

OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

APPENDIX A.8.....

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DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

Target - MANNHEIM/10/10 by 428 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

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FOR THE MONTH OF February, 1945.

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
	A/C B, Y, W, L	carried: 1x1000 lb HC, Trit. Nose	Instr. 14 (no. 1)	06/10	cap. 42 fuse, 5 x (20 97 bundles) nickels.		
	A/C K, O, G, I,	1x1000 lb " Minal,	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "		
	A/C N, Y, Z,	1x1000 lb " T.N.I.	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "		
	A/C F,	1x1000 lb ME BR, 1x500 ME BR,	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "		
	A/C Q,	1x1000 lb " " , 1x500 USA GP-ARM. 64,	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "		
1st February.	LANCASTER X B. KB.764	J.15666 F/L J.D. Craton,	- Pilot	1528	2227	Primary 1922, 17000, 078, 155, 9/10th cloud tops 3000 ft. Ident by red TIs. Bombed same, good concentration. Good glow on cloud. First red TI seen at 1917.	
	LANCASTER X N. KB.771	J.27557 F/O Pauli, G.R.	- Pilot	1516	2306	L/MANNHEIM 1921.7, 16000, 07A, 160, 9/10 strato/Clu 12000, vis. fair. Ident by red TIs cascading at 1911 - red/green stars. Gee check, visually built-up area. Bombed centre of green TIs. TIs well concentrated in built up area. Many fires burning furiously confined within built up area. Pilot cannot understand tactics of early climbing to bombing height at about 1810 hours WOF reported to pilot that he had overheard on E/T instructions being passed to German fighter. "Fly 273" and take-off procedure. A/C in 5-6 deg of dive over T/A. Pilot thinks a/c straight and level when bombs dropped. Slight bank to stbd when 2nd photo taken.	
	LANCASTER X G. KB.848	J.26466 F/O Roulston, K.G.	- Pilot	1532	2209	L/MANNHEIM 1921.8, 16500, 080, 200, 10/10 thin cloud, 40000 vis. fair. Ident by flare/green stars. Red TI seen cascading at 1912. Wanganui had dried out. Bombed fires. Too late on target to see TIs. A large area of fires well concentrated. Good attack. D.R. master unit went up at 1856 hrs. ROUTE and tactics ok. A/C straight and level during bombing run.	
	LANCASTER X I. KB.792	J.23034 F/L Berry, D.E.	- Pilot	1531	2258	Primary 1919.3, 16500, 066, 190. Break in cloud over T/A. Surrounded by 10/10 low strat. to 6000. Ident by red and green TIs. First TI red seen at H-3 followed by three groups of red and one of green TIs all fairly well together and some bomb bursts seen short of TIs covering an area from TIs back 1/2 mil. Route satisfactory. Tactics and met did not agree over France. 10/10 cloud in briefed heights over France. A/C straight and level between bombs away and camera operating.	
	LANCASTER X K. KB.784	J.11313 F/L Googe, A.L.	- Pilot	1520	2120	Primary 1922.2, 17500, 076, 155, 8/10 cloud washed tops 12/14000 Ident by fires-wanganui flares-red/green stars. Bombed centre of fire concentration. Concentration of fires was excellent. Gee packed up on way in D.R. was t u/s uncertain of position so landed at B45 to make certain. ROUTE and tactics ok. Sky markers burst too high 17000 ft. Camera level when picture taken and while camera turned over.	

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1st February	LANCASTER X L. KB.725	J.21668 F/L Miller, B.B. - Pilot	B.B. - Pilot	1525	2316	Primary 1921.4, 16000 ft, 078, 180, 10/10 strato cu. tops 15000, vis. good. Ident by red and green TIs cascading. Red flares with green stars. Gee check on target point. Bombed three groups of red flares with green stars across our tracks about 200 yds apart we lined on the centre one. TIs seen falling at 1911 hrs only one lot seen red in slour. Bombing mostly accurate and well concentrated but 6 or 7 loads were dropped short on the decoy on track (approx 49284-0621R) good fires burning and numerous bomb burst. One large explosion.	
	LANCASTER X OK. KB.838	J.39551 F/O Mutch, A.D. - Pilot	A.D. - Pilot	1538	2302	Primary 1921.4, 13000, 072, 155, 8/10 st. cu over target with break all around target tops 6000 ft. vis. good. Ident and bombed concentration of fires. Red TIs seen on run up to target but went out before bombing. A good concentration of fires seen.	
	LANCASTER X P. KB.760	J.35506 F/O Anderson, R. - Pilot	R. - Pilot	1533	2314	1/WANNHEIM 1922.5, 15500, 076, 160. Ident by red/green stars flares, visually, shine and built up area. Bombed centre of flares red/green stars. Flares well concentrated. Bombing 3/4 mile concentrated in target 1/4 short. Many fires well in target. Computer box v/s, no pressure.	
	LANCASTER X Q. KB.795	J.12473 F/L Quinn, G. - Pilot	G. - Pilot	1521	2301	Primary 1921.1, 15500, 072, 160, 10/10th strato up to 8/6000. Ident by red TIs on bombing run. Green when we arrived. Gee. Bombed centre of green TIs. PPP well concentrated although wanganui red with green stars burst at 16000 ft. Route and tactics satisfactory, bombing run and photographic run straight and level.	
	LANCASTER X V. KB.777	J.8960 F/O Pearce, G.W.A. - Pilot	G.W.A. - Pilot	1534	2256	Primary 1916.5, 15900, 078, 160. Ident by red TIs red flares with green stars and a Gee check. Bombed approx centre of the two clusters of red TIs seen first at 1911 hrs. Both ground and sky markers well concentrated. Bombing well concentrated. Aircraft over target so well concentrated we had to keep weaving. A very large explosion seen reflected on clouds. H2S v/s.	
	LANCASTER X W. KB.794	J.8436 F/L Ellison, K.I. - Pilot	K.I. - Pilot	1530	2255	Primary 1915, 14000, 084, 160, 10/10 low hazy cloud up to 5/6000. Ident and bombed on Red TIs cascading. H2S and Gee. Too early in attack to judge results. Bombed 14 clusters 4/4 to 4/4. H2 fuse hung up and brought back. Bomb doors held by H/F.	
	LANCASTER X Z. KB.793	J.87368 F/O Noel, N.A. - Pilot	N.A. - Pilot	1522	2235	Ludwigshafen, 1914.8, 17000, 078, 155, 9/10 cloud layered tops 8000. Ident and bombed centre of good cluster of red TIs. Gee check. Markers were well concentrated as good as we have seen as we left the T/A we could see the incenda taking fire and large fires were burning in a good concentration, smoke was rising.	
	LANCASTER X Y. KB.778	J.85592 F/L Gaskin, V.M. - Pilot	V.M. - Pilot	1535	2303	Primary 1915.8, 15000, 065, 165, layer cloud over target. Broken tops 6000 ft. vis. good. Ident and bombed red TIs. Very large concentration, TIs very good concentration. Could not see any results of attack being in first wave of attack.	
	LANCASTER X X. KB.747	J.5981 F/L Goldie, J.K. - Pilot	J.K. - Pilot			Abortive NOET non starter. On take off port revving blew us off runway. Taxied to take off and blew stbd tire.	

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				Up	Down		
	LANCASTER X Q. KB.795	J.12473 F/L Quinn, G. - Pilot	- Pilot	2015	0316	Primary 2338.3, 18000, 098, 160, 10/10 strat up to 15000 ft. Ident and bombed on Ges. No bombing results seen due to clouds. No PPP. Route and tactics not too bad other than failed to see reason for height on first leg. Weather good.	
	LANCASTER X V. KB.777	J.89640 F/O Pearce, G. - Pilot	- Pilot	2024	0238	Primary 2338.7, 19000, 104, 155, 10/10 cloud tops 10000 ft. Ident by Ges fix and glow in the clouds. Bombed on glow in the clouds. Nothing seen owing to the clouds. A large explosion was seen to port at 2339. No markers seen at all - see a glow but no results. Route and tactics ok.	We could
	LANCASTER X W. KB.794	J.9436 F/L Ellison, K.I. - Pilot	- Pilot	2007	0318	Primary 2339.4, 18500, 090, 155, 10/10 cloud tops 12000. Ident by Ges - H23 - glow in the clouds. Bombed on Ges. No results seen. No markers seen at all. Dummy markers seen to stbd. Colours good could be seen coming through cloud. Bomb was on the target not passes on as briefed. Route and tactics good.	
	LANCASTER X X. KB.747	J.35506 F/O Anderson, R. - Pilot	- Pilot	2010	0328	Primary 2341.8, 18000, 090, 160, 10/10 strat up to 18000. Ident and bombed by Ges. No results obtained due to cloud. Route satisfactory would have preferred going into as low as 8000 with 40 miles of W/A.	
	LANCASTER X Z. KB.793	J.27557 F/O Pauli, S.R. - Pilot	- Pilot	2013	0306	Primary 2346.5, 20000, 085 155, 10/10 St Cu with tops at 20000 via approx 150 yds. Ident by Ges fix Tis red. Bombed on Ges. No observations could be made owing to cloud. One cluster of Tis red seen approx 35 mt. before reaching target. No markers visible on bombing run. Concentration of w/o good. w/c jolted by flash right after bombs gone, which made the w/c stagger camera light was on.	
	LANCASTER X Y. KB.778	J.39551 F/O Mutch, A.D. - pilot	- pilot	2019	0342	Primary 2344.2, 19500, 099, 150, 10/10 thin layer cloud 20000, small opening in cloud at target, vis. fair. Ident by green TI, Ges check. Bombed centre of green Tis 1 1/2 sec overshoot. Many incendiaries seen in a compact mass around green Tis which themselves were well concentrated. No fires seen. Observer using on initial climb. Only able to get 150 IAS at 2650 rev. from base to target. TI target was from start to finish. Route such that it was difficult to make up lost time. Otherwise route and tactics good.	

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Target - BONN.

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				Up	Down		
	A/C W, G, C, N, K, carried	1x4000 lb Trit Nose fuzed, 1755 x 4	1b IB, 195 x 4	1b 'X' type, 0 x 4 x WG 28 nickels.			
	A/E P, M, C, Z,	1x4000 " Minol "	" " " " "	" " " " "			
	A/C A, X,	1x4000 " " " "	" " " " "	" " " " "			
	A/C V,	1x4000 " " " "	" " " " "	" " " " "			
<u>4/5th</u> <u>February</u>	<u>LANCASTER X</u> <u>A. KB.791</u>	<u>J.5981 F/L Goldie, K.K. - Pilot</u>		<u>1728</u>	<u>0010</u>	Primary 204.9, 19500, 035, 195, 10/10 stratus cloud up to 15/14000 ft. Ident by Gee and glow after T/A. Bombed glow of red-T/A through cloud checked by Gee. Glow of red-T/A brought us 3 min past Gee R/P. We did not see T/A cascade. One multi coloured dummy flare dropped to our stbd just as we bombed. Route and tactics satisfactory. Camera light indicated a/c straight and level.	
	<u>LANCASTER X</u> <u>C. KB.757</u>	<u>J.92860 P/O Johnson, G.A. - Pilot</u>		<u>1716</u>	<u>0014</u>	Primary 2051.3, 18000, 053T, 200, 10/10 stratus tops 16000 vis-unlimited. Ident and bombed flares red with green stars. Insufficient marking seen. Red glow seen through cloud, no further observations possible due to cloud. Route and tactics very good. Results of attack obscured by cloud. A/C straight and level during bombing run. Camera light not noticed.	
	<u>LANCASTER X</u> <u>K. KB.784</u>	<u>J.11313 F/L Googe, A.L. - Pilot</u>		<u>1818</u>	<u>2355</u>	Primary 204.8, 19500, 053, 155, 10/10 layered tops 12/14000 vis-good. Ident by red/green stars sky markers. Gee check. Bombed centre of glow on the ground. Markers seemed to be to stbd, gee check made about 1/2 mile overshoot. One explosion was seen in T/A 204.8. No estimate possible owing to cloud. Route and tactics good. Raid did not seem too good. Possibly an overshoot. a/c straight and level during bombing.	
	<u>LANCASTER X</u> <u>M. KB.820</u>	<u>J.21668 F/L Miller, B.B. - Pilot</u>		<u>1705</u>	<u>2357</u>	Primary 2053.9, 17500, 010, 200, 10/10 stratus. Ident by Gee and flare red with green stars. Bombed by Gee. One red flare with green stars seen at 2050 h.a. Burned out by time we bombed. Two cans of incendiaries 14 and 15 stations hung up and brought back. Route and tactics satisfactory although we were on time at concentration points but lost time on last leg due to wind shift.	
	<u>LANCASTER X</u> <u>N. KB.771</u>	<u>J.15666 F/L Craton, J.D.C. - Pilot</u>		<u>1709</u>	<u>0017</u>	Primary 204.9, 19000, 053, 155, 10/10 stratus cloud up to 14/5000 ft. Ident by Gee red flares with green stars. Bombed centre of red flares with green stars. Flares overshoot Gee R/P about 30 sec. A good white glow could be seen on cloud base for some distance after target. Route and tactics ok.	

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	LANCASTER X O. KB.898	C.887 W/C GALL, M.W.	- Pilot	1711	0006	Primary 2053.1, 20000, 050, 155, 10/10 stratus 10000 vis. poor. Ident by red TIs cascading at 2045.5 flares red/green stars. Bomed - mess side of pink glow on cloud. TIs had dropped through cloud and flares extinguished as bombs dropped. Cookie explosion - glow on clouds rather scattered. Red glow over a wide area could be seen for 100 mi. Difficult to assess attack.	
	LANCASTER X P. KB.760	J.35506 P/O Anderson, R.	- Pilot	1714	2352	Primary 2053.5, 18000, 045, 160, 10/10th cloud. Ident by Gee one flare red with green stars. Bomed on Gee. The one wanganui flare we saw on way up at 2045 hrs was burned out when we arrived. Route and tactics satisfactory.	
	LANCASTER X Q. KB.795	J.12473 F/L Quinn, G.	- Pilot	1722	0001	Primary 2053, 17500, 053, 160, 10/10 cloud tops 12000 layered. Ident by sky markers red/green stars - green TIs. Bomed centre of near edge of green glow in the cloud. Gee checked. Attack seemed scattered. Incend glow spread out no results seen. Route and tactics tasty. PFF were late results hard to assess.	
	LANCASTER X V. KB.777	J.29776 P/O Ashby, W.G.	- Pilot	1707	0005	Primary 2049.8, 18500, 010, 190, 8-9/10 haze stratus 5000 vis. fair. Ident by red TI cascading at 2045, Gee fix. Bomed centre of red and green TI well concentrated on ground. Glow of cookie bursts - well concentrated. Reddish glow on cloud seen from 100 mi away, difficult to assess attack. Route and tactics ok.	
	LANCASTER X W. KB.794	J.9436 P/L Ellison, K.L.	- Pilot	1720	2348	Primary 2049, 18500, 058, 160, 10/10 Cu tops 1042000. Ident red glow on cloud wanganui, Gee check. Bomed red glow on cloud. The attack was scattered the release PG checked by Gee. PFF were late only one flare seen about 7 min. late. No results seen. Route and tactics good. No results seen a glow could be seen in the sky for some time after we left.	
	LANCASTER X X. KB.747	J.16986 F/L ROSS E.20860 P/O Johnson, G.A.	W.L. - Pilot	1706	0018	Primary 2050.5, 18000, 053, 175, 10/10 stratus 10000 vis. good. Ident by red flares/green stars, Gee homing. Bomed red flare/green stars. One red/green flare seen, white glow on cloud turning orange red after left target. Difficult to assess attack. Nav. things bombing 10-15 sec overshoot (from Gee homing). Route and tactics ok.	
	LANCASTER X Z. KB.759	J.19551 P/O Mitch, A.D.	- Pilot	1713	0012	Primary 2058.8, 18500, 040, 160, 10/10 cloud tops 6000 ft. vis. fair. Ident by green glow, Gee. Bomed fairly well concentrated glow in the cloud which could be seen as far as the French coast. 1 1/3 can of incendiaries hung up and brought back. Route and tactics ok. Hard hard to assess. P/O bombing around ought in slipstream.	

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Target - COCH

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				Up	Down		
	A/C G. W. carried:						
	" Q, U, "	" " " "	" " " "			GP Tail Inst.	
	" K, N, V, "	" " " TRIT "	" " " "			GP Tail Inst.	
	" A, "	" " " "	" " " "			GP Tail Inst.	
	" G, I, O, "	" " " TRIT "	" " " "			GP Tail Inst.	
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	" Z, "	" " " TRIT "	" " " "			GP Tail Inst.	
7/8th February	LANCASTER X A. KB.791	J.5981 P/L Goldie, J.K. - Pilot	- Pilot	1841	0019	AGBT, 10/10 stratus tops 6000 ft. vis. good. Ident by Gee check and green glow on clouds and bomb flashes at 2221.5. MB not heard unable to identify so did not bomb. Full load brought back. Route and tactics ok if target had been clear. Clear to about 35/40 miles of the target.	
	LANCASTER X C. KB.757	J.39551 P/O Mutch, A.D. - Pilot	- Pilot	1853	0051	AGBT, 10/10 stratus tops 7000 ft. vis. good. Ident by glow on cloud checked by Gee at 2221.5. MB heard ordering bomb centre of red and green TIs. Could see them so orbited but he called it off before we got back. Only results seen were the glow and some flashes. Jett. safe 1x1000 HEWNT NI M. at 5220N 0309E at 2353.5 hrs from 10000 ft. Bal. of load brought back. Route and tactics good. Unable to assess results.	
	LANCASTER X D. KB.843	J.37032 P/O Walsh, D.R. - Pilot	- Pilot	1843	0202	AGBT, M/B called off attack. Ident by red and green TI seen through break in cloud on orbitarity at 2222, orbited un-completed. Jett safe 2x500 lb at 5232N 0322E at 0004 from 8000 ft. Balance of load brought back. Route and tactics ok.	
	LANCASTER X C. KB.848	J.26466 P/O Boulston, K.C. - Pilot	- Pilot	1845	0021	AGBT 10/10 stratus tops 6000 ft. vis. 2-3 mi. Ident by TI green seen through small breaks in cloud. Only one marker run break in cloud M/B heard clearly started orbit but MB called it off before orbit completed. No results observed due to cloud. Load brought back. Route and tactics ok. Would not judge success of attack due to cloud cover.	
	LANCASTER X I. KB.846	J.15866 P/L Craton, J.D.C. - Pilot	- Pilot	1842	0226	AGBT stratus up to 6000 ft. haze at 5000. Ident by red and green TIs Gee at 2221.5. Small fire seen when we baked cloud as MB called off bombing. Whole load brought back as per MD. Ran in on Gee, no TIs MB heard at 2221 saying dont bomb below clouds thick and orbit and did an orbit and as orbiting we finished M again M/C called off bombing.	
	LANCASTER X K. KB.784	J.11315 P/L Googe, A.L. - Pilot	- Pilot	1840	0105	AGBT 10/10 stratus tops 4/8000 ft. vis. fair. Ident by glow on clouds and Gee check at 2221.5. M/B heard on Bendix only and first instructions heard were to call it off a few minutes seen reflect on the cloud and a small area of blow. Full load brought back. Route and tactics would have been good if target had been clear.	

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	LANCASTER X N. KB.771	J.92860 F/O Johnson, C.A. - Pilot	C.A. - Pilot	1908	0112	AOBT, M/B called off attack at 2222.5 hrs. On order of M/B ALL bombs brought back. Route and tactics ok. Impression of good attack many 'cookie' explosions well concentrated seen on run in.	
	LANCASTER X O. KB.838	J.21668 F/L Miller, B.R. - Pilot	B.R. - Pilot	1837	0137	AOBT. Ident by few green TIs run. M/B not heard. Jett. safe 4x500 lb at 5215N 0301E at 0004 hours from 9000 ft. Balance of load brought back. Route and tactics ok. Cannot assess attack.	
	LANCASTER X V. KB.795	J.12473 F/L Quinn, G. - Pilot	G. - Pilot	1911	0152	AOBT 10/10 low strat tops 6000 ft. via 2 j.m. Ident by glow seen through cloud and some flashes at 2222. Started orbit but M/B called it off before orbit complete. Jett. safe 4x500 ANM 6, USA GP TD, 025 at 0003 hours from 5222.5 N 0310E at 6000 ft. Rest of load brought back. Route was good, tactics weren't good as friendly TIAK came up from Belgium Diver area. One a/c was seen coded by friendly a/c and then shot down. Could not judge results of attack due to cloud in T/A.	
	LANCASTER X U. KB.781	J.35506 F/O Anderson, R. - Pilot	R. - Pilot	1902	0127	AOBT 9/10 stratus up to 6000 ft. base. Ident by red and green TIs. Gee at 2221. Saw red and green TIs as we ran in on Gee but heard no MG started an orbit MG said to bomb green TIs as we opened bomb doors a second time bombing called off. Load brought back.	
	LANCASTER X V. KB.777	J.29776 F/O Ashby, H.G. - Pilot	H.G. - Pilot	1905	0129	AOBT, 9 to 10/10 stratus tops about 5000 ft. vis. good. Ident by green TIs through small break Gee checked good at 2221.5 M/B heard only once at 2223 hrs ordering do not attempt to bomb through cloud. Did not hear his again due to jamming MG did not attack, full load brought back. Route and tactics were good if target had been clear. No picture taken.	
	LANCASTER X W. KB.794	J.9436 F/L Ellison K.I. - Pilot	K.I. - Pilot	1905	0044	Primary at 2221.9, 5000, 054, 170, 9-10/10 stratu cu 5500 vis. good. Ident by Gee homing red and green TIs at 2221.9 Dashed centre red and green TIs on M/B instructions. Red and green TIs well concentrated in built-up area about 6 sticks seen to go down. All landed in town seemed good attack. Though no fires seen and results would not be seen. Route tactics ok, A/C straight and level all through bombing run, good attack. Camera set for about 7000 ft.	
	LANCASTER X S. KB.759	J.16986 F/L ROSS, J.W.L. - Pilot	J.W.L. - Pilot	1801	0158	AOBT 7/10 stratus 5/6000 ft. Ident by gee at 2224.2. No results seen. Ran in on Gee saw no TIs did not receive MG as we ran through T/A, so brought home full load.	

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Target - DRESDEN.

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				Up	Down			
				BOMB	LOAD			
	A/C K. Y. Z. carried:	1x4000 lb MC TRIT Moss	Instr. 5x500 lb	USA GP AND 64 TD	025	4x250 GP Tail Instr. 1xXG97 Nickels.		
	A/C G. W.	" " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " "		
	A/C I.	" " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " "		
	A/C A.	" " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " "		
13/14th February	LANCASTER X A. KB.791	J.37032 P/O Walsh, D.R. - Pilot			2109	0721	Primary 0142.1, 18500, 070, 155, Clear, smoke. Ident by waggam, red TIs and fires. MB instructed red TIs and then said bomb fires. The whole city was in flames and the centre was blazing, some bomb bursts seen, some dummy markers seen to port. Route and tactics good, weather ok, attack seemed very successful.	
	LANCASTER X G. KB.848	J.26466 F/O Roulston, K.G. - Pilot			2046	0802	Primary 0141.3, 18500, 086, 155, patch of cloud up to 15/1800 drifted over as we ran in otherwise clear. Ident by red and green TIs. Bombed centre of red TIs surrounded by fires MC not received. Fires from previous attack seen 160 miles away on run in, burning furiously and well concentrated. On run out glow of fires seen for over 180 miles. Route and tactics satisfactory. Camera light operated.	
	LANCASTER X I. KB.846	J.15666 F/L Craton, J.D.C. - Pilot			2056	0751	Primary 0141, 18000, 054, 155, 2/3-10ths thin layered stratus patchy. Ident by fires from last attack sky marking and red TIs. MB instructed red TIs and centre of the fires. The T/A was a mass of flames the south side of the river was blazing. Seemingly in an oval shape, most successful trip. Route and tactics good; the trip was very good and the attack was as good as we have seen. No opposition of any description.	
	LANCASTER X K. KB.784	J.11313 F/L Googe, A.L. - Pilot			2050	0635	Primary 0142.1, 19000, 078, 150, clear vis. good. Ident and bombed on TIs red. M/B very good bombed red TI on his instructions TIs were not plentiful but were accurate. Fires well concentrated. Route and tactics good. MB clearly heard attack should be very successful.	
	LANCASTER X M. KB.820	J.21668 F/L Miller, B.B. - Pilot			2055	0723	Primary 0140.5, 18000, 056, 140, 3/10 strat. 5-5000, vis. good. Ident by mixed red and green TI visually Ident by characteristic bends of river in city. Bombed M/B instructions centre of fires. Red and green TI cascading at 0137 good concentration of TI some bombs falling a short a real concentration of bombs on target centre of old town enveloped in flame. Dummy fire sited one dummy fire 3 miles east of A/F. Route and tactics ok. A really good ping.	

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				Up	Down		
	LANCASTER X U. KB.781	J.12473 F/L Quinn, G.	- Pilot	2052	0653 Sudbury	Primary 0142.5, 17500, 074, 160. Clear. Ident by red TIs cascading into fire concentration. Bombed centre of burning area as per MG. TIs obscured by smoke and fire. Fires from previous attack seen at 0100 hours on run in. Whole area well burning. Route and tactics satisfactory.	
	LANCASTER X W. KB.794	J.10572 F/L Swartz, H.W.	- Pilot	2044	0613 Sudbury	Primary 0142.4, 21000, 050, 150. clear scattered wispy cloud tops 6000. Ident by river seen vertically MB instructions and red TI. Bombed red TI and centre of fires on MB instructions. There was a perfect bowl of cloud around the T/A as we came into it we could see the river and the red TIs going into the fires. The attack was very well concentrated about the beat we have seen. Route and tactics were good. The attack was the best we have seen.	
	LANCASTER X Y. KB.778	J.29776 F/O Ashby, W.G.	- Pilot	2048	0728	Primary 0140, 17500, 075, 155. clear. Ident by red and green TIs fire concentration river bend. Bombed centre of fire concentration as per MG. Fires from previous attack burning furiously on run in, could be seen from last turning point. Smoke and fire obscured centre of city but built up area seen around it fires seen over 150 mi. When we ran off MG heard moving attack around to cover area. Route and tactics satisfactory.	
	LANCASTER X Z. KB.739	J.16986 F/L Ross, W.L.	- Pilot	2057	0710 Sudbury	Primary 0157, 18000, 354, 175. clear. Ident by red TIs fire concentrations. Bombed centre of fires as per MG. Whole area burning furiously. MG moved attack around efficiently. Route and tactics good timing good to point and from there we had difficulty with winds. Last dog leg brought us over A/P on 354.	

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				Up	Down		
	LANCASTER X W. KB.771	J.10102 F/L Pratt, C.W. - Pilot	- Pilot	1619	0143	Primary 2107.4, 19000, 053, 165, 10/10 with breaks, tops 19-20000 vis very good. Ident and bombed on TIs green. Marking was scattered slightly to north of target. Scattered fires obscured through breaks in cloud, MB not heard. Route and tactics were good. Scattered fires could be observed in T/A.	
	LANCASTER X O. KB.838	C.27109 F/L Latimer, R. - Pilot	- Pilot	1648	0203	Primary 2107, 19000, 007, 200, 7/10 thin str. tops 18500. Ident and bombed centre of green TIs. MB not heard, the attack was fairly scattered incends burning, which did not produce any fire. More cloud in T/A than briefed. Route and tactics ok.	
	LANCASTER X Q. KB.795	J.25096 P/O Brown, D.R. pilot	- Pilot	1630	0132	Primary 2105.5, 20000, 045, 175, 10/10 layers with breaks, vis. unlimited. Ident by flares green with red stars, and TIs green and red. Bombed centre of TI green and red. Markers plentiful well concentrated, fires in T/A seemed well alight and concentrated with fires.	
	LANCASTER X S. KB.864	J.10986 F/L Hadley, J.F. - Pilot	- Pilot	1646	0201	Primary 2115.2, 19500, 050, 155, 4/10 at 18000, vis. good. Ident by two salvoes green TI seen cascading, red TI seen on ground. Bombed centre of 2 salvoes of red TI. Target well alight and fires. Bombing fairly well concentrated. Route and tactics ok. Fairly good prog. Bombing seemed well concentrated.	
	LANCASTER X W. KB.796	J.55264 P/O Mytrak, W. - Pilot	- Pilot	1647	0141	Primary 2103.3, 20000, 051, 150, 10/10 av. enr. b/w/str tops 15000. Ident and bombed flares green with red stars. Concentration of markers was not great. Did not hear MB at all. Scattered incendiary fires observed through cloud, H2S went 1/4. Route and tactics good. Fires were scattered in T/A.	
	LANCASTER X I. KB.747	J.7608 F/L Hay, R.D. - Pilot	- Pilot	1622	0155	Primary 2112.4, 19530, 285, 385, 10/10 thin str tops about 4/3000 ft. vis. good. Ident by green TIs and one red flare with green stars. Bombed centre of main cluster of green TIs. Markers first seen at 2059 hrs. MB heard giving wanganui priority, but only one seen and this burned out early on first run over target. Couldn't pick out any markers as orbitted. Large area of scattered fires seen. Lots of fires seen but hard to assess whether successful or not. Route and tactics considered good.	
	LANCASTER X Y. KB.778	J.92860 P/O Johnson, G.A. - Pilot	- Pilot	1631	0145	Primary 2104.7, 19000, 030, 155, 8/10 thinner tops 15/16000. Ident by green and red TIs, sky markers, glow on clouds. MB said "Bomb wanganui" wanganui went out so we bombed on the incends on the ground (only 2 sky markers seen). There was a good concentration of fires in the T/A. If the marking was on the attack should be good but scattered. Rear turret w/s. More cloud in T/A than briefed for and higher. Route and tactics good. If MB had brought 4/4 down to cloud base (14000ft) it would have been really good, estimated fair attack.	
	LANCASTER X A. KB.791	J.41866 P/O Cox, G. - Pilot	- Pilot	1623	0208	Primary 2109.55, 14000, 091, 155. Clear, vis. good. Ident by green TI and fires. MB said base of cloud 14000 we thought he meant us to go down so we did and bombed centre of TIs falling into fires. One large cluster of fires with its falling into them and some scattered each side. Some bomb bursts seen. The target was really burning and you could see it for 40/50 miles. Route and tactics good. The raid should be very successful.	
	LANCASTER X C. KB.757	J.38377 P/O Payne, D.N. - Pilot	- Pilot	1623	0208	Attacked by a JU.88 at 50.5N 0615E from 18000 at 1958 hrs. W/U observed e/s from 2nd quarter above and gave order corkscrew to abd. W/U opened fire with short burst and 4/a disappeared at port bow up. No damage to fighter assessed.	

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A.F. FORM 541

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

Target - DORTMUND.

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				Up BOMB	Down LOAD		
	A/C S.M.L.O.V.W.X. carried:	1x1000 MD TD.125.	1755x4 1b ING.,	195x4 1b	ING. ("M" type),	4x25 97 Pkgs Nickels.	
	A/C U,	" " " "	GP USA AN.M.44,	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	
	A/C G,	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	
	A/C E,	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	
	A/C D,	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	
	A/C A,	" " " "	GP USA AN.M.44,	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	also 2 x WC 34 Nickels.
	A/C B,	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	7 x 98 " "
	A/C I,	" " " "	MD TD.025,	1755x4	" " " "	" " " "	6xWG pkgs Nickels.
20/21st February	LANCASTER X A. KB.791	J.15812 F/L Conquist, G.W. - Pilot		2105	0434	Primary 0111.2, 18000, 027, 200, 10/10 St 4000 ft vis. good. Ident by flares green with red stars. Bombed centre of 3 R/G flares green with red stars. Number of R/E flares seen on run up. Bombing well concentrated. Target burning well. Route and tactics good, successful prag. Fires seen 5 mi. out from target.	
	LANCASTER X B. KB.764	J.20150 F/O Lewis, E.T. - Pilot		2156	1459	Primary 0125, 18500, 030, 155, 8-10/10 cloud 7000 ft. vis. good. Ident by sky markers green/red stars. glow of fires on cloud fires on ground through break. Geo fix. Bombed centre of biggest fire area seen through a break in clouds. Wanganui well concentrated. Bombing well concentrated but a number of aircraft seemed to have overhot, main area of fires well concentrated. Other smaller areas also burning. Good attacks	
	LANCASTER X D. KB.843	J.37032 F/O Walsh, D.R. - Pilot		2121	0454	Primary 0145.5, 19000, 021, 160, 300/30, 9/10 St 3000 ft. vis. good. Ident by red TI. Bombed centre of glow of red TI seen through thin cloud. A good concentration of red TI, many fires bombing concentration good. Route and tactics good, target well marked successful prag.	
	LANCASTER X E. KB.816	J.25096 F/O Brown, D.R. - Pilot		2143	0446	Primary 0112, 19000, 025, 175, 10/10 S. C. 5000 ft. vis. good. Ident by flares green with red stars. Bombed centre of flares green with red stars. Solid area of fire in T/A. R/E flares spread over large area. Route and tactics good. Large fires in T/A. Successful operation.	
	LANCASTER X G. KB.848	J.26466 F/O Boulston, K.C. - Pilot		2106	0429	Primary 0105.5, 18000, 025, 160, 9/10 thin at up to 4000 ft. Ident by red TIs green TIs green flares with red stars. Geo fix. Bombed on red TIs. Good fire glow on cloud base. Route and tactics satisfactory.	
	LANCASTER X I. KB.846	R.89372 W/O Campbell, R.C. - Pilot		2114	0444	Primary 0114, 18500, 027, 155, Ident by flares green with red stars. 10/10 St. 8000 ft. vis. good. Bombed centre of flares red with green stars, T/A Solidly covered in flames. Bombing concentrated on fires. Route and tactics ok. A very good prag.	
	LANCASTER X K. KB.767	J.26086 F/L Hayes, G.W. - Pilot				Combat: Attached by a twin engine over 1/4 at 0114 from 15000 from port quarter above, ordered corkcrew port, fire a short burst and fighter was seen breaking away to port quarter down. Order was given to resume course and we continued on to the target.	

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				Up	Down		
	LANCASTER X L. KB. 867	J.18722 F/L Webb, A.S. - Pilot		2119	0456	Primary 0113.6, 18500, 025, 160, 8-9/10 thin cloud up to 14000. Ident by green flares with red stars red TIs into cloud. Gee. Bombed green flares with red stars. Good fire glow on cloud base. Route and tactics satisfactory.	
	LANCASTER X M. KB. 820	J.21668 F/L Miller, B.B. - Pilot		2108	0455	Primary 0104.6, 17500, 010, 180, 10/10 tops approx. 8000, vis good. Ident and bombed on TIs. Marking seemed accurate glow from seemed well concentrated. Observation difficult owing to cloud. Route and tactics seemed good. Target obscured by cloud through which a solid glow from fires was seen. Attack seemed a success.	
	LANCASTER X O. KB. 838	O.27109 F/L Latimer, R. - Pilot		2112	0452	Primary 0113.7, 18000, 052, 180, 10/10 tops approx 6/8000 ft. vis. with. Ident and bombed centre of TIs red. Three clusters of TIs cascaded at 0113 hrs. Glow from fires seen through cloud also through a small break in the cloud. Fires seemed concentrated. Route and tactics good. Glow from fires seemed concentrated. Attack should be a success.	
	LANCASTER X U. KB. 781	J.16986 F/L Ross, W.L. - Pilot		2128	0455	Primary 0114.5, 18500, 025, 170, 9/10 cloud tops 8-10000 ft. vis. good. Ident by flares green red stars checked by Gee. Bombed centre of a group of 5 flares green with red stars flares were close together. Attack did not appear concentrated. Glow of fires on cloud seen. Markers first seen at 0103 hrs. I can IB hung up and brought back. Weather excellent, route and tactics very good. Attack while appearing scattered could have been on the city.	
	LANCASTER X V. KB. 777	J.10986 F/L Hadley, J.P. - Pilot		2109	0449	Primary 0114.7, 19000, 028, 155, 10/10 str. cloud up to 8000. Ident by green flares with red stars fire glow. Gee. Bombed green flares with red stars. Good white fire glow on cloud base. Route and tactics satisfactory. Good steady bombing run.	
	LANCASTER X W. KB. 794	J.2436 F/L Ellison, K.L. - Pilot		2110	0415	Primary 18000, at 0104.1, 018, 150, 10/10 S.C. thin cloud up to 6/10000. Ident by red and green TIs green flares with red stars. Gee and fire glow. Bombed glow of the near red TIs below cloud. Good glow of fires beneath the cloud. Route and tactics fair, although the area plotted well in advance. Advance predicted risk at Cologne and Dusseldorf and P.P. just over battle line.	
	LANCASTER X X. KB. 747	J.7608 F/L Hay, R.L. - Pilot		2131	0501	Primary 0116.6, 18000, 020, 160, 8/10 cloud tops 10/12000 vis good. Ident by Gee, flares green with red stars. Bombed glow of flares green with red stars on cloud. Flare seen going down and into cloud. Markers first seen 0028 hrs were fairly well concentrated and continuous good fires judging by amount of reddish orange glow on cloud. Route and tactics good. Bright moonlight helped in spotting fighter. Attack looked fairly successful.	
	LANCASTER X G. KB. 848	J.26466 F/O Boulston, R.C. - Pilot				Combs: Attacked by a ME.210 at 5150N 0640E, from 15000 at 0125 hrs, heading 271 deg. Visual port beam level against dark sky. MUG spotted e/a stbd beam at 300 yds, port corkscrew and short burst fired, fighter lost, no claim.	

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Target - DUISBURG.

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*13151-2513 W. 2722-4158 734 1944 T.S. 780

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up BOBS	Down LOAD.		
A/C B, A, E, G, L.		carried: 1x4000 lb HC	NI Trinamol	8x1500lb	10% ID	(10% type), Oxi WG 33 nickels.	
A/C D, M.		1x4000 "	" "	8x1500lb "	" "	" " " Oxi "	
A/C W, X.		1x4000 "	Minal	8x1500lb "	" "	" " " Oxi "	
A/C Y, V.		1x4000 "	Trinamol	" "	" "	" " " Oxi "	
21/22nd February	LANCASTER X A. KB.791	J.10986 F/L Hadley, J.F. - Pilot		1924	0220	Primary 2312. 18000, 052, 200, thin layer of str. at 5000 ft. Vis. good. Ident and bombed centre of flares green with red stars. Red TI seen cascading but burned out before a/c reached target. Bombing well concentrated. Large fires. On outward route at French coast passed through returning bomber stream. Late due to strong headwind at bombing height.	
	LANCASTER X B. KB.764	J.90150 F/O Lewis, R.T. - Pilot		1920	0235	Primary 2317. 19000, 075, 155, 4/10 thin str. 4/5000. Ident by river, red TIs. Bombed centre fires where red TIs had dropped. Good attack about four loads of bombs scattered off to port of target. A good operation and good tactics.	
	LANCASTER X D. KB.843	J.37052 F/O Walsh, D.R. - Pilot		1916	0204	Primary 2304.5. 18500, 041, 155, 9/10 at cu tops 1/5000 ft. vis above unlit. Ident by TIs red, Gee fix. Bombed centre of red and green TIs. Markers plentiful and accurate. Fires seen through break in cloud and seemed to be very well concentrated. Route and tactics good. Winds adverse.	
	LANCASTER X E. KB.816	J.25096 F/O Brown D.R. - Pilot		1901	0206	Primary 2306.5, 18000, 042, 155, 10/10 St. cu with breaks. Vis. unlit. Ident by red TIs. Bombed centre of green TIs. Marking plentiful and well concentrated. A very good concentration of fires seen through breaks in cloud. Route and tactics good. Adverse winds. Attack was very well concentrated, with the T/A a mass of flames.	
	LANCASTER X G. KB.848	J.26466 F/O Roulston, K.C. - Pilot		1912	0157	Primary 2303.7, 19000, 035, 170, layer thin cirrus 18000 ft. ground base. Ident and bombed centre of green TI. Target well marked with both red and green TI. Bombing concentrated. Some fires scattered throughout T/A. Route and tactics ok. Operation successful.	
	LANCASTER X I. KB.784	R.89372 F/S Campbell, B.C. - Pilot		1902	0221	Primary 2307.3, 19000, 043, 155, 8/10th thin cloud up to 15000 8/10 thin cloud up to 15000, Ident by flares green with red stars red and green TIs; Gee. Bombed centre of red TIs surrounded by green TIs. Large area well covered with flames. Good concentration of PFF and bombing. Route and tactics good.	
	LANCASTER X L. KB.867	J.18722 F/L Webb, A.S. - Pilot		1918	0210	Primary 2309, 18500, 040, 160, thin layer of cloud up to 14000. Ident by red TIs green TIs and Gee. Bombed centre of green TI concentration. Concentrated bombing but under shooting. Everyone was bombing on same heading. Route and tactics satisfactory. Good bombing run and camera operated.	

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				Up	Down		
	LANCASTER X M. KB.820	J.7608 F/L Hay, R.D.	- Pilot	1914	0212	Primary 2306.6, 18000, 027, 170, 7/10 str ou up to 8000 ft. Ident by red TIs green TIs fire concentration. Bombed centre of fire concentration. His bombed out, when we arrived. He obscured by smoke. Bombing concentration in a line with tendency to underheat. Green flames steady seen 5 miles west of the red TIs cascading. At 2314 hrs large explosion in TA not long burning. Route and tactics satisfactory.	
	LANCASTER X O. KB.838	J.1866 F/O Cox, G.	- Pilot	1903	0213	Primary 2305, 18500, 046, 180, 6/10 str at 3-4000. Ident by red TIs, checked by Gee. Bombed TIs red and green in the centre. Burning good as they left target where TIs had dropped. Seemed the commencement of a good attack. Fires could be seen from 20 miles. Bombing w/e. Leg out of target over heavy defences. Not understood.	
	LANCASTER X S. KB.864	G.27109 F/L Lathum, R.	- Pilot	1922	0227	Primary 2308, 16000, 043, 200, 10/10 st. cu. tops 17/18000 vis. below unlit. Ident by TIs red and Gee. Bombed centre of TIs red. TIs green seen going down at 2307. Red TIs were not plentiful. Not very well concentrated. On leaving T/A fires held and were well concentrated. Could be observed 80 mi. from T/A. Route and tactics good. Winds adverse. Fires well concentrated. Attack should be very successful.	
	LANCASTER X U. KB.781	J.16986 F/L Ross, W.L.	- Pilot	1906	0218	Primary 2309, 18500, 041, 180, 6/10 thin cloud. 10000 ft. vis. fair, clear to T/A. Homed on Gee. Ident by red and green TIs, green red stars flares, fires on ground. Bombed green TIs on far side. Considerable amount of smoke. Good explosions in fires. Good attack.	
	LANCASTER X W. KB.794	J.9436 F/L Ellison, K.L.	- Pilot	1904	0157	Primary 2309.8, 17500, 054, 195, clear but hazy, vis. good above haze. Ident and bombed centre of red and green TIs. Large concentration of red and green TIs. Target well marked. Bombing concentrated. Many small fires covering T/A. Route and tactics ok.	
	LANCASTER X Z. KB.747	J.38377 F/O Payne, D.M.	- Pilot	1910	0209	Primary 2312, 19000, 035, 155, 6/10 thin cloud up to 14000. Ident by green TIs, fire concentration, Gee. Bombed green TIs. TA going well could be seen 100 mi past TA. Route and tactics satisfactory.	
	LANCASTER X Y. KB.778	J.3526 F/O Mytrak, W.	- Pilot	1859	0228	Primary 2315.5, 19000, 005, 190, thin layer str. 14000 ft. vis. good, Ident by Gee fix. Bombed centre of concentration of fires. T/A of about 10 sq. mi. covered with flames. H28 w/s. Route and tactics ok. Good prang.	
	Addition to LANCASTER X M. KB.820	J.7608 F/L Hay, R.D.	- Pilot			Combat. Attacked by unidentified at 51228-0642 at 2314 hrs. From 18000 ft. U/A R/A stbd quarter level, opened fire at 400 yds. B/G returned fire with one short burst. E/A ceased fire and was lost.	

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A.F. FORM 541

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Target - PFORZHEIM.

By No. 428 (R.G.A.F.) Squadron

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(1333-0311) W. 0872-1155 739 2044 U.S. 800

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				Up	Down		
				BOMB	LOAD		
	A/C O, U, W, X, V, P, carried: 1x 4000 lb HC. TRIT. Nose Inst.			1000lb.	14 clusters,	5 x 22 97 bundles nickels.	
	A/C A,			"	"	"	
	A/C M,			"	"	"	
	A/C L,			"	"	"	
	A/C B,			"	"	"	
	A/C K,			"	"	"	
23 rd Feb	LANCASTER X A. KB.791	J.16812 F/L Conquist, G.W. - Pilot		1513	0013	Primary 2002.5, 8000, 090, 160, clear via. good. Ident by centre of red TI, and bombed on same on instructions of MB. Concentration (big), of red and green TI seen cascading at H-7. Bombing well concentrated, target noted mass of fire. Route and tactics OK. Very good triang. Fires seen on home-ward route for 100 miles 165 climb ok.	
	LANCASTER X D. KB.843	J.17032 F/O Wals., D.R. - Pilot		1517	0006	Primary 2002/2, 7500, 088, 160, clear below. Ident by red TI sky markers red with green stars. Bombed what was considered to be centre of red and green TI mixed the smoke as instructed by MB. Then position was very close to A/P. Good concentration. Bombing well concentrated, a/c well concentrated over the target. Fires seen, to be taking hold. Markers were well concentrated and on time. Route good, but tactic would have been better related to met over England.	
	LANCASTER X G. KB.848	J.25096 F/O Brown, D.H. - Pilot		1501	0023	Primary 2005, 7500, 095, 160, clear. Ident by red and green TIs red flares river forest seen on run in. Bombed centre of red TIs as per MB. Concentrated bombing. Whole area well alight plenty of PFF. Route and tactics satisfactory although fighters seemed to be waiting for us.	
	LANCASTER X I. KB.846	J.16722 F/L Webb, A.S. - Pilot		1514	0029	Primary 2002.2, 8500, 110, 165, clear. Ident by rivers and built-up area seen red and green TIs. Bombed centre of red TIs as per MB. T/A well alight PFF well hacked up and generous. Route and tactics satisfactory. One a/c seen with Nav. lights on as we left target.	
	LANCASTER X K. KB.784	J.18317 F/O Payne, D.M. - Pilot		1504	0025	Primary 2001.5, 8500, 080, 160, good weather. Ident by red and green TIs and shape of town. Bombed one sec. overshoot on east centre of red and green TIs. Very good marking and bombing a very large explosion smoke good to 8000 ft at 2008. Mid upper turret w/s. very good trip. Fighter fighter seemed to be waiting at target.	
	LANCASTER X M. KB.820	J.41866 F/O Cox, G. - Pilot		1500	0044	Primary 2003, 8500, 984, 160, some small amounts of scattered cloud 1/4000, good weather. Ident by ground detail of built-up area and red/green TIs. Bombed centre of fire where red TIs had landed. Concentrated marking and bombing. Circuit breaker w/s. Couldn't heat gunner's suits. Pilot camera w/s. Some icing going down England. Jett. safe 1400. 14 cluster C6/10 exp 42 fuse at 5015N 0013, at 2302, 11000 feet.	

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				Up	Down		
	LANCASTER X D. KB.858	C.887 W/O Gall, M.W.	- Pilot	1515	0001	Primary 20.00, 8500, 089, 165, 2/10 str. 6/7000 (very little) Ident by river ground detail red and red green TIs mostly on port side of AE. Bombed centre of mixed red and green TIs. Very good prang. Very concentrated, bomb right on TIs. Smoke 6/6000. Were in overcast for 2 hours and this could have been cleared if tactic had been 1000 higher. Couldn't hear M.B. on button C 1996KT. Climbed 8800 at 165.	
	LANCASTER X F. KB.760	C.27109 F/L Laturner, R.	- Pilot	1530	0039	Primary 2008.5, 8000, 077, 160, clear vis very good. Ident by red and green TIs. MB heard but not intelligible. River big bend S.W. Columns of smoke. Bombed centre of compact con- centration of red/green TI on estimated SW side of town. TIs well concentrated. Whole target area ablaze with red fire, much black smoke which could be seen 30 mi. away on run out. An oblong block of blazing fires with cookie explosions scat- tered though out. A devastating attack. Route and tactics good.	
	LANCASTER X V. KB.777	J.39551 F/O Mutch, A.D.	- Pilot	1525	0037	Primary 2008/7, 7500, 082, 155, clear. Green TI smoke and fires. Train seen on west end of marshalling yard and from that green TI concentration seen to the east. Bombed centre of green TI concentration. Smoke up to 9000 ft. Red TI first seen at 1915 hrs. Illuminating flare seen. Very good fires had taken hold A very good prang with lots of fires and smoke. Fires visible for 70/80 mi. after leaving TA. Route too low to take evasive action if attacked by fighters had occurred. Route good.	
	LANCASTER X U. KB.781	J.35506 F/O Anderson, R.	- Pilot	1510	0031	Primary 2005.4, 8500, 084, 170, good weather, no clouds. Ident by red and green TIs. Bombed centre of green TIs. Well con- centrated. Smoke up to 8000 ft. In cloud going down England and channel. Climbed ok at 165. Good tactics and route.	
	LANCASTER X W. KB.794	J.9436 F/L Ellison, K.I.	- PILOT	1522	2349	Primary 2002, 7500, 094, 170, clear, vis. good. Ident visually railroad, river, red and green TIs. Bombed centre of red and green TIs first seen cascading at 1955 hrs. Red and green TIs well concentrated to ether. Bombing accurate. Well concentrated on markers. Many fires starting up with much smoke. Good at- tack and tactics good. Good prang.	
	LANCASTER X Y. KB.778	J.35264 F/O Mytruk, W.	- Pilot	1507	0012	Primary 2001.1, 8000 ft. 084, 160, clear vis. good. Ident and bombed centre of large concentration of green TI, on MB instructions. Target very well marked. Bombing right on it. Fires already burning. One explosion, reddish in colour to port of TI. Route and tactics very good. Successful operation fires visible for 100 mi. on homeward route.	
	LANCASTER X M. KB.820	J.11846 F/O Cox, G.	- Pilot			COMBAT: Attacked dead aster by an unseen aircraft over T/A at 2008, 8500, 238T. Gunner corkc screwed to stbd and opened fire. Fighter disappeared to stbd up and the W/O gave order "Resume Course".	

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Target: - M aine.

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
				BOMB	LOAD		
	A/C P.O. O.P.S.W. carried	1x1000 lb. HC. TRIT.	Nose Inst. 14x30. 14 Clusters,			6 x WG 28 bundles nickels.	
	A/C B.	1x1000 lb. HC. TRIT.	Nose Inst. 14x30. 14 Clusters,			2 x WG 26 bundles nickels and 2 x WG 33 bundles nickels.	
	A/C D.I.	1x1000 lb. HC. TRIT.	Nose Inst. 14x30. 14 Clusters,			6 x WG 33 " "	
	A/C G.V.	1x1000 lb. HC. TRIT.	Nose Inst. 14x30. 14 Clusters,			6 x WG 28 " "	
	A/C Y.	1x1000 lb. HC. TRIT.	Nose Inst. 14x30. 14 Clusters,			6 x WG 28 " "	
	A/C N.	1x1000 lb. HC. MINOL	Nose Inst. 14x30. 14 Clusters,			6 x WG 28 bundles of nickels.	
27th. Feb.	LANCASTER X "B" KB. 764	J. 90150 P/O Lewis, R.T. - Pilot		1236	2005	Primary 1632.0, 17500, 102T, 155, 10/10th. cloud. Ident by green smoke puffs and bombed centre of same. PFF on time but marking meagre. Gaggle good, escort also good, Master Bomber forward in BMDPX.	
	LANCASTER X "D" KB. 843.	J. 1866 P/O Cox, G. - Pilot		1230	1956	Primary 1634.5 hrs, 18000 ft, 100T, 170, vis. good, 10/10th. cloud. Ident by green smoke puffs and bomber centre of three green smoke puffs, on instructions of MB. Marking meagre. Impossible to get on correct heading due to slipstreams too much bunching smoke puffs and too faint in colour, leaders of gaggle early on target.	
	LANCASTER X "R" KB. 816	J. 38377 P/O Payne, D.M. - Pilot		1218	2017	Primary 1635.5 hrs, 17500 ft, 102T, 155, 10/10th. cloud vis. unaided. Ident. by green puffs and bombed centre of three seen going down at 1634.5, markers insufficient results obscured by cloud. Route and tactics good. MB heard giving instructions to bomb sky markers. A/C straight and level during run and taking of picture camera light was on, no results could be obtained due to cloud.	
	LANCASTER X "G" KB. 848.	M. 89372 W/O Cambell, B.O. - Pilot.		1226	2000	Primary 1632.8 hrs, 18000 ft, 095T, 155. Ident. by green smoke puffs and bombed same on instructions of MB. Dark smoke seen billowing up above cloud top as we ran off W/S. Route and tactics satisfactory and bombing seen and photographic run good and level.	
	LANCASTER X "I" KB. 846.	J. 11313 P/L Googe, A.L. - Pilot.		1241	1949	Primary 1631.0, 17000 ft, 100T, 155, 10/10th. cloud tops 8000ft. vis. good. Ident by green smoke puffs and bombed midpoint of two smoke puffs. Only two green smoke puffs seen. No observation due to cloud. Gaggle formation good but gaggle to stbd. of track approaching target. MB. heard ok. Escort good.	
	LANCASTER X "J" KB. 771	J. 39551 P/O Mitch, A.B. - Pilot.		1238	2013	Primary 1636 hrs, 15500 ft, 102T, 180. 10/10th. cloud tops 8000 ft. Ident. by green smoke puffs. MB said bomb green smoke puffs. Some a/c had transmitter on at 1624 repeated the bombing winds. No estimate possible owing to cloud cover. Sky markers were spread all over the area. Aircraft came in from all over the place. The gaggle leader was early and PFF was late and this spoiled things generally. Nothing seen in P/A except yellow veer and smoke. A/C straight and level during bombing run. Forts missed the gaggle.	

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				UP	DOWN		
	LANCASTER X "G" KB. 836	G. 887 W/C Gall, M.W.	- Pilot	1220	1944	Primary 1631.7 hrs, 17500 ft, 102T, 165 A.S.I., 10/10ths cloud tops 10000 ft. Ident by Gee and green smoke puffs and bombed centre of three green smoke puffs. MB not heard the frequencies last two times on French and one English drowning out MB. FFP were late only three puffs were seen. No estimate possible. Route and tactics ok, Yellow very and smoke from gaggle leader very good. Gaggle over spread out, leader speeds and navigation were not too good. Ports crossed the gaggle and broke it up they were above us and below us. A/G straight and level during entire bombing run.	
	LANCASTER X "P" KB. 760	J. 7608 F/L Hay, R.D.	- Pilot	1223	2008	Primary 1630.6 hrs, 17000 ft, 100T, 175, 10/10ths. cloud tops 8000 ft. Ident by green smoke puffs and bombed centre of two puffs. MB, heard on Bendix "Bomb sky markers". At about 100 miles away black smoke could be seen coming through the cloud tops. No assessment possible. Route and tactics ok. Gaggle leader was four minutes early. Forward apart of stream were 90° off when the markers went down. A/G straight and level when bombing, evasive action was taken as camera turned over to avoid another band.	
	LANCASTER X "Q" KB. 795	J. 12473 F/L Quinn, G.	- Pilot	1234	1933	Primary 1633.5 hrs, 16000 ft, 102T, 155, 10/10ths cloud tops 9000 ft, via. good. Ident by green smoke puffs and bombed centre of six puffs. Observation impossible due to cloud. Gaggle leader early on target and off track which interfered with bombing. Escort good.	
	LANCASTER X "S" KB. 864	G. 27400 F/L LaTurner, R.	- Pilot	1232	2027	Primary 1631.5 hrs, 17500 ft, 096T, 160, 10/10ths cloud tops 8000 ft. via. good. Ident. by green smoke puffs and bombed midpoint of two puffs. MB heard instructing A/G to bomb on smoke puffs. Target poorly marked. 124000 lb. HC. hung up and was brought back. Stream to strd. off track and it was thus impossible to get on correct heading during run up. Target marking late. Good gaggle.	
	LANCASTER X "V" KB. 777	J. 35506 F/O Anderehn, R.	- Pilot	1228	2002	Primary 1634 hrs, 16500 ft, 102T, 160, 10/10ths. cloud tops 9000 ft. Ident. Gee check and green puffs and bombed on four green puffs. No observation possible due to cloud. Route and tactics good. Gaggle concentrated. A/G straight and level during bombing run and taking of picture. Pilot did not notice if camera light was on.	
	LANCASTER X "W" KB. 794	J. 10572 S/L Swartz, H.W.	- Pilot	1216	1947	Primary 1631.1 hrs, 16500 ft, 102T, 165, 10/10ths clouds tops 5000 ft, via. good. Ident. and bombed midpoint of two green smoke puffs. Two more smoke puffs seen on bombing run later. One seen far off starboard. Marking very meagre. Gaggle good but A/G badly bombed over target. Good escort. Considered that daylight shows should be either real formation or strictly individual effort.	
	LANCASTER X "Y" KB. 778	J. 35264 F/O Myrick, W.	- Pilot	1222	2004	Primary 1632.3 hrs, 18000 ft, 880, 160, 10/10th. cloud tops 8000 ft. Ident. by green smoke puffs and bombed same. No results. Route and tactics satisfactory. Bombing run and photographic straight and level.	

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Target: - **NRUSS.**

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
<p>A/C L, M, B, D, E, G, S, W, Y, carried: 1x4000 lb HQ/NI TRIT, 12 SRO's of 1x1500lb's - 10x 'X' type - 4/C A, Carried 1x4000lb HQ/NI and No. 1x14 A/C K, U, Q, V, " 1x4000 lb HQ/NI MINOL, 12 SRO's of 1x1500lb's - 10x 'X' type - clusters G/10Cap.</p>							
<p>All aircraft were abortive N.O.S.T., being recalled from the vicinity of heading and disposed of the bombs as stated below. All bombs jettisoned safe.</p>							
28th Feb.	LANCASTER X "A" KB. 721	J.15812 P/L Conquist, C.W. - Pilot		0826	1042	Entire load brought back.	
	LANCASTER X "B" KB. 764	J.90150 P/O Davis, X.T. - Pilot		0855	1127	1x4000 lb HQ/NI jettisoned in allotted area. Remainder brought back 5436N 0050E at 1057 hrs. from 9000 ft.	
	LANCASTER X "D" KB. 843	J.41866 P/O Cox, R. - Pilot		0909	1125	1x4000 lb HQ/NI jettisoned at 5437N 0050E at 1100 hrs. from 7000 ft.	
	LANCASTER X "E" KB. 816	J.38377 P/O Payne, J.M. - Pilot		0836	1251	1x4000 lb HQ/NI jettisoned at 5225N 0315E at 1130 hrs. from 8000 ft.	
	LANCASTER X "G" KB. 848	M.89372 W/O Campbell, B.C. - Pilot		0845	1150	1x4000 lb HQ/NI jettisoned at 5436N 0054E at 1159 hrs. from 3000 ft.	
	LANCASTER X "K" KB. 784	J.41313 P/L Googe, A.L. - Pilot		0847	1208	1x4000 lb HQ/NI jettisoned at 5436N 0110E at 1130 hrs. from 7500 ft.	
	LANCASTER X "I" KB. 867	J.15662 S/L Hudson, J. - Pilot		0853	1154	1x4000 lb HQ/NI jettisoned at 5435N 0059E at 1115 hrs. from 5000 ft.	
	LANCASTER X "M" KB. 820	J.39551 P/O Mitch, A.D. - Pilot		0848	1135	1x4000 lb HQ/NI jettisoned at 1054 hrs. at 5428N 0101E from 5000 ft.	
	LANCASTER X "Q" KB. 795	12473 P/L Quinn, G. - Pilot		0841	1123	1x4000 lb HQ/NI jettisoned at 5435N 0115E at 1039 hrs. from 8000 ft.	
	LANCASTER X "S" KB. 864	G.27109 P/L LaTurner, R. - Pilot		0851	1213	1x4000 lb HQ/NI jettisoned at 5437N 0105E at 1119.5 hrs. from 6000 ft.	
	LANCASTER X "U" KB. 781	J.35506 P/O Anderson, R. - Pilot		0850	1155	1x4000 lb HQ/NI jettisoned at 5436N 0107E at 1103 hrs. from 5000 ft.	
	LANCASTER X "W" KB. 777	J.10572 S/L Swartz, R.W. - Pilot		0837	1130	Jettisoned entire load at 5436N 0053E at 1054 hrs. from 7000 ft.	
	LANCASTER X "Y" KB. 778	J.35264 P/O Mytruk, W. - Pilot		0843	1149	1x4000 lb HQ/NI jettisoned at 5440N 0132E at 1054 hrs. from 7000 ft.	
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