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1/2/54	LANCASTER II D.S. 799 "A"	F/L J.F. RASTON F/O R.L.J. LANCHESTER F/S WALKER, J.H. F/O E.S. GOODARD SOT ADAMS, E.B. F/O E.W. KIDDER SOT SCOTT, E.	BOMBING ST. GUINELAIN Marshalling Yards (First Wave)	2205	0224	Clear weather with good visibility was found over the target. The target was identified by means of Red T.I. Markers and red spot fires. The concentration of the red spot fires was in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0005 hours from 5200 feet and on a heading of 025°M. Bombs were seen bursting in and around the markers. The L.F.I. was 1/8. No difficulties encountered. The Master Bomber was clearly heard. The load carried was 14 x 1000 lbs HE 25/025.	A.2485
1/2/54	LANCASTER II L.I. 642 "B"	F/O E.B. HUGHES F/O P.M. LINDSEY SOT JENNIS, A.H. W/L R.J. CALLOWAY SOT HENLEY, R.H. SOT ROWLEY, E.G. SOT MOORE, E.	- do - (First)	2213	0204	Good visibility with slight haze was found over the target. The target was identified by means of Red and Green T.I. Markers and illuminating flares. Master Bomber instructed to bomb to the right of the Red T.I.s and this was done at 0004 hours from 5200 feet and on a heading of 065°M. Numerous bomb bursts were seen and the town could be discerned to the left of bombing run. No difficulties encountered, but staggered heights for bombing found very dangerous. The Master of Ceremonies was heard to good effect. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2484.	A.2486
1/2/54	LANCASTER II L.I. 636 "B"	F/O A.M. GOODARD F/O J.M. SPURMER F/O E.C. SPURMER F/O J.M. DUNN F/O E.W. WEBB SOT LANCHESTER, G.D. SOT DUNN, J.	- do - (First)	2209	0215	Clear weather with good visibility was found over the target area. The primary was identified by Red and Green T.I. Markers, and the centre of the Red T.I.s which were ascending at 0001 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 0003 hours from 5200 feet and on a heading of 072°M. Many bombs were seen bursting to the right of the markers, but they appeared to be well in the target. No difficulties were encountered. The Master of Ceremonies could be heard clearly. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2485.	A.2487
1/2/54	LANCASTER III L.I. 785 "B"	F/O D.G. JAGGER, RFC F/L J.H. BAZZELL, RFC F/O J.M. BAZZELL F/O E.W. HUGHES F/O E.W. MILLIGAN F/L E.M. MILLIGAN, RFC SOT BAKER, E.H.	- do - (First)	2216	0226	This sortie succeeded in reaching the primary, but had to abort the task due to the bomb light being 1/8. P.M.B., but under visibility was found whilst over the target, the return was made at 0015 hours from 5200 feet, after three orbits had been made in order to try and get the bomb light to work. Eleven 1000 lbs. HE 25/025 bombs were brought back, three were jettisoned at position 512N 0230E at 0047 hours from 10000 feet in order to lighten the load for a safe landing. No instructions were heard from the Master Bomber as to which markers to bomb until 0007 hours. It was felt that the markings were definitely poor, and not up to the usual standard on a target of this nature. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2485.	A.2488

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1/2/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 655 "P"	P/O J.M. FAULDER WO2 H.G. HAYTE P/O J.M. BUCKLEY WO1 J. KIDDER P/O M.A. GIBBERN SOT CAMPBELL, D.K. SOT ASQUITH, F. SOT WILLIAMS, W.M.	BOMBING ST GUINLAIN Marshalling Yards (First)	2218	0219	Clear weather with slight haze and good visibility was found over the target. The target was identified by means of illuminating flares and Red T.I. and Green Spot fires. The centre of three Red T.I. Markers were in the sights at the time of the release, but bombed as instructed by Master Bomber at 0005 hours from 8500 feet and on a heading of 060°. Much smoke rose to and obscured ground detail. Some bombing seemed to be undershooting, and some may have been too much to the south. The only results seen were bomb bursts and smoke. The Master Bomber went N/A. No difficulties encountered. The Master Bomber commentary was not continuous enough. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2489.	A. 2489
1/2/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 657 "P"	P/O R.M. MCKINLEY P/O R.M. WOOD SOT HERRIN, J. SOT HERRARD, J. SOT RICHARD, J.W.M. WO2 W.L.G. HARRIS SOT CORNWALL, J. SOT KILSON, D.V.	- do - (First)	2212	0230	Good visibility was found over the target area. The primary was identified by means of red spot fires. These spot fires were in the sights at the time of the release, but bombed as instructed by the Master Bomber at 0005 hours from 8500 feet and on a heading of 060°. Smoke and flares seen above the target area, and bombing seemed to be well concentrated and as ordered by the Master Bomber. A good trip with no difficulties. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2489.	A. 2490
1/2/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 727 "P"	P/O HERR, G.A. P/O G.M. MILLER SOT SORLEY, J. SOT GILES, J.M. SOT PURLEY, F.M. SOT PROCTOR, J.M. SOT SHAYLER, R.W. SOT BEAVER, R.M.	- do - (First)	2208	0259 1/2	Good, but good visibility was found over the target. The primary was identified with the help of red spot fires and illuminating flares and railroad trucks. The red spot fires were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0005 hours from 8500 feet and on a heading of 060°. Numerous bomb bursts were seen in close proximity to the red spot fires. The attack appeared well concentrated. A quiet route with no difficulties. The Master Bomber was heard to an advantage. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2489.	A. 2491
1/2/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 617 "P"	P/O R.L. BROWN P/O HART, A.C.T. P/O J.F. PROVER WO1 R.M. GIBBERN SOT COCK, R. SOT HERR, F. SOT HERRFORTH, R.	- do - (First)	2207	0207	Over the target was found good horizontal visibility with some haze. Red T.I. Markers, Red spot fires along with the railroad tracks could be seen on the run in. The Master Bomber instructed to bomb to the starboard of the Red T.I.s and this was done at 0002 hours from 8500 feet and on a heading of 060°. Most of bombing seemed to be in the right place, but no fires were seen. A good trip with no difficulties. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2489.	A. 2492

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NIGHT 1/2/54	LANCASTER II L.N. 643 "G"	Sgt ANDREWS, D.M. P/O J.C. WILSON Sgt KAPLAN, E. W/O L.H. WARD Sgt MacDONALD, J.A. Sgt CORRY, J.J. Sgt GRANT, H.H. Sgt WARD, F.J.	NOMINOS Sgt GRIMLAIN Marshalling Yards (First Wave)	2201	0232	Visibility fair with haze was found over the target. The primary was identified with the help of red spot fires which were seen on the run in, and these red spot fires were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 0014 hours from 8500 feet and on a heading of 067°. Bombs appeared to be well in the target area. Bushed the Red spot fires on instructions received from the Master Bomber. No difficulties, but markers were found to be poor. The lead carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2485.	A.2493
NIGHT 1/2/54	LANCASTER II D.S. 725 "T"	P/O W.E. STEWART P/O G.M. MILLON P/O M.G. HUGHES P/O J. MAY W/O H.H. CORRIER W/O M.V. HENNEY Sgt VANDER, M. W/O G. L. FIERRE	- do - (First)	2205	0159	A thin haze with good visibility was found over the target. Flares and Red T.L. markers were visible on the run in. The Red Spot fire which was seen to burst at 2329 hours was in the sights at the time of the release. Bushed Red Spot fires on instructions from the Master Bomber at 0004 hours from 8600 feet and on a heading of 077°. Bombs burst were seen around the markers, but no results were seen. The lead carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2485.	A.2494
NIGHT 1/2/54	LANCASTER II D.S. 685 "H"	P/O F.J.G. BRICE P/O A. McDOUGALL P/O M. McDOUGALL W/O H.W. WILSON P/O J.G. GRAY Sgt TOWN, H.G. P/O M. HENDERSON Sgt HENDERSON, J.A.	- do - (First)	2214	0228	This crew was over the target from 0006 to 0015 hours making three runs. Due to a faulty initial run-up an orbit was made but was too short, thus causing the aircraft to be off heading. A third run in was made, and when this was completed, no markers were seen or reports heard, so it was decided to abandon the task and bring back the bombs as directed. Three 2000 lb. MD T-2025 bombs were jettisoned safe at position 511N - 030E at 0039 hours from 8500 feet to bring the landing weight down to safe all up landing weight. The remainder of the load was brought back, and the lead carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2485. Whilst over the target area, numerous bomb bursts were seen and found to be concentrated.	A.2495
NIGHT 1/2/54	LANCASTER II D.S. 730 "W"	P/O D.V. REAN W/O H.H. WILSON W/O A.H. DUNN P/O G. CHAPMAN Sgt THORNTON, H.M. Sgt IRWIN, J.A. Sgt GOOTH, M. Sgt HOFFER, M.	- do - (First)	2230	0222	Good visibility with slight haze over target. The target was identified by red illuminating flares, Red Spot fires and red T.L. markers. Master of Ceremonies instructed to bush Red T.L.'s which were slightly to starboard. Bombs were released at 0004 from 8500 feet and on a heading of 071°. Numerous bomb bursts were seen around the port group of Red T.L.s. Quite trip. Lead carried same as on sortie No. A.2485.	A.2496

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NIGHT 8/9/54	LANCASTER II L.L. 642 "B"	P/O BOWEN, G.A. P/O HUGHES, L.H.E. SOT GORDON, R.A. SOT HUGHES, R. SOT GORDON, A.J. SOT GORDON, R.W. SOT HUGHES, R.W.	- do - (First)	0112	0532	Fair/Good visibility with thin ground haze was found over the target. Red and Green and Yellow T.I. Markers were visible on the run in to the primary. The Yellow T.I. Markers were seen cascading at about 0325 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0325 hours from 6900 feet and on a heading of 150°. The bombing seemed well concentrated and fires were burning well. Considerable smoke and dust was seen. No difficulties encountered, apart from the concentration of aircraft, requiring great care to avoid collision. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A-2497.	A-2498
NIGHT 8/9/54	LANCASTER II L.L. 636 "B"	P/O COOK, W.C. P/O H.C. BRUCE P/O H.C. FERGUSON SOT HUGHES, R.W. SOT CLARK, R.C. SOT GORDON, A.J. SOT HUGHES, R.	- do - (First)	0111	0520	Haze with visibility at 1000 yards was found over the target. Red and Green and Yellow T.I. Markers and Green T.I.s and Red Spot Fires were seen on the run in. Yellow T.I. Markers were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0326 hours from 6900 feet and on a heading of 160°. A pall of smoke began to cover the target. One large explosion was seen at 0326 hours with flames rising to 3000 feet. The route was quiet and free from trouble. The Master of Ceremonies was heard to a good advantage. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A-2497.	A-2499
NIGHT 8/9/54	LANCASTER II L.L. 723 "B"	P/O H.L. SMITH WOT D.W. MCKILLAN P/O HUGHES, R. WOT G.W. GORDON SOT SMITH, A.W. SOT HUGHES, R. SOT HUGHES, R.J. SOT HUGHES, R.W.	- do - (First)	0118	0546	Good visibility was found over the target, which was identified by Red, Green and Yellow T.I. Markers. The Yellow T.I.s were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0326 hours from 6900 feet and on a heading of 151°. Smoke was billowing up, and bombing appeared concentrated. The Master Bomber instructed to bomb the Yellow T.I. Markers. The Mid Upper target went a/s. No particular difficulties were encountered. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A-2497.	A-2500

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NIGHT 8/5/44	LANCASTER II Lm. 722 "W"	P/O VAUGHAN, H.G. P/O F.J. PERCY P/O D.W. THOMAS W/O J.M. BOURGEOIS S/O LAMON, F.M. S/O GOODWIN, D. S/O HARDWICK, H. S/O BRADY, R.H.	BOMBING HABUS ST PIERRE MARSHALLING Yards (First Wave)	0114	0601	Visibility good over the target and the weather clear with some smoke. The target was identified by Red and Green T.I. illuminating flares and Yellow T.I.'s. The Master Bomber instructed to bomb Yellow T.I.'s which were in the sights at the time of release. The release was made at 0326 hours from 6900 feet on a heading of 145°. The attack seemed to spread from North East to South East. Monica III went up. The run-to was quiet and no difficulties encountered. Master of Ceremonies was heard to good advantage. Haze was heavy over target but negligible over target. The load carried was 8 x 1000 M.C. S.D. .025 and 8 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. .025.	A-2501
NIGHT 8/5/44	LANCASTER II DS. 727 "Q"	P/O W.S. FULLER W/O FOSBER, S. W. P/L T.W. HARRIS, DFC S/O MILLER, J.A. S/O WULF, E. P/O S.R. MERRISON S/O FRYING, H.J. W/O T. HENDERSON	- do - (First)	0120	0531	Visibility good over the target and no clouds. Red and Green T.I.'s and Red spot fires were seen on the run in. Green T.I.'s at the west and Red T.I.'s seen at 0317 hours, followed by illuminating flares. Bombed west edge of T.I.'s from position 511N - 0255E at 0355 hours from 9400 feet on instruction from the Master Bomber. There was too much smoke to judge the result of the attack. Hit by burst of Heavy Flak while over the target area but no damage done. No other difficulties other than later. Haze nil. on route.	A-2502
NIGHT 8/5/44	LANCASTER II Lm. 643 "Q"	P/L J.V. WELLS W/O J.A. INVERARITY P/S FLITTON, R.H. P/S CRIDG, R. W. S/O LAMON, F.M. P/O R.H. ROLES S/O HODGINS, E. S/O WILLIAMS, W.E.	- do - (First)	0106	0509	Good visibility with slight haze over target area. The target was identified by Red and Green T.I.'s and the Marshalling Yards could be seen visually. Bombed centre of Marshalling Yards at 0323 hours from 7200 feet and on a heading of 145°. At 0319 hours Red, Green and Yellow T.I.'s and illuminating flares were seen to go down on the run in. Being first of the attack no results could be seen but Rear Gunner reports a large explosion at 0325 hours. No difficulties encountered and route O.K.	A-2503
NIGHT 8/5/44	LANCASTER II DS. 688 "W"	P/S BAILEY, T. R. P/O F.L. NELSON S/O CAMPBELL, H.F. W/O J.D. ROSE S/O MAHER, W.D. S/O VAUGHAN, H.G. S/O WILLS, V.	- do -	0107	0528	Slight haze with good visibility was found over the target. Red and Green T.I.'s. Markers were visible on the run in, and also the Marshalling Yards. The centre of these Yards were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0325 hours from 7100 feet and on a heading of 145°. Whilst over the target, no results could be seen, but the rear gunner reported that he saw two large explosions, one at 0336 hours and the other at 0344 hours. The Master Bomber was very good. No difficulties. The raid seemed good. The haze over the target was not high enough to give protection after landing. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A-2501.	A-2504

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NIGHT 8/9/54	LANCASTER II DS. 722. "S"	P/O H.C. MOYER P/O J.E. WERT P/O GOODWIN, W.H. P/O S.O. HENDON-DEG P/O C.A.G. H. MICHAN P/O A. DUBAT Sgt HUSSEL	- do - (First)	2252 0119	2255 0539	Weather clear with slight haze with good visibility over the target. Red, Green and Yellow T.I.'s marked the target, the centre of Yellow T.I.'s were seen descending at about 0318 hours. Markers were scattered around target area with the Yellow T.I. in the centre. Bombs were released at 0325 hrs. from 7100 feet on a course of 157M and were seen to burst around markers. Smoke blotted out target and results could not be seen. One 500 G.J.T.S. 025 hung up but no other difficulties. The Master bomber not heard, the whole trip generally quiet. Load carried same as A-2501.	A-2506
NIGHT 8/9/54	LANCASTER II DS. 730 "S"	W/O G. McLEOD P/O BARNARD, A.E. P/O STONE, A.H. Sgt FLEMING, J.P. Sgt SLYNN, L.A. Sgt LAMBERT, J.M. Sgt BROWN, J.A. Sgt GIDRA, E.B.	- do - (First)	2252 0110	2255 0551	Visibility was good over the target area with only slight haze and no clouds. The target was identified by Red, Green and Yellow T.I.'s. On the run-up, the marking was seen to open with Red T.I. at about 0320 hours; then more Red and Green and finally Yellow T.I., which the Master Bomber instructed to bomb. At 0325 hours bombs were released from 7100 feet on a course of 157M. The Master Bomber was very clear and the Bombs seemed to be falling in a good concentration across the markers, and an orange explosion was seen at 0327 hours. Some of the markers were soon obscured by smoke. The Bomb Load carried was the same as that carried on sortie A-2501. One 1000 pound M.C.F.D. 025 hung up. The Bomb sight went u/s at bombing, and emergency computer system was used. No other difficulties were encountered and on the whole it seemed a pretty good show. <i>Very good results were shown.</i>	A-2507
NIGHT 8/9/54	LANCASTER II DS. 845 "X"	P/O W.W. KASPER P/O HENDON, F.H. P/O HENDON, J. Sgt SMITH, J.L. Sgt HARRIS, J. Sgt HAYTON, L.G.	- do - (First)	2252 0117	2255 0552	The weather was clear and the visibility good over the target which could be identified visually. Red and Yellow T.I.'s which could be identified visually. Master of Ceremonies also helped to mark searching yards. Master of Ceremonies instructed to bomb Yellow T.I.'s which were in the sights at the time of release. 0323 hours, from 7100 feet and a course of 160M. All Pathfinder flares appeared in target area, with T.I. Red short and Yellow on aiming point. One large explosion was seen at 0325 hours, causing the aircraft to shudder. Billows of smoke rose above large sheet of flame. The Bomb was good with no difficulties. M.C. Heard to good advantage. Bomb Load same as on Sortie A-2501.	A-2508

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NIGHT 9/10/5-44	LANCASTER II DS. 759 "A"	P/O H.H. HENRI-LEE P/O R.R. VOGAN SGT HENRI, J. SGT KELAND, J. SGT RICHARD, J.W. W/O M.G. WARD SGT OSWAY, J.	BOMBING CALAIS COASTAL DEFENCES (First Wave)	2151	0129	Visibility was good over the target with no clouds. The target was identified by 8 Red T.I.'s, two of which were seen ascending at 23-25 hours and about 23-27 hours. Bombs were released at 23.31 hours, from 10,500 feet on a course of 159°, some of which were underbusting but a good concentration was seen between the markers. No difficulties were encountered on the trip. The Bomb Load carried was 8 x 1000 lb. M.C.T.D. 025 and 8 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. 025.	A.2510
NIGHT 9/10/5-44	LANCASTER II 12642 "B"	P/O A.A. HET-SON P/O F.E. LINDSEY SGT THORP, L.F. W/O R.J. GALLOWAY SGT RIBBURN, R.B. SGT LOWMAN, R.G. SGT MOORE, R.	- do - (First Wave)	2153	0049	The visibility was good and sky clear over the target which was identified by Red T.I.'s. The centre of salvoes of Red T.I.'s were seen ascending at 23.26 hours at which time Bombs were released from 10,500 feet on a course of 170°. The salvoes of Red T.I.'s were well concentrated and numerous bomb bursts were seen on the area very close to the Red T.I.'s. The Route was quiet and no difficulties were encountered. The Bomb Load carried was the same as that carried on Sortie A.2510.	A.2511
NIGHT 9/10/5-44	LANCASTER II DS. 759 "B"	P/O F.E. RADDER P/O H.G. THORP P/O G.L. REPP SGT HAY, M.D. SGT MOORE, R.V. SGT JACQUES, J. SGT WALLER, V. SGT BAKER, H.H.	- do - (First Wave)	2151	0116	The target was clear with slight haze and good visibility. The primary was identified by means of Red T.I.'s and visually by canals and basin. The centre of the Red T.I.'s which were seen ascending at about 2330 hours were in the night at the time of the release, and the release was made at 2331 hours from 10500 feet and on a heading of 157°. Many bomb bursts were seen to burst between the markers. A large explosion was seen at 2329 hours. A quiet trip and the attack seemed successful. The load carried was the same as that carried on Sortie No. A2510.	A.2512

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NIGHT 9/10/54	LANCASTER II LL 624 "P"	P/O A.S. QUIDLEY P/O J.E. FISHER P/O K.G. PORTER P/O J.A. MURPHY P/O L.V. WILK Sgt. BARNES, D.S. Sgt. SPENCE, E.W.J. Sgt. STEVEN, B. W.R.	BOMBING GALAIS COASTAL DEFENCES (First Wave)	2149	0127½	Visibility was good over the target and the sky was clear of clouds. The target could be identified by Red T.I.s. Markers and the mouth of the harbour could be seen visually. Red T.I.s were seen at about 23.27 hours followed by another at about 23.28 hours. T.I.s were burning out when bombs were dropped but there were some fires in between. The bombs were released at 23.35 hours, from 10,500 feet while on a course of 165°M. The centre of the two Red T.I.s which had just burned out were in the sights at the time of release. No particular difficulties were encountered on the raid. The bomb load carried was 8 x 1000 lb. M.C.T.D., .025 and 8 x 500 lb. G.F.T.D., .025.	A.2513
NIGHT 9/10/54	LANCASTER II LL 636 "Q"	P/O J.W. FAIRBANK W/O R.O. HAYES P/O J.A. MURPHY W/O J. KIRBY P/O M.A. GIBSON Sgt. CAMPBELL, D.K. Sgt. ROBERTS, F.	- do - (First Wave)	2150 2236	0129	There was a slight haze over the target but sky clear and visibility good. The target was identified by Red T.I.s and bombs were released to the starboard side of two Red T.I.s which cascaded at about 23.35 hours. The time of bomb release 23.31 hours from 10,500 feet on a course of 141°M. One marker was seen on right of target and two markers left of the target. The target area appeared to have a good concentration of bombs to right of the two markers. No difficulties were met although there was some indiscriminate bombing, a few sticks falling in the sea. The bomb load carried, on Sortie A.2513.	A.2514
NIGHT 9/10/54	LANCASTER II ML 768 232 "Y"	P/L J.F. BASTEN P/O LARKIN, R.D.J. P/O HARKER, J.H. P/O J.S. GODDARD Sgt. ADAMS, K.R. P/O E.V. KENN Sgt. SCOTT, F.	- do - (First Wave)	2152½	0109	Good visibility was found over the target area and no clouds to interfere with bombing. The target was identified by Red T.I.s, the centre of two clusters which were seen at 23.26 and 23.28 hours. Bombs were released at 23.31 hours from an altitude of 10,500 feet on a course of 159°M. There were four to five flashes seen at 23.36 hours which appeared to be ammunition explosions. No difficulties were met on the raid. The bomb load carried was 8 x 1000 lb. M.C.T.D., .025 and 8 x 500 lb. G.F.T.D., .025.	A.2515
NIGHT 9/10/54	LANCASTER II LL 722 "W"	P/O D.L. SHIDER W/O D.W. MacMILLAN P/O JYANCIO, S. W/O G.W. GOSER Sgt. SMITH, A.W. Sgt. BUCHAN, G. Sgt. JIM BRIDGES, R.J.	- do - (First Wave)	2147	0118½	There was a slight haze but no clouds over the target area. Red T.I.s marked the target area, the first of which cascaded at 23.26 hours, with others at 23.29 hours. Bombs were released between the two sets of markers at 23.31 hours from 10,500 feet and on a course of 160°M. Most of the bombing was on the markers, but there was some overshooting. There was some smoke and dust over the targets. On the whole it was a good trip with no particular difficulties. The bomb load carried was the same as on Sortie A.2513.	A.2516

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RENT 2/22/44	L-59 No. 729 "A"	P/O J.B. LORRER P/O J.B. LORRER P/O J.B. LORRER P/O J.B. LORRER P/O J.B. LORRER P/O J.B. LORRER P/O J.B. LORRER	RENT RENT RENT RENT RENT RENT RENT	2130	0050	Visibility was good over the target with only slight haze. The target was marked by a cluster of light T-1's and the first marker plane was observed at 2130. The T-1's were seen descending from 2130 to 2135 at a 2130 height. An estimated count of 500 T-1's was taken by the first plane and then released at 2130 hours. From 10,000 feet and on a course of 135°. The marker plane then went down on the T-1's and in a very close vicinity - the 2130 T-1's were seen up over the target. The plane was shot and no identification was made. The first plane counted was 5 x 200 and 1000 T-1's and 5 x 200 and 1000 T-1's.	A-2501
RENT 2/22/44	L-59 No. 729 "A"	P/O J.B. LORRER P/O J.B. LORRER P/O J.B. LORRER P/O J.B. LORRER P/O J.B. LORRER P/O J.B. LORRER P/O J.B. LORRER	RENT RENT RENT RENT RENT RENT RENT	2130	0130	Flight from with good visibility was made over the target. The target was identified by a cluster of light T-1's and the first marker plane was observed at 2130. The T-1's were seen descending from 2130 to 2135 at a 2130 height. An estimated count of 500 T-1's was taken by the first plane and then released at 2130 hours. From 10,000 feet and on a course of 135°. The marker plane then went down on the T-1's and in a very close vicinity - the 2130 T-1's were seen up over the target. The plane was shot and no identification was made. The first plane counted was 5 x 200 and 1000 T-1's and 5 x 200 and 1000 T-1's.	A-2502
RENT 2/22/44	L-59 No. 729 "A"	P/O J.B. LORRER P/O J.B. LORRER P/O J.B. LORRER P/O J.B. LORRER P/O J.B. LORRER P/O J.B. LORRER P/O J.B. LORRER	RENT RENT RENT RENT RENT RENT RENT	2130	0130	Good visibility was found over the target, which was marked by a cluster of light T-1's. The marker plane was observed at 2130. The T-1's were seen descending from 2130 to 2135 at a 2130 height. An estimated count of 500 T-1's was taken by the first plane and then released at 2130 hours. From 10,000 feet and on a course of 135°. The marker plane then went down on the T-1's and in a very close vicinity - the 2130 T-1's were seen up over the target. The plane was shot and no identification was made. The first plane counted was 5 x 200 and 1000 T-1's and 5 x 200 and 1000 T-1's.	A-2503
RENT 2/22/44	L-59 No. 729 "A"	P/O J.B. LORRER P/O J.B. LORRER P/O J.B. LORRER P/O J.B. LORRER P/O J.B. LORRER P/O J.B. LORRER P/O J.B. LORRER	RENT RENT RENT RENT RENT RENT RENT	2130	0130	Good visibility was found over the target, which was marked by a cluster of light T-1's. The marker plane was observed at 2130. The T-1's were seen descending from 2130 to 2135 at a 2130 height. An estimated count of 500 T-1's was taken by the first plane and then released at 2130 hours. From 10,000 feet and on a course of 135°. The marker plane then went down on the T-1's and in a very close vicinity - the 2130 T-1's were seen up over the target. The plane was shot and no identification was made. The first plane counted was 5 x 200 and 1000 T-1's and 5 x 200 and 1000 T-1's.	A-2504

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCE
				UP	DOWN		
NIGHT 10/21/5-44	LANCASTER II D.S. 763 "B"	P/S BAILEY, T.R. S/O P.I. NEWSON SOT CAMPBELL, N.P. W/O J.M. MURRAY SOT MURPHY, W.D. SOT VAUGHAN, H.B. SOT WILKS, V.	BOMBING GHOST MARSHALLING YARDS (First Wave)	2347	0146	The visibility was good over the target. On the run-up only illuminating flares and greens were seen, some of the greens being off to starboard. Then Yellow F.I.'s were put down, and instructions given by the Master Bomber to bomb between them. One of the Yellow F.I.'s cascaded at about 23:46 hours. The time of the bomb release was 23:48 hours from 9,400 feet and on a course of 142°. Sorting slings could be seen South East of the aiming point after leaving the target. A cloud of smoke rose between the Yellow F.I.'s and bombing seemed well concentrated, with a good fire burning. The A.F.F. went u/s. It seemed to be a good show with no difficulties. The Master Bomber was good. The Bomb Load was 8 x 1,000 lb. M.C.T.D. 025 and 6 x 500 lb. M.C.T.D. 025.	A.2525
NIGHT 10/21/5-44	LANCASTER II M. 634 "B"	P/S VAUGHAN, E.C. P/O STREET, P.F. P/O D.W. TIBBENS W/O J.M. BOURGEOIS SOT LAMONT, P.R. SOT GOSWORTHY, D. SOT HARRISON, H. SOT LINDARD, R.	DO - (First Wave)	2207	0140	The visibility was good with over the target with some haze and 5-6 miles cloud, tops at 5,000 feet. The target was identified by Red and Green spot fires, Yellow F.I.'s and illuminating flares. The Yellow F.I.'s were not seen to cascade. The Master Bomber directed to slightly overcast the Yellow F.I.'s and Bombs were released at 23:46 hours, from 9,400 feet and on a course of 200°. Several bomb bursts were seen in target area which later became covered by smoke and dust. It was a good attack and the Master Bomber heard clearly. The Bomb Load carried same as on Sortie A.2525.	A.2526
NIGHT 10/21/5-44	LANCASTER II M. 636 "B"	P/S COCKE, W.G. P/O M.C. SMITH P/O D.C. MURCHISON SOT HOGAN, L.M. SOT CLARK, E.C. SOT GOSWORTHY, E.V. SOT REW, H.	DO - (First Wave)	2155	0153	The weather was clear and visibility good over the target. Green spot fires and Yellow F.I.'s identified the target, sorting slings south east of aiming point, and water was in town could also be seen visually. Green spot fires were scattered but Yellow F.I.'s were not far apart. It was necessary to orbit once. On the second run the Master Bomber instructed to bomb between the Yellow F.I.'s. Bombs were released at 23:49 hours from an altitude of 9,400 feet and on a course of 160°. Bomb bursts were very closely concentrated on the markers and there was a small fire and smoke. The raid seemed a success and no difficulties were encountered. The Bomb Load same as on Sortie A.2525.	A.2527
NIGHT 10/21/5-44	LANCASTER II M. 725 "B"	P/L P.W. HALLS P/O J.F. GUNNE P/O E.J. GLEAT W/O E.J. HARRISON SOT MURPHY, E.A. P/S HENCKES, H. SOT SCHAEFER, J.H. SOT WILLIAMS, W.H.	DO - (First Wave)	2200	0152	The target area was free of clouds and visibility was good. Yellow and Green F.I.'s marked the target area. The centre two Yellow F.I.'s were seen cascading at about 23:46 hours and 23:47 hours and the Green F.I.'s burning on the ground some distance to the right. Master Bomber instructed to bomb centre of Yellow F.I.'s. Bombs were released at 23:49 hours at 9,300 feet on a course of 160°. Some good fires seen but were obscured by smoke. There was not enough contrast between Yellow F.I. and flares. The Bombs III was u/s part time but there were no other difficulties. The Bomb Load carried was the same as on sortie A.2525.	A.2528

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NIGHT 20/11/54	LANCASTER II LE 722 "B"	F/L P.E. RADDER F/O H.G. THOMPSON F/O J.A. MCINTYRE SOT FOX, R.D. SOT MOSS, R.W. SOT JACKSON, J. SOT WHALLEY, W.	BOMBING CREW MARSHALLING YARDS (First Wave)	2150	0201	The task was abandoned over the target at 23.48 hours, as all bombs hung up after two runs had been made. The sky was clear with some haze but very good visibility. The target was identified by illuminating flares and the yards could be seen visually. On the second run up there were two markers, one on target and one a mile to seaward of yards. There was a good concentration of bombs and on leaving target area fires were taking hold. Smoke and dust covered the centre parts of the yards. The bombs hung up, 6 x 1,000 H.C.T.D. 025, jettisoned live 514/8 - 0510M. 00.13 hrs. at 20,000 feet, also 6 x 500 H.C.T.D. 025. The Intercom was u/s and Master of Ceremonies not heard. It was a good attack but very disappointing at not being able to get rid of bombs.	A-2529
NIGHT 10/11/54	LANCASTER II DS. 692 "B"	F/S MCARDEN, J.H. W/O R.H. MITCHELL F/O G.L. GROSS W/O A.P. MARSDEN SOT CAULFIELD, R.E. SOT HARVEY, G.R. SOT FRANKS, P.	- do - (First Wave)	2154	0139	There was some haze but visibility was good except horizontally over the target. Marking of target began late, with illuminating flares at 23.38 hours, then greens, followed by Yellow T.I.'s in two batches North of the Greens. The Master Bomber instructed to bomb between the two batches of Yellow T.I.'s. The bombs were released at 23.46 hours, from 9,000 feet while on a course of 120°M. Bombing seemed well concentrated between the T.I.'s and two fires with thick smoke were seen after leaving target, and it seemed a good attack. If markings were accurate it should be a successful raid. No difficulties on the raid. Load carried was 8 x 1,000 lb. H.C.T.D. 025 and 6 x 500 lb. H.C.T.D. 025.	A-2530
NIGHT 20/11/54	LANCASTER II DS. 772 "B"	EXAMINER F/L H.G. HOLVER F/O WYATT F/S GOODWIN, W. F/L T.O. FLEMING, DFC F/O C.A.G. THOMPSON F/O A. DULAY SOT HUSKILL, D.	- do - (First Wave)	2152	0139	Visibility was good over the target area with some thin low clouds. Target was well illuminated by flares and Yellow T.I.'s. Master Bomber instructed to bomb the centre of Yellow T.I.'s, overshooting slightly. Bombs hung up, were seen with smoke and dust covering the target area. Bombs were released at 23.47 hours from 9,100 feet on a course of 142°M. Master Bomber was heard to good advantage. It was a good route with no difficulties. Bomb load carried was the same as on Sortie A-2530.	A-2531
NIGHT 20/11/54	LANCASTER II LE 643 "B"	F/L WOOD, J.W. W/O J.A. DIVERSITY F/S PLATTON, R.H. F/S GREGG, R.W. SOT LOWERY, R.W. F/O R.E. RALPH SOT HUSKILL, H. SOT HENDERSON, J.A.	- do - (First Wave)	2146	0131	Visibility was good with a slight haze over the target. Target was identified by 16 Yellow T.I.'s seen at 23.39 hrs. followed by Green T.I.'s and Red T.I.'s - fairly well grouped. First run overshoot, so omitted and on instructions from the Master Bomber, bombed the centre of Yellow T.I.'s. Bombs were released at 23.52 hours, from 9,200 feet on a course of 158°M. Large red fires appeared to be a little short of the T.I.'s. There was too much smoke to assess results although bombs appeared to be accurate markers. There were no difficulties on the trip. Bomb load carried same as on Sortie A-2530.	A-2532

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NIGHT 10/11/5-44	LANCASTER II DS 750 "V"	P/O W.J. MCINTYRE SOT DOOLEY, T.H. P/O J.J. CONNORS P/S NEWSON, J. W. SOT GUINA, S.B. SOT BODDIE, R.J.P. SOT BUCKLAND, R.E.G. SOT BAKER, R.H.	BOMBING GHEST MARSHALLING YARDS (First Wave)	2148	0203	There were no clouds and good visibility over the target, which was marked by Red and Green T.I.'s. On the run up there were two Green T.I.'s burning on the ground but did not see the green cascade. One commenced to port which appeared to be in Marshalling Yards, identified by aid of flames. Bombs were released at 23.45 hours from 9,400 feet on a course of 150°E. Only 4 bombs went so orbited and made second run when T.I.'s Red were seen to cascade on Green T.I.'s which we had just been bombed. Bombs hung up 6 x 1,000 lb. M.C.T.D..025 and 2 x 500 lb. M.C.T.D..025. Jettisoned 'Live 8' at position 515°E, 025°N at 0017 hours, from 10,000 feet - hung up. No difficulties apart from bombs hanging up. Full Bomb Load carried 8 x 1,000 lb. M.C.T.D..025 and 6 x 500 lb. M.C.T.D..025.	A-2533
NIGHT 10/11/5-44	LANCASTER II DS 830 "B"	P/O W.S. FULLER WOT S.W. FORNER P/O S.D. COFFEY SOT HOLMES, J.A. SOT WILF, E.B. P/O S.E. MORRISON SOT PANTING, H.J.	- do - (First Wave)	2155	0235	The visibility was good and sky clear over the target. Yellow and Green T.I.'s and illuminating flares identified the target. Path Finder Flares were spread the length of the yard and illuminating flares were spread throughout towards the town. Master of Ceremonies was heard to good advantage. Bombs were released at 23.47 hours using the emergency bomb sight. The height was 9,100 feet and the course 150°E. The A.P.L. was w/s. It was a good route and no difficulties to interfere. The Bomb Load carried was the same as carried on Sortie A-2533.	A-2534
NIGHT 10/11/5-44	LANCASTER II DS 835 "X"	P/O W.W. KASPER P/S NEWSON, F.E. P/S NEWSON, J. SOT SMITH, T.J. SOT NEALE, J.L. SOT MOORE, J. SOT WINTON, E.G.	- do -	2253	0243	The sky was clear, some haze but visibility good over the target. The target was marked by Red and Green T.I.'s and illuminating flares. On approach, Red and Green spot fires followed by Yellow T.I.'s cascading at 23.40 hours. Bombs were released at 23.47 hours from 9,400 feet on a course of 150°E. A few bomb bursts and a small fire were seen in the target area. Bombs had been directed at the centre of markers on instructions from the Master Bomber. No difficulties encountered. Bomb Load same as on Sortie A-2533.	A-2535
NIGHT 11/12/5-44	LANCASTER II DS 759 "A"	P/S BODDIE, G.A. P/S BODDIE, L.H.T. SOT COOKE, E.A. SOT BODDIE, L. SOT DOUGHERTY, A.J. SOT CLAPHAM, W.B. SOT HENFORTH, R.M.	BOMBING BOULOGNE GROUND DEFENCES (First Wave)	2241	0224	Visibility was poor over the target but no clouds. Red and Green Spot fires and Yellow T.I.'s identified the target. Illuminating flares were followed by Red spot fires at 0030 hrs., also One Yellow T.I., One Red and Two Green T.I.'s or spot fires. On arrival, only a trace burning on the ground. Master Bomber instructed to bomb centre of all T.I. and bombs were released at 0037 hours, from 12,000 feet and on a course of 145°E. Bombing appeared to be well concentrated but too much smoke to assess results. Hot winds were faint. Bomb Load was 4 x 1,000 lb G.P.T.D..025, 4 x 1,000 lb. M.C.T.D..025 and 6 x 500 lb. M.C.T.D..025.	A-2536

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NIGHT 11/12/54	LANCASTER II L.L. 642 "B"	P/O A.A. HICSON P/O F.E. LITWICK SOT THORPE, A.F. P/S LANE, L. SOT REDMAN, E.E. SOT POWELL, E.C. SOT MOORE, E.	BOMBING BOULOGNE MARSHALLING YARDS (First Wave)	2235	0204	Good visibility was found over the target which was marked by illuminating flares; Yellow T.I. Markers and Red Spot Fires. The primary was also identified visually by the Canal bridges. The spot fires were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0037 hours from 12000 feet and on a heading of 178°M. One red orange explosion was seen at 0034 hours. Billows of smoke covered the target. The route was good with no difficulties. The load carried was same as on Sortie No. A. 2534.	A. 2537
NIGHT 11/22/54	LANCASTER II D.S. 723 "D"	P/S VAUGHAN, E.G. P/O F.J. PERCE P/O D.V. TIMMONS SOT LAMSON, F.E. SOT GODFREY, D. SOT HARDWICK, V. Mid Und Gr., SOT BRIDGEMAN, J.M.	- do - (First)	2234	0201	Fair visibility, with a bit of haze was found over the target which was marked by Red and Green spot fires and Green T.I. Markers. The centre of Red and Green T.I. Markers which were seen oncoming at about 0032 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0036 hours from 12000 feet and on a heading of 149°M. Numerous bomb bursts were seen, and a large explosion was seen at 0038 hours by the rear gunner. Arrived late on the target due to faulty winds. No other difficulties. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2534.	A. 2538
NIGHT 11/12/54	LANCASTER II D.S. 763 "E"	P/L W.B. STEWART P/O G.E. MALLOY P/O W.G. HUGHES P/O J. BRAY P/O R.D. GOSWELL SOT H.P. MURPHY SOT VASLEY, E. Mid Und Gr., SOT G. LA FIERRE	- do - (First)	2242	0205	Poor visibility with some clouds above was found over the target which was marked by Red Spot Fires, Green T.I. and Yellow T.I.s and illuminating flares. All Markers were visible at the time of bombing, and upon instructions from the Master Bomber, these were bombed. Bombing took place at 0036 hours from 11500 feet and on a heading of 055°M. Bombing seemed good, with possibly a spread to the East and there was a colossal explosion at 0035 hours. At this time, smoke and dust soon obscured the target area. No particular difficulties apart from that of getting there on time due to faulty winds which were different from those forecasted. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2536.	A. 2539
NIGHT 11/12/54	LANCASTER II L.L. 634 "F"	P/O A.S. QUINLAN P/O J.E. FISHER P/O K.G. PORTER P/O J.A. DUNN P/O L.W. WILK SOT LAMBERT, G.D. SOT HENSON, M. Mid Und Gr., SOT THAMES, D.H.	- do - (First)	2237	0212	Slight haze with good visibility was found over the primary target, which was marked and identified by Red Spot Fires and Yellow T.I. Markers. The latter, which were seen oncoming at about 0024 hours, were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0035 hours from 12000 feet and on a heading of 175°M. This was carried out on instructions of the Master Bomber. There appeared to be two concentrations of fires in the target area and considerable smoke. A large explosion was seen at 0040 hours. Wet winds were faulty. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2536.	A. 2540

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NIGHT 11/12/544	LANCASTER II L.L. 636 "G"	F/S COOKE, W.G. F/O H.G. SMITH F/O D.G. FRISCOCK SOT HOGAN, L.E. SOT CLARK, E.C. SOT CUNNINGHAM, E.J. SOT HEVAN, H.	BOMBING BOULOGNE MARSHALLING YARDS (First Wave)	2236	0219	Fair visibility, with some haze over the target which was marked by Green and Red spot fires and Yellow T.I.'s. The run up was guided by illuminating flares and Red spot fires which followed at 0027 hours. Master Bomber instructed to direct bombing at the Yellow T.I.'s. Bombs were released at 0035 hours from 12,000 feet while on a course of 155°M. Much smoke and dust covered the target. It was a good raid and the Master Bomber was heard clearly. The Bomb Load carried on the Sortie was 4 x 1000 lb. G.P.T.D., 025, 4 x 1000 lb. M.C.T.D., 025 and 6 x 500 lb. M.C.T.D., 025.	A-254B
NIGHT 11/12/544	LANCASTER II L.L. 723 "H"	F/L P.W. HAINES F/O R.J. CLIFFE SOT M.S. HARRISON SOT HERARD, L.A. F/S HICKOK, M. SOT SOAKING, J.E. WOT P. La PLASSE	- do - (First Wave)	2239	0216	Some haze was found over the target but fair visibility. Only Red spot fires marked the target, as it was a late arrival at the target. Master Bomber instructed to bomb Red Spot fires. These were in the Bomb sight at the time of release, 0038 hours, the height was 12,000 feet and the course 175°M. Smoke and dust was billowing up at time of arrival. One 1,000 lb. M.C.T.D., 025 was jettisoned live at position 5034N, 0126E - at 0043 1/2 hours from 10,000 feet which had hung up over the target. No difficulties were encountered except that prevalent wind was very different from that predicted. Master of Ceremonies heard to good advantage. The Bomb Load carried was same as on Sortie A-254A.	A-2542
NIGHT 11/12/544	LANCASTER II D.V. 657 "Z"	F/L B.R. FRANKLIN F/O T.J. BINGWALL F/S JENNINGS, M. SOT BROWN, R.V. SOT GREEN, J.A.U. SOT LEHMAN, R. F/O J. WILSON SOT WILLIAMS, V.E.	- do -	2240	0152	Visibility was good with some haze over the primary target. The target was identified by Red spot fires seen burning on the ground at 0022 hours, followed by Green T.I.'s. Yellow T.I.'s fell on the Red spot fires and Path Finder Flares were numerous and well concentrated. Master Bomber instructed to overshoot on the Yellow T.I.'s by two seconds. Bombs were released at 0032 hours, from 12,000 feet on a course of 180°M. One orange explosion was seen at 0033 hrs. No difficulties were encountered but winds very different than predicted. Bomb Load carried same as Sortie A-254A.	A-2543
NIGHT 11/12/544	LANCASTER II D.S. 722 "H"	F/O R.M.C. FRANKLIN F/O M. BARTNAY F/O T.J. DELANEY SOT E.M. HARRIS SOT HARRISON, L.J. SOT OLIVER, G.V. SOT WICKSTAFF, J.J.	- do -	2244	0214	The weather was clear with some haze and fair visibility over the target. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Only the Red T.I. markers were burning on the ground when the bomb run was made. The target was well marked by the Red T.I.'s but smoke and dust obscured the targets. Numerous bomb bursts were seen on the target. Bombs were dropped at the markers and released at 0039 hours, from 10,000 feet on a course of 180°M. It was a good attack with no difficulties. Bomb Load was the same as carried on Sortie A-254A.	A-2544

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NIGHT 11/12/54	LANCASTER II L.N. 643 "q"	P/O F.T.S. BRICE P/O A. CLARKE W/O R. HUGHES W/O H.W. WILSON P/O J.G. GRAY SOT TOWN, E.G. SOT HARRIS, A. SOT HARRISON, J.A.	BOMBING BOULOGNE MARSHALLING YARD (First Wave)	2244	0158	The weather was clear over the primary target with some haze but very good visibility. Illuminating flares, Red spot fires and a flammable visual view of the brewhouse, identified the target. On the run-up, first Green T.I.'s went down at 0025 hours followed by the Red spot fires. Yellow T.I.'s were in the Bomb sights when instructed release bombs by the Master Bomber. The time of release was 0034 hours, from 11,000 feet and on a course of 139°. One large explosion was reported at 0035 hours. Attack opened late and consequently results were difficult to assess. One 500 lb. M.C.F.D..025 hung - up. It was a quite trip and a good attack. The bomb load carried was 4 x 1,000 lb. G.F.T.D..025, 4 x 1,000 lb. M.C.F.D..025 and 6 x 500 lb. M.C.F.D..025.	A.2545
NIGHT 11/12/54	LANCASTER II D.S. 692 "q"	P/O MCGAFFEY, J.H. W/O MITCHELL, E.H. P/O G.L. CROSS W/O A.P. HARRISON SOT GARDNER, R.E. SOT HARRIS, G.R. SOT FRANKS, P.	- do - (First Wave)	2243	0207	Visibility was fair with some haze over the target area, which was marked by illuminating flares and yellow T.I.'s. The illuminating flares were seen on the run-up and the M.C. states that the Yellow T.I. was to the right of the target. The Master of Ceremonies directed to bomb the Yellow T.I.'s which were in the sights at the time of release, 0037 hours. Altitude was 11,000 feet and a course of 180°. Numerous bomb bursts were seen over the target during the run up. Billows of smoke and dust rose from the targets. There were no difficulties but winds were much different than forecast. The route was good and the Master of Ceremonies was heard to good advantage. The bomb load carried was the same as on Sortie A.2545.	A.2546
NIGHT 11/12/54	LANCASTER II D.S. 772 "q"	P/O REED, G.A. P/O G.D. RUTLER SOT GOSLAK, J. SOT GRIFFIN, J. SOT PURKITT, T.H. SOT PROVOSE, J.R. SOT SHAYTON, R.W.	- do - (First Wave)	2242	0154	Over the primary target there was some haze but good visibility. The target was identified by Green and Red spot fires, Yellow T.I.'s and the river could be seen visually. The illuminating flares and Red spot fires went down at 0028 hours and 0027 hours with more red spot fires at 0029 hours. Master Bomber instructed to bomb centre of T.I.'s and bombs were released at 0035 hours, from 11,000 feet and a course of 169°. Large explosions were seen at 0035 hours and many bombs appeared to straddle markers. There were no particular difficulties. Bomb load carried same as on Sortie A.2545.	A.2547
NIGHT 11/12/54	LANCASTER II D.S. 738 "q"	W/O G. HARRIS P/O HARRISON, A.E. P/O CROSS, M. SOT HARRIS, J.P. SOT STEVEN, E.H. SOT LAMONT, J.P. SOT DUNN, J.A. SOT HARRISON, D.W.	- do - (First Wave)	2238	0228	The target area was free from clouds but very hazy. Target was identified by Red Spot fires, Yellow T.I. and illuminating flares. On the run-up, little was seen until very close to the target on account of haze and smoke. Master Bomber instructed to bomb the T.I., bombs were released at 0042 hrs. from a height of 11,000 feet and on a course of 179°. Going to smoke over the target it was hard to see results but bombing seemed well concentrated. The Rear turret went o/s. Chief difficulty was that of keeping time owing to difference in winds from those forecast. Bomb load was the same as on Sortie A.2545.	A.2548

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NIGHT 11/12/54	LANCASTER II D.S. 830 "W"	P/O G.B. LATIMER S/O A. HENDERSON P/O G.W. CRITCHER W/O J. DINGWALL P/O J.T. GUTHRIE P/O F.G. McDUGALL SOT FENTING, H.J.	BOMBING BOULOGNE MARSHALLING WAVE (First Wave)	22.5	0203 1/2	There was some smoke and haze over the primary target but visibility was good. Red spot fires and Yellow T.I. marked the target and illuminating flares were seen at 0025 hours. Red T.I.'s fell shortly after the flares. Master Bomber instructed to bomb centre of all Red T.I.'s, which were practically burned out. Bombs were released at 0036 hours from 11,200 feet while on a course of 162°M. One 500 lb M.C.T.D. .025 hung up. There appeared to be a good concentration of bombing and a large explosion was seen at 0036 hours. The Monica III went up and the Net. Flare was faulty. The bomb load carried was 4 x 1,000 lb. G.P.T.D. .025, 4 x 1,000 lb. .025 and 6 x 500 lb. M.C.T.D. .025	A.2548
NIGHT 11/12/54	LANCASTER II D.S. 848 "X"	P/O W.S. BULLAR W/O S.W. FORNER P/O S.W. COFFEY SOT McILWAIN, J.A. SOT WILLY, R.M. P/O S.R. MORRISON SOT FENTING, H.J.	- do - (First Wave)	22.6 1/2	0155	Visibility over the target was hazy but there were no clouds. Red spot fires and Green and Yellow T.I.'s identified the target. On the run up Red spot fires were seen at 0100 hours and the Green and Yellow at about 0055 hrs. On instructions from the Master Bomber bombs were directed at Red spot fires. This was changed to overshooting the yellow T.I. by two seconds and later it was changed again to bombing centre of all T.I.'s. Bombs were released at 0031 hrs, from 11,000 feet on a course of 152°M. Bomb bursts were well concentrated on the markers and there was a large explosion to the east of the markers at 0033 hours. One 1000 lb. M.C.T.D. .025 was brought back due to hang up. No difficulties were encountered and it should be a good show. Bomb Load carried was the same on Sortie A.2548.	A.2549
NIGHT 18/20/54	LANCASTER II D.S. 799 "A"	P/O H.R. GIBKALACK P/O H.G. MCILLOP W/O R.E. TREHARVEY P/O BROWN, J.F. SOT URSAD, J.S. SOT CAMPBELL, J. SOT MEYERS, F.E.	BOMBING MERVILLE & FRANCVILLE COASTAL DEFENCES. (First Wave)	2312	0334	There were no clouds, some haze but good visibility over the target which was marked by Red T.I.'s. First markers were seen at 0131 hours which formed two clusters on the ground. Bombs were released at 0136 hours with the centre of the Red T.I. clusters in the sights. The altitude was 7000 feet and the course 160°M. Bombing appeared to be concentrated around the markers. It was necessary to orbit owing to lateness of markers and had to dive just before bombing to avoid collision. The Monica III was w/a. The Bomb Load carried on the Sortie was 4 x 1,000 lb. G.P.T.D. .025, 10 x 1,000 M.C.T.D. .025 XXXX.	A.2550
NIGHT 19/20/54	LANCASTER II L.L. 642 "N"	P/O D.L. SMITH W/O D.W. McILLEN P/O BROWN, G. W/O G.W. COFFEY SOT SMITH, A.W. SOT MCARTHY, G. SOT HOPKINS, B.M.	- do - (First Wave)	2307	0324	There was some haze and visibility was poor over the target. The target was identified by Red T.I. markers, two of which exploded at about 0135 hours and were followed by another salvo shortly after. Bombs were directed to the centre of the two Red T.I.'s and were released at 0136 hours from 7,000 feet and on a course of 183°M. A large deep red explosion was noted at 0139 hours between the markers which were about 600 to 700 yards apart. No difficulties were encountered but it was necessary to orbit at the target due to the lateness of the markers. Bomb carried was the same as on Sortie A.2549.	A.2550

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NIGHT 19/20/54	LANCASTER II D.S. 719 "D"	W/L J.F. EASTON P/O B.D.J. LANGSTON P/O WALKER, J.M. P/O B.S. GORDARD S/O ADAMS, D.B. P/O B.W. KIRBY S/O SCOTT, P. S/O WILLIAMS, W.E.	BOMBING COASTAL DEFENSES NEVILLE & FRANCISVILLE	2304	0342	It was hazy but the visibility was good over the target which was identified by Red T.I. The Red T.I.'s cascaded at about 0131 hours. Bombs were directed at the centre of the Red T.I.'s and released at 0136 hours from 7000 feet and on a course of 172°. On the run-up, bombs seemed to be slightly undershooting markers on the south side of the target area. Numerous bombs burst on the target area and one explosion was reported at 0139 hours. It was a quiet trip with no difficulties. The Bomb Load carried was 8 x 1,000 lb. G.F.T.D.025 and 16 x 1,000 lb. M.C.Y.D.025.	A-2553
NIGHT 19/20/54	LANCASTER II D.S. 726 "D"	P/O FAULKNER, J.M. W/O P.C. HARVEY P/O J.A. BUCKLEY S/O J. BISHOP P/O M.A. GREENHURST S/O GORDON, D.E. S/O ASQUITH, P. S/O READE, D.H.	- do -	2308	0328	There was some haze with moderate visibility over the target. Red T.I.'s marked the target and were seen to cascade at 0131 hours. On arrival no markers were visible so it was necessary to circle. The Red T.I.'s fell in a group of three, fairly close together and one way to the west. The bombs were directed at the M.F.I. of the three closest group of markers and were released at 0135.38 hours. The altitude at time of release was 7,800 feet and on a course of 170°. It seemed a successful trip with no special difficulties. The Bomb Load carried was the same as on Sortie A-2551.	A-2554
NIGHT 19/20/54	LANCASTER II L.L. 723 "D"	W/O D.S. JACOBS DFC P/L T.R. McDUGALL P/O J.B. DALLEN P/O P.M. HOBBS P/O M.L.E. MORGAN P/O W.G. PHILLIPS P/O M. JENNINGS P/L J.R. HARRIS	- do -	2318	0314	Visibility was fair with some haze over the primary target. Red T.I.'s marked the target. During the run-up a cluster of Red T.I.'s were seen cascading followed by a second lot which was definitely short. A third cluster went down well to port. An estimated centre of the 7 T.I.'s was taken, and bombs were released. The time of the release was 0134.35 hours and the height 7000 feet on a course of 160°. Most of the bombing was seen around the original cluster. One 1,000 lb bomb was brought back as it hung-up over the target. There was too wide a gap between the two clusters of Red T.I.'s which were in line. No difficulties were encountered. The Bomb Load carried was the same as on Sortie A-2551.	A-2555
NIGHT 19/20/54	LANCASTER II D.S. 657 "D"	P/O T.L. SHERRILL P/O W.W. SHROFF P/O C.D. BROWN S/O CAMPBELL, A.S. S/O KALITA, P. S/O HERRICK, H. S/O NIGHTINGALE, H.	- do -	2317 2355	0311 0306	There was some haze over the target area but visibility was good. Red T.I.'s identified the target, four of which appeared to be on the North side of target but there were only two. One on each side of target was burning at time of bombing. The Bomber took an estimated centre of the Red T.I.'s which cascaded at about 0131 hours and released the bombs at 0133.50 hours. The altitude was 7,000 feet and the course 185°. Many bombs were seen to burst in and around the markers. Target was well hit. The Bomb Load carried was the same as on Sortie A-2551.	A-2556

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NIGHT 19/20/5-44	LANCASTER II D.S. 729 "D"	P/O J.P. BARTON P/O B.D.J. LAKEHOUSE P/S WALKER, T.M. P/O R.S. GODDARD SOT ADAMS, K.H. P/O E.W. KENN SOT SCOTT, F. SOT WILLIAMS, F.M.					
NIGHT 19/20/5-44	LANCASTER II L.E. 722 "E"	P/O N. SUTHERLAND P/O R.W. HITCHER P/O C.A. BOULSON P/O R.H. HINES SOT HAMMON, A. P/O A.H.E. DOWELL P/O S.R.H. FORD SOT CLARK, A.	BOMBING MERRYVILLE A FRANCHVILLE COASTAL DEFENCES	2306	0311	There was a clear sky and good visibility over the target. The target was marked with Red T.I. markers which went down late at 0132 hours but fell in a compact group of four. The M.F.I. on the four batches of Red T.I. were in the bomb sights and bombs were released at 0133 hours 10 secs. from 7,000 feet and a course of 174°. Bombing seemed well concentrated with slight under and overshooting. No results were observed except for one explosion just after bombing. The Monica became u/s. No difficulties except that variable winds made navigation very tricky. It should be a good raid if T.I. markers were accurate. The Bomb Load carried was 4 x 1,000 lb. G.P.T.D., 025 and 10 x 1,000 lb. M.C.T.D., 025.	XX5 A.2551.7
NIGHT 19/20/5-44	LANCASTER II D.S. 727 "O"	P/O W.J. McINTYRE SOT DOOLEY, T.H. P/O J.J. CONNORS P/S NEWBORN, J.V. SOT GUINA, B.B. SOT RODNEY, E.J.P. SOT HICKLAND, E.H.G.	- do -	2321	0331	The target area has some haze but quite good visibility. Red T.I. markers identified the target. It was necessary to orbit once as the markers were later in going down, cascading at 0131 hours. They fell in two groups somewhat far apart, spaced east to west. Bombs were directed at the centre of the two Red T.I. markers. Bombs were released at 0134.30 hours from 7000 feet and on a course of 156°. An explosion was seen at 0134 hours and another at about 0136 hours. Most bombing seemed central. No other results were seen apart from smoke. Both outer engines cut just after leaving target but both came in again later. The trip was marred by engines cutting and other minor technical hitchhops but it seemed an effective raid. Bomb Load same as Sortie A.2552.	A.2554.7
NIGHT 19/20/5-44	LANCASTER II L.L. 617 "P"	P/L G.B. LATIMER SOT/L A. HAUZINGER P/O G.F.R. GRIMMOND SOT J. DINGWALL P/O J.T. GUTHRIE P/O F.C. MCCORMACK SOT WESTMORE, R.S. SOT P. LAFLEAMS	- do -	2319	0336	There was some haze but good visibility over the target area which was identified by Red T.I. markers. Two markers appeared to straddle the target while a third was about a mile to the west. Bombs were directed at the centre of the Red T.I.'s which were seen cascading at 0230 hours. The time of the Bomb release was 0133.34 hours from 6,900 feet and a course of 230°. Bombs seemed to be under-shooting the T.I. and a fair sized explosion was reported by Bear Gunner at 0136 hours. The A.P.I. was u/s. Apart from changeable navigational winds and late Path Finder Flares it was quite a good trip. The Bomb Load carried was the same as on Sortie A.2555.	A.2557

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NIGHT 19/20/54	LANCASTER II LS 643 "Q"	P/O D.A. BURKILL SGT McPHER, D.G. SGT BRATHWAITE, G. SGT BRYANT, R.W. SGT SHERWOOD, W.B. SGT O'NEILL, J.M. SSG MURKOE, D.	BOMBING NEWVILLE & FRANCISVILLE COASTAL DEFENCES	2315	0408	There were no clouds and visibility was good over the target. The target was identified by Red T.I. markers which were seen at 0130 hour and formed three clusters on the ground. Bombs were dropped between the two clusters of Red T.I. markers and were released at 0136.30 hours. The altitude was 7000 feet and the course 191°M. A large explosion was seen shortly after bombing. No particular difficulties were encountered. The Bomb Load carried was 4 x 1,000 lb. G.P.T.D., 025 and 10 x 1,000 lb. M.C.T.D., 025.	A.2598 C
NIGHT 19/20/54	LANCASTER II DS 686 "R"	P/O J.A. BROWN P/S HART, A.G.T. P/O J.F. BROWN W/O B.B. GIBBONS SGT COOKE, E. SGT WEST, A. SGT HUFF, A.J.	- do -	2317	0333	There was haze and poor visibility over the primary target which was identified by Red T.I. markers. The T.I.'s were late and appeared in two groups, too far apart for both to be in the Target Area. 22x2 Bombs were directed at the larger cluster which seemed to be in the proper position. The Red T.I.'s which were seen cascading at 0132 hours were in the Bomb Sights and Bombs were released at 0135.26 hours. The altitude was 7000 feet and the course 090°M. Bombing was concentrated around the Red T.I.'s used for sighting. One 1,000 lb. M.C.T.D., 025 was jettisoned live at position 495°M and 000°M at 0141 hours from 7,000 feet, the D.R. compass and Sec. were u/s, otherwise it was a quiet trip. The Bomb Load carried was the same as on Sortie A.2598.	A.2598
NIGHT 19/20/54	LANCASTER II DS 722 "S"	P/L H.C. MEYER P/O J.M. WEADE P/S GOODWIN, W.H. P/L T.O. FLEMING, IFO P/O G.A.G. HANCHAR P/O A. DULAY SGT HUGHES, D.	- do -	2309	0339	Visibility was good and some haze over the target. Red T.I. markers identified the target. On the approach the markers appeared well concentrated and bombs could be seen hurtling around them. An estimated centre of the Red T.I. were in the Bomb Sights at about 0131 hours and Bombs were released at 0135.01 hours from 7,000 feet and on a course of 100°M. It was a quiet trip and Path Finder Flares were slightly late. The Bomb Load was the same as Sortie A.2598.	A.2598
NIGHT 19/20/54	LANCASTER II DS 730 "T"	SGT ANDREWS, D.R. P/O J.C. WILLIAMS W/O J.R. FLETCHER W/O R.A. SWAN SGT MacDONALD, J.A. SGT CONNOR, G.J. SGT GRANT, M.E.	- do -	2310	0405	There was slight haze and fair visibility over the primary target. Red T.I.'s marked the target area, two of which were put down at 0131 hours, followed by two more on their right. The centre of the Red T.I.'s which cascaded about 0131 hours were in the Bomb sights. Bombs were released at 0134.30 hours from 7,000 feet and 214°M. Bomb bursts were numerous in and around the T.I.'s. No difficulties encountered. The Bomb load carried same as on Sortie A.2598.	A.2598

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NIGHT 19/20/5-44	LANCASTER II DS 845 "X"	P/S BAILLET, T.R. P/O F.I. NELSON SOT GANFHEAL, H.F. P/S LAKE, L. SOT MADER, W.D. SOT VAPORIAN, H.D. SOT WILLS, V.	BOMBING MORVILLE & FRANCEVILLE COASTAL DEFENCES (First Wave)	2311	0151	There was good visibility over the target which was identified by Red T.I. markers. Markers were seen at 0131 hours and on formed one good cluster with a small one some considerable distance to port. Bombs sights were on the centre of cluster T.I. Red markers, one of which cascaded about 0132 hours. Bombs were released at 0132.55 hours from 7,000 feet on a course of 190°M. There was a good concentration of bombing around markers. No particular difficulties were encountered. The bomb load carried was 4 x 1,000 lb. G.P.T.D., 025 and 10 x 1,000 lb. H.C.T.D., 025.	A.2562
NIGHT 19/20/5-44	LANCASTER II DL 725 "Z"	P/O R.W.C. FRANKLIN P/O M. HARTMAN P/O T.J. DELANEY SOT R.W. GIBSON, J. SOT ROBINSON, L.J. SOT OLIVER, G.W. SOT MCDONALD, J.J. SOT G. LAFINOS	- do - (First Wave)	2316	0126	There was some haze with fair visibility over the target. Red T.I. Markers identified the primary target. The Red T.I.'s were seen at 0132 followed by others shortly after. The first ones went down to starboard with a cluster of three some distance to port. Bombs were directed at the centre of the three clusters of T.I. Red, one of which cascaded abo at 0132 hours. Bombs were released at 0136.41 hours from 7,000 feet and a course of 180°M. It was difficult to judge results but believe bombing was scattered. Markers were late. Bomb load carried same as on Sortie A.2562.	A.2562
NIGHT 19/20/5-44	LANCASTER II DL 725 "Z"	P/O A.B. EBY SON, P/O P.E. LINDSEY SOT TRENCH, A.P. SOT R.J. GANFHEAL SOT REEDIN, R.B. SOT ROWLEY, H.C. SOT MOORE, M.	BOMBING DORMED (First Wave)	2303	0055	This aircraft returned early, abandoning task at position 5401N - 0034E at 23.26 hours at 10,000 feet, owing to severe icing conditions. 1 x 4,000 lb. H.C.H. Inst. jettisoned safe at 5401N - 0034E at 23.28 hours and 64 x 30 lb. IB's, 800 x 4 lb. IB's and 100 x 4 lb. "X" type IB's were brought back. Being last off, there was no time to set course over base. The aircraft climbed through cloud from 2000 feet and iced up severely. At 10,000 feet it was still in cloud and could not climb higher due to the severe icing, so decided to jettison and return to base. Base was reached without further incident.	A.2566
NIGHT 22/23/5-44	LANCASTER II DS 729 "P"	P/S BOWDEN, G.A. P/S PHILIPS, L.H.T. SOT GOODWIN, H.A. SOT BOURKE, L. SOT DOUGHERTY, A.J. SOT CLAPHAM, W.H. SOT HENFORTH, R.M.	- do -	2250	0307	Visibility was good over the target with 2/10 to 3/10th clouds, with tops at 8000 feet. Red and Green T.I.'s marked the target area. Red Flares were seen at 0041 hours, followed by the Red and Green T.I.'s which formed a good concentration with a carpet of incendiaries grouped around. The M.P.I. of the Red and Green T.I.'s were in the bomb sights at the time of release, 0049 hours. The altitude for the bombing was 21,000 feet and the course 197°M. There was a lot of smoke but no large fires. No difficulties were encountered. The bomb load carried was 1 x 4,000 lb. H.C.H. Inst., 64 x 30 lb. Incendiaries, 300 x 4 lb. Incendiaries, and 100 x 4 lb. Incendiaries "X" type.	A.2567

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NIGHT 22/23/54	LANCASTER EE 636 "G"	F/O A.S. QUINLAN F/O J.E. FISHER F/O K.G. FORSTER F/O J.A. DERRY F/O L.W. WILE Sgt LAMONT, G.D. Sgt SPENCE, L.W.J.	BOMBING DORTMUND (First Wave)	2239	0314	Slight haze with good visibility was encountered over the target area. Red sky markers with yellow stars and Red T.I. identified the target. Green T.I.'s cascading at about 00.50 hours were in the Bomb sight and bombs were released at 00.51.15 hours from 22,000 feet and on a course of 210°E. Markers were concentrated with bombs falling in and around them. Incendiaries were well concentrated and fires were beginning to take hold. Much black smoke was rising over the Eastern part of the city. It was a good attack with no difficulties. The Bomb Load carried was 2 x 4,000 lb. H.E. Bombs, 6 x 30 lb. Incendiaries, 800 x 4 lb. and 200 x 4 lb. Incendiaries 'X' type.	A.2568
NIGHT 22/23/54	LANCASTER EE 760 "B"	F/L F.W. HALLS F/O J.F. QUINN F/O R.J. CLIFF Sgt HERRARD, L.A. F/O HICKS, M. Sgt SCAGGILL, J.E. Sgt WILLIAMS, W.N.	(DO) (First Wave)	2236	0323	This crew reported good visibility with 1/10th low cloud tops at about 8,000 feet over the target area. The target was identified by Red and Green T.I.'s the latter which was seen to cascade at 00.52 hours. Green T.I.'s were in the Bomb sight. Bombs were released at 00.54 hours from 21,000 feet and on a course of 197°E. Smoke rose to 5,000 feet obscuring target area but fires were burning and there was a notable explosion at 00.59 hours. The raid seemed quite good if marking accurate. No difficulties. Bomb Load carried was the same as on Sortie A.2566.	A.2569
NIGHT 22/23/54	LANCASTER EE 675 "A"	F/S VAUGHAN, E.G. F/O F.J. EMMETT F/O D.W. TIMMER Sgt J.M. BOURGEOIS Sgt JAMES, F.E. Sgt GOSWOLD, P. Sgt HARDWICK, M.	- do - (First Wave)	2249	0123	This aircraft was forced to abandon task at position 5312N - 0408E at 00.05 hours and 20,000 feet owing to technical failure. Port Motors (outer and inner) failed. Oil pressure decreased and temperature increased on both port engines. 1 x 4,000 lb. H.C.M. Inst. jettisoned safe at position 5312N - 0408E at 00.11 hours and 20,000 feet. The remaining bombs, 6 x 30 lb. IB's, 800 x 4 lb. IB's and 200 x 4 lb. IB's 'X' type were brought back. Base was reached without further incident.	A.2568
NIGHT 22/23/54	LANCASTER EE 657 "L"	F/L S.B. FRANKLIN F/O T.J. DINGWALL F/L JAMNICK, M. Sgt HUGHES, J.H. Sgt GIBSON, J.A.O. Sgt LINDARD, R. F/O WILSON, W. Sgt HIRSHALL, E.	- do - (First Wave)	2215	0306	Visibility was good with 1/10th cloud tops at 4,000 feet in the target area. Red and Green T.I.'s and Red flares with Yellow stars marked the primary target. Both Flares were grouped in two lots in a North/South line and there were numerous bomb bursts around each group. Numerous large fires were seen billowing black smoke up to 6,000 feet and one large explosion seen at 00.51 hours. Red T.I.'s were in the Bomb sight, cascading at 00.41 hours. The Bomb release was at 00.52 hours from 21,000 feet and a course of 180°E. 50 x 4 lb. IB's hung up over the target and were brought back. It was a good route with no difficulties. Bomb Load was 2 x 4,000 lb. H.C.M. Bombs, 50 x 30 lb. Incendiaries, 250 x 4 lb. Incendiaries and 50 x 4 lb. Incendiaries 'X' type.	A.2568

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NIGHT 22/23/54	LANCASTER DS 727 "O"	P/O W.S. FULLER W/O S.W. FOWLER P/O S.D. COPPIN Sgt MILLER, J.A. Sgt WUFFY, E.R. P/O S.R. HODGKIN Sgt PANTING, H.J. W/O F. LEPAGE	BOMBING DORTMUND (First Wave)	2247	0312	A 3 to 4/10ths low cloud and good visibility. The target was identified by Red and Green T.I.'s and Red Flares with yellow stars. The Red T.I.'s were in two batches, roughly North and South. The more southerly batch was backed up with Green T.I.'s. Most of the bombing was in line between the two sets of T.I.'s and a large explosion with an orange flame was seen at 00.48 hours. Fires were springing up but no big fires had developed. The salvoes of Red T.I.'s which cascaded at about 00.47 hrs. were in the bomb sights - bombs were released at 00.49.30 hours from 21,000 feet and on a course of 165°. Chief disadvantage was that marking was not very concentrated. It should be a good raid. Bomb load carried was 1 x 8,000 lb. H.C.H. Inst., 32 x 30 lb. Incends., 250 x 4 lb. Incends., and 50 x 4 lb. Incends. 'X' type.	A.2578
NIGHT 22/23/54	LANCASTER EL 617 "P"	P/O G.B. LAYDER Sgt A. HAUGHNESS P/O G.R. GRIMMOND W/O J. DINGWALL P/O J.W. GUTHRIE P/O P.C. MCCOUGALL Sgt WESTON, R.E. W/O G.K. BOW	- do - (First Wave)	2240	0315	This aircraft reported a slight haze. A - 5/10ths cloud with good visibility over the target. Red sky markers with yellow stars, and Red and Green T.I.'s marked the target area. First markers appeared at 00.40 hours and seemed to be well concentrated. The Red and Green T.I.'s were in the bomb sights. Bombs were released at 00.49 hours from 21,000 feet and on a course of 161°. Bombs burst in and around markers and a few small fires were reported on leaving the target area. 8 x 30 lb. and 50 x 4 lb. Incends both hung up. Raid was slightly late and bombing seemed to be under shooting. Bomb Load, 1 x 4,000 lb. H.C.H. Inst., 64 x 30 lb. Incends., 500 x 4 lb. Incends., and 100 x 4 lb. Incends. 'X' type. <i>Very up, bright full moon.</i>	A.2578
NIGHT 22/23/54	LANCASTER EL 643 "Q"	P/O R.D. C.A. P/O G.D. BUTLER Sgt SORLEY, J. Sgt CLEDE, J. Sgt FORRITT, T.H. Sgt PROVOSE, J.R. Sgt SHAYTON, R.W. Sgt BEAVER, D.H.	- do - (First Wave)	2257	0300	There was a slight haze over the target but visibility was fair. Red and Green T.I.'s marked the target. On the run up Red T.I.'s were seen to cascade at 00.41 hours followed by Green T.I.'s and Red sky markers with yellow stars. Markers appeared scattered and bombs were bursting on and around them. Bombs were released at 00.48 hours from 20,000 feet while on a course of 167°. 150 x 4 lb. Incends. hung up. It was a good attack with no difficulties. Bomb load carried was the same as on Sortie A.2578 <i>though bright full moon.</i>	A.2578
NIGHT 22/23/54	LANCASTER DS 608 "R"	P/O McCAFFREY, J.H. W/O R.L. ALLEN P/O G.L. CROWE W/O A.V. WARDEN Sgt CARROLL, R.E. Sgt HANSEN, G.W. Sgt FRANK, F.	- do - (First Wave)	2245	0259	There was a trace of low cloud and good visibility over the primary which was marked by Red and Green T.I.'s. Only the Red T.I.'s were seen to go down at 00.41 and 00.44 hrs. with Green in close and slightly to the east. Bombing seemed well concentrated between the two sets of Red T.I.'s. Bombs were released at 00.46 hrs from 21,000 feet on 160°. Bombing was well concentrated on markers. Fires and considerable smoke was developing after bombing. Good raid if markers accurate. Bomb Load, 1 x 8,000 lb H.C.H. Inst., 32 x 30 lb., 250 x 4 lb. Incends. and 50 x 4 lb. Incends. 'X' type.	A.2575

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NIGHT 22/23/54	LANCASTER DS 772 "A"	WO1 C. McLEOD P/O HART, A.C.T. P/O J.V. PROVEN WO1 R.B. GIBBONS SOT COOK, R. SOT WEST, A. SOT HUFF, A.J.	BOMBING DORTMUND (First Wave)	2245	0311	The sky was 1/10ths cloud, tops at 5,000 feet and with good visibility over the primary target. Red and Green T.I.'s marked the target and were seen at 0041 and 0042 hours respectively. The Red T.I.'s disappeared and the Green T.I.'s were in the sights and cascaded at 0047 hours. Bombs were released at 0051.30 hours from 21,000 feet and on a course of 135°. Good fires had taken hold and a large explosion was seen at 0050 hours. 8 x 30 lb. Incends. hung up. The Mosie III went up. Bomb load carried was 1 x 4,000 lb. H.C.N. Inst., 64 x 30 lb. Incends., 800 x 4 lb. Incend., and 100 x 4 lb. Incends. "X" type. No difficulties were encountered. <i>Any up through section</i>	A-2576
NIGHT 22/23/54	LANCASTER DS 830 "B"	P/O J.A. BROWN P/O HART, A.C.T. P/O J.V. PROVEN WO1 R.B. GIBBONS SOT COOK, R. SOT WEST, A. SOT HUFF, A.J.	BOMBING DORTMUND (First Wave)	2258	0308	There was some haze with some good visibility over the target. Red and Green T.I.'s identified the target, the Red clustered to port while the Green T.I.'s were more to starboard. Many bomb bursts were seen around both clusters and smoke billowed up. Red T.I.'s were in the bomb sight and were seen to cascade at 0048 hours. Bombs were released at 0050.2 hours from 21,000 feet and on a course of 135°. 150 x 4 lb. Incends. were brought back due to hang up over target. The Mosie III went up. It was a good night with no difficulties. Bomb load carried was 1 x 4,000 lb. H.C.N. Inst., 64 x 30 lb. Incends., 800 lb. x 4 lb. Incends. and 100 x 4 lb. Incends. "X" type.	A-2575
NIGHT 22/23/54	LANCASTER DS 848 "C"	P/O W.W. KASPER P/O SLEDDER, F.R. P/O SLEDDER, J. WO1 SPOTT, R.W. SOT HEALD, J.L. SOT HOGG, J. SOT CLARK, A. P/O D.A. MURKILL	- do -	2248	0247	The sky was clear with good visibility over the target. Red T.I.'s marked the target, the first of which were seen to go down at 0042 hours. Bomb bursts were numerous and well concentrated around the markers. Incendiaries were taking hold and beginning to spread. Red T.I.'s were in the bomb sights and bombs were released at 0043 hours from 21,000 feet and on a course of 105°. 8 x 30 lb. Incends. hung up. This aircraft was attacked by an unidentified fighter over Dortmund at 0050 hours and an altitude of 22,000 feet. Damage not accounted for. The aircraft was chased for about three minutes while bombing runs were made, and shortly after was attacked by unidentified fighter during which H.U.G. and T.O.P. were wounded. The pilot landed at emergency aerodrome Woodbridge at 0247 hours. Bomb load same as Sortie A-2576. <i>Any up through section</i>	A-2578

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NIGHT 24/25/54	LANCASTER DS 708 "A"	P/O CHEKALAK, H.E. P/O H.C. McKILLOP W/O R.E. THORP P/O BARN, J.F. Sgt UZLADA, J.S. Sgt CAMPBELL, J. Sgt MYERS, P.E.	BOMBING ARCHER WEST YARDS (First Wave)	2354	0439 1/2	This crew reported no clouds and good visibility over the target. The target was identified by Red T.I.'s which were seen to cascade at 0221 hours and formed one cluster on the ground. The Red T.I.'s were in the bomb sights at the time of release 0225 hours. The altitude was 28,000 feet and the course 350°M. No results of bombing seen. 1 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D..025 live was dropped at position 5015N - 0430E at 0154 hours - 29,000 feet to increase airspeed. 1 x 1000 lb. M.C.T.D..025 jettisoned live at position 5145N - 0352E, 0305 hours, 18,000 feet - hung up over target. 1 x 1000 lb. M.C.T.D..025 jettisoned safe at 5215N - 0215E, 0153 hours, 6000 feet - hung up. No other difficulties encountered. Bomb Load carried 10 x 1000 lb. M.C.T.D..025, 1 x 1000 lb. G.P.T.D..025 and 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D..025.	A-2579
NIGHT 24/25/54	LANCASTER LS 642 "B"	P/O A.A. NEW SON P/O P.E. LIEWICKI Sgt THORP, A.F. W/O E.J. GALLOWAY Sgt KIRKMAN, R.E. Sgt BOWEN, L.C. Sgt MOORE, E.	- do -	2350	0431 1/2	The sky was clear and good visibility over the target. The target was marked by Red and Green T.I.'s, the Red cascading at 0220 hours backed by Green T.I.'s at 0224. The Red T.I.'s burned out so Green used for bombing. Bombs were released at 0225-05 hours - from 20,000 feet and 135°M. No results of bombing noted. No difficulties encountered. Bomb Load carried was the same as on Sortie A-2579.	A-2598
NIGHT 24/25/54	LANCASTER DS 729 "B"	P/O J.V. EASTON P/O D.D.J. LANKYER P/O WALKER, E.H. P/O E.S. GORDARD Sgt ADAMS, E.H. P/O E.W. KIRBY Sgt SCOTT, F. Sgt FRANK, D.H.	- do -	2347	0443	Sky was clear with good visibility over the primary target which was marked by Red T.I.'s. One cluster of Red T.I.'s were seen cascading at about 0220 hours and were in the bomb sights at the time of release 0225 hours. The altitude was 19,000 feet and the course 324°M. A few bombs fell through the T.I.'s and a few bombs underbunt. A number of small red explosions were seen at 0233 hours. On landing target area green T.I.'s were put down very close to the Red T.I.'s. The A.P.I. was 1/2. It appeared to be a good attack. The Bomb Load carried was the same as on Sortie A-2579.	A-2583
NIGHT 24/25/54	LANCASTER LS 634 "B"	P/O A.S. GUNDELIN P/O J.E. FISHER P/O L.C. BOWEN P/O J.A. DUNN P/O E.W. WILK Sgt LAMBERT, G.D. Sgt BROWN, E.V.J. Sgt BROWN, E.S.	- do -	2353	0419	This aircraft encountered slight haze but good visibility over the target area. Red and Green T.I.'s marked the target. Green T.I.'s were to the starboard of Reds. The Red T.I.'s received the major portion of the bombing which was well concentrated. One large orange explosion was seen at 0206 hours. Red T.I.'s were in the bomb sight and seen cascading at 0212 hours. Bombs were released at 0215-20 hours, from 28,000 feet and 340°M. 2 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D..025 jettisoned live - position 5115N - 0227E at 0153 hours and 28,000 feet and 1 x 1000 lb. M.C.T.D..025 jettisoned live at position 5115N - 0227E at 0156 hours and 17,500 feet. These bombs hung-up. The A.P.I. was 1/2. No difficulties but it was necessary to land at Shijian due to shortage of fuel. In Compass went 1/2 as we sloshed over Earth Sea causing fuel shortage. Bomb Load same as Sortie A-2579.	A-2584

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NIGHT 24/25/44	LANCASTER LE 636 "Q"	ENGINEER P/O VAUGHAN, E.G. P/O F.J. FREED P/O T. JONES W/O J.M. BOURN SOT LARSON, F.E. SOT CLAPHAM, W.E. SOT HANWICK, M.	BOMBING ACTIONS WENT MARSHALLING YARDS. (First Wave)	2345	0401	Visibility was good over the primary target which was identified by Red and Green T.I.'s. Green T.I.'s cascaded at 02:25 hours. The Red T.I.'s were in the bomb sight and cascaded at about 02:35 hours. Bombs were released at 02:35-45 hours from 18,000 feet and on a course of 200°M. Bombs were concentrated on the Red T.I.'s, though a few undershoots could be seen. A very large red explosion was seen at about 02:47 hrs. It was a good route and an effective attack. Bomb Load carried was 10 x 1,000 lb. M.O.T.D. 025, 1 x 1,000 lb. G.F.T.D. 025 and 3 x 500 lb. G.F.T.D. 025. It was necessary to land at Shipham due to fuel shortage.	A.2585
NIGHT 24/25/44	LANCASTER DE 657 "L"	P/O FRANKLIN, S.A. P/O T.J. DINGWALL P/O JACOBSEN, M. SOT BROWN, E.W. SOT GORDON, J.A.U. SOT LARSON, E. P/O W. WILSON SOT WILLIAMS, W.N.	- do -	2352	0424	This aircraft reported 2 - 1/10ths low cloud tops at 8000 feet with good visibility. Red T.I.'s backed by Green T.I.'s identified the target area. The Red T.I.'s were in the bomb sight and were seen cascading from 0221 hrs. Only the sighting head was used. Bombs were released at 0225-30 hours from 15,000 feet and on a course of 316°M. Numerous bomb bursts were seen on the Red T.I.'s, but Green T.I.'s were somewhat overshoot. Dust and smoke obscured the target. No difficulties were encountered. Bomb Load was the same as Sortie A.2585.	A.2586
NIGHT 24/25/44	LANCASTER LE 722 "N"	P/O H. BOURN P/O R.W. BOURN P/O C.A. BOURN P/O R.E. HOBBS SOT HANWICK, M. P/O A.M.E. DALL P/O E.H. S.H.E. BOURN SOT CLAPHAM, W.E.	- do -	0000 1/2	0427 1/2	Visibility was good with 2/10ths low cloud tops at 5000 ft. Target was marked by Red and Green T.I.'s. One Red T.I. was seen at 0225.30 hours followed by T.I. Green three minutes later slightly NE of the Red. Most of the bombing seemed to be slightly undershooting, and several small explosions occurred and some fires with dust and smoke which sprang up. Bombs were directed to slightly overshoot the Red T.I. which cascaded at 0225.30 hours. The time of bomb release was 0225-45 hours from 15,000 feet and on a course of 319°M. It was difficult to assess the result of the Raid. Bomb Load was the same as Sortie A.2583.	A.2587
NIGHT 24/25/44	LANCASTER LE 617 "T"	P/O W.J. MONTYEN SOT HOBBS, T.H. P/O J.J. COOKES P/O HANWICK, J.W. SOT GORDON, J.A.U. SOT HANWICK, E.J.P. SOT HANWICK, E.E.S.	- do -	2358	0446 1/2	There was slight haze and good visibility over what was believed to be the primary target. There were no markers seen so bombs were dropped on E.T.A. The D.R. run was from 504°M - 0311E. Bombs were released on the E.T.A. at 0230 hours from 15,700 feet and on a course of 304°M. The aircraft was unable to reach height as detailed. Bomb Load was the same as on Sortie A.2583.	A.2588

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NIGHT 24/25/54	LANCASTER DS 688 "R"	W/O P/O J.A. BROWN P/O HART, A.C.T. P/O J.V. PROVER W/O R.B. GIBSON SOT COCKE, H. SOT WHITE, A. SOT HUFF, A.J.	BOMBING AACHIN WEST MARSHAMANG YARDS (First Wave)	2557	0435	This crew reported no low clouds and good visibility over the target area, although there was some smoke. Red and Green T.I.'s identified the target. Only one Red was seen to go down with Green to the starboard. Bombing was only moderate, some of it seemed quite wild but appeared to improve later. The only results were smoke and dust. The Red T.I. seen cascading at about 0220.30 hours was in the bomb sight at the time of release. 0225.10 hours. The altituded at that time was 20,000 feet and the course 295°M. It was a good trip with no particular difficulties. The Bomb Load carried was 20 x 1,000 lb. M.C.T.D. 025, 1 x 1,000 lb. G.P.T.D. 025 and 3 x 500 lb. G.P.T.D. 025.	A-2587
NIGHT 24/25/54	LANCASTER DS 772 "T"	P/L H.C. MOYER P/O J.H. WYATT P/O GOODWIN, W.H. P/L S.O. BLENDEN, DFC P/O C.A.G. HAWCHER P/O A. DOLAN SOT RUSSELL, D.	- do -	2354	0432	The sky was clear with slight haze and good visibility over the primary target. Red T.I.'s identified the target. At 0225 Green T.I.'s were seen to go down to the right of the Red T.I.'s. A cluster of Red T.I.'s were in the bomb sight which were seen cascading at 0221 hours. Bombs were released at 0225.05 hours from 19,000 feet and a course of 320°M. Bombs seemed to be bursting around the red T.I. and appeared to be fairly concentrated. An explosion giving off a blinding flash was seen by the rear gunner at 0226 hours. 1 x 1,000 lb. M.C.T.D. 025 hung up. The A.P.I. went U/S on the outward journey. It seemed to be a good attack but it was too early to assess the results. R.E. as on Sortie A-2587.	A-2588
NIGHT 24/25/54	LANCASTER DS 720 "W"	SOT ANDREWS, D.R. P/O J.C. WILLIS W/O J.E. PILLATER W/O R.A. EVANS SOT MACDONALD, J.A. SOT CONNOR, J.J. SOT GRANT, H.B.	- do -	2359	0443	The sky was clear and visibility good over the target which was identified by Red T.I.'s. Bombs were directed at a cluster of Red T.I.'s which cascaded at about 0220 hours. The time of Bomb release was 0225 from 19,500 feet and the course was 316°M. Bombs were concentrated around markers and caused much dust to rise. The A.P.I. was U/S. It was a quiet trip and seemed a good attack. The Bomb Load was the same as on Sortie A-2587.	A-2589
NIGHT 24/25/54	LANCASTER DS 830 "W"	P/O BAILEY, T.E. P/O F.E. NELSON SOT CAMPBELL, H.H. SOT ROGERS, J.H. SOT HADEN, W.B. SOT VANDER, H.B. SOT WILLS, V.	- do -	2355	0444	There was some haze and good visibility over the target. Red and Green T.I.'s identified the target. The Red T.I.'s were seen cascading at 0222 hours followed by one Green at 0223 hours. The Green T.I.'s were in the bomb sight and bombs were released at 0225.10 hours from 19,000 feet and a course of 290°M. Bombing appeared short of Green T.I.'s. The route in the aircraft was on track 503M - 0550M and thence to 503M to 0430M in order to be on time at target. On track from target to base. It was a quiet route with no difficulties. Bomb load was the same as on Sortie A-2587.	A-2590

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NIGHT 24/25/5-44	LANCASTER DS 726 "Y"	3/L W.B. STEWART P/O G.E. MALLORY P/O W.G. BOWEN P/O J. BRAY P/O R.D. OCHSNER W/O2 H.F. MURPHY S/O2 SCAGHEL, J.E. W/O2 G. SAPHIRE	BOMBING AACHEN WENT MARSHALLING YARDS (First Wave)	2356 1/2	0428	This crew reported low cloud or haze with good visibility over the primary target. Red and Green T.I.'s marked the target. The Red T.I.'s were receiving the major portion of the attack. The Green T.I.'s were a little to starboard. The centre of the Red T.I.'s were in the Bombsights and were seen cascading at 0223 hours. Bombs were released at 0226.30 hours from 19,000 feet and a course of 317°. No difficulties were encountered on the attack. Bomb load carried was 10 x 1000 lb. H.C.T.D., 025, 1 x 1000 lb. G.P.T.D., 025 and 3 x 500 lb. G.P.S.D., 025.	A.2598
NIGHT 24/25/5-44	LANCASTER LE 725 "Z"	P/O E.M.C. FRANKLIN P/O M. BARTON P/O T.J. DELANEY W/O2 E.M. BROWN S/O2 ROUIDEAU, L.J. S/O2 GUYER, G.W. S/O2 MURPHY, J.J. P/S STEWART, T.W.	- do -	0001	0438	This crew found good visibility and no clouds over the target which was identified by Red and Green T.I.'s. The Red T.I.'s were seen at 0220 hours backed by Green T.I.'s and well concentrated. The centre of the Red and Green T.I.'s were in the Bombsights, one green seen cascading at 0224-0225 hours. Bombs were released at 0229-30 hours. The altitude at this time was 19,000 feet and the course 313°. Bombs appeared to straddle the markers. 1 x 1000 lb. G.P.T.D., 025 hung up over the target and fell into the bomb bay. There were no particular difficulties on the attack. The Bomb load carried was the same as on Sortie A.2591. <i>Hang up dropped into bomb bay</i>	A.2594
NIGHT 24/25/5-44	LANCASTER LE 643 "Z"	P/L W. SPAFFORD P/O D.E. HANDELL P/O W.J. CAMPBELL P/O F.J.O. FERRON P/O E.W. KIRKUP P/S BACH, G.L. S/O2 CLARK, A. W/O2 P. SAPHIRE	- do -	2356	0436 1/2	A clear sky with some haze and fair visibility was found over the target area. Red and Green T.I.'s identified the primary target. The Green T.I.'s cascaded at 0223.30 hours and were to starboard of the Red T.I.'s. No concentration of bombing. The Red T.I.'s were in the Bombsight and were seen to cascade at 0225.05 hours. Bombs were released at 0228 hours from 18,000 feet and a course of 318°. 1 x 1000 H.C.T.D., 025 was brought back due to hang up over target. It was a quiet route with no difficulties. Bomb load was the same as on Sortie A.2591.	A.2595
NIGHT 24/25/5-44	LANCASTER DS 768 "J"	P/O J.M. FAULKNER W/O2 E.C. HARVEY P/O J.A. MCNEILY W/O1 J. KIRKUP P/O M.A. GREENBERG S/O2 CAMPBELL, D.K. S/O2 ASQUITH, F. S/O2 HOFFELD, R.	- do -	2349	0447 1/2	There were no low clouds and visibility was good over the target. Red and Green T.I.'s marked the target area. Only one set of Red T.I.'s went down on run-up at 0220 hours, followed by Green to the north of the Red T.I.'s. The bombing was quite well concentrated around the Red markers. There were several orange explosions and much smoke and dust. Bombs were directed at the Red T.I.'s and were released at 0223.30 hours from 18,000 feet and a course of 286°. It seemed quite a good attack with no difficulties apart from that of reaching speeds and heights laid down. The Bomb load was the same as carried on Sortie A.2591.	A.2596

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NIGHT 27/28/54	LANCASTER DS 708 "A"	P/O BOWEN, G.A. P/O PHIPPS, I.H.T. SOT GOODWIN, R.A. SOT BOWEN, L. SOT DUCHANE, A.J. SOT CLAPHAM, W.R. SOT HOPFORTH, S.M.	BOMBING HOUSE & LAKESIDE MILITARY CAMP (First Wave)	2334	0450	This crew reported good visibility over the target with some ground haze. The target was marked with Red and Green T.I.'s. The Red T.I. were seen to go down at 0155 hrs., followed by Green, White and Yellow. T.I. Markers seemed well concentrated and bombs were bursting around all markers. The Master of Ceremonies instructed to bomb to port of concentration of Green and Red T.I. markers. Bombs were released at 0210 hrs from 10,000 feet and on a course of 094°. One explosion was seen at 0217 hours. Target soon became obscured by smoke and dust. It was a good attack. Going to heavy ground haze over Base it was necessary to divert to Bruntingthorpe. Bomb Load carried was 14 x 500 lb. G.P.N. Inst.	A.2595
NIGHT 27/28/54	LANCASTER DS 729 "D"	P/O D.L. SWINER P/O D.W. MCKILLAN P/O SWANICK, S. SOT S.W. GOSHER SOT SMITH, A.W. SOT MCCARTHE, O. SOT RUFF, A.J.	- do -	2336	0436	There was some haze but no clouds over the primary target which was identified by Red and Yellow T.I. One Green T.I. was burning on the ground. The Master Bomber instructed to bomb to port of aimed Red and Yellow T.I.'s. Bombs were released at 0213 hours from 10,000 feet and on a course of 104°. Green T.I.'s fell within the area bombed. The back of building appeared to be on fire. Marking appeared inaccurate and the runway was too long. Bomb load carried was the same as on Sortie A.2595. Landed and interrogated at Northwold.	A.2598
NIGHT 27/28/54	LANCASTER LL 634 "F"	P/O A.S. QUINLAN P/O J.M. FISHER P/O L.C. FOSBER P/O J.A. DUNN P/O L.W. WISE SOT LAMBERT, G.D. SOT SPINKS, W.J.	- do -	2338	0428	The visibility was good with some haze over the target. Red, Green White and Yellow T.I.'s marked the target but were somewhat scattered. Red T.I.'s were seen at 0157 hrs. followed by Green the Green and Red, White and Yellow. Master Bomber could not be heard, so bombed the Red T.I.'s which cascaded about 0207 hours. These appeared to be receiving a good concentration of bombing. Numerous small explosions and M1 fires were seen. Bombs were released at 0211.15 hours from 10,000 feet and 090°. The T.I. 1196 "D" and was w/a. No difficulties were encountered. This aircraft diverted to Croft as there was a ground fog over home base. Bomb Load was the same as Sortie A.2595.	A.2599
NIGHT 27/28/54	LANCASTER DS 727 "C"	P/O F.E. RADDER P/O H.G. THOMPSON P/O C.L. KIPP SOT FRY, R.D. SOT NESS, R.W. SOT JACQUES, J. SOT WHALLEY, V.	- do -	0017	0453	There was some haze with good visibility over the target which was identified by Red, Green and Yellow T.I.'s. First markers were seen to go down at 0158 hrs. and were scattered but bombing was concentrated to port of all T.I.'s. The Master of Ceremonies instructed to overshoot 1 sec. to port of all T.I. cascading at about 0210 hrs. Bombs were released at 0215.50 hrs. from 10,000 feet and 092°. An orange explosion was reported at 0216 hours. Much smoke and dust began to rise over the target area. The M.C. was heard clearly and attack seemed to be good. It was necessary to divert to Bruntingthorpe due to heavy ground fog at Base. Bomb Load was 8 x 500 lb. MC Nose & Tail Inst. and 6 x 500 lb. G.P. Nose and Tail Inst.	A.2600 A.2601

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NIGHT 27/28/544	LANCASTER II L.L. 636 "Q"	F/S COCKE, W.G. F/O H.G. SMITH F/O L.G. FERGUSON SGT DEAN, L.M. SGT CLARK, E.G. SGT CUNNINGHAM, E.J. SGT DEVAN, H.	BOMBING BOURS - LIMPOLD MILITARY CAMP (Second Wave)	2326	0427 DOWNHAM MARKET	Good, but heavy visibility was found over the target. Red, Yellow and Green T.I. Markers marked the primary and these were quite concentrated. Bombed the centre of this concentration at 0213 hours from 10000 feet and on a heading of 093°M. The concentration of the T.I. Markers were repeatedly straddled by sticks of bombs. On leaving the target, a large explosion was seen at approximately 0223 hours. The load carried was 14 x 500 lbs MC. Nose & Tail Inst.	A.2601
NIGHT 27/28/544	LANCASTER II B.S. 768 "J"	S/L F.W. HAYES F/O J.P. QUANE F/O R.J. CHAFF W/O L.J. HARRISON SGT INGRAM, L.A. F/S RICKER, M. SGT SCAGGILL, J.E.	- do - (Second)	2332	0455 BRUNTING- THORPE	Good, but heavy visibility was found over the primary target. The Red T.I. Markers were seen over the target. At the time of bombing, Red, White and Green T.I.s were cascading at about 0209 hours and the centre of this concentration were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 0212 hours from 10000 feet and on a heading of 092°M. Numerous bomb bursts were seen bursting around the markers. Dust and smoke soon obscured the T.I. One 500 lb MC. was jettisoned live at 5157M - 0323M at 0244 hours from 7000 feet due to hang up. A good attack. Diverted to Bruntingthorpe aerodrome. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2601.	A.2602
NIGHT 27/28/544	LANCASTER II L.L. 675 "K"	F/O J.M. FAULDER W/O E.G. HARVEY F/O J.A. MCKINLEY W/O S. RINGIER F/O W.A. GREENBURY SGT CAMPBELL, D.K. SGT ASQUITH, W.	- do - (Second)	2330	0422 CROFT	Good, but heavy visibility was found over the target which was marked by Red and Green T.I.s. Bombing was carried out to the left of all these markers at 0212 hrs. from 10,000 feet on a heading of 090M as instructed by the Master Bomber. Bombs seemed to be falling south of the T.I.s. Dust and smoke could be seen over the target. The attack seemed good. Hydraulics went u/s. on return journey. Diverted to Croft aerodrome. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2601.	A.2603
NIGHT 27/28/544	LANCASTER II B.S. 657 "L"	F/L S.E. FRANKLIN F/O T.J. DINGWALL F/S JAKUBINE, M. SGT. BROWN, R.W. SGT. GRIFFIN, J.A.U. SGT. LAMOND, R. F/O. W. WILSON SGT. OLIVER, G.W.	- do - (Second)	2347	0445 DOWNHAM MARKET	Moderate haze and no cloud was found over the target. The primary was marked by illuminating flares and Red T.I.s. The centre of the T.I.s were in the sights at the time of the release and this was carried out at 0210 hrs. from 10,000 ft. on a heading of 087M, and this was carried out on the instruction of the Master Bomber. Considerable bombing was seen on and around T.I.s, and a large explosion was seen at 0208 hours. Landed and interrogated at Downham Market aerodrome. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2601.	A.2604

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NIGHT 27/28/544	LANCASTER II L.L. 722 "H"	P/O. A.A. RYSON P/O. F.E. LIVINGSTON SGT. TRENCH, A.P. WO1. R.W. GALLAGHER SGT. REID, R.B. SGT. ROWLES, R.G. SGT. MOORE, M. SGT. CLARK, A.	BOMBING BOURG - LEOPOLD MILITARY CAMP (Second)	2328	0331 NORTH PICKERING HAM	Weather clear with good visibility was found over Primary target. Red, Green and White T.I. markers were seen over the target. Master Bomber instructed to bomb the centre of White and Green T.I.'s, and this was carried out at 0212 hours from 10,000 ft. on a heading of 092M. There was a good concentration of bombing around all markers causing much smoke and dust. The attack was considered good. Diverted to North Pickenham aerodrome. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2601.	A.2605
NIGHT 27/28/544	LANCASTER II L.L. 617 "F"	SGT. ANDREWS, D.B. P/O. J.C. WILLIS WO2. J.R. WELLINGTON WO1. R.A. EVANS SGT. MACDONALD, J. SGT. CHURCH, J.J. SGT. GRANT, H.B.	- do - (Second)	2343	0405 WHITTING HAM	Weather was clear with slight haze, visibility good over the target. Red, Green and Yellow T.I. markers were seen over the target. Bombing was carried out at 0211 hrs. at 10,000 feet at a heading of 092M on the centre of the T.I.'s as directed by the Master Bomber. Markers were scattered and bombing was concentrated around all T.I.'s. Attack appeared scattered. Diverted to Whittingham. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2601.	A.2606
NIGHT 27/28/544	LANCASTER II L.L. 643 "Q"	P/O. J.W. WICK WO2. J.A. INVERARITY P/O. FRITH, R.M. P/O. GIBBS, R.W. SGT. LAWRENCE, R.W. P/O. R.H. ROSE P/O. H. HUGILL	- do - (Second)	2354	0459 BRUNT- INGTHORPE	Hazy weather and good visibility were found over the target. Red T.I.'s and illuminating flares marked the target. Bombed as instructed by Master Bomber at 0213 hrs. at 10,000 ft. on a heading of 008M. Bombs seemed very well concentrated around the T.I.'s and the attack was considered good. Diverted to Bruntingthorpe aerodrome. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2601.	A.2607
NIGHT 27/28/544	LANCASTER II D.S. 688 "R"	P/O. F.T.S. PRICE P/O. A. GLENDENING P/O. M. McDONALD WO1. H.W. WILSON P/O. J.G. GRAY SGT. TODD, E.G. SGT. HADON, A. (MIA Und. Gnd. SGT. RUSSELL, J.A.)	- do - (Second)	2351	0431 BOWTHAM MARKET	Clear and fair visibility was found over the target, which was marked by Red T.I. markers. On instructions from the Master Bomber Red and Green T.I.'s were bombed at 0211 hrs. from 10,000 ft. on a heading of 091M. Results were not visible due to the dust and haze. However, the attack appeared to be good. Landed and interrogated at Downham Market. Load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2601.	A.2608
NIGHT 27/28/544	LANCASTER II D.S. 692 "S"	P/O. J.H. McCaffrey WO2. R.H. MITCHELL P/O. G.L. CROWE WO1. A.P. MARSDEN SGT. CAMPBELL, A.E. SGT. HARVEY, G.R. SGT. FRANKS, F.	- do - (Second)	2355	0437 DOWNHAM MARKET	Weather found to be clear with good visibility over the target which was marked by Red T.I. markers. The centre of the Red and White T.I.'s were in the sights at the time of the release and the release was made at 0212 hrs. from 10,000 ft. on a heading of 008M. This was carried out on instructions received from the M.B. Bombing appeared to be well concentrated on and around the target. One 500 lb. M.C. was brought back due to hang up over target. Diverted to Downham Market aerodrome. Load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A.2601.	A.2609

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NIGHT 27/28/5.44	LANCASTER II D.S. 772 "T"	P/L H.C. McIVER P/O J.H. WATT P/S GOODWIN, W.H. P/L T.O. FLEEDER, DFC P/O C.E.G. HANCHAR P/O A.J. DULATT SGT RUSSELL, D.	BOMBING BOURG - LAMBERD MILITARY CAMP (Second)	2340	0653 CROFT	Good but hazy visibility was found over the target which was identified by Red, Green and White T.I. Markers. On instructions received from the Master Bomber, bombed to the left of the markers mentioned, allowing one second for overshoot. This was carried out at 0212 hours from 10000 feet and on a heading of 100°. The camp was visually identified by flashes and bombing appeared to be well on. No difficulties encountered. Landed at Croft aerodrome. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2610.	A. 2610
NIGHT 27/28/5.44	LANCASTER II D.S. 720 "Y"	WOL C. McLEOD P/S MARGISON, A.E. P/S STONE, A.M.E. SGT PIERCE, J.F. SGT SILVER, L.A. SGT LINDER, J.F. SGT DODGE, J.A.	- do - (Second)	2355	0637 DOWNHAM MARKET	The weather was clear with good visibility over the target which was marked with Red T.I. Markers. Upon instructions received from the Master Bomber, bombing was carried out on the White, Red and Green T.I.s that were visible, and this was done at 0211 hours from 10000 feet and on a heading of 070°. The attack appeared to be well carried out. Landed and interned at Downham Market aerodrome. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2601.	A. 2611
NIGHT 27/28/5.44	LANCASTER II D.S. 830 "W"	P/O W.J. McINTYRE SGT DODGE, V.H. P/O J.J. CONNORS P/S KIRKSON, J.W. SGT GUINA, R.B. SGT RODNEY, R.J.P. SGT BUCKLAND, R.B.G.	- do - (Second)	2342	0658 BURNHAM THORPE CROFT	Weather over the target was hazy with good visibility. Red, Green, White and Yellow T.I. Markers marked the primary, and a concentration of the Red and Green T.I.s which were seen cascading at about 0210 hours were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 0212 hours from 10000 feet and on a heading of 091°. Some good fires were seen along with plenty of smoke and dust. One 500 lb HE M.I. was brought back due to hang up. No difficulties. Diverted to Croft. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2601.	A. 2612
NIGHT 27/28/5.44	LANCASTER II L.L. 725 "Z"	P/S REID, C.A. P/O G.D. BUTLER SGT SOSTAK, J. SGT CLINE, J. SGT FORBES, T.H. SGT FROST, J.H. SGT SLAYTON, R.W. MIA Under Comd. SGT BEAMER, D.H.	- do - (Second)	2356	0530 CROFT	Hazy weather with fair visibility was found over the target which was marked by Red, Green and White T.I. Markers. On the Master Bomber's instructions, the Red and White T.I.s which were burning on the ground were bombed at 0211 hours from 11000 feet and on a heading of 070°. Bombs seemed to make a heavy concentration around all the T.I.s. A large explosion was seen at 0213 hours. The attack was good. Diverted to Croft aerodrome. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2601.	A. 2613
NIGHT 27/28/5.44	LANCASTER II D.S. 726 "Y"	P/S W. SPAFFORD P/O K.H. HANSELL P/O M.J. GAMBELL P/O F.J.O. PHIBBS P/O M.A. BAKER P/S BACH, G.L. SGT CLARK, A.	- do - (Second)	2357	0640 BURNHAM THORPE	Very hazy weather with good visibility was found over the target, which was marked by Red T.I.s. On instructions from the Master Bomber, the bombs were released to the port side of the White T.I.s, and this was carried out at 0211 hours from 10000 feet and on a heading of 082°. The Red T.I.s were obliterated by bomb bursts. Considerable smoke obscured the target. Most of bombing appeared concentrated around the markers. One 500 lb HE M.I. was jettisoned at position 5150N - 0350E at 0241 hours from 7000 feet due to hang up over the target. No difficulties except for weather on return. Diverted to Bruntingthorpe. The load was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2601.	A. 2614

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NIGHT 31/5/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 708 "A"	P/O ROEMER, G.A. P/O PHIPPS, L.H.T. S/O GOODWIN, E.A. S/O ROBERTS, L. S/O DOUGLAS, A.J. S/O CLAPHAM, W.E. S/O HOPKINS, E.M.	BOMBING AU FIVE RADIO INSTALLATION (First Wave)	2201	0240	Hazy weather with good horizontal visibility was found over the target which was marked by Red T.I. Markers. A concentration of these T.I.s which were cascading at 0008 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and this was carried out at 0017 hours from 8000 feet and on a heading of 260°M. Some of the bombs fell short, but there was a good concentration on the T.I. Markers. At the time of bombing, a slight alteration of course had to be made to avoid striking another aircraft. Own bombs probably fell slightly to port. No trouble apart from anxiety over weather and having to alter course when bombing. The load carried was 14 x 1000 lbs GP TD 4025.	A.2615
NIGHT 31/5/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 707 "G"	P/O H.M. MCKINLEY P/O R.H. VOGAN S/O HARRIS, J. S/O HOLLAND, J. S/O ROBERTS, J.W. S/O T.S.G. WADE S/O CONWAY, J.	- do - (First)	2159	0213	Good visibility was found over the target which was marked with Red T.I. Markers. The centre of these markers which were cascading at about 0010 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0017 hours from 8000 feet and on a heading of 210°M. Bombing was concentrated and produced plenty of smoke and dust. Encountered a thunderstorm over England. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2615.	A.2616
NIGHT 31/5/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 634 "F"	P/L F.H. RADNER P/O M.G. THOMPSON P/O G.L. HOFF S/O FRI, M.H. S/O T. MOSE, E.W. S/O JACQUES, J. S/O WHALEY, W.	- do - (First)	2158	0307	Weather clear with good visibility was found over the target which was marked with Red T.I.s. Bombed on the left edge of a concentration of Red T.I.s which were cascading at 0010 and 0014 hours. This was carried out at 0018 hours from 8000 feet and on a heading of 211°M. Bombing seemed well grouped on and around the markers, and there was an explosion at about 0021 hours. Flight plan had to be varied owing to bad weather over England. The attack seemed good. The load carried was the same as that of Sortie No. A. 2615.	A.2617
NIGHT 31/5/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 700 "H"	P/O A.A. BUSHON P/O P.H. LINDSEY S/O TRENCH, A.P. WOL REV. GALLOWAY S/O DILL, J.A. S/O DOWLEN, E.G. S/O MOORE, M.	- do - (First)	2153	0125 WING	Clear weather was found over the target which was marked by Red T.I.s. These T.I.s were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0014 hours from 8100 feet and on a heading of 210°M. The bombs seen were in and among the markers, if the markers were properly placed, then the raid was very successful. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2615. Landed and inter-rogated at Wing aerodrome.	A.2618
NIGHT 31/5/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 838 "I"	P/O GOSSE, W.G. P/O M.G. SKINN P/O M.G. THOMPSON S/O HOGAN, L.M. S/O CLARK, G.C. S/O CHURCHMAN, E.J. S/O KEVAN, M.	- do - (First)	2204	0204	Clear weather with good visibility was found over the target, which was marked by Red T.I.s. The centre of these T.I.s which were cascading at 0008 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0017 hours from 8000 feet and on a heading of 211°M. Some bombs were seen bursting in the sea, due to one Red T.I. falling short. Most of the bombing was concentrated on that one T.I. Severe electrical storms were encountered on the outward journey. The route was quiet apart from the storms. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2615.	A.2619

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NIGHT 31/5/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 729 "D"	P/O J.M. PAULMER W/O E.C. HARTY P/O J. A. McINDOE W/O J. KIRK P/O M.A. GIBSON SOT CAMPBELL, R.K. SOT ASQUITH, F. Mid Und. Com. SOT MCCARTHY, G.	BOMBING AN FIVE RADIO INSTALLATIONS (First Wave)	2214	0209	Weather, quite clear, with good visibility was found over the target which was marked by Red T.I.s. The centre of salvo of Red T.I.s were in the sights at the time of the release, and this was carried out at 0014 hours from 8000 feet and on a heading of 214°M. Bombing was concentrated around the markers, and smoke soon rose. An orange-yellow explosion was noted at 0014 hours. Cloud conditions made flying difficult, especially on the homeward journey. No snags apart from weather. The raid seemed good. The load was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2615.	A. 2620
NIGHT 31/5/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 657 "E"	P/L S.R. FRANKLIN P/O T.J. DINGWA LL P/S JAKUBOW, M. SOT BROWN, R.V. SOT GORDON, J.A.U. SOT LEWIS, R. SOT PANTING, R.J.	- do - (First)	2147	0150	Clear weather with good visibility was found over the target which was marked with Red T.I.s. The centre of these T.I.s, one of which was cascading at 0011 hours, were in the sights at release time. The release was made at 0015 hours from 8000 feet and on a heading of 207°M. Two markers fell short to the starboard side and into the sea. Bomb bursts appeared concentrated. Thunderstorms were encountered over England. No other trouble. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2615.	A. 2621
NIGHT 31/5/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 722 "H"	P/O M. SUTH HILLARD P/O R.V. BUCHER P/O G.A. BOULSON P/O M.K. HOBBS SOT HANFORD, A. P/O A.M.E. De MILL P/O S.H.R. BONE Mid Under Com. SOT CLARE, A.	- do - (First)	2203	0850	Clear weather with slight haze and very good visibility was found over the target which was marked with Red T.I.s. The centre of a concentration of Red T.I.s which were cascading at 0010 hours and 0011 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and this was cascading at 0017 hours from 8000 feet and on a heading of 202°M. Most of bombing was well concentrated on and around the markers with a slight tendency to undershoot. A greenish yellow explosion was seen at 0017 hours and 0018 hours and three more later. Static electricity was encountered. Also had to fly lower than anticipated over England to keep clear of clouds. No snags apart from weather. The attack seemed good. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2615.	A. 2622
NIGHT 31/5/44	LANCASTER II L.L. 617 "T"	SOT ANDREWS, D.E. P/O J.C. ELLIS W/O J.E. FLEETTER W/O R.L. SWAIN SOT MACDONALD, J.A. SOT CORRY, J.J. SOT GRANT, R.B.	- do - (First)	2150	0310	This crew was forced to abandon the task at the target at 0025 hours as there were no markers visible for bombing. Three 1000 lbs GP TD 025 bombs were jettisoned at 0025 hours at position 4912N 0150W at 0030 hours from 7000 feet in order to bring weight down to make a safe landing. The remainder of the load was brought back. Landing over the target at 0030 hours, but the Red T.I.s which were seen at 0010 hrs. had burned out, so an orbit was made, and still no further markers were dropped, so the task was abandoned at this point. An explosion in the target area was seen at 0033 hrs. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2615.	A. 2623

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NIGHT 31/5/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 688 "R"	P/L J.W. WEIS WO2 J.A. INVERARITY P/S PLITTON, B.M. P/S GRIGGS, R.W. SGT LOWRIE, R.W. P/O R.W. BELLIN P/O J. HUGILL Mid Under Grm. WO2 T. La FLEMMES	BOMBING AN FEYER RADIO INSTALLATIONS (First Save)	2156	0220	Clear weather with good visibility and alight haze was found over the target, which was marked with Red T.I.s. One of these markers which was cascading at 0007 hours was in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0020 hours from 8000 feet and on a heading of 210°M. There was a good concentration of bombs around the Red T.I.s. An orange coloured explosion was seen at 0017 hours. The attack seemed good. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2615.	A. 2624
NIGHT 31/5/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 727 "O"	P/L E.M.C. FRANKLIN P/O M. BARTMAN P/O T.J. BERNARD DELANEY WO1 R.W. BROWN SGT ROBINSON, L.J. SGT OLIVER, G.W. SGT MEECHAM, J.J. Mid Under Grm. P/S STEWART, T.W.	- do - (First)	2155	0207	Clear weather with good visibility was found over the target which was marked by Red T.I.s. The estimated centre of these T.I.s which were cascading at 0010 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0017 hours from 8000 feet and on a heading of 219°M. Bomb bursts were very numerous, and most of the burst were over the T.I.s with some undershooting. Severe electrical storms were encountered both on the out and inward journey. The route was quiet. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2615.	A. 2625
NIGHT 31/5/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 692 "B"	P/O J.A. BROWN P/S HART, A.G.T. P/O J.F. PROVEN WO1 R.E. GIBSON SGT COOKE, H. SGT WEST, A. SGT HUFF, A.J.	- do - (First)	2214	0231	Three to 5/10ths clouds with good visibility was found over the target. Red T.I. markers marked the primary, and the centre of these markers which were seen cascading at 0010 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and this was carried out at 0016 hours from 6200 feet and on a heading of 225°M. Bombs could be seen bursting in and around the markers. A large column of smoke rose at the start of the attack and a number of explosions were reported after leaving the target. The trip was good. The load carried was the same as on Sortie Nov. A. 2615.	A. 2626
NIGHT 31/5/44	LANCASTER II D.S. 722 "T"	P/L F. SPANFORD P/O E.L. HANMILL P/O W.J. CAMPBELL P/O J.J.C. PUGHEN P/O E.W. BISHOP P/S BACH, G.L. SGT CLARK, A.	- do - (First)	2209	0157	Clear weather with some haze and good visibility was found over the target which was marked by Red T.I.s. The centre of these markers which were cascading at 0010 hours were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0014 hours from 8400 feet and on a heading of 203°M. Bombs seemed to fall alongside the markers. Two explosions were seen at 0016 hours. Bad weather was encountered from Gooles to Oxford. No other difficulties. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2615.	A. 2627

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NIGHT 31/5-44	LANCASTER II D.S. 790 "V"	WO1 C. McLEOD F/S BJARNASON, A.E. F/S STOKES, A.M.E. SGT FLAHER, J.F. SGT SILVER, L.A. SGT LAMBER, J.F. SGT INGLE, J.A.	BOMBING AU FEYRE RADIO INSTALLATIONS (First Wave)	2225 2152	2222 0259	Clear weather with slight haze and good visibility was found over the target which was marked with Red T.I. Markers. These T.I.s were seen cascading at 0010 hours, and were in the sights at the time of the release. The release was made at 0020 hours from 8200 feet and on a heading of 220°. The bombing was well concentrated. The trip was good. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2615.	A. 2628
NIGHT 31/5-44	LANCASTER II D.S. 841 "X"	F/O W.J. McDFYRE SGT DOOLEY, T.H. F/O J.J. CONNORS F/S REVISION, J.V. SGT GUINA, R.H. SGT RODENSKY, E.J.F. SGT HUCKLAND, E.E.C.	- do -	2218	0033	This crew was forced to abandon the task at position 524LN and 0022 hours from 2500 feet due to weather and severe icing conditions. Five 3600 lb bombs were jettisoned live at position 534LN - 0130 hours from 2800 feet. The remainder of the load was brought back. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2615.	A. 2629
NIGHT 31/5-44	LANCASTER II D.S. 726 "Y"	S/L W.D. STEWART F/O G.E. MALLORY F/O W.C. BURNS F/O J. BRAY F/O R.D. OCHSNER WO2 H.F. MURPHY SGT VALLER, H. WO2 R.G. LE FINEHUSPO	- do - (First)	2206	0211	Clear weather with good visibility was found over the target which was marked with Red T.I.s. The concentration of bomb bursts were in the sights at the time of the release, and the release was made at 0022 hours from 8200 feet and on a heading of 208°. There was a good concentration of bombs. However, many fell short of the target. Two explosions were reported shortly before bombing. Winds were different from those forecasted, but the attack appeared to be quite good. The load carried was the same as on Sortie No. A. 2615.	A. 2630

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