY, J.H. WOL R. MITCHELL P/O G.L. CHOW WOL A.W. MANNION SOT CONNOLLY, A.E. SOT HARVEY, G.R. SOT FRANK, F.	- do - (First)	0057	0606	If any but good visibility was found over the target. On the run in to the primary, was seen Red and Green T.I.s and the latter ones were seen to cascade at 0335 hours. These were also in the sights when the release was made and the release was carried out at 0340 hours from 11700 feet and on a heading of 109°. Many bombs were seen on and around the markers. Some bombs fell slightly to the north of the markers but not far. Results were really good. A very effort. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2384.	A. 2393

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NIGHT 10/11/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 717 "U"	P/O S.R. FRANKLING P/O T.J. DINGWALE Sgt JAMES, R. Sgt BEOWN, R.A. Sgt GRENIN, J.A.U. Sgt LEBARD, R. Sgt HAYWARD, A.M.	BOMBING LACE Marshalling Yards (First)	0057	0506	Clear moonlight and good visibility was found over the target. Green cascading F.I. Markers followed by Red ones were visible on the run in, and Red F.I.s which were cascading at 0334 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. This was carried out at 0338 hours from 11500 feet from 112 PM. Bombing was very well concentrated. A very good show indeed and a neat job of bombing. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2384.	A-2394
NIGHT 10/11/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 730 "Y"	P/O W.S. FULLER W/O S.W. FORGER P/O S.D. CUPPER Sgt McILVER, J.A. Sgt WILF, R.M. W/O S.R. HENDERSON Sgt PATTING, H.J. Mid Up - Sgt HESTER, R.	- do - (First)	0054	0534	Good visibility with clear moonlight was found over the target. Green F.I. Markers followed by Red ones and railway tracks were seen on the run in. The centre of the Green F.I.s which were cascading at 0532 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0536 hours from 11700 feet and on a heading of 102°. Bomb bursts were seen on and around the F.I.s. The railway lines could be seen in the flash of the bursts and bombs were bursting in them. The Monica III was not used. A very good trip. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2384.	A-2395
NIGHT 10/11/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 700 "X"	P/L H.C. MEYER P/O J.W. WATT P/S GOODWIN, W.H. P/S S.O. PRIDGEN, HRO P/O G.L.U. HENCHER P/O A. GEMFORTH Sgt HUSSELL, R.	- do - (First)	0045	0523	This crew was forced to abandon the task 20 miles from this on the outward journey at 0124 hours owing to the starboard engine going U/S. The starboard inner motor started back-firing shortly after take-off blowing oil over the fuselage, and the oil pressure went off the clock. Returned to base and was instructed to jettison load and lands. This was done at position 541N - 0117E at 0234 hours from 11000 feet. The jettisoning was done safe. Four 500 lbs M/TD 025 were brought back. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2384.	A-2396
NIGHT 10/11/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 725 "Z"	P/O H.M.C. FRANKLIN P/S BARNES, R. P/S DELANEY, T.O. W/O K.W. HARRIS Sgt ROBERTSON, L.J. Sgt OLIVER, O.W. Sgt MEDCRAFT, L.J.	- do - (First)	0055	0544	Good visibility and no clouds was found over the target. On the run in was seen Green and Red F.I. Markers, and a concentration of the latter which were cascading at 0536 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 0537 hours from 11500 feet and on a heading of 090°. Numerous bomb bursts were seen closely grouped on and around the markers and a small fire was visible after we left the target. The Monica III was not used. The attack seemed to be developing well. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2384.	A-2397

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NIGHT 18/19/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 636 "G"	F/O COOKE, W.G. F/O H.C. SMITH SOT HUGHES, E.M. SOT CLARK, U.C. SOT CHISHAM, E.J. SOT DEAN, M.	- do - (First)	2103	0221	Fair visibility with 3/10ths clouds was found over the target. Mixed Red and Green T.I. Markers were visible on the run in, and these markers which were cascading at 2354 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 2357 hours from 15200 feet and on a heading of 020°M. Bombs were seen falling and exploding among the markers. The M.C. was not heard. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2398.	A.2399
NIGHT 18/19/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 723 "H"	W/O D.S. JACOBS, DFC F/L T.E. McDUGALL F/O J.H. DALTON F/O E.C. DICKSON F/O I.M. MORGAN F/L J.H. HARRISON F/L E.H. MULLIGAN, DFC Co.F... F/O T.E. McDUGALL Mid U.G. F/O S.C. SHEPHERD	- do - (First)	2100	0200	Good visibility and no low clouds was found over the target. Red and Green T.I. Markers and visual recognition of the river Seine and Marne was proof that the primary was reached. The Red and Green T.I.s were in the sights at the time of the release, and this was carried out at 2358 hours from 15200 feet and on a heading of 027°M. Numerous bomb bursts were seen closely concentrated around the markers, but that was the only results visible. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2398.	A.2400
NIGHT 18/19/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 768 "J"	F/S VAUGHAN, M.E. F/O F.J. PERRY F/O D.E. SIDGERS W/O J.E. ROBERTSON SOT LARSEN, F.E. SOT GOSWAMI, D. SOT HANWICK, M.	- do - (First)	2108	0251	No clouds with good visibility was found over the target area. Mixed Red and Green T.I. Markers were visible on the run in to the primary, and these which were cascading at 2355 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 2358 hours from 15200 feet and on a heading of 023°M. Numerous bomb bursts were seen in and around the target. No particular difficulties were met with. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2398.	A.2401
NIGHT 18/19/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 703 "K"	F/L F.W. HALEY F/O QUINN, F.J. F/O R.J. CLIFT W/O M.V. HARRISON SOT HENRY, L.A. F/S REICHER, M. SOT SCHMIDT, J.E. Mid U.G. W/O G. La FERRIER	- do - (First)	2209	0156 HUN- RATCH	Good visibility was found over the target. Salvos of Red and Green T.I.s Markers were visible on the run in to the primary. These T.I.s were cascading at 2355 hours, and were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 2357 hours from 15200 feet and on a heading of 079°M. Numerous bomb bursts were seen, and smoke covered the target. The port outer engine packed up at 0018 hours at position 492N-0150E. The cross feed gas cocks were U/S as a diversion had to be made at Runston aerodrome. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2398.	A.2402

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NIGHT 18/19/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 722 "H"	P/O N. SUTHERLAND P/O R.W. BUTCHER P/O C.A. BOUWEN P/S HODGE, R.A. SGT HAMPSON, R. SGT De MILL, A.M.E. SGT MOSE, R.A.	BOMBING MOIST-LS-SEC MARSHALLING YARDS (First Wave)	2106	0144	Clear and good visibility was found over the target area. Red and Green T.I. Markers in Salvoes and the railway tracks were seen on the run in, and the MARKERS which were descending at 2155 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 2356 hours from 15000 feet and on a heading of 0250°. Considerable smoke and dust was noted, and a terrific orange explosion was seen towards the centre of Paris at 2346 hours. The Master of Ceremonies was not heard. No difficulties were encountered along a good route. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2398.	A. 2403
NIGHT 18/19/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 727 "O"	2ND/Lt. J.A. HEMSTED P/O R. STERNAUT P/O A.L. MacQUARIE P/S BAKER, D. SGT CLARK, A. P/O W.H. LAUGHLIN P/S JOHNSON, A. MID UND. G. 902 P. La FARGE	- do - (First)	2120	0212	Some industrial haze and smoke, but good horizontal visibility was found over the target. Red and Green T.I. Markers were seen on the run in, and were seen to cascade at 2355 hours. These markers were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2358 hours from 15000 feet and on a heading of 0270°. Well concentrated bomb bursts were seen on the markers, and small fires sprang up after leaving the target. The congestion of aircraft in the target area, may have led to the homeward journey and two large explosions were seen at 0020 hours. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2398.	A. 2404
NIGHT 18/19/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 643 "Q"	P/L J.W. WILKIN W02 J.A. INVERARITY SGT FLETCHER, D.H. SGT GIBSON, R.W. SGT LOWERY, R.W. P/O R.A. BARRON SGT HIGGINS, R. MID UND. G. 902 P. La FARGE	- do - (First)	2104	0226	Three to 4/10ths clouds and good visibility was found over the target. Mixed Red and Green T.I. Markers were visible on the run in, and these were cascading at 2356 hours. They were also in the sights at the time of the release, and this was carried out at 2359 hours from 15000 feet and on a heading of 0260°. Bombs were bursting around the markers. The M.C. was not heard. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2398.	A. 2405
NIGHT 18/19/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 692 "B"	P/S McCAFFREY, J.H. W02 R.L. MITCHELL P/O G.L. GROSS W01 A.W. MARSHEN SGT CASHMAN, R.A. SGT HARVEY, G.R. SGT FRANKS, F.	- do - (First)	2119	0215	Industrial smoke and haze and good visibility was found over the target. Salvoes of Red and Green T.I.s and illuminating flares were seen on the run in, and the MARKERS T.I.s were seen cascading at 2355 hours, but were on the ground when the bombs were released at 2359 hours from 15000 feet and on a heading of 0190°. Several bomb bursts were seen within a concentration of markers. One 1000 lb. M.C. 2, 023 bomb was brought back due to hang up. A quiet trip. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2398.	A. 2406

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NIGHT 18/19/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 719 "U"	P/O REID, G.A. P/O G.D. BUTLER SOT SOLAK, J. SOT CLADE, J.A. SOT FORRITT, F.E. SOT BROWNST, J.E. SOT SLAYTOR, H.W.	BOMBING MOIST-LE-SEC MARSHALLING YARDS (First)	2113	0217	Industrial smoke and haze with fair visibility was found in the target area. Illuminating flares and mixed salvos of Red and Green T.I. Markers were visible on the run in. The Markers were in the sights at the time of the release and the release was made at 0001 hours from 15300 feet and on a heading of 025°M. A few bomb bursts were seen closely grouped around the markers. No difficulties were encountered, and the route was good. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2398.	A.2407
NIGHT 18/19/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 730 "U"	W/O G. McLEOD P/O BURNHARDT, L.E. SOT STUCK, A.E. SOT FLECK, J.F. SOT SLAYER, J.A. SOT LANDER, J.F. SOT BROWN, J. MIA UNK. SOT WARD, J.E.	- do - (First)	2115	0205	Clear weather and good visibility was found over the target. Mixed salvos of Red and Green T.I. and illuminating flares were seen on the run up to the primary. Railway tracks were also seen. The salvos of the Red and Green T.I.s were seen to cascade at 2356 hours, and were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 2357 hours from 15300 feet and on a heading of 009°M. Own bombs were not seen to explode. The Master of Ceremonies was not heard due to jamming. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2398.	A.2408
NIGHT 18/19/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 700 "X"	P/O P.T.S. BRICE P/O A. CLENDENING P/O M. McDONALD W/O H.W. WILSON P/O J.C. GRAY SOT TODD, E.G. P/O M. HENDERSON Co. Pilot... P/O W.J. ROYD	- do - (First)	2116	0234	Traces of low clouds with smoke haze, and good horizontal visibility was found over the primary. White illuminating flares and Red and Green T.I. Markers were visible on the run in, and these were seen cascading at prior to bombing. Bombing was carried out at 2359 hours from 15300 feet and on a heading of 065°M. The only results seen were bomb bursts, and these were concentrated around the markers. On leaving the target, fires sprang up and were visible for some distance. The Master of Ceremonies was not heard due to jamming. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2398.	A.2409
NIGHT 18/19/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 726 "T"	P/O W.E. STEWART P/O G.H. MASON P/O W.W. HARRIS, DFC SOT REAR, J. P/O H.D. COOPER W/O H.P. MURPHY SOT VANLEY, W. Co. Pilot... P/O J.E. BROWN	- do - (First)	2116	0159	Fair visibility was found over the target. Red and Green T.I. Markers were visible on the run in. The centre of these Markers which were cascading at 2355 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and this took place at 2357 hours from 15300 feet and on a heading of 043°M. Bombing was concentrated around the markers. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2398. One 1000 lb. M1 TD 025 was brought back due to hang up. The M.C. was not heard.	A.2410
NIGHT 18/19/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 725 "S"	P/O RAILLON, T.R. P/O K.L. NELSON SOT CAMPBELL, W.F. W/O G.D. McLAY SOT JAMES, W.D. SOT VAUGHAN, H.E. SOT WILKS, V.	- do - (First)	2117	0230	Good visibility with slight haze was found over the target. Mixed salvos of Red and Green T.I.s were seen on the run in and these were seen to cascade at 2355 hours. They were also in the sights when the release was made, and this was carried out at 2358 hours from 15300 feet and on a heading of 027°M. Numerous bomb bursts were seen in the target area, but own bombs were not seen to explode. The M.C. was not heard due to jamming. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2398.	A.2411

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NIGHT 18/19/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 688 "R"	P/O D.L. SPIDER W/O D.S. McILLAN P/S TYNARD, S. P/S CORNELL, G.W. SOT SMITH, A.W. SOT MCCARTHY, O. SOT TAYLOR, C. Mid Und. SOT BRANER, D.H.	BOMBING NOISY-LE-SEC MARSHALLING Yards (First) (Wave)	2115	0232	Some haze and good horizontal visibility was found over the target area. Red and Green T.I. Markers and illumination flares were visible on the run in. The T.I.s were seen cascading at 2357 hours, and were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 0003 hours from 15,200 feet and on a heading of 026°. The bomb bursts seemed to be well concentrated around the markers. Small fires were seen in the target area after leaving. The M.C. was not heard. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2996.	A. 2912
NIGHT 20/21/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 759 "A"	P/O H.L. CHICKALUCK W/O H.C. McILLAN P/S TYNARD, S. P/S CORNELL, G.W. SOT SMITH, A.W. SOT MCCARTHY, O. SOT TAYLOR, C.	BOMBING COLOGNE (PFF SUPPORTER)	2332	0455	Ten tenths clouds up to 8/10000 feet, and good visibility was over the primary. Arrival over the target corresponded with E.T.A. and A.P.I. The last "GEE" fix was made at 511N-0304E and at that fix, the release was made at 0159 hours from 19000 feet and on a heading of 070°. Red flares were seen bursting at 0159 hours to port. There was a reflection of search lights on the cloud base after bombing. Bombs were not obtainable owing due to be the first ones over the primary. One 1000 lb MC was jettisoned safe at position 521N - 0255E at 0309 hours and from 19000 feet. No difficulties were encountered except that the Mid Upper turret went U/S shortly after take off. The load carried was 8 x 1000 lbs MC, 20 025 and 8 x 500 lbs MC, 20 025.	A. 2413
NIGHT 20/21/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 642 "B"	P/O A.A. HENSON P/S LAWRENCE, F.L. SOT TYNARD, A.P. W/O H.J. GALLOWAY SOT SMITH, A.W. SOT MCCARTHY, O. SOT TAYLOR, C.	- do - (PFF Supporter)	2331	0405	Thin 10/10ths clouds up to 5000 feet and good visibility was found over the target. Arrival over the target corresponded with the E.T.A. The D.N. run was made from the last "GEE" fix at 510N - 0345E at 0114 hours, and bombing was carried out at 0158 hours from 19000 feet and on a heading of 058°. Numerous bomb bursts were seen both on entering and leaving the target, at 0158 hours. The A.P.I. went U/S. No difficulties were encountered. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2413.	A. 2414
NIGHT 20/21/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 729 "B"	S/L W.A. RUSSELL P/O M.E. HOWARD P/O J.G.A. MOORE P/O W.L. BARNETT P/O A.W. LEBGUE P/S STEWART, T.W. SOT CLARK, R. Mid Und. G. P/O S.O. STEPHENSON Co. Pilot. J/O T.M. MURPHY	- do - (PFF Supporter)	2322	0431	Ten tenths clouds up to 5000 feet and moderate visibility was found over the target. No markers were visible owing to being the first ones on the target. However, identification of the primary corresponded with the E.T.A. The last "GEE" fix was made at position 5052N - 0443E, and bombing was carried out at 0201 hours from 19000 feet and on a heading of 067°. A few bomb bursts were seen, and Red flares or T.I.s were seen at 0158 hours. The target was not visually identified. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2413.	A. 2415

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NIGHT 20/21/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 636 "G"	F/L J.F. EASTON P/O E.D.J. LANCTREE P/S WALKER, J.H. P/O R.S. GODDARD SOT ADAMS, K.H. P/O E.W. BRIDGE SOT SCOTT, F.	BOMBING COLOGNE (PFF Supporter)	2337	0433	Night to 10/10ths clouds up to 10/18000 feet was found over the target. Nothing was seen on the run up owing to an early arrival over the primary. However, arrival corresponded with the E.T.A. and bombs were released at 0159 hours from 19000 feet and on a heading of 069°. Shortly after bombing Red Flares were seen at 0201 hours. No results could be discerned. No difficulties apart from navigational trouble due to faulty "GEE". The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. 2415.	A. 2416
NIGHT 20/21/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 723 "H"	W/C D.S. JACOBS, DFC F/L T.R. McDUGALL, DFC P/O J.R. DALLEN P/O F.C. O'CONNOR P/O L.A. HUGHES F/L J.H. HANSON P/L R.H. MERRIDIAN, DFC Mid Und. G. WO2 G. LA FLEUR Co. Pilot. P/O D.L. SHUDEN	- do - (PFF Supporter)	2325	0415	Good visibility with 10/10ths clouds up to 8000 feet was over the primary target. No Markers were seen on the run in due to being the first wave over the target. Arrival over the primary corresponded with E.T.A. The last GEE fix was made at 5132H - 0112E and at 0115 hours. Bombed on E.T.A. in accordance with instructions at 0159 hours from 19000 feet and on a heading of 059°. Shortly after bombing at 0201 hours, some Red F.L.s were seen, and numerous bomb bursts in close proximity to them. Red Flares with Yellow Stems were not seen until 0209 hours. Few results were observed. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. 2415.	A. 2417
NIGHT 20/21/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 768 "J"	P/O D.T. RYAN WO2 M.D. WHITSON WO2 A.H. DUNNIN P/O G. CROUCHER SOT THUSCOOT, H.E. SOT DRYE, J.A. SOT SCOTT, E.	- do - (PFF Supporter)	2336	0420	Thin 10/10ths clouds up to 5000 feet and good visibility was found over the target. Arrival over the target corresponded with the E.T.A. The last "GEE" fix was made at 5057H - 0146E. Bombs were released at 0159 hours from 19000 feet and on a heading of 065°. Red Flares were seen cascading at 0201 hours. Flashes of numerous bomb bursts were seen, and were closely grouped together. Two rips in the bomb doors (inside) were encountered, and was believed caused by flak after bombs were released. No other difficulties were met with. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. 2415.	A. 2418
NIGHT 20/21/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 727 "Q"	MD/L E.H. HARRISON P/O M. STEINBAUGH P/O A.L. MacQUARIE P/A BAKER, D. SOT CLARK, A. P/O W.H. LAURENCE P/S JOHNSON, A. Mid Und. G. WO2 F. LA FLEUR	- do - (PFF Supporter)	2320	0411	Ten 10ths clouds up to 18000 feet and higher in places, and poor visibility was found over the target. The target could not be identified, but arrival time corresponded with the E.T.A. The last "GEE" fix was made at 5112H - 0132E at 0115 hours. The bombs were released at 0159 hours from 19000 feet and on a heading of 045°. The Red Flares were seen at 0200 hours, and more were seen later. The only results visible were flashes of the bomb bursts when about 30 miles from the target on the return journey, the clouds decreased, and it was possible to see the markers above the clouds along with fires and bomb bursts in the target area. One explosion in the target was seen at 0212 hours. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2415.	A. 2419

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NIGHT 20/21/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 643 "Q"	P/L J.W. WHIS W/O J.A. INVERARITY S/O PLATON, H.M. S/O GRIGGS, R.W. S/O LOWRY, R.W. P/O E.H. BOLPH S/O HUGILL, H. Mid Unds G.S.	BOMBING OCCASION (IFF Supporter)	2324	0441	Good visibility with 10/10ths clouds up to 6/8000 feet was found over the target. The target could not be identified, but arrival time corresponded with the E.T.A. bombed on E.T.A., last fix being at 5104N - 0337E at 0117, at 0159 hours from 19000 feet and on a heading of 070°M. Few bombs bursts were seen. Gunners reported that Red S.L. Markers were seen after leaving the target area. Propeller electric motor on the port inner engine and the D.R. Compass went U/B. No difficulties were met with apart from that of keeping on track owing to fairly forecast winds and the U/B D.R. Compass. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2413.	A. 2420
NIGHT 20/21/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 700 "K"	P/O F.S. REIDE P/O M. GLENDENING P/O M. McDONALD W/O H.W. WILSON P/O J.G. GRAY S/O TUBB, E.G. P/O M. HENDERSON Co. Pilot P/O W.J. MCINTYRE	- do - (IFF Supporter)	2333	0439	Fair visibility with 10/10ths clouds up to 14000 feet was over the target. No markers were seen on arrival due to being the first ones in on the primary. However, arrival time corresponded with the E.T.A. Bombing was carried out on E.T.A. at 0202 hours from 19000 feet and on a heading of 066°M. The last "GEE" fix was made at position 5133N-0313E at 0114 hours. Nothing was seen on the run up, but flares Red with Yellow Stars were seen by the Rear Gunner at about 0207 hours. No particular difficulties were encountered. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2413.	A. 2421
NIGHT 20/21/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 692 "B"	P/S McCaffrey, J.M. W/O E.M. RITCHIE P/O G.W. CROWE W/O A.P. MARSDEN S/O CAMERON, E.M. S/O HARVEY, G.R. S/O FRANK, F.	- do - (IFF Supporter)	2329	0404 DOCKING	Good visibility with 9 to 10/10ths clouds up to 12000 feet was found over the primary target. The target could not be identified by markers due to being the first wave in. Nevertheless, arrival time corresponded with the E.T.A., so bombing was carried out on this at 0159 hours from 19000 feet and on a heading of 060°M. After leaving the target, the Rear Gunner saw Red Flare cascades at 0202 hours. No results of bombing were seen. The Bombs went U/B, and both Starboard Engines went U/B. No other difficulties. Landed at Docking aerodrome on return due to the U/B engines. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2413.	A. 2422
NIGHT 20/21/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 719 "U"	P/O W.S. FULLER W/O S.W. FOSBER P/O S.D. COFFEY S/O MILLER, J.L. S/O WILSON, E.H. W/O S.H. BRIDGEMAN S/O SPATLING, H.J.	- do - (IFF Supporter)	2328	0428	Ten tenths clouds up to 14000 feet and good visibility was found over the target. Nothing was seen on arrival over the primary due to being one of the first ones in. Still arrival time corresponded with the E.T.A. and bombing was carried out on this at 0159 hours from 19000 feet and on a heading of 060°M. The last "GEE" fix was made at position 5052N - 0328E. Few bombs bursts were seen on the run up. No difficulties were encountered apart from difficulty in keeping on track due to faulty forecast of winds. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2413.	A. 2423

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NIGHT 20/21/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 730 "V"	WOL C. McLEOD P/S STANLASH, A.E. SOT STOK, A.N. SOT FLEMING, J.P. SOT SILVER, L.A. SOT LAMBER, J.P. SOT BIRCH, J. SOT SAND, F.J.	BOMBING COLOGNE (IFF Supporter)	2330	0422	Good visibility with 10/10ths clouds up to 16,000 feet was found over the target. No markers were visible on the run in, but arrival time over the primary corresponded with the E.F.A. Bombing was carried out at 0159 hours from 19000 ft. and on a heading of 065°M. The last "GEE" fix was made at position 5132N - 0313E at 0112 hours. No results were seen. No particular difficulties were encountered. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2413.	A. 2424
NIGHT 20/21/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 726 "T"	Mid Und. G. P/O G.M. FRANKLING P/O E.J. DINGWALL SOT JAKUBIK, M. SOT BROWN, R.W. SOT GORDON, J.A.U. SOT LAMBERT, R. P/O W. WILSON SOT McARTHUR, G.	- do - (IFF Supporter)	2336	0408	Thin 10/10ths clouds with tops at 16 to 19000 feet and good bombed on E.F.A. as no markers were visible at the time of the run in. Bombing was carried out at 0200 hours from 19,000 feet and on a heading of 065°M. The last "GEE" fix was made at 5044N - 0316E. Numerous bomb bursts were seen one minute before own bombs were released, and others immediately after. Red Flares were seen cascading at 0207 hours. No difficulties were encountered, and the trip was quiet. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2413.	A. 2425
NIGHT 20/21/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 725 "Z"	P/O E.M.C. FRANKLIN P/S HARRISON, M. SOT DELANEY, T.A. WOL E.M. BERGEN SOT HODGKIN, L.J. SOT OLIVER, G.W. SOT MORGAN, H.V. Co Pilot... P/O J.A. BROWN	- do - (IFF Supporter)	2334	0412	Good visibility and 10/10ths clouds up to 8000 feet was found over the target. No markers were seen on the run in, so based on E.F.A. which corresponded with arrival time. Bombs were dropped at 0159 hours from 19000 feet and on a heading of 065°M. The last "GEE" fix was made at 5104N - 0335E at 0118 hours. After bombing, scattered red flares were seen dropping at 0201 hours and the defences then opened up. Winds were not as forecast thus causing a slight drift off the track. No other difficulties were encountered. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2413.	A. 2426
NIGHT 20/21/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 759 "A"	P/L VAUGHAN, E.C. P/O F.J. PERRY P/O S.W. TIMMONS P/S BOURGEOIS, J.M. SOT LAMSON, F.N. SOT OGDEN, D. SOT HARDWICK, M.	BOMBING DUSSELDORF (Second)	2232	0418	Fine layer of clouds up to 15000 feet with westerly drift and good visibility was found over the target. On the run in, Red and Green T.M. Markers were seen, and the Red ones which were cascading at about 0119 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 0121 hours from 19000 feet and on a heading of 000°M. There was a carpet of incendiaries around the markers, and it seemed to be boiling up for a good attack. Incendiaries of 16 x 30 lbs were brought back due to hang up. The port inner engine went U/S on the way home, and it was believed hit by incendiaries over the target at approximately 0122 hours at 19000 feet. No difficulties apart from numerous search lights around the target. The load carried was 1 x 3000 lb HC Rose Inst., 550 x 4 lbs; 72 x 30 lbs Incendiaries, and 50 x 4 lbs "X" type Incendiaries.	A. 2427

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NIGHT 22/21/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 62 "B"	P/S ROBERTS, G.A. P/S PHIPPS, L.H.T. SGT COCKING, E.A. SGT BOURNE, J. SGT CLAPHAM, W.R. SGT HOFFMANN, R.M.	BOMBING DUSSELDORF (Second)	2229	0408	Very good visibility with no clouds was found over the target. Red and Green T.I.s were seen on the run in to the primary, and the Red T.I.s were seen to cascade at 0120 hrs. and were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 0121 hours from 21000 feet and on a heading of 0130M. On the run up, numerous fires were starting up around the markers and one explosion was seen. Bombs were seen to burst in and around the well concentrated markers. On leaving the target, great fires were visible for 3/4 of an hour later and later, smoke was seen to reach 20000 feet. Incends of 50 x 4 lbs were brought back due to hang up. A good trip with no difficulties. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2427.	A. 2426
NIGHT 22/23/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 729 "D"	P/L F.W. HALLS P/S QUINN, J.F. P/O M.J. CLIFT WOL M.J. HARRISON SGT HERRING, M. P/S DICKER, M. SGT SOGELL, J.H. WOL R.E. ROSE	- do - (Third)	2237	0403	A light layer of clouds about 20000 feet high and good visibility was found over the target. Red and Green T.I. markers were seen on the run in, and the Green T.I.s were cascading at about 0125 hours which were in the sights at the time of the release. The bombs were released at 0126 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 029M. Whilst over the target, the fires were just taking hold and were developing after leaving. The route was good and troubleless. The load carried was 1 x 8000 lbs HC Nose Inst.; 40 x 30 lb. 400 x 4 lbs Incends, and 50 x 4 lbs "E" type Incends.	A. 2429
NIGHT 22/23/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 63 "T"	P/O D.L. BRIDGES WOL D.W. McILLAN P/S EVANCO, S. P/S COOPER, G.W. SGT SEATH, A.W. SGT McARTER, G. SGT TAYLOR, G.	- do - (Third)	2235	0021	This crew had to abandon the task just after take off due to an oil leak in the Starboard outer engine. Incends of 15-30 lbs were brought back due to hang up. The remainder of the load was jettisoned safe at position 5400E - 0200E at 2324 hours from 6500 feet. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2427. This sortie was considered as unsuccessful.	A. 2430
NIGHT 22/23/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 63 "C"	P/S COCKE, W.G. P/O W.C. SMITH P/O E.C. FERGUSON SGT HOGAN, L.M. SGT CLARK, G.C. SGT CRICKETMAN, E.F. SGT BRYAN, H.	- do - (First)	2226	0359	Good visibility with haze up to 19000 feet was found over the target. Red and Green T.I.s and visual identification of the bends of the river were means of identifying the primary on the run up. The red T.I.s were seen to cascade at 0115 hours, and were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 0121 hours from 20000 ft., and on a heading of 080M. Due to being in the first wave, only a few bomb bursts were seen. These were well around the markers. The rear gunner saw numerous fires which were visible for many miles. On the run-up three explosions were seen around the T.I.s. No difficulties were encountered, and the attack appeared to be successful. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2427.	A. 2431

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NIGHT 22/23/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 723 "B"	W/C D.S. JACOBS, DFC F/L T.R. McDUGALL, WFC F/O J.R. DALLEN F/O P.C. O'DONOR F/O S.C. SHEPHERD F/L J.R. HANSON F/L E.H. HENLIGAN, DFC Mid Und. Grp. SGT MORGAN, J.A. Co. Pilot... F/O J.M. FAULDER	BOMBING DUSSELDORF (Third)	2239	0037	This crew had to abandon their trip owing to the Starboard Inner Engine taking fire just after take-off. The 8000 lb bomb No. 2 was jettisoned safe at position 541N - 0204E at 2334 hours in order to make a correct landing weight. The remainder of the load was brought back to base. The fire in the Starboard Inner caused a hole in the cooling four inches in diameter. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2429. This Sortie was considered as unsuccessful.	A. 2432
NIGHT 22/23/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 732 "B"	F/O M. SUTHERLAND F/O E.W. BUTCHER F/O C.A. BOULSON F/S HOBBS, R.A. SGT HANSON, J.A. SGT DOWD, A.M.E. SGT ROSE, H.R.	- do - (Third)	2233	0356	Clear and fair visibility was found over the target. On the run in, Red and Green T.I.s were means in identifying the primary. The estimated centre of the Green T.I.s which were seen cascading from 0115 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0126 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 050°M. Fires were just beginning to take hold, but were later visible from the coast. Incendiaries of 12 x 30 lbs were brought back due to hang up. The route was quiet with no difficulties. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2429.	A. 2433
NIGHT 22/23/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 727 "C"	F/O W.S. PHILIP WO2 S.W. FOSHER F/O S.D. COPPER SGT McILVERN, J.A. SGT WILF, E.R. WO1 S.R. MORRISON SGT PATTING, H.J. Mid Und. Grp. WO2 F. LEPLAIRE	- do - (First)	2225	0328	Poor visibility but no clouds was found over the target. Red and Green T.I. Markers were seen on the run in, and a group of the former which were cascading at 0115 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 0116 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 030°M. A carpet of incendiaries was seen around the markers and good fires were taking hold after leaving the target. A large explosion was noted at 0120 hours. The route was good and no particular difficulties were met with. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2427.	A. 2434
NIGHT 22/23/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 643 "C"	F/L J.W. WEIS WO2 J.A. INVERARITY SGT FLATTEN, R.H. SGT GRIGGS, E.W. SGT LOWRIE, E.W. F/O M.H. ROSE SGT HUSKILL, H.	- do - (Second)	2243	0359 NONE	Some thin clouds at 19000 feet and good visibility was found over the target. The approach on the primary was made with the help of P.V. Markers. The Red T.I.s were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0122 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 025°M. Widespread fires were seen in the target area, and one large explosion was noted at 0130 hours after leaving the primary. Bombs were seen falling among the markers, the P.V.s were well on the target and the concentration of aircraft and bombing was good. Landed and interrogated at BURN MANSFORD. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2427.	A. 2435

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NIGHT 22/23/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 688 "R"	F/L G.B. LATIMER 2ND/Lt A. HAUSERBERGER F/O G.W.R. GRISON WOL J. DINGWALL F/O J.T. GUTHRIE F/O M.G. McDUGALL SGT WESTROPE, R.S.	BOMBING DUSSINGLOFF (First)	2240	0326	Excellent visibility and no clouds was found over the target. With the aid of Red and Green T.I. Markers and visual identification of the bend in the river, the primary was identified. The Red T.I.s were seen cascading at about 0116 hours; and were in the sights at the time of the release. The bombs were released at 0119 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 349°. There was a good carpet of incendiaries and very good fires were seen around the markers after leaving the target. The route was good and no particular difficulties were met with. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2427.	A. 2436
NIGHT 22/23/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 617 "P"	F/O H.E.R. ROHMAN 1ST/Lt F.S. SHUTE F/S HENSON, G.N. WOL S.M. POTTER SGT GIBBART, R.T. SGT HENRY, R.E. SGT GILBERT, J.H.	- do - (Second)	2242	0401	Haze and vapour trails at 20000 feet and good visibility was found over the target. Bombed on E.T.A. as no markers were visible. Bombs were released at 0115 hours from 19,000 feet and on a heading of 026°. The last "GEE" fix was made at 0427N - 0240E at 0022 hours. One 2000 lb HE bomb last bomb and 65 x 30 lb Incendiaries and 300 x 4 lbs incendiaries were hung up over the target due to defective electrical circuit leading to the bomb. The 2000 lb bomb was jettisoned live at 5147N - 0224E at 0216 hours and from 14000 ft. Not a satisfactory trip. Three minutes before reaching the primary, were held for about 5 minutes in a search light cone, which made it impossible to wait for any markers, none of which had gone down on arrival. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2427.	A. 2437
NIGHT 22/23/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 730 "V"	F/S BAYNE, T.H. F/O P.I. WELSH SGT CAMPBELL, H.F. WOL G.B. HOLLY SGT MADER, W.D. SGT VANDER, H.B. SGT WILKS, V. Mid Und. Gn. SGT CUNNINGHAM, H.V.	- do - (Second)	2245	0511	No clouds; but numerous vapour trails and good visibility was found over the target. Red and Green T.I. Markers were visible on the run in, and the Red T.I.s were seen cascading at about 0114 hours, and these were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was carried out at 0119 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 007°. A good carpet of incendiaries was seen around the markers with numerous bomb bursts. Good fires were visible after leaving the target with some on the West side of the river. Incendiaries of 12 x 30 lbs were brought back due to hang up. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2427.	A. 2438
NIGHT 22/23/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 700 "X"	WOL W.W. KASPER F/S HENSON, F.E. F/S HILLMAN, J. SGT BAKER, S. SGT HALE, J.L. SGT MOORE, J. SGT NEWSON, L.O.	- do - (First)	2227	0344	Light layer of thin clouds between 15/20000 feet and good horizontal visibility was found over the target. Red and Green T.I. Markers were seen on the run in, and the centre of these markers which were cascading at 0115 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and this took place at 0120 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 050°. Numerous incendiaries were seen grouped around the markers, and the glow of the fires was seen for many miles on the return journey. Incendiaries of 1 x 30 lbs. were brought back due to hang up. No difficulties were encountered. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2427.	A. 2439

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NIGHT 22/23/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 726 "T"	P/O H.C. McIVER P/O J.H. WILKINSON P/S GOODWIN, W.H. P/L E.O. FREEDMAN, W.O. P/O C.A.G. HANCOCK P/O A. DULANT SGT RUSSELL, D. SGT WARD, F.J.	BOMBING DUSSELDORF (First)	2234	0340	Good visibility with haze and numerous vapour trails were found over the target. The target was not identified due to being covered. Bombs were released over believed target when timed at 0113 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 026°M. After evading the cones, smoke and fires were seen immediately behind. One large explosion was seen at 0120 hours. Incendiaries of 4 x 30 lbs were brought back due to hang up. The rear turret perspex was perforated by flak, and one hole in tail fin, starboard wing, port wing and starboard flap was also caused by flak. Not happy about the trip, but satisfied that bombs landed on the target. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2427.	A.2440
NIGHT 22/23/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 725 "E"	P/O H.M.C. FRANKLIN P/S BARKER, R. SGT DEAN, T.J. W/L R.W. BROWN SGT ROBINSON, J.W. SGT OLIVER, G.H. SGT MEECRAFT, L.J.	- do - (Third)	2238	0332	Vapour trails and fair visibility was found over the target. Red and Green T.I. Markers were seen on the run in, and the centre of the Green T.I.s which were cascading at 0120 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The bombs were released at 0123 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 027°M. Fires were just starting and had taken a good hold after leaving the target. The A.P.I. went 1/3 half of the trip. A good route with no difficulties. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2428.	A.2441
NIGHT 24/25/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 759 "A"	P/O H.R. CHICKEN P/O H.C. McILLIP W/O E.M. THORNTON P/S BROWN, J.S. SGT UREDA, G.S. SGT CAMPBELL, J. SGT MERTON, F.H.	BOMBING KARLSRUHE (Third)	2139	0422	Haze and cirrus clouds and fair horizontal visibility was found over the target. Red and Green T.I. Markers were seen on the run in, and the centre of the Red T.I. which were cascading at about 0041 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 0043 hours from 21,000 feet and on a heading of 110°M. Sticks of incendiaries were burning and fires were seen springing up after leaving. Fires appeared well concentrated with some scattered ones. Incendiaries of 150 x 4 lbs and 16 x 30 lbs were brought back due to hang up. Some icing and static electricity was encountered on the way out and on the homeward journey. A nice trip with no difficulties. The load carried was 1 x 2000 lbs. H. H. Inst., 300 x 4 lbs 78 x 30 lbs Incendiaries and 100 x 4 lbs "T" Type Incendiaries.	A.2442
NIGHT 24/25/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 612 "B"	P/O S.R. FRANKLIN P/O T.J. DUNNALL SGT JARVIS, R. SGT BROWN, R.W. SGT CHURCH, J.A.V. SGT LINDARD, R. P/O W. WHEAT	- do - (Third)	2140	0216	This crew was forced to abandon the task before reaching the primary owing to an oil failure in the starboard inner engine, thus making it difficult to continue on with three engines. The 2000 lb. bomb was jettisoned safe at position 0004 A. 0105 at 2138 hours from 16500 feet to bring down the weight for landing. The remainder of the load was brought back. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2443.	A.2443

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NIGHT 24/25/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 636 "C"	P/O D.L. SNIDER WO2 D.W. McSHANE P/S EVANS, S. P/S GORR, G.W. SOT SEATH, E.W. SOT MCCARTHY, O. SOT TAYLOR, C.	BOMBING KARLSRUHE (Third)	2145	0434	Ten tenths cirrus clouds with tops to 22000 feet and fair visibility was found over the target. The approach on the primary was made with the aid of Red and Green T.I. Markers. Bombed on mixed Red and Green Ground Markers which were seen to go down at 0035 hours. Bombing was carried out at 0040 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 097°. The fires appeared scattered. A fair raid, but weather as forecast was not in agreement with reality. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2443.	A. 2444
NIGHT 24/25/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 723 "H"	W/C D.E. JACOBS, DFC P/L T.E. McDUGALL, DFC P/O J.E. DALZON P/O P.C. O'CONNOR P/O S.C. SUGHRIDGE P/L J.E. HANSEN P/S S.M. MURPHY, DFC Mid. Und. C. P/O W.G. PHILPOT Co. Pilot: P/O J.E. FAIRLIE	- do - (Fourth)	2149	0425	Quite good visibility with layer of clouds over the target at 17000 feet and tops about 20000 feet. Red and Green T.I. Markers and the river Rhine also the docks to the west and runways of an aerodrome N.W. of the town was all seen on the run in to the primary. The centre of a concentration of Red T.I.s which cascaded at about 0045 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0047 hours from 18000 feet and on a heading of 104°. A basket of incendiaries, especially to the eastern half of the town, and explosions were seen. Fires were developing on leaving, and results should have been good. Incendiaries of 30 x 4 lbs were brought back due to heavy smoke. The Markers III went U/S. Slight icing condition was encountered on the first half of the homeward journey. The attack seemed very successful with no difficulties. The load carried was 1 x 8000 lbs HD Host Insts., 150 x 4 lbs and 16 x 30 lbs Incendiaries and 30 x 4 lbs "X" type Incendiaries.	A. 2445
NIGHT 24/25/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 633 "L"	P/L F.W. HALEY P/S QUINN, J.P. P/O E.J. CLIFFE WO1 M.J. HARRISON SOT BIRCH, L.A. P/S BECKER, M. SOT SCARRELL, J.E.	- do - (Third)	2157	0417	Thin cirrus clouds up to 21000 feet and poor horizontal visibility was found over the target. Red T.I. Markers were seen on the run in, and the centre of these T.I.s which were cascading at 0044 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 0045 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 090°. Too early to assess results due to being one of the early arrival over the primary. Icing was encountered at 0530H - 0550H. No other difficulties were encountered. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2442.	A. 2446
NIGHT 24/25/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 617 "F"	P/S VAUGHAN, E.G. P/O P.J. FRICK WO2 J.M. BOURGEOIS SOT LAISON, F.E. SOT GODFREY, D. SOT HARDWICK, M.	- do - (Third)	2146	0405	Thick haze and fair visibility was found over the target. Mixed salvages of Red and Green T.I. Markers were seen on the run in and these were cascading at 0042 hours when in the sights just prior to bombing. The bombs were released at 0043 hours from 22000 feet and on a heading of 010°. The target was quiet during the run in, and P.I.s were scarce. On leaving the primary, wide spread fires were seen. The route was good and no difficulties were encountered. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2442.	A. 2447

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NIGHT 24/25/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 727 "Q"	F/O W.S. FULLER WO2 S.W. FORNER S/O S.D. COOPER SGT MOLLAYNE, J.A. SGT WUFF, R.E. WO1 S.H. MORRISON SGT PATTING, H.J. Mid Und. WO2 P. LA FLEUR	BOOMBING KANGAROO (Fourth)	2147	0410	Five tenths clouds up to 18000 feet and good visibility was found over the target. Salvoes of Red and Green T.I.s. Markers were seen on the run in. The estimated centre of Red T.I.s. were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0050 hours from 18000 feet and on a heading of 150°M. The target was well alight over a wide area with numerous fires beginning to merge into one. These fires were seen for 60 miles after leaving zone. Incidents of 150 x 4 lbs and 4 x 30 lbs were brought back due to hang up. An aleutical storm was encountered from 1925N 0600E for 20 minutes on the homeward journey. A good quiet route with no difficulties. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2442.	A. 2446
NIGHT 24/25/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 643 "Q"	F/L J.W. WOOD WO2 J.A. DIVERSITY SGT PLATTON, R.H. SGT GRINGS, R.W. SGT LEBRON, R.W. F/O R.H. ROLEY SGT HUGHES, H. SGT KATTA, E. Mid Und. Gnr.	- do - (Third)	2135	0358	Thin clouds and haze with poor visibility was found over the target. Mixed Red and Green T.I.s. and Red T.I. Markers were seen on the run in, and the Green T.I.s. which were cascading at 0034 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 0041 hours from 21000 feet and on a heading of 040°M. Arrived over the target a bit too early to assess results. Incidents of 50 x 4 lbs were brought back due to hang up. Icing was encountered at 0430E on the homeward journey at 18 to 20000 feet. No particular difficulties except that wind forecast was a little out. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2442.	A. 2449
NIGHT 24/25/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 688 "B"	F/L H.C. MOYER F/O L.H. WYATT F/O GORDON, W.H. F/L T.O. FLEMMING, DFC F/O G.A.G. HANNAH F/O A. DULLEY SGT BENSLEY, D. SGT WARD, V.J. Mid Und. Gnr.	- do - (Third)	2137	0419	Good visibility with thin clouds and haze up to 21000 feet. Green T.I. Markers were seen on the run in to the primary, and the centre of these markers, three of which were seen to cascade at about 0041 hours, were in the sights at the time of the release. The bombs were released at 0043 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 150°M. Incendiaries and fires were grouped around the markers, and good fires had developed after leaving the primary. A.S.I. went U/S due to icing. Moderate icing was encountered prior to making the run up and also between 0400 - 0500 East. No particular difficulties. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2442.	A. 2450
NIGHT 24/25/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 692 "B"	F/S McCAFFREY, J.H. WO2 R.L. MITCHELL F/O G.L. CROWE WO1 A.F. MURPHY SGT CHADLER, R.E. SGT HARVEY, G.M. SGT FRANKS, F. Mid Und. Gnr.	- do - (Third)	2138	0403 TUDDEHAM	Two tenths strata cumulus clouds was found over the target. The approach on the primary was made with the help of Green T.I. Markers which were already down at 0039 hours. The centre of a cluster of a well-concentrated group of Green T.I.s. were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0041 hours from 22000 feet and on a heading of 095°M. Many fires were seen on leaving the target and same was well lit up. Heavy flak was plentiful, but few search lights. The A.P.I. was ineffective. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2442. Landed and interrogated at Tuddenham aerodrome.	A. 2451

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				Up	Down		
NIGHT 24/25/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 726 "Y"	F/L G.B. LATIMER SQUAD A.A. HAUSERBERGER WOL J. DINGWALL F/O J.T. GUTHRIE F/O P.C. McDONALD SGT WESTROPE, R.S. Mid Und Grd. SGT CUSHINGHAM, H.	BOMBING KARLSRUHE (Fourth)	2141	0430	Ten tenths clouds with tops at about 22000 feet and good visibility was found over the target. Red and Green T.I.s and Red flares with Yellow Stars were seen on the run in to the target. The centre of the Green T.I.s which were cascading at 0039 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0042 hours from 22000 feet and on a heading of 0950M. At time of bombing there were few results, but after leaving, several bombs were seen going off in the middle of the markers, and one large fire sprang up. Night icing condition was encountered on the homeward journey. The only difficulty was due to waiting time owing to faulty wind forecast. The attack seemed fairly good. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2442.	A.2445
NIGHT 24/25/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 745 "B"	F/O R.M.C. FRANKLIN F/O BARTMAN, M. SGT DEANEY, T.J. WOL R.M. BISHOP SGT ROBINSON, L.J. SGT OLIVER, G.W. SGT MCCRAFT, L.J.	- do - (Fourth)	2143	0436	Clouds above 20000 feet and fair visibility was found over the target. Red T.I. Markers were visible on the run in to the primary. The fires which were burning on the east side of the target area were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0102 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 0300M. On the run up, fires were scattered and spreading. Bomb burst were on and around the markers. Smoke was reaching the height of 8 to 8000 feet. The Bear Gunner reported that the town was a mass of flames. On the way home, the glow from the fires was visible for half an hour. An electrical storm was encountered immediately after leaving the target. Wind forecast was not good. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2442.	A.2456
NIGHT 26/27/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 759 "A"	F/O R.L. CHICKALUCK F/O J.W. MCNEIL WOL R.M. TRELAVEN F/S BARN, J.S. SGT URZADA, J.S. SGT CAMPBELL, J. SGT MYERS, F.E.	BOMBING BREMEN (Second)	2304	0344	Some haze, but no clouds and quite good visibility was found over the target. Red and Green T.I. Markers were visible on the run in, and the Red T.I.s, some of which were seen cascading at about 0129 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The bombs were released at 0131 hours from 23000 feet and on a heading of 2170M. Incendiaries were laying all around the aiming point over a considerable area, but most of the high explosives bursts seemed close to the markers. Flares were beginning to spring up, including two big ones the results of which seemed promising. Defences, especially searchlights, were very active on the run up. No difficulties except for searchlights. The load carried was 1 x 2000 lbs H Bomb Inst., 88 x 30 lbs, 650 x 4 lbs Incendiaries and 100 x 4 lbs "X" Type Incendiaries.	A.2457

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				Up	Down		
NIGHT 26/27/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 642 "B"	F/S VAUGHAN, H.G. F/O F.J. FERGUSON F/O D.W. FISHER WO2 J.M. BOURGEOIS SGT LAMSON, F.E. SGT GODFREY, D. SGT HARDWICK, H.	BOMBING ESSON (Second)	2300	0354	Slight haze and vapour trails with good visibility was found over the target. Red and Green T.I. Markers were visible on the run in, and the Red Tails which were seen cascading at 0132 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 0132 hours from 23000 feet and on a heading of 117°. Some fires were starting, and one orange explosion was seen at 0131 hours. Incends of 4 x 30 lbs were brought back due to hang-up. A quiet trip with a good route. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2457.	A.2458
NIGHT 26/27/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 729 "B"	S/L W.A. RUSSELL F/O H.E. HOWARD F/O J.C.A. MOORE F/O W.L. BARNETT F/O S.C. SHERRARD F/S STEWART, T.W. SGT CLARK, A. Mid Und. Gr. F/O H.W. LEBNICK Co. Pilot... J/O H.M. BOKIMAN	- do - (Second)	2316	0358	Good visibility with slight haze and vapour trails. Red T.I. Markers followed by Green ones were seen on the run in to the primary. The red T.I.s were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0134 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 170°. One deep red explosion was seen at 0132 hours. The glow of the fires was visible from the Dutch Coast. A quiet trip with a good route. The load carried was 1 x 3000 lbs HE Mast Inst.; 400 x 4 lbs; 40 x 30 lbs Incends; and 30 x 4 lbs "X" Type Incends.	A.2459
NIGHT 26/27/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 636 "B"	F/S COOK, W.G. F/O H.G. SMITH F/O D.C. FERGUSON SGT HOGAN, L.M. SGT CLARK, G.C. SGT CUNNINGHAM, H.J. SGT BRYAN, H.	- do - (Second)	2306	0407	Slight clouds at 20/21000 feet, broken over the target, and good visibility was found over the target. Red and Green T.I. Markers were visible on the run in to the primary, and the Red T.I.s, some of which were seen cascading at about 0135 hours, were in the sights at the time of the release. Good fires were already burning and were closely grouped around the aiming point. On leaving the target, the fires were developing into a very considerable conflagration, and were still visible over 100 miles away. A well concentrated raid with no particular difficulties except that the winds were not forecasted leading to some navigational difficulties. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2457.	A.2460
NIGHT 26/27/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 723 "B"	W/O D.S. JACOBS, DFC F/O W.E. WINDGALL, DFC F/O J.M. DALLIN F/O F.C. O'CONNOR F/L J.L. HANSON F/O W.G. WELLESLEY F/A H.M. MULLIGAN, DFC Mid Und. Gr. WO2 F. La FLANKE Co. Pilot... J/L F.E. RADDER	- do - (Second)	2309	0346	Good visibility with vapour trails just above 20000 feet was found over the target. Red and Green T.I. Markers were seen on the run in, and the centre of seven Red T.I.s were in the sights at the time of the release. The bombs were released at 0132 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 187°. Fires were seen to spring up, and became so big that the markers were at times obliterated. Bombs were close to the markers, but a little short. The Monica III went U/S. A good trip with no difficulties, and the raid seemed well run. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2459.	A.2461

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NIGHT 26/27/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 708 "J"	P/S BORSBERG, G.A. P/S PHIPPS, L.H.T. SGT GOODWIN, E.L. SGT DOUGLAS, A.J. SGT CLARKE, E.E. SGT EFFORTH, R.M.	BOMBING ESSIN (Second)	2307	0359	Very good visibility with industrial base was found over the target. Red and Green T.I. Markers were seen on the run in, and the Red T.I.s which were seen ascending at about 0128 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 0134 hours from 21000 feet and on a heading of 157°. Bomb bursts were seen around the T.I.s. Much smoke began to rise and fires were spreading throughout the target area. Incendiaries of 32 x 30 lbs were brought back due to hang up. The attack seemed to be quite successful with no difficulties. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2457.	A. 2462
NIGHT 26/27/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 657 "L"	P/S S.R. FRANKLIN P/O T.J. DINGWALL SGT JAKUBSKI, M. SGT HOBBS, E.W. SGT GORDON, J.L.V. SGT LEHARD, E. P/O W. WILSON Mld Und. Gr. SGT KAINA, R.	- do - (Third)	2317	0342	This clouds up to 18000 feet and very good visibility was Red and Green T.I. Markers were seen on the run in. The Red T.I.s burning on the ground were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0133 hours from 23000 feet and on a heading of 167°. Numerous bomb bursts were seen around the markers, and one large explosion was seen followed by much smoke. The target area became covered by smoke and the glow of the fires could be seen at the enemy coast. Incendiaries of 50 x 4 lbs were brought back due to hang up. The attack was concentrated, and opposition was ineffective. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2457.	A. 2463
NIGHT 26/27/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 722 "H"	P/O W. BATHURST P/O R.W. BUTCHER P/O G.A. BULLOCK P/S HOBBS, E.W. SGT HARRISON, A. SGT De MOLA, A.M.E. SGT BONE, S.H.E.	- do - (Third)	2305	0141	This crew was forced to abandon the task at position 5409 0226E at 0015 hours and at 18000 feet owing to the Port Inner engine being U/S. Jettisoned safe 1 x 8000 lbs HC Nose Inst. at the turning position. The remainder of the load was brought back to base. After feathering the U/S engine, it was found that it was too risky to continue on with the journey. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2459.	A. 2464
NIGHT 26/27/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 617 "P"	P/L G.E. LATTICE SGT/A. A. HANDBRICKER P/O G.T.E. GRIFFITHSON SGT J. DINGWALL P/O J.T. GUNNIE P/O P.C. McDONALD SGT WESTON, R.S.	- do - (Third)	2313	0411	Very good visibility with vapour trails was found over the target. Red and Green T.I. Markers were seen on the run in, and the Red T.I.s which were ascending at about 0135 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The bombs were released at 0136 hours from 22000 feet and on a heading of 206°. Bombs and incendiaries were seen to fall in and around the markers. A red glow could be seen for a half hour on the homeward journey. The Monica III went U/S. The attack was developing well. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2457.	A. 2465

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NIGHT 26/27/44	LANCASTER II L. 643 "Q"	F/O H.C. McIVER F/O J.H. WYATT F/S GOWEN, W.L. F/L T.O. FLEDER, DFC F/O C.A.G. HANCHAR F/O A. DULATT SGT RUSSELL, D. SGT GORCH, H.	BOMBING BESSE (THIRD)	2322	0419	Four tenths clouds with industrial haze and good visibility was found over the target. Red T.I. Markers were seen on the run in, and these markers which were cascading at about 0132 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The bombs were released at 0136 hours from 22000 feet and on a heading of 187°. Bomb and incendiaries were seen to burst in and around the markers. Smoke rose to 6000 feet and fires were beginning to spread. Incendiaries of 4 x 30 lbs were brought back due to hang up. The attack developed into a good attack. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2457.	A. 2456
NIGHT 26/27/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 688 "R"	F/O H.M.C. FRANKLIN F/S BARTMAN, H. SGT DELANEY, S.J. WOL E.M. BERRIN SGT BOWEN, L.S. SGT OLIVER, G.W. SGT REDCRAFT, L.J. SGT HOFFMAN, R.	- do - (THIRD)	2319	0410	Thin cirrus clouds above 20000 feet with dangerous vapour trails and good visibility was found over the target. Red and Green T.I. Markers were seen on the run in, and the Red ones were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 0134 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 175°. The markers were well ringed with incendiaries, and numerous small fires were beginning to merge. Bomb bursts were numerous. The target was seen from 100 miles away after leaving. The route was good with no difficulties. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2459.	A. 2467
NIGHT 26/27/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 692 "S"	F/S McCAFFREY, J.H. WOL E.M. MITCHELL F/O G.L. CHOW WOL A.V. MARSHEN SGT CARLIDGE, R.E. SGT HANLEY, G.R. SGT FRANKS, F.	- do - (FOURTH)	2318	0415	Some haze and vapour trails with good visibility was found over the target. Red and Green T.I. Markers were seen on the run in, and the Green T.I.s which were seen cascading at 0133 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 0135 hours from 22000 feet and on a heading of 185°. A large area was covered by incendiaries with some undershooting. A large explosion was seen at 0130 hours. A good concentration of fires had developed on leaving the primary. The only difficulty encountered was the being covered by about 12 search lights which lasted 3 minutes. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2457.	A. 2468
NIGHT 26/27/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 730 "V"	WOL G. McLEOD F/S HANFORD, A.E. SGT STONE, A.H. SGT FLEDER, J.P. SGT BIRNIE, L.A. SGT LAMER, J.P. SGT HENDERIDGE, E.J. SGT GUNNINGHAM, H.	- do - (FOURTH)	2330	0410	Good visibility with 3 to 4/10ths clouds was found over the target. Red T.I. Markers followed by Green ones were seen on the run in. The Red T.I.s which were cascading at 0133 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 0135 hours from 22000 feet and on a heading of 155°. Markers were concentrated and numerous bomb bursts were seen around these markers. Incendiaries formed a good carpet on the ground, with smoke rising to 6000 feet. One large explosion was seen by the Rear Gunner. Glow of the fires could be seen for half an hour. The Monica III went U/S. A good trip and good route. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2457.	A. 2469

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NIGHT 26/27/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 700 "X"	WO2 W.W. KASPE R. P/S HEDGECOCK, F.E. SOT SMITH, J.L. SOT HAINS, J.L. SOT MOORE, J. SOT NEWTON, L.G.	BOMBING ESSIN (Fourth)	2315	0421	Vapour trails and haze with fair visibility was found over the target area. Red and Green T.I. Markers were seen on the run in, and the centre of the Green T.I.s were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 0138 hours from 22000 feet and on a heading of 195°. Fires were numerous along with bomb bursts. One orange explosion was seen at 0138 hours. Incends of 16 x 30 lbs were hung up. A hole in the fuselage was caused by heavy flak. This crew returned to base without any incident. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2497.	A.2470
NIGHT 26/27/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 726 "Y"	P/S HAYLEN, T.H. P/O F.I. NELSON SOT CAMPBELL, W.P. WO2 J.D. McLAY SOT VAPWEN, H.B. SOT WILLS, V. SOT WILLIAMS, W.E.	" do " (Fourth)	2311	0417	Very thin clouds with vapour trails and fair visibility was found over the targets. Red and Green T.I. Markers were seen on the run in, and the Red T.I. were in the sights at the time of the release. This was carried out at 0136 hours from 22000 feet and on a heading of 195°. The target was well alight on the run up. One large red-orange explosion was seen at 0138 hours. The primary looked like one large fire at and billowing smoke. Incends of 8 x 30 lbs were hung up. A good route and with out difficulties. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2457.	A.2471
NIGHT 26/27/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 719 "U"	P/O R.R.R. ROONEY SOT/LT F.G. SHOVE P/S HUTTON, G.F. WO1 J.H. POTTER SOT GREATHLEY, D.T. SOT HENDRY, R.E. SOT GILBERT, J.H.	" do "	2312	---	This crew took off from this base at 2312 hours to carry out bombing operations over ESSIN, Germany. They were due to return to this base at 0415 hours the following morning, but unfortunately nothing further has been heard from any member of the crew since the time of take off. It is therefore presumed that they are missing over the target. Listed here under are the names of the missing crew together with their Operational Trips and Hours.	A.2472
				OPERATIONAL TRIPS AND HOURS			
				GNV. P. 24599 P/O Everett Raymond ROONEY	(Pilot)	5	32.45
				USAAF. O. 866116 1ST/LT Frank Shepard SHOVE	(Nav)	5	18.02
				GNV. H147523 P/S HUTTON, Graham Frederick	(N.A.)	5	18.02
				GNV. R. 197839 WO1 John Milton POTTER	(WOP/AG)	2	11.10
				GNV. R. 406110 SOT GREATHLEY, Douglas Thomas	(A.G.)	4	26.04
				RAF. 1588803 SOT HENDRY, Robert Elliott	(A.G.)	5	18.02
				RAF. 1588803 SOT GILBERT, James Henry	(P/ENG)	5	18.02

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NIGHT 27/28/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 759 "A"	P/O M. SUTHERLAND P/O R.W. RUTHER P/O C.A. BOULSON P/O R.W. HOBBS SOT HAMPSON, A. P/S De MILLE, A.M.E. SOT ROBE, S.H.R.	BOMBING FRIEDRICHSHAFEN (FIRST) (WAVE)	2143	0553	Good visibility with slight haze was found over the target. The target was identified visually and by Red and Green T.I. Markers. The estimated centre of all the Red T.I.s which were cascading at and from 0201 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 0206 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 014°. Numerous bomb bursts were seen in the target, and one large explosion was seen at 0212 hours. Incendiaries of 60 x 4 lbs were hung up. The master bomber was not heard. The route was good. The load carried was 1 x 4000 lbs HC Bomb Dist; 32 x 30 lbs; 420 x 4 lbs Incendiaries and 30 x 4 lbs "X" Type Incendiaries.	A.2473
NIGHT 27/28/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 729 "B"	S/L W.A. RUSSELL P/O M.E. HOWARD P/S J.C.A. MOORE P/O W.L. BARNETT P/S STEWART, T.W. SOT CLARK, A. Mid Und Grd. P/O S.G. SHEDDEN	- do - (First)	2147	0605	Fair visibility with haze was found over the target. The primary was identified visually and by Red and Green T.I. Markers. A mixture of red and green markers which were seen to cascade at 0200 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The bombs were released at 0207 hours from 20,000 feet and on a heading of 121°. A large orange explosion was seen at 0211 hours. The fires were good and produced a lot of smoke. Incendiaries of 4 x 30 lbs and 80 x 4 lbs were hung up. The Master Bomber was heard and advised to overshoot to the right hand corner of the target. The load carried was 1 x 500 lbs HC TD 025; 80 x 30 lbs; 780 x 4 lbs Incendiaries and 90 x 4 lbs "X" Type Incendiaries.	A.2474
NIGHT 27/28/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 634 "P"	P/O J.M. PAULSON W/O E.C. HARVEY P/O J.A. MCDONALD W/O J. READER P/O M.A. GREENSHY SOT CAMPBELL, R.K. SOT ASQUITH, F. Mid Und Grd. SOT COOKE, H.	- do - (First)	2144	0622	Good visibility was found over the target. The target was identified by Mixed Red and Green T.I. markers. The middle of a group of four Red T.I.s which were cascading at about 0203 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0206 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 110°. Only a carpet of incendiaries, and somewhat scattered, were seen. The Master Bomber was heard but no instructions heard. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2473.	A.2475
NIGHT 27/28/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 636 "Q"	P/O D.L. SHEDDEN W/O D.W. MCKILLAN P/S SWANSON, S. SOT LAWRENCE, J.A. SOT SMITH, A.W. SOT MCARTHUR, G. SOT TAYLOR, G.	- do - (First)	2141	0611	Fair visibility was found over the primary. Mixed Red and Green T.I. Markers were seen on the run in and over the target, and were seen to cascade at 0204 hours just prior to bombing. The release was made at 0206 hours from 20000 ft. and on a heading of 150°. Only a few incendiaries were seen, and this was chiefly due to being one of the early ones on the attack. No particular difficulties apart from being attacked by a fighter. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2474.	A.2476

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NIGHT 27/28/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 768 "J"	P/S BOEDDER, G.A. P/S PHILIPS, L.H.T. SGT GOODWIN, E.A. SGT BOCHER, L. SGT DUCHESNE, A.J. SGT CLAPHAM, R.R. SGT HOFFMANN, B.M.	BOMBING FRIEDRICHSHAFEN (First)	2135	0618	Clear with good horizontal visibility, but some ground haze was found over the target. The target was identified by Red T.I. Markers, and there were some cascading at about 0215 hours when in the sights just prior to bombing. The release was made at 0218 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 125°M. Fires were burning well, with smoke up to 15000 feet in a great pall. The Master Bomber said that bombs were trailing back from aiming point just before we bombed. No difficulties were met with, and the raid seemed very good. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2473.	A.2477
NIGHT 27/28/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 705 "K"	P/L P.W. HALLS P/S QUINN, J.P. P/O H.J. CHAFF WOL M.J. HARRISON SGT BERARD, L.A. P/S BROWN, M. SGT SCAGELL, J.M. Mid-Und Grd. SGT WINGHAM, W.H.	- do - (First)	2140	0511 TANG- MERE	Good visibility with slight haze was found over the target. The target was identified by illuminating flares and salvoes of Red and Green T.I. Markers. Salvoes of Mixed Red and Green T.I. which were seen cascading at 0204 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0206 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 120°M. Well concentrated numerous bomb bursts were seen in the target. Owing to being showered with incendiaries half a minute after bombs, further assessment of the attack could not be noted. A quiet route both ways. Owing to shortage of petrol and damage to the aircraft a diversion was made and landed at Tangmere aerodrome. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2474.	A.2476
NIGHT 27/28/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 657 "L"	P/O T.H. GIBBERILL P/O W.W. BEECHOFF P/O C.D. BROWN SGT CAMPBELL, A.S. SGT KATTEL, P. SGT CURTISMAN, H.J. SGT NIGHTINGALE, H. Mid-Und Grd. SGT REED, A.	- do - (First)	2139	0619	Clear to good visibility with slight haze was found over the target. The target was identified by mixed salvoes of Red and Green T.I. Markers. The centre of the Red T.I.s were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0225 hours from 30000 feet and on a heading of 007°M. The whole target was a mass of flames on arrival. One large oil fire with billowing black smoke up to 17000' was seen. Incendiaries of 30 x 4 lbs were hung up. No difficulties, and the attack was a definite success. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2474.	A.2479
NIGHT 27/28/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 727 "O"	P/S W.S. FULLER WOL S.W. FOSBER P/O S.D. COOPER SGT McLENNAN, J.A. SGT HULF, S.R. WOL S.W. HENDERSON SGT EASTING, H.J. Mid-Und Grd. SGT F. LA PLANE	- do - (First)	2142	0555	May to poor visibility was found over the target. The target was identified by Red and Green T.I. Markers. The centre of Red and Green T.I.s which were cascading at about 0205 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 0207 hours from 17000 feet and on a heading of 100°M. Fires were seen spreading rapidly. Markers were concentrated and several bomb bursts were seen bursting in and around them. On leaving the target area, smoke rose to 6000 feet and the glow of the fires remained visible for a hundred miles. The Master Bomber could be heard clearly, and Mid a good job. The route was good. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2474.	A.2480

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NIGHT 27/28/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 617 "P"	F/S BAILEY, T.R. F/O F.I. NELSON SGT CAMPBELL, R.F. SGT J.D. MCALY SGT MADER, W.D. SGT VAUGHAN, H.B. SGT WILLS, V.	BOMBING FRIEDRICHSHAFEN (First)	2135	0604	Smoke and haze with good visibility was found over the target. The target was identified by mixed Red and Green T.I. Markers. The Red T.I.s were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0212 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 130°M. Instructions were received from the Master Bomber to bomb the Red T.I.s to the south-east. Markers and fires appeared well concentrated. Incends of 30 x 4 lbs hung up. The Monica III sent U/S from the target home. No difficulties met with. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2473.	A. 2473
NIGHT 27/28/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 643 "Q"	F/L J.W. WELLS SGT J.A. DIVERSITY F/S FLITCH, B.H. F/S GRIGGS, R.W. SGT LOWERY, R.W. F/O R.H. ROBERT SGT HIGGINS, H. Mld Und Comd SGT REBERT, J.L.	- do - (First)	2136	0606	Very good visibility was found over the target. The target was identified by Red and Green T.I. Markers the centre of which were all in the sights at the time of the release. The bombs were released at 0207 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 155°M. Fires were beginning when the release was made, and a large explosion was seen at 0210 hours. Fires were still visible a good 100 miles away. The Master Bomber was heard directing the crew to the top right of the target. Jettisoned live at position 475N - 0800E at 0216 hours from 19000 feet, 1 x 1000 lbs HC Most Inst., 270 x 4 lbs and 16 x 30 lbs Incends, all of which were hung up when over the target. A satisfactory trip apart from the hang up of the "Bookie". The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2473.	A. 2482
NIGHT 27/28/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 608 "R"	WOL C. McLEOD F/S BARNARD, M.W. F/S ROBERT, R.W. SGT HIGGINS, J.P. SGT ELKINS, L.A. SGT LAWRENCE, J.P. SGT SCOTT, F. Mld Und Comd SGT HIGGINS, H.	- do - (First)	2138	0608	Slight haze with good visibility was found over the target. The target was identified by salvos of Red and Green T.I. Markers, and some were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 0210 hours from 19000 feet and on a heading of 150°M. Most bombing seen around mixed salvos with some inder-shooting. Numerous fires were seen and were well concentrated. One vivid orange explosion was seen at 0210 hours. Incends of 4 x 30 lbs and 100 x 4 lbs were hung up. The route was good and no difficulties were met with. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. 2474.	A. 2483
NIGHT 27/28/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 726 "T"	WOL W.W. KAMMER F/S HIGGINS, F.E. F/S HIGGINS, J. SGT SMITH, T.J. SGT BLAIR, J.L. SGT MOORE, J.L. SGT NEWTON, L.C. Mld Und Comd SGT WARD, F.J.	- do - (First)	2137	0642	Good horizontal visibility with much haze was found over the target. The target was identified by Red and Green T.I. Markers. 3 salvos of mixed Red and Green T.I.s which were cascading at 0206 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0208 hours from 20000 feet and on a heading of 116°M. Fires sprang up quickly around the markers and became quite large. An explosion was seen at about 0209 hours. Heavy flak damaged the port inner engine, thus necessitating a return on three engines. The raid seemed good, and no special difficulties were encountered. The Master Bomber was heard. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2474.	A. 2484

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