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APPENDIX A.12

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FORM 541

DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

Target - MANDEIRA

By No. 428 (R.C.A.A.E.) Squadron

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FOR THE MONTH OF March 1954

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
				BOB	LOAD		
	A/C B, D, E, G, K, L, S, U, V, W	carried: 1x2000 TNT HC. Nose Inst.		1620h	1800h	1800h 18 "X" type 6xWG 32 Nickels.	
	A/C S	" " " " " " " " " " " "		1320h	1400h	1320h 1h clusters, 1xWG 32 Nickels.	
	A/C T	" " " " " " " " " " " "		1215h	1300h	1215h 1h "X" type, 12xWG 32 nickels.	
	A/C N	" " " " " " " " " " " "		" " " "	" " " "	" " " " " " inc.	
1st March	LANCASTER X B. KB.764	J.15661 S/L Hudson, J.	- Pilot	1138	1921	Primary 1518, 18000, 091, 155, 10/10 cloud tops 8/10000 ft. Ident by smoke puffs (blue). Bombed on M/B instructions to bomb centre of blue smoke puffs. No estimate possible. Feather stbb inner in the circuit. Route and tactics good. Gaggle speed but leader's smoke necessarily. FFF spread out as they. Target impossible to assess.	
	LANCASTER X D. KB.843	J.11866 F/O Cox, G.	- Pilot	1140	1850	Primary 1518, 18500, 091, 155, 10/10 cloud up to 8/4000 ft. Ident and bombed on blue smoke puffs as per M.C. No results due to cloud. Route and tactics satisfactory.	
	LANCASTER X E. KB.816	J.5981 S/L Goldie, J.K.	- Pilot	1118	1848	Primary 1517.8, 18500, 091, 170, 10/10 cloud up to 10000 ft. Ident and bombed blue smoke puff as per M.C. No results due to cloud success directly proportional to accuracy of FFF. Route and tactics satisfactory.	
	LANCASTER X K. KB.784	J.11313 F/L Googe, A.L.	- Pilot	1125	1855	Primary 1516.5, 18500, 091, 155, 10/10ths S.C. tops 8-10000 ft. via. good. Ident. Good. Blue smoke puffs. Bombed centre of four blue smoke puffs on instructions of M.B. A/C in gaggle ceased tail comms started. FFF was an overshoot by the gaggle being given. No assessment possible due to cloud. A/C held straight and level until engines operated. Route and tactics ok.	
	LANCASTER X L. KB.867	J.90150 F/O Lewis, E.T.	- Pilot	1131	1913	Primary 1517.5, 19000, 091, 155, 10/10ths cloud up to 12000 ft. Ident by blue smoke puffs. Good. Bombed centre of three blue smoke puffs as per M.C. No results seen due to cloud. Route and tactics satisfactory.	
	LANCASTER X G. KB.848	J.16812 F/L Conquist, C.W.	- Pilot	1141	1850	Primary 1516.9, 18500, 091, 10/10ths cloud tops 11000 ft. Ident by apex of triangle made by three smoke puffs as directed by M.B. No assessment owing to cloud from the concentration it would seem that the target was well attacked. Route and tactics ok. M.B. said FFF would be 3/5 minutes later. Gaggle quite good. No estimate of T/A.	
	LANCASTER X F. KB.760	J.38377 F/O Payne, D.M.	- Pilot	1132	1954 Garnaby	Primary 1519, 18000, 091, 155, 10/10 cloud up to 14000 ft. Ident and bombed centre of blue smoke puffs as per M.C. No results seen due to cloud. Route and tactics satisfactory.	

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	LANCASTER X W. KB. 795	J. 12473 P/L QUINN, G.	- Pilot	1122	1859	Primary 1516.5, 19000, 091, 155, 10/10 S.C. tops 15000 ft. vis. good. Ident by Gee fix and blue smoke puffs. Bombed centre of smoke puffs (sky markers) on instruction of M.B. Marking seemed to be about one mile south of Gee homing given. Goggle was good but going out some A/C were well above 10000 ft. restricted height before two degs East. Route and tactics good. Saw fighter escort on way in and out.	
	LANCASTER X S. KB. 864	G. 27109 P/L Latimer, R.	- Pilot	1128	1857	Primary 1515.9, 19000, 091, 1.0. Ident by blue smoke puffs. Gee check. Bombed centre of blue smoke puffs. Blue smoke puffs dropped 15.10 hrs sky marking 12 mins late. Good concentration of puffs.	
	LANCASTER X U. KB. 781	J. 39551 P/O Match, A.D.	- Pilot	1131	1915	Primary 1516, 19000, 090, 155, 10/10 st. on tops 10000 vis. good. Ident and bombed centre of blue smoke puffs. Gee check. Bombed on two smoke puffs. All results visible due to cloud. Route and tactics timing late. Goggle was stretched out too far.	
	LANCASTER X V. KB. 777	J. 7608 P/L Hay, R.D.	- Pilot	1136	1918	Primary 1516, 18500, 100, 175, 10/10 cloud up to 15000. Ident and bombed centre of three blue smoke puffs as per M.C. Gee check. No results due to cloud. Route and tactics ok.	
	LANCASTER X W. KB. 794	J. 11572 S/L Swartz, R.W.	- Pilot	1121	1845	Primary 1515.8, 18500, 092 165, 10/10 cloud up to 14000 ft. Ident and bombed blue smoke puffs as per M.W. Gee check. No results due to cloud, only from blue smoke puffs area. Route and tactics satisfactory.	
	LANCASTER X N. KB. 771	R. 89372 W/O Campbell, B.W.	- Pilot	1206	1845	Primary 1516.2, 19000, 091, 155, 10/10 hazy cloud, vis. above cloud tops 12000 ft. Ident by skymarkers three puffs of blue smoke, checked by Gee. Bombed centre of three puffs as directed by M.P. who was loud and clear. No estimate of the T/A possible although there was a good concentration of a/c bombing in the area and on the markers. Route and tactics good. Goggle was good generally every one was a little late owing to wind drop. Leasers marking seen clearly in spite of cloud. The attack should be good.	

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Target: - COLOGNE.

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				Up	Down		
A/C J, M, N, O, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, carried: 124,000 lb HC TRIT Hoax Inst. TD 025 MG. 14,500 USA GP ANM 68 TD.025.							
2nd March.	LANCASTER X D. KB. 843	J.41866 F/O Cox, G. - Pilot		0700	1327	Primary 1013.0, 18500, 085T, 160, 1/10 at cu tops 8000 ft. Ident visual bombed marshalling yards. Bombing well concentrated.	
	LANCASTER X E. KB. 816	J.39558 F/O Prael, G.S. - Pilot		0540	1324	Primary 1015.6, 18000, 094, 155. Ident clear with smoke and haze. Bombed edge of smoke as per M.C. concentration of a/c good. Bombing well concentrated.	
	LANCASTER X I. KB. 846	J.15666 F/L Craton, J.D.C. - Pilot		0703	1517	Primary 1011.3, 17500, 090, 155. Ident clear but with smoke and dust. Bombed edge of smoke as per M.C. Southern end of curve of City seemed to get brunt of attack. Several stray strikes seen from 5 miles away to A/P. Route and tactics satisfactory.	
	LANCASTER X J. KB. 744	J.7608 F/L Hay, R.D. - Pilot		0651	1305	Primary 1011.4, 17000, 080, 160, 5/10 at cu on run in to target. vis. very good, Gee u/s. Ident by one blue smoke puff. M.B. heard. Bombed south west edge of closely built up central area. No TIs seen, some smoke seen, a few fires. A good attack. Route good, tactics a failure.	
	LANCASTER X K. KB. 784	J.11313 F/L Googe, A.L. - Pilot		0643	1315	Primary 1011.7, 19000, 080, 155, 1-2/10 at up to 6/8000 ft. Ident was obscured by smoke. Bombed edge of smoke as per M.C. One blue smoke puff on starboard one minute before bombing. Concentration of a/c and bombing good. Route and tactics good.	
	LANCASTER X L. KB. 867	J.90150 F/O Lewis, E.T. - Pilot		0638	1319	Primary 1010.5, 18500, 020, 155, 2-5/10 at cu tops 10000 ft. vis. good, visually Gee check. Bombed edge of smoke parallel to A/P. Bombing well concentrated. Big mushroom of smoke 8-9000 visible 30-40 miles away.	
	LANCASTER X M. KB. 820	J.16812 F/L Conquist, E.W. - Pilot		0656	1333	Primary 1015.0, 17500, 070, 160, vis. very good, blue smoke puffs to A/P. Bombed upward edge of smoke as per instructions of M.B. Bomb burst seen just west of Cathedral, south of town was getting most of the bombs. Starboard outer u/s from 15 mins. before target, feathered it and landed on 3 engines. Route and tactics very good. Fighter escort came in when called and provided excellent cover.	
	LANCASTER X N. KB. 774	R.89372 W/O Campbell, B.C. - Pilot		0710	1310	Primary 1011.0, 17500, 070, 160, 6/10 at cu tops 13000 ft. vis. good, visually built up area and river checked with Gee. Bombed edge of smoke near Cathedral, bombing well concentrated. big fire seen, flames red 50 ft high at 1013.0. in centre of built up area near river.	

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	LANCASTER X O. KB. 838	J.10102 P/L Pratt, G.W. - Pilot		0650	1313	Primary 1011.5, 18000, 060T, 170, vis very good. Bombed upward edge of smoke as per instructions of M.B. M.B. clearly heard. S.W. quarter of town seemed to be getting most of the bombs. Many a/c seen over A/P. Two holes in fuselage - forward to entrance door 2 inches in size. One hole starboard wing - forward to entrance door 7 inches x 2 inches; target area 1012 hrs. 18000 ft. Route and tactics good if gaggle on homeward had adhered to same, as no evidence of gaggle leader was seen.	
	LANCASTER X S. KB. 864	G.27109 P/L Lettner, R. - Pilot		0702	1331	Primary 1009.5, 17500, 060T, 160, vis good. Bombed to starboard of upwind edge of smoke as same was obscured by cloud, and centre of built up seen in bombsight. Much white smoke and one big red explosion seen on westbank of Rhine on aiming point. Route and tactics good had a/c adhered to same, but were 10 miles to starboard of track.	
	LANCASTER X U. KB. 784	J.35506 P/O Anderson, R. - Pilot		0654	1307	Primary 1010.8, 17000, 080, 160, 4-5/10ths at ou to 7/10000 ft map read right into smoke and bomb bursts - Gee check; estimated A/P in a patch of cloud, bomb bursts seen beneath as we ran up. Everything well concentrated, dust and smoke heavy; blue smoke puffs at 1011 at least 5 miles overhead. M.C. paid no attention to them, but continued to give pickwick. Route and tactics good.	
	LANCASTER X W. KB. 794	J.12473 P/L Quinn, G. - Pilot		0648	1300	Primary 1011.5, 18500, 080, 155, vis. clear but smoke and dust. Map read right into city A/P itself obscured by smoke. Bombed upwind edge of smoke as per M.C. M.C. kept moving attack around, well controlled concentration of a/c. Route and tactics satisfactory.	
	LANCASTER X Y. KB. 778	J.35264 P/O Mytruk, W. - Pilot		0652	1315	Primary 1011.3, 17500, 175, A/R length tops 6/7000 ft. Vis good Gee fix smoke. Bombed centre of upwind edge of smoke as instructed by M.B. aiming point was obscured by smoke. Bombing seemed very concentrated. Large explosions seen in north part of town in bend of the river at 1012. Route and tactics good. Gaggle seemed spread out over a great distance. A/C straight and level.	
	LANCASTER X Z. KB. 759	J.39251 P/O Mitch, A.W. - Pilot		0704	1312	Primary 1011, 18000, 080T, 155, 1/10ths at ou tops 10000 ft. vis unlimited, visually tall rail road see check. Bombed upwind edge of smoke underneath 200 yds as instructed. M.B. markers seen, attack seemed very well concentrated with M.B. giving accurate instructions. Route and tactics good. Gaggle was spread out seemed very successful.	

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Target: - CHEMUNITZ.

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				Up	Down		
A/C 0, 1, 2, 3	Carried: 4x1000 lb. HC. MIN. None		Inst. 7x500 lb.	MO. TD 025.			
A/C 0, 1, 2, 3	"	"	"	6x500 "	USA GF AJM 64 TD	025 4x500 lb. MC TD 025.	
A/C 0, 1, 2, 3	"	"	"	7x500 "	"	"	
A/C 1, 2, 3, 4	"	"	"	"	"	"	16xWG 37 Nickels.
A/C 1, 2, 3, 4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
A/C 1, 2, 3, 4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
A/C 1, 2, 3, 4	"	"	"	8x500 lb.	MO. TD 025 4x500 lb	GF " " "	"
A/C 1, 2, 3, 4	"	"	"	3x500 lb.	USA GF AJM 64 TD	025 2x500 lb GF 37 LD's 8xWG 37 Nickels.	
A/C 1, 2, 3, 4	"	"	"	7x500 "	" SAP " 58 "	"	
5/6th March.	LANCASTER X Y. KB. 777	J.14866 P/O Cox, G. - Pilot		1635	0259	Primary 2145, 15500, 153, 160, 10/10ths at cu up to 8-10000ft. Ident by wangsui red with green stars. Overshoot 12 sec. from centre of PFF markers as per M.C. A really good white glow on cloud base seen after we left target until we started down into cloud. Route and tactics fair, but not possible to keep in brief heights.	
	LANCASTER X C. KB. 848	J.5981 S/L Goldie, J.K. - Pilot		1621	0257	Primary 2146.7, 15000, 153 deg T, 180, 10/10ths S.C. tops 10-12000 ft. vis. fair. Ident by red sky flares. Bombed red sky markers with 12 sec. overshoot as per instructions M.B. Bombs bursting was all that was seen. A/C were well concentrated. Route and tactics good except on homeward from centre of France, where they didn't fit the net picture at all. Saw no red stars.	
	LANCASTER X T. KB. 846	J.15666 P/L Craton, J.D.C. - Pilot		1643	0301	Primary 2153, 15500, 153 deg, 160, 10/10ths cloud below tops 10000 ft. some scattered cloud above. Vis. ok. Ident by flares red with green stars. glow of fires on cloud. Bombed 12 seconds overshoot from a cluster of about 6 flares red with green stars. Glow of fires on cloud, markers first seen at 2140 hrs. marking was very good, attack looked successful. Flew through cloud nearly all the way, there were no layers for us to get between. Solid cloud all the way.	
	LANCASTER X J. KB. 744	J.35506 P/O Anderson, R. - Pilot		1625	0244	Primary 2145.7, 16000, 158, 160, 10/10 at cu tops 15000 ft. vis. good. Ident by red sky markers green stars. check H/W. Bombed overshoot sky markers red with green stars by 12 sec. Saw large bright glow on cloud. Saw sky markers H/WT UNARMED 2140 sky markers well concentrated.	
	LANCASTER X K. KB. 784	J.11313 P/L Goode, A.L. - Pilot		1623	0202	Primary 2154, 16500, 153, 155, 10/10 tops 10-12000 ft. Ident by Red and green stars. Bombed glow below clouds. Plenty of fires below cloud. navigation difficult but seemed a good range. Dusk to 2140 hrs. Combat. Fighter first seen dead astern very close at 100 yds. at 23.35 hours, 11000 ft. heading 285, position 4955N 0632E. Order given to corkcrew H/W. Fighter closed in and followed part way down. corkcrew. R/G gave short burst of about 200 rds. Fighter broke away port down. No damage was seen on H/W. The Fighter was a twin motored one again my opinion JU288	

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	LANCASTER X L. KB. 867	R.89372 W/O Campbell, B.C. - Pilot		1642	0209	Primary 2154, 17000 ft, 160, 155, 10/10 tops 14000 ft. Ident by red and green stars. Bombed glow of fires below cloud. Fires below cloud and smoke. Pretty good glow with plenty of fires. Target marking good.	
	LANCASTER X M. KB. 820	J.57032 F/O Walsh, D.R. - Pilot		1639	0255	Primary 2147.7, 15000, 152, 160, 10/10 at 7000 ft. vis. poor. Ident by flares red and green stars seen going down H-5. Good fix at 0940. Bombed on 12 sec. overshoot on sky marker on direction of M.B. Target marking good, glow well concentrated, bomb flashes seen, a succession of flares red/green stars, red glow on cloud. Flying in cloud most of time, no layers between, just gaps. Route ok, height at which briefed to fly kept us in cloud most of time, if we could have flown at 9000 ft we should have been above it straight and level throughout bombing run.	
	LANCASTER X N. KB. 771	J.39551 F/O Hatch, A.D. - Pilot		1640	0306	Primary 2159, 15500, 153, 170, 10/10 st cu 11-12000 ft. vis. good. Ident by red flares and green stars bursting, heard M.B. Bombed sky markers overshoot, sky markers had burnt out, so bombed green glow on cloud. White glow on cloud, red and green glows slightly up wind flashes of bomb bursts well concentrated in target, good attack.	
	LANCASTER X, O. KB. 838	J.10102 F/L Pratt, C.W. - Pilot		1634	0305	Primary 2155.8, 16500, 180, 185, 10/10th on tops 8-10000 ft. vis. good. Ident by red TI's seen as well as sky markers, sky flares red with green stars. Bombed glow of fire on M.B. instructions. Good glow from fires seen on cloud, marking was good while it lasted, but there was a gap of 3 mins. when no flares were visible, many w/o seen over target.	
	LANCASTER X P. KB. 760	J.90150 F/O Lewis, E.T. - Pilot		1652	0323	Primary 2151.5, 16500, 153, 155, 10/10 at cu tops 10-12000 ft. vis. good. Ident by sky markers red with green stars. Bombed sky markers flares red with green stars 12 sec. overshoot. Sky markers released, bombs well concentrated.	
	LANCASTER X Q. KB. 795	J.12473 F/L Quinn, G. - Pilot		1631	0252	Primary 2201.5, 17000, 153, 155, 10/10 low at tops 8-10000 ft. Although at above base 18-19000 ft above, vis. good. Ident by wanganui flares red with green stars. Bombed centre of glow on cloud as instructed by M.B. marking was not very good. Glow of fires seen but was scattered over quite a large area. Markings first seen 2140 hrs. bomb explosions scattered, attack might prove successful but more likely to be scattered. Route and tactics good.	
	LANCASTER X R. KB. 854	D.27109 F/L Lathum, R. - Pilot		1641	0258	Primary 2155.3, 15000, 150, 150, 10/10ths st cu up to 12000 ft. Ident by flares red with green stars/G. Bombed centre of glow as per M.C. Glow was red and large and definite. Route and tactics poor. Going to high from 10308 to French coast. Good bombing run.	
	LANCASTER X S. KB. 794	J.7608 F/L Hay, R.D. - Pilot		1619	0230	Primary 2151.6, 16000, 153, 180, 10/10 st cu tops 8000 ft. vis. good. Ident by sky markers red with green stars. Bombed sky markers red with green TI's and 12 sec run. Just one cluster of sky markers bombs well concentrated.	
	LANCASTER X Y. KB. 778	J.35264 F/O Frank, W. - Pilot		1644	Crashed landed 2355.	Primary 2154.0, 16500, 160, 10/10ths. Ident by red sky flares with green stars. Bombed centre of glow instructions of M.B. Many A/C in stream over target on bombing run. On track until crashing into Ardennes str. on return route. Height of ground 2100 ft. 2345 hrs. 5016N 054408.	

LANCASTER X
O. KB. 838

J.10102 F/L Pratt C.W.

Combat: E/A seen crossing from port quarter down about to attack another bomber, recognised as ME 262 clearly against cloud, at 2156.5, 15000, heading 166, in 2/A. E/G fired three second burst. E/A burst into flames, turned hard to port and flew on for about 30 sec. and then blew up. Both gunners saw a parachute go down and then an explosion on the ground. Claimed destroyed.

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Target: DESSAU

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				Up	Down		
A/C D.G.I. A/C J. A/C A. A/C E.	K.M.Q.U.W.N.S.Z.	carried: 1x1000 lb	M.O. T.D. 025, G.F. M.O.	14 clusters 42 lb		M.III fuse, C 6/10 capsules, 5xW3 33 Nickels.	
7/8th March	LANGASTER X A. KB. 791	J.41866 P/O Cox, G. - Pilot	- Pilot	1653	0149	Primary 2204.5, 15000, 178, 160 5-7/10 thin at 8/10000 horis. good target seen visually. Ident by bend in river, fires red with green stars, plus illuminating flares. Bombed glow of fires, no contact with M.O. Cloud markers well concentrated on fire and very accurate. Bright glow from fires, fires seemed large and concentrated. Attack appeared successful. DIVERGED TO BLACKOUT	
	LANGASTER X D. KB. 843	J.37032 P/O Walsh, D.R. - Pilot	- Pilot	1643	0138	Primary 2204, 16000, 210, 165, 9/10th at cu tops 8000 ft. Ident by red flares and green stars, illuminating flares seen on ground through cloud dimly, M.O. heard. Bombed slightly to port of three flares red and green stars. Good concentration of bombs, glow of fires on cloud. Attack looked fair. Route and tactics satisfactory. DIVERGED TO BLACKOUT	
	LANGASTER X E. KB. 816	J.18733 P/L Webb, A.B. - Pilot	- Pilot	1645	0216	Primary 2204.3, 16000, 182T, 160, 7/10th at cu tops 12/14000 ft. Ident by bend in river, flares red and green stars. Bombed edge of red and green flares. Marking slightly scattered. M.O. heard giving instructions to bomb sky markers. Target obscured by cloud, glow visible through clouds. Route and tactics good, attack seemed successful. DIVERGED TO BLACKOUT	
	LANGASTER X G. KB. 848	R.89371 W/O Campbell, B.C. - Pilot	- Pilot	1652	0127	Primary 2205.2, 16000, 182T, 160, 4/10 low at 8000 horis, ground seen through gaps. Ident by bend in river, sky markers red with green stars. Bombed sky markers on M.O. instructions, concentration of markers not good, seemed scattered, many fires almost solid, two large explosions, considered good attack. Route and tactics good. DIVERGED TO BLACKOUT	
	LANGASTER X I. KB. 846	J.15666 P/L Craton, J.D.C. - Pilot	- Pilot	1637	0206	Primary 2204.5, 16000, 183, 165, 10/10th cloud up to 8000 ft. Ident by flares red with green stars, river seen before M.O. Bombed flares red with green stars as per M.O. Attack looked good, large explosion at 2201.5, lit up along brilliantly for 3 or 4 sec. before it died. Bombing concentrated. Route and tactics good. DIVERGED TO BLACKOUT	
	LANGASTER X J. KB. 744	J.10986 P/L Hadley, J.F. - Pilot	- Pilot	1631	2031	Abortive N.O.E.I. task abandoned at 5030N 0530E 1945 hrs, 13000 ft. because of loss of control of M.O. gear rad shutters carburettor leak. All bombs brought back. Pilot and navigator cannot see point of low flying target, then climbing to 12000 at English coast, makes difficult navigation. DIVERGED TO BLACKOUT	
	LANGASTER X K. KB. 784	J.11313 P/L Googe, A.L. - Pilot	- Pilot	1651	0206	Primary 2159.9, 15500, 483, 155, 9/10ths cloud at 8/10000 ft. Ident by river and flares red with green stars. Bombed flares red with green stars, M.O. not heard. Fires started up as we left, glow could be seen for half an hour as we ran off. Route and tactics poor. DIVERGED TO BLACKOUT	
	LANGASTER X M. KB. 820	J.39558 P/O Frail, G.E. - Pilot	- Pilot	1625	0156	Primary 2207.5, 15500, 210, 162, 6/10ths low cloud 3/4000 ft. Ident by flares red with green stars, river seen on run in. Bombed centre of fires, M.O. not received. Attack looked good, concentrated incendiary fires burning well, route and tactics satisfactory. DIVERGED TO BLACKOUT	

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	LANCASTER X H. KB. 771	J.39551 F/O Mutch, A.D. - Pilot		1650	0214	Primary 2212, 14500, 181, 150, vis. clear. Ident by flares red with green stars, fires and river seen visually. Bombed centre of fires, M.C. thought attack really good, incendiary fires had caught sight from river bend into A/E, trees outlined by incendiaries, main brunt of attack seemed to be in N.E. corner of town. Route and tactics fair, but route over Germany too low for our navigational facilities. Directed to Blackash.	
	LANCASTER X G. KB. 795	J.12173 F/L Quinn, G. - Pilot		1637	0135	Primary 2209, 15000, 183, 160, 3/10ths at cu up to 6000 ft. Ident by flares red with green stars. Bombed flares red with green stars as per M.C. three flares down as we ran in, well headed up attack looked good; streets seen outlined by concentrated fires; Route and tactics seemed good. Directed to Blackash.	
	LANCASTER X S. KB. 864	G.27109 F/L Laturner, R. - Pilot		1640	0131	Primary 2205, 15000, 183, 160, 7/10ths thin cloud tops 10000 ft. Ident by wanganji flares red and green stars. Bombed one red flare and green stars. Markings fairly continuous. M.B. heard clearly, asked for more markers, instructed to bomb sky markers. Fires had taken hold in the area of the Junkery Factory. Route and tactics very good on the homeward route, but not so good on the way in. Directed to Blackash.	
	LANCASTER X H. KB. 781	J.35596 F/O Anderson, R. - Pilot		1647	0213	Primary 2230, 15000, 230, 160, thick smoke up to 14000 ft. vis good. Ident by red flares with green stars, fires and bomb explosions. Bombed centre of fires. Flares had burnt out 12-15 minutes before arrival over target; large explosion seen at 2255 approx. very good attack. Route and tactics ok. Directed to Blackash.	
	LANCASTER X W. KB. 794	J.10572 S/L Swartz, R.W. - Pilot		1626	0140	Primary 2207.8, 15500, 183, 155, 7/10 thin smoke cloud 6000 ft. vis very good. Ident by Rhur river and red flares with green flares seen, M.B. heard. Bombed centre of town, our salvo flares red/green on each side of R/E, three orange flashes in T/A. Lasting for about 3 sec. no smoke from them. Incendiaries seen to cover a large area, good attack. Pilot reports whole Rhur area lit up with dummy reds; also fire sites, S/L's saw several balls of fire in air. Pilot disapproves of route out over Rhur, tactics ok. Directed to Blackash.	
	LANCASTER X Z. KB. 793	J.16986 F/L Ross, W.L. - Pilot		1628	0204	Primary 2212.6, 15000, 210, 200, 5/10th thin at up to 8/10000 ft. Ident by flares red with green stars fires M.C. Bombed centre of fires in built area, sky markers had burned out before we finished run, so we bombed centre of fires, streets outlined by incendiaries, smoke breaking cloud as we left. Route and tactics good. Directed to Blackash.	

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A.F. FORM 541

Target: ESSEN.

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FOR THE MONTH OF March, 1945.

DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
				Up	Down		
				BOMB	LOAD		
A/G A, C, F, E, I, K, M, W, U,		carried: 1x1,000 MC TRIT Nose Inst.		2x500 MB TD	025	1x500 USA GP TD 025.	
A/G B,		" " " " " " " " " " " " " "		" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	1x500 33 packages nickels.	
A/G X,		" " " " " " " " " " " " " "		" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	
A/G Q,		" " " " " " " " " " " " " "		" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	1x500 37 " " " " " "	
A/G O,		" " " " " " " " " " " " " "		" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	
A/G P,		" " " " " " " " " " " " " "		" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " " " "	
11th March	LANCASTER X A. KB. 791	J. 5981 S/L Goldie, J.K. - Pilot		1125	1758	Primary 1511.8, 17000, 040, 180, 10/10 cloud. Ident and bombed centre of blue smoke puffs on M.O. instructions. Target well marked, good concentration, black smoke in quantity billowing through the cloud. Jett. safe. 2x500 USA GP TD 025, at 5225N 0305E at 1638, 9000 ft due to hang up. Tactics good.	
	LANCASTER X G. KB. 757	R. 89372 W/O Campbell, B.C. - Pilot		1126	1743	Primary 1511.3, 17500, 035, 160, Ident and bombed blue smoke puffs as per M.O. H28 Gee check. H28 turned on at 1445 hrs 5032N 0520E. Dark smoke rising above cloud tops as we ran off.	
	LANCASTER X D. KB. 813	J. 37032 F/O Walsh, D.R. - Pilot		1140	1745	Primary 1514.7, 17600, 041, 160, 10/10 solid tops 8000. Ident by blue smoke puffs checked by Gee. MB said bomb blue smoke puffs just dropped, 0502E 1422. No estimate possible.	
	LANCASTER X E. KB. 816	J. 25096 F/O Brown, D.R. - Pilot		1126	1744	Primary 1511.7, 17300, 046, 155, 10/10 solid tops 6000. Ident by blue smoke puffs checked by Gee. Bombed furthest left of blue smoke puffs on MB instructions. No estimate possible. MB thought the markers were right on. 1x500 GP hung up and brought back. Route and tactics ok if sky markers were on attack should be good.	
	LANCASTER X G. KB. 818	J. 39558 F/O Frail, G.E. - Pilot		1127	1802	Primary 1512, 18200, 146, 160, 10/10 solid tops 5500 ft. Ident by blue smoke puffs, checked by Gee. Bombed slightly to right of blue smoke puffs on MB instructions. Route and tactics ok. Smoke was seen coming through cloud tops.	
	LANCASTER X I. KB. 816	J. 15666 F/L Orton, J.D.G. - Pilot		1144	1736	Primary 1514, 18500, 045, 160, 10/10 cloud at 6000 Ident and bombed blue smoke puffs. Gee fix. Great clouds of dirty grey smoke billowing through cloud. Hit by searchlight at 1514.5, at 5427N 0700.5E, 18500. Tactics good, good route, seemed good from smoke.	
	LANCASTER X K. KB. 784	J. 11313 F/L Googe, A.L. - Pilot		1135	1742	Primary 1515.4, 18800, 046, 155, Ident by blue smoke puff as per MB. Bombed same, H28, Gee check and M.O. 10/10 cloud up to 6000 ft. H28 turned on at 1440 hrs 0500E on track. No results seen due to cloud. Route and tactics satisfactory.	

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				Up	Down		
	LANCASTER X M. KB. 820	J.10986 F/L Hadley, J.F. - Pilot		1133	1756	Primary 1514, 19000, 046, 155, 10/10 cloud. Bombed and Ident by blue smoke puffs and M.C. instructions. Well marked, no results observed. Tactics good, Route good.	
	LANCASTER X O. KB. 838	J.14596 F/O Varden, D.F. - Pilot		1120	1805	Primary 1514.3, 18800, 046, 155, 10/10th cloud up to 7000 ft. Bombed and Ident by blue smoke puffs. Black smoke seen on run in burning cloud dark only results seen. Route and tactics satisfactory.	
	LANCASTER X P. KB. 760	J.16986 F/L Ross, W.L. - Pilot		1124	1804	Primary 1517.0, 18500, 145, 175, 10/10ths s.o. tops 6000 ft vis. very good. Bombed and Ident by blue smoke puffs. H2S turned on 1442 hrs, 0500G. M.B. not heard. Smoke seen up to cloud after target left. Many aircraft seen over target, not sufficient markers. Route and tactics good.	
	LANCASTER X Q. KB. 795	J.12473 F/L Quinn, G. - Pilot		1136	1735	Primary 1515.5, 18200, 046, 155, 10/10ths st. 5/6000 ft. vis. very good. Ident by blue smoke puffs. H2S heard. Bombed between two smoke puffs up wind on M.B's instructions. H2S on at 50' at 0500G, 1440 hrs. PFF dropped a succession of blue smoke puffs on run out, a top of dirty grey smoke was seen to build up to 2000 ft above level of white cloud tops, could not assess attack. Route and tactics ok. A/C straight and level through out bombing run.	
	LANCASTER X R. KB. 864	O.27109 F/L Laturner, R. - Pilot		1138	1747	Primary 1514.4, 17900, 145, 160, 10/10ths cloud up to 6000 ft. Bombed and Ident by blue smoke puffs as per M.C. H2S turned on at 1443 hrs 5025H. Black smoke bubbling up through cloud tops. M.C. excellent. Concentration of A/C in T/A good. Route and tactics satisfactory.	
	LANCASTER X U. KB. 781	J.35596 F/O Anderson, R. - Pilot		1131	1748	Primary 1514.2, 17000, 038, 160, 10/10. st. at 5500 ft vis. very good. Ident by blue and red smoke puffs. Bombed centre of a group of 5 blue smoke puffs on M.B's instructions. A dense of dirty grey smoke built up above level tops of cloud over target, about 500 ft above cloud seen on run out, could not assess attack. Sky appears scattered over a wide area. Route and tactics good.	
	LANCASTER X W. KB. 794	J.39551 F/O Mitch, A.D. - Pilot		1118	1751	Primary 1513.7, 17000, 042, 160, 10/10 s.o. at 8000 ft. Bombed and Ident by blue smoke puffs and M.C. instructions. Smoke coming through cloud. Tactics good. M.B. instruction good.	
	LANCASTER X X. KB. 747	J.18722 F/L Webb, A.S. - Pilot		1141	1753	Primary 1513, 17000, 046, 160, 10/10ths cloud up to 6000 ft. Bombed and Ident by blue smoke puffs. H2S turned on at 1530 hrs. at 5120G, 0500G on way home. Results not seen due to cloud. Route and tactics satisfactory. Bombing run good.	

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DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

Target - DORTMUND.

By No. 426 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron,

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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCES
				Up	Down		
				BOB	LOAD		
	A/C A, G, H, J, K, Q, R, U, V, carried 12x4000 lb HE TRIS. Nose Inst., 11x500 lb USA GP AN. M. 64 TD. 025 sec., 2x500 lb MC BR TD. 025 sec.						32x20 97 bundles nickels.
	A/C 165, X						
	A/C G						
	A/C G						
	A/C V						
12th March	LANCASTER X A. KB. 791	J. 22860 P/O Johnson, G.A. - Pilot		1249	1918	Primary 1647.5, 18000, 031, 180, 10/10 slow attack. Ident. and bombed centre of green smoke puffs on MD instructions, checked by Gee fix and MB also ident by blue markers. Target well marked, good concentration of greens and blue sky markers, great black circle of black smoke coming through cloud. Tactics good. A/C well concentrated, attack seemed successful with great cloud of smoke coming through cloud.	
	LANCASTER X G. KB. 757	H. 89372 W/O Campbell, B.C. - Pilot		1254	1927	Primary 1648.5, 17700, 031, 155, 10/10 str. up to 5000 ft. Ident by green and blue smoke puffs, Gee, MC. Bombed centre of green smoke puff as per MD. Bombed three greens and five blue smoke well together as we bombed. MC lucid. A/C concentration and heading seemed excellent. TA bobbling with dark smoke N of city as though a stray stick or two had clipped.	
	LANCASTER X E. KB. 616	J. 25096 P/O Brown, P.R. - Pilot		1237	1925	Primary 1647.5, 17400, 030, 185, 10/10 cloud, ident by blue and green smoke puffs. Checked on Gee and MD instructions. Bombed on green smoke puff on MB instructions. Good concentration of blues and green. On time. No results observed. Attack seemed successful with good concentration of s/c.	
	LANCASTER X G. KB. 848	J. 39558 P/O Frail, P.R. - Pilot		1239	1939	Primary 1647.6, 17100, 031, 160, 10/10 str. up to 600 ft. Ident by blue smoke puff and green, Gee MB. Bombed centre of green smoke puff as per MD. About five green smoke puffs well concentrated when we bombed. MB good, smoke boiling up through cloud in a dark brown column.	
	LANCASTER X J. KB. 744	J. 39551 P/O Mutch, A.R. - Pilot		1256	1945	Primary 1648.5, 16500, 031, 165, 10/10 solid tops 7000 ft., Ident by green, blue smoke puffs. Bombed green puff overshoot by 5 sec. per MB. Smoke budge coming through the cloud in concentrated area, that appears to be yellow bursts in the cloud bulge. Route and tactic OK. Attack seemed well concentrated.	
	LANCASTER X K. KB. 784	J. 11313 P/L Googe, A.L. - Pilot		1250	1939	Primary 1647.7, 16800, 031, 160 10/10 solid tops 6/8000. Homed on Gee line, green and red sky markers, checked by Gee. Bombed centre of green and blue markers on instructions of MB. Dark smoke coming through cloud top. N of heading about 30 Halifax coming, cut across our track at 084, height 6000 ft, not briefed for this.	

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				Up	Down		
	LANCASTER X L. KB.867	J.18722 F/L Webb, A.S. - Pilot		1251	1923	Primary 1647, 16500, 031, 160, 10/10 solid tops 6/7000 ft. Ident by blue and green markers, checked by Gee. Bombed green smoke puffs on instructions of W.E. No estimate possible. Route and tactics ok, no estimate of target possible.	
	LANCASTER X O. KB.836	J.24596 F/O Varian, M.E. - Pilot		1300	1935	Primary 1648.6, 18000, 031, 155, 10/10 solid tops 10/12000 ft. via. very good. Ident by smoke puffs and bombed green smoke puffs as per MB instructions. H2S on at 1622 hrs 0600. Cloud over target area dark with smoke which seemed to be pushing it up. One large circle of this darkness about 10 in. in diameter. Fighter cover was good. Route, tactics good.	
	LANCASTER X Q. KB.795	J.17032 F/O Walsh, M.R. - Pilot		1245	1922	Primary 1647.4, 17100, 032, 150, 10/10 at an cloud up to 7000 ft. Ident by blue, green smoke puffs, M.C. Gee H2S. Bombed centre of blue smoke puffs as per M.C. FFP well timed and sufficient but scattered in line across track, drifting down wind. Bubble of gray smoke breaking cloud tops. Blast seemed to be hitting cloud.	
	LANCASTER X R. KB.882	J.11866 F/O Cox, W. - Pilot		1302	1929	Primary 1645.7, 16800, 031, 160, Ident and bombed centre of blue & green smoke puffs as per MB, checked by Gee. Blue and green sky markers well concentrated visible for miles, only results observed great circle of smoke through cloud. Attack seemed successful.	
	LANCASTER X S. KB.864	O.27109 F/L Lettner, W. - Pilot		1253	1934	Primary 1651, 14000, 031, 160, 10/10 solid tops 4/5000 ft. Ident by blue and green sky markers. Bombed centre of blue markers per MB. Clouds bulged by heat from fires over T/A. R/S ✓. Route and tactics ok, attack seemed to be good.	
	LANCASTER X M. KB.781	J.35596 F/O Anderson, R. - Pilot		1243	1941	Primary 1648, 18000, 028, 150, 10/10 cloud, Ident by green blue smoke puffs checked by Gee. Bombed green smoke puff as per MB instructions. Good concentration of blue and green smoke puffs great circle of dark smoke above cloud. 1x500 hung up. Jett. safe at 5215 031E at 1819, 90000.	
	LANCASTER X V. KB.777	J.10986 F/L Hadley, J.F. - Pilot		1308	1948	Primary 1647.2, 18000, 035, 160, 10/10 cloud, Ident by blue sky markers, checked by Gee. Bombed centre of blue and green on MB orders. Good concentration of blue sky markers. Cloud of smoke observed. Jett. safe 1x500 GP at 5214N 0315E 1816, 9000 due to hang up. Tactics good.	
	LANCASTER X K. KB.794	J.10572 S/L Swartz, R.W. - Pilot		1247	1937	Primary 1647.5, 17700, 031, 170, 10/10 solid tops 5/6000 ft. Ident by blue and green smoke puffs. Checked by Gee. Bombed centre of three green smoke puffs per MB. Markers and bombing well concentrated. 1x500 GP hung up, Jett. safe at 5200 0309E 9000, 1814. Route and tactics ok. Attack seemed good cloud bulge over area.	
	LANCASTER X X. KB.747	J.15666 F/L Craton, J.D.C. - Pilot		1258	1932	Primary 1648.7, 17100, 031, 160, 10/10 cloud up to 7800 ft. Ident by green and blue smoke puffs, M.C. Gee. Bombed centre of green smoke puffs as per MB. FFP well concentrated. One green dead centre of blue. Greyish smoke billowing up above cloud. Route and tactics good. Fighter escort good. H2S turned at 1610 hours 0500E on track.	

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				Up	Down		
	LANCASTER X O. KB. 838	J.15661 S/L Hudson, J. - Pilot		1644	0007	Primary 2020.4, 11900, 085deg, 170, clear with some haze, via. good. Ident by green TI and red TI, Gee Check. Bombed one green TI which was seen going down and was in the centre of the area marked. Marking first seen 2000 hrs. red TI illuminating flares then went down, then more reds and later green TI. Good concentration of markers, two reddish explosions with black smoke 6000 hrs, smoke rising to 76000 ft. Route and tactics very satisfactory. M.B. was indistinct owing to some A/C having its transmitter on, someone else was making as much noise as the MB trying to get the offender to shut off his transmitter. Attack looked most successful.	
	LANCASTER X P. KB. 760	J.24596 F/O Varden, D.P. - Pilot		1616	2349	Primary 2020.5, 13200, 090, 165, slight haze, vis. good. Ident by red and green TI's. Initial M.B. seen. Bombed red TI in smoke. The area was covered with smoke when flares seen as we left. Some yellow flares were seen going down denoting later bombing we did not see any. The attack in several was very good. FF were right on. Route and tactics ok.	
	LANCASTER X Q. KB. 795	J.12473 F/L Quinn, G. - Pilot		1622	2330	Primary 2020.00, 14000, 102T, 165, clear slight ground haze. Ident by red and green TI's and red and green stars and M.C. instructions. Bombed green TI on M.B. instruction. Good concentration of flares accurate and on time, cloud of smoke up to 5000 ft at H+5 flares were starting. Attack successful. Route and tactics good.	
	LANCASTER X X. KB. 747	J.92860 F/O Johnson, G.A. - Pilot		1639	0001	Primary 2019.6, 12500, 090deg, 180, clear, vis. very good. Ident by illuminating flares and red TI's. Bombed red and green TIs, M.B. not heard well owing to interference, one medium sized red flare in target area and bomb bursts were well concentrated, alot of smoke. Route and tactics good.	
	LANCASTER X. B. KB. 864	G.27109 F/L Leturme, R. - Pilot		1624	2343	Primary 2019.1, 13700, 080, 160, clear but slight smoke. Ident by red TI's illuminating flares red and green salvoes, Gee M.C. Bombed centre of red and greens as per M.C. Bombsight was used emergency angle amongst drift. attack concentrated. One large explosion about 2004 hrs with large momentary flash. Flare looked like petrol explosion orangeish in colour. Route and tactics satisfactory.	
	LANCASTER X. U. KB. 781	J.35596 F/O Anderson, R. - Pilot		1630	2345	Primary 2020.2, 13400, 070, 160, haze, vis. fair. Ident by illuminating flares, reds and green TIs, Gee check. Bombed smoke overcast & seen on instructions of M.B. We saw four red explosions on the run up at 2026/2048 as we bombed, the target was covered by smoke, a large explosion seen 2000 yds east of the target which emitted volumes of black smoke. Route and tactics ok.	
	LANCASTER X. W. KB. 794	J.40986 F/O Hadley, J.F. - Pilot		1632	2336	Primary 2019.7, 12200, 090T, 175, some ground haze only, vis. good. Ident by red and green TI's and illuminating flares. Bombed pillar of smoke on instructions of M.B. Many bomb bursts seen around markers. red TI's were on, but green were off to port and M.B. gave instructions not to bomb greens. Route and tactics were good, but considered to low on homeward, because of haze and no Nav. lights.	
	LANCASTER X R. KB. 880	J.46986 F/L Ross, W.L. - Pilot		1620, 00	2328	Primary 2020.2, 12800, 092, 165, clear. Ident by red and green salvo illuminating flares Gee M.C.. Bombed four secs overshoot on centre of smoke as per M.C. Attack very good marking beautifully laid, one right on top of the other and the bomb sticks right into the middle of them. Route and tactics good Bombing run straight and level.	

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Target: HAGRY.

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By H.Q. 428 (R.C.A.A.F.) Squadron

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				Up	Down		
						Carried: 1x1,000 lb HD TRIT Nose Inst. 1480x24 lb INC. 1650x24 lb "Y" type. 8x20 97 Nipkals.	
15/16th March.	LANGASTER I A. KB. 791	J.16812 P/L Conquist, C.W. - Pilot	- Pilot	1637	2329	Primary 2030.9, 19200, 319, 125, clear with some haze. Ident by red and green TI's and M.B. instructions. Bombed red TI's. Very moderate concentrations of markers, great numbers of explosions of 1000-pounders observed. Route and tactics good. Attack seemed fairly successful.	
	LANGASTER I D. KB. 813	J.37032 P/O Walsh, D.R. - Pilot	- Pilot	1650	2333	Primary 2030.3, 18700, 342, 155, clear some haze. Ident by red illuminating flares and green TI. Bombed centre of mixed red and green TI's. M.B. disturbed. Some fires had started around the TI's, black smoke was rising from them. The bombing was well concentrated, bombs and incendiary bursting in the TI's. Route and tactics ok. Attack was well concentrated and most successful.	
	LANGASTER I E. KB. 816	J.25096 P/O Brown, D.R. - Pilot	- Pilot	1626	2336	Primary 2029.6, 18400, 340, 155, clear but slight haze. Ident by red and green TI's, illuminating flares, flares red with green stars. M.B. Gee H2S built up area visually. Bombed centre of red and green TI's. Only three TI's down, two red and one green well together, too early in attack to see results. Route and tactics satisfactory.	
	LANGASTER I G. KB. 848	J.10986 P/L Hadley, J.F. - Pilot	- Pilot	1619	2335	Primary 2029.7, 18000, 345, 160, slight ground haze, vis. good. Ident and bombed red and green TI's. Bombs seen bursting in built up area. M.B. jammed and no bombing instructions received. Heat of town was being hit more often, too early for my fires. Route and tactics ok. but friendly S/L's too active for safety with S/L around 2120N 064E 2040 hrs. at 13000 ft. load of bombs been jettisoned.	
	LANGASTER I I. KB. 846	J.15666 P/L Craton, J.D.O. - Pilot J.17196 P/L Newton, R.W. - Nav J.29884 P/L Hamill, R.O. - A/B R173742 Sgt Maxwell, G.K. - P/W J.18667 P/O Srahm, H.S. - BGR/AG J.18650 P/O Gray, S.H. - 1/C J.17548 P/O Evans, E.R. - M/C	- Pilot	1644		1644 110.15 105.45 103.45 89.45 103.45 75.20 103.45	This aircraft took off at 1644 hrs. since when nothing has been heard from it.
	LANGASTER I K. KB. 784	J.11341 P/L Coote, A.L. - Pilot	- Pilot	1640	2346	Primary 2029.7, 17500, 350, 165, clear. Ident by red and green TI's, illuminating flares, Gee H2S. Bombed centre of red and green TI's. M.B. not heard. Fire well timed and concentrated, attack should be good. Incendiaries catching as we turned off 7A. Route and tactics satisfactory.	
	LANGASTER I M. KB. 820	J.11601 P/O Boyis, R.L. - Pilot	- Pilot	1624	0005	Primary 2032.25, 17200, 321T, 160, vis. good. Ident by green TI's and M.B. instructions. Bombed centre of green TI's on M.B. instructions. Only four TI's seen, two red and two green. Bombs observed bursting amid TI's, a great deal of smoke. Route and tactics good.	

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				Up	Down		
	LANCASTER X O. KB. 858	J.27109 P/L Leturner, R.	- Pilot	1645	2339	Primary 2029.9, 16900, 320, 160, clear some haze. Ident by red and green TI's, illuminating flares, Gee check. Bombed centre of red and green TI's. M.B. told A/C to hold sky markers. The target was well covered in TI's and bombs and incendiaries were exploding in the centre of them. It was building up to be most successful. Route and tactics ok. Route laid through edge of Belgium river area. They were firing up to our height 8000 and above 3 TI's lit up A/C as far as FE, also A/C were seen shot down in that area. The attack was very good. A/C straight and level during the entire bombing run.	
	LANCASTER X P. KB. 760	J.92860 P/O Johnson, G.	- Pilot	1621	2344	Primary 2030.2, 19000, 350, 160, clear slight haze. Ident by red and green TI's valley and then seen visually. Bombed centre of red and green TI's as per M.B. The city was a mass of flames and smoke. The bombing was concentrated around the markers on the ground. Route and tactics ok. The attack was considered most successful and should write this town off. A/C straight and level during bomb run.	
	LANCASTER X Q. KB. 795	J.12475 P/L Quinn, G.	- Pilot	1628	2329	Primary 2029.6, 18700, 000, 155, clear with slight haze. Ident by red and green TI's, valley and river seen visually. Bombed centre of red and green TI's. Bombs were exploding in the centre of the markers which were well concentrated around the A/C, explosions and flames and a lot of smoke was seen as we left the area. Route and tactics good.	
	LANCASTER X R. KB. 882	J.16886 P/L Ross, W.L.	- Pilot	1615	2323	Primary 2030.8, 18400, 340, 165, clear but hazy. Ident by red and green TI's, illuminating flares, Gee. Bombed centre of red and green TI's. M.C. not heard. Markers concentrated with the exception of one stray red group to the North of W/L. Bombing well into markers. Route and tactics satisfactory.	
	LANCASTER X U. KB. 784	J.35596 P/O Anderson, R.	- Pilot	1632	2332	Primary 2030.0, 18000, 338T, 160, clear, ground haze. Ident by river and red and green TI's. Bombed centre of red TI's. M.B. not heard. Good concentration of red incendiary seen over target, explosions seen on the run in, glow of fires visible for 80 miles on return trip. Route and tactics good.	
	LANCASTER X V. KB. 794	J.7608 P/L Hay, R.D.	- Pilot	1642	2341	Primary 2029.6, 17800, 430T, 165, clear with ground haze. Ident by red and green TI's, and M.B. Bombed four red TI's and one green TI. M.B.'s instructions could not be heard. Well concentrated red with some green TI, accurate 4000 pounders observed at 25 miles on return trip. Route and tactics good.	
	LANCASTER X Y. KB. 778	J.39551 P/O Hatch, A.D.	- Pilot	1634	2378	Primary 2030.5, 17200, 341T, 150, vis. good. Ident by red and green TI's first and M.B. Gee checked. Bombed centre of red and green TI's. Good marking well concentrated, many fires and plenty of smoke, 4000 pounders observed exploding. Route and tactics good.	
	LANCASTER X Z. KB. 764	J.39558 P/O Frail, G.E.	- Pilot	1653	2354	Primary 2030, 19000, 351, 150, clear some haze. Ident by illuminating flares, red and green TI's, Gee check H28 check. Bombed centre of 3 red TI's they were in the centre of a triangle. M.B. heard but not clearly. Bombed TI's as instructed. Markers first seen 2000. red TI. good concentration of bomb bursts among TI. looked a good attack. Route and tactics good.	
	LANCASTER X	J.15666 P/L Oraton, J.D.C.		1644	CRASH time unknown	Primary 2030/P 18000, 340T, 160, clear. Ident by red and green TI's Bombed centre of red and green TI's. Saw fires and many incendiaries. A/C crashed W. of Rhine in allied territory and some bodies were known to be in the wreckage. Combat: Attacked by JUB8 at 2033 hrs at 5125N 0722E (approx) homeward on track, clear good vis. Ident A/C visually by E/G and corkscrewed std. Fighter approached stern below against light firing his guns. Nine attacks were made, the fighter fired on 1st 8th, and 9th. The fighter hit the left wing, setting it alight and on the 9th, when the order to corkscrew was given no action was taken due to some fault of A/C. Fighter destroyed. Our A/C completely enveloped in flames, contrails as we descended A/C. P/O 886. Pilot injured.	

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Target: - WIDE.

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				Up	Down		
A/G 1	V. V. W. G. F. K. G.	carried: 1x4000 lb. H.C.	TRIT Nose Ins.	8x500 lb. USA		RP ANN 64 TD 025 2x500 lb MC ER TD 025 6x250 lb GP Tail Ins 8x1000 lb H.C.	
A/G 2	V. V. W. G. F. K. G.	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "		" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	
A/G 3	V. V. W. G. F. K. G.	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "		" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	
A/G 4	V. V. W. G. F. K. G.	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "		" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	
29th March	LANCASTER X A. KB. 791	J.5981 S/L Goldie, J.K. - Pilot		0139	0706	Primary 0430.8, 9400, 368, 150, vis. clear. Ident by red and green TI and M.B. Bombed centre of Red and green TI as per M.B. The PFF were on time but some what scarce as M.B. told us to bomb TI'S they went out. There was orange flame coming from the target as we bombed, as we left there was a huge explosion orange in colour at 0436. The fires could be seen as far as 0730 day. Route and tactics good, if the PFF markings were on the A/P the attack should be most successful.	
	LANCASTER X B. KB. 764	J.17504 F/L Acree, E.P. - Pilot		0146	0740	Primary 0432.9, 10000, 076, 160, vis. clear but smoky. Ident by red and green TI'S illuminating M.C. coast on run in. Bombed centre of fires and smoke as per M.C. PFF large oil fire burning well, whole target area blazing with belching red flames and black smoke. Route and tactics good.	
	LANCASTER X C. KB. 757	J.16812 F/L Conquist, G. - Pilot		0140	0704	Primary 0430, 9000, 018, 175, clear over target vis. good, could see fields. Ident by illuminating flares and green TI. H2S check at coast, but could not pick up the town. M.B. heard after we had bombed. Bombed nearest of two green TI'S after we had bombed M.B. instructed to bomb red and green TI'S first seen 0436 in good quantity and fire continuously. M.B. clear. One very large bright orange explosion 0437's others 0433 and 0433 1/2. Lots of flames and some heavy black smoke. Attack looked most successful.	
	LANCASTER X D. KB. 843	J.37032 F/O Walsh, L.R. - Pilot		0145	0744	Primary 0431.8, 7900, 080, 160, vis good. Ident by flares, red and green TI'S. Bombed north side of mixed red and green. Red and green TI'S cascaded 0428, saw some black large reddish explosion at 0430, saw circular tanks in flares, bombing was mostly into centre of red and green TI'S and buildings. Big fires burning after we left target.	
	LANCASTER X E. KB. 816	J.25096 F/O Brown, E.R. - Pilot		0157	0730	Primary 0432.5, 8200, 000, 200, Ident by red and green TI'S and M.B. instructions. Bombed centre of red and green TI'S. M.B. instructed to bomb northern end of TI'S. First PFF markers were scattered but M.B. instructed immediately to bomb red and green TI'S which were on A/P. Several large explosions were seen in centre of ground markers orange in colour with black smoke arising from it, route and tactics good. Attack seemed successful.	
	LANCASTER X G. KB. 848	J.16611 F/L Robinson, C.A. - Pilot		0143	0737	Primary 0432.8, 9700, 015, 185, vis. good. Ident by red and green TI. M.B. heard. Bombed north side of concentration of red and green TI on M.B. instructions. Several fires, yellow flares black smoke voluminous. Bombing well concentrated. A big explosion at 0430 hrs. Another big explosion at 0431 impression of one big fire and several gasoline fires with clear flames and not much smoke. Route and tactics good.	

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	LANCASTER X J. KB. 744	J.41601 F/O Boyle, H.L. - Pilot		0138	0742	Primary 0431.8, 10,000, 030, 206, Ident by green TI and flares. Bombed tip of red and green TI as per M.B. The PFF marking were scattered to the south at the beginning, M.B. immediately corrected this and marked the A/A. The markers were plentiful on A/P after that the bombs were exploding among the markers. A huge reddish flame with black smoke came from the centre of the markers. Route and tactics O.K. When the M.B. corrected PFF the raid was good.	
	LANCASTER X K. KB. 764	J.11313 F/L Gogge, A.L. - Pilot		0144	0735	Primary 0431.5, 8800, 080, 175, Ident by illuminating flares, green and red TI. Bombed centre of concentration of red and green TI. Marking seemed a bit scattered. Not much fire seen or smoke early in attack. Most bombing well concentrated but some under-shooting. Fear attack. Route and tactics O.K.	
	LANCASTER X L. KB. 867	J.18722 F/L Webb, A.S. - Pilot		0144	0741	Primary 0431.7, 8500, 040, 170, vis. good. Ident and bombed red and green TIs. Green TI 0429, red TI cascaded 0430.0. TIs and bombs scattered at first but concentrated later. Some smoke, one large explosion 0433.0, orange flame-black smoke.	
	LANCASTER X O. KB. 838	J.10986 F/L Hadley, J.F. - Pilot		0152	0725	Primary 0430.5, 8200, 070, 165, no cloud vis. good. Ident by flares, pipe lines running towards red and green. Bombed red TI in centre of green TIs. Red TIs seen to cascade at 0429.0. TIs were a bit scattered, saw several bursts in target area, saw three large explosions, two at 0431, and one at 0433 all reddish in colour with marks in them, could see storage outline in glare.	
	LANCASTER X P. KB. 760	J.16986 F/L Ross, W.L. - Pilot		0156	0724	Primary 0430.7, 10,000, 062, 165, vis. good. Ident by red and green TIs. Bombed centre of red and green TIs on M.B. instructions. M.B. changed instructions after we had bombed to N.W. of the markers we bombed. These were the first ones down. On the way out three large explosions were seen after bombing was redirected by M.B. one very large explosion at 0432.5 hrs. which burned for awhile, yellow flame. See was W/A from back of M.B. Route and tactics considered good, but reason for tactics point "I" not known.	
	LANCASTER X Q. KB. 795	J.92660 F/O Johnson, G.A. - Pilot		0202	0713	Primary 0432, 8600, 055, 195, vis. fair. Ident by illuminating flares, green TI seen cascading at M-1 red and green TI. Bombed centre of concentration of red and green TI, M.B. heard directing bombing first at centre of these, later to port of them, later in relation to Fickewick. Two lots of green TIs to south of target in open fields, main concentration of reds and greens on the north half of target, not much fire seen, but considerable smoke. A tremendous explosion at 0432.5, lit sky for 15 to 20 seconds. A strong smell of burning oil, crew thought something on fire in aircraft at first. Bombing well concentrated. Good attack. Route and tactics good.	
	LANCASTER X S. KB. 864	J.35506 F/O Anderson, R. - Pilot		0157	0709	Primary 0430.8, 8100, 060, 175, vis. clear. Ident and bombed red and green TIs as per M.B. instructions. There were five sets of markers went down all red and greens in various places around the A/A which were plentiful. There was several explosions in the W/P and thick black smoke rising from it as we left the area. No fires seen as we left. Route and tactics O.K. The markers were scattered and the markers to our port were being bombed, our markers may not have been on the A/A. The M.B. said bomb the red and greens of which there were several lots down. The attack was scattered and not thought to be too good.	

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	LANCASTER X W. KB. 794	J.10572 S/L Swartz	R.W. - Pilot	0201	0723	Primary 0431.8, 8400, 010, 202, vis. good. Ident by red and green T.I.'s and M.B. instructions. Bombed centre of red and green T.I.'s and to port of green T.I.'s on M.B. instructions. Good concentration of red and green T.I.'s on target and scattered greens to starboard. Many explosions, many fires, little smoke, dull glow over large area observed 30 miles out. Route good, but suggest 500 feet separation for tactics, bombing run not level.	
	LANCASTER X X. KB. 747	J.15661 S/L Hudson	J. - Pilot	0159	0728	Primary 0431.1, 9700, 050, 199, vis. clear but hazy and smoky. Ident by green T.I.'s and illuminating flares, coast identified visually. Bombed between two green T.I.'s as per M.C. Illuminating flares followed by green T.I.'s, no reds seen. One large explosion at 0434 hrs and one at 0439 hrs, both rising to about 1000 feet, flame dark red with black smoke. Route and tactics satisfactory.	
	LANCASTER X Y. KB. 879	J.39551 P/O Mitch, J.D.	J.D. - Pilot	0204	0727	Primary 0430.7, 8500, 015, 185, vis. clear. Ident and bombed red and green T.I.'s as instructed by M.B. When we left several large explosions seen in the S.W., two in particular orange with black smoke lit up the sky all around at about 0431. Route and tactics seemed good, 1/2 straight and level during the entire bombing run.	
	LANCASTER X H. KB. 793	J.90150 P/O Lewis, S.T.	S.T. - Pilot	0150	0742	Primary 0431.6, 7900, 070, 175, vis. good. Ident by red and green T.I.'s. Bombed centre of red and green T.I.'s, no instructions heard from M.B. Illuminating flares good and well concentrated. CRUISE AT 10000 FEET. EXPLOSIONS HEARD AND REDS SPREAD. EXPLOSIONS CONCENTRATED AND LAY NEARLY ON TARGET. EXPLOSIONS HEARD AT 1000 FEET TO 6000 FEET OBSERVED 1/2 MILE OUT FROM TARGET. Tactics good and Route excellent. Attack successful.	

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(1941-45) WL 4753-1215 136 1143 I.S. 700

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				Up	Down		
			Pilot	0700	0733	<p>Left base 0734 B. 2000, 2100, 2200 via. 2200. 2300. 2400. 2500. 2600. 2700. 2800. 2900. 3000. 3100. 3200. 3300. 3400. 3500. 3600. 3700. 3800. 3900. 4000. 4100. 4200. 4300. 4400. 4500. 4600. 4700. 4800. 4900. 5000. 5100. 5200. 5300. 5400. 5500. 5600. 5700. 5800. 5900. 6000. 6100. 6200. 6300. 6400. 6500. 6600. 6700. 6800. 6900. 7000. 7100. 7200. 7300. 7400. 7500. 7600. 7700. 7800. 7900. 8000. 8100. 8200. 8300. 8400. 8500. 8600. 8700. 8800. 8900. 9000. 9100. 9200. 9300. 9400. 9500. 9600. 9700. 9800. 9900. 10000.</p>	
			Pilot	0150	0728	<p>Left base 0728 B. 1400, 050, 400, via. 0500. 0600. 0700. 0800. 0900. 1000. 1100. 1200. 1300. 1400. 1500. 1600. 1700. 1800. 1900. 2000. 2100. 2200. 2300. 2400. 2500. 2600. 2700. 2800. 2900. 3000. 3100. 3200. 3300. 3400. 3500. 3600. 3700. 3800. 3900. 4000. 4100. 4200. 4300. 4400. 4500. 4600. 4700. 4800. 4900. 5000. 5100. 5200. 5300. 5400. 5500. 5600. 5700. 5800. 5900. 6000. 6100. 6200. 6300. 6400. 6500. 6600. 6700. 6800. 6900. 7000. 7100. 7200. 7300. 7400. 7500. 7600. 7700. 7800. 7900. 8000. 8100. 8200. 8300. 8400. 8500. 8600. 8700. 8800. 8900. 9000. 9100. 9200. 9300. 9400. 9500. 9600. 9700. 9800. 9900. 10000.</p>	
			Pilot	0700	0727	<p>Left base 0700 B. 2000, 2100, 2200, 2300, 2400, 2500, 2600, 2700, 2800, 2900, 3000, 3100, 3200, 3300, 3400, 3500, 3600, 3700, 3800, 3900, 4000, 4100, 4200, 4300, 4400, 4500, 4600, 4700, 4800, 4900, 5000, 5100, 5200, 5300, 5400, 5500, 5600, 5700, 5800, 5900, 6000, 6100, 6200, 6300, 6400, 6500, 6600, 6700, 6800, 6900, 7000, 7100, 7200, 7300, 7400, 7500, 7600, 7700, 7800, 7900, 8000, 8100, 8200, 8300, 8400, 8500, 8600, 8700, 8800, 8900, 9000, 9100, 9200, 9300, 9400, 9500, 9600, 9700, 9800, 9900, 10000.</p>	
			Pilot	0150	0728	<p>Left base 0728 B. 1400, 050, 400, via. 0500. 0600. 0700. 0800. 0900. 1000. 1100. 1200. 1300. 1400. 1500. 1600. 1700. 1800. 1900. 2000. 2100. 2200. 2300. 2400. 2500. 2600. 2700. 2800. 2900. 3000. 3100. 3200. 3300. 3400. 3500. 3600. 3700. 3800. 3900. 4000. 4100. 4200. 4300. 4400. 4500. 4600. 4700. 4800. 4900. 5000. 5100. 5200. 5300. 5400. 5500. 5600. 5700. 5800. 5900. 6000. 6100. 6200. 6300. 6400. 6500. 6600. 6700. 6800. 6900. 7000. 7100. 7200. 7300. 7400. 7500. 7600. 7700. 7800. 7900. 8000. 8100. 8200. 8300. 8400. 8500. 8600. 8700. 8800. 8900. 9000. 9100. 9200. 9300. 9400. 9500. 9600. 9700. 9800. 9900. 10000.</p>	

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				Up	Down		
	LANCASTER X W. KB. 794	J.10572 S/L Swartz	R.W. - Pilot	0201	0723	Primary 0431.8, 9100, 010, 202, vis. good. Ident by red and green TI's and M.B. instructions. Bombed centre of red and green TIs and to part of green TIs on M.B. instructions. Good concentration of red and green TIs on target and scattered greens to starboard. Many explosions, many fires, little smoke, dull glow over large area observed 30 miles out. Route good, but suggest 500 feet separation for tactics, bombing run not level.	
	LANCASTER X X. KB. 747	J.15661 S/L Hudson	J. - Pilot	0159	0728	Primary 0431.1, 9700, 050, 199, vis. clear but hazy and smoky. Ident by green TI's and illuminating flares, coast identified visually. Bombed between two green TIs as per M.C. Illuminating flares followed by green TIs, no reds seen. One large explosion at 0431 hrs and one at 0439 hrs, both rising to about 1000 feet, flame dark red with black smoke. Route and tactics satisfactory.	
	LANCASTER X Y. KB. 879	J.19551 P/O Mitch	J.D. - Pilot	0204	0727	Primary 0430.7, 8500, 035, 186, vis. clear. Ident and bombed red and green TIs as instructed by M.B. When we left several large explosions seen in the W/E, two in particular orange with black smoke lit up the sky all around at about 0431. Route and tactics sound good, 1/2 straight and level during the entire bombing run.	
	LANCASTER X W. KB. 793	J.20150 P/O Lewis	R.T. - Pilot	0150	0742	Primary 0431.6, 7900, 070, 178, vis. good. Ident by red and green TIs. Bombed centre of red and green TIs, no instructions heard from M.B. Illuminating flares good and well concentrated. Green TIs were starboard of aiming point and reds were concentrated and low. Bombed 2/3 of way explosion, blackish smoke and flame to 5000 feet observed 1/2 minute out from target. Tactics good and Route excellent. Attack successful.	

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Target: - HILDESHEIM.

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				Up	Down		
A/C A, B, G, L, M, O, P, Q, V, W, X, Z		carried: 1x1000 HG	TRIP Nose Inst.	1350x4	1b INC.	50x2, 1b INC X Type. 1xWG 4,5 Nickels.	
A/C D, E, F, H, J, K, N, R, S, T, U, Y							
22nd MA Fdn.	LANCASTER X A. KB. 794	J. 92860 F/O Johnson, G.A.	- Pilot	1041	1655	Primary 1405.2, 14800, 115, 170, vis. very clear. Ident by visual and green TIs. Bombed centre of upwind edge of smoke on M.B. instructions. Markers well concentrated, bombs all in target area, big fires burning all over.	
	LANCASTER X D. KB. 843	J. 37032 F/O Walsh, D.E.	- Pilot	1048	1702	Primary 1407, 15400, 106, 208. Ident by map read flight into T/A smoke M.C. Bombed Pickwick as per M.C. T/A gradually hung enveloped in smoke up to 3000 which rose higher as we left, and could be seen as far as Köln. On run off two sticks seen short, but rest of bombing concentrated. Concentration of T/A good, starboard tail holed by H/F Minden 1353 hours, 15400 feet, landed at Base 1702 hours. Route and tactics fair, gaggle concentration timed too late.	
	LANCASTER X D. KB. 816	J. 25096 F/O Brown, D.E.	- Pilot	1066	1705	Primary 1407.0, 15100, 100, 185, vis. very good. Ident by visual and smoke cloud. Bombed centre of smoke cloud on M.B. instructions. No TIs seen, bombing well concentrated, smoke up to height of 10000 feet. One flak hole on starboard side of nose turret in perspex.	
	LANCASTER X G. KB. 848	J. 16611 F/L Robinson, G.A.	- Pilot	1045	1726	Primary 1405.5, 14800, 100, 160, vis. very good. Ident by map reading to target, smoke and M.B. instructions. Bombed centre of up wind edge of smoke on M.B. instructions. TIs obscured by smoke, some enveloped in smoke, many incendiary fires, successful attack. route and tactics satisfactory.	
	LANCASTER X L. KB. 867	J. 11311 F/L Goode, A.A.	- Pilot	1040	1711	Primary 1408, 14700, 107, 170, vis. very good. Ident by woods, rivers, and out skirts of town, check on H2S. Bombed centre of smoke, M.B. instructed to bomb pickwick. Bombing well concentrated, T/A seemed to be well above, large billow of smoke were seen, big smoke seemed very noticeable after leaving T/A. Route and tactics good. Appeared to be a good effort.	
	LANCASTER X M. KB. 820	J. 90150 F/O Lewis, K.T.	- Pilot	1042	1720	Primary 1407.0, 15100, 110, 155, vis. good, Ident by visual and smoke column. Bombed centre of up wind edge of smoke. Bombing well concentrated, target obscured by smoke rising to over 20000 ft. could still see smoke when crossed coast on way home. Flak hole in port inner nacelle lodged in wheel.	
	LANCASTER X O. KB. 838	C. 887 W/O Gall, M.W.	- Pilot	1044	1704	Primary 1408.8, 14800, 110, 201. Ident by greens cascading into smoke, map read flight into T/A. Bombed centre of smoke as per M.C. Eff. obscured by smoke, M.C. clear, bombing concentrated for 125 miles, stray stick seen on Himmel sthr. Excellent attack. Route and tactics good.	
	LANCASTER X B. KB. 764	J. 17504 F/L Acres, E.H.	- Pilot	1039	1728	Primary 1405, 15100, 104, 177. Ident by map read flight into T/A, smoke. Bombed centre of smoke as per M.C. Bomb burst thick in smoke which rose 2 or 3000 feet and could be seen for some great distance as we ran off. Route and tactics satisfactory although speeds difficult to keep up, due to wind changes.	

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	LANCASTER X Q. KB. 795	J.12475 P/L Quinn, G.	- Pilot	1052	1650	Primary 1405.5, 15400, 112, 155, Ident by pin points, woods to starboard, Y in railway built up area. M.B. gave pickwick centre of smoke, M.B. warned not to overshoot. T/A completely covered with smoke rising to 3000 feet, some short bombing corrected by M.B. Route and tactics quite good, gaggle ahead got over Osnabruck. Defences could have used more window on return trip, this is the best daylight attack I have been on.																																	
	LANCASTER X P. KB. 760	J.16986 P/L Ross, W.L.	- Pilot	1051	1716	Primary 1405.5, 15100, 104, 180, vis. very good. Ident by visual and smoke column. Bombed centre of smoke cloud. Bombing well concentrated, target covered by smoke up to about 10000 feet.																																	
	LANCASTER X. U. KB. 781	J.35506 P/O Anderson, R.	- Pilot	1058	1703	Primary 1410.5, 14200, 110, 155, vis. very good. Ident by map reading and smoke. Bombed centre of smoke as per M.B. instructions. Target covered with smoke with just a small part of built up area to the south visible top of smoke 9000 feet and black gray and white smoke seen. Sea was V/A. Route and tactics good, except it is considered difficult to make a good bombing run owing to alpine stream and 500-foot dispersal considered too close for safety.																																	
	LANCASTER X V. KB. 777	J.10986 P/L Hadley, J.E. J.10193 P/O Spence, W.J. J.10516 P/O Goodier, B.A. R20949 Sgt Duke, R.H. R20861 P/S McKenzie, J. L.15319 P/O France, D. R270576 P/S Kelly, F.W.	- Pilot - Nav - A/B - P/E - WOT/AD - MIG - P/G.	1047		<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>HRS</th> <th>MIN</th> <th>SECS</th> <th>POINTS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>10</td> <td>21</td> <td>10</td> <td>36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9</td> <td>66</td> <td>55</td> <td>32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8</td> <td>66</td> <td>40</td> <td>28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9</td> <td>66</td> <td>55</td> <td>32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9</td> <td>66</td> <td>55</td> <td>32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9</td> <td>66</td> <td>55</td> <td>32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9</td> <td>66</td> <td>55</td> <td>32</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>This A/C was airborne at 1047, nothing heard from it since.</p>	HRS	MIN	SECS	POINTS	10	21	10	36	9	66	55	32	8	66	40	28	9	66	55	32	9	66	55	32	9	66	55	32	9	66	55	32	
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	LANCASTER X W. KB. 794	J.8708 P/L Hay, R.D.	- Pilot	1101	1712	Primary 1410.5, 14800, 103, 208, vis. clear. Ident by map reading to target ground detail, rivers, railway, built up area, M.B. saw. Bombed centre of smoke M.B. ordered pickwick, then as bombs under-shooting changed it to centre of smoke. Practically whole T/A blanketed in dirty smoke billowing up in a mushroom up to 8000 still visible from about 150 miles, Himmelstair burning also, bombing well concentrated except for some undershooting. Good attack. Route good, gaggle abit strung out our gaggle not as good as 100 P/B, too many of our fellows were not leaping to their briefed heights, stepped up gaggle would be good if A/C would stick to their briefed heights, A/C thought to be straight and level throughout bombing run. Good attack.																																	
	LANCASTER X Y. KB. 747	J.15561 S/L Hudson, J.	- Pilot	1054	1721	Primary 1410.5, 14200, 112, 170, vis. good. Ident by map reading and smoke. Bombed centre of smoke as per M.B. Smoke to 15000 ft. and only a few edged at the south visible, nothing else seen because of smoke. Fighter screen very resistant. T/A very good. Tactics good if A/C in gaggle were to keep to speeds and briefed heights, if we had flown at briefed speed we'd have been left far behind.																																	
	LANCASTER X Z. KB. 794 793	J.14601 P/O Boyle, R.L.	- Pilot	1057	1719	Primary 1405.5, 14500, 118, 250, Ident by green T/A into smoke map read right into T/A. Bombed centre of smoke as per M.B. PFP observed by clouds of smoke M.B. very clear, one stray stick on Himmelstair, other than that bombing right into smoke. Concentration of A/C good. Route and tactics satisfactory. Bombing run straight and level.																																	

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FORM 541.

Target: MATHIAS STINNES.

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				Up	Down		
A/C D.C. K.L.W.	carried:	7x1000 lb MC BR tail	Instr. 5x1000 lb	MC BR TD	025 1x500	1n USA GP ANN 64 TD 025 1x2G 97 Nickels.	
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A/C O	"	" 6x1000 " " " "	" 6x1000 lb	MC BR TD	025 1x500	1b USA GP ANN 64 TD 025 1x2G 97 Nickels.	
24th March	LANCASTER X A. KB. 791	J.41866 P/O Cox, G.	Pilot		1230	1907	Primary 1647.7, 18000 193, 160, no cloud vis. fair. Ident by visually Gee check. Bombed and overshot red TI's by 2 seconds on M.B. instructions. One group of TI's, some bombs were dropped short. One explosion 1646.5, orange flame second 1646.5, orange flame. Route and tactics good.
	LANCASTER X G. KB. 757 757	J.42860 P/O Johnson, G.A.	Pilot		1245	1902	Primary 1647.6, 17700, 091, 221, Ident by visually race course, red TI, Gee check. M.B. heard instructing to ignore TI 2 miles short of target. Bombed and overshot red TI 200 yards as instructed by M.B. Markers down in good time, but one group of TI's badly undershot. M.B. instructed to overshoot red TI by 200 yds. A well concentrated attack while we were there completely covered with black smoke rising 3/4000 ft. - 4000 ft. - 4000 ft. and level but turned 5 degs to 7 degs to starboard after bombs gone owing to A/C overhead letting go. Route and tactics good.
	LANCASTER X D. KB. 843	R202202 P/S Desreux, D.	Pilot		1242	1919	Primary 1648.0, 17400, 080, 170, no cloud vis. fair. Ident by visually and red TI. Bombed right corner of red TI. Red TI well concentrated. Bombs well concentrated, no fires seen, no smoke from our target. Two small holes in starboard inner nacelle and leading edge main plane cracked perspex in mid upper.
	LANCASTER X K. KB. 784	J.41313 P/L Gooze, A.L.	Pilot		1236	1857	Primary 1648.5, 17100, 100, 203, clear slight haze and smoke. Ident by map reading into T/A, red and green TI's M.C. Gee H28. Bombed and overshot red and greens 2 to 5 as per M.B. EEP on time only one bunch of mixed red and greens seen just short of smoke on run in at 1648 hours. One large building seen to crumble in with large orange flame, intermittent explosions seen through out attack. One stick seen to drop at least 30 seconds short. Route and tactics satisfactory. Slight starboard bank possible as we turned on to markers may have been held during bombing run.
	LANCASTER X L. KB. 867	J.41604 P/O Boyle, R.L.	Pilot		1243	1914	Primary 1648.4, 16800, 098, 170, no cloud, vis. good. Ident by map reading to target, red TI's and M.B. instructions. Bombed centre of red TI's overshot by one second on advice of M.B. One large group of reds on target, bomb explosions, many fires scattered black smoke. Tactics good improvement over last time. Route satisfactory.
	LANCASTER X G. KB. 846	J.90150 P/O Lewis, E.T.	Pilot		1246	1904	Primary 1648.5, 16900, 087, 199, clear but smoky. Ident by map reading right into T/A, smoke Gee. Bombed upwind edge of smoke, no M.C. heard. Impointed flight in on Gee, no yellow flames seen but a couple of sticks at least one mile short alot of scattered sticks to port of T/A, smoke, a dirty grey not as of oil explosions. Route and tactics satisfactory, other than concentration over T/A too great for comfort, bombing run straight and level, possible 20 degs port.

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	LANCASTER X O. KB. 838	C.587 W/C Gall, M.W.	- Pilot	1228	1852	5132N 0702E could not see marking at the target, but smoke, bombed built up area with railway bridge. 1650.1, 16200, no heading repeater 4/s, 200. Ident by Gee check, cloud of black smoke up to 10000 ft. no TI seen. M.B. heard instructions bomb green TI. Bombed bridge with built up area S.E. of it, no markers seen. Thick black smoke, very large fires burning, a good attack. No. 4 starboard turret holed, lost 95 galls. petrol approx. Mid upper turret just in front small flank hole. Route and tactics good, gaggle better today. Attack considered to be successful. w/C straight and level on run up. Arrived at target area which was throwing huge volume of smoke.	
	LANCASTER X Q. KB. 795	J.12473 F/L Quinn, G.	- Pilot	1240	1848	Primary 1648.5, 18000, 098, 155, vis. fair. Ident by visually and red TI. Bombed red TI. TI appeared good but bombing scattered some smoke in target area.	
	LANCASTER X R. KB. 882	J.25096 F/O Brown, D.R.	- Pilot	1244	1855	Primary 1647.6, 17700, 088, 160, no cloud vis. fair. Ident by visual, Gee check. Bombed red TI's. Saw red TI's cascades, 1647 marking appeared late by 6 minutes, saw one fire quite abit of smoke.	
	LANCASTER X W. KB. 794	J.8708 F/L Hay, R.D.	- Pilot	1304	1905	Primary 1648.5, 17400, 090, 224, vis. good. Ident by canal, road and railway, red TI's also by M.B. M.B. ordered to overshoot TI's by 2 miles. TI's were short of target. Bombed large column of smoke, also M.B. instructed to overshoot TI's. TI's were well concentrated but short of target. Large explosions and black smoke were seen when leaving target. Bombing seemed well concentrated. M.B. was very good. Route and tactics good. Gaggle seemed to be very good.	
	LANCASTER X X. KB. 747	J.15661 S/L Hudson, J.	- Pilot	1238	1908	Primary 1650.0, 17100, 084, 170, no cloud vis. fair. Ident by visual and red TI. Bombed and overshoot red TI by two seconds as instructed by M.B. Only saw red TI visible, saw some fires, some smoke covering aiming point. Gaggle leader wasted too much time by flying towards point, causing those who did not have to waste time to become disorganized. Result whole gaggle formed up too late.	

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	LANCASTER X Y. KB. 879	J.39551 P/O Mutch, A.D. - Pilot	- Pilot	0614	1249	Primary 0944.7, 18100, 026, 211, clear with smoke. Ident by map reading into T/A, smoke bomb bursts, railway identified visually. Bombed centre of smoke, well placed in relation to railway. No markers visible in smoke, M.W. gave no bombing instructions before we bombed. Tail section holed, starboard wing holed by H/F. T/A 1945, 18100 Ft. Route and tactics fair. winds and cloud condition not as briefed. gaggle leader good to target, but came out too fast. Bombing run good.	
	LANCASTER X O. KB. 838	R202208 P/S Desreux, D. - Pilot	- Pilot	0609	1240	Primary 0945.4, 17800, 030, 222, vis. good. Ident by map reading in red TI's. Bombed red TI's as per M.B.'s instructions. M.B. heard clearly. City could not be seen for smoke after we had left, but we were to early to estimate attack when bombing. One very large explosion seen 0946 hours with great flash of flame. Port fin damaged, starboard main plane and nose damaged. Over target 0945 hrs, 17800 ft. all same damage but A/B. Not briefed as 10/10th cloud was over continent to within 50 miles of target. Route and tactics O.K. but the gaggle too close to tell them apart. Our fighters provided good cover.	
	LANCASTER X Z. KB. 739	J.16986 P/L Ross, A.L. - Pilot	- Pilot	0608	1245	Primary 0945:2; 18200; 035; 206; vis. good. Ident by map reading in and red TI's. Bombed red TI's plus one overshoot as per M.B. M.B. heard well, smoke seen to cover target area after we left and 50 miles away smoke seen to 10,000 ft. too early to estimate results at time of bombing. Route and tactics good, gaggle speeded ahead at about 200 when passing flak on homeward and starting, we couldnt keep up fighter escort very good.	
	LANCASTER X Q. KB. 799	J.12473 P/L Quinn, G. - Pilot	- Pilot	0605	1206	Primary 0944, 18100, 022, 155, 10/10th cloud on continent to 0500P then clear right to the target, vis. excellent. Ident by red TI visually by marshalling yards and City which stood out prominently. Bombed a cluster of red TI's, two groups very close together. TI's first seen 0944 hrs. M.B. only heard to say basement flight plan after he moved the attack around. We were early, bombs were seen bursting around the aiming point. Cookies seen to burst on the marshalling yards. Good marking, concentration good. Route and tactics good. A/G straight and level.	
	LANCASTER X S. KB. 864	J.90150 P/O Lewis, E.T. - Pilot	- Pilot	0550	1226	Primary 0945.5, 17800, 025, 104, vis. good. Ident by pin point A/P and thought to of seen red TI. M.B. not heard till after leaving target. We were earlier had A/P in bombsight, though we've seen red TI which was on A/P. We bombed early, after leaving large columns of smoke were seen rising from T/A, one red TI was seen only but quite accurate. M.B. not heard until leaving target. Route and tactics good. gaggle was very good. Target very clear and look to be well bombed, should be successful raid.	
	LANCASTER X W. KB. 794	J.8708 P/L Hay, R.D. - Pilot	- Pilot	0601	1239	Primary 0943.8, 18100, 021, 214, vis. good. Ident by map reading to target, M.B. heard, no TI's seen. Bombed to part of square in centre of town, No TI's seen, bombs seen hitting right on aiming point, smoke just starting, smoke seen to 4/5000 ft. as A/C was leaving B/A. Successful attack, gaggle worked well, tactics good.	
	LANCASTER X K. KB. 784	J.11313 P/L Googe, A.L. - Pilot	- Pilot	0549	1218	Primary 0944.4, 17800, 025, 206, vis. excellent. Ident by visually, red TI's, woods and lake, Bombed TI, were slightly west of A/P in bombsight, M.B. was not heard when we bombed. Good attack, clear weather helped identification could hardly miss it. We were early in the attack, after we left smoke was rising to 6/1000 ft. Route and tactics good. Gaggle good until flak interfered at Minden. A/C straight and level. Successful Attack.	

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	LANCASTER X G. KB. 848	J.90150 P/O Lewis, H.T. - Pilot		0611	1153	Primary 0904.5, 17500, 0291, 196, 10/10ths cloud tops 10000 ft. Ident by red smoke puffs and M.B. M.B. went home two minutes before we bombed. Bombed port smoke puff on instructions of M.P. waffler. No estimate of target possible. Route O.K. the gaggle was late owing to high winds, we were all south of target. No estimate of target possible. A/C straight and level during bombing run.	
	LANCASTER X K. KB. 784	J.11313 P/L Googe, A.L. - Pilot		0619	1204	Primary 0905, 17200, 0517, 2017, 10/10ths cloud, 10/12000 ft. Ident by red smoke puffs. M.B. said bomb the smoke puffs to port and then said it's going home and left, smoke puffs were worn out by then owing to cloud. No estimate of the target could be made. ROUTE AND TACTIC O.K. gaggle was eight minutes late owing to dog legs, nothing seen in T/A owing to cloud. A/C straight and level during bombing run. An A/C with VSE on as we sat course at about 0700 hrs. giving course speed etc. and on return at the English coast again.	
	LANCASTER X L. KB. 867	J.88974 P/O Kitsoff, S.V. - Pilot		0610	1230	Primary 0904.5, 17800, 028, 203, 10/10ths cloud tops about 10000 ft. via. good. Ident by red smoke puffs, M.B. instruction and checked by H2S. M.B. instruction to bomb red smoke puff, we bombed just short and to port of the smoke puff, the smoke puffs were scattered and nearly burned out when we bombed, M.B. was on his way home when we bombed. Route and tactics good, gaggle fair seemed to be spread out into target and closed up over T/A, no results.	
	LANCASTER X M. KB. 820	J.39558 P/O Frail, G.R. - Pilot		0615	1224	Primary 0905, 17500, 028, 204, 10/10ths cloud up to 8000 ft. Ident by one red smoke puff. M.W. and H2S. Bombed some almost out, smoke puff red. No results of bombing seen, H2S showed gaggle well starboard of town. Route and tactics satisfactory, gaggle improved after T.A. seemed scattered.	
	LANCASTER X O. KB. 838	C.887 W/O Gall, M.W. - Pilot		0625	1220	Primary 0905.1, 17200, 025, 1907, 10/10ths cloud top 10/12000 ft. Ident by red smoke puffs, M.B. instructed to bomb starboard and port of smoke puffs, we bombed on port of smoke puffs. Bombed red smoke puffs to the starboard. Red smoke puffs seemed to be scattered. Bombed centre of concentration. No details except of red smoke puffs would be observed. Route and tactics fair though weather interfered on way out. Bombing seemed scattered.	
	LANCASTER X P. KB. 760	J.11601 P/O Boyle, R.L. - Pilot		0605	0906	A.W.O.N.F. turned back at 5337N 0230E 0733 hours, 3000 feet. Jettis safe and had to be feathered. Starboard outer then gave trouble which could not be corrected, decided to abandon operation due to this fault in the second engine.	
	LANCASTER X Q. KB. 795	R.192573 W/O Quinn, E.K. - Pilot		0621	1202	Primary 0905.6, 17500, 027, 201, 10/10 st. cu. 10000 ft. via. good. Ident by red smoke puffs, M.B. heard up to one minute before bombing. Bombed centre of cluster of three red smoke puffs. 10/10 nothing visible except 7/10 smoke puffs dispersing and drifting away. Bombing well concentrated, not possible to assess attack. H2S was weak, not much seen. One faded out shortly after leaving English coast. Route and tactics good. A/C did not fly at briefed heights owing out of target area. Targets late, gaggle well concentrated after leaving target. A/C straight and level in bombing run. Bombing well concentrated but doubtful as to marking. Fighter protection in T/A ineffective.	

Target: HAMBURG.

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	LANCASTER X R. KB. 882	J.16986 P/L Ross, W.L. - Pilot		0558	1157	Primary 0905, 18800, 029, 200, 10/10ths cloud up to 10000 feet. Ident by red smoke puffs, 228 M.C. Bombed port red smoke puff as per M.C. - M.C. packed up at 0857 hours. - 228 scattered, last instructions heard from M.C. at 0856 was to bomb port smoke puff. No results seen from bombing. According to 228 bombing appeared 3 sec. 2115s starboard of T/A. Route and tactics fair. No. 1 man in gaggle too high above, deputies to difficult to fly formation on him, gaggle fair going in but great improvement coming out. Fighter escort tried hard.	
	LANCASTER X S. KB. 864	J.39551 P/O Mitch, A.D. - Pilot		0616	1159	Primary 0904, 2, 18700, 021, 209, 10/10ths cloud tops 10/12000 ft. via good. Ident by red smoke puffs. Bombed one red smoke puff. M.B. heard, instructed to bomb port smoke puff. Smoke puff first seen at 0845 hours approx. in good quantity. Smoke seen coming through cloud to our ports. Gaggle late but compact. Route and tactics good. Timing poor. Leader got behind time, we took over as leader but too late to make up time. Doubtful about success of the attack. Fighter attack just after bombs away. A/C 60 degs starboard bank when camera turned over.	
	LANCASTER X U. KB. 781	J.24596 P/O Varugh, D.P. - Pilot		0620	1231	Primary 0902, 17000, 026, 191, 10/10ths cloud tops 8/1000 ft. Ident by one red smoke puff. Bombed red smoke puff. M.B. had packed up 5 mins. before we got to target. No estimate of target possible. One small hole in leading edge of port wing and some in bomb bay. Route O.K. Gaggle was 8 mins. late probable owing to failure of Nav aids. No estimate of target possible owing to cloud. A/C straight and level during bombing run.	
	LANCASTER X V. KB. 794	J.8708 P/L Hay, R.D. - Pilot		0624	1211	Primary 0905.1, 17800, 028, 202, 10/10th cloud. Ident by red glow from sky markers. M.B. heard 10 mins. before target. Bombed port side of pink glow. Practically no markers seen. No results observed. Poor attack. Tactics satisfactory. No results observed at all.	
	LANCASTER X Y. KB. 879	J.92860 P/O Johnson, G.A. - Pilot		0602	1215	Primary 0902, 17500, 030, 216, 10/10ths cloud up to 11/15000. Ident by red smoke puffs. M.W. Bombed port smoke puff as M.W. M.C. packed up around 0855 last instructions to bomb port smoke puff just before he quit. No results of bombing. Route and tactics fair. Gaggle fairly good over target, by time our gaggle reached T/A felt smoke puffs had drifted starboard.	
	LANCASTER X D. KB. 843	J.37032 P/O Walsh, D.R. - Pilot	COMBAT			Height, 19000, course 025 deg. T. In the T/A. Time 0906, ME 262 on the stbd quarter, range 800 yards, flying on a parallel course. Came into 400 yds on the beam, still on a parallel course. Evasive action of co-ordinator stbd. ME 262 opened fire at 800 yds when fighter commenced his attack. Fighter closed to 200 yds, then broke away stbd. down. No claim.	
	LANCASTER X S. KB. 864	J.39551 P/O Mitch, A.D. - Pilot	COMBAT			Height 18000, course 027 deg. T. Position 5340W 1006S. Time 0906 hrs. ME 262 made a very fast attack from dead astern. P/O gave order to co-ordinator stbd and opened fire at 400 yds. Fighter broke away port quarter down. No claim.	

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	LANCASTER X W. KB. 794	J. 8708 F/L Hay, R.D.	- Pilot	COMBAT		Height 18000, course 028 deg. T. In the T/A. Time 0910. R/G sighted ME.262 flying on a reciprocal course on the stbd. Rear Gunner fired a short burst of 100 rounds. No claim.	
	LANCASTER X R. KB. 816	J. 25096 F/O Brown, D.N.	- Pilot	COMBAT		In the T/A and ME.262 shot down a Lancaster and then attacked us from the port quarter. R/G fired 30-40 rounds. No claim.	
	LANCASTER X Y. KB. 879	J. 92860 F/O Johnson, G.A.	- Pilot	COMBAT		Height 17500, T/A. Time 0901. ME 262 attacked from port quarter down. Corkscrewed port. R/G opened fire at 900 yds. ME.262 broke away under. No claim.	
	LANCASTER X Q. KB. 795	R192573 F/O Quinn, R.K.	- Pilot	COMBAT		Height 17800, T/A, Time 0906. ME.262 seen attacking another Lancaster. R/A broke away to our stbd beam. MG fired one burst. No claim.	
	LANCASTER X W. KB. 781	J. 24596 F/O Vardeny, D.P.	- Pilot	COMBAT		Height 17600, T/A, Time 0904 hrs. TWO ME. 262's from stbd. quarters level, one peeled off to port and the other came in. At 800 yds. we corkscrewed stbd and the MG opened fire. Fighter closed to 200 yds and then broke away and peeled off on the stbd quarter. Attached a second time opening fire at 800 yds. Corkscrewed stbd. MG opened fire at 500 yds. Left hand gun jammed. Fighter closed to 200 yds, firing with cannon overboard and descended to about 10000 ft. we attack another Lancaster. No claim.	
	LANCASTER X A. KB. 791	J. 28577 F/O Payne, D.M.	- Pilot	COMBAT		Height 17800 T/A, Time 0906.5 course 027 T ME 262 from starboard quarter level. R/A broke away straight down on the stbd quarter. Both gunners opened fire, sticks were seen on R/A in fuselage right at wing roots. R/A went in steep dive then burst into flames and began to disintegrate. His last seen going straight down in spiral dive in flame through 10/10th cloud. R/G fired 150 rounds, and MG fired 100 rounds.	

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